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Mustangs advance with 82-58 win

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN— The Benjamin Mustangs surprised a lot of people by qualifying for the Class 1A six-man football playoffs in their second full season back after a three-year hiatus from playing football.

The Mustangs accomplished it by outscoring the Northside Indians, 82-58, in a wild-scoring, back-and-forth contest where the two District 11-1A DII teams combined for 1,209 yards of total offense that didn't finish until after midnight because of a lightning delay.

The victory earned the Mustangs second place in district and a bi-district game with District 12-1A champion Forestburg at 6 p.m. Friday in Archer

City.

"It was a tough hard fought game and the boys really played their hearts out," said Coach Jacob Navarro. "I was proud of them. This week we play another tough team, but I'm confident in what we do. It'll be a great game."

Lincoln Strickland led the Mustangs' offensive explosion, scoring five touchdowns and rushing for 283 yards on just eight carries. In addition, he caught a pair of Justin Rainwater passes for additional six-pointers and returned two kicks for 58 yards.

Rainwater connected on six of seven passes for 206 yards and three touchdowns. He also returned a kickoff 80 yards for a TD and gained 39 yards on six carries.

Damian Landini scored two touchdowns and

gained 67 yards on six carries. He also returned three kicks for 85 yards.

Benjamin Vanderpol caught one pass for 60 yards and a touchdown and David Torres connected on two PST kicks while Rainwater connected on five passes for extra points to round out the scoring.

The two teams exchanged the lead eight times in the first half that ended with the Indians up, 38-33. The lead changed hands another five times in the third period before the Mustangs took the lead for good at 53-52 on a successful PAT pass from Rainwater to Vanderpol.

The Mustangs then took command in the fourth quarter with three touchdowns in a five-minute span to increase their lead to 75-52. Each team scored again in the final minute of the game.

Knox Notes

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

Facilities meeting

MUNDAY— The Munday CISD will have a facilities meeting on today at 5:30 p.m. in the Munday HS cafeteria. Anyone wishing to have input on the improvement of facilities is welcome to attend. This will be the first of several meetings.

Christmas Open House

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

Benjamin Fall Festival

BENJAMIN— The Benjamin PTO Fall Festival is scheduled here Saturday at the Benjamin Gym starting at 5 p.m., featuring a cake walk, bingo and other attractions. The Harvest Time royalty will also be crowned.

Blood drives set Tuesday

The Meek Blood Center will have bloodmobiles at the Knox County Hospital and the Munday Clinic from noon until 6 p.m. Tuesday. Each donor will receive a complimentary t-shirt and a free cholesterol test.

Harvest Day Festival

KNOX CITY— The 45th annual Ladies Harvest Day Festival, hosted by the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 21, starting at 10:30 a.m. Registration opens at 10 a.m.

Be an angel for needy children



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Special to The News-Courier

The Knox County Child Welfare Board needs your help to give the needy kids of Benjamin, Goree, Knox City and Munday in Knox County a special Christmas. "Angel Trees" will be set up in several locations where residents can take an angel from the tree and shop for a deserving child.

Each child will receive a suit of clothes and one item from his or her wish list.

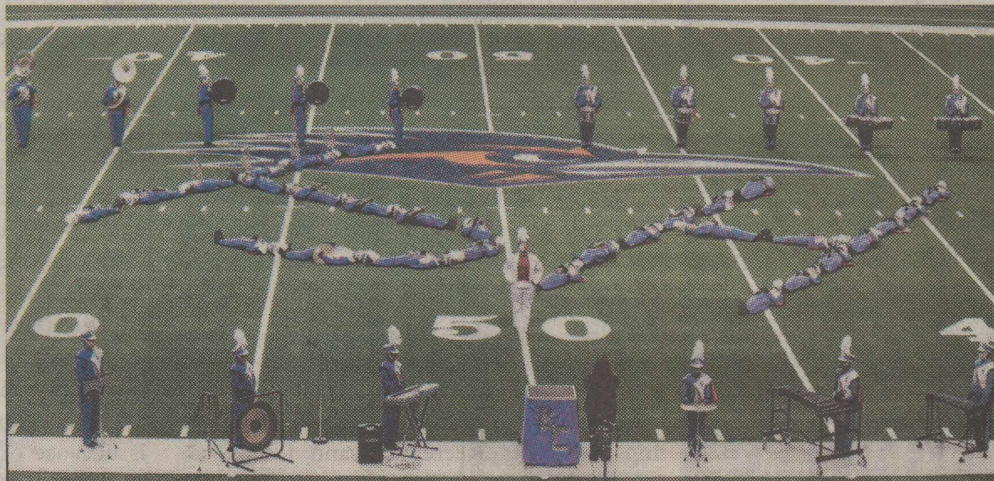
The Knox City/Benjamin tree will be located at The Citizens Bank in Knox City. All gifts should be delivered

there by Dec. 4. The Munday/Goree trees will be located at Casablanca and First Bank Texas. Gifts should be dropped off at the Munday Tire and Battery by Dec. 4.

If you don't have time to shop, donations may be deposited at the Citizens Bank, given to one of the board members or mailed to Box 123, Knox City, TX 79529 or Box 594, Munday, TX 76371. Board members will take the funds and do the shopping.

The board thanks everyone for the support of the project over the years.

Marching at the Alamodome



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox City Pride Band and the Munday Purple Cloud Band are shown during performances at the UIL Class A marching contest at the Alamodome in San Antonio last week. Knox City's director Mark Tucker and drum major Cheyenne Camp are shown being interviewed as are Munday drum majors Grace Tidwell and Kimberly Shahan. Knox City finished eighth, getting 5 ratings from two judges, while Munday finished 12th, getting 5 ratings from one judge. Ropes edged Nueces Canyon for the gold medal while Whiteface finished third.

President vetoes Keystone bill

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US President Barack Obama vetoed a bill that would have approved construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

The White House said Obama vetoed the bill "last Friday without any drama or fanfare or delay" after the Republican-led Congress sent the bill to the president on Tuesday.

The 875-mile (1,400km) pipeline would carry tar sands oil from Alberta, Canada, to the US state of Nebraska where it joins pipes running to Texas.

The project has pitted Republicans and other supporters, who say it will create much needed jobs, against many Democrats and environmentalists, who warn the pipeline will add to carbon emissions and contribute to global warming.

It was Obama's third veto as president and his first since Republicans won full control

The Keystone XL pipeline project was first proposed more than six years ago, but has languished, awaiting a permit required by the federal government because it would

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History of Veterans Day

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World War I - known at the time as "The Great War" - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hos-

tilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us

in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

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Knox teams eliminated

The three Knox County high school volleyball teams were eliminated in the area round of the Class 1A volleyball playoffs last week.

Munday, which beat Northside in bi-district, won the first set against Sterling City by a 25-21 margin, but then fell 25-13, 25-22, 25-8 at Hawley.

Knox City, which earned a bye in bi-district, dropped a 25-17, 25-22, 25-16 contest to Water Valley at Sweetwater.

Benjamin, which downed Harrold in bi-district, fell 25-12, 25-13, 25-12 to Mullin at Eastland.

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Correction

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

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Obituaries

Connie Melton

Connie Lynn Melton of Munday passed away Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015 at the age of 55. Connie was born July 3, 1960 in Knox County to Roger and June Norton. She and Wayne Melton were married Feb. 12, 1979 at the First Baptist Church in Knox City. They were married 36 years.

Connie was a Knox City High School graduate who attended Cisco College where she was a Wrangler Belle. During her life, she worked at the bank and the Fair Store before becoming a homemaker. She loved her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Roger and a brother Roger Dale.

Connie is survived by her loving husband Wayne of Munday, one son Brandon and Jill Melton of Waco, one granddaughter Natalie Melton of Waco, mother June Norton of Kerrville, one sister Angie and Keith Coons of Dripping Springs, one niece and one nephew. Also, one aunt and several cousins.



CONNIE MELTON

Funeral services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church in Munday with Andy Melton and Shane Kendrix officiating.

Burial followed at Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations in Connie's name be made to the Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association or the church of your choice.

Hazel Stockton

Hazel Stockton, 97, passed away Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

A graveside service was held Tuesday in Benjamin Cemetery with Dennis Duke and Charles Jones officiating. Services were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes, Knox City. A visitation was held Monday evening in Knox City.

Hazel was born Jan. 13, 1918 in Durant, OK to William Perry "Buck" Loper and Lela Carl (Damron) Loper. She lived in Benjamin most of her life. Hazel enjoyed playing skip bo and cooking. She loved being with her family. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents William Perry "Buck" Loper and Lela Carl (Damron); husband Claude Stockton; daughter Von Conner; three brothers and two sisters.

Hazel is survived by her brother Gene Loper and wife Jeannie of Tucson, AZ; son-in-law Dwayne Edward "Bud" Conner of Benjamin; grandchildren Steve Conner and wife Brenda of Big Springs, Keith Conner and wife Pam of Midland and Kim Moore of Benjamin; great-grandchildren Stephanie Brannan and husband Bobby of Lubbock, Michele Barrientez and husband Jimmy of Benjamin, Blaine Neill of Abilene, Casey Conner and wife Lacy of Midland, Clayton Conner and wife Melina of Lubbock, and Samantha and Shelby Russell of Benjamin; 16 great-great-children; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be given in Hazel's name to National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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

Commissioners approve 2016 holiday schedule

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN— The Knox County Commissioners Court approved the 2016 holiday schedule for the Courthouse during its regular meeting here Monday afternoon, changing the Christmas days off to Dec. 23, 26 and 27 since Christmas falls on a Sunday.

The commissioners accepted a bid of \$1,700 from Tyrone Phillips for a house, located on Hwy. 22 West of 12th Street in Munday, and nominated J.T. (Buddy) Tolson of Benjamin, Ray Penman of Knox City and Jim Cowser of Munday as nominees for the board of directors for the Knox County Appraisal District.

Judge Travis Floyd reported that a proposal would be coming soon to fix the air conditioning system in the District Courtroom.

The commissioners also handled financial matters and discussed the 2015-2016 budget after listening to reports from the various department heads.

They did get a \$11,000 rebate check back from the tax office and heard good news from Justice of Peace Augie Rodriguez, who noted that a state trooper would be working in the county starting in January.

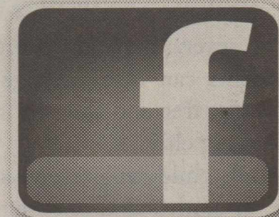
Childress TxDOT has no injuries

Special to The News-Courier

CHILDRESS – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District was recently presented a plaque for having an outstanding safety record at the 89th Annual Transportation Short Course in College Station.

The Childress District was awarded this plaque for having zero injuries in fiscal year 2015. "Having an injury free year has never been done in the TxDOT Childress District's history," said Marty Smith, Childress District Engineer. "At TxDOT, safety first is more than just a written goal – it's the way business is done."

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The Paperboy Our government is dumb and greedy

How much land should the federal government own? In a nutshell, the federal government should own land for bases, national parks, various institutions, buildings, etc... Obviously, it is important that the government own land for various reasons.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

To me, if the reasons are justified and for the public good, I don't have an issue with it. However, things are not as they should be.

Under President Obama, the government has seized 1.5 million acres of land and is targeting another 1.7 million acres right now.

Currently, the federal government owns 660,000,000 acres of land. That is 10 times the size of the United Kingdom and accounts for 29 percent of the country's total land mass.

Why? The vast majority of this land is in the western half of the country. Do you know what else is in the western half of the country?

A tremendous wealth of natural resources. Trillions of dollars worth.

When you hear people say that the government is too big, you need to listen to them.

Thankfully, Congress has a way of stopping this government overreach and maybe they now have the backbone to stand up to Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency.

U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop (R Utah), Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, has put forward the Protecting America's Recreation and Conservation (PARC) Act. The purpose of the bill is to empower states to better manage land where the federal government is deficient. The PARC Act is a set of reforms to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), a Great Society era program that enables the federal mismanagement of U.S. owned land.

Rep. Bishop said in a statement, "The LWCF's current lopsided funding ratio makes limited funds available to establish recreation projects and facilities that can be responsibly managed and maintained by State and local entities while continuing to vastly expand the federal estate. Even more troubling on the federal side is that the money is being spent with little transparency, scant oversight and minimal local input."

His legislation also seeks to restrict land acquisition by the federal government.

Likewise, Rep. Paul Gosar (R Ariz.) in-

roduced H.R. 3946, the Protecting Local Communities from Executive Overreach Act. The Act narrows the scope of the Antiquities Act of 1906 to prevent this and future presidents from acting unilaterally in seizing certain lands.

The legislation specifically requires the federal government to attain community consent before it can take action on acquiring land and limits the parcels to 5,000 acres at a time.

The bill prevents the federal government from robbing states of their autonomy and which destroys economic activity which creates jobs and tax revenue.

The two acts are complimentary of each other.

In my opinion, that is a good start but a far cry from what should be the ultimate plan which is the sale of millions of acres to the private sector.

Back to my original question: How much land should the federal government own?

The answer should be as much land as it takes to secure the country and preserve our national parks system.

This country is broke. This country needs jobs.

The federal government should sell the vast majority of its land.

Just think of what such a sale would create. Just off the top of my head, we're looking at perhaps trillions on the sale of the land and millions of jobs as a result of what could be created with land use.

I'm not talking about strip mining the Rocky Mountains or anything like that. But to say there is not a way to protect the land and resources and still make plenty of money is plain dumb.

Once again, the reason we are in debt is because of poor business practices. And truthfully, the federal government cannot get out of it's own way.

How refreshing would it be for one of the presidential candidates to speak on this topic as a goal to help shrink government on top of abolishing the tax code and reforming the monstrous bureaucracy we have?

We have enough land and resources to remain the wealthiest country in the world for decades and decades, but we can't get out of our own way.

It's almost like we're handicapping ourselves on purpose.

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Knox County Aging Center Menus

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Wednesday: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, salad, pineapple tidbits

Thursday: Tilapia, whole corn, coleslaw, tater tots, fruit cocktail

Friday: Hamburgers, chips, tomato, lettuce, cookies

Christmas Open House set Nov. 28 in Munday

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY — Santa Claus comes to Munday on Nov. 28 when the annual Munday Christmas Open House and parade will be held downtown.

Lisa Tidwell, heading the Munday Park Project group organizing the event, indicated the parade would start around 5:30 p.m. at

sunset. "We'll have the unlit vehicles going first and the ones with lights bringing up the end," she explained.

Then everyone is invited to the downtown park, next to Casablanca, for the lighting of the Christmas lights and a show by a fire performer from Dallas at 6 p.m.

A cash prize of \$100 will be offered for the best float in the pa-

rade. Contact Tidwell at 940 203-0220 for entries or questions.

Caroline's and the Feed Barn will be offering food while the following stores are expected to have open houses and have specials to offer—Buds for You, Casablanca, Meers Mercantile, The Pack Rat and Jason Young CPA. In addition, vendors will be set up in The Movement Space.

Recycling 2015 Center gets baler

By Bunny Norville

Just in, great news: recycling doesn't cause cancer. But those who recycle say it is infectious and habit-forming. Chew on that awhile, I'll come back to it.

We have good news concerning a baler. A baler bales, and we hope soon to be baling cardboard and everything else. Presently the baler is at the Brownwood Recycling Center. We will bring the baler to our facilities, after we install it and get power to it we will begin a new phase of service. We can then ship out truckloads of bales instead of boxes.

The baler was a gift to the Munday Recycling Center

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cross an international boundary.

Without a veto-busting majority in Congress, Republicans are reportedly considering inserting Keystone into other critical legislation dealing with energy, spending or infrastructure in the hope that Obama would be less likely to veto those priorities.

from the City of Brownwood. We are indeed thankful for this wonderful gift.

The weather is changing and so are we. Beginning with November the recycling crew will be at the Recycling Center from 12 noon to four o'clock, changing from 8 a.m. to noon. So look for us in the afternoon for the time being.

The work we have been doing at the Center is paying off...people are having an easier time finding the right boxes to put their "stuff" in. And the stuff keeps coming in, but that's what recycling is all about. Most of our patrons have learned the art of sorting their stuff at home. I think they are infected with the sorting virus. So when people sort in advance and have their separate items in separate containers AND they know where to put it, their trip to the Recycling Center is more enjoyable.

Recycling is not easy. I hear See **BALER**, Page 7

Kayton's first deer



Courtesy photo

Kayton Shahan, 10, of Munday shows off the six-point deer he killed on a deer lease in Knox County last Saturday.



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Christmas Cantata Dec. 6

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday Community Choir is busy preparing for the presentation of its annual Christmas Cantata, a tradition of 15 years enjoyed by both the participants as well as residents of Munday and the surrounding area.

The choir consists of adult singers from

the area that enjoy getting together for a time of singing and fellowship. They have continued weekly rehearsals since the beginning of October.

Mark your calendars and make plans to bring your family and friends to the choir's presentation of "Breath of Heaven" at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 here at the First Baptist Church Munday.

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The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938 made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out

the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.


The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the com-

memoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on Nov. 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to Nov. 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

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40-point 4th quarter aids Hounds

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

ROTAN — The Knox City Greyhounds exploded for 40 points in the fourth quarter to end the season on a high note with a 66-22 victory over the Rotan Yellowhammers here Friday night, but no spot in the playoffs like they

had last season. "As a program, we are disappointed that we did not make the playoffs," said Coach Charles Steele. "We had our chances, but it just was not meant to be."

"We finished this year 7-3. That is a good record for all the adversity we faced over the course of the season."

"When we lost players to injuries, we had others step into positions that they had not played before with a team before me attitude. With unselfish players like that, I knew we would have an opportunity to be successful."

"We had great leadership in our seniors—Ryan Heard, Elias Nevarez, Skylar Neill and Sheldon

Baty." In the season finale, Rotan took a 22-20 lead in the third quarter when Nick Ramirez ran for 11 yards and Morgan Moffett added the PAT kick, but Knox City regained the lead when Nevarez ran for three yards.

Maintaining the momentum, the Hounds added six additional

touchdowns in the final period, including ones on runs of 30, 35 and 15 by Neill, who finished the night gaining 228 yards on 14 carries. E. Nevarez, back full-time after earlier injuries, caught a seven-yard pass from Christian Abila and then threw to Heard for 38 yards and to Sam Schnable for 23 yards for additional six-pointers.

Houndettes suffer area setback

Special to The News-Courier

SWEETWATER—Playing like a team that had not played for 10 days, the Knox City Houndettes were no match for Water Valley in the Class A volleyball area round, falling 25-17, 25-22, 25-16 here last Saturday.

"Our communications and rhythm were missing," said second-year Coach Brenna Hoegger, who pointed out that the Houndettes had missed valuable practice time because the band had gone to the state marching contest for four days last week.

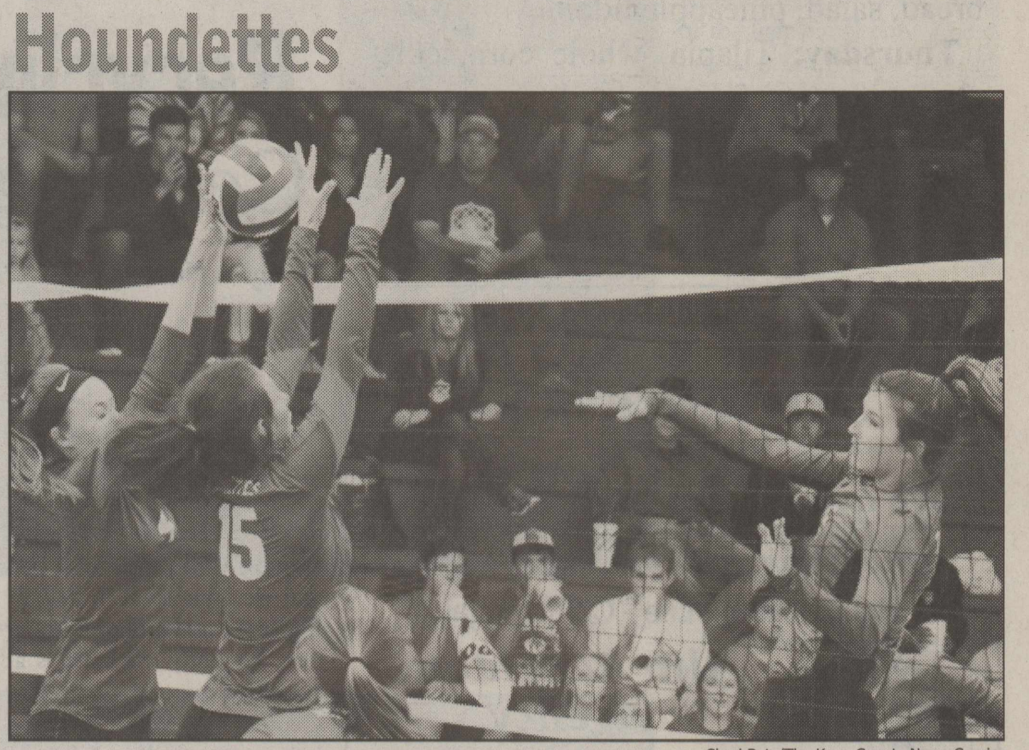
Hoegger felt it would have been nice to have had time for warmup game since Knox

City received a bye in the first round, but that was not possible because the band had already planned to leave on Sunday for San Antonio.

"When the UIL schedules the marching contest the same week as the volleyball playoffs, it can definitely hurt a small school where the girls are doing both," she said.

Hoegger hopes to be able to build on the progress made this season when there will be designated Class A districts after the UIL announces realignment.

"We'll miss our seniors, but it won't be devastating as we have a great nucleus of players returning for next season," she added.



Houndettes Myca Flowers and Kirsten Tuckness make block against Water Valley while Temi Flowers rushes to help.

Crowell repeats as 8-1A champion

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The Crowell Wildcats, ranked No. 4 in the state, enter the Class A playoffs with hopes for a third straight football title despite losses to three higher-ranked opponents during the regular season.

The Wildcats had no trouble repeating as District

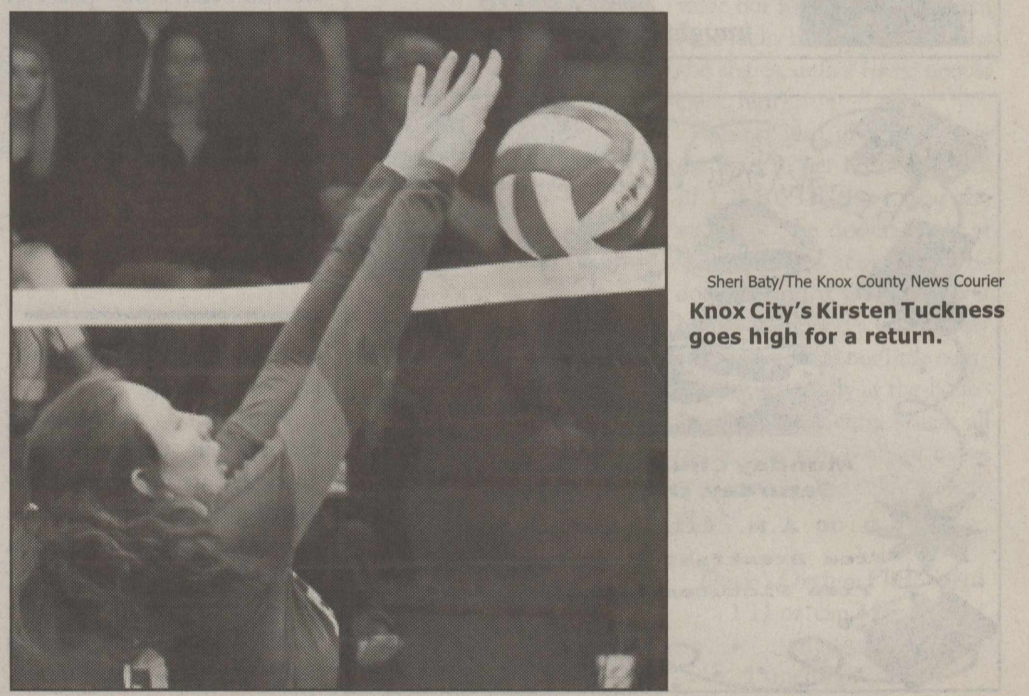
8-1A DI champions, racing to a 54-8 "mercy rule" victory over the Aspermont Hornets in a showdown between a pair of 2-0 teams.

The Wildcats will face 19th-ranked Ira, the runner-up in 7-1A, in a bi-district game at 5 p.m. Friday in Jayton.

Happy, Borden County and Valley, ranked ahead of

Crowell, are all higher up in the bracket and Crowell is not likely to play the survivor until the state semifinals if things go according to what sixmanfootball.com predicts.

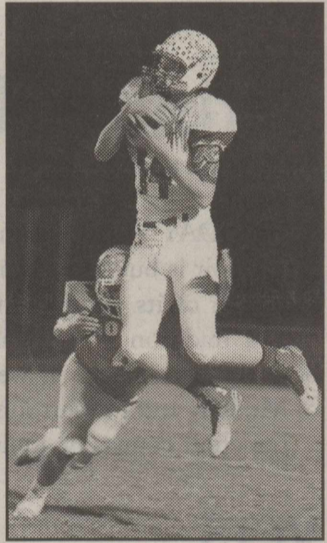
The Aspermont Hornets play 7-1A champion Hermleigh at 7 p.m. Thursday at Trent.



Knox City's Kirsten Tuckness goes high for a return.



Greyhounds' Elias Nevarez gets short gain in season-ending win.



Knox City's Ryan Heard grabs a pass from Skylar Neill.

8-1A standings

Team	District		Season					
	W	L	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pts	Opp.
Crowell	3	0	163	22	7	3	452	187
Aspermont	2	1	138	133	8	2	527	337
Knox City	1	2	70	122	7	3	504	346
Rotan	0	3	46	184	2	8	178	503

Last week's results: Knox City 66, Rotan 22; Crowell 53, Aspermont 8
This week's schedule: Crowell vs. Ira at Jayton, Aspermont vs Hermleigh at

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Seymour gets 7-2A No. 1 seeding

Special to The News-Courier

The Seymour Panthers earned a share of the District 7-2A DII football title and the No 1 seeding with a 28-27 overtime win over the Hamlin Pied Pipers last Friday night.

The Panthers stopped a two-point attempt by the Pied Pipers a yard short of the end zone to earn the victory and leave both teams with 4-1 district records.

Hamlin Coach Russell Lucas did not second guess his decision to go for two points after the Panthers were flagged for a personal

foul after missing the PAT kick the first time, citing injuries to the kicker and snapper and needing only two and a half yards.

Electra and Haskell claimed the No 3 and No 4 playoff spots with convincing 55-14 and 49-7 wins over Petrolia and Munday.

Seymour (8-2) faces Cross Plains (5-5) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Sweetwater, Hamlin (6-4) plays Santo (7-3) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at McMurry in Abilene, Electra (7-3) tries Baird (8-2) at 7:30 p.m. in Jacksboro and Haskell (7-3) tests 8-1A champion Albany (9-1) at 7 p.m. Friday at Jim Ned.

7-2A standings

Team	District		Season					
	W	L	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pts	Opp
Seymour	4	1	137	125	8	2	292	236
Hamlin	4	1	146	122	6	4	228	203
Electra	3	2	144	102	7	3	310	184
Haskell	3	2	171	89	7	3	374	190
Munday	1	4	131	177	4	5	232	261
Petrolia	0	5	86	200	4	6	315	336

Last week's scores: Haskell 49, Munday 7; Seymour 28, Hamlin 27; Electra 54, Petrolia 21

This week's schedule: Seymour vs. Cross Plains at Jacksboro, Hamlin vs. Santo at Abilene, Electra vs. Baird at Jacksboro, Haskell vs. Albany at Jim Ned

Moguls miss playoffs for first time since 2008



Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier

Munday's Dane Leija makes big yardage after catching pass.

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

HASKELL — The short-handed Munday Moguls, playing without the services of six starters, were no match for the Haskell Indians in a showdown to determine the final playoff position in District 7-1A DII, falling by a 49-7 count.

The outcome left the Moguls out of the playoffs for the first time since 2008 in fifth place in District 7-2A DII with a 1-4 record.

The Moguls were able to move the ball against the Indians, gaining 339 yards of total offense, but couldn't convert key third and fourth downs after moving deep into Haskell territory on four

occasions, ending the night 5 of 17 on third downs and 1 of 4 on fourth down attempts. An interception at the Haskell 10 and a lost fumble also stopped threats.

Meanwhile, the Indians' quarterback Dylan Hanson connected on 11 of 17 passes for 238 yards—220 in the first half—and four touch-

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Mogulettes eliminated by Sterling City

Special to The News-Courier

HAWLEY — The Munday Mogulettes' volleyball season came to an end here last Thursday night when they suffered a four-set loss to Sterling City in the area round of the Class A playoffs.

The Mogulettes got off to a quick start and claimed the first set, 25-21, but then lost by 25-13, 25-22 and 25-8 margins to finish the season with a 22-15 record.

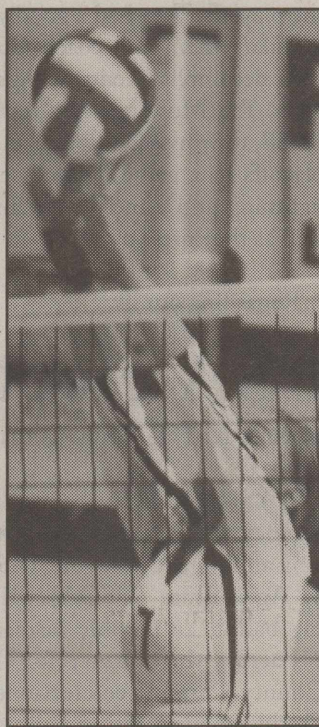
Coach Jessica Tolliver was pleased with the effort, noting "The girls played some of the best

volleyball they have played all year.

"Sterling City had a pair of dominant twin middles that were running quick sets and slides that we struggled to defend.

"Sophomore Kristen Kuehler had her best defensive game of the season tonight and I'm excited to continue to watch her grow as a player."

Kuehler finished with seven kills, 10 digs and seven blocks. Senior Ana Vega led in digs with 21 while seniors Kimberly Shahan and Skylar Gomez had 24 and 14 digs, respectively.



KRISTEN KUEHLER

Taylor's compete in state race

Special to The News-Courier

ROUND ROCK — Kayla and Karla Taylor, sophomores at Munday High School, competed in a wet, messy Class 1A state cross country meet here at Old Settlers Park last Saturday. Karla finished 79th in 15:56 and Kayla 90th in 16:13.

Coach Cory Stephenson noted that all the times were slower because of the rainy muddy conditions where even some of the runners fell.

"It was a good experience for them to be among the best in the state and I look for them to improve the next two years and be contenders in future state races," he added.



Kayla, Karla Taylor

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Chillicothe captures 11-1A title

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The Chillicothe Eagles repeated as champions of District 11-1A DII with a convincing 45-0 "mercy rule" win over the Harrold Hornets last Friday, scoring touchdowns on six of their eight offensive plays and taking advantage of four turnovers that yielded great field position.

The Eagles (4-6) will now get a bi-district game with defending state cham-

pion Throckmorton (3-7) as the second game of a bi-district doubleheader in Archer City Friday night.

The Benjamin Mustangs (4-6), runner-up in 11-1A, play 12-1A champion Forestburg (7-3) in the earlier game at 6 p.m.

Forestburg downed Throckmorton, 35-8, in a game that was extended to Saturday after being stopped in the third period because of lightning. Forestburg led 13-0 at that time.

11-1A standings

Team	District		Season					
	W	L	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pts.	Opp
Chillicothe	3	0	162	20	4	6	372	422
Benjamin	1	1	66	79	4	6	197	366
Northside	1	1	75	98	3	7	283	535
Harrold	0	3	60	166	0	10	152	591

Last week's results: Benjamin 82, Northside 58; Chillicothe 45, Harrold 0

Lady Stangs make coach proud

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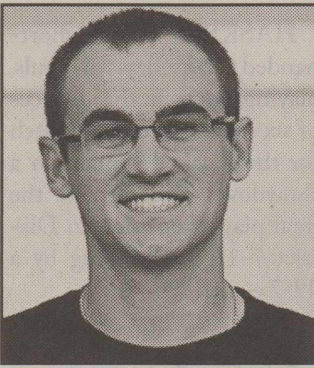
BENJAMIN— The Benjamin Lady Stangs were eliminated from the Class 1A volleyball playoffs by Mullin, 25-12, 25-13, 25-12, in Eastland last Saturday after an earlier five-set victory over Harrold in bi-district.

"Mullin was ranked #2 in the 1A division and I think it got in my girls head," said Coach Cody Propps after his first season.

"Although we weren't happy with the outcome of the game, we were proud of what we accomplished.

Coming together as a team and showing pride in our school is what I had planned for my girls to learn during this season.

"They surpassed my vision of them and went on and accomplished something that they can put their name on, a gold ball. Losing just one senior, I



COACH CODY PROPPS

have a strong team back for the next year and I'm excited already about it."

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

I begin this week on a sad note. Hazel Stockton passed away on Saturday night in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, after being there about four weeks. She suffered a broken hip in a fall at her home and never did recuperate from that. Plus she had more complications develop, and in her weakened condition, she just wasn't able to overcome them. I believe she was Benjamin's oldest citizen, at 97 years of age. She was a hard working person who would give you her last dime and never say any more about it. She was the type person that if she wanted something done, she did it, and did not depend on anyone else until the last few years, when her health began to fail. She was my friend, and I will continue to miss her for a long time, as will others here in the community. Her graveside rites were held Tuesday.

Also, word was received here Sunday morning of the death of former resident Travis Brown. Travis was the husband of the late Rosie Conner Brown and lived in Alabama. His health had failed the last few months. At last report, his funeral service was still pending.

My sympathy to these families who have lost loved ones.

Also sympathy goes out to the family of Connie Melton of Munday, who passed away last week after several years of failing health. Her funeral was Monday in Munday. Connie was former resident Penny Brown's daughter-in-law.

It's been cooler weather around here. We did have some showers last week, but by now, most of the moisture is gone.

The volleyball girls can begin to concentrate on basketball now as they were defeated Saturday by Mullin in the second round of the playoffs. They had a good year, and I congratulate them and coach Cody Propps for their accomplishments. Congratulations also go to the Mustangs for beating Northside, 82-58, to win second place and a spot in the playoffs in a game delayed several hours by lightning and rain. We certainly wish them well as they press on.

Regarding our ill

FSA election deadline Dec. 9

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON — Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin mailing ballots to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country for the 2015 FSA County Committee elections last Monday. Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by Dec. 7, 2015, to ensure that their vote is counted.

FSA has modified the ballot, making it more easily identifiable and less likely to be overlooked. Voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can pick one up at their local FSA office.

"County committee members represent the farmers and ranchers in their communities," said Dolcini. "Producers elected to these committees have always played a vital role in local agricultural decisions. They are essential to the daily operation of

Fred Carver got a great report Wednesday when he went to Abilene for results of his tests taken the week before. No problem at all, and he doesn't have to see his oncologist for three months. That's wonderful. The further they space those visits out, the more encouraging it is.

Tammy Lyles is still doing well following her recent knee surgery. If she just doesn't overdo it, she should be back good as new soon.

Here 'n there

The Benjamin PTO-sponsored Fall Festival will be this coming Saturday in the Benjamin gym. The usual booths will be available for everyone's enjoyment. There will also be a cake walk, bingo, and other attractions, so there's bound to be something you will want to participate in. Doors open about 5 or 5:30, and the Harvest Time Royalty will be crowned at the end of the festival.

In last week's news I failed to mention that prior to the volleyball game two weeks ago against Moran, the lone senior on the team was recognized by her teammates and coach. Alyssa Casillas was escorted to mid court by her mom Melissa and her grandmother Martha Casillas. She was presented a gift by the team and given lots of well wishes by everyone.

Also at the same game, Brenda Correll was presented and honored by the team. Brenda has been battling breast cancer for several months but is through with her treatments now and is doing well. Each team member and the coach presented her with a long-stemmed pink rose and a big hug. She was escorted by her grandchildren Cassie Correll and Jackson Meador. A very impressive, yet sort of an emotional event.

Betty Lyles spent the weekend in Sherman with her daughter Judy and her husband John Robinson. She was there to attend a baby shower for granddaughter Stephanie, who will be having twins in late January or early February. Betty said she didn't think the babies will need anything else as Stephanie got a wonderful shower.

Jonathan Rainwater, student at South Plains College in Levelland, was home for the weekend.

nearly 2,200 offices across the country. It is a valued partnership that helps us better understand the needs of the farmers and ranchers we serve."

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county

Diciembre 7 voto

WASHINGTON — Val Dolcini, el administrador de la Agencia de Servicio Agrícola ("Farm Service Agency" o FSA) del Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos ("U.S. Department of Agriculture" o USDA) anunció hoy que a partir del lunes, 9 de noviembre, comienza el envío de boletas electorales para las elecciones 2015 del comité de condado de la FSA. Productores agrícolas deben devolver sus boletas a las oficinas locales de la FSA antes del 7 de diciembre de 2015, para asegurar que su voto es contado.



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Weather Whys?

Ring around moon can indicate rain

There's an old saying that a ring around the moon means rain. Is it true?

The best answer is that it's generally true, but not 100 percent accurate, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"Often you can look up during a clear night and see a bright ring around the moon. These are called halos," McRoberts explains. "They are formed by light bending or refracting as it passes through ice crystals from high-level cirrus clouds. These types of clouds do not produce rain or snow, but they often are forerunners of a low pressure system that could produce rain or snow in a day or two."

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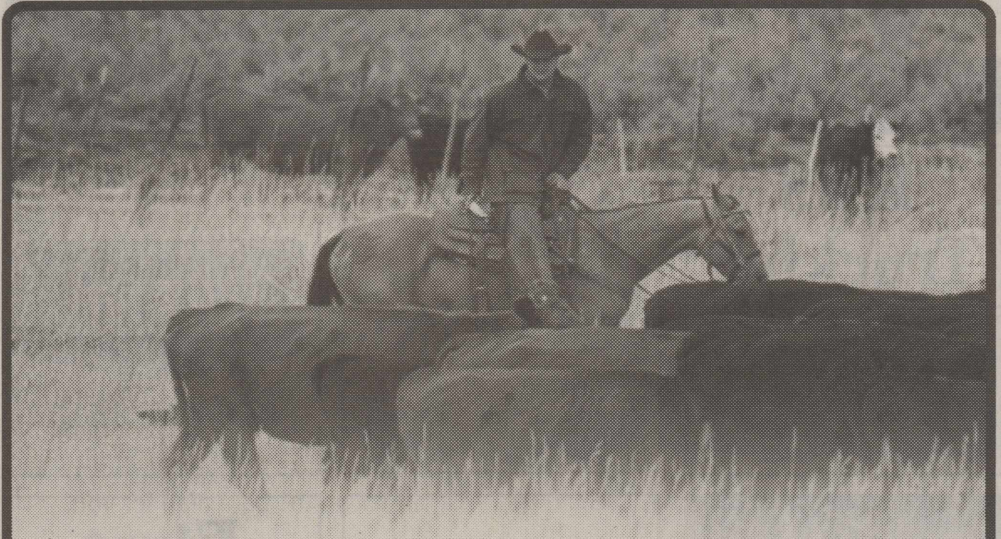
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Nov. 19-21	at Moran	VG, VB
Nov. 23	Lueders Avoca	VG
Nov. 23	Christ Academy	VB
Dec 1	Patton Springs	VG, Vb
Dec. 3-5	at Chillicothe	VG, VB
Dec. 8	at Patton Springs	VG, VB
Dec. 10	El Dorado	VG
Dec. 10-12	at Albany	VB
Dec. 15	Woodson	VG, VB
Jan. 5	at Woodson	VG, Vb
Jan. 8	at Chillicothe	VG
Jan. 13	Harrold	VG, VB
Jan. 15	at Munday	VG, Vb
Jan. 19	Northside	VG, VB
Jan. 22	Crowell	VG, Vb
Jan. 26	Chillicothe	VG, VB
Jan. 29	at Harrold	VG, VB
Feb. 2	Munday	VG, VB
Feb. 5	at Northside	VG, VB
Feb. 9	at Crowell	VG, VB
Feb. 12	at Chillicothe	VB

MHS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 10	Abilene Christian	JVG, VG
Nov. 13	at Aspermont	JVG, VG
Nov. 17	at Newcastle	JVG, VG
Dec. 1	Electra	All 4
Dec. 3-5	at Albany	VG, VB
Dec. 5	Hamlin	JVG
Dec. 8	Quanah	All 4
Dec. 10-12	at Stamford	VG, VB
Dec. 10-12	at Albany	JVB
Dec. 15	at Graford	All 4
Dec. 17-19	at Jayton	VB
Dec. 18	WF Notre Dame	JVG, VG
Dec. 28-29	Anson	VG
Jan. 1	Petrolia	All 4
Jan. 4	at Quanah	All 4
Jan. 8	Harrold	VG
Jan. 9	at Albany	JVG
Jan. 12	at Crowell	VG, VB
Jan. 14-16	at Aspermont	JVG, JVB
Jan. 15	Benjamin	VG, VB
Jan. 19	at Chillicothe	VG, Vb
Jan. 22	Northside	VG, VB
Jan. 26	at Harrold	VG, VB
Jan. 29	Jayton	JVG, JVB
Jan. 29	Crowell	VG, VB
Feb. 2	at Benjamin	VG, VB
Feb. 5	Chillicothe	VG, VB
Feb. 9	at Northside	VG, Vb
Feb. 12	Harrold	VB

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Nov. 16	at Chillicothe
Nov. 23	at Harrold
Nov. 30	at Munday
Dec. 7	at Northside
Dec. 14	Crowell
Jan. 7	Chillicothe
Jan. 12	Harrold
Jan. 21	Munday
Jan. 25	Northside
Jan. 28	at Northside
Feb. 1	at Crowell

O'Brien JH cage schedule

Nov. 16	Patton Springs	Gold
Nov. 30	at Paducah	Blue
Dec. 7	Motley County	Gold
Dec. 7	Borden County at Roby	Blue
Dec. 14	Guthrie	Blue
Jan. 7	at Spur	Gold
Jan. 9	at Guthrie (girls)	
Jan. 9	at Jayton	
Jan. 14	at Patton Springs	Blue
Jan. 21	Paducah	Gold
Jan 23	Throckmorton (boys)	
Jan. 28	at Motley County	Blue
Jan. 28	Borden County at Roby	Gold
Feb. 4	at Guthrie	Gold
Feb. 8	at Jayton	Both

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Nov. 23	at Crowell	JHG, JHB
Nov. 30	Benjamin	8G, 8B
Nov. 30	at Abilene Christian	JHGb, 7G, 7B
Dec. 7	at Chillicothe	8G, 8B
Dec. 7	Newcastle	7G, 7B
Dec. 14	Northside	8G, 8B
Jan. 8	Harrold	JHG, JHB
Jan. 11	Crowell	8G, 8B
Jan. 21	at Benjamin	8G, 8B
Jan. 21	Abilene Christian	JHGb, 7G, 7B
Jan 25	Chillicothe	JHG, JHB
Feb. 1	at Northside	8G, 8B
Feb. 1	Abilene Hawks	7G, 7B

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MOGULS
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downs and added two more six-pointers on runs of 58 and 16 to finish with 129 yards on 14 carries.

The win earned the Indians their first trip to the playoffs since 2009 where they will have the difficult task of going up against District 8-2A champion Albany at 7 p.m. Friday at Jim Ned Stadium.

After the Moguls were forced to punt on their first possession, Hanson brought the home town fans to their feet by escaping on a 68-yard run.

The Moguls tried to counter, but lost the ball on a Holt Bivens fumble after it appeared he had running room to the end zone.

The Indians overcame a holding penalty and moved 87 yards in seven plays, going ahead 14-0 on a 10-yard run by Lane Burson and Caleb Wheat's second PAT kick.

Taking advantage of an interference penalty and two successful passes from Day'veon Dockins to Dane Leija, Dee Hemphill got the lone Munday touchdown on a run of four yards, ending a 68-yard drive. David Serrato added the PAT.

It was Haskell for the

rest of the half as Hanson connected with his favorite target, Kadin Seelinger, for TD passes of 15, 24 and 68 yards. Seelinger finished with five catches for 174 yards.

After Haskell missed a field goal attempt to start the second half, the Moguls drove deep into Indians territory before Sam Fouts picked off a pass and returned it 82 yards to the Munday 10.

Following a penalty, Fouts then caught a 15-yard pass from Hanson in the back of the end zone for the TD.

Hanson then ended the scoring for the night early in the final quarter on a 16-yard run.

Injuries are a part of football, but definitely played a part in a 4-6 record for the Moguls, the first losing season at the helm for Coach Patrick Corcoran. The season-ending losses to Seymour and Haskell also kept Corcoran from his 100th win as coach.

Things could be looking up for 2016 as the Moguls return a wealth of talent plus gets more depth from those moving up from the junior varsity, which finished the season with an 8-1 record with a 52-8 victory over Haskell last Thursday night at Scruggs Stadium.

Church bazaar



A potential buyer looks at some of the many items available at last week's bazaar at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City.

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Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

I told a little fib last week when I said Fall is my favorite time of the year, it's really just the beginning, because Winter is actually my favorite time of year. I love cold weather, I spend the entire summer looking for Winter. I love to curl up with some cookbooks in front of the fireplace (I don't have a fireplace) but if I did I would curl up in front of it (that's a hint in case anyone wants to come and build me a fireplace), but I digress.

Back to the subject at hand, recipes. I have two this week, one is perfect to kick start the cold weather and the other is wonderful no matter what the weather, I lovingly refer to it as Orange Fluffy Stuff made by my good friend and next door neighbor Doris Rodriguez. The first time I had it I was hooked, it's so good. If you like cottage cheese and fruit you will love this salad.

Doris also makes wonderful banana nut bread and I love her cornbread, she really has a way with cornbread. I can't give you the recipe, it's a secret, I know it but I'm not telling, I value our friendship too much! And lucky me, when she cooks she shares, unlike some people (hint, hint).

I must also give honorable mention to her husband Fidel (if I don't, I'll never hear the end of it), he doesn't cook, at least not that I know of, but he does eat and if Doris cooks it he eats it. Fidel is a very talented entertainer in our little community, especially at the Munday Nursing Center where all of the residents just love to see him coming. I love them both dearly.

Doris's Orange Fluff Salad

- 1 11 oz. can Mandarin oranges
 - 1 small can crushed pineapple
 - 1 large container cottage cheese
 - 1 large orange jello mix
 - 1 large container cool whip
 - 1 cup miniature marshmallows
 - ½ cup chopped pecans
- Drain pineapple and Mandarin oranges (save juice). Combine jello with some of the juice and mix well. Add all other ingredients and mix well. Put in the refrigerator overnight.

Crock Pot Potato Soup with hash-browns

- Cathy Cartwright Martin**
- 1 30 oz. bag of frozen shredded hash browns
 - ½ cup onion, chopped
 - 3 14 oz. cans of chicken broth
 - ¼ tsp. ground pepper
 - 1 can cream of chicken soup
 - 1 pkg. cream cheese

In a crock pot, combine everything EXCEPT for the cream cheese. Cook for 6-8 hours on low heat. About one hour before serving, add cream cheese and keep heated until thoroughly melted. Easy and delicious.

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.

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Nov. 17	at Northside	VG, VB
Nov. 23	at Baird	JVB, VB
Nov. 24	at Aspermont	All 4
Dec. 1	Archer City	All 4
Dec. 3-5	at Guthrie	VG, VB
Dec. 8	at Eula	All 4
Dec. 10-12	at Archer City	VG, VB
Dec. 18	Seymour	JVG, JVB
Dec. 18-19	at Jayton	VB
Dec. 28-29	at jayton	VG
Dec. 29	Exes game	VB
Jan. 1	Newcastle	All 4
Jan. 5	at Paducah	All 4
Jan. 7, 9	Knox City	JVB
Jan. 8	Patton Springs	VG, VB
Jan. 11	at Spur	All 4
Jan. 19	at Guthrie	JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 22	Motley County	All 4
Jan. 26	Paducah	All 4
Jan. 29	at Patton Springs	VG, VB
Feb. 2	Spur	All 4
Feb. 5	at Motley County	All 4
Feb. 9	Guthrie	JVB, VG, VB

Weathers Whys

When did the U.S. start its daily weather forecasts?

Well over 130 years ago, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The federal government started weather forecasting in the 1870s when Congress established the National Weather Service," he explains. "The goal back then was mainly to help the military in its planning. In 1970, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) was established, and it had several agencies placed under it, among them the National Weather Service. But the main goal was the same - to give an accurate prediction of weather. Today, weather forecasting is done on a long-range basis, such as for one year or more, or perhaps one season, or the kind we are most familiar with, the 4- and 5-day forecasts."

What is the accuracy of these forecasts? Forecasts within a 24-hour period are very accurate, McRoberts adds. "Forecasts made from 1 to 3 days are usually accurate, but beyond that they can vary because conditions can change to alter them," he adds. "So the shorter the time period, the more accurate the forecast. It's interesting to note that *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, which is over 200 years old, computes its weather forecasts about a year in advance, and it claims to have an accuracy rate of 80 percent. It uses a secret method of weather forecasting that has been used for decades."

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Mac's Views

It's time for Christians to be more vocal

If what I'm about to say offends, you can get over it! I agree with my minister Wayne Speer that it's time for followers of Christ to speak out before it's too late.

I'm afraid too many people tend to be more worried about what other people think about them instead of what God thinks of them.

For example, many people now take Christ out of Christmas because it might offend someone.



JAMES MCAFEE

Well, I'm just a little offended myself when I hear "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas" used. I'm sure there are others here in Knox County and around the country who feel the same way.

Christmas is about the birth of our Savior. Christ is the real reason for the holiday although I guess Santa Claus does get a lot of mention.

The White House may refer to its Christmas tree as a holiday tree, but I still plan on calling it a Christmas tree like I've done for most of my 74 years.

As a Christian, I'm also getting tired of being pushed around as atheists or non-believers seem to be taking over America, or even if they are a minority, getting their way by making a lot of noise.

I urge other Christians to be more vocal in the future. Let our politicians know and let's try to get the right guys in office, ones not afraid to follow our religious heritage here in the United States.

It's nice to hear the support that the Childress police chief has gotten from politicians here in Texas, including the opinion from Attorney General Ken Paxton that he sees no reason the police department can not use the national motto, "In God We Trust" on its vehicles.

I'm seeing a lot of the stickers elsewhere, too. My friend Ralph Rollins passed along comments that Stephen Levy mentioned on CBS that are worth repeating here. Levy noted how easy it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell; how people tend to believe everything they read on the internet and in print or see on television, but question what the bible says; and how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed.

Count me in agreement with him.

Turkey trot scheduled on Thanksgiving Day

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY — The second annual Munday Community Turkey Trot has been scheduled here Nov. 26 as a prelude to the Munday Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

A one-mile fun run is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. and then the 5K will start at 8:30, beginning and ending at the First United Methodist church.

The entry fee is \$15 for adults and \$10 for those 18 & under. Send registration and check payable to Charles

Willison to Box 51, Munday, TX 76371. All who pre-register will receive a t-shirt if size is indicated. Those who register on the day of event may get t-shirt later. The early packet pick up will be from 6-7 p.m. Nov. 25 at the church.

Cash prizes of \$50 will go to the overall male and female runners in the 5K. The top boys and girls in 12-18 and 12 and under divisions will receive \$25.

Keith Pierce of Clyde and Laci Bowman of Rhineland were the adult winners in last year's race while Caleb Wheat and Connor Willison led the

boys and Emma Cowsert and Caylie Willison paced the girls.

Willison also needs volunteers to help at the race. Call 940 203-2488.

A free Thanksgiving dinner, featuring turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad and desserts, will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

"We anticipate feeding 600 again this year," said Carla Key. "We're also looking forward to getting even more volunteers to assist us the day of the lunch."

Ribbon cutting



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Isabella's Tex-Mex opened at its new location in downtown Knox City last week. The Knox City Chamber of Commerce celebrated with a ribbon cutting last Saturday. Sanjuana Marcos Gallegos had previously operated the Mi Familia near the Knox County Hospital.

Munday City Council approves pay hikes

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday City Council approved pay raises for city employees during its regular meeting here Tuesday night.

By a 4-1 vote with Karen Longan voting against, they approved a 50 cents-an-hour hike for all being paid by the hour. Then by 5-0 votes, they OKed raising Police Chief Chris Mendoza from \$40,200 to \$42,000, officer

Ryan Thrash from \$27,500 to \$29,000 and city judge Ida Jo Watson from \$9,000 to \$10,000 on an annual basis.

The Council approved a \$500 grant from hotel occupancy taxes for the Munday Park Project to assist with promotions for the city's annual Christmas celebration on Nov. 28. Then it decided all future requests must be submitted to the city and given its approval.

A pair of commercial leases at the airport to Petty Flying Services and Tara and Ryan Cottingham were approved at \$400 a year on a three-year basis with option to renew. With Bill Burtram casting the lone no vote, four Chase Master Card credit cards were approved, two in the name of the city, one for administrator Winston Stephens and one for Mendoza.

The Council gave tentative approval to a request by a group wishing to form a shooting club on city-owned land, pending a lease contract being approved.

The Council decided to nominate Jim Cowsert for the Knox County Appraisal District. After hearing a presentation by Jacob and Martin on a city mapping system, any action was tabled until costs could be finalized.



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Roberta Stanaline of Jayton was at the First United Methodist Knox City Bazaar last week showing off her colorful, personally designed outfit.

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