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Help for kids



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Cell Phone Sally informed kids about how to use 911 and to learn their phone numbers while Sparky told them about fire safety at the Knox County Hospital Healthfair last Saturday.

Judge Burnett announces candidacy

Special to The News-Courier

SEYMOUR Bobby D. Burnett has announced his candidacy for election to a four-year term as Judge of the 50th Judicial District. He was appointed to this office by Governor Rick Perry on Jan. 9, 2015 to succeed Judge W.H. Hearty who resigned on Dec. 31, 2014.

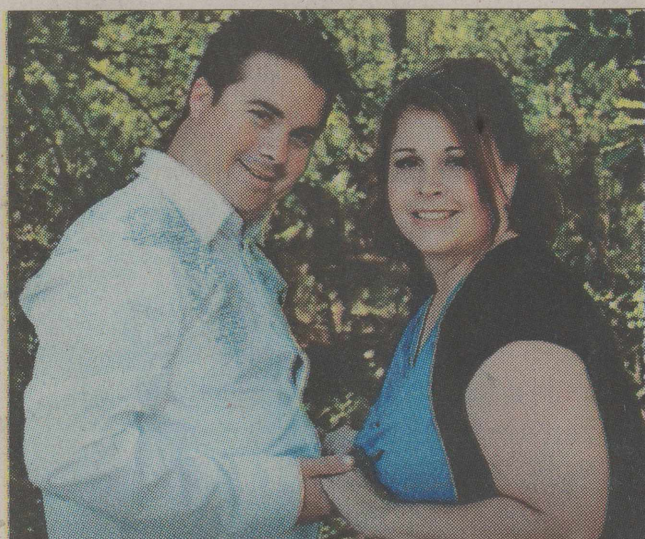
Burnett will be filing for a place on the ballot in the Republican primary, which will be held in March, 2016. The 50th district is comprised of Baylor, Cottle, King and Knox Counties.

Judge Burnett was born and raised in Knox City and graduated from Knox City High School in 1963. He received a B.A. degree from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls and a J. D. degree, with honors, from Texas Tech University School of Law. While in law school he was Articles Editor of the Texas Tech Law Review. Following

law school he served in the United States Army Reserve and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

A resident of Munday since March 1, 1973, Burnett practiced law there for 42 years, until his appointment as judge. He served as district attorney from 1989 - 1992 and as County Attorney of Knox County for 37 years. A fifth generation rancher and landowner in Texas, he served as a director of First National Bank in Munday (now First Bank Texas) for 34 years and owned and operated Knox County Abstract Company, the only title company in Knox County, for 38 years. He is a past president of the Munday Lions Club and has been married to his wife Judy for 48 years. They are members of First United Methodist Church in Munday and have two daughters, both of whom reside in Houston.

Newton embarks on new ministry



Courtesy photo

Shan, Rhea Newton

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MUNDAY — Shan Newton, who has served as the youth minister for four years and the worship leader for three years at the First Baptist Church Munday, is leaving to accept a similar position with the Calvary Baptist Church in Tishomingo, OK.

"Rhea and I will forever have Munday graven into our hearts and we will always love you," Newton said. "God has impacted lives all around, including mine, in ways I will never forget."

Newton helped restore the youth program at the Munday church, building it to 27 students on an average Wednesday night. The

children's programs averaged more than 60 on Wednesdays during his tenure.

"God continued to show me he has plans for me, giving me gifts I didn't realize I had," Newton added, pointing to being named worship leader after being at the church a year.

Praising the church members for their willingness to serve and invest in the students and families in Munday, he added, "It has been an honor serving you and may God bless each and every one of you."

Newton became an avid Mogul fan during his stay in Munday and more recently had been serving as the announcer at the home football games.

Knox Cup slated this weekend

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The captains of the Lake Creek Golf Course and the Knox City Country Club have finalized their teams for the Knox Cup, a local version of the Ryder Cup scheduled Saturday and Sunday.

Joining captain Will Longan on the Lake Creek team will be Todd Austin, Ty Bufkin, Gary Crawford, Wes Crawford, Ricky Harlan, Jason Key, Chris Mendoza, Ryan Offutt, Kevin Smith, Trey Thompson

and Cody West.

Joining captain Homer Rolston on the KCCC team will be Matt Acree, Scott Burns, Tracy Carter, Gilbert Casillas, Felix Flores, Johnny Fuentes, Domingo Garcia, Tomy Mangis, Fred McGregor, Eddie Offield and Corky Speck.

"We're really looking forward to getting out on the course and proving ourselves against a really good group of golfers from Knox City," said Longan. "Our game plan is to have fun, and play the best we

can. Hopefully our best will be good enough to bring the Cup home to Munday."

The first day action at Lake Creek, starting at 10 a.m., 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, starting at 1:30 p.m.

The winning team will get to take home the Knox Cup, donated by News-Courier editor James McAfee.

Bridge dedication scheduled Saturday



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The Knox County Historical Commission will be hosting the historical bridge marker dedication at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the bridge marker site on the south side of the Brazos River Bridge on SH6 between Benjamin and Knox City.

The bridge was constructed in 1938-1939 to replace the original truss bridge built in 1901.

It is one of only four of its type built in Texas and the design of what engineers call the "top cord" is unique in the state. The bridge project was officially completed on March 16, 1939 at a cost of about \$138,000. It is listed in the National Bridge Registry.

The public is invited to attend this historical bridge ceremony. Seating will not be available. If you like, bring a lawn chair.

\$200 fines indicated for nuisance properties

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday City Council indicated that \$200-a-day fines would be used for property owners who failed to clean up nuisance properties after being notified during its regular meeting here Monday night.

Some properties have already been identified and council members indicated they would assist the city attorney with code enforcement.

The council approved providing electricity for the downtown park and OKed an increase of 15 cents per thou-

sand gallons of water from the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. No price hike for water for residents was planned for now.

The council accepted a donation of a baler for the Recycling Center from the City of Brownwood and will look into ways to change out the engine or add a different electrical line at the facility.

The council heard about a request from Republic Service to amend a contract for trash service, but didn't take any action. Instead it will do more research before making a final decision.

A possible credit card for the city's use was discussed, but a

decision was tabled until the next meeting after administrator Winston Stephens looks into which one would work out best.

Mayor Bob Bowen also accepted a donation of \$4,388.40 from the Munday Park Project.

Stephens indicated that the water tower had been inspected and some sediments had been removed. In addition, he noted that the water rack north of city hall was now operating.

In his police report, chief Chris Mendoza did note that two stolen vehicles had been recovered. In one case, the keys were left in the vehicle. "Lock your vehicle," he urged.

Crude oil export ban OKed

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON — Acting to grow the American economy, create more jobs, and help ensure the nation's energy security, the U.S. House passed a bill last week to repeal the crude oil export ban, H.R. 702. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) is a cosponsor of H.R. 702 and voted in favor of the bill, which passed by a vote of 261 to 159.

"Removing this ban on oil exports will benefit our local oil workers and producers. This bill is a commonsense move to get rid of an outdated law," Thornberry said. "Creating jobs in the oil field and lowering prices at the gas pump is simply good energy policy."

According to IHS, lifting the restrictions on exports would support nearly one million additional jobs and increase domestic crude oil prices and production. The non-partisan energy analysis company also estimates that "it would cut the U.S. oil import bill by an average of \$67 billion per year" and increase the average disposable income per household by \$391 in 2018. In addition, IHS estimates that removing the oil export restriction could reduce U.S. gasoline prices by as much as 12 cents per gallon.

The U.S. is the only major oil producer in the world that does not allow crude oil exports. The ban on crude oil was enacted in 1973 after the Arab oil embargo.

Knox Notes

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

Mini Cheer camps

MUNDAY — Friday will be deadline for Munday 4th-6th grade students to sign up for the Munday Mini-Cheer Camp. Pre-K to third graders performed at last week's pep rally while fourth through sixth graders will go to camp next Thursday and perform on Friday. The cost is \$20, payable to Munday CISD.

Seniors host dinner

MUNDAY — The Munday High senior class will host a dinner, offering the choice of chicken or spaghetti, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Friday in the MHS cafeteria prior to the football game against Electra.

Halloween Carnival

RHINELAND — The Rhineland Halloween Carnival is scheduled here at the Rhineland Gym on Saturday. A costume contest will begin at 7 p.m. with cash prizes for various ages and for group contestants. There will be plenty of spooktacular games with bewitching prizes. To end the night, there will be bingo starting at 9 p.m. Many great prizes have been donated.

Pumpkins available

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Elementary PTO still has pumpkins for sale at reduced prices. Contact Principal Marsha Quade or PTO President Brittany Lowe at 940 657-3147. The group's second annual fall festival is scheduled from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Knox City High School gymnasium.

SRCC Fall Festival

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

FBC Fall Festival

MUNDAY — Children and youths of all ages are invited to the First Baptist Church Munday's Fall Festival, scheduled 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 28. Frito pie and nachos will be served.

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.

Thanksgiving Meal

MUNDAY — Plans have begun to serve 600 people at the fifth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 26 at the First United Methodist Church. A Turkey Trot will also be held again.

Correction

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

News on the go



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Obits

Julie Frizzell Thomas

Julie Frizzell Thomas, 80, of Midland passed away Oct. 7, 2015. Julie was born in Knox City on Sept. 29, 1935 to Kay and Dr. Thomas Paul Frizzell. Julie was an active volunteer in local organizations and had many friends in the community. She was a woman of strong faith and she adored her family.

She is survived by daughters Sarah Meinzer and Paula Douglas and husband Gary and son Howard Thomas and wife Susie, all of Midland; grandchildren Hunter Meinzer and wife Alicia of Weatherford, Pate Meinzer and wife Britt-

nay of Benjamin, Elizabeth Gilmour and husband Jess, Michael Thomas, Marissa Martin and husband Justin, all of Midland, Texas; seven great-grandchildren; and her nieces and nephews along with her two sisters in life, Emily Jennings and Zena Sikes.

Julie was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Thomas in January 2010, her parents and two brothers.

A private family memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church of Midland. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Midland



JULIE FRIZZELL

Animal Shelter Adoptables (MASA) or Hospice of Midland. Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

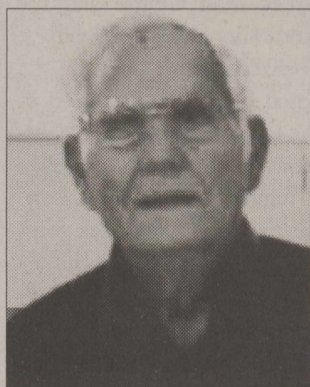
William Leach

William Eugene "Bill" Leach, life-long resident of Knox City passed away Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015 at the age of 83. A graveside service was held at Knox City Cemetery on Sunday under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation took place Saturday.

Bill was born on Feb. 6, 1932, in Perryville, Ark., to John Edgar Leach and Myrtle Gracie (Horton) Leach. He was a graduate of Knox City High School and married Ruth Landreth on Oct. 22, 1951, in Goree. Bill served in the United States Army and worked at Hunt Oil in 1999 until he retired. He enjoyed playing 42, gardening, working in the yard and loved to sing.

He was preceded in death by Larry Gene Leach, infant son; parents Mr. and Mrs. John Edgar Leach; two sisters Marie West and Minnie Lea Buchanan.

Bill is survived by his wife Ruth Leach of Knox City; three daughters Karen Leach of Plainview, Diana Ainsworth and husband Ronnie of Knox City and Stacy Hedgecoke of Knox City; son Kevin Leach and wife Stacia of Haskell; six grandchildren Chad Richardson, Nathan Hedgecoke, Carrie Karr, Noah Hedgecoke, Brady Leach and Hayden Leach; four great-grandchildren Aubrie, Allan, Kaylynn and Zoey; brother Jimmy Leach and wife Bobbie of Midland; and numerous nieces and



BILL LEACH

nephews. If desired, memorials can be given in Bill's name to the Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson Rd, Wichita Falls, TX 76310, (940) 691-0982 or to Alzheimer's Association, 901 Indiana Ave # 350, Wichita Falls, TX 76301, (940) 767-8800.

Online condolences can be shared with Bill's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Clara Herring

Clara Mary Herring, 98, a life-long resident of Rhineland, passed away Monday, Oct. 12 at the

Munday Nursing Center. Clara was born Aug. 15, 1917 in Rhineland to Walter and Annie Jungman.

Clara loved working in her yard and spending time with her family. In her earlier years, she played the piano. She played with different bands for the Rhineland dances.

She and Clarence Herring were married on Sept. 15, 1936 in Rhineland.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband; parents; grandchildren Jeffery Herring, Sherri Herring, Gerald Herring and wife Rhonda Albus, and Patricia Herring; great grandson Mason Herring; brothers Walter and Joe Jungman; sister Theresa Anderson; daughter in law Gloria Herring; one brother in law Lawrence Holub.

Clara is survived by 11 children Shirley Holub of Wichita Falls, Janice and husband James Albus of Knox City, Clarence and wife Mary Herring of Breckenridge, Glynda and husband Ken Clark of Castle Rock, CO., Dwayne and wife Margaret Herring of Amarillo, Betty and husband Dennis Boeshart of Abilene, Rick and wife Di-



CLARA HERRING

ana Herring of Rosenberg, Glenn Herring of Munday, Ray Herring of Humble, Jeanette and husband Willie Smith of Orange, Kevin and wife Robin Herring of Haskell; and brother Alvin Jungman of Seymour. Also, 37 grandchildren, 90 great grandchildren and 29 great, great grandchildren.

Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. today at the funeral home in Munday. A funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland. Interment will follow in Saint Joseph's Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

If desired, memorials can be made in Clara's name to the Hospice of Wichita Falls, TX. 4904 Johnson Road, Wichita Falls, TX 76310 or at 940-691-0982

The Paperboy

When is texting unhealthy?

Is your teenager a compulsive texter? It's a legitimate question and one worth examining as teens use texting more than any other mode of communication.

"Compulsivity is more than just the number of texts teens are engaging in," said Kelly M. Lister-Landman, the lead author of a new study and an assistant professor of psychology at Delaware County Community College in Media, Pa. "What is their relationship with phone use? Do they feel anxious when it's not around them? When they sit down to eat dinner with their family, do they feel a need to check it? Do they feel compelled to look at it at all times, rather than just answering texts they get?"

The study of more than 400 eighth and 11th graders found teenage texters had much in common with compulsive gamblers, including losing sleep, problems cutting back on texting and lying to cover up their texting.

According to the study, girls text compulsively at a far higher rate than boys. Boys also did not do as poorly in school as a result of compulsive texting.

I have two boys and they each have devices they can text on. My wife checks their devices frequently enough to gauge if they need a break from them or not.

Modern technology challenges parents in a variety of ways. From video games to computers to 300 TV stations and music and movies at your fingertips, we've created many distractions to wade through.

My advice is for everybody in the family is to break away from the technology for at least a meal every day and communicate the old fashioned way ... by talking.

My wife and I did not decide to have cyborgs running around continuously logged into the internet like drones. We, like you, want well-rounded children who can communicate with adults and who enjoy a wide variety of activities.

I've been very pleased because my children have been spending hours a week playing football with their friends at the park. They are having a blast and they are doing so without being online.

If your child gets angry when you deny them their phone, they may have a problem. Likewise, if they literally can't put it down or can't sit through a meal without it, then it's probably time to have a talk.

And for goodness sakes, check their phones. They are your children and under your roof. If you're always checking their stuff, the less likely they are to do something wrong. You don't have to be mean, just establish the rules of the home and follow through.

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Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Oct. 19-23

Monday: Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickle, chips, fruit cocktail

Tuesday: Ham & beans, spinach, red bliss potatoes, cornbread, cake

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

Thursday: Salisbury steak, yams, English peas, bread, fruit cup

Friday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, salad, garlic bread, baked apples

Area News

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. 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.

Music series to open

WICHITA FALLS - The Emerson String Quartet will open the fifth season of 'Midwestern University's music series at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Akin Auditorium.

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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Mustangs fall, 32-19, to Crowell JV

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Mustangs suffered a 32-19 setback at the hands of the Crowell junior varsity last Thursday after the game with Patton Springs had been cancelled because the school did not have the necessary six players.

“Turnovers made the difference,” said Coach Jacob Navarro.

Justin Rainwater supplied the offensive firepower for the Mustangs, scoring on runs of 70 and 7 yards. Benjamin Vanderpol added the other six-pointer.

The Mustangs are now down to just seven players after freshman J.C. Espinol

suffered a broken arm.

Benjamin closes non-district play at home Friday against Gold-Burg.

In looking at the District 11-1A DII race that starts the following week, Navarro felt the Chillicothe Eagles were the team to beat, but felt the Mustangs could be in the running for the second playoff berth.

More setbacks for 11-1A teams

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

District 11-1A DII teams continued to take their lumps on the gridiron and will wind up non-district action this week.

Defending champion Chillicothe still remains the team to beat, but a wide open race appears likely to see who gets the second playoff position.

11-1A standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp
Benjamin	1	5	71	274
Chillicothe	1	5	198	345
Northside	1	5	208	437
Harrold	0	6	92	381

Last week's results

Crowell JV 32, Benjamin 19; McLean 63, Chillicothe 38; Forrestburg 76, Harrold 6; Rule 58, Northside 0

This week's schedule

Gold-Burg at Benjamin, Guthrie at Chillicothe, Harrold vs Woodson

Mogulettes even record at 4-4

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The Munday Mogulettes

evened their District 6-2A volleyball record at 4-4 with a hard

fought 24-26, 25-19, 25-15, 25-13 victory Tuesday night.

6-2A standings

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Team	W	L
Hawley	8	0
Albany	7	1
Knox City	4	4
Munday	4	4
Benjamin	2	5
Moran	1	7
Woodson	1	7

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; Hawley df. Knox City; Hawley df. Woodson

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

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

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

This week I'm using another recipe from Lisa Cartwright. I'm not showing favoritism to Lisa, but she has sent in quite a few recipes of her own plus some from family and friends and I thank her for her response. I think she likes my little recipe corner! This recipe might appeal to many because it is gluten free, and I know a lot of people have been going gluten free and it is so simple and easy. My aunt Susie in Minnesota has recently been advised by her doctor to start a gluten free way of life, and it's not as easy as it sounds. My friend and neighbor Homer Lowrance came in to the office and is going to get me some recipes. I tried to get his secret BBQ sauce recipe, and do you know, he wouldn't give it to me! I guess we're not as close as I think we are. So, if you have any recipes gluten free or otherwise, please share them with me. If you're enjoying my little recipe corner, let me know kcnewscurier@gmail.com or mail them to P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371.

Mini Frittatas (gluten free) by Lisa Cartwright

4 large eggs

¼ cup half and half

½ teaspoon salt

Assorted mix-ins such as shredded cheese, diced vegetables, and cooked and chopped bacon, ham or sausage

Grated parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350 degrees and coat a six cup muffin pan with non-stick spray. Whisk together the eggs, half and half and salt in a medium bowl. Then evenly distribute the egg mixture among the muffin cups. Add about two tablespoons of mix-ins to each cup. Sprinkle on a bit of Parmesan cheese. Bake until they are puffy and the edges are golden brown (about 20 to 25 minutes). Makes six mini frittatas.

Benjamin News

Gladene Green

It's was a "blustery" Monday morning here on the Knox Prairie. Not cold at all, but pretty uncomfortable if you were out in it. You just might get blown around a little. Certainly was a "fall-like" day.

Not much going on over here in the "capitol city" of the county. Good to report there are no serious illnesses that I know of. Seems most of those who are having health problems are pretty well holding their own, and I'm always glad to hear that kind of a report. Linda Griffith will have her eye surgery in Abilene on Monday, and I ask you all to pray for her and that the surgery will be a success. This is to repair a hole in the retina.

I extend my sincere sympathy to the family of Billy Leach. Bill, who lived in Knox City passed away last Wednesday in the Knox County Hospital after several months of failing health. Graveside rites were held on Sunday in the Knox City Cemetery.

Here 'N There

School is going "great guns" according to all involved. It's a very busy time

for everyone. The high school football team played Crowell JV last Thursday night. They lost 32-19, but I'm told they played well. One of the players, J. C. Sandoval broke his arm during the game, and although doctors say it was a smooth break, he is in quite a bit of pain. Probably will be for a few days until it starts to mend. J.C. is a freshman, and we certainly wish him a speedy recovery.

On Friday night the junior high played Patton Springs and won! That's good to report. Any time a team wins it gives all of the players, coaches, parents, and all the other fans a boost! This week both high school and junior high play Gold-burg here at home.

Bill and Dink Jennings of New Braunfels visited friends in Benjamin on Thursday of last week. They come this way pretty often, and we are always glad to see them. Bill has had some health problems but is doing pretty well now.

I had a nice visit with John and Judy Lyles Robinson on Monday. They live in Sherman and were here to visit her mom Betty Lyles. It's always good to see them.

Weekend guests of Chad and Kathy Rainwater were Kathy Rainwater and family of Wichita Falls, Max Rainwater of Run Away Bay,

Bryan and Rebel Huffman of Whitehouse, and Jonathan Rainwater of South Plains College.

Several Benjamin folks joined others from all over the area and enjoyed the Sausage Dinner at Rhineland on Sunday. Friends brought me a plate (I didn't get to go) and it was delicious. I'm told it was the largest crowd they have ever had. I've been a number of times, and there's always a lot of people there; so for it to have been more yesterday tells me the crowd was large. It's always good food and also gives everyone a chance to visit. Those Rhineland folks do know how to "put on" a good meal, and we all enjoy it.

Mary Jane Young attended the graveside rites for Billy Leach on Sunday.

Corrine Parrish has stayed pretty close to home the past few months because of some health issues, but Sunday she was at church and is doing much better. She looks good and surely did enjoy being out and visiting with many of her friends. It was good to see her.

Brittney Kuehler of Wichita Falls spent the weekend here with her mom, Teresa. Her dad Mark was on a fishing trip to Possum Kingdom with friends, so Teresa and Brittney enjoyed a "girls" weekend."

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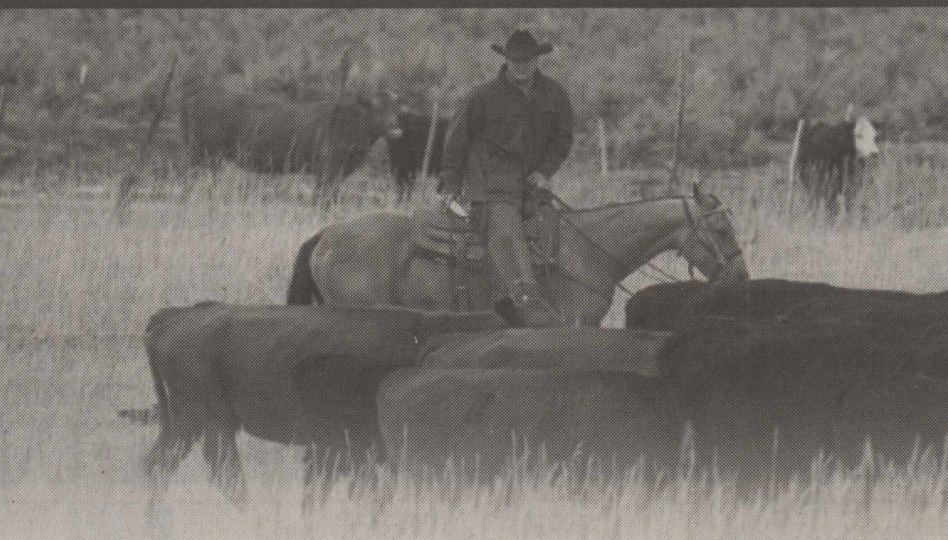


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Greyhounds edge Dragons, 48-46

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

PADUCAH — The Knox City Greyhounds came from behind in the second half to escape with a thrilling 48-46 “nailbiter” victory over the Paducah Dragons here last Friday night to improve their record to 6-1.

The scoring difference in the exciting six-man contest came as a result of three PAT kicks by

Abel Sandoval for two points each as compared to three passes by Joseph Garibaldi for single points as each team scored seven touchdowns.

“We won the turnover battle again and it paid off with a win,” Coach Charles Steele said, pointing to a key interception.

“This was a big win for our program. Paducah is a quality program and for us to go into their house and pull out a close win says a lot about our players.

Our kids fought hard until the final buzzer. There were plenty of opportunities for us to just quit, but that's not what we are about. We have been facing adversity all year long and we keep making a positive out of it everytime. “Skylar Neill was the offensive player of the game, carrying the ball 20 times for 104 yards and two touchdowns and connecting on 15 of 21 passes for 256 yards and two additional six-pointers.

“We made the big plays when we needed them,” Steele added, pointing out that Christian Abila also contributed some big plays and Sam Schnable, Ryan Heard and Sandoval made key catches.

“We had a great defensive game plan and executed it very well,” Steele said. “Two of their scores came on a turnover and a kickoff return. Our defense stepped up and made the plays in crucial times.”

Schnable was the defensive and special team player of the game and delivered

the “big hit. He had nine solo tackles. Hawkins and Abila each had six

Knox City struck pay-dirt in the first minute of the game as Neill escaped for 43 yards, but Paducah countered on a 12-yard run by Garibaldi.

The Greyhounds scored two more touchdowns before half on a 50-yard Neill pass to Schnable and a four-yard pass from Abila to Heard.

However, the Greyhounds trailed 20-18 at intermission thanks to two successful extra point passes and a 49-yard return of a fumble Jacoby Burns with 25 seconds left.

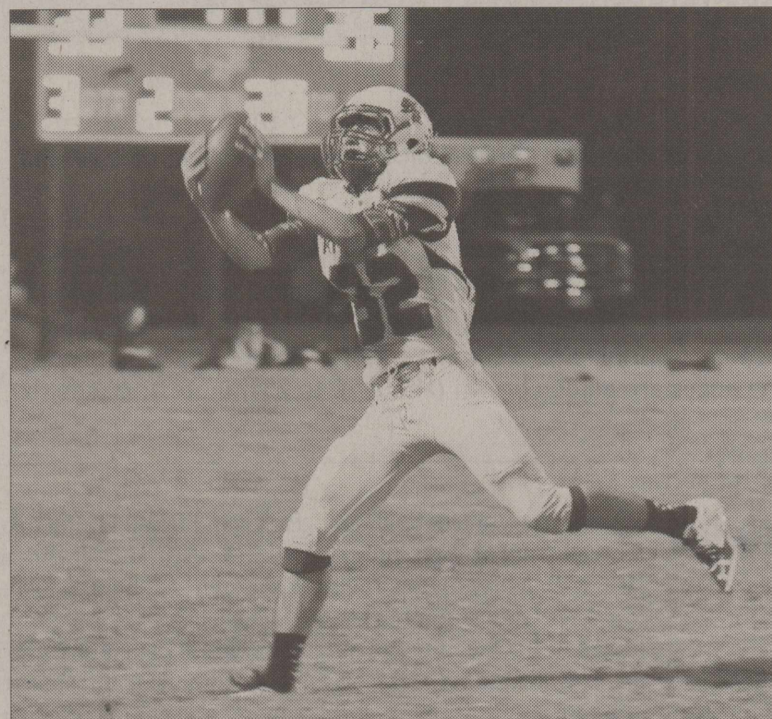
The Dragons stretched their lead to 27-18 when Garibaldi ran for 33 yards and connected on the pass for the PAT.

The two teams then showed their explosive firepower on ensuing kickoffs as Schnable escaped for 62 yards and Garibaldi returned the favor from 77 yards.

The Hounds grabbed the lead a minute later when Neill and Schnable teamed for a 54-yard scoring pass. Sandoval split the uprights for a 34-33 margin.



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
The Hounds' Skylar Neill runs for one of his touchdowns.



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Knox City's Sam Schnable grabs reception and runs for TD.

Neill connected with Sandoval for five yards

Steele is happy to have an open week before starting District 8-1A DI play as it will allow the Greyhounds to heal before opening on the road against Aspermont, off to a 6-0 start in non-district.

“They are very talented with a big group of seniors,” Steele said. “We better have our A game or it could be a rough game for us.”

Mogulettes to host Houndettes Friday

Special to The News-Courier

The Knox City Houndettes and the Munday Mogulettes, both headed for the Class A playoffs, will meet in a special “Think Pink” volleyball game on Friday afternoon. The Houndettes own a pair of earlier wins over the Mogulettes, including one in District 6-2A on their home

court.

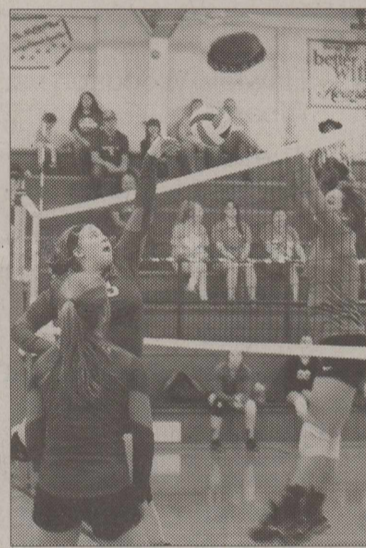
The Houndettes suffered setbacks to the district's top two teams to see their record fall to 4-4

“I saw quite a bit of improvement in areas we were weak on when we played them previously,” Coach Brenna Hoegger said.

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 last week and then got Saturday off. They now have a game lead in the battle for the third playoff spot for Class A teams.

“The girls worked together for what they wanted and the best thing as a coach is seeing it on the court,” Propps added.



Houndettes volleyball

Knox City looks better in loss to Albany



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Week of rest for three 8-1A teams

Special to The Knox County News-Courier

To prepare for the start of play in District 8-1ADI on Oct. 23, three of the four teams will take the week off, leaving unbeaten Aspermont to wrap up non-district play at Newcastle.

Despite three setbacks to highly-ranked six-man opponents, the Crowell Wildcats still appear the team to beat and were ranked No. 4 in the latest rankings.

However, both No. 13 Knox City (6-1) and No. 17 Aspermont (5-0) can't be counted as they will offer more opposition than they have in the past two seasons when the Wildcats captured state titles. The two teams open district play.

Rotan picked up its second win by a 40-26 margin over Throckmorton.

8-1A standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Aspermont	6	0	356	160
Knox City	6	1	368	202
Crowell	3	3	289	165
Rotan	2	5	132	319

Last week's results

Knox City 48, Paducah 46; Rotan 40, Throckmorton 26; Calvert 37, Crowell 34

This week's schedule

Aspermont at Newcastle, others all off

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O'Brien Student Council



The O'Brien Middle School elected Student Council officers: Reylee Ledesma, president; Austin Hacker, vice president; Gilbert Trevino, secretary; Bradyn Durham, reporter; and Hope Donham, treasurer. Shown (l-r) in front are Kaylee Kinney and Kyleigh Hernandez. In the middle are Kendale Smith, Matthew Jimenez, Klarisa Hernandez, Ledesma, Melanie Ruiz and Hacker. In the back row are Trevino, Durham, Donham and Anthony Martinez.

Courtesy photo

A&M combines ocean programs

Special to The News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — The College of Engineering at Texas A&M University has announced the establishment of the Department of Ocean Engineering, a department that combines two existing programs within Texas A&M — one on the campus here and one on the marine-oriented campus in Galveston.

The merger brings together the world-class infrastructure

of one of the largest engineering campuses, College Station, and the strategic location on Pelican Island and unique resources at Galveston.

Texas A&M's College Station campus has offered undergraduate ocean engineering degrees since 1972 through the Zachry Department of Civil Engineering, and is one of only a few universities in the United States that offers degrees in ocean engineering. It is a top-ranked and ABET-

accredited degree program. The Texas A&M Galveston campus has been graduating students in maritime systems engineering for more than 40 years and its offshore and coastal engineering systems program is also an ABET-accredited program.

The new department will offer Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Master of Engineering degrees as well as a Ph.D. in philosophy/engineering.

Fire Prevention poster winners



Courtesy photo

The Knox City Elementary students made posters for Fire Prevention last week. Winners were James Ruiz and Braden Urbanczyk (pre-K), Izaiah Trevino (K), Jaylee Lowe and Bailey Espinosa (1st), Kaylee Rowan and Jaden Baxter (2nd), Taley Espinosa and Pollina Ham (3rd) and Caleb Arrieta and Briley Barnard (4th)

Lower prices likely for cattle

Special to The News-Courier

FRANKLIN — Beef producers should brace for lower prices in the near term as feedlot marketing of cattle slowed during August through September.

Stan Bevers, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in Vernon, gave an overview of the cattle market heading into 2016 at a Rebuilding the Beef Herd program here at Camp Coolzey Ranch.

Bevers said feedlot operators paid higher prices for feeders going into the feedlots earlier in the year and, due to falling live cattle prices, are choosing to put more

gain on them rather than buying new feeder cattle with negative breakevens.

"Cattle are staying longer in the feedlot," Bevers said. "Typically, they stay 120 days. Now it's 180 days and in some cases, 250 days. The cost of grain is relatively cheap. Feeder prices were well over \$2 back in March, so feedlots are looking to feed them a little longer, get them bigger and avoid taking a \$200 a head loss."

On average, slaughter weights have been 1,360 pounds, but Bevers said there are reports of slaughter weights in the 1,700-pound range.

"As a result, beef ton-

nage is going up with these heavier weights," Bevers said. "We've got about two more weeks of these big cattle. In the long term, we will likely see things ratcheting lower."

The calf market has reacted with lower prices. Bevers said 450-pound calves that were selling for \$1,250 earlier this year are now bringing \$1,000.

Bevers said fed cattle could get back to the \$1.45 a pound range, but not eclipse \$1.60. "What drives these prices is how much beef production we have in this country along with how much the consumer is willing to purchase," he said.

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Moguls' rally falls short, 41-35

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

HAMLIN — The Munday Moguls saw their hopes for a fantastic comeback fall short against the Hamlin Pied Pipers when Gage Perez picked off a third down pass that assured the defending District 7-2ADII champions of a 41-35 victory here last Friday night.

The Moguls also suffered a major loss when standout senior Temerick Reagins went down with what was reported as a torn ACL early in the fourth quarter when he was hot close to the goal line.

Just like last season, the Moguls are now faced with the task of rebounding this week when they host the Electra Tigers, 38-23 winners over the Haskell Indians. The Moguls have won the last nine meetings between the two schools.

Sophomore Ayrton Wagner was spectacular for the Pied Pipers, completing 20 of 30 passes for 318 yards, accounting for five scores with three through the air and two rushing.

The Pied Pipers got on the scoreboard first when, Wagner hit Gage Perez for a four-yard touchdown and Bailey Ste-

gemoeller added the PAT kick.

Despite numerous penalties, the Moguls managed to tie the game with 1:35 left in the first quarter when Dockins connected with Dee Hemphill for an eight-yard TD and David Serrato split the uprights.

Taking advantage of a turnover to get possession in Munday territory, the Pied Pipers regained the lead thanks to a two-yard run and PAT kick by Stegenmoeller.

Hamlin stretched its lead to 21-7 with just two minutes left in the half on a one-yard run by Wagner and Stegenmoeller added the PAT.

With time running out in the first half, Dockins connected with Reagins for a 30-yard touchdown pass and Serrato added the PAT.

Two long touchdown passes from Wagner to Nathaniel Villanueva and Perez for 50 and 64 yards within two minutes early in the third quarter provided Hamlin with a comfortable 33-14 margin.

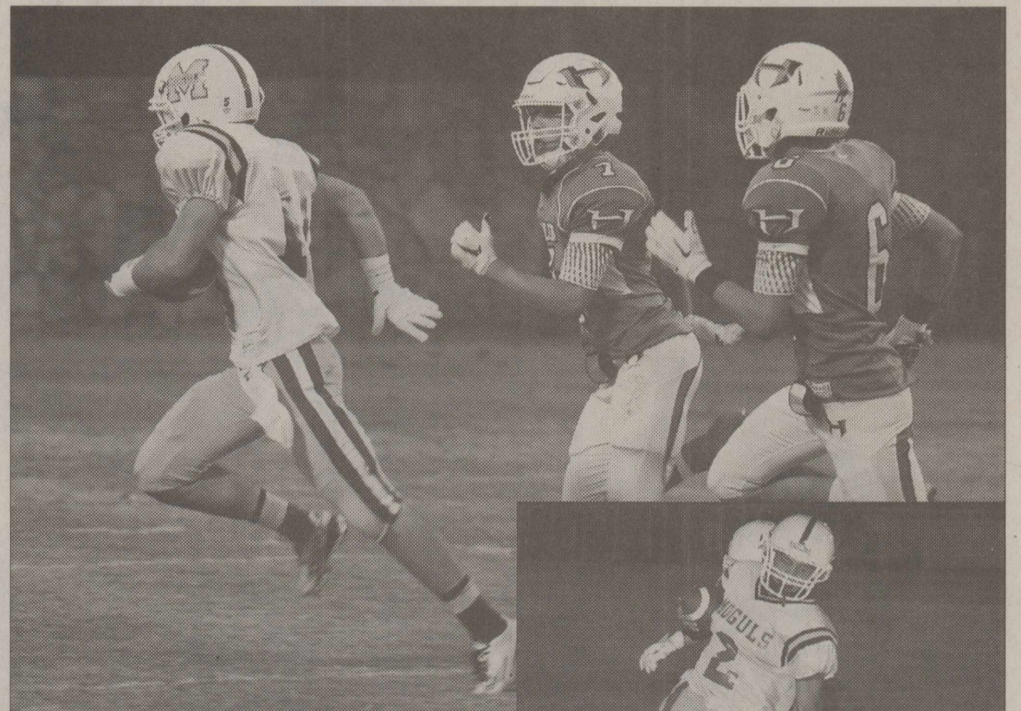
The Moguls responded to get back into the game when Reagins escaped for 34 yards and Dockins finished a drive from two yards early in the fourth quarter. Serrato's PAT cut the deficit to 33-27.

The Pied Pipers got some breathing room midway in the final period, finishing up a 12-play drive with Wagner going the final seven yards out and connecting with (xxxxxxx) for the two points, making the score 41-27.

Munday responded as Dockins ended a

desperation drive from two yards out and passed for the two points to cut the deficit to six points with 1:28 remaining.

The Moguls recovered the onside kick and got a chance for a game-winning drive before Perez halted the threat with an interception.



Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier
Holt Bivins out runs pair of Hamlin defenders after making a reception.

Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier
Day'veon Dockins tip toes into the end zone



Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier
Temerick Reagins escapes a Pied Piper player en route to TD.

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Electra established itself as the team to beat in District 7-2A DI, using a run-only strategy to open district play with a convincing 38-23 victory over Haskell, and joined defending champion Hamlin and Seymour in the winner's circle.

Markesis Lee rushed for 236 yards on 15 carries, scoring three touchdowns, including gallops of 54 and 88 yards. Drake Cooper had nine carries for 98 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns, including a 69-yard run as time was running out in the half. Zairy Hargrove gained 100 yards on six carries.

Seymour erased a 20-0 deficit to score a 26-20 win over Petrolia. The deciding points came on a 64-yard David Watson pass. The Panthers' defense then stopped a pair of fourth-quarter trips by the Pirates into the red zone. Dane Williams hit 16 of 24 passes for 172 yards to help the Seymour comeback. Bandy Mataska provided Petrolia with its three touchdowns before leaving the game with a knee injury in the second quarter.

7-2A standings

Team	District				Season			
	W	L	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pts	Opp
Electra	1	0	38	23	5	1	218	122
Seymour	1	0	26	20	5	1	181	131
Hamlin	1	0	41	35	3	3	147	136
Munday	0	1	35	41	3	3	183	139
Petrolia	0	1	20	26	4	2	241	155
Haskell	0	1	23	38	4	2	226	139

Last week's scores

Hamlin 41, Munday 35; Electra 38, Haskell 23; Seymour 26, Petrolia 20

This week's schedule

Electra at Munday, Haskell at Seymour, Petrolia at Hamlin

Munday JV downs Hamlin, 36-8

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday junior varsity football team scored a 36-8 victory over Hamlin here last Thursday night at Scruggs Stadium to improve to 6-1 for the season.

Sophomore Jacoby Thomas escaped for long punt and kickoff returns for touchdowns and also caught a pass from Trevaugh Mitchell for another TD.

Mitchell also tossed a touchdown pass to Brady

Weaver and converted three two-point conversions while Edgar Ajaujo had a pick 6.

Coach Greg Clark noted that Sasha Thompson was the top offensive lineman and Kde Sanders stood out on defense for the young Moguls.

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Munday Elementary

Munday Elementary Honor Roll



1st six weeks AR winners won a \$10 gift certificate to the Book Fair. LJ Garcia, Dejan Thomas, Darci Leija, Trey Wilson, not pictured Melissa Carmona

A Honor Roll

1st Grade-Colton Blair, C.J. Carrasco, Carlina Castorena, Rachel Hernandez, A.J. Ibarra, Ta'nya Lara, Trey Mathis, Olivia Myers, Harley Phillips, Natalie Ramirez, Landon Stephens

2nd Grade-Haiden Bowman, Kinslee Carver, Kylen Crawford, Elijah Estrada, L.J. Garcia, Ericka Hernandez, Taylor Herring, Amrie Loftin, Jelani Lopez, Kanyn Mauldin, Trevor Thompson, Hunter Urbanczyk

3rd Grade-Desiree Carrasco, Mackinzi Castille, Ann'Elyse Clark, Talan Collins, Kierslynn Macken, Aaron Quintero

4th Grade-Kyson Latham, Kayton Shahan, D'Keydren Toliver

5th Grade-Jaxon Bowman, Diana Marmolejo, Conner Moore, Stephanie Scott, Brice Thompson, Cheney Thompson

6th Grade-Karley Myers, Justin Tidwell, Allie Willison

A-B Honor Roll

1st Grade-Israel Carranza, Lexi Collins, Ivan Garcia, Kaleigh Garvin, Marion Llamas, Loran Miranda, Natalie Miranda, Kiyryn Wilson

2nd Grade-Caroline Alvarado, Lily Arismendez, Baylee Bates, Grant Bonham, Chandlyr Clark, Marina Davila, Abri Diaz, Brandon Henderson, Luke Latham, Jaxon Mcghee, Alex Mendiola, Hannah Mong, Jariyis Williams, Termane Wilson

3rd Grade-Abby Aguilar, Campbell Corcoran, Itxel Davila, Alexis Garcia, Mance Phillips, Jacob Ramos, Kamryn Rocha, Trey Wilson

4th Grade-Melissa Carmona, Jacklyn Diaz, Isaac Garcia, Raehanna Hardeman, Caremy Ledezma, Dalaney Leija, Luis Marmolejo, Sanaiya Mathis, Daniela Nunez, Brooklyn Rodriguez

5th Grade-Micah Estrada, Christopher Garcia, Alondra Gonzalez, Hunter Jagers, Noah Lyles, Keon Taylor, Aleeya Urbanczyk, Anna Urbanczyk, Braelyn Waters, Bryson Wilson

6th Grade-Leisa Beauchamp, Christian Hernandez, Joe Jasso, Jr Martinez, Andrea Nunez, Manny Nunez, Elli Oustad, Catalina Perry, Corbin Rogers, Maria Sanchez, Julie Valk, Chris Wigington



1st six weeks Perfect Attendance winners won a \$10 gift certificate to Wal Mart. Cristel Calixto, Braylynn Myers, Olivia Myers, Micah Estrada, Daniela Nunez, A'nyce Swaeringin, LJ Garcia, Abby Aguilar

Munday Mini Cheer Camp



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Forty-three young students participated last week in the Mini Cheer Camp hosted by the MHS cheerleaders.

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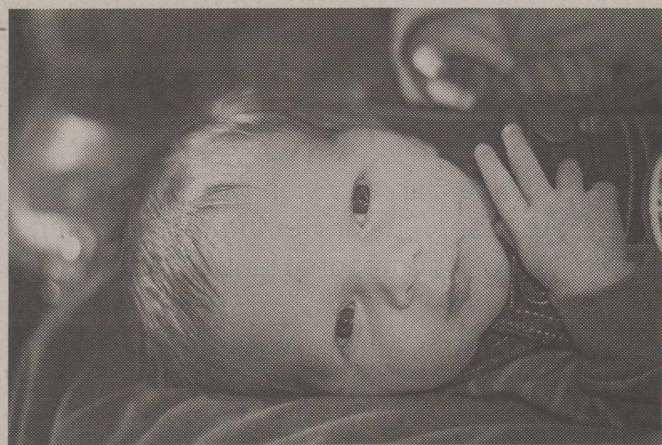
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Birth Announcement



Hagen Lynn Hostas

Craig, Briana, Lauren and Madison Hostas are pleased to announce that Hagen Lynn has arrived.

Hagen was born on Tuesday Sept. 8 at 7:07 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are Johnny and Nancy Birkenfeld of Goree and Eric and Trina Hostas of Seymour. Great-grandparents are Ethel Birkenfeld of Goree, Lavoy Ball of Seymour and Julie Hostas of Seymour.

Texas flag ban ruled unconstitutional

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — A state court rules last week that a Texas ban on flag desecration is unconstitutional, invalidating a seldom-enforced ban that lawmakers enacted in 1989 after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down similar legislation on First Amendment grounds.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals tossed the law, calling the 26-year-old misdemeanor "invalid on its face" in a challenge brought by Terrence Johnson, a black man who says he angrily threw a storefront U.S. flag into the street after a run-in with a racist clerk.

"The Texas flag-destruction statute, by its text and its actual fact, prohibits a substantial amount of activity that is protected by the First Amendment," said Republican Judge Sharon Keller, writing the 6-3 majority opinion.

Johnson was 20 years old when arrested in 2012 and spent more than a month in jail in the small town of Lovelady. He faced up to a year in prison and a \$4,000 fine if convicted.

Prosecutors argued that grabbing the flag and throwing it into the street wasn't an expression of speech but instead a random act of anger.

Perry's committee will work on water security

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY — Sen. Charles Perry (R-Lubbock) indicated he was excited that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick had given his Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs the task of looking into several important issues facing the state.

"It is my hope that through the committee process we can develop and vet beneficial legislation to continue our work to ensure future water security and promote Texas agriculture," Perry said.

Perry additionally gave statements on the addition of both religious liberty and sanctuary cities to the interim charges from Patrick.

"Given the recent assaults on religious liberty

from marriage to whether or not our national motto, 'In God We Trust', can be imprinted on police vehicles, it is imperative that we ensure Texas remains a place where citizens are free to express their religious beliefs without fear of retribution," said Perry. "We must look into ways we can evoke the state's Tenth Amendment rights to take back our freedoms from the overreaching federal government.

"I am encouraged that the senate will be studying sanctuary cities during the interim," continued Perry. "I look forward to seeing the suggestions of the committee, as we continue the fight to ensure rule of law is maintained and that the immigration laws of the state and federal government are upheld.

Sheriff's report

AUGUST 18-October 7

1. McCall, Clinton, 8/27/15, Dob 1/27/75, Surety off bond: Unlawful possess firearm by felon, (F-3), Baylor County.
2. Patterson, Nicholas Ryan, 8/27/15, Dob 2/6/79, MTR: Possess Controlled Substance (SJF) Knox County
3. Morelos, Juan, 8/28/15, Dob 9/1/89, Probation violation: Violation of Protective Order (M-C) Collins County warrant (Knox County)
4. Gutierrez, Savannah, 8/31/15, Dob 10/29/84, MTR: Prohibited substance in Correctional facility (F-3) Haskell county warrant (Knox County)
5. Hicks, Travis Bryan, 9/8/15, Dob 12/10/83, Insufficient bond: Aggravated Sexual Assault of Child (F-1) Knox County
6. Barnes, Rex Allen, 9/9/15, Dob 5/28/72, Bond revocation: DWLI w/previous conviction (M-B), Knox County
7. Carrillo, Paul, 9/18/15, Dob 8/12/53, DWI 3rd or more (10 day layout) (F-3) Knox County
8. Carpenter, Anthony, 9/18/15, Dob 11/2/82, Possess Controlled Substance (SJF) Knox County
9. Walton, Omark, 9/20/15, Dob 8/25/82, Theft (M-A) Knox County
10. Romine, Terry, 9/23/15, Dob 10/3/68, Burglary of Building (SJF), Escape while arrested/ in custody (F-3), Resisting Arrest (M-A), Knox County
11. Brunkow, Jason, 9/25/15, Dob 10/14/75, FTA: Child Support, (SJF) Baylor County
12. Ramos, Andres, 9/26/15, Dob 4/18/66, Evading Arrest/Detention (M-A), FTA/MTR Assault causing bodily injury (M-A), FTA/MTR: Interfere w/emergency call (M-A) Knox County
13. Armandariz, Juaquin, 9/28/15, Dob 5/18/74, FTA: Child Support (SJF) Baylor County
14. McGreger, Kenneth, 10/2/15, Dob 8/3/66, Possess Controlled Substance (SJF), Foard County
15. Qualls, Jackie, 10/2/15, Dob 5/2/82, MTR: Possess Marijuana, (M-B) Knox County
16. Beatty, Brandon A., 10/5/15, Dob 9/19/91, Unlawful Possession of firearm by felon (F-3) Foard County

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Weathers Whys Barometers invented in 1640s

How long have been barometers been around?

At least 400 years, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Barometers, which are used to measure air pressure — which in turn can give us one measuring stick of predicting the weather — were invented in the 1640s in Italy. "Scientists back then noticed that the level of mercury in glass tubes tended to vary from day to day," McRoberts says. "They further noticed that this seemed to coincide with changes in the weather. In the late 1600s and early 1700s, more barometers were made in England than anywhere in the world, and some had unusual shapes — some resembled clocks, others looked like large banjos and others were in the shape of large wheels. Mercury was used in all barometers back then, and even though it is toxic, it proved to be the best liquid for measuring air pressure. A change in the level of the mercury indicates high pressure or low pressure — falling pressure usually means possible stormy weather, while a rising barometer means fair weather."

Have they changed much over the years?

A big change occurred in 1840, when a Frenchman named Lucien Vidie made the first barometer that had no fluid, called

The 501 Recalling the first recalls

Who invented recalls? Not the Romans. They invented "caveat emptor," as in "let the buyer beware." Yep, if a wheel bearing failed on your chariot, you didn't take it back to the dealership for a free fix. Nor could you expect a letter of warning ahead of time — not for the CVI model or any others.

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I recall that pre-recall era with a certain fondness. Life was simpler when everything bad that happened to a car (or chariot) was just life. You expected things to go wrong. They did. You got them fixed. You paid. You went on down the road.

Now even stuff like lettuce gets recalled. Woe to you if you already ate the California iceberg with the killer amoeba on it — except I just made that up.

Are today's recalls changing how we approach life? Do we think if something we produce isn't exactly right, so what? Can't we just cross our fingers and recall it later, if and when defects show up?

If I were a kid, I'd want to have a recall system in effect for exams at school. Imagine the student's response to a low grade:

"What? You didn't get the recall notice? There's a fix for all those wrong answers. And it won't cost you anything. Just give me the test, and when you get it back, it'll be perfect."

Come to think of it, maybe I should institute a recall policy for everything I write. Displeased readers could contact me to demand a better product. Then I could tell them to read the fine print in my recall policy:

Take it or leave it.

On second thought, picture that phrase in bold print and take it as a warning. Writing verbiage to please everyone, me included, is beyond me.

Speaking of recalls and buyer beware, I just looked up "caveat emptor." It's Latin, but Romans didn't invent the phrase. My dictionary says it dates instead from the 16th century.

So, recalling what I said in the first paragraph, I hereby recall my misstatement.

When you read the word "recall" in the preceding sentence, did you put the emphasis on the first syllable? It's REcall — not reCALL.

Or maybe you don't silently sound out words as you read. Here's to all you speed readers, but I do have one question:

How do you differentiate between words that mean different things according to how you pronounce them if you don't pronounce them? Just asking.

We digress. Our original question remains. Does anyone recall who invented recalls?

RESEARCH PAUSE.

Information is scant. Per Wikipedia, Johnson & Johnson issued the first big product recall in the United States in 1982, when someone laced some Tylenol with cyanide, spurring the voluntary recall plus laws and changes that have made it hard to open pill bottles ever since.

Someone should write a book on the entire Recall Era. They could make history by launching a recall of all first edition copies.

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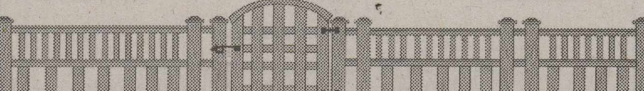



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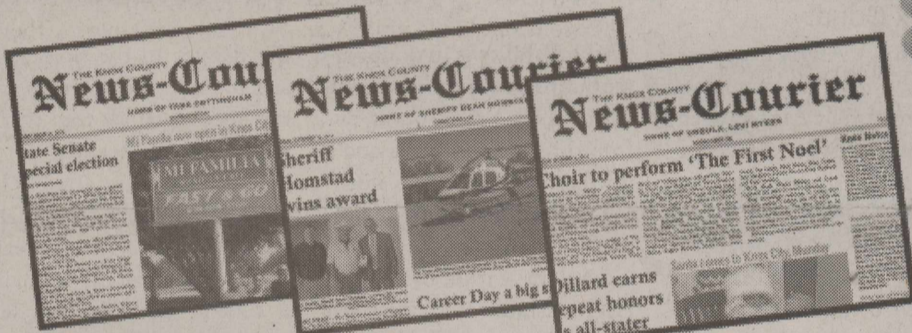
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On the Tee Match play rules different

It became obvious in last week's President's Cup, won again by the U.S., that both players and officials aren't as up on the rules for match play as they might be for stroke play.

Phil Mickelson first forgot that the event had a condition of competition that limited play to players using only one specific type of ball and played a harder ball on a par 5 hole in an effort to get more distance off the tee.

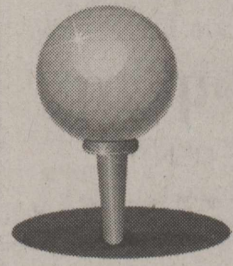
When he realized his mistake after talking to captain Jay Haas, he informed the International team and the rules officials. That's when the PGA Tour rules official, probably more used to stroke play events, told him that the Americans had lost the ball and so Mickelson went ahead and picked up the ball, a costly mistake for Mickelson.

However, he should have gone ahead and let his foursome partner play the next shot and complete the hole because the penalty is applied to the match at the end of the hole. This resulted with the Americans going from all square to 2 down going to No. 8. They did eventually square the match.

With the Knox Cup matching Lake Creek Golf Course against the Knox City Country Club this weekend featuring match play, I hope the respective captains make their team members aware of the different rules (pages 37-56 in the "Decisions on the Rules of Golf") and formats being used.

One thing for them to remember is that a player who is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure may not complete the play of a hole with two balls as he can do in stroke play. Any questions need to be decided before the play of the next hole.

I recall being asked one time at a rules seminar, what's the worst you could get beat in an 18-hole match. I quickly answered, 10 & 8. Of course, the instructor then explained how the correct answer was, 10 & 9 or 11 & 9, noting that a loss of hole penalty, up to maximum of two, could be applied to the status of the match after any of the first nine holes, citing the example of a player having a 15th club in his bag

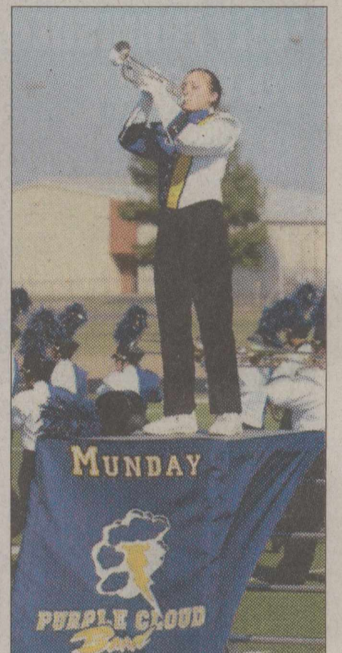


Regional marching contest set



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The Knox City and Munday bands will be marching at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls starting at 10 a.m. Saturday in the UIL regional marching contest. In a warm up at Seymour last Saturday, both received distinguished "1" ratings. Knox City was also recognized for its "outstanding brass." Shown are the two bands along with their drum majors, Cheyne Camp and Kimberly Shahan.



Leaving Afghanistan would be a tragic mistake

By Mac Thornberry

Fourteen years ago, America's longest war began. The plot that led to the murder of 2,977 people on Sept. 11, 2001, originated in Afghanistan. Since then, more than 2,350 U.S. service members have sacrificed their lives in Afghanistan to help ensure that no more innocent Americans are victims of such savagery. Now, the results of that sacrifice and the future of Afghanistan, as well as the extent of the ongoing terrorist threat to our homeland, hang on crucial decisions about to be made as President Obama decides how many troops, if any, will stay in Afghanistan through 2016.

A lot has changed in Afghanistan. Nearly a year ago, President Ashraf Ghani was sworn into office, with his campaign rival Abdullah Abdullah agreeing to serve as chief executive of a national unity government. This government is coping with the fallout of a Pakistani offensive that pushed militants across the border into Afghanistan; the consequences of a power struggle resulting from Taliban leader Mohammad Omar's death, including high-profile bombings in Kabul; and the disturbing growth of the terrorist group

known as ISIS or the Islamic State inside the country. Simultaneously, international assistance has been cut and coalition forces withdrawn—from approximately 100,000 in 2011 to fewer than 10,000 today. Now Afghans face the prospect that no coalition troops will remain at the end of 2016.

In 2013, the U.S. military developed a plan to remove Americans from most combat operations in Afghanistan while still helping to develop the Afghan forces' security capabilities. The Obama administration disregarded the plan. Most bases and outposts were closed, and troops were cut below the minimum needed to successfully train and assist the Afghan military. Now, in addition to terrorist attacks, the Afghan military is in a tough fight without the key resources required to battle an insurgent campaign. Tragically, strategic territory that U.S. troops fought and sacrificed to secure may be lost.

The current plan is to end any meaningful U.S. military presence in Afghanistan by December 2016, closing the few remaining U.S. bases in the country and foreclosing any real ability to effectively advise and support the Afghan military. A resurgent

Taliban and Haqqani network, which continue to protect al-Qaeda, could then make further gains across Afghanistan, threatening the country's stability and allowing the return of pre-9/11 conditions. Closing those bases would also eliminate much of the intelligence collection pertaining to threats against the U.S. homeland.

After 14 years of war, why should we stay engaged in a poor country so far away? First, Afghanistan has been and will continue to be a crucial center for terrorist organizations. It was al-Qaeda's base as it plotted 9/11 and other attacks, and the group continues to try to reconstitute itself there. ISIS is growing rapidly within Afghanistan. Only by staying engaged can we fight that threat at its source, rather than waiting for it to come to us.

Another reason is we have a motivated partner. Afghanistan's national unity government is anxious to work closely with the United States and has security forces willing and able to do the fighting. By providing modest financial support and a limited presence to advise and conduct counterterrorism, we will be in solid position to take direct action against key terrorist targets.

Visiting Afghanistan recently, I found unanimous agreement that Afghan security forces have made enormous strides. But they are not yet ready to take on the national and international security challenges they face on their own; essential functions such as intelligence and close air support need more time to develop. And they are anxious for sustained U.S. advisory help.

A third reason is credibility. If we expect other nations to join the fight against terrorists, the United States has to prove itself a reliable partner.

That reliability is in doubt after our premature withdrawal from Iraq, the never-enforced red line in Syria and a nuclear deal that does nothing to curtail Iran's malignant activities in the region. Complete withdrawal from Afghanistan would cause any country to question the wisdom of an alliance with the United States.

Right now, we face the danger of repeating the mistake of Iraq, where a new, more virulent terrorist threat has grown after the United States left too soon. If we make the same mistake in Afghanistan,

the danger to the homeland and to American citizens and interests around the world will grow significantly.

Fourteen years after 9/11, the United States faces many complex security threats. But Afghanistan remains a central node in the terrorism fight. It would be a tragic mistake for the United States to disengage from a fight where we have a willing partner and where so much can be accomplished at a relatively modest cost. We do not want to look back one day and wish we had chosen a different course.

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