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Frankie Epley of Rochester has been named as the new postmaster at the Munday Post Office. She previously served in a similar capacity in Benjamin, Guthrie and O'Brien. "We're here to serve the residents of Munday," she said.

Artic rainfall tied to Permafrost

Special to The News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION – Whether the vast Arctic will retain its icy past or might instead become a dry landscape could hinge on something of an obscure nature – permafrost – according to a new study that includes a Texas A&M University researcher.

Oliver W. Frauenfeld, assistant professor in the Department of Geography at Texas A&M, and colleague Trent Ford of Southern Illinois University have had their work published in the current issue of *Scientific Reports*.

The researchers believe permafrost might be the hidden wild card that could determine the fate of Arctic regions.

Permafrost is permanently frozen soil found mainly in the polar regions. It occurs in areas in which the summer warmth fails to penetrate the ground enough to thaw out the soil.

As a result of climate change, many areas of permafrost are at risk of thawing. Permafrost is a major subsurface feature across the polar regions, and has been shown to impact moisture availability for groundwater and discharge.

The researchers analyzed numerous data sources in high-latitude areas and found that permafrost conditions are directly tied to Arctic precipitation.

They examined land and atmospheric data from 1979 to 2012 to determine patterns and trends in permafrost conditions across Eurasian high-latitude areas.

"We were able to establish a direct relationship between permafrost and summer rainfall in the Eurasian Arctic," Frauenfeld explains. "Humidity, convection and rainfall have all been increasing in areas where there is continuous permafrost, but decreasing in areas where there is only patchy or no permafrost."

Late Scores

Boys

Benjamin 65, Chillicothe 33
Munday 70, Harrold 39

Supt. Baty's contract extended

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees conducted their annual evaluation of Supt. Louis Baty and extended his contract for an additional year to include the 2018-19 school year during their regular monthly meeting.

The board also contracted with James E. Rodgers and Company to conduct the annual financial audit for the 2015-16 school year and called a board of trustee election for May 7 for the purpose of electing two board members.

Baty reported the district was highly represented in the recent county stock show with 41 of the 51 exhibitors being students of the Knox City-O'Brien CISD.

He also noted many of the school employees were there supporting the students.

Baty also informed the board he would be working with the Texas Association of School Boards facility services department to update the district's asbestos management plan.

In a special called meeting earlier in the month, the board accepted the bid from Cross Development LLC. for some vacant lots owned by the district and allotted their 321 votes for the directors to the Haskell County Appraisal District to Susan Turner.



LOUIS BATY

Wet conditions will continue to May

By Robert Burns
COLLEGE STATION

– A further strengthening

of the current El Niño will likely mean wetter-than-normal conditions continue into spring, according to Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist and Regents

Professor at Texas A&M University, College Station.

"There's the possibility that this El Niño, although it's already pretty strong, is actually going to strengthen a bit

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Hounds, Houndettes win big



Skylar Neil and Brooke Jones score points in Knox City's convincing wins over Motley County last week



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Moguls, Mogulettes set pace



Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier

Day'veon Dockins goes in for a layup in Munday's win over Northside that kept the Moguls in first place in District 8-1A. Charity Hunter connects for two points as Mogulettes also keep lead in 8-1A.

Knox Notes

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

Motivational speaker

MUNDAY – Tyson Dever of Austin, a motivational speaker paralyzed from the waist down, will speak at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the MHS Auditorium. It is open to the public. He will also make presentations at the schools that day.

Museum fundraiser

BENJAMIN – The Wichita Brazos Museum's annual fundraiser meal is scheduled Feb. 14 here at the Benjamin Memorial Building. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m. The meal will consist of ham, turkey, sausage, potato salad, cole slaw, pinto beans and a variety of homemade pies. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. As usual, there will be a silent auction, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and closing at 1:30 p.m. In addition, there will be many door prizes given away.

KC chamber dinner

KNOX CITY – The Knox City Chamber of Commerce dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Knox City Community Center. The citizen of the year will be announced at the dinner.

5th Sunday singing

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

Predator contest set

MUNDAY – Hoof and Horns Taxidermy has scheduled a predator hunting contest Feb. 27-28. The entry fee will be \$150 per team (maximum four hunters). Feb. 19 will be deadline for entering by mail at 411 Main, Munday 76371. Registration will be held at the store between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 27. C

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Knox County Aging Center Menus

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Menus for week of Feb. 1-5

Monday: Salisbury steak, yams, English peas, bread, cookies

Tuesday: Beef stew, cornbread, salad, cake

Wednesday: Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, chocolate pudding

Thursday: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, salad, peach crisp

Friday: Hot dogs, potato salad, pork & beans, pears

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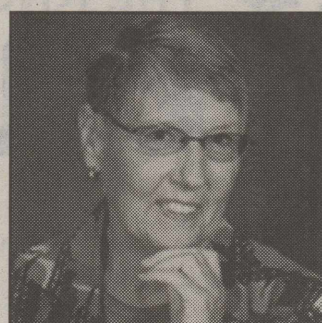
Obituaries

Kaye McIntosh

Kaye McIntosh, 74, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 in Las Cruces. Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life Dec. 29 at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews, Interment followed at the Clearfork Cemetery in Lueders. Please celebrate her life by visiting www.mcnettfuneralhome.com.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1941 in Munday to William Raymond Holcomb and Leona Morrow Holcomb. She was raised in Munday, attended school here and graduated from Munday High School in 1959.

She married George Autrey McIntosh on March 29, 1964 in Munday. They moved to Andrews in 1978 from San Antonio. She worked as a secretary for Arco and



KAYE MCINTOSH

RNT Trucking in Andrews for many years. While in Andrews, she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Andrews Bass Club, Andrews Sheriff's Posse, Andrews Senior Citizen Center, and the First Baptist Church. She moved to Las Cruces in 2009 to be near her daughter.

While in Las Cruces, she continued to be involved in DAR, was a member of the

Senior Circle Mountain View Medical Center, Las Cruces Genealogy Club, and the First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 1, 2003; her parents; her brother James Holcomb in 2015; and her brother in law, Bill Morris in 2015.

She is survived by her daughter Michelle Garcia and husband Johnny of Las Cruces; her twin sister, Raye Morris of Fort Worth; and 4 grandchildren, Breigh-Anna, Amanda, Brandon and Jordan.

Memorials may be sent to the Clearfork Cemetery Association, Box 276, Lueders, Texas 79533 or the American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org> / or the National Kidney Foundation at <https://www.kidney.org/>

Opinion

Government shouldn't create business entities with the private sector

By Nathan Mehrens

Should a city buy concrete trucks and start its own construction company if it doesn't like the demographic makeup of the employees of the construction companies that could do work on city construction projects? Most people with any experience around government operations would scoff at the notion, yet last year, Akron, Ohio considered doing exactly that.

This is just one of many examples the Business Coalition for Fair Competition recently put together of the government either directly or through the creation of new entities engaging in commercial activities that are designed to compete with the private sector.

In these instances of gov-

ernment competition with private enterprise, taxpayer funds help provide subsidies to the commercial activities that in many instances would not be available to real businesses. These subsidies may range from taxpayer funded staff support to preferences in obtaining business from the government. This is not the way to ensure cost effective governance. These are also activities that the government has no business engaging in at all. Governmental control of the means of production, is, after all, the literal definition of socialism.

Unfortunately, like a lot of governmental activities, the inertia is in the direction of continuing to enlarge the size and scope of what the gov-

ernment does in the area of commercial activities.

Not content with everything that the government is doing, there is in some circles a demand for yet more government programs and entities in the commercial activities sphere. For example, consider that at least one presidential candidate wants to put private pharmaceutical companies "out of business."

Even trying to determine how big the issue currently is causes headaches.

We live in an era where the bounds of the government have been stretched to the point where it is sometimes difficult to tell where the government ends and the private

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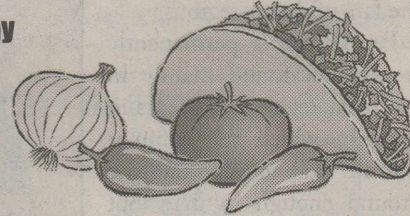
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Don't drive if drinking on Super Bowl day

Special to The News-Courier

The Super Bowl is America's most watched national sporting event. On Super Bowl 50 Sunday, Feb. 7, 2 there will be lots of game day socializing that may include drinking. That's why the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program is urging football fans to call the play now: Drinking OR driving. If you plan on drinking on Super Bowl Sunday, designate a sober driver to get you home safely.

"Drunk driving is completely preventable," said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent Lorrie Coop, CEA-FCS, Knox County. "All it takes is a little planning. We want fans to remember that it's a choice — drink or drive, but never do both."

Law enforcement agencies will be out in large numbers to stop anyone who makes the dangerous decision to drive impaired.

The Watch UR BAC program advises that if you're attending a Super Bowl party or watching the game at a sports bar or restaurant:

Designate your sober driver, or plan another way to get home safely before the party begins.

If you don't have a designated driver, then ask a sober friend for a ride home, or call a cab, friend or relative to come and get you.

If you are at a friend's house, stay the night. Never let friends drive if they have had too much to drink. If you're hosting a Super Bowl party:

Make sure all your guests have a non-driving driver to take them home, or arrange for alternate transportation to see that they get home safely.

Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic drinks at the party.

Host your party just like they do at the stadium. Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third

quarter of the game, and begin serving coffee and dessert.

Take the keys away from anyone who has had too much to drink.

Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in a drunk-driving crash.

The 501 Be like the Zephyr

"Streamline your Life: One Mess at a Time."

That magazine cover teaser hooked me.

When I was a child a passenger train ran through our town — the sleek silver Zephyr, epitome of all things streamlined. No wonder I've always loved the word "streamline." And trains.

My subconscious whispered I could be like the beautiful powerful Zephyr if I'd buy the magazine. The word "mess" also called my name. Did it mean I'd learn to deal with life's messes the way a shiny train zips

along through the worst part of every town on its route? Give life to a train (it happens), and you can imagine the serpentine creature ignoring ugliness left and right, staying on track, unflustered, maintaining its dignity, intent on arriving at the station with its own magnificent image intact, albeit wearing a little diesel grime as engines idle, their power reined in but undiminished.

At checkout, when an overwhelming metaphor captures your mind, there's no time to think. There's just enough time to buy on impulse. I did.

When I got home and opened the magazine to learn how to transform my life, I found an article titled "12 Things To Throw Away Today." The word "streamline" was nowhere to be found. The subtitle was "Eliminate the useless stuff in your home without losing your motivation — or your mind."

Can the weather affect how you feel? For certain people, the answer is definitely yes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Many people have said they can tell a change in the weather is about to happen because their joints or muscles start to ache," says McRoberts. "This is likely due to a change in the barometric pressure, which often happens before a thunderstorm or in advance of a cold front. Damp weather is often associated with a low pressure system. A decrease in the air pressure decreases the tension in some large blood vessels, meaning they tend to expand. When this happens, it tends to lead to increased discomfort in joints and muscles. Also, we know that very rapid changes in temperature and humidity can make some people say they feel 'stiff and achy.' Many people who have arthritis say their joints are definitely

affected by weather changes. Can any weather change be a health problem? Probably so, he adds. Some people like rainy days, which can bring muscle misery to others and even breathing trouble, and some people may enjoy cool, dry days, which can also bring aches and pains for some people, including increased sniffing. Since it appears almost certain that weather has an affect how we feel, there has been a dramatic increase in interest in the field of biometeorology — the study of how weather affects our bodies. One German study shows that as much as 25 percent of the human population is 'weather sensitive,' meaning weather changes tend to worsen some pre-existing health conditions. Even headaches are being investigated — some researchers say migraine headaches are linked to sudden weather changes."

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I donned a second pair of glasses to sharpen my vision (it works) to see if I was on the wrong page. I wasn't. I'd been duped into buying one more magazine to learn how to declutter my life — not how to be like a train.

I looked up "streamline." The first meaning applies to trains. The second applies to organizational efficiency.

Next I read the article to justify investing in the magazine. I'd share the tips with you, but I don't want to break any copyright laws. They all fall in the public domain of common sense anyway. In short, throw away or give away the stuff you don't need. Duh.

The kicker: I found only 11 tips, and I had to count "toiletries and makeup" as two. Same for "cords and gadgets."

I guess the writer took her own advice and streamlined what she wrote, lopping off a tip. Wonder what it was?

To bring the list to a dozen, here's my tip on how to streamline your life:

Don't collect broken utility poles, even if they do look like they need a new lease on life and are essentially intact. They can clutter up a place. That said, the really long ones can be dragged down an FM road if chained securely to a pickup hitch (easy if you say it fast). They follow nicely and don't even mar the pavement.

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Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter



This is the last week of January, so soup month is coming to a close. I hope you've enjoyed what I have offered up so far. I have not made soup yet this winter, because I have yet to see winter. As far as I'm concerned it has not been cold enough or snowy enough to call it winter. I know that summer will come and I'll still be waiting for winter. But if it does get good and cold any time soon, I will make soup. I have two last soups for you to try. Maybe some of y'all are in the mood for soup. Me? Not so much. But if I was going to make soup, I would definitely try some of the ones from this month. Here's a helpful hint: Instant potatoes help thicken soups and stews.

Crock Pot Italian Meatball Soup

1 bag (16 oz.) frozen cooked Italian meatballs, thawed
1 cup water
1 can (19 oz.) cannellini beans, drained
4 medium cloves garlic, finely chopped
Spray crock pot with cooking spray. In pot, mix all ingredients except cheese. Cover; cook on low heat setting eight to ten hours. Garnish servings with cheese.

Crock Pot Smoked Sausage and Bean Soup

1 lb. small red potatoes, cut into pieces
1 medium onion
2 cans (15 oz. each) navy beans, drained, rinsed
1 tsp. dried thyme leaves
1 lb. fully cooked smoked sausage, cut in 1/4 slices
4 medium carrots, sliced
1 medium celery stalk, sliced
1 carton (32 oz.) chicken broth
1/2 tsp. seasoned salt
2 tbs. chopped fresh parsley
Spray crock pot with cooking spray. In cooker, mix all ingredients except sausage and parsley. Cover and cook on low setting for eight to nine hours. Stir in sausage and parsley. Cover and cook 30 additional minutes.

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.

Mustangs improve to 3-2 in 8-1A

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BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Mustangs improved their hopes of making the playoffs with a 65-36 victory over the Chillicothe Eagles Tuesday night, improving to 3-2 in District 8-1A.

"I was really pleased with how we played, our offense is finally coming together after some growing pains," said Coach Jacob Navarro. "I think we are finally getting it together, it's really starting to click for us. It's something we will have to continue to do if we want to make a run."

The Mustangs led 19-6 after one quarter and extended the lead to 34-16 at halftime and to 30 points after three periods.

Justin Rainwater and Caleb Barrietez led the scoring with 27 and 24 points.

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District Standings

7-1A standings boys

Standings	W	L
Team		
Knox City	5	0
Spur	3	2
Guthrie	3	2
Motley County	2	3
Paducah	2	3
Patton Springs	0	5

Results

Knox City 87, Motley County 40

Schedule

Jan. 26: Paducah at Knox City, Guthrie at Spur, Patton Springs at Motley County

Jan. 29: Knox City at Patton Springs, Paducah at Spur, Motley County at Guthrie

Feb. 2: Paducah at Motley County, Spur at Knox City, Guthrie at Patton Springs

Feb. 5: Knox City at Motley County, Spur at Patton Springs, Paducah at Guthrie

Feb. 9: Guthrie at Knox City, Motley County at Spur, Patton Springs at Paducah

7-1A girls

Standings	W	L
Team		
Spur	5	0
Paducah	4	1
Knox City	3	2
Guthrie	2	3
Motley County	1	4
Patton Springs	0	5

Results

Knox City 60, Motley County 28

Schedule

Jan. 26: Paducah at Knox City, Guthrie at Spur, Patton Springs at Motley County

Jan. 29: Knox City at Patton Springs, Paducah at Spur, Motley County at Guthrie

Feb. 2: Paducah at Motley County, Spur at Knox City, Guthrie at Patton Springs

Feb. 5: Knox City at Motley County, Spur at Patton Springs, Paducah at Guthrie

Feb. 9: Guthrie at Knox City, Motley County at Spur, Patton Springs at Paducah

Houndettes improve to 3-2 in 7-1A



Kaylie Steele scores two and draws a foul against Motley County

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Knox City Houndettes scored a convincing 60-28 victory over Motley County here Friday night to improve to 3-2 in District 7-1A play, good for third place at the halfway point.

The Houndettes jumped off to a 13-4 lead after the first quarter and pulled away to assume commanding 25-10 and 47-18 leads at half-time and entering the final quarter.

“We really came out of the shoot and set the tone on defense early and at halftime we talked about putting them away and stepped it up on defense even more while our offense caught fire as we scored 22 points in the third quarter,” said Coach Dylan Ballard. “Hopefully we can carry this over into the second half of district play which started on Tuesday.”

Brooke Jones led the scoring attack with 23 points while Kaylie Steele added 14 and led in rebounds with 12.

Hounds lead 8-1A by two games

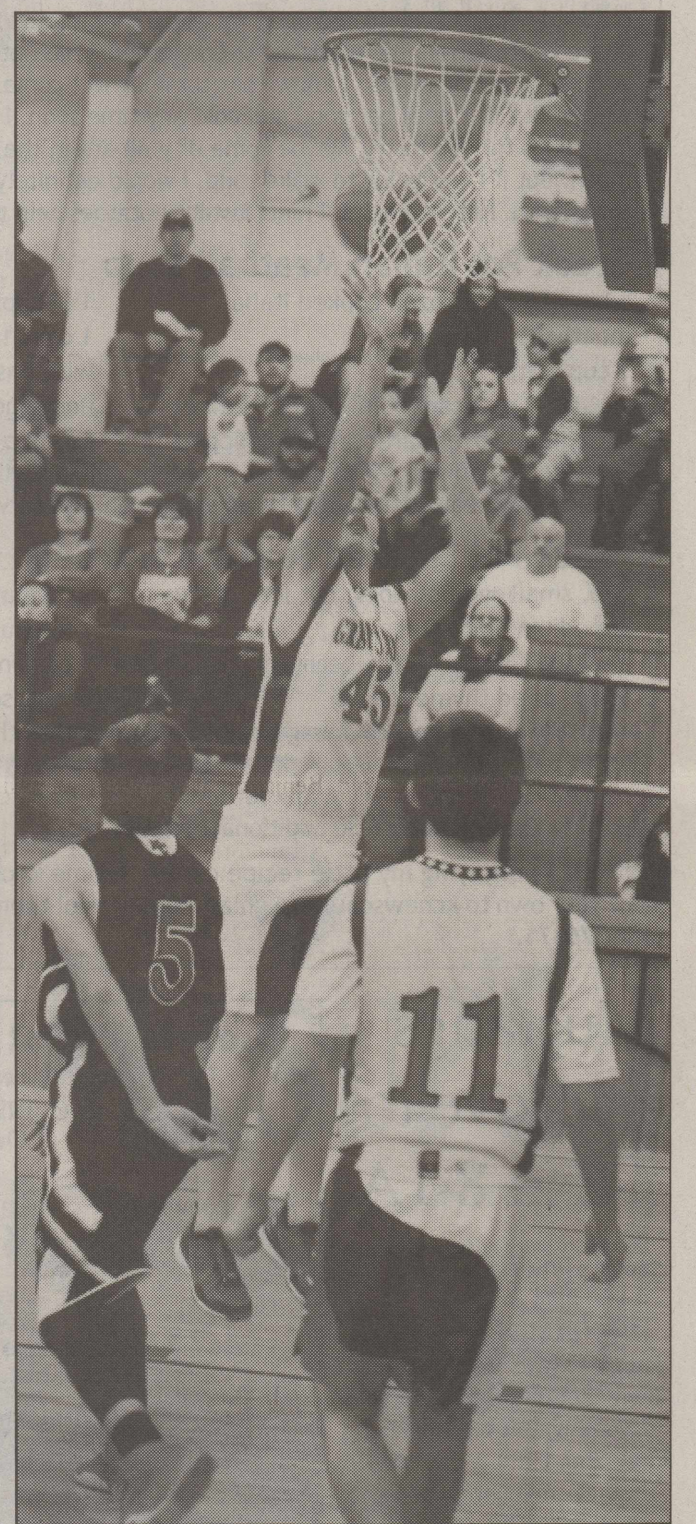
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KNOX CITY – The Knox City Greyhounds finished atop the District 7-1A standings at the halfway mark, racing to a convincing 87-40 victory over Motley County here last Friday.

The win left them at 5-0, two games ahead of both Guthrie and Spur.

The Hounds took command early, racing to a 32-11 lead after one quarter and extending it to 55-23 at halftime and 75-30 after three periods.

Ryan Heard poured in a season-high 37 points to pace the Hounds while Brady Hawkins and Elias Nevarez added 12 and 11, respectively.



Brady Hawkins goes high to make basket against Motley County.

One Man's Opinion

School Choice matters

By Andrew R. Campanella

When it comes to K-12 education, America's parents want more choices. In fact, almost two thirds of parents – 64 percent – say they wish they had more options for their children's education.

In a society where Americans choose practically everything, from the brands of coffee they drink in the morning to the types of cars they drive, it is understandable that parents are demanding more of a say in where they send their children to school.

Parents understand that with greater options come better results for their children. Every child is unique, with distinctive interests and learning styles. Moms and dads know that a school that might work for one

student might not be a good fit for another.

Parents can choose from schools in the public sector – such as traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, or online academies. Parents can also pay to send their children to private schools, or educate their children in the home.

Parents who are not happy with their children's current schools, or would like to explore their options, should ask lots of questions of teachers and administrators, and talk with other parents to find a school that may be a better fit.

Research has demonstrated that when parents actively choose the schools their children attend, or choose to educate their children in the home, high school graduation

rates increase dramatically.

A student with a high school diploma will, over the course of his or her life, earn more than a quarter million dollars more than a student who has dropped out.

High school graduates are far less likely to be incarcerated, and are six times more likely to participate in community and civic affairs, than individuals without high school diplomas.

In the short term, and over the long haul, school choice pays dividends.

Most importantly, though: school choice matters because every child in America has potential.

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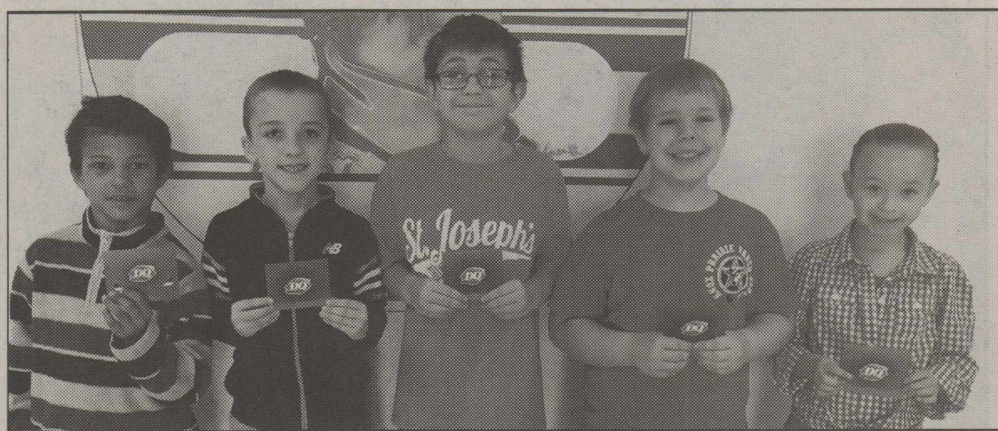
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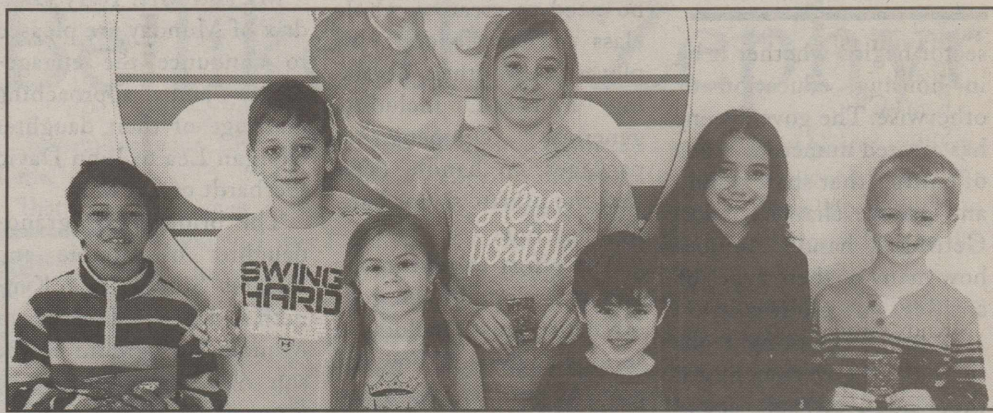
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District standings

8-1A boys

Standings	W	L
Munday	4	0
Crowell	4	1
Benjamin	2	2
Harrold	2	2
Chillicothe	1	3
Northside	0	5

Results

Munday 66, Northside 14; Harrold 69, Chillicothe 67; Crowell df. Benjamin

Schedule

Jan. 29: Crowell at Munday, Northside at Chillicothe, Benjamin at Harrold

Feb. 2: Chillicothe at Crowell, Harrold at Northside, Munday at Benjamin

Feb. 5: Crowell at Harrold, Benjamin at Northside, Chillicothe at Munday

Feb. 9: Benjamin at Crowell, Munday at Northside, Harrold at Chillicothe

Feb. 12 : Harrold at Munday, Benjamin at Chillicothe,

8-1A girls

Standings	W	L
Munday	5	0
Crowell	4	1
Northside	3	2
Harrold	2	3
Chillicothe	1	4
Benjamin	0	5

Results

Munday 39, Northside 26; Harrold 44, Chillicothe 26; Crowell df. Benjamin

Schedule

Jan. 26: Crowell at Northside, Munday at Harrold, Chillicothe at Benjamin

Jan. 29: Crowell at Munday, Northside at Chillicothe, Benjamin at Harrold

Feb. 2: Chillicothe at Crowell, Harrold at Northside, Munday at Benjamin

Feb. 5: Crowell at Harrold, Benjamin at Northside, Chillicothe at Munday

Feb. 9: Benjamin at Crowell, Munday at Northside, Harrold at Chillicothe

Mogulettes unbeaten in 8-1A district play

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MUNDAY – The Munday Mogulettes completed the first round of play in District 8-1A with a spotless 5-0 record here last Friday, scoring a 39-26 victory over the Northside Lady Indians.

The Mogulettes took a 9-4 lead after one quarter and got some breathing room with a 15-5 run in the second period to lead 24-9 at halftime.

Kimberly Shahan led the Mogulettes in scoring with 15 points while Madison Thomson and Charity Huner added eight each.

The Mogulettes need victory at home Friday over the Crowell Lady Wildcats (4-1) to virtually wrap up a second straight district title.

In the other games last Friday, Crowell downed Benjamin, XX-XX, and Harrold beat Chillicothe, 44-26.

Moguls continue to set pace

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – Finding the range shooting and continuing to exhibit a stifling defense, the Munday Moguls improved to 4-0 in District 8-A last Friday with a convincing 66-24 win over the Northside Indians.

The Moguls assumed command early, taking a 30-0 advantage after one period and extending it to 50-2 at halftime.

Eight players got into the scoring act, led by Brady Weaver with 20.

Assured of a spot in the playoffs, the Moguls will host the second-place Crowell Wildcats (4-1) at home Friday in an effort to assure themselves of a possible title. The Wildcats

In the other game last Friday, Harrold edged Chillicothe, 69-67, converting 24 of 42 free throws as compared to 10 of 23 for the Eagles.

Munday Elementary honor roll

A HONOR ROLL

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2nd Grade-Lily Arismendez, Haiden Bowman, Kylan Crawford, Elijah Estrada, Ericka Hernandez, Amrie Loftin, Jelanie Lopez, Hannah Mong, Hunter Urbanczyk, Jariyis Williams

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

4th Grade-Melissa Carmona, Kyson Latham, Brooklyn Rodriguez, Kayton Shahan, D'Keydren Toliver

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

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

A-B Honor Roll
1st Grade-Colton Blair, CJ Carrasco, Carlieana Castorena, Lexi Collins, AJ Ibarra, Loran Miranda, Landon Stephens, Kiyryn Wilson

2nd Grade-Caroline Alvarado, Baylee Bates, Kinslee Carver, Chandlyr Clark, Marina Davila, Abri Diaz, LJ Garcia, Brandon Henderson, Taylor Herring, Luke Latham, Alex Mendiola, Trevor Thompson

3rd Grade-Campbell Corcoran, Alexis Garcia

4th Grade-Isaac Garcia, Raehanna Hardeman, Caremy Ledezma, Dalaney Leija, Luis Marmolejo, Daniela Nunez

5th Grade-Alondra Gonzalez, Brice Thompson, Anna Urbanczyk

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Cole Parton goes high for two points against Northside

OPINION
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sector begins whether it be in housing, education or otherwise. The government has created numerous types of entities that share public and private characteristics. Getting a handle on just how many of these types of entities exist is difficult.

A few originating from the federal government are the "quasi-official agencies," the "government-sponsored entities," the "federally funded research and development corporations," the "agency-related nonprofit corporations," the "venture capital funds," and "congressionally chartered nonprofit organizations."

Additionally, there are other "instrumentalities of indeterminate character." In most instances these entities are engaged in activities that would be better left to the private sector. Doing so would save taxpayer money, better enabling the government to focus on what it is supposed to do, i.e., those activities that are specifically enumerated in the Constitution.

A further problem is the tendency of the government, especially during the current administration, to insource activities that could be handled by the private sector. Activities that are commercial in nature and which are not inherently government-

tal, such as taking out the trash, should be handled by private enterprise. There is no need to create a whole class of new federal employees, with their resulting overhead, including generous compensation packages, to handle tasks that the private sector handles just fine.

Any effort to rein in the size and scope of the government must include a serious analysis of how the government is engaging in commercial activities. This must be coupled with a plan to prevent the government from forming new entities to engage in commercial activities.

If the mayor of a town or a federal official desires to start a new business, that is great. Just make sure that they do so in their personal capacities using private funds and play by the same rules that everyone else in private enterprise must follow.

Nathan Mehrens is President of Americans for Limited Government Foundation

Hendrix, Gerhardt engagement announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hendrix of Munday are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Morgan Lea to John David Gerhardt of Crowell.

The bride is the granddaughter of Ronnie and Delores Stewart and Kenneth and Beckie Hendrix of Munday. The groom is the son of Glen Gerhardt of Crowell and Cathy Collingsworth of Fredericksburg. J.D. is the grandson of Fred and Sally Gerhardt of Crowell, George and Lynn Gibson of Georgetown and Virgil and Peggy Collingsworth of Irving.

Morgan graduated from Munday High School and is currently employed by First Bank Texas, ssb in Munday while J.D. is a graduate of Crowell High School and is employed by 3-S of Munday. A June wedding is planned.



Terry Hendrix, John Gerhardt

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Barbara Fitzgerald, Executor of the Estate of William Franklin Fitzgerald, Deceased
c/o James M. Decker
Shahan Guevara Decker Arrott
127 East McHarg Street
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DATED the 26th of January, 2016.

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Contract No. DR 713187

The City of Munday will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM, February 9, 2016, at City Hall, for the purpose of reviewing its performance on a recently completed TxCDBG grant, Contract No. DR 713187. All citizens, particularly low and moderate income residents, are invited and encouraged to attend. Individuals with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at 940-422-4331 to arrange for assistance. Written comments will also be accepted at City Hall prior to the meeting or during the meeting at City Hall.

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Mac's Views Tips to help prevent the flu

While visiting with Munday Church of Christ minister Wayne Speer at Abilene Regional Medical Center last Sunday, I picked up information detailing tips to prevent the flu that I thought would be helpful to pass on to you readers.



JAMES MCAFEE

Wash your hands often. Most of the flu and cold viruses are spread by direct contact. When someone with the flu sneezes into their hand and then touches a telephone or keyboard on a computer, the germs can be picked up by another person.

Don't cover sneezes with your hand as it passes along the germs. Instead, use a tissue and throw it

away. Don't touch your face as flu viruses enter your body through the eyes, nose or mouth. Drink plenty of fluids as this flushes your system, washing out the poisons as it rehydrates you. If your urine is deep yellow, you need more fluids.

A regular dose of fresh air is important. Central heating dries you out, making your body more vulnerable to viruses.

Do aerobic exercises as this helps increase the body's natural virus-killing cells. Eat plenty of vegetables and fruits plus yogurt.

Don't smoke and reduce alcohol consumption.

Teach yourself to relax as it allows you to activate your immune system.

Of course, getting a flu shot is the first thing you should do,

KC police to get bullet proof vests

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY - The Knox City City Council approved the purchase of bullet-proof vests for its two police officers during its regular meeting last week.

In addition, the council OKed the purchase of street equipment and approved the annual police racial profile report.

Administrator Sam Watson noted that bids will be accepted for graders.

WET CONDITIONS

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more because of the wind patterns in the Pacific Ocean," Nielsen-Gammon said. "You can think of the tropical Pacific as a giant bathtub, and the winds blow the warm water typically over toward the far west end. When those winds weaken and even reverse, that's what causes El Niño. The winds bring the warm water over to the east, toward South America. And recently we've had an increase in those west to east winds. That's going to reinforce the effects of El Niño."

As for summer condi-

tions, long-range predictions are always a gamble, he said. But there is some evidence that the current super-strong El Niño will be followed by its counterpoint, a strong La Niña that could mean next winter will be dry.

"Eventually, as the winds change, the warm water is going to slosh back," Nielsen-Gammon said. "About half of the moderate-to-strong El Niños switch over to La Niñas. They basically overshoot the average conditions. It takes several months. The Pacific

Ocean is a pretty big bathtub."

This means the wet winter is going to more than likely continue for another few months, with elevated chances of rain through May, especially in the northern part of Texas, he said.

"Summer in Texas is always a roll of the dice or a flip of a coin, but next winter is almost certainly not going to be as wet as this winter has been. It could be a dry winter if La Niña does develop this fall," Nielsen-Gammon said.

Vote Lina Trevino for District Attorney

Lina R. Trevino has 22 years of experience as an attorney. Upon graduation from law school, Lina was hired by the City of Lubbock as the City Prosecutor. Shortly thereafter, she was admitted to practice law in federal court where she successfully defended law enforcement officers against accusations of use of excessive force. She has argued before the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Amarillo in both municipal and family law related matters. For most of her career, she has been trying cases through representing various cities, as well as representing clients in family law matters which have included contested divorces, contested child custody cases and at times even criminal cases which included felonies.



where she placed first in the 50-59 age group.

Lina R. Trevino has been married to David for 25 years. Her husband recently retired from Dillard's. He owns the Knox County Cleaners in Knox City and has a delivery service route that includes Guthrie and Paducah. Together they have two sons. Alejandro is currently a junior at DePaul University in Chicago and Sezar is preparing to join the US Navy.

In speaking to Lina, she states her plans for District Attorney, "as a prosecutor, the law clearly states, 'It shall be the primary duty of all prosecuting attorneys ... not to convict, but to see that justice is done.' The biggest issue that concerns me is the lack of communication between the District Attorney's office and the four counties. This position represents Baylor, Knox, King and Cottle Counties. I plan to be available to all four counties at all times. We need to pull our resources together and establish programs to encourage defendants to become law-abiding citizens of this area. I have been honored to serve the citizens of Knox County as their county attorney. I hope that the citizens of this district give me the opportunity to represent them as their District Attorney and that they know that I will listen, I will be fair, and I will follow the law whether they are before me as citizens, victims, or even defendants."

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From the Preacher's Desk

God's Message is Exciting!

A few years ago, I was invited to teach and preach in Samoa in the Pacific Ocean area. Brenda and I started out on our several mile walk to the small village church where I was to speak. By the time we arrived, it was really dark and the electricity had gone off. They told me they had one candle they would place on a table and that would be all of the light in the big room. As I spoke the message from God's Word through an interpreter, all I could see were dozens of eyes staring at me in the dark! They never seemed to move and seemed to be listening intently to the message.

At the conclusion of the message, a tall native young man in his twenties came asking to be baptized into Christ. The service ended with a prayer and I thought we would all make our way with the young man to the ocean to baptize him.

However, suddenly the lights came back on and they started making preparations to serve us a meal. While we were eating, I asked my Samoan brother who spoke English, where was the young man who asked to be baptized. He said, "Oh, some of the men left immediately for the ocean to baptize him." I was very surprised and disappointed that I did not get to witness his baptism but we all continued to finish the meal.

Later, as we left in the dark to make our way back to the "motel," we were accompanied by our native brother. About half of the way back, we suddenly heard voices in the dark! We discovered it was some of the men from the church in the village, returning with the new brother who had been baptized into Christ! Even though we could not really see him in the darkness, we hugged and could feel his excitement of becoming a child of God!

I was reminded of Acts 16, where the jailor and his family were baptized after midnight and it says they "rejoiced greatly." God's message is truly exciting!

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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By: Jennifer Habert Dick

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Everywhere I go people ask me one of two questions: "Are you running against Bobby D. Burnett?" or "Are you running against David Wayne Hajek?" The answer to both of these questions is "No." Let me explain who is and who is not running for district office and what office each person is up for so you will know what choices you will have in the March 1st Republican Primary.

Bobby D. Burnett was appointed to fill the vacancy left by W.H. Healy when he resigned at the end of 2014. Judge Burnett has filed for a place on the Republican Primary ballot for the position of district judge. No other candidate has filed for the position. I am confident that the district will be in good hands with Bobby D. Burnett as our district judge for the next four years.

The current District Attorney is David Wayne Hajek. Mr. Hajek is NOT seeking re-election. In November 2015, David Hajek asked me to join his office as Assistant District Attorney. He agrees that I am by far the most qualified candidate running for the position of District Attorney.

I have a Political Science Degree from Oklahoma State University and a Law Degree from Notre Dame Law School. Notre Dame Law School has a nationally recognized trial advocacy program and is the home of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. The skills I learned there and my seventeen years of legal experience have made me a very effective prosecutor.

As the Baylor County Attorney, I have worked with law enforcement officers from the Seymour Police Department, the Baylor County Sheriff's Office, Texas Game Wardens, and DPS Officers. These officers have relied on my advice

from the earliest stages of an investigation through to the presentation of their cases to a jury.

Being well-prepared and accurately assessing the merits of each case can go far in encouraging defendants to take a reasonable plea bargain and save the county the expense of a trial. However, when a defendant refuses even the most just and reasonable offers, a prosecutor must be willing and able to present that case to a jury on behalf of the State. This is the ultimate test of a prosecutor.

While serving as Baylor County Attorney, I have been tested at jury trial six times and I have been successful in each and every case. During that time, I prosecuted a felony on behalf of the district attorney. In that case a woman was accused of forging checks on the account of an elderly individual. The jury sentenced that defendant to six years in prison.

Since joining the district attorney's office in November, I have gained even more valuable experience prosecuting the highest level offenses. I have moved some very important cases forward. I have also developed excellent working relationships with many of the law enforcement officers across the district.

I intend to make significant improvements in how cases are handled by the district attorney's office. Defendants will not be sitting in our county jails costing us valuable tax dollars for excessive amounts of time. I will be available full time to work directly with law enforcement and will move cases swiftly to resolution.

I would welcome any opportunity to meet with citizens and answer any questions you have about my candidacy. Please feel free to contact me at (940) 256-2898 or by email to jhabertdick@gmail.com.

You can also learn more about me at www.Facebook.com/JenniferHabertDick4DA/

Thank you for your time and I appreciate your vote on March 1st in the Republican Primary!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Habert Dick

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Augie Rodriguez for Knox Co. Judge

Republican Augustin "Augie" Rodriguez seeks your vote for Knox County Judge. Augie is a 1990 graduate of Knox City high school and a lifelong citizen of Knox County. He attended Ranger Jr. College in 1990. In 2015 he attended Justice of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas in San Marcos. Augie has 80 hours of Judicial Law from Texas State University in San Marcos.



Augie served as Justice of the Peace Clerk in 2014 and then as Justice of the Peace in 2015. His court experience includes; civil matters \$10,000 or less, debit claims, evictions, class c criminal misdemeanors, inquests, magistrations, juvenile court and commissioners court.

Augie has been an active member of the community for several years. He has served on the Rolling Plains Child Fatality Review Team. He served as President of the Parent and Teacher Board for Rolling Plains Management. He was a member of the Child Welfare Board, as well as a city councilman in Knox City. Augie has also been involved in Career Days, Green Pastures Wind Development, Emergency Response Team, and Shattered Dreams Program.

Augie has been married to Rhondi Bruce Rodriguez for 13 years. They have two sons and a daughter. Chance Agraz who is employed by Green Pastures Wind Farm, Zachary Rodriguez employed by Brazos Valley Care home, and Kaley Ainsworth employed by TDJC of Texas. They have four grandchildren.

Augie's plans for Knox County are to bring more opportunities for employment to the county. To unite all the cities in the county as one and treated equally. He also plans to remain above the budget and work closely with all the offices in the courthouse. As well as the commissioners to obtain the goal of a prosperous county.

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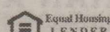
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