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U.S. to honor local family of fallen WWII hero

By Mary Jane Young
 For the News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The family of Pfc. C.J. "Jack" Kelton of Truscott, who died during World War II, will be recognized as a Gold Star Family by the Department of Defense in a special Veterans Day ceremony at the Knox County Veterans Memorial.

The event will be at 11 a.m. Nov. 11. The Gold Star Lapel Button, also referred to as the Gold Star pin, is distributed to members of the immediate family

of a fallen service member by the Department of Defense. The pin is distributed according to strict Department of Defense guidelines for service members who have lost their lives in conflict or in support of certain military operations.

The Gold Star has also appeared on flags, as was popular during WWII, which families would hang in the window to indicate that a loved one had been killed overseas. Gold Star Families, those included in this Registry, are individuals who have received the Gold Star Lapel Button from the Department of Defense

for the sacrifice of their loved one.

About Jack Kelton
 On Dec. 31, 1924, C.J. "Jack" Kelton was born to Willis T. and Lillie Florence Clark Kelton, in Kanima, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Kelton, Jack and his sister Geneva, moved to Truscott in June 1938. Little C.J. attended school at Truscott but went to Crowell the last two years and played football. He graduated from Crowell High School in May 1943.



See HERO, Page 3 Kelton

Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Veterans edition
 The Knox County News-Courier Veterans Day edition will publish Nov. 15. Readers are encouraged to submit a photo and no more than 250 words about their family's loved ones who have served the U.S. military from the Civil War to present day. Email submissions by Nov. 11 to kcnewscourier@gmail.com

KC Halloween
 Knox City officials are asking residents to celebrate Halloween Nov. 2, particularly door-to-door trick-or-treating. Parents of trick-or-treaters are reminded to visit residences only if the home's front porch lights are on. The change is being made due football schedules.

OBC Fall Fest
 The community is welcome to attend the Fall Festival hosted by O'Brien Baptist Church, 902 Grand Central Ave., O'Brien, at 4 p.m. Sunday. Hay rides, games and fun for the entire family. Friendly costumes are optional. For information, call the church office at 940-658-3553.

Election Day
 Remember to take a photo ID with you to vote Tuesday. You must be registered in the county in order to cast a ballot. On Election Day, arrive at your precinct between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Contact Knox County Clerk's Office for information at 940-459-2441.

Veterans program
 The Knox County Veterans Day Program will be at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the Knox County Veterans Memorial in Benjamin. Following the program will be a hamburger meal at the Benjamin Ex-Students Building. The Wichita Brazos Museum will display military memorabilia from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Those wishing to display personal military items may bring them to the museum from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 7-8. Call 940-459-2229 for more information.

Harvest Festival
 Knox City Baptist Church, 200 S. Central Ave., will host the annual Harvest Day Festival program and luncheon at 10 a.m. Nov. 12. Lunch will follow at noon. Call the church office at 940-657-3141 for information.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgin at kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

News on the go



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Cuts coming to SNAP benefits in November

By Wayne Hodgin
 The Knox County News-Courier

Beginning Friday, local families receiving government-issued food vouchers will have to budget a little differently because their benefits will be cut an average of 7 percent.

The cuts are due to an expiring provision of the federal stimulus approved in 2009 for hungry families impacted by the harshness of the recession. While the increases were to be slowly phased out as the economy improved, Congress voted in 2010 to abruptly cut that funding short, creating a holiday benefit cliff that likely will increase food insecurity nationwide.

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SNAP REDUCTIONS
 Beginning Nov. 1, SNAP benefits will be reduced by an average of 7 percent to Texas residents. Reductions are based on household size.

Family Size	October Maximum	November Maximum
1	\$200	\$189
2	\$367	\$347
3	\$526	\$497
4	\$668	\$632
5	\$793	\$750

50th reunion



Photo submitted by Karen Davidson
Members of the Knox City High School class of 1953 met for their 50th reunion last weekend at the Whitten Inn in Abilene. Those attending included (front, left to right) Shirley Johnston Reeves of Temple, Jo Denton Smith of Midland, Dorothy Paul Brown of Irving, Tennie Jo McNulty Beyer of Saginaw and Mary Beth Waldrup Sharp of Abilene; (back row) Mark Davidson of Sundown, Jerry Don Houston of Littleton, Colo., Jolly Bill Whitten of Benbrook and Guy Thomas (Yeater) Robinson of DeSoto. A good time was shared by everyone, eating, laughing, telling stories and catching up on each other's lives.

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend

The Knox County News-Courier

For most Americans, daylight-saving time will come to an end this weekend with a "fall back" to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Most states "sprung forward" at 2 a.m. March 10 earlier this year.

Although the federal government doesn't require U.S. states or territories to observe daylight-saving time, most abide by the guideline that gives us an extra hour of sleep in the fall and an extra hour of sunshine in the spring.

Daylight-saving time was officially moved from the first Sunday in April to the second Sunday in March in 2007 per the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and signed by President Bush. DST ends the first Sunday in November.

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Achievement



Special to the News-Courier
Munday supporters Lorrie Coop, Jimi Coplen, Rosie and Rick Ake and Mayor Bob Bowen recently attended the Texas Midwest Community Network Conference in Abilene. Mayor Bowen displays the award that named the city of Munday a Community of Achievement.

City recognized as a 'Community of Achievement'

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
 The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — Munday was named "Community of Achievement" at the 20th annual Texas Midwest Conference on Oct. 23 at the Abilene Civic Center.

The award was presented to Mayor Bob Bowen and City Administrator Rick Ake.

Although the award application was prepared and submitted on behalf of the city of Munday by Jimi Coplen with Knox County Visioning Group, several people contributed to the city actually winning the award, Ake said.

"It is a community effort on behalf of all the different city organizations working together long and hard to become a better community as whole," he said.

Texas Midwest Community Network President Kathy Keane said the awards program encourages communities in its region to be better prepared for the future.

About 400 community representatives from 45 cities in the region were present for the luncheon and awards presentation.

Coplen said an application for the award was submitted in July detailing the city of Munday's communitywide plan (vision), beautification efforts (pride), student participation on local projects (youth involvement), local endorsement (business community) and website (connectivity).

"When applications are received by the TMCN office, individuals from neighboring communities in the region are assigned to visit the city to conduct a windshield tour of what a visitor sees and experiences when they come to town," Coplen said. "Information from the windshield tour is then provided to

local leaders."

Now that the city of Munday has received the Community Achievement Award, it is eligible for the "All-Star Community" Award, which is the most prestigious award given by the TMCN.

This is an area of pride for civic leaders, Mayor Bowen said.

"Now we are eligible for the All-Star Community Award and will attempt to earn it through continual municipality beautification," he said. "We are really cleaning up things around town and trying to get our website working better. We are also trying to get the students more involved and have been working with the Keep Munday Beautiful Group."

While there may be a few different "Communities of Achievement," the All-Star Community Award is given to only one outstanding community a year.

TMCN member cities are Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

The mission of Texas Midwest Community Network is to promote a regional approach to provide the resources and awareness for its members to achieve economic and community growth. The organization provides a means by which communities can work together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.

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Letter to the editor

Make breast cancer screening a priority

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and unfortunately, even with all we know about early detection, breast cancer remains the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among women. When breast cancer is discovered early, the survival rate is 98 percent, but when diagnosed at later stages the survival rate drops to 27 percent.

Unfortunately, many women do not have access to lifesaving mammography. Only 26 percent of uninsured or underinsured women older than 40 had a mammogram in the past year, compared with 56 percent of adequately insured women.

In the last 20 years, a federal program run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided more than 10 million breast and cervical cancer screenings to women who otherwise would have not been able to afford them. Lack of funding for the program limits access to one in five eligible

women, and recent across-the-board federal spending cuts, known as the sequester, are threatening access to an additional 32,000 screenings for women nationwide — including 1,309 in Texas.

Without proper funding, the women who could benefit from the CDC screening program will have to skip potentially lifesaving tests and treatment. As we commemorate the women in our community and across the country this month who have battled breast cancer, we ask lawmakers to make restoring funding for cancer prevention a top priority.

SUSAN SPURLOCK-RAWLINS and JUDY ALLEN

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
Congressional District 13

Menus

Week of Nov. 4-8

Knox City-O'Brien Breakfast

Monday: Pork sausage biscuit or cereal bowl, toast, mixed fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday: Biscuits with sausage gravy or cereal bowl, toast, peaches, juice, milk

Wednesday: Breakfast pancake wrap or cereal bowl with sausage, toast, applesauce, juice, milk

Thursday: Golden waffles with syrup or cereal bowl, toast, pears, juice, milk

Friday: Breakfast pizza or cereal bowl, toast, pineapple, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday: Spaghetti, or Italian antipasto salad with salami or bologna and cheese, corn, green beans, mixed fruit, slushy, milk

Tuesday: State Fair corn dog or fajita chicken salad or turkey and cheese, carrots, pork and beans, fruit, slushy, milk

Wednesday: Soft chicken fajita tacos or garden pasta salad or ham and cheese, Mexicali corn, lettuce, cinnamon apple slices, slushy, milk

Thursday: Chicken tenders or zesty tuna salad or tuna salad, gravy, mashed potatoes,

green beans, peaches, slushy, milk

Friday: Pizza or chef salad or po-boy, tater tots, baked beans, applesauce, slushy, milk

Munday Breakfast

Monday: Golden waffles with syrup, honey graham, mixed fruit, slushy, juice, milk

Tuesday: Cereal bowl, honey graham, peaches, slushy, juice, milk

Wednesday: Breakfast pancake wrap, applesauce, slushy, juice, milk

Thursday: Cereal bowl, honey graham, pears, slushy, juice, milk

Friday: Breakfast pizza, honey graham, pineapple, slushy, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday: Spaghetti or bologna and cheese, corn, green beans, mixed fruit, slushy, milk

Tuesday: State Fair corn dog or turkey and cheese, glazed carrots, pork and beans, banana, slushy, milk

Wednesday: Soft chicken fajita tacos or ham and cheese,

Mexicali corn, lettuce topping, cinnamon apple slices, slushy, milk

Thursday: Chicken tenders or tuna salad, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, slushy, milk

Friday: Pepperoni pizza or po-boy, tater tots, baked beans, applesauce, slushy, milk

Knox County Aging Center

Monday: Tilapia with lemon slices, corn, cole slaw, hush puppies, cherry crisp

Tuesday: Polish sausage, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches

Wednesday: Glazed meat loaf, potatoes, green beans, bread sticks, apple crisp

Thursday: Pork roast/gravy, sweet potatoes, succotash, rolls, banana pudding

Friday: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, tomato/wedge/salad, melon medley

Come eat with us and support your aging center program.

Please call in your orders by 10:00 a.m. to 657-3618.

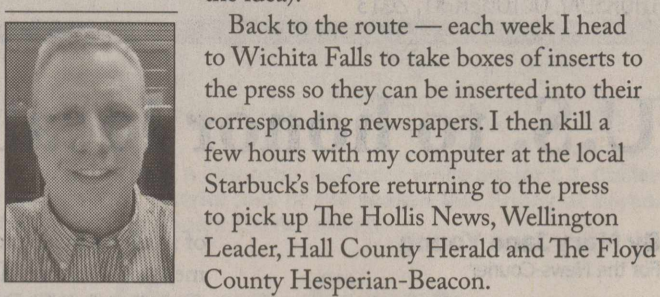
Orders can't be taken after 11:00 a.m. please pick up by 11:00 a.m.

The Paperboy

Did you know I really am a paperboy? I have a route and all!

Most folks who own their own business in small towns wear many hats. In my company, I encourage my employees to wear as many hats as possible. I think it makes the business stronger and also makes the employee stronger.

Storeowners and service providers sweep the floor, and they take out the trash. It comes with the territory I suppose. I have a paper route (OK, really it's a distribution route, but you get the idea).



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Back to the route — each week I head to Wichita Falls to take boxes of inserts to the press so they can be inserted into their corresponding newspapers. I then kill a few hours with my computer at the local Starbucks before returning to the press to pick up The Hollis News, Wellington Leader, Hall County Herald and The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

From Wichita Falls I head to Hollis, then Wellington, where I unload those respective editions, and back to Childress where I unload Floyd and Hall (which will be distributed by someone else).

The whole process takes around 11 hours. The worst part is missing things at home. For instance, I missed my son's fourth-grade program last week where he played Charles Goodnight. It's no fun to miss that stuff.

In that 11 hours, I drive a little more than 300 miles. To load the inserts takes 10 minutes. It takes about that long to unload upon arrival in Wichita Falls. Loading the newspapers takes around 20 minutes. I have to fill up the vehicle twice, 15 minutes total, and it takes about 10 minutes to unload in each town. It's plain to see that most of the time is on the road with a fair amount of down time at Starbucks.

The strangest thing I've seen on my route were dozens of deer one evening along the Farm-to-Market road I take between Hollis, Okla., and Wellington. I drove that stretch about 30 mph and had to completely stop three times.

I've since modified my route to include a road with more traffic so I can use a blocker in front of me. The last thing I want is to rollover with four different towns' newspapers being thrown from a vehicle. That would be awful!

You get a lot of time to think when you travel by yourself. To me, even though I'm only gone from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., the solitude makes me miss my family. All of my family. I think about my parents and what they would think about their grandchildren; I think of my sister and her family and how I wish they were just a little closer; I think about my children and what they might be doing; I think about my wife and wonder if she's ready to pull her hair out without me.

One of the things I do to pass the time is sing. I think most of you would enjoy my beautiful voice. And it must be beautiful because I have yet to hear one single "boo" while on this weekly tour!

The drive itself is not that pretty. The best parts are crossing the Red River and the Rolling Plains. It's not as pretty as north Harmon County, Okla., eastern Hall County, the edge of the Caprock or the Double Mountain country in Stonewall County.

The sunsets are in my face and amazing! Each time I watch a sunset, I can't help but think it's God trying to make sure we have a nice ending to our day.

My favorite part of the day is arriving home to my family. Everything feels right when I open the door, and I see my beautiful wife, my boys, and usually a niece or nephew. Getting welcomed home by that much love is incredible!

So there you have it, the weekly route of The Paperboy. It may not be glamorous, but it is pretty interesting.

Chris Blackburn is CEO of Blackburn Media Group, owner of The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, Hall County Herald, The Hollis News, The Knox County News-Courier, The Post Dispatch, The Childress Index, Wellington Leader and The Stonewall Courier. Email him at chris@blackburnmediagroup.com and follow him on Twitter @WCSBlackburn.

THANK YOU!

The 1st Vendor's Flea Market was a Huge Success!

Thank you to the community for supporting our new venture in Munday. Thank you to the EDC, Mark Reed, Bernadette Moore, and all our vendors for their help with the setup, the pancake breakfast and clean-up.

Thank you to the vendors that donated items for the raffle.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle - Pattie Hayes-Wauqua, Kayla Willden & Betty Hamilton

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, November 30.

Vendor spaces are still available
Contact Pat at 940-203-2497 or
Exa Lee at 940-422-4097 for more information

I would like to thank everyone for all you did for me while I was in the hospital and when I returned home!

I appreciate so much the cards, phone calls, visits, and all the food you brought! You are all such a blessing!

Love to all of you, Donna Cypert

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Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

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Now participating emergency services use lights and siren vehicles
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behind them.

HERO
From Page 1

As World War II was raging, Kelton joined the Marines in August 1943. He first was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and then was transferred overseas that following December.

He first saw action with the Fifth Marine Division against the Japanese in February 1945. They landed on Iwo Jima, with the 5th Tank Battalion Division Service Troops where he was killed Feb. 24, 1945.

He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, and his family received the accompanying citation: "The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Navy Cross posthumously to Private First Class C.J. Kelton, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism while serving with the Fifth Tank Battalion, Division Service Troops, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 22 February 1945.

"With his platoon command tank struck and set afire by hostile shellfire during a perilous advance northward against a fanatic, determined enemy, Private First Class Kelton promptly dismounted from his own vehicle and braved the enemy shattering 47-mm. antitank, mortar and small-arms fire in a valiant attempt to rescue the entrapped crew.

Boldly pressing forward under the withering barrage, he crossed the 25-yard open area and unhesitatingly entered the blazing tank, and then, working tirelessly and with superb courage, personally extricated two of the three wounded men from the tank and carried them back to his own vehicle despite the incessant shellfire.

By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for safety of others at great risk to his own life, Private First Class Kelton contributed to saving of three fellow Marines who otherwise might have perished and his self-sacrificing efforts through upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Kelton enlisted from a small, quiet town in Knox County to serve his coun-

try in a dangerous time and place, and became a part of history through his valiant efforts at Iwo Jima to help secure democracy in America and abroad.

About the Gold Star

The National Gold Star Family Registry is the first comprehensive database of U.S. fallen heroes and their families ever developed. The information in the Registry is compiled from a number of different public sources including the Department of Defense and the National Archives. Adhering to Department of Defense guidelines for families who receive the Gold Star Pin, the Registry only includes the names of heroes who have given their lives on the battlefield.

The National Gold Star Family Registry is a project of Military Families United, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to Honor the Fallen, Support Those Who Fight, and Serve Their Families. First launched in 2010, the Registry has been continually upgraded with the latest in technology and resources. More information at goldstarfamilyregistry.com.



Knox County 4-H'ers participated in the district food show last weekend in Vernon.

Lorrie Coop/Submitted photo

Local 4-H'ers compete in district food show

The Knox County News-Courier

VERNON — About 120 boys and girls from 24 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show last Saturday at Wilbarger Auditorium.

Four seniors will advance to the state competition in June. Each received a special award and ribbon in addition to advancing to the state contest. Second-place senior winners will participate in the state event if the first-place winners can't take part. Intermediate and Junior Division winners also received special awards and ribbons but do not compete beyond the District level.

Those competing from Knox County were:

- Erika Trevino-Intermediate Dairy Category - 5th place
- Corrie Earthman-Intermediate Grains Category
- Ryan Earthman-Senior Grains Category - 4th place
- Josiah Coplen-Junior Dairy Category - 3rd place
- McKayla Coplen-Intermediate Fruit and Vegetable Category
- Morgan Earthman-Junior Grains Category- 5th place
- Shawn Earthman-Intermediate Protein Category-2nd place

• Nate Earthman-Junior Fruit and Vegetable Category

Special cash awards, sponsored by Santa Rosa Cattle Women and Wichita Falls Area Cattle Women were also presented to first- and second-place winners in the Protein Category in which beef was an ingredient.

Shawn Earthman received second place in the beef judging as well.

Each contestant prepared a recipe at home and brought it before a panel of judges at the contest. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional knowledge, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

The Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show is one aspect of the 4-H Foods and Nutrition project, held each fall. 4-H members also take part in workshops, other foods-related contests, community service activities and leadership opportunities related to nutrition.

This project would not be possible without the many volunteers that help put on the contest and assist with the project. Local 4-H leaders Jimi Coplen and Larressa Earthman volunteered to help by serving as project leaders and/or judges.

For information about the Knox County 4-H youth program, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office in Benjamin.

Lorrie Coop

SNAP
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"Every dollar counts for a family facing hunger," said Celia Cole, CEO of the Texas Food Bank Network. "This unconscionable cut will add insult to injury when families suddenly find they are unable to buy a Thanksgiving turkey."

The Texas Food Bank Network is a coalition of 20 regional food banks — one in every major city — that helps nourish nearly 4 million Texans through a statewide network of 4,000 soup kitchens, food pantries and local agencies.

The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank is the regional hub for the Texas Food Bank Network. Last year it distributed more than 3.2 million pounds of food — or 2.7 million meals — to area agencies in its 13-county service area, including Knox.

Between 200 and 250 families in Knox County utilize the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program each month, according to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The cut in food stamps will be about \$36 per month for a family of four and \$43 for a family of five and drain nearly \$900,000 from the local economy over the next year.

With just days' notice because of the government shutdown, many families haven't been adequately notified of the cuts, Cole said.

"Although notices have been sent out to recipients, the shutdown affected those notices going out in a timely and effective manner," she said. "Many of those who receive benefits don't read or understand them."

Earlier this summer, the Texas Food Bank Network unveiled a national countdown clock at stopthefungerclock.org to draw attention to the

looming benefit cliff.

Now with just hours left, food banks are engaged in a variety of activities to educate and prepare affected clients to absorb the decrease as best they can.

More than half of the 4 million Texas SNAP participants are children. In addition to the November cut, Congress is debating whether to cut \$40 billion from SNAP through the farm bill.

Formerly known as food stamps, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is funded by the federal government and administered by states. In Texas, about 3.5 million people receive SNAP food benefits totaling about \$400 million per month. The amount of benefits is based on the family's size and income, with an average benefit amount of about \$285 per month. The benefits are put on a Lone Star Card that can be scanned like a credit card to buy food.

MONTHLY SNAP FOOD BENEFITS

SNAP food benefits in Texas and across the nation will be reduced by an average of 5 percent beginning Nov. 1 because the temporary increase in benefits from the federal stimulus passed in 2009 is expiring. The amount of the drop will vary depending on the family's situation, and the largest monthly decrease will be no more than \$11 a person. Here's a look at some statistics on the program in Garza and some surrounding counties from the past month of October 2013.

County	Number of Cases	Number of Recipients	Recipients: Ages < 5	Recipients: Ages 5-17	Recipients: Ages 18-59	Recipients: Ages 60-64	Recipients: Ages 65+	Total Payments	FB Avg Payment / Case
Baylor	248	513	71	142	231	18	51	\$50,811	\$205
Borden	13	35	10	16	7	1	1	\$4,680	\$360
Garza	287	682	96	229	277	23	57	\$69,916	\$244
Foard	63	160	23	53	65	4	15	\$14,796	\$235
Haskell	391	826	101	238	336	37	114	\$83,658	\$214
Kent	27	59	8	18	25	0	8	\$6,230	\$231
King	3	7	2	1	4	0	0	\$619	\$206
Knox	233	554	87	180	219	17	51	\$56,661	\$243
Lynn	338	861	119	311	336	22	73	\$88,831	\$263
Stonewall	53	121	14	47	44	5	11	\$11,894	\$224

While digital clocks on many personal computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices will automatically adjust to reflect the semi-annual change, residents are reminded manual clocks must be adjusted by hand.

Fire officials throughout Knox County also remind residents the change is an optimal time to change batteries in all smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms in your home — whether or not they may need it.

Daylight-saving time will begin at 2 a.m. March 9, the second Sunday in the month, when the time will officially "spring forward" to 1 a.m.

Wayne Hodgins

God Bless the USA!

Fall Festival
Sunday, November 3 @ 4pm
Hosted by O'Brien Baptist Church
902 Grand Central Ave. O'Brien, TX
(940) 658-3553
Open to the Community-Free Admission
hayrides, bean bag toss, candy walk, face painting
& many more fun activities for kids, moms & dads

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

After a busy weekend, we begin another workweek with cloudy skies and another threat of rain. The promise on Saturday didn't amount to much. Just a few sprinkles here and there, so maybe this time we will have a little more. Time will tell.

No news of anyone being ill this week. Just the usual sniffles and allergies that seem to be raging all year long. There's always foreign matter in the air to cause many of us to "snort and sneeze."

Seth Kuehler is home, and Sheila told me Thursday that he would be pretty well down for several weeks while he is recuperating. He's a very fortunate young man. He could have been hurt so much worse. They tell me bronc riding is fun, but it can be dangerous. Meanwhile, Stephen Kuehler is doing well following his back surgery a couple of weeks ago. That's good to report.

Retirement Party

The party to honor Philomae Roberson on Tuesday was well attended by many of her friends and business associates. Philomae retired from the Knox County Abstract Office after 49 years service. The party was held at the museum and hosted by her former boss, Bobby D. Burnett, who was assisted by Tammie Fetsch, Pam Oliver, and Annette Offutt. Several others pitched in and helped to make it a successful event. Refreshments of finger foods, punch, and coffee were served to the guests. In appreciation for her dedicated service, Bobby D. presented Phi-

lomae with a beautiful Bulova watch. Guests from Lubbock, Haskell, Seymour, Crowell, Knox City, Munday, Truscott, and Benjamin were present to wish her well.

Fall Festival Well Attended

The annual fall fest in Benjamin was again well attended on Saturday night. Held in the gym, there were booths set up so anyone could surely find something to interest them. And I'm told that the program following the fun events was exceptional. (I didn't get to go.) The program featured all the school students doing a tribute to the 50's. And from what I hear, they did an excellent job. The royalty crowned this year included the following: The Duke and Duchess were from the kindergarten class—Will Pierce and Addison Meinzer. The 8th grade representatives were crowned Prince and Princess. They were Kaleb Whittle and Melissa Rogers, and the King and Queen were 9th grade representatives, Chris and Cara McGee. I congratulate these students. Winners were elected by popular vote, as it has been done for several years. Bingo followed the festival with folks playing until all the prizes were gone. All in all, it was a good evening and money was made for various projects.

Baby shower

A baby shower for Kelsey Brown was held Sunday afternoon in the Church of Christ Annex. Receiving guests with Kelsey were her mom, Michele Brown, and grandmother, Doris Bufkin. Refreshments of punch, cookies, nuts, and mints were served to the guests. The mom to be received lots of "pret-

ties" and many useful things for her baby boy due to arrive in November. The hostesses presented her with a stroller, car seat, and a basket filled with all sorts of things needed for an infant. Serving as hostesses were Ruthie Acree, Emily Cates, Olivia Gloria, Stacia Propps, Melissa Everson, Vickie Spence, Gracie Homstad, Nancy McGreger, Susan Spake, Donna Railsback, Cassie Daniel, Susan Cartwright, and Kathy Rainwater.

Here 'n' there

Shelby Russell, who is attending school in Lubbock, was here for a weekend visit with her mom, Kim Lyles, and other relatives and friends.

Lori Bufkin was at Kelsey's shower on Sunday. She and Mike have moved to Pampa from Crowell, where they had lived since they left Benjamin. She said she likes it in Pampa. It was good to see her. Said her daughter, Ashley, lives in Florida, and the boys are still in Texas. Joseph is in school in Lubbock, and Jack is in Pampa.

Weekend guests of Kathy and Chad Rainwater and family were Kathy Rainwater and family of Wichita Falls and Toby Shawn and family of Decatur.

Jessica and Brandon Hutchinson and Noah of Abilene spent the weekend with her parents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse.

Imagean Young had a birthday last week, and she "partied" two nights in a row. On Monday night, Jessica Lamb of Seymour brought supper, and she, Imagean, and DeAnn Lamb had a nice meal and visit.

Then on Tuesday night, several family members honored her with a hot dog and all the trimmings supper and birthday cake. Present for that get together were Mary Young, Mike Young, DeAnn Lamb, Wendy, Bubba, Chastity, and Lily Benson, Dillon, Ariel, and Addie Benson, and the honoree, Imagean, all of Benjamin.

Nancy McGreger told me Sunday that her mom, Jessie Roberts, is having some good days and some not so good. She's still trying to adjust to her husband's death, and sometimes it's harder than others. We all need to go by the Munday Nursing Center when we are over that way and see her and her sister, Bea Parks.

Bo Milson and her daughter, Kathy Wooley, of Spur and her son, Shane Milson, who lives in Oklahoma, were in Austin recently to visit another daughter, Kelly. They all got together to help Bo celebrate her birthday.

I spent Saturday visiting around the area. Went over and looked things over at the flea market in Munday. Saw lots of things, as there were several vendors over there with their wares. And it was also a good place to visit with folks you don't see real often. Then I came back to Knox City and "took in" the bazaar at the Methodist Church, and again, had nice visits with lots of friends and enjoyed their delicious turkey and dressing and all the trimmings lunch, plus pumpkin pie for dessert. It was a good day.

Gladene Green is the longtime Benjamin correspondent for the Knox County News-Courier.

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Greyhound Pride competes at area contest

FORT WORTH — The Knox City High School Greyhound Pride Marching Band traveled to Northwest ISD last Saturday to compete in the UIL Area March-

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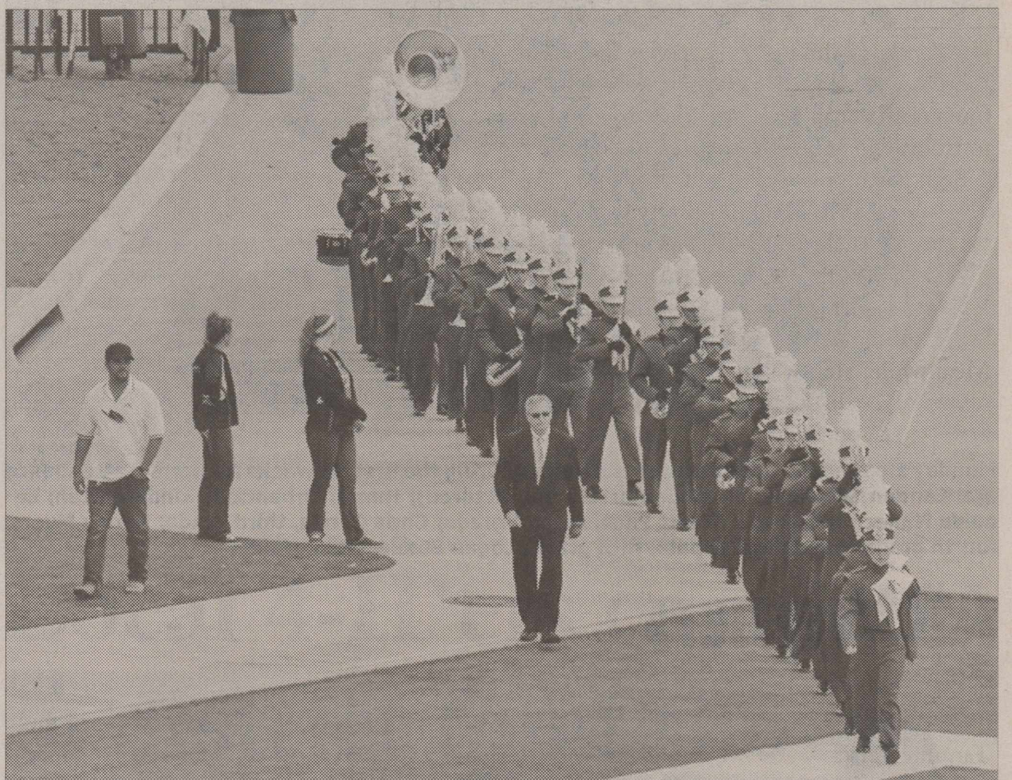
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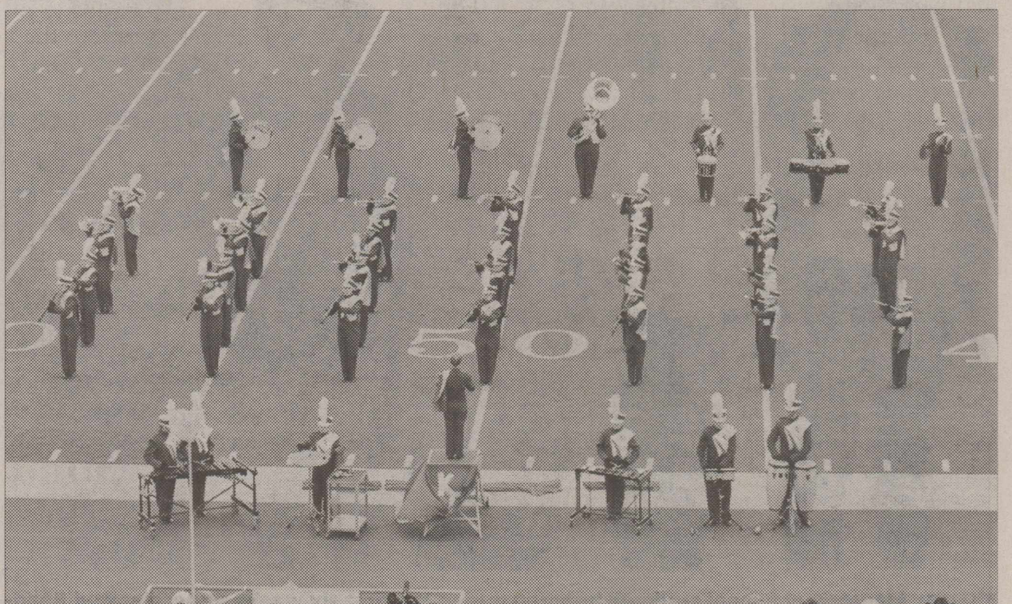
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Drum Major Moriah Schnable proudly accepts the finalist plaque for the Greyhound Pride Band.



The Pride takes the field at the Area Marching Contest on Saturday at Northwest ISD.



The Greyhound Pride Band warms up before taking the field Saturday at Northwest ISD during the Area UIL Marching Band Contest.



The Greyhound Pride Band performs Saturday at the Area UIL Marching Band Contest at Northwest ISD. The Knox City High School band was one of the seven finalists in the competition.



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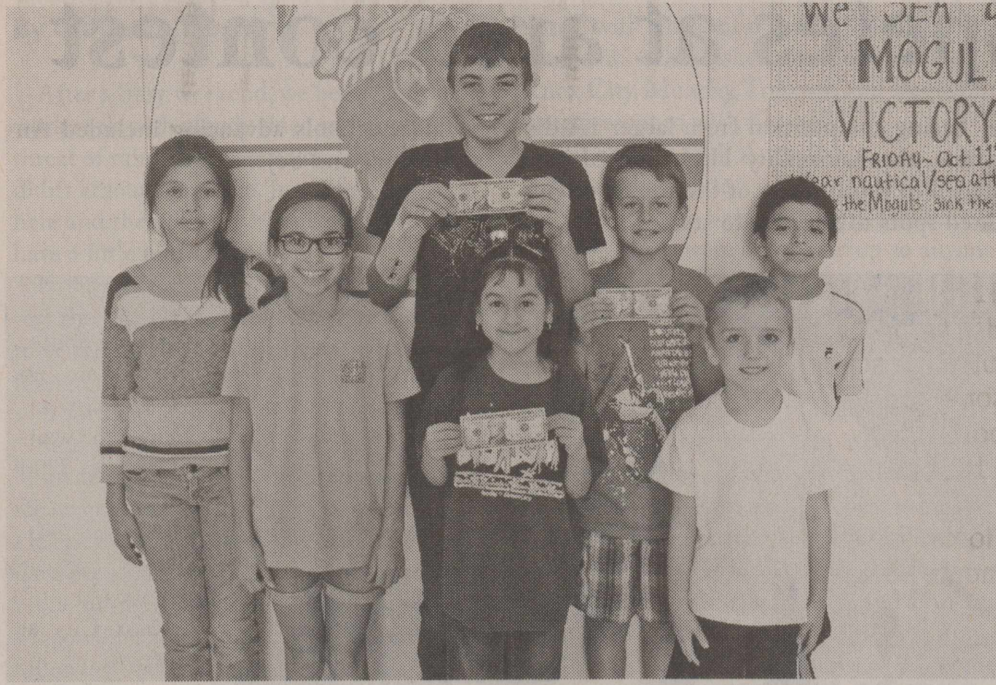
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AR Winners



Munday Elementary School students honored during the first six weeks as Accelerated Readers were Joe Jasso, Jacob Alvarado, Kassandra Reyes, Evan Hunter, and Reymie Monasterio.

MES 1st Six Weeks Honor Roll

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Natalie Garcia
Kierslynn Myers
Zenaida Nunez
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Claire Redwine
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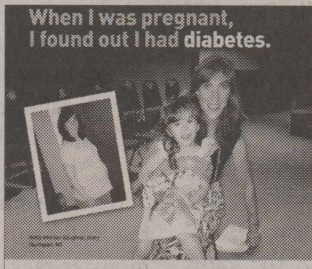
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Knox City 54, Bryson 7



Senior Chris Lewis (25) attempts to break free from the Bryson tackle while moving the ball up-field. Knox City is now 8-1 for the season, while their district record moves to 2-0. Bryson's district record now falls to 1-2. The Greyhounds will be taking on Crowell in their next district match-up.

Hounds pummel Cowboys via Mercy Rule

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Bryson hosted the Knox City Greyhound varsity football team last week. Even though it was a road game and Bryson remained diligent throughout, the Greyhounds still took home the win after the first half, 54-7 via the 45-point mercy rule.

Bryson came out strong in the first quarter and the Greyhound defense was handed a blow within the first minute of the game when the Cowboys ran in a touchdown with 9:06 on the clock. Their extra point was good, and they took an early lead over the Greyhounds, 7-0.

Knox City struck back quickly when Israel Rodriguez broke free from the Bryson defense and ran 25 yards for the Greyhound touchdown with 8:27 remaining in the first quarter. Zach Rodriguez put up a successful extra 2-point kick and the Greyhounds took the lead.

Less than a minute later, the Knox City offensive line created some room and Chris Lewis ran 9 yards into the end zone for the Greyhound score. Again, Zach Rodriguez made good on the kick and Knox City went up 16-7. Another five minutes would pass before Knox City got on the board again.

With 2:19 left in the first quarter, it was again Lewis who broke free and ran 25 yards for the Greyhound touchdown. Zach Rodriguez's kick sailed right through the posts and Knox City went up 24-7 to end the first quarter.

Second quarter action began slowly. However, with 6:13 left in the first half, quarter-

back Anthony Estrada connected a quick three-yard bullet pass with Ibn Lagway for the Greyhound touchdown. Rodriguez' kick was once again good and Knox City went up 32-7.

With 4:12 on the clock, Lewis broke free yet again, this time from 35 yards out to put up yet another Knox City touchdown. The kick was good and the Greyhounds went up 40-7.

Bryson running back Lane Smith fumbled the ball with 3:16 left in the half after a monster tackle was laid on him by offensive lineman Heath Welch. Elias Nevarez recovered and ran it into the end zone for another Greyhound touchdown, making the score 48-7. Another pass by Estrada with 1:30 left on the clock sailed 26 yards and again connected with Lagway in the end zone, sealing the fate of the Cowboys.

The Greyhounds ended up winning 54-7 after the first half via the 45-point mercy rule. The Greyhounds are now 8-1 for the season, while Bryson falls to 2-7.

Ultimately, Knox City put up 24 points in the first quarter and 30 points in the second.

Knox City put up a total of 180 yards rushing against Bryson. Lewis rushed for 119 yards on eight carries and three touchdowns, while Israel Rodriguez rushed for 40 yards on four carries with one touchdown.

The Greyhounds also put up 71 yards receiving. Lagway managed 29 yards on two receptions and two touchdowns, while Krys Campos had one reception for 32 yards.

Zach Rodriguez went six for six on extra points.

Knox City will be hosted by Crowell at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Muenster 50, Munday 19



Junior Zac Edgar (28) dashes up midfield past a Muenster defender while senior L.J. Collier (7) provides the block in the Moguls' first district loss of the season last Friday at home. Munday (3-5, 2-1) will travel to Era for this week's district match.

Munday suffers first district loss of the season

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday Mogul varsity football squad hosted the Muenster Hornets last Friday night at Scruggs Field. Even though the Moguls played well, putting up 19 points in offense, the much larger Muenster team continued to put pressure on the Munday defense and eventually won the game, 50-19.

From the start, the Muenster offense began to put points on the board, running in a touchdown within the first three minutes of the game. The Mogul defense attempted to mobilize, but eventually let one more Hornet touchdown slip passed. However, Munday struck back at the Muenster defense when Zac Edgar ran in a touchdown about midway through the quarter. The two-point conversion attempt was no good, and the score was 15-6 to end the first.

Second-quarter action saw both teams putting up points. While Muenster put up another score early into the second, so did Munday. It was again Edgar who ran in the Mogul touchdown within two minutes of the start of the second quarter. L.J. Collier was successful in his kick, and the score went to 29-13.

Big runs by Day'veon Dockins and Ian Lagway put Munday in good field position for another score. However the touchdown pass intended for a Mogul receiver was intercepted by Muenster, who ran it back for another

Hornet touchdown. Their kick was good and the score was 29-13.

Another intercepted pass thrown by the Moguls quarterback allowed the Hornets to capitalize again, with a touchdown pass reception. Another kick was good and the score was now 36-13 with Muenster leading.

With the much bigger Muenster defense in full-force it was difficult for Munday to get a footing in the offense. This resulted in a turnover on downs by the Moguls at their own 15-yard line. Muenster did not have to run far to get their next touchdown. The extra point was no good, and the quarter ended with Muenster ahead 43-13.

The Moguls came out strong in the third quarter and with 8:08 on the clock, quarterback Alfonso Nunez ran in a Munday touchdown from 30 yards out, breaking several tackles in the process with a succession of spin moves. The two-point conversion attempt was no good and the score was 43-19.

Muenster's next several drives were stopped by the Munday defense and they were even forced to punt with 7:01 remaining in the quarter. Hard-nosed tackling by Mitchell Lowrance contributed to this Munday defensive hold. However, it was not enough, and the Hornets managed to run in another touchdown after a long, hard-fought offensive drive that went the entire length of the field. Their kick was good and

the quarter ended with the score now 50-19.

Fourth-quarter action was not played on the offensive side of the ball, but was defined by both teams' defensive efforts. With 11:10 left in the game, Munday was forced to turn the ball over on downs. Two minutes later, the Mogul defense forced the Muenster punt and recovered at their own 20-yard line. Neither team's offense was able to produce during the fourth, with multiple turnovers on each side. This stalemate continued for the duration of the game, with Muenster winning 50-19.

The Moguls are now 3-5 for the season while their district record now sits at 2-1. Muenster moves to 8-0 for their season with their district record now 3-0. This marks Munday's first district loss of the year.

Munday had more than 300 yards rushing. Lagway had 14 carries for 108 yards, while Edgar had five carries for 77 yards and two touchdowns. In addition, Nunez had 13 carries for 55 yards and one touchdown, while Dockins had 15 carries for 43 yards.

In receiving, Reagins had two catches for 16 yards, while Edgar had one catch for six yards.

Quarterback Nunez had three completions on 10 attempts for 22 yards and two interceptions.

Collier was 1-for-1 on extra point attempts.

The Moguls will travel to Era at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Varsity Volleyball Munday defeats Knox City in straight sets to capture district championship

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday Mogulettes varsity volleyball squad defeated the Knox City Houndettes last Friday in Munday. With this win Munday has not only wrapped up district 6A play, but also captured the district championship. This will be the Mogulettes' fourth consecutive undefeated district champi-

onship. The Mogulettes swept the Houndettes in straight sets 25-16, 25-11, and 25-11.

Friday's game was not only the district championship for Munday, but it was also their senior night and an emotional occasion for Head Coach Kim Kuehler.

"Friday's Match was our senior night. I get teary eyed every senior night, but having six seniors all on the court at the same

time in the third set really got to me. It was a beautiful moment for a coach who has had them since they were little seventh graders starting their volleyball careers," said Coach Kuehler.

While the Houndettes did not get the win, Head Coach Sammy Baumgartner was still proud of her girls. "The Houndettes have played extremely hard throughout district play. Munday is a very tough team to beat at home or on the road," said Coach Baumgartner.

The individual standouts for the Mogulettes include senior setter Tatum Bufkin, who had four aces, 31 assists, and two saves, while senior middle blocker Kaylan Urbanczyk had five aces, seven digs, 11 kills, and three blocks. In addition, junior outside hitter Raci Dillard managed two aces, two digs, 19 kills, and three blocks, while senior outside hitter Mayte Torres had three aces and five kills.

The main contributors for the Houndettes were junior outside hitter Leighton Pepper, with eight serves, four hits, two kills, three tips, and two assists, while sophomore middle hitter Makaylie Steele had six hits, three kills, two blocks, and one tip-kill. Furthermore, sophomore middle hitter Jordyn Eaton had five serves, two hits, one tip, one block, and one kill.

Even though Munday will advance past district, Knox City will go up against Rotan to compete for the third place position.

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