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Trump vs. Clinton Wojcik, Dick claim judge, DA posts race seems likely

Special to The News-Courier

Super Tuesday continued to point toward a general election this fall matching Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

Trump answered Republican doubters in a clear-cut fashion, winning seven contests.

Trump's strong performance guarantees that he will extend a 100+ delegate lead over closest rival Ted Cruz, who won his home state of Texas, offering the biggest prize of delegates Tuesday, plus Oklahoma and Alaska.

Marco Rubio, who had continued sharp attacks of Trump, did keep a glimmer

of hope alive as he did win in Minnesota.

Meanwhile, Clinton, apparently beginning to run a general election campaign with a 2-1 lead in delegates, won seven of the states.

Bernie Sanders did post wins in Minnesota, Oklahoma and Colorado as well as his home state of Vermont. Clinton already enjoys a huge lead among the party officials and others who serve as unpledged superdelegates, who have no reason to leave her now.

In Knox County, Cruz led with 305 votes as compared to 165 for Trump, 63 for Rubio, 42 for Ben Carson, and 15 for John Kasich.

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier

Stan Wojcik of Knox City, who was appointed last December to be the Knox County judge, will continue in that role this fall after winning the Republican primary Tuesday, posting a 493-195 margin over Augustin Rodriguez of Knox City, who had been the Knox County justice of peace before resigning to run for judge.

Meanwhile, Jennifer Habert Dick of Seymour claimed victory over Lina Trevino in the race for the district attorney's position for the 50th District, which includes Knox, Baylor, Cottle and Kent counties. The exact totals were not available.

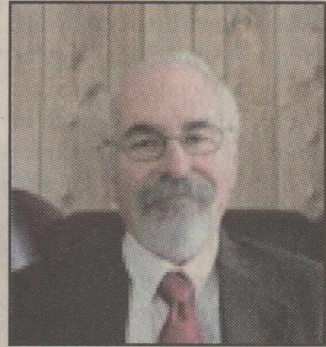
Wojcik started his own business in Knox City, Air Ag, in 1984 and served sev-

eral terms on the city's economic development corporation, served on the North Central Texas Water Authority Board and was a past president of the Knox County Appraisal Review Board.

"I appreciate everyone who turned out and exercised their Constitutional right to vote," Wojcik said. "For those who supported me in the primary, I thank you. I intend to work hard and do what is best for Knox County. To my opponent Augie Rodriguez, you can be proud of a race well run."

Dick, who has degrees from Oklahoma State and the Notre Dame Law School, is the Baylor County attorney and has served as an assistant to outgoing DA David Hajek since November, 2015.

"I am incredibly grateful to everyone who supported me,"



STAN WOJCIK



JENNIFER DICK

Dick said. "I plan to work hard to prove myself to those who did not and to honor the trust placed in me by the citizens of all four counties in our district."

In Knox County, Dick enjoyed a 352-330 edge over Trevino, who is the Knox County attorney. Unopposed on the Republican ballot, MItzi Welch received 613 votes for county appraisal and Johnny McCowan 180

for commissioner in his precinct.

On the Democrat side, Dean Homstad received 94 for sheriff and Jimmy Urbanczyk 19 for commissioner in his precinct. They are also unopposed. The Republican party delegates are scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. March 19 at the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City to select delegates for the state convention.

Viewer's choice award



The viewer's choice award at the Cotton Pickin' Quilt and Cookin' Show in Goree went to Brenda Brown of Seymour. A large group from all over the area joined these two ladies to see more than 100 quilts. Kay Bradley of Seymour won first place in the pound cake competition.

Critical details missing from Gitmo plan

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, suggested that the White House's plan to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) was more press release than a plan.

"It is no substitute for the legally-required detainee plan the President must submit to Congress," Thornberry said. "That plan is now overdue."

"Among the information missing is the proposed loca-

tion for a new detention facility. More than seven years after he first ordered the detention center at GTMO closed, I find it telling that the White House has either failed to work out these details or they know, but refuse to disclose them, to the American public.

"It suggests to me that the President is more interested in fulfilling a campaign promise at any cost, than in transparently addressing the risk associated with bringing terrorists to the United States. And this should be worrisome— after all, this is See **GITMO**, Page 8

Thompson inks with HSU



Parents Trey and Ronda Thompson look on as Munday High School golfer Taylor Thompson signed a letter of intent to attend and play golf for Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Knox teams eliminated

Both of the Knox City schools were eliminated from the Class A boys basketball playoffs last Friday night in the area round.

Knox City suffered a 52-49 setback to New Home at Anton while Munday fell by a 36-24 margin at Goree.

(See photos, stories on pages 4, 5)

Late Scores

Class A regional quarterfinals
 Texline 70, Nazareth 64 (ot)
 Meadow 51, Crosbyton 38
 Happy 75, Follett 40
 Whitharral 51, New Home 47

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.

What's in freezer
 MUNDAY - Kicking off its fundraiser for Relay for Life, the Munday Church of Christ will start preparing cooked items and stock them in a freezer at Munday Tire and Battery, allowing residents to stop by and pick up a meal or dessert for a sick friend, funeral or a quick supper. A listing of what is available in the freezer will be posted weekly.

Gardening workshop
 KNOX CITY - The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service will be hosting a vegetable gardening workshop from 6-9 p.m. March 10 at the Munday Events Center. Topics will include plant irrigation, disease, insects, container and raised bed gardening, marketing, and alternative crops. Russ Wallace, associate professor/extension horticulturist, will be the main speaker. Registration fee is \$10. This will be a great program for those interested in getting back into gardening after several years of drought.

Neighborhood meeting
 KNOX CITY - The Knox City Police Department will host a Neighborhood Town Watch meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 14 at the Four Square Church.

Sausage dinner set
 RHINELAND - St. Joseph's Catholic Church will hold its annual parish sausage and fried chicken dinner from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. March 20. The cost will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

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Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of March 7-11
 Monday: Pork roast, succotash, rolls, banana pudding
 Tuesday: Chicken tenders, gravy, peas & carrots, rolls, cookies
 Wednesday: Salisbury steak, English peas, mashed potatoes, fruit
 Thursday: Taco salad, seasoned corn, peach cobbler
 Friday: Hamburgers, chips, salad, dessert

Obituaries

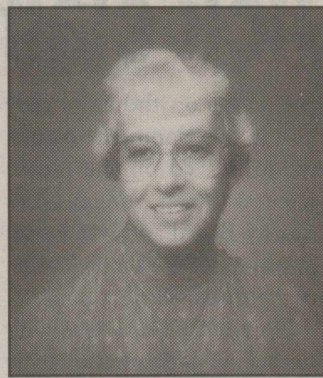
Janette Kilgore

Janette Kilgore
 F. Janette "Jan" Kilgore, 78, passed away on Feb. 25, 2016 at the Munday Nursing Home. A memorial service was held Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Knoxville City under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Jan was born Sept. 14, 1937 in Knoxville City to George Hodges and Mozelle (Apple) Hodges. Jan was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Knoxville City. She enjoyed all kinds of crafts, especially sewing, quilting and cross stitching and was a member of the local quilt guild and worked at Wichita Brazos Museum.

She was preceded in death by her parents George Hodges and Mozelle (Apple) Hodges, partner Bill Tweedy and an infant son.

Jan is survived by her daughter Tammy Kilgore; son Lance Kilgore and wife Jill; five grandchildren, Lind-



JAN KILGORE

say, Austin, Michelle, Chelsey and Carrieann; two great-grandchildren, Brandon and Oliver; brother Glenn Hodges and wife Nancy; two sisters Betty Johnston and husband Nick and Sue Marion and husband Roland; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

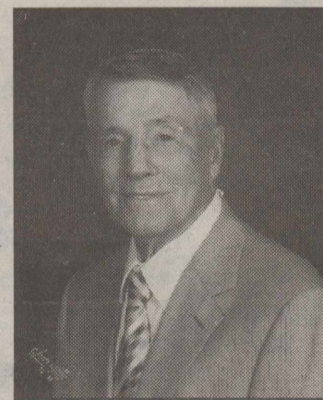
If desired, memorials can be given in Jan's name to Wichita Brazos Museum, 200 E. Hays, Benjamin, Texas, 940-449-2229.

Online condolences can be shared with Jan's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Leo Koenig

Leo Koenig
 Leo Joseph Koenig, 88, of Munday passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016 after several months of failing health. He remained optimistic, determined and eager to return home and resume his "normal life."

A rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday. A funeral Mass followed Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.



LEO KOENIG

Leo was born Oct. 22, 1927 just a few miles from Rhineland. He was the eighth of nine children born to parents Joseph and Alice Koenig. They had a four-room house with a shack in the back for the older boys. He attended school in Rhineland for the first five years. When the family moved to the community of Hefner, he spent two years in school there and followed by spending his last five years in Goree. He graduated in the class of 1945.

Throughout most of Leo's life he continued to farm at Hefner. From 1958-1968, he also worked for Les Jameson digging wells. From 1968-1978, he worked for Osborne's in Munday. He retired from farming in 2004.

On April 7, 1972, Leo, a confirmed bachelor, married Pansy Josselet, a young widow with four children, and they embarked on what was to be their life journey of 43 years. He is quoted as saying, "I thought I had a full life when I was a single man, but my life didn't become truly FULL until I got my family." They loved to travel and made it to every state except Alaska. But Leo's proudest moments were those he shared with his grandkids. They truly were "his" kids! He and Pansy made a real effort to invest times and many travel miles to be a part of all the grandkids' activities.

After retirement, Leo's time was spent doing wood-working in his backyard shop, working in his garden, listen-

The Paperboy

Student debt is not problem of American taxpayer

I don't understand the mindset of how a college student can argue to have their student loans paid off by the American taxpayer.

First of all, there are many ways to attend college. You can take numerous classes online and it's become much more affordable to progress toward a degree.

Sure, your large institutions and your private schools are ridiculously expensive, but it's a choice to either attend one of those schools or a less expensive school.

And let's be real honest here. As someone who attended a large state school, let's not pretend what a huge majority of students do at least part of the time ... party.

College kids - I would say the vast majority of them on American campuses - party like rock stars probably three nights a week. Are we to overlook this when it comes to the burden of student debt?

I agree with those that say the cost of college is too high, especially at state schools. That is an issue which should be addressed and corrected. But free? No way.

The University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems are amongst the richest in the world. Literally, these systems (dozens of universities across the state) could afford to pay for the education of every student attending system schools and still profit.

With that said, of course those two school systems aren't going to foot the bill for students. But to say there is not a way to reduce the cost of higher education is ridiculous.

Concerning student debt: How did this just now become such a huge issue? Students have been taking out loans for college for decades. Are students simply no longer working their way through school? If not, that's yet another reason I would be very hesitant on forgiving student debt.

There is a segment in this country that believes a college education is a right. That's dumb on several levels, the most important of which is that most jobs in this country do not require a college degree.

For years there has been a shortage of welders in the U.S. Consider this: You take two students - one heads off to a four-year university and borrows the money to attend. The second student decides to learn the trade of welding.

The first student borrows \$20,000 a year for four years to pay for his education.

The second student is on the job in a few months and starts a career at \$60,000 for the first year.

The first student graduates and cannot find a job in his or her field and now must settle for a low-paying job and has to move back home in order to make any financial progress.

The second student is now four years out of high school, owns his own welding business, has three employees, and makes over \$100,000 a year.

Which individual is winning at life in this scenario? That's easy.

My point is there is money to be made doing plenty of things without having to go the traditional route of college.

Current and former college students don't need free college, they need help in making an affordable plan that gets them from Point A to Point B.

Putting a couple of trillion dollars on the back of Americans who are already taxed too much is a horrible idea. And making it a right is even a worse idea, as we simply can't afford it.

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Pansy Koenig

Pansy Koenig, 78, of Munday, a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016.

A memorial service was held last Saturday Feb. 27 at the First United Methodist Church in Munday. A reception followed in the church fellowship hall. Family visitation was held Friday at McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Pansy was born Nov. 20, 1937 in Stamford to Coleen and Nevada Hammer. She attended schools in Paint Creek, Haskell and Weinert.

On June 13, 1954, Pansy married Wayne Josselet in the Weinert First United Methodist Church. They were a happy, young farm couple with four children who were actively involved in the Munday First United Methodist Church. They enjoyed going hunting, going to the lake, and attending sporting events. They built a new home in Munday in 1964, where she remained for the rest of her life. Wayne preceded her in death in 1969.

On April 7, 1972, Pansy married confirmed bachelor Leo Koenig after he swept her off her feet during courtship doing square dance lessons. They respected each other's religion and supported each other in their faith. Leo stepped right into the family and loved and supported the children as his own. They loved to travel, making 49 of the 50 states. Their main passion was to love and cheer on their grandkids, attending almost every athletic event, band concert, UIL event or recital program that they could possibly make.

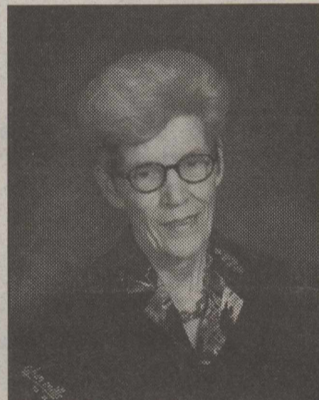
But most of all, Leo and Pansy were totally devoted to loving each other. She often said, "I know how lucky I am to have been loved by two such good men."

Pansy also enjoyed making Christmas stockings for the grandchildren, crocheting, folk-art, painting, and doing the laundry, sometimes dubbed as "Hammer Laundry."

Please join our family in saying a prayer for her life and for her eternal healing.

Pansy was preceded in death by her parents.

Pansy is survived by her husband Leo Koenig of Munday; daughter Debbie Pankhurst of Munday; son Kyle Josselet and wife Melissa of Munday; daughter Tena Myers and husband Danny of Rhineland; and son Kent Josselet and wife Cindy of Ponder; 9 grandchild-



PANSY KOENIG

ren Jeremy Wilson, Lanasa Hall, Michael Josselet, Jason Josselet, Laci Bowman, Megan Myers-Bell, Josh Myers, Justin Josselet, and Kalee Garza; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She is also survived by one brother Jackie Hammer and wife Sue of Abilene.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Munday or a charity of your choice

Letter to the editor policy

The Knox County News-Courier welcomes letters to the editor from readers on topics of local, state and national importance.

All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes) and a daytime phone. Please limit to 250 words or less.

Letters sent by mail should be addressed to Box 151, Munday, TX 76371, but the preferred way is by email to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Letters may be edited as to content and will be printed or not printed at the discretion of the editor.

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Vonda's Recipe Corner

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By Vonda Carter

This week I'm visiting some recipes from the past. I was thinking about comfort food the other day, and I haven't had either of these in a very long time, SOS and chipped beef on toast. When I was growing up, my mom used to make SOS because my dad loved it. He had it in the Army. I guess not all Army food is bad. I like SOS, of course in my house dad referred to as something I can't repeat here, I'm sure you know what that is. I don't remember having chipped beef as much, but I like it too. Either of these are good served over biscuits or toast.

Army SOS Creamed Ground Beef

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cube beef bouillon
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 2 1/4 cups milk
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Brown beef in large skillet over medium high heat. Stir in flour, bouillon, salt and pepper. Saute all together for about five minutes or until flour is absorbed. Gradually stir in milk and Worcestershire sauce. Bring all to a simmer, stirring constantly. Cook until thickened, about five to 10 minutes. Serve hot.

Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast

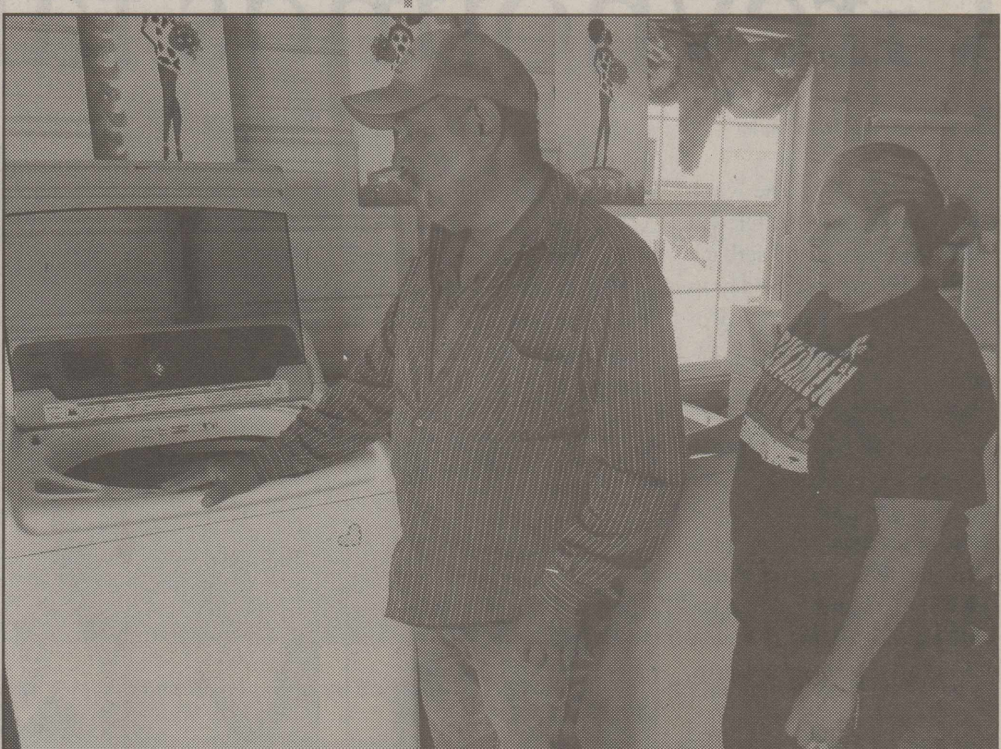
- 5 cups milk
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 jar dried beef or 12 ounces beef lunch meat
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

Whisk milk, flour, salt and pepper together in a bowl until smooth. Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Gradually stir in milk mixture until thick. Add the beef; cook and stir until heated through, about five minutes. Pour over toast to 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.

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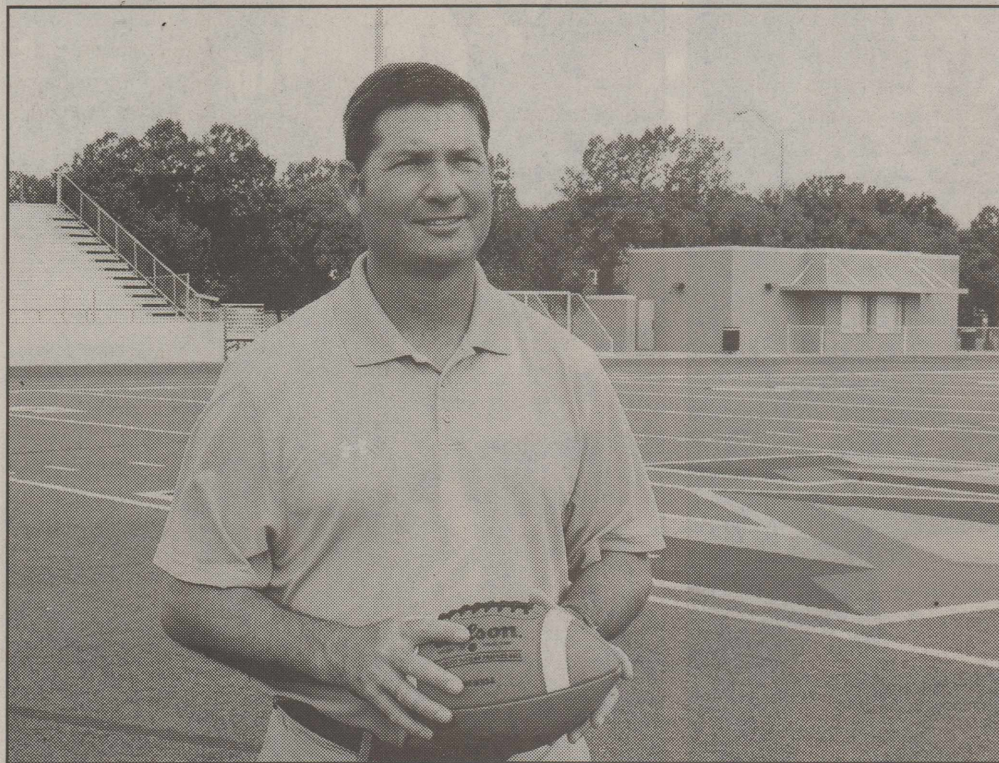
New laundromat open



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Juan's Laundromat opened last month on Southwest 4th Street in Knox City. Owners Eida and Alejandro Martinez show off one of the washers.

Youth rally slated March 12



WAYNE HUTCHINSON

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY – Wayne Hutchinson and Jimmy Rogers will be the featured speakers when the Knox City First Baptist Church hosts an area wide youth rally on Saturday, March 12, beginning at 4 p.m.

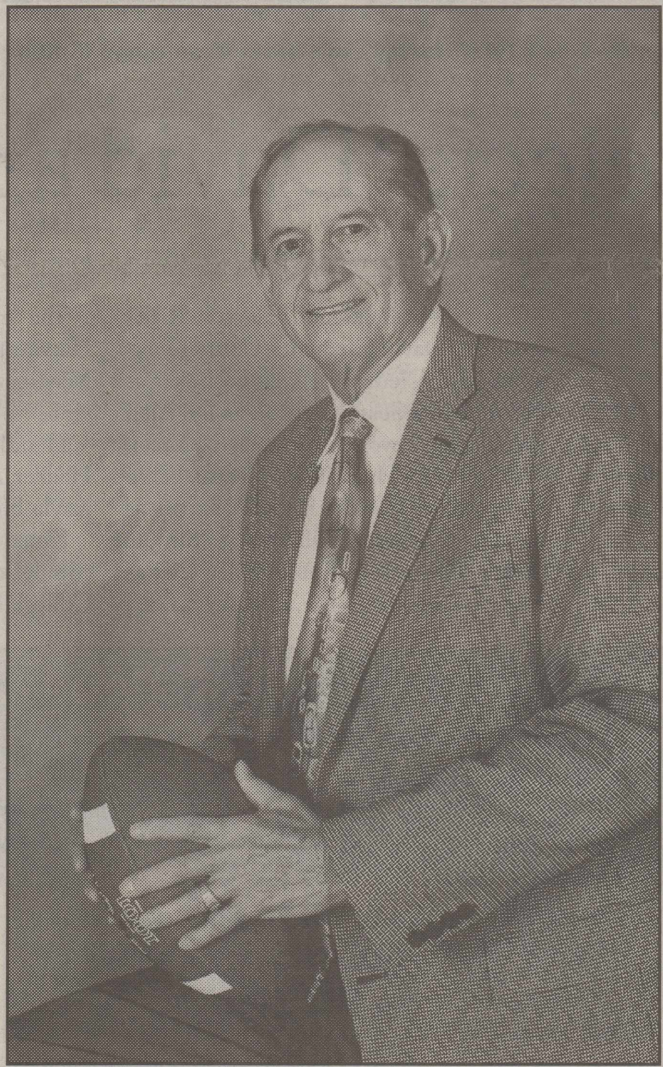
Hutchinson, a Knox City High School graduate and current athletic director of Lubbock Monterey High School, will challenge those attending to make choices that lead toward "success in life."

Rogers, a former KCHS football coach and currently pastor of Goree Baptist Church, will deliver an inspirational message from the word of God.

Music will be provided by current KC coach Jordan Carter and his father Tracy. Nicki Ivie will also be sharing the word of God through songs of praise and worship.

Adults are also encouraged to attend to hear the word of God.

A hotdog meal will be provided to those in attendance.



JIMMY ROGERS

ASBD receives transportation grant

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AUSTIN – The Texas Transportation Commission awarded \$35 million to transit providers around the state, including \$45,000 to the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, to improve public transportation for rural Texans.

The funding will help complete construction of four bus facilities and replace 325 buses and vans in growing rural areas with a high percentage of people who rely on these transportation services.

"More reliable buses and vans help these rural residents maintain their independence and improve their overall quality of life by providing access to jobs, education, medical services and shopping," said TxDOT Deputy Executive Director Marc Williams. "Newer transit vehicles also are more reliable, safer and less expensive to maintain."

The \$35 million award includes funds from the federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant program as well as federal and state funds.

Safe travel tips for Spring Break

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds Texans to drive responsibly and to take extra precautions as they make travel plans during Spring Break.

"Each year during the weeks of Spring Break – with children out of school and families taking vacation – there's a good chance that traffic will increase on our roadways," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS is

encouraging drivers to help keep the roads safe for all travelers by adhering to safe driving practices and always driving sober."

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.

Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

Slow down or move over for tow trucks, as well as police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it's the law.

Weather Whys

Why do some clouds seem to have striped patterns?

Clouds that form in long linear stripes are fairly common, and they are formed by a phenomena known as gravity waves, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M's Department of Atmospheric Sciences.

"Air generally flows along a horizontal path, but sometimes imbalances in the density of the air cause it to oscillate up and down as it moves along," he notes. "In striped cloud patterns, the air is flowing perpendicular to the cloud lines. When the air is mov-

ing up, the moisture within it condenses, and while the air is descending, the moisture evaporates leading to clear skies.

Not all gravity waves, however, lead to these striped cloud patterns.

If the air is very moist, there will be full ripple clouds with no clear sky

slots in between, and if the air is too dry, there will be no clouds at all. But in all cases, the air is moving in a wavelike pattern."

What can gravity waves tell us about the weather?

Not much, McRoberts adds, because gravity waves can form during fair and stormy conditions.



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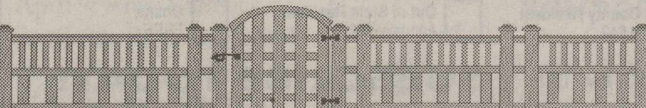
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Greyhounds fall to New Home

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KNOX CITY – The Knox City Greyhounds suffered a heart-breaking 52-49 setback to New Home last Friday in Anton in the area round of the Class 1A basketball play-offs.

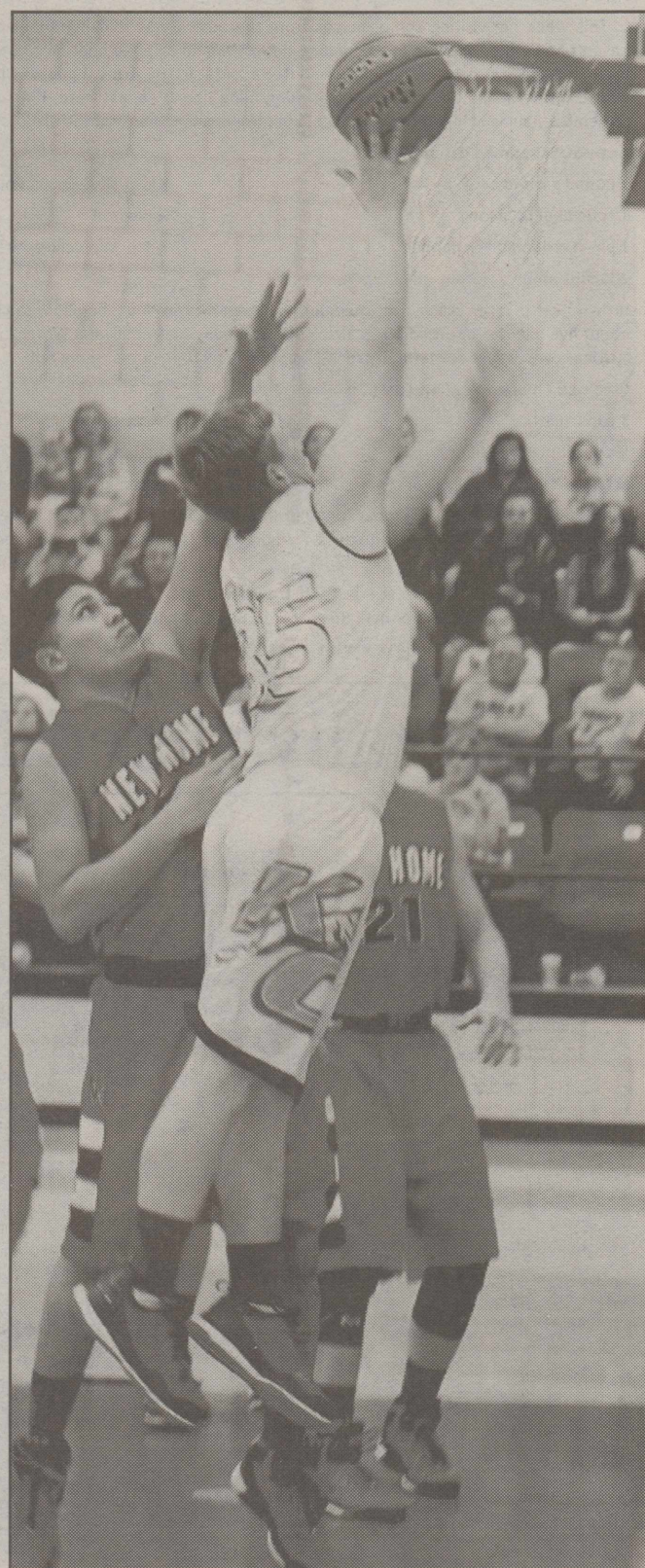
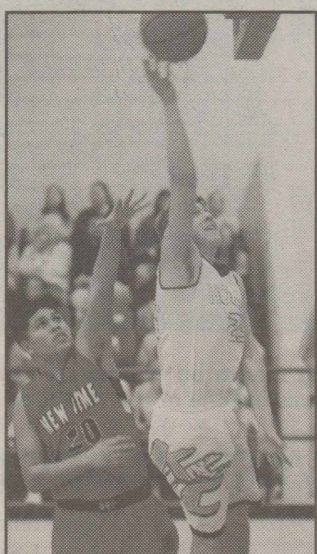
New Home advanced to play Whitharral, 67-48 winners over Crowell, on Tuesday for the chance to continue in the playoffs.

In the other games in that bracket, Happy walloped McLean, 65-24, while Follett defeated Springlake-Earth, 67-53.

The Greyhounds enjoyed their most successful season in recent history, winning the District 7-1A title, being ranked in the top 20 in the state and finishing the season with a 25-6 record.

Ryan Heard was selected

as the most valuable player in the district while Skylar Neill was named the offensive MVP. Anthony Estrada and Elias Nevarez were named to the all-district team while Tyler Harvey and Christian Abila were honorable mention picks.



Greyhounds Skylar Neill, Ryan Heard and Tyler Harvey score from close range in Knox City's 52-49 setback to New Home.

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KCHS selects 'David and Lisa'

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KNOX CITY – Knox City High School has selected "David and Lisa" as its one act play.

Under the direction of Terra Martinez, the cast will perform for local residents at 7:15 p.m. March 8 here at KCHS following a meal that begins at 5:30 p.m.

The District 7-1A competition is scheduled March 22 in the Spur Audi-

torium and bi-district will follow March 30 in Munday.

The cast will include Clayton Richardson as David Clements, Caitlyn Baxter as Mrs. Clemens, Katelynn Baker as the secretary, Sean Logsdon as Dr. Alan Swinford, Cheyenne Camp as Maureen Hart, Britney Hawkins as Josette, Pablo Sandoval as Carlos, Kailyn Martin as Sandra, Nathan Williams as Simon, Debra Alvarado as Kate, Hailee Cox as Lisa, Dustin Ledesma as Robert, Trey

Ledesma as Ben, Sheldon Baty as John and Jose Jaime as Mr. Clemens.

The crew will be composed of Amy Harrington, Veronica Lara, Alfredo Martinez, Jesse Munoz and Erica Trevino.

Handling the makeup will be Elissa Hacker, Avery Frausto, Steven Lara and Kayla Hunter.

Knox City advanced to the regional competition last year at South Plains College in Levelland.

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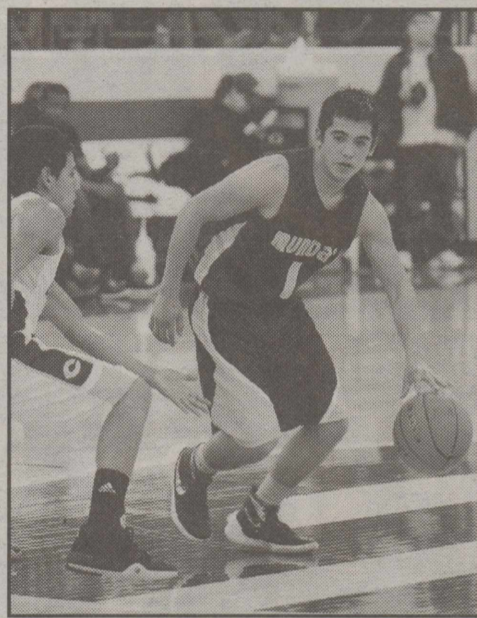
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New MHS cheerleaders



Munday High School selected cheerleaders for the 2016-2017 school year last week. Pictured (l-r) are Zoe Harris, Karsyn Sanders, Kale Lewis, Kendall Thompson, Bergen Waters, Kayla Taylor, Madison Edgar and Evan Hunter. Courtesy photo

Moguls fall to Crosbyton



Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier
Cole Parton scores while Brian Castorena drives for basket against Crosbyton.

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MUNDAY – The Munday Moguls' basketball season came to an end at Guthrie last Friday night when they suffered a 36-24 setback at the hands of Crosbyton in the area round of the Class 1A playoffs.

Crosbyton, runnerup in District 5-1A, advanced to play Meadow, 46-30 winners

over Spur on Tuesday.

In the other area games in the top bracket, Nazareth crushed Darrouzett, 65-30, and Texline downed Valley, 71-55.

"I'm proud of this group of boys, we had a great season," said Coach Greg Clark, pointing to the outright title in District 8-1A, their first since sharing a title back in 2010.

MHS plans to do 'The White Snake'

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – Munday High School plans to do "The White Snake," a Chinese folk tale, as its one act play this year.

"It's our first time to do a Chinese play and the kids have been busy getting all the necessary props prepared," said director Karen Longan.

The list of actors and their parts include:

Kamille Redder, white snake; Grace Tidwell green snake; Cole Redwine, Xu Xian; Cole Parton, FA Hai, Canopus; Kale Lewis, narrator, brother-in-law, Master Lin; Alexia Nunez, narrator 2; Kolbey Brown, narrator 3; Emily Scott, narrator 4, crane spirit; Aiden Hunter, narrator 5, Master Liang, stag spirit; Ariana Arellano, Madame Lin; Brendan Kuehler, boatman, Master Wu, Acolyte; Ayleen Arellano, citizen, door; Kendall Thompson, sister-in-law; Anna Vega, doubt, flautist.

The crew includes Denise Araujo, Kasey Lowrance, Reagan Sanderson, Stormie Andrade and Allison Josselet.

Munday advanced to regional last year and was an alternate to state.

The actors performed at the Graham High School Festival last Saturday.

The remaining schedule:

- March 4: Olney HS Festival
- March 10: Bryson HS Festival
- March 17: Burkburnett OAP Festival
- March 22: District 8-1A, Munday
- March 30: Bi-district, Munday
- April 9: Area, Lubbock
- April 22: Regional, Leveland
- May 25: State, Austin

Munday youth cage schedule

March 3: Jazz vs. Clippers-South T-wolves vs. Knicks-North, Magic vs. Warriors, Heat vs. Mavs, Kings vs. Wizards, Spurs vs. Lakers

March 5: Packers vs. T-Wolves-South, Cav vs. Knicks-North, Jazz vs. Nets, Spurs vs. Thunder, Lakers vs. Magic, Wizards vs. Heat, Mav vs. Kings

March 10: Clippers vs. Nets, Cavs vs. Packers-South, T-Wolves vs. Knicks-North, Warriors vs. Lakers, Heat vs. Kings, Wizards vs. Mavs

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

We are out of February and the busy month of March is upon us, beginning with the primary elections. Spring break is not far off, and an early Easter rounds out the month. We won't have a lot of "down time" for several weeks.

We're having some nice weather these days. I feel like we still have some cooler days ahead; however, summer will be here before long.

My sympathy to the family of Leo and Pansy Koenig. Pansy passed away last week in the Munday Nursing Center, and just 24 hours and a few minutes later, Leo passed away also in the Munday Nursing Center. Pansy's funeral was Saturday and Leo's was Sunday. They are the parents of former Benjamin resident and teacher Kent Joselet now of Ponder.

Also, sympathy to the family of Jan Kilgore of Knox

City, who passed away last Thursday night, also in the Munday Nursing Center, where she had been about a month after suffering a slight stroke and light heart attack in early January. A memorial service for Jan was held Monday at the Knox City Methodist Church.

Regarding our ill

Bud Conner remains in ICU in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. He has been there since Feb. 11, being admitted with pneumonia. He has other problems that have slowed his recovery process. He is a little better, but still has a long way to go before he's able to be released from the hospital. Please continue to pray for him.

Little Tavin Wilson was injured Saturday when the scooter that he was riding ran into a trash dumpster. The area around one eye suffered the most damage. He did

need to have stitches inside and out, but because he had his glasses on, the damage was not as much as it could have been. He was taken to Knox City, then transferred to Abilene for treatment. He's back home and recovering, and if recovery continues, he should be OK before long. He is the son of Shawn and Cricket Wilson.

Here'n there

Barbara Ryder had her surgery Tuesday at HMC in Abilene. We all continue to wish her well after the surgery and also the recovery following.

Philomae Roberson said her sister Corrine Parrish is doing pretty well. She does have a cough, probably caused by all the junk in the air. She stays pretty close to home most of the time.

Debi and Mike Moorhouse were in Amarillo last Tuesday to be with their granddaughter Lexie Taylor, who underwent surgery on her arm after she broke it while roller skating. She's doing OK now and looking forward to coming to Benjamin for Spring break with her siblings Katie and Blaze.

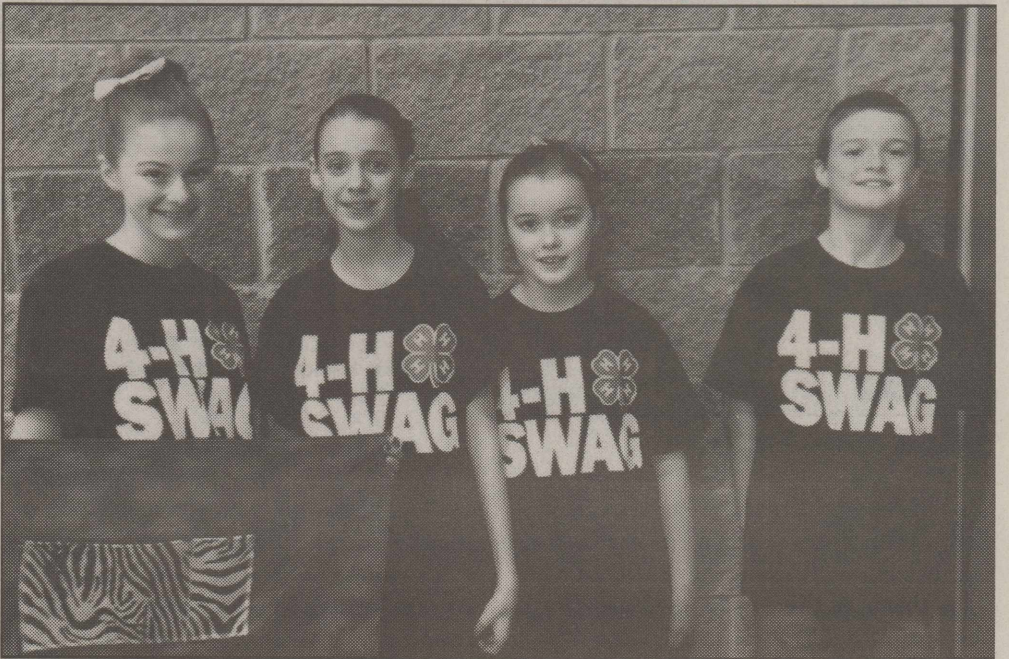
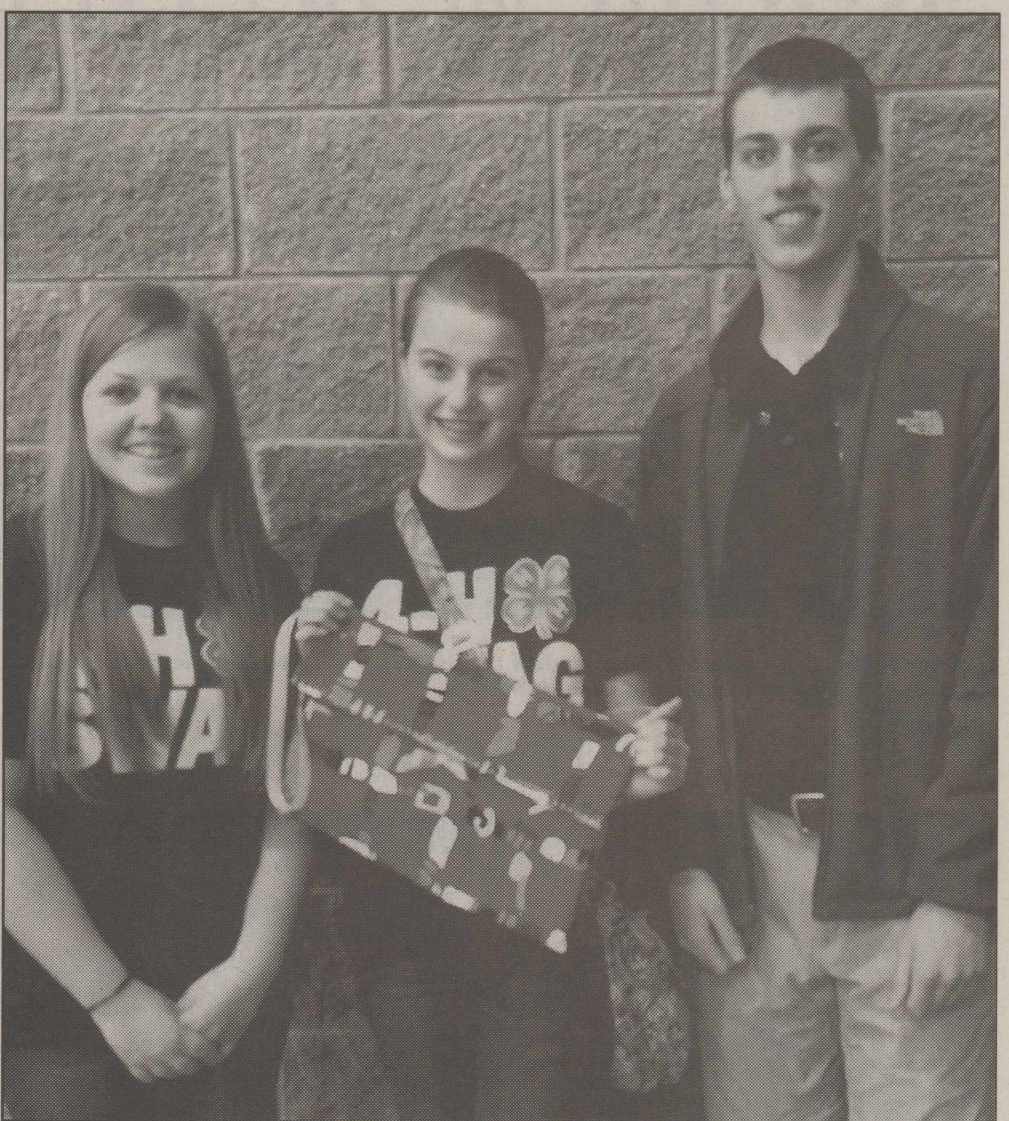
Rayburn and Cindy Layton have moved back into their home here in town. They have been living on the Moorhouse Ranch the past several years, and their house has been vacant (the Lil Moorhouse home). Needless to say, there's work to be done to get it back to the way Cindy wants it. We're glad they are back in town.

Ronald and Verna Griffith are here for a few weeks. They live in Park Rapids, MN, and come pretty often for a while and also a visit with his brother Charles and wife Linda and other Texas friends and relatives.

Larry and Glenda Beasley left Monday for their home in Eric, CO after spending a few days with his sister and brother-in-law Reba and Charlie Morrill and his brother Jim Cox.

The basketball season is over for Knox County teams, and now track is going strong. I congratulate all the teams on their good seasons and hope their track seasons turn out to be just as good. Benjamin girls got off to a good start Friday at Hamlin when Emily Brown took first in the shot put competition at the first meet of the year. Her first step back to state. Good luck Emmy and also to the rest of you.

Duds to Dazzle winners



Courtesy photos
The Knox County 4-H senior team of McKayla Coplen along with Ryan and Corrie Earthman won first place in the accessories and jewelry category of the Duds to Dazzle contest in Graham last month, qualifying for the state meet. The junior intermediate team of Shawn, Morgan, Nate and Belle Earthman also won in the same category.

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Conference 3A
1:30 p.m. Brock (33-4) vs. Little River Academy (32-6)
3:00 p.m. San Antonio Cole (37-3) vs. Wall (32-4)
Conference 5A
7:00 p.m. Canyon (33-1) vs. Crosby (30-7)
8:30 p.m. Cedar Park Vista Ridge (34-4) vs. Frisco Liberty (32-6)
Friday
Conference 2A
8:30 a.m. Panhandle (34-1) vs. Martin's Mill (31-6)
10:00 a.m. Weimar (37-2) vs. La Rue La Poynor (35-2)
Conference 4A
1:30 p.m. Waco La Vega (32-2) vs. Abilene Wylie (30-5)
3:00 p.m. Argyle (33-1) vs. Liberty Hill (36-3)
Conference 6A
7:00 p.m. Galena Park North Shore (36-1) vs. Spring DeKaney (36-1)
8:30 p.m. Duncanville (37-0) vs. Cibolo Steele (36-3)
Saturday
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Hee Haw shows
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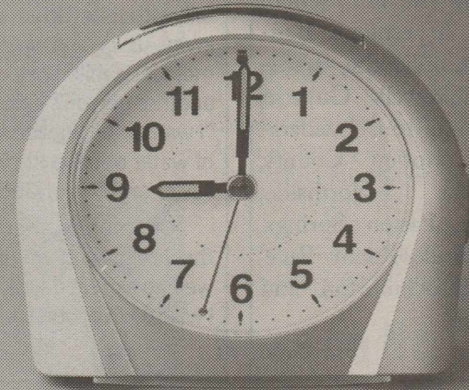
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Mac's Views

Let's stop this type of behavior!

At the urging of Randy Barnett of Goree, I am repeating a posting how some people are finding a way to get away without having to do a lot of work.

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County wide garage sale March 19

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It's time to turn those piles of gently used items into cash, and get your Spring cleaning done.

The Knox County Visioning Group is hosting a county-wide garage sale on March 19 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The garage sale will be advertised in neighboring towns and bring shoppers from around the region. A map listing each garage sale along with a short description of items will be created by the KCVG and given out to shoppers. Businesses are also encouraged to participate. The KCVG needs 10-15 garage sales total to make this event successful. "People love to garage sale and will bring a car-load full of friends

college for free being a single mother. (Available in some states)

8. Girlfriend gets \$600 a month for food stamps.

9. Girlfriend gets free cell phone

10. Girlfriend gets free or reduced utilities.

11. Guy moves into home, but continues to use mom's house to get mail.

12. Girlfriend claims one kid and guy claims one kid on taxes. Now each gets to claim head of household, at \$1,800 credit.

13. Girlfriend gets disability for being "crazy" or having a "bad back" at \$1,800 a month and never has to work again. "It is exactly the same philosophy why wildlife managers tell you not the feed wild animals," noted Post Dispatch editor Kent Mahoney, who passed the information along to me. "If you feed wild animals long enough, they lose their instinct to hunt and provide for their families. We have the same basic instincts."

"We have two or three generations out here who have no ability to take care of themselves. Not only that, they don't have the desire to take care of themselves."

We just cannot encourage this type of behavior anymore!

If you agree, join Barnett and let our elected leaders know

if they know there is going to be plenty of sales going on," said KCVG Director, Jimi Coplen.

If you would like to participate in the garage sale, please call the KCVG at 940-459-4121 or email kcvg@srcaccess.net to get your garage sale listed on the map. A yard sign will be provided to each home who is participating in the sale. You can also download a form on the KCVG facebook page. The cost to get on the map is \$5.

that steps need to be taken to eliminate a system that pays you more than if you were working.

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the President who has consistently underestimated the threat Islamic extremists pose to America.

"I have pledged to give the President's plan a fair hearing, but he makes it impossible to do so when he withholds critical details."

Sen. John McCain, (R-Ariz), chairman of the Senate

Knox City will host track meet

Special to The News-Courier
KNOX CITY - Knox City will kick off the track season by hosting an event here. Junior highs compete on Thursday and high schools on Friday.

Joining the host school will be Aspermont, Benjamin, Chillicothe, Crosbyton, Crowell, Guthrie, Harrold, Jayton, Lueders-Avoca, Motley County, Newcastle, Northside, Paducah, Patton Springs, Paint Creek, Rotan, Rule, Spur, Throckmorton and Woodson

Armed Services Committee, echoed Thornberry's views about it being a creditable plan or a policy to deal with future terrorist detainees.

From the Preacher's Desk

Experiences in Ghana: wow!

God blessed me with a fantastic week in Ghana! It is impossible for me to put in words all the experiences I enjoyed, but I will try and share some of them here.

First, the capital city of Accra, where I landed on Tuesday has a population of about 4 million. It is not like any city in America and quite unique in so many ways. Although it is only about 45 miles from Accra to Apam, it took us over three hours to make the trip. There are too many cars, people, road hazards, etc. for one to travel fast.

When I arrived at Apam, I was taken to my motel which is another story for another time. That afternoon the men of the church there, spent the time setting up for a huge gathering in the middle of a "housing" area. They hung big speakers on people's houses and set up a make-shift screen on two pieces of wood. That night more than 300 people attended in the chairs provided and many more heard from their houses. It was an incredible evening!

The next three mornings I was picked up by four young preacher men who drove me several hours into the country to different villages. There we had a devotional and divided up into twos and went throughout the villages and asked people if we could talk with them about the gospel message of Jesus. People would invite us in and we would talk with them about the gospel message while they continued to cook, wash their babies, cut another person's hair, prepare food, etc.! Finally some would say, "I want to be baptized" and we would take them down to a body of water outside the village, take their confession of Jesus as the Savior and Son of God, and baptize them into Jesus Christ!

On Saturday afternoon, they brought six taxis of people from the villages and we had an amazing worship. Again, on Sunday, we had a great day singing, praying, preaching and praising God! I wish each of you could have shared this with me.

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rhineland, Texas Annual Parish Sausage & Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Time

11:00 AM-1:30 PM

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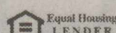


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