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List of suggested school improvements narrowed

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – The facilities planning committee finalized a list of suggested improvements for Munday schools during a meeting in the MHS cafeteria last Thursday.

Jamie Welborn was selected as the group's spokesperson.

He will take the suggestions along with views about the placements of the buildings, leaving some options open to architects and construction personnel, to

the Munday Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees meeting on Monday.

While the estimated costs for the nine items amounted to \$6.5 million, the committee felt the board should consider going with the maximum \$8 million bond as suggested by financial advisor Leon Johnson at a meeting in December.

That would provide for any overages or unsuspected costs of the projects plus could allow for adding a gym that could seat more than 450.

The suggested list with current estimat-

ed costs:

- *New gym, \$4 million
- *New junior high, \$1 million
- *Elementary addition, \$950,000
- *Elementary gym windows, \$140,000
- *Science lab renovation, \$60,000
- *Single point entry, \$70,000
- *Security cameras, \$150,000
- *New fencing, \$50,000
- *Elementary drop off, \$15,000

Supt. Troy Parton indicated he would forward the prioritized items to DSA to get new estimates.

Wellborn said Friday morning that he was considering moving forward with a smaller committee that would continue to advise the trustees.

If the school board decides to ask for an \$8 million bond proposal, the estimated tax increase for Munday homeowners would amount to 43 cents per \$100 evaluation or \$215 for a \$50,000 home or \$430 for a \$100,000 home.

The timing of a proposed bond is based on the new wind farm being built east of here that would increase the tax base by \$90 million.

Beware of snakes



Courtesy photo

Munday resident Doug Thompson took his mother Mary Thompson to the hospital in Knox City for medical tests last week. On the return to Munday, they stopped at the Johnson Cemetery to check on family sites. They spotted a large rattlesnake in the cemetery and were surprised to see a large rattlesnake out and about at this time of year. It was chilly that day, and the snake was a little sluggish but still moving. The snake struck at Doug, stretching the length of its body, a little over 5 feet. Doug killed the snake to be sure it did not hurt any visitors to the cemetery. So be careful. Rattlesnakes may still be out even in January. Watch where you're stepping at the cemetery, the golf course, or any outdoor location!

2 MCISD board positions open

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – District residents interested in filing for a place on the ballot for election to the Munday CISD Board of Trustees can do so starting Jan 20 by making a personal appearance at the MCISD administration building. The final day to file will be Feb. 19.

Hours for the office, located at 811 West D

Street, will be from 8 am until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Two places with three-year terms, currently held by Jason Redwine and Nancy Birkenfeld, will be open.

Requests for ballots for early voting will be accepted through April 26. Early voting by personal appearance will begin April 25 and end May 3

Competing at state



Sheri Baty, The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox City High School cheerleaders were scheduled to travel to Grapevine to compete in a state competition this week. Pictured (l-r) are Lexi Jimenez, Cheyenne Camp, Haley Cox, Brylee White, Kayla Hunter and Samantha Lewis.

Livestock show starts Friday

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – Kids who have worked hard in feeding, exercising and training animals will get to show off their animals in the Knox County Junior Livestock Show here Friday and Saturday at the Munday Event Center.

The annual event is a collaborative effort of the Knox County Junior Livestock Association, the FFA organizations at each of the county schools, the Knox County 4-H group and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Knox County.

County agent Jerry Coplen indicated that

judging for boilers, goats, rabbits and sheep is scheduled the first day and judging for pigs and steers the second day. The sale will follow on Saturday.

The judges examine the animals for good tone, muscle development and how the animals move as the owners walk them around the pen. Coplen noted that grand and reserve champions will be crowned in each category along with junior and senior showmanship.

The next step for some of the youngsters will be showing their animals at state shows.

The Knox County 4-H Club will operate the concession stand as one of its fundraisers.

Thefts concern Munday residents

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – A dozen concerned citizens came to the Munday City Council meeting Tuesday night, expressing their concern for the recent rash of robberies.

"I've been robbed and think it is time to take back our community," said Kim Kuehler, detailing steps she had heard about how citizens were getting organized in an effort to stop the thefts. "I'm afraid someone is going to get shot for \$20 as people are ready to protect their properties."

She posed the question to Police Chief Chris Mendoza about what residents should do when they see suspicious activities.

"I'd rather be at 100 nothing calls to be at the right one" he said. "When you feel uncomfortable, please call."

In the regular session of the meeting, the Council OKed sending city employee Ralph Adams to Giddings for an animal control training session that would enable him to handle duties as an animal control officer in the future. Adams has been picking up stray dogs and taking them to Knox City.

The Council discussed the dog ordinance and heard concerns from councilman Bill Burtram about dogs running loose, including one in his own garage.

The Council also heard that four letters had been recently sent to owners of nuisance properties, asking them to take steps to correct the eye sores.

Governor urges rewrite of constitution

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN – Gov Greg Abbott called for a convention of states to amend the Constitution during a speech here last Friday.

To do so would require approval of 34 state legislatures, something that some see little chance of happening.

Republican presidential candidates Marco Rubio

vowed to push for such a convention if elected.

Abbott's vision goes beyond that, wanting to tack a federal balanced budget amendment to the constitution.

Fans should plan for sober ride

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Transportation's statewide "Plan While You Can" campaign is reminding football fans to make a sober ride part of their game-watching plans for the upcoming playoffs and the big game. The campaign runs through Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7. "As many Texans will be watching foot-

ball playoffs leading up to the big game, we strongly urge drivers to plan for a sober ride to attend watch parties," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division Director.

"Crashes caused by drinking and driving are 100 percent preventable. Before you drink, make a game plan to get home safely. It's a decision that could save a life."

Knox Notes

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

5th Sunday singing

MUNDAY – The Munday Ministerial Alliance announces that the community fifth Sunday singing is scheduled at 6 p.m. Jan. 31 at Believers Chapel. Snacks will be provided. An offering will be taken to benefit the alliance and the food bank.

Aggie ROTC unit best in nation

Special to The News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION – Texas A&M University's Air Force ROTC detachment has been judged the best such unit in the nation.

Detachment 805, as the Texas A&M unit is technically designated, garnered top honors in a competition that included all 145 of such AFROTC units in the nation. The judging was conducted by a team of senior officers from Headquarters Air Force ROTC located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

"We won this competition based on numerous accomplishments, awards, exceptional leadership examples of cadets and high performance in academics," says Lt. Col. Neil Sanger, USAF, who is in charge recruiting for the detachment at Texas A&M and also serves as an associate professor of aerospace studies.

"In essence, we have been chosen as the best AFROTC detachment in the country at producing the best Air Force Officers who will make our nation extremely proud with their excellent academics, exceptional leadership and taking care of people."

News on the go



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President vetoes health care repeal

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON – As expected, President Barack Obama vetoed Republican-inspired legislation to repeal his health care law, citing what he called significant progress to improving health care in America.

Republicans, who have argued that

the law doesn't work and is too costly, still claimed a victory because it had finally passed a repeal bill, keeping a promise to voters.

U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted last week in support of H.R. 3762, the "Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Act of 2015," which passed the House by

a vote of 240-181.

"I have and will continue to oppose using taxpayer dollars to support organizations that perform abortions," said Thornberry. "I voted against the health care bill when it passed Congress in 2010, and I have voted more than 50 times to send a bill to the President that repeals, dismantles, or

stops funding for this plan."

The Senate passed the bill last year by a vote of 52-47.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., reported the House would hold a vote to override the veto later in the month and predicted it will only be a "matter of time before the law is finally overturned."

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Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Jan. 18-22

Monday: Beef goulash, Navy beans, broccoli, bread, dessert

Tuesday: Ham & beans, spinach, red bliss potatoes, corn-bread, cake

Wednesday: Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, dessert

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, chocolate pudding

Friday: Turkey salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickle, salad, dessert

2015 In Memorium

Name	age	place of death	date of death
Margie Allen	87	Munday	January 18, 2015
Eldrene "Rene" Reed	80	Munday	January 11, 2015
Barbara Jane Almanrode Ratliff	85	Munday	January 5, 2015
Jean Alexander	92	Lubbock	January 31, 2015
Judy Kaylan	66	Lubbock	January 28, 2015
Rosie (Ledesma) Nevarez	67	Wichita Falls	February 8, 2015
Tommy Eugene Adams	72	Cross Plains	February 7, 2015
Wanda Day Stark	91	Ablene	February 5, 2015
Bobbie Coats	94	Dallas	February 4, 2015
Melinda Adams	56	Irving	February 14, 2015
Margaret Stovall	99	San Antonio	February 12, 2015
Gianna High Jungman	81	Seymour	March 6, 2015
Meldon "Jack" Hill	87	Arlington	March 3, 2015
Loitie Lorraine Parks	90	Munday	March 9, 2015
Joe E Sharp	77	Colleyville	March 9, 2015
Leora Pauline Stewert Guess	89	Haskell	March 17, 2015
Glenn L Myers	87	Rockwall	March 25, 2015
Vera Cornwell Ciunk	91	Munday	March 3, 2015
Robert "Bob" Logan Hudspeth	62	Brenham	April 12, 2015
Gabriel Rodriguez	14	Seymour	April 18, 2015
Ruby Jewel Collier	51	Munday	April 24, 2015
Freddie Caram	76	Wichita Falls	April 22, 2015
Darwin Lee Sizemore	64	Knox City	April 19, 2015
Jennifer "Joy" Butler	42	Knox City	May 7, 2015
Floyd Reed Sr	87	Munday	May 23, 2015
Gladys Wanda Mincey	92	Ablene	May 22, 2015
David Ray Speck	63	Knox City	May 20, 2015
Jerry Joe Kittley	56	Knox City	May 12, 2015
Carolyn Middlebrooks	70	Knox City	June 23, 2015
James Michael Manuel Sr	67	Knox City	June 6, 2015
Wesley Wright	82	Midland	June 10, 2015
James Merrill	69	Munday	June 5, 2015
Lionor Moya	85	Knox City	June 3, 2015
Howard Lyndal Yandell	85	Lubbock	June 4, 2015
Sandra Blacklock West	74	Lubbock	June 29, 2015
Roy Rodriguez	60	Knox City	July 5, 2015
Imagan Young	84	Benjamin	July 2, 2015
Cleta A Jones	88	Wichita Falls	July 19, 2015
Naomi Pape	92	Knox City	July 19, 2015
Stella Carver	100	Lubbock	July 20, 2015
Patsy Grimsley	80	Ablene	July 30, 2015
Roy W Cypert	75	Wichita Falls	July 15, 2015
Walter "Souv" Jerte	89	Munday	August 2, 2015
George Spann Sr	81	Ennis	August 5, 2015
Charles Dan Yates	64	Seymour	August 5, 2015
Dorothy Lane Strickland	86	Rochester	August 12, 2015
Robert Darrell Strickland	68	Rochester	August 12, 2015
Dorothy Jean Dykes	79	Ablene	August 12, 2015
Ruth Patsy Hutchens	95	Munday	August 22, 2015
Bobby Ray Blankenship	85	Ablene	August 23, 2015
Juanita Hunter Nelson	92	Knox City	August 19, 2015
Vera Mae Reid	64	Knox City	August 25, 2015
Gerald Slick Myers	81	Knox City	August 29, 2015
Robert Beck	74	Munday	August 25, 2015
Tori Graves Hicks	54	San Angelo	August 31, 2015
Manuela Rios	87	Munday	September 9, 2015
Miyon Ramirez	50	Benbrook	September 8, 2015
Mary Dodd Jenkins	81	Rochester	September 12, 2015
Jeanette Ansley	79	Munday	September 13, 2015
Thomas Belcher	71	Dallas	September 23, 2015
Verna Lou Butler	77	Canadian	September 20, 2015
Rachel Sprueill Whitney	93	Blossom	September 25, 2015
Florence Mitchell Reese	84	North Richland Hills	October 2, 2015
Fidelis Fetsch Sr	86	Amarillo	September 30, 2015
Ray Lynn Hardin	80	Munday	September 16, 2015
Maria Felix Gonzalez	68	?	September 19, 2015
Julie Frizzell Thomas	80	Midland	October 7, 2015
William Leach	83	Knox City	October 7, 2015
Clara Mary Herring	98	Munday	October 12, 2015
Ed Moorhouse	72	Fort Worth	October 23, 2015
Mary Lou Hodges	74	Dallas	October 31, 2015
Cornie Melton	55	Munday	November 5, 2015
Hazel Stockton	97	Lubbock	November 7, 2015
Rafaela Moreno	94	Ablene	November 18, 2015
Amelia Sosa	87	Munday	November 29, 2015
Dalton Hardin	84	Munday	December 7, 2015
Catherine Corcoran	69	Lindsay	December 13, 2015
Patsy King	75	Munday	December 8, 2015
Peggy Hosea	84	Seymour	December 15, 2015
Virginia Jackson	94	Ablene	December 18, 2015
Dallas Ray Dykes	74	Ablene	December 22, 2015
Dorthea Awalt	86	Munday	December 31, 2015

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From the Preacher's Desk
Do You Have A Room?

What to do with Wally? Wally was an awkward and shy child who belonged to the church kids club. It was time to hand out roles for the birth of Jesus play, but what role should the teacher give Wally? She decided on the inn-keeper. It was an important role, but required Wally only to shake his head and say one line, "Sorry, we've no room." Wally grinned from ear to ear when he learned of his important role and couldn't wait for the big night.

It arrived soon enough, and the play was proceeding according to plan. Mary and Joseph had traveled to Bethlehem and came to the door of the inn. Joseph knocked on the door and it opened to Wally. "Please sir, do you have a room we could take?" asked Joseph. Wally shook his head and replied, "I'm sorry, we've no room."

Now the boy playing Joseph was a particularly confident child, and while the script called for Mary and him to turn away at this point, Joseph decided to exercise some dramatic license. "But sir," he said to the innkeeper, "My wife is about to have her baby and we need somewhere to stay. Couldn't you find us a room?" Wally's face went white - this was not planned for! - and he paused for a moment before repeating his line. "I'm sorry, we've no room." "But sir," replied Joseph, "We've traveled such a long way and we've nowhere else to go and my wife is very tired. Surely you can find us somewhere." Wally bowed his head, shook it sadly and said, "I'm sorry, we've no room." Forlornly Joseph and Mary started walking away. Wally, now fully into his role, felt shamed and saddened. A tear trickled down his cheek. Then his voice was heard calling out. "Wait! Please come back! You can have my room!"

What a story! Each of us decides each day if we will let Jesus in our room (heart). Many times we shut Him out for our own desires and pretend He does not exist.

May we promise we will always let Him in, every day of the year 2016 and give our lives totally to His service. Will you let Him in?!

Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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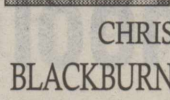
"A man who stops advertising to save money is like a man who stops the clock to save time."
—Henry Ford

Does advertising work? ...
... It just did!

The Paperboy Lessons still resonate

Martin Luther King Junior's birthday is Friday. His holiday is Monday. I wonder, what would MLK think of us as Americans today? Would he be proud or ashamed?

Throughout my life I have listened to people opine about King. I've heard positives and I've also heard people tear him down. Of all of King's special traits, I guess my favorite was his constancy. Despite facing unimaginable hate, King always rose above. His message was love. And his message should be examined by us all ... as Americans and as humans.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

In our country today, we are divided. We're divided every which way. On a local level, it might seem far away. But it does resonate across the country.

In honor of MLK, I found some quotes of his which make me think about a great many things ... things we should all think about in our society.

A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.

He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.

Whatever your life's work is, do it well. A man should do his job so well that the living, the dead, and the unborn could do it no better.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is an almost universal quest for easy answers and halfbaked solutions.

Nothing pains some people more than having to think.

We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now.

Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon,

NFPA provides tips on home fires

Special to The News-Courier

The National Fire Protection Association reminds homeowners about how the improper use of such equipment like portable or stationary space heaters, wood burning stoves and fireplaces can be incredibly dangerous, and their misuse is a leading cause of U.S. home fire deaths.

The NFPA also warns there is an increase risk of carbon monoxide poisoning during the winter, suggesting COalarms.

To ensure a safe and cozy winter this year, NFPA offers some easy tips to follow:

Use your oven to cook food only. Never use it to heat your home.

Hire a qualified professional to clean and inspect heating equipment and chimneys every year.

Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

Place a sturdy screen in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks from flying into the room, and burn only dry, seasoned wood. Allow ashes to cool before disposing them in a metal container, and ensure that they are kept a safe distance from the home.

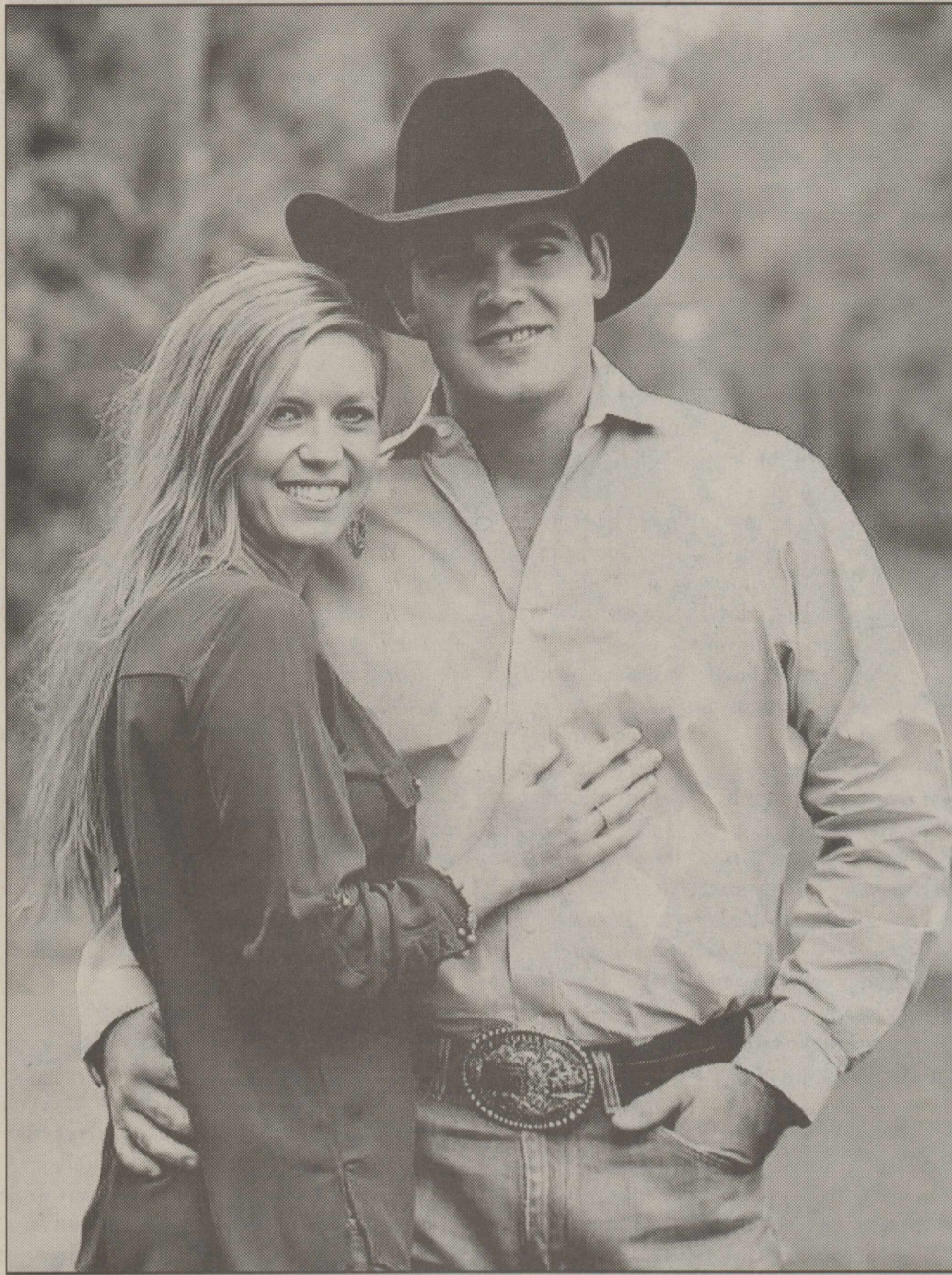
If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open.

Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

During and after a snowstorm make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

Test smoke alarms and CO alarms monthly. Properly maintained alarms can save lives in the event of a fire.

Rowan, Pillow announce engagement



Keith and Jane Rowan of O'Brien announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son Kiel Rowan to Jessica Pillow of Elgin, OK. An April 2016 wedding is planned.

The groom to be is the grandson of June Locknane and the late Eugene Locknane of Clovis, NM, and the late Ivan and Cleo Rowan of O'Brien. He is a 2012 graduate of Tarleton State University and currently

employed by Rattan public schools in Rattan, OK.

The bride to be is the daughter of Bobby and Shari Pillow of Rattan, OK. She is the granddaughter of Jack Stuckey and the late Linda Stuckey, and late Weldon and Jackye Cox all of Lawton, OK. Jessica is a 2013 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma with a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Single Lambs looking for romance could find Cupid especially accommodating this week. Paired partners also find their relationships benefiting from the chubby cherub's attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep your keen Bull's eye focused on your target, and shake off any attempt to turn your attention elsewhere. You should get some news later in the week that might answer some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your early enthusiasm for a project might have been somewhat premature. Although you feel positive about it, you might need more information in order to make an informed decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking on a new responsibility might seem like the politically correct thing to do. But even with the promise of support, was it the wisest? Consider reassessing your upcoming decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Apply yourself to completing your task despite all the distractions that might be interfering with your work. Then reward yourself with a weekend of fun shared with people who are close to you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A business agreement from the past might need to be looked at again. Use this unexpected development to check out other matters related to it. A weekend venture proves to be rewarding.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't ignore that uneasy feeling about making a commitment. It could be a case of understandably cold feet, or a warning that something isn't as right as it should be.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A colleague could be more supporting of one of your efforts. But it's up to you to make the case for it, and that could mean opening up a secret or two, which might be a problem for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect some good news about a relative you've been worried about. But don't expect the full story to be told — at least not yet. A workplace matter might face shifting priorities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Despite some anxious moments, you could have good reason to be pleased with how things are turning out. An end-of-the-week call might hold some interesting information.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A long-overdue expression of appreciation could be offered soon. But admit it: You never really expected it would happen, right? Meanwhile, keep your weekend options open.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to dive right into a new challenge, whether it's learning a computer app, or how to drive a stick shift, or making a new friend. Whatever it is, good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You see the wisdom in honesty, and you help others appreciate your vision.

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Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

I got an email from my good friend Jennifer in our Childress office letting me know that it is national soup month. I'm so glad that she did, because I did not know this. I know you all find that shocking, but I didn't. Thanks to Jennifer, now we know. I love Jennifer, she has helped me so much since I started working for the paper. She makes my job so much easier, because contrary to popular belief I don't just write this recipe column, I have other responsibilities. But back to the subject at hand, soup recipes, of course that's what you'll be seeing this month, so I hope you enjoy the ones I choose. I think you will, so many of them will be done in the crock pot, my favorite kitchen appliance, so easy.

Crock Pot White Chicken Chili

2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breasts, Cut in half lengthwise then sliced crosswise
4 medium cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 (15 oz.) can great northern beans, drained, rinsed
½ cup chicken broth
Cilantro if desired

1 large onion, chopped
1 large red bell pepper, chopped
1 (15 oz.) can whole kernel corn
2 jars (8 oz. each) green taco sauce
½ teaspoon salt

Spray crock pot with cooking spray. In pot, mix all ingredients. Cover; cook on low heat setting six to seven hours. Stir well and garnish with cilantro if desired.

Crock Pot Tomato Rotini Soup

4 cups chicken broth
1 tbs. dried basil leaves
½ tsp. dried oregano leaves
2 medium carrots, sliced
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 ½ cups uncooked rotini pasta

4 cups tomato juice
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained
shredded parmesan cheese, optional

Mix all ingredients except pasta and cheese in crock pot. Cover and cook on low setting for eight to nine hours. Stir in pasta. Increase heat to high. Cover and cook 15 to 20 additional minutes until pasta is tender. Sprinkle each serving with parmesan cheese.

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.

The 501 Symbiosis on the farm

Symbiotic is a trendy word that give us hope. It suggests we can all get along if we work together, different creatures playing different roles, each making up for something lacking in the other. It's the stuff of idealism.

When I think of symbiotic relationships, cows and white cowbirds come to mind. What cow wouldn't want one on its back, eating ticks and stuff? (Personally, I've never seen a tick on a cow, but those birds

are finding something to eat. The Internet says it's ticks; I have my doubts.)

Yes, I grew up on the farm seeing symbiotic relationships in action, learning about the birds and also the bees firsthand. The bees take nectar; the flowers get pollinated. Humans get the honey. Here's to three-way symbiosis. That's not to mention the beneficial effects of bees on cotton and watermelons.

Not that I heard the word "symbiotic" or other words relating to symbiosis till I was off the farm and the Symbionese Liberation Army kidnapped Patty Hearst. If you don't remember that event, you weren't paying attention in the 1970s.

Symbionese? I wondered if there was a country and people I didn't know about, real or mythical. Symbia? Symbio? I couldn't look it up. There was no Internet. If I'd read all the news stories then, I might have learned the name referred to the phenomenon of symbiosis. The Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) soldiers were idealists, if nothing else.

You never hear the word symbionese now, capitalized or not. I think it's because the SLA made it up. Also, my Internet research indicates most of them are dead. That fact would make me feel old, except they seem mostly to have died in police shootouts, which makes me feel lucky.

There's not even a symbionese Liberation Army website, which makes me want to register that domain name in case the SLA ever reorganizes itself and needs it. I'd hold the name ransom. Someone should.

Meanwhile, thinking about violent tactics in the name of symbiosis makes me think about our latest strategy in the battle against rats at the farm:

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Could be our mechanic is tired of dealing with rat droppings.

Anyway, we're going to take two or three of his outdoor cats and turn them lose on our rats and see what happens.

I'm going to call our feline force the Symbionese Liberation Army. Maybe they'll put some shine on that tarnished name. Enough dead rats, and I'll get them their own website.

As for Facebook, an SLA page already exists. It's got only 23 "likes." What that page needs is a takeover by cats and some dead rat pictures.

Stranger things have happened.

Transportation grants up for grabs

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation has announced that \$275,000 in state grant money is up for grabs as part of a program designed to improve mobility for seniors

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Jiminez named grand champion

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KNOX CITY – Lexi Jiminez claimed grand champion honors for market steers in the Knox City Project Livestock Show here last week.

Reylee Ledesma took reserve champion while Mathew Jimenez and Skylin Ledesma followed in third and fourth.

For market goats, Brylee White was recognized as the grand champion and Brody White as reserve champion.

Market Sheep

Class 1: Dorpor: Elissa Hacker, Shawn Hacker

Class 2: Medium Wool: Debra Hacker, Elissa Hacker

Market Swine

Class 1: Chester: John Cross Utley, Emilee Maynard

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Class 8: Cross Light: Skylin Ledesma, Austin Hacker

Class 9: Cross Heavy: Addyson Evans, Maeley Evans

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"I want to congratulate all the students on a job well done," said Jason Evans, the FFA teacher. "Their hard work has really paid off because the quality of the projects is tremendous this year."

Sponsors of the show were Aig Ag, Citizens Bank and O'Brien Coop Gin.



Jordyn Eaton scores against Patton Springs

Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Houndettes fall to Spur, 61-50

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Knox City Houndettes suffered a 61-50 setback at the hands of Spur on Monday night, falling to 1-2 in District 7-1A.

After falling behind 21-8 after the first quarter, the Houndettes clawed back and trailed only 29-28 at half-time.

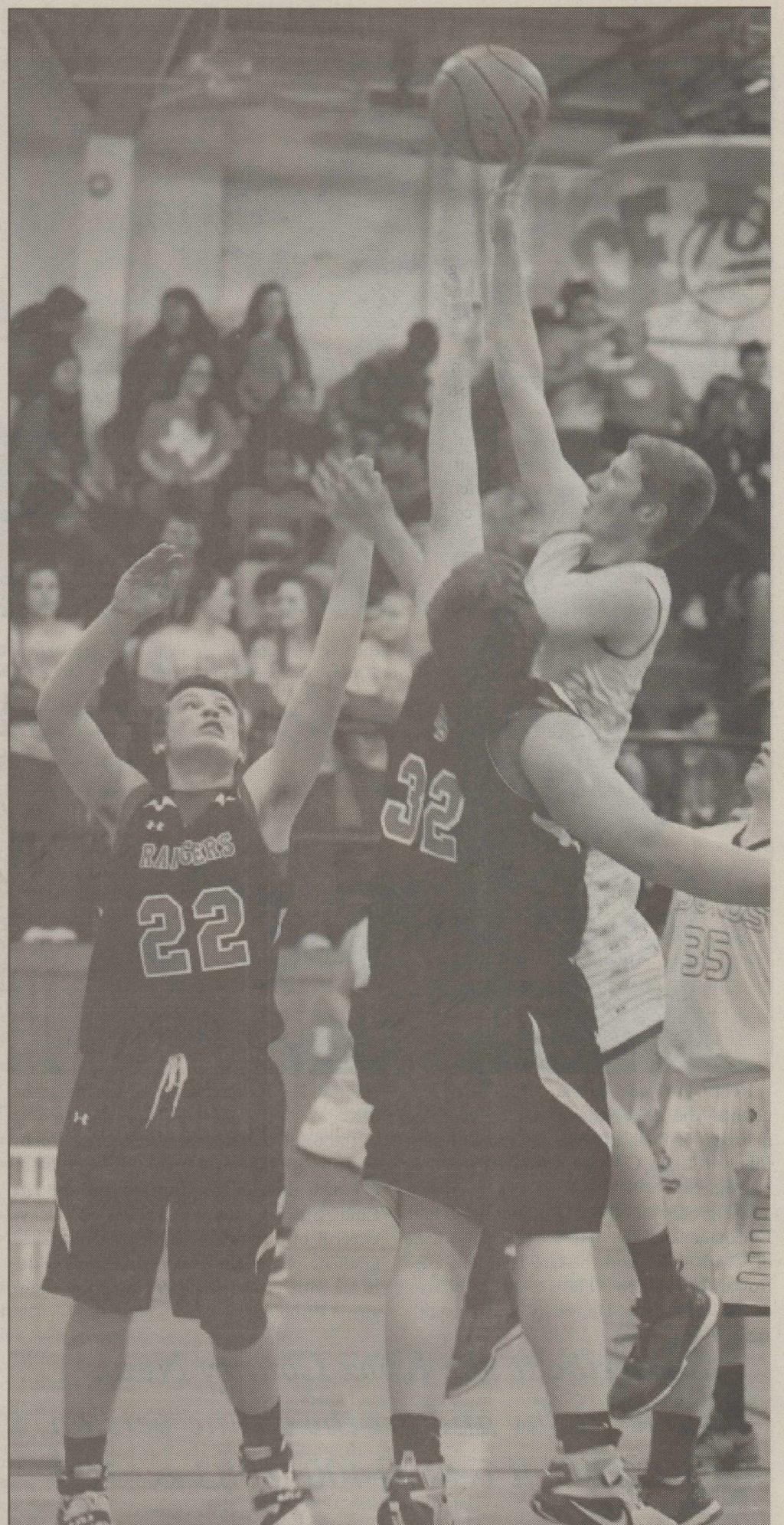
"A bad third quarter had us down 11, but again we came back and cut it to six before having to foul and falling short," said Coach Dylan Ballard. "If we don't start the game off sluggish, I think the game might

have been in our favor. They didn't have a match for us on the inside.

Kaylie Steele had 20 points and 15 rebounds to pace the Houndettes.

Knox City scored a 50-45 win over Patton Springs last Friday night as Steele had 14 points and 10 rebounds while Brooke Jones added 13 points.

"We were able to bounce back after a poor shooting performance on Tuesday," said Ballard. "Patton Springs is much improved from last year and gave us a run for our money. We came out sluggish in the third quarter, but bounced back and recovered well."



Ryan Heard connects against Patton Springs

Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Greyhounds move up to 17th

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Knox City Greyhounds moved up to 17th in the Class 1A state basketball rankings with a 16-4 record last week.

Results of Monday's game with Spur were

not available at press time.

Earlier, the Greyhounds cruised to a 75-28 victory over Patton Springs to improve to 2-0 in District 7-1A play as nine players got into the scoring act. Elias Nevarez led the scoring with 13 points while Skylar Neill and Brady Hawkins each added 10 points.

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Mogulettes set pace in 8-1A

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – The Munday Mogulettes scored a 37-30 victory Tuesday night over the Crowell Lady Cats, considered their chief rivals in their bid to repeat as District 8-1A basketball champions.

“Any time you win on the road in district, it’s a great accomplishment,” said Coach Cory Stephenson.

The game was close for the first three quarters with Munday enjoying narrow 10-9, 21-20 and 31-28 leads.

“We stayed patient running our offense in the fourth quarter and played some good defense,” Stephenson added, pointing out that the Lady Cats could score only a pair of free throws in that final period.

Kimberly Shahan and Charity Hunter led the Mogulettes with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Earlier, the Mogulettes had opened 8-1A play with a convincing 37-13 victory over Harrold as Shahan led the way with 12 points.

Crowell scored earlier wins over Harrold and Northside. In other district games Tuesday, Northside defeated Chillothe, 39-29 and Harrold beat Benjamin.

A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto
The Athlete of the Year

For whatever reason, there seemed to be a lot of fuss -- more than usual, at least -- made over one question: Who was the athlete of the year?

Most people, I’m guessing, didn’t even know that there are still organizations that actually care enough to sit down and decide such things (in smoke-filled rooms, natch), but apparently there are. And depending on which source you hold most dear, you heard several different answers: The Associated Press chose Serena Williams; Sports Illustrated chose Stephen Curry; and the BBC made waves across the ocean for not choosing the new heavyweight champion of the world, Tyson Fury. (Fury, who may have the coolest name in boxing history, might have won in the worst fight in history, and he may have possibly given the worst post-fight performance in history ... singing Aerosmith and offending everyone else with his mouth.)

Golfer Jordan Spieth tripped off the tongues of more than a few pundits as well.

And then, of course, there were the curiosities. According to Google, the most searched-for term in 2015 was Lamar Odom, but chances are, the teeming masses weren’t interested in the retired basketball player’s lifetime stats. Caitlyn Jenner made it onto a bunch of lists, but I’m not quite sure how that relates to the world of sports other than an interesting asterisk for the record books.

And poor Holly Holm. She superkicked the people’s champion to the face to become the undisputed bantamweight champion of the UFC world, and all anybody wants to talk about is the girl

she beat. I have to admit, count me among those who had their heart shattered along with Rhonda Rousey’s face. I was one of those holdouts when it came to mixed martial arts. In the beginning I bought the fight, and all I remember was the sumo wrestler getting his teeth blasted into the front row in the first fight, and then everyone else just rolling around the floor for a few hours.

After that, I stubbornly clung to boxing until I realized the “sweet science” wasn’t all that sweet anymore. How thrilling is it to watch Floyd Mayweather hold his hands up and shake his head “no” and make a few hundred million dollars for the pleasure? Rousey only worked about two rounds in her three fights combined, but she reintroduced the sport to the world. Nobody was talking about boxing like they were talking about MMA this year, and she deserves the lion’s share of the credit.

But in the end, it wasn’t a lion that mattered most. Serena didn’t win the Grand Slam, Rousey didn’t beat Holm, and Spieth, as amazing as he was, didn’t win them all either. So who was the athlete of the year? The horse, of course!

Why does everyone have such a hard time saying it? Was it because they misspelled the horse’s name? American Pharoah -- that’s your athlete of the year. It’s not a slam on any athlete to lose to an animal, in this case an incredibly beautiful one from New Jersey that glided to the Triple Crown, drawing crowds that rivaled presidential campaigns and rock concerts. In 2015, that horse, as briefly as he was around, was truly a sight to see.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey.

Six selected to all-region band

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – Six members of the Munday High Purple Cloud band were selected to the TMEA Region 2 West Zone Junior High Band while two others were named alternates.

Bryanne Cude was named a first chair in bass clarinet, Ryleigh Waters a fourth chair tenor sax, Isabella Nunez a fourth chair alto sax,

Evan Hunter an eighth chair trumpet, Madelyn Mendoza a 15th chair clarinet and Rianna Manning a 16th chair clarinet.

Monse Cedillo and Zane Parton were second alternates in clarinet and tuba, respectively.

They will perform a concert on Jan. 30 at Wichita Falls High School with other students from area schools who were also selected.



Courtesy photo
Members of the Purple Cloud band named to the all-region junior high band or as alternates are pictured (l-r) in front row: Bryanne Cude, Evan Hunter, Rianna Manning and Ryleigh Waters. In the back row are: Madelyn Mendoza, Monse Cedillo, Isabella Nunez and Zane Parton.

Munday Moguls

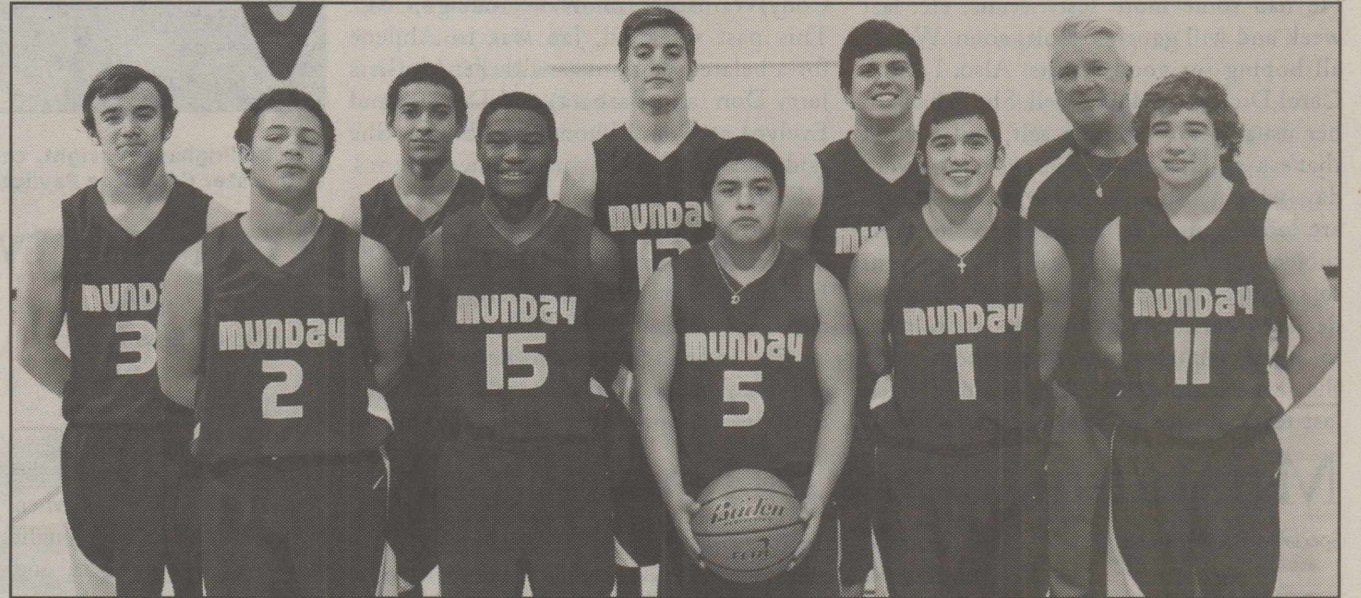


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Munday Moguls varsity basketball team.

Moguls knock off defending champs

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – The Munday Moguls took a big step toward establishing themselves as the team to beat in District 8-1A by going on the road Tuesday night and knocking off the defending champions Crowell Wildcats, 28-26, to open district play.

The Wildcats had scored a pair of early district wins earlier.

“Defensively, we had them on their heels early,” said Coach Greg Clark, pointing to a 10-2 lead after the first quarter. The Moguls never trailed, leading 15-10 at halftime and 25-16 after three periods.

“Beating the defending champions on their home court was a nice win,” Clark added. “We just competed, playing hard for the full 32 minutes.”

Bryan Castorena led the Moguls in

scoring with 10 points, which included three key 3-pointers in the first half.

Clark also felt Dee Hemphill came off the bench and did an excellent job on defense.

Tristen Hayes led the Wildcats with 21 points.

Next up for the Moguls will be a game Friday against the Benjamin Mustangs, 48-29 winners over Harrold on Tuesday.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

News is rather scarce this week—after all the Christmas and New Year's goings on, guess everyone decided home was the place to be for a while. We did have another "cool snap" over the weekend and even woke up to snow on the ground Saturday morning, but it left pretty quickly. It was not very heavy, and although we always need the moisture, I think most folks were glad this wasn't as long lasting as the last one.

News of those on the ailing list this week is encouraging. Pam Duke continues to do well—matter of fact, has been going to the store (Front Porch Quilts) for a while each day and is making that venture fine. Good to have that news. I saw Fred Carver last Friday, and he's still making it fine as well. He had some more tests, scans, etc. last week and will get the results soon. We are all hoping for good results. Also, I think Carol Dickson is doing well. She is back to her usual happy, smiling self; and I think that's a good sign. She is working every day, which also makes me think "things are looking up" for her. And on the same subject, Brenda Correll of Knox City went to see her oncologist last week. She was declared cancer free! She has more tests in April, but she feels good about what they will learn then. Also, James Duke's last tests showed no sign of cancer. He is

Dennis' brother who lives at Throckmorton and has battled this malignancy for quite some time. This news is wonderful and although modern medicine is wonderful, I'm sure all these folks feel like prayers spoken on their behalf have also been a big factor in their progress. Don't stop praying for all of them as well as the rest of us. We all need prayer.

Here 'n there
Jan and Fred Carver had their usual crowd during Christmas. Daughters, Stasia (and Gary) Antilley and their family; Ryan, his wife and children and Callie Laird and Ryder of Wingate; Tammy (and Mike) Lyles and their family; Tyler and Kelly Collins of Lubbock; Jacy Jara, Talon and Lexie Collins of Munday; Cassie (and Cody) Wainscott of New Raleigh, NC. This past weekend, Jan was in Abilene for a belated Christmas with her brothers Jerry Don (and Barbara) and Dennis (and Evelyn) at Dennis' home in Abilene. She said they had a good time as always.

Latest word from Munday Nursing Center is that our locals who are now residing over there are doing fine. Dean Lamb, Earlene Meinzer, Jessie Roberts, and Weldon Gideon all are OK. They love for folks to drop in for a visit when they can. There are many other friends there as well, and they always appreciate visitors stopping by.

Mustangs open 8-1A with win

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN – The Benjamin Mustangs opened District 8-1A play here Tuesday night, scoring a 46-29 victory over Harrold.

The Mustangs led 9-6, 14-10 and 23-17 after the first three periods, but pulled away with a 23-point surge in the final quarter.

Lincoln Strickland and Jus-

tin Rainwater led the scoring with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

"We worked on our zone offense in practice this last week, and it really paid off tonight," said Coach Jacob Navarro. "We've got to improve our free throw percentage (11-20), but I was proud of our boys' performance. They competed and this was the step in the right direction."

The Mustangs, now 5-10 for the season, travel to Munday Friday night as they continue their efforts to make the playoffs in basketball just as they did in football last fall.

Lady Stangs 0-2

BENJAMIN – The Benjamin Lady Stangs didn't get off to a good start in District 8-1A, dropping games to Chillicothe and Benjamin.

Celebrating 90th birthday



Courtesy photo
U.J. Bellinghausen, right, celebrated his 90th birthday earlier this month. He is shown with sister Catherine Pavlicek and brother Charlie.

Food safety concerns during outage

By Trisha Gedon

Special to The News-Courier

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma and North Texas were recently impacted by severe winter weather when winter storm Goliath brought heavy winds, snow, ice and freezing temperatures to the region, creating extensive power outages for thousands of residents.

Living in Oklahoma and Texas, dealing with the aftermath of storms like this is part of life.

For those neighborhoods that are without electrical power, food safety should be of concern, said Barbara Brown, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension food specialist.

"Without electricity or a cold source, foods stored in refrigerators or freezers can become unsafe.

"When perishable foods reach temperatures between 40 degrees Fahrenheit and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, it provides the perfect environment for bacteria to grow," Brown said. "People who eat this food after it's left in the danger zone two hours or longer can become extremely

ill." A good way to know the temperature of foods is to keep an appliance thermometer in both the refrigerator and the freezer. In the event of a power outage, consumers will know if the temperature in the refrigerator or freezer drops below a safe level after a few hours.

A full freezer will usually keep food frozen for 48 hours.

If it is only half full it will keep the food for 24 hours. Refrigerator freezing compartments generally do not keep food frozen that long.

"If your freezer is not full when the power fails, quickly group packages of food together so they can help keep each other cold," she said. "When you do that, be sure to separate meat and poultry so they are below other foods. That way, if they begin to thaw, their juices won't drip onto ready-to-eat foods."

Brown recommends keeping your freezer full to maximize storage. If you have empty space in the freezer, fill clean juice bottles or milk containers with water and store them in the freezer. These blocks of ice can buy a person several extra hours of

cold storage in the event of a power outage.

"These containers can be kept in the freezer to help keep foods frozen, or in an ice chest to keep cold foods within a safe temperature range," she said. "Freezer or gel packs also are good to keep on hand and used in coolers, as well.

"In an effort to retain as much cold air in the refrigerator and freezer as possible, keep the doors closed. Foods can keep safely for about four hours if the refrigerator door is kept closed."

Discard refrigerated perishables such as meat, poultry, fish, soft cheese, milk, eggs, leftovers and deli items after four hours without power. Frozen items that still contain ice crystals or are at 40 degrees Fahrenheit can safely be refrozen.

"It's much better to be safe than sorry when it comes to salvaging food items following a weather emergency," Brown said. "In most cases, the power is usually restored within a few hours. However, if the outage lasts several days, be prepared to toss everything. The best rule of thumb is, 'when in doubt, throw it out.'"

Pet Talk

By Callie Rainosek
Texas A&M CVM

The holiday season has ended, meaning most families are returning from their travels. For some people, pets are a part of the celebration and are included in travel plans.

While some pets are easy travel companions, others are better left at home in the care of a trusted friend or neighbor. Even if visiting your veterinarian is the most you travel with your pet, every owner should understand pet transportation safety.

When making travel decisions, it is important to consider your pet's behavior, health and daily needs. For example, if your destination will not allow you to spend time with Fido and include his daily exercise, then it is best he stay at home. As a general rule, most cats are more comfortable in their home environment and should probably stay home during family trips.

Taking your pet to the veterinarian for a quick check up will also help you decide if your pet is healthy enough for travel, especially if your pet will be traveling by airline.

Your pet's behavior is also a deciding factor in allowing them to travel. For instance, a playful and energetic puppy may not appreciate riding in a kennel for several hours.

Traveling by car is the most common way to transport pets, but many owners do not know the safest way to allow furry friends to ride in the car.

Dr. James Barr, clinical assistant professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explained the best way to transport your pet by car.

"The best way to transport pets in a car is to restrain them in some way," he said. "If you have a small dog or cat, then they should be placed in a pet carrier. They will be safer and less likely to climb in your lap and interfere with driving. Although this may not be feasible in larger dogs, there are a number of seat belt devices that can be used for dogs to limit their mobility in the car."

In addition, it is also recommended to keep pets in the back seat to prevent them from being a distraction from the road. You may also consider inviting a friend or family member along to help watch the pets. On long road trips, this will allow you the opportunity to buy snacks or refuel while your pets are under the supervision of your friend.

It is common for pet owners to allow their dog to put their head outside the window, but the reality is that this can be dangerous. Although Fido may enjoy the fresh air, he can potentially be injured by debris.

"There are a couple of problems that arise when a dog has his head outside of a moving car window. The first is the possibility that something could hit them at high speed, such as bugs, sticks or other debris. This is especially problematic for the dog's eyes," he said. "The next problem is with

the possibility that the pet could jump out of the window and severely injure themselves."

In addition to these safety tips, it is also important to never leave your pet unattended in the car. Having a friend with you to help watch the pets while traveling will solve most dangers associated with leaving pets alone.

Although some veterinarians may not recommend allowing your pet to travel by airline, it is not impossible.

"The most important thing when it comes to airline transport is to ensure your pet is healthy enough to make the trip," Barr said. "Airlines generally require that you have a veterinarian sign a health certificate to prove your pet is healthy enough for travel. If the pet is to ride in the cabin, then it will need to be calm enough to be carried through security. In the baggage area, your pet may get hot or cold, so the health of the pet needs to be good to enable them to withstand that."

No matter the occasion, knowing how to safely travel with your pet is a must. Whether you're traveling by car or airline, it is important to first consider the health and safety of your pet.

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Last chance CEU program Feb. 9-10 Mac's Views

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The 15 total hours must be in laws and regulations (2 hrs), IPM or integrated pest management (2 hrs) and

any mix of general hours.

Commercial and non-Commercial license applicators must obtain five credits every year to renew their license.

Those with pesticide applicator license will have the opportunity to obtain five CEU hours by attending the "Last Chance CEU Program" here at the Knox County Extension Office.

Session One will be from 9 a.m. until noon on Feb. 9 and will offer 1.5

laws and regulations and .5 general and 1 IPM credit hour (total 3 credit hours). Session Two will be held on Feb. 10 from 9-11 a.m. and offer 1 hour IPM and 1 hour general (total 2 credit hours). Cost to attend one or both days is \$20.

Please contact the Knox County Extension office ASAP to pre-register as space is limited by calling 940-459-2651.

Beware of unsolicited phone calls

As we start out the new year, everyone needs to be on the alert when we get unsolicited phone calls from scam artists wanting to add you to their growing lists of victims.

The AARP has started training volunteers to help its members protect themselves by making presentations, providing tips on the ploys con artists use, and I thought I might just do the same.



JAMES M. CAFE

According to the AARP, the number one reported fraud right now is the one where someone claiming to be from the IRS phones or leaves a message saying you owe back taxes and threatening legal action. Or they could say you have a refund, but need to verify personal information.

Do not return these type calls as the IRS only communicates with taxpayers through the U.S. postal service.

Another consumer scam is the one involving unsolicited calls from someone claiming to be with Microsoft or Windows tech support, saying viruses have been detected on your computer. You are told to call a certain website and follow instructions to protect your data. A dummy screen may show viruses being eliminated, but in reality malware is being installed to steal your usernames and passwords.

Microsoft doesn't make unsolicited phone calls either, so just hang up if this happens.

In addition, don't click links in unsolicited emails or in pop-up ads promising to speed up your computer. The same thing could happen.

Microsoft recommends downloading Windows 10 as it has a lot of security features. So do other software programs.

While the new "chip" credit cards being issued are almost impossible to counterfeit, don't ever fall victim to con artists who call wanting your personal or financial information. Banks or credit card companies do not need to make such calls as they already have that information.

Ag conference set Tuesday

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HASKELL – The Rolling Plains Ag Conference, presented by the Texas A&M Agriculture Extension Service offices in Knox, Jones and Haskell counties, is scheduled here Tuesday at the

Haskell Civic Center.

The program will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and conclude shortly after 4 p.m. There will be a \$20 registration fee, which includes lunch.

Attendees can earn five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – one integrated pest management, one drift, one laws and regulations, and two general.

Cotton will be the chief topic of the speakers.

One Man's Opinion

No one will take your gun away

By Kent Mahoney
The Post Dispatch

With all the talk about gun control, let me start by saying this: "NO ONE is trying to take away your guns!" And it is ridiculous to think so.

If you think someone is attempting to physically take away a gun you legally own, please call your sheriff and let him know.

C'mon folks! This gun control issue is really getting out of hand. There is

a stark difference between regulation and removal. No one is going to do away with or CAN do away with the Second Amendment.

I really hate to bust open Freshman History 101, but it's nearly impossible to change the constitution.

I mean it makes for great campaign rhetoric and all, but no one is actually going to succeed.

Let me briefly remind you that it takes both sides of Congress to agree on the language. (And to be quite

frank about that possibility, they can't decide on what take-out meal they want on Monday night.) Then it takes two-thirds of the states to ratify the amendment. That's 34 states. Can you think of even 34 people, much less 34 states, who want to change the Second Amendment?

And with open carry the new rage, I promise you this, if I see anyone walk into a restaurant or a place of business in Post with anything more than a side-arm strapped to their hip, I will snap your picture and plaster you across the front page of the paper.

In the infamous words of Robert Conrad in the 1970s commercial, "Go ahead, knock this battery off my shoulder."

As a sidebar to all of this, there is a list circulating the web about businesses that will not allow customers into their businesses with a loaded weapon. More than a third of those businesses on the list involve alcohol sales. It is strictly forbidden by law, open or concealed,

to enter those businesses with a weapon.

What is all the yelling about boycotting these businesses? This is what makes me go ballistic about this subject. Someone pitches a fit about not being able to walk into a bar and grill, armed to the teeth, to watch the Cowboys lose on Monday Night Football (sorry, couldn't resist) and wants to boycott the place. Listen, you have NEVER been able to do that, EVER. And the second problem is that people who do not educate themselves on these issues yell just as loud.

Listen to me folks.

This is what the "www" is all about. It is this vast, instantaneous encyclopedia chalked full of all sorts of information just for the taking. Now, I will caution you to create a list of "reputable" sites. You just can't trust the first site on the list of possible responses to your question. Knowledge is a terrible thing to waste. Arm yourself with knowledge and the facts, and then have an intelligent conversation about this or any other topic of your choice.

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