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Knox county honors veterans



BEN GRILL Master of Ceremonies

By James McAfee The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — Throughout American history millions have answered the call to duty to serve in the United States military and committed their lives to protecting this great country against all threats.

Knox County residents, who owe their freedom and safety to these courageous heroes, paid homage to their veterans last Wednesday on Nov. 11 just like many others did across the country.

Zane Donoho and Doug Donoho, the uncle and brother of Gold Star honoree Pvt. Cletis W. Donoho, placed a memorial wreath in his honor at the Knox County Veterans Memorial, honoring all from the county who served.

Charles Lankford, the Knox County veterans service officer, read a list of all current Knox County men and women

currently serving in the military and MC Ben Grill recognized all veterans in attendance.

Judge Travis Floyd made an inspirational speech, using information provided by the Veterans Association, in his opening remarks. (See pg. 6)

Six-graders Teresa Landini of Benjamin, Kaylee Kinney of O'Brien and Elli Oustad from Munday, winners of poster contests at their schools, gave speeches about their family heroes-Jason Landini, Ray Kinney and E.D. Welch.

The Munday High Purple Cloud band provided music prior to the program and performed taps while Linda Reddell and Gay Yost led the National Anthem and Benjamin students led the pledge.

A special military exhibit from Josh Jordan of Olney was featured among military memorabila at the Brazos Valley Museum before and after the ceremony.



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Teresa Landini of Benjamin, Kaylee Kinney of Knox City and Elli Oustad of Munday were recognized as the winners of a special poster contest.

Supreme Court will hear abortion case

1973 in Roe v Wade and a ruling in the

Knox Notes

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

'Angel Trees" set up

"Angel Trees" have been set up at the Citizens Bank in Knox City along with Casablanca and First Bank Texas in Munday by the Knox County Child Welfare Board, giving residents chances to help needy kids here in Knox County. Pick one up and then bring donations to the Citizens Bank and Munday Tire and Appliance by Dec. 4. Cash donations will also be accepted and the money used to buy other gifts.

Christmas parade

MUNDAY — The Munday Park Project hopes to expand the annual downtown Christmas parade by encouraging more residents and groups to bring floats this year. The parade is scheduled to start around 5:30 p.m. with unlit entries leading the way. Floats decorated with lights will follow. A cash prize of \$100 will be offered for the best float in the parade. Contact Tidwell at 940 203-0220 for entries or questions. Local businesses will also have open houses that day.

Thanksgiving service

MUNDAY — The First United Methodist Church will host the **Community Thanksgiving Service** at 6 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served afterwards. An offering will be collected for the Munday Ministerial Alliance.

Christmas Cantata

MUNDAY — The Munday **Community Choir will present** "Breath of Heaven" at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at the First Baptist Church Munday, continuing a tradition started 14 years ago.

Jallas man dies in U.S. 82 crash

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VERA — Sebastian Barahana Rubi, 33, of Dallas died in a one-vehicle crash on U.S. 82 six miles west of here in Knox County Sunday night. He was pronounced dead at the scene and his body taken to Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Haskell.

Two passengers in the vehicle were injured. Johnny Alexander Ordonez, 30, of Dallas was transported to the Seymour Memorial Hospital and in stable condition while Juan Rubi, 27, of Dallas was transported to United Regional Health Care System Hospital in Wichita Falls. No information provided on his condition.

Trooper Chad Overton reported that the vehicle was traveling west on U.S. 82 when the driver lost control in a curve and went off the roadway into the South barrow ditch. The car then hit a power pole on the driver's side and rolled into a field, coming to rest on its roof.

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed last Friday to consider the constitutionality of a Texas abortion law that has already shut down more than half of the state's abortion clinics.

The court's decision will probably not arrive until late June, just as the presidential campaign enters its final stretch, thrusting the divisive issue of abortion to the forefront of public debate.

Other rulings on affirmative action, public unions, contraception coverage and possibly immigration may also be decided about the same time.

However, the new abortion case involving a Texas decision is one likely to produce the term's most consequential and legally significant decision.

Many other states have been enacting restrictions that test the limits of the constitutional right to abortion established in

new case, from Texas, will enunciate principles that will apply in all of them.

The case may turn out to be the third installment in a legal trilogy on the scope of the constitutional right to abortion, one that started with Roe and continued in

The Casey decision said states may not place undue burdens on the constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability. Undue burdens, it said, included "unnecessary health regulations that have the purpose or effect of presenting a substantial obstacle to a woman seeking an abortion."

Yjr boyr og Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, who helped write the controlling opinion in Casey, will almost certainly be crucial in the new case, Whole Woman's Health v. Cole, No. 15-274. The future of abortion rights in the United States rests almost entirely in his hands, given the deadlock on the court between conservatives

MUNDAY - Munday will host District 8 UIL contests here Dec. 8. Elementary students will compete at the Munday Elementary School and junior high students at Munday High School. Joining Munday and Benjamin in the competition will be Crowell, Chillicothe, Harrold and Northside

Early Deadline for next week

The Knox County News-Courier will be printed a day early next week and delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 25 to allow employees the chances to enjoy Thanksgiving with their families.

Therefore, the deadlines for advertising will be moved to noon tomorrow while the deadline for any news items will be 9 a.m. on Monday.

back in Thanksgivir

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MUNDAY — Showing a way to put the giving back in Thanksgiving, the Munday Community Thanksgiving traditional feast of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. next Thursday at the First United Methodist Church for the fifth time.

"We anticipate feeding 600 again this year," said Carla Key, noting that about 300 gathered in the church last year to eat and another 300 took the meals home with them.

"Everyone is invited to join us, " added Key. "It's free. We'll also deliver to anyone who can not get out like at the hospital and jail. Just call Debbie Pankhurst at 940 422-5348."

Other items on the menu besides turkey and dressing will be ham, mashed pota-

toes, green beans, fruit salads, cranberry sauce, hot rolls and plenty of delicious desserts.

The free meal was started as an outreach program by the First United Methodist Church to offer a place where those who might be alone during the holiday to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal, but quickly was expanded to include the entire community.

Members of the church prepare the food, getting assists from other churches and groups in the city, and then are joined by other volunteers in serving the meals.

"Volunteers to help serve are always appreciated," added Key

To kick off activity at the church, the second annual Turkey Trot is scheduled, featuring a one-mile run or and check payable to Charles walk starting at 8 a.m. and a 5K race starting at 8:30 a.m.

adults and \$10 for those 18 size is indicated. Those who & under. Send registration register on the day of event



Willison to Box 51, Munday, TX 76371. All who pre-reg-The entry fee is \$15 for ister will receive a t-shirt if

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.

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

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ALBANY - Six volleyball players from Knox County were named to the District 6-2A all-district volleyball teams.

Munday's Skylar Gomez and Kristen Kuehler and Knox City's Kaylie Steele were named to the first team while

Kimberly Shahan of Munday, Emily Brown of Benjamin and Kristin Tuckness of Knox City were included on the second team.

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Kyrah Bailey of district champion Hawley was named MVP and Hawley's Amy Echoff the coach of the year. Rachel Hill of Albany was the offensive MVP and Hawley's Alison Brewer

defensive MVP. Samantha Newton of Hawley was newcomer of the year. Top setters were Courtney Dillard and Cassidy Meyer of Hawley.

Receiving honorable mention were Ana Vega, Denise Araujo, Emily Scott and McKenna Ziessel from Munday and Jordyn Eaton and Myca Flowers from Knox City.

Blattner plans Knox County **Aging Center Menus** job fair Dec. 8 Menus for week of Nov. 23-27 Monday: Charbroiled beef patty w/peppers, onions,

apple cup

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MUNDAY — Blattner Energy will be hosting a job fair from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 at its new office here at 134 E. Main (formerly Ma & Pa's Video).

The company is looking for personnel in the following areas: general laborers and quipment operators (excavator/backhoe, dozer, motor-

grader, loader and roller).

If unable to attend, interested parties may complete an application on-line at www.blattnerenergy.com, specifying if willing to travel or call 888 356-2307 to request an application.

Blattner Energy will be handling the installation of the Wind Farms east of Munday planned for Knox and Haskell counties.

Beef demand remains strong

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COLLEGE STATION -The nation's beef cattle producers are in expansion mode and record-high cattle prices and wheat growth, benefiting have likely seen a top, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife the state. "As of right now Extension Service livestock marketing economist.

"Over the long term, we said. are continuing to expand and prices are coming down having issues with portions from record highs because of Central, South Central Dr. David Anderson, College Station. "We are starting to increase supplies and calf prices have been coming down. However, we will still see high prices since it will take some time to build our

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Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife day. Don't mess with us! Extension small grains specialist in College Station, said recent rains will help forage stocker cattle operators across with all the rain we've had, we've got full soil profiles," he

"Right now we are just we are expanding herds," said and Eastern Texas getting the crop in the ground. The High ly manner and have an abovenormal crop rating. With all got good grazing potential for intel with France. stocker cattle operators."

Beef demand continues to been? be strong and Anderson said of record retail prices.

"I don't think we'd have if it weren't for consumer demand," he said. "If you put consumer demand and price sad joke? together, I think that's pretty compelling for higher prices." Anderson pointed to the rise in gourmet hamburger growth in barbecue restaurants nationwide as other reasonf for the strong demand.

Friday: CLOSED The Paperboy

Tuesday: Ham & Beans, spinach, corn, cornbread, pine-

France is sending a clear message

t didn't take France long to send a clear message in response to the heinous acts L perpetrated by soulless terrorists Fri-

Did that surprise you like it did me? Europe is in a bad spot concerning the

beets, bread, mashed potatoes, pears

Thursday: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Wednesday: CLOSED



number of immigrants they've been inundated with for the past decade. But despite this, they are taking the fight to the people they think are responsible.

Russia, who has confirmed that their airliner CHRIS was brought down by a ter-

rorist's bomb, is also being BLACKBURN very aggressive. They are

even aligning themselves Plains and Rolling Plains did with France in the effort to eradicate ISIS or get it in the ground in a time- ISIL or IS orwhatever they're being called these days.

Meanwhile, we targeted some oil pipeline the moisture we've had, we've and announced we are going to start to share

What in the world? You mean we haven't

I was shocked when I heard this. We should this has helped during times be sharing and receiving intel from all of our allies each and every day.

But apparently, climate change is much had prices where they were more important than the security of Americans or our allies.

Does anyone else think this is all a long,

course there are.

Truthfully, I can't believe France is being this aggressive and we are behaving like, well, France. Or at least the way I thought France would behave.

Obama is being mocked by countries around the world for his lack of resolve and stunningly, he is now being questioned by our leftist media who actually made time to stop covering the spoiled brats on U.S. college campuses long enough to cover the terror.

I can't believe I'm typing this, but we need to be much more like France concerning our responses to terror. Instead, we're going to be forced to house refugees of which contain some terrorists. It is truly baffling.

Right now, the Western World, Russia and China seem united in an effort to deal with these mass murderers. The U.S. should seize this opportunity and join with whatever is needed and eliminate this threat to our way of life.

And if there were ever a reason to get control of our border, it's now. Ask France about letting in undocumented immigrants. They've learned their lesson.

We have not. We're going to let in terrorists while these scumbags tell the world they will strike Washington. It is truly baffling.

But watch out! This climate is going to get us. In a few million years, it's going to get real cold, or hot, or something ...

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Deer hunting continues through Jan. 3

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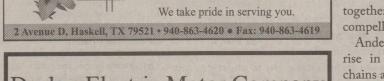
AUSTIN — With the habitat conditions the best they have been in years, hunters are reporting plenty of success since the Texas white-tail deer season started earlier this month. The general season in the 209 counties that comprise

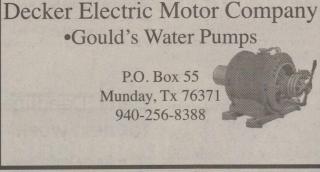
the North Zone will run through Jan. 3.

In the South Zone's 30 counties, the season continues through Jan. 17.

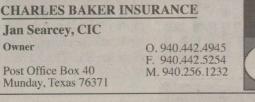
Alan Cain, a white-tailed deer program leader with the Texas Department of Wildlife, had predicted earlier that he expected a great number of hunters would harvest some exceptional bucks.

Six Knox players honored





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ISIS announced yesterday that Washington D.C. is next on their hit list.

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He announced that we are going to accept chains across the U.S. and the 10,000 Syrian refugees before the end of the year and force them on the American people.

> Does anyone actually believe there aren't terrorists in the midst of these refugees? Of

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AUSTIN - The approval of Proposition 7 (Prop. 7) by Texas voters is further evidence that transportation is an essential priority for citizens of the state. The overwhelming majority (more than 80 percent) of votes cast in support of Prop. 7 added momentum toward establishing reliable funding to meet continually growing transportation needs.

"We are grateful to Gov-

Jason Smart

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ernor Abbott and the Legislature for making transportation a priority and giving Texans a chance to approve this measure that will ultimately help all of us get around our great state much easier," said Texas Transportation Commission Chairman Tryon Lewis. "Now that the people of Texas have spoken, the Texas Transportation Commission stands ready to work with local leaders, communities and planning organizations to deliver

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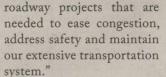
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The additional funding from Prop. 7 will enable Tx-DOT to put a greater focus on infrastructure improvements without new taxes, tolls, fees or debt. Starting in 2018, once state sales tax revenue exceeds \$28 billion in a fiscal year, the next \$2.5 billion of revenue will be directed to the State Highway Fund. Then, beginning in 2020, 35 percent of the state motor vehicle sales and rental tax revenue in excess of \$5 billion will be directed to the State Highway Fund.

"Texans want and deserve a safe, first class highway system," said State Senate Transportation Chairman Robert Nichols. "Voters have made an investment in our state's economic future by supporting Proposition 7 and ensuring our state's highway system will be able to keep up with our increasing population and booming economy.

With this funding, Tx-DOT will have a predictable revenue stream with which they will be able to implement long-range transportation plans for our state.'

As voters entrust more funding to highways, Tx-DOT continues its commitment to delivering needed roadway projects. Since last November when voters approved Proposition 1, which added a portion of state oil/gas taxes to the highway fund, TxDOT has awarded more than 125 projects to help ease congestion, maintain our system and improve the safety of roadways across Texas.



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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It was a cloudy, dreary Monday morning with promise of rain. We need the moisture, but this type weather with nothing falling is not very pleasant. But, as usual we take what we get and deal with it.

There's really hasn't been much going on over this way. Most of last week everyone was busy getting ready for the annual fall festival, and I'm told it was another successful event. This is the big PTO fundraiser of the year and the money is used for various projects for school improvement. The highlight of the festival is always the all school program and the coronation of harvest royalty. Each person attending was given a ballot to mark with the contestant's name on it as they entered the festival. Alyssa Casillas was crowned queen and, Caleb Barrientez was elected king. The remaining royal court was made up of all young ladies. Princesses were Madison Barrientez and Caitlyn Wilson. Duchesses were Valeria Zavala and Hallie Everson. I congratulate all these young folks.

The building of the new convenience store on the corner of Hwy 82 and 6 is now underway. They have been very busy hauling in dirt, smoothing it out, and laying forms for the new structure. Barring all sorts of unforeseen happenings, the projected time for possible opening of the store is sometime in the spring. But with the possibility of unsettled weather, plus other hindrances, we'll just have to wait and see. It will be nice when it is open.

Benjamin boys and girls are now ready for the roundball season. The Mustangs were defeated by Forestburg at Northside and after seeing the doctor last Thursday night in the she learned she will be hav- champion first round of the playoffs. They had a good season, and we look forward to a good basketball year.

dren, and Ricky Loper and his wife of Lubbock, Blaine Neil and Shay of Abilene, Randy Bradley of Aspermont, Larry and Cathy Conner of Thalia, Jim Bob Conner of Wofforth, Janet Reed of Big Spring, Bill and Dink Jennings of New Braunfels, Reyes Barrientez of Stamford, Mary Widmer of Coppell, Raquel Acevedo of Sweetwater, Bill and Penny Trainham of Denton, Edith Broach, Jimmie Klutts, Jim Wright and Justin Coker of Knox City, and Charlotte Coker and

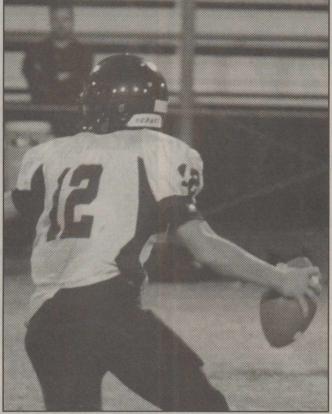
Linda Myers of Rule. Mary Jane Young spent the weekend with Butch and Letha Young in Saginaw and Billie Faye Cummings and family in Henderson.

I visited with Reyes Barrientez last Tuesday and she said she is liking Stamford real well. She has not moved into her house yet. She is still having some cosmetic work done on it, so she won't have to worry with it after she does get moved in. Right now she's staying with her son Junior and his wife Virginia.

The Veterans Day program last Wednesday was again a very successful event. Folks from all over the county were here to honor the veterans of all wars who have served our country. The Munday band provided the music and did a wonderful job. A more detailed story of the entire program appears elsewhere in this paper. The hamburger meal that followed was also well attended. The Historical Commission expresses appreciation to all who contributed in any way to make the day the success it was.

Dennis and Pam Duke were in Abilene last Thursday for Pam to see her doctor. She has been having a Special to The News-Courier lot of trouble with her hip,

Mustangs eliminated by Forestburg



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JUSTIN RAINWATER



LINCOLN STRICKLAND Chillicothe earns bi-district win

11-1A DII District

with Guthrie (9-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Crowell. Meanwhile, Forestburg Chillicothe (8-3) plays Matador Mot-

By James McAfee The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — Benjamin's first trip to the sixman football playoffs in seven years ended with a 62-6 setback at the hands of District 12-1A DII champion Forestburg last Thursday.

Coach Jacob Navarro was pleased with the progress that his young team made during the season. "We came a long way and suprised a lot of people by winning second place in district and getting to the playoffs," he said.

"With everyone returning and a great class of freshmen eligible, we should be playoff contenders next season no matter how the districts are realigned."

The Longhorns wasted little time getting on the scoreboard, scoring within

the first minute on a 17yard run by J.D. Moore. Calvin Smith added the PAT kick. Moore then hit Nate Sheppard for a 20yard TD to make it 14-0.

That's when the Mustangs responded on a 55yard run by Justin Rainwater who finished the night with 119 yards on 13 carries. He completed 4 of 11 passes for 33 yards. Lincoln Strickland gained 43 yards rushing, returned kicks three times for 51 yards and caught three passes for 28 more yards. However, the Mustangs couldn't convert but one of five third downs and none of four fourth downs.

Taking advantage of four Benjamin turnovers, the Longhorns took control after that as Sheppard caught four touchdown passes from Wyatt Park to end the game via the mercy rule at halftime.



Here 'n there

I learned Saturday night that Melissa Casillas of Knox City is a patient in a Wichita Falls hospital. She was not doing too well at that time, but hopefully by now, she is improving. Melissa's daughter Alyssa is a student at BHS, and Melissa is a strong supporter of all the school activities. We surely do wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

Among those from out of town who were here for the graveside rites for Hazel Stockton last Tuesday were Steve and Brenda Conner from Big Spring, Keith and Pam Conner, Lacy Conner and children of Midland, Bob and Stephanie Brannan and family, Clayton and Melanie Conner and chiling hip replacement sur- eliminated defending state ley County (9-2) at 7 p.m. course, we wish her well.

CONGRA

gery on Dec. 8. She is very champion Throckmorton, Thursday in Chillicothe in anxious to have the surgery 54-44, in bi-district, earn- the other regional semifinal and be free of pain. Of ing the Eagles (5-6) a Region III semifinal match

contest.

In Region IV, four unbeaten teams remain alive with Richland Springs (11-0) playing Mount Calm (10-0) and Calvert (11-0) playing Jonesboro (11-0).

Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

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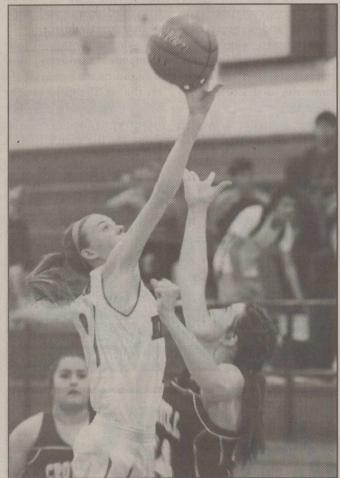
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Houndettes open cage play





Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier The Knox City Houndettes kicked off the basketball season by splitting two games. Myca Flowers gets the tip in the opener with **Crowell while Lexi Jimenez** and Amy Harrington are also shown in action in the overtime setback



Wildcats advance opening games

Special to The News-Courier

The Crowell Wildcats kept alive their hopes of a threepeat Class A football title with an opening 74-28 bi-district victory over Ira, but the Aspermont Hornets, the District 8-1A DI runnersup, were eliminated by Hermleigh, 74-30.

(10-1), 67-22 winners over Rankin, at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Merkel.

If successful, they will do battle with the winner of the Hermleigh (10-1) vs. Garden City (10-1) contest.

Meanwhile, the six-man favorites lock horns in Region I as Happy (11-0) plays Meadow (7-4) and Borden County (11-0)

Houndettes split

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KNOX CITY - With limited time for practice, the Knox City Houndettes opened the 2015-16 basketball season by splitting games, losing a heartbreaking 55-52 decision to Crowell in overtime and racing to a 57-5 win over Throckmorton. We played really well in the opener and

had 10 rebounds. Myca Flowers had nine points, six rebounds and five steals.

We controlled the game from the start and had stifling defense" Ballard said about the Saturday game. "It was a total team effort and everyone scored and played a role in the win."

Jones had 18 points and six rebounds, Steele 10 points seven rebounds and five steals, Myca Flowers 14 points, six rebounds, five steals and three assists, Temi Flowers seven rebounds, four assists and five steals and Samantha Lewis seven rebounds and three assists. The Greyhounds were scheduled to join the Houndettes for a Tuesday game against Northside.

The Wildcats (7-3) will face Sterling City plays Turkey Valley (10-1).



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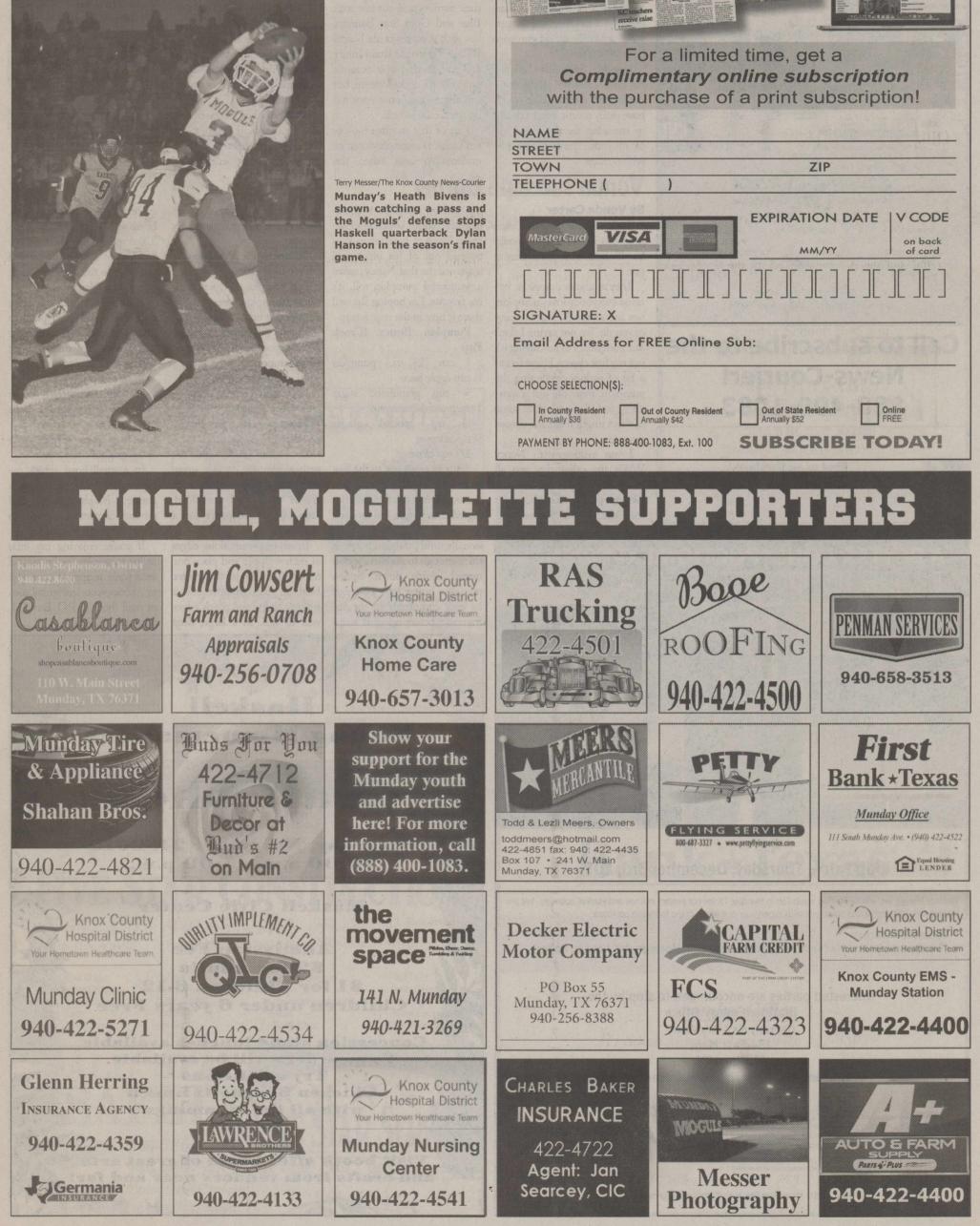
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Moguls' season ends early





Mogulettes open with two cage wins

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MUNDAY — The Munday Mogulettes opened their 2015-16 basketball season with a pair of narrow wins, scoring 31-25 and 27-25 decisions over Abilene Christian High and Aspermont last week.

Coach Cory Stephenson was pleased with the effort, especially with the girls' defensive play.

"Finding ways to win when you're not shooting well is always great," he said. "Our shooting will improve as we only started practice last week."

The Mogulettes led most of the way against ACHS, extending a 16-15 halftime lead by not turning the ball over in the sec-

ond half.

Charity Hunter and Brenley Waters led the scoring effort with eight and six points, respectively.

Another strong start put the Moguls ahead against Aspermont by 10-4, 14-10 and 24-19 at the end of the first three periods. Slowing things down in the fourth period, the Mogulettes turned back three tries by Aspermont to tie the game, getting key defensive rebounds.

Hunter scored nine points while Kimberly Shahan added eight. The Munday junior varsity also started 2-0 with 45-13 and 30-20 wins. The Mogulettes were scheduled to play Newcastle Tuesday night before taking time off for the Thanksgiving holidays.



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Judge honors members of armed forces **Real Estate LLC**

By Judge Travis Floyd

To the veterans, fellow citizens, students, and the family of Cletis Donoho, It is my privilege to welcome all of you to Benjamin, Texas, county seat of Knox County on Veterans Day, a day of honor and commemoration. Thank you for joining me as we honor the men and women who have served in the armed forces of our nation.

The great novelist C.S. Lewis once said, "All that we fear from all kinds of adversity...is collected together in the life of the soldier on active service. Like sickness, it threatens pain and death. Like poverty, it threatens ill lodging, cold, heat, thirst and hunger. Like slavery, it threatens toil, humiliation, injustice, and arbitrary rule. Like exile, it separates you from all you love."

Most veterans, whether they experienced a field training exercise or intense combat, have distinct memories of ill lodging, discomfort, arbitrary rule and separation. It goes part and parcel with military life and it is why we hold veterans in such high esteem.

But then there are those who face pain and death so others can be spared. Such was the case of two American veterans and their longtime friend when they bravely stopped a terrorist attack aboard a train bound for Paris this summer.

Airman First Class Spencer Stone, Army. Specialist Alek Skarlatos and Anthony Sadler could have run from the danger when a heavily armed gunman boarded the train.

Instead, Specialist Skarlatos said, "Let's go" as the men ran toward a future that could have easily meant instant death or maiming for them and all of the other innocent people within range.

Vonda's Recipe Gorner

By Vonda Carter

Turkey Day is upon us. I sup-

Fortunately, this story is mostly remembered not for the horrific tragedy that nearly happened but for the heroism that did.

Even after enduring serious stab wounds that were inflicted as he disarmed the gunman, Airman Stone administered life-saving first aid to a passenger that was shot.

The terrorist was carrying 270 rounds of ammunition. But because of the actions of these three young Americans, the death toll aboard the train was zero.

President Obama praised the men as the "very best of America." Defense Secretary Ashton Carter called the incident, "an amazing story, right out of a movie."

But, most of us believes it is not surprising. While we take nothing away from the heroic actions of Spencer, Alek and Anthony, America's military men and women risk life and limb every day so that we can be free

From Bunker Hill to Baghdad, there has always been a select group of Americans willing to fight and possibly die for a cause greater than their selfpreservation.

And while we set aside November 11th as a special day to honor and remember our veterans, we should continuously endeavor to serve our veterans as well as they have served their nation. We must honor all of their families and not just with Blue and Gold Star Banners, but with compassionate hearts. PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury and life-altering war wounds not only affect the veteran, but can also take an enormous toll on the family as well.

Part of that sacrifice too often includes unemployment or underemployment when the

ing me how much she is enjoy- in the refrigerator for up to one ing this column, which is somepose this week's recipes should thing I love to hear, when Wes be all about turkey, but they're popped out of his office and informed me that Nancy makes Maple Dip They're about pumpkin, be- a wonderful pumpkin roll, it's cause everybody loves pumpkin, his favorite. I'm hoping she will canned pumpkin puree share it here in the near future. Pumpkin Butter (Crock

veteran's military service is over. Companies should understand that it's smart business to hire veterans, and when members of the Guard and Reserves deploy, it is America's business to ensure that their civilian careers do not suffer.

It is tragic that the men and women who allow us to be safe in our homes are often without homes themselves when they shed their uniforms. One-infour of America's homeless population are veterans. Nineout-of-ten were honorably discharged and nearly half served their dedication, we must always during the Vietnam War.

Too often, today's tattered citizen of the street was yesterday's toast-of-the-town in a crisp uniform with rows of the "thanks of a grateful nation."

While fewer than 10 percent of Americans can claim the honorable title "U.S. military veteran," this special group often provides the vital services that enable our communities to function. Chances are that if you surveyed your local police or fire department, you would find that a disproportionately high percentage of its members are veterans. When an emergency hits, there is a good chance that it is a veteran that is first to respond.

construction worker or first responder, military veterans take their missions seriously.

They vote in higher percentages than nonveterans, they are more likely to volunteer in their communities and they are less likely to live in poverty. In short, veterans make our communities better.

Born of their extraordinary accomplishments comes our extraordinary debt. And for those accomplishments and for

week or the freezer for up to six months.

Pumpkin Pie Wontons w/

1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons 2



Judge Travis Floyd be grateful.

Whether it's a simple thank you, or another gesture of appreciation, we must always remember that each veteran shining medals. This is hardly represents an oath taken that included a willingness to die for this country if called upon.

> It is what President Lincoln characterized as "the last full measure of devotion."

> Whenever we hear a politician rail about the high cost of veterans' benefits, it is up to us to remind the critic about the high cost of being a veteran. REMEMBER:

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> It is a cost - blood, sweat, and sacrifice - that has produced and protected the greatest nation on earth.

God bless you all for being here, God bless our veterans and God bless America.

saucepan over medium heat, bring about 1 1/2 inches oil to 320 degrees. Drop three to four wontons at a time into oil and cook two to three minutes each side until golden brown.

Remove from oil and place

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not me so much, but so many of you do. I'm not saying I don't like pumpkin, I'm just saying it's Pot) not my first choice. I have found a lot of recipes celebrating the pumpkin, these are just a sampling, and I have to admit some of them might make me choose pumpkin.

I was visiting with Nancy Wilde the other day, you all the Farm Bureau. She was tell-

1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin room temperature ¹/₂ cup apple juice

34 cup granulated sugar 1 tsp. ground cinnamon ¹/₄ tsp. ground ginger

1/4 tsp. nutmeg 1/8 tsp. cloves

Set your crock pot to the low. gether pumpkin, brown sugar, know her, she's one of the In the bottom of the crock pot, pumpkin pie spice and cream sweetest people on earth, over at thoroughly combine all of your cheese until well combined. ingredients. Cover and let cook Lay wonton wrappers on a for about 5 hours, stirring occa- clean surface. sionally, until pumpkin butter is pumpkin butter into a jar and Fold up each wrapper into a let cool completely in the re- triangle shape and pinch edges

tablespoons brown sugar 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice 2 tablespoons cream cheese,

20 wonton wrappers Egg wash (1 beaten egg +

tablespoon water)

Vegetable oil, for frying powdered sugar, for dusting In a small bowl, whisk to-

frigerator before using. It keeps well to seal. In a large, deep

on paper towel-lined plate to drain and cool slightly. Repeat with remaining wontons. Dust with powdered sugar.

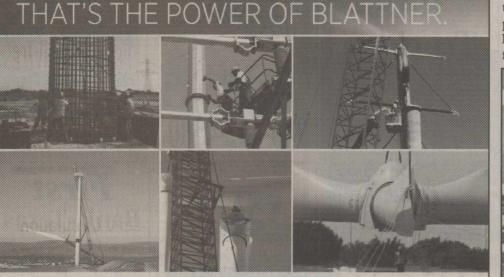
Maple Dip

1/2 cup powdered sugar 1/4 cup cream cheese, room temperature

1/4 cup pure maple syrup 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

In a small bowl, whisk together powdered sugar, cream cheese, Maple syrup and ground cinnamon. Serve dip alongside warm wontons.

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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Santa Claus comes to Munday Nov. 28 Mac's Views

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MUNDAY — The Munday Park Project members hope to make the city's start of the Christmas season reminiscent of the ones in the past that they all remembered when it happens on Saturday, Nov. 28.

"We urge everyone to come join us for our annual Christmas open house

and parade," said Lisa Tidwell of MPP.

Downtown businesses will have open houses starting at 5 p.m. and there will be a parade starting at 5:30 with prizes awarded to the top two floats. Unlit floats will lead the way and ones with lights will follow.

Kids can have their photos taken with Santa Claus at the Movement Space from 6-8 p.m. The Knox County

An entertainer from Dallas will be featured at the lighting of the lights at the downtown park next to Casablanca. "You don't want to miss this," added Tidwell.

Musicial entertainment will also be provided as residents do their shopping at the local stores.

Breakfast with Santa set for

a chance to visit and have their here Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9-11 in crafts. Parents should come to photos taken with Santa Claus when the Munday Church of

MUNDAY — Children will get Christ hosts Breakfast with Santa a.m.

The meal is free.

The children also will participate

the South door of the church's fellowship hall.



Community Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 26, 2015 11:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. **First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

Free turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings Take-outs available

Turkey Trot

One Mile run, 8 a.m. 5K run, 8:30 a.m.

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Several Munday stores opened early last Saturday to show off their Christmas offerings. Pictured is a **Christmas tree at Buds for** You.



Hospital will help the kids with cookie Are fantasy sports games gambling?

> he Texas Legislature is against gambling in the state, especially when it comes to allowing casinos or even a vote on it. I'm sure church groups have expressed similar views.

> When I've visited casinos in Oklahoma and Louisana-of course, they were golfing ventures for my freelance assignments-I noticed three-quarters of the cars in the parking lots had Texas

license plates. So Texans do like to gamble taking their money to other states. These casinos probably open their coffers to lawmakers, hoping they will not change their minds.

However, gambling is going on right here in Texas. I'm referring to the fantasty sports websites like DraftKings and Fan Duel that are apparently taking bets. This kind of activity is not legal in any state except Nevada.

I do not partipate myself, but have heard that JAMES many here in Knox County do.

The Nevada Gaming Commission shut MCAFEE down the websites recently saying they were gaming entities and needed state licenses to op-

erate and then the state of New York declared them gambling services, telling citizens they could no longer play the fantasy games.

We haven't taken any steps to follow their lead here in Texas, but I did hear that one lawmaker did send a request to the attorney general asking for an opinion.

It will be interesting to see the result, but I would be suprised if Texas decided to go along with Nevada and New York.

Here in Texas, there's more gambling going to be allowed since voters approved an amendment that allows pro sports teams to coduct raffles. Don't raffles involve gambling?

Horse racing is now allowed in Texas, but I did read somewhere that lawmakers had made threats to shut down the tracks.

Ladies' Harvest Day Festival set Saturday

Special to The News-Courier annual Ladies' Harvest Day

Festival will be held here KNOX CITY - The 45th Saturday at the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church. Registration will start at 10 a.m. and the service will begin at 10:30.

> There will be a luncheon following the service, so each one in attendance is asked to bring a salad or a dessert Begun in November of 1970 the festival honors women of the community by bringing them together, different denominations, as the body of Christ. It's also an opportunity to honor the Ministerial Alliance, which serves emergency needs for the community.

The alliance is made up of pastors of local churches and funded by donations.

Christmas Kick-Off **Open House and Parade** Nov. 28, Downtown Munday

Parade! Shopping! Food! **Entertainment! Cash Prizes!**

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Please come and join us for our annual Christmas open house and parade event. It will be a great year with many spectacular sales, food, entertainment and a wonderful parade with prizes awarded!

The 1st place winner of the parade for best theme and lights will receive \$100, 2nd receives \$50.

~5:00 p.m. - sausage wraps by Meers Mercantile, Caroline's and Feed Barn.

~5:30 p.m. - parade will begin.

~6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - special performer from Dallas will be entertaining. You don't want to miss this!!!

~6:30 p.m. - cash prizes awarded to 1st and 2nd place.

~6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. Intermission to eat, shop etc.

~7:00 p.m. - Musical entertainment provided for your pleasure while shopping and walking the streets.

Santa will be waiting for your children inside the Movement Space from 6 to 8 p.m. This includes cookie decorating provided by the Knox County Hospital District. Contact Lisa at 940-203-0220, Rileigh at 940-203-0755 or any other MPP member.

The following businesses will be open: * Buds for You * Caroline's * Casablanca * Feed Barn * Jason Young, CPA * Meers Mercantile * Pack Rat * The Movement Space

Hotel accommodations available at the Corner Inn, Lee House Bed & Breakfast "Everyone is invited to join us for the celebration," Lisa Tidwell, Munday Park Project"

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015

9:00 A.M. till 11:00 A.M. Free Breakfast-Free Crafts Free Pictures with Santa

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