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Bands do Knox County proud

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SAN ANTONIO – While fans on hand at the Alamodome along with their directors were proud of the efforts of the Knox City Pride and Munday Purple Cloud bands, the judges didn't advance them to the finals.

Earning that right were Wink, Nueces Canyon, Whiteface, Crosbyton and Ropes. Results were not available at press time.

The Pride band, directed by Mark Tucker for the 19th year, performed "Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde" while the Purple Cloud band, directed by Trey Singleton for the fifth year, performed "Caliente," both arrangements by Luke McMillan.

Knox City's theme included a half-and-half face painting of drum major Cheyenne Camp to illustrate the duality in the music and the performance. Camp credited one of the band's helpers, Sheila Over-

myer, with creating her look.

Camp told the Abilene Reporter-News that she was nervous atop her conducting platform.

"But I know my band," she said. "I trusted them."

Munday's band with 70 members was the largest among the 13 1A entries, dwarfing the 15 members of Water Valley's band that took the field as the final 1A band and immediately after Munday was done.

Singleton thought his students were worthy of being in the top five and advancing.

"Each time, I'm hoping they perform to the best of their abilities that they can," Singleton said. "I absolutely think they did. They did a fantastic job."

Tucker also complimented the performance of his band for making it to state for the first time since 2009.

Knox Notes

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

Grand opening set

KNOX CITY – Isabella's Tex-Mex Cafe, formerly MiFamila, will have a grand opening at its new location in downtown Knox City on Saturday. There will be an official ribbon cutting by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. It will be open daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. starting today.

Christmas Open House

MUNDAY – The annual Buds for You Christmas Open House has been moved up two weeks and will be held Saturday, Nov. 14 from 5-8 p.m., allowing customers to get an early start on their Christmas shopping. Other Munday stores, including Buds for You, will have open houses two weeks later when there is also plans for a parade downtown to kick off the Christmas season.

Bazaar set Saturday

KNOX CITY – The First United Methodist Church annual bazaar and dinner is scheduled here at 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets for the traditional turkey lunch will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Baked goods, jams, jellies, frozen casseroles, arts, crafts and other items will be for sale.

Zumba classes moved

KNOX CITY – Weekly zumba classes conducted by Stefany Roland have been moved here to the Knox City Chamber of Commerce office. They are scheduled from 7-8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The cost is \$5.

Correction

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

More rain likely

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Thursday rains are becoming a habit here in Knox County as more rain is expected for the third straight week today.

Cooler weather has also been present with the turning of the calendars to November and all signs point to a nice night for the closing regular season football games and then a sunny weekend.

The James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center reported 1.02 inches of rain last week and similar amounts were reported elsewhere in the county.

News on the go



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Park project earns scholarship



Courtesy photo

Kathryn Cude and Grace Tidwell brought home a second place scholarship for \$1,500 at the Texas Midwest Community Network's annual meeting last week. The young ladies completed a storywalk path at the Munday City Park. The park includes 30 posts that hold a page to a children's book and a walking path. Jimi Coplen and Lorrie Coop mentored the ladies during the leadership project. "We are very proud of these young ladies and all they have accomplished," said Coplen. "They were a blessing to work with."

Voters approve all 7 propositions

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AUSTIN – Texas voters approved all seven of the propositions on Tuesday's ballot.

They gave a nod to increasing homeowners' school property tax homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000, which should save the average family about \$125 per year.

They also approved at least an extra \$2.5 billion annually in public funding for roads and highways clogged by Texas booming population.

"Voters sent a clear message tonight in their support for lowering taxes and building more roads," said Gov. Greg Abbott.

Voters also allowed the land and agriculture commissioners, the comptroller, attorney general and members of the Rail Road Commission to live outside Austin -- though none say they plan to.

Hunting and fishing were solidified as constitutional rights, rules for professional sports team raffles relaxed, more counties can provide residents road help and all spouses of disabled veterans are exempt from property taxes.

KNOX VOTING

Here's how Knox County voted:

Prop 1	
For 209	Against 28
Prop 2	
For 224	Against 12
Prop 3	
For 144	Against 85
Prop 4	
For 155	Against 77
Prop 5	
For 197	Against 37
Prop 6	
For 216	Against 19
Prop 7	
For---201	Against 35

15th Veteran's Day celebration set Wednesday

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BENJAMIN – The annual Veterans Day program will be held here starting at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Knox County Veteran Memorial, marking the the 15th year for this impressive event to be held to honor and pay tribute to veterans of the military of all wars who gave so much.

This year's Gold Star Honoree will be Pvt. Cletis Donoho of Goree, the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Dennis Reed Donoho who was just 20 years old at the time of his death. His brother Doug and his wife will be present to carry the wreath of red, white, and blue flowers to the archway in his honor.

The main speakers will be sixth grade students from Munday, Knox City and Benjamin who won first place in the "Veterans Story and Poster Contest" at their local school. Posters from the winners will be on display at the Wichita

Brazos Museum.

The Munday High School Purple Cloud Band will provide the music for the program.

Military memorabilia from personal and museum collections will be on display at the Museum from 9-11 a.m. and from 1-2 p.m. the day of the program. A special military exhibit from Josh Jordan will also be featured.

Before the program, there will be free donuts and coffee available at the Front Porch Quilt Skop, across

stock at least 500 cubic yards of salt and extra snow plow blades."

The safety of the traveling public is a TxDOT priority, and we respond to snow and ice situations as quickly as possible. Motorists can also do their part by driving carefully and:

Use caution when driving over bridges and overpasses. These are the first to freeze.

Reduce speed and drive with caution. A vehicle needs at least three times more space to stop on a slick roadway. Do not apply the brakes suddenly and avoid using cruise control so that you can respond better if you encounter slippery roads. Slow down when approaching emergency or maintenance vehicles,

especially when their flashing lights are on. Did you know? The law requires you to maintain a distance of at least 200 feet when approaching a snow plow, and do not pass on the right. Visibility can also be reduced during winter weather conditions.

Be patient. Your trip time – including short commutes to work – could increase when adverse weather conditions exist. Also, keep to the main roads and avoid taking shortcuts through territory that may not have been plowed.

Winterize vehicles before traveling during adverse weather. Check fuel, tire, oil, and antifreeze levels. Make sure heater, brakes, and windshield wipers are working properly.

Three Knox teams remain in playoffs

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Benjamin and Munday joined Knox City in the area round of the Class A volleyball playoffs with bi-district wins earlier this week.

The Benjamin Lady Stangs claimed a five-set triumph over Harrold, 25-21, 23-25, 25-11, 22-25, 15-9 to advance to play Mullin while the Munday Moguettes had an easier time, beating Northside, 25-15, 25-11, 25-

12, for a match with Sterling City.

Knox City earned a bye in first round and will play Water Valley, which scored a 19-25, 26-24, 25-12, 25-15 win over Gustine.

District 6-2A champion Hawley (32-6) posted a 25-10, 25-8, 25-7 win over Electra and will play Hamilton at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Brownwood High School.

Albany bowed to 5-2A champion Petrolia, 25-21, 25-21, 25-20.

(See related stories on pages 4, 5 and 6)

Stanfield elected as new mayor

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KNOX CITY – Jeff Stanfield was elected as the new mayor of Knox City in Tuesday's

election, enjoying a 66-31 margin over Anthony Adkins.

Stanfield will be sworn in Nov. 16 after an official canvas of the votes.

TxDOT getting ready for winter travel

Special to The News-Courier

CHILDRESS – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is gearing up to protect the traveling public and roadways for the upcoming winter.

The Childress District's 13-county maintenance sections are busy testing winter weather roadway equipment; snow plows, material spreaders, safety lighting and other necessary equipment are ready if and when inclement weather occurs.

TxDOT has also been stocking up on winter deicing materials. According to Darwin Lankford, TxDOT Director of Operations, "each maintenance section is required to order and have in

Candidates can file for primary

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BENJAMIN – Candidates wishing to file for places on next year's primary ballot can pick up applications here at the county clerk's office starting Nov. 14 through Dec. 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and

from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Fridays.

This applies for four-year terms for district judge and district attorney positions along with the following county positions—attorney, tax assessor collector, commissioners Precincts 1 and 3 and sheriff. In addition,

a two-year unexpired term will be filled for the vacancy for judge since Judge Travis Floyd announced his retirement.

District Judge Bobby Burnett has already announced his intentions to run again after being appointed to fill the office by Gov. Rick Perry.

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Volunteer fire department eligible for grants

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COLLEGE STATION — Intense wildfire seasons and life-altering emergencies call for better equipment and more training for our firefighters on the frontline. With over 85 percent of Texas fire departments being operated by volunteers, funding for essential equipment and training can be hard to come by.

The Texas A&M Forest Service has awarded \$15.7 million of the \$24.3 million allocated by the Texas Legislature to volunteer fire departments.

"No other state understands or supports their first responders like Texas. By increasing the Rural VFD Assistance Program grant fund, the Texas Legislature drove home that point and we are extremely grateful," Texas A&M Forest

Service Director Tom Boggus said.

The program allows TFS to build the capacity of communities by providing funds to volunteer fire departments to purchase life-saving equipment, including firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, firefighting training and training aids.

"We were honored to present the awards at our first meeting, knowing that they will make a tremendous difference in the protection of life and property," Jason Keiningham, capacity building department head. "These grants provide firefighters with much-needed equipment to more effectively respond to a variety of emergencies."

The program has provided funds for 1,630 engines, 4,166 grants for fire and

rescue equipment, 4,024 grants for protective gear and 17,997 training request for 64,268 firefighters, awarding more than \$213 million total since its inception.

All chartered, nonprofit VFDs operated by its members are eligible, and any part-paid, part-volunteer fire department with 20 or fewer paid members is eligible to receive grants through the Rural VFD Assistance Program.

"Time after time I've been told by proud and thankful fire chiefs across the state that this was the first brand new fire truck the department has ever had and what a difference it made in their ability to protect Texans," Boggus said. "We are proud to take part in the Rural VFD Program and will continue to support our first responders."

Rural transportation gets new funding

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation has been awarded more than \$20 million in federal TIGER* grants to improve transportation services for rural populations. The funding will help replace 325 vehicles located throughout the state that are used to transport rural residents.

"Our rural residents rely on these transportation services to commute between jobs, school, doctor's appointments and other destinations that help them maintain their independence while also contributing to the economy," said TxDOT Executive Director Lt. Gen. Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "Without this funding, more than 70 percent of the rural fleet used for such transit services would be outdated by 2017. We are pleased to be able to assist these communities in continuing these important transportation services with updated vehicles and facilities designed to keep people moving safely and comfortably."

"We congratulate the citizens of Texas, who are the true winners in obtaining these highly competitive TIGER grant funds," said Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator Therese McMillan. "The new buses, vans and transit facilities will be a lifeline in rural areas of the state for residents who rely on public transportation and deserve safe and reliable transit services."

With more than 6 million residents living outside urban areas, Texas has the largest rural population in the United States. Between 2000 and 2010, the state's rural population grew by 7.5 percent. Many of the areas served by rural transportation services have populations that are proportionally older, lower income and often have a higher percentage of people with disabilities.

Knox 4-H team advances to state



Courtesy photo

Knox County senior 4-H team members Corrie, Makayla, Ryan and Shaylee Earthman claimed first place in the fruits and vegetable division of the district food challenge to advance to state. The junior teams got fourth and fifth place in healthy snacks and fruits and vegetables.



Obits

Mary Lou Hodges

Mary Lou Hodges, 74, of Graham passed away Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 in Dallas. A memorial service was held Wednesday in the Tonk Valley Community Church under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home. Family visitation was held on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Lou was born Dec. 28, 1940 in Knox County to the late Elmer E. and Ruth (Corley) Underwood. She married Jerry Dale Hodges on Sept. 19, 1959 in O'Brienn. He preceded her in death. Lou was a member of the Tonk Valley Community Church. She was owner of 3J Well Service and was employed at Our Neck Of The Woods. Lou loved her home, her family and all things beautiful.

Survivors include: daughter Amanda Chestnut and husband Larry of Graham; sons Jay Hodges and wife LeAnne of Graham and George Hodges and wife Milessa of Perrin;



MARY LOU HODGES

grandchildren Jennifer Briles and husband Jason of Graham, J.B. Chestnut and wife Harmony of Graham, Trevor Hodges and wife Ashley of Graham, Audrey Hamelin and husband Atlee of California, Gage Hodges of Perrin and Cason Hodges of Perrin; great grandchildren Braylee Briles, Brenna Briles, Brett Briles, McKayla Hamelin and Eli Hamelin.

Lou was also preceded in death by a brother Murray Underwood and sisters Sharon Morrow and Ann Underwood.

Letter to the editor

Dear Courier staff,
We have enjoyed holding a newspaper from our home

county in our hands the old fashioned way. We were gifted with a subscription from

my brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Becky Offutt of Munday.

We recognize many of the names and enjoy keeping up with the events from a place we love.

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Time for 'Selfies'



Members of the Munday Emergency Services take time out from the dinner to honor the Pink Ladies to take some "selfies."

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Liberal tolerance is a one way street

By Robert Romano and Dustin Howard
Special to The News-Courier

The war by big government against people who don't conform to their ever-evolving worldview continues.

Take two cases in two different blue states: the Oregon bakers and the Minnesota truckers. Both objected to performing a service on the basis of religious conscience, but who was right in the eyes of the law?

The Oregon bakers, Aaron and Melissa Klein, refused to bake a cake. Period. For the "crime" of refusing service to a lesbian couple's wedding cake, Oregon's political correctness enforcement agency, the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries ruled they owe the aggrieved couple \$135,000. The judgement could result in the dissolution of the Klein's property, which is outright confiscation. The couple who brought the complaint were not even seeking damages.

If you would, juxtapose that with a federal court ruling in favor of truck drivers who were terminated from employment for refusing to transport alcohol, namely beer. Keep in mind, the equipment used to transport the alcohol was owned by the now defunct Star Transport, not the drivers. They chose to apply to a company that delivered these products, and expected their employer's acquiescence. With the help of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), an Obama appointed judge awarded the aggrieved truckers \$240,000.

On the surface, it might lead one to conclude that the disparity is simply that the former are Christians, while the latter are Muslims; maybe that's all there is to it.

However, assuming which religions are invoked in each case do not actually matter, what we have is a legal standard where a company cannot refuse to perform a service out of religious objections, but an employee can.

Either way, the difference is somewhat political; to put it in the literary terms of Orwell's Animal Farm, "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others." The government has successfully created a protection racket, under which protected classes are endowed with specialized rights, usually at the expense of groups they find distasteful.

In these cases, there are separate rights for businesses and employees.

The Kleins are an example of this, who, because they were a company, found themselves on the wrong side of the Left's newfound orthodoxy on what constitutes discrimination. And the truckers are also an example where, because they were employees,

benefited from the current body of law when it comes to religious conscience exceptions.

Religious freedom under the First Amendment is not just for the benefit for the majority, but the minority as well. In that sense, a Muslim baker should have as much a right to deny services to a gay couple out of religious objections as a Christian one.

Unfortunately for the Kleins and people like them, that is not the standard. As they have learned the hard way, as a business, the government refuses to tolerate anyone who does not share their views.

Ironically, the implication is that the Christian employee of a baker in Oregon could refuse, under federal law, to bake the cake for a

gay couple getting married for religious reasons, and sue their employer for firing them, but then that company will still be compelled to bake the cake under state law, all the while paying damages to the former employee.

Remember that one way street from earlier? It travels from big government, away from the freedom of expression, and for the sake of the nation, we'd better find a way to turn back. Because the unintended consequence may be that some classes end up being more equal than others.

Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government. Dustin Howard is the Social Media Manager for the Americans for Limited Government.

Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Nov. 9-13

Monday: Polish sausage w/cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread, peach cobbler

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas w/vegetables, corn, Spanish rice, tortilla, fruit cocktail

Wednesday: Veterans Day Holiday

Thursday: Ham sandwiches, tomato, lettuce, broccoli salad, dessert

Friday: Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, pineapple tidbits

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

Fall is in the air and the holidays are fast approaching. Here we are in the first week of November already.

I love it! Cooler weather and colder days are coming—it's my favorite time of the year. In the next few weeks the recipes are going to reflect the holidays, of course, and the wonderful comfort of foods that warm the soul on cold days. So if you have any favorites you would like to share, please send them in. This week Gary Howry came by to see us and brought one of the recipes I'm featuring this week, a delicious spaghetti sauce. He comes by the office to visit quite often with his son Jason. He promises more recipes. The additional two recipes were supposed to go in last week but my column got cut short to make room for sports and election stuff! It's always my stuff that gets cut to make room, but I'm over it. Also, James and I have decided (it was mostly James!) that if you are submitting recipes it would be very welcomed if you brought by some samples, so we could taste test the recipes that I feature. You know, in the spirit of sharing and all. If you're enjoying my little recipe corner, let me know, and send some recipes of your own to kcnewscourier@gmail.com or mail them to P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371.

Aunt Pete's Spaghetti Sauce (New York Style)

2 lbs. ground beef
1 bell pepper, cut up
2 large cans tomato sauce
1 onion, cut up
1 can whole peeled tomatoes, blended
Garlic salt
Chopped Oregano leaves
Brown ground beef and drain the fat. Add the bell pepper and onion. Add chopped oregano leaves and garlic salt to taste. Add

tomato sauce and blended tomatoes. Cook slow until thick. Serve over pasta as desired.

Sausage Crescent Cheese Balls

1 lb. bulk spicy sausage
1 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese (8 oz.)
1 can (8 oz.) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
½ teaspoon dried rosemary leaves, crushed
Heat oven to 375 degrees. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with foil; spray with cooking spray. In large bowl, mix sausage, cheese and rosemary; mix well using hands or spoon. Unroll crescent dough on work surface; coat each side of dough with one tablespoon of flour. Using pizza cutter or knife, cut dough into about ¼ inch pieces. Mix crescent dough pieces into bowl of sausage mixture in small amounts until well blended. Shape mixture into 42 (1 ¼ inch) balls. Place on pan. Bake 15 to 17 minutes or until golden brown.

Pizza Cupcakes

1 can (8 oz.) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
½ cup mozzarella cheese (2 oz.)
½ cup pizza sauce
¼ cup mini pepperoni slices
¼ lb. mild Italian sausage, cooked and drained
½ cup mozzarella cheese (2 oz.)
Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray eight regular-size muffin cups with cooking spray. Unroll dough; separate into eight triangles. Press into muffin cups. In small bowl, mix sauce, pepperoni, sausage and ¼ cup of the cheese. Spoon about two tablespoons mixture into each dough-lined cup; sprinkle each with about one teaspoon additional cheese. Bake 16 to 18 minutes or until lightly browned. Immediately remove from cups and serve.

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Hounds miss playoffs after 60-14 loss

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Greyhounds will end the season with a road trip to Rotan after failing to make the playoffs last week, suffering a 60-14 setback to the Crowell Wildcats.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats and the Aspermont Hornets, both 2-0, clash to decide the District 8-1A DI title.

The Greyhounds couldn't get their running game started against the stout Wildcats' defense, netting only one yard for the night. Then they were forced to go to the air after falling behind, 24-0, after one quarter as Tristen Hayes scored from the seven, Tyer Durham took a 11-yard pass from Hayes and Daniel Clark ran for 14 yards. Leonardo Gentile added three PAT kicks.

The Greyhounds finally got on the scoreboard when Ryan Heard caught a short pass from Christian Abila and Abel Sandoval split the uprights.

The Wildcats went up 46-8 at halftime as Clark ran for nine yards and Durham took a pick six back for 20 yards.

The Wildcats scored on their first play of the second half as Hayes found Durham open and he ran 45 yards for the TD.

The Greyhounds didn't waste any time to counter as Skylar Neil hit Sam Schnable on a crossing pattern and Schnable completed a 60-yard scoring effort.

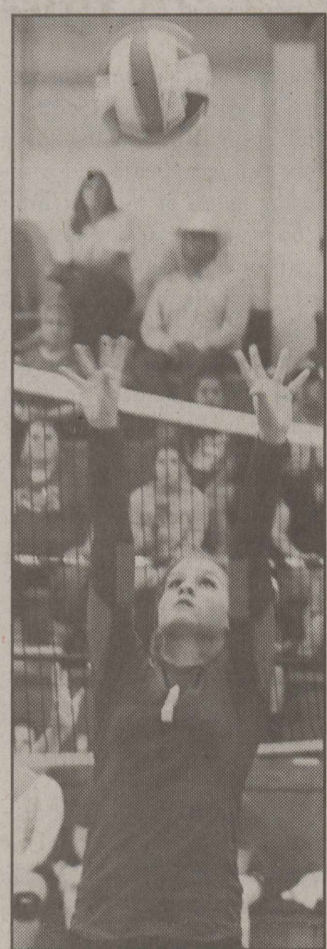
The game ended on the "mercy rule" after Danny de la Penna scored from the 11 and Durham got another pick six.



Sam Schnable (32) brings down Crowell's Tristen Hayes.

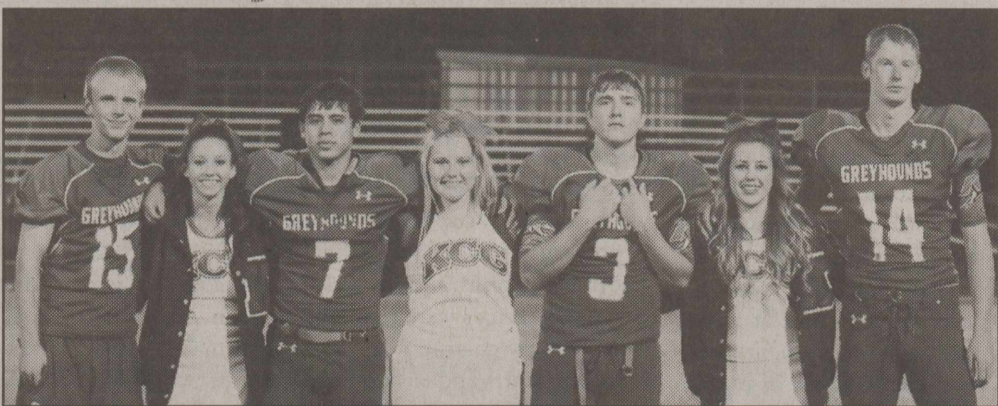
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Houndettes in area round



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Brooke Jones sets up a volley in Knox City's final district game against Benjamin. The Houndettes received an opening bye after sharing third place with Munday in District 6-2A and will play the winner of the Water Valley-Gustine game in the area round on Saturday.

Knox City seniors honored



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Senior members of the Knox City football team and cheerleaders were honored during last Thursday's game. Pictured (l-r) are Sheldon Baty, Samantha Lewis, Elias Nevarez, Cheyenne Camp, Skylar Neill, Brylee White and Ryan Heard.



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Elias Nevarez (7) stops a Wildcat runner.

Team	District		Season		Season		Pts.	Opp.
	W	L	Pts	Opp	W	L		
Aspermont	2	0	130	80	8	1	519	284
Crowell	2	0	110	14	6	3	399	179
Knox City	0	2	70	122	6	3	438	324
Rotan	0	2	24	118	2	7	156	437

Last week's results
Crowell 60, Knox City 14; Aspermont 68, Rotan 24

This week's schedule
Knox City at Rotan, Aspermont at Crowell



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Ryan Heard makes a catch for a first down.

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Moguls need win to make playoffs

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY— The Munday Moguls have their backs to the wall when they travel to Haskell Friday night, needing a victory to return to the playoffs.

"We still have a chance, and that's good it's still available," said Coach Patrick Corcoran, who could get his 100th victory if the Moguls pull off the task.

The Moguls suffered a 49-21 setback at the hands of the surging Seymour Panthers last week to fall to fifth place at 1-3 in District 7-2A while the Indians improved to 2-2 with a 36-6 win over the Petrolia Pirates.

The Indians faced a similar challenge last year, needing a win over the Moguls by a certain number of points, but lost a scorefest, 68-66.

Corcoran had warned that the Moguls could ill afford another start like the earlier one against Electra where they quickly fell behind 18-0. However, that's exactly what happened on Senior Night as the Panthers exploded for a 21-0 lead in the first seven minutes of the game.

The Panthers took less than a minute for junior quarterback Blaine Barton to connect on a 25-yard pass to Kieren Gaines after an earlier 38-yard screen pass to the speedy running back David Watson. Following a Munday three and out, Watson broke for an 83-yard scamper less than two minutes later.

Then when the Moguls couldn't get a chain changer at the Seymour 18, Watson again found daylight for a 51-yard gallop to the Munday 32 before being caught from behind with a horse collar tackle. That put the ball on the MHS 17 and Watson did the rest.

The Moguls' defense actually held Watson in check of the rest of the game as he gained only six yards on 17 more carries, finishing with 150.

Taking over at the Seymour 48 after a kick out of bounds, the Moguls' Day'veon Dockins broke for 23 and 25 yards to reach paydirt. David Serrato added the PAT.

The Panthers needed just five plays to cover 50 yards with Barton connecting with Hunter Martinez from 24 yards out for the TD. Cain Schoonover's kick made it 28-7.

A pass interception, one of four for the game, allowed the Panthers to set up at the Munday 21. Barton ran for 15 yards, but the Panthers needed four downs for him to finally cover the final yard, stretching the lead to 28 points.

Julio Vitolas gave the Mogul faithful a spark of hope when he recovered a fumble at the Seymour 14. Dockins found daylight and reached the end zone, but it was called back because of a holding penalty. Dockins made up the necessary yardage, converting a fourth down. Then he ran the final two yards. Dockins finished with 189 yards on 31 carries.

The Moguls finally forced a Seymour punt, but turned the ball back on a fumble. Barton made them pay with a 53-yard strike to Corey Streck for an unsurmountable 28-point edge at halftime.

Munday scored in the final seconds of the third quarter on a four-yard pass from Heath Bivens to brother Holt, but still trailed by 21 points.

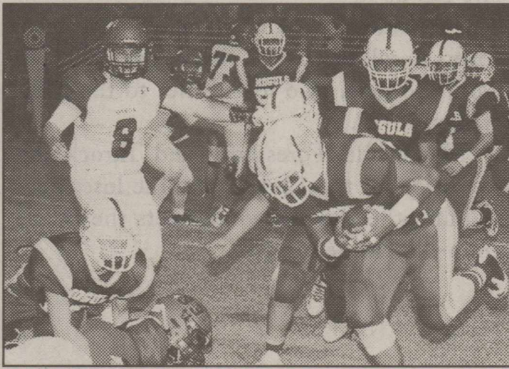
Using as much of the clock as possible, Seymour did add another touchdown by Watson in the fourth quarter.

Munday cruised to a 56-6 win in the junior varsity game on Thursday.



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Trever Swearengin, who moved up from the junior varsity, gets a nice gain seeing action late in the game.



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Munday's Julio Vitolas scoops up fumble by Seymour.

Mogulettes claim bi-district win

Special to The News-Courier

HOLLIDAY — The Munday Mogulettes, the No. 2 seed for Class A teams from District 6-2A, claimed a bi-district championship here Monday morning with a 25-15, 25-11, 25-12 victory over Northside.

The Mogulettes will now play Sterling City on Thursday at a site to be named.

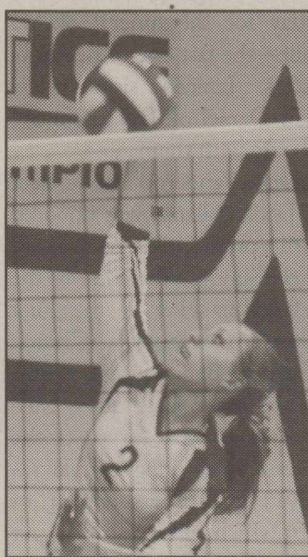
"We were led offensively by sophomore Kristen Kuehler, who had nine kills," said Coach Jessica Tolliver.

"Kristen also brings the excitement and the emotion to the floor to lead the team.

"We served really well today, especially sophomore Kacey Lowrance, who had 22 serves in three sets."

Seniors Skylar Gomez, Ana Vega and Kimberly Shahan all had 13 digs to pace the Mogulettes.

The Munday-Sterling City winner will advance to the regional finals Monday and Tuesday at San Angelo Central High School.



KIMBERLY SHAHAN

Hamlin clinches share of 7-2A title

Special to The News-Courier

The Hamlin Pied Pipers clinched a share of the District 7-2A DII title by holding off the Electra Tigers Friday night in a game twice stopped by lightning.

It took a great defensive effort for the Pied Pipers as they stopped three threats by the Tigers inside their own 30.

Hamlin will need a win over surging Seymour, 49-21 winners over Munday last Friday to claim sole possession of the title as it did the past two seasons.

The Panthers would get the No. 1 seed with a victory, but with a loss could end up in a three-way tie for second place at 3-2 and fall to fourth in the seedings because of point differentials, getting a bi-district assignment against 8-2A champion Albany.

Electra needs a win over Petrolia Friday to return to the playoffs, leaving the winner of the Munday-Haskell game getting the other spot in the playoffs. If Electra loses and Munday wins, all three would have 2-3 records, forcing a tiebreaking point system to determine who advances.

7-2A standings

Team	District		Pts	Season		Pts	Opp	
	W	L		Opp	W			L
Hamlin	4	0	119	94	6	3	201	175
Seymour	3	1	109	98	7	2	264	209
Electra	2	2	90	81	6	3	256	163
Haskell	2	2	122	82	6	3	325	183
Munday	1	3	124	128	4	5	225	212
Petrolia	0	4	65	146	4	5	294	282

Last week's scores

Seymour 49, Munday 21; Hamlin 17, Electra 14; Haskell 36, Petrolia 6

This week's schedule

Munday at Haskell, Hamlin at Seymour, Petrolia at Electra

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Mustangs seek spot in playoffs

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN — In their second season since returning from a three-year hiatus from playing football, the Benjamin Mustangs are in the running for the playoffs.

The Mustangs will host the Northside Indians here Friday at Ben Grill Stadium to decide the District 11-1A DII's second representative in the playoffs. but will be missing quarterback Caleb Barrientez, who was hurt on the second possession against Chillicothe and lost for the rest of the season.

"His loss really hurt us because he plays such an important role in our offense," said Coach Jacob Navarro, pointing out the Mustangs were deadlocked with the Eagles at 6-6 after a touchdown by Lincoln Strickland.

"When he left, we had a lot of players playing positions they normally wouldn't play," Navarro added about the 51-6 setback.

Dylan Reagans rushed for 433 yards and

scored seven touchdowns as the Eagles wrapped up the district title, ending the game at halftime on Connor Pautsky's pick six.

Justin Rainwater ran 10 times for 64 yards and completed 4 of 9 passes for an additional 75 yards, but had two other interceptions. Lincoln Strickland led the Benjamin defense with seven solo tackles.

Looking to the showdown with Northside, Navarro added, "It's going to be a tough game. The six guys we have left will have to step up and just find a way to win. I believe we can do it."

The Indians took advantage of five turnovers to roll to a 61-32 victory over the Harrold Hornets, who lost earlier to the Mustangs, 60-28.

Meanwhile, Forestburg and Throckmorton play for the 12-1A title. The loser plays Chillicothe and the winner gets the Benjamin-Northside survivor.



Courtesy photo

Lady Stangs celebrate bi-district win.

Lady Stangs claim bi-district victory

Special to The News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS — The Benjamin Lady Stangs claimed a five-set win, 25-21, 23-25, 25-11, 22-25, 15-9 victory over Harrold to win a bi-district volleyball game here Tuesday night. They will

advance to play Mullin in the area round.

"We played a great game," said Coach Cody Propps.

"You know it's been a long road for my girls. Coming from not finishing a season the past four years and not having a team to coming

together and having pride in what we do is something special for a coach to see. The girls have worked hard for this, accomplished our goals for the season and to me everything after this point is icing on the cake. We are just glad to be there!"

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Good news! We got some rain on last Friday. It fell rather slowly and soaked in the ground pretty well, so there's lots of smiles on lots of faces. Now farmers would like to see some drying weather so those that don't have wheat sowed can get it in the ground. The last few days have been so

nice—truly early "fall-like." I love it.

News of our friends who have had some medical issues is much better this week. Tracy Cartwright was going to try to go back to work after some back surgery just two weeks ago. Susan said it may be on a limited basis for a while, but she was encouraged that he felt like trying it for a little while.

Linda Griffith got a great report from her retina specialist last Tuesday—all's well after her eye surgery (retina repair), and she's back doing pretty much what she always did. We sure are glad to have her back at the piano on Sunday at the Baptist church, and the Methodists are as well. Hazel Stockton is still in a rehab facility in Lubbock following a fall and breaking her hip several weeks ago. Some days the report of her progress is more encouraging than others. We'll just have to wait and see what happens as time goes by. Her grandchildren Keith, Steve and Kim are taking turns to see to her needs, and of course, the great "grands" Stephanie Brannon and Clay Conner live in Lubbock, so they help out a lot as well.

I'm glad to report that I got a very good report from my cardiologist last Thursday as well as my local doctor on Wednesday. My blood pressure has finally leveled out, and the nuclear stress test came back (according to the doctor) perfect. So needless to say, I was very pleased to get that good news. And thanks to everyone who remembered me and all these friends in your prayers.

The Lady Stangs were in the volleyball playoffs for the first time in six seasons, playing Harrold Tuesday. The Mus-

tangs play Northside to see if they also advance.

Here 'n there

Debi Moorhouse was in Abilene Tuesday to have a skin cancer removed from her nose. She had several stitches and got them out on Tuesday, but she's doing OK, and the doctor said she wouldn't have any more problem with it.

Janice and Buddy Tolson were in Ringling, OK last Saturday for the funeral of her aunt—the last one of her dad's sisters. Janice's sister-in-law Joan Daniel of Truscott made the trip with them.

Leah Vanderpol, bride elect of Jacob Balleza, was honored with a pre-nuptial bridal shower on Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church here in Benjamin. Refreshments of cookies, nuts, cake and punch were served to the guests. The young couple received a nice assortment of gifts which will certainly be put to good use after their wedding in mid November. They will be married in Georgetown.

\$210 million invested in renewable energy

Special to The News-Courier

KISSIMMEE, FL — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is partnering with 21 states, including Texas, through the Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership (BIP) to nearly double the number of fueling pumps nationwide that supply renewable fuels to American motorists.

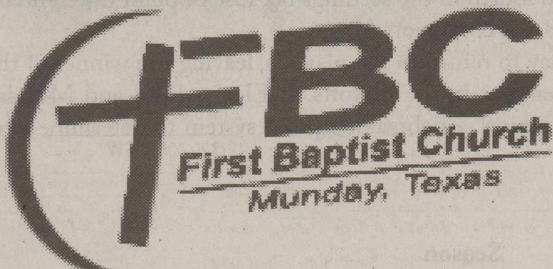
"This major investment in renewable energy infrastructure will give Americans more options that not only will suit their pocketbooks, but also will reduce our country's environmental impact and bolster our rural economy," said Vilsack.

"The Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership is one more example of how fed-

eral funds can be leveraged by state and private partners to deliver better and farther reaching outcomes for taxpayers.

The volume and diverse geographic locations of partners willing to support this infrastructure demonstrate the demand across the country for lower cost, cleaner, American-made fuels. Consumers will begin to see more of these pumps in a matter of months."

The other states participating in the BIP include Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.



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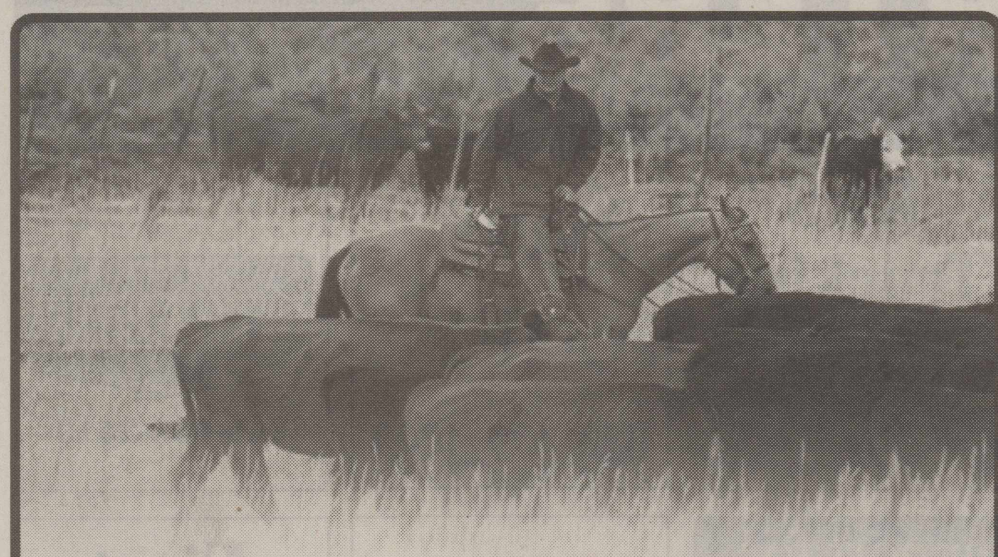
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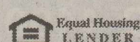
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	W	L			W	L		
Chillicothe	2	0	117	20	3	6	327	422
Benjamin	1	1	66	79	3	6	197	366
Northside	1	1	75	98	3	6	283	535
Harrold	0	2	60	121	0	9	152	546

Last week's results

Chillicothe 51, Benjamin 6; Northside 61, Harrold 32

This week's schedule

Northside at Benjamin, Chillicothe at Harrold

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Beginning farmers, ranchers will get more help

Special to The News-Courier

LOUISVILLE —Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden announced a commitment by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to prioritize \$5.6 billion over the next two years within USDA programs and services that serve new and beginning farmers and ranchers here last week at the annual FFA Convention.

"Today's announcement is symbolic of the evolution of USDA's efforts to better serve the next generation of farm-

ers and ranchers," Harden said. "What began seven years ago with the recognition that the rapid aging of the American farmer was an emerging challenge, has transformed into a robust, transparent, tech-based strategy to recruit the farmers of the future. No matter where you're from, no matter what you look like, no matter your background, we want USDA to be the first stop for anyone who is looking to be a part of the story and legacy of American agriculture."

Harden also announced a

new, tailored web tool designed to connect burgeoning farm entrepreneurs with programs and resources available to help them get started at www.usda.gov/newfarmers.

Using the new web tool and other outreach activities, and operating within its existing resources, USDA has set a new goal of increasing beginning farmer and rancher participation by an additional 6.6 percent across key USDA programs for a total investment

value of approximately \$5.6 billion.

Programs were targeted for expanded outreach and commitment based on their impact on expanding opportunity for new and beginning farmers and ranchers, including starting or expanding an operation, developing new markets, supporting more effective farming and conservation practices, and having access to relevant training and education opportunities.

Henry, Decker announce engagement

Stacy and Lisa Henry of Crowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Emily Renee Henry to Kobie Tanner Decker, son of Rick and Kim Decker of Goree and Juli Keehn of Seymour.



Munday.

A 2010 graduate of Crowell High School, Henry earned a Bachelor Degree of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics and a Bachelor Degree of Business Administration in General Business from Texas Tech University in May of 2014. She is employed at Sustainable Crop Insurance in Lubbock.

Decker, a 2009 graduate from Munday High School, is an electrician and is employed at Decker Electric in

The couple will exchange vows in Crowell on April 23, 2016 and reside in Munday.

Henry is the granddaughter of Ken and Cecilene Krebs of Vernon, Dale and Carolyn Henry of Crowell.

Decker is the grandson of Polly Decker and the late Joe Decker of Munday, Joe and Brenda Dickson of Seymour and Bob and Sue King of Goree.

NAP deadline extended

Special to The News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Ms Judith A. Canales, announced that the deadline for producers to obtain or modify higher levels of coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to protect against poor forage crop quality because of drought or other natural disasters where the forage is intended for mechanical harvest has been extended to Nov. 13.

"For 2016 small grain forage crops, the application deadline for NAP occurred before information became available to measure losses due to quality that could influence loss payments, so we extended the deadline so that producers have more time to decide what type of modified coverage works best for their operation," said

Canales.

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program protects agricultural crops for which crop insurance is not available from losses due to natural disasters, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes. The program offers basic coverage at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses exceeding 50 percent of expected production, and higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of expected production at 100 percent of the average market price. Higher coverage is not available on grazing crops.

However, the extension does not afford producers the opportunity to purchase basic 50/55 NAP coverage.

Producers interested in adjusting their NAP coverage must submit the appropriate paperwork to their local FSA county office before the Nov. 13 deadline.

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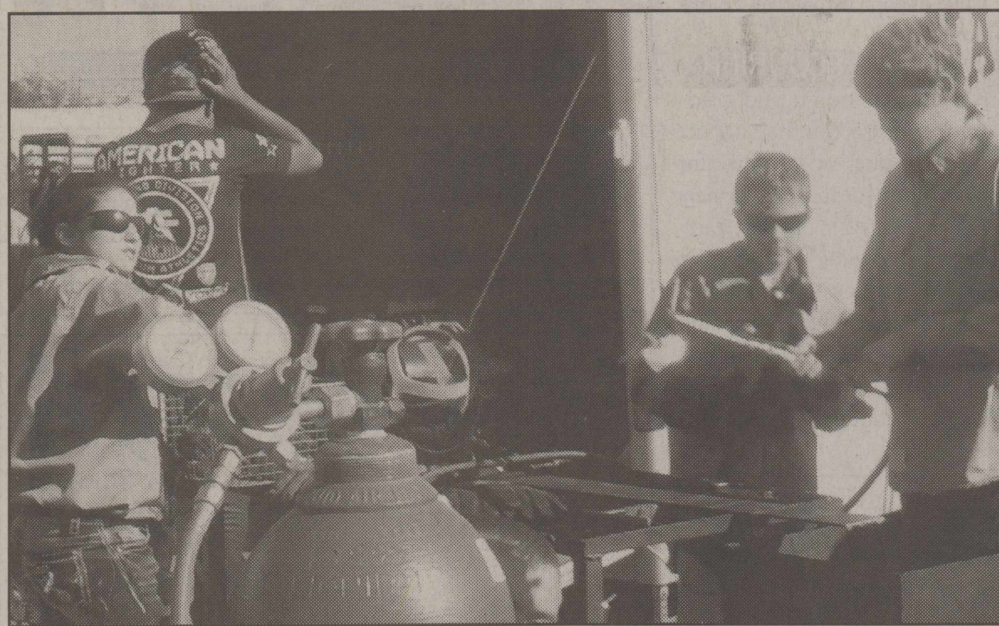
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VTC's Tyler Sanders of Knox City/O'Brien and Brianna Rodriguez of Haskell assist a student with operation of the cutting torch.

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ABILENE – The Rochester Vo Tech Center Mechanical students participated in the World of Work Student Conference here at the Abilene Civic Center last month. The WOW Youth Expo featured a keynote speaker and 100+ engaging exhibitors from business/industry, military, post-secondary schools, and regional organizations.

This event provided Big Country students in 8th-12th grade a unique opportunity to engage with exhibitors from a variety of career clusters

and perhaps help them identify or verify their career pathway!

The Rochester VTC Mechanical served as a presenter in the event and VTC students engaged other students from the Big Country in the areas of Welding, Oxy-Fuel Cutting, Woodworking, Electrical Wiring, and Pacing/Distance Calculation Skills.

VTC Director Monty Moeller said, "It was such a great leadership/career building opportunity for our students. I was very proud to see our crew sharing their skills with other students. They had a blast!"

VTC elects chapter officers

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ROCHESTER – The Vo Tech Center in Rochester, which recently was chartered as a SkillsUSA chapter, elected its first officer team last month.

Elected were: President- Dakota Mayor of Paint Creek ISD; Vice President- Alfredo Martinez of Knox City/O'Brien CISD; Secretary- Davis Benvides of Haskell CISD; Treasurer- Brandie Con-

terras of Haskell CISD; Reporter-Harrison Jarred of Haskell CISD; Sentinel- Briana Rodriguez of Haskell CISD; and Sergeant of Arms- Toby Salazar of Haskell CISD.

The group travelled to South Plains College in Levelland for the District 3 SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Training and had the opportunity to meet students from all over West Texas, and were trained by District Officers on how to

perform their duties within their chapter.

Students also participated in numerous character-building and leadership workshops.

Briana Rodriguez, and Toby Salazar both received their statesman award, which recognizes students who have demonstrated their leadership skills and have mastered certain requirements in leadership training.

Safety-net payments issued by USDA

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WASHINGTON — The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that nearly one half of the 1.7 million farms that signed up for either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs will receive safety-net payments.

"Unlike the old direct payments program, which paid farmers in good years and bad, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized a new safety-net that protects producers only when market

forces or adverse weather cause unexpected drops in crop prices or revenues," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"For example, the corn price for 2014 is 30 percent below the historical benchmark price used by the ARC-County program, and revenues of the farms participating in the ARC-County program are down by about \$20 billion from the benchmark during the same period.

The nearly \$4 billion provided by the ARC and PLC

safety-net programs will give assistance to producers where revenues dropped below normal."

The ARC/PLC programs primarily allow producers to continue to produce for the market by making payments on a percentage of historical base production, limiting the impact on production decisions. For data about other crops, as well as state-by-state program election results, final PLC price and payment data, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Rain should help Texas pecan crop

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COLLEGE STATION – Heavy rains in many parts of the state may have damaged some crops, but for this year's pecan crop, it was "just what the doctor ordered," said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Comprehensive reports of damages to row crops and structures such as fences and roads are not in yet, but in most cases the rains and cooler weather couldn't have come at a better time for pecans, said Dr. Larry Stein, AgriLife Extension horticulturist at Uvalde.

"Pawnee, the earliest com-

mercial pecan variety, has been harvested, and most people were working on Wichita and starting in on Cheyenne pecans," said Stein. "But some of these varieties have a ways to go. They weren't totally full. So this rain we just received was very beneficial to finishing out the kernel and causing the shucks to open on the trees."

The cooler weather accompanying the storms was also ideal for the crop. "The cooler weather actually causes the maturing to go faster," Stein said. "Out west, they hope for freeze to knock the leaves off the tree and help open up the

shucks."

Stein stressed the importance of rain.

"Make no mistake about it, irrigation is just not as good as rain," he said.

The main effect of water stress is for the nuts not to

completely fill out. "Typically, then the nuts have trouble opening up, and when they have trouble opening up, then there's a chance for the nuts to sprout and the shuck to stick tight to the nut itself."

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On the Tee Clarifying ruling on obstructions OB

Out of bounds is anything beyond the boundaries of the course or any part of the course so marked by the Committee.

When defined by stakes or fences or as being beyond them, the OB line is determined by the nearest points at ground level. When both stakes and lines are used, the stakes identify OB and the lines define OB. When defined by a line, the line itself, which extends vertically upwards and downwards, is OB. Objects defining OB such as walls, railings and even cart sheds are not obstructions.

For interior OB markings, the committee may make a local rule declaring stakes or buildings obstructions when playing certain holes. For example, if white stakes are placed on the right side of a hole for safety purposes, then they could be obstructions playing a parallel hole.

Why am I going to all this length to clarify out of bounds.

Well, at the recent Knox Cup matches where I served as a referee, I gave relief to two different players at Lake Creek Golf Course when their balls were inside the white stakes, but a cart shed interfered with their backswing. I based my decision on something from one of the rules seminars I attended. In that case which occurred in England, a player's ball finished very close to a parking lot, defined as OB, but a parked car that could not be moved interfered with his backswing. The rules committee provided him relief.

In addition, if the balls in question had been 10 yards longer or shorter, the players would have been allowed to stand with one foot or even both feet OB and play their shots.

The rules sheet for the event just said fences and stakes defined OB, nothing was said about the cart sheds, which are obstructions when playing Nos. 1 and 10.

However, after talking with Doug Hoffmann of the Minnesota Golf Association, one of only a handful of rules officials to make 100s on the rules test, he said "everything off the course is OB." That's what Terry Bufkin thought also. So he might have been right when questioning the ruling, but a referee's decision is final even if it might be a mistake.

Hoffman, who was my tournament director with the Northern Texas PGA, is one of those who feel the rules are black and white and there is no middle ground. He indicated he would not have given relief in the Lake Creek situation.

I remember a case where he penalized the host professional for being one minute late for his tee time. On the other hand, I probably would have overlooked it since he was helping us conduct the tournament and had gone first to the No. 1 tee instead of the No. 10 tee.



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President signs budget bill

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama signed into law Monday a bipartisan budget bill that avoids a U.S. default. It also puts off the next round of fighting over federal spending and debt until after next year's presidential and congressional elections.

Obama praised the bipartisan cooperation, saying that the two-year agreement, which funds the government through the 2017 fiscal year, puts the government on a responsible path. "It should finally free us from the cycle of shutdown threats and last-minute fixes

and allows us to, therefore, plan for the future," he added.

Tuesday was the deadline for averting a default on U.S. financial obligations by suspending the current \$18.1 trillion debt limit through March 2017. After that, it would be reset by the Treasury Department to reflect borrowing over that time. The new law pushes reconsideration of what has become a contentious issue until after the elections for the White House and Congress in November 2016.

The measure also sets federal spending through the 2016 and 2017 fiscal years and eases strict caps on spending

by providing an additional \$80 billion, split evenly between military and domestic programs. The appropriations committees must now write legislation to reflect the spending, facing a Dec. 11 deadline.

Obama called the deal "a signal of how Washington should work" and urged lawmakers to keep up the collaboration. "My hope is now that they build on this agreement with spending bills that also invest in America's priorities without getting sidetracked by a whole bunch of ideological issues that have nothing to do with the budget," he said.

Pink Ladies honored



Laurie Urbanczyk/The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary, better known as the "Pink Ladies," were recognized at a banquet last week for raising more than \$26,000 for the hospital and the Munday Care Home. Pins with the number of hours worked were handed out. Judy Leaverton logged the most hours. Each of the Pink Ladies received a blanket from the hospital.

MCISD seeks gifted learners applications

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday CISD conducts a program for students with above average potential in academic and creative productive thinking skills in grades K-12. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students who accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by either of these two offices: Munday Elementary office or Munday High School counselor's office to pick up the necessary forms. The offices are open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The nomination period continues through Dec. 11 when the

completed paperwork is due.

Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing with parental permission.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Christel Shahan at 940-422-4321 (HS 2, then option 1 counselor's office).

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Thanksgiving Dinner preparations underway

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MUNDAY — Individuals and groups are already finalizing plans to prepare enough turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad and desserts for 600 people who will eat free at the fifth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner here Thursday, Nov. 26 at the First United Methodist Church.

"We anticipate feeding 600 again this year," said Carla Key, noting

that there were 300 who dined in and 300 who came to the church to celebrate Thanksgiving. We'll start serving at 11 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m.

"We're also looking forward to getting even more volunteers to assist us the day of the lunch," she added.

Organizers indicated a Turkey Trot would be held again that morning. Contact Charles Willison or the First United Methodist Church to enter.

UIL announces class cutoffs

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AUSTIN — The University Interscholastic League will announce classification and division cutoffs on Nov. 30 to give schools a head's up as to who likely will be members of their district, but will wait to February to release the realignment for districts in football and basketball.

Munday did drop further below the 2A Division II cutoff (105), reporting an enrollment of 93, but can opt up again to play 11-man football.

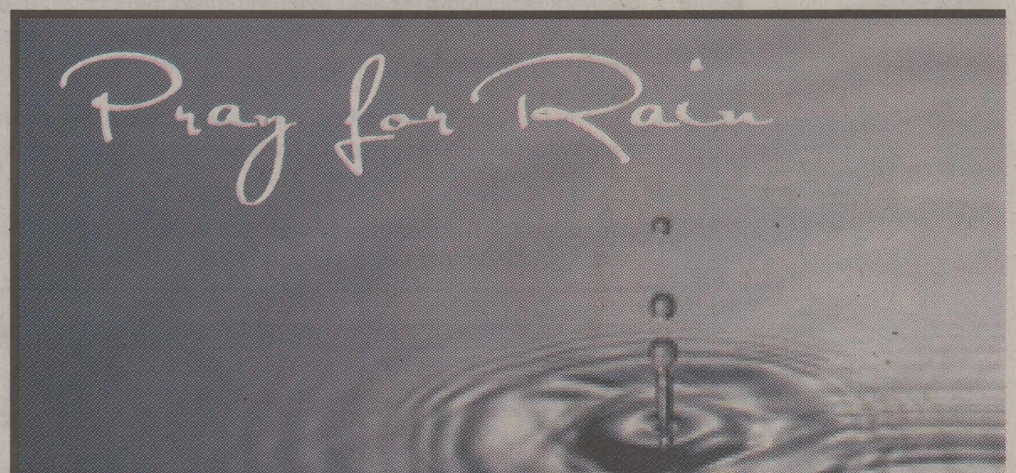
Seymour could move up to 2A Division I as it submitted a total of 167 students, 10

more than the limit, while Archer City reported 151, which could drop them down to Division II.

Here's the 2014-2016 class cutoffs:

- 6A — 2,100 and above
- 5A — 1,060 to 2,099
- 4A DI — 686 to 1,059
- 4A DII — 465 to 685
- 3A DI — 315 to 464
- 3A DII — 220 to 314
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