

"Here's to the Night!"
Jr.-Sr. Banquet & Prom 2003
 Pulic invited to view Grand Entrance
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Saturday
 Bring your lawn chairs and
 park on west side of high school.

Baccalaureate
Sunday, May 18
8:00 p.m.
MHS Auditorium

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY
 Hosted by Boy Scout Troop 76
Wed, May 21
Downtown Park
5:30 p.m.

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Rick Moeller to head up Munday Elementary School

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said,

"Now don't get mad at me....I know we've been friends for a long time....but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

For at least three minutes her friend just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

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 The following are actual headlines from some assorted "big city" dailies:

- Collegians are Turning to Vegetables
- March Planned For Next August
- Blind Bishop Appointed To See
- Lingerie Shipment Hijacked - Thief Gives Police The Slip
- Patient At Death's Door - Doctors Pull Him Through
- If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last A While
- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
- Defendants Speech Ends in Long Sentences
- Quarter of a Million Chinese Live on Water
- Farmer Bill Dies in House
- Two Sisters Reunited after 18 Years in Checkout Counter
- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead.

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 A plane was taking off from Kennedy Airport. After it reached comfortable cruising altitude, the captain made an announcement over the intercom, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. Welcome to Flight Number 293, nonstop from New York to Los Angeles. The weather ahead is good and, therefore, we should have a smooth and uneventful flight. Now sit back and relax... OH, MY GOD!" Silence followed, and after a few minutes, the captain came back on the intercom and said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am so sorry if I scared you earlier. While I was talking to you, the flight attendant brought me a cup of coffee and spilled the hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!" A passenger in Coach yelled, "That's nothing. You should see the back of mine!"

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 If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

Munday Vocational Agriculture teacher, Rick Moeller, has been selected as the new Munday Elementary School Principal. The announcement was made last Wednesday by MISD Superintendent Robert Dillard after the Board of Trustees had spent several months of deliberations on numerous applications.

Moeller has been employed with the Munday Independent School District for fifteen years as the Vocational Agricultural teacher. This past December Moeller earned his Masters of Education from TWU in Denton.

"I'm very excited about the upcoming school year and beginning my new assignment at

Munday Elementary School," said Moeller. "I met with the teachers last Friday and they were all so supportive and welcoming that it really increased my level of excitement."

Moeller will take over the reigns at the elementary school from Mr. Wes Pierce who will be serving at the St. Joe School Dis-

trict. Mr. Pierce has become greatly loved by the students and faculty members at Munday Elementary over the past school year.

"I have some very big shoes to fill. Munday Elementary has been blessed by previous principals like Doug Donoho, Robert Dillard, and Wes Pierce," said

Moeller. "So I will be trying very hard to do the best job possible."

Moeller will finish out his duties as Ag teacher at the high school through the month of July. He has a number of projects and plans to finish up while the Board of Trustees begins the search for a new Vocational Ag teacher at the high school campus.

RICK MOELLER opens the door on a new career as he prepares to take over as principal at Munday Elementary School. Below he quickly becomes acquainted with an eager class of Kindergarten students.



Got junk? It's time to plan for the Community Wide Garage Sale Day!

Do you have a closet full of fashions from the 70's, a garage full of vintage appliances, an attic full of dusty "junk-tiques?" Consider the old saying - "One man's trash is another man's treasure" - you may also be the proud owner of hidden riches. Plan now to increase your bank balance, declutter your home, and rid yourself of those unwanted items during the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Community Wide Garage Sale Day!

This year's fun-filled day will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2003. The last day to sign up is May 30, 2003 but the sooner you make plans to hold a sale the better off you will be. The cost of \$5.00 includes being listed on the Chamber's map of sales in town on the 7th and it will help offset advertising expenses incurred by the Chamber. The Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will help you out by advertising the Community Wide Garage Sale Day in area newspapers which

will increase the crowds at your sale and help to expand your profits for the day!

So let's get ready to S-A-L-E!

First organize your sale items. Find a central location in your house that will not be used for several days. Put your kitchen utensils in the kitchenware box and your knick-knacks in a separate labeled box. Use the same approach for toys, clothing, tools, etc.

Pricing should be next on your agenda. If you're an avid "Garage Saler" then you realize that the pricing of similar items can really differ from one yard sale to the next. If an item is over-priced, either it won't sell or you'll be coming down in price before the end of the day. Thrifty shoppers won't overpay when it's cheaper somewhere else. Tag each item with a legible price so that you may eliminate confusion. Savvy shoppers may offer you a lower price, but if your items are tagged with a fair price, then you'll have

a sound starting point for negotiations.

Advertise: Advertising your yard sale is the key to success. Only passersby will see your sign if it is tacked up in the neighborhood. If you choose to have your yard sale on Community Garage Sale Day, be sure and pay the \$5 charge so that your ad is in the newspaper and your sale is on the map. Be sure and include your dates and times, your address and any items of interest.

Safety should always be considered when having a yard sale. Make sure that you do not have any hazardous items such as low hanging items with sharp edges that shoppers will be passing by.

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"Garage Sale Day"
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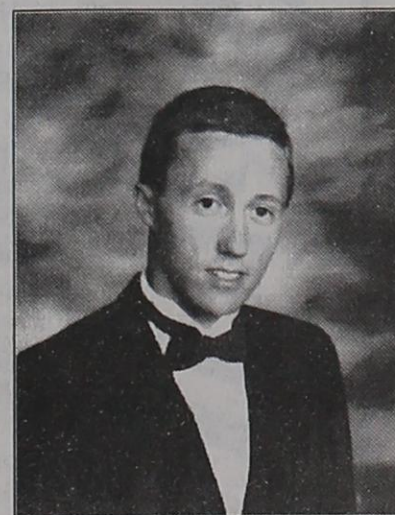
"Brandons" are tops at Munday High School

Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors have been announced at Munday High School and heading up the graduating class of 2003 are Brandon Melton and Brandon Urbanczyk.

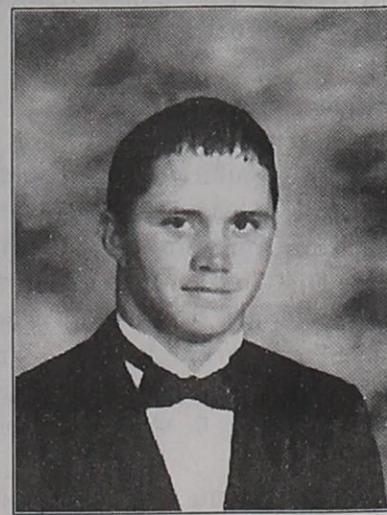
Melton will finish his high school career with a grade point average of 96.84 and Urbanczyk is close behind with a 96.30 grade point average.

Melton's current plans include attending San Angelo University where he will major in Aerospace Engineering. Urbanczyk will enroll in Hardin-Simmons University but is undecided on a major at this time.

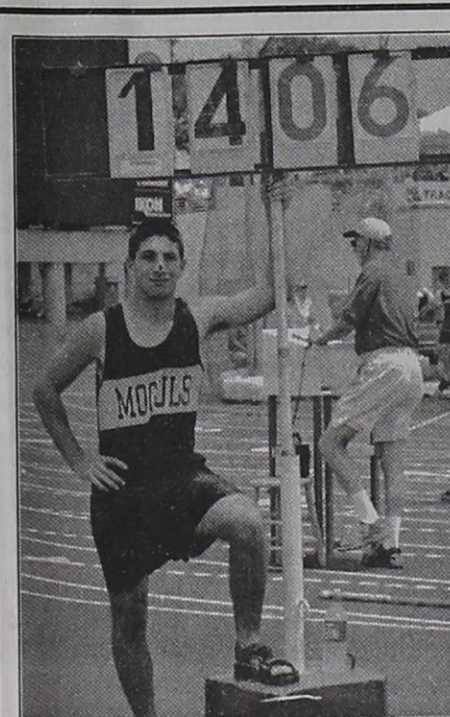
Melton's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Melton. Urbanczyk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Urbanczyk.



Brandon Melton
 Valedictorian

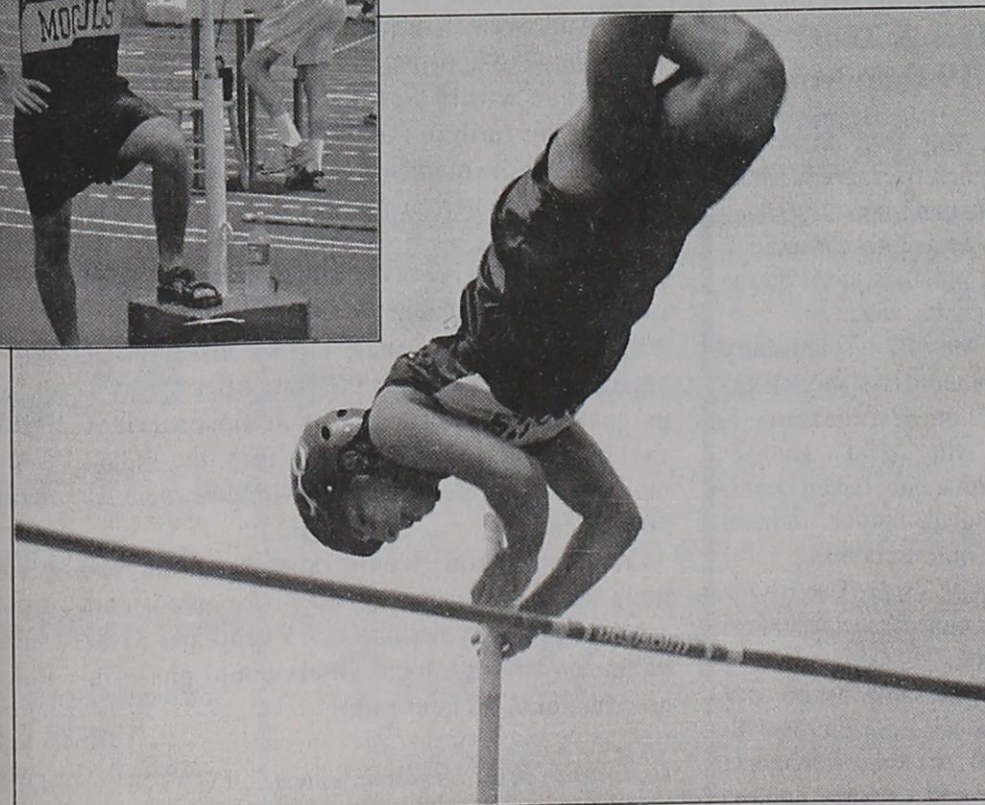


Brandon Urbanczyk
 Salutatorian



Bronze Vault

TREY TAYLOR made his second appearance at the Texas State Track Meet last Friday. The MHS Sophomore successfully leaped to a height of 14'6" and claimed the Bronze Medal at the event. First place went to Jordan Morales of Albany with a vault of 15' and Kyron Trussell of Sunray took 2nd with 14'6" on fewer attempts.



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Calendar of Events



- May 17 - Region Meet/Stamford
- May 19 - Munday VFD.
- May 20 - Lions Club Birthdays & Anniversaries
- May 15 - Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Brown, Brad Partridge, Mr. & Mrs. Jason Booe.
- May 17 - Elizabeth Gulley, Gary Cypert, Traci Ramirez.
- May 18 - Corey Wilson.
- May 19 - Amanda King.
- May 21 - Courtney Barnhill.

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Knox County Aging Center

Munday & Goree Menu
Mon., Wed., & Fri.
Benjamin Menu
Tues. & Thurs.
May 19 thru May 23

Mon. May 19th -Steak fingers, french fries, green salad, hot rolls, pudding.
Tues. May 20th - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, hot rolls, cake.
Wed. May 21st - Salisbury steak, buttered rice, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, cookies.
Thur. May 22nd - Ham & cheese on a bun, baked beans, potato salad, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, cobbler.
Fri. May 23rd - Bar-B-Que chicken, pinto beans, cole slaw, combread, dessert.
If you plan to join the group at Munday, call Louise Fruewirth 422-4191. At Goree, call Juanita Davis at 422-4208 the day before.



A Breath of Fresh Air

By Ken Nietenhoefter

Surrounded by Mothers

"There is no such thing as a non-working mom"-
-Hester Mundis

Here's to all the mothers in my life: All of them are strong, steady, dependable, loving and caring. They are formidable, yet kind--strong, yet gentle--strict, yet warm--innocent, yet wise. Over the years, they have discovered that they are even more capable than they believed, and by bringing out the best in their children, they have brought out the best in themselves.

Kings, presidents, and Pharaohs throughout the ages have only dreamed of possessing the power and influence that they possess. Tyrants throughout time have plotted and schemed to attain the control that they hold. People in all walks of life have longed for the respect paid to them, but none have even come close.

Their kids are lucky. Why? Because the mothers in my life are housewives when they need to be, doctors when emergencies arise, helpers when their spouses need them, nutritionists to keep their families healthy, teachers because their kids need to learn certain things at home and spiritual leaders when their kids need guidance.

Unlike so many "leaders" of the world, they have done--and still do--their part to change the world by employing love instead of hate, understanding instead of skepticism, generosity instead of greed, wholesomeness instead of superficiality and dedication instead of frivolity. One might say that they have a real purpose in life.

Being a mother, of course, carries with it an awesome responsibility. One word, hurled without thinking, can shatter another's life. One forgotten deed can alter another's thinking. One smile can soothe another's wounds and pave the way for posterity. An act of discipline can change the direction of another's life. Their knowledge can save hours of searching. Their warmth can mend broken hearts.

The mothers in my life have truly been successful, because the principles of success remind us that

success begins inside of us. It's a state of mind, a function of one's character and personality. It's not so much what one DOES as who one IS--and believe me--they ARE!

The mothers in my life have done--and are doing--more than their part. They have sacrificed, they have been saddened and they have been gladened. There are few experiences that they have not shared, or will share.

We cannot begin to list everything we owe them. We cannot thank them enough for what they have done for us. We cannot love them enough for all the times we disappointed them. We cannot repay them for all their sacrifices.

This year, this Mother's Day, finds me in an enviable position. You see, I'm surround by FIVE--count'em--FIVE mothers. Yep, you guessed it. There's my Mom, my wife's mother, my wife who is a mother and--are you ready for this? Both our DAUGHTERS are mothers. There you are. Five of 'em! I guess that's what one would refer to as a full life--full of happiness, full of meaning and full of blessings.

So, here's a challenge to all of you out there. Some of you have already lost your mothers and my heart is sad for you. Others of you still have your mothers but may not appreciate them as you should. Still others of you know exactly how I feel and share those same thoughts.

Let us all try, in our weak and feeble way to return a little of what they have given--and are giving--to the world. Not in terms of money, fame or fortune--but in terms of love.

Write 'em--call 'em--visit 'em--THANK 'em. Happy Mother's Day.

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Capitol Highlight



Senate passes school finance reform plan

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Maybe the members of the Legislature don't like hanging around Austin as much as its Chamber of Commerce might think. The Senate last week passed a school tax reform plan, a step toward not having to come back to the Capital City for a special session and to do away with the current Robin Hood school finance system.

The bill, in a nut shell, lowers property taxes and raises sales taxes. The Senate passed it 30-0 on May 6 after four hours of debate.

Of course, the House — and then Gov. Rick Perry — has to go along with all this, or it's likely going to be back to school in Austin for a special session later this year or early next year. And even if the governor signs the law, voters have to approve a constitutional amendment that would authorize all the taxing changes set forth in the bill.

"I believe the members of the House, just like all the homeowners and business owners around the state, don't want to wait two years to see their local property taxes reduced 50 percent," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said.

Specifically, the Senate bill's constitutional amendment would raise the state sales tax by 1 percent and expand its scope to most services except dental and medical. In turn, the maximum school property tax rate would be reduced 50 percent.

Other provisions would raise the motor vehicle sales tax from 6.25 to 8.75 percent and create a property tax cap of 75 cents per \$100 valuation (though local voters could phase in an additional 10 cent rate.)

Economic thunderstorm watch...

It's still out there on the distant edge of the radar. A storm is coming to Texas after the presi-

dential election next year: Base Realignment and Closure. Those words will have huge significance to Texas, which has 18 military installations. Some of those bases are considered vulnerable to attack — of the base closure kind.

To shore up the state's economic defenses, Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, has pushed through a bill in his chamber that would give Texans the opportunity to vote for a \$250 million bond issue to improve the value of the state's military bases.

"By increasing military value and decreasing [federal] operating costs, we make Texas bases valuable and more likely to receive more missions," the senator said.

If Shapleigh's bill makes it through the House and is signed by the governor, the constitutional amendment it proposes would go on the ballot for a Sept. 13 election.

The bill would allow local governments to borrow money for projects such as improved rail lines to Fort Hood or a desalination plant to serve Fort Bliss' water needs.

House gains a Democrat...

Look's like it's still possible for a Democrat to get elected in Texas, at least in South Texas. Juan M. Escobar of Kingsville won a runoff election for House District 43 last week to replace the late Irma Rangel, a Democrat who died earlier this year of cancer.

Escobar tallied 62 percent of the vote and his Republican opponent, James R. Marz, received 37 percent.

Nine candidates vied for the seat in the initial election on April 15.

Escobar is a retired U.S. Border Patrol supervisor who has been on the Kingsville Independent School District board for 13 years.

THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

By Adrin Fletcher

The dreaded sound was unmistakable. I drove out of the Dairy queen parking lot only minutes earlier. My route was the same as always. Nothing apparent had happened, but when I stopped under the carport cover at the church building I heard the hiss of air escaping from my right front tire. I know, you must be thinking "SO WHAT!", everyone gets a flat occasionally. This, however, was a real whistler and it made me think of an idea for this article.

As soon as I was able to identify the source of the sound, I headed for the repair bay at Munday Tire and Appliance. I just made it. Closing time for the shop was only minutes away and the tire went completely flat just as I pulled into the bay.

Probably all of you have had a similar experience. I have survived everything from slow leaks to sudden blow-outs. tires are just like that. Once I bought a set of four tires that must have been faulty from the beginning. After numerous flats and tire changes, I took them in for replacement and the shop manager showed me just how weak they were as he poked a ball point pen through the sidewall.

Have you ever felt like a flat tire, emotionally. Some events strike us suddenly. The energy and spirit just bursts out of us like a blow-out. These feelings come as a result of catastrophic events; accidents, injuries, deaths of loved ones, or significant losses of some type. We are taken by surprise. Life seems to be proceeding in the normal way when suddenly, out of the blue we hear the news that strikes us like the explosive experience of a blow-out. The feeling of loss and hopelessness is debilitating, but we learn that while painful, these events are often survivable.

Other times the loss of spirit and energy is less dramatic. Just like a tire with a slow leak, we may not even notice the loss until the cumulative effect is obvious. Doctors call this experience stress. To be more exact it is called distress. Little things add up to big results. This is like having a tire which loses just a few molecules of air a day. You do not even notice until it becomes soft enough to affect your steering or until it sits long enough in one place to actually go completely flat.

Sometimes we lose our spirit and energy like a tire with a nail or some such object that causes a leak sporadically. Usually it appears to be just a slow leak, but on occasion will lose all the air in a short time. These experiences can be especially difficult to deal with. The unpredictability of events is hard to handle. For us, as human beings, these experiences are much like everyday life. We have good days, bad days, and some in between.

It seems to me, that God understands this aspect of our nature and built in a self correcting need. Even before Jesus came, God scheduled a day of rest and worship for his people. Called, the Sabbath, the day reminded them of God's day of rest at the end of the Creation process. When Jesus came the day was changed from the last one of the week to the first one of the week. No longer the sabbath, God's day became a day of worship and adoration to the Lord of our lives, the first day of our week. Are you feeling a little "low" or "soft" this week? Why not rush to the "filling station" and be replenished. You might even need to have a few holes patched. Come to church and breathe the breath of life.

MUNDAY ISD LUNCH MENUS MAY 12 - MAY 16

- Monday**
Hamburger on Bun or chicken patty on bun
tator tots, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, sliced peaches, apple or orange
chocolate or white milk.
- Tuesday**
Chicken tenders w/ peppered gravy or ham & cheese sandwich
mashed potatoes, roll, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.
- Wednesday**
Pepperoni pizza or chef salad (ham or chicken TBA)
breadsticks w/ sauce, lettuce & tomato, brownie, Jell-O Sprinkled applesauce, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.
- Thursday**
Tacos or beef & bean burrito
refried beans, shredded cheese, lettuce & tomato, pears, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.
- Friday**
BBQ on a bun or chili dog
French fries, corn, mixed fruit, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.

Local Munday Military members and those with ties to Knox County



- Robbie Baker/Brackston Barnard
- Raymond Cadjew/Lance Dever
- Louis Diaz/Deann Flores
- Jason Freeby/Joey Greenwood
- Joel Greenwood/Bobby Greenwood
- Manuel Lopez/John Mark Lopez
- Joey Posey/Jeremy Rosencranz
- Adrian Seranno/Gary Strickland
- Jimmy Taylor/Heath Turner
- Brandon Williams/Donny Wyatt
- Missie Brisco/Kevin Kuehler
- Kevin Hoekendorf/Eric Richardson
- Duane Ware/Derek Stovall
- Chris King/1st Lt. Jayson Morgan
- Casey Proffitt/Carlos Miranda
- Heath Turner/Will Acree
- George Bernal, Jr./Cory Olson
- Carlos Munoz/Ronnie & Beth Reece
- Richard Rincon/Mark Delgado
- Jacob Reeves/Isaac Sanchez
- Chris Anderson/Andy Anderson
- Anthony Sayers/Mike Shipman
- Major Keith Sanders/Ricky Serrato
- Ray Hernandez/Davis Maulding
- Jeff Ramirez/Spec. Tony Morgan
- Eric Santisteven/ Staff Sgt Cody Choate
- Cpt. Kimberly Everson/David Counts III
- Spec. Todd Parchman

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ACROSS

1 Gov. Pat (21-'25) who never tasted tea, coffee or liquor
5 Valley-grown medicinal plant
6 TXism: "less about which horse he saddles" (thief)
7 TXism: "no ___ for a stepper" (simple)
8 "___ riot, one Ranger"
9 TXism: "___ of" (many)
14 TX Pride's "My Eyes Can Only See ___ Far As You"
16 TX ___ has a lone star
18 JFK spent his last night in Fort Worth ___ Regency
19 Santa's word
20 discredited group: ___ Klux Klan
21 Brazoria Co. Gulf city
24 TXism: "brave as ___ grade teacher"
30 TX Horton Foote's role regarding "Tender Mercies"
33 having a definite limit
34 Michigan State chant for TX Smith: "___, Bubba, Kill!"
35 Buddy's wife: Maria ___ Holly
36 TXism: "missed by a ___ ha!"
40 eyed amorously
41 Gov. Price ('56-'62)

DOWN

1 TX-Mex appetizer
2 John Steinbeck's TX wife
3 TXism: "checking my eyelids ___" (taking a nap)
4 TXism: "___ like death warmed over"
9 "___ ha!"
10 LBJ line: "___ Americans ..."

42 TXism: "you big ___" (clumsy)
43 TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't ___"
44 pen name of TX Sandra Brown: ___ St. Claire
45 TX Carrell, the "Super Handyman"
47 this Lanny won '73 Byron Nelson Golf Classic
50 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the ___" (finalize)
51 TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"

52 poppa's mate
53 Astro Eric ('89-'92)
56 TV show: "The ___ Woman"
57 TXism: "___ high to a grass-hopper" (short)
58 TXism: "bend your ___" (talked at)
59 TX group: Asleep ___ the Wheel

11 TXism: "you gotta ___ your spurs"
12 TXism: "let him ___ in his own juice"
13 TXism: "cowboy ___" (jukebox)
14 TXism: "busier than boomtown"
15 saddle weariness
17 Miss Texas winner? (2 wds.)
22 early settler
23 North Amer. Free Agreement
24 Capt. ___ Lucas drilled Spindletop

25 TX Roddenberry's "Trek" genre: sci-___
26 Braniff Airways, ___ was grounded in '82
27 early Rio Grande: ___ las Palmas
28 TX singer Hamblen
29 UT had '79 NCAA ___ champ

31 Sea ___ State Park
32 UT grad Wallach
37 TXism: "___ horn"
38 TX Tarzan Ely (init.)
39 test giver
46 LBJ appointed Irving ___ Goldberg to U.S. Ct. of Appeals
48 SMU diver Steve ___ who won silver in '92
49 Dallas FM station
54 TXism: "sticks out ___ sore thumb"
55 TX Garson starred with this Robert in "Goodbye Mr. Chips"

Still time to make Farm Safety register with your children

Power takeoff entanglement, grain suffocation, chemical burns and getting stepped on by farm animals - all in a day on the farm?

The coordinator of a Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp being held May 31, in Munday believes rural parents can do more to ensure that farm accidents don't become a part of their kids' childhood memories. According to Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS in Knox County, one way to start is by having their 8-14 year-old children attend the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camps scheduled for Saturday, May 31 at the Munday High School in Munday, Texas from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The day camp is designed to increase children's awareness of a wide variety of farm hazards, as well as providing them with hands-on, first aid training to help themselves or someone else survive a farm accident should one occur. Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camps are sponsored nationally by Pioneer, AGCO, Case IH, Kawasaki, State Farm Insurance, Farm Plan, Shared Solutions, The Farm Credit System Foundation, Inc., Shell Lubricants, and DuPont Crop Protection.

Parents can register their children to participate in the camp by calling the Knox County Extension office at (940) 459-2651 or the Haskell County Extension office at (940) 864-2546 -or- 2658.

Registrations must be received by Friday, May 16, 2003. A \$10.00 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home packet and a farm safety camp T-shirt.

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Nicole Urbanczyk participates in Charter installation

Hardin-Simmons University student Nicole Urbanczyk of Munday, TX, recently participated in the chapter charter installation of Phi Epsilon Kappa.

The charter faculty members included: Dr. Allyn Byars, Dr. Ray Galloway, Dr. Bob Moore, Dr. I.P. Rainwater, Dr. Warren Simpson, and Mrs. Veronica Snow.

The installation of the chapter was overseen by Dr. Pug Parris, national Phi Epsilon Kappa representative, and honored guest Dr. Merlin Morrow, professor emeritus.

Financial Focus

By Joe McMeans



Get Familiar With Basics of Estate Planning

If you still have many years to go until retirement, you may not consider drawing up an estate plan to be a high priority. And yet, as long as you have a family and financial assets, you do need to think about estate planning - no matter what age you are.

Of course, you may be aware that the Tax Relief Act of 2001 repealed estate taxes for the year 2010, while reducing them gradually before then. Doesn't that mean you don't have to worry about burdening your heirs with estate taxes?

It's not quite that clear. Current law repeals the estate tax only in the year 2010 and there is uncertainty over what will happen in the following years. Laws affecting estate taxes could easily change many times over the next several years. Also, comprehensive estate planning covers more than just taxes. You still need to determine who gets what. You still want to reduce costly and expensive delays in distributing your estate. And you still need to make arrangements to have someone act in your best interests if you become incapacitated.

To address these and other issues, start familiarizing yourself with these basic elements of estate planning:

• Proper titling of assets - It's important that all your assets - your house, property, bank accounts, retirement plans, stocks, bonds, etc. - be properly titled, in terms of legal ownership. You may want these assets listed in your individual name, in joint tenancy, or in the name of your living trust.

• Beneficiary designations - You need to make sure that your beneficiary designations are always updated and consistent with your overall estate plan. For example, if you name a spouse as a beneficiary on your life insurance, and you later divorce and remarry, you'll need to change the beneficiary on your policy.

• Will - A will spells out how you want your assets distributed. If you don't have a will, your assets may be distributed according to state law. If that happens, your heirs may not get what you had intended for them to receive. A will is also the document in which you can name a guardian for small children.

• Living trust - For many people, a simple will, by itself, may not be sufficient. For one thing, if you only have a will, your assets may still have to go through the time-consuming and potentially expensive process of probate. A well-designed living trust, though, can bypass probate and give you more control over how and when your assets will be distributed.

• Durable power of attorney - When you set up a durable power of attorney, you name someone to act for you if you become mentally or physically unable to make financial and legal decisions on your behalf.

• Health care directive - By drawing up a health care directive, you authorize, in advance, the kinds of health care you would or would not want if, for whatever reason, you cannot communicate for yourself. In your health care directive, you can name someone to make health care decisions for you, leave written instructions to help others in making those decisions or even do both.

We've just looked at the "bare bones" of all these estate-planning elements. To get a fuller understanding of these issues, and to draw up a comprehensive estate plan, consult a legal advisor who is experienced in these matters. And once you've got an estate plan, revisit it periodically to make sure your arrangements reflect the changes in your life that will invariably come your way.

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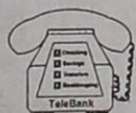
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Elementary Edition
THE HAPPENINGS AT MUNDAY ELEMENTARY

Campus Happenings

National Teacher Appreciation Week was May 5 - 9, and a faculty dinner was held on May 6th to honor all staff members. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all with homemade ice cream following for dessert. Then superintendent, Mr. Dillard recognized staff for years of loyal service and dedication to the Munday ISD. Receiving a 25 year pin was Linda Chapman. Mrs. Chapman teaches 5th and 6th grades social studies, 6th computer and English, and is homeroom to sixth grade. Fifteen year pins were given to Kristi Bufkin who teaches junior high math, Rick Moeller, vocational ag teacher, and Becky Ratliff, secondary English. Kim Bowman received a 10 year pin. She is technology coordinator for the district. Paula Cowser and Esther Waggoner received 5 year pins. Mrs. Cowser teaches special education in the elementary while Mrs. Waggoner is an instructional aide and works in the junior high CEI Lab. All employees received a Munday Mogul umbrella. Sincere thanks to each of you for your years of service our children.

Kudos to Brittany Waggoner, who received a plaque for her award winning soil conservation poster. She was honored at a banquet on May 6, 2003 in Stephenville. Brittany's poster placed at the local, district, and regional levels.



AR Happenings

Come out and enjoy the fun as the AR Dunkin' Booth will be on Monday, May 19 starting at 1:00 p.m. when students take aim at their favorite teachers and senior helpers. Students reached the school AR point goal of 15,000 points!

Class Happenings

Fifth and sixth graders are digging holes as they read the award winning children's book by Louis Sacher, Holes. Fifth graders are also working on a poetry unit in English.

Fourth graders are investigating electricity and magnetism in science, while English is working on a poetry unit. Star spellers were Sanjuana Diaz and Kyler Urbanczyk. Birthday wishes to TJ Moore.

The thesaurus was explored in third grade as were synonyms and antonyms. Kiana Thomas was star speller, reading standouts were Eduardo Cahvez, Makebra Collier, Dylan Cooke, Chelsea Ford, Kelly Martinez, Rita Martinez, and Alyssa Moore.

Joining the 100 Club in Kindergarten were Juan Rangel, Pedro Armendariz, and Hilda Medez. PPcd, Pre-K and Kindergarten enjoyed a day at the Abilene Zoo and park on Friday, May 9th. What a zoo!!

First graders are hard at it adding 3 digit numbers and studying forces in science. Math whizzes were Tatum / bufkin, Rylie Decker, and Tanna Moeller. Happy Birthday to Brett Workman and Juan Carranza.

Upcoming Happenings

May 15 -- Fourth and Sixth Field Trips, May 16th -- Fifth Field Trip, second grade Park Day, May 19 -- AR Dunking Booth, First Grade Field Trip to May Farms, May 20 - First grade Park Day, May 21 -- Second grade field trip, third and fourth Park Day, May 22 -- 5th-6th Park Day, Last Day of Classes -- Pool Time!!!

Boy Scouts Troop 76 FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY
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Wildcat Wisdom
News from Goree School

Three Goree Elementary Students participated in the St. Jude's Math-a-Thon for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Victor Garcia worked 242 problems and earned \$35.00. He received an Honor Award, T-Shirt and a free ticket to Six Flags. Sarah Aguilar worked 167 problems and earned \$77.52. She received an Honor award, T-Shirt, free ticket to Six Flags, sports bag, CD player and a photograph of the Kids at St. Jude's. Only one student from each school receives the CD player, which is the one who raises the most money. The amount of money each student earns depends

Goree Elementary students traveled to Benjamin to take part in the Track Day - an annual event at the school. The students enjoyed Long Jump, Baseball Throw, Chin Ups, and Obstacle Courses.

on the amount of his or her pledges. The total amount of these three students efforts was \$239.52.

Goree Elementary students in grades PK-6th traveled to Benjamin, via the Benjamin Mustang Bus, for a Track Day with the Benjamin Elementary Students. The students participated in the Long Jump, Baseball Throw, Chin Ups, and Obstacle Course and ran races. The students enjoyed eating hamburgers with Benjamin students and playing on the play ground with them. Afterwards the Goree students toured the courthouse and then rode the Benjamin Mustang bus back to Goree.



Munday VFD seeks donations for scholarship

The Munday Volunteer Fire Department is currently seeking donations for a scholarship to be given away to a deserving Munday Senior.

School is quickly approaching an end and scholarships will soon be given out. Please help the Munday Volunteer Fire Department help a deserving senior by donating to the scholarship fund. Donations may be made at the First National Bank in Munday or may be given to any Volunteer Fireman. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

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Prairie Pantry

A great family entree is the selection this week for the Prairie Pantry. It was submitted by Juanita White, the mother of Jay White. "This recipe has been around for a while and everyone seems to enjoy it," she says of her Chicken Tetrizzini. This filling main dish is easy to prepare and makes enough to feed a large family. All that is needed to go with it is a salad and bread sticks - it's a great evening meal.

Chicken Tetrizzini

Cubed chicken from 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast. Seasoned and baked.
1 lb. mushrooms
1/2 cup onion
1/2 cup celery
2 cups Miracle Whip
4 cans cream of chicken soup
1 Lb. cooked spaghetti
3/4 cup cooking sherry (dry or cream)

Mix all the above ingredients in a large bowl. Place in greased baking dish and Bake at 350 degrees until hot and bubbly. Five minutes prior to the end of cooking time sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

This recipe can be divided and one dish may be frozen for a quick future meal. If you are expecting a really large crowd the recipe also doubles easily.

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This weeks featured is Juanita White

New Texas livestock regulations on hold for Mexican origin cattle

New Texas livestock health regulations for Mexican-origin feeder, rodeo and roping cattle have fallen victim to the state's financial crunch and will not be enforced until at least August 1, after agency budgets are finalized. The rules were aimed at protecting Texas cattle herds from cattle tuberculosis (TB), a contagious disease that can cause infected animals to develop internal lesions in their lungs, in lymph nodes or in internal organs, making them unusable at slaughter.

"The Texas legislature is grappling with a severe budget shortfall and are contemplating deep cuts in agency budgets. Funding cuts will negatively impact our current programs, as well as hamper our ability to take on any new regulatory duties. The TAHC's 209-member staff already are 'spread thin,' addressing regulatory health issues for all species of livestock and poultry across the state. Our commissioners have decided to delay the enforcement of these new regulations regarding Mexican-origin cattle, because they would require additional considerable time and staffing," said Dr. James Lenarduzzi, acting executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's regulatory agency for livestock and poultry health.

"Texas ranchers, as a rule, import an average of nearly 700,000 Mexican feeder cattle yearly for grazing, feedlot finishing or for rodeo and roping use," said Dr. Lenarduzzi. "Although Mexico has made strides in eradicating cattle tuberculosis (TB), 167 TB-infected Mexican-origin feeder cattle were detected at Texas slaughter plants during the past five years. Until we can effectively enforce new regulations for these animals, we hope ranchers will voluntarily segregate high-risk Mexican-origin feeder cattle and roping steers from Texas herds."

"Texas lost its USDA designation as cattle TB-free in June 2002, after we detected and depopulated two infected herds in 2001-2002," explained Dr. Lenarduzzi. "To help us regain free status within the next couple of years—and then maintain it—the 12 TAHC commissioners explored every disease prevention and surveillance measure possible to protect Texas cattle herds." He re-

mindful ranchers that all other states, except Michigan, are cattle TB-free and still may elect to impose restrictions on Texas cattle commingled with high-risk Mexican-origin feeder cattle. (Recently, California detected three TB-infected cattle herds, and New Mexico has had two. USDA action to downgrade these states is underway.)

"This spring, Mexican-origin feeder cattle were to have been restricted to approved feedlots, pastures or pens, quarantined feedlots, or designated pens within feedlots, away from Texas cattle. Also, the animals would have been moved from one site to another only under a TAHC- or USDA-issued permit," said Dr. Dan Baca, TAHC's cattle TB epidemiologist.

"Mexican-origin roping or rodeo cattle were to have been tested for cattle TB under USDA authority at the port of entry, then moved under permit to a ranch. The animal would have been under movement restriction for 60 to 120 days, until undergoing another negative skin test for cattle TB," said Dr. Baca. "Mexican-origin breeding cattle were not included in these new regulations, because very few are imported, and these animals enter under strict USDA TB testing and quarantine rules already in place." He explained that previously existing TAHC regulations will remain effective for Mexican-origin rodeo and roping cattle. These animals must have a negative TB test within 12 months prior to being used and are required to undergo an annual retest thereafter.

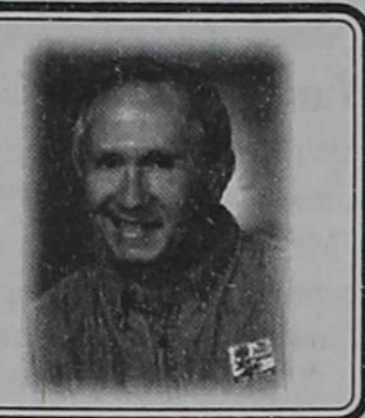
Dr. Baca noted that a dozen Mexican states may export feeder cattle to the U.S. with relative ease. Feeder cattle from a portion of Sonora may enter without a TB test,

because the disease has nearly been eradicated within the area.

"One TB skin test prior to movement is required for feeder cattle moving from designated areas with a low prevalence of TB within Sonora, Aguascalientes, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Jalisco, Sinaloa, Tamaulipas, Veracruz, Baja California Norte, Campeche and Yucatan. However, a skin test does not always ensure the animals are disease-free," said Dr. Baca. "Cattle exposed to the disease may be incubating infection and not test positive for TB. In other instances, animals may be exposed after being tested."

The incidence of cattle TB is greater in the following states, and feeder cattle must come from a herd that was tested within the previous 12 months: Durango, Nuevo Leon and some portions of Jalisco. Furthermore, the feeder animals moving from these states must be tested individually prior to movement, he explained. Feeder cattle from all other Mexican states or portions of states may move to the U.S. only for immediate slaughter. The animals must have a negative TB test prior to crossing the border.

"Regulations in force, and those that are being delayed by the TAHC, are not meant to limit trade with Mexico," said Dr. Lenarduzzi. "Our first priority and obligation, however, is to protect the health of native livestock, so Texas ranchers can maintain their ability to move animals nationally and internationally without undue restrictions. With more than 14 million head of cattle, Texas is our nation's top cattle producer, and billions of dollars are at stake, if we are unable to move livestock because of disease problems." ***



QUESTION: I live where the soil is the black clay. What tree could you recommend that I could possibly plant in my front lawn?

Here are some more details/concerns.....

I have a one story house and I prefer not to have a tree that seems to over power my house.

I would like one that has GREAT fall foliage.....red or yellow. I have room for two trees.

Most of my neighbors have elm trees.....mine did not live. I am very worried that my Bermuda lawn will not survive with a big shade tree.....I really like the Bermuda.

The front lawn is on the east side of my house.

I really appreciate your help. - R. R.

ANSWER: I'm pleased to know you are enjoying one of my books.

Most "shade" trees will put out too much shade for a thick Bermuda lawn. Bermuda grass does best in day long full sun locations. If your main interest is a thick Bermuda lawn ... don't plant any shade tree

One super shade tree with outstanding fall color is Chinese Pistachio. It will grow in the clay soils anywhere in Texas. A smaller tree with super spring color is 'Oklahoma' variety of redbud. It too grows in clay soils.

Review my Trees chapter plus "native" trees in the Natives section of 'Dale Groom's Texas Gardening Guide: Revised Edition'.

QUESTION: I would like to know if I can transplant an established crape myrtle? - D. N.

Yes, crape myrtles can and are successfully transplanted. This includes small seedlings to large tree type specimens.

This is not the time to transplant crape myrtles or any other woody plant. The best time to transplant existing woody plants is during the dormant season. The dormant season occurs after a hard killing freeze through the beginning of new spring growth. Calendar wise the best time is Dec. through early Feb.

QUESTION: Dale- I have several hanging baskets and many container pots made up of different types of plants, what do you recommend I use to fertilize these different plants & how often should it be done? They all are blooming plants. Thank you.. - J. H.

ANSWER: An excellent Texas made product called Carl Pool's BR-61 is super on all types of container grown blooming plants Apply BR-61 according to label directions.

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Truscott-Gilliland News

by Clara Brown

Newell and June Looney returned Friday from Dallas where Newell received tests and treatment. Their daughter, Kay, and son, Lee, were with them in Dallas.

Rachel and Walter Carl Taylor and Jean and Felix Taylor visited Newell and June Looney at Truscott Sunday.

Jason Simmons was in Gilliland last Wednesday visiting Sybil Simmons and Ronnie and Sherri Simmons.

Linda Carroll was home for Easter weekend.

Phillip Cook is visiting his mother, Frances Cook for a few days.

Bill, Staci, Brisca, and Brandell Brown of Corsicana visited Jack and Clara Brown Friday night and Saturday. Brisa and her grandmother had a good time dyeing eggs Saturday morning. Brisa and Brandell hunted eggs after Saturday lunch. Brisa did most of the hunting while Brandell, just under a year and a half old, enjoyed running in the grass about as much as finding eggs.

The Knox County Historical Commission is planning a garage sale at Munday in June, in conjunction with the annual city wide garage sale there. Commission members from Truscott and Gilliland are Frances Cook, Gordon Wood Bell, and Clara Brown. They can be contacted if anyone wants to donate items. Almost any items can be accepted except clothing, due to display space available.

Around 55 attended the 2003 Gilliland Cemetery meeting Saturday, April 26. The three board

members elected were Penny Combest Baker of Vernon, Curtis Langston, and Lovis Baty. E.D. Welch of Gilliland retired from the board.

A Gilliland Cemetery Work day was planned for the second or third Saturday next October.

Eugenie Daniel is visiting Becky Daniel in Virginia this week and they are looking at Colleges for Becky.

Jimmy Hord of Corsicana visited his parents, Vola and Derrel Hurd the weekend of April 19.

Betty and Marion Hord of Vernon visited the Truscott Hords Sunday, April 27.

Colton Daniel of Lubbock and two Texas Tech friends had supper with his grandparents, Margaret and Don Daniel, Friday April 25, and then breakfast on Saturday.

Visiting Margaret and Don for Sunday dinner on April 27 were Michael and Cathy Daniel of Vernon and daughters Amanda and Mary, Jerry Bob Daniel, and Zano and Jeff Daniel of Guthrie.

At the Junior Rodeo at Quannah Mary Daniel won first in goat tying.

Jody Miller's weekend company included daughters Mary Neil Hinds of Richardson and Kay Hays of Abilene, who brought along her granddaughter, Ella Jane Michaels.

June and Bewel Looney visited Walter Carl and Rachel Taylor at Farmers Valley Sunday.

Jack Brown had a horse fall with him last week, resulting in some spectacular bruises. He decided to ride a tractor for the next couple of days.



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HORTICULTURE STUDENTS from Munday High School helped clean-up and plant a flower bed at the Munday Nursing Center last week. The residents enjoyed the planting and the young people.

Insurance can be Money Wisely Spent

In starting a business, most people budget for the obvious costs, such as rent, inventory, personnel, advertising, equipment, and utilities. However, one item many entrepreneurs seem to forget is the purchase of a good insurance policy. There are many types of policies available, and most businesses will need one type or another for their own protection.

Seldom do entrepreneurs realize the full risks associated with owning a business. For instance, if a person owns a business located in a leased building in a shopping center, he might think he does not need insurance on the business. However, in most lease agreements, the landlord's insurance policy does not cover a lessee's inventory and equipment. If the building were to burn down, each business will have lost their inventory and equipment. Also, as an option, insurance policies can even cover lost income in the case of a disaster such as a fire. This is known as business income protection. If the business is your sole source of income, this can prove to be very valuable. Can you afford these types of risk? Most small business owners cannot, and therefore, an insurance policy is a great way to minimize this risk.

Another type of insurance frequently overlooked is liability insurance. Suppose you are stocking the shelves in your store, when a customer comes in and stumbles over a box of inventory, and injures an arm or leg. If this customer decided to sue for damages caused by your negligent placement of the boxes, you could be held liable.

Fault on your part many times is just assumed by the court system, with no proof of negligence even being required.

In many types of businesses, insurance can just be an accepted part of doing business. Many businesses even require insurance before they can be conducted. Some businesses, however, do not require any form of insurance, and this is where the risk of not having any or the correct insurance can come into play. This is why it is imperative for every entrepreneur to have a trusted insurance agent. A trusted insurance agent can be counted on to make sure you have the proper kinds and amounts of insurance for your business.

Insurance may seem like a useless waste of money, until you need it. When you need it and it pays off, it serves to reassure you it was money well spent. If you have ever encountered someone who needed insurance, but did not have it, you can easily see how valuable it can be. Along with other professionals such as an accountant, attorney, and banker, a trusted insurance agent should be a key par of your management team.

Business tips is provided by Mr. Corey Moore, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor I, at San Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For More information on the topic of this Business Tips article, please contact Corey at (325) 942-2089, or via email at Corey.Moore@angelo.edu.

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Remember: "The Early Bird Gets the Worm." Most of the serious shoppers will be at your sale before your advertised time. Be prepared and get up early. You should have your merchandise priced and displayed the evening before if at all possible. Be sure

and put something out front that is eye catching. This will make cars slow down and take a second look.

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Troop members will be providing patriotic music and will also use the proper etiquette for retiring the American Flag.

If you have a flag that you would like to retire please take it to Munday High School or Munday City Hall prior to Wednesday the 21st.

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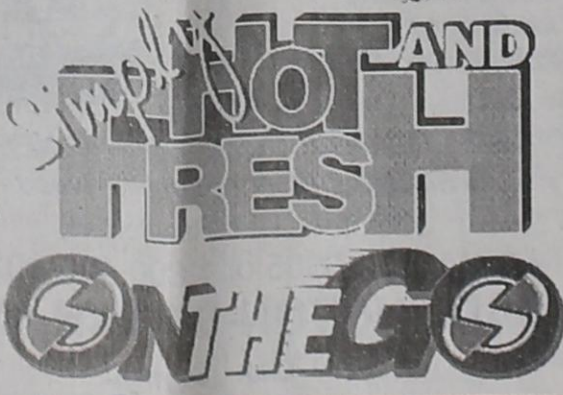
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Local Obituaries

Nance, William Claud

William Claud Nance 77, passed away Sunday May 11, 2003 at the Knox County Hospital.

Mr. Nance was born on March 17, 1926 in Knox City. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was district manager of WM Cameron and Alamo Lumber Company. He was also a Veteran of the U. S. Navy and a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Mr. Nance married Colleene Brockett on August 26, 1950 in Weinert, TX.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Dana Jo Kubeczka in 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Colleene Brockett; one son, Rickey Nance of Summerville, TX; one brother, Frank Nance Jr. of Turlock California; one sister, Bobbie Leach of Midland, TX; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at Johnson Memorial Cemetery, officiated by Reverend Randy Gressett.

Pallbearers included Ricky and Clint Nance, Bryan and Paul Kubeczka, George Johnson and Jason Bowman.

A Note From The Principal...

This is a wonderful time of year for our students - especially our seniors who graduate and our juniors who will become the new school leaders. There will be shouts of exhilaration, big hugs, and tears of joy over the next few weeks. Celebration is certainly the appropriate action for our graduates and those advancing to twelfth grade.

I am sure you agree that many young people across the nation take opportunities such as prom and graduation to engage in activities that are detrimental to their bodies, their minds, and that are illegal. I want to take this opportunity to ask for your help in getting a message out firmly to our students. Please remind your child how much they are loved. Talk to them about the dangers of mixing alcohol and/or drugs with celebrations. Please let them know that their being in possession of alcohol is illegal and remind them that the adult or adults who provide the alcohol are also engaging in illegal activity.

As the adults and parents in the community, I ask that you spend time with your student to plan a wonderful prom night and a wonderful graduation night. I encourage you to talk to other parents about the issue and help provide "safe" places for students to celebrate without the pressures of alcohol or drugs. It is the hard thing to do. It is the right thing to do.

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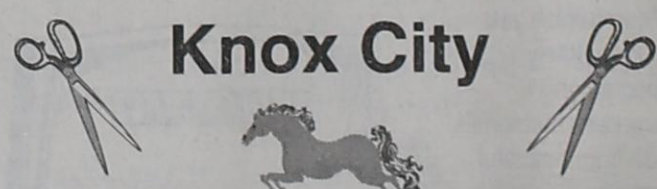
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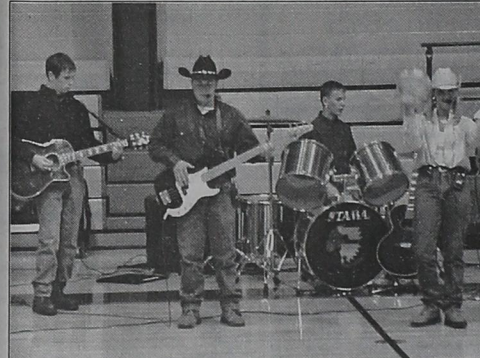
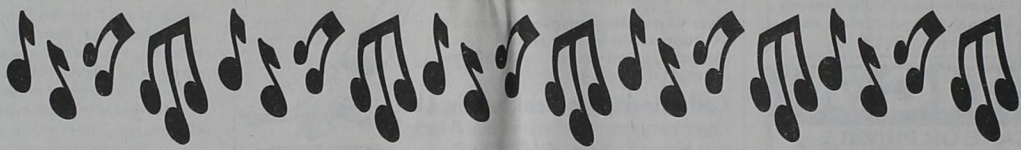
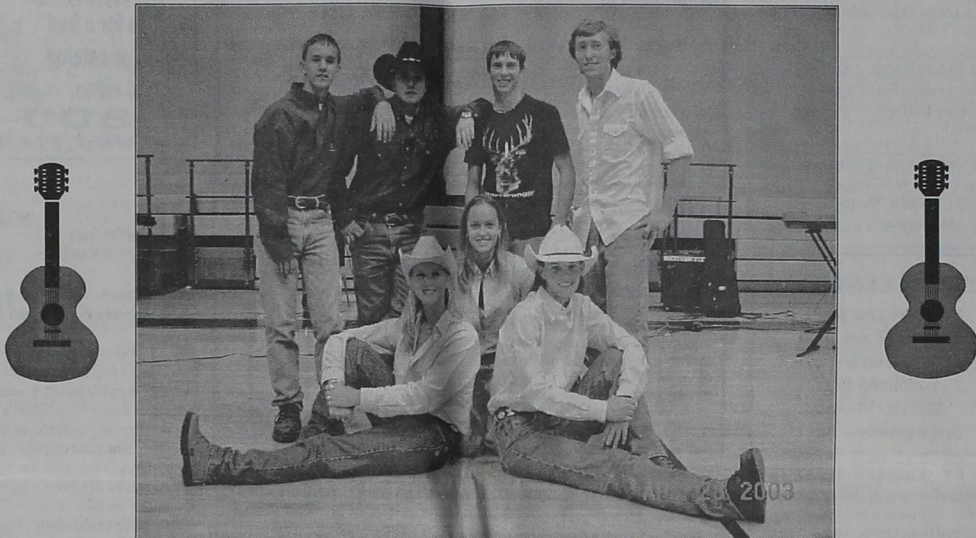
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