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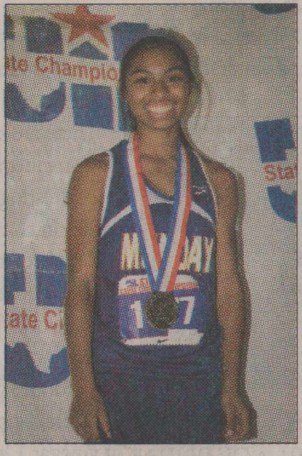
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Salinas earns silver medal

By JAMES MCAFEE
The Knox County News-Courier

ROUND ROCK—Running like she has all season with the incentive of making up for her disappointment in missing an opportunity as a junior, Munday High senior Janie Salinas claimed a silver medal at the state Class 1A state cross country meet here last Saturday at Old Settlers Park.



JANIE SALINAS

Salinas even finished the 3,200-meter course in 12:35.61, trailing only gold medal winner Kaitlin Bell of O'Donnell, who finished in 12:12.53. Abrianna Carrasco of Sanderson took the bronze with a 12:43.64 clocking.

Bell assumed the lead early and was never in danger of losing it while Salinas was in a pack of four runners after a mile. That's when Salinas made her move and was never threatened to be overtaken.

"It was crazy," Salinas said after the race. "I didn't know what to expect. It's exciting to finish out my senior year like this."

"She had her mind set on getting down there and getting on the medal stand," explained Coach Corey Stephenson. "She ran like that all year long and I couldn't be prouder of her."

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Munday named All-Star Community

MUNDAY—The city of Munday recently received the prestigious designation of "All-Star Community" during the 21st annual Texas Midwest Community Network Conference in Abilene, getting a \$2,500 cash award to be used for a local project.

Mayor Robert Bowen and city administrator Rick Ake received the award from TMCN President Tammy Thorn, who said, "The award was developed to recognize a community in our region that went beyond the level of basic achievement into areas of specific accomplishments that serve as models for other TMCN communities to emulate."

To be eligible for the award, a city must first be designated a "Community of Achievement" within the past three years. Munday did this in 2013. Other requirements include written essays explaining how the community goals have been accomplished, how clean up and beautification has been addressed and how a unique program or activity has been conducted.

Jimi Coplen of the Knox County Visioning Group spearheaded the application and submitted it back in July. Then a panel of judges from other areas of Texas made the selection.

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Moguls, Greyhounds advance to bi-district

The Munday Moguls and the Knox City Greyhounds advanced to the state football playoffs by assuring themselves of second-place finishes in their respective District 7-2A/Division II and District 8-1A/Division I leagues by outscoring their final regular season opponents in wild offensive contests.

The Moguls slipped past a fired-up tribe of Haskell Indians, 68-66, Friday night at Scruggs Stadium to earn a bi-district spot opposite the Baird Bears at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Fair Park Stadium in Seymour. Winters (9-1), champions of District 6-2A/Division II, awaits the winner.

The Greyhounds raced past the Rotan Yellowham-

See BI-DISTRICT, Page 10

County gets taste of winter

Knox County residents got a taste of what they can expect when winter actually arrives this week as a polar air mass brought freezing conditions with lows in the 20s that were expected to last until Friday morning.

With winds turning around, temperatures were expected to warm up into mid 50s by Saturday before the arrival of another cold front on Sunday.



Nephews of Gold Star honoree place wreath

Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Knox County honors veterans

By JAMES MCAFEE
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN—Throughout American history, millions have answered the call of duty to serve in the United States military and committed their lives to protecting this great country against all threats. Each and every U.S. citizen owes their freedom and safety to these courageous heroes.

Despite chilly north winds, many Knox County residents came here Tuesday to the Knox County Veterans Memorial to celebrate Veteran's Day.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd noted that it was time to honor the veterans for all the sacrifices they've made in his welcoming remarks. "Thanks to them, we're able to sleep without fear," he added, pointing to how they've made the world a safer place.

Charles Lankford recognized all the veterans in attendance, having them

stand. He then read off a list of Knox residents currently serving in the military. "Thank you for your service to our country," he said. (Related story on Michael McGlooney on pg. 7)

Following the posting of colors by the Boy Scout Troop 76 of Benjamin and the pledge of allegiance, MC Ben Grill announced the winners of the sixth-grade classes' poster contest. Carlie Willison, Claire Redwine and Destyn Mauldin were the top three in Munday. Setting the pace in O'Brien/Knox City were Gracie Howeth, Tres Frausto and Chelsey Castorena. Benjamin winners were Wesson Ham, Jeannie DiPippo and Madison Barrientez. Willison, Howerth and Ham then read their speeches about their favorite veterans.

Sgt. Burl Rankin Griffith of Munday was recognized as the Gold Star honoree. His nephews Charles Burl (Chuck)



Sheldon Baty plays taps

Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Griffith of Lufkin and Charley Partridge of Wichita Falls carried a wreath of red, white and blue flowers to the archway of the memorial. (Related story on Griffith on pg. 7.)

Sheldon Baty of the Knox City High School band, who played prior to the program, then played "taps" on a trumpet.

Marlie Steele of Knox City then sang the National Anthem before those in attendance moved to the Benjamin Ex-Students building for lunch.

Commissioners OK purchase of pickup

BENJAMIN—The Knox County Commissioners approved the purchase of a 2010 pickup from the Sheriff's office for \$4,500 to be used for road and bridges at a regular session here Monday in the Assembly Room at the Knox County Courthouse.

Earlier, it was announced that the sheriff had received a grant for a new vehicle.

A resolution was approved for a grant in the range of \$8,000 for the Knox County Indigent Defense program. "It covers

most of the expenses," said County Judge Travis Floyd.

The commissioners also approved 13 days of holidays for 2015 and heard reports from the different departments.

Floyd mentioned a public hearing was scheduled here at 9 a.m. next Monday to consider an application by New Generation Power to designate an area in the southeastern part of the county as a reinvestment zone.

"Then we'll look at a tax abatement contract with them," Floyd added.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 13
O'Brien JHG, JHB basketball vs. Spur, Knox City
Knox City JVG basketball vs. Haskell, 4 p.m.

Munday JV, VG vs. Aspermont, 11 a.m.
O'Brien JHG, JHB at Jayton Tournament

Friday, Nov. 14
Knox City football vs. Ira, 7:30 p.m., Hermleigh
Munday football vs. Baird, 7:30 p.m., Seymour

Monday, Nov. 17
Munday JHG, JHB basketball at Harrod
O'Brien JHG, JHB at Patton Springs

Saturday, Nov. 15
Knox City JVG basketball vs. Seymour, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18
Munday JV, VG at Newcasttle
Knox City JV, VG, VB basketball vs. Northside

Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Gifted, talented referrals accepted

MUNDAY—The Munday CISD is now accepting referrals for students who may need gifted and talented services for the school year. This program is designed for students who exhibit intellectual and creative thinking abilities at an extraordinary level not normally served in the regular classroom. Anyone wishing to refer a student attending kindergarten through sixth grade can do so. The form must be returned to the school by Dec. 1.

Munday CISD board

MUNDAY—The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in regular session at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Board Room in the Administration Building. The board will hear the annual financial presentation by James Rodgers and Company and also review a financial and investment report. Also on the agenda will be the Knox County Appraisal District board election, consideration of staff Christmas incentives and administrative reports.

'Join Hands Day'

SEYMOUR—Catholic Life Branch 10 of Seymour-Rhineland got together with the help of the fifth and sixth grade CCD class from Rhineland and Seymour last week as a part of "Join Hands Day" to place U.S. flags on the graves of veterans.

Thanksgiving meal

KNOX CITY—Knox City Elementary will be hosting its annual Family Thanksgiving meal at noon Thursday, in the school cafeteria. A traditional meal of turkey & dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans and hot rolls will be served. Price of the meal is \$3 for adults and \$2.30 for children.

Christmas poinsettias

HASKELL—The Noah Project-North is taking orders for Christmas poinsettias. The cost will be \$12.50 or \$25 if dressed. Call 940 864-2551 to place order. Delivery is planned Dec. 4-6.

'Big Buck' contest

MUNDAY—Hoof & Horn Taxidermy is sponsoring a "Big Buck" contest through the end of deer hunting, offering prizes for the three largest properly tagged deer brought into their new Munday store.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

News on the go



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Deaths

Wanna Allen Hunter

Wanna Allen Hunter, 82, longtime resident of Iowa Park, Texas, passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at her home in Iowa Park.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 1, 2014, at First Baptist Church of Iowa Park, with her son, Mr. Tim Hunter, and Rev. Glen Pearce, pastor, officiating. Interment followed at 3:00 p.m. in Gillespie Cemetery in Knox County, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Dutton Funeral Home, Iowa Park.

Wanna was born December 20, 1931 in Munday, Texas. Her parents were Ed Johnson and wife, Mary (Allen) Johnson. She and Alton Ray Hunter were married October 27, 1951 in Munday,



WANNA HUNTER

Texas. He preceded her in death in 1987. Wanna was a 60-year member of First Baptist Church and was very active with Vacation Bible School and participated in all activities involving children. She was a member of ESA, and was instrumental in bringing the first swimming pool to Iowa Park.

She was the first woman to get Honorary Chapter Farmer from the Iowa Park FFA Chapter. Wanna was also preceded in death by 4 sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammy Hunter of Harker Heights, Texas, and a son, Tim Hunter and wife, Phyllis, of Iowa Park; two grandchildren, Ky and Shani Hunter of Mesquite, Texas, and Lindsay and Matt Parker of Harrison, Arkansas; and three great-grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials to Wichita County Humane Society or the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department.

Please visit www.duttonfuneralhome.com to leave messages of condolence for the family.

Anita Joyce Lyne

Anita Joyce Lyne of Wichita Falls passed away Monday, Nov. 3 at the age of 65. Anita was born Sept. 11, 1949 in Knox City to Adolf and Rose Bartos. Anita was a financial analyst at Sheppard Air Force Base for 29 years. She had a passion for loving and taking care of her

horses. She was preceded in death by her parents, Adolf and Rose Bartos. Anita is survived by her loving husband, Don of Wichita Falls, one sister; Leona Elliott of Munday, two nieces; Robin Herring of Knox City and Sheryll Elliott of Wichita Falls, great-nephew; Jared

Herring of Austin and great niece; Ashley Herring of Hquston. Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 7 at the First Baptist Church in Munday. Internment followed in Gilliland Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Munday approves three pay raises

MUNDAY—The City of Munday approved pay raises, effective Dec. 1, for Police Chief Chris Mendoza, officer Ryan Thrash and municipal judge ida Jo Watson during a regular meeting here Tuesday night.

It was decided to collect only cardboard and newspaper at the recycling center and keep it open with two volunteers and one part-time employee. Administrator Rick Ake reported the center had been cleaned up.

Effective Jan. 1, the city will start charging a re-connect fee of \$25 for any second time that a

customer's meter has been turned off for not paying the bill.

The council also cast its 247 votes for Larry Thompson to serve on the Knox County Appraisal District.

In reviewing the financial status of the city, Ake pointed out that extra money had been added with the sale of hay.

Knox County Aging Center

Lunch menus for week of Nov. 17-21

- Monday: Chicken Tenders, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, cake.
- Tuesday: Meatloaf, red blessed potatoes, broccoli, breadsticks, peach crisp.
- Wednesday: Pork chops, black eye peas, spinach, cornbread, baked apples.
- Thursday: Tilapia, whole corn, coleslaw, hushpuppies fruit cocktail.
- Friday: Hamburgers, potato wedges, tomato, lettuce, lazy cake.

The Paperboy

When in doubt, try vinegar...

Is vinegar a miracle substance? Outside of water, it's hard to think of a liquid so helpful to us humans. Vinegar is a liquid consisting mainly of acetic acid (CH₃COOH) and water. The acetic acid is produced by the fermentation of ethanol by acetic acid bacteria.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

There are no harmful chemicals or preservatives in vinegar, which is a preservative itself. Interestingly, vinegar makes itself when it comes in contact with any aerobic bacteria while it is exposed to oxygen. By simply letting a wine, fresh uncooked apple cider or other fresh juices stay uncorked, you can get a batch of vinegar in a week or so. However, not all aerobic bacteria can produce good tasting vinegar.

There is no official record about the invention of vinegar. One legend states that a courtier in Babylonia discovered wine that was formed from unattended grape juice. This led to the eventual discovery of vinegar.

Historians state that before 5000 B.C., a civilization of ancient Babylonia used vinegar as a cleaning agent. The Babylonians later discovered that vinegar slowed the action of bacteria that spoils food and so they began using it as a preservative and a condiment.

My mother was a huge proponent of vinegar. She used it in cooking, cleaning, stain removal and to remove hard water buildup in faucets and coffee machines.

Reader's Digest has the uses of vinegar on their website. I've listed some of the uses, but the explanation of how to use the vinegar and many, many more uses can be found at <http://www.rd.com/home/150-household-uses-for-vinegar/>.

- Some uses:
- Erase ballpoint-pen marks
 - Clean your computer mouse
 - Clean your piano keys
 - Get rid of water rings on furniture
 - Restore your rugs
 - Remove carpet stains
 - Brighten up brickwork
 - Revitalize wood paneling
 - Revitalize leather furniture
 - Conceal scratches in wood furniture
 - Unclog and deodorize drains
 - Get rid of smoke odor
 - Clean chrome and stainless steel
 - Steam-clean your microwave
 - Polish brass and copper items
 - Make an all-purpose scrub for pots and pans
 - Purge bugs from your pantry
 - Trap fruit flies
 - Clean windshield wiper blades
 - Remove bumper stickers

Yes, vinegar can do just about everything. I'd put it up there with a screwdriver, pair of pliers and duct tape as must-have items.

The two best things about vinegar: it's affordable and a little goes a long way.

Chris Blackburn serves as CEO at Blackburn Media Group, proud owner of Red River Sun, The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, The Knox County News-Courier and The Post Dispatch. He can be reached by email at chris@blackburnmediagroup.com and you can follow him on Twitter @WCSBlackburn, although he doesn't tweet much.

I wanted to thank everyone who voted and supported me as your choice for Knox County Commissioner of Precinct 1.

DAN GODSEY

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Thank you to the Knox County residents that voted for me to continue as your Knox County Treasurer. It has been an honor to serve as your county treasurer for the last eight years and I look forward to serving four more years.

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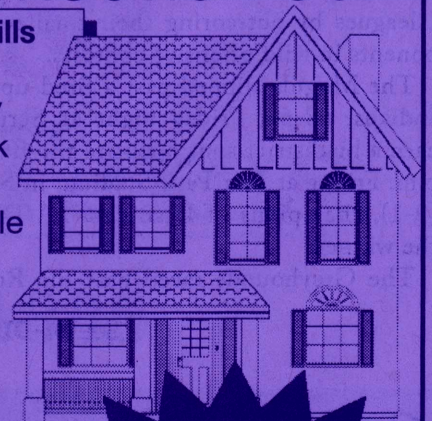
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Letter to the Editor

It's nice to live in a city that lets us use our golf carts on the streets. The speed of a golf cart is about 12 mph, tops. The new ordinance is fine, but it should be for all, not just some. When a city passes an ordinance, it should be the first one to carry it out, not say it does not apply to the city.

The golf carts are not the problem. If you live here as I do, everyone should know what is the real problem. The nursing home here has asked the city numerous times to stop speeders and loud boom boxes going past it. That's

the problem here in Munday, not golf carts. If you want to know, the speed of a 4-wheeler is 50 mph and I have seen plenty of them going through town wide open. Where is the ordinance on them?

I use my golf cart in my work. It saves me time and money. So if I have to put a slow moving sign and a flag on my cart, so should the city! By the way, a golf cart can hold three people safely.

I think the people of Munday would like to see some changes made!

Bill Burtram

Pink Ladies honored at 'Circus' banquet

RHINELAND—The Munday Care Center staff hosted the Pink Ladies here in the gym last month with a circus theme banquet, featuring hamburgers and hotdogs and a Candy Store of candies included with dessert.

Upon arrival the members of the Knox County District Hospital were escorted to their tables and presented with pins

designating the number of hours they volunteered this past year.

Stephen Kuehler, the chief executive officer of the hospital, thanked the ladies for their work and announced that they helped raise \$27,000 for the hospital and care center.

A Movement Space Dance team provided the entertainment.

Be an angel for kids

The Knox County Child Welfare Board, a non-profit to help children in Knox County, needs your help to give the needy children of Knox City, Benjamin, Munday, and Goree a special Christmas.

Around the middle of November members of the board will decorate "Angel Trees." People are urged to take an angel from the trees, and shop for a deserving child. Each child will receive a suit of clothes and a toy

from their wish list.

The Knox City/Benjamin Chapter tree will be located at the Citizens Bank in Knox City. All gifts for Knox should be delivered to Citizens Bank by Wednesday, Dec 3rd.

The Munday/Goree Chapter tree will be at Casablanca, 110 E. Main Street in Munday. Gifts should be dropped off by Friday, Dec. 5th at Munday Tire and Appliance.

For those who don't have time to shop, dona-

tions will be accepted and board members will complete the shopping. Donations may be deposited at Citizens Bank, given to a board member or you can mail it to P.O. Box 123, Knox City, Tex. 79529 or P.O. Box 594, Munday, Tx 76371.

Thank you for your tremendous community support in past years. Help us give the children of the area a very Merry Christmas.

County winners thank supporters

BENJAMIN—It was back to work at the Knox County Courthouse after last week's election and all of the Republican winners were thanking their supporters.

Judge Travis Floyd, who will start his third full term in January, said, "I'll do the best I know how to do the job for Knox County, being honest and with integrity." Floyd won by a 594-330 margin

"I appreciate your confidence in me," said Lisa Cypert, who had served the last five years as deputy to her opponent Annette Offutt. Cypert enjoyed a 483-437 edge.

The final totals showed Rosie Ake and Augie Rodriguez, running unopposed ac-

tually received 586 and 733 votes, respectively.

Ake, who has served the last eight years as county treasurer said, "I look forward to serving four more years."

Rodriguez, who had served as clerk for retiring Justice of Peace Vonnie Ivie, noted, "I'm looking forward to taking over, ready to give 110 per cent and be fair and honest in all dealings." He added that the hands on experience gained the past 11 months would definitely help him.

Dan Godsey and Nathan Urbanczyk will take over as Pct. 2 and 4 Commissioners from Charles Griffith and Johnny Birkenfiled in January.

KNOX COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS

County Judge			Early	Totals	Early	Totals	County Treasurer		
Pct	Floyd	Griffith	71	437	93	483	Pct.	Ake	
101	133	45				101	102		
201	27	36				201	48		
202	77	37				202	72		
301	116	52				301	115		
302	10	22				302	13		
401	136	66				401	133		
Early	95	72				Early	103		
Totals	594	330				Totals	586		
District Clerk			Justice of Peace						
Pct	Offutt	Cypert	101	152					
101	63	115	201	58					
201	38	27	202	95					
202	49	62	301	128					
301	90	76	302						
302	16	14	401						
401	105	96							
Pct. 2 Commissioner			Pct. 4 Commissioner						
	Sealy	Godsey	401	163	38				
	201	44	Early	19	14				
	202	34	Totals	182	52				
	Early	27							
	Totals	105							
		108							

Food safety tips for hunters

BENJAMIN--With hunting season in full swing, the Knox County Extension Agent, Jerry Coplen, along with Texas AgriLife Extension want to share with you a few tips to keep your harvested food safe this season.

In the field:
First, never shoot, handle or consume any wild animal that appears sick. Contamination can occur at any point during the processing of wild game. Take extra time and handle carcasses with care when field dressing. Some things to consider: wear gloves when field dressing, remove all internal organs, discard any meat that is bruised, discolored, contaminated with feces or intestinal contents, contains hair, dirt or bone fragments. Remove any bloodshot areas or meat that was in contact with the bullet. Also, avoid contact with intestines, spinal tissues, and lymph nodes of animals while you work. Do not use household knives or utensils, use knives designed for field dressing. Be sure to remove all foreign particles and loose hair.

When cleaning up in the field, be sure to properly dispose of the hide and remaining parts of the animal in an offal pit or in an approved area.

Processing, storing wild game:

Be aware of cross contamination and temperature abuse, both will cause the meat to go bad. Cool carcasses quickly, keep them cool during transport and keep them out of direct sunlight. Cool the carcass by propping the chest open with a clean stick and allowing air to circulate. Thoroughly clean and sanitize all equipment used in the processing of the animal. Wash your hands, knife, cutting boards often with warm soapy water.

Packaging and storing meat is very important in the overall quality of the product. For immediate use, store meat in the refrigerator and use within a few days. If freezing, divide the meat into smaller portions and then package. It is recommended to use moisture proof wrap such as heavy wax paper, laminated freezer wrap, heavy duty aluminum foil or freezer-weight polyethylene bags for freezing meat products. Make sure to get all the air out of the packages prior to sealing them. Be sure to label the packages with contents and date.

As you can see, this can be a complex process. For more information on safe handling of wild game products, contact your local County Extension Agent, Jerry Coplen, at 940-459-2651.

Thank You.



Thank you for electing me County Judge for Knox County, and having the confidence in allowing me to serve another term. I will perform the duties of this office openly, honestly, and to the best of my abilities. I will uphold the integrity of the office. I look forward to earning your trust and serving the citizens of Knox County.

Sincerely

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9. Viagra
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Source: Popular Mechanics

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Hounds face tough playoff assignment

By **JAMES McAFEE**
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Greyhounds accomplished their goal of advancing to the state six-man football playoffs and now get the tough assignment of going up against the state's No. 2-ranked Ira Bulldogs in bi-district at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Hermeligh.

"I am extremely proud of the way our guys took care of business," Coach Charles Steele said after the Greyhounds claimed second place in District 8-1A/Division I, breaking away in the second half to score an 88-57 victory over the Rotan Yellowhammers in their regular season home finale last Friday.

"The goal from the beginning was to make the playoffs," Steele continued. "We have taken this season one game at a time and have shown improvement every week. The awesome thing about it is that everyone on the team had a big part in our success. It has truly been a team effort."

The coach noted that facing another top ranked opponent wasn't new for the Greyhounds, pointing to having done it six times already "Our kids have proven that we can compete at this level. We are excited for the challenge. We are definitely battle tested. Ira has one of the best running backs (Logan Morris) in the state. The key to beating them is slowing him down. We will have to execute a ball control game plan and play solid bend-but-don't-break defense. We have to take away their big plays."

The Greyhounds' game plan against Rotan was to keep the ball on the ground and they accomplished it with 407 rushing yards. "Our big men up front have done a great job all year," Steele added. "We wear people down with the backfield rotation of Jacoby Thomas, Elias Nevarez, Israel Rodriguez and Christian Abila."

Thomas was recognized as the offensive MVP, running for 291 yards to increase his season total to 1,092 yards and scoring seven touchdowns, including one where he hurdled a would-be Rotan tackler.

"We came up with some big stops and turnovers (four fumble recoveries and an interception) when we had to have them," Steele said about the Hounds' defensive effort. "We knew coming in they would be able to score some points because of the talent level they have. They have a top tier running back who is hard to contain. We had some busted coverages because we were doing a lot of blitzing and they scored a couple of times on busted plays in the backfield where they fumbled and then pitched it to someone and we were out of position."

Rotan got on the scoreboard first, but Knox City needed only 42 seconds to take the lead for good when Thomas connected on a 21-yard pass for touchdown to Kryss Campos and Abel Sandoval, the special teams MVP, added the PAT kick. He connected on 8 of 12 for the night.

The Yellowhammers, however, stayed in the game, cutting the deficits to 16-14 and 32-26 before the Hounds, following the example set earlier in the season, scored on the final play of the half when Christian Abila found the end zone from two yards out. Sandoval's PAT made it 40-26.

Less than a minute after Rotan moved to within 40-33, Thomas escaped for a 39-yard run for a six-pointer. The Hounds added two more insurance touchdowns on Anthony Estrada passes to Thomas and Zach Rodriguez for a comfortable 60-33 lead after three quarters.

The Yellowhammers filled the air with passes in the fourth quarter and Matt Williams connected with Winston Martin for three touchdowns, but the Hounds answered with three touchdowns by Thomas on runs of 35, 16 and 46 and another Abila TD from 40 yards.

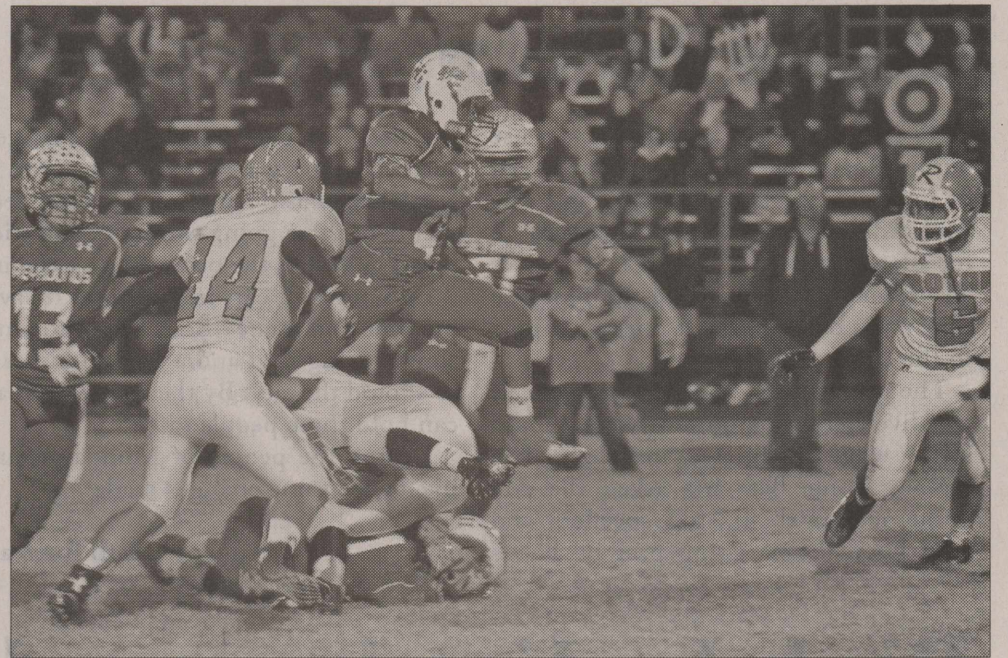
For the night, Williams rushed for 224 yards on 25 carries and completed 9 of 16 passes for an additional 197 yards.

District 8-1A/Division I

Team	District		Season		Pts	Opp
	W	L	W	L		
Crowell	3	0	9	0	575	107
Knox City	2	1	7	3	554	408
Rotan	1	2	5	5	398	489
Aspermont	0	3	3	7	317	499

Last week's results: Knox City 88, Rotan 57; Crowell 55, Aspermont 0

This week's schedule: Knox City vs. Ira, Hermeligh; Crowell vs. Forrestburg, tbd



Jacoby Thomas jumps over defender for part of 291-yard effort

Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Houndettes start basketball season

KNOX CITY—The Knox City girls basketball team kicked off the season Tuesday by travelling to Crowell and then will be on the road Saturday at Quanah.

First-year coach Dylan Ballard will have three returning juniors—Kylie Steele, Jordyn Eaton and Samantha Lewis—on hand to lead the Houndettes. Steele was a second team

all-state selection last season. Expected to join them in the starting lineup will be sophomore Amy Harrington and freshman Brooke Jones.

The Knox City junior varsity will host the Haskell JV at 4 p.m. Thursday and the Seymour JV at 9 a.m. Saturday as part of a three-team shootout. Haskell plays Seymour at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Veteran's Day appearance



The Knox City Pride band performed at the Veteran's Day celebration in Benjamin

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Moguls advance with 68-66 win over Haskell

By JAMES McAFEE
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—Just when it appeared Munday's defense had no answer for Haskell quarterback Dylan Hansen, Temerick Reagins and Heath Bivens finally answered the challenge to allow the Moguls to escape with a 68-66 win in their regular season home finale at Scruggs Stadium last Friday.

With the Indians driving for a touchdown to regain the lead, Reagins applied the necessary pressure on Hansen to get his hands on him, resulting in a shorter pass that Bivens was in the right spot to intercept with just two minutes left in the up and down wild-scoring contest.

Then Day'veen Dockins, who was virtually unstoppable scoring five times and running for 337 yards to increase his season total to 1,546, added a pair of runs for first downs to move the ball into Haskell territory, allowing Alfonso Nunez to take a knee twice to run out the clock.

The victory enabled the Moguls to claim second place in District 7-2A with a 4-1 record and earned them a spot in bi-district against the Baird Bears, who finished third in District 8-2A after falling to district champion Albany, 63-34, last Friday. The game is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Fair Park Stadium in Seymour.

"It'll be my first time to play them," said Coach Patrick Corcoran. "They're well balanced and have good size with a lot of talent. They have a talented quarterback. Everything goes through him and he keeps plays alive with his feet, giving him additional time to find receivers."

Needing a win by 13 points to get into the playoffs, the fired-up Indians moved into the red zone with their first drive before settling for a 32-yard field goal by Finn Goette.

An onside kick failed and all the elusive Dockins needed was two plays to go the final 46 yards. Diego Reyes added the PAT.

The Indians countered with a 54-yard Hansen strike to Henry Smith, but the Moguls answered back on their second play as Dockins skirted left end and raced 69 yards.

When a pass interference call against Haskell was waived off because of a tipped pass, the Indians were able to score back-to-back touchdowns on a screen pass from eight yards to Lane Burson and a 59-yard run by Justice Dever to assume a 24-14 lead.

It looked like the Indians might have a chance to add to this lead when the Moguls lined up to punt on their next possession. Reagins took the snap, but instead of kicking, he saw plenty of running room down the left side and took off. He broke a tackle at the Haskell 30 with a neat cutback move and ended up 66 yards later in the end zone.

Ryan Pace returned the ensuing kickoff to the Munday 26 and the Indians needed four plays for Hansen to go the final 16. Goette's PAT increased the Haskell lead to 31-20.

Reagins returned the ensuing kick 43 yards into Haskell territory. Getting an assist from a face mask call against the Indians, two plays later Dockins cruised into the end zone, running over a defender at the goal line. Reyes added the PAT, cutting the deficit to four points.

However, the Moguls couldn't stop the Indians. Hansen raced 42 yards to up the Haskell lead to 38-27. Then after Dockins answered with a 74-yard run up the middle, Hansen hit Smith for a 54-yard TD strike with 3:50 left in the half, padding Indians' lead back to 11.

"It was a credit to our kids that they battled right back,"

Corcoran said.

The Moguls took most of the remaining time to move into the red zone and faced first and goal at the Haskell 6 after Nunez converted third and 17 with a pass to Reagins. Faced with four down from the two, Reagins lined up to take the snap and hurdled both lines to cross the plane of the goal for the crucial TD. Reyes' PAT left the Moguls on the short end of a 45-41 score.

Getting the ball to start the second half, the Moguls slowed down their running attack and drove 74 yards in nine plays. With Haskell's defense trying to neutralize Dockins, Nunez opted to keep the ball more himself, covering the last 30 to allow the Moguls to take the lead again.

Making defensive adjustments of their own in an effort to put more pressure on Hanson, the Moguls finally found a way to stop the Indians when a fourth down pass was picked off by Nunez.

On third and 16 from their own 15, an obvious passing choice, Nunez threw a perfect strike to Reagins, being covered by two defenders. He caught the ball running at full speed and then pushed down a defender at the Haskell 30 to complete an 85-yard scoring play. Reyes' kick upped Munday's lead to 55-45.

Momentum turned in Haskell's favor on the first play following the kick, Hanson escaped for 58 yards and then the Indians picked off a pass and drove 47 yards, converting a crucial third and 13 with a Hanson-to-Smith pass for 14 yards and then a fourth down at the Munday four. Hansen was sacked for a 10-yard loss, but then the Moguls were flagged for interference. A penalty moved the Indians back to the six, but on third down Hansen scored from the one. Goette's PAT put Haskell back in the lead, 59-55.

Wasting no time, the Moguls' Nunez scampered 47 yards for the seventh lead change in the game. Holt Bivens' pass for the two points was intercepted.

The never-say-die Indians converted a pair of fourth downs, including a 15-yard pass from Hansen to his favorite target, Smith for a touchdown. Goette's PAT gave the Indians the lead, 66-61, with 4:58 remaining.

It was obvious to everyone that needing to win by 13 that the Indians would try an onside kick. It almost worked as an Indian arrived at the ball at the same time a Mogul did. The ball bounced out and into the arms of Zac Huffman.

That's when Dockins took over again, running for 16, 5 and the final 29 yards for the ninth lead change of the night. Reyes' kick at 4:01 left the Moguls up 68-66.

The Indians overcame a holding penalty to convert a third and two at the Munday 43, but on first down, the tide turned in the Moguls' favor when Hansen's pass was picked off.

Team	District		Season			
	W	L	W	L	Pts	Opp
Hamlin	5	0	10	0	462	231
Munday	4	1	7	3	429	257
Electra	3	2	5	5	298	191
Haskell	2	3	5	5	401	300
Petrolia	1	4	2	8	172	477
Seymour	0	5	2	8	198	406

Last week's results: Munday 68, Haskell 66; Hamlin 68, Seymour 32; Electra 42, Petrolia 7

This week's schedule: Munday vs, Baird, Seymour; Electra vs. Santo, Jacksboro.



Temerick Reagins leaps over a pile of players to score a touchdown on fourth and goal against Haskell (Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier)

Mogulettes open basketball season

The Munday High girls basketball team kicked off its season Tuesday night with a road game in Abilene against Abilene Christian.

The home opener against Aspermont was moved to 11 a.m. Saturday because of the bi-district football game with Baird on Friday in Seymour.

Coach Corey Stephenson has two returning starters, Raci Dillard and Maria Vega, to build a team around. He also expects Charity Hunter and Kimberley Shahan to be starters, but is still looking to see who will get time as the other starter.



Munday's Janie Salinas cruises to second place finish at the state cross country race in Round Rock last Saturday

(Photo by Jeanna Williams)

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Benjamin News

Gladene Green

It's Monday, and the wind is blowing a "gale" straight out of the west, with the forecast saying it will be out of the north before Tuesday gets here. That means much colder temperatures, but it's nearly Thanksgiving, so guess that's to be expected.

Not much change in those who have been having some health issues. Right now, everyone seems to be kinda holding their own. Deann Lamb is back home from the Munday Nursing Center and doing pretty well. She will start some physical therapy soon, which should strengthen her leg and hip.

Memorial Service Held

A service was held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Benjamin to honor the memory of Bonnie Bohannon Howell. James Jackson, pastor, brought the message, and Bonnie's nephew, Chase Bohannon, spoke some very kind words about her. Bonnie died on October 16 in Geneva, Nebraska, where she had resided with her husband and children for several years. Her funeral and burial were in Geneva. Several friends and family shared a time of visiting and refreshments following the service.

Football Royalty

At the junior high football game Thursday against Northside, the Junior High and High School Football Heroes and Sweethearts were announced and crowned. Receiving those honors in junior high were Jaylyn Barrientez, who was crowned Junior High Hero, and Tarin Strickland, who was named Junior High Sweetheart.

Jaylyn is in the 7th grade, and Tarin is an eighth grader. In high school, Caleb Whittle was named Hero. He is a freshman, and Sierra Turner was the Sweetheart. She is a sophomore. Congratulations to these students.

Here 'N There

I attended the Bazaar at the FUMC in Knox City Saturday morning, and after shopping their baked goods "store," I have part of my Thanksgiving lunch desserts already prepared! There were a lot of good looking pies, cakes, and cookies, and some wonderful hot sauce that I'm really enjoying. It was just a fun time

and "topped off" by a delicious turkey and dressing and all the trimmings and pumpkin pie lunch. Thanks to the Methodists for doing this each year. It's always enjoyable.

The annual Fall Festival here in Benjamin will be Saturday, November 15. There will be something for everyone to enjoy, from small children to adults. So plan to be there. The Carnival starts around 5:30 pm, and the Program and Coronation will be about 7:15. There's always Bingo afterwards, so everyone should have a good time.

The annual Community Thanksgiving Supper will be on November 19. It starts about 6:30 with a potluck meal and a program will follow. It's a great time for folks to get together, have a good meal, and enjoy good Christian fellowship. We hope we have a good attendance for the event. Everyone is welcome and urged to attend.

Among the out of town relatives and friends here on Sunday for the Bonnie Howell Memorial were Billy and Desiree Mosteller and Lillian and Kimberly Armstrong and family of Amarillo, Dorothy Weber and Julie of Azle, Lupe Bently and family of Burkburnett, Lonnie Bohannon of Abilene, Misty Bohannon, Chase and Chance of Eastland, and Frances King, Ron Risinger, and Patti Kendrick of Knox City.

Randy Barnett is enjoying a few days' fishing trip with friends to Lake Amistad, near Del Rio. According to Judy, he's having some good R & R time, and catching some fish! He should be home by midweek.

I had a nice visit with Veta Reid on Saturday. She; lives in Dallas now and was back in the area cleaning up her rental property in O'Brien. Veta taught Home-Ec here in the 70's and asked about many of her former students. It was good to see her.

Have you seen the new yard lights that have been put in a couple of yards within the last few days? There's one in the Beavers yard, one at the corner of the former Oleta Welch house, and 3 in Kim Sealy's yard. They are nice and sure add to the appearance of a place. There may be more, but those are the ones on the "route" that I travel daily.

Remember, call in your news. Everyone wants to know what everyone else is doing!

Benjamin Basketball Schedules

Varsity girls, boys

Nov. 18—at Guthrie
Nov. 20-22—at Guthrie Tournament
Dec. 2—at Patton Springs
Dec. 4-6—at Chillicothe Tournament
Dec. 9—Patton Springs
Dec. 12—Jayton JV (boys)
Dec. 16—at Woodson
Jan. 6—Woodson
Jan. 9—Chillicothe (girls)
Jan. 13—at Harrold
Jan. 16—Munday
Jan. 20—at Northside
Jan. 23—at Crowell
Jan. 27—at Chillicothe
Jan. 30—Harrold

Feb. 3—at Munday

Feb. 6—Northside
Feb. 10—Crowell
Feb. 13—Chillicothe (boys)

Junior High

Nov. 10—at Chillicothe
Nov. 17—Harrold
Dec. 1—at Munday
Dec. 8—at Northside
Dec. 15—Crowell
Jan. 12—Chillicothe
Jan. 19—at Harrold
Jan. 26—Munday
Feb. 2—Northside
Feb. 9—at Crowell

Chillicothe wins 11-1A grid title

HARROLD—Scoring every time they got the ball, the Chillicothe Eagles claimed the District 11-1A/Division II football championship, posting an 89-56 victory over the Harrold Hornets here Friday night.

The Eagles advance to bi-district where they'll play 12-1A runnerup Forrestburg. The Hornets also advance, but have a much tougher task going up against No. 1-ranked and 12-1A champion Throckmorton, which beat them earlier in the season, 64-14.

District 11-1A/Division II

Team	District		Season		Pts	Opp
	W	L	W	L		
Chillicothe	3	0	6	4	389	310
Harrold	2	1	4	5	394	358
Northside	1	2	2	8	184	579
Benjamin	0	3	2	7	206	355

Last week's results: Chillicothe 89, Harrold 56; Northside by forfeit over Benjamin. This week's schedule: Chillicothe vs. Forrestburg, tbd; Harrold vs. Throckmorton, Seymour

More state highway improvements likely

AUSTIN — Voters in Texas sent a clear message that road improvements are very important for economic development, safety and quality of life. By voting in support of Proposition 1, voters decided that a portion of oil and gas tax revenues should be deposited into the State Highway Fund.

The Legislature will take the necessary steps to determine the amount of funding that will be deposited into the State Highway Fund, before then appropriating those funds to TxDOT.

Additional roadway funding will be used to address congestion, maintain the state's system in a safe manner and repair roads affected by activity in the energy sector. None of the funds will be used on toll roads.

The approval of Proposition 1 is great news for Texas said "This is a good first step toward finding sustainable funding

to meet Texas' transportation needs," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC(Ret). "The overwhelming support for this measure is a strong statement from the citizens of Texas that transportation is an essential priority."

Weber added his appreciation to the Legislature for helping Texas to get to this point. "We look forward to working with the Legislature to finalize the process and get the necessary resources out to the areas of the state most in need."

As the Legislature begins its important work in deciding how much of this funding will be made available, TxDOT will continue to work with local leaders and planning organizations to identify possible projects to advance using these funds. Many of these projects will be ready to proceed to construction within four to six months after the appropriation is received.

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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

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Public Notice
Munday CISD is now accepting referrals for students who may need Gifted/Talented Services for the school year. This program is designed for students who exhibit intellectual and creative thinking abilities at an extraordinary level not normally served in the regular classroom. Services are provided only upon identification of education needs of the student. Anyone wishing to refer a student attending Munday CISD in kindergarten through sixth grade this school year is asked to go by the student's campus office and request a copy of the referral form. This form must be returned to the school by December 1, 2014. Those unable to go by the school should call 940-422-4321 to request a form be sent to them.

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El Distrito Escolar de MUNDAY CISD está aceptando referencias para estudiantes que puedan necesitar servicios de Gifted/Talented (programa para estudiantes que tengan talentos/inteligencia más alta que sus iguales) para el año escolar. Este programa está diseñado para estudiantes que muestran habilidades intelectuales y habilidades inventivas de nivel extraordinario que normalmente no se sirve en las clases regulares. Los servicios son prestos únicamente cuando hay identificación de necesidades educativas del estudiante. Cualquiera persona que quiera referir a un estudiante en grados de kínder hasta el grado sexto dentro del Distrito Escolar de MUNDAY CISD, puede ir por la oficina de la escuela del estudiante para pedir una copia de la forma de registro. Este formulario debe ser devuelto a la escuela antes del 01 de diciembre de 2014. Los que no pueden ir por la escuela deben llamar al 940-422-4321 para solicitar un formulario se enviará a ellos.

Veteran's Day poster winners



Gracie Howeth, Carlie Willison and Wesson Ham were the winners of a poster contest detailing their favorite veterans

James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Church Happenings

Area-wide meeting set

HASKELL—The Haskell Church of Christ will host an area-wide meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Several Children's Homes will have exhibits and information.

Community-wide service set

MUNDAY—The Munday Ministry Alliance announced that a community-wide service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at the First Baptist Church of Munday. "It's a fundraiser for the food pantry," said Shane Kendrick.

Ladies Harvest Festival

KNOX CITY--The Foursquare Church in Knox City will host the 39th annual Ladies Harvest Festival at 10 a.m. on Nov. 15. A salad luncheon will follow.

Free Thanksgiving meal

MUNDAY—The fourth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is again planned Nov. 27 here at the First United Methodist Church. The meal is free and no registration is needed. shut-ins can call the church at 940 422-5144 to arrange for delivery.

Breakfast with Santa

MUNDAY—Children can get their pictures taken with Santa Claus when the Munday Church of Christ hosts Breakfast with Santa from 9-11 a.m. on Dec. 6. There is no cost for the meal.

(Send news of your church activities to kcnewscourier@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Friday.)

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Burl Griffith Gold Star honoree

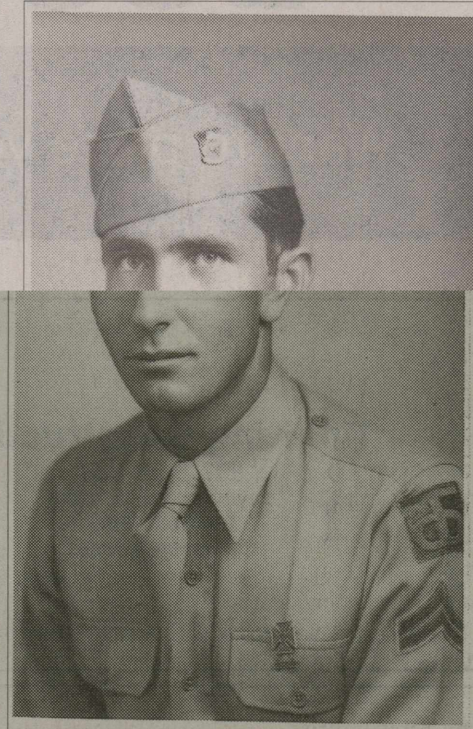
BENJAMIN—SSgt. Burl R. Griffith of Munday was recognized as the Gold Star honoree for 2014 here Tuesday at the Veteran's Day celebration.

The nephews of SSgt. Griffith, Charles Burl (Chuck) Griffith of Lufkin, Tex. and Charley Partridge of Wichita Falls will carry the wreath of red, white, and blue flowers to the archway in celebration.

SSgt. Burl Rankin Griffith, son of Dave and Neva Griffith was born March 2, 1915. He was one of 13 children. During WWII, there were four brothers (Charlie, Burl, Jean and Roddy) and a sister (Genea Beth) that all served at the same time during the war. Burl was killed in action on July, 7, 1944 in Normandy, France.

Burl entered the service in 1942 and was assigned to the 90th Infantry Division, 357th Regiment, 3rd Battalion, Company L. In the photo of him, you will see the 'TO' patch on his left sleeve. That 'TO' patch is the 90th Infantry Division and stood for "Tough Ombres". The 90th was based at Camp Barkley in Abilene, where Dyess AFB is now located. They trained hard for almost two years before embarking for the Normandy Invasion in France in the spring of 1944. His unit arrived at Utah Beach on June 8 (D-Day + 2) and for the next 30 days fought valiantly in the hedgerows of Normandy driving the Germans away from the beachheads.

The 90th engaged in one of the bloodiest battles of Normandy in the Battle at Beau Coudray around Le Plissis-Lastelle fighting for Hill 122 on July 1. For seven days the fierce battle between the Germans and the 90th raged. Company L (Burl's company) lost almost 200 out of 240 men during this period due to deaths or wounds. On July 6, the Germans had isolated company I and L by artillery fire from Hill 122. Burl was killed on the morning of July 7 by more artillery fire. Later that afternoon, a Panzer tank accompanied by German soldiers captured the remaining soldiers from Co. I and L within 200



SSGT. BURL RANKIN GRIFFITH

yards southwest of the church at Le Plissis. The church is still there, but was rebuilt on the same foundation shortly after the war. A monument to the 90th Infantry Division is 100 yards to the east of the church, commemorating the soldiers who died at Beau Coudray.

Burl was originally buried at the American cemetery at Bloiseville, France near the battlefield where he was killed. When the new American cemetery was completed at Omaha Beach in 1957, he was re-interred at plot F, Row 7, Grave. 7.

Most of the Griffith family is buried in a family plot in Brushy Cemetery, a country cemetery located 10 miles southeast of Munday. There is a memorial marker for Burl along with six of his brothers and sisters that are buried there with his parents.

McGaughey in training exercises in Hungary

Sgt. Michael McGaughey, who was raised in Knox City and graduated from KCHS in 1997, is actively serving in the United States Army, currently deployed to training exercises in Papa, Hungary, training with Hungarian and Dutch forces. He has also been involved in conducting air assault training with NATO as well as U.S. and German Special Forces groups in Germany, Spain, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and most recently Norway.

Following High School, Michael attended college for two years before enrolling at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater. While there, Michael completed certification requirements to be a diesel mechanic and graduated at the top of his class. After spending a few years in the oil field, Michael decided to pursue a life-long dream of joining the military. At the age of 30, Michael enlisted in the Army and entered Boot Camp at Fort Sill, Okla. along with almost 200 new recruits. Michael was named the Distinguished Honor Graduate, awarded through performance and evaluation by the drill sergeants as being the best in the class.

Michael joined the 1st Sustainment Brigade in January

2009 in Fort Riley, Kan. Soon thereafter, he was deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Michael spent the next 12 months in Kuwait involved in Operation New Dawn, to assist in the drawdown of forces and the redeployment of thousands of American soldiers as well as the return or transfer of war fighting equipment to the United States or to combat troops fighting in Afghanistan.

In January 2013, McGaughey was accepted at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Newport News, Vir. to begin training as a mechanic for Black Hawk helicopters. He received specialized instruction in aviation mechanics and logistics, completing this coursework in April 2013.

Then he received orders to head to Ansbach, Germany. The McGaughey family relocated to Katterbach in July that year. The Katterbach Army Airfield was built in 1935 by the German Luftwaffe and used by the Germans during the invasion of France, Poland, England and Russia. The air field was attacked in 1945 by Allied U.S. bombers and was seized by the United States 3rd Army afterwards. By 1949 it had become a NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization installation. Now it is home to the 12th Combat Avia-



SGT. MICHAEL MCGAUGHEY

tion Brigade.

Since arriving in Germany, McGaughey has achieved the rank of Sergeant and has been promoted to UH 60 Black Hawk Crew Chief and squad leader of Bravo Company, 3-158 Assault Helicopter Battalion.

He is married to wife, Tandy and is the father of three sons, Mayson 12, Luke 9, Jay 7 and 18-month old daughter Avalee. Michael's parents are Marsha and Kerry Quade and Mark McGaughey of Knox City. His sister is Tamara McGaughey Urbanczyk also of Knox City. Michael's grandparents are Byron and Shirley Gass of Goree and the late Allen and Peggy McGaughey.

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Mac's Views

While I've expressed views many times about sports topics, especially ones related to golf, I've never gotten into speaking about politics until now.

First, I have to say that I've never voted a straight party ticket, preferring to vote for individuals or against a candidate who hasn't done his or her job or who might have even got too negative with his or her campaign.

It was obvious from the results of the midterm election plus comments expressed by voters in exit interviews that the American public—count me among that number—aren't happy with the status quo in Washington, DC. They feel that their standards of living have declined.

Voters gave Democrats a drubbing that was expected considering the way they feel about President Barack Obama, allowing the Republicans to take over control of the Senate and expand their majority in the House. On the state level, Republicans also picked up more governors.

Republicans have to prove they can govern instead of playing the role of the opposition party. Let's hope the Demo-

crats still in office work with them to provide us with a list of priorities and take action on them. Let's hope Obama doesn't follow through with veto threats. If he does, I don't think Democrat candidates will fare well in the 2016 election. For that matter, my personal view, is that electing another Carter isn't the answer. We need new faces with new ideas.

I wouldn't mind seeing the minimum wage raised, something favored by the Democrats.

Negative ads and the amount of money spent on elections also bother. Candidates should run on their own credentials. Some of the money should be used to improve the quality of life for the average citizen instead or even to help the homeless.

Speaking of the homeless, I don't think a so-called Christian nation should arrest pastors or organizations for feeding the homeless.

However, that's what happened recently in Fort Lauderdale, FL where three men—two ministers and the leader of a nonprofit—were charged with breaking a new city ordinance that restricted such actions.

My thought is that we should do what we can to at least feed the homeless until the time they can make themselves contributors to society again. Some of them are veterans, who have served our country.



JAMES MCAFEE

Adventure Days offers many activities

KNOX CITY--The fourth annual Adventure Days event was held here Saturday, offering a variety of activities to Knox County residents.

The bike rodeo had 13 bikers of all different ages. Each child learned about bike safety and received a free bike helmet. This event was hosted by Texas Agrilife Extension, the City of Knox City and the Knox County Hospital.

Marsha Quade, principal of Knox City Elementary, taught how to make a DIY Chalkboard, showing off some amazing chalkboards she had made and gave the groups the ins and outs

of making one for themselves.

Mitchell Welch demonstrated painting a canvas, showing how to use acrylics, watercolors and even different texturing techniques. He started with a partially painted canvas and let the participants help him finish it.

The winners of the domino tournament were Louis Baty and his father, Louis Sr. The duos of Travis Floyd-Johnny Birkenfeld and Jerry Coplen-Jeff Stanfeld followed in second and third places.

One of the new activities was Painting without the Twist, hosted by TEEA.

The ladies completed a canvas with a chalkboard that allows them to count down the days until Christmas.

Jordan and Zach Carter were the winners of the Amazing Grace Race. The race took contestants around Knox City and Munday to a variety of locations. They had to figure out clues to find each location. Once there they had to complete tasks in order to get their next clue.

Adventure Days also offered a bus tour to Kinder Morgan where local residents got an inside glimpse of this business.

Texas Golf Hall of Fame adds Haney, Cook

SAN ANTONIO -Hank Haney and Chuck Cook, two of the greatest teachers in the state, along with Australian Bruce Devlin and four others were inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame in a gala celebration at the San Antonio Country Club in October.

"This game has been very good to me, especially since I moved to Texas 30 years and I'm so honored to be able give back in this way," said Dallas' Hank Haney. "This is an honor I'm going to cherish for the rest of my life."

Joining him in the golf professional category was Austin's Chuck, who has taught major multiple champions ranging from Tom Kite to Jason Dufner. "To be in the same golf hall

of fame with Mr. Hogan is pretty amazing," Cook said. He also thanked Kite for "never letting me be ordinary, but always pushing me."

Dallas Bob Rawlins, recently deceased, was inducted in the amateur category for his many accomplishments, including the 1984 U.S. Senior Amateur title. Bill Penn, the first full-time executive director of the Texas Golf Association and a longtime promoter of golf in the state, was recognized for distinguished service. Ronnie Choate, the Sam Houston State University golf coach, and Charles Dexter, were honored in the Pioneer category.

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Salinas also earned a silver medal at the regional competition in Lubbock a week earlier, losing to Angelica Gonzales of Hartley by 10 seconds. In the rematch

with Gonzales, Salinas prevailed as Gonzales slipped to ninth.

"Based on the times in all the divisions, this course was a lot tougher with all its ups and downs," Stephenson added.

Salinas advanced to the state meet as a sophomore, finishing in 28th place, but

missed out advancing from the regional as a junior by one place. "This really motivated her as she was determined to not miss this year," Stephenson said.

Earlier in the Spring, Salinas finished sixth in the Class 1A state 3,200-meter run with a time of 12:21.99.

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The mission of the TMCN is to promote a regional approach to provide the resources and awareness for its members to achieve economic and community growth, providing a means

by which communities can work together to accomplish what one community can not do alone.

Other member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson Aspermont, Baird, Ballenger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De-

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mers, 88-57, at home Friday night to earn a bi-district slot opposite the state's No-2-ranked Ira Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Hermleigh. The winner advances to play the winner of Garden City (7-3) vs. Sterling City.

District 7-2A champion Hamlin (10-0) received a bye in the first round, awaiting the winner of the Roscoe (5-5) vs. Wink (5-5) bi-district game. Electra (6-4), the third place team in 7-2A, plays Santo (9-1) at 7 p.m. Friday in Jacksboro.

Crowell, champion of District 8-1A/Division I and the defending state champions who are ranked No. 1, plays Highland (4-5) at 7:30 P.M. Friday in Anson.

The District 11-1A/Division II representatives, champion Chillicothe (6-4) and runnerup Harrod (4-5), square off against Forrestsburg (6-3) and Throckmorton (9-0), respectively.

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Tatiana Nchota and Lorrie Coop to lead health, wellness program

BENJAMIN—Tatiana Nchota with the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service was introduced to the Knox County Commissioners on Monday.

Nchota, a recent graduate of Towson College in Maryland who was born in Cameroon in West Africa, will be working with Lorrie Coop, the county extension agent for family and consumer sciences, here in Knox County for the next year to

improve health and wellness for residents with the "Healthy Futures" project, a joint effort between AgriLife and the Abilene Health Education Center.

Following a training session in College Station next week, the pair will first be concentrating on the "Texas, Eat, Go" program, which is designed to increase fruit and vegetables consumption for kids.

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