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## Defense bill OKed, but veto threatened

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WASHINGTON — The first National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to be passed during U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry's (R-Clarendon) chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee is headed to the Senate for approval and then to the President's desk.

The bill includes funding for Sheppard Air Force Base, the Pantex Plant, and the V-22 Osprey program at Bell Helicopter's Military Aircraft Assembly Center in Amarillo. The bipartisan legislation passed the House 270-156.

"This year's NDAA provides the resources our troops need for a strong national defense and does so in a fiscally-responsible way, while also reforming the way the military does business and cares for the troops," said Thornberry.

The bill authorizes nearly \$612 billion in spending for national defense. The funding in the bill is consistent with the House Budget Resolution that balances the federal budget and reduces government spending by \$5.5 trillion over the

next 10 years.

President Obama has threatened to veto the defense bill if Congress does not agree to increase federal spending on domestic programs, such as the Environmental Protection Agency.

"It would be irresponsible for the President to veto this bill, especially while the Taliban is retaking Afghan cities, ISIS is marching across the Middle East, and Russia is on the ground in Ukraine and now in Syria," Thornberry continued. "The men and women who are protecting America and American interests across the world deserve better from their Commander-in-Chief."

Locally, the bill authorizes funding for national security facilities and programs such as training missions at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. In addition, about \$2.8 billion total is authorized for Bell's V-22 Osprey and helicopter programs, including the procurement of 19 new Ospreys and 28 new AH-1Z / UH-1Y helicopters for the Marine Corps. Much of the work for those aircraft will be performed in Amarillo. The NDAA

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## Ribbon cutting held for Storywalk Path



Courtesy photo

Kathryn Cude and Grace Tidwell at the official ribbon cutting of the Storywalk Path at the Munday City Park.

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MUNDAY — A ribbon cutting was held last Saturday for the new Storywalk Path at the Munday City Park. Grace Tidwell and Kathryn Cude have been working hard all summer to bring the community this incredible project, which was done in conjunction with the TMCN youth leadership program.

Grace and Kathryn presented their project to a panel of judges on Sept. 16 in Abilene. The ladies are competing against six other groups for a scholarship that will be announced at the TMCN Annual Conference on Oct. 28.

The project has consisted of fundraising, collaborating, physical labor, researching, and much more. To understand the full scope of the project take a look at these numbers. The total project consisted of the following: 34 volunteers who helped provide 330 hours of labor,

valued at \$7,613; partnerships with the Texas 4-H Foundation, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Knox County Visioning Group, the Munday Park Committee, the City of Munday, and the Knox County Commissioners Court; materials included 630 feet of space for the path, 31 metal posts, 31-16"x16" metal plates and 31-16"x16" acrylic sheets, paint, 30 bags of cement, 210 wooden border posts, 420 rebar stakes, 60 cubic yards of asphalt wrap for the path material, three children's books (two copies of each one) and 100 laminating sheets. The materials donated to the project totaled \$2,575; the grant received from Texas 4-H Foundation totaled \$750 and the money raised from brick sales was \$500.

The last remaining item to be done at the park is to place the engraved bricks at the site. This will be done in about two months when the

bricks arrive.

The scope of this project was huge, but it also has a lasting impact on the future. Grace and Kathryn chose this project because they understood how important it was to combine physical fitness and education. This path allows families to read and exercise at the same time. The books will be changed out each month so the ladies hope people will visit the path over and over again.

Tidwell said, "The more that you read the more things you will know. The more you learn the more places you'll go!"

Cude said, "Seeing the kids enjoying the Storywalk Path made all the hard work worth it!"

If you haven't been to the City Park in Munday and seen the Storywalk Path, please visit soon and read the "A Halloween Scare in Texas"! Also, watch the local paper for the titles of the new book title each month.

## Flu shots available at healthfair

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KNOX CITY — Flu shots will be offered at the Knox County Hospital District's Health, Wellness and Safety Healthfair here Saturday.

Guests are reminded to bring their Medicare/Medicaid cards. In addition, free blood glucose screening and cholesterol testing will be offered with guests alerted to fast before they take

them. Free PSA for men 40 and over and blood pressure tests also available. Lab testing will run from 7-10 a.m.

Numerous healthcare vendors and providers will also be present at the hospital from 9 a.m. until noon.

A fun run/walk also is planned to start at 7:30 a.m. Registration will start at 7 a.m. The cost will be \$5, donated to the Pink Ladies.

## Early voting starts Oct. 19

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BENJAMIN — Early voting for the Nov. 3 Constitutional election will start Oct. 19 here at the Knox County Courthouse between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Oct. 23 will be the last day for the clerk to receive applications for ballots by mail.

On election day, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the following places:

Precincts 101, 202, Knox County Aging Center, Knox City;  
Precincts 201, 202, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin;  
Precincts 301, 401, Munday Community Center.

## Perry supports Childress police

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AUSTIN — Senator Charles Perry (R-Lubbock) and Representative Drew Springer (R — Muenster) issued a joint statement in support of Childress Police Department's right to display "In God We Trust" on their patrol cars.

"In God We Trust" was designated the national motto of the United States in 1956 after legislation passed by Congress was signed by President Dwight Eisenhower. The group behind the letter to Childress, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, has unsuccessfully fought to remove "In God We Trust" from other government fixtures such as currency and courthouses in the past.

"I stand firmly with Chief Adrian Garcia and the Childress Police Department as they protect their right to display 'In God We Trust' on patrol cars," said Perry. "We live in a country with a rich history of celebrating faith and honoring religious liberty. It is un-American to suggest a police department should not be allowed to display our national motto."

"Our law enforcement officers work hard to keep our communities safe and deserve our support, not demands like this," said Springer. "We are in the middle of a spiritual battle in America right now, with the issue of religious liberty front and center. I am proud of Childress Police Department for standing strong."

Perry and Springer have sent a letter to the Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton asking for his opinion on the issue.

## Knox City Homecoming Court



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Knox City High School celebrated homecoming last Friday night. Pictured (l-r) are members of the court: Skylar Neill, Haley Cox, Brylee White (Miss Firelighter), Elias Nevarez (Football Hero), Kaylie Steele, Jordyn Eaton (Football Sweetheart), Sheldon Baty (Band Beau), Cheyenne Camp (Band Sweetheart), Caitlyn Baxter and Caitlyn Nicholson. In the front are Shyann Sales and Joel Contreras, first graders who served as the escorts.

## Knox Notes

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

### Rhineland Sausage dinner

RHINELAND — The annual Rhineland Council 1766 annual German Sausage & Fried Chicken Meal is scheduled from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

### 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.

### Rhineland Halloween Carnival

RHINELAND — The Rhineland Halloween Carnival is scheduled here at the Rhineland Gym on Oct. 17. To kick the night of fun off, a costume contest will begin at 7 p.m. with cash prizes for various ages and for group contestants. Then there will be a plethora of spooktacular games with bewitching prizes. An old fashioned concession stand with old-time favorites will be available at family friendly prices. To end the night, there will be bingo starting at 9 p.m. Many great prizes have been donated and are just waiting to be won.

### SRCC Fall Festival

KNOX CITY — The second annual SRCC Fall Festival will be held here at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church starting at noon Oct. 18. Plenty of fun activities for families are planned. A volleyball tournament starts at 9 a.m.

### Lions Club Pancake Supper

MUNDAY — The Lions Club Pancake Supper is scheduled from 4-30-6:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at Munday High School prior to the football game against Seymour. Cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

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## RAIN POSSIBLE

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While the James E. Bud Smith Plant Materials Center in Knox City received no measurable rain, there were some reports of light rain showers in other parts of Knox County earlier this week.

A cold front was expected to arrive while you slept last night and thunderstorms with rain were possible through Friday.

## Correction

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

## News on the go



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**Obits**

**Florene Mitchell Reese**

Florene Mitchell Reese, 84, passed away Oct. 2. The life of Florene Mitchell Reese was celebrated last Saturday at North Richland Hills Baptist Church in North Richland Hills. Her pastor Scott Maze officiated. Visitation immediately followed the service. Graveside services, led by Jimmy Rogers, were held Sunday in Knox City.

Florene was born on Feb. 19, 1931 in Tynan to Wayne and Carrie Mitchell. Her family moved to Munday. It was here that she surrendered her life to Jesus, followed by baptism at First Baptist Church Knox City. She graduated from Munday High School in 1948 and married Charles James Reese on May 28 of that year. He preceded her in death in 1974. Florene was a homemaker and she and Charles were parents to three daughters, Susan, Mary and Deb-

bie. Florene's life was filled with ministering to others. She served as a teacher to preschoolers in Sunday School for over 50 years. She not only actively shared her faith but was instrumental in teaching children the importance of doing the same through GAs, Sunbeams and Vacation Bible School. Florene was known for sharing baked goods, flowers and notes of encouragement with family and friends. Her life also reflected a grateful heart, incredible faith and genuine friendships with people of all ages.

Forene was preceded in death by her brother Lloyd Mitchell. She is survived by Susan and Bob Ward, Mary and Mike Jordan and Debbie and Jerry Stamps; grandchildren Doug and Anglea Stamps, Reesa and Brian McFarlin, Greg and Becky Stamps, Jami and Bri-



**FLORENE REESE**

an Hurst, Cody and Natalie Brown and Josh and Laura Brown; great-grandchildren Kaitlyn Brown, Abby Stamps, Charlie Stamps, Reese Stamps, Landry Stamps, Wesley Hurst, Jordan McFarlin, Colson Stamps, Mitchell McFarlin and Ellie Reese Brown; sister-in-law Rosa Mitchell; nieces and nephews. Her six grandsons served as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Better Together at North Richland Hills Baptist Church or M.D. Anderson Cancer Center - Houston.

**Fidelis Fetsch Sr.**

Fidelis Joseph Fetsch, Sr. passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on Sept. 30.

"Feddie," the youngest child of Ferdinand Joseph and Hedwig Ann Fetsch, was born in Rhineland on March 20, 1929. Being raised in Rhineland, he often shared fond memories of his youth on the family farm and the time he attended the Rhineland school.

Anxious to serve his country during WWII at age 17, his father provided written permission required by the military in order for his underage son to join the US Air Force. Much of his military time was spent in Germany and England working as an airplane mechanic. In 1949 when his service ended, he returned home to Rhineland.

Feddie and Emma Jane Duesterhaus married in Feb-

ruary 1955 and began their lives together farming near Pep, TX later settling in Levelland, raising four sons. His career was spent as a jet engine mechanic with the Civil Service at Reese Air Force Base, retiring after 30 years. In the 1980s, the Fetschs owned and operated Lakeshore Marina on Lake Kemp until 2000, returning to Rhineland until 2011. He raised a large garden each year and loved planting and caring for trees and working in the yard until Alzheimer's prevented him from doing those things. In recent years, Feddie resided at the Texas State Veterans Home in Amarillo.

In addition to his parents, preceding him in death were brothers Albert, Paul, Leo, Felix and John and sisters Angie Albus, Rose Albus, Mary Albus, Rita Fetsch, Annie Kra-hula, their wives and husbands respectively, and his loving wife of 59 years Jane Fetsch.

Surviving family are sons Fidelis Fetsch Jr. and wife Darlene of Canyon, Rick Fetsch and wife Michele of Rhineland, Francis Fetsch and wife Dara of Kennedale and Larry Fetsch and wife Mika of Amarillo; four grandchildren Cassandra Booe and husband Kyle of Roswell NM, Bryan Fetsch of Baton Rouge, LA, Jeremiah Fetsch of Canyon and Joshua Fetsch of Winter Park, FL; and great-grandson Marshall Fetsch, as well as a number of nieces, nephews,



**FIDELIS FETSCH**



cousins, a large extended family and friends.

The funeral mass was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland last Saturday under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday. Internment followed the service at the church cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to Olivia's Angels BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105 or to St. Joseph's Catholic Church 10180 CR 6010, Munday, TX 76371.

Feddie will be remembered by his sense of humor, his dedication to his family, his love of God and for his country.

**The Paperboy**

**This planet is a dumpster fire**

How about that good 'ol U.S. foreign policy?

This country has become a said joke to our allies and around the world.

It's really hard to fathom how much credibility we've lost in all corners.

Is there a country out there that even fears the United States?

Is there a country out there which can rely on the United States?

Is there a country out there which respects the United States?

President Obama has been made to look like the fool so many times recently, I just can't understand it. From the "red line in the sand" to having Russia fight for our enemies without any indication tells me we are even weaker than many had feared.

You have to think that China, South Korea, Venezuela and others are looking at their neighbors and thinking the land grab is on.

If Obama is wanting a more nationalistic country, like we had pre-World War II, then he's never stated it.

If that's the goal, then seal up the border and fire up the nukes because World War III is a few short years away.

After World War II, like it or not, we became the free world's policeman. As the Cold War escalated through the 1980's, there were two Super Powers, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

Once the Russians went broke, we were the loan Super Power which is the position we should be in today.

Unfortunately, that is no longer the case.

As I right this, Russia is gaining strength and money. China is an economic force and the actions of these two countries has emboldened other dictatorships.

Meanwhile, we've become weak and make horrible deals that jeopardize the very existence of countries depending on us.

Israel is nervous. Europe is under siege by refugees and is struggling financially. These countries have become conditioned to depend on us to be the stabilizing force for Democracy, but we have a president which is strong in rhetoric only.

In the late 1930's and into the 1940's, we let our allies go down, country by country, until the Nazis had just about taken all of Europe and Japan had taken control of Asia. It took Japan attacking Pearl Harbor for us to flip the switch.

This is a much different world today, but there are still some real bad guys running around forcing their will on innocent people.

Obama seems to believe diplomacy is how you handle these issues.

While diplomacy is great, no one backs the schoolyard bully down by talking.

There are a number of things the Obama Administration could do to end much of the disarray that is happening in the Middle East and other hotspots, without firing a shot. But instead, we sit quietly watching the world burn.

Sooner or later, Russia or China is going to mess with a country we do care about. Will it be too late?

Liberals want to believe in this utopian society where everyone in the world joins hands and loves and respects one another and there is ever-lasting peace.

I've got news for them, that's not going to ever happen with the U.S. on the sidelines while dictators take over the planet and gain natural resources. In fact, the opposite will happen.

There is no question that this country is weaker now than it was when Obama took office. And there is no reason why that should be the case.

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**Knox County Aging Center Menus**

**Menus for week of Oct. 12-16**

**Monday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, seasoned corn, bread, cookies

**Tuesday:** Chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, chocolate pudding

**Wednesday:** Beans & ham, cornbread, spinach, dessert

**Thursday:** Pork roast, sweet potatoes, succotash, rolls, banana pudding

**Friday:** Hot dogs, potato salad, pork & beans, pineapple delight

**Area News**

**Caregiver conference**

ABILENE - The Taylor County & Surrounding Area Caregiver Conference will be held on Saturday at Abilene Regional Medical Center's Regional Women's Center from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This conference will offer caregivers from the West Central Texas region the opportunity to come together to share information on community resources and mutual support, with a special focus on those who are caring for a spouse, parent, family member or friend.

**SkyWalk set Oct 17**

ABILENE - Copper Breaks State Park, now an International Dark Sky Park, will finish the 20th year of the StarWalk program on Saturday, Oct. 17. The StarWalk starts with a naked eye tour of the night sky over Copper Breaks State Park followed by a closer look through telescopes and binoculars.

**Rochester garage sale**

ROCHESTER - A city-wide garage sale is planned here Nov. 7. For more information, call 940 742-4100.

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**Thanksgiving Meal**

MUNDAY - The fifth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is planned Nov. 26 at the First United

Methodist Church. Plans have begun to serve 600 people free of charge.

"We especially want to reach out to people

who are alone during the holidays or whose families want a place to gather and share a meal as a community in

remembering the blessings of family and friends," said pastor John Westman. A Turkey Trot will also be held again.

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## Benjamin News

### Gladene Green

It's a cool, cloudy first day of a new work week. Pardon me for repeating what I said last week, but I do love this time of the year. Not too hot—not too cold. Everything is just right for all the early fall activities that are (or will be) taking place. And a busy time it is.

#### Regarding our ill

Little Addison Benson has been a patient in the Knox County Hospital. She has had pneumonia but was better and hopefully was able to come home Monday. Addison is in Pre K and is the daughter of Dylan and Ariel.

Linda Griffith learned last Thursday that she will be having eye surgery on Oct. 19 in Abilene to repair the macular hole in the retina. She's already had one eye corrected with the same problem. She's anxious to get the damage repaired and we will all be glad (for her) when it's taken care of.

Tammy Lyles was scheduled to have knee surgery Monday in Abilene. I don't know any details, but I'm sure she has been in a lot of pain. Knee problems sometimes cause you to hurt everywhere. We surely do wish Tammy well and a speedy recovery. As active as she is, she won't like being out of circulation very long.

I have my chemical stress test on Oct. 15 in Wichita Falls. I'm certainly not looking forward to it but anxious

to get it over with. **Here'n there**

Last week was not a very good week for the Lady Stamps on the volleyball court, losing games to Knox County rivals Munday and Knox City. Our junior high team won two out of three games with Munday. The varsity girls did play well and are a pretty young team, so maybe next year they will do even better than they have this year. After the girls' game Saturday, our team had a "going away" party for Halee Macias. It was a short goodbye, but one I'm sure Halee will not forget. She and her family are moving to Houston. She has been an asset to the team and will be missed greatly.

The junior high football team won last Thursday night against Rule, but the high school team didn't do as well, losing to Rule.

I learned on Monday of the death of Wilma Feemster of Seymour. She was a sister-in-law to Philomae Roberson and Corine Parish. She was married to their brother Clyde, who passed away several years ago. I first met Wilma in the early 60s when I lived in Seymour. She was such a nice person—always friendly and gracious. Her funeral was on Monday at the Masonic Cemetery in Seymour. Of course, my sympathy goes to her family.

Laura McCanlies and Teresa Kuehler were in Wichita Falls Saturday for a sisters "day out". They also visited their daughters Britney and Jenna and her family while they were there.

Lonnie Bohannon of Snyder was

here for a weekend visit with his parents Roger and Betty.

I had a nice visit with Jerry and Debbie Stamps on Sunday. They were in Knox City for the graveside rites for her mom Florene Reese, who lived in the Metroplex. She passed away late last week. Her funeral was in North Richland Hills, followed by burial here. I had known Florene a long time and she was a lovely person. Jerry is the youngest son of former residents, the late Dee and Mary Stamps. It was good to see them.

Taylor and Westin Herring, who live at Rhineland now, visited grandparents Debi and Mike Moorhouse during the weekend. Jessica Hutchinson and Noah were also here for three days before leaving Saturday morning for Ohio, where they will make their home. Brandon drove up there earlier in the week. She and Noah flew from Abilene and made the trip much faster than he did.

Dawn Vanderpol asks for prayers for her dad, who was injured recently in an accident. He suffered some broken ribs and was also having some internal bleeding. He lives at Lake Belton. Please remember her and him in your prayers.

We have new residents in town. Jennifer and Brandon Fuentes and family have moved into the stucco house near the school where Sherry Hedges and her family had been living. They moved to Houston. We

## Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

This week I'm really excited! Lisa Cartwright, daughter of Mary Cartwright, sent me the recipe I'm using this week. She is also purchasing several copies of the Knox County Heritage Cookbook. She lives in Dallas and will continue to send recipes and I am thrilled to have her as a new friend. I hope you will follow her in sending recipes. Halloween is coming I would love to see some "Spooky" recipes. This is a wonderful way to share and get to know each other. Just a reminder, I still have copies of the cookbook if anyone is interested in purchasing one. If you're enjoying my little recipe corner, let me know and please if you want to share recipes send them to me at kcnewscourier@gmail.com or mail them to P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371.

### Chicken with Wild Rice Casserole

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| 1 pkg. wild rice                                    | 1 jar or can sliced mushrooms              |
| 1 boiled, deboned chicken or 2 cans deboned chicken | 1 can cream of mushroom soup               |
| ½ cup milk  | ½ cup black olives                         |
| 2 cups grated cheddar cheese                        | 1 pkg. slivered almonds or water chestnuts |

Prepare wild rice as per package instructions and place in buttered casserole pan. Layer chicken and mushrooms over rice. Mix mushroom soup with milk and pour over chicken and rice. Layer olives, cheese and almonds. Bake at 350 degrees 30-40 minutes (until cheese is melted thoroughly).

welcome Jennifer and her family and hope they enjoy living here.

And finally, I am happy that after a few games of losing, the Rangers did clinch the American League Western Division title Sunday by beating Los Angeles. I worried about it, but they came through, and now we'll see what happens next. They hit a slump for a

while but came back and played some good games.

And the Cowboys-Saints game

was good—just didn't end up like I wanted it to. Like the Rangers, we'll see what happens next.

## BILL

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also empowers military commanders to permit a member of the Armed Forces to carry appropriate firearms, including personal firearms, at Department of Defense (DoD) installations, reserve centers, and recruiting centers by the end of the year.

The legislation provides \$8.8 billion in funding for nuclear weapons activities—like those performed at Pantex. To help address the severe backlog of maintenance on physical infrastructure across the National Nuclear Security Agency, the bill authorizes \$50 million specifically for recapitalization projects and an additional \$25 million for preventive maintenance. Another \$645 million for defense nuclear security with an additional \$12 million to reinvestigate efforts to recapitalize aging physical security infrastructure and \$234 million to provide for much needed efforts to improve emergency response at Pantex and other nuclear weapons facilities.

The NDAA implements major reforms to the DoD's broken acquisition system to make it more efficient and agile. Thornberry, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain (R-AZ), and other members of the Armed Services Committees engaged with experts at the DoD, in the defense industry, and within Congress with a focus on reforming the DoD.

A key compensation reform in the bill will provide a new retirement system for future military service members. The system would allow new service members to contribute to a portable 401(k)-style retirement plan with matching contributions from the government of up to five percent of basic pay. Eighty-three percent of

service members leave the military before the current 20-year mark to qualify for retirement. Current members will have the option of being grandfathered into the old system or choosing the new system, and the provision would not affect veterans who have already retired.

The bill reauthorizes bipartisan prohibitions against transferring Guantanamo Bay detainees to the U.S. and against building detention facilities in the U.S. Thornberry has expressed serious concerns about the circumstances of those transfers and of former detainees returning to the battlefield.

#### Local Highlights:

The bill supports a 1.3 percent pay raise for the military.

BRAC - Prohibits another round of base closings.

Pantex - Increases funding for the National Nuclear Security Administration's weapons activities.

Bell - Includes about \$2.8 billion total for Bell V-22 and helicopter programs, much of which is done in Amarillo, including procurement of 19 new Ospreys and 28 new helicopters for the Marine Corps.

Sheppard AFB - Includes funding for activities at Sheppard AFB in the personnel account and operations and maintenance account.

Health care - Requires the DoD and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide the same medications to treat psychiatric conditions, sleep disorders, and pain management to ensure veterans continue to receive the same medications when they leave the military service and enter the VA health system.

## Bridge dedication

Courtesy photo  
The Knox County Historical Commission will host a Historical Bridge Marker Dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the bridge marker site on Highway 6 between Benjamin and Knox City. The bridge was listed in the National Register of Historic places at the state level of significance in 1996.



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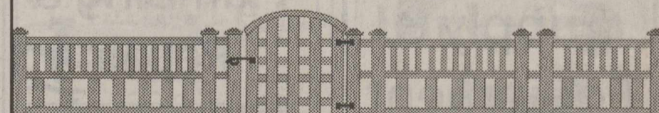
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# Greyhounds race by Strawn, 80-32

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KNOX CITY — The Knox City Greyhounds found some new offensive weapons as they ran over the Strawn Greyhounds, 80-32, here Friday night at Greyhound Stadium.

Senior Skylar Neill took over as the offensive mainstay in the absence of Elias Nevarez, who suffered a knee injury midway through the first quarter, gaining 198 yards on the ground and scoring four touchdowns. In addition, he connected on 7 of 10 passes for 77 yards and three touchdowns. He added a fifth touchdown, catching a pass from Brady Hawkins and going 42 yards.

Filling in as quarterback for the injured Anthony Estrada, Christian Abila connected on three of four passes. All three completions went for touchdowns, two to Hawkins and one to Ryan Heard. In addition, Abila caught a pass from Neill and ran for a 11-yard TD, jumping over a defender to reach the end zone.

The home town Greyhounds jumped off to a 28-0

lead in the first quarter on a pair of runs by Neil for 37 and 6 yards and two passes from Abila to Hawkins and Heard. Abel Sandoval added a pair of successful PAT kicks.

Strawn's Ross Allison finally got the visitors' offense in high gear, moving 48 yards in eight plays. Allison went the final 10 thanks to a second effort to break free into the end zone.

The teams traded touchdowns, leaving Knox City up 42-14 with just 55 seconds left in the half.

Knox City's Heard recovered the onside kick at the Strawn 30. Following two incompletions, Neill found running room in the middle and almost got into the end zone, being brought down at the 2. Heard's juggling catch and Sandoval's PAT left the score at 50-14 with 26 seconds left.

To the surprise of the homecoming fans, this wasn't all the first half scoring. First, Allison found Jerardo Hernandez for a 37-yard TD and then Knox City countered as Hawkins threw to Neill for a 42-yard TD as time expired. Strawn battled Knox City

on even terms in the third quarter as both teams scored twice. Neill ran for 10 yards and connected with Sam Schnable for 10-yard passing six-pointer. Sandoval's two successful kicks upped Knox City's lead to 74-32.

The game ended on the

second play of the fourth quarter after the Knox City defense stopped Strawn on its own 39. Neill, back in the game after suffering cramps, hit Schnable for a one-yard TD pass. A play earlier, Neill hit Trey Ledesma for 20-yard gain.



Abel Sandoval caught two passes and was successful on 7 of 10 PAT kicks.

## Crowell falls to No. 1 Happy

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While not the dominant force it has been for the past two seasons when they claimed state championships, Crowell's 2015 unit showed it was still one of the best six-man football teams in the state in a 37-22 setback at the hands of No. 1-ranked Happy last week.

The Wildcats were ranked No. 4 this week, trailing Valley, Borden and Happy.

Meanwhile, Knox City (No. 11) got back into the win column after a setback to Borden the previous week.

The Aspermont Homets (no. 23) took the week off after breezing through their first five opponents, establishing themselves as playoff contenders in District 8-1ADI.

Rotan was "45ed" by Hermleigh, 53-8, to fall to 1-5 for the season.

### 8-1A standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Aspermont	5	0	286	140
Knox City	5	1	320	156
Crowell	3	2	255	128
Rotan	1	5	92	293

### Last week's results

Knox City 80, Strawn 32; Happy 37, Crowell 22; Hermleigh 53, Rotan 8

### This week's schedule

Knox City at Paducah, Rotan at Throckmorton, Jayton at Aspermont, Crowell vs. Calvert at May



Elias Nevarez breaks free before suffering knee injury.

## Houndettes runners 4th at Crowell



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KNOX CITY — In their first cross country competition, the Knox City Houndettes finished fourth in the Crowell Invitational at Coppers Break State Park last week.

The top five Houndettes

runners were: Temi Flowers (5th) 13:32; Myca Flowers (15th) 14:52; Brooke Jones (19th) 15:03; Samantha Lewis (28th) 15:38 and Lexi Jimenez (40th) 17:06. Other team members included Amy Harrington, Brittney Hawkins, Kirsten Tuckness, Caitlyn Baxter, Zinziley Mc-

Crary, and Chloe Grimsley. In the junior high division, O'Brien had six girls compete. Savannah Hawkins placed third with a time of 14:34 and Macy Flowers placed fifth with a time of 15:27. For the boys, Chance Baty finished 21st and Anthony Martinez 22nd.

## Book fair set in KC

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KNOX CITY — The Knox City Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair here Monday through Friday, offering specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases and adult best sellers.

Funds raised will help purchase books for the libraries at all three schools here.

The sale will feature the "All for Books" program, where students can share the thrill of reading with others by donating loose change that will be used to buy books for kids who can not afford them. Scholastic Book Fairs match the donations.

The class which collects the most money wins a movie with popcorn.

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# Moguls kick off 7-2A against Pied Pipers

**By James McAfee**  
The Knox County News-Courier

Some observers have called District 7-2A DII one of the deepest in the state as all six teams have had success in the past decade, all have successful coaches and five of the teams posted winning records in non-district play.

With "play for keeps" ac-

tion starting this Friday, all signs point to a hotly-contested battle for the title and the other three playoff spots with no clear-cut favorite as was the case the last two seasons.

"On any Friday night, any of the teams could beat the other one," explained Munday Coach Patrick Corcoran.

Corcoran did tell the

Wichita Falls Record-News' Zach Duncan that he felt Electra might be the early favorite, but even mentioned the possibility of a four-way tie. "There's no telling how it's going to turn out," he added.

To kick off district play, the Moguls journey to Hamlin to play the Pied Pipers, the champions the past two seasons who were hard hit by graduation and have struggled a little to regain the explosive offense they had previously, finishing with a 2-3 non-district start.

Other opening games find Electra at Haskell and Seymour at Petrolia.

Corcoran was glad for the open week, indicating it would allow the Moguls to get over bumps and bruises and get healthier. In addition, the Moguls worked on correcting mistakes, like untimely penalties, that have slowed down their offensive efforts. The Moguls' Day'veon Dockins has shown the speed to al-

low the Moguls to strike quickly from Long range, rushing for almost 1,000 yards in five games.

All the other 7-2A coaches and teams also enjoyed a week off to make preparations for the games that count.

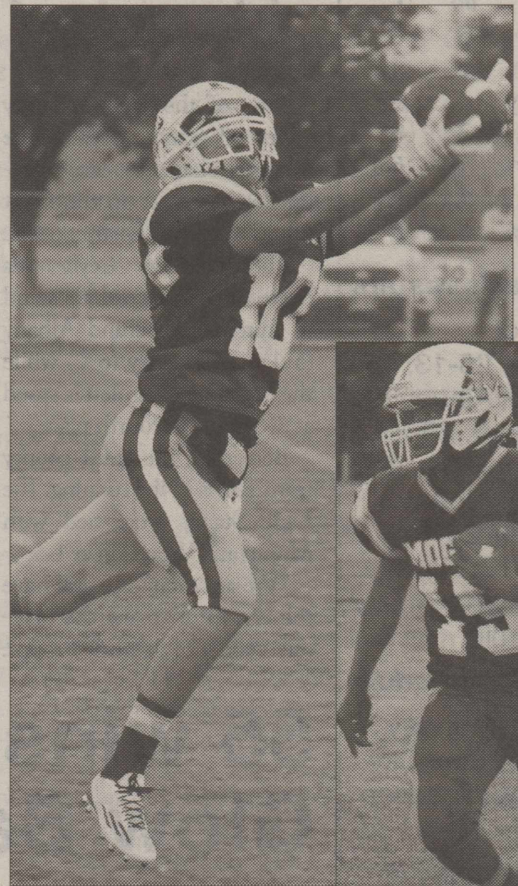
Using common opponents as a gauge, not always a good one, the Pied Pipers lost 20-0 to Stamford while both Munday and Haskell lost by less than six points.

Looking at other common foes:

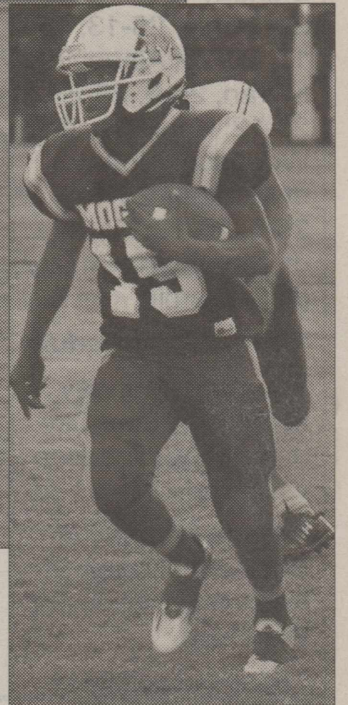
Munday and Seymour scored 40-30 and 35-21 wins over Windthorst while Petrolia lost by a 34-13 margin as a result of too many turnovers.

Seymour and Munday downed Memphis by 50-22 and 28-19 margins.

Electra blanked Quanah, 27-0, while Seymour suffered a 35-6 setback and Munday was on the short end of a 14-13 score when the game was called.



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**Holt Bivens picks off interception in earlier game.**



**Dee Hemphill provides running threat for Moguls.**

## 7-2A standings

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Team	W	L	Pts	Opp
Petrolia	4	1	229	136
Haskell	4	1	203	101
Electra	4	1	180	99
Seymour	4	1	155	111
Munday	3	2	148	98
Hamlin	2	3	106	101

## Last week's scores

All schools had open weeks

## This week's schedule

Munday at Hamlin, Electra at Haskell, Seymour at Petrolia

## "Think Pink" games slated Oct. 16

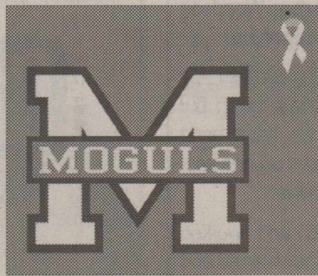
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**MUNDAY** — On Oct. 16, the Munday Moguls are going pink. The Moguette volleyball team and the Mogul football team will be hosting "Think Pink" games that day in order to raise awareness for breast cancer research. Money is also being raised for members of the Mogul family who are currently battling cancer. The Moguettes will host Knox City at 4 p.m. and the Moguls will host Electra at 7 p.m.

The Munday cheerleaders have sold pink t-shirts and donated half of the proceeds to the Susan G. Komen foundation in the past. This year the cheerleaders asked to donate all

of the t-shirt proceeds to specific people in the community. The cheerleaders raised over \$1,000.

"When the girls came to me and said that they wanted to donate the money to people in our community I was impressed with their thoughtfulness; but when they said they wanted to donate all of the t-shirt profits and donate money from the mini-cheer camps they are hosting, I was blown away by their generosity," said cheerleading sponsor and head volleyball coach Jes-



sica Toliver.

The junior high and high school volleyball teams are also contributing to the fundraising efforts by selling raffle tickets. Each ticket is being sold for \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. There will be several raffle winners drawn at the volleyball and football games.

Local businesses have donated several prizes: Casablanca goodies, Feed Barn gift certificates, Rodan and Fields gift basket, gourmet cookie baskets by Kathryn Cude and a Mo-

gul football door hanger created by Robin Gilbreath of Robin's Razzle Dazzle Designs. Texas Roadhouse, Buffalo Wild Wings, Olive Garden and Chili's of Wichita Falls have also donated prizes.

There will be a special drawing for the elementary students held at the 3 p.m. pep rally that day. Elementary students will have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets before school for a chance to win gift baskets from Chuck E. Cheese's of Abilene.

If any area businesses would like to donate a raffle prize or make a monetary donation, they can contact Toliver at: jessica.toliver@mundaycisd.net or (940) 422-4321.

## Munday JV beats Wellington, 32-20

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**MUNDAY** — The Munday High junior varsity football team improved its record to 4-1 with a 32-20 victory over the Wellington JV here last Thursday.

Five Moguls got into the end zone for touchdowns—Trever Sweargen, Trever

Michel, Raylynn Dockins, Jacoby Thoas, Sasha Thompson—while Shawn Casstorena added a pair of PAT kicks.

Coming up with key fumble recoveries were Kade Sanders, Kaven Alvarado and Thompson, who was the defensive standout. Edgar Araujo stood out in the line on offense.

## Taylor's finish second, third

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**WICHITA FALLS** — Karla and Kayla Taylor finished second and third in the girls Class 1-4A division of the Wichita Falls Invitational Cross Coun-

try Meet here at Kiwanis Park last Thursday.

The Moguettes finished third with 74 points. Other runners were Madison Thompson (21st), Kendall Thopson (31st) and Emily Scott (33rd).

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**6-2A standings**

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Team	W	L
Hawley	6	0
Albany	5	1
Knox City	4	2
Munday	3	3
Benjamin	1	5
Moran	1	5
Woodson	1	5

**Last week's results**

Munday df. Benjamin, 25-13, 25-17, 25-20; Albany df. Moran, 25-9, 25-23, 25-12; Knox City df. Woodson; Albany df. Munday, 25-14, 25-6, 25-12; Hawley df. Moran; Knox City df. Benjamin,

**This week's schedule**

Saturday- Munday at Moran, Knox City at Hawley, Woodson vs. Albany  
 Tuesday-Albany at Benjamin, Moran at Knox City, Hawley at Woodson  
 Friday-Knox City at Munday  
 Saturday-Benjamin at Hawley, Woodson at Moran

**Houndettes, Mogulettes appear playoff bound**

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Two of the Knox County volleyball teams appear to be in good shape to earn playoff berths based on the first round of play in District 6-2A. The Knox City Greyhounds posted a 4-2 record to stand in third place behind Albany (5-1) and Hawley (6-0) while the Munday Mogulettes stood at 3-3 alone in fourth place.

Benjamin, the third county team, still is in the running. The Lady Stangs were tied with Moran and Woodson at 1-5. "We are excited to still have the chance to make the playoffs," said Coach Cody Propps.

"Our goal is et and we plan to conquer it. On the next round, we hope to be more prepared as we know what to expect against everybody."

The Lady Stangs fell to the Houndettes last week, but Propps was pleased with their play and the way they showed up and played in the first set, catching Knox City by surprise. "We looked good at times and played with pride and that's all I can ask of the young nteam of mine," Propps said.

The Benjamin coach complimented Coach Hoegger on what she has accomplished in making Knox City a sure bet to make the new Class A playoffs.

**55 wins KCCC Glow Ball title**

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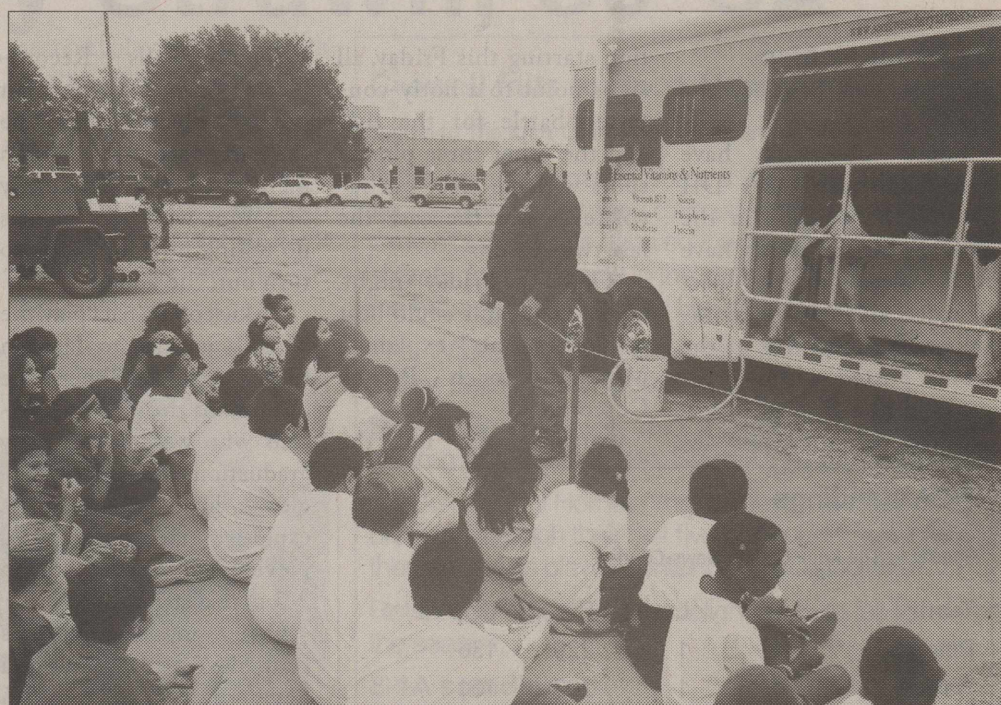
KNOX CITY — Robert Arismendez, Wes Crawford, Corky Speck and Ruby Speck teamed for a 15-under-par 55 to capture the Knox City Country Club Glow Ball Tournament here last Saturday.

Finishing two strokes back in second place were Romero

Baiza, Johnny Espinosa, Anthony Hernandez and Jeffrey Hernandez.

In the first flight, the Garcias—Chris, Domingo and Missy—combined with Angela Herricks to win with a 59, two strokes ahead of Linda and Mario Abila, Fernando Molina and Eddie Offield.

**Knox Ag Day**



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Todd Griffin of the Southwest Dairy Farmers in DeLeon tell fourth grade students from Benjamin, Knox City and Munday about dairy benefits during the Knox County Ag Day on Monday at Centennial Park in Munday. Texas Farm Bureau also sponsors these events in 10 other counties in North Texas.



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Making presentations for the fourth graders attending the Knox County Ag Day were (l-r): Madison Thompson, Kendall Thompson, Kristen Kuehler, Grace Tidwell and McKayla Coplen

**More setbacks for 11-1A teams**

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Northside managed to avoid being a victim of the "mercy rule" in losing an 81-51 offensive battle with Lueders-Avoca as Taylor Allen passed for 176 yards and five touchdowns.

Benjamin and Harrold, the other two 11-1ADII schools, were "45ed," falling to Rule and Hedley by 59-12 and 65-20 margins.

**11-1A standings**

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp
Benjamin	1	4	52	242
Chillicothe	1	4	160	282
Northside	1	4	208	379
Harrold	0	5	86	303

**Last week's results**

Rule 59, Benjamin 12; Lueders-Avoca 81, Northside 51; Hedley 65, Harrold 20

**This week's schedule**

Benjamin at Patton Springs, McLean at Chillicothe, Harrold at Forrestburg; Northside at Rule

**Lady Stangs get second 6-2A win**

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BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Lady Stangs kept their playoff hopes alive with a 17-25, 25-16, 25-13, 25-23 win over Woodson on the road Tuesday night.

Coach Cody Propps said the Lady Stangs started a little sluggish, but we found what we have been looking for in the next set and kept our playoff hopes alive.

The girls worked and worked together for what they wanted and the best thing as a coach is seeing it on the court," Propps added. "I'm very proud of these girls."

Lady Stangs travelled to woodson and came out with a hard fought W. We started sluggish in the first set and loss 17-25. The next set we found what we have been looking for to keep our playoff hopes alive. Came back and won the next three sets 25-16, 25-13 and the last exciting set 25-23.

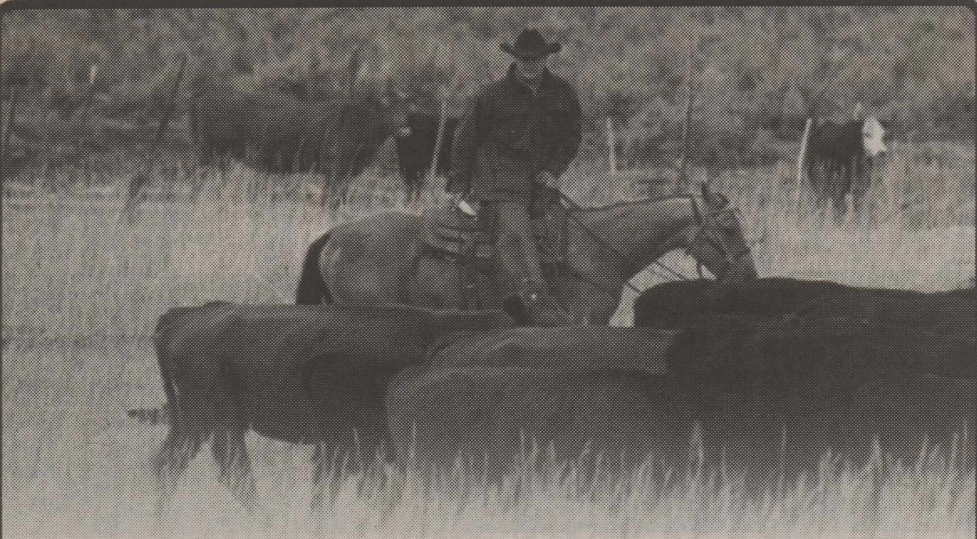
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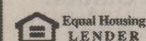
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ELECTION AVISO DE ENMIENDAS CONSTITUCIONALES ELECCIÓN

To the registered voters of the County of Knox, Texas:  
A los votantes registrados del Condado de Knox, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on NOVEMBER 3, 2015, for voting in CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS election.

Se hace saber, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., en noviembre 3, 2015, para votar en las enmiendas constitucionales election.

ON ELECTION DAY, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

EN ELECTION DIA, los electores deben votar en su precinto donde registrados para votar.

Location of Election Day Polling Places  
Precinct Numbers

Ubicación del Día de las Elecciones Centros de Votación  
Números Precinto

Knox Co. Aging Center 101&202  
Knox Co. Centro de Envejecimiento 101&202

Knox Co. Courthouse 201&302  
Benjamin, TX 79505

Munday Community Center 301&401  
Munday, TX 76371

Munday Centro Comunitario 301 y 401  
Munday, TX 76 371

For Early Voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

Para Votación Adelantada, un votante puede votar en cualquiera de los lugares indicados a continuación:

October 19-30  
Knox County Clerk Office Monday-Friday  
100 West Cedar St. 8:00-4:30  
Benjamin, TX 79505

Octubre 19 al 30  
Knox County Clerk oficina De lunes a Viernes  
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Benjamin, TX 79505

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Las solicitudes de voto por correo deberán enviarse a:

Lisa Cypert - Early Voting Clerk Lisa Cypert - Oficial de votación anticipada  
Box 196 Recuadro 196  
Benjamin, TX 79505 Benjamin, TX 79505

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GRANT ADMINISTRATION TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Benjamin has recently received a Contract award from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for water system improvements. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified administration firm to administer the contract. Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

Mayor Ronnie White  
P.O. Box 286  
303 S. Hinton  
Benjamin, TX. 79505

Proposals must be received by the City no later than 10:00 AM on the 21st day of October, 2015 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

City of Benjamin is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

The advertisement is for Thursday, October 8th, 2015.

It is the intent of the Munday Housing Authority to temporarily rent USDA-RD apartments to all persons without regard to income restrictions when there are no eligible applicants on the waiting list. Call 940-422-4941 for more information. The MHA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



The Munday Housing Authority (MHA) and the Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA) have apartments available to eligible applicants for immediate occupancy. Renters may choose flat rent or income based rent, and rent includes some utilities. Come by 131 West Cisco Street in Munday or 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City, or call 940-422-4941 for more information. It is the intent of MHA & KCHA to rent vacant apartments to high income applicants when there are no eligible low or very low income applicants on the waiting list. Both are equal opportunity providers and employers.



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## Mac's Views

# Rising drug prices cause concerns

Patients continue to get sticker shock when they see prescription prices continue to rise here in the United States. For some, they just can't afford the medications. Thank goodness for having insurance to help with the costs

The issue heated up recently when Turing

Pharmaceuticals' new owner raised the price of Daraprim, a drug to treat aids, from \$13.50 to \$75 a pill. That's what I call "price gouging." Others in the media, including Bill Maher on HBO, agreed with me.

Why are drug prices rising?

A recent report indicated one of the chief reasons was because the government doesn't regulate prices like it is done in other countries. The pharmaceutical lobbyists seem to have a lot of politicians on their side thanks to their deep pockets.



JAMES MCAFEE

Some of the other reasons for the higher prices include the fact that patents last longer, competition is limited, there are smaller markets for certain meds and the expense of research.

However, it's hard to see why higher costs of research can be that big of a factor with the pharmaceutical companies all reporting record profits even with research dollars figured into the reports.

While on the subject of drugs, I'm not sure I would take some of them after hearing all the side effects listed on their television ads. There are certainly a lot of them, another reason for the higher prices, I'm sure.

In closing, I wanted to share a brainteaser that some of you might not have heard, but one I think worth sharing.

A wise man lost in the desert with no water encounters a wise guy who is drinking from a jug. When the wise guy sees the wise man approach, he corks the jug. The wise man, dying of thirst, asks for a drink. The wise guy agrees, but only if the wise man agrees to these conditions: the cork can not be removed, broken or damaged in any manner. The wise man agrees. How does he do it?

I wasn't smart enough to figure out the solution, but my trusty sidekick here did.

Since he saw the wise guy drinking from the jug and therefore is not empty, he just pushes the cork down into the jug.

# Fall Festival a success



Vonda Carter/Knox County News-Courier

Organizers felt the Munday Fall Festival was a success and plan to continue it. Pumpkins were offered for sale. Kacy Latham is shown painting the face of a youngster. Plenty of other activities were also available for the kids, including rides on the train.

## Time for cotton harvesting nears

Special to The News-Courier

Cotton farmers here in Knox County and neighboring counties are gearing up for the harvest by readying equipment and applying harvest aids.

The cotton harvest is done in South Texas and nearing completion in Central Texas.

Texas cotton production is expected to total 5.75 million bales, 7 percent lower than

2014. Yield is expected to average 613 pounds per acre, compared with 644 pounds last year.

Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 4.5 million acres, down 2 percent from last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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