

**WHITE'S
Wagging
Tongue**

by Cynthia
White

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

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OK, so what's the speed of dark?

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How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

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If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

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Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.

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When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

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Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

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Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark.

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Many people quit looking for work when they find a job.

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I intend to live forever - so far, so good.

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A crusty, middle aged, single, country woman told her friend, "My dog snores, the parrot swears, the cat stays out all night with the ladies, and my pet skunk stinks up the house. Why in heaven's name do I need a husband?"

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Entrepreneur Gish was driving through the country when he saw a four-legged turkey dash in front of his car.

Pulling up to the farm nearby, he walked up to a farmhand who was sitting on a fence, breathing hard. "Sir," said Gish, "did I just see what I thought I saw? A turkey with four legs!"

"You did," said the hand. "Most people like to eat drumsticks, so we genetically engineered them that way."

"That's amazing," said Gish. "And do they taste the same as regular drumsticks?"

The hand dabbed his kerchief on his brow and said, "I don't rightly know. We haven't been able to catch one yet."

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Hearing a shot from the farm of his neighbor Albright, farmer Mullins ran over. When he got there, he found Albright sitting beside the barn, weeping. There was a smoking shotgun by his side.

"What in tarnation happened?" Mullins asked.

Albright sniffed through his tears, "It was muh dog...I had to shoot the poor thing."

"Mercy me! Was she mad?"

"Well," said Albright, "she wasn't exactly overjoyed..."

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Bambi the maid had been fired after years of devoted service. As she left the Vandyne mansion for the last time, she made sure she stopped in the den and threw a handful of biscuits to the dog.

Mr. Vandyne, who had come to see her out, was impressed. "That was very kind of you, Bambi."

"No, sir. That was for helping me clean the dishes all these years."



THE FASTEST! Members of the Mogulettes 1600 Meter Relay team celebrate a first place finish at the Red River Relays in Quanah on Saturday. Members are (left) Anna Marie Waldrip, Lori Welch, Laci Myers and Meagan Myers.

**Relocation of Highway 277 -
the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**

Throughout most of the year of 1998 and into the present the largest article for debate concerning the city and citizens of Munday has been the proposed relocation of Highway 277. Most residents seem to have major concerns and many of them have a definite opinion on the issues at heart. Issues that affect their homes, businesses, livelihoods, and the local economy. But one thing is guaranteed and that is that the Texas Department of Transportation will be reconstructing the highway with preliminary work to begin in the next few years.

According to a document entitled "Effects of Highway Bypasses on Rural Communities and Small Urban Areas" that was issued by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program in 1996, the effects of a bypass on a small, rural community such as Munday can be both bad and good. And, of course, there are many factors to consider when weighing the overall health of a community prior to and after the construction of a by-pass or relocation of a major thoroughfare. The decline or growth of a community cannot be pinned down to one particular item but usually a variety of events will contribute to the change. Environment, shift of the population, and economic factors can be some of the main contributors to the community welfare.

In a "worse case" scenario, Littlefield, Texas (1990 population 6,489) the bypass culminated in service stations, restaurants and grocery stores closing. Businesses shifted to a new shopping center on the bypass, where a new residential area also was developed. The bypass was completed in the mid 60's and Littlefield was experiencing some 60 million dollars in retail sales. Immediately after the construction retail sales toppled to slightly over 40 million dollars and even by the

year 1980 had only increased to a sum just over 50 million dollars.

Construction of the by-pass at Bowie on US 287 was completed in 1978. That year their population was 5,627 and today the population stands at 5,250. Retail sales in the community remained somewhat stable until the mid 80's but more recently they have declined from approximately 55 million dollars to slightly over 45 million dollars.

Electra was by-passed in 1969 and has experienced a population decline of almost 700 people. Their retail sales totals have plunged from approximately twenty-seven million to fifteen million in the early 80's.

While that is a portion of the "doom and gloom" experienced by home, land and business owners in other locations, other small communities experience an increase in their overall retail sales and even growth in their population.

The by-pass in Bridgeport opened in the late 60's when the community had 3,376 residents. Today that figure has grown slightly and Bridgeport consists of 3,695 residents. Their retail sales have leaped to great bounds after the opening of the by-pass. In the late 60's they experienced approximately 21 million dollars in sales revenues. That figure has been on a steady uphill climb since the opening of the new by-pass and now that figure rests around 35 million dollars.

Snyder has experienced a slight decline in their population since the opening of their by-pass on US 84 in 1964. At that time the population of Snyder was 12,778 and today the city has some 12,441 people calling the community "home." The slight decrease in population has been more than taken care of by the rise in retail sales which in 1980 had climbed to over 100 million dollars over the almost 80 million dollar figure when the by-pass opened in 1964.

The community of Munday will

be faced with changes in the near future. And, from all studies reviewed, it seems that the reconstruction of highway 277 could mean either an increase or decrease in business sales and population. It could also mean new land development, improved traffic circulation and higher land values. Whether the ambience of the community itself improves or declines could be largely in the hands of those who live in and care for the community. But isn't that how it has always been in most rural communities?

The strength and health of the area, it's businesses and it's residents, lies in the hands of the residents themselves. While the route that TxDOT will choose for the reconstruction cannot be dictated by the community, certain factors will weigh into that decision making. The rest of the story will ultimately lie in the hands of those who reside therein. We are a resilient people. And if those who follow in our footsteps are to have a vital future then we must continue to support each other in all endeavors.

**Lake Creek Hosts
High School Tourney**

Fifty-eight enthusiastic young golfers ascended on Lake Creek Golf Course on Monday, March 22. The high school tournament attracted boys teams from seven area high schools and five girls teams. Munday's Lake Creek Golf Course sponsored the event.

The girls from Roby came in first place with 461 points, followed by the Munday girls with 480 points. Paducah's team finished third with 552 points. Also playing were teams of three individuals each from Paint Creek and Goree. First place medalist was Brittany Cary from Roby with 95 points and second place went to Munday's

**Track Teams Take Part
in Red River Relays**

The track teams from Munday High School traveled north to Quanah on Saturday to compete in the Red River Relays. After the cancellation of the Mogul Relays due to poor weather conditions, this was the first meet for the boys and girls teams.

The Moguls struggled in most events with Eric Beaty being the standout for Munday. Eric finished second in the Pole Vault event after sailing over the bar at 11-6. Beaty also finished third in the Triple Jump with a distance of 39-4 1/2.

The Varsity girls fared much better and finished second as a team with 121 points. They trailed behind the 125 1/2 points accumulated by Childress.

Anna Marie Waldrip finished first in the triple jump with 34-8 and also finished first in the 110-Meter Low Hurdles with a time of 15.57. Keisha Collier took a third place finish in Shot Put with 32-6.

Munday had two to finish in the Long Jump. Waldrip took second place with 16-9 1/4 and Laci Myers finished third with 16-2. Meghan Myers held the third place slot in the 800-Meter Run with a finish time of 2:43.35.

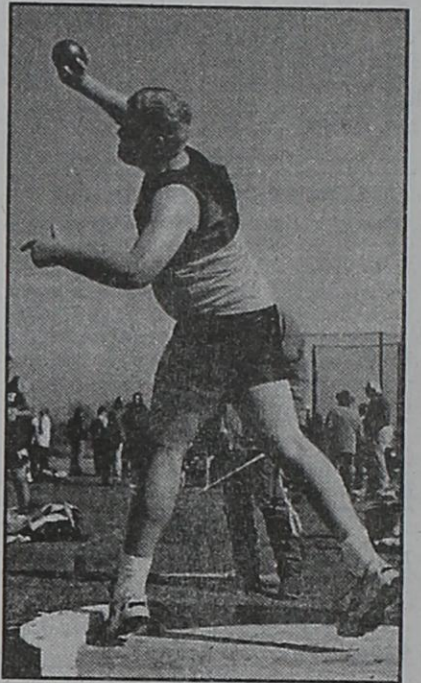
The 800-Meter Relay team and the 1600-Meter Relay team both took first place finishes. The 800-Meter Relay's time was 1:50.85 and the 1600-Meter Relay finished with a time of 4:25.59.

**Candidates File
for City and
School Elections**

The filing deadline to be listed on the ballot in the May city and school board elections was March 17. Two places were open on the School Board ballot and three places were open to fill seats on the City Council.

Filing for the two school board seats were incumbents Gary Wilde and Mark Reed. No election will be necessary in this race.

The City Council was seeking candidates to fill three seats and three candidates have filed. Two incumbents have filed for another term. They are Robert Bowen and Jessie Andrade. Stan Decker filed for the third position which is the expired seat of Jay White, who has declined to run for another term.



TONY TOMLINSON prepares to launch the shot in Quanah at the Red River Relays on Saturday. Tony is a member of the Moguls Junior Varsity track team and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tomlinson.



ERIC BEATY soars over the 11-6 mark at the Red River Relays in Quanah on Saturday. Eric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Beaty and is a junior at Munday High School.

**March Sales Tax
Rebates Dip in
Knox County**

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$172.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,095 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 5.8 percent increase over the \$163.3 million allocated to cities and counties in March 1998, and a 7.4 percent increase for the first three months of 1999, compared to the first three months of 1998.

Knox County, however, did not fare so well and received 23.39 percent less rebate as compared to this time last year.

Benjamin's rebate for March 1999 was \$161.93 as compared to \$264.45 in 1998. Goree received only \$59.24 during this most recent rebate as compared to \$368.68 in 1998. Knox City experienced a large decrease - in 1998 Knox City received \$11,768.14 and this year in March received \$8,173.53. Munday saw only a small decrease in the March rebate. In March 1998 Munday received a rebate totaling \$5,384.26 and this year the March rebate netted the city \$5,230.48.

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Letter to the Editor

Munday Courier,

I seem to be having a problem receiving my Courier. For the past few months my weekly paper has been very late. The January 24, 1999 was received today March 8th. Sometimes I receive 2 or 3 copies of The Courier in one week and then nothing for 2 or 3 weeks. I don't have problems with my other subscriptions and this problem with The Courier has only happened in the past 4 to 5 months. Also, I miss reading the subscription re-newal list. It was fun to read and know where classmates and friends live. So please consider printing it again.

Thanks.
Carol Paylor

Dear Mrs. Paylor,

Thank you for your letter of concern.

The Munday Courier is promptly mailed every Wednesday of the week with the exception of the week after Christmas which we take as a holiday. We have received several complaints from faithful readers, such as yourself, over the past few months and it seems that delivery in several areas has slowed. Even our own mother, who resides in Belton, Texas, has been experiencing the same delivery related problems with her Courier.

Today I spoke with our most helpful postmaster here in Munday. When your paper is mailed from Munday on Wednesday it then goes to Wichita

Falls and then to Fort Worth before arriving in your mailbox. What happens in between the time of it's mailing and its arrival is a mystery, at best. I also talked with the postmaster in Killeen about the problem but received no solid answers. The only hope I can offer you is that we have submitted a "Publication Watch" with our Postmaster and with the Postmaster in your location - we believe that this will help make the postal workers more aware of the fact that we are looking out for our readers - we want them to enjoy their hometown news as quickly as possible. If this does not help the situation please contact us again and I will once again alert the proper authorities.

We are sorry you miss the renewal list that was published in the paper previously. We had many complaints from people who did not want their name listed in the newspaper and we felt it would be more professional to honor those wishes. We do send out notices to individuals whose subscription is due to be renewed in hopes of retaining their readership.

Once again, thank you for your letter and I hope that delivery will be more prompt in your locale.

Cynthia White
Editor

THE MUNDAY COURIER -
YOUR HOMETOWN
NEWSPAPER

Two Munday Students and One Teacher receive Tandy Excellence Certificates

This is the tenth year that the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars program has made awards to teachers and graduating seniors at American high schools. Currently 17,010 public and private secondary schools have been certified to participate in the awards program. The states with the highest percentage of certified schools are Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Delaware, Texas, Utah and Kansas.

The academic top two per cent of graduating seniors are eligible to receive certificates recognizing their academic achievements. There are no cash awards in this category. This year the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars program will honor 30,659 meritorious seniors. States with the largest percentage of schools participating are California, Florida, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. Those with the greatest percentage increase since 1998 in schools nominating their academic top two per cent are Louisiana, Maine, Kansas, New Mexico and Maryland.

Each school may nominate a senior who is outstanding in mathematics, science or computer science. These students receive a certificate recognizing them as a RadioShack/Tandy Scholar. In addition, they were eligible to compete for the one hundred \$1000 scholarships awarded annually. This year more than one-half of all schools in the country participated in this area of the program.

Each certified school also may

nominate an outstanding teacher in mathematics, science or computer science. These teachers receive a certificate of recognition and are eligible to compete for the one hundred \$2500 cash awards presented annually.

Congratulations are extended to Brandon Lee Sosa who was nominated from Munday High School and who received a certificate from RadioShack/Tandy. Also to Brianna L. Alexander who was nominated in the top 2 percent and who also received a certificate.

Munday High School teacher, Mrs. Kim Bowman, was nominated as Outstanding Math/Science/Computer Science teacher and also received a certificate from the organization.

Nursing Center to enjoy Family Night

The Munday Nursing Center will hold another Family Night on Tuesday, March 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The evening will feature a covered dish supper to be enjoyed by residents and their families along with musical entertainment following the meal. Bringing the musical sounds of the evening will be Waymon Alexander, Norman Anderson and Kimi Moon.

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish and enjoy the food, fun, fellowship and music of the evening.



Developed in Germany, manufactured in England and delivered in the USA, Kevin Logan Christensen made his debut on the production line Friday, February 26, 1999 at 11:53 p.m. With dimensions of 10 pounds and 10.9 ounces and 23 inches, this model, engineered by Tim and Holly, is sure to be a BIG crowd pleaser. Giving the Award of Excellence are grandparents Mickey and Linda Jackson of Munday, and the late Bob and Barbara Christensen; great-grandparents Ione Hansell of Nahant, MA, Lois Christensen of Saint Louis Park, MN, Elizabeth Thompson of Munday, and L.O. Jackson of Munday.

Weather

Local Weather as reported by the Texas A&M Research Station, Munday, Texas.

	High	Low	Rain
Tues. Mar. 9	63	35	
Wed. Mar. 10	81	44	
Thur. Mar. 11	66	41	
Fri. Mar. 12	51	40	2.80
Sat. Mar. 13	40	33	0.61
Sun. Mar. 14	55	31	
Mon. Mar. 15	72	33	
Tues. Mar. 16	74	46	
Wed. Mar. 17	67	52	
Thur. Mar. 18	61	43	0.78
Fri. Mar. 19	57	41	
Sat. Mar. 20	65	35	
Sun. Mar. 21	73	41	

Total Precipitation for March, 1999 4.79 inches.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Mar. 24 - Davis Maulding, Kari Kuehler, Shanna White.
- Mar. 25 - Kent Josselet.
- Mar. 26 - Margie Pickering, Philda Dudgeon.
- Mar. 27 - Jordan Lowe, Michael Moore.
- Mar. 28 - Dorothy Cooks.
- Mar. 29 - Brandon Urbanczyk, Gloria Herring, Andrea Brown.
- Mar. 30 - Kathy Nix Schuessler.

Knox County Aging Center

Munday & Goree Menu Mar.29 through Apr.2

- Mon. Mar. 29th. - Beef stew, seven minute cabbage, cheese stick, crackers, honey bar.
- Wed. Mar. 31st. - Chicken strips with gravy, vegetable salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.
- Fri. Apr. 2nd - Holiday, no meals served.
- If you plan to join the group at Munday, call Louise Freuhwirth at 422-4191. At Goree, call Juanita Davis at 422-4208 the day before.



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Local Obituaries

Cooke, Audrey D.

Audrey D. Cooke, age 85, of Goree, Texas, entered the gates of heaven on Thursday, March 11, 1999. Audrey was born in Haskell County, Texas on December 14, 1913. She follows her faithful husband, Jim Cooke, who made his entry through the gates April 3, 1996.

Audrey is survived by daughter, Tish Carlson of Fort Worth, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Bob Quick of Rockwall, Texas and Robbie and Ralph Forsberg of Alvarado, Texas; two brothers, J.R. Griffith of Trenton, Tennessee and Roddy Griffith of California; two sisters, Nettie Partridge of Munday and Beth Ard of Zwolle, Louisiana; six grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

Audrey worked by Jim's side while he farmed and raised cattle in Haskell County. She also assisted Jim while he served as City Secretary in Goree for 25 years. Before becoming a member of Goree Baptist Church, Audrey was a member of Brushy Missionary Church founded by Jim's uncle in 1907. Jim served as a deacon at both the Brushy Church (from 1944 until the closing of the church in 1957) and at Goree Baptist. Audrey functioned in her position as a deacon's wife, praying for and encouraging Jim and the other deacons. She was an active member of the Women's Missionary Union and taught Sunday School for many years. Audrey considered being a mother as a special gift from God.

Services were held Monday, March 15, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at Goree Baptist Church with Reverend Dick Griffith officiating. Interment was at Brushy Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Partridge, Doug Griffith, Jay Carlson, David Carlson, Dane Holcomb and Jim Cooke.

Services were under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday, Texas.

First Baptist Church

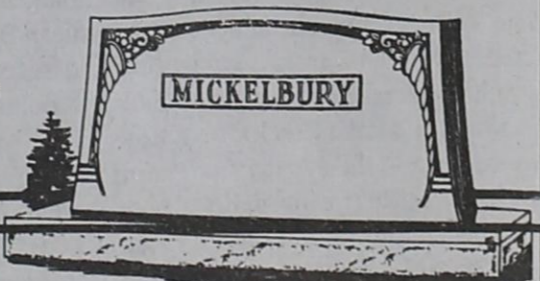
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The Circle of Life

by Cynthia White

Isn't life funny? It seems we are just stranded here on a planet going about our everyday business and that life will always be just the same way. But it isn't. And some days are true reminders of just precisely how fragile life is.

Tuesday, March 9, 1999 was a day of reality hitting home.

We woke up early and got ready for the big event. A day that we had been preparing for and anticipating for several months.

I arrived at Abilene Regional Medical Center shortly after noon - I had rushed all morning to get my work done and get on the road. Hospitals always have that smell of sickness and depression that filters from the dark and sterile rooms off the halls and falls upon the waiting areas and lounges. But today I didn't notice the odor and all I focused on was the cute, tiny clothing for new babies at the Hospital Store that is conveniently located next to the elevators.

In the elevator that would take me up to the "birthing rooms" I wondered how my daughter was faring as she approached the time of delivery - the time when we would all see that new little face that we had conjured up images of for several months.

Upon entering the room there was a virtual party going on. Among those celebrating were the other grandparents and two great-grandmothers. The new mommy and daddy to be were looking all excited and just a tad nervous. So far, things were going well and everyone seemed to be getting along just fine.

It didn't seem to take too long for a new little life to arrive. All wriggly, wrinkled and pink. There he was - brand new to the world, not knowing the least thing about the circle of life and what lay in store. He didn't know about the delights, surprises, joys, hardships, heartaches, and blessings that accompany each person whose feet walk the soil of this planet. And even though it took three quarters

"Beat the Postal Rate Increase" - renew now!

On Monday, April 5, 1999 new subscription rates for The Munday Courier will go into effect due to the recent postal rate increase. Since the additional postage charge was increased several months ago by the United States Postal Service it has become necessary to reflect that increase in the subscription rates of The Munday Courier.

However, as a way of showing our appreciation to our dedicated readers, we are offering you a chance to take out a new subscription to your hometown newspaper or to extend your current subscription at today's cost.

As of April 5, 1999 Knox County subscription rates will increase from \$16.00 yearly to \$17.00 yearly. Out of County rates will become \$20.50 yearly as opposed to the \$19.00 yearly fee charged now. Out of state subscribers will pay \$23.00 yearly rather than the \$21.00 subscription now available.

If you decide to take advantage of the "Beat the Postal Rate Increase" now, you may extend your current subscription to The Munday Courier for as much as two years at the present, and cheaper, rate.

Just drop us a check in the mail to The Munday Courier, P.O. Box 130, Munday, Texas 76371 or bring it to our office and we'll be glad to "lock in today's subscription rates" for you. And, if you have never subscribed to The Munday Courier - now is the time to do so before the rates increase.

As always, we appreciate you reading The Munday Courier.

of a year for him to be made complete it seemed to most of us that it only took a few short seconds for the world to expand its population by one.

Meanwhile, only some twenty miles away, another part of my family was saying good-bye to one who had experienced all that life holds. She had, in fact, filled her 86 years with deeds that touched so many hearts and had meant the world to her family and friends.

It didn't seem to take long. Only a few short breaths and a couple of seconds and the world's population had decreased by one. A finality that seemed a long time in the making but then was so short and so conclusive. This person would not be here for supper, or for the next sunrise or to see the next birth of a great grandbaby. But at least this "one" had accomplished a full experience on this planet and had left vivid memories of good deeds, good times, and shared blessings with those who were the closest to her.

Only a few short days later, after my new grandson was back home safe and sound, and after the one who was now gone had been marvelously remembered, her own granddaughter started out a new journey. A marriage to a young man that had won her heart and who wanted to walk this journey with the partner that he loved. A marriage - a commitment, an event that marks another new beginning.

A moment in time that encompasses the rest of their lives. An event that could ultimately lead to the few seconds that expands the world's population by one - while someplace else that same population is decreasing again.

Community Center to Host Bloodmobile on Monday

Eligible blood donors are invited to the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday on Monday, March 29. Blood of all types is needed by area patients and hospitals and will be collected between the hours of 2:00 and 6:30 p.m.

To donate blood, one must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old. It is recommended that all donors eat well and drink plenty of water the day preceding and the day of

Red River 22 Honors Bestowed on Munday Coach and Player

After leading the Munday Moguls to a 28 win season, Basketball Coach Ralph Klinkerman was named "Coach of the Year" for the Red River 22. The Red River 22 is a select group of athletes and leaders chosen for the award by area high school coaches and then named by The Times Record News in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Moguls started off their basketball season strong, first winning several tournaments before advancing to district play.

Munday then won the District 22-A title in a playoff with Windthorst and advanced all the way to the regional tournament.

"I really thought we had a chance to get to state, and you don't get that opportunity too many times," Klinkerman told the Times Record News after his regional loss.

Other coaches who received votes were John Guice, Midway; Larry Menefee, Wichita Falls High School; Rice Nippert, Childress; Lance Shelton, Jacksboro; Mike Shirley, Bowie; J.D. Sullivan, Olney; Brett Thomas, Electra; and Jim Trotter, Hirschi.

Munday girls basketball stand-out, Keisha Collier, was honored by being named "Sophomore of the Year" for the Red River 22. Keisha is a 5-9 forward for the Mogulettes and averaged 13.5 points per game, 7.7 rebounds per game and 2.5 steals per game.

Congratulations to both Coach Klinkerman and to Keisha for their accomplishments during the basketball season of 1999.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE MUNDAY COURIER!



KEISHA COLLIER



RALPH KLINKERMAN

Shugart's Studio Coming to Munday

Shugart's Studios of Levelland, Texas will be available on Thursday, April 1 for one day only in Munday. The Munday Courier invites grandpa, grandma, dad, mom and all the little ones to come in and take advantage of the wonderful pictures and great prices that Shugart's offers.

For only \$12.99 you receive 30 photos of your subject of choice - a tremendous value.

Photo hours are from 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 to 5:00 on Thursday, April 1 at The Munday Courier. Come on in for your Spring photos!

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American Heart Association Reports on March Meeting

The Knox County American Heart Association met in regular session Tuesday evening, March 9, in the home of Peggy Guinn with eight members present. Flora Roberts, Charlene Brothers, June Tankersley, Birdie Helton, ZoAnn Felts, Aleitha Beck, Juanita Wilcox and hostess Peggy Guinn were in attendance. Also meeting with the group was Cheryl Johnson, Regional Director of Region 4.

Goals were set for the following year of 1999-2000 in the different fund raising activities for Knox County including Jump Rope, Hoops for Hearts, Business Drive, Neighbor to Neighbor, and Women and Heart Luncheon.

Memorials are always appreciated when given in memory of a loved one - call Frankie Baker, 940-658-3794.

Plans were finalized for the first annual Women and Heart Luncheon to be held Wednesday, March 31, 1999 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The luncheon is sponsored by Dr. Shirley Sanchez-Barretto and will be held in the Doug Meinzer Community Building in Knox City, Texas.

Informative sessions begin at 11:00 with Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent, speaking on Heart Healthy Nutrition and Stress Management.

Key Note speaker will be Cheryl Johnson, Regional Director. Luncheon, catered by Town Talk 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure screening will be available and door prizes given.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and may be obtained by calling Flora Roberts 940-658-5199 no later than March 26, 1999.

Applicants Needed to Provide Transportation for Elderly/Disabled

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking qualified applicants to receive a Federal Grant to provide transportation for elderly and/or disabled persons. The program, known as Section 5310, provides funds to private, nonprofit organizations, public entities, and associations.

The program provides up to 80 percent of the cost for capital equipment such as buses, vans, and other paratransit vehicles used to transport elderly persons. Also included are the purchases of vehicles for service expansions, radio and communication equipment, wheel chair lifts and restraints, and vehicle rehabilitation. The funding is appropriated by the Federal Government under the Federal Transit Act.

Qualified projects will be selected for funding by TxDOT using quantitative measures such as coordination efforts ability to meet service needs of elderly and/or disabled persons, local match ability, hours of operation, ability to maintain equipment, average fleet mileage where applicable and average fleet age where applicable.

Private or non-profit organizations and public entities within the Childress District that are interested in receiving an application and are located in Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley, and Wheeler counties should contact Tonya Cummins at 940-937-7164 or by written request at P.O. Box 900, Childress, Tx 79201. Applications will be accepted through May 1, 1999.

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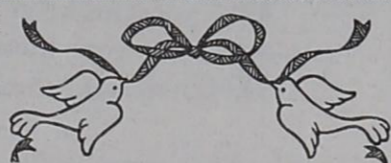
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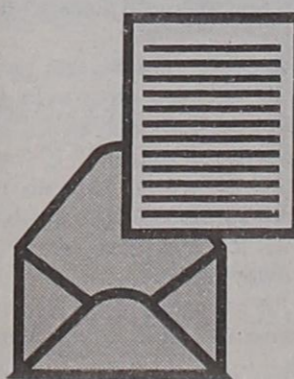
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Benjamin News

We have several under the weather this week.

Nora Duke came home Monday from a short stay in Munday Nursing Center, but was admitted to Knox County Hospital Tuesday with more problems. She's undergoing tests and maybe her stay there will be short.

Ruth House Idol is also in the Knox County Hospital after suffering a stroke at her home Monday. She's making some progress but we'll have to wait and see just what will happen with her.

Tom Moorhouse spent a few days in the Wichita Falls hospital last week but I believe he's back home now. Will just have to take it easy for a while.

I saw Mabel Moorhouse on Wednesday. She said she's feeling good. Was to go back to her doctor in Wichita Falls today for a check-up.

There's still flu going around and usually it's followed by a cough. I hope that soon we can report "that epidemic" past.

This was Spring Break for teachers and kids so no school news at all. Maybe next week there will be some happenings up there of importance to all.

HERE 'N THERE

Kim Moore and daughters of Spur visited homefolks a few days this week. Her kids were on Spring Break and Kim took a few days from her job with the Lubbock P.D.

Reyes Barrientez and Gracie Zavalos took Reye's grandson, Mike, who lives at Stamford to Carrolton Tuesday for a few days visit with his aunt, Mary Widmer and family.

Eva Flores of Knox City visited Earlene Meinzer Tuesday. They visited Tommy and Julie Thomas who have recently moved into their new home.

Jamie Bohannon, student at VRJC, was home for Spring Break.

Chase and Dewayne Palvador of Vernon spent Spring Break with their grandparents, Charles and Joy Jones.

Janet and Dave Willging and family of Mesa, Arizona spent a few days here this week with her dad, Joe Nunley, who is a resident of the Brazos Valley Care Home and also with aunts Imagean Young and Jane Gideon and families.

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LEARNING TO CONSERVE and happy about it are winners of the Soil Conservation Essay and Poster contest. Essay winners were (back, left) Hunter Meinzer - 2nd, Lynne Moorhouse - 3rd and Ashley Cartwright - 1st. Poster winners were (front, left) Jessica Moorhouse - 2nd, Kalee Josselet - 3rd and Chance Propps - 1st. Kalee is a student at Munday Elementary while the other winners are all from the Benjamin Independent School District. The plaque and bonds were awarded to the students on Monday night at an awards dinner.

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With Don Taylor, co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts

An "Etch a Sketch" Approach to Life

When I was boy - sometime between the great flood and the Vietnam conflict - one of my favorite pastimes was a bright red plastic toy called an Etch a Sketch. It was a magic toy for a boy with a creative mind.

You could draw cars, tractors and houses. You could create intricate and complex patterns, mazes and shapes. Or, you could write your name in cursive.

The beauty of the Etch a Sketch was that if you didn't like what you created, you could simply turn it upside down and shake it and all the lines and squiggles would disappear. In an instant you had a clean screen with which to begin the process anew.

Not long ago, I heard someone mention getting a fresh start on life. "I wish I could just start over and erase all my mistakes," the person said. I remembered the Etch a Sketch.

The more I thought about the "if-only-life-were-like-an-Etch-a-Sketch" concept, the more I realized it can be just that way. You can turn your life upside down and shake it. We have the power to erase our past and create a new picture of our future.

Erase Your Past

• Erase past failures. Elbert Hubbard said, "There is no failure except in no longer trying." The very best way to eliminate past shortcomings and flops is to put all your energy and effort into a new quest for success. Draw a new picture of fullness and accomplishment. Draw that picture first in your mind, then in your actions.

• Erase past feelings. There is little you can do that will cause your own self-destruction any more surely than harboring hard feelings toward others. Hatred is self-punishment. You do little harm to those you hate. Draw a new picture of forgiveness. Forgiveness is not only Divine, it is also emotional freedom. When you erase negative feelings, you make room for happy and constructive thoughts.

• Erase past frustrations. One of life's bitterest moments is to reach middle age and realize that you have had little effect on the world around you. We may reach for happiness only to find hurt. However, we can shake our frustrations from our Etch a Sketch life. Replace your frustrations by helping others. Don't knock it, just try it.

• Erase past friendships. Please read this very carefully. There are two kinds of friends: those who pull you down and those who lift you up. Erase only those friends who would drag you down. Erase those friends whose habits and actions distract you from achieving your goals. Draw a new picture by nurturing those friendships where both of you promote goodness and happiness in the other.

• Erase past fears. The words of Franklin D. Roosevelt often come to mind when we consider our fears. Roosevelt said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself - nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." Draw a new picture by facing your fears and turning those retreat areas in your life into advance. Once you conquer a fear, you'll have to deal with it again.

• Erase all falsehoods. The biggest problem with liars is this: No one believes them even if they are telling the truth. Thomas Jefferson said, "Truth is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." If you would be wise, draw a new picture of your life with truth. While this concept is too simple for some to grasp, telling the truth brings great comfort and peace. Truth brings confidence. Truth is always at ease.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105. Books are available by sending \$15 per copy to Lighthouse Syndications, Box 799, Canyon TX. 79015.

13 Indictments Handed Down by Baylor County Grand Jury

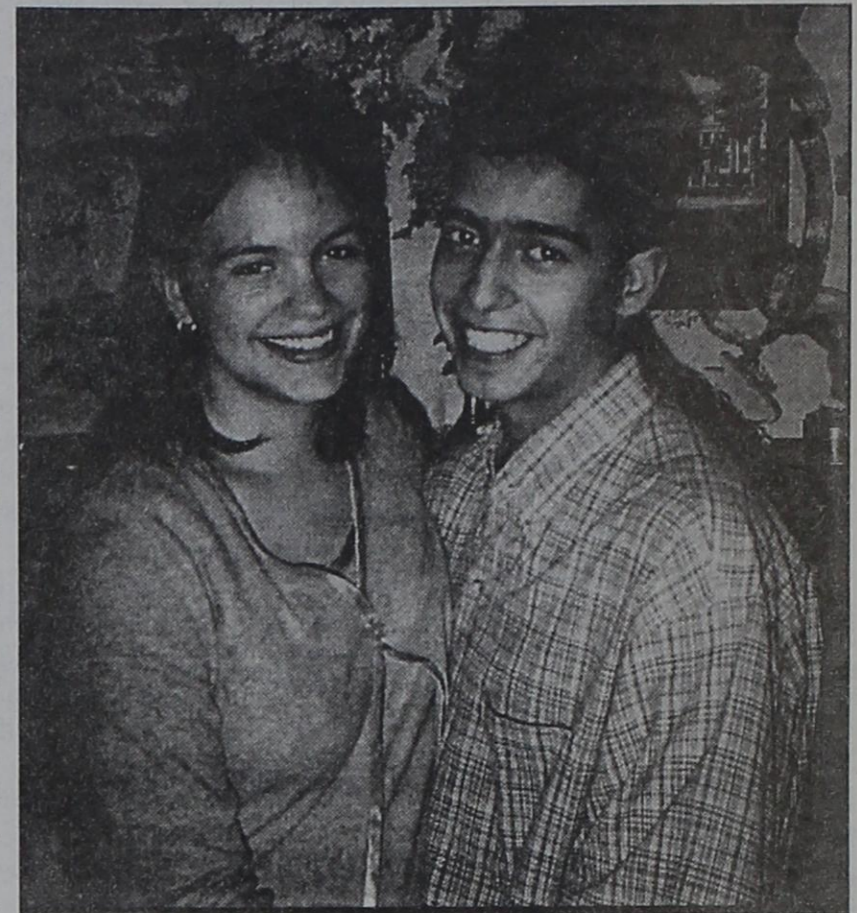
On Friday, March 5, 1999, the Baylor County Grand Jury returned 17 indictments against 13 individuals, according to District Attorney Bill Neal.

They are as follows: Christopher Ryan Sharkey, 22, of Texarkana, Possession of a Controlled Substance (cocaine) and Possession of Marijuana; Melissa Sendejo Sharkey, 24, of Texarkana, Possession of a Controlled Substance (cocaine) and Possession of Marijuana; Joe Michael Alonzo, 43, of Vernon, Driving While Intoxicated-felony; William Anthony Thornhill, 50, of Seymour, Driving While Intoxicated-felony and Aggravated Assault; Princella Peoples, 38, of Seymour, Forgery; Trino Lara, Jr., 26, of Seymour, Possession of Marijuana; Terry Paul McQueen, 42, of Lancaster, Driving While Intoxicated-felony; Christopher Gerard Lyons, 24, of Dallas, Possession of a Controlled Substance; Jeremy Brian Aldridge, 22, of Edgewood, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (three counts); Christopher O'Neal Hardemon, 21, of Goree, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and John Finn Caussy, of Seymour, Illegal Interception of Electronic Communication (Count #1) and Possession of Unlawful Electronic Scanning Device (Count #2).

Members of the Grand Jury were: James Styles (foreman), Shannon Owens, Janet Eavenson, Lillie Curley, Vivian Hart, Charlotte Wright, Wanda Hutter, Sherry Duncan, Darran Dutton, Chris Orsak and Gary Snyder.

In the Knox County District Court on Monday, March 8, 1999, Christy Nacole Cameron, 22, of

Garland, plead guilty to an indictment charging her with Injury to a Child. Cameron was placed on probation for five years and was ordered to pay court costs. She was represented by Carl Quisenberry, Wichita Falls attorney.



Engagement Announcement

Kim Brockett of Munday announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Rane'e Shaleste Gray, to Brandon Lee Sosa, son of Ronny and Rosa Phillips of Munday. The couple will exchange vows in a backyard garden wedding on Friday, April 16th in Munday.

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Criminal Docket Action Keeps District Attorney's Office Busy

Last week saw felony criminal docket action in Baylor, Knox and Cottle counties, according to District Attorney Bill Neal.

Pedro Gonzales Cardoso, 26, of Paducah, plead guilty in the Cottle County District Court Thursday to Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary by District Judge David Hajek. The aggravated assault charge arose out of a shooting incident which occurred on January 9, 1999 in Paducah when Cardoso shot and wounded Fraido Isidro Rios. Cardoso had previously been on felony probation for felony DWI. He was represented by Childress attorney, Earl Griffin.

Also in the Cottle County District Court Thursday, Daniel Ybarra, 39, of Childress, plead guilty to a felony DWI indictment. Under a plea bargain agreement with the State, Judge Hajek followed District Attorney Neal's recommendation for ten days in jail, \$500.00 fine plus court costs, 180-day driver's license suspension and four years felony probation. Earl Griffin also represented the defendant.

Clyde Ray Thomas, 28., of Paducah, was also brought before the Court on the State's motion to revoke his probation. He was originally put on a ten-year probation in 1992 after pleading guilty to burglary of a building. The State's motion to revoke cited several grounds for revocation, including, failure to report to probation officer, failure to pay restitution and failure to pay his probation service fees. The Court appointed Earl Griffin to represent Thomas and the revocation hearing was continued and the defendant was remanded in jail pending further investigation by the probation officer, Dale Rush.

In the Baylor County District Court last Tuesday, Tamara Braziel, 41, of Ohio, plead guilty to Securing a Document by Deception (welfare fraud) and was placed on probation for a ten-year period. As a part of her probation, she was ordered to repay the State of Texas \$4,079.28 for welfare benefits paid to her by virtue of a fraudulent statement to the Texas Department of Human Services. She was also ordered to repay Baylor County \$470.00 for extradition expenses and was assessed a fine in the amount of \$2,500.00.

James Ray Swaim, Jr., 41, of Wichita Falls, plead guilty to a felony DWI complaint pursuant to a plea bargain agreement. He was sentenced to ten days in jail, 180-day driver's license suspension, plus a \$500.00 fine and placed on

felony probation for four years. Both Swaim and Braziel were represented by Andrew Ottaway of Haskell.

In the Knox County District Court on Wednesday, Jonathan Granvill Rizan, 19, of Knox City was brought before the Court on a motion to revoke his probation. Rizan had been placed on probation in 1997 after pleading guilty to Burglary of a Building. The State's motion to revoke was based on a DWI charge Rizan received in Wichita County in January of 1999. The State agreed to withdraw its motion to revoke his probation upon the condition that the Court impose a 45-day jail sentence on the defendant as part of his probation. He will be continued on his five-year probation after serving his jail time. Rizan was represented by Vernon attorney, Paul Scott.

Mark Sosa, 25, of Knox City, was also arraigned in the Knox County District Court on a felony DWI indictment. ***

Beef Cattle SPA Workshop to be Held

With the current situation in the cattle industry, it is imperative that cow-calf operators know how their operation is performing from both a production and financial standpoint. To assist ranchers in completing this analysis, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is offering a Cow-calf Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) Workshop to be held at the Texas A & M Research and Extension Center located south of Vernon. The course will be May 25 - 26, 1999 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. This will be a working workshop where the ranchers will be assisted in completing their own analysis. SPA provides ranchers an opportunity to analyze their ranch operation from both a production and financial side. SPA facilitates the comparison of an operation's performance between years, producers, production regions, and production systems. SPA is intended to be used as an annual tool by the cow-calf producer.

This is an intensive workshop with the intent being ranchers completing the analysis for the 1998 calf crop. Registered operators will be sent forms to organize data before the conference. Confidentiality of the producers data will be maintained. Individual conferences will be held with producers. Each ranch will be provided an assistant and a computer. It is important to register early so you can be advised on how to organize your data for the SPA analysis.

The registration fee is \$150 per

IT REALLY WAS A HOLE IN ONE!!

Nancy Whittemore was still all smiles on Monday after landing a hole in one at Lake Creek Golf Course on Sunday. The hole in one occurred at hole #5 after sailing through the air for 160 yards. Nancy was enjoying her favorite game with teammates Mary Smith, Belle Grill and Stacia Cook when the rarity occurred.

"She was in shock," said Mary as Stacia echoed, "She didn't have much to say after that!"

"It really didn't look like it was in the hole but when we got up to the green we saw the flag stick was holding the ball up," remarked Stacia, who reflected the excitement of her team mates feat.

Nancy remembered the event by stating, "All I could see was that the ball was going straight for the stick - I didn't know it would get there. I have 3 witnesses - my teammates and I had them sign my score card. The ball is now retired and the card is on my mantle." Nancy will continue to use the 3 wood that helped her hit the hole in one at Lake Creek. ***



NANCY WHITTEMORE

Summer TAAS Exit Tests Scheduled at Area Schools

The summer administration of the exit level TAAS and TEAMS tests will be conducted at 8:30 a.m. in the high school libraries of the Benjamin, Goree, and Knox City High schools on the following dates: July 13 - Writing (TAAS only); July 14 - Mathematics; July 15 - Reading.

Students who were in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades in the spring of 1999 are eligible to take any section of the exit level test that they have not yet mastered. In addition, individuals who are out of school may test at the summer administration.

Out-of-school examinees, enrolled students who wish to test at a site other than their home district, and TEAMS examinees must register. Students who were in Grade 10, 11, or spring of 1999 are considered enrolled students, not out-of-school examinees. All TEAMS examinees, whether enrolled or out of school, must register. Examinees may pick up a registration packet at the high school principal's office in Benjamin, Goree, or Knox City. Completed registration forms must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 p.m. June 11, 1999. ***

Credit by Exam Offered at High School

Any high school student wanting to take a Credit by Examination for Acceleration test needs to contact Debbie Williams at the high school. A student planning to take an examination for acceleration shall be required to register no later than 45 days prior to the scheduled testing date on which the student wishes to take the test. A student may take no more than two semester tests per testing date. Testing dates are as follows: June 12, 1999; July 10, 1999; July 12, 1999; August 2, 1999; October 2, 1999; and November 6, 1999.

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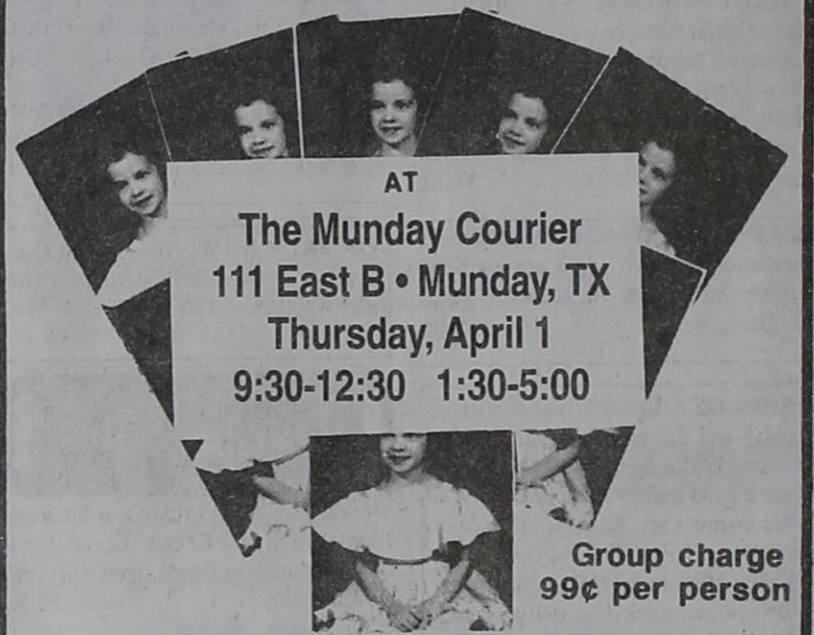
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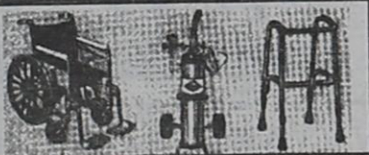
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