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Knox County schools advance to bi-district

By James McAfee
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MUNDAY - Two Knox County schools will have their one act plays competing in the UIL area competition at Lubbock Christian College after earning to advance in the bi-district competition at Munday High School last Wednesday.

Munday High will present "The White Snake" and Knox City High will present "David and Lisa."

Also advancing from Munday was Guthrie's "Leading Ladies."

"It's our first time to advance to area," said KCHS director Terra Martinez. "The kids did an awesome job and I'm blessed to work with them."

Munday, under the direction of Karen Longan, advanced to area and to regional last year where it was named an alternate to state

Kamille Redder, who plays the white snake, and Clayton Richardson, who plays David Clemens, were the choices of judge, Charlie Hakill, a professor at McMurry, as the best actress and best actor at bi-district.

Munday's Denise Araujo, Kasey Lowrance, Reagan Sanderson, Stormie Andrade and Allison Josselet were selected as the best crew.

Araujo was named the best lighting director and Amy Harrington of Knox City the best stage manager.

Cole Redwine, who plays Xu Xian, and Hailee Cox, who plays Lisa, were named to the all-star cast while Sean Logsdon (Dr. Alan Swinford), Grace Tidwell (green snake) and Kale Lewis (narrator, brother-in-law, Master Lin) were named honorable mention.

Other Munday cast members include: Alexia Nunez, narrator 2; Kolbey Brown, narrator 3; Emily Scott, narrator

4, crane spirit; Aiden Hunter, narrator 5, Master Liang, stag spirit; Ariana Arellano, Madame Lin; Brendan Kuehler, boatman, Master Wu, Acolyte; Ayleen Arellano, citizen, door; Kendall Thompson, sister-in-law; Anna Vega, doubt, flautist.

Other Knox City cast members include: Caitlyn Baxter as Mrs. Clemens, Katelynn Baker as the secretary, Cheyenne Camp as Maureen Hart, Britney Hawkins as Josette, Pablo Sandoval as Carlos, Kailyn Martin as Sandra, Nathan Williams as Simon, Debra Alvarado as Kate, Dustin Ledesma as Robert, Trey Ledesma as Ben, Sheldon Baty as John and Jose Jaime as Mr. Clemens.

Joining Harrington on the crew will be Veronica Lara, Alfredo Martinez, Jesse Munoz and Erica Trevino. Handling the makeup will be Elissa Hacker, Avery Frausto, Steven Lara and Kayla Hunter.



CLAYTON RICHARDSON, KAMILLE REDDER



Courtesy photo

Munday High claimed medalist honors and the girls title in the District 8-1A golf tournament. Pictured (l-r) are Cole Parton, Kendall Thompson, Tori Everson, Kathryn Cude, Taylor Thompson, McKenna Sanderson, Madison Thompson and Holt Bivens.

Mogulettes win 8-1A golf title

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BURKBURNETT - The Munday Mogulettes repeated as champions of the District 8-1A golf tournament here Monday at the Rivercreek Golf Course, posting a 436 total to earn the right to advance to the regional event Monday and Tuesday at the Reese Golf Course in Lubbock.

Taylor Thompson posted her fourth straight 86 to claim medalist honors. The other scores that counted were a 109 by Kathryn Cude, a 119 by Kendall Thompson and a 122 by McKenna Sanderson. Madison Thompson

had 131 and Tori Everson 139.

Looking ahead to the regional tournament, Coach Scott Riley pointed to Motley County as the favorite to win, but felt his girls had a chance along with Paducah and White Deer to earn one of the top three places advancing to state.

Munday's Holt Bivens earned medalist honors for the boys with an 88. Joining him and advancing to the regional tournament at Lakeridge County Club in Lubbock will be Cole Parton, who posted a 112.

Paced by Tristen Hayes' 96, Crowell took the boys title.

Urbanczyk retiring after 30 years

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KNOX CITY - The Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees renewed the contracts of principals Marsha Quade, Mark Tucker and Colin Howeth along with Athletic Director Charles Steele and accepted the resignation of teacher Cheryl Urbanczyk at its recent regular monthly meeting.

Urbanczyk will retire at the end of the school year after 30 years of teaching, including the last 29 with the KC-O CISD.

Each of the principals presented an updated campus improvement plan and joined Steele in providing the trustees with annual reports.

The trustees discussed HB2610, which changed the requirements from the traditional 180 days of instruction to 75,600 minutes of instruction. After being informed by Supt. Louis Baty that students will exceed that requirement by May 20, the trustees amended the current calendar to change the last day of instruction to May 20.

The board approved extending the current electrical contract with MP2 Energy for an additional 79 months.



CHERYL URBANCZYK

In the open forum, four people spoke in support of the girls' athletic program and the need for consistency in the coaching staff.

Red River owners get more support

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WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) along with Texas Republican Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz and filed an amicus brief in the case of Aderholt et al. v. Bureau of Land Management et al.

Joining them were Reps. Kevin Brady, Michael Burgess, John Carter, Mike Conaway, John Culberson, Blake Farenthold, Bill Flores, Louie Gohmert, Kay Granger, Jeb Hensarling, Sam Johnson, Kenny Marchant, Michael McCaul, Randy Neugebauer, Ted Poe, John Ratcliffe, Pete Sessions, Randy Weber and Roger Williams.

The lawsuit, which was filed on behalf of landowners along the Red River by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, seeks to protect the landowners' property rights from claims by the federal government's Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

"There are two fronts in this fight against the federal government's land grab along the Red River: one is the legislation that Sen. Cornyn and I have introduced, which passed the House in December, and the other is through the courts with this lawsuit," Thornberry said.

"Until there is a fair resolution in this matter, we will not let up in our efforts to assure landowners that their private property rights will

be protected. This legal brief makes it clear that BLM has exceeded its authority under the law."

The dispute began in December 2013 when BLM announced it was beginning the process to revise its Resource Management Plan for lands it manages. The agency says there are thousands of acres along the Red River that may be considered public domain. The 116-mile stretch of land spans Wilbarger, Wichita, and Clay counties. Because of the uncertainty and questions about BLM's claim, landowners are unable to sell, borrow against, or improve their land.

Other plaintiffs in the lawsuit include Clay, Wichita, and Wilbarger counties and Clay County Sheriff Kenny Lemons. The State of Texas and the Texas General Land Office have each been granted motions to intervene in the lawsuit by a federal judge.

Thornberry indicated there are unique elements to this case that the U.S. Supreme Court already considered in the 1920s that settled how the boundary along a 116-mile stretch of the Red River was to be determined. He said Texas surveyors use the method adopted by the Supreme Court in a 1923 case that was developed by Arthur Stiles and Arthur Kidder, and the Bureau of Land Management has not.

"I do think BLM is ap-

proaching this in a way that is not consistent with the Supreme Court ruling on this particular dispute," he said. "I think that gives the case a strong basis."

"Upholding the BLM surveys and claims of ownership over Plaintiffs' property would cloud title on thousands of acres of private property up and down the Red River, frustrate or remove the ability (to) dispose of proper

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Pre-K sign up scheduled

It's time for parents with children who will be four years old by Sept. 1 to sign up for pre-kindergarten programs. Those living in Knox City and O'Brien are invited to join current students for a preview next Wednesday or Thursday mornings at Knox City El-

ementary.

The sign up at Munday Elementary is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. April 26.

No report about pre-K registration was received from Benjamin Elementary by deadline.

Interviews planned for administrator

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MUNDAY - The Munday City Council held a special meeting last Monday to review resumes for the position of city administrator. Mayor Bob Bowen indicated that inter-

views will be set up for potential candidates, but the job isn't expected to be filled before current administrator Winston Stephens moves to Haskell.

"We've asked Winston to check to see if he can stay longer," Bowen said.

Property reports deadline April 15

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BENJAMIN - If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Knox County

Appraisal District by April 15.

This report should list all the taxable property owned or controlled as of Jan. 1, including inventory and equipment.

Agricultural products and equipment of farmers are exempt. So is church property.

Those needing more time can make request by April 15 and get an extension until May 15.

Knox Notes

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

News on the go



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Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of April 11-15
Monday: Chicken tenders, gravy, mixed veggies, wheat rolls, Mandarin oranges
Tuesday: Pork roast, sweet potatoes, succotash, rolls, pudding
Wednesday: King Ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, brownies
Thursday: Cabbage & sausage, cornbread, salad, cake
Friday: Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickle, salad, jello

Area News

Gem show starts Saturday
ABILENE – The Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society will present its annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday here at the Abilene Civic Center, N. 6th and Pine. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 6-12. Scouts or military in uniform will be admitted free.

Rehab trail ride
HASKELL – West Texas Rehabilitation Center's "Trail Ride for Rehab" is coming to Haskell County on April 22-23. This year's ride will be on the Circle S Ranch, located in eastern Haskell County, and will be hosted by owners Jackie and Sandra Sanders. This fundraiser for the Rehab was started in 1994 and has been held each year on numerous ranches throughout West Texas. This is not the first time the Sanders have hosted the ride but this year has special guest, Red Steagall, Texas' Official Cowboy Poet riding on April 22 and providing entertainment around the wagon that night.

Food manager training
ABILENE – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Nolan Counties is offering a professional food manager certification training course May 16-17 here at the Taylor County Extension office. Registration deadline is April 25.

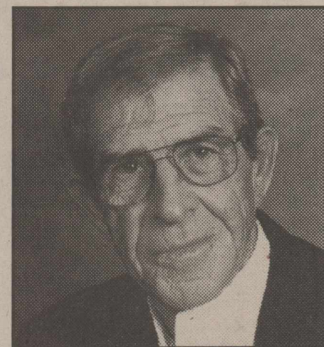
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Obituaries Dwayne Bud Conner

Dwayne "Bud" Edward Conner, 79, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral services were held last Friday at the Community Center in Benjamin with Rev. Troy Culpepper, Rev. Dan Bullock and Rev. James Jackson officiating. Interment took place immediately following the service at Benjamin Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation was held last Thursday at the funeral home in Knox City.



DWAYNE BUD CONNER
Conner on June 10, 1954 in Crowell. Bud was an operator of a restaurant in Knox City called Bud's Cafe. He worked for the state for 18 years, loved singing, hunting and square dancing and was a member of the First Baptist Church Benjamin. Bud is survived by his children Steve Conner and

wife Brenda of Big Spring, Kim Moore of Benjamin and Keith Dwayne Conner and wife Pam of Midland; seven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one sister Judy Redwine of Crosbyton; one brother Larry Conner of Wolfthorpe; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Cecil Conner and Zula (Carver) Conner and wife Von Conner. If desired, memorials may be sent in Bud's name to Benjamin Cemetery Association c/o Buddy Tolson, P O Box 292, Benjamin, Texas 79505. Online condolences can be shared with Bud's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

The Paperboy A tale of two dirty cities

I found the following interesting concerning the study of pollution in two major cities Houston and Beijing, China. China is the world's most polluted country as it is home to 16 of the 20 most polluted cities. And the damage the air does to residents is staggering. Burning fossil fuels releases black carbon particles into the air, commonly called soot. Researchers including several from Texas A&M University have now pinpointed how much these particles impact air quality and climate in Beijing



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and Houston. Texas A&M teamed up with colleagues from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Peking University, the University of California San Diego to have their work published in the current issue of PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences). The team studied particulate matter over Houston and Beijing to learn how the properties of black carbon particles change. Without getting too technical, the scientists found that Beijing's pollution is far more deadly than Houston's. Beijing has much more black carbon in the air compared to the Houston's main pollutant: ozone. The scientists said Houston was selected, because the "air there is also fairly polluted, but the main pollutant is ozone, not particulate matter. The many petrochemical plants in the Houston area directly contribute to the ozone pollution. "Beijing's pollution, on the other hand, is mainly due to particulate matter that is typical of conditions in a rapidly developing country that has many industrial factories, power plants, along with congested traffic. Ozone is not a major problem there. The two cities make a strong contrast." Another recent study shows that Beijing is so polluted, that breathing the air their does as much damage to a person's lungs as smoking 40 cigarettes a day. That adds up to two packs a day! Air pollution in China kills 4,000 people every day, which accounts for about 17 percent of all deaths in China. I guess that's why we commonly see the Chinese wearing face masks. In fact, face masks have become so common, that the companies who manufacture them are among the most profitable in the entire country. We often hear about China's growth and huge economy. But

their major cities, which are far larger than ours in terms of population, are deathtraps. The U.S. has made strides over the past several decades as air quality in our major cities has improved dramatically. Countries like China and India are where we were probably 40 years or more ago. That's a good thing except for the fact that while our air gets cleaner, theirs gets dirtier, as it does in Mexico, the Middle East, Russia, Africa and parts of Europe. I guess that's why I fail to see why our politicians want to penalize American companies and industries through their pocketbook. The U.S. could produce zero pollution and would not reduce the total pollution of the world. In fact, it would continue to get worse. So in reality, our government is using the pollution in other countries, which we cannot control, to grab money from American companies. The way I see it, before we get suckered into this Climate Change money grab, China, Russia and India had better get on board or nothing will ever change regarding overall pollution. The solution for pollution is simple, build a better and cheaper lightbulb. Fortunately, our government is not in the inventing business and they should not be. This endeavor will be led by ingenuity. So if our government was really interested in helping to change the planet for all residents, it would get out of the way and let that ingenuity take place in the private sector. But that's not the political climate here. The brainiacs in Washington have decided to punish American companies and have given corporations a bad name, as if the vast majority of major employers of this country are bad at all. When you punish success, it slows growth. It also hampers those who want to grow and expand. What we have now is a government who is painting some of this country's greatest employers as the bad guys while the scope and reach of the government has expanded and government workers and contractors have gotten filthy rich. That is not the American way. Americans have been doing it right and continue to work on that better light bulb despite having one hand tied behind their back by Uncle Sam.

From the Preacher's Desk

Happy to be back home
Brenda and I are now home!
We had a great month in Tirana, Albania and the Lord blessed us with so many wonderful moments while there. We got to be reunited with many friends; we got to worship with the church every week and all week long; we saw more of the beautiful countryside while travelling to visit with other Christians; we got to visit in the homes of many of the brothers and sisters; we got to go with the youth to several events; and we got to witness the birth of two individuals as they were baptized into Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins and received the gift of the Holy Spirit! It was a glorious month!
However, we were thrilled to arrive "home" and sleep in our own bed! There is just something about "home" that is so exciting and no other place is the same. To know that this is the place where my belongings are and where I can relax and have time to contemplate my days. Yes, there are many things about "home" that cannot be put into words, but after one travels around the world and returns to that place, there is a kind of peace and restfulness.
Our Lord knew that feeling. In John 14, Jesus told his disciples that he was going home (to the Father). We know He was excited about that and that thought would help Him to go through the horrible days just in front of Him on the cross. He told them He was going to prepare a "home" for them and He would return to get them and take them "home" with Him where He would have a mansion for them! What a promise! All of us love being "home" in a place of security and peace where we can rest and enjoy those times of familiar surroundings. We have a Master who has told us He is preparing a "home" for us that we cannot imagine! He tries to describe it in earthly terms in the book of Revelation. However, the greatest thing about being "home" one day is getting to be in the presence of One who has loved us so much that he died so we could live there!
Are you ready to go "home"?
—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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Thank you in advance,
Patricia Young

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

The community was saddened Tuesday when news was received of the death of Bud Conner. Bud passed away in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock after an almost seven week stay, most of that time in ICU. He was a friend to many and a special friend of mine, who will be missed greatly. His funeral was Friday at the Community Center here in Benjamin, with burial following in the Benjamin Cemetery.

In other news this week, we have had some variations in the weather. The strong March winds blew early last week with the threat of fire keeping everyone on the lookout for smoke. So far, we have missed any damaging flames and hope that remains the situation. On Friday we had some rain off and on all during the day, and it was much cooler with a brisk north wind blowing. But the weekend was nice. Summer is surely on its way.

Shower honors mom-to-be

Last Saturday morning Devon Jones Bradley was the honoree at a baby shower/brunch held at the Methodist Church. Besides Devon, other special guests were the baby boy's grandmothers Becky Jones and Julie Bradley and great grands Linda Griffith, Susan Jones and Sandra Bradley. Also, his excited aunts Brooke and Kamryn Jones and great aunt Verna Griffith.

A wonderful assortment of brunch foods was served the guests, and the honoree received a variety of gifts that will no doubt be very useful when the young man arrives around May 1.

Hostesses for the event were Leah Balleza, Jessica Vanderpol, Dawn Vanderpol, Pam Duke, Nancy McGreger, Stacia Propps, Christy Howeth, Christy Richardson, Tina Martinez, Mindy Flowers, Shana Heard, Jennifer DeVille and Lawri Lynn.

Here 'n there

A clean-up process has begun here in town,

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

Dump cake. There are so many varieties of dump cake. This week I'm giving you two. The first one is what I think of as the original dump cake. I remember taking Home Economics in junior high school where they taught cooking, sewing and even how to balance a checkbook. That's where I learned this recipe, actually I learned a lot in that class. Of course these days they don't offer Home Economics in school any more. It's called Family and Consumer Science or some darn thing and I'm not even sure what it's teaching. But, I am definitely a proponent of bringing back good old Home Ec. I retained a lot of what I learned in that class and it was fun, too. Those were the "good old days," I guess I'm old enough now to refer to my past school experience as "the good old days." Believe me I learned a lot of valuable lessons in those "good old days." I'll bet a lot of you did too! Enjoy this week's recipes and give some thought to your

good old days. Oh and just for grins I've thrown in a crock pot recipe. Love you guys, you know that I do!

Dump Cake

1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling
1 can (15 oz.) crushed pineapple
1 box yellow or white cake mix
1 stick margarine
½ stick butter

Dump cherry pie filling and crushed pineapple into 13x9 inch baking dish. Stir together. Sprinkle cake mix over the top of the fruit. Slice margarine and butter and distribute over the surface of the cake mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour.

Peach Cobbler Dump Cake

2 (16 oz.) cans peaches in heavy syrup
1 box yellow cake mix
½ cup butter
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Empty peaches into the bottom of 13x9 inch baking dish. Cover with the dry cake mix and press

and it sure has helped the appearance of part of the city. Sammy Tipton and his son Kenneth of Forestburg (Sam is formerly a Benjamin resident) have purchased the Driver house and spent Saturday cleaning up around it, mowing, weed eating etc., and already have it looking so good. The plan is to burn the house and brush that they couldn't haul away and then make places for a couple of travel trailers to stay in when they come out this way for any length of time. It's exciting to see places getting cleaned up, and we are glad they chose to make Benjamin their "home away from home."

The track meet scheduled on Friday at Aspermont was cancelled due to the unsettled weather.

My Sunday guest was my daughter Diane Evans of Childress.

Betty Bohannon was in Abilene for some tests last week and now has an appointment with a surgeon later on this month. Of course, she doesn't know what is next for her, but she is anxious for that appointment to get here. She hasn't felt well in quite some time.

Callie and Camryn Conner returned to their home in Wolforth Sunday afternoon after a weekend visit with their grandparents Randolph and Judy Barnett. They are the children of Jim Bob and Jennie Beth Conner.

Janice and Buddy Tolson, Chad and Heather Tolson, Kiley, Nicholas, and Harley, and Beverly and Willie Strickland and Chloe Stiewert of Rochester attended the wedding of Chasity Tolson and Jared Vogler at the Spirit Ranch in Lubbock. Janice described it as gorgeous, and I bet it was. Dinner followed at the Ranch, then a reception and dance followed at the Overton Hotel. Rick Moeller of Paint Creek performed the double ring ceremony, and music was furnished by DJ Jimmy Trevino of Knox City.

Little Chevelle Stiewert of Rochester had to miss the wedding. She woke up Saturday morning with the chicken pox! She and her dad David had to stay home and miss the party!

down firmly. Cut butter into small pieces and place on top of cake mix. Sprinkle top with cinnamon. Bake for 45 minutes.

3-Ingredient Pulled Pork

1 (2 pound) pork tenderloin (pork shoulder or butt can also be used)
1 (12 oz.) can of root beer
1 (18 oz.) bottle of barbecue sauce

Place the pork in a slow cooker and pour the root beer over the meat. Cover and cook on low for six hours or until pork shreds easily with a fork. After pork has cooked, drain and discard the root beer. Shred the pork and place back in the slow cooker. Pour the barbecue sauce over the pork and stir to combine. Serve or keep warm in cooker until ready to serve. Perfect on hamburger buns.

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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Mustangs JH shares 8th place

ASPERMONT – The Benjamin junior high boys track team finished tied for eighth here at the Double Mountain Relays last Thursday.

Abraham Nevarez and Jalen Barrientez led the Mustangs. Nevarez finished second in the 2,400 and third in the 1,200 while Barrientez placed third and fifth in the same races.

Benjamin Track Schedule

April 8: Golden Spur Relays, Spur
April 14: District 8-1A, Munday
April 20: Area, Hamlin

April 29-30: Regional, Lubbock
May 12-14: State, Austin

The 501

The longhand wad paper writing assignment

"I take pen in hand to type you this letter."

That's a line I remember from a joke letter that was making the rounds however things made the rounds back before Facebook. How did they? Not only did we not have the Internet. We didn't have printers. Most copies were carbon copies. I don't like to think about carbon copies. We digress anyway.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

I wouldn't even be thinking about the vanishing art of writing in longhand or typing with a typewriter or practicing any combination thereof if my trusty laptop hadn't required hospitalization. My backup computer is coming apart at the seams, literally. The trackpad is stuck; I'm using an old plug-in mouse. I'm feeling primitive.

But only briefly did I seriously contemplate writing this week's 501 words and dashes by hand. Counting the words would have been the hardest part, especially maintaining a running total. I like running totals. We're at 153 now, 348 to go.

It's enough to make me think about the time circa-eighth grade when some of my classmates (you know who you are) and I had to write 500-word essays on

why we should not shoot paper wads at the substitute teacher. Seems like it was 500. For sure it was more than I wanted to say on the topic. Feeling defiant, I counted the words as I wrote and noted the running total above every third or fourth word, hoping to make the whole thing harder to read, assuming it would actually be read. Indeed, the very disciplinarian who meted out that assignment may be reading my words right now. Was it you Dr. Craighead? Or was it Mr. Whaley? Either way, here I am writing every week, punishing myself and readers I don't even know with the same amount of words I was assigned to write way back when, plus one.

Hmmm. Maybe that long-ago writing assignment, onerous though it was, somehow lodged in my subconscious and led me to my avocation as a word-count columnist, if that's what you call someone who pays strict attention to the length of a

column, if not the depth. Length I'm good at.

You want depth too? I'll try. Thought:

Experiences in childhood and adolescence can set the direction of a life whether or not we realize it.

Interestingly enough, I eventually worked a while for a PhD statistician who shot paper wads. He lived up the workspace. Picture lots of cubicles. I didn't join in, having been cured. I think maybe he was expressing the idea that most of us take ourselves too seriously.

If I had that paper wad essay to write over again, that thought would be my thesis statement.

As for that poor substitute teacher – a high school girl assigned to our classroom for just an hour – she survived. I found her on Facebook and LinkedIn. She became a teacher.

I'm thinking my classmates and I helped launch her career. After she survived us, what could be worse?

No doubt she found out.

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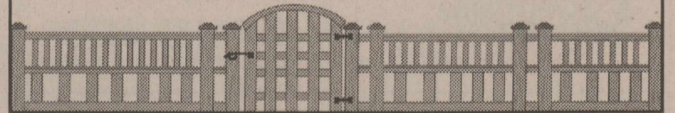
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Distracted driving really dangerous

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN – The pain of losing a child to distracted driving is all too real for Mike Myers. In 2014, his 18-year-old daughter, Elana, was tragically killed in a single-vehicle crash while driving distracted on her way home from college.

"If Elana's death has any purpose, I hope that it teaches others the dangers of driving while distracted," Myers said. "I dream that there was a way to hit the rewind button so she could learn the lesson without having to pay the price."

Distracted driving-related crashes are highest among younger drivers ages 16 to 34.

With more than 100,000 statewide traffic crashes involving distracted driving each year, the Texas Department of Transportation is hoping Elana's story will reach more people and reduce crashes.

In April, TxDOT kicks off its annual "Talk, Text, Crash" campaign that urges drivers to put away cell phones, avoid distractions and give the road

their full attention. TxDOT's safety campaign coincides with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

"Last year, driver distractions killed 463 Texans and seriously injured another 3,076 Texans," said Texas Transportation Commissioner Jeff Moseley. "Texans are dying on our roads simply because some drivers cannot wait until they're stopped to check their email or make a phone call. That one text, post or phone call is not worth injuring or killing yourself, or someone else."

Any type of behavior that draws a driver's attention away from the road is dangerous.

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Mogulettes third in Mogul Relays

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – The Munday Mogulettes had to settle for third place in the Mogul Relays here Saturday, compiling 105 points to finish behind Hamlin and Anson, which finished with 165 and 116, respectively.

Karla Taylor and Kasey Lowrance claimed the only gold medals for the Mogulettes. Taylor clocked a 27.27 to win the 200 meters

while Lowrance got off a throw of 35-3.5 to take the shot put.

The Mogulettes finished second in both the 4x100 and 4x400 relays and third in the 4X200. Hamlin swept the relays.

Charity Hunter picked up a silver medal in the long jump with a 16-4 effort while Emily Scott (1:09.36), Abby Walker (54.23), Bergen Waters (29-5.5) and Kristen Kuehler (95-5) got bronze medals in the 400, 300 hurdles, shot put and discus, respectively.



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Munday's Karla Taylor runs away from the field in 200 meters.

Moguls claim title in home event

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – Thanks to wins in two of the relays and a 1-2-3 finish in the 3,200 meters, the Munday Moguls claimed the team title in their own Mogul Relays here Saturday.

The Moguls claimed gold medals in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays with clock-

ings of 1:36.19 and 3:37.08, respectively and got silver medals in the 4x100 with a 45.63, trailing only Quanaah. All times were season's bests, according to Coach Jeffery Toliver.

In the 3,200 race, Christian Araujo claimed first with a 11:17.08 while Dane Leija and Emmanuel followed with 12:04.59 and 12:37.94, respectively. Araujo was also

third in the 800 meters with a 2:14.62.

Julio Vitolas got off his best throw of the year at 132-4 to get a gold in the discus while Holt Bivens also won a gold in the pole vault at 11-0.

Day'veon Dockins and RayLynn Dockins picked up silver medals in the long jump at 20-7.5 and high jump at 5-10.

In the triple jump, Dee

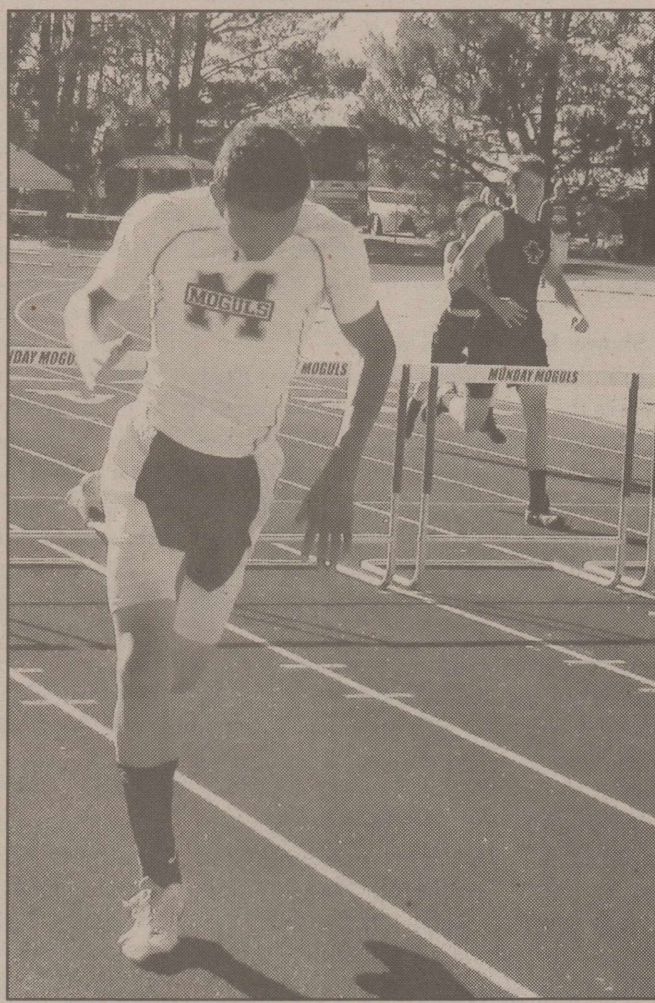
Hemphill placed second with a leap of 39-10, his best of the season, while Brady Weaver improved to 36-10 for third and Trever Swearengin finished fifth to give the Moguls 16 points in the event.

Anson's Michael Stevens (100 and 200) and Phoenix Pineda (800, 1,600) were the event's only double winners for the boys.

The Moguls captured the junior varsity title, outscoring Hamlin, 188-136.

Trevaul Mitchell and Kaven Alvarado each claimed a pair of gold medals. Mitchell won the high jump at 5-4 and the 300 hurdles in 48.01 while Alvarado claimed the shot put and discus with throws of 38-11 and 106.

Winning individual golds were John Bedi (2:24.02) in the 800, Omar Nunez (17-9) in the long jump and Noah Fernandez (5:42.35) in the 1,600.



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RayLynn Dockins finishes fifth in the 300 meter hurdles.

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Seniors enjoy Mexican dinner



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MHS track
April 14: District 8-1A
Munday
April 20: Area, Hamlin
April 29-30: Regional Lubbock
May 12-14: State, Austin

MJH track
April 7: District, Munday

MHS golf
April 11-12: Regional girls Reese, Lubbock
April 11-12: Regional boys Lake Ridge, Lubbock
April 27-28: State, Lions Munday, Austin

Moguls relays results

Girls
 100: Jada Jackson, Quanah, 13.22; Jaylan Williams, Quanah, 13.44; Krysta Winegeart, Haskell, 13.89; Hayven Drinnon, Anson, 13.92; Skylar Gomez, Munday 14.11
 200: Kayla Taylor, Munday, 27.27; Kellie Hawes, Anson, 28.27; Krysta Winegeart, Haskell, 28.98; Jennifer Cabrera, Hamlin, 28.99; Kimberly Shahan, Munday, 29.47; Kathleen Shields, Newcastle, 29.76
 400: Kellie Hawes, Anson, 1:05.83; Macy VanCleave, Hamlin, 1:08.60; Emily Scott, Munday, 1:09.36; Alexis Flores, Anson, 1:10.70; Kasie Isbell, Haskell, 1:10.89; Giesi Gonzales, Newcastle, 1:14.80
 800: Krystin Lackey, Anson, 2:31; Addie Jeffrey, Hamlin, 2:40; Jalyssa Lozano, Anson, 2:41; Lola Mills, Anson, 2:45; Ayleen Arellano, Munday, 2:46; Katelyn Hudson, Haskell, 2:46
 1,600: Krystin Lackey, Anson, 5:47.71; Robbi Blair, Newcastle, 6:02.54; Micah Silvey, Quanah, 6:07.32; Hollyn Hadaway, Haskell, 6:11.65; Alondra Sanchez, Hamlin, 6:23.59; Jessica Andrews, Haskell, 6:26.36
 3,200: Robbi Blair, Newcastle, 13:11;

Alondra Sanchez, Hamlin, 13:48; Jessica Andrews, Haskell, 13:54; Kaelyn Bevel, Haskell, 14:27; Hollyn Hadaway, Haskell, 14:29; Olivia Tucker, Quanah, 17:56
 100 hurdles: Michaela Ferrero, Hamlin, 18.04; Kelsey Shields, Newcastle, 19.20; Bethany Mallette, Newcastle, 19.24; Jaycee Overton, Anson, 19.25; Megan Hagler, Anson, 20.12; Jenna Jeffrey, Anson, 20.37
 300 hurdles: Bethaney Mallette, Newcastle, 53.98; Kelsey Shields, Newcastle, 54.20; Abby Walker, Munday, 54.23; Veshay, Hernandez, Hamlin, 57.15; Jaycee Overton, Anson 59.16; Jenna Jeffrey, Anson, 1:01
 4x100 relay: Hamlin, 52.04; Munday, 52.56; Anson, 52.63; Quanah 52.73; Newcastle, 58.14
 4x200 relay: Hamlin, 1:52.84; Quanah, 1:56.46; Munday, 1:57.47; Anson, 1:58.41
 4x400 relay: Hamlin, 4:18.29; Munday (Kayla Taylor, Emily Scott, Charity Hunter, Karla Taylor), 4:34.45; Newcastle, 4:48.52; Anson, 5:08.39; Quanah, 5:20.83
 High jump: Mikayla Dillon, Hamlin, 5-0; Macy VanCleave, Hamlin,

4-10; Addie Jeffrey, Hamlin, 4-4; Kellie Hawes, Anson, 404
 Pole vault: Kasie Isbell, Haskell, 8-0
 Long jump: Mikayla Dillon, Hamlin 16-6; Charity Hunter, Munday, 16-4; Jaylan Williams, Quanah, 15-8.5; Allie Andress, Haskell, 15-3; Michala Ferrero, Hamlin, 14-9; Krystin Lackey, Haskell, 14-8
 Triple jump: Jaylan Williams, Quanah, 35-4.75; Micah Silvey, Quanah, 31-11; Michaela Ferrero, Hamlin, 31-5; Kathleen Shields, Newcastle, 31-1.75; Jayllian McGee, Haskell, 30-0; Madison Soles, Quanah, 29-9.5
 Shot put: Kasey Lowrance, Munday, 35-3.5; Alexis Malone, Hamlin, 32-11.75; Bergen Waters, Munday, 29-5.5; Jasmine Soliz, Anson 29-0.75; Kayla McIntire, Anson, 28-8; Arryn Eli, Newcastle, 28-7.5
 Discus: Alexis Malone, Hamlin, 108-1; Jasmine Soliz, Anson 107-4; Kristen Keuhler, Munday 95-5; Megan Hagler, Anson, 92-4; Heather Manos, Newcastle, 92-3; Emily Scott, Munday, 91-1
 Team: Hamlin 165, Anson 118, Munday 103; Quanah 78; Newcastle 75; Haskell 46

Boys
 100: B.J. Louis, Quanah, 11.46; Avery Wagner, Hamlin, 11.78; Rocky Haggard, Haskell, 11.91; Devin Perez, Hamlin, 11.93; Grady Shields, Newcastle, 11.94; Chris Jones, Anson, 11.94
 200: Michael Stevens, Anson, 23.28; Dalton Mienzer, Haskell, 23.59; Ezell Woods, Haskell, 23.72; Avery Wagner, Hamlin, 23.73; Grady Shields, Newcastle, 24.33; Michael Walker, Newcastle, 24.78
 400: Michael Stevens, Anson, 52.52; Ezell Woods, Haskell, 53.07; Kyle Glass, Haskell, 56.71; Matthew Ramirez, Roby, 56.86; Trever Swearingin, Munday, 57.11; Holt Bivens, Munday, 57.27
 800: Phoenix Pineda, Anson, 2:08.67; Matthew Barrera, Roby, 2:14.03; Christian Araujo, Munday, 2:14.62; Alex Turner, Hamlin, 2:15.49; Gage Bozeman, Newcastle, 2:15.65; Jonathan Franco, Hamlin, 2:16.57
 1,600: Phoenix Pineda, Anson 4:57.30; Gage Bozeman, Newcastle, 5:06.48; Matthew Barrera, Roby, 5:06.86; Alex Turner, Hamlin, 5:17.93; Christian Araujo Munday, 5:19.92; John Gossett, Newcastle, 5:27.50

3,200: Christian Araujo Munday, 11:17.08; Dane Leija, Munday, 12:04.59; Emmanuel Carranza, Munday 12:37.04; Cullen Gamblin, Anson, 13:24.89
 110 hurdles: Trenten Rohm, Quanah, 16.66; Payton Smith, Haskell, 17.32; Joseph Montgomery, Anson, 17.36; RayLynn Dockins, Munday, 17.38; Jackson Heidenheimer, Anson, 18.25; Cade Baker, Anson, 18.85
 300 hurdles: Payton Smith, Haskell, 43.69; Trenten Rohm, Quanah, 43.97; Sam Fouts, Haskell, 44.08; Joseph Montgomery, Anson 44.15; RayLynn Dockins, Munday 46.77; Adam Medina, Quanah, 48.43
 4x100 relay: Quanah, 45.11; Munday (Dee Hemphill, Day'veon Dockins, Trever Swearingin, Alex Thorn), 45.63; Anson, 46.03; Haskell, 46.83; Newcastle 47.80
 4x200 relay: Munday (Brady Weaver, Day'veon Dockins, RayLynn Dockins, Alex Thorn), 1:36.19; Haskell, 1:36.33; Quanah, 1:39.34; Anson, 1:40.55
 4x400 relay: Munday (Holt Bivens, Day'veon Dockins, Trever Swearingin, Alex Thorn), 3:37.08; Haskell, 3:38.48; Anson, 3:46.50
 High jump: Grady Shields, New-

castle, 6-2; RayLynn Dockins, Munday, 5-10; Michael Stevens, Anson, 5-8; Ezell Woods, Haskell, 5-8; Cade Baker, Anson, 5-6; Rocky Haggard, Haskell, 5-4
 Pole vault: Holt Bevins, Munday 11-0; Grant Jones, Anson, 9-6
 Long jump: Ezell Woods, Haskell, 21-6; Day'veon Dockins, Munday, 20-7.5; Adam Medina, Quanah, 20-1.5; Grady Shields, Newcastle, 19-11; Chris Jones, Anson, 19-3; Alex Thorn, Munday, 18-6
 Triple jump: Chris Jones, Anson, 41-5.75; Dee Hemphill, Munday, 39-10; Brady Weaver, Munday, 36-10; Erick Leija, Quanah, 36-8.5; Trever Swearingin, Munday 36-3; Trell Thomson, Anson, 35-11
 Shot put: Brandon Padilla, Anson 40-0.75; Shawn Montanez, Hamlin, 39-10.75; Ryan Alaniz, Quanah, 39-4.5; Micheal Walker, Newcastle, 37-11.5; Robert Montanez, Hamlin, 37-8; Chase Gibson, Haskell, 37-8
 Discus: Julio Vitolas, Munday, 132-4; Tyler Hoover, Haskell, 129-2; Zac Cedillo, Anson 125-10; Robert Montanez, Hamlin, 117-7; Kade Sanders, Munday, 114-3; Matthew Lowe, Newcastle, 113-10

Boys JV
 100: Jaden Flores, Anson, 12.26; Branson Bolden, Hamlin, 12.27; Nicolas Guerra, Roby, 12.47; Sasha Thompson, Munday, 12.49; Cole Redwine, Munday, 12.76; Jared Woods, Hamlin, 12.85
 200: Ethan Flores, Hamlin, 24.59; Nicolas Guerra, Roby, 25.33; Branson Bolden, Hamlin, 25.38; Jonah Garcia, Anson, 25.48; Clayton Laughrey, Quanah, 26.40; Branson Speck, Munday, 26.48
 400: Nathaniel Villanueva, Hamlin, 56.29; Josue Hernandez, Haskell, 57.66; Xavier Rodriguez, Anson, 58.79; Jared Woods, Hamlin, 59.09; Noah Ramos, Munday, 1:00.39
 800: John Bedi, Munday, 2:24.02; Isaiah Alvarez, Haskell, 2:24.60; Noah Fernandez, Munday, 2:26.54
 1,600: Noah Fernandez, Munday, 5:42.35; John Bedi, Munday, 5:58.20;

Hunter Davis, Anson, 6:16.92
 3,200: Hunter Davis, Anson, 13:48.58
 110 hurdles: Carson Ashcraft, Quanah, 19.32
 300 hurdles: Treval Mitchell, Munday, 48.01; Carson Ashcraft, Quanah, 48.82; Joe Morrow, Quanah, 50.83; Chance Hobert, Munday, 51.61
 4x100 relay: Hamlin, 46.87; Munday, 48.40; Anson, 49.38; Quanah, 51.46
 4x200 relay: Hamlin, 1:39.21; Anson, 1:43.77; Munday, 1:44.61
 4x400 relay: Hamlin, 3:53.15; Munday (Treval Mitchell, Omar Nunez, Chance Hobert, Noah Ramos), 4:05.10; Anson, 4:11.30
 High jump: Treval Mitchell, Munday, 5-4; Chance Hobert, Munday, 5-4; Clayton Laughrey, Quanah, 5-0; Joe Morrow, Quanah, 5-0
 Pole vault: Luis Hernandez, Hamlin, 10-0

Long jump: Omar Nunez, Munday, 17-9; Nathaniel Villanueva, Hamlin, 17-6; Chance Hobert, Munday, 17-4.5; Branson Bolden, Hamlin, 17-4; Sasha Thompson, Munday, 17-1.5; Ethan Flores, Hamlin, 16-11
 Triple jump: Joe Morrow, Munday, 38-11; Sasha Thompson, Munday, 36-13.5; Ayron Wagner, Hamlin, 35-5.5; Jonah Garcia, Anson, 31-8.75
 Shot put: Kaven Alvarado, Munday, 38-11; Shawn Castorena, Munday, 36-0; Lance Galloway, Hamlin, 34-10; Sabas Moreno, Anson, 33-0.75; Seth Salazar, Munday, 31-7; Emmanuel Gonzalez, Munday, 30-11.75
 Discus: Kaven Alvarado, Munday, 106; Edgar Araujo, Munday, 105-09; Sabas Moreno, Anson, 94-11; Seth Salazar, Munday, 89; Lance Galloway, Hamlin, 84-06
 Team: Munday 188, Hamlin 136, Anson 92, Quanah 54, Haskell 16, Roby 14

Deer corn doesn't hurt wild quail

Special to The News-Courier

UVALDE - In an effort to find what's causing the decline of Texas wild quail populations, Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientists investigated whether regular ingestion of low levels of aflatoxins by bobwhite and scaled quail may impact their ability to reproduce.
 "In trying to identify reasons behind the decline in quail populations in Texas, we determined it would be worthwhile to study whether aflatoxins, which are fungal

toxins that contaminate grain, might be a concern," said Dr. Susan Cooper, AgriLife Research wild-life ecologist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde.
 "We wondered whether eating grain-based feed supplements for wildlife, especially deer corn, might possibly expose quail to chronic low levels of aflatoxin poisoning, thereby affecting their reproductive ability."
 Cooper was helped in the study by research assistant Shane Sieckenius and

research technician Andrea Silva, both of AgriLife Research in Uvalde.
 Cooper said the results of the study showed intermittent consumption of aflatoxin-contaminated feed had no measurable effect on the body weight, feed consumption and visible health of either species of quail.
 "The reproductive output, measured by number of eggs produced, egg weight and yolk weight, was also unaffected," she said. "Thus, in the short term, it appears that chronic low-level exposure

to aflatoxins has no measurable deleterious effects on the health and productivity of quail."
 Cooper said as a result of the study it was possible to conclude that aflatoxins in supplemental feed are unlikely to be a factor contributing to the long-term population decline of northern bobwhite and scaled quail through reduced health or egg production. However, she cautioned that feed should be kept dry to avoid potential contamination with higher levels of aflatoxin that may be harmful.

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Pre-Kindergarten Round-Up
 Pre-Kindergarten Round-up for the 2016-2017 school year will be held at Munday Elementary School from 9:00AM to 3:00PM on Tuesday, April 26.
 Students who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2016 are eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.
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Letter to Parents

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD Board of Trustees has amended the 2015-16 School calendar to change the last day of instruction for students to May 20 instead of May 27, providing all requirements for the instructional year have been met. The Texas Legislature passed HB 2610 changing the definition of an instructional year for students from 180 days of instruction to 75,600 minutes of instruction. It is the belief of the administration and board of trustees this change will cause little disruption to the academic school year since all state testing will be completed by May 13. This allows the remaining week of May 16-20 for six weeks and final exams.

This change only affects the students' calendar and not the employees' calendar. Teachers and principals will be available the week of May 23 should you have a need to contact them. They will be using this time to complete the 2015-16 school year, and prepare for the 2016-17 school year. Day care will be open.

The dates for graduation and baccalaureate will not change. Baccalaureate is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 22. Middle School and High School graduation will be at 7 p.m. on May 27 and 28, respectively. Our annual UIL and activity banquet is scheduled for May 23 and the Elementary Field Day is scheduled for May 20. If you have any questions about these activities, feel free to contact the campus principal at your convenience.

As a word of caution this calendar change is contingent upon meeting the required number of instructional minutes. Should we experience some type of catastrophic event that requires the loss of instructional days between now and May 20 then we may be required to extend the students' calendar into the week of May 23. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Supt. Louis Baty

KCHS sending 23 to regional academics

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY - Dominating the team events, Knox City High School captured the District 7-1A academic title and will send 23 students to the re-

gional competition at South Plains College in Levelland next Wednesday.

Knox City finished with 456.33 points to edge Spur with 447.

Winning individual gold medals were Hailee Cox, informative speaking;

Kylie DeVille, headline writing; Hannah Duhon, spelling and vocabulary; Brooke Jones, calculator; Sheldon Baty, mathematics; Jeremiah Rincon, current issues and events; and Brady Hawkins, computer science.

All-state pick



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Kaylie Steele, a senior at Knox City High School, was named to the Class 1A all-state girls basketball team by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. She also was named to the TABC academic all-state team. Kaylie averaged 16.7 points and 12.7 rebounds a game.

Knox City Spring sports schedule

KCHS track

April 8: Spur

April 14-District 7-1A, Knox City

April 20: Area, Hamlin

April 29-30: Region, Levelland

May 13-14: State, Austin

O'Brien track

April 7: District 7-A, Spur

KCHS baseball

April 11: Stamford

KCHS softball

April 5: at Hawley JV

April 11: Wichita Falls Notre Dame

Lady Bulldogs win at Aspermont

Special to The News-Courier

ASPERMONT - The O'Brien Lady Bulldogs claimed the title in the junior high division of the Double Mountain Relays here last Thursday, scoring 112 points to finish ahead of Roby with 74.

Macy Flowers picked up five medals while Mona Alvarado and Savanna Hawkins

each collected four.

The trio ran legs on the winning 4X200 and 4x400 relays, being joined by Melanie Ruiz in the first and Gracie Howeth in the second.

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infections are present, or collecting a skin biopsy in the case of a mass."

Diesel also reminded cat owners that there are numerous causes of skin lesions and masses in cats, so testing to determine the underlying cause of the skin problem is important to help your veterinarian determine the appropriate treatment.

Shedding is common in cats, but excess shedding could be a sign of another problem, such as an itch, pain, discomfort, or even a hormone imbalance. "Excessive shedding is often a sign of itch in cats," Diesel said. "It is important to determine whether the hair is being groomed out, or if it is falling out on its own. Depending on where over-grooming is occurring on the body, this may also be a sign of underlying pain or discomfort. For example, a cat that over-grooms solely over the belly may be experiencing abdominal or bladder pain. However, if the hair is falling out, this may be a sign of skin disease or an internal illness such as hormone imbalances, metabolic changes, or even potentially cancer. It is important to monitor your cat's grooming habits and overall health status and discuss this with the veterinarian if excess grooming or shedding is noticed."

Unlike dogs, most cats can groom themselves and do not need to be bathed regularly; however, cat owners may notice when their furry friend's coat is no longer healthy, shiny and dander-free. Cats who are older or overweight may no longer be able to properly groom themselves and may benefit from periodic bathing or application of moisturizing sprays, such as those containing essential fatty acids. Brushing your cat's coat may also be beneficial to distributing the normal oils throughout the hair coat and helping to minimize dander and excessive shedding.

"If cat owners notice a change in the cat's normal hair coat appearance, particularly if hair loss or excessive dander is seen, they should have their cat evaluated by a veterinarian," Diesel said. "This will help determine whether an underlying illness may be a cause for the change in appearance."

Certain skin problems may be common in cats, but no skin problem should go ignored.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the **Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967. (Telephone 512/463-6792)**

PUBLIC NOTICES

BID NOTICE

The City of Knox City will be accepting sealed bids for annual contract for cemetery services until April 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Requirements may be picked up at Knox City City Hall. The Knox City City Council will open bids at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on April 19, 2016. The City of Knox City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

04/07-4/14

It is the intent of the Munday Housing Authority to temporarily rent USDA-RD apartments to all persons without regard to income restrictions when there are no eligible applicants on the waiting list. Call 940-422-4941 for more information. The MHA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



The Munday Housing Authority (MHA) and the Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA) have apartments available to eligible applicants for immediate occupancy. Renters may choose flat rent or income based rent, and rent includes some utilities. Come by 131 West Cisco Street in Munday or 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City, or call 940-422-4941 for more information. It is the intent of MHA & KCHA to rent vacant apartments to high income applicants when there are no eligible low or very low income applicants on the waiting list. Both are equal opportunity providers and employers.



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Knox City is accepting applications of swimming pool manager. Applications and requirements may be picked up at Knox City City Hall. Deadline for applications is April 18, 2016. The Knox City City Council will consider all applications at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on April 19, 2016.

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of property, and make it impossible to make improvements to the land," the brief says. "It is, therefore, imperative that the gradient boundary survey method as understood and applied over the last several decades by the State of Texas and Registered Professional Land Surveyors be upheld in full and that the BLM's surveys be overturned as they do not comply with the Court's 1923 decision."

An amicus brief is a legal filing done by someone not part of a lawsuit but who wishes to inform the courts of specific information that is relevant to the case, introduce additional information or raise the court's awareness of information the court might want to consider.

Mac's Views Beware of fake virus alerts

Recently, I became alarmed when all of a sudden I heard a siren on my computer and got a warning note that it had contracted a virus.



JAMES MCAFEE

control of people's computers when they called a certain phone number, I just had Vonda Carter google what to do on the office computer.

I'll share with you the answer she got so you'll know what to do if it happens to you.

"Stop. Take a deep breath. Don't panic. Turn your volume or speakers off.

"Look at what is actually going on: you are probably looking at a website. There is some text on the screen. Your browser may be stuck in an alert. That's it. Nothing is going to explode, no one's going to die.

"Don't believe anything on the screen, no matter how convincing or authoritative it sounds.

"Try to terminate the web browser. Try to restart the computer or try powering it off and on again.

"If yours is a newer computer, it might have a clever setting that remembers exactly what you had open when you turned it off, so that when you turn it back on again, it reopens everything just the way it was. Unfortunately, that's exactly what you don't want since it may end up stuck in that fake virus alert all over again."

That's exactly what happened on mine. I continued to follow the advice I had gotten.

"If you can't figure out how to get out of the alert, contact someone you trust to help you or get a recommendation from someone you trust. Try to be patient, this may take a little time to fix."

I just turned the computer off and took it to Richardson to have my daughter

check it out as suggested. She found nothing on it when she checked, but did add CC Cleaner to help keep my computer running better.

It was really obvious on a recent visit to the Metroplex, that driving the speed limit on the toll roads isn't what most drivers do.

Driving to Wichita Falls on Sunday to celebrate my 75th birthday, I first thought that driving 65 in the construction area for the final 20+ miles was something only I was doing. I got passed by at least six vehicles plus a big truck.

I thought maybe the Texas Highway Dept. troopers were just not out on a Sunday afternoon, but was proven wrong near Holliday when one of them had a driver that passed me doing close to 80 mph was stopped.

If you are driving to Wichita Falls, consider yourself reminded to obey the speed limits in the work zone.

Mi Familia re-opens



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

The Mi Familia restaurant in Knox City re-opened last month at the same location across from the Knox County Hospital. Manager Roberto Olivo is pictured with Camacho Santos, a cook with Mi Familia for 14 years

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Cattle market remains high

COLLEGE STATION — Spring conditions are helping shape a strong cattle market in 2016, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist based in College Station.

Dr. David Anderson, an AgriLife Extension livestock economist, said conditions around most of the state have been good for cattle producers. Aside from areas where there has been flooding, Anderson said 2016 is shaping up to be a good year.

Good conditions won't mean a return to record prices producers received in 2014 and 2015, but prices will likely remain high, historically speaking.

Prices for 500-600 pound calves are expected to average \$180 per hundredweight for the year. Compared to 2009, the market's last real valley, 550-pound steers averaged about \$101 per hundredweight for the year.

Prices began climbing in mid-2009 as producers re-

duced herds and drought conditions in 2011 forced even more herd reduction. Sharply falling feed costs in 2013 and 2014 only accelerated rising calf prices.

Anderson said the El Niño weather pattern over the past couple years likely contributed to drought ending rains, creating conditions which allowed producers to expand herds. But expansion is driving prices down now, he said.

He expects the long-term trend to continue downward but doesn't expect dramatic price fluctuations for the near future. Prices for 500-600 pound calves remain strong because they are still hard to come by, he said.

A La Niña weather pattern is expected to develop later this year, but Anderson said any drastic change over the summer could move the market one way or the other. However, he expects 2016 to be a good overall year for cattle producers.

Spring is historically a good

season for beef sales, Anderson said. People are cooking out and grilling, so "middle meats," such as ribeyes and strips, are increasingly in demand. And prices are rising accordingly. Wholesale ribeye prices climbed more than \$1 a pound between February and mid-March, but overall retail beef prices have remained relatively flat this year after a steady decline since May 2015.

"Selling a 500-pound calf for around \$850 to \$900 isn't bad," he said. "Prices are going to remain historically high but just not at the record numbers we saw a year ago."

Trucks will get toll discount

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — The Texas Transportation Commission voted last week to give trucks a break on the cost of tolls when they drive on State Highway 130 (from the I-35 exit in Georgetown to US 183 exit in Buda) and State Highway 45SE as part of the Truck Toll Discount Program approved by the 84th Legislature.

The truck toll discount will be offered in two phases, beginning April 18 through October 31 and again from November 1 through Aug. 31, 2017.

"By getting some of these big rigs to use SH 130, during peak hours, we will help ease some of the gridlock we see on I-35 through Austin," said Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director James Bass. "This will get drivers to their destinations quicker by saving them time that otherwise would be spent in traffic."

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