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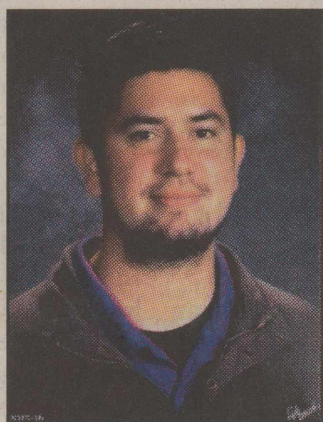
Navarro named coach of the Year

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN – Coach Jacob Navarro of Benjamin was named the District 8-1A Coach of the Year as his young Mustangs claimed third place and a spot in the playoffs.

Junior Justin Rainwater and sophomore Caleb Barrientez were named to the all-district first team while junior Benjamin Vanderpol and freshman J.C. Espinol were selected on the second team.

Cole Parton of Munday claimed MVP honors while Tristen Hayes of Crowell and Holt Bivens of Munday were the offensive and defensive MVPs. Brady Weaver of Munday took newcomer of the year honors.



JACOB NAVARRO

Rounding out the first team were Day'veon Dockins and Bryon Castorena of Munday, Tyler Durham and Steven Perez of Crowell, Dakota Hearn of Northside, Ryan Horn of Chillicothe and Hunter Hopkins and Brady Blakely of Harrold.

Parton selected 8-1A MVP

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MUNDAY – Munday High senior Cole Parton was selected as the District 8-1A Most Valuable Player while junior teammate Holt Bivens and sophomore Brady Weaver were named the defensive MVP and newcomer of the year, respectively.

Junior Day'veon Dockins and senior Bryon were named to the first team all-district while sophomores Kade Sanders and Dane Leija were honorable mention.

Coaching honors went to Coach Jacob Navarro of Benjamin while Tristen Hayes of Crowell was the offensive MVP.

Rounding out the first team were Justin Rainwater and Caleb Barrientez of Benjamin, Tyler Durham and Steven Perez of Crowell, Dakota Hearn of Northside, Ryan Horn of Chillicothe and Hunter Hopkins and Brady Blakely of Harrold.

Shahan shares 8-1A MVP honors

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MUNDAY – Munday High senior Kimberly Shahan shared District 8-1A MVP honors with Crowell senior Mardi Wisdom.

Shahan's junior teammate Charity Hunter claimed defensive MVP honors while freshman Madison Thompson shared newcomer of the year honors with Katie Reeves of Northside.

Harrold's Carla Kent was the choice as the coach of the year while the Lady Hornets'

Lyndzie Disbrow, a freshman, was named the offensive MVP.

Joining Munday seniors Kathryn Cude, Brenley Waters and Ana Vega on the all-district first team were Blaine Carroll, Kelley Carroll, Bryce Moore and Shelby Henry of Crowell, Olivia Perez and Gabby Patterson of Harrold and Saradon Faulkner of Northside.

Munday's Madison Edgar, Bergen Waters and Reagan Sanderson were named to the second team.

Steele receives 7-1A honors

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KNOX CITY – Kaylie Steele of Knox City High School shared offensive MVP honors for District 7-1A with Ali Smith of Paducah.

Airykah Molina of Spur claimed MVP honors while Kyanina Hurd of Paducah and Camrey Sanchez of Spur won defensive MVP and newcomer of the year respectively.

Myca Flowers and Brooke Jones of Knox City were named to the all-district team while Amy Harrington of received honorable mention.

Stephens resigns as city administrator

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – The Munday City Council accepted the resignation of city administrator Winston Stephens, effective April 15, at its regular monthly meeting here Tuesday night.

Stephens indicated he had accepted the position of director of works for the City of Haskell and would be moving there soon.

"After careful consideration, I have made the decision to resign in order to pursue a new career opportunity," he wrote in a letter to the council. "Working for the City of Munday has been a wonderful experience that has afforded me many valuable opportunities to learn and grow, and I am very

grateful to have been a part of the organization."

Stephens added that he hoped to learn even more about city administration and eventually hoped to become the city administrator of Haskell.

Earlier in the meeting, Stephens informed the council that Bianca Fernandez would be going on maternity leave later in the summer and that a temporary secretary would need to be hired in the near future to handle the job in her absence.

In the only vote of the night, the council decided to eliminate using pit bull from an ordinance and use dangerous dog instead by a 4-1 margin with Bill Burtram casting the lone no vote.

Burtram noted that pit bulls are responsible for 59% of all bites and 82% of all deaths.

Burtram also put an item on the agenda, asking

why certain things that had been passed like the one-way street next to Munday Tire & Appliance had not been completed. Stephens accepted the blame, but noted the matter would be addressed.

When Billy Carden posed a question about the three-minute limit for public comments, a heated discussion followed as to what was a reasonable time frame. No action was taken.

Beverly Banks of Munday Housing did address the council with questions about garbage collection since there did not appear to be any kind of official agreement. No formal action was taken, but Stephens was told to get with City Attorney Lina Trevino to work up a mutual agreement.

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MCISD explains why bond needed

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MUNDAY – Supt. Troy Parton issued a statement from the Munday Consolidated Independent School District as to why it is looking at a bond program now.

"We currently have a value limitation agreement with Horse Creek Wind, LLC," he said. "An appraised value limitation is an agreement in which a taxpayer agrees to construct a project and create jobs in exchange for a 10-year limitation on the taxable property value for school district maintenance and operations tax (M&O) purposes.

"The wind farm has provided a large amount of additional tax revenue that

allows the district to consider a larger capital improvement program than we could consider with just the district values. With the district's current taxable values, excluding the wind farm, we have the capacity to issue approximately \$2,000,000. However, when taking in account the taxable value of the wind farm, we have the capacity to consider a bond program of \$8,000,000 because the value of the project is not limited with respect to the district's tax rate levied for bonds.

"The values on the wind farm have a depreciation schedule and the amount of additional value will decline. If we do not use that value, it will be gone in the future."

How will this effect local taxes?

"The district will provide a chart that will allow residents to examine the projected impact of the bonds on tax rates based on home values. For those citizens that have received the senior citizen exemption on their homestead, there is no tax increase on their homestead if bonds are issued. By law the tax bill on the homestead of a person receiving the exemption is frozen and the taxes may not be increased. There are exceptions if the homeowner makes major improvements to the homestead; in which case the property can be appraised at its new value and the tax bill then refrozen to

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Houndettes win title



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox City girls claimed the title in the Knox City Sixman Invitational Track Meet last Friday, outdistancing runnerup Newcastle, 117-59, while the boys settled for fifth place with 50 points. Guthrie claimed first place with 95 points, 15 ahead of Spur. Knox City's Zinziley McCrary is shown taking off in her second place finish in the 100 meters while Tod Flowers goes over the bar in the high jump where he eventually took first place at 5-6 inches.

Knox misses heavy rain

While powerful storms dumped heavy rain on parts of Texas, causing flooding that led to a school bus rescue and property damage from suspected tornadoes, they avoided Knox County.

Only .2 was reported in Munday and 1.4 in Knox City through Wednesday morning.

Forecasters expected a sunny weekend here in Knox.

State Champs

State girls cage champs

6A: Duncanville 81, Cibolo Steele 41
5A: Canyon 41, Frisco Liberty 34

4A: Argyle 53, Waco LaVega 43
3A: Wall 24, Brock 21
2A: Weimar 52, Panhandle 47
1A: Lipan 54, Nazareth 43



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Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of March 14-18
 Monday: BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, vegetables, bread, fruit
 Tuesday: Meatloaf, bliss potatoes, bread stick, mixed vegetables, apple crisp
 Wednesday: Chicken & rice, green beans, salad, bread, fruit
 Thursday: Lasagna, garlic bread, Brussel sprouts, pears
 Friday: BBQ sandwiches, tater tots, dessert

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Obituaries

Margie Pickering

Margie Stewart Pickering, 87, of Munday passed away on March 7, 2016.

Margie was born in Munday on March 26, 1928 to Ed and Velma McClure. She was a lifetime resident of Haskell and Knox Counties. She married J.N. Stewart of Weinert on Oct. 8, 1944. They had four boys that were her pride and joy.

She was well known for her chocolate pies and chocolate cakes. She was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church in Weinert. She loved her church family and her "Burger Buddies". After J.N.(Junior) passed away in 1990, she married Frank

Pickering in 1996.

Margie is survived by her sons Ronnie and wife Delores, Danny and wife Nancy, Mike and wife Robyne, all of Munday, and Mark and wife Kristi of Haskell; 14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

A visitation was held Tuesday at the funeral home in Munday. Services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Weinert with Pastor Dan Bullock officiating. Interment followed in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Area News

New extension agent

PADUCAH – Luke Feaster, a native of Rawls, has been hired as the new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Cottle County.

Hee Haw shows

SAGERTON – Tickets for the Sagerton Hee Haw will go on sale at 8 a.m. March 14 at the Sagerton Community Center. Individuals may buy up to 10 tickets at \$5 each. If more tickets remain, you can call 940 997-2688. Shows are scheduled March 31-April 2, starting at 8 p.m. following music and singing at 6:30 p.m. Sandwiches, chips and drinks will be served on Thursday night and barbecue with homemade pie and drink the other two nights

Obituary policy

The Knox County News-Courier will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

Letter to the editor policy

The Knox County News-Courier welcomes letters to the editor from readers on topics of local, state and national importance.

All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes) and a daytime phone. Please limit to 250 words or less.

Letters sent by mail should be addressed to Box 151, Munday, TX 76371, but the preferred way is by email to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

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

The Paperboy

Is it time to unplug?

British actor Eddie Redmayne, who was nominated for an Oscar for his role in "The Danish Girl," made more headlines recently when he admitted to giving up his smartphone.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

"It was a reaction against being glued permanently to my iPhone during waking hours," Redmayne said.

Redmayne is part of a growing trend. Strategy Analytics, a research firm, says the basic phones account for two percent of the global market. Most of the major phone makers no longer produce simple phones.

Besides freedom from smartphones, there are other reasons people are switching back to simplicity:

- Smartphones are easily broken.
- Smartphones require daily recharging.
- Smartphone companies produce newer models frequently.
- Smartphone plans are expensive.
- Smartphones offer computing power that most people do not need or use.

This simple phone market is still being served by Microsoft, which now owns Nokia. Last year they launched the Nokia 215, a device that has a standby battery life of 29 days. The Nokia 515 has 38 days of standby time. Compare that to your phone. These phone can house a few apps and cost just \$30 price. Exceptional battery life and impressive durability are standard features.

When you own a Nokia, you own a phone that's built to last," Microsoft says of their Nokia phones.

To me, these phones sound pretty practical

for children. They are simple, your kid can't download things which you view as harmful and they are cheaper to replace.

I imagine these phones would also be a benefit to seniors that don't want to be overwhelmed with a bunch of technology they won't use.

Myself, I have an iPhone 6s, which is an incredible device. However, like Redmayne, I also feel the need to unplug some. I'm not giving up the phone because of the necessity regarding business, but I really don't use many apps and I'm not on Facebook so I don't feel the need to check it every 10 minutes.

Most days, the best part of my day are the evening meals I share with my family. We talk and laugh and enjoy each others' company. What we don't do is use our phones. I think this is a healthy practice.

I was in an airport a couple of months ago. There were about 120 people in my vicinity and I would estimate 85 percent of those over 12 were glued to a smartphone.

Is that not incredible?
 As I get older, I become less interested in technological advances more more interested in what I can do with my own brain and hands.

I doubt we will ever totally unplug, but as with anything else, smartphones should probably be used in moderation. That's easier said than done.

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Water levels reported up

Special to The News-Courier
 Mike McGuire of the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District reported that water levels in the Seymour Aquifer for wells in Knox and neighboring counties Baylor and Haskell were up when levels were measured.

"Due to the extreme variability of the Seymour Aquifer, varying rainfall, variations in recharge areas and pumping rates, water levels vary in the three counties," he said. "Some areas have levels above where we were at this time last year, some are about where we were last year and a few are below where we were last year.

For the year in comparison, Knox was up an average 3.4 inches, Haskell 4.86 and Baylor 1.55.

"One word of caution, the district encountered bees in wells," he said. "If you

are going to be working around a well that hasn't been disturbed in a while, please exercise caution. There is a good probability that bees could be in the well."

Aquifer Levels-March 2016.

Many questions are being asked about this winter's rainfall and the effect on the water table levels. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District measured water levels in January, July and February to determine the effects from the recharge from the season's precipitation.

Well levels in Baylor County with an average increase of 4.86', since January, 2015.

Well levels in Haskell County with an average increase of 1.55', since January, 2015.

Well levels in Knox County with an average increase of 3.40', since January, 2015.

Coping with cancer

By Stacy Simon

When Gregg Carr was diagnosed with lung cancer, he turned to his faith to help him find meaning during difficult times. "This cancer has helped me renew my spirituality. I'm convinced God wants me to help more people," said Carr. After four months of aggressive and often painful treatment, Carr says he now feels well enough to return to work. In his small town in Illinois, he often counsels others facing their own cancer diagnosis.

Carr is far from alone in finding comfort and meaning through religion during cancer diagnosis, treatment, and recovery. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 69% of cancer patients say they pray for their health. A recent study published in *Cancer*, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Cancer Society, suggests a

link between religious or spiritual beliefs and better physical health reported among patients with cancer.

"In our observational study, we found people who found feelings of transcendence or meaningfulness or peace reported feeling the least physical problems," said lead author Heather Jim, PhD. "A lot of cancer patients have a reaction when diagnosed of 'Why me?' or feel like they're being punished or get angry. This is a normal part of coming to terms with a cancer diagnosis."

For the report, researchers from Moffitt Cancer Center and colleagues looked at the results of several published studies on the topic, which included more than 32,000 cancer patients combined. They found a link between patients with higher levels of spiritual well-being and reporting better physical health. The researchers did not look at whether spiritual well-being affected patient survival or cancer recurrence.

The authors defined religion as belonging to a religious organization and attending organized services, while spirituality is a connection to a force larger than oneself. For some people, religion is an expression of their spirituality, while others find spirituality outside of organized religion.

The authors say religion and spirituality can help cancer patients find meaning in their illness and provide comfort in the face of fear. These patients might also be more likely to get practical help that aids in their recovery, because they are often connected to a community of people who share their beliefs and can provide meals, help around the house, rides to medical appointments, and other types of hands-on care.

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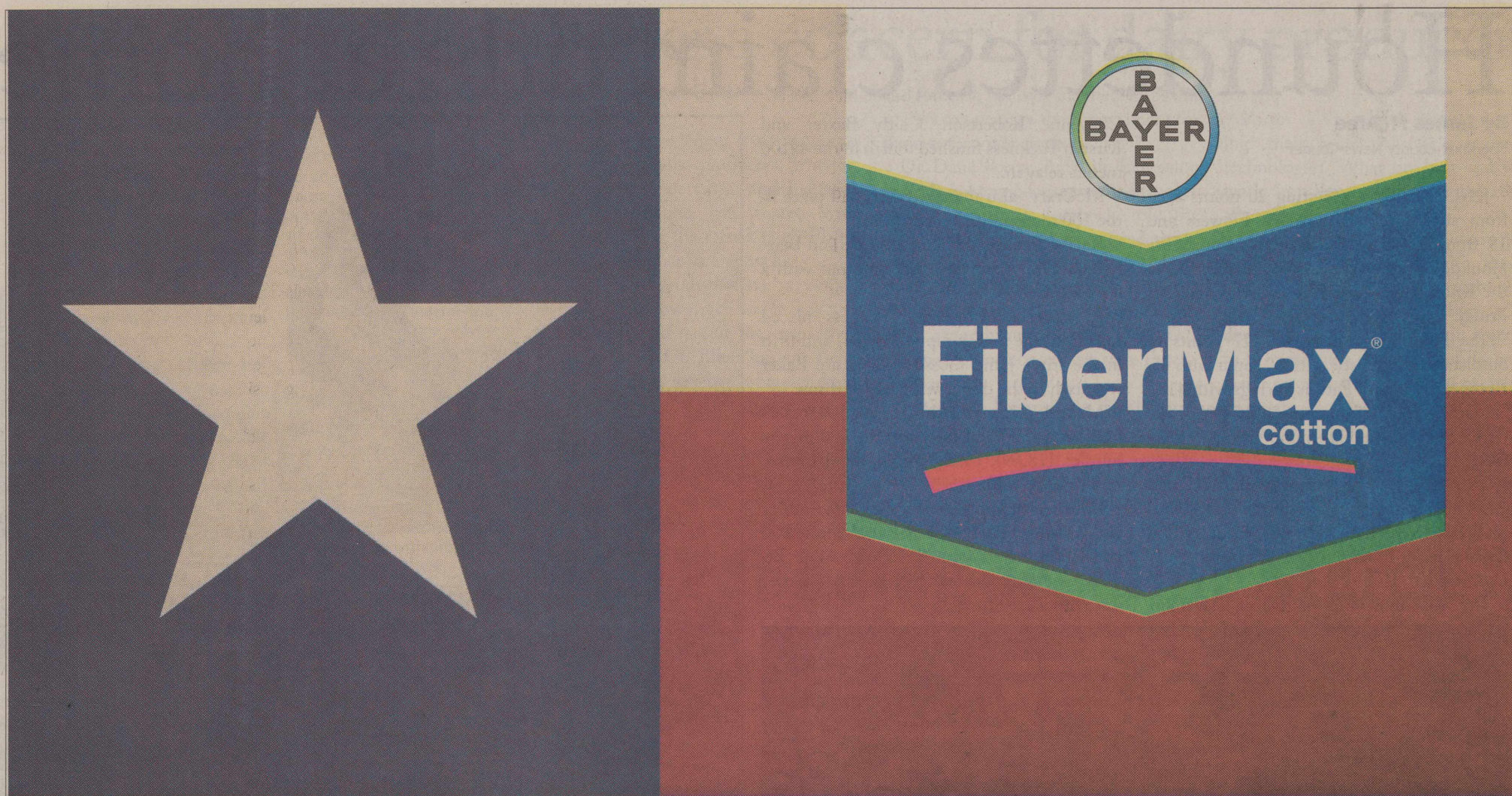
March 24 Holy Thursday
 THE EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 6:00 PM at Saint Joseph's Rhineland
 7:30 PM at Santa Rosa/Knox City
 (The washing of the feet, the presentation of Holy Oils, the procession of The Blessed Sacrament to the special altar and keeping vigil in the Church until Midnight)

March 25 Good Friday
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
 6:30 PM The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 (Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion)
 7:30 PM at Santa Rosa/ Knox City

March 26 Holy Saturday
 8:30 PM Easter Vigil/ St. Joseph's
 (Blessing of the Fire, Procession with the Paschal Candle, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, Renewal of the Baptismal vows, Confirmation and Liturgy of the Eucharist.)

March 27 Easter Sunday—(Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord)
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Houndettes claim title at home

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY – Getting 20 points each from sisters Temi and Myca Flowers and 18 from Zinzily McCrary, the Knox City Houndettes easily ran away with the title in the Knox City Sixman Invitational here last Friday.

The Houndettes compiled 117 points to outdistance Newcastle with 57, Spur with 45, Rotan with 43 and Patton Springs with 41.

Temi won the 800 meters in 2:34.95 while Myca claimed the high jump with a 4-6 effort.

Then the sisters teamed with McCrary and Amy Harrington to win the 4x200 meters relay in 1:55.39 and with McCrary and Brooke Jones to take the 4x400 meters relay in 4:34.82.

The KC foursome of Debra Alvarado,

Cheyenne Robertson, Caitly Baxter and Kirsten Tuckness finished fourth in the 4x100 meters relay in....

McCrary also managed a second place in the 100 meters, clocking a 12.96.

Kaylie Steele claimed second behind Benjamin's Emily Brown in the shot put with a 33-11 1/2 effort.

In other field events, Tuckness placed fourth in the long jump (14-4 1/4) and fifth in the triple jump (30-4) while Kate Baker was sixth in the discus with a 79-0 throw.

Makayle Cline took third in the 300 meters hurdles (54.75) and fourth in the 100 meters hurdles (18.69), barely losing to teammate Alvarado (18.66).

In other running events, Chloe Grimbley and Brittney Hawkins were fourth in the 800 and 1,600 meters with times of 2:54.43 BS 6:28.02 while Jones was fifth in the 400 meters with a 1:10 time.



Debra Alvarado



Anthony Estrada

Hounds settle for 5th place in invitational

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Knox City Greyhounds had to settle for fifth place in the 21-team field of the Knox City Sixman Invitational here last Friday, trailing District 7-1A rivals Guthrie and Spur, who finished at the top with 95 and 80 points.

Aspermont and Newcastle also finished ahead of the hosts with 72 and 61, respectively.

The Greyhounds did win the 4x100 meters relay as Anthony Estrada, Elias Nevarez, Preston Lynn and Skylar Neill combined for a 47.32 clocking.

The only other KC points in the running events was a sixth place finish in the 400 meters by Brady Hawkins, who posted 58.50.

In the field events, Tod Flowers (5-6), Lynn (38-4 1/2) and Nevarez (20-3 1/2) picked up third places in the high jump, triple jump and long jump. Neill was fourth in the long jump at 19-7 1/4, Estrada sixth in the triple jump at 35-9 and Sean Logsdon sixth in the discus with a 100-7 effort.

Grady Shields of Newcastle compiled the most points for an individual with 38 points, winning the long jump, high jump and 200 meters and finishing second in the 100 meters.

Hounds drop pair



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Payne Stanfield makes the first pitch of the season. The Knox City Greyhounds suffered a pair of setbacks to the Seymour JV in opening their baseball season last Saturday.

Houndettes drop softball opener

KNOX CITY – The Knox City Houndettes opened their softball season Monday, suffering an 11-8 setback to the Hawley JV.

“We had just enough to field a team with nine players,” Coach Brenna Hoegger said.

“For our first game and only having a few practices with everyone there, I was pleased with how they played. We have a few players that have never played and a few more that haven't played since elementary school. We have a lot to learn and I'm looking forward to the season.”

Lexi Jiminez finished with five strike outs.

The Houndettes' next game will be March 21 against the Windthorst JV on the road.

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KCHS band receives superior rating in concert

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ANSON — The Knox City High School band received a superior rating for the concert part of its performance at the UIL Concert & Sight-Reading contest here last week and an excellent rating for sight-reading.

"My kids did an outstanding job performing as well as representing Knox City-O'Brien CISD," said band director Mark Tucker. "I'm very proud of my kids' per-

formances although we were hoping for superior ratings in both sections, but we came up a little short in the sight-reading room."

In concert, the band got 1s from two judges and a 2 from the other one and received all 2s in sight-reading.

Tucker added that the band's spring concert and lunch fundraiser had been scheduled April 24. Lunch will be served starting at 11 a.m. and the concert will start at 1:30 p.m.



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Knox City Sixman Invitational

DPS urges caution with recreation vehicles

Girls

100 meters: Madison Frazier, Woodson, 12.81; Zinziley McCrary, Knox City, 12.96; Kyanna Hurd, Paducah, 13.35; Lilly Amechi, Northside, 13.46; Hailey Bender, Throckmorton, 13.55; Carsyn Allen, Rotan, 13.64

200 meters: Madison Frazier, Woodson, 27.69; Kailyx Childers, Spur, 28.89; Lilly Amechi, Northside, 29.02; Alyssa Ellis, Patton Springs, 29.10; Kyanna Hurd, Paducah, 29.18; Hailey, Bender, Throckmorton, 29.25

400 meters: Madison Frazier, Woodson, 1:02.78; Rivers Marshall, Motley County, 1:06.52; Hailey Bender, Throckmorton, 1:06.82; Carley Gruben, Rotan, 1:09.32; Brooke Jones, Knox City, 1:10; Ashleigh Jones, Patton Springs, 1:10.09

800 meters: Temi Flowers, Knox City, 2:34.95; Nicole Martinez, Newcastle, 2:39.65; Carley Gruben, Rotan, 2:42.44; Chloe Grimsley, Knox City, 2:54.43; Jax Hurt, Rotan, 2:57.47; Lyndzie Disbrow, Harrold, 2:57.58

1,600 meters: Reagan Maxwell, Guthrie, 6:00.76; Rylee Smith, Bryson, 6:04.33; Robbi Blair, Newcastle, 6:13.14; Britney Hawkins, Knox City, 6:28.02; Candace Tarver, Guthrie, 6:37.34; Hayley Smith, Motley County, 6:38.63

3,200 meters: Rylee Smith, Bryson, 13:11.65; Reagan Maxwell, Guthrie, 13:38.53; Robbi Blair, Newcastle, 13:46.33; Carolina Hilario, Benjamin, 13:57.04; Hayley Smith, Motley County, 14:27.81; Alexis Matute, Harrold, 14:40.64

100 meters hurdles: Jacy Sparks, Aspermont, 17:27; Sydney Mims, Lueders-Avoca, 18.00; Debra Alvarado, Knox City, 18.66; Makayle Cline, Knox City, 18.69

300 meters hurdles: Jacy Sparks, Aspermont, 51.19; Carsyn Allen, Rotan, 54.8; Makayle Cline, Knox City, 54.75; Autumn Woolsey, Motley County, 55.11; Lilly Amechi, Northside, 55.20; Kelsey Shields, Newcastle, 57.08

4x100 meters relay: Rotan, 54.93; Crowell, 55.07; Patton Springs, 55.54; Knox City, 55.75 (Debra Alvarado, Cheyenne Roberson, Caitlyn Baxter, Kirsten Tuckness); Aspermont, 56.01; Spur, 57.67

4x200 meters relay: Knox City, 1:55.39 (Zinziley McCrary, Myca Flowers, Amy Harrington, Temi Flowers); Spur, 2:00.06; Crowell, 2:05.61; Benjamin, 2:05.78 (Taryn Strickland, Cassidy Correll, Carolina Hilario, Melissa Rogers); Aspermont, 2:08.77

4x400 meters relay: Knox City, 4:34.82 (Myca Flowers, Zinziley McCrary, Temi Flowers, Brooke Jones); Newcastle, 4:55.99; Guthrie, 5:00.73; Aspermont, 5:09.05; Harrold, 5:27.48

Long jump: K.C. Shields, Newcastle, 15-3; Brooke Shobert, Spur, 14-11 3/4;

Bryan Gibson, Aspermont, 58.34; Brady Hawkins, Knox City, 58.50; Blane Blount, Guthrie, 59.08; Braden Pope, Motley County, 59.33; Isaiah Wagner, Rotan, 1:00/52

800 meters: Ethan Fernandez, Patton Springs, 2:08.62; Adam Dennis, Throckmorton, 2:14.10; Kamren Shelton, Spur, 2:14.30; Ethan Jimenez, Throckmorton, 2:20.90; Travis Simank, Chillicothe, 2:21.52; Gage Bozeman, Newcastle, 2:21.86

1,600 meters: Dustin Dominey, Spur, 4:51.68; Ethan Fernandez, Patton Springs, 5:13.04; Mickey Clary, Motley County, 5:19.64; Jeremiah Lorimer, Spur, 5:20.83; J.C. Espinal, Benjamin, 5:42.33; Eli Marshall, Motley County, 5:46.24

3,200 meters: Dustin Dominey, Spur, 10:43; Gage Bozeman, Newcastle, 11:20; J.C. Espinoal, Benjamin, 11:43; Morgon Reinisch, Harrold, 12:17; Jake Knowles, Chillicothe, 12:39; Skyler Herndon, Lueders-Avoca, 13:26

110 meters hurdles: Joseph Garibaldi, Paducah, 15.91; Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 18.23; Jacob Navarrette, Rule, 19.34; Kylar Talley, Guthrie, 20.08; P.L. Gibson, Guthrie, 20.33

300 meters hurdles: Mickey Clary, Motley County, 45.72; Kylar Talley, Guthrie, 46.07; Eli Marshall, Motley County, 48.84; Gabriel Garcia, Guthrie, 50.05; Kaleb Brendle, Guthrie, 50.40; Cade Drum, Motley County, 50.7

4x100 meters relay: Knox City, 47.32 (Preston Lynn, Elias Nevarez, Skylar Neill, Anthony Estrada); Spur, 48:21; Benjamin, 48.98 (Justin Rainwater, Lincoln Strickland, Daniel Jackson, Benjamin Vanderpol); Aspermont, 50.41; Northside, 51.59;

4X200 meters relay: Spur, 1:40.44; Guthrie, 1:40.59; Aspermont, 1:43.59, Chillicothe, 1:49.92

4x400 meters relay: Aspermont, 4:03.72; Throckmorton, 4:04.27; Chillicothe, 4:11.45; Benjamin, 4:25.76 (Brenden Harris, Damian Landini,

Team: Knox City 117, Newcastle 59, Spur 45, Rotan 43, Patton Springs 41, Aspermont 39, Guthrie 37, Crowell 32, Woodson 32, Benjamin 29, Lueders-Avoca 24, Bryson 18, Northside 16, Motley County 15, Throckmorton 9, Paducah 8, Rule 8, Crosbyton 7, Harrold 6

Boys

100 meter: Chase Thompson, Rule, 11.52; Grady Shields, Newcastle, 11.62; Mikey Walker, Newcastle, 11:73; Bryant Taylor, Motley County, 11.76; Lincoln Strickland, Benjamin, 11.88; Marcus Ortiz, Motley County, 11.98

200 meters: Grady Shields, Newcastle, 23:44; Jakob Sanchez, Spur, 23.83; Dylan Reagan, Chillicothe, 23.92; Marcus Ortiz, Motley County, 24.17; Bryant Taylor, Motley County, 24.28; Karter Morris, Aspermont, 24.29

400 meters: Marcus Ortiz, Motley County, 55.20;

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Long jump: Grady Shields, Newcastle, 21-9 1/4; Joseph Garibaldi, Paducah, 21-2; Elias Nevarez, Knox City, 20-3 1/2; Skylar Neill, Knox City, 19-7 1/4; Bryan Gibson, Aspermont, 18-11 1/2; Chase Thompson, Rule, 18-9

Shot put: McClendon Hill, Guthrie, 51-10; Jacob Burns, Paducah, 42-3; Karter Morris Aspermont, 39-10 1/2; Mikey Walker, Newcastle, 38-5 3/4; Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 38-3; Dorrian Berientes, Aspermont, 36-1

Discus: McClendon Hill, Guthrie, 140-7; Caleb Rosenblad, Rotan, 120-6; Matt Lowe, Newcastle, 107-9; Will Roberts, Woodson, 102-11; Karter Morris, Aspermont, 101-7; Sean Logsdon, Knox City, 100-7

Triple jump: Bryan Gibson, Aspermont, 38-6 1/2; Chase Thompson, Rule, 38-5; Preston Lynn, Knox City, 38-4 1/2; Joseph Garibaldi, Paducah, 37-7; Jeremiah Lorimer, Spur, 37-5 1/2; Anthony Estrada, Knox City, 35-9

High jump: Dylan Reagan, Chillicothe, 6-2; Grady Shields, Newcastle, 6-0; Tod Flowers, Knox City, 5-6; Chase Thompson, Rule, 5-4; Cory Myers, Aspermont, 5-0; Blane Blount, Guthrie, 4-10

Pole vault: Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 14-0; Kylar Talley Guthrie, 8-0; Kaleb Brendle, Guthrie, 7-6; Keaton Adams, 6-6

Teams: Guthrie 95, Spur 80, Aspermont 72, Newcastle 71, Knox City 50, Motley County 47, Chillicothe 40, Paducah 30, Benjamin 30, Rule 29, Throckmorton 28, Patton Springs 18, Rotan 9, Northside 4, Harrold 4, Woodson 4, Lueders-Avoca 1

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LUBBOCK — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds residents to use extra caution while using recreational vehicles as spring and summer months approach — times when usage typically increases.

DPS also urges Texans to always abide by the laws excluding recreational vehicles from public roadways.

Recreational vehicles include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), go-carts, golf carts, dirt bikes, minibikes and pocket bikes.

Texas law generally prohibits these vehicles on any public roadway, including interstate and state highways as well as county or local streets.

Any street that is maintained by a municipality or county maintenance department also is included.

There are very few exemptions that allow these vehicles to be operated on public roadways.

In recent months, recreational vehicles have been involved in several serious crashes, resulting in

deaths or serious injuries.

In addition, DPS has seen an increase in children being injured or killed while operating or riding in these vehicles in recent years.

A person that violates any laws regarding use of these types of vehicles commits an offense. It is important to remember that even when these vehicles are being operated legally, a minor must be accompanied by and be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian at all times. DPS encourages owners to keep the keys to these types of vehicles away from children to reduce the risk of illegal operation and possible injury.

Remember, recreational vehicles are not intended to be driven on public roadways.

They are manufactured to operate at low speeds only, do not have adequate safety equipment/features and are not register or insured by the state of Texas. If you do use a recreational vehicle, make sure to always wear a helmet, eye protection, and be safe.

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Mogulettes second behind Taylors

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QUANAH – The Munday Moguettes scored 98 points and claimed second place behind Class 3A Vernon (106) here in the PUHA Relays, finishing ahead of Shamrock (96), Wellington (96), Quanah (94) and Memphis (56).

Taking up where they left off last season, sophomores Kayla and Karla Taylor captured first places in the 200 and 400 meters with clockings of 27.93 and 1:03.22, respectively.

The twins teamed with Charity Hunter and Emily Scott to win the 4x400 meters relay in 4:32.34 and joined Hunter and Skylar Gomez for a second in the 4x100 meters relay.

The Munday foursome of Kimberly Sha-

han, Gomez, Madison Edgar and Hunter clocked a 2:02.35 for second place in the 4x200 meters relay.

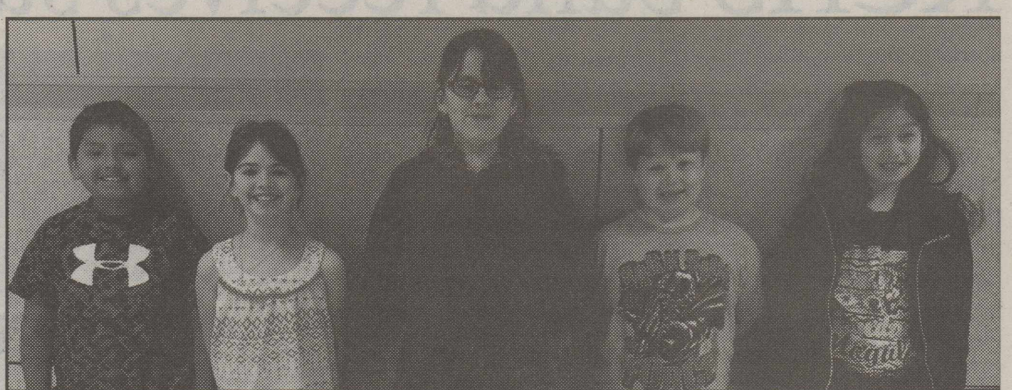
Kristen Kuehler picked up a first place in the discus with a throw of 102-9.

In the other field events, Hunter and Kasey Lowrance claimed thirds in the long jump and shot put with 14-3 1/2 and 30-11 efforts.

Abby Walker placed fifth in the 100 meters hurdles and sixth in the 300 meters hurdles with times of 1:03.22 and 35.25, respectively while Zoe Cedillo finished sixth in the 800 meters (3:09.35).

"I was really pleased with our times for the first event of the season," said Coach Cory Stephenson. "We hit the times we needed and are on pace to do some good things this season."

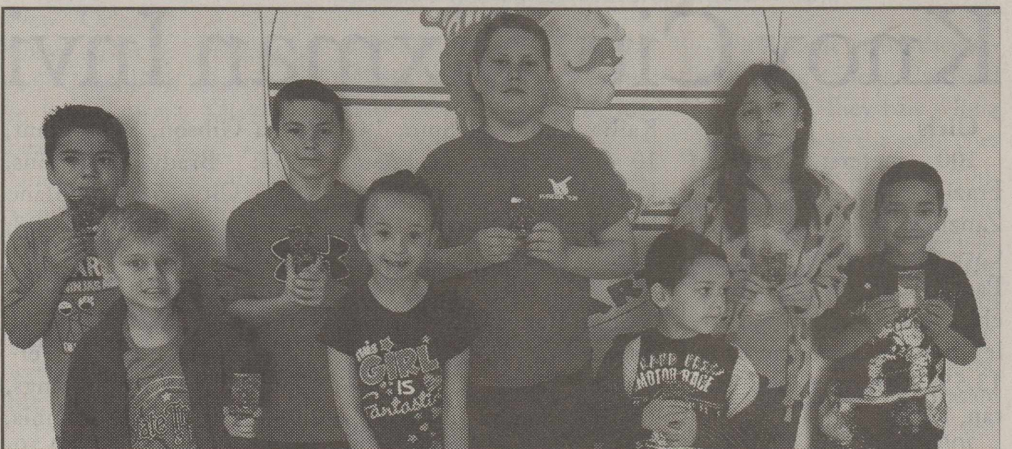
Accelerated readers



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Honored as accelerated readers for the fourth six weeks at Munday Elementary were Austin Lerma, Kierslynn Macken, Daniela Nunez, Kenlin Rogers and Hannah Mong.

Perfect attendance



The students with perfect attendance for the fourth six weeks were Aaron Quintero, Luke Bowman, Hunter Jagers, Loran Miranda, Justin Tidwell, Bryson Lerma, Melissa Carmona and Brandon Henderson.

Moguls finish fifth at Quanah

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QUANAH – The Munday Moguls scored 61 points to finish fifth, trailing Vernon (220), Wellington (96), Memphis (95) and Quanah (62), in the PUHA Relays.

Christian Araujo and Julio Vitolas picked up second places in the 800 meters (2:15.58) and discus (122-10).

In other individual events, Dee Hemphill placed fourth in the triple jump (37-10) while Noah Ramos, Dane Leija and Manny Caranza got sixths in the 400 meters (1:02.09), 800 meters (2:22.24) and 3,200 meters (13:24.24).

Alex Thorn, Trevaugh Mitchell, Holt Bivens

and Day'veon Dockins finished third in the 4x200 meters relay and running in a different order were fourth in the 4x100 meters with times of 1:40.24 and 47.24.

Ramos joined Bivens, Dockins and Thorn to clock a 3:52.82 for fourth in the 4x400 meters relay. Vernon swept the relays.

The Munday junior varsity placed second with 121 points, trailing only Wellington with 191.

Anthony Padilla claimed two blue ribbons winning the 800 and 1,600 meters with clockings of 2:23.43 and 5:39.84 while David Serrato, Emmanule and Chance Holden won firsts in the 100 meters, discus and high jump, respectively.

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- 6th Grade**—Andrea Nunez, Manny Nunez, Elli Oustad, Catalina Perry, Corbin Rogers, Julie Valk, Chris Wigington

Schools must use birth certificates

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AUSTIN – School district superintendents in Texas overwhelmingly approved a change that requires public school officials to use a birth certificate to determine a student-athlete's gender.

In a referendum ballot, superintendents voted 586-32 to amend University Interscholastic League rules for transgender athletes.

UIL policy director Jamey Harrison indicated that the change codifies the advice the UIL has been giving to superintendents.

"When we were asked by a school for guidance, that was the recommendation we gave them," Harrison said, "although we told them to work through their own process and own legal counsel as well."

The amendment will go into effect Aug. 1. If a birth certificate is not available, it will allow other government documents to be used for the purpose of identification.

The move was condemned by transgender advocates as it will force transgender students to amend their birth certificate, a laborious and costly process.

MHS gets superior rating in sight reading

Special to The News-Courier

ANSON – The Munday High Purple Pride band received a superior rating in sight-reading and an excellent rating in concert

here last week in the UIL Concert & Sight-Reading contest.

"I was very proud of their performance at UIL," said director Trey Stephenson. "Their com-

mitment to excellence and pride for their school and community was very evident. I am continually amazed at what they accomplish."

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Knox City Invitational



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Lincoln Strickland hands off to Benjamin Vanderpol in the 4x100 meters relay at Knox City.

Brown captures KC shot put

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Benjamin Lady Stangs finished in 10th place, scoring 29 points, in the Knox City Sixman Invitational Track Meet here last Friday.

Emily Brown, a state qualifier in the shot put last season, captured a gold in

the shot put with a throw of 36-5 and a silver in the discus with an 81-10 effort.

The foursome of Carolina Hilario, Melissa Rogers, Taryn Strickland and Cassidy Correll finished fourth in the 4x200 meter relay in 2:05.78 while Hilario was fourth in the 3,200 meters in 13:57.04.

Mustangs share 8th at KC

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Benjamin Mustangs scored 30 points in the Knox City Sixman Invitational Track Meet here Friday to share eighth place out of 21 teams.

"I thought we did well for it being our first meet," said Coach Jacob Navarro. "I saw a lot of good things, but of course there are some things we need to work on, especially field event wise. But

ultimately our sprinters and long distance runners got us points. We are just going to build on this and continue to pursue excellence."

The Mustangs claimed a third in the 4x100 meter relay and a fourth in the 4x400 meter relay. Daniel Jackson, Justin Rainwater, Benjamin Vanderpol and Lincoln Strickland clocked a 48.98 in the shorter race while Brenden Harris, Damian Landini, Caleb Barreintez and Rain-

water ran a 4:25.76 in the longer race.

In the individual events, J.C. Espinal finished third in the 3,200 meters and fifth in the 1,600 meters with times of 11:43 and 5:42.33 while Strickland ran a 11.88 for fifth in the 100 meters.

Guthrie claimed the title with 95 points. Rounding out the top five were Spur with 80, Aspermont with 72, Newcastle with 61 and Knox City with 50.



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Emily Brown wins shot put at the Knox City Sixman Invitational with throw of 36-5.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's that time of year where we can expect some high wind and hail when thunderstorms move through as happened earlier this week. We need moisture, but the latter we can do without. That time of the year is here, however. We need to be alert to the fact that severe weather is surely a possibility. It just pays to be cautious.

Regarding our ill

Barbara Ryder came home last Thursday following surgery on Tuesday at HMC in Abilene. She's doing well. I visited her on Friday. She was up and about, although moving pretty slowly. She is very glad to have that ordeal behind her. We just pray the report comes back good, and she can get back to life as she likes it without making so many trips to the doctor. Donnie also had some surgery last week. He had a mole removed from just above his right eye. It's doing OK, but I'm not sure if he has that report back or not.

Bud Conner is about the same as he has been for several days. Not any worse, but not much improvement either. He's still in ICU but hopes to go to a skilled nursing facility in Lubbock this week. I ask you to continue to pray for him, as he is having a pretty hard time right now. If anyone would like to send him a card or note of encouragement, send it to Box 107, Benjamin TX 79505. I will see that he gets all his correspondence.

Betty Bohannon says she and Roger are both having some problems getting around these days. He has lots of trouble with his hips and legs, and that slows him down quite a bit. She has fallen victim to arthritis. She has lots of pain, and this cool, damp weather just adds to the discomfort.

I'm sure there are others with special needs that I'm not aware of. We just need

to pray for everyone, everywhere.

Here'n there

Teresa Washington of Childress spent the weekend with friends Debi and Mike Moorhouse.

Charlie Conner, a student in Levelland Middle School, is on tour this week to New York City and Philadelphia and other places of interest. Charlie is an honor student, and this tour is an educational one, centering on the history of our nation. Charlie is the son of Jim Bob and Jennibeth Conner and Mixie Clowe and her husband. The very proud grandparents are Judy and Randy Barnett and Larry and Kathy Conner. We are all very proud of Charlie.

I enjoyed visiting with Carol and Zoe Ann Felts on Sunday. They are former Knox City residents who moved to Eastland several months ago to be near their son. They are doing well and seem to be enjoying their new life in Eastland. It was good to see them.

Did anyone see Wyman Meinzer's special program on RFD TV recently? I did not. I didn't know it was coming on, or I would have. My daughter Diane and her family in Childress saw it and were quite impressed with the entire presentation. She recorded it, so I bet I will get to see it one of these days. It will probably be on TV again. They usually show these programs several times. I'm always proud when one of our locals makes the big time!

Benjamin has a new city secretary. Linda Griffith has been hired to replace Tammy Gaddis, who has served in that capacity for several years, but has decided to give it up. She drove from Vernon three days a week after moving from Benjamin to Vernon and now has another job where she can remain in Vernon. I congratulate Linda and know she will do a good job.

Pet Talk

How to control fleas

When dog and cat owners notice their pet excessively scratching, biting, and licking, many of them associate these signs with fleas. With so many products on the market for flea treatment and prevention, finding the right product to treat your pet and house can be both intimidating and confusing.

Controlling fleas is a multi-step process and often involves assistance from your veterinarian, especially in severe cases. For every flea an owner finds on their pet, it is likely that many other immature flea life stages, such as eggs, larvae, and cocoons, are in the pet owner's home and yard. Thus, an efficient flea treatment and prevention plan includes caring for both the pet and the pet's environment.

However, it is important to note that no flea treatment plan shows immediate results, so it is important for pet owners to be patient and continue routine care for flea prevention.

Dr. Adam Patterson, clinical assistant professor and chief of dermatology at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explained the importance of treating both pets and their environment for fleas. "The adult fleas owners see on their pet is just the tip of the iceberg, as those fleas come from immature and unseen flea life stages in the carpet, area rugs, upholstery, dog beds, and shady places outdoors," Patterson said. "Depending on environmental conditions, it may take a couple of weeks to months

for all of the eggs to hatch, so if you don't keep regularly administering flea prevention to all fur-bearing animals in your home, you are giving fleas an opportunity to come right back on your pet."

A successful flea control plan eliminates fleas from the pet, as well as the indoor and outdoor environment, thereby preventing immature forms of fleas from developing into blood-sucking adults. Owners should be guided by their veterinarian in choosing the safest and most effective flea control product to treat their pet and home. Veterinarians will choose a product based on the extent of the flea infestation and other considerations, such as the pet's health, age, and breed.

"There are many products to treat your house and yard with, but this should be something you discuss with your veterinarian," Patterson said. "Some products may be harmful to some animals in your household so a veterinarian can recommend the best product for you."

In addition to using a flea control product, owners can treat their homes and yards in other simple ways. For an indoor environment, vacuum thoroughly below drapes, under furniture, and where the pet sleeps. Be sure to remove and discard the vacuum waste bag after every use until the flea infestation is resolved. Washing the pet's bedding on a weekly basis can also help in flea prevention. Controlling fleas in the great outdoors includes disturbing flea habitat to prevent

adult fleas from developing. To do this, apply veterinarian-recommended products to moist, warm, and shady areas and areas in the yard where there is organic debris, such as leaves. Fleas also populate in areas where pets spend much of their time, such as under patios, porches, and outdoor kennels. Disturb these breeding ground areas by raking, sweeping, and applying an insecticide.

There are many flea control products for pets on the market, including flea collars, once-a-month topical spot-on treatments, and oral tablets. Patterson suggested pet owners consult their veterinarian in choosing the most effective flea treatment for their furry friend, as treatment for the pet is the most important step in good flea control. Although fleas are often viewed as just an annoyance for most pets, it is important for pet owners to take immediate action when they notice signs of fleas. Allergic reactions, bacterial skin infections, anemia, and the transmission of parasites are additional potential complications that may occur in pets with fleas.

"Of course, if you notice any signs of itchy skin, sores on the skin, hair loss, lethargy, or weight loss in your pet, you should have the pet examined by a veterinarian," Patterson advised. "The good news with fleas and ticks is that there are very good preventatives available. If you are consistent and vigilant with preventative treatment, you shouldn't have to worry about complications from fleas."

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Weather Whys

Spring time for allergies

So far this spring, it seems like everyone's allergies are a big problem. Is the weather contributing to this?

Very much so, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Springtime in Texas means allergy season is here, and that's true again this year. Pollen counts are high because of recent rains, and that usually means an explosion in amount of pollen in the air as a result of many flowers and plants blooming this time of year. As a result, many people - even pets - are suffering right now. Texas is one state that is known for its spring allergies.

What kind of pollens are out there?

McRoberts says there are several, and any one of them can give allergy sufferers a very bad time. "The most noticeable pollen is oak, which gives automobiles a yellow coating when its pollen count is high," he adds. "Others include ash, elm, pine, pecan, hickory, poplar and walnut trees. Perhaps the most common allergen in this part of the country is mold, which occurs in humid areas of Texas and can be a concern year-round. In late summer and early fall, ragweed, shrubs and grasses fill the air in Texas with pollen, while junipers in the Hill Country can cause problems during the fall and early winter months."

One Man's Opinion

Great food in 'Nawlin's

By Don Thompson

New Orleans, NOLA, Naw'lins, The Big Easy...call it what you will, this is one of the great food cities of the world, with cuisine ranging from Creole to International dishes, served in world class restaurants. New Orleans is also known for its music, "the birthplace of jazz," celebrations and festivals, especially Mardi Gras; the home of the New Orleans Saints; the home of Tulane and Loyola Universities; and a victim of Hurricane Katrina. It is truly a unique city.

I went there shortly after Mardi Gras and the first restaurant I went to was Arnaud's Restaurant, 813 Bienville, New Orleans, LA 70112, at the corner of Bienville and Bourbon Street, just two blocks off Canal Street. Arnaud's is a higher-end restaurant specializing in Creole cuisine in the heart of the French Quarter. Established in 1918, it is well known and has received many accolades, such as "Best Classic New Orleans Restaurant". Katy and Archie Casabarian are the fourth generation owners and manage the restaurant along with their mother Jane Casabarian.

The menu includes shrimp, oysters, crab, trout, frog legs, Cornish game hen, duck, quail, veal, filet mignon, and a dessert menu that sounds amazing. Some signature dishes are Shrimp Arnaud, shrimp marinated in a creole remoulade sauce, Oysters Bienville, oysters with shrimp, mushrooms, green onions, herbs and seasonings in a white wine sauce. Shrimp, oysters, and seafood are some of my favorite foods so I could eat here for weeks.

I certainly could not taste everything in one visit, but everything I saw looked, smelled, and sounded great and well worth a dinner choice.

In the main dining room, jackets and ties are encouraged for men, and reservations recommended. If you

are celebrating an anniversary, birthday, a special occasion, or just want an excellent Louisiana Creole dinner, I certainly recommend Arnaud's. Check their website www.arnaudsrestaurant.com for more information.

The second restaurant we went to was not what I expected in Louisiana, but this is currently the newest hot spot in New Orleans that everyone is lining up to try... Shaya, 4213 Magazine street, New Orleans, LA 70115. Shaya serves up "Modern Israeli Cuisine". It seems to me to have a strong Mediterranean influence, but I was not familiar with "Israeli food", so I enjoyed my education there. We called for reservations for lunch and they were booked up until 2 p.m. almost closing time for lunch service, but we were able to get seats at the bar.

I was impressed with the cuisine, and was able to try several dishes I had never had before. We sampled several dishes: Wood Roasted Brussel Sprouts, roasted with red onion, tahini, and duqqa; Curried Fried Cauliflower, with caramelized onions, cilantro, with a light, slightly spicy breaded coating and drizzled with a light curry sauce... a new favorite food. I have since tried to make this at home, mine is not as good as theirs but still tasty; Roasted Cabbage, with muhammara, tahini, and roasted hazelnuts sprinkled across the cabbage. New to me, and I like cabbage, so this was very good for me! Also have since tried to make this at home, and mine is good, but still not as good as theirs.

OK, maybe you know what "muhammara" and "tahini" are, but I didn't. Muhammara is a spicy sauce made with roasted red peppers, bread crumbs, walnuts, garlic, lemon juice, pomegranate molasses, cumin, and olive oil. Tahini is a dense paste made from crushed sesame seeds, lemon juice, garlic, olive oil, and water. Not your common



Courtesy photo

Arnaud's Restaurant features Creole cuisine

ingredients for our typical West Texas foods, but they taste great...savory, slightly spicy, light flavor, with tastes of lemon, and the spices meld together to be a new taste for me.

We also tried Lamb Kebab, made with tomatoes, pine nuts, tahini, and cilantro. Again, new to me, and the flavor was excellent, a good meaty flavor, not gamey at all. I want to taste this again. Check out www.shayares-restaurant.com for more menu items and information.

The third restaurant was also not a type of restaurant I was expecting in New Orleans. After a busy day working, I had planned to go back to the French Quarter and walk around Canal Street and have dinner at any restaurant that featured Creole food, but it started a steady rain and turned dark quickly, so I decided to go someplace close to my hotel near the airport in Metairie.

Just a block from my hotel I spotted the Little Tokyo restaurant, 2300 N. Causeway Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70001. As the name says, this was Japanese food, a favorite cuisine for me. When I pulled into the parking lot, there were no other cars there so I was not sure if this was a good choice, being far from the usual restaurant areas, but the rain convinced me to not travel further.

I am glad I stayed. Shortly after I arrived, people started coming in and by the time I left, it was busy.

With a large menu, they offered a big variety. The food was a treat! They had a long sushi bar where the sushi chef prepares your sushi in front of you, as well as booths and tables. Sushi and especially salmon sashimi is a favorite of mine, and I was happy with the quality, freshness, and flavor. I had Salmon sashimi, with a little ginger and wasabi in the soy sauce, and it was great. The taste, texture, and even the rice was good. This is a dish to take your time with and savor each bite.

I know, I know....so many people turn up their nose and say "Blahhh", and "Yuck", and "I don't eat raw food". If you do this, you are missing out on one of life's great pleasures. I urge you, get over it, have an open mind, and try it. Odds are you will say, "Hey, this is not bad" and try it again and again, and soon find yourself a convert to sushi.

When I lived in China, there was a Japanese restaurant near the office and I was lucky enough to have sushi and sashimi there two or three times a week. Here in New Orleans I also had the Shrimp and Vegetable Tempura, and it was also delicious. It was hot, crispy, fried shrimp and crunchy, breaded fried slivers of onion, sweet potato, bell pepper, and broccoli. For more information, Google www.littletokyonola.com.

With hundreds of excellent restaurants, New Orleans is a treat for many types of great food. Here are the 3 restaurants I was able to

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

I've said this in the past and I'll say it again, I love my crock pot. I'm considering getting another one. Imagine having more than one crock pot going at the same time.

It gives me goose bumps. My friend Nancy Wilde has several so she can cook more than one thing at a time, I'm sure some of you do as well. I'm probably a little behind the times on this one, but I'm jumping on that train now. I hope you'll try the recipes this week. I mentioned pineapple upside down cake in the crock pot to my mom and she got very excited. I promised her I'd include it just for her, so here it is because I love you and I love pineapple upside down cake, too. Of course, I love my mom more!

Crock Pot Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 1 can (20 oz.) pineapple slices in juice, drained,
- 10 maraschino cherries (optional)

Juice reserved, (can use crushed pineapple)
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Spray six quart crock pot with cooking spray. In small bowl, mix brown sugar and melted butter; spread evenly in bottom of crock pot. Arrange pineapple slices on brown sugar mixture. Place cherries as desired. Add enough water to reserved pineapple juice to measure one cup. Make cake batter as directed on box, substituting pineapple juice mixture for the water. Pour batter over pineapple and cherries. Cook on high heat setting two and half to three hours or until toothpick inserted in



middle comes out clean. Turn off crock pot; uncover. Remove ceramic base from cooker to cooling rack. Cool 15 minutes. Place heatproof serving plate upside down onto ceramic base; carefully turn plate and base over. Remove base and serve.

Honey-Garlic Crock Pot Chicken Thighs

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- 1/3 cup honey
- ½ cup soy sauce
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ cup ketchup
- 1 tsp. dried basil

Lay chicken thighs into the bottom of slow cooker. Whisk soy sauce, ketchup, honey, garlic and basil together in a bowl; pour over the chicken. Cook on low for six hours.

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

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reflect the new additions. "Farm and ranch land values are not 'frozen' like senior citizen homesteads, but it does have an exemption to reflect productive, not market, value. The impact on farm and ranch land needs to be computed on an individual basis."

The Munday CISD has identified two new instructional buildings, one for elementary students and one for junior high students, as one of the priorities for the planned bond election in May.

Parton indicated the construction method being proposed is said by the builders to exceed FEMA standards for storm shelters. "These buildings will serve as storm shelters," he said. "Students in elementary and junior high school will not have to exit the building during severe weather."

He added that residents may go to the builder's web site, www.monolithic.org, to learn more about this structure. Once on the site, select the "schools" tab and you can explore the different designs.

"We are also planning on renovating the existing science lab at the secondary school," Parton said. "This renovation is intended to increase student safety when working with chemicals. Plumbing in the science lab will also be upgraded."

He also pointed that security measures would be taken to include:

- * Changes to the entrances of the elementary and secondary schools;
 - * Single point of entry additions to prohibit anyone from coming into the building without permission from the office;
 - * Remote access entrances at delivery points;
 - * New fencing around the back areas of the campus, the playgrounds, and areas where students may congregate outside;
 - * Security cameras for the hallways and entrances.
- In addition, new windows and a new HVAC system are planned for the elementary gym.
- Parton noted that a new gym, a monolithic dome structure, would address the following problems:

- * Provide handicap access to seating;
- * Provide handicap access to the dressing rooms;
- * Increase the size of the concession area;
- * Provide additional storage and preparation space for the concession area;
- * Provide a seating area for the concession stand;
- * Seating on two sides for fans;
- * Seating for 550 to 600 persons;
- * Locker rooms;
- * Provide a space to serve as a community storm shelter

Parton noted that the reasons a dome structure was being considered were that the methodology exceeds FEMA storm standards; initial construction costs are less than some other methods; and operating costs are projected to be less than with some other construction methods

"We preserve the ability to reconfigure the building in the future, if needed," he said. "Because domes have no interior support walls, the space can be reconfigured without impacting the outer shell."

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The council members discussed nuisance properties and the ordinances for parking and golf carts, but took no actions.

They also received a proposed budget for 2016-2017 that will be considered at a future special meeting.

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What's in freezer

MUNDAY - As part of its Relay for Life project, the Munday Church of Christ has started preparing cooked items and stocking them in a freezer at Munday Tire and Battery, allowing residents to stop by and pick up a meal or dessert for a sick friend, funeral or a quick supper. A listing of what is available will be posted weekly.

Republican convention

KNOX CITY - The Republican County Convention, scheduled at 10 a.m. on March 19, has been moved to the Knox City Chamber of Commerce office. Delegates to the state convention will be selected along with proposals for the state platform.



1. Is the book of Mark in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Genesis 32, who was "greatly afraid and distressed" about a reunion with a brother he had wronged? Job, Jacob, Aaron, Peter
 3. Who honored a man by letting him ride the royal steed through city streets? Silas, Hovea, Ahisuerus, Asa
 4. From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? James, Eliphaz, Noah, Cain
 5. Which city of these was beat down and sowed with salt? Shechem, Caesarea, Gaza, Berea
 6. From Numbers 20, who died on a mountaintop after being stripped of his garments? Moses, Abraham, Noah, Aaron
ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Jacob; 3) Ahisuerus; 4) Eliphaz; 5) Shechem; 6) Aaron
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Water a concern for dairy producers

Special to The News-Courier

LUBBOCK - Water is a continuous concern for dairy producers, whether used for cows or crops, and management information was shared with those attending the recent High Plains Dairy Conference in Lubbock.

"Our dairy producers are very concerned about how much water they use, both for the cows and the crops they produce," said Dr. Ellen Jordan, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service dairy specialist in Dallas and coordinator of the program.

"These dairy producers are looking for ways to conserve water throughout their facilities and farmland," she said. "They are also very interested in the weather

and forecast, not only for their crops but so they can manage the environment for the comfort of their cows."

Dr. Dana Porter, AgriLife Extension agricultural engineering water management specialist in Lubbock, told the crowd the first thing they need to do is familiarize themselves with all of the water information resources, including the Texas Water Development Board, local groundwater districts, the U.S. Geological Society or their state Extension service.

"They can let you see if salinity is likely to be a problem, and what the alternate sources of water might look like in secondary aquifers," she said. "Just remember these local, regional, state and federal resources have a lot of answers

for you."

Porter also talked about managing their water through irrigation technologies. "What fits best and what works best depends on each operation," she said.

"The challenge is to maintain productivity or increase it with limited water resources. Advanced technology is available, but it is important to understand the best management practices to help mitigate the effects of declining water resources and adoption of the appropriate technologies. Regardless of our tool selection, we want to make sure we manage and maintain our irrigation system well, and have accurate knowledge of crop water requirements and soil-water-atmosphere relationships.

EQIP funding deadline March 18

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Charlie Schur announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted here at the NRCS office.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP funding for 2016

and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after a March 18 deadline. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2016 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP - one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill - is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to

help Knox County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," said Schur.

Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost

efficiency.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Knox City at 940 658-3526 X3.

USDA helps peanut producers

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini announced this week that USDA has begun making final payments to peanut producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mississippi, helping to restore nearly 100 percent of the value of their peanuts after the bankruptcy of a peanut sheller and licensed warehouse operator.

"These farmers played by the rules, they honored their contracts, but because of circumstances outside their control, were put in a difficult position, which is why USDA stepped in on their behalf," said Dolcini. "Today's action illustrates how the basic protections of the 100-year-old U.S. Warehouse Act can still provide important safeguards for farmers today."

More than 83,000 tons of peanuts were stored by the warehouse operator, Clint Williams Company, and its affiliates, the Texoma Peanut Company, Clint-Co Peanut Co. and the Clint Williams Co - Western Division, which filed for bankruptcy in November 2014.

Farmers had pledged more than 81,700 tons of peanuts as collateral to receive USDA marketing assistance loans.

The loans provide interim financing so that producers can store peanuts and meet cash flow needs without having to sell crops during harvest, when market prices are low. Peanut producers potentially lost thousands of dollars when delivery contracts were not honored by the failed company and the peanuts remained in storage.

Under the United States Warehouse Act, USDA is

responsible for protecting all depositors in the licensed storage facilities, including ineligible producers or those who chose not to receive loans.

USDA entered into an agreement with the new warehouse owners to provide for additional storage time for an orderly sale of peanuts, plus incentives to encourage sales of peanuts pledged as collateral.

The agreement also provided an initial 85 percent payment to producers that sold peanuts with the remaining amount to be paid after any shortages and the bond claim were resolved. With the USDA successfully receiving the entire bond, the final payments are now being made to producers.

The United States Warehouse Act, now in its 100th year, provides agricultural producers with high-quality storage of farm products to allow

marketing throughout the year.

Warehouse operators who volunteer to participate are licensed by USDA as meeting federal standards for storing commodities, such as grains, cotton and peanuts, and agree to unannounced inspections of sampling, weighing and grading.

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FSA Farm Loan Manager, Kelley R. Boone, is urging farmers who are interest-

ed in receiving an emergency loan to submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

"We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is Oct. 19, 2016," she said. "The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process."

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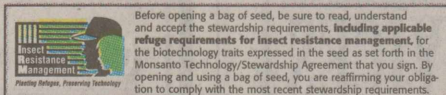
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Cause No. 9623 KNOX COUNTY VS. R G AVERITT II
Tract 1: GEO: R00000341 & R00000342

Lot 7, 8, and 9, Block 20, also known as the Southwest quarter of Block 20, Davis Addition to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas; 107 S Ave F per KCAD

Tract 2: GEO: R000001790

Lot 6 and West 36' of Lot 5, Block 20, Davis Addition, City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas, as more particularly described in a deed recorded in Volume 263 at Page 502 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; 701 E Main per KCAD

Cause No. 9580 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. DON A WALT
Tract 1: GEO: R000005927

Being out of and a part of Section 74, Block 2, D. & W. RR Co. Surveys, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas; 411 N 7th per KCAD

Cause No. 9712 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. BRANDON GRAY
Tract 1: GEO: R000003401

Lots 4-6, Block 27, Original Town Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk, Knox County, Texas; 205 N Church per KCAD

Cause No. 9422 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. BILL HAYNES
COMPANY OF TEXAS, INC.

Tract 1: GEO: R000006768

All of Lots 4,5 and 6, Block 27, Original Town of Goree, Knox County, Texas as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk, Knox County, Texas;

Cause No. 9734 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. BILLY RAY MORROW
Tract 1: GEO: R000007200

East 70 feet of the North 1/2 of Block 1, Bettie G. Davis Addition to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas and including a Mobile Home, Town & Country Model, Label # DLS0021879, Serial # 60121276458 with a value in excess of \$1,000.00 located in Knox County, Texas; 110 N Ave E per KCAD

Cause No. 9752 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. SHERRY PARKHILL
Tract 1: GEO: R000013370

Block 2, Section No. 56, D & W. RR. Co Survey, in the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas; 501 S Aspen per KCAD

Tract 2: GEO: R000006401

Lot 9, Block 3, Original Town Addition, in the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk, Knox County, Texas;

Cause No. 9678 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. GUADALUPE PEREZ
Tract 1: GEO: R000006443

Lots 8 and 9, Block 22, Original Town Goree, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk, Knox County, Texas;

Cause No. 9745 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ISABELL RODRIGUEZ
Tract 1: GEO: R000007351

Lot 7, Block 49, Original Townsite Vera, Knox County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk, Knox County, Texas;

Cause No. 9197 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ALMA CUMBA
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Tract 1: GEO: R000008796

the South 1/2 Block 56, R. P. Munday Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas as more particularly described in a deed recorded in Volume 172 at Page 86 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas;

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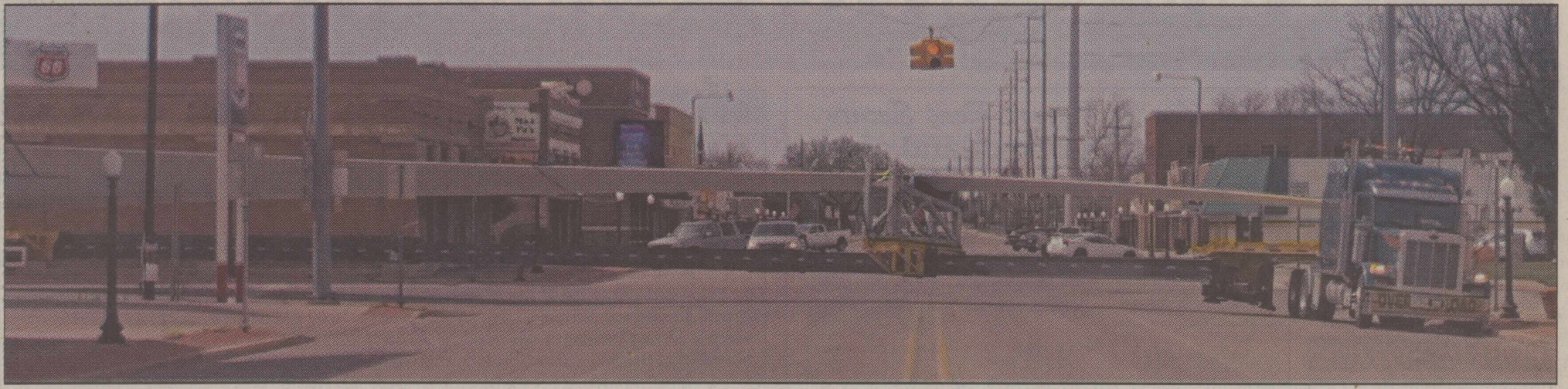
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Wide load for Munday



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One of the blades for the turbines for the wind farm east of town had to be transported down Business 277 through Munday to reach its destination.

Mac's Views

Set your clocks ahead

Catching up on what's happening here in Knox County is my goal this week.

First, don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour Saturday night. Otherwise, you may find that you miss those early bible classes Sunday morning.

While doing a little practice at a completely deserted Lake Creek Golf Club Sunday afternoon, I did notice another one of the blades for the turbines being delivered out east on High-

way 222. Based on the photo elsewhere on this page, the trucks have to come through the city on Business 277 as they can not make the turn at the exit on Highway 277. Plenty of concrete has also been poured and progress is being made on the wind farm, scheduled to be finished sometime this summer.

The final count on the vote for DA in the 50th District, which includes Knox, Baylor, Cottle and Kent counties, showed Jennifer Dick of Seymour with a 1,098-661 edge over Lina Trevino of Munday. Trevino remains the attorney for Knox County and the City of Munday.

Don Thompson tells me that up to 100 men

were on hand for the prayer breakfast at the Wooden Nickel in Knox City last Saturday morning. The plan calls for similar meetings the first Saturday each month. Thompson's reviews of restaurants in New Orleans are featured elsewhere in this issue.

John Smith of Lubbock is filling in this month in the pulpit at the Munday Church of Christ while Wayne and Brenda Spear are in Albania.

Hats off to all the 35 school and community volunteers who helped make the Knox City Six-man Invitational a success last Friday. With 21 schools participating, the stands were full of parents and families coming to see their kids in ac-



tion. I watched a lot of the races from near the finish line where six ladies picked out numbers 1 through 6 to get them awards.

One of the things I have been missing here in Knox is some good barbecue. After attending a military service for longtime friend Harvey Johnston in Abilene last week, my wife Betty and I did treat ourselves to some good barbecue at Sharon's. However, the side dishes weren't up to the standards of other places. Betty did mention that Lawrence Brothers in Munday had some chopped beef barbecue available when she went shopping Monday. I learned later that the

Lawrence Brothers in Knox City is also offering the barbecue. So now I don't have to drive to Abilene.

Betty and I also took the short drive to Seymour last Saturday and shared a 16-ounce ribeye at the Rusty Spur Saloon and Steakhouse. It's worth the short drive. However, I still like the ribeyes at McBride's in Wichita Falls a little better.

At coffee last week at Caroline's, I did hear that Julie Singleton, wife of band director Trey, is planning to open a place at the old Ma and Pa store across from city hall, selling her baked goods.

Homer Lowrance fell

and broke his hip last week and now is in rehab in Lubbock. Sandy Brown indicated she was going to visit him today.

Arturo Ramos, whose wife already works in Munday at Quality Implementation, is planning on opening an office in Munday to do security work, offering patrol or standing guard services.

The ladies at the Munday Church of Christ have gotten a headstart on raising funds for Relay for Life, offering frozen casseroles and deserts at Munday Tire & Appliance. Glenna Shahan reported one man was so impressed with one of the cakes that he put in an order to get one weekly.

The Munday Lions Club plans to plant 23 young pine trees at Centennial Park across from Munday Elementary some time later this month. Kenneth Baker made the donations of the trees. Other members of the Lions Club on a site inspection Tuesday echoed Betty's thoughts that the U.S. flag flying there needs to be replaced as it is a little tattered.

Some of you have plans to travel during Spring break, so just remember to drive safely.

From the Preacher's Desk

Receptive souls in Albania

This week I am writing you from Europe, from the capital of Albania, Tirana, a city of over one million. We hear from many sources that Europe is turning away from Christianity and from the God of the Bible. Well, I am thrilled to inform you that there are many individuals, mostly young people under 35, who are still excited about and wanting to know the message of the Bible!

We arrived here on Tuesday morning after flying all night, and there were a group of ladies waiting for Brenda to come and teach them from God's word. They were so glad to see her and were there anticipating a word from the Bible. She loved having the opportunity to share the message of God's word with all of them.

On Wednesday evening, another good group of men, women and children gathered in the rainy, cold weather to hear a message from God's word. I had the privilege of sharing a lesson on what it means to live a Christian life while Brenda taught the children a Bible lesson.

We are looking forward to being with a really large group on Sunday morning where I will teach a Bible lesson and preach from God's word, with a translator for those who do not know English.

With this kind of response to God's word, we must understand that there are still many people in Europe who want to know the Bible. Yes, it is true that there are not as many individuals as there were in the past in Europe who are receptive, but many still long for the riches of God's Word. It is important for us to try and reach as many of these people as we are able to reach because Satan is swamping the world with hate, killings, and bloodshed. Each of us must do what we can to beat back his efforts and that can only be done with the word of God reaching people in darkness. May God touch each of us with the compassion our Lord Jesus had for other people while He was here on earth.

—Wayne Spear, Munday Church of Christ

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