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KNOX CITY PICKS MAYOR Texas voters decide on amendments

Special to The News-Courier

Knox County residents will cast votes in a constitutional election next Tuesday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the following places:

Precincts 101, 202, Knox County Aging Center, Knox City;

Precincts 201, 202, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin;

Precincts 301, 401, Munday Community Center.

In addition, Knox City residents will be deciding a new mayor, either Jeff Stanfield or Anthony Adkins.

In order to amend the Texas Constitution, the legislature must pass a bill by two-thirds majority and then send it to the voters for final approval. This time there are seven proposed amendments.

Proposition One

The amendment would increase property tax exemptions for homeowners from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for an average savings of \$126 per year on their tax statements. Tax relief is seen as a plus to most people and particularly to those who are being squeezed out of the market price-wise. On the other side of the coin

is the reasoning that the saving is minimal and does not address renters. Political pundits say it is not truly a tax cut. There is also the issue of revenue shortfalls to the school districts, which the state has said they will cover.

Proposition Two

Four years ago, voters passed an amendment that gave full tax exemptions to surviving spouses of disabled veterans who had not remarried. However, it did not include those who had already lost their spouse prior to 2010. This amendment would make that retroactive to all spouses

of disabled veterans provided they had not remarried.

Proposition Three

This amendment is attempting to do away with that requirement that state-wide elected officials are required to live in Austin. State officials such as the attorney general, comptroller, Ag commissioner and land commissioner have homes in Austin. Those supporting the change say that it is easier to travel the state and the current system is somewhat archaic and in some cases may act as a deterrent for some people to run for office. Remembering that

state officials answer any legal transgression in Austin's county court, some say a different residential address might provide regress from Austin's legal preferences. There is also the travel time and expenses if an officer holder would have to travel from Dallas, Houston, or San Antonio to conduct state business in Austin.

Proposition Four

Raffles have, for one reason or another, always been a bone of contention in the state. Who can operate them? Where is the money going? Who actually benefits from

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Knox Notes

Please notify the News-Courier about your upcoming events. Emailed submissions to kc-news@courier@gmail.com are preferred. The deadline for inclusion will be the Friday before the following week's issue.

Pancake Supper

MUNDAY — The Lions Club Pancake Supper is scheduled from 4-30-6:30 p.m. Friday at Munday High School prior to the football game against Seymour. Cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Goree carnival

GOREE — A Halloween carnival is planned here Saturday at the Knox Prairie Events Center from 4-6:30 p.m. Costume contests for children and adults is planned. Hayrides will be offered. Bingo starts at 8:30 p.m.

Haunted hayrides cancelled

BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Ex-Students Association has cancelled its Haunted Hayrides on Saturday because of weather.

Ear cleaning clinic

MUNDAY — Seymour Hospital Home Health will conduct a free ear cleaning and hearing screen clinic from 12:30-4 p.m. Wednesday at the Munday Housing Center. Call the hospital or the Munday Housing Authority to make an appointment.

Methodists plan bazaar

KNOX CITY — The First United Methodist Church annual bazaar and dinner is scheduled here at 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Tickets for the traditional turkey lunch will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Baked goods, jams, jellies, frozen casseroles, arts, crafts and other items will be for sale.

Thanksgiving Meal

MUNDAY — The fifth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled here Nov. 26 at the First United Methodist Church. A Turkey Trot will also be held again.

More rain expected

Special to The News-Courier
 Knox County is expected to get more rain starting Thursday night and continuing through Saturday that could mean football fans get wet Friday night.

The James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center in Knox City reported 2.13 of rain last week and similar amounts fell all over the county.

Other areas of Texas south and east of Knox received higher totals, even exceeding 20 inches in Corsicana, that caused flooding.

Correction

The Conception Art Show where Munday artist Kacy Latham showed her work was held at Southfork Ranch, not Southpark Ranch.

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

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Purple Cloud, Pride bands going to state

Special to The News-Courier

SAN ANTONIO — The Knox City Pride band and the Munday Purple Cloud band will be marching here Tuesday at the Alamodome in the Class A state marching competition.

Both schools will be performing arrangements from Luke McMillan, who lives in Abilene. Munday, directed by Trey Singleton for the past five years, will perform a Spanish style show called "Caliente" while Knox City, directed for the 19th year by Mark Tucker, will do "Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde."

"We ended the drought," Singleton said, pointing out that Munday's last trip to state came in 2005. "The kids are really excited. It'll be my first time, taking 19 years. I feel confident as we've had some good practices."

Tucker also was optimistic about Knox City's chances. "We've had some good prac-

tices and the kids are really excited." The last time Knox City advanced to state came in 2009.

The Purple Cloud band, which has finished second five times in the past, will march at 1:23 p.m. The Pride band is scheduled to march at 12:18. The top five bands from the prelims will advance to the finals.

Other Class A schools competing include Crosbyton, Leakey, Nueces Canyon, Rising Star, Ropes, Rotan, Throckmorton, Water Valley, White Deer and Whiteface.

Locals who cannot make the trip to San Antonio will get one last chance to see the bands perform their programs Friday night since home games are on the schedule.

The Class 5A contest will be held the same day with prelims at 7:30 a.m. and finals at 9 p.m. Class 2A and 3A schools will compete on Monday.

Taylor twins advance to state meet

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LUBBOCK — Munday's Kayla and Karla Taylor earned the right to advance to the UIL State Cross Country Championship in Round Rock on Saturday, Nov. 7 by finishing 13th and 14th in the regional race here Monday at Mae Simmons Park.

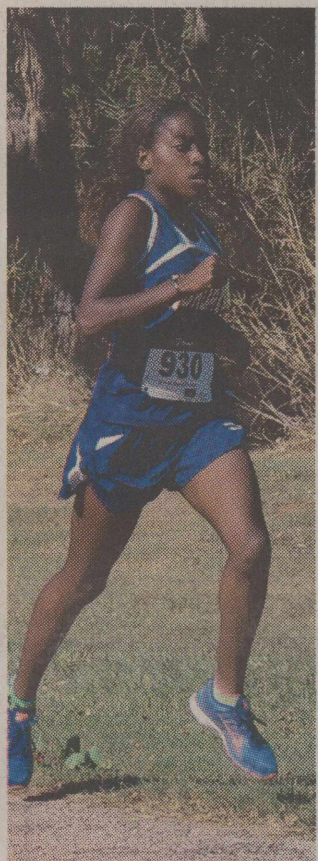
Kayla covered the two miles in 13:24.89 while Karla followed closely in 13:25.80.

Izabelle Smith of Spur claimed the gold medal with a clocking of 12:26.88.

The Moguettes finished 14th as a team with the following runners and times: Madison Thompson, 15:19.96; Emily Scott, 15:51.11; Kendall Thompson, 15:42.21; Kathryn Cude, 15:55.19; and Zoe Cedillo, 17:16.50.

Temi Flowers of Knox City finished 45th in 14:15.57 while Carolina Hilario of Benjamin placed 79th in 15:04.20.

Christian Araujo of



Courtesy photos

Taylor twins qualify for state

Munday posted a time of 19:13.50 for the three miles to place 17th. Dustin Dominye of Spur claimed the gold in 16:48.53.

Benjamin had five run-

ners: Brandon Harris (22:47.46), Devin Harris (21:13.77), Damian Landi (24:37.66), Lincoln Strickland (29:50.73) and Ricki Hilario (30:00.52)

Judge Floyd announces retirement

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier



JUDGE TRAVIS FLOYD

BENJAMIN — Judge Travis Floyd announced his retirement on Monday at a special meeting of the Knox County commissioners. It will be effective Dec. 10.

Floyd has served as the county judge for the past 11 years, winning a reelection last fall for another four years.

Floyd indicated that he had even considered not running then, but decided to go ahead and run after being asked by many people to do so.

"As of Nov. 30, I will have been working for 50 years and will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 1, so I

just thought now was a good time to rest and spend more time with family," he said.

The commissioners will select a replacement for Floyd to handle the duties as judge until the next general election in November, 2016. Then an election will be held to name a judge.

3 volleyball teams move on

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

All three of the Knox County high school volleyball teams are headed for the playoffs next week.

The Munday Moguettes are accustomed to extending their seasons, but it will be a new experience for the Knox City Houndettes and the Benjamin Lady Stangs. It's been five years for the Houndettes and six years for the Lady Stangs.

The Moguettes and Houndettes split District 6-2A games, each winning on their home court, to finish in a tie for third place with 7-5 records. The Lady Stangs posted a 3-9 mark for fifth place under first-

year coach Cody Propps.

To settle the seeding for the playoffs, Munday coach Jessica Toliver and KC coach Brenna Hoegger didn't use a coin toss. Instead, Hoegger picked out a city and Toliver guessed wrong if the last digit in the zip code was odd or even.

So Knox City gets an opening bye and will play the winner of the bi-district game between Water Valley and Lingleville, likely on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Munday will face the loser of a playoff between Har- old and Northside at 10 a.m. Monday in Holliday to allow members of the Purple Pride band to travel to San Antonio for the state marching contest. Benjamin will play the winner

on Tuesday at either Vernon or City View.

To close out the regular season, the Houndettes scored a 25-15, 25-20, 25-11 victory over the Lady Stangs Tuesday in Benjamin.

With a lot of new and young faces in the lineup, Knox City had to learn a new system. "They've handled the learning curve really well," said Hoegger.

Propps is attempting to build a program at Benjamin. "We keep improving each week," he said. Earlier last week, the Lady Stangs fell to the Moguettes, 25-10, 22-25, 25-15, 25-16. "I was proud of how the girls played and put

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President vetoes military spending bill

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama intensified a battle between the White House and Congress last week by vetoing legislation authorizing \$612 billion in military spending over the next year.

Underscoring the escalating tensions over the annual National Defense Authorization

Act, Obama made a rare public show of his veto by rejecting the legislation in front of television cameras and reporters in the Oval Office.

The president said the bill "falls woefully short" because it fails to resolve spending caps known as sequestration, doesn't include military reforms, and impedes his ability to close the U.S. detention facility in

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It's time to go trick-or-treating

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY — Halloween is a popular time for kids of all ages to dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating.

Munday city officials have indicated an area on the south side of the city will be blocked off between 7th and 9th and Bowie and Houston to make it safe for kids to go out Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. to get

their treats.

"That area seems to be where there is higher traffic and this will make it safer for the kids," said Police Chief Chris Mendoza.

Fire trucks will be set up at the four corners. Other residents who would like to get involved by opening their trunks at the other eight intersections should call city hall to sign up.



Obits

Ed Moorhouse

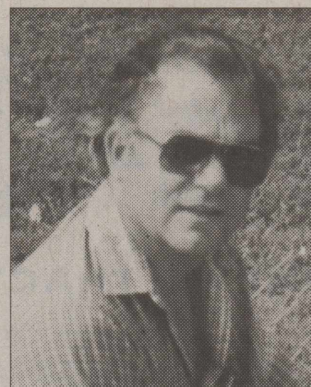
Ed Moorhouse, 72, passed away Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 at Fireside Nursing Home in Ft. Worth. A graveside service was held Monday with Fred Stice officiating at the Moorhouse Family Ranch Cemetery in Benjamin under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes, Knox City.

Ed was born June 18, 1943 in Knox City to J.C. "Togo" and Lucille (Hunter) Moorhouse. He lived in Ft. Worth

and was formally from Benjamin. He graduated from Texas Tech, and was a realtor for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.C. "Togo" Moorhouse and Lucille (Hunter) Moorhouse.

Ed is survived by his brothers John Moorhouse and wife Carolyn of Seymour, Tom Moorhouse of Benjamin and Bob Moorhouse and wife Linda of Weatherford; and numerous



ED MOORHOUSE

nieces and nephews. Online condolences can be shared with Ed's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Safety tips for Halloween

Special to The News-Courier

Halloween means children getting outdoors to enjoy treats, fun, and games. It also signals a change back to Standard Time with shorter days and longer nights. With shorter days comes more night driving. Because nighttime driving is more dangerous, it requires extra attention from motorists, as well as pedestrians and bicyclists.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that nearly half of all fatal pedestrian crashes and almost one-third of fatal bicycle crashes occur in low-light or dark conditions. According to a National Safe Kids study, children riding bicycles in low light (nighttime, dusk, or dawn) are four times more likely to be injured than while riding in daylight conditions.

Knox County Extension agent, Lorrie Coop, reminds you of the following safety tips to keep in mind during Halloween and all year long.

Tips for motorists
Slow down. Watch for children walking on roads,

medians, and curbs. Enter and exit driveways carefully.

Be especially alert for children darting out from between parked vehicles and from behind bushes and shrubs. They're excited – and they are not paying attention.

Never drink and drive – tonight or any night. If you are partying, designate a driver.

Tips for parents
Adults should accompany children at all times and supervise their "trick or treat" activities.

Teach children to "stop, look left-right-left, and listen" before they cross the street.

Use a flashlight and wear retro-reflective strips or patches on your clothing or costume to be more visible to motorists.

Be certain that the mask does not obstruct vision or hearing.

Ensure that costumes do not impede walking or driving ability.

Tips for pedestrians
Before crossing a street, stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left, right and left again to be sure no

cars are coming. Continue to check for traffic while on the street.

Walk – never run – from house to house or across the road.

Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks.

When crossing at an intersection with a traffic light, be sure to watch for turning cars. Obey all pedestrian signals.

Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Back to School Planner.

By taking some extra time to make sure drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists obey the rules, Halloween can be a safe time for all.

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Stop when approaching school bus

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AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds drivers that it is illegal to pass any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal – either flashing red lights or a stop sign.

"DPS urges drivers to make the safety of our children a priority whenever they travel near school buses, and DPS will not tolerate those who break the law and put our children at risk," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Remember, children are particularly vulnerable when entering or exiting a school bus."

According to Texas stat-

ute, a driver – traveling in either direction – must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

Area News

Diabetes workshop set

ABILENE – The 21st annual Diabetes Texas Style workshop will be held here Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Shelton Building. Registration and exhibits open at 8 a.m. and the workshop will conclude at noon. The free workshop is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Steak dinner planned

STAMFORD – The Old Timers Association annual steak dinner is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov 12 here at the Bunkhouse. It serves as a fundraiser to maintain the Bunkhouse and the Round-Up Hall.

Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Nov. 2-6

Monday: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, salad, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday: Macaroni beef casserole, lima beans, cornbread, chocolate pudding

Wednesday: Herb roasted chicken, peas, carrots, rolls, pears

Thursday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, brownies

Friday: Sloppy Joes, potato salad, carrots, zucchini, dessert

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Mustangs claim 11-1A opener

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Mustangs provided a homecoming crowd at Ben Grill Stadium with a lot to celebrate about in a convincing 60-28 victory over the Harrold Hornets here last Friday night.

The win in their opening District 11-1A kept alive their hopes of making the playoffs and set up a showdown against the Chillicothe Eagles, 66-14 winners over the Northside Indians, on the road this week.

Looking at the Eagles' 2-6 overall record is misleading as they have played a formidable schedule that included some ranked teams and others with winning records.

Coach Jacob Navarro indicated the Mustangs have played well the last two weeks. "We are starting to put things together," he said. "I know we have a tough game against Chillicothe this week, but it's a great opportunity to show our growth and development. We look forward to the challenge."

Benjamin fans as well as the players were shocked with the results last week's opening kickoff. David Torres' onside effort bounced off a Hornet player, but was

caught by teammate Damien Morales and returned 50 yards for a TD.

It didn't take long for the Mustangs to recover as Justin Rainwater returned the ensuing kick back to the Harrold 22. Caleb Barrientez faked a handoff to Rainwater going left and reversed his rollout in the opposite direction to find a wide open Benjamin Vanderpol for the TD.

The Benjamin defense then stopped a Harrold drive into the red zone. When the Mustangs couldn't move the ball, they had to repeat the defensive effort and were successful again at their own 1. Rainwater found an open Lincoln Strickland and he completed a 79-yard scoring effort. Torres' PAT kick made it 14-6.

After a Rainwater-to-Barrientez touchdown pass was wiped out by a penalty, Rainwater ran five yards for a TD on the first play of the second quarter. When the snap was bobbled, Barrientez picked up the ball and hit Rainwater for the extra point.

The Hornets got their running game in high gear behind Justin Perez and cut the deficit to 21-14 midway through the second period.

After a Mustang drive ran out of gas deep in Harrold territory, the defense got a TD. Damian Landini stole the ball

away from Hunter Hopkins and ran 20 yards to give the Mustangs a 27-14 lead at halftime.

It might have been even closer except that Perez missed an open Hopkins near the goal line.

After participating in the halftime homecoming activities, the Mustangs exploded for 19 points in the third period to leave no doubt about the outcome. Rainwater scored from two yards out and passed to Strickland for a 14-yard effort. When the snap was bobbled, Torres hit Strickland for the PAT. Strickland then added another TD from 10 yards out.

Rainwater connected with Barrientez and Landini for 20 and 50 yards to round out the scoring while the Hornets stayed with their running game for two TDs of their own.

Rainwater finished the night with 412 yards of total offense, running 10 times for 110 yards and connecting on 13 of 18 passes for 302 yards. Vanderpol caught six passes for 112 yards and Strickland caught three for 104 yards.

Defensively, Strickland was credited with 12 solo tackles and Rainwater with 11.

In a losing effort, Perez proved tough to get down as he gained 261 yards on 45 carries.

Benjamin hero, sweetheart



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Football hero Justin Rainwater with sweetheart Taryn Strickland at Benjamin Homecoming.

Benjamin JH hero, sweetheart



Stacia Propps/The Knox County News-Courier

Abraham Nevrez and Kinsey Brown were named junior high hero and sweetheart.

11-1A standings								
Team	W	L	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pts.	Opp
Benjamin	1	0	60	28	3	5	191	415
Chillicothe	1	0	66	14	2	6	276	416
Northside	0	1	14	66	2	6	222	503
Harrold	0	1	28	60	0	8	120	485



Water districts meeting



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Groundwater conservation districts in area 6 conducted a meeting last week here in Munday to discuss desired conditions for all the related aquifers. Pictured are Ray Brady of Clear Fork, Amy Bush of RMBJ Geo Inc. in Floydada and Lynn Smith of Mesquite

Benjamin News

Gladene Green

The rain last week was wonderful. Certainly not a drought breaker, but every drop that fell was very much appreciated. We got two inches plus over here and I think that's about what everyone in the area got, and it was cool. Surely a change from just a week or so ago.

I extend my sincere sympathy to the family of Ed Moorhouse. Ed passed away last Friday in Ft. Worth after several months of failing health. His funeral was Monday at the family ranch west of Benjamin. He was the oldest son of Togo and Lucille.

Here 'n there

Hazel Stockton has been moved from the hospital in Lubbock to a rehabilitation facility, also in Lubbock. She

is progressing nicely and may be able to return home in a few weeks. If you would like to send her a card, send it here to her home and she will get it. I'm sure she would appreciate it.

Among those from out of town who were here last Tuesday for the funeral of Stanley Dee Glover were Keneth and Ida Mae Benson of Wichita Falls, Jerry Benson of Munday, Tommy Benson of Abilene and Rusty Spikes of Archer City. Rusty also visited his mom and sisters Dorothy and Penny while in town.

Visiting Tib Burnett a few days this week have been his sister Joardin Davis of Santa Fe, NM and a friend.

Linda Griffith is recovering nicely from her recent eye surgery. She was back to see her doctor the day after the surgery and he said everything was good. No swelling and the pressure was good so she was very pleased to hear that.

Donnie Ryder had a melanoma skin cancer removed and is doing great. He has several stitches, both inside and outside of the incision but the

doctor says he will not have to have any further treatment and that is good news.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse were in Dallas last week attending to some business for his employer.

It was a good sports week for Benjamin. The Lady Stangs downed Moran to wrap up a spot in the playoffs and the Mustangs opened District 11-1A with a victory over Harrold. Justin Rainwater and Abraham Nevarez were named football heroes and Taryn Strickland and Kinsey Benson as sweethearts during homecoming activity.

Earlier in the month, the fire department took a truck to the house where Clodell Duke lived (several years ago) and burned it. Mark and Teresa Kuehler had bought it and decided to clean up the area and started by getting rid of the house. It looks better and will look even nicer when they complete the cleaning project. There are several houses in town that need to be destroyed and the area around them cleaned up.

Just to let everyone know, the brown bag supper and haunted hayride on Halloween night has been cancelled due to the prediction of rain.

Camryn and Calli Conner of Wolforth spent a few days last week with their grandparents Randolph and Judy Barnett. Their dad Jim Bob visited a while here on Sunday and the girls returned home with him.

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Hounds fall in double overtime, 62-56

By James McAfee
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KNOX CITY — The Knox City Greyhounds have their backs to the wall in their effort to return to the playoffs after losing a heart-breaking 62-56 decision in double overtime to the Aspermont Hornets on the road last week.

The formidable task? Finding a way to beat the Crowell Wildcats, who claimed state titles the past two seasons, at home this Thursday. The Wildcats are ranked No. 4 in the state despite losses to three of the best six-man teams in the state and had no trouble in opening District 8-1A DI play with a 50-0 victory over the Rotan Yellowhammers.

Knox City Coach Charles Steele realizes beating the Wildcats will not be easy. "Crowell is very good. They've got in a lot of extra practice time by winning state the last two seasons. They're well-coached and they play hard. Our kids have to be at the top of their games to adjust to all the formations they use."

If the Wildcats avoid an upset in Knox City, they then would play the Hornets Nov. 6 to determine the district championship.

"We couldn't have asked the kids to play any better," said Steele, looking back at the Aspermont

game. "They gave it their all. It just wasn't our night."

The eventual difference in the bambumer with in regulation

touchdowns. The Greyhounds' Abel Sandoval made good on only three of the tries after the Hounds' seven TDs.

Aspermont upped its advantage to 16-6 on a 19-yard pass to Karter Morris and a successful PAT kick.

Knox City then appeared to take control with three touchdowns thru the air, including two in the final minute, for a 28-16 advantage. Neill connected with Sam Schnable (16 yards), Heard (4) and Sandoval (10), the last with just six seconds left. Neill finished the night with 15 of 20 for 170 yards.

The Greyhounds were still up 34-24 after three periods when Meador's 42-yard run was offset by Brady Hawkins' six-yard run 90 seconds later.

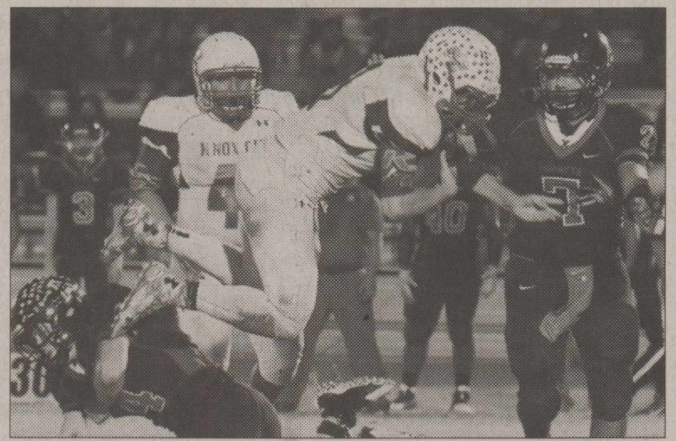
The Hornets narrowed the deficit to 34-32 on Myers' six-yard run in the first minute of the fourth quarter, but fell behind 40-32 when Heard caught a 14-yard pass from Neill and the PAT failed. The Hornets needed only 15 seconds to tie the game at 40-40 on a 48-yard Meador-to-Godfrey pass.

The Hounds assumed the lead midway in the final period when Christian Abila connected with Heard from four yards out and Sandoval added the PAT. Abila was 4 of 4 passing for 70 yards.

With just 1:19 left in the game, the Hornets sent the game into overtime as Godfrey caught a TD pass from six yards out and Myers split the uprights.

Backed up into the shadow of their own goal post, the Greyhounds didn't give up. A pair of long passes allowed the Hounds to reach the Aspermont 10. With the final seconds ticking down, the Hounds then could not push the ball into the end zone on two tries from the one.

"One yard can make a big difference," said Steele, point-



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Skyler Neill leaps over an Aspermont defender.



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Ryan Heard goes high to grab a pass from Neill.



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Brady Hawkins scores touchdown in third quarter.

play was Cory Myers' successful PAT kicks—worth two points each—after all six of the Hornets'

In the first overtime, Aspermont got into the end zone first on a 10-yard pass from Trey Meador to Nick Godfrey. Myers added the PAT kick. Knox City responded as Skyler Neill connected with Ryan Heard for a 25-yard scoring effort. Sandoval added the PAT.

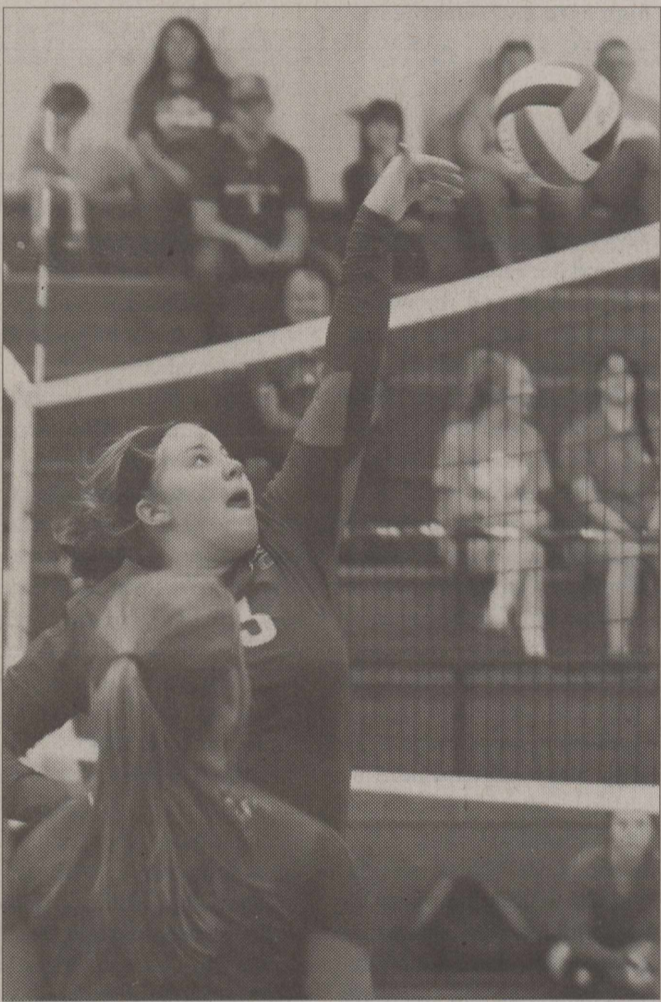
The Greyhounds couldn't reach the end zone in the second overtime. On fourth and 15, Ryan Heard bent low to the ground to catch a Skyler Neill pass, but the official ruled his knee went to the turf a half yard short of the 10 that would have kept the drive alive.

Needing only a touchdown to win the game, Meador connected with Chase Odom for a nine-yard scoring effort. Myers finally missed an extra point.

After Knox City lost two turnovers to start the game, Aspermont got on the scoreboard first on a five-yard run by Myers, who finished the night with 144 yards on 34 carries, and his PAT kick.

Knox City answered back on the first play of the second quarter as Neil, who gained 178 yards on 25 carries, scored from three yards out. The PAT try failed.

Playoff bound



8-1A standings

Team	W	L	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Aspermont	1	0	62	56	7	1	451	260
Crowell	1	0	50	0	5	3	339	165
Knox City	0	1	56	62	6	2	424	264
Rotan	0	1	0	50	2	6	132	369

Last week's results

Aspermont 62, Knox City 56, 2OT; Crowell 50, Rotan 0

This week's schedule

Crowell at Knox City, Aspermont at Rotan

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Moguls dominate Pirates, 47-14

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — After rising to the occasion with a great defensive effort in a 47-14 victory over the Petrolia Pirates, the Munday Moguls must now find a way to beat the Seymour Panthers here

week to improve to 2-1 in District 7-2A DII. The Panthers took advantage of five turnovers, including an 82-yard pick six by Collin Gann in the fourth quarter that eventually turned out to be the difference in the game. The Panthers were outgained by the Tigers, 334-189, in total

sively, we kept everything in front of us and didn't allow the big plays."

The Moguls limited the Pirates' usually effective passing game, allowing Dane Williams only 4 of 16 attempts for 94 yards. More importantly, they picked off two of his passes, including one in the red zone. They also turned back another Petrolia threat in the red zone.

Finding more success through the air to go with their usual effective running game, the Moguls rolled up 418 yards on 47 carries on the ground, getting 119 from Day'veon Dockins in just over a half of action, 123 from Trever Swearingen and 97 from Holt Bivins. In addition, Dockins connected on 3 of 5 passes for 125 yards and three touchdowns.

The Moguls assumed command early, taking a 20-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. Dockins connected with Bryan Castorena for 52- and 65-yard scoring efforts sandwiched around a long drive culminated by Holt Bivins' two-yard run. David Serrato added successful

PAT kicks twice.

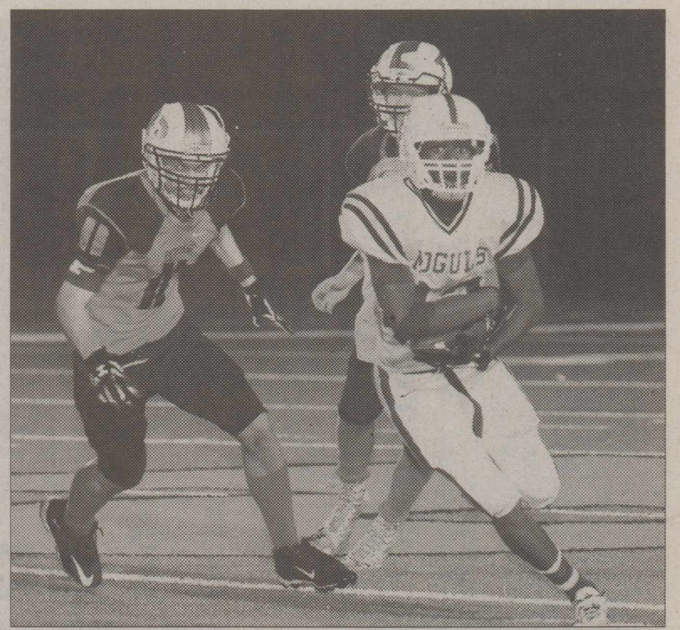
The Moguls extended the lead to 27-0 at halftime as Dockins and Castorena again made connections on a pass for nine yards and Serrato split the uprights.

As he is capable of doing from anywhere on the field, the speedy Dockins escaped for 73 yards on the first play of the second half.

With substitutes gaining valuable playing time, Swearingen showed the Moguls have another runner capable of going all the way if he gets the blocks as he galloped 69 yards for a six-pointer.

After Munday's Holt Bivens scored from 29 yards in the fourth quarter, the Pirates managed to avoid being shutout when Dane Williams connected with Jake Edgemon for 40 yards and Jonathan Baker returned a fumble 66 yards, converting a fourth down at the Munday 32. However, a bad snap on another fourth down turned the ball over.

The Moguls moved to the Tigers' 25, but third and fourth down pass attempts were in-



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Munday's Dee Hemphill breaks free for first down against Electra.

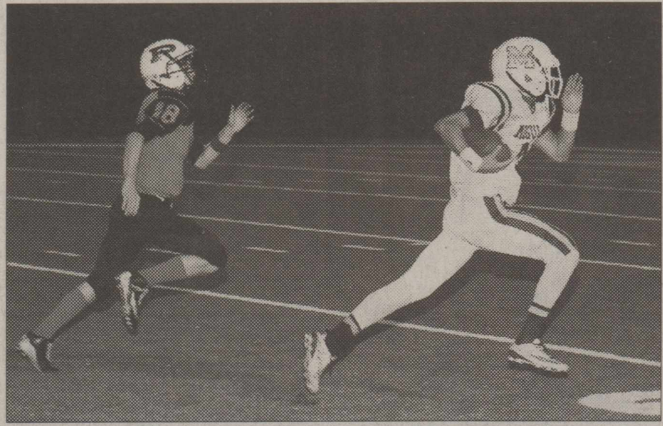
complete.

However, they got another chance when Cole Parton recovered a fumble with 2:19 left. Dockins' 29-yard run and then a 15-yard connection with Hemphill set up first and goal. Dockins scored from eight yards out with 59 seconds left.

After an onside kick failed,

Lee successfully took a knee twice to run off the final seconds, allowing the Tigers to end a nine-game losing streak to the Moguls.

Electra Coach Todd Dougherty did tell the Wichita Falls Times-Record News that Munday was the best defensive team the Tigers had played all season.



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Heath Bivens runs for a touchdown after catching pass from Day'veon Dockins

Friday night to keep their playoff hopes alive.

"It's a must win for us," said Coach Patrick Corcoran.

The Panthers improved their playoff hopes by knocking off the Electra Tigers, 20-14, last

offense.

"If you don't play a clean game (avoid turnovers), any one in our district can beat the other on a given night," added Corcoran.

Looking back at the Petrolia game, Corcoran said, "Defen-

Hamlin grabs lead in 7-2A

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The Hamlin Pied Pipers, the defending champions, grabbed sole possession of the lead in District 7-2A DII, holding off the Haskell Indians, 24-20, last Friday night.

The Pied Pipers, playing with a freshman as quarterback, jumped off to a 17-0 halftime lead, but needed a key interception by Dustin Kiser at their own 3 in the final minute to avoid a comeback bid by the Indians.

The victory gave Hamlin a 3-0 record, a game ahead of the Electra Tigers, who suffered a 20-14 setback at the hands of the Seymour Panthers, who now are 2-1 in 7-2A.

7-2A standings

Team	District				Season			
	W	L	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pts	Opp
Hamlin	3	0	102	80	5	3	184	161
Electra	2	1	76	64	6	2	256	163
Seymour	2	1	60	77	6	2	215	188
Haskell	1	2	86	76	5	3	289	177
Munday	1	2	103	79	4	4	204	163
Petrolia	0	3	59	110	4	4	288	246

Last week's scores

Munday 47, Petrolia 14; Seymour 20, Electra 12; Hamlin 24, Haskell 20

This week's schedule

Seymour at Munday, Haskell at Petrolia, Electra at Hamlin

The Tigers get a chance to get back in the running for the district title this Friday when they travel to Hamlin, but a loss would open up a wild race to decide who else gets into the playoffs.

The Panthers, who played without coach Hugh Farmer, could wrap up a playoff spot with a win on the road against Munday.

Petrolia appears the only team to be out of the running as it dropped to 0-3 with a 47-14 loss to Munday.

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Araujo finishes 37th



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Christian Araujo finishes 37th in regional cross country meet in Lubbock.

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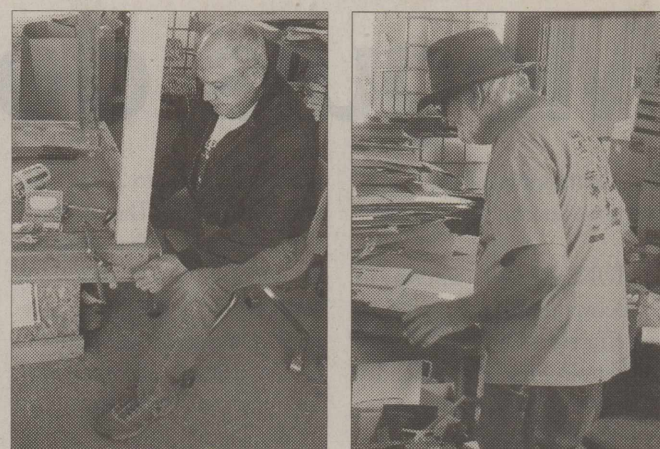
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The Munday Recycling Center has made many improvements in the past months. Bunny Norville, Exa Lee Smith and Steve Rickel are shown working at various stations.



MCISD seeks gifted learners applications

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MUNDAY — The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to name Leon Johnson of George K. Baum and Company as the financial advisor in the issuing of bonds if they are necessary.

Supt. Troy Parton will put together a facilities committee made up of community members to determine possible projects.

The trustees voted to clarify a local policy to now read that 8th through 12th grade students participate in the random drug-testing program and to

approve the calendar change from days to minutes brought about by House bill 2610 by Ken King from Canadian.

A bid for the Chevrolet Impala was rejected. Bids will be advertised again.

Parton informed the board that the district received the highest mark

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all of those who assisted in any way, in the care of our beloved mother and grandmother, Clara Herring. To all of the staff and volunteers of the Munday Nursing Center and to the staff of Hospice of Wichita Falls, who cared for Clara on a daily basis, we want to extend our deepest gratitude and sincerest thanks.

We also want to thank our friends, neighbors and acquaintances for the many acts of kindness and sympathy. To each of you who sent cards, flowers or made phone calls, we thank you for your love and concern. For all of the delicious food that was brought to homes, or served at the bereavement lunch, we thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

To the members of St. Ann's Mother's Society and others who helped serve the delicious meal and clean up afterwards, we send our deepest thanks and appreciation for all of your hard work. The overwhelming amount of delectable food and the beautiful flowers were an awesome tribute to Clara's life.

The funeral service for our mother and grandmother was especially beautiful and touching. We are grateful to Father John Peribomayil and Father Jeremy Myers (a life-long friend of Clara's) who concelebrated the Eucharistic Celebration. To Father John, who spoke of Clara's loving attributes, to Gloria Stiemel and Rene Tielbelmier, who read from God's word, to St. Joseph's choir and organist, the altar servers and pall bearers, ushers and Billy Myer, Eucharist minister—and all who helped to make Clara's farewell so meaningful and special, we will always be grateful to each and every one of you.

We tried to contact each of you who sent flowers and food as well as others who had a part in Clara's final tribute on an individual basis. However, in the event that we have inadvertently missed any of you, please forgive us. Please know that your act of kindness did not go unnoticed.

We appreciate each and every act of caring, love and condolence that was a special tribute to a beautiful, loving person.

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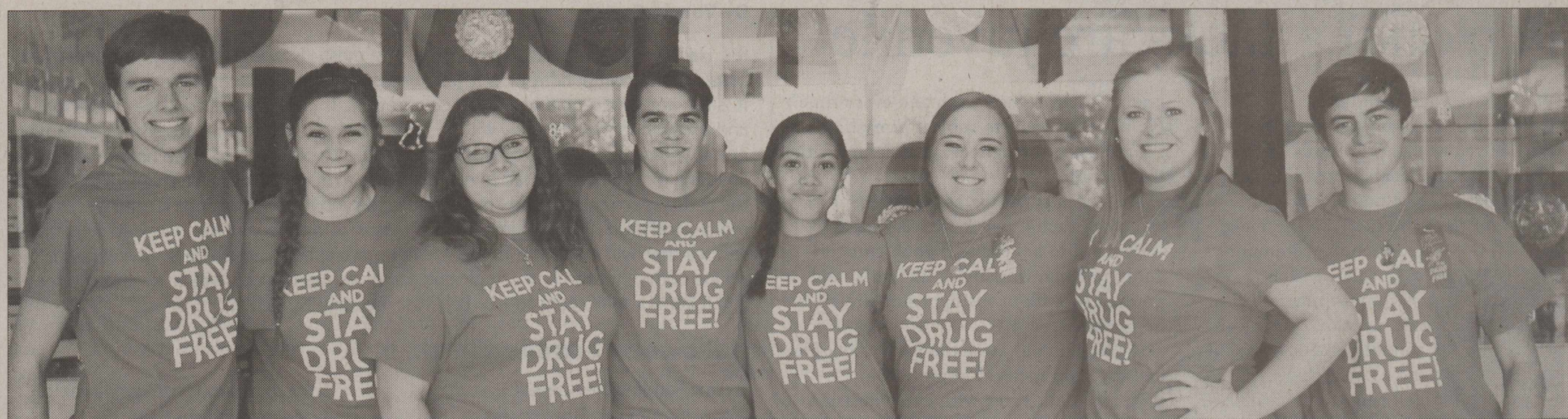
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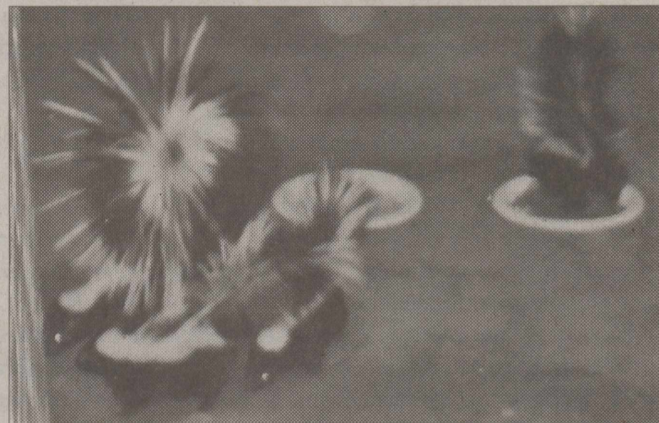
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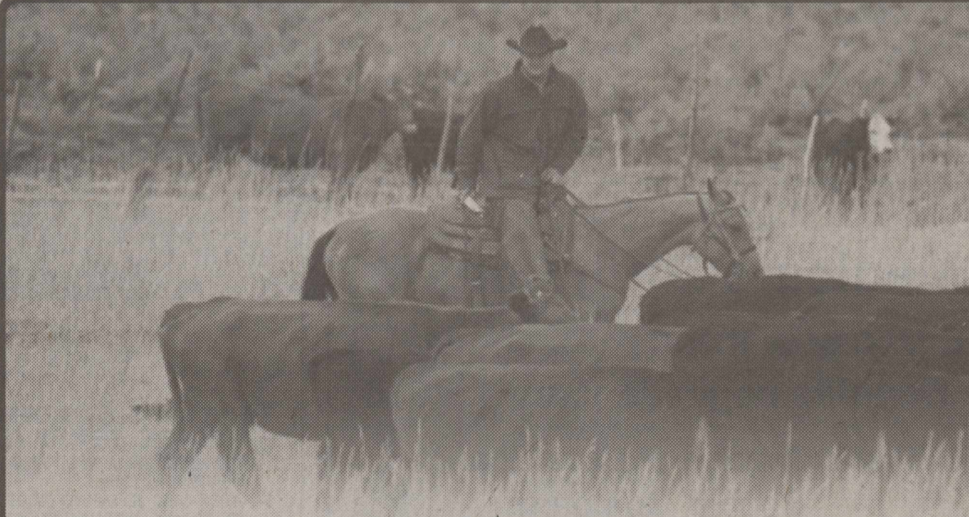
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Personal attacks are juvenile

Have you flown lately? Is it any wonder people don't want to run for local office? In most cases, local elected officials are volunteers. They volunteer an enormous amount of time and they do it to make your school, community or hospital better.



CHRIS BLACKBURN As for the others: regardless of how you feel about an issue, why make it personal?

Why should people in a small town log on to social media and attack local elected officials? It's immature and sickening.

By all means, discuss the issues. It's healthy to have factual debates and express personal opinion. It's the American way.

But when you live in a small town and start attacking individuals on Facebook, not only does that dissuade good people from wanting to participate in the process, it speaks volumes about you and the character you have.

For years I've known this bright, articulate individual and each election cycle I ask him to run for office. Want to

know why he refuses each and every time? He does not want to subject himself or his family to the ugliness that comes with the position.

We live in small towns. We need to be civil with each other at the very least.

It's hard to believe that good church going folk can worship Jesus Christ and proceed to walk in the opposite direction he professes.

It's time to put away the petty thoughts and focus on issues. I implore you.

No, I do not agree with every decision our taxing entities make. But if you ask me if I think the boards and councils are making a decision they think is best, I think they are.

More than that, I genuinely appreciate their efforts.

Let's take pride in our communities. Let's support our elected officials. Argue all you want on the issues and by all means, vote your conscience. But, refrain from the name-calling and juvenile attacks on individuals. You're talking about someone's mom, dad, wife, husband, etc...

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MCISD selects financial advisor

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to name Leon Johnson of George K. Baum and Company as the financial advisor in the issuing of bonds if they are necessary.

Supt. Troy Parton will put together a facilities committee made up of community members to determine possible projects.

The trustees voted to clarify a local policy to now read that 8th through 12th grade students participate in the random drug-testing program and to approve the calendar change from days to minutes brought about by House bill 2610 by Ken King from Canadian.

A bid for the Chevrolet Impala was rejected. Bids will be advertised again.

Parton informed the board that the district received the highest mark

possible on the Financial Integrity Reporting System of Texas (FIRST) report.

The trustees nominated J.P. Tolson, Ray Penman and Jim Cowsert to the board of directors for the Knox County Appraisal District.

Munday Elementary Principal Kristi Bufkin informed the board that the school would host a District 8-1A academic meet for elementary and junior high students on Dec. 8

VETO

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Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"I'm going to be sending it back to Congress, and my message to them is very simple: Let's do this right," Obama said. "We're in the midst of budget discussions. Let's have a budget that properly funds our national security as well as economic security."

As expected, Republicans lambasted the move, saying the president was putting the country's security at risk.

"It's sad to see our command-

er in chief embrace such a reckless political strategy," House Speaker John Boehner said. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell accused Obama of "bragging about using his veto pen" and said "this is the worst possible time for an American president to veto the national defense bill," given the current deployment of U.S. troops overseas.

Obama's administration complained that the bill would have added extra money to a supplemental war fund, known as Overseas Contingency Operations, which isn't subject to budget caps.

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

It's Halloween! Here is a recipe for this most "scariest" holiday. Is Halloween considered a real holiday or is it just a reason to act silly and party? Doesn't matter it is fun and festive and worthy of celebration. Trick or Treaters will be on the move and ready for action, so they will be hungry before they go and after they get home. And if you're having a party this recipe is sure to please, and since no one sent me anything for Halloween I had to come up with a recipe of my own! Thanks a lot! Now, the holidays are coming and I'm depending on you to come through for me with some really good stuff. It is my goal for the season to dazzle you with wonderful yummy recipes that will make the holidays even more special. If you're enjoying my little recipe corner, let me know, and send some recipes of your own to kcnewscourier@gmail.com or mail them to P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371.

Halloween Zombie Chex Mix

- 4 cups Vanilla Chex cereal
- 4 cups Cinnamon Chex cereal
- 2 cups chopped chocolate Halloween candy
- 1 1/2 cups candy corn
- 1 cup orange or red candy melts
- 1 chocolate candy melts
- 2 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil

In a very large bowl, mix cereals. Chop chocolate candy into bite-size pieces. Add to cereal mixture along with the candy corn. Toss to combine. Spread mixture evenly on waxed paper. Melt orange and chocolate candy melts separately as directed on packages. Stir one tablespoon oil into each color; stir until well combined. Drizzle melted candy coatings over cereal mixture. Let stand about one hour or until candy coating hardened. Break into pieces to serve.

VOLLEYBALL ELECTION

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up a good night," Propps added.

Meanwhile, the Moguelites ended district play Tuesday night, suffering a 25-20, 25-17, 25-17 loss to Albany.

6-2A standings

Team	W	L
Hawley	12	0
Albany	10	2
Munday	7	5
Knox City	7	5
Benjamin	3	9
Woodson	2	10
Moran	1	11

Last week's results

Munday df. Benjamin, 25-10, 22-25, 25-15, 25-16; Knox City df. Woodson, Albany df. Moran; Knox City df. Benjamin, 25-15, 25-20, 25-11; Albany df. Munday, 25-20, 25-17, 25-17; Hawley df. Moran

the proceeds? This amendment would allow professional sports teams' charitable organizations and foundations to hold charitable raffles and 50/50 raffles, where half the raffle is the prize and the other half is given to the foundation. Currently, cash prizes cannot be given and organizations are limited to two raffles per year. Anything past that is considered gambling, which is strictly guarded by the state.

Propositions Five

This proposition raises the population limit from 5,000 residents to 7,500 in small counties for residential work done by the county. Most of this is private road maintenance, but other projects can be considered. All pricing for materials and labor are the same.

Proposition Six

The proposition says fishing and hunting are "preferred ways" to control and conserve wildlife populations. Oppo-

nents say it is confusing the protection of endangered and non-game animals, which may be protected by federal and/or state laws.

Proposition Seven

Money for highway construction, repairs, general maintenance have been decreased and the legislature has created a State Highway Fund to deal with the issues. The amendment states that if state sales and use tax revenue reach or exceed \$18 billion, the state comptroller would be directed to use additional money up to \$2.5 billion for the highway fund. Additionally, the comptroller could use 35 percent of tax revenue from state motor vehicle sales, use and rental tax revenue that exceed \$5 billion for the same fund. There are limits to these funds. State sales and use tax revenues have a cap of 10 years. The legislature could extend that cap. Critics say the state is again just shifting money around from point A to point B and that some areas such as education, which needs funds, maybe left



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- 1—1975 IH Lone Star 1700 2 ton Winch Truck
- 1—Chevy Truck C60 w/16 ft bed w/ lift (not running)
- 1—2004 Timpit Hopper bottom 40ft x 96 x 66 w/ rollover tarp, air ride
- 1—1000 gal. water tank HD w/ Honda pump
- 1—Pickup bed w/110 gal. fuel tank and 12 volt pump
- 1—Gooseneck Brand 24ft Cattle Trailer (needs floor)
- 1—14ft Utility Trailer w/ 500 gal. fuel tank and 12 volt 20 GPM pump
- 1—Wylie 1250 gal. Black Tank Water Nurse Trailer, Honda Eng.

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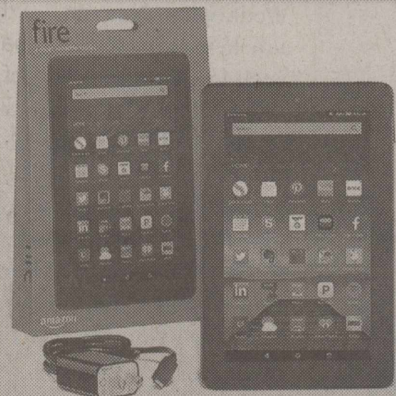


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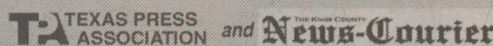
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Deadline for Applicants: November 20, 2015, Applications available at Knox County Courthouse District Clerk's Office. EOE

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Mac's Views

Pork ban means more bacon for us

Reading the High Plains Journal recently, I ran across an interesting item regarding the fact that the U.S. Bureau of Prisons announced the pork will no longer be served at the 122 federal prisons. It was effective Oct. 1.

The reason? Prison officials cited a survey that showed the prisoners didn't like pork.

I wonder what kind of pork the prisons had been serving because I've always enjoyed all types of pork, especially bacon.

In addition, why are we catering to the prisoners? I thought they lost privileges when they were convicted.

In his Washington Whispers column, Seymour Klierly expressed similar views, adding that the pork ban will mean more bacon for all of us.

However, if you listen to The World Health Organization, maybe we should reduce how much bacon we eat as it declared bacon, cold cuts and even red meat raised the risk of colon and stomach cancer.

Listening to doctors on television Monday night, they just felt that people needed to eat such meats in moderation.

I also agree with Klierly on the school lunch program, another federal government-run program which refuses to see the writing on the wall when it comes to the dietary preferences of school age children.

Laura, my youngest granddaughter, has told me many times about how bad the food is in her cafeteria and how much of it ends up in the trash cans, mainly because of the strict government guidelines.

We can't leave the menus entirely up to the kids, but there seems little doubt that the federal regulations have gotten out of hand.

"I say we listen a little more to children instead of prisoners," Klierly wrote. I agree.

While some nutrition specialists advised to offer other treats for Halloween, Betty and I will have plenty of candy for the ones who visit us Saturday night.

Everyone should just remember, don't go overboard in eating too much of the treats.

Historical bridge



Courtesy photo

Knox County residents and officials dedicated the marker for the bridge between Benjamin and Knox City on Highway 6 earlier in the month. TXDOT engineer Marty Smith, left, provided a brief history, noting construction began May 2, 1938. It was open to traffic on Jan. 11 and officially completed on March 16 in 1939 at a cost of \$138,000. Others pictured (l-r) include Knox County Judge Travis Floyd and Knox County Historical Commission board members Doris Crownover, Ben Grill and Mary Young.

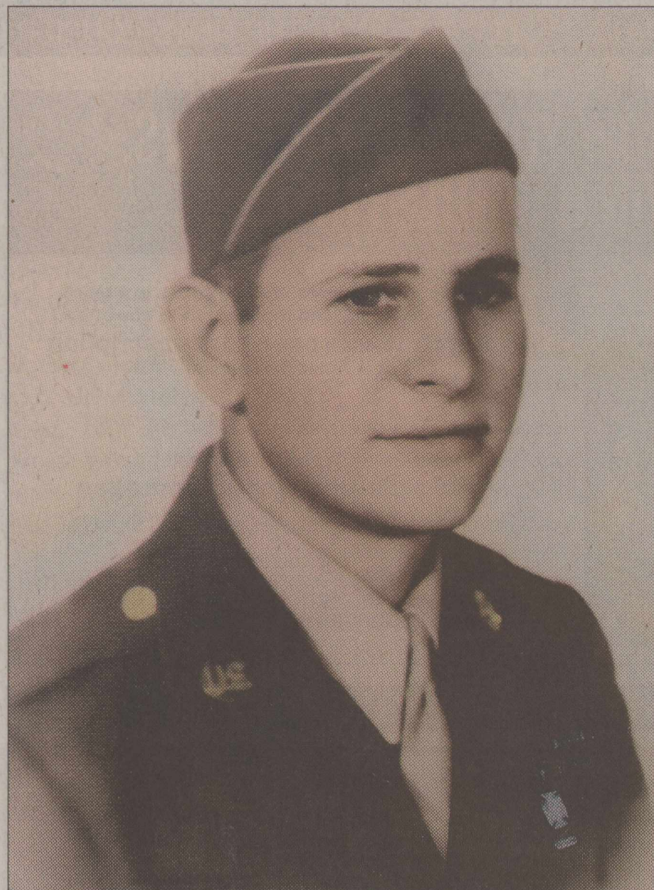


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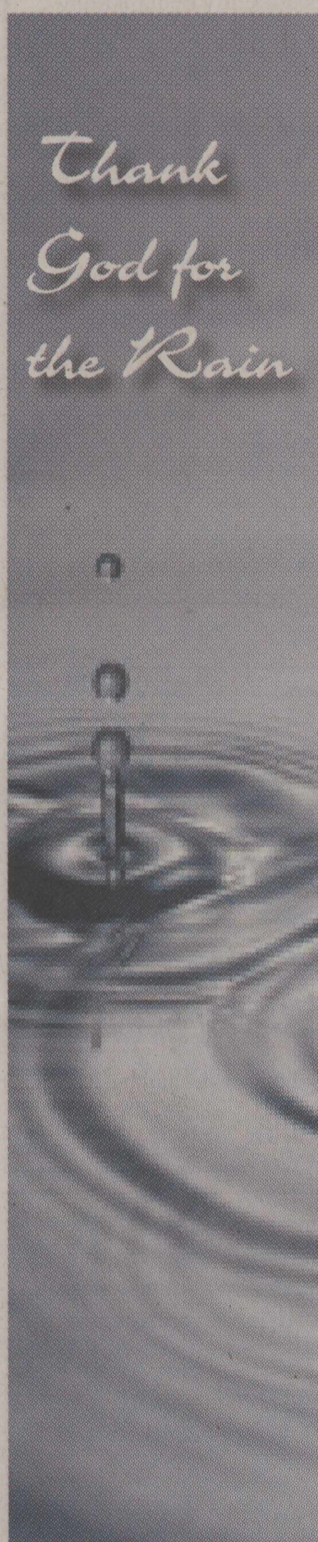
BENJAMIN—The Knox County Historical Commission and the Friends of KCHC are planning the upcoming Knox County Veterans Day celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. here at the Knox County Veterans Memorial.


Pvt. Cletis W. Donoho will be the Gold Star Honoree for 2015. Cletis was born June 26, 1925 in Goree, and attended school there—and at Bomarton. His parents were Dennis and Francis Ruth Donoho. He had two sisters and four brothers, Zonelle Duke, Lucille Donoho, Cecil Reed Donoho, Charles Edwin Donoho, Tony Max Donoho and Doug Donoho. Members of his family will be present to carry the wreath of red, white and blue flowers to the archway in his honor.

Cletis enlisted in the U.S. Army, Infantry Division on April 3, 1944 and received his training at Camp Roberts, Fort Ord, CA. and Fort George G. Meade, MD. He was sent overseas Oct. 1944 and served in the European Theatre, serving eight months before he was killed in action on Nov. 29, 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart. Cletis was buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, in San Antonio on Jan. 19, 1947.

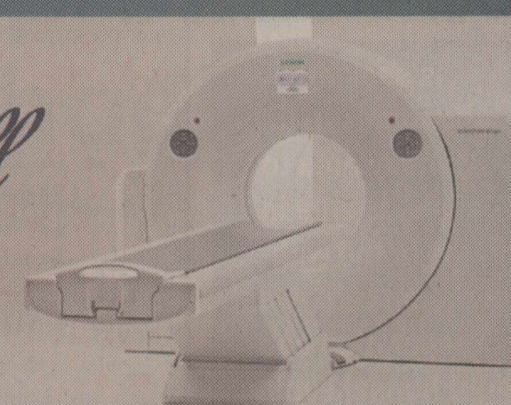
Following the program, a hamburger, beans and cobbler lunch will be served at the Benjamin Memorial Building.

The annual Military Exhibit and Veterans Albums will be on display at the Museum during the hours of 9-11 and 1-2. For information, call 940-459-2229, 1-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.






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