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## All three Knox teams victorious

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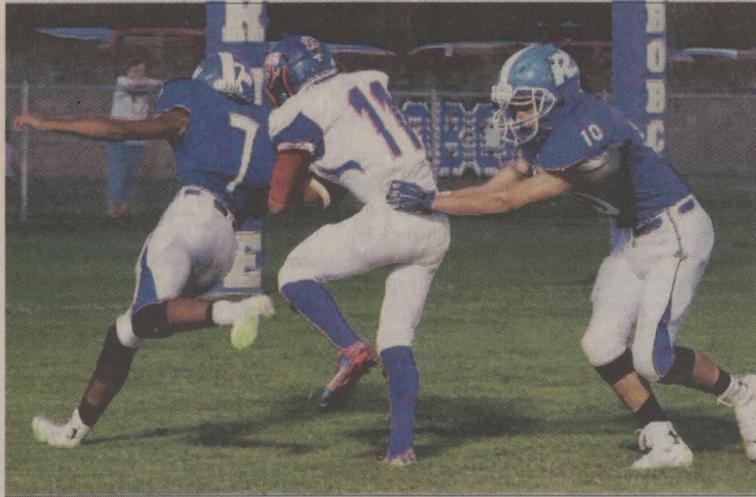
All three of the Knox County high school football coaches were happy as their teams scored victories in the second week of the season. The Munday Moguls

helped Coach Patrick Corcoran celebrate a milestone 100th victory by scoring a 38-8 victory over the Stamford Bulldogs on the road.

The Knox City Greyhounds presented new coach Caleb Callaway with his first

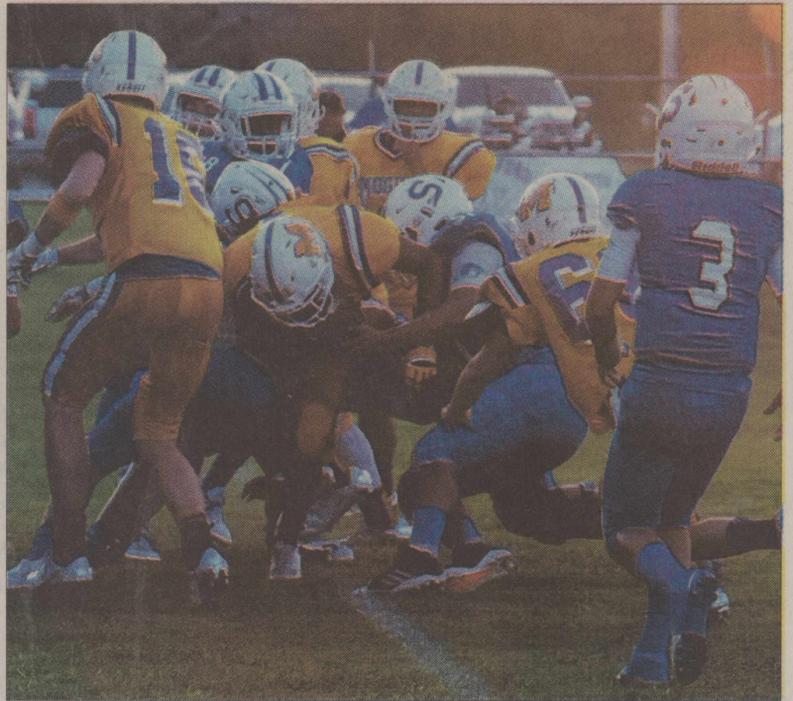
win in scoring a mercy-ruled 69-22 decision over the Rule Bobcats on the road.

The Benjamin Mustangs kept Coach James Jackson's record clean with a 64-38 victory over the Wilson Mustangs in their home debut.



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Knox City's Anthony Estrada scores one of his four touchdowns in a 69-22 victory over Rule.



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Munday's Jacoby Thomas finds tough sliding, but makes the end zone on one of his four successful two-point runs.

## FBM names Reid as new pastor

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MUNDAY—The First Baptist Munday Church voted Sunday night to have Jim Reid, who had been serving as the interim minister for over a year, to assume the role as its pastor.

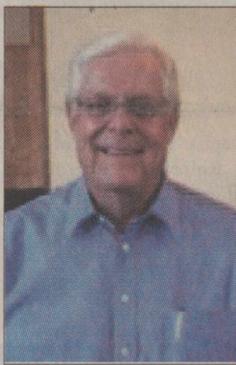
"I felt like it was purposed for us to get back into a full-time role," Reid said.

Reid and wife Sherry will move to the church's parsonage on West Cisco

by Oct. 1.

After serving as a minister for 26 years, including stints at O'Brien and Rotan, Reid retired three years ago and formed Jim Reid Construction, operating out of Haskell.

Reid was never really out of the pulpit very long as he became the interim minister at First Baptist Haskell for nine months and then assumed a similar role at the Munday church in the summer of 2015.



JIM REID

## Museum plans garage sale on Saturday

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MUNDAY—The Knox County Historical Commission and Friends of the KCHC will host a garage sale here Saturday starting at 8 a.m. at the Perry Patton Center.

"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 donated items may be brought to the Patton Center on 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.

## Knox Notes

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

### Firearms training

KNOX CITY—A West Texas Firearms Training class is scheduled here Saturday starting at 9 a.m. at the Knox City Chamber of Commerce office. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$60 to the public and \$50 for military, active or volunteer law enforcement, fire departments, EMC, TDCI or professional educators. Call 325-721-7013 to make reservation.

### 4-H sign-up party

KNOX CITY—To kick off the upcoming year, the Knox County 4-H Club will be holding a sign-up party Sunday here at the Knox City Park from 5-7 p.m. There will be a bounce house, volleyball and other games as well as free hot dogs and dessert. If you are interested in joining 4-H or simply curious about your local club, please take this opportunity to come, have fun and find out more.

### Living Proof simulcast

MUNDAY—A Living Proof simulcast featuring Beth Moore is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until 4:10 p.m. on Sept. 17 at the First Baptist Church Munday. Cost is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch.

### Rangers' tickets prize

MUNDAY—The First United Methodist Church Carnival for See **NOTES**, Page 2

## 'Carnival for Cure' scheduled Sept. 17

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MUNDAY—The Relay for Life's "Carnival for a Cure" will be held here next Saturday at the Phillip McAfee Track from 4-10 p.m. It's part of the American Cancer Society's national fundraiser, "Paint Your World Purple."

There will be the usual laps for survivors and caregivers along with a Luminaria

Ceremony at 9 p.m. Other activities will include a cake walk, dunking booth, jail, bingo, dominoes and various carnival games.

Entertainment will be provided by various singers, including Lyndle Reeves, along with The Movement Space dancers, the Munday High cheerleaders, an obstacle course for kids, a lip sync battle and themed-dance laps.

There will be five teams raising money with carnival-themed activities or food, including

"Carnival for Hope" from the First United Methodist Church in Munday, "Clowning for a Cure" from the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland, "The Bearded Ladies" in Misty's honor, "Lions for a Cure" from the Munday Lions Club, the

Bankneers' "Banking on a Cure" from the First Bank Texas and the Munday Volunteer Fire Department.

The Munday Church of Christ will serve as the welcoming committee, offering free water, peach tea and cookies. In addition, there will be drinks, snacks, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream and coke floats for sale.

Leann Harlan serves as the event chair and will have one final meeting Monday at the Munday Church of Christ with her committee to finalize plans.

"Each person who shares in the Relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where cancer no longer threatens our loved ones," Harlan added.

## A defense strategy for the new administration

By Mac Thornberry and Andrew F. Krepinevich Jr.

Second of four installments

Even as the challenges to U.S. security grow, Washington continues to cut its military spending. Between 2010 and 2016, the U.S. defense budget fell by over 14 percent in real terms, and by roughly 30 percent as a percentage of GDP, and it will likely fall further over the next decade, as interest payments on U.S. government debt rise. The United States' most capable allies are contributing even less. Of the richest powers within NATO, only the United Kingdom budgets more than the alliance's minimum target of two percent of GDP. In Asia, Japan remains con-

strained by its self-imposed ceiling of one percent.

This is not to say that the United States should simply peg its defense spending to a particular percentage of GDP. The level should depend on many factors, including the types of threats faced, the amount of risk the American people are willing to accept, the contributions made by allies, and more. Nevertheless, the decline in military budgets—especially in comparison to the investments that the revisionist powers are making—puts the United States and its allies at ever-greater risk. As former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates said in 2014, cutting U.S. defense funding "sends a signal that we are not interested in protecting our global interests." But Wash-

ington needs to do more than simply spend more money on defense. It needs a strategy that allocates these dollars more efficiently and in ways that create a more effective military.

Resources are always limited, so strategy is about making choices. In doing so, policymakers must consider not only the immediacy of a threat but also its scale, form, and trajectory. Radical Islamism represents the most immediate threat the United States faces, but China and Russia have far greater potential to threaten U.S. security. China, a rapidly rising power, has built the most capable conventional forces besides those of the United States, and Russia, although showing clear signs of decline, still maintains the

world's largest nuclear arsenal. The threat from Iran, meanwhile, mainly entails the risk that its progress toward achieving a nuclear capability will trigger a cascade of proliferation in the Middle East. Since the aim should be to minimize the overall risk to its security over time, the United States should focus principally on preparing for the threats from China and Russia and secondarily on checking Iranian expansionism and supporting like-minded partners in suppressing radical Islamist groups.

To meet these challenges, given that resources are limited, the U.S. military will have to adopt a "one-and-a-half-war posture"—giving it the ability to at once deter or wage a major war with

China and send expeditionary forces to either Europe or the Middle East. In the western Pacific, this means pursuing a strategy of "forward defense" of the first island chain, which runs from Japan through Taiwan and along the Philippines, three countries with which the United States has firm security commitments. What it should not do is pursue a strategy centered on a distant blockade of China or one that relies on mobilization to retake lost territory, as the United States did in World War II. This would be tantamount to exposing allies and partners to aggression or coercion and would be seen as such. Instead, by positioning sufficient forces forward, including ground forces in

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## Obituaries

### Barbara Ann Dancer

Barbara Ann Dancer, 72, of Wichita Falls, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held Wednesday at Hampton Vaughan Funeral Home. Visitation was held Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial was held in the Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford.

Barbara was born on March 30, 1944 in Weatherford to Walter David and Ruth Virginia King Richter. She married Henry Larue Dancer on March 20, 1973 in Jones County, Texas. She owned and operated a video store for many years. She

loved to cook, bake, gardening, ceramics, painting, reading and spending time with family and grandchildren. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry in 1993 and her son Jerry Dean Venable in 1962.

Survivors include her children Terry Venable, Teresa Wakefield and husband Jimmy, David Andrew Dancer and wife Autumn, all of Wichita Falls, and Henry L. Dancer Jr. and wife Debbie of Hamlin; sister Marsha Richter of Weatherford; grandchildren Terry Dancer, Sean



BARBARA DANCER

Dancer, Amanda Dora, Trey Wakefield, Sarah Dancer and Anthony Glassburn; and numerous great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to hamp-tonvaughancreastview.com

### Ita Hill

Ita M. Hill, 97, passed away Saturday, Sept. 3 2016 in Douglas, AZ. Ita was born Nov. 7, 1918 in Stillwell, OK.

Ita was active in church all her life, being a member of First Baptist Church in Munday for over 50 years. She loved to paint.

Ita preceded in death by her husband J.R. Hill and a daughter Johnette McCrain.

She is survived by daughter Linda L. Church of Douglas, AZ; grand-

daughter Aletha B. Chambers and husband Chuck of Douglas, AZ; great grandsons Christopher Chambers and Michael Chambers of Douglas, AZ; great granddaughters Catherine Chambers of Douglas, AZ and Autumn Stoute and husband Chris of Fairchild AFB, WA; and one great great granddaughter Lillianna Lopez of Fairchild AFB.

A visitation will be held from 6-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home in Mun-



ITA HILL

day. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Munday. Interment will follow in Johnson Memorial Cemetery.

### Peggy Fetsch

Peggy Fetsch, 67, of Wichita Falls, Mary My-ers and husband Billy of Rhineland and Nancy Andrade and husband Jessie of Wichita Falls; brothers Johnnie Fetsch and wife Daphne of Idalou, Charles Fetsch of Rhineland and Frankie and wife Crystal of Seymour. Also eight nephews and five nieces and several great nieces and nephews.

Peggy enjoyed playing bingo and card games. She loved to cross stitch and watching her TV shows. She also loved her church and spending time with family.

Peggy is survived by sisters Shirley Seese of Munday, Linda Flannery and husband Pat of

Wichita Falls, Mary My-ers and husband Billy of Rhineland and Nancy Andrade and husband Jessie of Wichita Falls; brothers Johnnie Fetsch and wife Daphne of Idalou, Charles Fetsch of Rhineland and Frankie and wife Crystal of Seymour. Also eight nephews and five nieces and several great nieces and nephews.

A rosary was held Friday at the funeral home in Munday. Funeral mass was held Saturday at St.



PEGGY FETSCH

Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

## The Paperboy

### Newsflash: There's a reason your profits are down

I was reading a *New York Times* article about how several movies failed at the box office this summer.

Indeed, some of the flops include: "The BFG," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows," "The Nice Guys," "Ghostbusters," "The Legend of Tarzan," "Independence Day: Resurgence," "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," "Alice Through the Looking Glass," "Warcraft," "Ice Age: Collision Course," "Hands of Stone," "Star Trek: Beyond," "Now You See Me 2" and "Ben-Hur."

"Ben Hur cost Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Paramount Pictures over \$150 million to make, but took in a lousy \$11.2 million during its first weekend in theaters.

The NYT article went on to aimlessly wonder why so many movies crashed and burned. The story said it might be "sequel fatigue," despite the fact that "Captain America Civil War" and "Finding Dory" were both hits.

"The lack of clear answers has led to hand-wringing," the story reads.

And the losses mounted to the point where Warner Bros., Sony, Universal, 20th Century Fox and Paramount all had diminished or nonexistent profits in the most recent quarter of 2016.

The story concludes by stating, "There are probably multiple reasons why."

I'm guessing here, but I'll bet you that one of the main reasons for Hollywood's plight is because the movie industry like the media industry is in bed with Democrats and specifically the Clinton Campaign. It's no wonder the NYT - a bastion of liberalness - can't see the forest for the trees.

Personally speaking, I'm a lot less inclined to take my family to a movie when the actors in it are throwing fund raisers for Hillary Clinton.

I've often made it a point to try and separate politics from musicians, athletes and actors, but when these entertainers get political, it makes it difficult.

I consider Clinton one of the most repugnant people in this country. She's lower than a snake and has sold this country out for her personal gain. In fact, if you or I had committed her high crimes, we would likely be awaiting execution or at the very least, a long prison sentence.

I think Americans - at least conservatives - are sick and tired of the corruption. We're sick and tired of limousine liberals and their love affair with the Hollywood elite.

If the studios really want to make money, how about getting in touch with real Americans? Because as it stands right now, there's no way I'm going to give these out-of-touch elitists a dime.

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## Area News

### Taste of Country scheduled Sept. 20

HASKELL-The Noah Project will hold its annual "Taste of Country" here Sept. 20 at the Haskell Civic Center. There will be food to sample from area restaurants from 5-7 p.m. A silent auction is set for 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 until Sept. 13. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Funds raised will go to help victims of family violence in Knox,

Haskell, Jones, Throckmorton and Stamford counties.

### Weinert homecoming Sept. 30-Oct. 2

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.

## NOTES

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Hope team is conducting a raffle for five tickets to the Oct. 10 baseball game between the Texas Rangers and the Tampa Bay Rays as a fundraiser for Relay for Life. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5.

### Conservation meeting

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 meeting from 1:30-2:30 p.m. next Wednesday 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.

### 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.

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## Letter to editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the delightful pieces that Hanaba writes in The 501. I look forward to her humorous articles and especially enjoyed her song writing one. In the heaviness of our world today, she gives me a cause to laugh out loud and it feels good. Thank you, Hanaba! You make my day!

—Brenda Floyd

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## Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Sept. 12-16

**Monday:** Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, cake

**Tuesday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, seasoned corn, bread, ambrosia

**Wednesday:** Crumb topped fish, hushpuppies, peas, rolls, cookies

**Thursday:** Meatloaf, blessed potatoes, green beans, breadsticks, peach crisp

**Friday:** Hamburger w/all the trimmings, potato salad, creamy fruit squares

Thank You

The family of Carol Dickson wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, flowers and food we received during our loss of Carol. It was a blessing to receive so much support from friends, family and neighbors. A special thank you to Dr. Duke and the nurses at the Knox County Hospital for the compassion and care that Carol received during this time.

—Dick Dickson and Family

# The 501

## Gate-breaking news on the road of life

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Sometimes even if it is broke, don't fix it. Life can pass you by while you're fixing stuff.

If you break something and don't want your spouse to know, fix it fast. Or hide it.

Be careful when you drive through a gate if your trailer is wider than your truck.

There you have it -- five pieces of practical advice plus one deep thought. To conclude, here's a story:

Our two-panel gate is easy to open and negotiate as long as you don't mind sidestepping a big mudpuddle if it's rained. (Spell check doesn't recognize "mudpuddle." Spell check needs to get out more.) I was driving

our biggest pickup and pulling a flatbed trailer that, surprise, is somewhat wider. It was late; I was drowsy. I'd stayed awake on the highway through necessity, but once I hit our dirt half-mile, autopilot had kicked in. Even hitting the badger hole that's become a jolting little wash hadn't shocked me into alertness.

At least I wasn't texting. Or eating corn on the cob. That's what Mother and I were doing circa-1962 when the road was muddy and she veered off course enough to get us stuck right up next to the barbed-wire fence. I'd like to do that again if she and I could do it together. Football game-bound, I was wearing my

maroon pep squad corduroy skirt and a white blouse. Daddy rescued us. I guess we walked all the way back to the house to tell him we needed rescuing. We digress. And I'm not even mentioning the buzzing bee misadventure, same road, same '54 Chrysler, and the time I wasn't looking and had forgotten about the big truckloads of gravelly dirt dumped onto our little roadway. Different old Chrysler. When I hit the first pile, I took notice. Some of my hair ended up in the inside molding around the windshield. Seriously. Was there a seatbelt? If so, I hadn't yet buckled it on. After all, I was still on our dirt road. What could happen?

Stuff happens. My latest lesson on that road: I'd swung open the left half of the double gate that keeps cows in. At a bit of an angle, I expertly headed through, missing the mudpuddle but snagging the trailer fender on the gate. Think ominous thud.

I exited the truck to see what I'd hit. That gate hung askew. Not what I wanted to dream about. One careless moment, and I'd knocked both the gate and my life out of whack.

By daylight, things looked better -- nothing two welds wouldn't fix. Smile.

Closing advice:

Find a teenager who likes to weld (his name is Gary), borrow a welder, borrow a helmet, crank up the generator. When the job's done, let him take your vintage pickup for a spin so he'll be happy with modest pay. Hope the gate still squeaks the same way your husband remembers it.

Christmas dinner is soon enough to tell what happened.

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## Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter



I hope you enjoyed last week's recipes for dove. Although, there probably wasn't much dove to cook since I encouraged them all to keep their tail feathers in town for a while. When deer season comes around, you can bet I'll be inviting the deer to move into town for a while also. My dog Abi, who also doubles as a small deer, is preparing her back yard for company and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the deer. Finally, she'll have friends her size to play with.

Now for this week's recipes. We need to use our outdoor grills as much as we can because dare I say "cold weather is coming". Well not soon enough for me folks, not soon enough for me. But I do enjoy my grill and if you're like me, grilling in the cold beats grilling in the heat any day. I think this first recipe would pair nicely with grilled dove. Too bad they all stayed in town and you don't have any. The second recipe could be good made with deer meat, but you won't be having any of that either. Laughing out loud!

### Balsamic Garlic Grilled Mushroom Skewers

2 lbs. mushrooms, slice 1/4 inch thick 2 tbsps. Balsamic vinegar  
1 tbsps. soy sauce 3 cloves garlic, chopped  
1/2 tsp. thyme, chopped salt and pepper to taste

Marinate the mushrooms in the mixture of remaining ingredients for 30 minutes. Skewer the mushrooms and grill over medium-high heat until just tender and slightly charred, about two to three minutes each side.

### Grilled Asian Garlic Steak Skewers (recipe by The Recipe Critic)

1 1/2 lbs. top sirloin steak 1 red onion  
2/3 cup soy sauce 6 garlic cloves, minced  
1/4 cup sesame oil 1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/2 cup sugar 1 tbsps. grated ginger  
2 tbsps. Sesame seeds Sliced green onions, for garnish

Wooden skewers soaked in water for about 30 minutes (to avoid burning on the grill)

Cut steak into one inch cubes. Cut the red onion into large chunks and set aside. In a large bowl whisk together soy sauce, garlic, sesame oil, vegetable oil, sugar, ginger and sesame seeds. Add the steak and toss to coat in marinade. Marinate for 3 hours or overnight. Preheat the grill to medium high heat. Thread the meat and the red onion onto the skewers. Grill for eight to 10 minutes until the meat is done to desired liking.

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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## Cattle workshop set Tuesday

Special to The News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS—Optimizing efficiency in cattle production will be the theme of the Tri-County Cattle Workshop, hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, here next Tuesday.

"Cattle Feeding Decisions for Efficient Production Cost" is set for 6-8 p.m. in the Region 9 Education Center,

301 Loop 11. The event is coordinated by the AgriLife Extension offices in Archer, Clay and Wichita counties.

Bryan Nichols, Noble Foundation livestock consultant from Stillwater, OK, will provide training on the OSU CowCulator.

David Graf, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Wichita County, said the training will

be packed with valuable information producers need to survive today's markets. He said attendees will learn:

- How to adapt your herd and your forage for optimum efficiency.
- How to evaluate body condition score, the key to increasing percent calf crop.
- How to make informed decisions on various feed values and feed cost.

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# Moguls provide Corcoran with 100th victory

By James McAfee  
The Knox County News-Courier

STAMFORD—The Munday Moguls provided Coach Patrick Corcoran with his 100th victory here last Friday night by scoring a 38-8 decision over the Stamford Bulldogs, who have quite a winning tradition themselves with two state titles in the past four seasons.

Downplaying the personal achievement, Corcoran said, "Really, Munday has won 100 games while I've been here. That's what is impressive. This couldn't have been accomplished without the help of a lot of people in the community. It's more of a tribute to the current and past players."

The Moguls turned the trick by making some adjustments in the offensive

lineup, moving sophomore Trevaul Mitchell to quarterback and having both Jacoby Thomas and Day'veon Dockins available as running backs and receivers. "It gets our best 11 players on the field," Corcoran noted.

The coach was pleased with Mitchell's performance saying, "He remained patient, made the right reads and put the ball where it should be." Mitchell connected on 13 of 15 passes for 160 yards, including two to Heath Bivens for touchdowns.

Meanwhile, the speedy Dockins gained 185 yards on 21 carries, scoring three touchdowns, including runs of 41 in the third quarter and 74 in the final quarter.

Corcoran indicated the Moguls found it hard to rush the ball in the first

half, but felt the success through the air took some of the pressure off in the second half and hopes this trend will continue.

Jacoby Thomas added four runs for two-point PATs. "It was the same play all four times," Corcoran added. Thomas also caught six passes for 62 yards when acting as a receiver and gained 38 yards on nine carries.

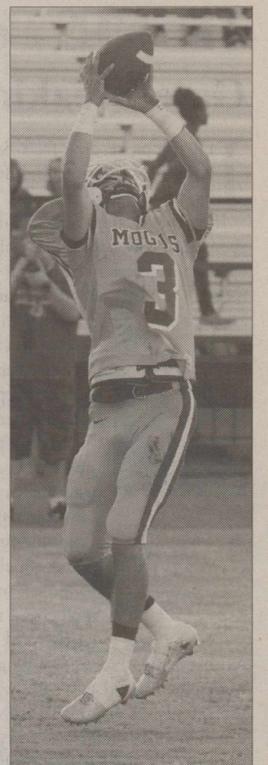
Mitchell connected with Bivens from 22 yards and Thomas ran for the points to provide the Moguls with an early 8-0 lead.

Stamford tied the game on a 46-yard run by Steven Johnson and a Wesley Gonzales pass to Zach Duran in the second quarter.

Munday moved back in front before halftime on a two-yard run by Dockins and a successful two-point



Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier  
Trevaul Mitchell runs for short yardage in his first start as the Moguls' quarterback with Jacoby Thomas out front blocking.



Heath Bivens catches pass for Moguls' first touchdown. He also caught another pass for a TD

run by Thomas.

Mitchell connected with Bivens from 20 yards and Thomas found the end zone for two points to allow the Moguls to pad their lead to 22-8 and then Dockins broke free twice for insurance points.

"We were pleased with how the kids played defense," Corcoran said. "We've got to keep this up. If you play defense like that, you can win a lot of games."

The secondary had an outstanding game, making 15 tackles and coming up with two interceptions. Corcoran added, "We defended their

screen really well, tackling them right away."

Dockins led the way with eight tackles, two for losses and came up with a fumble recovery that led to the first TD while Alex Thorn and Heath Bivens came up with the interceptions that helped limit the Bulldogs to only 66 yards on 16 of 27 passes.

The Moguls also limited the Bulldogs to less than 100 yards on the ground, most of

it coming on the Johnson run in the second quarter.

The Moguls will host the Bronte Longhorns, who started the season with wins over Roby and San Angelo TLC, at 7 p.m. Friday at Scruggs Stadium.

Corcoran expects the Moguls to be in good shape physically, pointing to typical ankle problems and bruises from the first two games. "Nothing that will limit anybody," he added.

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## Electra, Petrolia remain unbeaten

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Electra and Petrolia remained unbeaten in District 7-2A non-district action with 20-7 and 62-6 victories last Friday night over Frederick, OK and Olney.

The Tigers used a stout defense, led by Xavier Waggoner and Tim Smith, to limit their Oklahoma neighbor's offensive efforts to overcome the loss of three fumbles.

The Pirates scored on every possession with Blaine Lang contributing three touchdowns, a two-point PAT and three successful kicks after touchdowns.

The Anson Tigers took advantage of three turnovers, including a fumble recovery for a TD, to use four touchdowns by Mason Davis for a 38-10 win over the Haskell Indians.

David Watson ran for 227 yards, scoring TDs on runs of 80, 38 and 76 as former 7-2A member Seymour downed

Quanah, 33-15. Archer City dropped to 0-2, losing by a 44-16 count to Nocona.

### 7-2A DII standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Electra	2	0	50	34
Petrolia	2	0	108	18
Haskell	1	1	52	79
Munday	1	1	66	38
Quanah	0	2	15	64
Archer City	0	2	23	78

### Last week's results

Munday 38, Stamford 8; Petrolia 62, Olney 6; Electra 20, Frederick 7; Anson 38, Haskell 10; Seymour 33, Quanah 15; Nocona 44, Archer City 16

### This week's games

Bronte at Munday, Linday at Petrolia, Seymour at Archer City, Windthorst at Quanah, Haskell at Baird, Electra at City View

## Mogulettes open district play

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday Mogulettes open District 6-2A play at home Saturday, hosting Hawley,

considered the team to beat.

After competing in the Buckle Up for Lane's Sake tournament in Nocona last week, the Mogulettes suf-

fered a 25-19, 25-15, 25-17 setback to Childress.

Kristen Kuehler had 10 kills and one ace while Emily Scott had 13 assists and Karsyn Sanders five kills.

## Taylor 3rd at Burkburnett

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BURKBURNETT—Munday's Kayla Taylor finished in third place in the 1A-4A division of the Perkins Invitational cross country meet here last Thursday at the Perkins Scout Camp.

Taylor clocked a 14:47.74 to finish behind locals Oliva Johnson (14:11.36) and Summer Breez Ancira (14:30.02).

Meanwhile, Karla Taylor did not finish the race as her knee cap popped out of place. Coach Cory Stephenson indicated that had she finished where she normally does that the Mogulettes may have moved up to third.

Instead they finished in eighth place with 163 points as Madelyn Mendoza, Kendall Thompson and Evan Hunter finished in 38th through 40th with

times of 17:07.66, 17:13.73 and 17:16.00 and Rianna Manning finished 55th in 16:47.00.

"I was proud of the girls overall," Stephenson said. "The main thing I look at for this first, meet especially with the three freshmen, is are we going to show that competitive mind set and they did. Every girl fought as hard as they could for every spot. That is going to pay off in the long run."

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# Greyhounds race by Rule, 69-22

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

RULE—Quarterback Anthony Estrada guided the Knox City Greyhounds to a decisive 69-22 mercy-rule victory over the Rule Bobcats here Friday night, giving new coach Caleb Callaway his first taste of victory.

Estrada connected on 6 of 10 passes for 110 yards and four touchdowns and added 95 yards on six carries to add two more touchdowns.

Sam Schnable scored from 58 yards out and caught passes from Estrada and Christian Abila to finish with three TDs while Brady Hawkins caught two passes and Preston Lynn one pass for additional six-pointers.

Callaway also was pleased to see Armando Torres convert seven of eight PAT kicks. Success in this department could make a big difference in close games in

the future.

“We were able to build some confidence in our new schemes as well as trust between teammates,” Callaway said. “We were able to put 46 points on the board in the second quarter, which shows we can score in bunches.”

“Both offense and defense were able to put points on the board, which is always a good thing. We made most of our extra point kicks as well, which is great for our special teams. There were still some small mistakes that we are working to correct this week, but I was proud of our team.”

Wasting no time in the first minute of the game, Estrada connected with Hawkins for 48 yards. Torres made it 8-0, but less than a minute later, the Bobcats answered to tie the score at 8-8.

Schnable escaped for 58 yards 27 seconds later, but later in the first quarter, Rule

took advantage of an interception to again knot the score at 16-16.

The Greyhounds then took the lead for good when Estrada connected with Schnable for a 23-yard TD and added the extra point in similar fashion through the air.

Estrada helped the Greyhounds to increase the lead to 37-16 with a pair of touchdown runs plus a successful PAT by Torres.

Rule answered with a 60-yard run, but the Greyhounds then took command to score the last 32 points to end the game early as Estrada connected with Hawkins and Preston Lynn and Abila connected with Schnable for touchdowns and Abel Sandoval recovered a fumble for another TD. Torres split the upright after all four scores.

The defense limited Rule to 120 yards, stopping all but

one third down attempt out of three and all four fourth down efforts and coming up with three turnovers.

The 10th-ranked Greyhounds have a formidable task this week as they host the Crowell Wildcats, ranked third in Class 1A Division II after back-to-back state titles and a runner-up finish last season in the other division. The Wildcats’ Tristen Hayes has accounted for 698 yards through the air in wins over Guthrie and Gordon.

“As we move forward towards Crowell, we are working on fixing these issues we had from week two,” Callaway said. “Crowell has a good ball club and they will expose those areas where you may be hurting.”

Callaway noted the Greyhounds had a couple of good practices on Monday and Tuesday. “We know games are won Monday through Thursday and we must do



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Knox City’s Brady Hawkins catches pass for extra point against Rule.



Knox City’s Christian Abila finds room to run against Rule.



Preston Lynn catches TD pass as Hounds race to 69-22 win.

## Pet talk

### Spaying, neutering common practice

Spaying and neutering pets is a big decision for pet owners. Although the idea of a pet having surgery can be scary, spaying and neutering is a common practice performed by veterinarians that can be beneficial to both you and your pet. In fact, the decision to spay or neuter your pet may be the best decision for your pet’s overall health.

According to Dr. Mark Stickney, clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, spaying is the removal of reproductive organs in female dogs and cats. Spaying has a few general benefits, such as owners not having to tend to heat cycles or surprise litters of puppies or kittens. Benefits to neutering male pets—or removing the testicles—include decreased urine marking and aggression toward other males. In addition, neutered male pets are less likely to roam—a behavior that typically occurs when females of the same species are in heat. Roaming also puts your male pet at risk for getting lost, hurt, or injured by a car. It is also beneficial to neuter males and spay females to combat pet overpopulation.

“In addition to the general benefits of spaying and neutering your pets, there are also specific health benefits,” said Stickney. “In female pets, spaying eliminates pyometra—an infection of the uterus of older dogs that can be life-threatening. Pyometra also requires emergency surgery in many cases. Spaying also reduces the risk of breast cancer, the most common cancer of female dogs, especially when performed before the first heat cycle. In males, neutering eliminates BPH—benign prostatic hyperplasia—which can cause difficulty urinating and defecating later in life. Neutering also eliminates the risk of testicular cancer.”

Stickney said spaying or neutering your pet can also cut down on veterinary expenses. Caring for puppies,

kittens, females with pyometra or breast cancer, and aggressive or injured male dogs as a result of roaming can be expensive compared to the cost of spaying or neutering. In fact, there are health risks associated with pets that are not spayed or neutered. The cost of caring for a pet with reproductive system cancer or pyometra can easily surpass the expense of spaying or neutering your pet.

“Female pets can develop mammary cancer, uterine cancer, ovarian cancer, and pyometra if they are not spayed,” Stickney said. “Dystocia during whelping—or trouble giving birth—is another potential risk spaying can decrease or eliminate. Male dogs can develop tes-

ticular cancer, a condition called testicular torsion in which the testicle twists on itself, and benign prostatic hyperplasia—or an enlarged prostate—if they are left intact.”

While there are many reasons pet owners should consider spaying and neutering their pet, there is also a reason to leave the pet intact. The pet may be purebred, has desirable traits that the owner wishes to pass on to the offspring, and has no genetic defects. “Breeding to maintain a bloodline or for desirable traits is perfectly reasonable” Stickney said. “In any other case, there are plenty of dogs and cats available to adopt and no reason not to have a dog or cat spayed or neutered.”

## Rotan remains unbeaten in 4-1A

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The Rotan Yellowhammers rolled to their second straight decisive mercy-rule victory with a 55-0 decision over Paint Creek last Friday and have yet to allow a score.

Meanwhile, the Spur Bulldogs lost for the first time, suffering a narrow 42-40 setback to Motley County.

Knox City got into the win column, but faces a formidable task this week at home against Crowell, who used to be in the same dis-

trict when it won back-to-back state titles before losing to Abbott in the state finals last season.

### 4-1A DI standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Rotan	2	0	101	0
Knox City	1	1	110	90
Spur	1	1	92	84
Paducah	0	1	0	58

### Last week’s results

Knox City 69, Rule 22; Rotan 55, Paint Creek 0; Motley County 42, Spur 40

### This week’s games

Crowell at Knox City, Rotan at Rule, Paducah at McLean

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# Rainwater-led Mustangs claim 64-38 win Jayton off to a 2-0 start

By James McAfee  
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN—The Wilson Mustangs couldn't find a way to corral another Mustang. As a result, Benjamin's Justin Rainwater accounted for eight touchdowns to lead the home town Mustangs to a 64-38 victory here Friday night at Ben Grill Field.

Rainwater connected on 14 of 18 passes for 185 yards and three touchdowns and added five more six-pointers in the process of gaining 192 yards on 19 carries.

In two games, Rainwater has rushed for 406 yards and 10 touchdowns while passing for 474 yards and seven touchdowns.

"He gives us an opportunity to win any game we play in," Coach James Jackson told the Wichita Falls Record-News. "He can throw the ball with accuracy and touch. He can complete just about any pass that you ask him. Then on top of that, if things break down, he can flat-out fly. He can really move. I don't know if a defense would rather not pressure him and let him throw or risk him taking off."

Looking back, Jackson said the Mustangs didn't take Wilson for granted although it had been shut out by Rotan the previous week.

"From our game against Gold-Burg, we learned we had to tighten up our defense if we were going to stop their

offense," he said. "Our players did just that and shut them down to four and out a few times with strong stops up front by Lincoln Strickland, Damian Landini and Rainwater. J.C. Espinal had a couple of interceptions with good returns, which also helped set up our offense."

"Offensively, we had a few miscues with our snaps early on, but turned it around by the second quarter. Justin and Lincoln had a couple of long runs a piece for scores, set up by catch-and-runs by Damian. On the receiving end, Espinal, Ricky Hilario, Aaron Espinosa and Caleb Barrientez each had a catch or two, but we also had a reception by sophomore center David Torres for a big gain."

"Unfortunately, Barrientez had to leave the game in the third quarter after sustaining an ugly laceration on his left side, which he received while being tackled by Wilson's defensive back Bailey Steen. Caleb should be back in three to four weeks."

Rainwater got Benjamin on the scoreboard first with a 19-yard pass to Landini, but Wil-



Jaden Barrientez shown returning kick for 62 yards in Benjamin's opening win over Gold-Burg.

Photo by Daniel Jackson

son answered to tie the game.

Benjamin then took the lead for good when Hilario caught a Rainwater pass for 16 yards and Strickland ran for nine yards.

After Wilson narrowed the deficit to 18-12, Strickland escaped for 56 and Rainwater went the final yard, allowing the home Mustangs to enjoy a 31-18 first quarter advantage.

Neither team could find the end zone in the second quarter, but then Rainwater found Espinal from 25 yards out to push the lead to 37-18.

After Wilson cut the deficit to 37-25, Rainwater added four touchdowns in the fourth quarter on runs of 6, 7, 29 and 23 yards to more than offset a pair of Wilson scores.

Rainwater also led the way

on the other side of the ball, making six solo tackles. Strickland had four solo tackles and two assists.

The victory allowed Benjamin to improve its record to 2-0, but faces its toughest test yet against Wichita Falls Notre Dame, ranked seventh in the TAPPS Division II. The Dragons do have some injuries that need healing after being mercy-ruled by Bryson last week.

"We will have to stop their run while not ignoring their deep threat," Jackson said. "On offense, we have to get good blocks in order to free up our running game and to give Justin time to either pass the ball or have room to run. This game will be a challenge, but not impossible to make our stand and win."

Special to The News-Courier

The Jayton Jaybirds remained undefeated in District 8-1A DII non-district play and now appear as serious playoff contenders after a 66-19 victory over the Aspermont Hornets last Friday night.

Clay Griswold led the 17th ranked Jaybirds, rushing for 200 yards and scoring four touchdowns on 10 carries

and adding three kick returns for 175 yards and three more TDs.

The Guthrie Jaquars, the district favorites who are ranked seventh, rebounded from an opening setback to returning state champion Richland Springs and outscored Newcastle, 50-30.

Patton Springs suffered a 36-6 setback at the hands of Loop.

## 8-1A DII standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Benjamin	2	0	146	90
Jayton	2	0	132	35
Patton Springs	1	1	33	44
Guthrie	1	1	111	108

## Last week's scores

Benjamin 64, Wilson 38; Guthrie 50, Newcastle 30; Jayton 66, Aspermont 19; Loop 36, Patton Springs 6

## This week's games

Wichita Falls Notre Dame at Benjamin, Cotton Center at Jayton, Aspermont at Guthrie, Union at Patton Springs

## Veterans News

# Consider EQIP if you need help

By Jason Doran

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for assistance. However, if you don't apply, you definitely won't be approved and you can apply during anytime of the year. There are several steps in applying for EQIP, but the first step is to contact your local NRCS/EQIP representative: Knox County, Charlie Schur at 940 658-3526; Kent County, Buddy Watson at 806 237-2624; Stonewall County, Kegan Crouch at 940 989-2627

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There is more to this program than I can put in this article. However, I highly encourage you to contact your local NRCS representative to get all the details as they might apply to you.

Jason Doran is the Knox, Kent and Stonewall County Veteran Service Officer. He can be reached at 214-850-7357 or at his office in Knox County Courthouse on the third Thursday of every month from 9 to 12.

## Lady Stangs 11-2

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN—The Benjamin Lady Stangs improved their record to 11-2 with a pair of four-set non-district victories as they prepare for the start of District 6-2A play next week.

Coach Cody Propps was pleased with the "heart the girls showed" in beating Qua-

nah for the third time, 25-14, 25-21, 21-25 and 25-23.

After Wichita Falls Christian cancelled a pair of games, Benjamin picked up a game with Aspermont. The Lady Stangs came out strong with 25-13 and 25-20 advantages in the first two sets, but again lost the third set before rebounding in the fourth set to win 25-20.

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On August 12, 2016, AEP Texas Central Company (TCC) and AEP Texas North Company (TNC) (jointly, the Companies) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to extend their Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Tariffs an additional three years, to January 1, 2020. The Companies do not propose to change the terms of the tariffs or the current pricing in this docket. Sections 14.001, 39.001 and 39.051 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Sections 25.341 through 25.343 of 16 Tex. Admin. Code provide for the Commission to authorize a utility to petition to provide Facilities Rental Services if such services are not widely available to customers in an area. TCC and TNC received Commission approval to provide such services until January 1, 2017 in Docket No. 41799. The Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Services are contained in Section 6.1.2.3.6, 6.1.3.3.6 and 6.1.4.3.6 of the Companies' Tariffs for Retail Delivery Service.

The Companies have proposed an effective date of January 1, 2017, at which time the proposed tariffs will be deemed approved if no objection is filed with the Commission. Only customers currently taking service under the existing tariffs, as well as the Retail Electric Providers servicing those customers, are affected by this application. Those affected customers take delivery service under Distribution Service Schedule 6.1.1.1.4 Primary Voltage Service, and are located throughout the service areas of TCC and TNC. This filing has been assigned PUC Docket No. 46284.

The deadline for filing a motion to intervene in this proceeding is September 30, 2016. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact AEP Texas Central Company, 539 North Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 or call (877) 373-4858 during normal business hours.

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## Mac's Views Let's continue fight against cancer

The American Cancer Society reports show some alarming statistics with estimates that almost 600,000 people here in the United States will die of the disease this year and that 1.6 million will find out they have cancer.

When these numbers include you personally, a family member, a co-worker or a friend, the diagnosis can be devastating.

On a more positive note, the ACS does feel it has made some progress in the last 65 years to find answers that might save lives through its efforts, using 75% of the money raised for cancer research, patient support, prevention information and education and detection and treatment.

All that has been accomplished in the past can only happen through the dedication and fundraising efforts of all of us.

One way that we can help is through the association's national signature activity, this year called "Paint the World Purple." It's a fun-filled event that allows communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones and empower others to fight back against a disease that takes too much.

The Knox/Haskell Relay for Life's "Carnival for a Cure" will offer Knox County residents the opportunity when it is held from 4-10 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Phillip McAfee Track in Munday.

While I didn't see anyone from Haskell participating, unless you count Becky Offutt who works there, in any of the preliminary meetings, it is open to that county's residents, too.

Each of you can share in the pride of knowing that you are working to create a world where this disease no longer threatens the lives of our loved ones by participating in this life-changing experience.

Based on what I've heard at committee meetings, it should be a fun day and one that should add much needed funds to the cause. Hope to see you out at the track that day!



JAMES MCAFEE

## Pianist honored



Dolores Lambert receives plaque of appreciation for serving as the pianist for the First Baptist Church Munday for 35 years from Rev. Jim Reid at a special luncheon in her honor.

## Screenings planned for ages 3-5

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If the child is under 3 years old and parents have concerns with their development, they are encouraged to contact LittleLives-ECI at 800 852-2193 for its program.

## STRATEGY From Page 1

Japan and the Philippines, the United States could, along with its allies, offset China's military buildup and preserve the peace. In Japan, the Philippines, and perhaps Vietnam, the door is increasingly open to greater U.S. military presence and assistance, but it will not remain open indefinitely. Nor will the United States be able to establish a forward defense posture quickly. So the

next administration should begin the process without delay.

The immediate problem posed by Russia is its use of proxy forces beyond its borders. Given the character of this threat, Washington should deploy more ground and air forces to frontline countries in eastern Europe. Their mission would be to help those states deter and, if need be, suppress the Kremlin's attempts to employ local Russian nationals as proxies. The United States

should encourage its major NATO allies to make similar contributions. And to further deter Russian adventurism, it should preposition weapons, munitions, and supplies in the region to facilitate the rapid reinforcement of allied forces.

In the Middle East, the United States has oscillated from too much involvement to too little, while announcing unrealistic objectives, such as destroying ISIS and defeating Iranian proxies. Washington cannot expunge these corrupt forms of Islam; only the local populations can do that. It can and should, however, support those states and groups that seek to do so, and with far more vigor than it has to date. Given the greater challenges posed by China and Russia, the emphasis should be on quality over quantity. This means relying more on Special Forces and military advisers to assist local governments and groups, supported by airpower and cyber-operations. As in eastern Europe, it also means adopting an expeditionary military posture that emphasizes the ability to send in reinforcements rapidly in the event of overt aggression, in this case by Iran.

North Korea, with its radical regime, weakening econo-

my, and growing nuclear arsenal, poses a unique challenge. For years, the United States agreed to give economic aid to the country to prevent it from becoming a nuclear power. After Pyongyang crossed that threshold in 2006, Washington pursued still more agreements in a vain effort to limit the regime's nuclear arsenal, which continues to expand. Fortunately, there are indications that the Obama administration is beginning to supplant this failed strategy with one emphasizing tougher economic sanctions, and both Japan and South Korea are improving their missile defenses. The next administration should not abandon these efforts in exchange for promises from the North Korean government. It should tighten the sanctions and remove them only after Pyongyang takes verifiable and irreversible actions to reduce its nuclear capability as part of a plan to eliminate the arsenal entirely.

Mac Thornberry is a Republican Congressman from Texas and Chair of the House Armed Services Committee. Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., is President of Solarium and a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

## From the Preacher's Desk

### Influence felt around the world

He didn't have a large family. He and his older sister were the only children born to their parents. The closest kin that survived him are three nieces and a nephew. He never married.

He lived alone in a modest house. He worked many years as a sales executive for FTD Florist. In the last few years of his life, he worked at Mobile (AL) Public Library, restocking books into their places on the shelves.

He was fiercely independent and was viewed as rather gruff and stubborn in some of his ways. Yet he had a big heart and was very passionate about some things in his life: his friends, his Lord, the church, and University of Alabama football.

Dan Keith was not well-known, but his influence has been felt around the world, literally.

In the days following Keith's passing, a large group of people in Ryali, India mourned his passing. A special gathering took place in which children of the Song of Joy School and the Bud & Joy Children's Home as well as adult students of the Preachers Training School met together to pray a "sympathy prayer" in loving tribute to Dan Keith. For years, Dan sponsored a little girl in the Bud & Joy Children's Home. Now, years later, that "little girl" is scheduled to complete a degree in nursing, due in large part to Dan's loving assistance!

In his lifetime, Dan developed a concern for others—for their physical and spiritual well-being. His concern for other people expanded as he experienced the grace of God in his own life.

On Feb. 16, 2007, he gave a Bible to his dear, long-time friend, Susan. On the flyleaf of the Bible, Dan wrote these words to Susan: "The words in this book can comfort you and guide you into heaven." Susan says that once he got his life "on track" and dedicated his life to following Christ, he wanted all of his friends to know the Way to heaven.

Our influence CAN be known around the world! We never know how our lives affect others and what only eternity will reveal about what our life for others has done. We need to live each day for Him and obey His command of, "If you love me, you do what I say." (John 14:15). Jesus said He is, "the way, the truth, and the life and no man comes to the Father except through Him" (John 14:6).

You have probably never heard of Dan Keith but that does not mean that God has never heard of Him. Most people may never have heard of you or anything about your life but that does not mean God doesn't know you. However, the most important thing is: DO YOU KNOW GOD?!

If not, you need to know Him and commit your life to Him so you can spend eternity with Him. That only begins when a person who believes is buried with Him in baptism for the forgiveness of their sins and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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