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MCISD approves drug testing policy

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a student drug testing policy that may allow the school to test all students ever year during its regular monthly meeting here Monday night.

The trustees appointed principals Kristi

Bufkin and John Berry as teacher appraisers and Supt. Troy Parton as the principal appraiser.

Parton announced that the district had received a \$90,000 grant for serving lines at both cafeterias.

In his financial report, Parton reported that he was checking into investing some of the bond funds into flexible savings accounts that would produce some income before payments

have to be made to the contractors.

He noted further discussions were planned about the proposed new facilities next month, but added it might be best to wait until November to accept bids.

Parton told the trustees that he anticipated being able to present a balanced budget at the September meeting, noting that the proposed tax rate was \$1.17 plus .47. A public hearing is scheduled Aug. 29.

He indicated that both campuses met accountability standards, making improvements in all areas, while Bufkin added that her students' STAAR results exceeded state in all areas.

Bufkin indicated she expected an enrollment of 233 students, including 42 in the first grade, at the elementary while Berry said the high school numbers would be between 140 and 150.

Munday accepts bid on Skid Steer

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MUNDAY—The Munday City Council accepted a bid from Quality Implement for the purchase of a Skid Steer from its Transportation Related Projects & Equipment fund during its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday night.

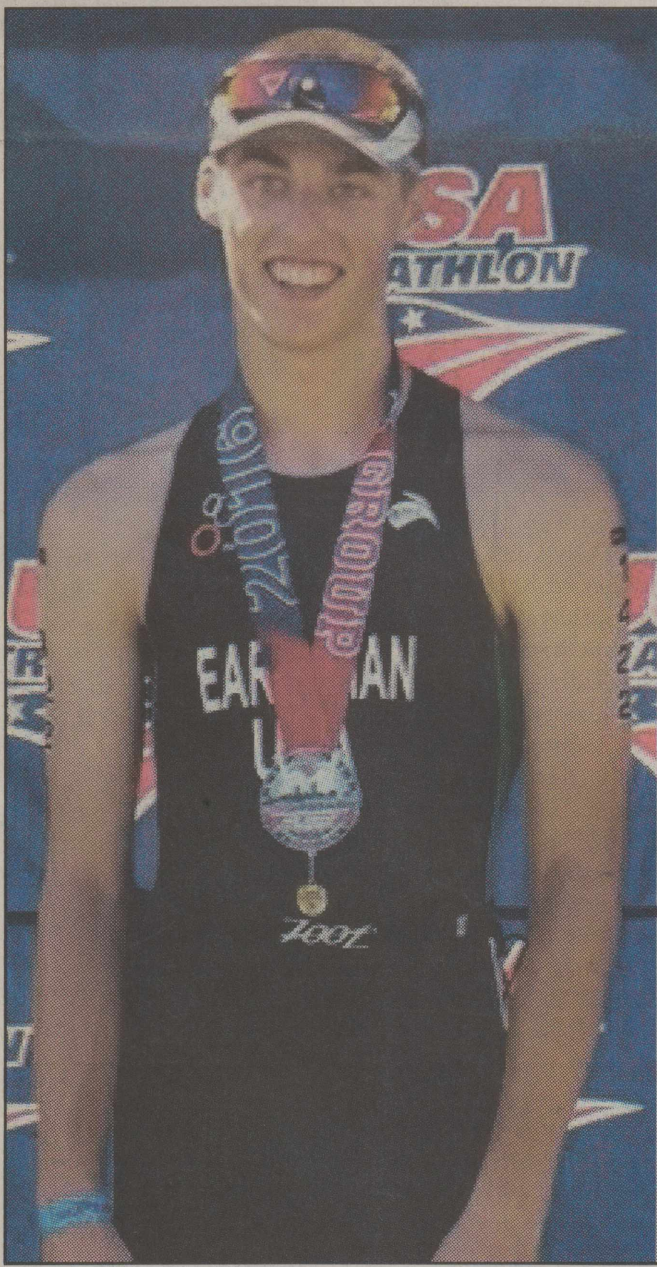
The Skid Steer is an all-around specific piece of equipment that will include specialized attachments that will sweep a road, prepare the road by chopping it up, place asphalt down, roll it and sweep it again.

The council proposed a property tax rate of 1.0957 per \$100 and scheduled public hearings for 6 p.m. on Aug. 23 and Aug. 30 at City Hall. A vote will be taken on the tax rate at the Sept. 13 meeting.

The city received a good financial report from Scott Meyers with Moore, True-love, Pharis, Meyers and March, LLC, Certified Public Accountants and it was approved by the council.

Members of the two EDC boards also presented updates to the council.

Earthman makes team USA



RYAN EARTHMAN

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OMAHA, NE—Ryan Earthman, a 17-year-old who currently lives in O'Brien, qualified to represent Team USA at the 2017 ITU Age-Group World Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Ryan competed in the Olympic-distance event at the USA Triathlon Age-Group National Championships here last week. Over 2,000 male and female triathletes from across the U.S. competed in this event, having qualified at triathlons earlier in the year. The race involved a 1,500-meter swim in open water, followed by a 40-kilometer bike leg, ending with a 10-kilometer run to the finish.

Ryan competed in the 19 & under age-group, in which he placed 19th. He was the top finisher from Texas in his age-group, as well as the top finisher from the USAT South Midwest region (TX, OK, LA, ARK). His placing of 13th among those 17 or 18 qualified him to compete for Team USA.

Ryan, the oldest son of Eric and Larressa Earthman from O'Brien, had lots of family support in Omaha, and received much encouragement from friends and family across the U.S.

Stewart Ranch wins Big Bend title

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ALPINE—The Stewart Ranch from Knox, King and Haskell counties was recognized as the team champion of the Big Bend Ranch Rodeo.

Besides winning cash and prizes, the team won a bid to the Working Ranch Cowboys Association World Championships held in November in Amarillo.

The Stewart team, which included captain Ryan Wakefield, Brady Clark, Ray Bradley, Pate Stewart and Tres Campbell, scored points in all five events on Friday evening, and in four of the five events



Courtesy photo

Members of the Stewart Ranch team included (l-r) Ryan Wakefield, Tres Campbell, Ray Bradley and Pete Stewart.

on Saturday evening.

Bradley from the Stewart Ranch team was named the "Top Hand" of the rodeo by

judges Justin Johnson and Dusty Burson.

The Stewart Ranch, owned by Mike, Ronnie and Danny

Stewart and managed by Pate Stewart, is a cow/calf operation with a yearling program and brands a BAR S.

Munday plans clean up day

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MUNDAY—A city-wide clean up is planned here Saturday.

Residents can take junk items, such as appliances, furniture and lumber, to the

Munday Recycling Center from 8 a.m. until noon. No paint chemicals or tires allowed.

Limbs, stumps and brush should be taken directly to the brush site, taking the first right past the Top Shop on Highway 222 East. No lumber allowed here.

It's time to renew hunting, fishing licenses

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Hunters and anglers, it's time to renew your hunting and fishing licenses since all current year licenses (except year-to-date fishing licenses) expire on Aug. 31.

Hunting and fishing licenses for 2016-17 went on sale earlier this week, meaning that dove season can't be far behind.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department issues more than 2.4 million hunting and fishing licenses each year through the agency's 28 field offices, more than 50 state parks and at more than 1,700 retailers across the state.

Revenue generated from license fees pays

for conservation efforts and recreational opportunities in the state, including fish stocking, wildlife management, habitat restoration, public hunting leases and river access permits.

Hunters and anglers have the opportunity to enter raffles for guided hunts and Lifetime Super Combo licenses when buying their licenses. In addition, they can make voluntary donations of \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 to help veterans through the Fund for Veteran's Assistance or to support the Hunters for the Hungry program.

Dove season runs from Sept. 1-Oct. 25 and from Dec. 18 to Jan. 1 in the north and central zones.

Conservation meeting scheduled Sept. 14

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KNOX CITY—The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Knox County and the Wichita Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public to attend their Fiscal Year 2017 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sept. 14.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to bring together conservation stake-

holders to discuss conservation topics and issues, and to set local conservation priorities to help farmers, ranchers and private landowners conserve and manage the natural resources.

The meeting also updates attendees on recent conservation efforts and allows for an opportunity to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities.

Through regular identification of conservation oppor-

tunities, effective Farm Bill investments can continue to benefit Knox County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private lands are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Charles Schur, district conservationist, at 940 658-3537 Ext-3 or visit the NRCS web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

\$7,961 already raised for Relay for Life

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MUNDAY—With the Knox-Munday Relay for Life just a month away, the planning committee spent 90 minutes on Monday working on the final details.

The fundraiser for the

American Cancer Association is scheduled from 4-10 p.m. Sept. 17 at Phillip McAfee Track.

Treasurer Joel Smith reported that \$7,961 had been raised so far, including \$3,171 from the fundraiser at the First United Methodist Church in Munday.

Teams from different groups will set up tents on that day, offering different types of activities with an emphasis on a carnival theme.

The Munday Church of Christ will have a hospitality tent, serving water, peach tea, fruit and cookies while the Munday Volunteer Fire Department will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs and nachos.

A silent auction will also be held. Anyone wishing to donate an item should contact Leann Harlan, chair for the event.

The committee will meet again Aug. 29 to complete plans.

Knox Notes

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

Meet the Moguls

MUNDAY—Fans from Munday will get a chance to Meet the Moguls at 7 p.m. Friday at Scruggs Stadium.

Meet the teachers

MUNDAY—Meet the Teachers is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Friday at Munday Elementary. Parents can meet the teachers, drop off school supplies and pick up paperwork. The first day of school will be Monday.

ASBDC services

Double Mountain Outreach Services/ASBDC will be in Munday at the Munday Church of Christ from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and in Knox City at City Hall from 1-4 p.m. next Thursday. Residents should stop by if they need help with their utility bill, eyeglasses, dental services (fillings or extractions), or overcoming poverty. For questions, call 940 989-3538 or 940 200-0864.

Chicken dinner

MUNDAY—The Munday High junior class will hold a fried chicken meal from 5-6:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the MHS Cafeteria prior to the Moguls' home opener against Hawley. Cost will be \$10 for adults and take out orders and \$5 for children.

Sheriff's sale

BENJAMIN—A sheriff's sale for property in Knox County is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept.

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6 here at the South door of the Knox Courthouse.

120th anniversary

KNOX CITY- The Gillespie Baptist Church will celebrate its 120th anniversary Oct. 2. Invitations are going out to all past and present members. Call Matt or Debbie Harrington at 940 657-3285 to RSVP.

Leadership program

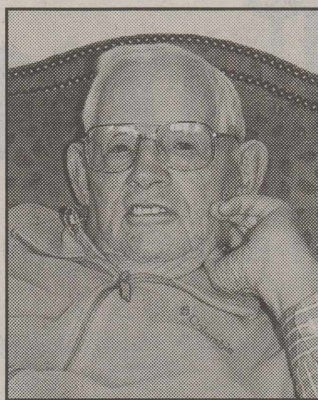
Sept. 1 will be the deadline to sign up for the Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program, an eight-month leadership series packed with outstanding speakers, tours, workshops, networking and much more.

Moguis fundraiser

MUNDAY-A discount card offering specials at area businesses is being sold by Munday football players as a fundraiser. The cost is \$20.

Obituary
Marvin Carlson

Marvin C. Carlson, 91, of Tulsa, OK and formerly of Knox City and Brady, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016 in Tulsa. He was born Jan. 24, 1925 in Brady to Conrad Carlson & Mami Carlson. Marvin served in the US Marine Corps during WWII. He married Louise Nobles Dec. 21, 1947 in Brady. He was a foreman for Lyles and Lyles Construction for 40 years. He was a member of the St. James Methodist Church in Tulsa. He was loved by so many and will be missed.



Marvin Carlson

Funeral services for Marvin Carlson were held last Saturday at Leatherwood Memorial Chapels in Brady. Pallbearers were Casey Miller, Jarrod Miller, Steve Miller, Charles Meyer, Sylvester Roberts, Johnny Cook, Jimmy Gray and Roger Elliott. Interment with military honors followed at the East Sweden Cemetery east of Brady. The family received friends Friday at Leatherwood Memorial Chapels in Brady. Friends may view and/or sign

Mr. Carlson's online memorial guest book at www.leatherwoodmemorialchapels.com.

Marvin Carlson is survived by his daughters Carolyn Meyer and husband Charles of Galveston and Angela Miller and husband Dr. Steve of Tulsa; sisters Lavern Fair of Pasadena and Violet Elliott of Brady; grandchildren Casey Miller of Tulsa, Jarrod Miller of Highland, CA and Sara Meyer of San Antonio; great-grandchildren Reinie, Hallie and Ava and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and three sisters.

Knox County Aging Center Menu

Menus for week of Aug. 22-26
 Monday: Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, peach cobbler
 Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, pineapple tidbits

Wednesday: Glazed meatloaf, bliss potatoes, bread, mixed vegetables, cake
 Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, dessert
 Friday: Ham salad, potato salad, lettuce, tomatoes, jello

Mexican artifact found at Alamo

Special to The News-Courier

SAN ANTONIO - Archaeologists working near the Alamo discovered a unique military artifact, the broken tip of a sword believed to be owned by a Mexican non-commissioned officer.

The sword, known as a briquette, was known to be carried by Mexican infantry. Based on the breakage pattern and the torquing of the tip, noted military historian Sam Nesmith believes that it may have been used between October 1835 and February 1836, and was likely used in Mexican General Martin Perfecto de Cos' fortification and construction of the lunette or some other feature related to the fortification at the south gate of the Alamo.

Mr. Nesmith also considers the possibility that it may have been used during the battle, but believes that the breakage pattern makes the first use more likely.

A similar briquet tip was

also discovered in the archaeological excavation of Main Plaza in 2007, where General Cos' troops dug an entrenchment in December 1835.

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush released the following statement regarding the find:

"History and weaponry came together at the Alamo in yet another exciting archaeological discovery. We are tremendously energized by the wealth of discoveries unearthed during this archaeological investigation as the momentum continues to build and the master plan process unfolds."

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.

Smith honored



Courtesy photo

Richie Smith is shown with wife Mary at the reception in his honor last Saturday at the McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

The Paperboy Olympics are a celebration of achievement

For the most part, the Olympics has been a welcome break from the presidential campaign. Thankfully, football will be here in a week or two to distract



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even more. I'm proud of our American men and women! They have really excelled. When I was a kid, the Soviet Union was our enemy and often got the better of us. But times have changed. The U.S.A. reigns supreme over the planet in many events and overall.

One of the coolest things about the Olympics are the memories you can make with your family. I remember watching Carl Lewis, the Dream Team, Michael Johnson and Mary Lou Retton with family members and I hope my children will remember watching Michael Phelps and Simone Biles compete at the highest level when they're older.

In addition to the awesome Americans, the Olympics brings us the opportunity to witness the best from other countries and sometimes the greatest ever. Watching Usain Bolt win another 100 gold medal was incredible.

The history of the Olympics is amazing. Whether it's Wilma Rudolph overcoming childhood paralysis to become the fastest woman alive or Jessie Owens raining on Adolph Hitler's parade, dramatic story lines have developed during the games.

Often the Olympics have

been used to push a political agenda. This year's statement has been man-made climate change. Today, I'm going to refrain from sounding off on the topic and keep the focus where it needs to be during the games: the athletes.

Once upon a time, we got the Olympics on one network and they'd televise the games all day long.

Now, as in NBC's case, the Olympics are spread around on NBC's other channels to let the viewer watch they're interested in. These games, we've found ourselves watching the main NBC broadcast so the wife can get her fill of gymnastics. It's been fun admiring such greatness.

Leading up to the Rio games, there were plenty of worries. Overall, I think the games have surpassed what many thought would be a disaster. It's really been a blessing that they've been so smooth. There's been enough bad news and bloodshed around the globe to last us all awhile, we don't need it in the Olympics.

It's always been a dream of mind to one day attend the Olympics. That continues to be the case. Like the athletes who dream of competing for their country, I dream of being there for history and cheering on my country.

I'll keep dreaming the dream. I believe the 2020 games are in Tokyo. I've never been to Japan...

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Area News

Haskell Gun & Knife Show starts Saturday

HASKELL-The Haskell Gun & Knife Show is scheduled here at the American Legion's Rogers-Cox Post 221 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 and children under 10 are admitted free if accompanied by an adult. A drawing for a Henry Golden Boy 22 Mag is scheduled at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Motorcycle rally

SEYMOUR-The fifth annual Busted in Baylor County Motorcycle Rally is scheduled here Thursday through Sunday at the Seymour Rodeo Grounds.

Hunter education

ROCHESTER-Monty Moeller and Dallas Willis, certified Texas Parks & Wildlife instructors, will present a hunter safety course here Aug. 27 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Rochester Vo-Tech Center for kids ages 9 and up. If under 17, a parent signature is required. Cost will be \$20. Pre-register by calling 940 841-1695.

Food handler courses

ABILENE-Two food handler courses accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services are being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County. Food Safety: It's In Your Hands is scheduled next Thursday and repeated Sept. 22.

Weinert homecoming

WEINERT-Plans for the Weinert Homecoming 2016 are being finalized. The "Coming Home" celebration is scheduled Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. The classes of 1966 and 1967 will be honored. All Weinert Bulldogs, teachers and patrons are encouraged to attend.

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Hounds implement new offense



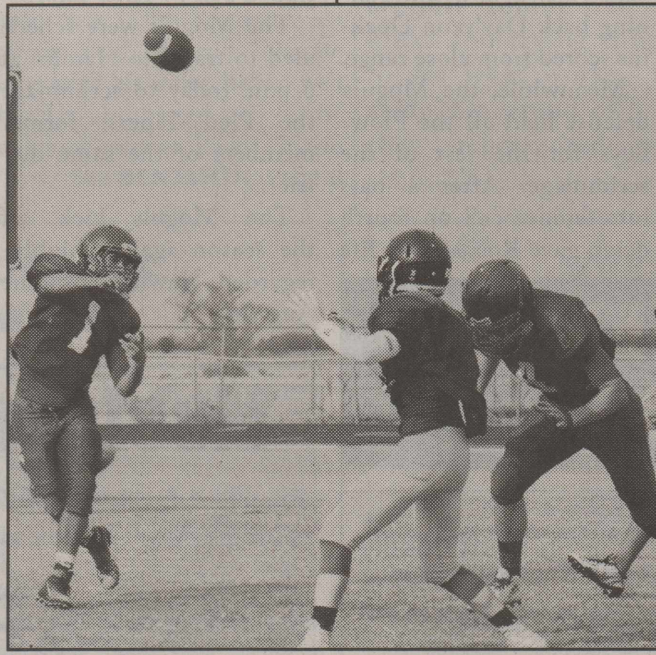
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The Knox City defense stops run by Throckmorton in scrimmage.



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Brady Hawkins tries to shake off Throckmorton tackler.



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Anthony Estrada gets off a pass against Throckmorton.

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KNOX CITY—New Knox City football coach Caleb Callaway reports that the first two weeks of practice by the Greyhounds went pretty good. “We are spending a lot of time implementing the new offense

and have improved a lot in a short time,” he said. “The defense has hit the ground running, and we hope for it to get more solid every week.”

Callaway felt the Greyhounds performed well in the first scrimmage here last week against Throckmor-

ton. “I knew going in that there would be mistakes with the new scheme, but that is why the scrimmages are so important. We will be able to look at the film and see what issues we are having.”

For the most part execution was lacking, which will get better with more reps. We were able to see that the things we want to do are there we just have to get better at the execution of the small things. Once

we get these kinks worked out, we will be able to move at a much more accelerated rate.”

Callaway felt that scrimmages against Valley and Guthrie this week will give the Greyhounds another great chance to improve on the things they struggled with last week.

The coach indicated that a final lineup for the next Thursday opener against Ira will be decided after the final scrimmages.

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BURKBURNETT—The Knox City Houndettes had to settle for second place in the Silver Division of the Cool in Boomtown Tournament last Saturday, falling to Vernon by 25-18, 25-11.

Earlier in the semifinals, the Houndettes downed City View, 25-14, 25-20 while the Lady Lions edged Iowa Park, 25-19, 16-25, 25-20.

City View defeated Iowa Park for third place while Childress won consolation and Perryton seventh place in the Silver.

In pool play, Knox City suf-

fered setbacks to Notre Dame (25-14, 25-16), Windthorst (25-15, 25-15) and Vernon (25-21, 25-15), but rebounded for a 13-25, 25-22, 25-16 victory over Bridgeport to open Silver action.

Boyd emerged as the champions of the Gold Bracket with a 25-19, 25-22 victory over the host team. Windthorst downed the Wichita

Falls Rider JV, 25-12, 25-23 for third place while Wichita Falls claimed the consolation title with a 25-22, 18-25, 25-17 win over Whitesboro and Notre Dame took seventh place with a 27-25, 25-17 win over Henrietta.

Knox City was scheduled to travel to Aspermont Tuesday and will host a tournament on Saturday.

Fall Farm Sale

Lic #17054 now taking consignments for the Oct. 8th Fall Farm Sale to be held at Wade Implement in Stamford, Texas.

For more information contact Todd Washington at 806-269-7800 or Wade Implement 325-773-2242.

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SCHOOL MATCH-UP!

During the month of August, all SRTC offices will be collecting school supplies to donate to local schools. Drop off a donation and SRTC will match your donation to double the supplies donated.

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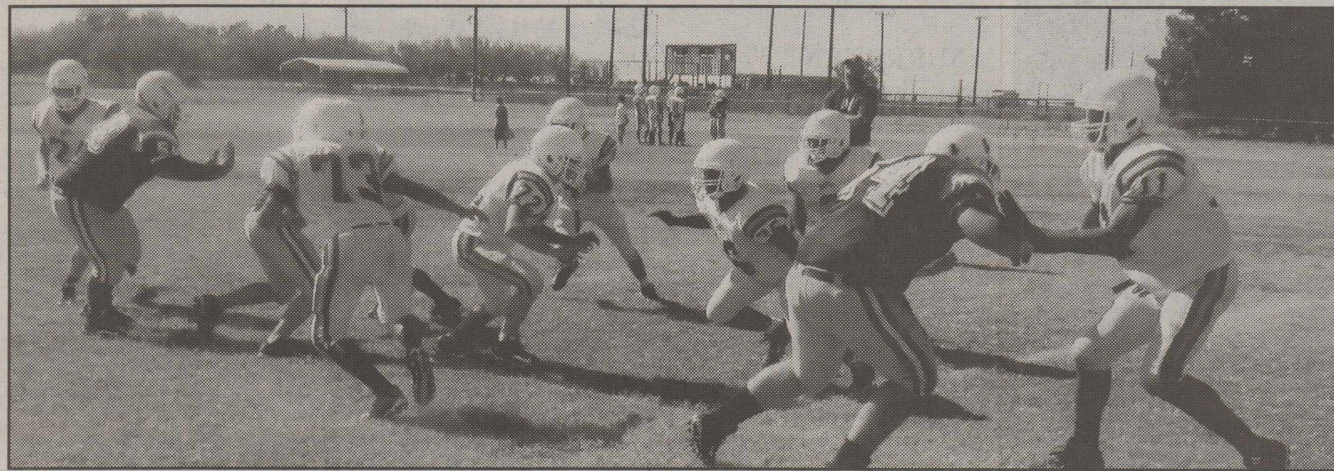
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Moguls doing all the coaches ask Tolliver proud of Mogulettes comeback



The Munday defensive front works on assignments in practice.

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MUNDAY—Coach Patrick Corcoran indicated the Munday coaches have been pleased, but not satisfied with the first two weeks of practice.

“The kids are working hard and doing all we ask,” he said. “We continue to focus on tackling for the

most part.”

Corcoran was pleased with the Moguls’ performance in outscoring Roscoe, 3-1, in a scrimmage last Friday at Scruggs Stadium, but noted there is always something to work on afterwards.

Backup quarterback Trevaugh Mitchell got the scoring started in the

scrimmage with a long run and then starting quarterback Jacoby Thomas escaped for 40 yards and running back Day’veen Dockins scored from close range.

Meanwhile, the Moguls’ defense held off the Plowboys for the rest of the scrimmage. After a pass interference call on fourth down gave Roscoe new life

in the red zone, Dane Leija came up with a key interception, getting help from a tipped ball by Alex Thorn.

The Moguls were scheduled to travel to Hamlin at 6 p.m. today to scrimmage the Pied Pipers, former members of the same district.

The Moguls kick off the season against highly-regarded Hawley at home Aug. 26.

MUNDAY—The Munday Mogulettes broke even in four games in the Bryson Small School Shootout last weekend, scoring wins over Newcastle (25-12) and DeLeon (25-17, 28-26).

The Mogulettes were down 22-14 in the second set against DeLeon when Emily Scott produced eight successful serves to tie the set at 22-22.

Coach Jessica Tolliver was impressed with the comeback. “I was so proud to see

the girls fight for that win,” she said. “It would have been easy for the girls to give up knowing they needed to outscore DeLeon 11-3, but they didn’t and they fought for every point.”

Earlier, the Mogulettes lost to City View and Childress to start the season.

The Mogulettes will compete in the Chico Volleyball Tournament, playing Bryson and Forestburg on Thursday and Chico, Northside, Petrolia and St. Joe on Saturday.

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

School starts next week. Everyone is in high gear getting ready for familiar routines and early mornings of taking the kiddos to school. Let the whining begin, the arguments about what to wear, brushing of the teeth, combing of the hair, blah, blah, blah. Can't

wait. Where's my this, where's my that? I don't know, I'm not in charge of your this and that. You all know where I'm coming from, you've either been there are you're stuck there, like me, right smack in the middle of it. My first recipe is to help all of us moms get through it.

Now how do you feel about the words “no-bake”? Personally, I like these words because there is no oven required. And let's face it Fall is just around the corner, but the heat is still with us and probably will be for a good while. At least this last week has been a bit on the less hot side. Notice I didn't say cooler, because the temperature has to be at least in the 60s for me to use the word cooler. Anyway enjoy the recipes and good luck next week, we're going to need it.

Super Mom
5 cups Love
½ c. Anger
3 Tbsp. Cheerfulness
1 Tbsp. Sadness
6 ½ cups Caring
4 ½ Tbsp. Helpfulness
Mix together and that's a “Super Mom”!

Oatmeal No Bake Cookies (I may have used this one before, but it bears repeating)

2 c. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
½ c. evaporated milk
3 Tbsp. cocoa
1 stick margarine
½ cup peanut butter
3 c. Quick oats
1 pinch salt

Combine sugar, cocoa, salt, margarine and milk in medium saucepan. Heat and stir ingredients together. Watch as it heats; when it begins to simmer, start timing to approximately a minute. Remove from heat when timing is complete and add vanilla and peanut butter. Stir in oats a little at a time, use more oats if not thick enough. Drop by spoonful onto foil and let cool. If cookies are too sticky, cook a little longer next time. If cookies are too dry, cook a little less next time.

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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JAMES McAFEE

Jackson pleased with scrimmage



Courtesy photo

Lincoln Strickland finds running room.

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BENJAMIN—Coach James Jackson was pleased with the first two weeks of practice for the Benjamin Mustangs. “They’ve been very productive, spending much of our time on conditioning,” he said. “We have also focused on techniques and skills as well as on our offensive and defensive schemes. Our players are getting stronger and faster every

day.”

Jackson also saw a lot of positive things last Friday night in a scrimmage against Paint Creek.

“Senior spread back Justin Rainwater led the offense on the field,” he said. “Despite equipment issues with his shoes, he ran well for many yards. He also passed well to the other starters. Junior receiver Ricky Hilario

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Lady Stangs win Harrold consolation

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BENJAMIN—The Benjamin Lady Stangs captured the consolation title in the Harrold Tournament last Saturday, downing Quannah (25-19, 25-16) and Northside (25-19, 25-15) after losing the first game to Prairie Valley (25-22, 16-25, 16-14).

Coach Cody Propps said the girls were a little sluggish in the first game, but looked OK in the other two games.

“As a coach, I know we are just ironing out the kinks and trying things to see what works,” he said. “I’m proud of how they represented our school.”

Emily Brown was named to the all-tournament team.

Earlier, the Lady Stangs opened the season at home with a 25-14, 25-20, 25-21 win over Paducah.

Cassidy was 100% in successful serves, converting all 14. “Her serving put us in some great offensive posi-

tions and was vital to our win,” Propps said.

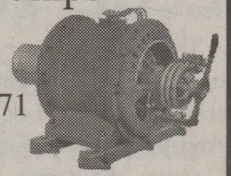
The Lady Stangs were scheduled to go up against Abilene Christian and Chillicothe in a dual match Tuesday for their only action this week.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BENJAMIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M., AUGUST 29, 2016 in LIBRARY, BENJAMIN ISD ADMINISTRATION OFFICE 303 HAYS STREET, BENJAMIN, TEXAS.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$.00 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0.09000	% increase	or	.00	% (decrease)
Debt service	.00	% increase	or	.00	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0.09000	% increase	or	.00	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 261,668,610	\$ 324,424,600
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 63,900	\$ 10,607,540
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 49,876,360	\$ 63,493,480
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 63,900	\$ 10,607,540

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.0000*	\$ 1.17000	\$ 6,867	\$ 12,350
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.13052	\$ 0.0000*	\$ 1.13052	\$ 6,354	\$ 6,446
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.0000*	\$ 1.17000	\$ 6,534	\$ 6,478

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 34,109	\$ 36,756
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 19,109	\$ 11,756
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17000	\$ 1.17000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 224.00	\$ 138.00
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 86.00 (38%)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,637,981.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$.00

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Munday CISD will hold a public meeting at August 29th, 2016 at 12:00p.m. in The Board Rm of the MCISD Admin Bldg, 811 W. D St Munday, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$.47 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	2	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	100	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	8	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$	\$
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$	\$
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$	\$
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$	\$

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
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*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 8,000,000

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.0000	\$ 1.17	\$ 2,092	\$ 8,804
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.13212	\$ 0.61742	\$ 1.74954	\$ 3,431	\$ 9,010
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.47000	\$ 1.64000	\$ 3,191	\$ 9,139

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$	\$
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$	\$
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$	\$
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$	\$
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.17.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,412,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

Prayers for schools



The Men's Ministry group met at the Knox City High School on Sunday for a special prayer and then also went to the campus in O'Brien. They were scheduled to meet Tuesday afternoon across from the Haskell school and at 8 a.m. Monday at the park across from Munday elementary, too.

Letter to the editor

The Men's Ministry Coalition would like to invite everyone to join us in praying over our schools. We will be meeting next Monday, Aug. 22 at 8 a.m. in the park

across the street from the Munday Elementary School. We will be praying for the students, staff, travel safety, and safety during

all school events. We want the students and staff to know that we support them and will come alongside them to help in any way possible. Please join us in this important event.

Blessings,
Travis Floyd

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2016 on September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Authority Office, 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday Texas 76371. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Bob Presnall, James Peek, Joe Barnard, Terry Utley, MM Booe, John Kimbrough & Larry Cunningham
AGAINST the proposal: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: All Members Voted
ABSENT: George Oustad

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year		This Year	
	0.10	\$/100	.10	\$/100
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>Adopted</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ <u>0</u>		\$/100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		<u>0</u>		%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ <u>27,991.00</u>		\$ <u>29,224.00</u>	
General homestead exemptions available				
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ <u>0</u>		\$ <u>0</u>	
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ <u>27,991.00</u>		\$ <u>29,224.00</u>	
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ <u>27.99</u>		\$ <u>29.22</u>	
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ <u>1.23</u>		
and percentage of increase (+/-)		<u>0.05</u>		%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Include the following statement if the water district proposes to adopt a combined tax rate that would authorize the qualified voters of the district to require a rollback election (the proposed tax rate exceeds the rollback tax rate).

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of Maintenance & Operations.

NOTICE OF 2016 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR

A tax rate of \$ 1.0957 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Munday. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Munday proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Maintenance & Operations and Interest & Sinking.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>1.0957</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEARS TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.98366</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.94902</u> per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.14674</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Munday from the same properties in both the 2015 tax year and the 2016 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Munday may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 23rd 2016 at 6:00pm at Munday City Hall, Munday Texas

Second Hearing: August 30th 2016 at 6:00pm at Munday City Hall, Munday Texas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Knox City -O'Brien CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., August 30, 2016 in Central Administration Office, 606 East Main Street Knox City, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>1.17</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>0.065</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>1.25</u> % increase	or	<u>24.98</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>1.25</u> % increase	or	<u> </u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u> </u> % increase	or	<u>24.93</u> % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>130,936,843</u>	\$ <u>143,042,800</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>3,111,760</u>	\$ <u>719,120</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>75,012,295</u>	\$ <u>75,117,750</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>3,111,760</u>	\$ <u>719,120</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(b).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 92,003

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ <u>1.1700</u>	\$ <u>0.06500*</u>	\$ <u>1.23500</u>	\$ <u>3,835</u>	\$ <u>7,082</u>
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ <u>1.13961</u>	\$ <u>0.09840*</u>	\$ <u>1.23802</u>	\$ <u>3,095</u>	\$ <u>7,383</u>
Proposed Rate	\$ <u>1.1700</u>	\$ <u>0.06500*</u>	\$ <u>1.23500</u>	\$ <u>3,094</u>	\$ <u>7,448</u>

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ <u>37,305</u>	\$ <u>40,955</u>
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ <u>22,305</u>	\$ <u>15,955</u>
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ <u>1.2350</u>	\$ <u>1.2350</u>
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ <u>275.47</u>	\$ <u>197.05</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ <u>(78.42)</u>

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.23500. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.23500.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>1,950,000</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>-0-</u>

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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.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF KNOX

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out the Honorable 50th District Court of Knox County in the following cases on the 26th day of May, 2016 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 AM on the 6th day of September, 2016, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of said Knox County, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Cause No.: 9774 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. THE BRAZOS VALLEY RECREATION ASSOCIATION INC
 Tract 1: 8.52 acres, more or less, within an 11.59 acre tract recorded in Volume 216 at Page 363, less a 3.32 acre tract recorded in Volume 216 at Page 361 of the Deed Records of Knox County, Texas; GEO: R000001047

Cause No.: 9707 KNOX COUNTY VS. PAMELA KAY FLORES
 Tract 1: .015625 Royalty Interest, F W Thormann Lease, Lease # 1720, Section 66/71, Block 13, H&TC Survey, located in Knox County, Texas; GEO: N009903214

Tract 2: .015625 Royalty Interest, F W Thormann #12 Lease, Section 66, Block 13, H&TC Survey, Abstract 1606, located in Knox County, Texas; GEO: N009903328

Cause No.: 9650 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. BOBBY SHERARD
 Tract 1: Lots 7-9, Block 18, Original Town Benjamin, 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; GEO: R000004324

Cause No.: 9174 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. MATTIE M STROTTER
 Tract 1: West 58 feet of Lots 6,7,8,9 and 10, Block 138 of the Reeves and Musser Addition to the City of Munday, 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; GEO: R000001675

Cause No.: 9773 KNOX COUNTY VS. ELOUISE FUNK TERMELL
 Tract 1: .003328 Royalty Interest, Tackitt Lease, Lease # 1696, RRC #28176, Abstract 111, Section 67, Block 13, H&TC Survey, Knox County, Texas; GEO: N000804107

Cause No.: 9757 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ALICIA YOUNG TYRA
 Tract 1: Lot 5, Block 8, Original Townsite to the City of Vera, 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; GEO: R000005160/R000000022

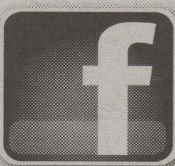
Cause No.: 9782 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. UNKNOWN OWNERS
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By _____
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BENJAMIN
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caught well as did freshman spread center Dylan Kuehne. J.C. Espinal also did a great job as a spread receiver as well as duties from under center getting the ball to Rainwater, senior running back Lincoln Strickland and sophomore running back Damian Landini. Both had a few breakaway runs.

"Our defense was successful at shutting down the Paint Creek offense. Rainwater and Landini played ends with Strickland controlling the middle as line-backer and occasionally as a defensive lineman in the middle. Kuehne and Hilario were strong in their corner positions and Espinal had a good evening in the deep middle as safety."

Jackson pointed out that sophomore David Torres, who will share duties at center, will be the Mustangs' point after kicker although none were tried in the scrimmage. "He did have two deep kickoffs," Jackson said. "Landini had a pair of good onside kicks as well as a good deep ball. On returns, Rainwater and Strickland each returned kicks with long returns."

Jackson also noted that freshmen Nicholas Brumley and Braden Garza and junior Jackson Meador got into the action Friday.

Jackson added that a conflict had arisen in regard to a scheduled Friday scrimmage against Paducah and he was trying to make other arrangements.

The Mustangs open the season next Friday at Gold-Burg.

Mac's Views Golf in the Olympics worth doing again

The Olympics belong to the swimmers, runners and gymnasts more than golfers, but based on the men's competition last weekend, it's something worth doing again in four years and beyond.

I'm sure that Justin Rose, Henrik Stenson and Matt Kucher were all excited about being the first golfers in 112 years to win medals in the games, but the field of 59 was very weak with only eight of the game's top 20 involved.



JAMES MCAFEE

Golf in the Olympics definitely matters, but not on the same level as the major tournaments or the Ryder Cup.

It did appear from watching and listening on television that the announcers must have had strict instructions to romance Olympic golf. I agree with Global Golf's Mike Purkey who said we now know what propaganda sounds like. How else can you explain Nick Faldo saying that putting for a gold medal might be better than holding a putt for a major championship. Do you think he really believes that? Not me.

Was it worth getting golf back in the Olympics? Absolutely! It can do a lot of good in helping grow the game,

especially in countries where it is seldom played. Who knows, maybe a few new stars will come out of the games in the future. The tournament schedule for touring professionals was a little crowded this season and probably was one of the reasons that some players opted not to make the trip. That needs to be addressed in 2020.

Personally, I would have liked for some kind of team competition included instead of just another 72-hole individual tournament. That would have added some pride to be playing for your country. Let's hope this is also considered in 2020.

In closing, I do miss the days when the Olympics was for true amateurs, not professional athletes.

Museum garage sale set for Sept. 10

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN The Knox County Historical Commission and Friends of the KCHC announced its annual garage sale will be held Sept. 10 at the Perry Patton Center in Munday during its August meeting.

"It's an opportunity to get rid of those unwanted items you might have thought of doing away with," said Mary Jane Young. "Remember, someone else's trash may just be the treasure you are

looking for.

Young indicated items may be brought to the museum any afternoon Monday through Friday or to the Patton Center on the Friday or Saturday morning prior to the sale.

"Anything not sold will be donated to the Good Will," Young added. "So either way, it will go to a good cause."

Free coffee will be offered through the day while hamburgers, chips, drinks and cookie will be for sale.

The board members also

heard that the Breakfast on the Porch, held in conjunction with the Benjamin Homecoming, was a success, allowing a host of visitors to enjoy the museum exhibits, including the new wildlife and the paintings by C.H. Underwood.

No date has been set for when the buffalo will go on display at the museum. It is still in preparation stage at Hoof and Horns in Munday. "It should be ready by October," added Young.

The commission pur-

chased a hand-pieced and hand-quilted quilt at an auction and it will be used for a giveaway in February. "The original owner is unknown, but it is thought to have been made in the 1960s," Young noted. "It is very pretty and colorful regular-size quilt and represents many hours of hard work. So don't fail to buy a chance, or many chances. You just might win!"

Regular hours for the museum are 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Smith duo wins Guys & Dolls

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Mary Smith teamed with son Kevin to take top honors in the Guys & Dolls tournament at Lake Creek Golf Course.



MUNDAY-Mary and Kevin Smith rallied with a five-under par 30 on the back nine to post a six-under 64 at Lake Creek Golf Course

Sunday to claim the Guys & Dolls title.

Taylor and Trey Thompson won a scorecard playoff from Kristi and Ty Bufkin to take

second place after the teams tied at 66.

In the first flight, Temi and Jerry Webb emerged as the winners, beating Stacia Cook and James McAfee in a scorecard playoff after the teams tied with even par 70s.

Angela Herricks and Gary Crawford claimed third with a 71, winning a scorecard playoff from Charles and Betty Starnes.

Chris Mendoza and Jerry Webb were the long drive winners for the men while Temi Webb and Herricks took honors for the women.

Crawford and Taylor Thompson had the closest approach shots on Nos. 5-14 while Jason Key and Erica Grey took honors on Nos. 9-18.

From the Preacher's Desk

Showing appreciation to preachers

Ephesians 4:11 "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers"

According to Scripture, we do not have apostles or prophets today, but we have a GREAT need for evangelists, pastors and teachers.

Most preachers I know would really appreciate being told that they did a good job with the sermon. However, most of the time we have missed the purpose of preaching. Believe it or not, it seems the apostle Paul was one of those brothers who had the reputation of being a poor public speaker. One time he preached so long a young man fell asleep and fell out a window to his death (Acts 20:9). There were some who said about Paul, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account." (2 Corinthians 10:10).

Most people sit in the audience and make a judgment on whether a sermon is good or bad based on style and length rather than whether the preacher is accurately proclaiming and explaining the Word of God. Of course, that would require each person to examine what the preacher is saying with what the Bible says. That would require us to look beyond the flaws, shortcomings and human limitations of the preacher and study for ourselves.

It's easy to see the harm we do to those we criticize. It's easy to see how it hurts a preacher's feelings when we criticize his style; but we might actually be doing more harm to those on whom we constantly brag. When we constantly brag on a preacher's style and performance, we might very well be stroking his ego.

So how can we show appreciation to our preachers without being stumbling blocks? Here are a few of my favorite kinds of encouragement:

"That message really made me think. I'm going to have to go home and study some more."

"I'm convicted. I'm going to make some big changes in my life."

"I never really understood how glorious God was until today."

"You made me see that God's word is so powerful."

"Thank you for telling us the truth."

These kind of statements put the focus on the message rather than the messenger and they should be encouraging to your preacher. Preaching is a tough job, but it is even tougher when those of us in the pulpit, or in the pews, don't have the right perspective.

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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