



*****5-DIGIT 79505
 82 09-19-16 13P 8T
 MARY JANE YOUNG
 PO BOX 95
 BENJAMIN, TX 79505-0095

THE KNOX COUNTY News-Courier

HOME OF SHELDON BATY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016

KNOXCOUNTYNEWSONLINE.COM

\$1.00

Baty earns 5th place in debate

AUSTIN - Sheldon Baty, a senior at Knox City High School, finished fifth in the UIL Congress debates held here in the state capitol last week. He had also advanced to state last year.

Coach Amanda Johnson said after speaking with Supt. Louis Baty that it appeared Knox City had not had a state academic medalist as long as he could remember.

"It was an outstanding accomplishment in our second year," she said.

UIL Congress is in its third year of a pilot program.

Eighteen students advance to a full day of debates where they are ranked by judges and a parliamentarian.



SHELDON BATY

Medals are awarded for the first six places.

Johnson added that the KCHS C-X debate team has been to state, finishing eighth last year, but has not ever placed in the top three to earn medals.

Three council places open

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY - City residents interested in filing for a place on the Munday City Council can now pick up applications at City Hall by Feb. 20, reports city administrator Winston Stephens.

The three places currently held by Ryan Cottingham, Karen Longan and Trey Singleton will be open for the May 7 election.

Requests for ballots for early voting will be accepted through April 26. Early voting by personal appearance will begin April 25 and run through May 3.

Knox Livestock Show winners named

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY - Grand champion, reserve grand champion along with junior and senior showmanship awards were handed out for rabbits, poultry, lambs, goats, swine and steers at last week's Knox County Livestock Show here at the Munday Event Center.

Kristen Kuehler claimed grand champion honors in the swine show along with a win in heavyweight cross. In addition, she earned grand champion and senior showmanship honors in market lambs with medium wool with one animal and reserve grand champion honors with a second one.

Kendall Thompson was named reserve grand champion in swines, Elissa Hacker captured grand champion honors in dorper lambs while Austin and Shawn Hacker took showmanship honors.

Winning breed champion honors in the swine show were Jordan Ruiz, Brice Thompson, Kayla Hunter, Shawn Hacker and Jordyn Eaton.

Conner Moore swept both top honors in single fryers in the rabbit show and grand champion honors in pen of three fryers. Daniel Duke took reserve honors in the pen category. Jonah Duke and Makayla Bailey took showmanship honors.

In the poultry show, Sheldon Baty claimed grand champion and senior show-



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Young kids show off their pigs



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Judge inspects rabbits at Knox show

manship awards while Chance Baty took reserve honors and Lane Addington junior showmanship.

Lexi Jimenez claimed grand champion and senior showmanship honors again in the steer show while Skylin Ledesma took re-

serve honors and Matthew Jimenez junior showmanship.

The annual event is a collaborative effort of the Knox County Junior Livestock Association, the FFA groups at each school, the Knox County 4-H Club and

the Texas A&M Extension Service in Knox County.

The next step for some of the youngsters will be showing their animals at other state shows.

Complete results with additional photos on pgs. 6-7

Cheerleaders 5th in spirit events

Special to The News-Courier

ARLINGTON - The Knox City High School cheerleaders finished fifth out of 12 schools in Class 1A in the first ever Texas UIL State Spirit Championship held here at UTA last week.

The competition was broken into three preliminary rounds—fight song, band dance and crowd entertainment—and a finals round where there was an added category of game day response with schools competing only against those in the same classification.

In the finals, there was an announcement of a game day situation in which the girls had to respond with an appropriate crowd interaction chant of either offense or defense depending on the audio situation given.

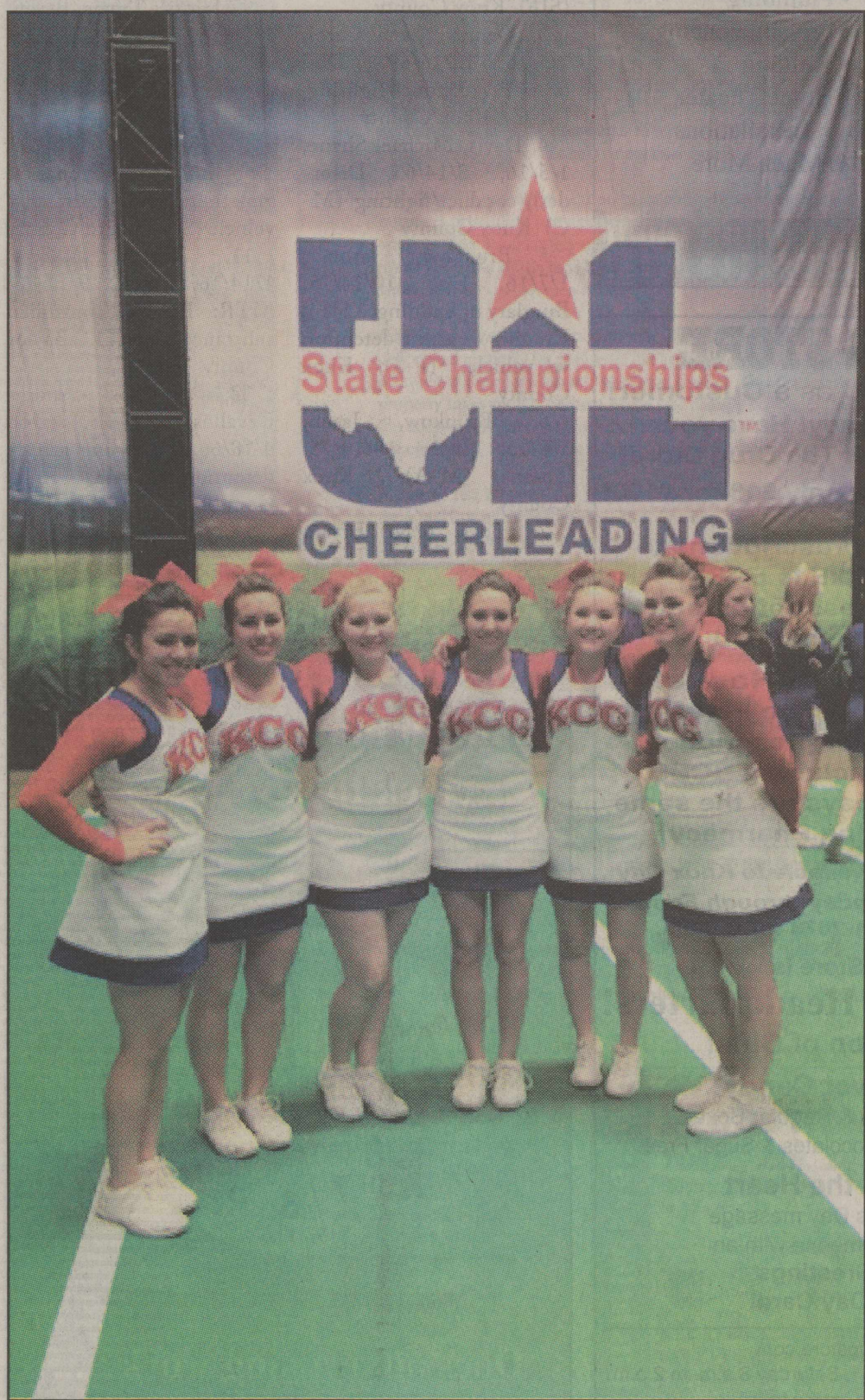
The overall goal for each squad was to showcase their spirit in a game day environment.

"The Greyhound cheerleaders worked extremely hard af-

ter each round, working with the judges critiques to make critical changes that would help them earn not only a second place in the band dance division but also move up from behind to earn fifth place overall in the finals," said sponsor Christie Howeth.

"This was a pilot year for the competition and it was a learning experience for all involved," Howeth added. "The KCHS squad had a wonderful time. They worked very hard and I could not be more proud of them giving it their all. Even when they were faced with low scores from the first round, they stepped up their game and went in and gained a second place in the next round. I am super proud of these girls and I can't wait to do it again next year!"

The squad that represented Knox City High School consists of seniors Cheyenne Camp, Samantha Lewis, and Brylee White, juniors Hailee Cox and Kayla Hunter and sophomore Lexi Jimenez.



The Knox City High School Cheerleaders

Haskell Walmart closing Jan. 28

Special to The News-Courier

HASKELL - The Walmart Neighborhood store here in Haskell is scheduled to close on Jan. 28, a year to the day from when it opened in its Hwy 277 location.

Similar Express stores in Anson, Merkel and Winters will also be part of 269 closing worldwide from an announcement last week that caught even the employees by surprise.

Employees will be paid until Feb. 10 and an additional 60 days if necessary.

Walmart opened 53 locations in 2015 and were scheduled to open 25 more this year.

Knox Notes

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

Motivational speaker

MUNDAY - Tyson Dever of Austin, a motivational speaker paralyzed from the waist down, will speak at 6 p.m. Feb. 3 at the MHS Auditorium. It is open to the public. He will also make presentations at the schools that day.

KC chamber dinner

KNOX CITY - The Knox City Chamber of Commerce dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Knox City Community Center. The citizen of the year will be announced at the dinner.

5th Sunday singing

MUNDAY - The Munday Ministerial Alliance announces that the community fifth Sunday singing is scheduled at 6 p.m. Jan. 31 at Believers Chapel. Snacks will be provided. An offering will be taken to benefit the alliance and the food bank.

News on the go



Use your smartphone to scan the quick response, or QR, code to visit us online.

Knox County News-Courier
 Copyright 2015
 Volume 38 No. 22
 USPS 439-620



8 10499 02101 7

Office

121 E. B St., Munday
P.O. Box 151, Munday, Texas 76371
940 422-5350

Email kcnewscourier@gmail.com

PUBLISHER

William C. Blackburn

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

James McAfee

OFFICE STAFF

Vonda Carter

The Knox County News-Courier (ISSN 8750-6750) is published every Thursday, including holidays, by Blackburn Media Group Inc., P.O. Box 1260, Childress, Texas, 79201-1260. Entered at U.S. Post Office, Munday, Texas, for transmission through the mail as a Second-Class matter, according to an Act of Congress, March 3, 1879. Periodical Rate Postage Paid at Munday, Texas, 76371. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Knox County News-Courier, P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371.

All material Copyright 2014
The Knox County News-Courier

It is the mission of this newspaper to promote the rights of individualism in the American Declaration of Independence. The right of life, liberty and the ownership of property are the cornerstone of freedom. Government's sole purpose is to enhance our liberty and freedom. Therefore, we hold every elected and appointed agent of government accountable to that standard.

DEADLINES

Advertising: Noon Mondays
Editorial: 5 p.m. Mondays

SUBSCRIPTIONS

\$36 a year in the county
\$42 a year outside the county

Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Jan. 24-30
Monday: Chicken and rice casserole, black eyed peas, carrots, rolls, fruit cup
Tuesday: Pork chops, black eyed peas, green beans, cornbread, chocolate chip cookies
Wednesday: Beef stew, cornbread, salad, dessert
Thursday: Chicken tenders, gravy, green beans, wheat rolls, dessert
Friday: BBQ sandwich, tater tots, carrots & zucchini, fruit cocktail

Forage losses report due Feb. 1

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Nancy Birkenfeld reminds livestock producers, who suffered grazing losses that occurred throughout 2015 due to drought or wildfire, that they have until Feb. 1 to report their losses and to enroll in the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately-owned or cash-leased land or fire on federally-managed land.

Producers in Knox County are eligible to apply for 2015 LFP benefits on small grain, native pasture, improved pasture, or annual ryegrass. Livestock producers are encouraged to contact the Knox County FSA Office with any questions regarding specific forage crops that are eligible.

“Prolonged drought conditions have created a need

for livestock disaster assistance programs in Knox County,” said Birkenfeld. “I encourage all affected livestock producers to contact the Knox County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to enroll in the program before the Feb. 1 deadline.”

Producers who already have appointments scheduled require no additional action to meet the deadline.

Eligible livestock includes alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland.

The Paperboy

Some progress is better than no progress

I wrote a couple of weeks ago about a diet I'm on. I'm happy to report that there has been some progress. I've lost 11 pounds, which is great. But I had a bad week last week, which is bad.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Out here in rural America, it really is amazing to see how first responders, utility companies and even farmers respond in weather emergencies.

Despite bone-chilling weather and hazardous conditions, these men and women work overtime, literally, to keep our grid functioning.

When the heavy ice snaps lines and poles, it truly takes a team effort to get them repaired.

Sometimes you'll see a deputy helping with traffic control while a team from the power company replaces the pole. Nearby is a farmer waiting to pull the crew out of the frozen sludge so they can proceed to the next pole.

Thank God for these people and their dedication. We are fortunate to have them.

If it weren't for meth, I think our cities and schools would be humming right along. Sure there would still be some crime, but that poison and it's wide-ranging effect on family and friends is truly the scourge of the earth.

The key to meth of course is to never try it. When there is something that powerful, that one time you do it may be the turning

point in your life. In fact, it will likely be the turning point in your life.

Those of you with family members who have or are using can attest to everything I'm writing. The stuff is more powerful than mom, dad, brothers, sisters and even your own children.

The key to helping people avoid meth all together is to let them know what is in it and show them what it does through the examples before us. When you learn the ingredients of this stuff, that should be all the information you need to decide against it. Seeing the addicts should reinforce that decision.

Tell your children that taking meth is a death sentence. There's a 90 percent chance that the life they live now will be forever changed.

Tell them that meth addicts become unemployable. They become paranoid.

The only thing that drives them is their next high and they will do just about anything to get it. Let them know it's usually not the meth that sends them to prison. It's the crimes they commit to get the funds to buy the drug that seals their fate.

And finally, tell them that it is very, very difficult to get off of and stay off of.

Even if they have spent time in prison for using, that demon is still out there tempting them when they get out.

So think about what our towns could be if we could somehow eliminate this enemy. I imagine we would see amazing things happen.

Copyright 2016

Chris Blackburn serves as CEO at Blackburn Media Group, proud owner of The 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.

Predator contest set Feb. 27-28

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – Hoof and Horns Taxidermy has scheduled a predator hunting contest Feb. 27-28.

Scott Pinkerton announced that the following point system: coyote 8, bobcat

6, red fox 4, gray fox 2, racoon 1 and pig 1.

The payout will be 70% for first, 20% for second and 10% for third. Side pots will be paid for most pigs and most coyotes.

The entry fee will be \$150 per team

(maximum four hunters). Feb. 19 will be deadline for entering by mail at 411 Main, Munday 76371.

Registration will be held at the store between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 27. Call 325 977-1153 for the complete rules.

Knox County Sheriff's Report

Jan. 1-Jan. 18

1. Tarin, Stacie Monique, 1/1/16, Dob 2/22/90, MTR: Furnish alcohol to minor, (M-A), Knox County

2. Courvier, Joseph, 1/1/16, Dob 2/10/78, Criminal non-support, (SJF) Knox County

3. Dennis, Lana Carol, 1/5/16, 12/16/69, Disorderly conduct/fighting, (M-C) Knox County

4. Davis, Michael Shane, 1/5/16, 8/14/63, Disorderly conduct/fighting (M-C) Knox County

5. Brunkow, Jason, 1/7/16, Dob 10/14/75, Burglary of building, (SJF), Evading arrest/detention w/ vehicle, (F-3), Knox County

6. Brunkow, Jason, 1/8/16, Dob 10/14/75, Theft (M-A), Knox County

7. Hicks, Travis Bryan,

1/12/16, Dob 12/10/83, Surety off bond/ child endangerment (SJF) Knox County

8. Patterson, Nicholas Ryan, 1/13/16, Dob 2/6/79, MTR: Possess controlled substance (SJF) Knox County

9. Hicks, Travis Bryan, 1/13/16, Dob 12/10/83, Surety off bond/aggravated sexual assault of child (F-1) Knox County

10. Moya, Joe, 1/14/16, Dob 3/29/75, Probation violation: evading arrest w/ vehicle (SJF) Foard County

11. Tucker, Robert, 1/14/16, Dob 9/17/76, MTR: Possess controlled substance, (SJF) Baylor County

12. Ramos, Andres Cevallos, 1/15/16, Dob 4/18/66, Evading arrest/detention, (M-A) Knox County

13. Brunkow, Jason,

1/15/16, Dob 10/14/75, Aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon (F-2) Knox County

14. Daniel, Neal Lee,

1/17/16, Dob 12/22/80, Assault/ causing bodily Injury, (M-A) Foard County

Dean W. Homstad, Sheriff Knox County

Thornberry: More needs to be done about ISIS

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) didn't feel President Barack Obama's State of the Union message produced much substance.

“It was clear that President Obama is content to spend his last year in office using the same rhetoric and following the same failed policies that have been such a disappointment and have resulted in a more dangerous world,” Thornberry said.

Thornberry, who is chairman of the House

Armed Services Committee, indicated he did agree with Obama that the U.S. military is the strongest and best military fighting force in the world.

However, he did not agree with the president's assessment of the nation's security, saying that more needs to be done, especially with the threat of ISIS.

While Obama criticized Congress for not working better together, Thornberry said, “It's kind of ironic that we got that sort of lecture. Certainly he has not done anything to improve the situation. In fact, he makes it worst.

Turner Home Improvements

Heath Turner

PO Box 380 • Knox City, TX 79529 • 940-256-3475 (cell)
Heathturner96@yahoo.com

- New Construction
- Dry Wall
- Flooring
- Electrical
- All Types of Roofing
- Sprinkler Systems
- Plumbing
- Privacy Fencing
- Welding
- Home Theater Installations
- & Much More



THE DRUG STORE

in Haskell wants YOU as a Customer!

Save time and money! Have your prescriptions filled at The Drug Store!

Hundreds of Generics only \$18 for #100! Please call for details.

Transferring your prescriptions to THE DRUG STORE is EASY! Just bring in your prescription bottles and we will do the rest!

The Drug Store in Haskell accepts most Medicare Part D cards & many other prescription insurance cards including BCBS. Most Insurance Copays are the same at any Participating Pharmacy!

Prescription delivery available to Knox City and Munday, daily, Monday through Friday. Please call (940) 864-2673 for details.

The Drug Store is Your Valentine's Headquarters! Large selection of Gifts!

Russell Stover Candy

Heart Shaped Boxes & Regular Boxes
Millionaires, Assorted Chocolates & Sugar Free

Words from the Heart

Send a Valentine's Day message to that special someone with an American Greetings Valentine's Day Card!

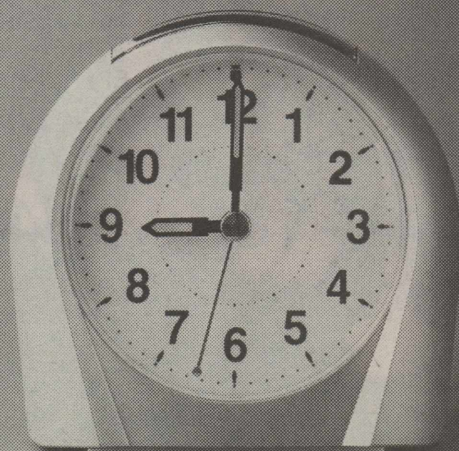
www.haskelldrugstore.com
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. • Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THE DRUG STORE

100 South Avenue E, Haskell • 864-2673

“A man who stops advertising to save money is like a man who stops the clock to save time.”

—Henry Ford



Does advertising work? ...
... It just did!



940-658-3513



JEFF SEARCEY
AUTOMOTIVE PLUS, INC.
230 W. DALLAS ST.
MUNDAY, TEXAS 76371
940.422.4953

CHARLES BAKER INSURANCE

Jan Searcey, CIC

Owner

Post Office Box 40
Munday, Texas 76371

O. 940.442.4945
F. 940.442.5254
M. 940.256.1232



Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Monday was another cold, cloudy day—just wish the sun would shine, but guess it will in time. Thank goodness we don't have any snow. I'm just not ready for more right now. However, I bet it's not left up to me, so if we get it we will take it!

Sympathy today to the family of Vicki Terry Lewis, who passed away recently after suffering a stroke. Vicki was a year older than my daughter Debi. They were in school together, and she had been in our home numerous times in their younger days. I hated to hear of her death. The last I heard, her funeral (grave-side rites) was tentatively planned this past Wednesday here at the Benjamin Cemetery.

Here'n there

Again this week, the news is a little sparse. The past weekend found many involved in the county livestock show, so that meant a holiday from school for the students. And Monday our kids over here were out again. I don't know about the other students. The teachers had a workday, so their weekend was cut a little short. Tuesday they were all back in the classroom—rested and ready to go.

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton was in Benjamin on Friday attending to some business and I had a chance to visit with her. She said her family is doing fine.

Her mom Gloria West is now residing in a nursing facility there in Denton. Gloria's health had declined to the point Cathy was just not comfortable leaving her at home alone while she worked and felt like a place where Gloria would be around people all day would be better for her.

Cathy said she has adjusted well since moving there in August. I was glad to hear from her. She likes to get mail, so if you will send her a card to cheer up her day, her address is: Gloria West, 1921 Parkside Drive, Denton, TX 76201.

I visited with Martha Whitford of Knox City last Sunday. She had been to Abilene

on Friday for the results of the last scan and tests since her last treatment for cancer. Doctors found no sign of cancer, and needless to say, she is elated. That's wonderful news, and news we are all glad to hear. Fred Carver got a good report from his tests on Friday. He goes back in April for another checkup, but so far so good, and they feel like that will be the case when he does go back. It's just so good to get these positive reports from these friends.

Wyman Meinzer has been having some eye problems. He had floaters that were really bothering him, but doctors have taken care of that. Now he has cataracts to deal with. I told him I could sympathize with him, as I had that "floater problem" one time, and it was terrible. He said try having it 24-seven. He said it was very annoying. I'm glad to know he doesn't have that anymore.

The Historical Commission is "gearing up" for their big fundraiser of the year. The February meal, as it is referred to, will be Feb. 14 at the Memorial Building. The menu will be much as it has been in the past—ham, turkey, sausage, cole slaw, pinto beans, potato salad, tea or coffee and dessert. Also the much looked forward to silent auction will again be held and door prizes given out at regular intervals throughout the day. Serving starts at 11 a.m. continuing until 1:30 p.m., so bring your sweetheart and treat him or her to a great meal and lots of visiting on Valentine's Day.

And by the way, calls will be made for volunteers to make pies for the meal, so when you get yours, be gracious and say, "OK." The money made from this event goes for the expenses and upkeep of the museum.

Betty Lyles called to tell me she has three new great grandsons, all born this week. They are the grandsons of Judy and John Robinson. I don't have all the scoop on them but hope to have all the info by next week. That's causing a family to grow in a hurry. Betty said they are all doing great. By the way, two of them are twins.

The 501

I'm feeling let down. I didn't win the Powerball thing.

I'd be feeling even worse if I'd bought a ticket.

What I'm hoping now is that I can assuage my disappointment by discovering a tie to a winner. What are the chances? Based on the geographic locations of the winning tickets' points of purchase — California, Tennessee and Florida -- we could be cousins.

The winners are bound to have lots of cousins. Lots and lots, previously unknowns included. Why not me?

Or maybe we'll be friends, Facebook or otherwise. Or linked on LinkedIn. The possibilities are endless.

I really do have step-cousins in California and a real cousin, albeit a once-removed one, in Florida. Some of my maternal ancestors lived in Newbern, Tennessee, just 60 miles from Munford, where the winning Tennessee ticket was sold. And my maiden name is Munn.

When it comes to courting fame and money, we grasp at straws.

I really do know a guy who won almost a million in the Texas Lottery. (His mother told him not to make a habit of it.) He's an exception to the rule — a winner not ruined by his good fortune. I wouldn't mind having

a cool million myself. But I never play the lottery. I don't like losing, and most of the time that's what happens. You lose.

A million might be hard for me to handle. But probably not.

But millions and millions of dollars? I can't help but think of all I'd lose, like the joy of finding a bargain at Goodwill.

Or knowing who my friends are and being able to make new ones. When you come into sudden great wealth, it's like a cutoff point for adding friends. How do you know the new ones really like the real you? You don't.

You knew all that. So think about this:

I'm counting you among my friends if you read me from time to time, whether or not you belong to my cult following.

If I make you smile, we've connected.

I guess frowns count too, but I aim for smiles. Even if we don't know each other, it's like we do.

If ever I win the lottery, let me know who you are, and I'll cut you in on the winnings.

That's an empty promise, since I never play, but what if I did? Easy answer. I wouldn't make that promise.

On the other hand I might have a hard time turning down loyal readers who needed a little assistance, the same way renowned band leader Bob Willis couldn't help but give hundred-dollar bills to guys who needed to get from Oklahoma to California to see their dying mothers.

He didn't want to risk not handing out the money just in case one of the stories was true. It was easier for him to be generous than to screen the applicants.

I can't think of anything worse than spending the rest of my life screening applicants for my wealth. Hmmmm. On second thought

Mustangs improve to 2-1 in 8-1A

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Mustangs rebounded with a 45-34 victory over the Northside Indians Tuesday night, improving to 2-1 in District 8-1A play.

Justin Rainwater connected on 11 of 18 field goal tries and led the Mustangs with 28 points while Caleb Barrientez added 10.

The Mustangs led 13-9 after one quarter and 27-17 at halftime before putting the game out of reach with a 13-2 surge in the third period.

In the other district game, Munday clobbered Chillicothe.

Lady Stangs winless in 8-1A

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Benjamin Lady Stangs suffered a 41-10 setback at the hands of the Northside Lady Indians Tuesday night to fall to 0-4 in District 8-1A.

Forced to play with three freshmen in the lineup with two starters out, the Lady Stangs have had trouble scoring.

However, Coach Cody Propps has been pleased with the effort of the girls. "They are fighting hard," he said.

"We are in a learning stage with three freshman starting, but we are working hard and pushing through the hard times."

In last Friday's game, the Lady Stangs were beaten, 59-10, by the first-place Munday Mogulettes.

8-1A standings		
Team	W	L
Munday	4	0
Crowell	3	1
Northside	3	1
Chillicothe	1	3
Harrold	1	3
Benjamin	0	4

Results
Munday 48, Chillicothe 18; Northside 41, Benjamin 10; Munday 59, Benjamin 10; Crowell 46, Chillicothe 34; Northside 52, Harrold 47

Schedule
Friday: Northside at Munday, Crowell at Benjamin, Chillicothe at Harrold
Tuesday: Munday at Harrold, Chillicothe at Benjamin, Crowell at Northside

cothe, 78-29, to keep the lead.

Last Friday, the Mustangs suffered a 42-16 loss to the first-place Moguls.

8-1A standings		
Team	W	L
Munday	3	0
Crowell	3	1
Benjamin	2	1
Chillicothe	1	2
Harrold	1	3
Northside	0	3

Results

Munday 78, Chillicothe 29; Benjamin 45, Northside 34; Munday 42, Benjamin 16; Crowell 68, Chillicothe 30; Harrold 45, Northside 39

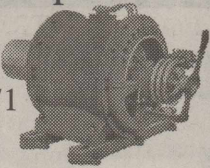
Schedule

Friday: Northside at Munday, Crowell at Benjamin, Chillicothe at Harrold
Tuesday: Munday at Harrold, Chillicothe at Benjamin, Crowell at Northside

Decker Electric Motor Company

•Gould's Water Pumps

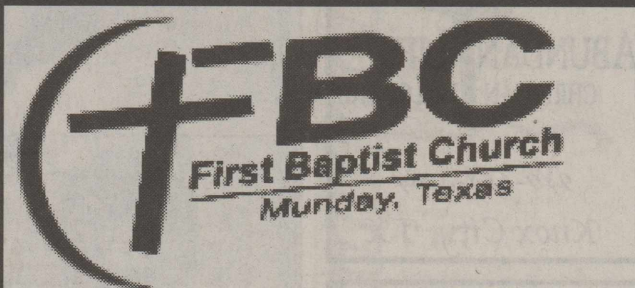
P.O. Box 55
Munday, Tx 76371
940-256-8388



911 East Main Street
Knox City, Texas
940-658-3341

Serving Knox Baylor and surrounding areas.

Master license number: M-37017



220 South 5th Ave.
Munday, TX 76731
P: 940-422-4559

Service Times:

Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Kidz Impact, Pre-K to 6th grade:
5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Youth: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

purchase — California, Tennessee and Florida -- we could be cousins.

The winners are bound to have lots of cousins. Lots and lots, previously unknowns included. Why not me?

Or maybe we'll be friends, Facebook or otherwise. Or linked on LinkedIn. The possibilities are endless.

I really do have step-cousins in California and a real cousin, albeit a once-removed one, in Florida. Some of my maternal ancestors lived in Newbern, Tennessee, just 60 miles from Munford, where the winning Tennessee ticket was sold. And my maiden name is Munn.

When it comes to courting fame and money, we grasp at straws.

I really do know a guy who won almost a million in the Texas Lottery. (His mother told him not to make a habit of it.)

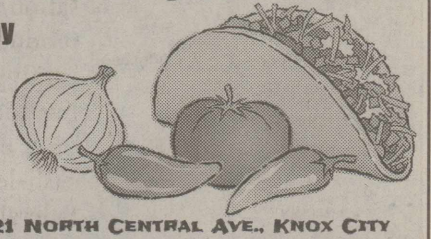
He's an exception to the rule — a winner not ruined by his good fortune.

I wouldn't mind having

ISABELLA'S TEX-MEX CAFE

Monday - Saturday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday
7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

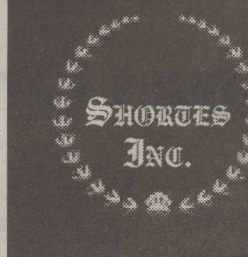
owned by
Sanjuana Marcos Gallegos
940-658-1049 • 121 NORTH CENTRAL AVE., KNOX CITY



Shortes, INC.

Complete Oilfield Construction

658-3576



BENJAMIN YOUTH SUPPORTER

RANGLAND

102 E. Hays St.
Benjamin, TX
940.454.2323

Limited Time, Special Offer Below!

It's easier than ever to wake up with...

THE KNOX COUNTY News-Courier

*Subscribe to the News-Courier each week and get it every day online for FREE!

NEWS • SPORTS • OBITS • LEGALS
AGRICULTURE • COLUMNS • CLASSIFIEDS



For a limited time, get a Complimentary online subscription with the purchase of a print subscription!

NAME _____
STREET _____
TOWN _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE () _____

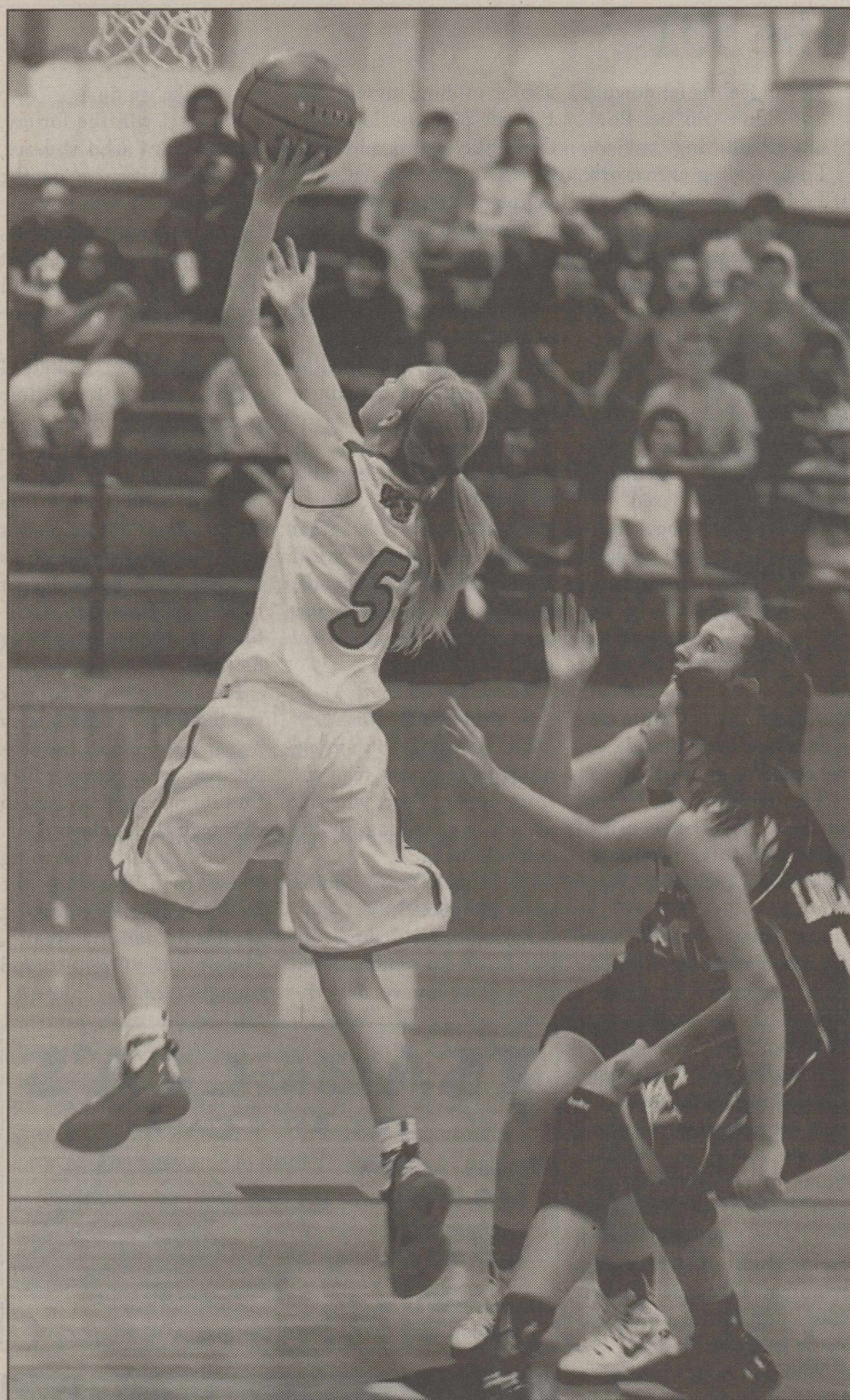
EXPIRATION DATE _____ V CODE _____
MM/YY on back of card

SIGNATURE: X _____

Email Address for FREE Online Sub: _____

CHOOSE SELECTION(S):
 In County Resident Annually \$36
 Out of County Resident Annually \$42
 Out of State Resident Annually \$52
 Online FREE

PAYMENT BY PHONE: 888-400-1083, Ext. 100 **SUBSCRIBE TODAY!**



Amy Harrington scores in earlier game.

Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Hounds improve to 4-0 in 7-1A

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Knox City Greyhounds improved to 4-0 in District 7-1A with a 59-42 victory over the Guthrie Jaguars Tuesday night.

“Guthrie played well and gave us everything we wanted for three quarters,” said Coach Josh Webb, pointing to only a 40-39 lead at that time. “They hit some big shots and free throws to keep it close.

“We finally found a little rhythm in the fourth and pulled away. Our press started giving us some steals and we were able to play some players that had to sit because of foul trouble. I like how my boys responded in the fourth but were frustrated with our sluggishness in the second quarter.”

Anthony Estrada led the Greyhounds in scoring with 17 points while Ryan Heard and Tyler Harvey added 11 and 10, respectively.

7-1A standings

Team	W	L
Knox City	4	0
Spur	3	2
Guthrie	3	2
Motley Co	2	2
Paducah	2	3
Patton Springs	0	5

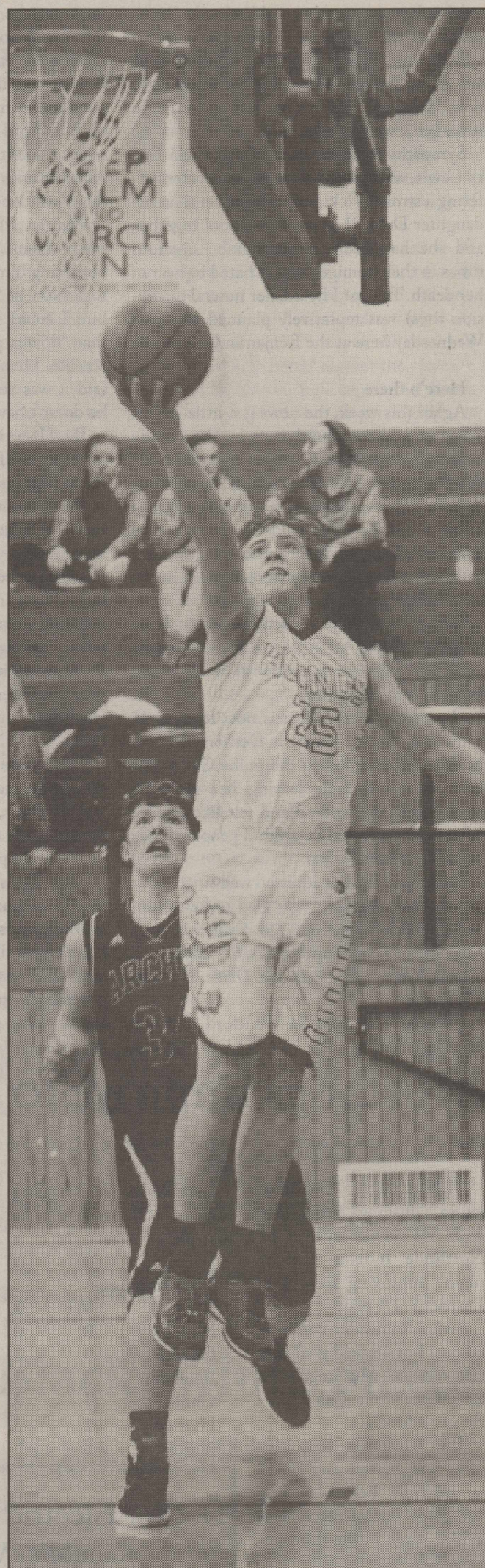
Schedule

Friday: Motley County at Knox City

Tuesday: Paducah at Knox City, Guthrie at Spur, Patton Springs at Motley County

Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier

Anthony Estrada scores in earlier game



Houndettes down Guthrie, 47-25

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – The Knox City Houndettes scored a 47-25 victory over Guthrie Tuesday night to improve to 2-2 in District 7-1A play. The Houndettes led only 6-3 and 23-13 after the first two quarters but got some breathing room with more offense in the third period to pull away 35-17.

“Guthrie is a good team, one that you have to be patient with and I thought we did that,” said Coach Dylan Bal-

lard. “They really took away our post play, but we had several girls step it up, which opened our post game up in the second half. It was a total team performance.”

Kaylie Steele led the Houndettes with 17 points and 15 rebounds. She also had three blocks. Myca Flowers added 16 points plus six rebounds and two blocks. Brooke Jones led in steals with three.

People are DYING to hear from you.

Really. 😞

You are TWENTY THREE TIMES more likely to crash when you text while driving. Is sending an LOL text message really worth killing someone? Park the phone when you drive.

TALKTEXTORCRASH
Save a Life
Text Department of Transportation

GO GREYHOUNDS & HOUNDETTES

GREYHOUND, HOUNDETTTE SUPPORTERS

Pumpers Supply & Equipment
940-658-3260

Jeremy Eaton Equipment Services
940-658-1322
Jeremy Eaton Equipment Services, LLC

Pepper's Dry Goods
Knox City, TX
940-657-4406

ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
940-658-3384
Knox City, TX

Lynn Electric Motor CO., INC.
1011 Main St. (940) 658-3511
Scott Lynn
TECH #18951/58587KDI

Lawrence Brothers
206 E. Main
Knox City
940-658-3714

We are cheering for you.
GREYHOUNDS & HOUNDETTES
Have a Great Season

BASIC ENERGY SERVICES
100 N. Birch
940-658-3990

Knox County Hospital District
Your Hometown Healthcare Team
Knox County Hospital
(940) 657-3535
(940) 657-5521

SKYREY OILFIELD & CONSTRUCTION
307 SOUTH CENTRAL
KNOX CITY, TX
940-256-0058

BILL STEWART INSURANCE SERVICES
O (940) 658-3211
M (940) 256-2394
700 E. MAIN STREET

PENMAN SERVICES
940-658-3513

RESOLVE TO SAVE WITH SRTC
Sign up for new phone, Internet and/or TV service during the month of January 2016 and receive a \$50 credit to your account. Plus, your name will be entered in a drawing for \$250! Don't delay, sign up today!

SANTA ROSA Telephone Cooperative

VERNON OFFICE: 7110 US Hwy 207 E, Vernon, TX 76184, (940) 889-2217, (888) 886-2217
HASKELL OFFICE: 113 N. Ave. D, Haskell, TX 79521, (940) 863-1125, (888) 983-1125
SEYMOUR OFFICE: 310 W. California, Seymour, TX 76380, (940) 889-1125, (877) 889-1125

ask@srcaccess.net
Services where available. Account credit applied after 60 days in service. Some restrictions may apply. Contact SRTC for full promotion details.

Mogulettes improve to 4-0 in 8-1A

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY - The Munday Mogulettes improved their District 8-1A record to 4-0 Tuesday night with a 48-18 road victory over the Chillicothe Lady Eagles.

A 17-4 surge in the third quarter allowed the Mogulettes to increase an 18-10 halftime lead to 35-14.

"We got some steals off the press and started hitting some shots," Coach Cory Stephenson explained. "We didn't start out shooting very well."

Stephenson really likes the way the Mogulettes are playing their half court defense and applying pressure with the press.

Kimberly Shahan and Madison Thompson led the scoring effort against Chillicothe with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

In the other district game, Northside beat Benjamin, 41-10.

The Mogulettes dominated an outmanned Benjamin Mustangs, 59-10, at home last Friday as all 14 players who suited up got into the scoring act.

The Mogulettes' full-court press produced numerous turnovers as the Lady Stangs couldn't seem to get the ball past half court.

As a result, the Mogulettes led 15-3 after one quarter and 34-3 at halftime.

With the reserves getting plenty of court time, the Mogulettes increased the lead to 45-5 after three periods.

"We executed the press the best we have all season," said



KIMBERLY SHAHAN

Stephenson.

While outmanned, the Lady Stangs never quit playing for the entire 32 minutes.

In other district games last Friday, Crowell downed Chillicothe, 46-34, and Northside edged Harrold, 52-47.

8-1A standings

Team	W	L
Munday	4	0
Crowell	3	1
Northside	3	1
Chillicothe	1	3
Harrold	1	3
Benjamin	0	4

Results

Munday 48, Chillicothe 18; Northside 41, Benjamin 10; Munday 59, Benjamin 10; Crowell 46, Chillicothe 34; Northside 52, Harrold 47

Schedule

Friday: Northside at Munday; Crowell at Benjamin, Chillicothe at Harrold

Tuesday: Munday at Harrold, Chillicothe at Benjamin, Crowell at Northside

Munday JV Moguls



Munday Moguls JV basketball team.

Photo Courtesy of Rhonda Cook

Moguls remain unbeaten in 8-1A

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY - The Munday Moguls remained unbeaten in District 8-1A play Tuesday night, scoring a 78-29 victory over the Chillicothe Eagles.

The Moguls jumped off to a 24-4 lead in the first period.

"The boys did a great job of sharing the ball and

getting it to each other in good situations to make shots," said Coach Greg Clark.

Clark did like the way the Moguls continued their stifling defensive play, which makes it difficult for opponents to get any uncontested shots.

Bryan Castorena led the Moguls in scoring with 17 points while Day'veon

Dockins, Brady Weaver and Dane Leija helped with 16, 11 and 10, respectively.

In the other district game Tuesday, Benjamin improved to 2-1 with a 45-34 win over Northside.

Continuing to showcase a tenacious defense, the Moguls easily rolled to a 42-16 win over the Benjamin Mustangs at home last Friday.

The Mustangs were only able to score one basket in the first half and trailed 21-2.

Things didn't improve much in the third period as they trailed 33-6.

Justin Rainwater did finally find the range in the final period for the Mustangs and finished with 12 points.

Troy Parton and Weaver led the Moguls with 14 points each.

In other district games last Friday, Crowell walked Chillicothe 68-30 and Harrold nipped Northside, 45-39.

8-1A standings

Team	W	L
Munday	3	0
Crowell	3	1
Benjamin	2	1
Chillicothe	1	2
Harrold	1	3
Northside	0	3

Results

Munday 78, Chillicothe 29; Benjamin 45, Northside 34; Munday 42, Benjamin 16; Crowell 68, Chillicothe 30; Harrold 45, Northside 39

Schedule

Friday: Northside at Munday, Crowell at Benjamin, Chillicothe at Harrold

Tuesday: Munday at Harrold, Chillicothe at Benjamin, Crowell at Northside

MOGUL, MOGULETTE SUPPORTERS

Kandis Stephenson, Owner
940.422.8600
Casablanca
boutique
shopcasablancaboutique.com
110 W. Main Street
Munday, TX 76371

Jim Cowser
Farm and Ranch
Appraisals
940-256-0708

Knox County Hospital District
Your Hometown Healthcare Team
Knox County Home Care
940-657-3013

Knox County Hospital District
Your Hometown Healthcare Team
Knox County EMS - Munday Station
940-422-4400

Munday Tire & Appliance
Shahan Bros.
940-422-4821

Buds For You
422-4712
Furniture & Decor at
Bud's #2 on Main

Show your support for the Munday youth and advertise here! For more information, call (888) 400-1083.

A+
AUTO & FARM SUPPLY
PARTS & PLUS
940-422-4400

Knox County Hospital District
Your Hometown Healthcare Team
Munday Clinic
940-422-5271

QUALITY IMPLEMENT CO.
940-422-4534

the movement space
141 N. Munday
940-421-3269

CAPITAL FARM CREDIT
FCS
940-422-4323

Glenn Herring INSURANCE AGENCY
940-422-4359
Germania INSURANCE

LAWRENCE BROTHERS SUPERMARKETS
940-422-4133

Knox County Hospital District
Your Hometown Healthcare Team
Munday Nursing Center
940-422-4541

Messer Photography

RAS Trucking
422-4501

Booe ROOFING
940-422-4500

PENMAN SERVICES
940-658-3513

Decker Electric Motor Company
PO Box 55
Munday, TX 76371
940-256-8388

MEERS MERCANTILE
Todd & Lezli Meers, Owners
toddmeers@hotmail.com
422-4851 fax: 940-422-4435
Box 107 • 241 W. Main
Munday, TX 76371

PETTY FLYING SERVICE
800-687-3327 • www.pettyflying.com

First Bank Texas
Munday Office
111 South Munday Ave. • (940) 422-4522

CHARLES BAKER INSURANCE
422-4722
Agent: Jan Searcey, CIC

Support Our Teams
GO MOGULS & MOGULETTES

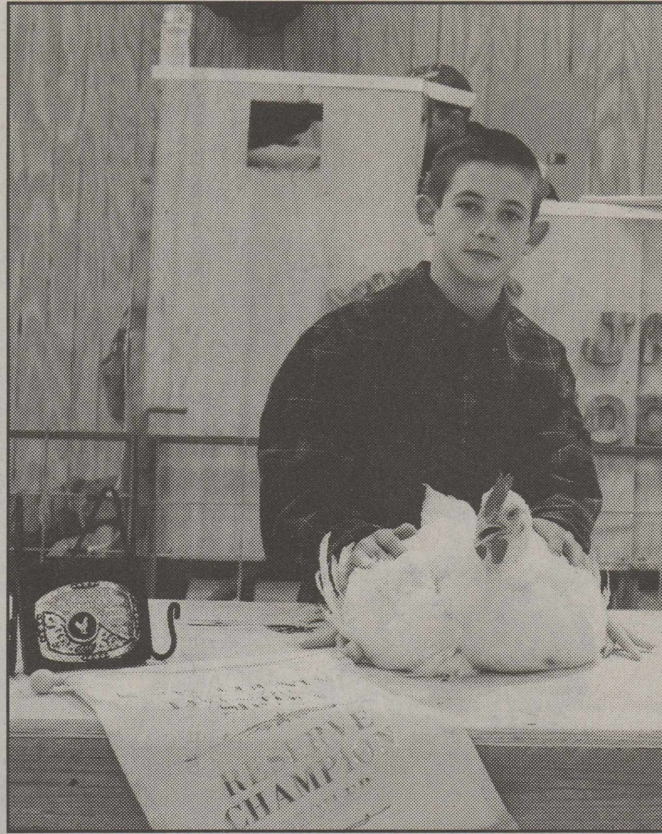
RIKE Real Estate LLC
415 S. First Street
Haskell, Texas 79521
940-864-2411 • 325-370-6572
www.rikerealestate.com
Megan Cox, Owner/Broker
megan@rikerealestate.com

- 909 Railroad, Rochester - 3/2.5 on 4+Ac. (\$189,000) NEW
- 162.9+/- Ac - NW Haskell Co. - (\$1050/Ac) NEW
- 219.5+/- Ac - West of O'Brien - (\$1050/Ac) NEW
- 135+/- Ac - Stonewall Co. - (\$1200/Ac) NEW
- 79.54+/- Ac - West of O'Brien - (\$1,650/Ac) NEW
- 600 N. Munday, Munday - 2/1 on corner lot (\$29,900) NEW
- 158.6+/- Ac - West of O'Brien - (\$1,650/Ac) NEW
- 167.31+/- Ac - West of O'Brien - (\$1,350/Ac) PENDING
- 159 FM RD 2976, Lake Stamford - 2/2 Lakefront property (\$25,000) NEW
- 380+/- Ac SE Knox Co. - New fences & Minerals (\$1,400/Ac) NEW
- 48.2 Ac North of Rule - with Minerals (\$1,300/Ac) NEW
- 7734 Hwy 6-Rule Drive - Rule Drive-In theater on 4 Ac. (\$49,900) REDUCED
- 18394 CR 4180, Seymour - 3/2 on 412 Ac. (\$600,000) REDUCED
- 533 CR 186, Rochester - 2/1 on 3 acres (\$35,000) PENDING
- 809 S. Aspen Ave. - Gorgeous 3/2 with open floorplan (\$54,500) REDUCED
- 7567 FM 267, Munday - 3/3 on 3 acres (\$68,500) REDUCED
- 1008 SE 5th St, Knox City- 3/2 with open floor plan (\$59,900) REDUCED
- 30 +/- Ac. West of O'Brien. Perfect home site with water well (\$1500/Ac)
- 608 Sunny Ave, Rule 3 or 4/2 with pool (\$62,000) PENDING
- 160 +/- Acres NW Corner of Haskell Co. Hunting (\$1,000/Ac)
- 231.3 +/- Ac. In Haskell Co. (\$1200 / Ac) REDUCED
- 405 S. Hillmar, Weinert, 3/2 w/ shop (\$97,500) SOLD
- 355+/- Ac. on Hwy 6 and 1225 (\$950/Ac)

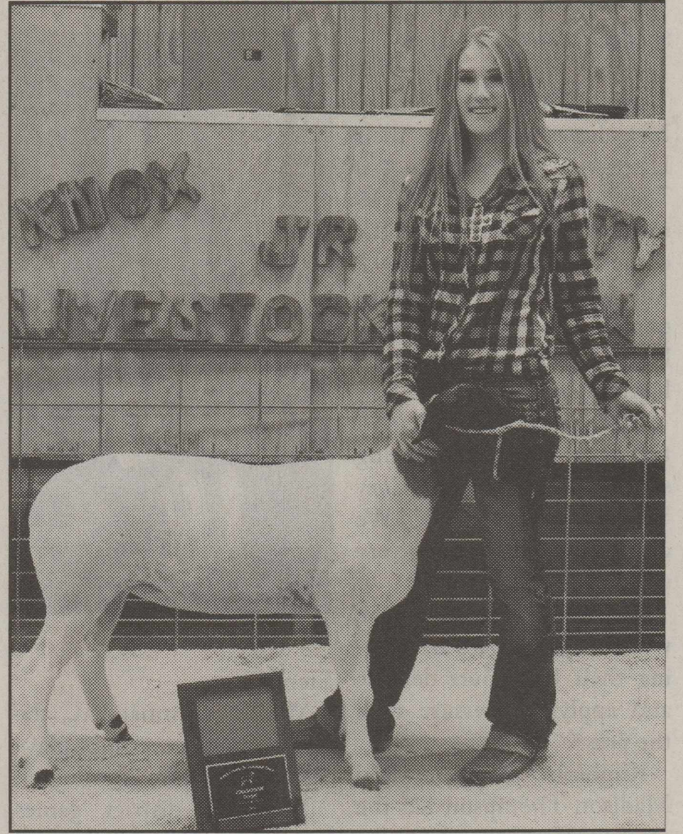
Knox County Junior Livestock Show Winners



Sheldon Baty, grand champion broilers



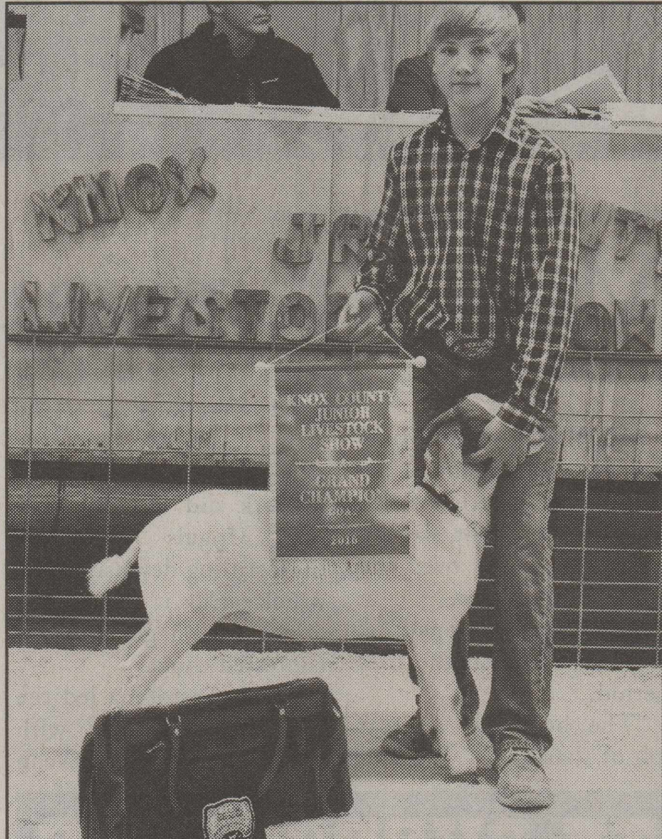
Chance Baty, reserve champion broilers



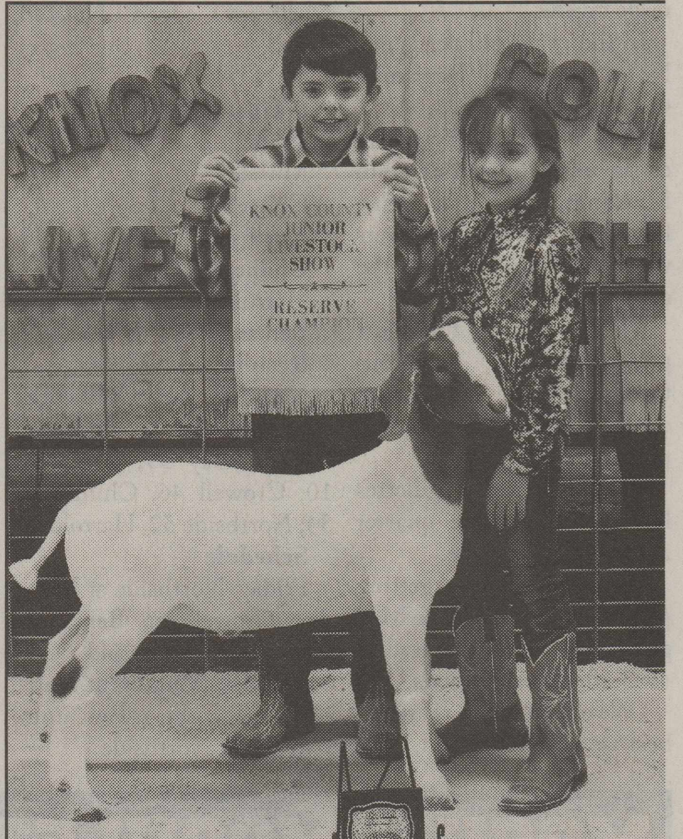
Elissa Hacker, grand champion dorper



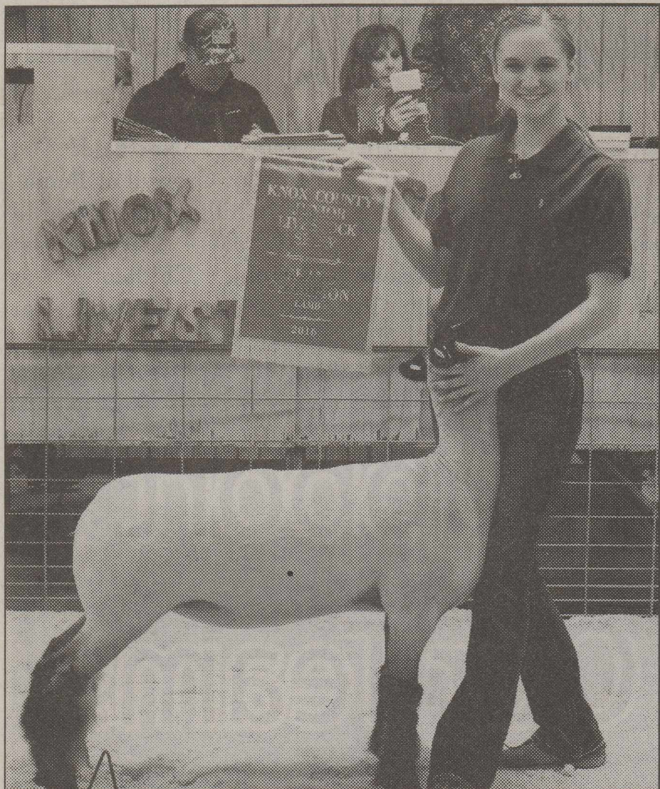
Austin Hacker, reserve champion dorper



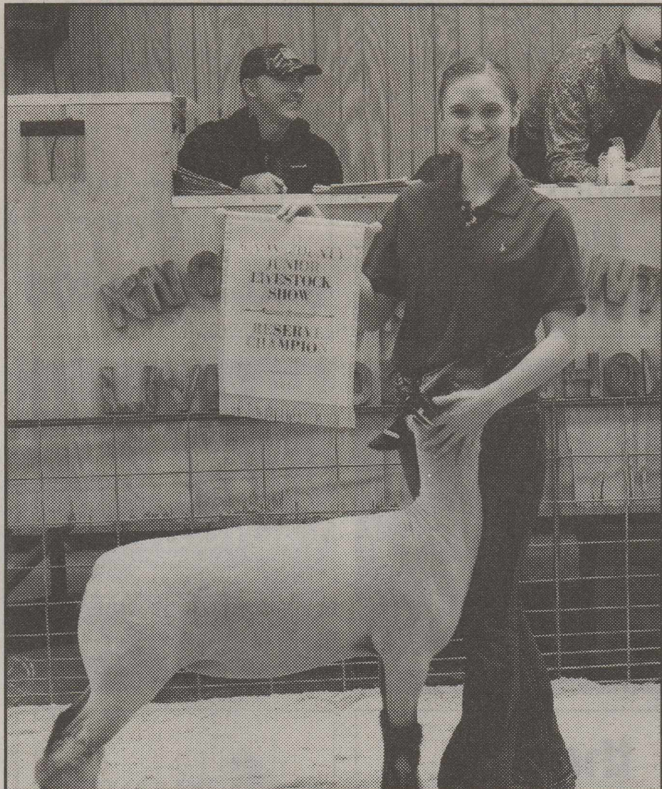
Josiah Coplen, junior showmanship goats



Emily Shaver, reserve champion goats



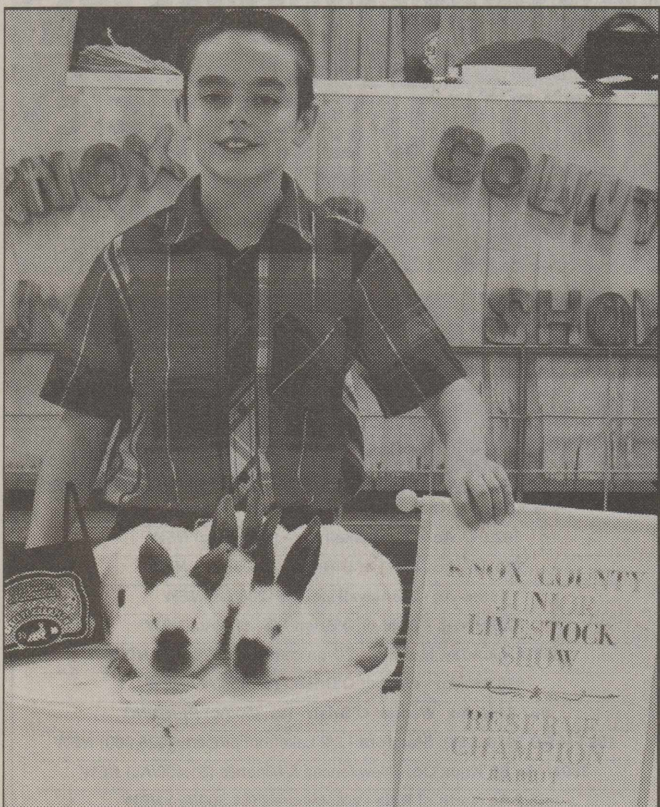
Kristen Kuehler, grand champion lambs



Kristen Kuehler, reserve champion lambs



Conner Moore, grand champion rabbit



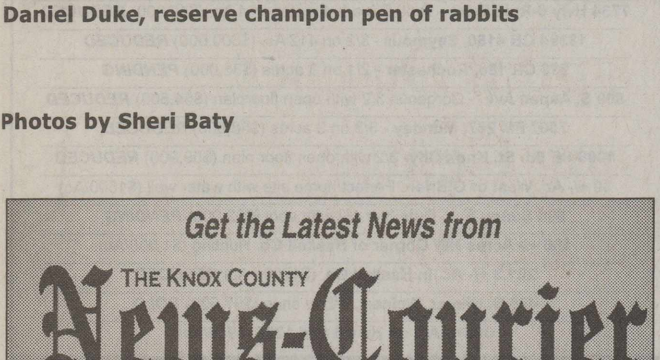
Daniel Duke, reserve champion pen of rabbits



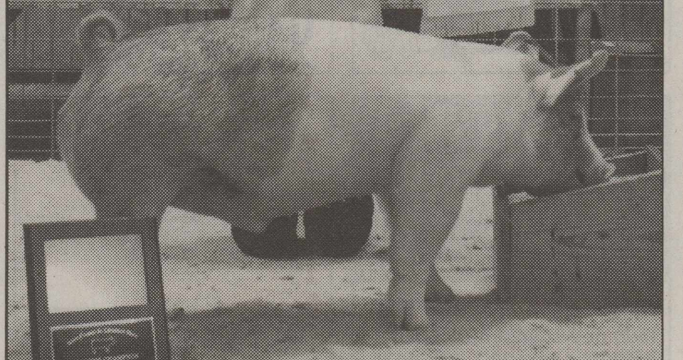
Lexi Jimenez, grand champion steers



Skylin Ledesma, reserve champion steers



Kristen Kuehler, grand champion swine



Kendall Thompson, reserve champion swine

Photos by Sheri Baty

Get the Latest News from
THE KNOX COUNTY News-Courier
 www.KnoxCountyNewsOnline.com



KNOX SHOW RESULTS

RABBIT SHOW

Single fryer: 1. Conner Moore, grand champion 2. Conner Moore, reserve grand champion 3. Jonah Duke, junior showmanship 4. Wyatt Casillas 5. Makayla Baley, senior showmanship

Pen of three fryers: 1. Conner Moore, grand champion 2. Daniel Duke, reserve grand champion 3. Jonah Duke 4. Conner Moore

POULTRY SHOW

Broilers: 1. Sheldon Baty, grand champion, senior showmanship 2. Chance Baty, reserve grand champion 3. Lane Addington, junior showmanship 4. Lane Addington

LAMB SHOW

Dorper: 1. Elissa Hacker, grand champion 2. Austin Hacker, reserve grand champion, junior showmanship 3. Debra Alvarado 4. Shawn Hacker 5. Shaylee Landrfeth

Market lamb, medium wool: 1. Kristen Kuehler, grand champion, senior showmanship 2. Kristen Kuehler, reserve grand champion 3. Elissa Hacker 4. Debra Alvarado

GOAT SHOW

Market goats light weight: 1. Emily Shaver, reserve grand champion 2. Ryan Shaver 3. Josiah Coplen, junior showmanship 4. McKayla Coplen 5. Brody White

Market goats mid weight: 1. Brylee White, senior showmanship 2. Brylee Whiye 3. Brody White

Market goats heavy weight: 1. Josiah Coplen, grand champion 2. John Shaver 3. Brogan White

SWINE SHOW

Berkshire lightweight: 1. Jordan Ruiz, breed champion 2. Melanie Ruiz 3. Skylin Ledesma 4. Mona Alvarado

Berkshire heavyweight: 1. Kaleb Whittle, reserve grand champion 2. Cayce Camp 3. Cheyenne Camp 4. Brogan White 5. Brylee White 6. Brody White

Chester White: 1. Brice Thompson, breed champion 2. Kristen Kuehler, reserve breed champion 3. Ella Hunter 4. John Cross Utley 5. Emilee Maynard 6. Melissa Rogers

Duroc lightweight: 1. Ella Hunter 2. Reye Ledesma 3. Kayla Hunter 4. Emilee Maynard 5. Dustin Ledesma 6. Shawn Hacker

Duroc heavyweight: 1. Kayla Hunter, breed champion 2. Cheyenne Camp, reserve breed champion 3. Brice Thompson 4. Madison Thompson

Hampshire lightweight: 1. Kaleb Whittle 2. Brylee White 3. Christian Abila 4. Kinlee Eaton

Hampshire midweight: 1. Elissa Hunter 2. Creed Coker 3. Jessie Ledesma 4. Kayla Hungter

Hampshire heavyweight: 1. Shawn Hacker, breed champion, senior showmanship 2. John Cross Utley, reserve breed champion 3. Jordan Ruiz 4. Madison Thompson 5. Callie Cude 6. Jordyn Eaton 7. Cayce Camp

Spot lightweight: 1. Elissa Hacker 2. Melanie Riz 3. Christian Abila 4. Christian Abila 5. Creed Coker

Spot heavyweight: 1. Jordyn Eaton, breed champion 2. John Cross Utley, reserve breed champion 3. Jordan Ruiz 4. Kinlee Eaton 5. Kinlee Eaton 6. Eylon Barnam

Cross lightweight: 1. Ella Hunter 2. Creed Coker 3. Shawn Hacker 4. Melanie Ruiz

Cross midweight: 1. Cal-

lie Cude 2. Austin Hackefr 3. Skylin Ledesma 4. Jayden Rios 5. Kinlee Eaton 6. Reylee Ledesma

Cross light heavyweight: 1. Kendall Thompson, reserve grand champion, reserve breed champion 2. Kristen Kuehler 3. Reylee Ledesma 4. John Cross Utley 5. Jordyn Eaton 6. Jordyn Eaton 7. Tyler Rios

Cross heavyweight: 1. Kristen Kuehler, grand champion,

breed champion 2. Melanie Ruiz, junior showmanship 3. Kendall Thompson 4. Cheyenne Camp 5. Sydney Thompson 6. Cayce Camp 7. Melanie Ruiz

STEER SHOW

1. Lexi Jimenez, grand champion, senior showmanship 2. Skylin Ledesma, reserve grand champion 3. Matthew Jimenez, junior showmansi 4. Reylee Ledesma



Renewing old friendships



Courtesy photo

Current and former colleagues of Knox City Elementary gathered recently for a visit at the home of Robert and Kathy Bowen in Munday. Pictured (l-r) standing: Eva Covey of San Angelo, Sherry Hacker of Floydada, Carolyn Brockett, Joanna Delgado and Betty Johnston of Knox City, Janice Vacek of Midlothian and Cheryl Urbanczyk of Munday. Seated are Marsha Quade of Knox City and Kathy Bowen.

Thanks for Reading

Congratulations to all of the winners and participants in this year's stock show:

- Chris & Molly Moore
- Texas Farm Bureau
- Wes Latham Insurance
- Petty Flying Service
- First Bank Texas
- Lina Trevino, Knox County Attorney
- Knox County Cleaners
- Citizens Bank
- Jason Young, CPA
- Matlock & Associates
- Dan & Becky Offutt
- Kregg & Kacy Sanders
- Louis & Sheri Baty
- A+ Auto
- Knox County Hospital District
- Munday Nursing Center
- Seymour Medical Inc.

Years to buy it...

Minutes to sell it.

1997 CADILLAC DEVILLE
Very sharp, only 20,685 miles. Champagne Pearl with neutral leather interior, heated seats, chrome wheels—looks and drives like new. \$19,000 firm. Call for a test-drive! 000-0000

We can help you.

Let one of our classified specialists help you create an ad that will drive your car away. Within minutes you can be on your way to a new vehicle.

Call 1-888-400-1083 today!

Knox County News-Courier

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter



Awhile back I gave y'all a recipe for coleslaw using ramen noodles. Since then I've been trying to find different ways to use ramen. This week I have one that I would have never thought of, a grilled cheese sandwich made with ramen noodles. What an unusual twist on an old classic. So far this is the most interesting way to use them that I have found. I like it. Since it is national soup month I've chosen a favorite tomato soup to go along with it. Doesn't everyone love a yummy bowl of tomato soup with a grilled cheese sandwich?

Tomato-Basil Soup (Chunky Style)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 2 tbs. butter or margarine | 1 medium onion, chopped |
| 3 small carrots, shredded | 2 tbs. all-purpose flour |
| 1 cup half-and-half | 1 jar (26 oz.) chunky tomato pasta sauce |
| 1 can (15 oz.) diced tomatoes | ¼ cup chopped fresh basil leaves |

In a 3-quart saucepan, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add onion and carrots; cook and stir three to four minutes or until softened. Add flour; cook and stir until moistened. Gradually add half-and-half, cooking and stirring until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover; Cook over medium heat for 15 minutes, stirring frequently, until mixture comes to a boil. Top with additional chopped basil leaves (optional).

Ramen Noodle Grilled Cheese

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 package ramen (noodles only) | 1 egg |
| 2 slices bacon (optional) | 3 slices cheese (1 ½ per side) |
| Sriracha (optional) | Butter |
- Flat, square bottomed container to hold noodles

Cook the ramen in boiling water for three minutes until tender. Strain well and let cool. Beat the egg. Add the cooled ramen and egg to a bowl. Mix well. Grease the container and put the ramen in it so that the ramen is about half-inch thickness. Press down with a fork to compact the noodles, allow to cool in the fridge for 15 minutes. While cooling, cook the bacon and get the cheese ready. In a frying pan, add some butter and turn the ramen out into the pan. Cook until ramen is slightly browned on the first side. Cut ramen in half. Flip the ramen patties over and drizzle top with sriracha, then add the cheese and bacon. Leave open face for about seven to eight minutes, the pan covered, for cheese to melt into noodles. Flip the two pieces together with the ingredients on the inside to build your sandwich. Finish browning on each side as needed. Serve.

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.

Cattle producers have many sales options

By Blair Fannon

WACO – From traditional livestock auctions to online sources, cattle producers have a variety of options to choose from when marketing cattle, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist.

Dr. Jason Banta, beef cattle specialist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Overton, gave a broad overview of marketing options at the recent Blackland Income Growth Conference in Waco.

Banta said the biggest impact on income in a cattle operation is percentage of calves weaned. Other pieces of the equation include how many pounds the calves weigh and price received per pound.

"Condition of cows at calving time has the biggest impact on pregnancy rates," Banta said. "You want those cows to be at a body condition score of five or better."

Genetics also play an important role as well as input costs. Cull cows and cull bulls account for 10 to 15 percent of producers' income.

"There's value in these animals, and we need to market these animals to maximize the value," Banta said.

There are several marketing channels, such as traditional livestock auction markets and online sources where a producer can post a classified ad.

For feeder calves and stocker cattle, Banta said producers can use livestock auction markets or sell through special preconditioning sale venues.

"You'd be surprised how far you can haul some cattle and get them into a precondition-

ing sale. The key is to go with one that has a good reputation to capture that premium."

There are also video auction services as well as having someone come to your ranch and buy direct.

"Out of all of these options, it has to fit your operation and knowledge base," he said.

When using auction markets, producers who have 15 to 30 better quality calves can call the barn ahead of time so the barn can advertise and help better market the calves.

"Some will let you pull tags early," Banta said. "This is a good way to get a group of calves you have and sell them together before buyers who might be looking for a good group. They like this instead of having to pick them out one by one throughout a sale day or at multiple sales."

Factors affecting the selling price of calves include color. Banta advised against producing calves with spots or paint colors. However, replacement females with stripes, such as a Braford cross, will bring a premium.

"We sell cattle on perceived breed type," he said. "There are significant discounts if you have more influence of a breed that is not wanted by order buyers."

Recommendations include no more than one-quarter Bos Indicus, at least one-quarter British and no more than one-half Continental.

"The industry wants medium to large frame cattle," he said.

Banta said time of year can also affect prices paid. Spring typically brings some of the higher prices for weaned calves and cull cows, while fall will bring the lowest since many cattle operations are selling at this time.

Sustainable crops important Food manager training

By Blair Fannon

WACO – Advancing sustainable agriculture and continuous improvement in the health and well being of crops and livestock were recurring themes during Blackland Income Growth Conference sessions held recently at the Waco Convention Center.

The 54th conference, one of the largest regional conferences in the Blacklands area that attracts farmers, ranchers and landowners with agricultural enterprises, provided the latest in new technology and how

to better deal with weather risks such as drought or excessive moisture.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

"You deal with so many uncertain risks," said Blackland Income Growth Program President Robin Liebe of Waco. "I want to thank all of you for what you do in producing a product that feeds the world."

Producing more food and fiber will continue to be a challenge, especially as the

world population reaches 12 billion people by 2050, said Rod Snyder, president of Field to Market, the Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture based in Washington.

"We have a unique challenge in feeding more people by 2050," he said. "More consumers are interested in where their food comes from."

Field to Market is a diverse alliance that works to create opportunities throughout the agricultural supply chain for improvements in productivity, environmental quality and human well-being, Snyder said.

The alliance is working with more than 90 organizations in its Field to Market program with major food and retail companies "coming together" to focus on sustainability, specifically crop production, he said.

However, there are hurdles to overcome for farmers, particularly in achieving higher crop yields in light of unforeseen challenges. For example, Dr. Paul Baumann, AgriLife Extension state weed specialist in College Station, briefed grain farmers about the ongoing battle against weed-resistant herbicides.

"First, we need to verify the issue, then it's our responsibility to develop so-

lutions with university and industry cooperation," he said.

Baumann said weeds resistant to certain herbicides began years back as farmers repeatedly used the same herbicide without implementing other weed control options.

"How did this happen? There was a shift away from soil-applied residual herbicides with repeated applications of the same compounds," he said.

Enhancing animal welfare practices in the livestock sector continues to gain more attention. Dr. Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist at College Station, led an in-depth discussion on animal welfare standards and the Five Freedoms of Cattle.

In summarizing his presentation, Gill said more beef producers need to tell their story and "understand the importance of public perception as to how they do business."

"We have to be more open about what we are doing and be able to explain why we are doing it. We also need to make sure when we do things it is in the animal's best interest."

Special to The News-Courier

ABILENE – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Nolan Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course here March 21-22 at the Taylor County Extension office. The registration deadline is March 7.

The cost will be \$125 and includes training, materials, and the ServSafe food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years.

Black, white plates most popular

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN – It's official; the number one specialty license plate design sold by My Plates in 2015 was Lone Star Black.

This is now the seventh consecutive year that Lone Star Black has achieved this honor.

"Ever since we released this plate to the market back in 2008, it has been very popular with Texans and continued to dominate the sales on a daily basis" said Steve Farrar, President of My Plates.com.

In second spot overall and holding the place as the most popular design for 7-letter personalized plate messages is Texas Black 1845. In fact,

the top three plates offered by My Plates are all predominantly black and white in design.

"Black and white plates are very popular in Texas, they look smart, sleek, cool, and compliment any vehicle color," added Farrar.

The top ranked flag design was the "Come and Take It" Gonzales flag plate design, which again out-sold the "Don't Tread on Me" Gadsden flag and the U.S. flag.

If you were wondering which Texas university plate held the top spot, then you may not be surprised to hear that the Texas A&M Aggies retained that honor over the Texas Longhorns, with the Texas Tech Raiders finishing out the top three.

JASON YOUNG, CPA LLC
TAX, ASSURANCE AND ADVISORY

940-422-4110
JASON@JYADVISOR.COM

221 EAST MAIN STREET
MUNDAY, TX 76371

940-422-4045 - FAX

Now offering Life Insurance

BUNKLEY & JONES

110 W. Morris • Seymour, TX 76380
Ph. 940-889-3115
Fax 940-889-5321 or 1-800-460-3115
jocelyn@bunkleyandjones.net

THE KNOX COUNTY
News-Courier

DEADLINES

Display ads - Friday @ Noon
Legals - Friday @ 8 a.m.
Classified ads - Monday @ Noon
Editorial - Monday @ 5 p.m.

E-mail: kcnewscourier@gmail.com
Telephone: 940-422-5350
Address: P.O. Box 151
Munday, TX 76371

These deadlines must be met in order to guarantee your ad or editorial is placed in The Knox County News-Courier on the date requested.



SEND US YOUR NEWS!!

Email: kcnewscourier@gmail.com

News, Pictures, Ideas, Suggestions! Send to the Editor!

LINA R. **TREVINO**
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

"FOUR COUNTIES, ONE DISTRICT."

VOTE MARCH 1st

22 YEARS OF LEGAL EXPERIENCE
CURRENT KNOX COUNTY ATTORNEY

facebook.com/LRTforDA | VoteLRT2016@gmail.com | 806-778-8110

Political ad paid for by Lina Trevino.

News-Courier Classifieds

GOT SOMETHING TO SELL? SELL IT IN THE NEWS-COURIER CLASSIFIEDS!

FOR SALE

Fresh Tilapia and quail. Call Glenn Herring Insurance. 940-422-4359 (tfn)

HELP WANTED

Knox County Hospital now hiring full-time Cook. Contact Stephen Kuehler at 940.657.3535. Knox County Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(12116)

Brazos Valley Care Home is now accepting applications

for Licensed Vocational Nurses & Certified Nurse Aides. EOE

Please apply in person at 605 S. Ave F, Knox City

1/14-21

Thanks for Reading

PUBLIC NOTICES

Knox County Appraisal District Reminds Businesses to Render their Taxable Property by April 15

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Knox County Appraisal District by April 15.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

"The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values," said Mitzi Welch Chief Appraiser.

You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of your property. "For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The appraisal district will look at your property before assigning a value," said Welch.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15. A **10 percent to 50 percent penalty** may be imposed if a rendition is **filed late, incomplete or not at all**. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Knox County Appraisal District at 940-459-3891. Information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/.

Hibbits & Parrot Real Estate
www.KellyBlandLand.com



Kelly Bland
Broker Agent
kellyblandland@gmail.com

940-849-0631

Just Listed: Rare find! Beautiful brick 3/3 home on small acreage. Just east of Munday. Call for details!

"Like" Hibbits and Parrot Real Estate on Facebook!

We'll Be Here 'Till the Cows Come Home!

HCR
HASKELL COUNTY REALTY

940-864-2665

Chan Guess, agent
Rhonda Lisle, agent
Roger Rowe, agent
Bridget Guess, broker

MLS Realtor
realtor.com

For more listings call or go to
haskellcountyrealty.com



RESIDENTIAL

- 1000 Main- Rochester- Fantastic Home and Barn on 2 acres! 3/2 \$125,000 Under Contract
- 907 S Aspen Knox City- Unlike anything you will find! 3/2 \$109,000 Under Contract
- 3121 HWY 6 Rochester- Country Living at its Best! 3/2 \$82,900 REDUCED
- 1387 N HWY 6- O'Brien- Ideal Package, Lovely Three Bedroom Home on 117+/- Acres \$297,000 NEW

NOW HIRING SMILING FACES



TEAM MEMBERS

- Competitive hourly pay
- Flexible Schedules
- Holiday & Vacation pay
- Benefit Packages
- Part Time or Full Time Available

Apply Online
www.richesondq.com

The Munday Housing Authority (MHA) and the Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA) have apartments available to eligible applicants for immediate occupancy. Renters may choose flat rent or income based rent, and rent includes some utilities. Come by 131 West Cisco Street in Munday or 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City, or call 940-422-4941 for more information. It is the intent of MHA & KCHA to rent vacant apartments to high income applicants when there are no eligible low or very low income applicants on the waiting list. Both are equal opportunity providers and employers.



It is the intent of the Munday Housing Authority to temporarily rent USDA-RD apartments to all persons without regard to income restrictions when there are no eligible applicants on the waiting list. Call 940-422-4941 for more information. The MHA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



TALK TEXAS

Save a Life
Texas Department of Transportation

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

TexSCAN

LEGAL SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS. Unable to work? Denied benefits? We Can Help! WIN or Pay Nothing! Contact Bill Gordon & Associates at 1-800-755-0168 to start your application today!	MEDICAL SAFE STEP WALK-IN Tub. Alert for Seniors. Bathroom falls can be fatal. Approved by Arthritis Foundation. Therapeutic Jets. Less than 4 inch step-in. Wide door. Anti-Slip floors. American made. Installation included. Call 1-800-606-8052 for \$750 off.	SANMILLS FROM ONLY \$4397.00 - MAKE & SAVE MONEY with your own bandmill - Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship! FREE info/DVD. www.NonwoodSawmills.com or 1-800-578-1363 Ext. 300N
SUPPLIES EMERGENCIES CAN STRIKE at any time. Wise Food Storage makes it easy to prepare with tasty, easy-to-cook meals that have a 25-year shelf life. FREE sample. Call: 1-800-716-0841	SCHOOL/TRAINING NEW YEAR, NEW AIRLINE CAREERS - Get training as FAA certified Aviation Technician. Financial aid for qualified students. Career placement assistance. Aviation Institute of Maintenance 1-800-475-4102	SERVICES RECEIVING PAYMENTS from real estate you sold? Get cash now! Call Steve: 1-888-870-2243 www.SteveCashesNotes.com
REAL ESTATE 4.1 ACRES north of Knoxville, paved roads, electricity, live oak trees, Harper schools, \$3980 down, \$422/mo. (8.9%, 30-yr.) 1-800-878-9720. www.ranchenterprisesllc.com	BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES EARN \$500 A DAY! Insurance Agents Needed - Leads, No Cold Calls - Commissions Paid Daily - Lifetime Renewals - Complete Training - Health & Dental Insurance - Life License Required. Call 1-888-713-8020	Run Your Ad In TexSCAN! Statewide Ad \$550 288 Newspapers, 844,050 Circulation North Region Only \$250 95 Newspapers, 297,505 Circulation South Region Only \$250 101 Newspapers, 366,627 Circulation West Region Only \$250 82 Newspapers, 205,950 Circulation To Order: Call this Newspaper direct, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 1-800-821-0528 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bcp
Extend your advertising reach with TexSCAN, your Statewide Classified Ad Network.

Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers

Knox County— New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Knox County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws," said Mitzi Welch, Chief Appraiser of the Knox County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs.

- Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and for surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.
- Property Tax Exemptions** - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the free port exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.
- Rendering Taxable Property** - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.
- Appraisal Notices** - Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.
- Property Taxpayer Remedies** - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.
- Homestead Exemptions** - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.
- Productivity Appraisal** - Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for on the open market.
- Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.
- Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners** - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.
- Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** - In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.
- Protesting Property Appraisal Values** - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Knox County Appraisal District at: 940-459-3891.

Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/.

WE BUY OIL, GAS & MINERAL RIGHTS

Both non-producing and producing, including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI)

Please provide us your desired price when you contact us and we will evaluate for a possible offer.

Lobo Minerals, LLC
P.O. Box 10906 • Midland, TX 79702
C: 806-620-1422
lobomineralsllc@gmail.com

purplewave.com

JW POWERLINE INVENTORY REDUCTION AUCTION

TUES., JAN. 26
Bidding starts to close at 10 a.m. CST

ALL ITEMS SELLING WITHOUT RESERVE! Including: heavy trucks, trailers, trencher, dozer, forklifts, pickups & more. 10% buyers premium. Aaron McKee TX Lic #16401. 866.608.9283

Thanks for Reading the News-Courier

MCISD hears \$8 million bond recommendation

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – The Munday CISD Board of Trustees heard a recommendation from Jamie Welborn with the facilities committee that it should consider calling for an \$8 million bond election to take advantage of the wind

farms being built east of the city.

“It’s a once in a lifetime opportunity because of the wind farms,” Welborn indicated in sharing the top nine items for the board to consider.

Following a discussion, it was decided that the board would schedule a special

meeting to take action on the matter since there is a Feb. 19 deadline if it decides to call for a bond election.

After discussing a proposal from McKinstry Energy, it was decided not to enter into an agreement at this time.

Supt. Troy Parton shared some of his ideas about improving the education experience for students with the trustees, mentioning the addition of I-pads and tablets for elementary students and

additional field trips.

The trustees agreed to continue to use James E. Rogers & Company to handle audits; accepted a contract with West Texas Food Service; split their 16 votes to the candidates for the Haskell County Appraisal District board, giving three to the ones representing the Haskell and Paint Rock schools and two to the other five; and accepting a bid of \$1,700 on property in West Munday.

Mac's Views

AT&T Stadium best choice

There seems little doubt that coaches like the idea of playing all the 11-man UIL football championship games at one site. Where to play the games may be a debatable issue for some, but it would seem to me that the best choice remains AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

The home of the Cowboys hosted the state finals from 2011 until 2014, but then it was moved to NRG Stadium in Houston, home of the Houston Texans, last season because of a NFL game in Arlington the same weekend.

The only other stadium that meets the UIL criteria to host the game right now is the Alamodome in San Antonio.

However, I understand that the Cowboys' new training center in Frisco will have a facility that can seat 60,000. The Frisco schools will have the opportunity to play there this fall.

Gate numbers were down by 100,000 last December at NRG. While the UIL's

new athletic director, Dr. Susan Elza, said this wouldn't be a factor in making a decision about where the 2016 games are staged, I join others like Munday Athletic Director Patrick Corcoran who think it should be part of the decision-making process

“Cowboy Stadium is more centrally located for the entire state,” Corcoran said in making it clear about where he thinks the games should be played. “The entities in the Metroplex, restaurants and hotels, are just better. There's no comparison. I think all the coaches north of Austin feel that way.”

Corcoran also felt that playing in the Metroplex would certainly allow more fans the opportunities to see the games as evident by the lower turnout last season. “I know many around here who always went to some games when they were at Cowboy stadium,” he added.

It appears another choice for the UIL would be to rotate the games between the three or four stadiums, but I don't think the Alamodome should even be considered based on my experience at the 2006 finals covering the Copperas Cove-San Antonio Alamo Heights state finals. The staff there cut off the power in the press box before the writers could file their stories. I had to drive back to the hotel to file my story that night.

Of course, I still think having the two six-man title games in Abilene is the way to continue.

In closing, I'd like to urge all readers to not forget their old friends.

I had a long-time friend from back in my days with Golf Digest named Tom Moynihan. I would always see him each year at the PGA Merchandise Show. We would chat sometimes via phone or email, but I just got too busy last year to do it.

So I was surprised recently to read a press release that his National Sales Rep Association had been sold and he had died in late September.

It got me to thinking about the poem I received from my daughter a few years ago that my wife found in an old cookbook.

I won't repeat all of it, but the idea was to not forget old friends. Reach out to tell them now because when you decide that you have the time, it might be too late.

From the Preacher's Desk

God's love

A few years ago while working as a missionary in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, we witnessed a tragic event. One night Robert and Charmaine's 12 month old baby climbed under the kitchen sink and ate some poison. Although they called us and the baby was taken to the emergency room, the baby died. That couple loved that child and nothing could stop their blaming themselves for allowing the baby to gain access to that poison. My wife and I felt horrible for that couple and tried to comfort them as best we could.

Events in life often tear our world apart and when things like that happen, we are devastated and feel our lives cannot continue. I have often wondered how those who claim no belief in the Creator deal with moments like this because if I did not believe in a God who cares about His created children, I would not be able to deal with these situations.

We treat our God so terrible many times and yet He continues to love us even on our terrible, horrible, no good, very bad days. Even though we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), He still loves us. He has proven His love for us by the giving of His Son to come to earth and die for our sins. Since He (Jesus) has experienced what we humans go through with all our trials, He knows how to give us comfort and hope in the middle of devastating circumstances we face.

God will forgive and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Praise God for His concern and love for us while we live these few years here on earth!

Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

Weather Whys

What causes frost to form?

Frost forms when the temperature at the ground reaches freezing, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. “Very often on calm, clear nights, the temperature near the ground can be several degrees cooler than temperatures above the ground,” he explains. “The thermometer might read 34 degrees on top of a roof, but at the ground, it might read 32 degrees. This is because the ground loses heat quickly. So water vapor in the air, because it is so cool, condenses as supercooled dew and then turns to frost and maybe ice. Frost tends to form on glass, such as car windshields or windows, metal or rock surfaces first because these tend to lose more heat quicker. So usually, a car windshield will frost over before vegetation does.”



My name is Stan Wojcik, and I've served as your Knox County Judge since December when I was appointed by the Commissioners to fill the vacated seat. Now I'm asking for your vote in the upcoming Republican primary, so that I may remain in office and continue to work for you.

To those I haven't met as yet, my background includes proudly serving our country in the U.S. Navy, graduating from several flight/aeronautical schools, and in 1984, starting my own business in Knox City. Air-Ag, Inc, literally began “on a wing and a prayer”, with an old leased airplane and hard work. Through 30+ years of careful management, along with my wife Donna and a great team, it has thrived and continues to serve this, and surrounding counties.

In past years, I helped to develop and served several terms on the original Economic Development Corporation in Knox City, served on the Municipal Water Authority Board in Munday, and was President of the Knox County Tax Appraisal Review Board, presiding over and solving disputes.

As your Judge, my goal is to help maintain a balanced budget, uphold the letter of the law by using fair, but strict jurisdiction, and represent our County with integrity. I would appreciate your vote to KEEP Stan Wojcik, Knox County Judge.

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Stan Wojcik

County increases per diem to \$46

Special to The News-Courier

BENJAMIN – The Knox County Commissioners approved a change in the personnel policy manual, increasing the county employee's per diem to \$46 per day, at its regular January meeting.

In addition, the county will pay for air fare for flying just like it does for mileage if the employee

Museum fundraiser Feb. 14

BENJAMIN – It's that time of the year again!

The Wichita Brazos Museum's annual fundraiser meal

drives.

The commissioners discussed Senate bill 1756, which asks a county to furnish a place for a driver's license test and to pay a part-time person to assist, but decided to opt out.

A bid of \$1,001 from Alvin Russell was accepted for a property in Goree.

The commissioners also heard reports from each of the departments.

is scheduled Feb. 14 here at the Benjamin Memorial Building.

Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m. The remaining food will be sold afterwards. The meal will consist of ham, turkey, sausage, potato salad, cole slaw, pinto beans and a variety of homemade pies. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

As usual, there will be a silent auction, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and closing at 1:30 p.m. In addition, there are also many door prizes to be given away.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. If you have not been by to see the exhibits, be sure to do so, and even if you have, there are things added periodically. So there is always something new to see.

For more information call 940 459-2229 Monday through Friday between 1-5 p.m.

**Parents and Grandparents:
Brag on your little ones
this Valentine's Day!**



**Commemorate this
time in their lives
with a keepsake
Valentine's ad.**

Actual Size! \$30



Collin Jones

Collin is the 3 year old son of Jarod and Haley Jones of Floydada. Grandparents are Keith and Linda Jones of Lubbock and Kim Smith of Plainview.

**Valentine's ads will publish in Feb 11 edition. Limit 30 words per ad.
Deadline to submit an ad and content is Feb. 1 at 5:00 p.m.
Send one photo and a caption to:
kcnewscourier@gmail.com**

**All ads require pre-payment.
Call 940-422-5350 or stop by our office.**

They're only this little ONCE!

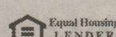


Our customer's perception
is our reality.
- Gwen

AT First Bank Texas
**YOU'RE NOT JUST ANOTHER
DOLLAR IN THE VAULT**

www.go2fbt.com

Abilene, Baird, Clyde, Haskell, Mid-Cities, Munday and Stamford



MEMBER FDIC



Everything starts with the customer.
- Julie