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WHITE'S  
Wagging  
Tongue

by Cynthia  
White

# Carden Named 2000 Miss Texas High School

A man went to see his doctor because he was suffering from a miserable cold. His doctor prescribed some pills, but they didn't help.

On his next visit the doctor gave him a shot, but that didn't do any good, either.

On his third visit the doctor told the man to go home and take a hot bath. As soon as he was finished bathing he was to throw open all the windows and stands in the draft.

"But doc," protested the patient, "if I do that, I'll get pneumonia."

"I know," said his physician, "I can cure pneumonia."

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A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "but no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied,

"They will in a minute."

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Coming home from his Little League game, Billy swung open the front door very excited.

Unable to attend the game, his father immediately wanted to know what happened.

"So, how did you do, son?" he asked.

"You'll never believe it!" Billy said. "I was responsible for the winning run!"

"Really? How'd you do that?"

"I dropped the ball."

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An efficiency expert concluded his lecture with a note of caution: "You don't want to try these techniques at home."

"Why not?" asked somebody from the audience.

"I watched my wife's routine at breakfast for years," the expert explained. "She made lots of trips between the refrigerator, stove, table and cabinets, often carrying a single item at a time. One day I told her, 'Hon, why don't you try carrying several things at once?'"

"Did it save time?" the guy in the audience asked.

"Actually, yes," replied the expert. "It used to take her 20 minutes to make breakfast. Now I do it in seven."

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Two social workers were walking through a rough part of the city in the late evening. They heard moans and muted cries for help from a back lane. Upon investigation, they found a semi-conscious man in a pool of blood.

"Help me, I've been mugged and viciously beaten," he pleaded. The two social workers turned and walked away. One remarked to her colleague: "You know, the person that did this really needs help."

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According to Jody and Sandy Council, Pageant Directors of the Miss Texas High School Pageant, "A little girl grows up in a loving and supportive family. She is always smiling, gentle, and loving. Throughout her childhood years she has dreams of being an athlete, dancer, cheerleader, beauty queen, and so much more." And on Monday, June 12, Jennifer Carden of Munday came home carrying her crown and sash that declared she was the 2000 Miss Texas High School pageant winner. Another dream realized for this talented, energetic, intellectual young lady who "still can't believe that this happened to me!"

According to pageant Directors Mr. and Mrs. Council, "It takes a girl who has worked hard through school, is well liked, and has done her best to achieve her goals... That is why we feel these girls deserve to compete for scholarships and to be recognized as the special girls that they are!"

Forty girls gathered at the Hilton Hotel North in Austin, Texas on Friday, June 9th to participate in the week-end long activities. Many, many more than 40 had applied for the privilege of representing their schools and communities at the event but only forty would have the final privilege of participating.

The contestants gathered at the Hilton North Friday evening where their families were invited to attend a time of orientation. Later there was a social time for the contestants only where the girls played

games to learn each others names and they also registered for door prizes.

The schedule for Saturday spanned from 8:00 a.m. until after

11:00 p.m. The days activities included rehearsal time for the talent competition, judges interviews with each contestant, rehearsal of a production number that all the

contestants would perform at the pageant, photo sessions and more.

On Saturday afternoon a formal introduction of the contestants was held in front of the judges and audience. During this portion Jennifer introduced herself by saying, "Hello, I'm Jennifer Carden from Munday, Texas, population 1600. When you're from a town where the only thing open after 5 p.m. is the coke machine at the ONLY grocery store in town, you have to be a well rounded individual. That's why if I'm not cheerleading, marching in the band, or competing in academic contests, I'm probably in the weight room power lifting or at the pig farm!"

The talent portion of the competition was also staged on Saturday evening. According to Jennifer, "Some of the girls were so talented - they were almost professional in their performances. I was really impressed with several of them."

That evening there was a pizza party and dance held for all the contestants and the top five talent winners were announced. "I wasn't a talent finalist - but after seeing some of the girls perform I didn't expect to be. They were really good!" Carden's talent was a jazz dance routine that included several athletic style moves and lifts.

On Sunday the contestants were again in a rehearsal for the production number at 8:30 a.m. At 1:30 p.m. a full pageant rehearsal was held which included rehearsing the escorts. Carden's escort was Junior King, also from Munday.

The actual pageant took place at

7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening. Carden says that she was amazed to be in the top 10 but when the official announcement of her selection to the title was made she was thinking, "Are you sure? Me? Really?!" She admits to being "overwhelmed and blinded by the lights for several hours after the pageant."

Carden believes that her interviews with the judges helped launch her over the top. "They were grading for poise and personality all week-end - along with the interviews," she says. During one interview with judge Vernon Glass, who is a former Texas Small College Coach of the Year, Carden impressed him with her powerlifting abilities and the fact that she placed third in the state in that competition. "Flexing my muscles might have helped," she jokes.

One judge asked Carden what she would do if she knew that a member of the cheerleading squad was caught drinking. Carden responded by saying that she would turn that information over to the principal of her high school. The judge prodded Carden by saying that she would then not be very popular with the accused cheerleader. "But I would have to turn them in because so many small children use cheerleaders as role models in our community. It wouldn't be fair to them and it wouldn't be good for the reputation."

Please See "Jennifer"

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JENNIFER CARDEN, MISS TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL 2000 proudly represents her home town of Munday, Texas as reigning royalty for the coming year. Jennifer competed with forty other contestants at the final competition in Austin over the weekend.



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**PUPPIES ANYONE?** These two opportunistic young ladies, Patlyn and Presley Melton found something to their liking last Saturday during the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's City-Wide Garage Sale. The pups were being offered by one of the vendors in the sale and these girls look to be more than willing to negotiate a deal on the dogs. It just goes to show you, there's always something for everyone at the City-Wide Chamber of Commerce Garage Sale.

## Gunter Resigns As Athletic Director at Munday High

Head Football Coach and Athletic Director of Munday High School, Steve Gunter, resigned his position on Monday, June 12. The resignation is effective immediately. Gunter acted as Assistant Football Coach during the 1996-97 school year and spent the remaining three years at Munday High School as Athletic Director. Gunter has accepted a position with the Hawley Independent School District as Head Coach and Athletic Director.

The Board of Trustees at Munday Independent School District will now begin the task of accepting applications to fill the position vacated by Gunter. It is hoped that a replacement can be found by July 1st.

The Board of Trustees has also announced the hiring of Kent Josselet, former Munday teacher, as the new girls basketball, cross country, and track coach. Josselet will be joined by his wife, Cindy, who will serve in the position of

Language Arts instructor on the junior high level. The Josselets will be returning to Munday from Wink where he was the head girls bas-

ketball coach and Mrs. Josselet was a teacher at Kermit Junior High.

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### Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture To Sponsor "Old Fashioned Saturday" in July

The Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will once again delight residents with "Old Fashioned Saturday" events.

During the course of Saturday, July 8th, an antique car show and cruise night will be the featured items on the agenda. Along with these two events there will be children's games, food booths, craft vendors, flea market vendors, door prizes and a full day of entertainment in the downtown park area.

This will be the second year that the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has sponsored an antique car show. The event this year is hoped to be bigger and better than the first. Trophies will be presented to the best vehicles in a

number of different categories and all who participate will receive a dash plaque commemorating the day.

Entertainment from dancers, singers, a 50's band, barber shop quartet, traditional Spanish ballads, and more will ring through the downtown park area.

If you would like to enter the car show, or if you or your organization would like to have a booth or other fund raising event during the day please contact the Chamber at

(940) 422-4540:

Be sure to mark your calendar now for Saturday, July 8th, and "Shake, Rattle and Roll" on into Munday for a day of great Old Fashioned fun!

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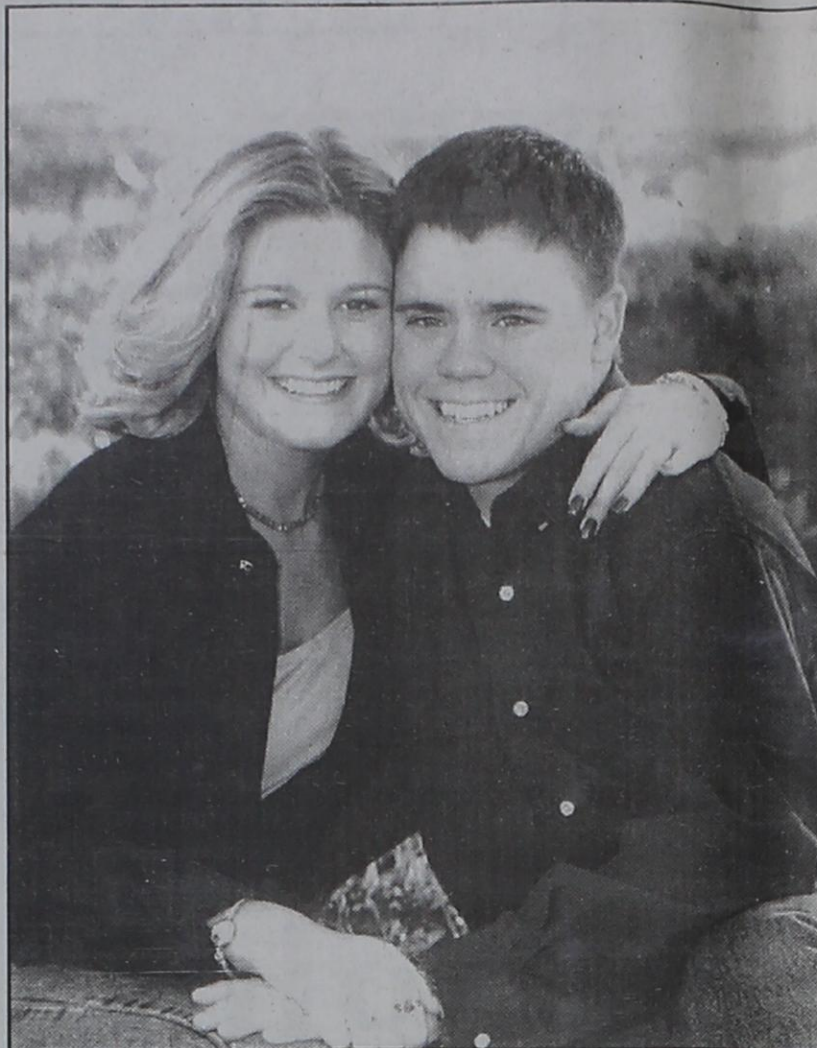
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**Engagement Announcement**

Al and Michelle Upton of Tomball, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kacee Ellen to Kenneth Bruce Nichols, son of Anthony Nichols of Conroe and Vicky Jameson of Houston. Kacee is the granddaughter of Homer and Jackie Lowrance of Munday.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Tomball High School and is currently employed with Compaq Computer Corporation. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Conroe High School and is employed with Joe Myers Mitsubishi of Houston. The couple plans to attend college in the fall.

The wedding will be held at Oakland Farm and Ranch in Tomball on July 15, 2000.

**News From Rhineland**

At their home in Rhineland, Albert and LuRose Schumacher hosted their family for the weekend of April 23rd, and on Easter Sunday for a noon brunch.

"Alex" Schumacher made his acquaintance with all family members. At the 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Joseph's Church in Rhineland, granddaughter, Tiffany Schumacher received her First Holy Communion with her family. All attended. Present were Michael and Cathy, Daniel, Neal, Amanda, and Mary of Vernon, Texas; Stephen and Selene Schumacher, Vance, Tiffany, and Samantha of Dodge City, Kansas; and Douglas and Shannon "Schumacher and Alex of Fort Worth, Texas.

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**Former Munday Students Make Dean's List**

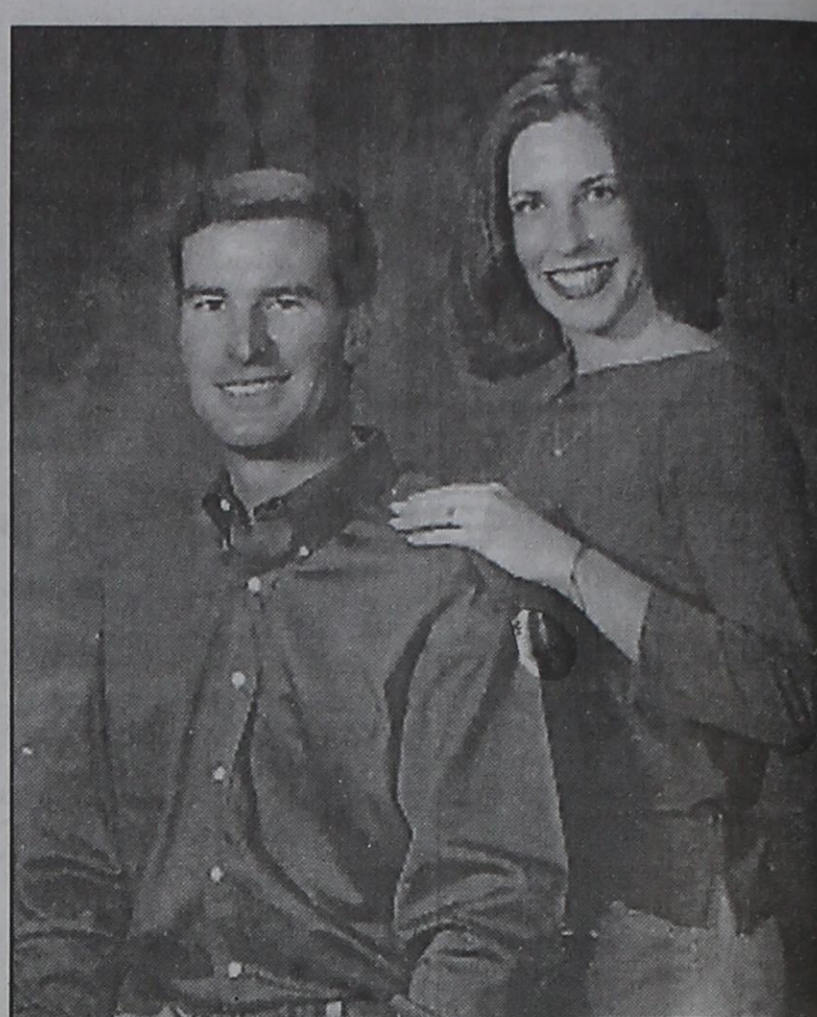
Haley Hutchinson of Munday has made the Dean's List at Hardin-Simmons University for the spring 2000 semester.

In order to make the Dean's List at Hardin-Simmons, one must complete 12 or more hours a semester with a GPA of at least 3.75 for that semester.

Marc H. McWhorter made the Dean's List at McMurry University for the spring of 2000.

McMurry's requirements for the Dean's List are a minimum GPA of 3.5 and the student must also complete at least 12 credit hours for that semester.

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**Engagement Announcement**

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Holley of Lubbock, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie, to Glen Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid of Munday.

The bride elect is a graduate of Slaton High School and currently attends Texas Tech University. The prospective groom is a Munday High School graduate as well as a graduate of Angelo State and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. He is an occupational therapist at the Levelland Nursing Home.

An August 5, 2000 wedding is planned at Saint Stephens Episcopal Church in Lubbock.

## 1st Letter Received From May 23rd Balloon Release

### Subscriptions Now Due for June

Subscriptions to *The Munday Courier* are now due for the month of June. If your label atop your Munday Courier is dated on or before 6/30/00 your renewal is now due.

Yearly subscription rates are: \$17.00 in Knox County, \$20.50 in Texas, and \$23.00 for out of state subscribers. Mail renewals to P.O. Box 130, Munday, TX 76371. As always, thank you for reading *The Munday Courier*.

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 14 - Jerry & Karen Meers, Larry & Annelle Welch.
- June 15 - Paige Ramirez, James Beaty, Kylie Myers, Rogelio Nunez, Gary & Judy Wilde.
- June 17 - Ray Robertson.
- June 18 - Justin Gray, Ronnie & Cheryl Urbanczyk, Floyd Reed, Jr.
- June 19 - Sandy & Delores Lambeth, Kevin Hawkins.
- June 20 - Chris Wallace.

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In honor of Mr. Doug Donoho's retirement, the teachers and children released approximately 300 balloons on May 23, 2000. This is the first reply that has been received.

Dear Mr. Donoho-

Hello. My name is Salina Trevino. My brother found your balloon in a hay field where he works. We live in Decatur, Texas. Decatur is a small town, but it is continually growing. I am 18, & my brother is 20. I recently graduated. Congratulations in your retirement. This piece of paper says that you've really made a difference in these kids lives. It's people like you who really let kids believe in themselves and give them hope. I hope you had a wonderful time being a principle. Hopefully you'll be able to do whatever it is that makes you happy. May God be with you every step of the way. Good luck in everything you do, and have

a fun and safe summer. Once again, Congratulations.

Sincerely,

Salina Trevino  
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## Calendar of Events



- June 14 - Flag day.
- June 18 - Father's Day.
- June 19 - Munday VFD.
- June 20 - Lions Club.

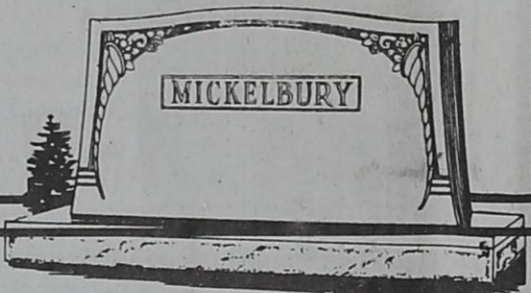
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## Knox County Aging Center

### Munday & Goree Menu

June 19 thru June 23

Mon, June 19th. - Chicken & Dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, lettuce & tomato soup, hot rolls, cake.

Wed. June 21st. - Beef spaghetti w/ mushroom sauce, green salad, black-eyed peas, cornbread, blonde brownies.

Fri. June 23rd. - Fish w/ tartar sauce, cabbage & apple salad, peas & carrots, macaroni & cheese, light bread, jello w/ fruit.

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.

### First Baptist Church Mission now has a New Date & Time for Worship en Espanol

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Hermano Dominguez

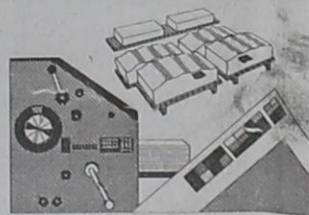
Sabado/Sat.  
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	High	Low	Rain
Thur. June 1	96	74	.00
Fri. June 2	83	70	.53
Sat. June 3	81	67	.90
Sun. June 4	83	70	.00
Mon. June 5	83	66	.00
Tues. June 6	85	59	.00
Wed. June 7	89	62	.00
Thur. June 8	90	30	.00
Fri. June 9	90	71	.00
Sat. June 10	89	71	.02
Sun. June 11	90	73	.00

Total Precipitation for June, 2000 1.45 inches.

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## Munday High School Student Participates in 40th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium

Forty-five outstanding high school students and teachers from West Texas Utilities Company service area attended the 40th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin. The conference got underway Tuesday, June 6th and ended Friday, June 9th.

A total of 400 students and teachers throughout the state attended the four-day event. Participants have the opportunity to tour some of the finest scientific facilities available and attend lectures and workshops by leading professionals in the scientific field.

The Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas jointly sponsor the symposium. West Texas Utilities Company is one of the symposium's sponsoring companies and paid all expenses for the students and teachers that attended on their service area.

The Foundation was founded for the primary purpose of conducting the world's first and largest privately financed research effort in the field of energy. The goal of the foundation and WTU is to broaden knowledge of energy science in Texas schools and to heighten awareness of the privileges that scientific discovery presents.

There are over 1,000 accredited senior high schools in the state of Texas, and West Texas can be proud of their schools for being chosen to send teachers and students to the Symposium.

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Attending the 2000 Energy Symposium Munday High School (left to right) Randy Waggoner, teacher, Joe Rivera, student and Kit Horne, WTU representative.

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## Former Munday Resident Finds World War II Letter

(Don Wallace, nephew of Aaron Wallace was recently rummaging through his parents belongings and found the following letter tucked inside an old envelope. This comes as a timely reminder that Knox County Veterans helped secure our heritage. Please remember to donate to the Knox County Heritage or the Veteran's Memorial.)

The following is a letter which I received from Aaron Wallace, who is in the thick of the fighting in Italy:

Hello, Dee and all pals of Munday: I guess you will be surprised to hear from me, but I haven't forgot my pals and good old Munday. And when a man gets over here and dodges bullets and bombs it will make him think of all the past and his friends back home. I can remember when we boys back there used to bunch up on the

corner of D.E. Holder's grocery, spin our jokes and talk of how sorry old Munday was. Well, I want to drop you a hint -- the ones that are left there take a fool's advice and praise that little city and the good friends in and around it, for you don't realize what hell is until you help fight a war. I couldn't realize what the World War I was like by listening to the soldiers talk, until I got into this mess. But now I can see what hell they all went through. And I am thankful to God that it is fought over here instead of the good old U.S.A., for it is unbelievable what war does for their cities, and small

towns like Munday, and their homes, and the poor mothers and children tramping the country, homeless and hungry.

And, pal, when you live in this mud and rain day and night, dodging those bullets and trying to give your buddies first aid, through all this mess, that is what you should call hell. And now I realize Munday, Texas, being a paradise, and I pray to be back there some day soon. Tell your mother and dad, your wife and all my friends hello, and may God bless you all. As ever your friend, Aaron.

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- 17 TXism: "fat as a boardinghouse"
- 18 satirical cartoon
- 21 former Houston mayor Whitmire (init.)
- 22 Alamo Heights AM
- 23 Ray Roberts Lake park: Isle
- 24 Corpus Christi is "The Sparkling the Sea"
- 29 TXism: "to"
- 30 TXism: "do-right boys"
- 31 TXism: "belongs to and the bank"
- 32 TXism: "you gotta pay the band"
- 34 TXism: "spilling fight"
- 35 nat. revolutionary party south of the border (abbr.)
- 36 Texana library: Barker History Center
- 37 Comanche court-house: "Old"
- 38 TXism: "two in a pod"
- 39 wolf snare (2 wds.)
- 40 TX Lois Chiles' agent in "Moonraker"

- 41 TXism: "does office business"
- 42 tennis shot
- 43 tire grooves
- 45 TXism: "as a wildcatter with a bank balance"
- 46 TXism: "it on the line"
- 47 famous TX square dance caller Golden
- 48 TXism: "give up the ghost"
- 49 filled with spirit
- 51 Dallas NHL team

**The Original**

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- 1 famous race won by 3 King Ranch horses
- 2 in Tarrant Co. on 287
- 3 TX Hagman film: "Getting Away All"
- 4 TXism: "about as clear River mud"
- 9 Dallas NHL goalie Belfour
- 10 Metroplex sports-caster Hitzges
- 11 youngster bauble
- 12 TXism: "threw the towel"

- 13 Tom Landry trademark?
- 14 TXism: "he creek without a paddle"
- 15 recedes
- 16 Judds were mother & daughter
- 19 drive-through wildlife preserve:
- 20 Fossil
- 21 Diez
- 22 Septiembre
- 24 Alvin FM
- 25 Caesar's 101
- 26 in Taylor Co. off I-20
- 27 TXism: "y'all"
- 28 TXism: "attracted like a light"
- 29 incompetent
- 30 umbilical or spinal
- 33 nat. wildlife refuge in TX: Santa

- 34 TXism: "mighty of"
- 35 edible fruit
- 37 alliance of nations
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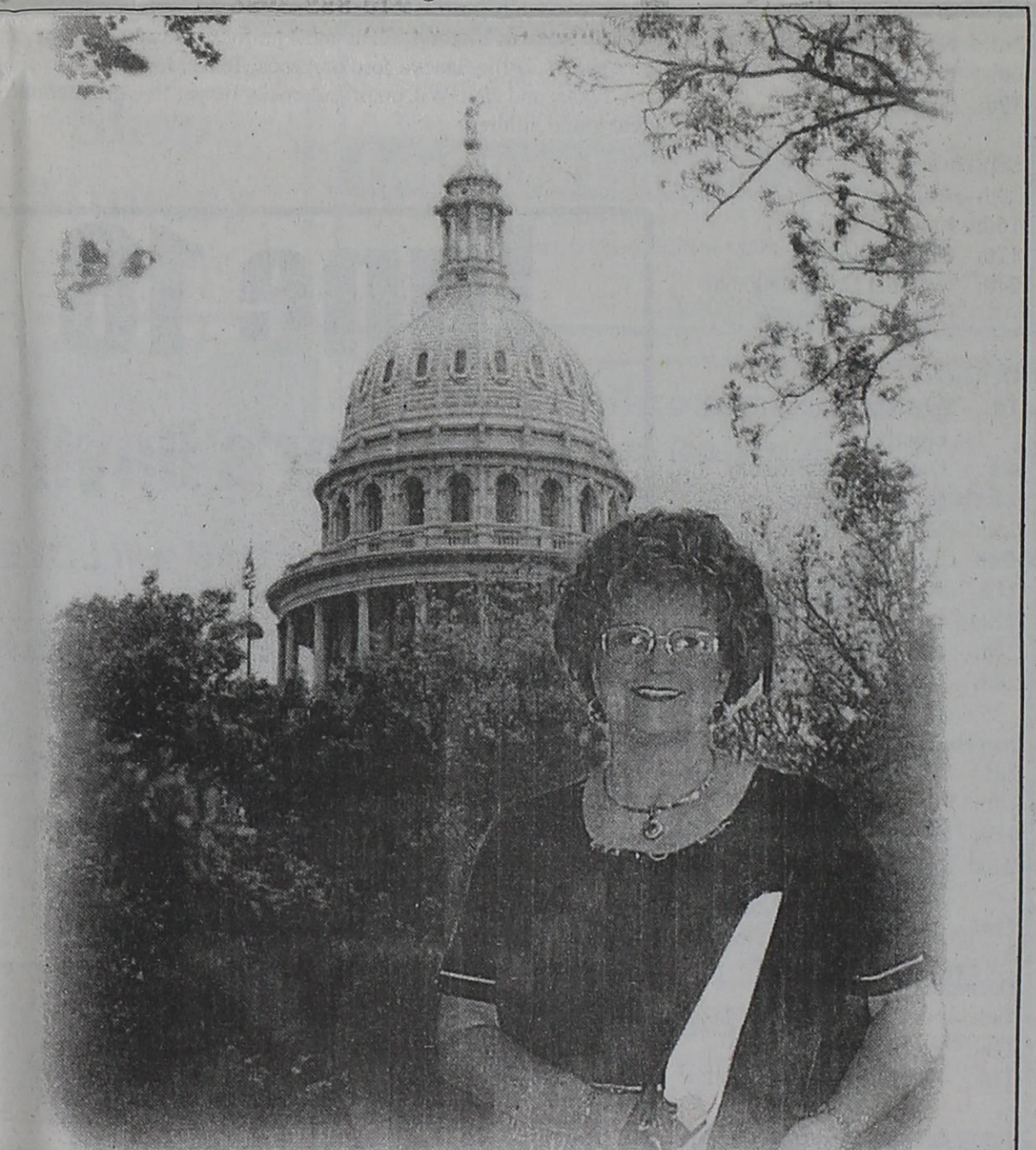
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**Knox County Aging Center Holds Fundraising Dinner**

The Knox County Aging Center is having a roast beef dinner and quilt raffle on Sunday, June 25, 2000. The fundraiser is being held in order to raise money for major repairs that need to be done to one of the delivery vans.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Advanced tickets for the dinner can be purchased or you can pay at the door.

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**Mark Those Calendars**

By Amanda Smith

Here are some rather unusual and non-traditional dates to remember, so mark your calendar ahead of time.

**June:**  
 17th - Eat Your Vegetables Day  
 20th - Summer Solstice

**July:**  
 6th - National Fried Chicken Day  
 18th - National Ice Cream Day  
 20th - National Nap Day  
 27th - Bug's Bunny's Birthday

**August:**  
 1st - National Night Out  
 3rd - National Watermelon Day  
 6th - Friendship Day  
 19th - National Golf Day

**September:**  
 10th - National Grandparents' Day  
 16th - Mayflower Day  
 17th - Citizenship Day  
 24th - National Good Neighbor Day

**October:**  
 1st - International Day for the Elderly  
 4th - Dick Tracy's Birthday  
 14th - Be Bald & Free Day  
 15th - National Grouch Day  
 16th - National Bosses' Day  
 21st - Sweetest Day  
 22nd - Mother-In-Law Day  
 24th - United Nations' Day  
 26th - "Make a Difference" Day

**November:**  
 3rd - Will Rogers' Day  
 15th - Great American Smokeout  
 18th - Mickey Mouse's Birthday  
 22nd - National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day  
 23rd - Thanksgiving Day

**December:**  
 15th - National Firefighter's Day  
 22nd - Winter Solstice  
 27th - Howdy Doody's Birthday

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**Letter to the Editor**

Why do I take the Munday "Times" Courier when I have been gone so many years from that area? I still have family there - Tom R. West and Tom C. West. He's my "little" brother and I like to keep up with Jessica and Cody Thomas West II, the Great niece and nephew.

I came to Hardin-Simmons and discovered indoor plumbing, electricity, hot and cold running water, and decided this is where I was going to stay.

We didn't have those luxuries at Brushy.

Martha Ann West Vletas

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**Local Obituaries**

**Beaty, Edwin (Jack)**

Jack Beaty died on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 at the age of 91 at the Lake Grandbury Medical Center in Grandbury, Texas. Services were held on June 9, 2000 at the Goree First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lenard Brothers officiating. Interment followed at the Goree Cemetery.

Beaty was born January 20, 1909 in Goree, Texas. Mr. Beaty was a farmer and a member of the Goree First Baptist Church.

Jack Beaty and Ruby Lee Perdue were married in Seymour, Texas on November 11, 1929. She passed away in June of 1993.

Survivors are two sons: Bob Beaty of Cleburne, Texas and Doug Beaty of San Angelo, Texas; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Brian Beaty, Ted Beaty, Jim Washburn, Scott Washburn, Donny Estes, Kowe Carmichael, Shawn Beaty, Mark Washburn, and Douglas Beaty, III.

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**Yeager, Troy Odell**

Troy Odell Yeager, former resident of Munday, passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2000 at the Brownfield Medical Center in Brownfield, Texas. Yeager was 76 years old. Graveside services were arranged by McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday, Texas and were held on Saturday, June 10 at the Johnson Memorial Cemetery. A.B. Martin, Jr. officiated the service.

Mr. Yeager was born in Munday, Texas on February 24, 1924. He moved to Seymour, Texas in 1977 and then to Brownfield, Texas in 1999. He was a farmer and also a member of the Church of Christ.

Troy Yeager and Margaret Lila Nixon were married on January 17, 1954 in Altus, Oklahoma. Mr. Yeager was preceded in death by his wife. She passed away on December 23, 1994.

Survivors include two sons: Charles and Bonnie Yeager of Amarillo, Texas and Bruce and Traci Yeager of Wellman, Texas; one daughter: Kathleen and Robert Reim of Sedro Wooley, WA; one brother: Glenn Yeager of Weatherford, Texas; four sisters: Maxine Nelson of Ft. Worth, Texas, Gladene Green of Benjamin, Texas, Glenda McNeely of Aubrey, Texas, and Shirley Seal of Euless, Texas; five grandchildren: Rachel Reim, David Yeager, Steven Yeager, Terrill Yeager, and Tanner Yeager; and five great-grandchildren.

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**Sargent, Marjorie Dee**

Marjorie Dee Sargent, 65, of Pleasanton, Texas, died on Sunday, June 4, 2000. Services were held on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 at the Hurlay Chapel in Pleasanton, Texas with the Reverend Jimmy Riley officiating. Interment followed in Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday, Texas on Wednesday, June 7.

Mrs. Sargent owned an ambulance service. She was preceded in death by one brother, J.A. Hill, Jr.

Mrs. Sargent is survived by her husband, Charles of the home; daughters Lou Sralla of Victoria, Texas and Tammy Vrana of Gatesville, Texas; three sisters, Billie Shackelford of Avoca, Texas, Jo Nell Cobb of Munday, Texas, and Jane Wilson of Lubbock, Texas; five grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

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**Letter to the Editor**

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**It's A Boy**



With great joy Douglas and Shannon Schumacher are proud to announce the adoption of their son Robert Alexander Schumacher. He was born June 18, 1999 in Ryzan, Russia, and adopted March 21, 2000. They live in Fort Worth, Texas. Rejoicing with them are grandparents Robert and Millo Owens of Wolfe City, Texas and Albert and LuRose Schumacher of Rhineland.

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**Red Cross Kicks Off Hot Blooded Texan III**

The American Red Cross is kicking off the summer blood drive campaign "Hot Blooded Texans III". Munday residents will have the opportunity to donate on Monday, June 26th from 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Perry Patton Community Center. Memorial Day weekend typically starts the decline in blood donations that usually lasts through the Labor Day weekend. To deter the blood supply level from dropping to dangerously low levels, the American Red Cross is asking area residents to donate blood and in return, donors will be one of the first people to receive a specially designed T-shirt, third in a series!

The criteria for donating blood has changed in recent years and many people who were once deferred may now be eligible to donate. There is no longer an upper age limit and insulin-dependent diabetics and those people treating high blood pressure may be able to donate if their disease is under control. Eligible donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old. Donating blood is safe. A new, sterile needle is used for each dona-

tion. It is then disposed of, never to be used again. The donor is in absolutely no danger of contracting HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, or any

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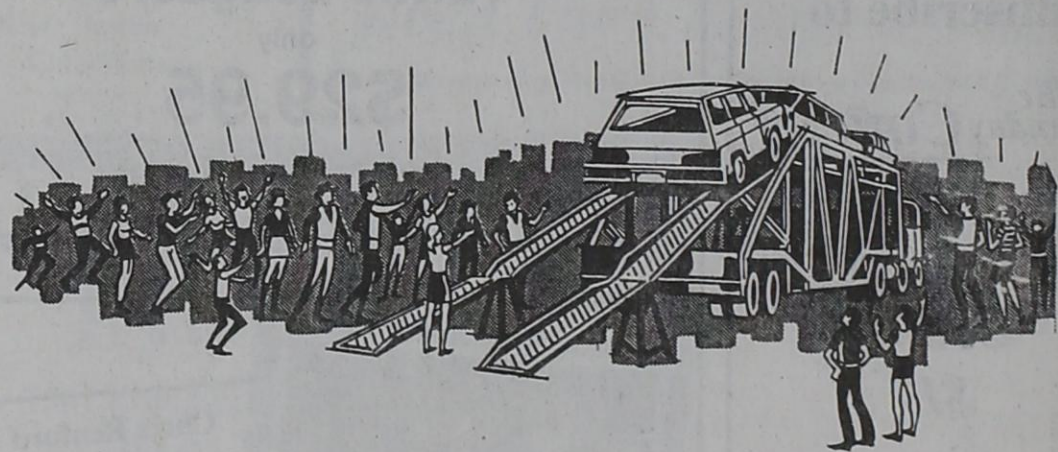
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# Minding Your Own Business

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

## The Price is Right, Why Am I Broke?

Recently, a client stated, "I know my price is right because my customers are buying, but I sure seem to be going broke." When I asked how he determined his price, he explained his pricing theory. "What my suppliers charge me determines how low I can set my prices. My competitor's prices establish the ceiling. Generally, I try to be somewhere-in-between," he said.

I've watched small-business owners for nearly 30 years. In that time, I've found that this "somewhere-in-between" pricing policy is a pretty common practice. I feel that using this system ignores some of the most important elements you should consider when making pricing decisions.

In this column, I'd like to help you take an objective look at your pricing strategies. You should be able to tell if your prices are helping you grow a successful business or steering you toward the poor house.

### Four Basic Factors

There are four fundamental factors you must consider as you evaluate your pricing strategy. They are:

1) Cost. You can't build a successful business without knowing all about your cost structure. Your price must cover both direct and indirect costs. I find that few small-business owners factor in all costs when they set prices. Most owners consider cost of goods sold and operating expenses when they establish price levels. I believe you also need to consider your income needs (opportunity costs), a return on your business investment (money costs) and future cash needs for growth and renewal (longevity costs).

2) Value. Regardless of costs, your customers are the ultimate judges of value. If your customers feel that your price is too high, it is.

They don't care about your costs or your longevity. Their evaluation of your price is a self-interested judgement of what you're charging for your products or services compared to the quality and quantity they are getting.

If you feel the value is less than it should be in your

business, you have three choices: 1) you can lower costs so you can reduce prices and still maintain current profit margins, 2) lower prices and give up profits or 3) find customers who are less sensitive to higher prices. All three of these choices can work depending on the circumstances in which you apply them.

3) Competition. Yes, competitors do play a role in fundamental pricing policies. However, they should not set an artificial ceiling for your business.

You should be aware of competitor's prices for obvious reasons. You may choose to compete on price or you may decide to add value for your customers and not worry about having the lowest price.

I recently consulted with a business owner who chose to "out value" his prime competitors. He studied his craft, acquired new knowledge and skills and raised his prices by 50 percent. (Yes, I said 50 percent!)

What happened? Did he lose customers? Yes, a few. Did he price himself out of the market? No, because of the newly acquired knowledge and skills, most customers feel that they are still getting good value. Through word-of-mouth promotion only, his business is increasing strongly.

4) Overlap. We need to realize pricing impacts many areas of business performance. The pricing overlap affects marketing decisions, sales levels, financial factors and profit. You need to consider the overlap factor when you set goals for this year. Will a price increase slow sales, or increase profits or both? If we reduce prices, will we increase market share and drive out competition or just lower margins?

Keep these four pricing fundamentals in mind as you adjust your pricing policies this year. Remember, there are two foolish positions in which you can find yourself: priced too high or priced too low. You lose something either way.

**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.**

## TxDOT Holds Public Hearing to Discuss U.S. 277

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the consultant firm of Carter & Burgess hosted a public hearing on Thursday, June 8, 2000 at the Perry Patton Community Center. This public hearing was to discuss the widening of US 277 to four lanes through Knox County.

A presentation was shown to discuss the proposed preferred location of the realignments at Munday and Goree, the environmental study and procedures for acquisition of right-of-way. A comment period was held to allow citizens to speak regarding the preferred alignment of US 277.

"The public hearing is the final step in the public involvement process towards the development of US 277 in Knox County," said David Casteel, Childress District Engineer. "Throughout the process we have received excellent community and citizen input and working with Gary Mizer (TxDOT Area Engineer) and consultant's we've been able to develop a plan, which we feel will meet both the needs of Munday and Goree and those of the traveling public on US 277. Again, We'd like to express our thanks to the citizens of Munday and Goree for their excellent input and cooperative attitude."

The Environmental Document and engineering drawings of the preferred alternative are available at the Munday Area TxDOT Office, located 1/2 mile west of FM 267 on SH 222 in Munday, TX. Anyone interested in viewing these items are encouraged to do so at anytime.

For more information about this or any other TxDOT project call: Gary Mizer, Munday Area Engineer, (940) 422-4115 or Barbara Seat, Public Information Officer, (940) 937-7145.

## Truscott-Gilliland News

By Clara Brown

Lots of farm work has been going on, finishing up what there was left of wheat harvest, plowing, grazed out wheat, and I guess getting cotton land ready. Don't know much about cotton out here on China Creek.

Visiting Sybil Simmons, Friday to Sunday was her sister, Bobbie Kinnibrugh of Floydada.

Ruby Martin and Homer took Gladys Meek to Ft. Worth recently for a foot surgery check-up. While there they visited Grace and Dub Dowdle. On June 6, Gladys treated the two couples to dinner out as it was the eve of their wedding anniversaries. Ruby and Homer married June 7 at Frederick, Oklahoma, 67 years ago. Grace and Dub married June 7, 53 years ago.

June and Newell Looney were in Lubbock Saturday, June 10, 2000, for the wedding of their grandson, Adam Looney, to Stacia Becton, both of Lubbock, at the Broadway Church of Christ. Stacia is employed at Lubbock Christian University and Adam is youth minister at Broadway Church of Christ.

Other family and friends attending were Nancy and Ryan Becker of New Braunfels; Kay and Mike Hardage of Vernon; and Lee Looney and Pat Pierce of Dalhart.

Adam and Zack Eddy went to an Oklahoma Lake with the Payne family recently.

Jodie Miller was visited by both her daughters over the weekend, Kay Hays of Abilene and Mary Nell Hints of Richardson.

Bill Brown of Gainesville has been helping his dad, Jack Brown, with plowing this week. He will be moving his family to Lamesa next week to a new coaching job.

## Jesus Road Rally 2000

Revvin' engines, cheering crowds, and checkered flags all signal that VBS is just around the next turn at the First United Methodist Church. Strap on your helmets and fasten your seat belts! It's time for full-throttle fun "In the Race with JESUS."

Shift gears and join us for "Road Rally 2000," running daily 9 - 11:30, June 19 - 23.

If you want your children to get out of the grandstand and prepare for the all-important race of life, we'll help youngsters, ages 3 - 6th grade, fill their tanks with God's word and tune up their engines with crafts, recreation, refreshments, and "drivin'" music will keep us "revvin'" all the way to heaven."

Don't miss the checkered flag! VBS director, Debbie Pankhurst, will answer your questions and encourages all kids to Run the Race!

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LITTLE LEAGUE RED SOX. (back, left) Coach Phil Loftin, Trent Tidwell, Cody Kuehler, Jordan Lowe, Sean Gray, Jonathan Key, Coach David Key, (front, left) Tyler Ford, Bandy Moeller, Lane Loftin, and Jay Alan White. Not pictured but playing for the Red Sox is Anason Jones.

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## Local Obituaries

### Pierce, Joe Bill

Joe Bill Pierce, former resident of Munday, passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2000 in Midland, Texas. A memorial service celebrating his life was held Friday, June 2 at the First Christian Church in Midland, where he served as a Deacon Emeritus.

Born on May 6, 1920 in Denton, Texas, he graduated from Texas A & M in 1942 and served with the 2nd Army in World War II. On October 22, 1942 he married Munday native Jean Williams at the First United Methodist Church in Munday. After returning from service in World War II, Pierce returned to Texas A & M and received his degree in Architecture. He was a partner in the firm of Pierce-Pace & Associates of Midland.

Survivors include his wife Jean, a daughter Cindy Choate and husband Mark of Palos Verdes, California, a son John of San Marcos and five grandchildren.

## Pink Flamingos Flock To Munday Residents Yards

Have you been flocked? Munday residents may have seen flocks of pink flamingos moving from house to house and wondered where those beautiful pink birds were coming from. Don't be surprised to awaken one morning and they have decided to make your front yard their home for a day or so.

There may have been a bit of confusion about these birds but the real purpose is simply a fund raiser for the new youth center in town called U-Turn. U-Turn has been organized by a group of Munday residents for the purpose of giving a positive hang out for our youth. Junior high through high school youth now have a place to hang out where their parents can know they are in good hands. Kacy Longan had the original idea for U-Turn because of her heart for our youth.

There has always been a concern that there is not much for our youth to do especially in the summer months.

Kacy has a bible study on Wednesday night. U-Turn is open on Friday and Saturday nights. There have been special guests and local Christians giving their testimonies. All students from 7th through 12th grades are welcome. Adults are welcome and encouraged to volunteer their time and money. This youth center takes money to operate. Different churches and individuals have made donations for Bibles, drinks, snacks, and other expenses. It costs about \$400 a month to operate the U-Turn and this includes no money from donations of parents and friends who support her vision.



A COKE FOR THE FLOCK. When the pink flamingos visited the home of Jenna Williams she used her imagination and sense of humor by adding some decorative cola bottles to the setting!

There are several special events being planned for the summer. The first even is The Princess Project for young teenage girls. This event is an all night slumber party with special guest Heather Floyd Payne a member of "Point of Grace" singing group. Heather will be speaking on purity. A camp out for boys is planned for later in the summer.

Now back to the pink flamingos. This is just a fun way to raise money. You can buy "Flock Insurance" to insure that the flamingos stay out of your yard or if you are the happy recipients you can pay a small fee and send them to a friend. Just remember if you wake up some morning and find yourself flocked that someone considers you a friend of Munday Youth.

Please join the fun and volunteer to help in some way. This project is good for Munday. And everyone is invited to the Munday Night Community Prayer Meeting at the First National Bank at 7:30 p.m. each Monday. Come and pray for

our Community. Everyone welcome.

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Stonewall County Courthouse	Dena Hayes	(940) 989-3393



**"Jennifer"**

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squad."

Carden's duties as Miss Texas High School will include being presented at several bowl games during football season and helping to host other events throughout the year. She will also make an appearance at the State Fair in Dallas.

In the near future the founders and directors of the Miss Texas High School Pageant will travel to Munday to make the formal announcement of her selection to Carden's hometown. During this visit they will explain Carden's duties for the coming year and the criteria used for her selection.

Carden expresses her gratitude to all the many friends and family members who helped sponsor her in this event. She also received a cash prize for selling the largest number of advertisements for the official program of the event. "I feel so fortunate that so many people helped me. Some of the



Courier photo

**RIDING IN STYLE.** Jennifer Carden receives the victory ride on the fire truck that Munday Volunteer Fire Department extends to victorious youth in Munday. Also shown are (left) Charlie Cook, Danny Carden driving, and Glenn Herring.

girls were from large cities like Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and El Paso and many of them said that they had a hard time finding sponsors. I am so thankful that everyone here was so willing to help me," she said. Carden also said that she owes many thanks to teacher Karen Longan and also to Gretta Waldrip who helped her in the categories of stage presence, poise,

"And especially in the interview category. They worked with me for hours!"

When Carden announced her victory to her grandfather, longtime Munday businessman James Carden, he responded with, "That's just unbelievable isn't it?"

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**Dr. Steve Thomas named fifth president of VRJC**

The Vernon Regional Junior College Board of Trustees named Dr. Steve Thomas, Dean of Instructional Services at Victoria College, as the new president on Monday, June 5.

Dr. Thomas will replace Dr. Wade Kirk, who is retiring in August after ten years. Dr Thomas' plans are to move by August 1 and be on the job by August 7.

Prior to going to Victoria college, Dr. Thomas served as dean of academic affairs at Lexington Community College in Kentucky. At Midland College, he served as assistant to the dean of community services, interim intramural director/faculty, and an instructor in the Department of Behavioral Science. He began his career as a case-worker at the State Hospital in Big Spring and went into a private practice after being a counselor and clinic director.

Dr. Thomas received his bachelor of arts degree in sociology and psychology at Southwest Texas State University, a master of arts degree at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Thomas and his wife, Vicki have one daughter, Lindsey, who will be in the eighth grade.

**Local Obituaries**

**Steward, James B. "Jack"**

James B. "Jack" Steward was born Dec. 30, 1917 to Henry and Myrtle Lee Steward in Caddo, Oklahoma. He moved to Knox County as a young child and attended Hefner School. He married Berniece Hudson on October 11, 1941 in Munday, Texas. He farmed in the Hefner Community for over 50 years and was a member of the Goree Church of Christ.

Mr. Steward died Thursday, June 8, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were held Saturday, June 10, at 4:00 p.m. at the Goree Church of Christ with Greg Melton and Ward Hudson officiating. Interment was in the Goree Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Berniece of the home; Tonya and Buddy Cypert of Haskell, James and Alicia Steward of Lubbock, and Pat Steward of Ranger; one brother, T.W. "Crick" Steward of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico; one sister, Ila Faye Lermuseaux of Bernalillo, New Mexico; three grandchildren, Cody Cypert of Richland Hills, Jacy Cypert and her fiancée, Brad West, of Garland, and Kristin Cypert of Haskell; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Leo Koenig, Sandy Lambeth, Charles Pribyla, John Foster, Bob Earles, and Robert Coffman.

Honorary pallbearers were Don Coffman, Pud Coffman, Les Jamison, Pat Taylor, John Pribyla, and Joe Pribyla.

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**Mejia, Miguel**

Miguel Mejia, resident of Munday, passed away at the Haskell Memorial Hospital, Sunday, June 11, 2000 at the age of 79. Services were held at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland, Tx on June 13, 2000. Father Leo Schloemer officiated and McCauley-Smith Funeral Home arranged the services. Interment followed at Saint Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. There was also a rosary on Monday at the McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Mejia was born in Atovac Jalisco, Mexico on August 28, 1920. In 1963 he moved from Mexico to Munday where he took up farming.

He was married to Maria Sanchez on August 23, 1966 in Revnosa Tamaulipas, Mexico.

His survivors include wife: Maria Mejia, of the home; two daughters: Bertha Rincones and Rosa Lopez, both of Chicago, IL; one brother: Vincente Mejia, of Munday; five sisters: Maria Castello and Josephina Cantu, of McAllen, Rosario Mejia, Susie Mejia, and Teresa Mejia, all of Old Mexico; nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

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**Students Win Medals at State**

Three medals were awarded to two Munday High School Band students for their achievements at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest (TSSEC) held at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos on May 29.

Brittany Alexander, daughter of Nancy and Johnny Birkenfeld of Goree, received a silver medal on her euphonium solo entitled "Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann" by Davis. Brittany performed her solo for Dr. David Wilborn, professor of trombone at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She has just completed her freshman year at MHS.

Nathan Neal performed two solos at the state competition. He received a silver medal for his "excellent" performance on his alto saxophone solo entitled "Slavonic Fantasy" by Heumann. "Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann" by Davis was the selection played by Nathan on baritone saxophone, resulting in a gold medal for a "superior" performance. Judging both of these solos was Michael Jacobsen of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Nathan is the son of David and Jan Neal of Goree. He will be a senior at MHS in the fall.

Brass quintet member receiving a second division on their rendition of "Quintet in b minor" by Ewald were trumpet players Justin Cypert and Brandon Melton, sons of Randy Bob and Sharon Cypert and Wayne and Connie Melton of Munday, respectively. French hornist, Cindy Hunter, daughter of Jerry and Kathy Low and J.L. Hunter of Munday, also performed as a member of the group. Brittany Alexander played euphonium for the group, and Joey Greenwood, son of Joel and Deanna Greenwood of Munday, was the tubist for the brass ensemble. David Scott of Angelo State University judged this ensemble in their performance. All are students at Munday High School except Greenwood, who is a recent graduate.

Members of the miscellaneous woodwind trio included Jenny Ramirez and Alicia Herring on Bb clarinet and Nicolas Lara on bassoon. Their parents are, respectively, Danny and Traci Ramirez, Glenn and Gloria Herring, and Ramiro and Stephanie Lara, all of

Munday. Their contest selection was entitled "Variations on La ci darem la Mano" by Beethoven, arranged by Merriman. The group received a "fair" rating on their performance. Steve Hager was their judge.

Nathan Neal will be notified by mail regarding the results of the

music theory exam he participated in at TSSEC.

Nine students attended the statewide competition. Others attending as sponsors and chaperones included Wayne and Connie Melton, Nancy Birkenfeld, Stephanie Lara, accompanist Sandy King, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bennett.

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The family of James B. (Jack) Steward  
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**Thank You**

I would like to send my thanks and gratitude to the Munday Athletic Booster Club for sponsoring me in the Big Country All Stars Football Classic. I feel very privileged to have been a part of the 1st annual game. Thank you for your confidence and generosity.

Eric Beaty

The generosity you showed towards me while I was seeking sponsors for the Miss Texas High School Pageant really helped to boost my confidence and made me so proud to claim Munday as my hometown. I hope that during this next year I can return your kindness and bring pride to the whole community.

Thanks for all your support.

Jennifer Carden

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent hospital stay. My family and I really appreciate all your thoughts and kindness.

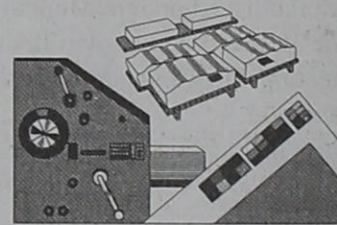
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## Munday Talent Shines At Gospel Jubilee

The Aspermont Chamber of Commerce held their annual Double Mountain Gospel Talent Search and Jubilee on Saturday, June 10th at the Aspermont School Auditorium. The annual event awards prizes in four categories - Under 15 Solo, Under 15 Group, Adult Solo, and Adult Group.

Taking home the Adult Group awards were 'Chord of 3' from Abilene - First Place, 'Exodus' from Spur - 2nd place, and the Townsends from Haskell - 3rd place.

In the Adult Solo division Haley Hutchinson of Munday was first, 2nd was Lori Clem of Munday, and 3rd was Lee Richey of Abilene. Also participating was Wendie Rogers of Ranger.

In the Under 15 Solos Kelli Cypert of Munday placed 1st, 2nd was Katie Richey of Abilene, and 3rd was Lynndy Moeller of Munday. Also participating was Whitney Sanders of Munday.

In the Under 15 Group division "The Six Teens" of Munday were the only group entered and brought home the 1st place award.

All first place winners participated in the Jubilee concert after the Talent Search on Saturday. Also lending their talents to the Jubilee were The Jerry Coplen Group from Aspermont, the Gospel Road Travelers from Albany, Dickey Wade of Hamlin - last years adult solo division winner, and Glory Bound of Abilene.

Glory Bound also graciously provided the sound equipment for the event and utilized their skills during both the Talent Search and Jubilee. Aspermont's Chamber president, Martha Jones, acted as Master of Ceremonies and entertained the audience with several gospel renditions during the events.

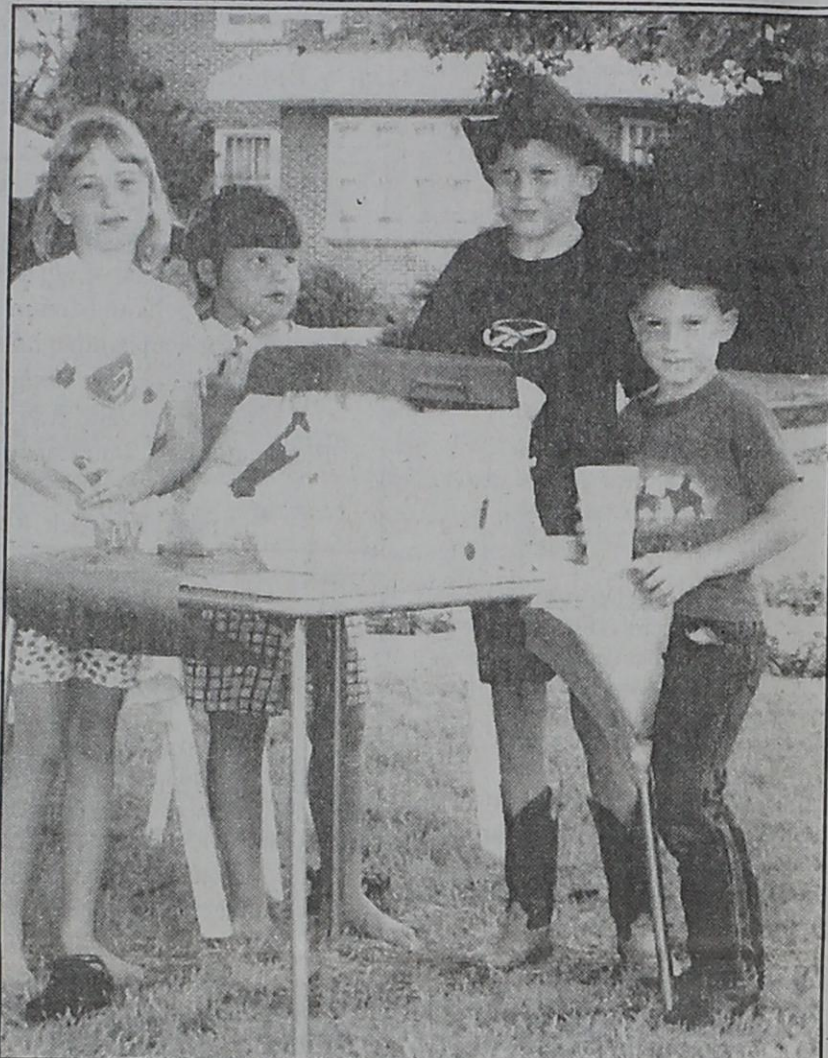
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**THEM COWBOYS LOOK MIGHTY THIRSTY.** These four young Munday entrepreneurs took advantage of the Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's City-Wide Garage Sale this past Saturday. Sarah Reeves, Kelsey King, Kendall King, and Shannon Reeves turned lemons into cold hard cash at their lemonade stand.

## Bennett To Direct Oil Bowl Band In Wichita Falls

Munday High School Band Director Rodney Bennett will be waving his baton next week at the annual Oil Bowl Football Classic played in Wichita Falls. Bennett will be directing the Oil Bowl Band for the second year, which is scheduled for Saturday, the 24th of June.

While this is year number two for the band to be under the direction of Bennett, it will be Bennett's 27th appearance at the Oil Bowl. Bennett has marched with the group since its inception 27 years ago when the marching band was under the directorship of the late Dr. Joe Haddon, Director Emeritus at MidWestern State University.

The band was formed as a means of getting local musicians involved and also as a way to benefit the philanthropic ideas of the Maskat Shrine Temple of Wichita Falls and the India Temple of Oklahoma City.

"This band is a lot of fun even though it's a lot of work, too," says

Bennett. "For some musicians this is a family affair with three or four generations of the same family playing together," he explains.

"In the early days of the band the game coincided with the beginning of school and summer band programs. Back then we would march 320 or 340 which was really neat," says Bennett. "It's fun to be surrounded by players."

Bennett expects that the band will be composed of approximately 125 - 150 musicians this year. The group will provide music from the stands and will also present a half time show during the game. Bennett is still mapping out the final details on the show but feels that it "will most likely consist of pop tunes."

To be eligible to play in the group a musician must be a freshman in high school or older. Bennett encourages all musicians from the Munday area to participate and will also help arrange transportation for those needing help traveling to and from Wichita Falls. Bennett also has a few tickets available for the game - please contact him for cost of the game tickets and for more information on the band.

## Knox County's Veterans Memorial Is On The March

The vision to build Knox County's War Memorial is on the march. \$30,000 of the \$50,000 has been raised, and the traveling Memorial Flag is shining with 30 stars. Efforts continue to complete the total cost of the monument. Send your contribution to the Knox Co. Historical Commission, Benjamin, Tx 79505.

On the march too, are brief memoirs from Knox County veterans, which could eventually form a computer biography, to be located in the court house in conjunction with the memorial/

An example follows:

"Freedom is not free." So thought Tank Commander Lieutenant Dwight Key of the 1st Armored Division when his tank group was pinned down for a

month on a flat area surrounded by mountains and the German Army near the Anzio Beach Head in Italy during WWII. Haunting his tank division was the knowledge that 1st Armored Division received more casualties from their own air power than they caught from enemy fire, because of lack of sophisticated equipment to read the ground forces locations.

Pinned down for a month, as the group sought ways to break out of the enemy's encirclement, Lieutenant Key looked back at the moment in 1942, when he walked across the A&M stage to receive his degree, and walked three more steps to receive his commission into the United States Army. How those memories clocked away! Ft. Knox, Kentucky...training horse mounted soldiers to jockey trucks, and tanks, then to North Africa as replacement in the 1st Armored Division. Goal? To chase Rommel and his forces out of Africa.

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How to break out? How to survive? They dug cave like protection and survived on what little rations they had with them. Finally a break out came. In that same period, Commander Key's tank took more than one direct hit. Each hit meant the possibility of fire and tank explosion.

Escaping that finality, with only the loss of his hearing, Commander Key and his division followed the Germans up the Poe River in the spring. What was the most threatening moment of his entire war experience?

"As tank commander, with my head without protection I had to read the terrain with only my helmet between me and sniper fire. One bullet caught my steel helmet lieutenant bar, shattered and scattered down my back. We continued without stopping. Though I came home, many of my buddies did not make it. No freedom is not free."

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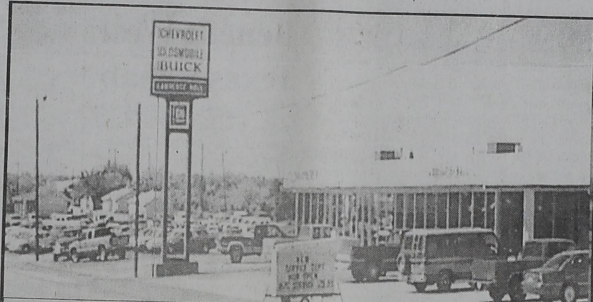
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# T-Ball - The Best Show in Town!

by Cynthia White

Who said there aren't fun things to do in Munday? If you are lacking for entertainment in your life then I invite you to the T-Ball games played at the Little League Field every Tuesday and Friday at 5:30. But hurry! This is the last week of the T-Ball season of 2000.

These fine young athletes are 5 and 6 years of age and are learning quickly. Some will be ready to advance into the throws of Pee-Wee league next year.

But as a first time ever T-Ball Coach I must say that the experience has not only been rewarding but I soon determined that episodes of the season were also worthy of putting into print.

We started our season prior to the end of school and began the search for an appropriate practice place. We decided that a near-by vacant lot would be just the spot and, after obtaining permission from the very supportive owners, we began our workouts in earnest. What could be better? A vacant lot in spring dotted with youngsters whose dreams focused around slamming a home run seemed very picturesque.

During the first practice session we soon determined that not only were the attention spans of our young charges short but the time between visits to the bathrooms was also abbreviated. Thus allow me to extend this suggestion to future T-Ball coaches - pick a spot close to your home for practice sessions - it can be invaluable!

The little ball players seemed to enjoy the practice sessions but what they really enjoyed was the water breaks. Mom's, if you're having trouble getting your child to drink H2O here's a hint - put a baseball cap on their heads, a bat in one hand, and a bottle of water in the other hand. Then tell them they have to practice ball - I promise they will want to drink the water! (Another reason for staying close to a bathroom!)

The first game of the season was fast approaching and anticipation gave way to "butterflies" as the young "diamond miner's" took to the field. Excited chatter could be heard coming from the dug-out but most of it seemed to concern either getting a drink from the cooler or who had the newest Barbie doll.

"The Peppers" took to the field and had the first bat of the very first game of the year. Striding up to the plate and looking formidable in her brand new red ball cap and shirt was Miss Kylie Urbanczyk. "All right, Kylie. Now hit the ball just like you do at practice," encour-

aged the coach. Kylie complied and whacked the ball. Excited cheers came from the stands but they were all saying the same thing, "No, Kylie. Run the other way!" Kylie had raced off to 3rd base! Like tires screeching on hot pavement she put the brakes on and began to run the other way. A team member from the opposition grabbed up the ball and threw hard to first base - by this time Kylie was rounding the corner at home plate on her way in the other direction to 1st base. An overthrow occurred on the part of the opposition and, finally, Kylie was safe at 1st - after almost making it to 3rd at the beginning of her hit!

After every one had batted (that's another good thing about T-ball - there are no 3 outs per inning - everyone gets to bat every time!) "The Peppers" grabbed their brand new gloves (and I mean brand new) and headed for the outfield. "O.K. Everyone take your position?" came the orders from the head coach. This command was promptly returned with blank stares from the players who had no clue what a "position" was - much less where it was! Ryan and Baileigh were escorted to the outfield (which isn't very far out in T-Ball) and Lambrey and Matthew were sent to play between the bases. Rian was on second base with Lee on first and Mark on third. Ryder and Kylie were defensive pitchers and Taylor was in the dug-out nursing her broken and casted arm (bless her little heart!).

Now it was the Rangers turn to bat. No, not the Texas Rangers but the Munday Rangers! Jose and Dylan can really slug a ball and they knocked a few runs into place. The Peppers defense was working - Lee managed to hit the dirt and reach for 1st base with every throw his way. Even if it was over thrown or he was behind the runner he still managed to dive for the base as if making a grand play - after all, what's a T-ball game without getting your uniform good and grimy.

The Rangers were looking good but finally, after about 5 of the 10 Peppers had yelled out, "Miss Cynthia, when are we going to get to bat?" it was almost time for the big switch. Danielle was the last batter and as is the tradition in the T-ball league, the last batter gets to run all the way around the bases. It was a close contest to see if Danielle made it to home first or if The Peppers made it to the dug-out first - they were anxious!

At practice the next week head

coach Jay decided he would teach the team about the "lead runner" concept - you know, try to get the lead runner out to stop the points on the board (even though we don't even keep score in T-ball!). "O.K. team. Let me ask you a question," stated Coach Jay. "If there was a runner on 1st, on 2nd, and on 3rd - who would the lead runner be?" A little hand went up in the back, "Baileigh?" came the inquisitive answer. Realizing that he hadn't gotten through to the team (!) Coach Jay decided to try it again. "Well, let me put it this way. If a batter hit the ball and Baileigh was on 3rd base where would she go next?" "4th base?" came another question styled answer. "Told you it wouldn't work," I reminded the head coach.

During the next game we teamed up against the ever challenging "Twisters." Now, this group was prepared to play. Coach Kim Kuehler had tuned up her team - but then she had a point to prove. At the beginning of the season one of her players told her, "You can't coach a baseball team - you're a girl!" The Twisters knew all the turns and hops and skips. Not only that, but all Coach Kuehler had to do was say, "Look ready, Twisters!" and every single player on the field got down into their bent knee position - of course, this angle is closer to the ground and makes it much easier for players to examine rocks on the field and clover in the grass.

During a very tense portion of this game one player was overheard to turn from the dugout to his mom on the stands and yell, "Mom! What does 'faces are loaded' mean?"

The end of the game is always a highlight for the players. That's when they rush the concession stand and the wearied moms who are working there. Free soft drinks are handed out to each player and cries of "I opened it myself" ring through the air. Never-mind that they finally managed to hit a pitched ball rather than one on the tee. Opening your own soft drink can is quite an accomplishment.

T-ball! It's a great institution. Everyone is a winner - there are no losers. Just plain 'ole having fun. And every player feels just the same way as young Emilio Avalos of the 'Munday' Rangers - at the onset of every game Emilio looks at Coach Traci Cooke and yells out excitedly, "Coach - we're going for the gold!"

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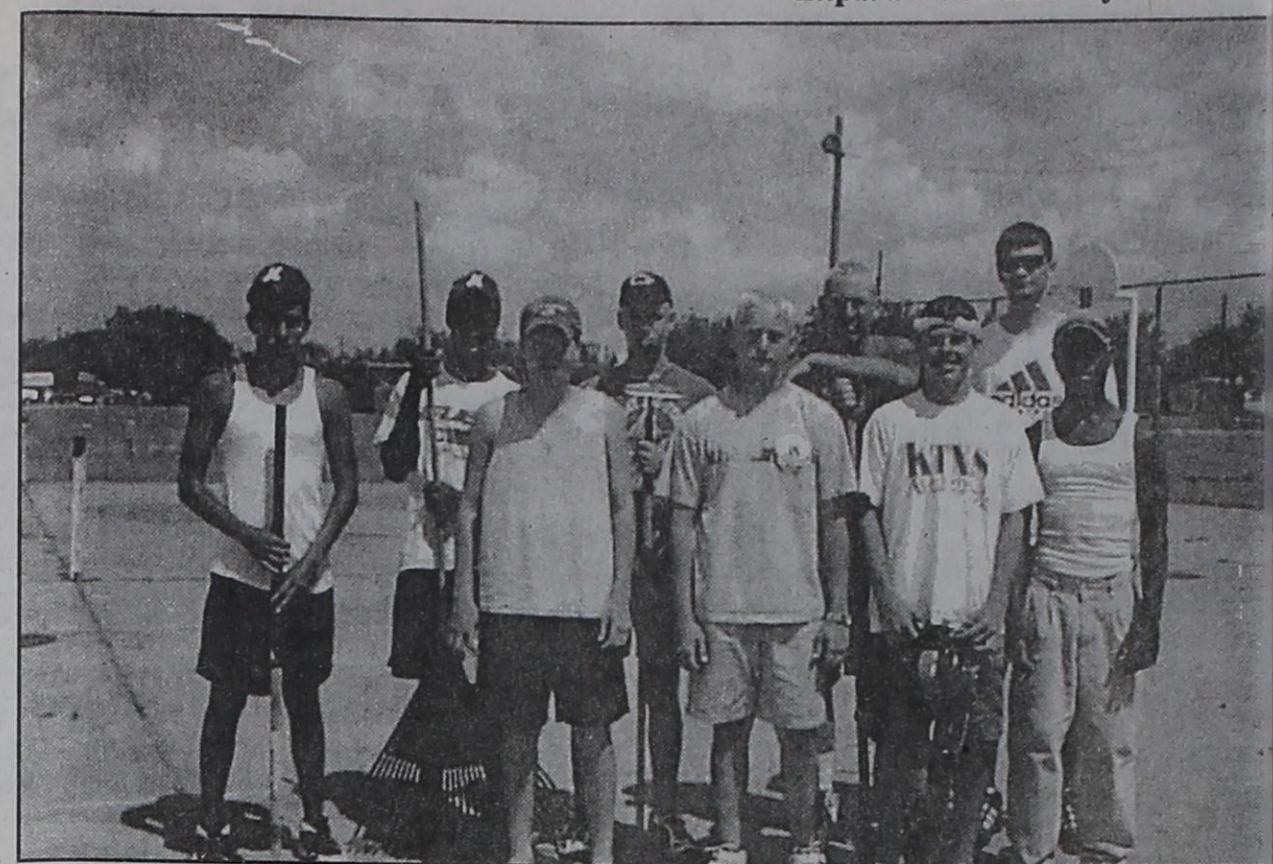
## You Be The Writer - Send Your Memories To The Courier

Last year The Munday Courier invited readers to send their memories of Munday and the surrounding area into the paper for publication during the month of July. The articles and pictures that were sent in were well received by subscribers and news stand readers.

Therefore, we would once again like to invite you to become the writer during the month of July this year.

If you have a special memory of growing up in Munday, Rhineland, Benjamin, Goree, Knox City, or other location in Knox County, we invite you to share these reflections in our pages.

Please send us your story either typewritten or legibly hand written prior to July 3, 2000. Stories should be 500 words or less. There is no fee associated with publica-



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**FOR THE LOVE OF THE SPORT.** These young men were granted permission from the Munday ISD to clean up the old tennis courts across from the elementary school for the purpose of transforming it into a roller blade hockey area. Sporting their clean-up tools are Junior Sanchez, Jeffery Toliver, Colt Weeks, Jimmy Taylor, B.J. Brown, Wes Crawford, Josh Ross, Will Longan, and Russell Shields. BK Electric donated lighting supplies and helped install the equipment.

## Art Show to Benefit West Texas Rehab

The Stamford Art Foundation is making final plans for the 27th Art Show and Sale on July 1-4 at the John Selmon Memorial Gallery. The Preview Party will be Thursday, June 29th. The Art Show is held in conjunction with the Texas Cowboy Reunion.

The Stamford Art Foundation is a non-profit organization with 15 directors and approximately 140 volunteers who work without pay to bring outstanding art to Stamford.

The proceeds from the Art Show benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The Rehab has helped many people in Knox county and the surrounding area.

R. Russell Brown, artist, from Canyon, Texas painted and donated a watercolor painting entitled "Mountain Trail" for the Art Foundation to use in a raffle to use in a raffle. The painting depicts two cowboys riding down a mountain trail enjoying the beauty of tall pine trees, mountains, and snow while riding slowly toward a crystal clear lake. The painting is valued at \$950.00.

The drawing for the painting will be the last performance of the Texas Cowboy Reunion on July 4th. The raffle tickets are \$5 each with all proceeds benefiting the Rehab.

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**JENNY AND COLE REDWINE** proudly display their \$50 prize of Munday Money as the Mother and Child Contest winners sponsored by the Munday Courier. Thanks to all of the entrants in this annual event.



MERCEDES CYPERT

## Dairy Queen Manager Cypert is Promoted

Richeson Companies, a Graham based restaurant chain, has announced the promotion of Mercedes Cypert to the position of District Manager.

Cypert started in the restaurant business at the age of sixteen and joined the Richeson Dairy Queen group in 1979. Cypert says, "It's helped me raise my kids."

During her employment with Richeson Companies, Cypert has managed Dairy Queen stores in Munday and Graham, as well as serving as a trouble-shooter manager for other Richeson stores.

In her new position, Cypert will supervise a group of nine store, and will have extended duties for training, sales growth and policing quality controls.

Mercedes Cypert and her husband, Melvin, live in Munday. She has three children and three grandchildren.

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## The Kitten

The Preacher had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The Preacher coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the Preacher decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

He did all this, checking his progress in the car frequently, then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved a little further, the rope broke.

The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air out of sight. The Preacher felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they had seen a little kitten. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his

church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. Now this woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days later the child begged again, so the mom finally told her little girl, "Well if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She told the Preacher, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Preacher, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws spread out, and landed right in front of her. And the Preacher smiled and went on his way.

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