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City, school boards announce candidates

Special to The News-Courier

The filing deadline for candidates seeking positions on the city councils and school boards in Knox County ended last Friday. Elections are scheduled May 7.

Ryan Cottingham, Karen Longan and Trey Singleton, the incumbents in Munday, are running for reelection and will be joined on the ballot by Angela Herricks and Richard Don Thompson.

In Knox City, incumbents J.R. Hodges and Gary Schnable are seeking reelection while Logan Morrow is stepping down. Joining the race for the three openings will be Anthony Adkins and Fred Ledesma.

Randy Hibdon will run against current mayor Glenna Decker in Goree. Incumbents Vicki Huffman and Trey Harlan are unopposed while Pat Wilde will have competition from Jonathan Ramirez for the place 5 position.

Joy Lynn Pool will go up against current mayor Ronnie White in Benjamin. Incumbent council members Fred Carver and Charles Jones are unopposed.

Nancy Birekenfeld filed for reelection to the MCISD board of trustees, but Jason Redwine the other incumbent didn't. Joining the race for two positions will be Jason Bowman, Chris Mendoza and Ida Jo Watson.

No election will be necessary for the Knox City-O'Brien board as incumbent Dale Turner will be joined by Al Rios, who filed and will take the place for the retiring Jarred Pepper.

Kathy Rainwater and Jimmy Barrientez were unopposed for places on the Benjamin ISD board of trustees.

Webbs recognized as top citizens



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Steve Pepper presents award to Jerry, Temi Webb at Knox City Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Temi and Jerry Webb were recognized as the winners of the E. Hob Smith Most Appreciated Citizen award during the annual Knox City Chamber of Commerce Banquet at the Knox City Community Center here last Thursday night.

Jerry, who has worked in the oilfield for almost 42 years, has been the superintendent for Kinder Morgan for the past 10 years while Temi is now a housewife after owning a real estate business in Snyder for 26 years. They have lived

in Knox City for two years after he had an apartment here from 2009.

The couple has operated A Helping Hand Pantry, providing food for the needy people, since October 2012 through its Just Follow Jesus Ministries non-profit.

In announcing the couple as winners, Steve Pepper indicated that past winners get together to make the selection, finding individuals who are "givers" to honor for their contributions in Knox City.

"It was a surprise to me," admitted Jerry, who thought he was at the banquet to give a report on how the oilfield

business was doing. Meanwhile, Temi just thought that Jerry was being honored.

"We've been delighted with the way the community has supported the food pantry," Jerry added.

Temi graduated from Knox City High School in 1975 and her dad was the superintendent of the school and her mother a teacher.

Moving the banquet to a week day instead of having it on a Saturday resulted in an attendance of 115 as compared to 40 the previous year.

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Knox girls teams bow out in area

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Both Knox County teams suffered narrow setbacks in the area round of the Class 1A girls basketball playoffs last Friday. The Munday Mogulettes, champions of District 8-1A, fell by a 33-30 margin to Meadow while the Knox City Houndettes, third in District 7-1A, fell by a 58-57 margin to Lorenzo.

Paducah, runnerup in 7-1A, downed New Home, 44-29, while 7-1A champion Spur dropped a 46-40 decision to Petersburg.

In other Region I games, Nazareth walloped Silverton 70-23; Valley crushed Happy, 62-42; McLean edged White Deer, 41-38; and Huntley downed Follett, 70-57.

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Knox City's Amy Harrington scores against Lorenzo.



Kent Mahoney/The Knox County News-Courier

Kimberly Shahan leads Munday with 15 points.

Quilt Show set for Saturday

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GOREE — The annual Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show and Cookin' Show is scheduled here Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Knox Prairie Events Center.

The handiwork of area quilters will be on display in over 100 quilts. Each year a viewer's choice award is chosen with votes cast by the public. The Knox County Quilt Guild, the backbone of the quilt show, could not happen without the work of this group. Area quilters and quilt owners are encouraged to place quilts in the show. Visitors come from all over Texas and Oklahoma each year to participate in the quilt show.

The competition portion of the cooking show this year will be pound cakes. There will be two divisions, adult and youth. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded and the first place winner will receive a gift basket. It will be overseen by Lorrie Coop, CEA-FCS. Coop will also do a presentation

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Primary election scheduled for Tuesday

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Knox County Republican voters will decide two contested races in the March 1 primary election, deciding between Lina Trevino of Munday or Jennifer Habert Dick of Seymour for district attorney for the 50th District and between Knox City residents Augustin Rodriguez and Stan Wojcik for the judge's position in Knox County.

In addition, voters will cast their ballots in races for the president either on the Republican or Democrat ballots. Republicans running include Dr. Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Marco Rubio and Donald Trump plus Texan Elizabeth Gray. Jeb Bush, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul and Rick Santorum are also listed, but have suspended their campaigns. On the Democratic side, voters will pick between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

And though it is not encouraged, if you are a Republican horrified by the prospect of having Hillary Clinton as the Democratic

Party's presidential nominee, you can vote in that party's primary for Bernie Sanders.

Or, if you are a Democrat enamored of Republicans Ted Cruz or Donald Trump, you can vote in the GOP primary for either of them. If you hate them, you can vote for someone else.

There are contested races statewide for one Texas Railroad Commission seat and three justices for the supreme court and the court of criminal appeals.

The deadline for early voting will be Friday.

Here in Texas, you register by party every two years by voting in a party primary. Any registered voter, including Independents, can vote in either major party primary, but not both. When you vote, your registration certificate will be stamped with that name.

If you vote in the Democratic primary, you are limited to voting in the Democratic primary runoff. You cannot vote in the first Democratic primary and then cross over and vote in the Republican runoff, or vice versa.

You are free to vote in ei-

Polling places

- 101 Aging Center, Knox City
- 201 Court House, Benjamin
- 202 Aging Center, Knox City
- 301 City Hall, Munday
- 302 Community Center, Vera
- 401 Community Center, Munday

Knox Notes

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

Safety seat checkup

MUNDAY — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a car safety seat checkup event from 12:30-3 p.m. Friday here at First United Methodist Church.

Youth fundraiser

KNOX CITY — The Knox City Baptist Church will hold its youth fundraising homemade chicken noodle soup and peach cobbler meal starting at noon here Sunday. Donations will be accepted.

Hounds, Moguls eye area wins

As champions of their respective districts, the Knox City Greyhounds and the Munday Moguls enter the area round of the Class 1A playoffs.

The Greyhounds will play New Home (23-6), 77-67 winners in overtime over Anton, at 7 p.m. Friday in Hermligh while the Moguls will go up against Crosbyton, which downed Southland 52-36, at 7 p.m. in Guthrie.

ther party's runoff if you didn't vote in either party's initial primary. If necessary, a run-off election will be held May 24.

To vote, you must present one of these photo ID cards: a Texas driver's license, election certificate, identification card or concealed handgun license, issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety; a U.S. military photo ID; a U.S. citizenship certificate with a photo; or a U.S. passport. For Republicans, the process for selecting party delegates to county, Senate district, state and national conventions begins at precinct conventions held after

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MCISD approves building project

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MUNDAY — The trustees of Munday CISD met in special called meeting Monday night to consider procurement of design and construction services for a building project.

After a presentation by architect Lee Gray regarding the dome design and construction,

the board approved the following items:

A resolution selecting competitive sealed proposals as the method of delivery for the project, delegated authority to Supt. Troy Parton to enter into a contract with architect, adopted the prevailing wage schedule, adopted the selection criteria and relative weights and adopted the existing local, state and federal building codes.

Knox finally gets some rain

Knox County finally received some much needed rain earlier this week.

Farmers across the county reported receiving about an inch of rain and soil conservationist Brandon Carr reported 1.02 at the

James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center in Knox City.

However, it appeared more of the Spring-like weather was forecast for the weekend with no more rain in sight.

News on the go



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Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Feb. 29-March 4
Monday: Beef goulash, beans, broccoli, bread, cookies
Tuesday: Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, salad, pudding
Thursday: Stew, cornbread, salad, cookies
Friday: Hot dogs, chips, pork & beans, dessert

Area News

Home, garden show
WICHITA FALLS – The Arts Alive 2016 Home and Garden Festival is scheduled here Saturday and Sunday at the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, 1000 5th St. Admission is \$8 per person.

Gun, knife show
HASKELL – The Haskell Gun & Knife Show is scheduled March 5-6 here at the American Legion post 221. Admission is \$5. Children under 10 are free. All under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Food manager training
ABILENE – March 7 will be deadline for registering for a professional food manager certification training course, scheduled here March 21-22 at the Taylor County Extension office.

Deaths

Lillie Williams
Lillie Williams was born March 18, 1955. She passed away Feb. 19, 2016 in Dallas. She was a resident of Dallas. A viewing is scheduled

on Friday from 2-9 p.m. at Golden Gate Funeral Home in Dallas. Service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at New Hope Church 300 E. Wichita St., Wichita Falls.

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The Paperboy Super Tuesday is upon us

If someone would have gone into a coma one year ago and woke today, they'd probably be in disbelief that Donald Trump was leading the Republican primary and that Hillary Clinton was being challenged by a Socialist.

Talk about strange times. We could have three candidates that could win their respective party's nomination and half of their own party may not vote for them in the general election. That is bizarre.

Trump, Clinton and Sanders are not liked by the majority of Americans ... at least not for president. So it makes you wonder what kind of running mate they would select to try and pull in more votes.

On the GOP side, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio and John Kasich are still in it, but one of them better win a few states March 1 or the writing is on the wall. For instance, if Trump wins Texas and Oklahoma, it's a good bet that he'll win the entire south. My reasoning is that these states are usually aligned politically.

Now if Cruz and or Rubio were to win a couple of states, then March will become very interesting.

Same for Sanders vs. Clinton. If Clinton keeps winning, even by razor thin margins, it's over.

Don't you know that deep down there are Democrats wishing they would have run for the office? Instead, they obeyed the wishes of the DNC and are stuck with two candidates that most Americans just can't get behind for obvious reasons.

Trump's campaign? It's hard to even describe. Many Americans can't stand him, but the pundits clearly have no clue as to how he would do in the general election.

And of all of the candidates on the Republican side, it's Trump that would probably pull the most Democrats away from their party in

a general election. In other words, if Trump were to be able to turn New York and maybe Pennsylvania red, he'll win the presidency.

For the rest of the GOP field, the General election would come down to Florida, Ohio, Virginia and a couple of others. Well, Kasich is from Ohio and Rubio of from Florida. Does that mean that Trump would be interested in those two as a running mate if he wins the GOP nomination?

Of course. Now whether either of those two would accept the nomination is a completely different story.

Strangely, Sanders actually polls better against the Republican field than Clinton in the national polls and Rubio does the best against both Sanders and Clinton. He's tied with Sanders and five points ahead of Clinton. Cruz also tops Clinton nationally.

Ironically, it's Kasich that polls best nationally against Sanders and Clinton. He's way ahead of both, but can't even win a state on his own side.

I've always enjoyed politics. It's a strange mix of drama and strategy. But in all of the years I've followed elections, I have never witnessed anything like this election cycle.

One thing is for sure. This election is important. As an American, you have a right to vote. Wouldn't it be nice if the vast majority of Americans actually went and voted?

You have the rest of this week to vote early and the primary elections are Tuesday. Take advantage of this basic right and let your voice be heard!

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Sheriff's Report

Jan. 31-Feb. 22
1. Hayes, Ricky Lynn, 2/2/2016, Dob 6/21/80, Theft (M-B), Surety off bond (M-B), Baylor County
2. Jackson, Jack Mark, 2/3/2016, Dob 7/8/64, Fail to maintain financial responsibility (No vehicle insurance), (M-C), Expired registration (M-C), Expired vehicle inspection (M-C), Foard County
3. Hamilton, Octavies Deshaun, 2/3/16, Dob 12/13/79, Criminal trespass (M-B) Knox County
4. Romine, Terry Lee, 2/15/16, Dob 10/3/68, Surety off bond/Resisting ar-

rest (M-A), Surety off bond (Burglary of a building (SJF), Knox County
5. Hacker, Kristy, 2/16/16, Dob 6/1/80, Terroristic threat (M-B), Disorderly conduct (M-C) Knox County
6. Vaden, Michael, 2/7/16, Dob 11/14/87, Disorderly conduct (M-C), Fleeing (M-B), Public intoxication (M-C), Resisting arrest (M-A), Indecent exposure (M-B), Terroristic threat/public servant x 2, (M-A)
7. Alley, Christopher D., 2/9/16, Dob 9/21/91, Aggravated assault w/lethal weapon (F-2), Knox County

8. Barnard, Erwin Andrew, 2/10/16, Dob 5/7/63, Surety off Bond/Possess controlled substance (F-1) Knox County
9. Sanders, Timothy Lyn, 2/11/16, Dob 10/28/88, Forgery (SJF) Haskell County warrant
10. Brunkow, Jala Mae, 2/16/16, Dob 8/7/86, Possess Marijuana, (M-B), Knox County
11. Castorena, Felipe, 2/19/16, Dob 3/11/75, Aggravated sexual assault of child x 2, (F-1), Sexual abuse of a child/continuous victim under 14 yoa (F-1) Knox County

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Letters may be edited as to content and will be printed or not printed at the discretion of the editor.

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SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

I have trial experience where jail time was at stake. With 22 years of experience as a licensed attorney, I have tried cases to a jury that have involved felonies, such as: burglary (several), sexual assault of a minor, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and I have even assisted on a murder case. However, the vast majority of cases were resolved when the evidence was properly gathered by law enforcement agencies and witnesses were ready to testify.

Although "Class C tickets" are fine-only offenses, they still play a very important role in our legal system. The hard work that Justice of Peace Judges, Municipal Court Judges, and city prosecutors do on a daily basis should not be minimized.

There are many areas of Class C violations that protect law abiding citizens and have consequences to the violators. I will focus on three of them:

Driving While License Invalid (DWLI): When a person's privilege to have a license has been revoked and they continue to drive, their first offense is a Class C ticket. In order for the person to receive jail time, there must first be a conviction in the lower court. Thus it is important that the cases are properly resolved in JP or municipal court.

Theft Under \$100: If a person steals something like Christmas lights from your yard, or steals items from a store, should we let them go because it's just a "Class C ticket"? I think not. These criminals can be arrested. If convicted, they can pay a fine of up to \$500. If we get several convictions on this level, we can enhance other charges and use these convictions to get jail time.

Assault Family Violence: Assault usually starts by making threats and by offensive contact that can be classified as a Class C Misdemeanor. If we can work with the victims and the offenders at this level, we might be able to help them to prevent future offenses. However, a conviction in JP or municipal court can be used to enhance other offenses and the offender can receive a harsher sentence, including jail time.

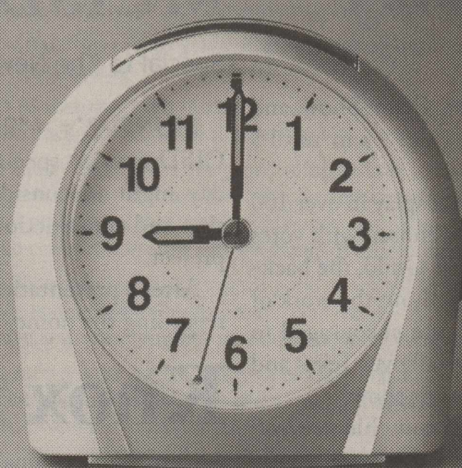
Although I am ready, able, and willing to try cases to a jury in District Court, I believe that if we can work with law enforcement officers, with the community, and with all levels of the courts, we can present strong, solid cases to the Grand Jury. Defendants will have no other option except to plead guilty to their charge. At the same time, we will save taxpayers money by not having costly jury trials. However, if Defendants insist on a jury trial, we are ready.

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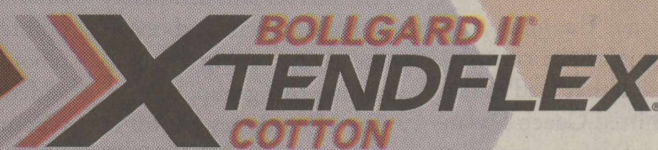


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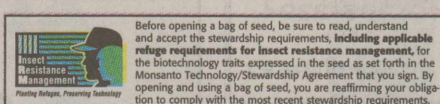
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Houndettes fall by 58-57 margin

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Taking advantage of Knox City's loss of one of its main players with a fifth foul, Lorenzo rallied in the fourth quarter to edge the Houndettes, 58-57, at Spur last Friday night in the area round of the Class 1A girls basketball playoffs.

"It was not the main reason, but one of the contributing factors that lead to the loss," admitted Coach Dylan Ballard, pointing out the Houndettes were up by four when it happened with three minutes left in the game.

"It was a great ball game, the kind you want to be in

and coach in," Ballard continued. "The atmosphere was electrifying, but in the end we did not make the right plays down the stretch and found ourselves on the wrong end of a heartbreaking game. I am very proud of the way my girls brought it this season, played hard, fought through several different factors and ultimately got better each and every game. I am going to miss coaching this group!"

The Houndettes got off to a slow start, trailing 18-13 after one quarter, but settled down and found their "groove" to assume a 28-26 halftime lead.

While Ballard felt the

Houndettes might have lacked some energy in the third quarter, they still managed to up the advantage to four at 44-40 entering the final quarter.

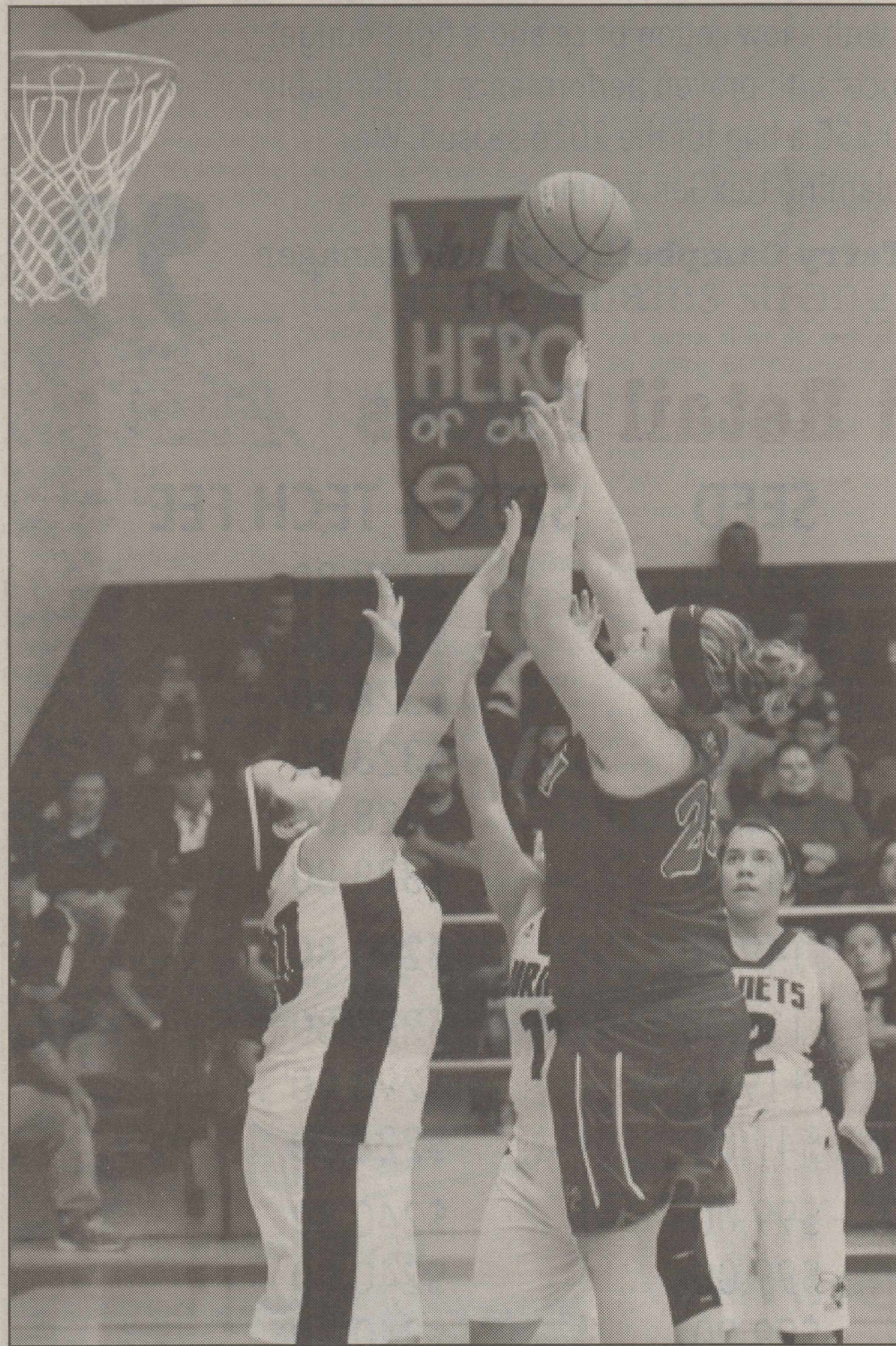
Another factor in the outcome of the game was Lorenzo's 5-2 edge in 3-pointers.

Kaylie Steele led the Houndettes, scoring 25 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. Myca Flowers added 18 points plus nine rebounds and seven assists while Brooke Jones scored eight points, had four rebounds, two assists and two steals and Temi Flowers had six points, five rebounds and five assists.



Brooke Jones tries to find an open teammate.

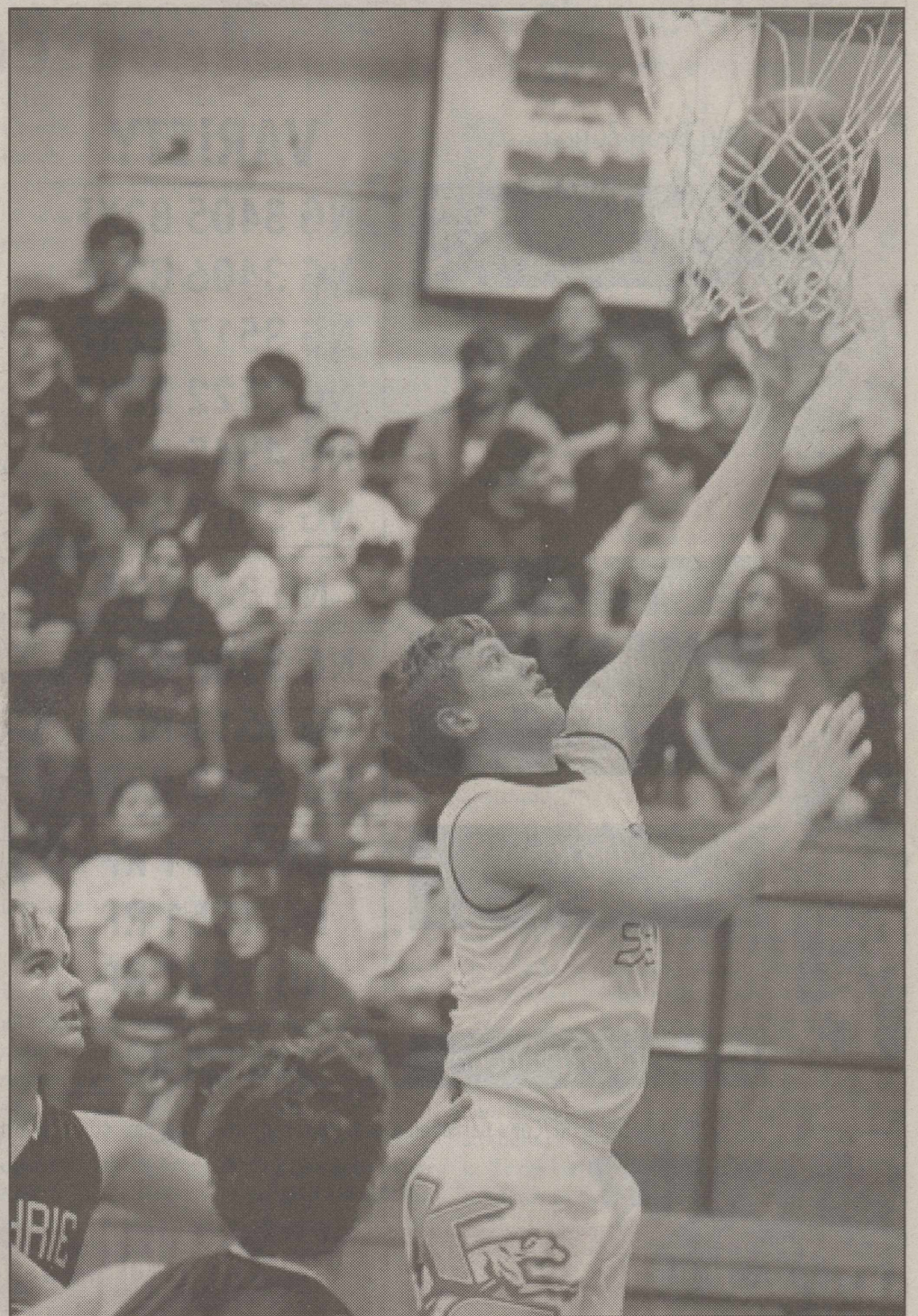
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Kaylie Steele leads Houndettes with 25 points

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Hounds seek area win



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox City Greyhounds, champions of District 7-1A, received a bye in bi-district and will play New Home(23-6), which edged Anton 77-67 in overtime, in the area round. The Hounds are ranked No. 17 with a 24-5 record after suffering a loss to No. 16-ranked Campbell (23-10) in a warm up game last week. Coach Josh Webb said he didn't know the last time the Hounds won district outright, but did recall they were tri-champs back in 2007-2008. Pictured in earlier action are Ryan Heard and Tyler Harvey.

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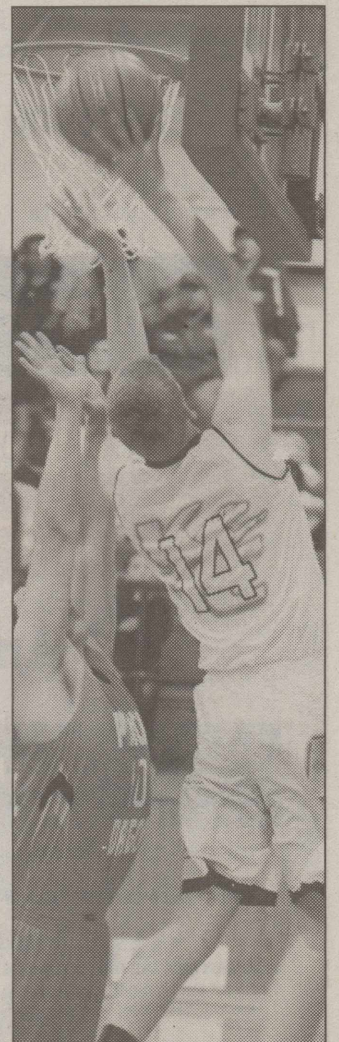
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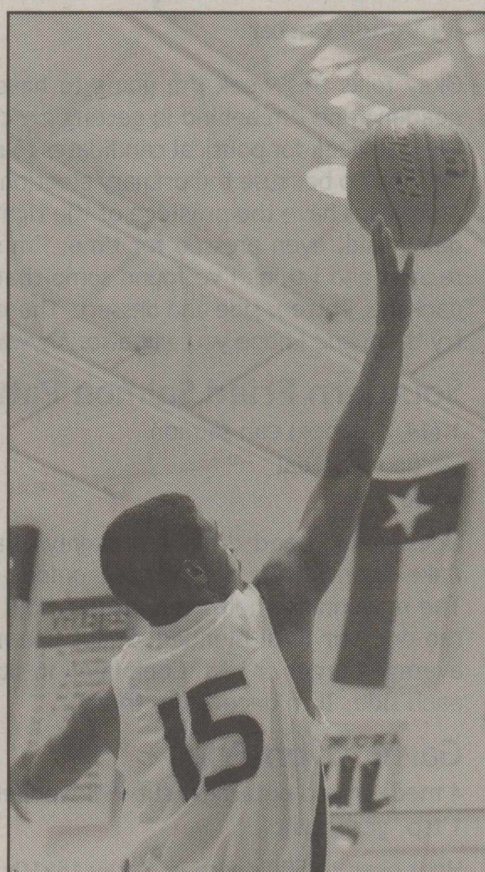
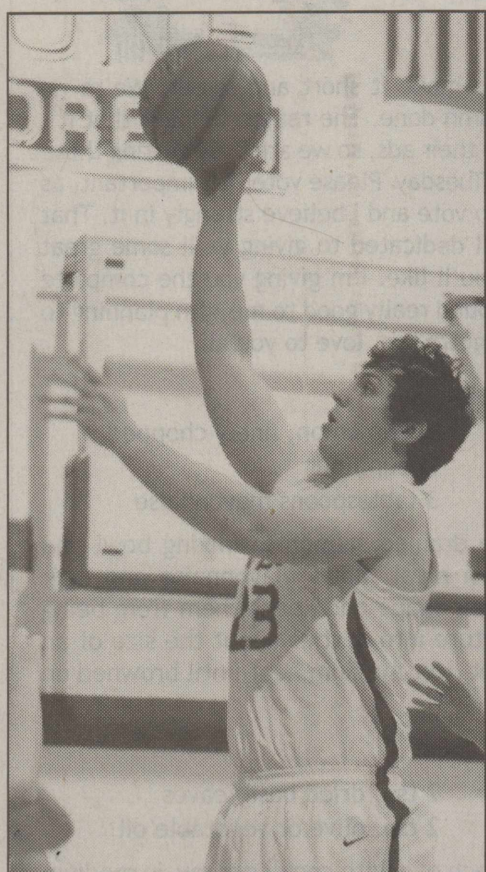
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Moguls in Area Round



Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier

As champions of District 8-1A, the Munday Moguls earned a bye in bi-district and will play Crosbyton, 52-36 winners over Southland, in the area round. In a warm up game last week, the Moguls battled on even terms with No. 3-ranked Grady (24-4) for three quarters before running into foul trouble and losing 58-48. "It was a good test that will help us prepare for area," said Coach Greg Clark. Pictured in earlier action are Cole Parton and Dee Hemphill.

Munday youth cage schedule

Feb. 25: Pacers vs. T-wolves-South, Cavs vs. Knicks-North, Mavs vs. Kings, Wizards vs. Heat, Spurs vs. Thunder, Lakes vs. Warriors

Feb. 27: Clippers vs. Nets, Pacers vs. Cavs-South, T-wolves vs. Knicks-North, Mavs vs. Wizards, Kings vs. Heat, Warriors vs. Spurs, Thunder vs. Magic

March 3: Jazz vs. Clippers-South T-wolves vs. Knicks-North, Magic vs. Warriors, Heat vs. Mavs, Kings vs. Wizards,

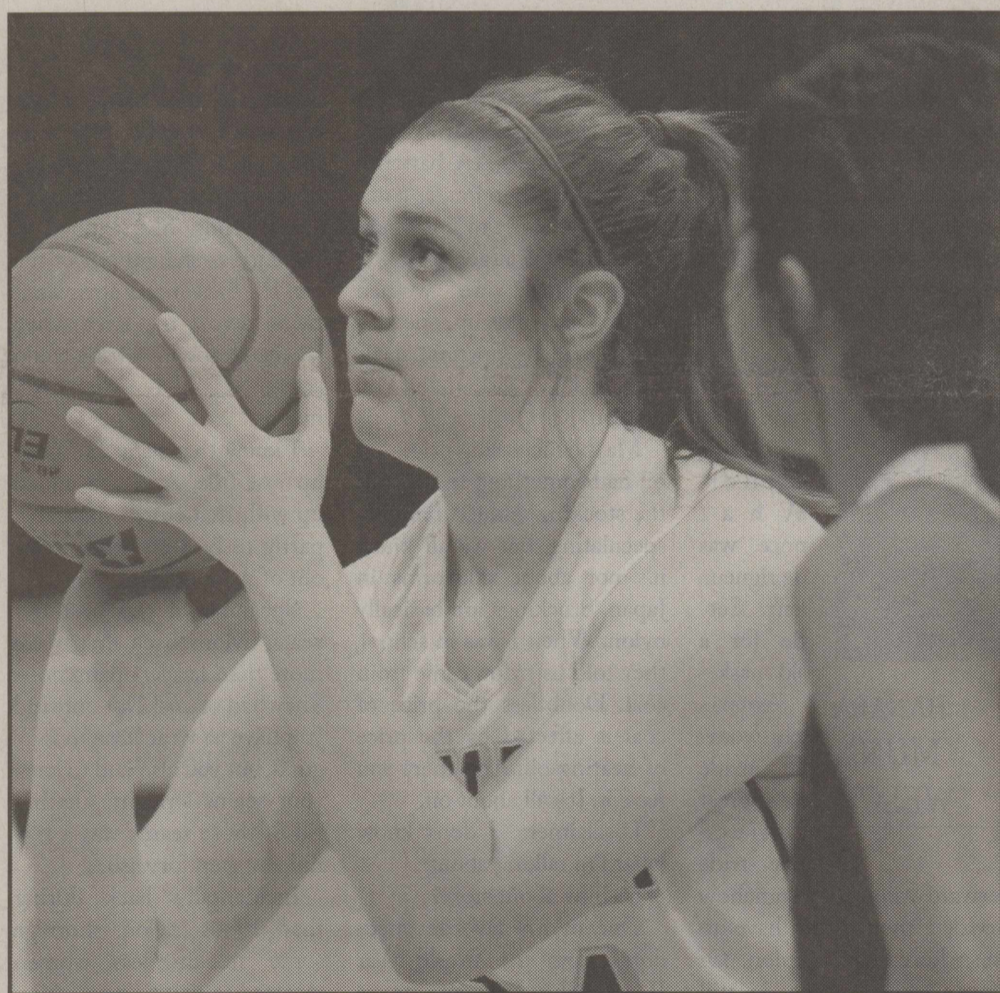
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March 5: Packers vs. T-Wolves-South, Cav vs. Knicks-North, Jazz vs. Nets, Spurs vs. Thunder, Lakers vs. Magic, Wizards vs. Heat, Mav vs. Kings

March 10: Clippers vs. Nets, Cavs vs. Packers-South, T-Wolves vs. Knicks-North, Warriors vs. Lakers, Heat vs. Kings, Wizards vs. Mavs

Thursday games start at 5 p.m., Saturday games at 8 a.m.

Cold second half costly for Mogulettes



Kent Mahoney/The Knox County News-Courier

Brenley Waters lines up free throw.

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – The Munday Mogulettes saw their basketball season end again in the area round of the girls Class 1A playoffs, suffering a 33-30 setback to Meadow, third-place finisher in 6-1A, at Post last Friday night.

"The game was disappointing," said Coach Cory Stephenson. "We played really well in the first half and the second half we

just went cold."

"I told the girls afterward that we can't let this one game define our season," Stephenson added. "Overall, I am proud of the way the season went."

It marked the second straight year that the Mogulettes had claimed the District 8-1A title.

Meadow advanced to the third round and was scheduled to play Paducah, runnerup in 7-1A.



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Madison Edgar goes in for a layup against Meadow.

Mogulettes eliminated by Meadow



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Charity Hunter applies defensive pressure.

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Chamber laughs



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Janice Sons reminds everyone to laugh more at the Knox City Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

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Janice Sons, an elected official in Wichita Falls, provided an entertaining talk, telling the audience that there are times in life when you need to take a laugh break. "Share laughter with others, find friends who have smiles on their face," she said. Sons, who did admit that she was a little late for the banquet because she had gotten lost in Munday, also told a few stories about embarrassing moments for others, even including one about herself. The theme of the banquet

was "Loving Our Home Town," and the audience heard updates from city administrator Sam Watson, mayor Jeff Stanfield, school superintendent Louis Baty, hospital director Stephen Kuehler, chamber president Greg Oliver, Jimi Coplen of Knox County Visioning and Jerry Webb as part of looking ahead in Knox City. Chamber vice president Mark Tucker, who also is the principal at O'Brien Middle School and the KCHS band director, handled the master of ceremonies duties while Niki Ivie and Joyce Greenwood provided musical entertainment.

Top private schools keeping gun bans

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — While public universities will be required to lift their gun bans when the new "campus carry" law takes effect this August, more than 20 private schools have already said they won't lift their bans.

The list includes the state's largest private universities, Baylor, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist, that have religious affiliations.

The opposition has not surprised top Texas Republicans who championed the law as a matter of constitutional rights and self-defense, but does reflect a widespread belief even among conservative university leaders that guns have no place in the classroom.

"My own view is that it is a very unwise public policy," Baylor President Ken Starr said.

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The Museum represents the history of people of Knox County and our area and everyone is welcome to visit and/or participate in all projects of the Museum. Again, our most grateful thanks.

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Travis Floyd

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Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter



Okay folks this week I'm going to have to make it short and sweet. We're on deadline and I'm behind in getting my column done. The reason being is that it's the last week for political candidates to run their ads, so we are busy getting those finished up because the primary election is Tuesday. Please vote, it's important, as Americans have the privilege of the right to vote and I believe strongly in it. That being said, even pressed for time, I'm still dedicated to giving ya'll some great recipes and I think I've found some that you'll like. I'm giving you the complete package, entrée, side and dessert. These sound really good to me, I'm planning to try them and I hope you will also. Anyway, gotta run, love to you all.

Southern Fried Salmon Patties

- 1 (14 ¾ ounce) can salmon
- ¼ cup onion, finely chopped
- ¼ cup cornmeal
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise

Open salmon and drain thoroughly. Place drained salmon in mixing bowl and flake evenly with a fork. Add onion, corn meal, flour, mayonnaise and egg. The mayonnaise helps the patties hold their shape and keeps them from being too dry. Stir until blended. Shape the mixture into patties about the size of an average burger or less. Cook in oil in skillet over medium heat until browned on each side. Turn once while frying.

Garlic Oven Fries

- 4 medium red potatoes, cut in 8 wedges
- 2 tsp. dried basil leaves
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 2 tsp. olive or vegetable oil

Heat oven to 500 degrees. Spray 15x10x1 inch pan with cooking spray. In medium bowl, toss potatoes with oil to coat. Sprinkle with basil and garlic salt. Arrange in single layer on baking pan. Bake uncovered 15 to 18 minutes, stirring once, until potatoes are tender but crisp on the outside.

Tropical Crock Pot Dump Cake

- 2 cans (15 oz.) tropical fruit salad in juice, undrained
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 box yellow cake mix, supermoist
- 1 cup butter or margarine

Spray crock pot with cooking spray. Reserve one half cup juice from fruit salad; pour remaining juice and fruit into crock pot. In small bowl, stir cornstarch into reserved fruit juice until cornstarch is completely dissolved. Pour mixture into crock pot; stir to combine. Sprinkle brown sugar over fruit. Sprinkle cake mix over fruit. Cut butter in small pieces; place evenly over cake mix. Cover; cook on low heat setting for three hours or until cake is set when lightly touched in center. Spoon warm cake into dessert bowls and spoon fruit mixture over cake.

If you're enjoying my little recipe corner, let me know, and send some recipes of your own to kcnewscurier@gmail.com or mail them to P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371.

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The 501

If you can't buy it in a convenience store, you might not need it. I'm thinking of women's stockings. Seriously.

Unless, of course, you intend to rob the store. Then you should probably rob your grandmother first. Except she probably doesn't have any stockings either.

What once was de rigueur, isn't. Settle for a ski mask.

American women made a great collective stride forward when they somehow decided they didn't have to wear hose. My opinion. Of course some women do still wear hose -- just nobody I

know. The fact you no longer can buy pantyhose the same places you find AA batteries means they're no longer a necessity. It's easier to find yourself a phone charger.

Of course, we women didn't just wake up one day and make the no-hose decision. Fashion did. Thank you fashion.

Maybe increasing prices for oil had something to do with the stocking demise. I'm only speculating, but we all know it's not about silkworms in Japan. Stockings are basically nylon. When I was in school, they told us nylon came from coal. Doubtless the price of heating oil. And there you have it. It's all about oil.

Disclaimer: I don't know what I'm talking about. So how about story?

One of my favorite anecdotes from the World War II stocking-shortage era is from a woman who ended up

owning a dress shop, which is where I heard it. One evening circa-1945 she and her husband had just arrived to visit friends. She tripped at the curb as she got out of the car. The baby in her arms went flying across the lawn when she went down. All she could scream was, "My nylons! My nylons!"

I knew that baby. He grew up just fine. And she ended up with that store -- probably partly to be sure never to be out of nylons again.

Speaking of the post-war years, nylons back then were more than faceless pantyhose. They had seams! Not only did you have to wear hose to look good, but you also had to keep your seams straight. Getting rid of those seams was a significant step forward.

Incidentally, back during that 1940s nylon shortage some stocking-less women resorted to painting seams on their legs, which today would be taken for odd tattoos.

TATTOO SEARCH. I couldn't help it. I did a Google search for "stocking seam tattoo." Let's just say I wish I hadn't.

In that vein, another story: I once went to a costume party (back in my newspaper reporter days) as Lois Lane. For that occasion, I used a narrow-pointed black felt marker to give myself stocking seams. Then I donned a seam-less pair of hose and stepped back in time. It worked, except I got one seam crooked and couldn't straighten it.

Hmm. If I were a tattoo artist doing a stocking seam, I'd want to add one little crook.

Voila. That's why I've never made it past face painter.



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Study may help wheat yield Mustangs fall in bi-district

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO — Texas A&M AgriLife Research is closing in on specific genetic traits in wheat that can help increase yields in the future.

The title of a recent paper published in the Crop Science journal, "Validation of Chromosomal Locations of 90K Array Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms in US Wheat," may leave some dazed and confused.

But lead scientist, Dr. Shuyu Liu, AgriLife Research small grains geneticist in Amarillo, said it simply means they are narrowing the knowledge gap as to where key traits are in the wheat genome and how to access them.

"Our goal is to develop improved wheat varieties with high yield capability and resilience to a variety of stressors across differing climates and water resource availability," Liu said.

The AgriLife Research study included teams led by Dr. Jackie Rudd and Dr. Amir Ibrahim, wheat breeders in Amarillo and College Station, respectively; Dr. Dirk Hays, plant geneticist in College Station; and Dr. Qingwu Xue, crop stress physiologist in Amarillo.

Their study included three wheat populations derived from two popular AgriLife Research cultivars, TAM 111 and TAM 112, and other diverse wheats.

Rudd said the importance of this research should not be lost in the technical jargon.

"We have talked about using genetic markers for many years now, but this research moves us from 'proof of concept' to actual practice in our TAM wheat germplasm," he said. "To be able to accelerate the movement of greenbug and wheat curl mite resistance from TAM 112 into new varieties is huge."

Single nucleotide polymor-

phisms, known as SNPs, are the most common type of genetic variation in a plant, animal or human. Each SNP represents a difference in a single DNA building block, called a nucleotide.

Those variations are found throughout the wheat DNA and act as biological markers, helping scientists locate genes that are associated with a certain trait or characteristic.

The international wheat community, including the U.S., has developed an array chip with 90,000 SNP markers, Liu said. Markers are used to tag the trait so it is easily identifiable with new lines of wheat containing the key genes.

The 90,000 SNP array chip has become a common genetic marker method used by wheat breeders and geneticists, but there are limitations. Of the 90,000 markers, only about 40,000 of them had been mapped onto chromosomes, he said.

Mapping SNPs in wheat can help to develop high throughput molecular markers for important traits, Liu said.

Silvano Ocheya, a doctoral student of Liu's who is completing his thesis research, has already mapped 6,000 of the SNPs, including those pinpointing drought tolerance and wheat streak mosaic virus characteristics, in one of the three mapping populations.

Liu's lab has also developed high throughput molecular

markers for greenbug and wheat curl mite resistance.

The AgriLife Research study confirmed 13,000 previously mapped SNPs in their three wheat population crosses, and they newly mapped 2,190 unique SNPs.

Liu said the 15,000 SNPs they have confirmed are being used to study complex agronomic traits such as yield, yield components and heat tolerance, in addition to disease and insect resistance controlled by single dominant genes. They are also studying the interaction between the genes and the environments.

"For instance, we are working to identify major genes controlling yield under dryland and irrigation conditions," Liu said. "Data is collected from multiple environments so we can focus on how major genes contribute to yield improvement under different climates."

All this information will help breeders incorporate key genes associated with the traits and get the new enhanced varieties to producers sooner, he said.

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Mustangs, third-place finishers in District 8-1A, suffered a 38-25 setback at the hands of Spur, runnerup in District 7-1A, in a bi-district game at Hamlin Tuesday night.

The Mustangs made a game of it in the first half, leading 8-5 at the end of the first period and only trailing 16-15 at halftime in a defensive battle.

Spur took the lead with a 11-5 spurt in the third quarter to pull away and advance to the area round of the playoffs.

"I'm proud of these boys and the things they have accomplished," said Coach Jacob Navarro.

"It was a tough game, they

scouted us and game planned for us very well, but it gave us some experience and we will be back strong next year."

Justin Rainwater and Benjamin Vanderpol led the Mustangs with nine and seven points, respectively.

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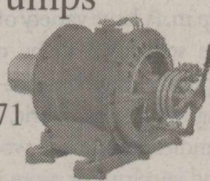
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polls close March 1.

Democrats this year are dropping the precinct conventions, and instead will begin their delegate selection process at county or state senate district conventions.

To attend Democratic or Republican precinct conventions, you will show your voting card stamped with the party's primary in which you voted.

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The Libertarian (lptexas.org) and Green Parties (txgreens.org) also will be on the ballot in November. However, they will select their candidates at party conventions later in the year.

No change seen in cotton prices

Special to The News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — Cotton prices are projected to remain range-bound in the near term due to large stocks held by China, coupled with depressed prices among all agricultural commodities.

"We've been stuck in the 60-cent to 67-cent (per pound) range for a while now," said Dr. John Robinson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service cotton marketing economist at College Station. "In fact, futures have dipped to 58 cents."

"There are a lot of similar things that were going on in 2015 that are repeating in 2016."

Robinson said wet conditions prevailed in 2015, much like what has occurred in 2016. "And de-

mand was weak in 2015 and that continues to be the case for 2016," he added.

The Cotton Council projects some 9.1 million acres of cotton to be planted this season, and Robinson felt it could be higher than that.

"If we have 9.1 million acres and start wet, then conditions remain dry, that makes one wonder: will we have a short crop or not?" Robinson said.

There's potential for the highest prices for 2016 to occur during summer, depending on how dry and hot conditions are in Texas and the southwest, he said. That could trigger a price rally temporarily, propping up prices into the 60-70 cent range.

"Otherwise, up until harvest we will see prices where they are now," Robinson added.

El Nino remains strong

Special to The News-Courier

COLLEGE STATION — Most of the state has been drier than normal by 1 inch to 3 inches for the last 30 days. So what happened to the wetter-than-normal winter predicted because of El Niño?

"It all depends upon what time period you are looking at," said Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist and Regents Professor at Texas A&M University. "It's been fairly dry since the beginning of 2016, but from October through December, we were generally quite wet."

In fact, wet enough to bring the average rainfall total sev-

eral inches above the average for strong El Niños of the past.

"Typically, you get one or two dry months within an El Niño," he said. "There's no guarantee the whole thing is going to be wetter than average."

Nielsen-Gammon said the current El Niño remains strong, with no sign it's going to weaken until spring or summer. "I believe we're just going through a temporary dry stretch that is soon going to be coming to an end, particularly in western Texas over the next couple of weeks," he said.

"There's a lot of cold water close to the surface in the western tropical Pacific Ocean that is going to be moving eastward over the next couple of months. Hopefully, the cold water won't take over and turn into a La Niña by next winter, because that would mean a dry year next year."

Nine Purple Cloud members earn honors

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY — Kamille Redder and the flute quarter of Denise Araujo, Rebecca Carranza, Alexis Nunez and Ana Vega qualified to compete at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest (TSSEC) on May 30 in Pflugerville.

In order to qualify for TSSEC, Band director Trey Singleton indicated that the students must perform a Class 1 solo memorized or a Class 1 ensemble and re-

ceive a Division 1 from their judge.

Nine members of the Munday High School Purple Cloud Band earned top honors this past Saturday at the UIL Region 2 Solo and Ensemble contest at Wichita Falls High School.

Those who earned Division 1s on their solos or ensembles were: Bailey Speck, flute solo; Karla Taylor, flute solo; Kayla Taylor, clarinet solo; Ayleen Arellano, alto sax solo; and Redder, piano solo and twirling solo.



Nine members of the MHS Purple Cloud band earn Division 1s at regional. Shown (l-r) in front row are Rebecca Carranza, Denise Araujo, Bailey Speck and Karla Taylor while Alexis Nunez, Ayleen Arellano, Kamille Redder, Kayla Taylor and Ana Vega are shown in back row.

Waggoner price closely held secret

VERNON — Based on new details, the price that Stan Kroenke paid for the Waggoner Ranch is a closely held secret, not the \$735 million mentioned by several sources or the \$725 million asking price.

When you piece together innuendo, it seems that the family came off the asking price, but probably not that much. The selling price was certainly more than \$550 million bid.

"Keep in mind," Mike Baskerville of Vernon said "when [the \$725 million asking price] was set, oil was much, much higher. At the time, we'd had some offers that were not that far off from that number. When you're selling something, you don't start off with your low-ball price. We wound up getting a significant value for the ranch."

The Whartons' lawyer said



the family was "satisfied that the marketplace price had been established, and the market price was paid."

If the sales price was \$600 million, it's estimated that the three brokers and their firms each got in excess of \$6 million. In mid-October last year, four finalists — including Kroenke and the South Koreans and ranch and oil consortiums —

were invited to the downtown Fort Worth offices of Jackson Walker to pitch their proposals to the shareholder families and estate trustees.

Kroenke checked all the boxes: price, financial resources, conservationist mindset and respectful treatment of his other ranches. The shareholders and trustees unanimously decided to move forward with him.

Pecan industry growing in Texas

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COLLEGE STATION — Pecan growers from Texas to South Africa, Australia, Italy and Mexico learned more about new techniques for growing pecans at a short course offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service earlier this month

"It's a four-day course in which we go over everything from A to Z on pecans — how to plant trees, how to train trees, what varieties to select, what equipment to use, how to fertilize and how to prune," said Dr. Larry Stein, AgriLife Extension horticulturist in Uvalde.

Stein indicated the orchard at A&M had trees planted in the 1960s. "So a lot of it had gotten crowded," he said. "Now we're taking out old varieties and incorporating some of

the new varieties. We're going to see how they perform, and hopefully we're going to be able to make better recommendations to the growers in the future."

It's timely, Stein noted, because the pecan industry in Texas is on the upswing. "We're actually growing," he said. "The price of pecans has come up in the last few years, and so there is a great interest in pecans, not only in Texas but the rest of the world. We look for acres to increase in the future in Texas."

The biggest challenge for growing pecans in Texas, he noted, is water, so part of the course focused on "being good stewards of using our water when we try to grow pecans."

Stein noted that the short course works for the person who has 10 trees or the commercial grower with 2,000 acres. "The procedures are the same," he said.

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Warning Signs

Today I am in Apam, Ghana in Africa. It is a very unique country and I have observed many signs that you do not see in the United States.

I saw one sign that warned the driver to slow down because there were 13 dangerous curves in the road ahead. At the end of those curves, there was a sign that read, "Thank you for driving carefully, this is the end of the 13 curves." Wow, that was really helpful to know! Then I have seen several signs that tell the driver to slow down because 9 people died here at this spot, or 12 people died here at this spot. That really gets your attention! Then there are those signs that tell the driver to slow down because there is a gas station ahead. Great sign for those who are low on fuel and need to get some gas.

In God's Word, we are told there are signs we need to look for. In Genesis 1:14, God said the lights in the sky are signs for humans to know what to expect for seasons. In Exodus 4, God told Moses to perform different miracles in front of Pharaoh and the Israelites and they would be a sign that He is God. In Numbers 14, God said he was tired of His people not recognizing all the signs He had done for them and they still complained. In Matthew 24:24, Jesus said false prophets will perform signs and deceive people!

These are the words of John 20:30, 31: And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

God has done signs for us to know what is ahead. It is so important that we read those signs in His Word and observe them and take notice so we will not have a problem in living the way He wants us to live.

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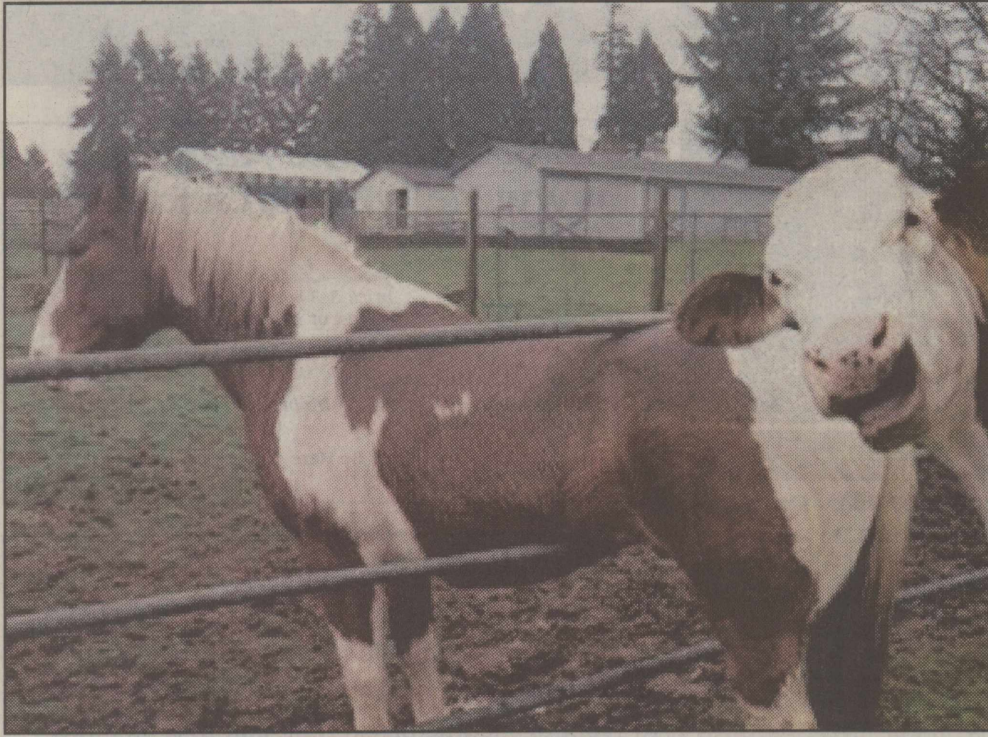


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Cow sees humor, horse doesn't



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Obviously a horse fails to see the humor as a cow seems to be saying, "I'm not laughing at you, I'm laughing with you!"

Mac's Views Pay for CEOs raise health care costs

After reading fellow editor Kent Mahoney's column in last week's Post Dispatch, I think he hit the nail on the head in his comments about one of the reasons for the escalating cost of health care and I wanted to share them with my readers.



JAMES MCAFEE

"It has nothing to do with the federal government as some people would have you believe," he wrote. "It actually has more to do with top dogs in the industry."

Mahoney ran across the 2014 salaries of the top insurance companies and discovered that Stephen Hemsley of United Health made \$66 million and David Cordani of Cigna made \$27.2 million.

He noted that he was still trying to figure out just what these guys do that is so important or so time consuming or so fantastic that they rate making more in one day than most of us make in a career.

He added that Daniel Webster defines obscene as offensive to one's feelings or to prevailing notions, of modesty or decency.

"So to me, being a decent fella, I find these

kinds of compensation packages 'obscene and offensive' to my feelings (and my wallet)," he wrote.

Mahoney added that he had a healthy respect for insurance agents who are taking care of their clients in a prudent manner, but felt that the high cost of health care insurance was tied directly to the price tags of the CEOs.

I'd like to add an "amen" to this opinion!

Another pet peeve of mine is the difficulty for those in my age bracket and those on disability like my daughter to get good dental insurance coverage.

It would be nice to see less expensive options for dental services for those who aren't included in good plans they get as added benefits at their jobs.

My valuable right-hand here in the office, Vonda Carter, found out how expensive braces for her daughter was last week, saying "I could have gotten a good car for that amount."

Guess I should have thought seriously about becoming a dentist rather than a writer. No, that was never something I even considered.

Writing is a lot easier than working in other people's mouths.

KCOCISD a district of innovations

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees adopted a resolution designating the district as a district of innovation during its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Prior to adoption Supt. Louis Baty explained to the board this resolution is in re-

sponse to HB 1842 which allows a district to waive some of the state regulations currently imposed on the public school district. The districts are currently waiting on the commissioner rules to be written before they can proceed with the application process.

The board also approved purchasing an additional passenger car for the district once a suitable vehicle is lo-

cated.

In a board training session, Darren Francis, deputy executive director of Region 9 ESC, covered the topic "Texas School Funding, What I Need to Know as a Board Member." This informative session dealt with the complexity of school funding in Texas and the difficulty in projecting a district's revenue when adopting an annual budget.

Sales tax revenue down slightly

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$867.1 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 0.7 percent less than in February 2015.

These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2015 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

"Energy-centric cities such as Odessa, Midland, Corpus Christi and Houston

continued to see decreases in sales tax allocation," Hegar said.

Closer to home, Knox City went down from \$35,144.16 to \$22,649.66.

"Other areas of the state helped to somewhat offset those losses as cities such as San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth and Dallas saw moderate increases in allocations," Hegar added.

In Knox County, Goree showed an increase to \$3,063.09 from \$2,272.80; Munday's \$19,327.55 was only slightly lower than the \$19,883.70 in 2015; and Benjamin got \$1,963.18 as compared to the previous year's \$2,260.79.

Weather Whys

You hear a lot about El Niño and La Niña. What's the difference?

The main difference between the two involves water temperature, explains Brent McRoberts at Texas A&M University. El Niño and La Niña — Spanish for "the child" — both occur in the central Pacific Ocean. "During an El Niño event, which can last almost a year, the waters in that region are warmer than usual," he says. "The opposite occurs during a La Niña — the wa-

ters tend to be cooler than usual. But the important thing is that both events can affect weather patterns in the United States and around the world."

How do they change our weather?

In years when a La Niña occurs, there tends to be warmer and drier conditions in many areas, including Texas, McRoberts says. "In general terms, a La Niña period means drier weather patterns for Texas. There are been nu-

merous studies done on how El Niño and La Niña affect weather patterns, and specifically, hurricanes and their intensity. Some research indicates that the sorts of hurricanes that affect Texas are more common during La Niña periods than during a neutral or El Niño year."

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Being part of the community is very important to me. As such, I am a board member/member of the following organizations: Rolling Plains Rural Health Partnership, Rolling Plains Child Fatality Review Team, Munday Park Project, Munday Lion's Club. In the past I have been a board member of the Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, Goodwill Industries, March of Dimes, and Fiestas Del Llano and several legal organizations. I participated in the Knox County Visioning Group Career Day as well as Adventure Days, Shattered Dreams Project in Knox City, Water Safety Program, and various other activities.

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- Dedication:** Last week the Knox County Grand Jury was scheduled to meet but both the district attorney and our assistant were unavailable. We had several felony cases that were important to the victims and to the community. I went forward with the grand jury on my own. The grand jurors returned indictments on all eight of the cases that I presented. With me as district attorney, cases will move forward promptly.

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