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Munday hopes for state spot

Special to The News-Courier

LEVELLAND – Munday High School's "The White Snake" one act play will be attempting to make it to the state contest for the 10th time in 16 trips here Saturday at South Plains College.

"The students performed their best show of the season at LCU and are looking forward to the regional contest," said director Karen Longan.

She added that Munday was tentatively scheduled to perform between 3:30 and 4 p.m. after a short break. "You must get your tickets for Munday's performance early as the theatre only seats a little over 200 people," Longan added. Tickets cost \$3 per show.

Other schools competing with their plays include: Higgins, "The Summer of Jack London;" Fort Elliott, "Leading Ladies;" Guthrie, "Leading Ladies;" Whiteface, "The King Stag;" and Groom, "Chemical Imbalance: A Jeckyl and Hyde Play."

Judges for the regional will be Lynae Jacobs, Ricky Ramon and E. Don Williams.

Run off election May 24

There will be a state-wide run off election Tuesday, May 24 for the Republican Party of Texas.

The ones in the running for for Knox County are: Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5: Scott Walker and Brent Webster; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Mary Lou Keel and Ray Wheelless; Railroad Commissioner: Wayne Christian and Gary Grimes.

Early voting will be May 16 – 20.

The last day to apply for

ballot by mail is May 13 and is due by May 24. Voting in person will be May 24, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.

Persons who voted in the Democrat Primary are not eligible to vote in the Republican run off.

Due to the usual light turn-out for run offs, the poll sites will be consolidated as follows: Court House in Benjamin: Precincts 201 and 302; Aging Center in Knox City: Precincts 101 and 202; Community Center in Munday: Precincts 301 and 401.

Thompson eyes state medal

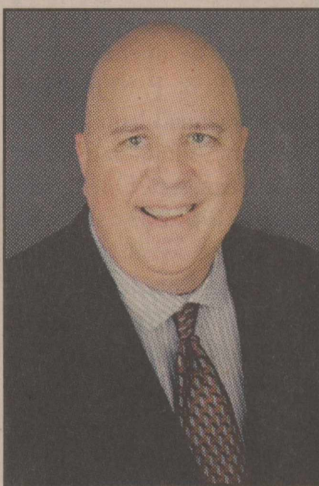


Courtesy photo

Taylor Thompson hope to be in the running for a medal when she competes in the Class A state golf tournament Monday and Tuesday at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin. Thompson posted 78-76-154 in the regional tournament to qualify. "That 76 in the wind and rain was truly an amazing round," said her coach Scott Riley. "If she plays like that, she can be a contender." Defending champion Shaley Goad of Ft. Elliott, who won the regional title, is the defending champion.



Moore named Munday city administrator



JIMMY DON MOORE

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY – The City of Munday may have gone all the way to Florida to select its new city administrator, but he had plenty of ties to the area.

Jimmy Don (J.D.) Moore of Tampa Bay, FL, who graduated from Knox City High School in 1976, was picked after the city council had interviews with three finalists last week. A fourth candidate pulled out late. He will assume duties May 2.

"My parents still live in Seymour where I was born," Moore said. "So it will be nice to come back home. My family goes back four

generations in Knox and Baylor counties, owning and operating the City Motel and restaurant in Knox City in the '70s."

Moore is currently the president of the Knox City-O'Brien Exes and the Bill Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund, which has a fundraising golf tournament at the Knox City Country Club each summer.

Previously, he was the founding president of the San Antonio, FL Rotary Club and a member of the Bboard of directors for Sunrise of Pasco, a woman and children's abuse center.

Moore earned a business degree at Texas

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Early Voting Starts Monday

Bond proposal headlines May 7 election

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

Residents in the Munday Consolidated Independent School District will vote on an \$8 million bond proposal at Munday City Hall on May 7 while others in Knox County will be picking city and school district board members on the same day.

Early voting by personal appearance runs from Monday through May 3 at the respective city halls or administration offices.

Supt. Troy Parton, who like school board members cannot express an opinion for or against the proposal, did say that he would be happy to make presentations to any group to answer questions.

"Some things that need to be pointed out," he said. "The wind farm owners will pay no taxes on the turbines if the measure fails; the tax increase will only stay in effect until the bond is paid off; homeowners over 65 will see no increase in their tax bill on their homesteads; the most taxes can increase is 50 cents per \$100 of tax-

able value; the homestead exemption increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000; the wind farm pays about 75% of the bond and local taxpayers only 25%."

Parton did add that trustees do not have to issue the entire bond amount if construction costs do not require it, pointing out that current estimates of \$5.6 million are less than the original \$7.3 million.

In addition, he noted that the dome structures are less costly to operate and have high storm ratings.

Additional information about the bond proposal is available at www.mundaycisid.net. Brochures in Spanish are also available in the school offices.

In other voting, places on the city councils and school boards are at stake.

Joining Munday city incumbents Ryan Cottingham, Karen Longan and Trey Singleton will be Angela Herricks and Richard Don Thompson.

In Knox City, incumbents J.R. Hodges and Gary Schnable are seeking reelection while Logan Morrow is stepping down. Joining the race for the three openings will be Anthony

Adkins and Fred Ledesma.

Randy Hibdon will run against current mayor Glenna Decker in Goree. Incumbents Vicki Huffman and Trey Harlan are unopposed for council seats while Pat Wilde will have competition from Jonathan Ramirez for the place 5 position.

No election will be necessary in Benjamin after incumbent Ronnie White decided to not run again for mayor. Joy Lynn Pool was the only other candidate. Incumbent council members Fred Carver and Charles Jones were unopposed.

Nancy Birkenfeld filed for reelection to the MCISD board of trustees, but Jason Redwine, the other incumbent, didn't. Joining the race for two positions will be Jason Bowman, Chris Mendoza and Ida Jo Watson.

No election will be necessary for either the Knox City-O'Brien or Benjamin school boards. Dale Turner will be joined by Al Rios, who filed and will take the place for the retiring Jarred Pepper, in Knox City while Kathy Rainwater and Jimmy Barrientez were unopposed in Benjamin.

Moguls, Mogulettes, Houndettes win district



Sheri Baty, Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier

The Munday Moguls and Mogulettes swept the District 8-1A track titles last week while the Knox City Houndettes claimed the 7-1A title, its first district trophy in five years. Alex Thorn is shown handing off to Tamerick Reagins, making his debut this season running the anchor legs on three relay units. Kimberley Shahan prepares to pass baton to Charity Hunter in a winning 4x100 relay effort by the Mogulettes. Amy Harrington passes baton to Caitlyn Baxter as Houndettes get silver medal in the 4x100 relay. Competitors from all three Knox County schools were scheduled to compete in Hamlin yesterday for the right to advance to the regional competition.



Knox Notes

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

Head start sign up

MUNDAY - Sign up for the head start program is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday. Children must be 3 by Sept. 1. Parents are asked to bring documentation of their 2015 income along with birth certificates, immunization records and social security cards.

Ranch Rodeo April 29-30

MUNDAY - The Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo, sponsored by the Munday Volunteer Fire Department, is scheduled at 7 p.m. on April 29 and April 30 at the Munday Roping Area. The Ranch Horse Association of America will hold a show on the Saturday morning.

Dance recital set

MUNDAY - The 11th annual Movement Space Recital is scheduled for 2 p.m. on May

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News on the go



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Obituary policy

The Knox County News-Courier will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

MOORE

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Tech and a law degree at the University of Houston, but chose not to practice law.

"Over the last 40 years, I have gained vast experience in budgeting, human resources, legal, environmental compliance, including water law, sales, public relations and marketing," Moore said. "I'm also a licensed real estate broker in Florida and in Texas."

"Now at age 58, I'd like to serve others in Knox County. I get along very well with others, my honor is my guide and family and friends are very important to me."

Moore, who loves to fish and play golf, will replace Winston Stephens, who accepted a position with the City of Haskell.

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7 and May 8 at the Munday High School Auditorium. Over 100 performers from Benjamin, Bomarton, Crowell, Goree, Haskell, Munday, O'Brien, Rhineland, Rochester, Rule, Seymour, Stamford and Weinert will be involved.

Lake Creek scramble

MUNDAY - Scrambles will continue at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at Lake Creek Golf Club. Entry fee is \$8. Non-members pay a \$15 green fee.

What's in freezer

MUNDAY - The Munday Church of Christ is continuing its "What's in the Freezer" fundraiser for Relay for Life at the Munday Tire & Appliance.

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Obituaries

Billy Young, Sr.

Billy Geane Young, Sr. "Big Daddy", 83, of Knox City passed away Thursday, April 14, 2016 at his residence after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday at the Liberty Community Church of God In Christ in Knox City with Pastor Gene Ward officiating. Burial will take place immediately following the service at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. A wake is planned for Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home located at 210 Ave., Knox City, Texas.

Billy Young Sr., was born July 8, 1932 in Detroit. He lived in Denver, CO for 40 years, where he worked and retired from Globe U.S. Auto Glass Center. In 1990 he was awarded the Millionaires Club Award in recognition for surpassing over two million dollars in sales. He became a member of Antioch Church of God In Christ of Denver and later became a member of Evangelist Temple Church of God In Christ where he gave his life to the Lord.

Billy was baptized in 1993 and became a member of the Usher Board and brotherhood, but, most of all he was faithful to the church.

He met Patricia Young in June and they were married in July 20, 1992. He moved to Knox City in 1994 and became a member of Liberty Community Church of God In Christ under Pastor Leon Ward in 1995.

In 1997 he was appointed YPWW President and also was ordained as a deacon on Oct. 7, 1997. He was appointed as a Sunday School Superintendent under Pastor



BILLY YOUNG, SR.

Gene Ward. He was also an asset to the Building of Liberty Fellowship Hall. In 1994 and 1995 he opened up his "dream" B & P Mini Mart, which included laundry mat, doughnut shop, and many other businesses. One in particular was a beauty shop. He was well known for his bar-b-que and Billy burgers. He provided jobs for different ones in the community. He retired from B & P Bar-b-que in 2014. He will be so missed in the community.

Billy is survived by his wife of 24 years Patricia Young; three sons Dempsey Ray Young and wife Toni of Denver, Billy Geane Young, Jr. of Kansas City and Gene Ward and wife Doris of Knox City; three daughters Beverly Arrington of San Antonio, Felicia Ann Logan and husband Paul of Grand Prairie and Olivia Rene Cunningham and husband Barry of Cary, NC; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; very special first cousin Edler Charles Turner and also his best friend and brother-in-law Lee Crothers "Uncle Bubba".

He was preceded in death by his parents John Young and Mary Young.

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

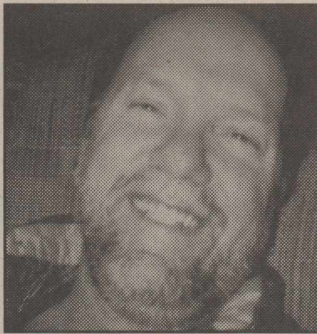
Terry Hamilton

Terry Dewayne Hamilton, age 61 of Wills Point, was born March 20, 1955, in Haskell and passed away April 8, 2016, in Sunnyvale.

Terry worked in construction for many years before becoming a truck driver for Schneider Trucking, where he worked for 10 years. He enjoyed helping his family and friends with his handyman skills and especially loved remodeling his home in Wills Point. Terry was a loving father, son, brother and friend to many.

When he walked into a room, he always brought laughter to others with his presence and sense of humor. Terry's smile and unique laugh will be missed by many.

He is survived by his son Jason Hamilton of Wylie; daughter Alisa Hamilton of Gun Barrel City; mother Eva Atwood Pechacek and husband Ed of Roysse City;



TERRY HAMILTON

sister Becky Trimuar and husband Rusty of Roysse City; brother Eldon Hamilton and wife Ginger of Wills Point; niece Randi Katzenberger and husband Robert of Wills Point; nephews Dustin Trimuar, his wife Lindsay and their daughter Wyleigh of Pleasanton and Zack Byrd of Wills Point.

He was preceded in death by his father L.V. "Skipper" Hamilton.

Local memorial services are pending. Terry's ashes will be scattered in his hometown of Goree at a later date.

Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of April 25-29
Monday: Chicken and rice casserole, peas and carrots, rolls, fruit
Tuesday: Pork chops, black eyed peas, cornbread, chocolate chip cookies
Wednesday: Ham slices, mashed potatoes, corn, cake
Thursday: Chicken tenders, gravy, green beans, wheat rolls, dessert
Friday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, country potato salad, collard greens, banana pudding

Area News

Rehab trail ride

HASKELL - West Texas Rehabilitation Center's "Trail Ride for Rehab" is scheduled Friday through Sunday at the Circle S Ranch, located in eastern Haskell County. This fundraiser for the Rehab was started in 1994 and has been held each year on numerous ranches throughout West Texas. The special guest will be Red Steagall, Texas' Official Cowboy Poet.

Food manager training

ABILENE - Monday will be deadline for signing up for a professional food manager certification training course, scheduled May 16-17 here at the Taylor County Extension office.

The Paperboy Learn math America

Sen. Bernie Sanders released his federal taxes and the old coot only paid 13 percent on the \$200,000 salary he earned.

On the other hand, the billionaires he's always complaining about paid over 27 percent. That's double.

The total taxation (state, property, capital gains, etc...) on the billionaires was much more than that.

So it seems to me Sanders should probably pay his "fair share" before complaining about how much others pay in income tax.

But, you argue, "Yeah Blackburn, but these are billionaires we're talking about, they can afford it."

Frankly, it's not a question of affording it. It's a question of investment.

Look at this country. Are you getting a return on your investment? Or would you look at our government as a bad investment?

I don't know about you, but I can think of about 19 trillion reasons as to why this country, in it's current state, is a terrible investment.

Back to billionaires for a second. Sanders cries out about billionaires as if they are some huge number of people running the world. There are less than 1,810 on the entire planet. There are only 536 in the U.S.

Oddly enough, that's around the same number of elected officials in Washington, but I digress.

To think the 536 billionaires in the country are the answer financially is complete idiocy. You can tax these people 100 percent and all you will have accomplished is taking massive revenue generators out of the market place.

Are billionaires powerful? They absolutely are. Do they have too much influence in politics? In my opinion they do. But they play by the rules. If you don't like it, change the rules.

I wonder how much legislation Sanders tried to get passed on campaign finance reform?

The truth is that there is a reason states like Texas and Oklahoma continue to grow while other states struggle. Our overall tax burden is less and we've created a climate for growth.

States like California and Illinois have huge taxation and by now, it should be obvious what heavy taxation does ... it crushes your economy.

It scares me that someone as naive as Sanders can be a popular candidate for presidency. It tells me millions of Americans are complete morons when it comes to basic economics.

I can guarantee you that those 536 evil billionaires would take their companies out of this country at a rapid rate to avoid the kind of taxation Sanders fantasizes about. Now try running this country without their money while you let over 50 percent of all taxpayers pay very little to no tax. You've just killed the United States.

Learn math America!

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From the Preacher's Desk

Try to land safely

On the evening of Dec. 29, 1972, Eastern Airlines flight 401 crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing 101 people.

Any time a passenger plane crashes, it grabs our attention because so many lives are affected by the tragedy. But what makes this crash even more tragic is that it was completely avoidable.

While preparing to land in Miami, FL, the co-pilot noticed that a light bulb on the instrument panel wasn't working, and he tried to re-place it. Unsuccessfully at his attempts to re-move the burnt out bulb, the airplane was placed on auto-pilot and the pilot himself left his seat to assist him.

However, somehow in the process, the auto-pilot was accidentally disengaged and while the pilot and co-pilot worked at replacing a burnt out light bulb, the plane slowly descended, and crashed.

Think of it... 101 people died because more attention was given to a burnt out light bulb than flying and landing the airplane.

Sad indeed, but every day, mistakes more monumental than this take place. In fact, someone reading this right now may unwittingly be in a "descent" that will lead to his destruction if he continues to devote his attention to things of lesser importance.

Do you think people will some day meet God unprepared because they gave their attention to lesser things? Jobs, family, entertainment, social status, schooling, pleasure, wealth, etc. all have their place, but not at the expense of a "safe landing."

Don't get so caught up with the distractions of this world (Matthew 13:22), that you fail to "land safely." Give it some thought. (Adapted)

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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MICAH YATES, GINA IRONS

Irons, Yates announce July 2 wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Irons of Abilene announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Gina Nicole Irons to John Micah Yates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Macky Yates of Munday. The couple will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. July 2 at Lytle Cove Cottage in Abilene with Kainon Irons, brother of the bride, officiating at the double-ring nuptial ceremony. Gina graduated from high school in Abilene in 2003 and is a hairdresser at the Corner Salon in Abilene. She is the mother of two children, Braleigh, 13, and Bentley, 6. She is the granddaughter of Al Irons and the late Thaylia of Hart and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Johnson of Shallowater and the late Joan Johnson. Micah is a 2003 graduate of Munday High school and is employed at Yates Farm in Munday. He is the grandson of the late Charles and Pearl Yates of Goree and the late Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Zeissel of Munday.

Pet Talk

Many pet owners are becoming more conscious of the quality of food they are feeding their pets, but it is often difficult to determine what constitutes a healthy and nutritious meal. A dog or cat's nutritional requirements vary based on age and health, which may leave some pet owners questioning how to provide the right kind of food.

Dr. Sarah Griffin, lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, provided some insight.

"The ingredient list on pet food does not provide information on the quality of the ingredients or the nutritional adequacy of the overall diet," she explained. "However, the ingredients are listed on the label in descending order of weight. Ingredients with higher water content are listed higher on the list. Because water is included in the weight of the ingredients, ingredients with higher water content will be higher on the list than similar amounts of dry ingredients, even though the ingredient listed higher may actually contribute fewer nutrients to the overall diet. For example, if chicken is approximately 70 percent moisture and chicken meal is 10 percent moisture in a can of food, chicken will be listed higher on the ingredient list than chicken meal, even if both are providing the same amount of actual chicken."

Although chicken may

look more appealing on an ingredient list than chicken meal, both can provide an adequate amount of chicken for your pet. Chicken meal is the dry rendered product from a combination of clean chicken flesh and skin with or without bone. Contrary to popular belief, chicken meal does not include feathers, heads, feet, or entrails.

In addition, Griffin said the ingredient list may be used to make the product appealing to pet owners. "Some pet foods include ingredients such as artichokes, blueberries, or lentils on their ingredients list to appeal to pet owners, but the ingredients are often in such small amounts that they have little or no nutritional benefits."

The ingredient list can be confusing, but the most important aspect for pet owners to look for is the nutritional adequacy statement. This statement, supported by The Association of American Feed Control Officials, will determine if the product is "complete and balanced."

Spring field day set May 4

Special to The News-Courier

CHILLICOTHE – Wheat, canola, triticale and cropping systems will be highlighted during a field day May 4 at Texas A&M AgriLife Research's Chillicothe Station, located south of Chillicothe on Farm-to-Market Road 392.

Registration will be from 7:45-8:30 a.m., followed by a herbicide regulations presentation by Henry Krusekopf, Texas Department of Agriculture inspector from Wichita Falls.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator continuing education units – two general and one laws and regulations – will be offered.

The morning field tours will follow, beginning with a look at wheat and triticale, including varieties and breed-

ing program update, crop status and outlook, presented by Dr. Jackie Rudd, AgriLife Research wheat breeder, and Jason Baker, AgriLife Research senior research associate, both in Amarillo, and Dr. Clark Neely, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service small grains and oilseed specialist in College Station.

A second stop will look at canola variety trials and general agronomic production issues such as row spacing, seeding rates, planting dates, tillage practices and fertility management. Co-planners Dr. Paul DeLaune, AgriLife Research environmental soil scientist, and Dr. Emi Kimura, AgriLife Extension agronomist, both in Vernon, along with Neely will speak.

The final stop of the morning tour will be DeLaune discussing soil and

water conservation in cropping systems, including a look at warm-season and cool-season crop rotation options, conservation tillage and cover crop options in cotton.

At the final stop Dr. Curtis Adams, AgriLife Research cropping systems scientist in Vernon, also will discuss his plans for research in the Rolling Plains, which includes cropping systems diversification, root biology, and water and nutrient management.

The program will move inside again after the tours for the noon lunch sponsored by the Texas Wheat Producers Association, and more presentations, DeLaune said. A producer panel will discuss innovative production systems using crop rotation and no-till practices in the Rolling Plains.

Lady Stangs finish second in 8-1A

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MUNDAY – The Benjamin Lady Stangs finished second in the District 8-1A track meet here last Thursday at Phillip McAfee Track, scoring 94 points

to trail only champion Munday's 224.

Carolina Hilario picked up a gold and a silver with times of 14:09.46 and 6:33.81 in the 3,200 and 1,600 meters.

Emily Brown claimed gold a medal in the shot put with a throw of 35-6.5 and

Tara Strickland won the pole vault with a leap of 6-0. Strickland also advanced in the 100 meters. Other Lady Stangs advancing to Hamlin were Cara McGhee (triple jump) and Cassidy Correll (300 hurdles).

Strickland sweeps 8-1A sprints

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MUNDAY – Lincoln Strickland swept the sprints with clockings of 11.97 and 25.18 as the Benjamin Mustangs finished in third place in the District 8-1A track meet at Phillip McAfee Track last Thursday.

The Mustangs scored 88 points, trailing Chillicothe with 97 and champion Munday with 310.

Benjamin's J.C. Espinal claimed a gold medal in the 1,600 meters with a 5:25.26 clocking and a silver medal in the 3,200 meters in 11:30.12.

Justin Rainwater advanced to the

area competition scheduled yesterday in Hamlin with a second in the pole vault and a fourth in the triple jump. Caleb Barrientez also advanced with a third in the 800 meters.

The Mustangs placed fourth in all three relays.

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The Munday Moguls cruise to easily win the District 8-1A title.

Moguls dominate 8-1A track meet

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — With Temerick Reagins back as the anchor for all three relays, the Munday Moguls dominated the District 8-1A track meet on its home Phillip McAfee Track last Thursday, outscoring runnerup Chillicothe, 310-97.

It was the first competition for Reagins, who had suffered an ALS injury during the football game with Hamlin last fall.

Joining Reagins for the 44.60 time in the 4x100 relay were Day'veon Dockins, Alex Thorn and Trever Swearingin. With Dee Hemphill replacing Thorn, Munday took golds in the 4x200 with a 1:34.59. Holt Bevins joined Day'veon Dockins, Thorn and Reagins for a 3:34.97 in the 4x400, 11 seconds ahead of Chillicothe.

Reagins picked up a silver medal in the high jump as he and teammate RayLynn Dockins joined Dylan Reagan of Chillicothe at clearing 5-10. Reagan got the gold for fewer misses.

"We had 20 boys advance to the area meet and I feel that several of them have a chance to advance to regionals," said Coach Jeffery Toliver. "Our times keep improving and the boys are focused on trying to get to Austin." The Moguls picked up valuable points in

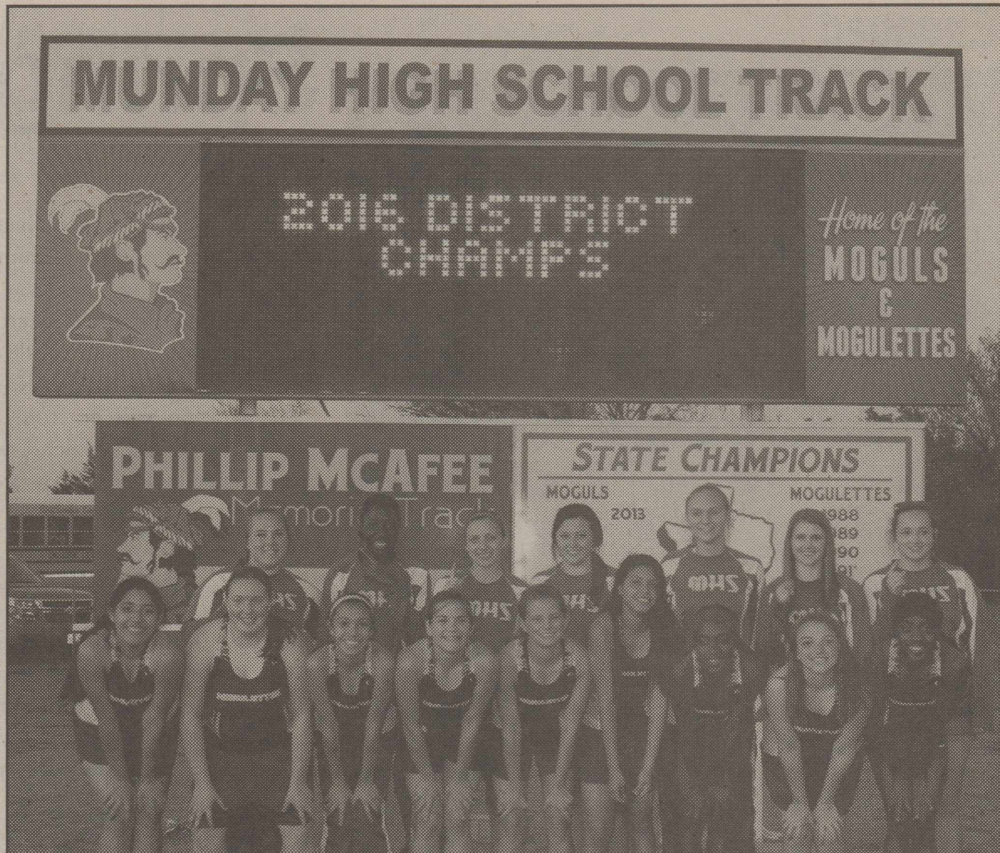
the two shorter races won by Lincoln Strickland of Benjamin and the 400 won by Tristen Hayes of Crowell. Trevaugh Mitchell and Sasha were third and fourth in the 100; Dee Hemphill, Noah Ramos and Brady Weaver advanced in the 200 with finishes in the top four; and Trever Swearingin, Bevins and Brady Weaver did likewise in the 400.

Munday's Christian Araujo claimed golds in the 800 and 3,200 with clockings of 2:13.72 and 11:15.04. Also advancing to the area competition in the longer races scheduled yesterday at Hamlin were Dane Leija (800,1,600), Noah Fernandez (800, 1,600) and Emanuel Carranza (1,600, 3,200).

RayLynn Dockins swept the hurdles with times of 17.40 and 46.03. Omar Nunez got fourth in the shorter hurdles race while Mitchell and Sasha Thompson got silver and bronze medals in the longer hurdles.

In the other field events, Julio Vitolas swept the shot put and discus with throws of 41-0 and 129-11 while Day'veon Dockins and Dee Hemphill captured the long jump and triple jump with 26-0 and 41-4.75 leaps.

Weaver and Swearingin claimed silver and bronze medals in the triple jump to advance while Kaven Alvarado got silvers in the shot put and discus. Shawn Castorena and Kade Sanders also advanced in the shot put and discus, respectively.



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The Munday Mogulettes earn repeat 8-1A track title.

Mogulettes repeat as 8-1A champs

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — As expected, the Munday Mogulettes swept the relays and cruised to a repeat victory in the District 8-1A track meet at Phillip McAfee Track last Thursday, compiling 224 points to finish 130 ahead of runnerup Benjamin.

Skylar Gomez, Karla Taylor, Charity Hunter and Kayla Taylor teamed for a 52.11 in the 4x100 meters relay, beating Crowell by more than four seconds.

Kimberley Shahan and Abbey Walker joined Hunter and Gomez for a 1:58.09 for gold medals in the 4x200 meters relay.

Emily Scott teamed with the Taylors and Hunter to win the 4x400 meters in 4:26.30,

47 seconds ahead of Crowell.

Winning golds in individual races for the Mogulettes were Gomez in the 100 (14.05), Kayla Taylor in the 200 (27.46), Karla Taylor in the 400 (1:04.74) and Abby Walker in the 800 (2:54.49).

In the field events, Hunter, Kristen Kuehler and Marissa Padilla claimed golds in the long jump (16-2), discus (108-2) and triple jump, respectively.

Also earning the right to advance to the area meet scheduled Wednesday in Hamlin were Kimberley Shahan (100,200, long jump), Emily Scott (400, discus), Zoe Cerdillo (800,1,600), Ayleen Arellano (800), Padilla (100 hurdles), Walker (300 hurdles). Kasey Lowrance (shot put), Bergen Waters (shot put) and Reagan Sanderson (discus).

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Speck leads Munday JV

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MUNDAY — Led by Branson Speck sweep of the three shorter races, the Munday junior varsity edged Chillicothe, 98-88, to win the District 8-1A title. Speck posted winning times of 13.12, 27.62 and 1:01.35.

Emmanuel Gonzalez and Seth Salazar also picked up golds in the shot put and discus with efforts of 33-95 and 97-9 while John Bedi won the 800 meters in 2:25.53.

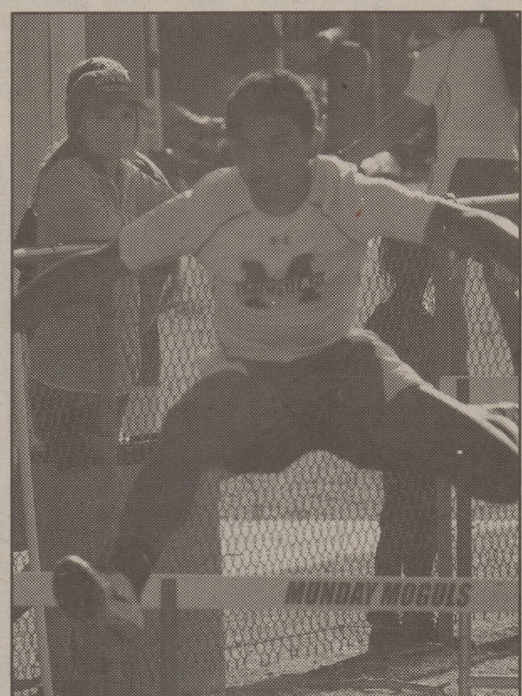
Jayton Reeves of Chillicothe won five events, both hurdles, the high jump, long jump and high jump.



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Day'veon Dockins gets gold in the long jump.



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Kacey Lowrance wins silver medal in the shot put.



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RayLynn Dockins captures gold medals in both hurdles races.

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District 7A track meet results

Boys
 100: Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 11.16; Bryant Taylor, Motley County, 11.27; Jakob Sanchez, Spur, 11.46; Gabriel Garcia, Guthrie, 11.81; Kenneth Neskorik, Paducah, 11.92; Antonio Ortiz, Spur, 12.23
 200: Bryant Taylor, Motley County, 23.52; Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 23.66; Joseph Garibaldi, Paducah, 24.20; Kamren Shelton, Spur, 24.45; Skylar Neill, Knox City, 24.52; Jett Cabler, Spur, 25.04
 400: Marcus Ortiz, Motley County, 53.87; Kamren Shelton, Spur, 55.44; Blane Blount, Guthrie, 58.87; Brady Hawkins, Knox City, 58.99; Kenneth Neskorik, Paducah, 1:00.17; Tyler Deegan, Motley County, 1:02.36
 800: Ethan Fernandez, Patton Springs, 2:07.5; Kamren Shelton, Spur, 2:13.9; Cade Drum, Motley County, 2:23.7; Tod Flowers, Knox City, 2:24.83; Keaton Adams, Spur, 2:38.69
 1,600: Dustin Dominey, Spur, 4:53.71; Jeremiah Lorimer, Spur, 5:25.19; Kameron Todd, Paducah, 5:59.2; Shawn Hacker, Knox City, 6:10.25; Paden Shafer, Spur, 7:45.85
 3,200: Dustin Dominey, Spur, 10:11.79; Ethan Fernandez, Patton Springs, 10:54.03; Jeremiah Lorimer, Spur, 11:06.42; Paden Shafer, Spur, 14:33.05
 110 hurdles: Joseph Garibaldi, Paducah, 16.26; Kaleb Brendle, Guthrie, 18.69; Eli Shelton, Spur, 19.3.8; Hayden Palacios, Paducah, 19.78; PL Gibson, Guthrie, 19.88
 300 hurdles: Anthony Estrada, Knox City, 43.28; Gabriel Garcia, Guthrie, 46.54; Eli Shelton, Spur, 46.55; Kaleb Brendle, Guthrie, 47.87; Cade Drum, Motley County, 50.16
 4x100 relay: Knox City (Preston Lynn, Skylar Neill, Elias Nevarez, Anthony Estrada), Knox 46.34; Spur, 48.50; Motley County, 48.61; Guthrie, 49.20
 4x200 relay: Motley County, 1:42.56; Spur, 1:43.28; Knox City (Tod Flow-

ers, Preston Lynn, Elias Nevarez, Brady Hawkins), 1:50.64
 4x400 relay: Motley County, 3:44.36; Knox City (Sheldon Baty, Skylar Neill, Elias Nevarez, Anthony Estrada), 3:44.41; Spur, 4:23.76
 Long jump: Joseph Garibaldi, Paducah, 19-7 ¼; Elias Nevarez, Knox City, 19-2; Kenneth Neskorik, Paducah, 17-7 ½; Hayden Palacios, Paducah, 17-6 ¾; Blane Blount, Guthrie, 17-6 ½; Preston Lynn, Knox City, 17-6
 Shot put: McClendon Hill, Guthrie, 52-6; Jacolby Burns, Paducah, 43-8 ½; Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 13-3; Trey Ledesma, Knox City, 37-0; Jake Weiser, Spur, 36-10; Brendan Fisk, Motley County, 35-9 ½
 Discus: McClendon Hill, Guthrie, 144-11; Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 113-7 ½; Sean Logsdon, Knox City, 106-9 ½; Jacolby Burns, Paducah, 102-8 ½; Jake Weiser, Spur, 88-2; Jeff Cabler, Spur, 87-6
 Triple jump: Elias Nevarez, Knox City, 40-11 ½; Kameron Todd, Paducah, 39-9 ½; Jeremiah Lorimer, Spur, 38-1; Preston Lynn, Knox City, 38- ½; Anthony Estrada, Knox City, 35-11 ½; Kamren Shelton, Spur, 29-11
 High jump: Ryan Heard, Knox City, 5-4; Blane Blount, Guthrie, 5-2; Jett Cabler, Spur, 5-2; Kamren Shelton, Spur, 5-0; Phillip Garvin, Spur, 5-0
 Pole vault: Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 14-0; Keaton Adams, Spur, 9-6; Kylar Talley, Guthrie, 9-0; Eli Shelton, Spur, 7-6; Kaleb Brendle, Guthrie, 7-0; Llano Baleman, Spur, 5-6
 Team: Spur, 163; Guthrie, 120; Knox City, 117; Motley County, 90; Paducah, 70; Patton Springs, 18
Girls
 100: Zinziley McCrary, Knox City, 12.95; Danni Uriegas, Spur, 13.04; Kailyn Childers, Spur, 13.56; Caitlyn Baxter,

Knox City, 13.86; Alyssa Ellis, Patton Springs, 13.88; Brittney Jones, Patton Springs, 15.56
 200: Brooke Shobert, Spur, 28.21; Kailyn Childers, Spur, 28.28; Ebony Hampton, Paducah, 28.33; Bailey Lambert, Paducah, 28.44; Caitlyn Baxter, Knox City, 28.92; Amy Harrington, Knox City, 29.33
 400: Brooke Shobert, Spur, 1:04.94; Rivers Marshall, Motley County, 1:06.09; Crystal Collette, Motley County, 1:06.96; Baylee Horn, Guthrie, 1:09.51; Julie Beth Ferguson, Spur, 1:09.85; Brooke Jones, Knox City, 1:10.32
 800: Temi Flowers, Knox City, 2:35.84; Reagan Maxwell, Guthrie, 2:37; Brooke Shobert, Spur, 2:42.76; Chloe Grimsley, Knox City, 2:50.94; Hanna Gonzalez, Spur, 2:53.66; Jady Duggan, Spur, 2:58.22
 1600: Isabelle Smith, Spur, 5:34.45; Reagan Maxwell, Guthrie, 6:03.14; Hayley Smith, Motley County, 6:18.26; Brittney Hawkins, Knox City, 6:23.40; Destyne Vasquez, Spur, 6:24.87; Candace Tarver, Guthrie, 6:34.28
 3200: Isabelle Smith, Spur, 12:11.74; Hayley Smith, Motley County, 13:36.81; Candace Tarver, Guthrie, 13:39.32; Brittney Hawkins, Knox City, 13:50.62; Destyne Vasquez, Spur, 14:06.64; Jady Duggan, Spur, 14:26.79
 100 hurdles: Debra Alvarado, Knox City, 17.01; Juleigh Walker, Spur, 18.11; Kirsten Tuckness, Knox City, 18.24; Camrey Sanchez, Spur, 18.52; Ali Smith, Paducah, 18.57; Brandy Campos, Patton Springs, 18.78
 300 hurdles: Debra Alvarado, Knox City, 51.16; Ali Smith, Paducah, 54.50; Autumn Woolsey, Motley County, 55.39; Makayle Cline, Knox City, 56.00; Ashleigh Jones, Patton Springs, 57.14; Kirsten Tuckness, Knox City, 57.16
 4x100 relay: Knox City (Amy Har-

rington, Caitlyn Baxter, Kirsten Tuckness, Debra Alvarado), 53.52; Paducah, 53.82; Spur, 54.00; Patton Springs, 56.05; Guthrie, 1:00.04
 4x200 relay: Knox City (Amy Harrington, Temi Flowers, Myca Flowers, Zinziley McCrary), 1:53.54; Paducah, 1:56.51; Spur, 1:59.56
 4x400 relay: Knox City (Zinziley McCrary, Brooke Jones, Myca Flowers, Temi Flowers), 4:24.27; Motley County, 4:34.30; Spur, 4:59.25
 Long Jump: Danni Uriegas, Spur, 14-7 ¼; Crystal Collette, Motley County, 14-4 ¾; Kirsten Tuckness, Knox City, 14-4 ½; Myca Flowers, Knox City, 14-1; Brooke Shobert, Spur, 14- ¾; Makayle Cline, Knox City, 13-9 ¾
 Shot Put: Kaylie Steele, Knox City, 31-10 ½; Jolissa Reyes, Spur, 30-9 ½; Cheyenne Roberson, Knox City, 29-8 ½; Marissa Reyes, Spur, 26-11; Yaretsi Sandoval, Guthrie, 25-1; Avery Tanner, Spur, 22-4
 Discus: Jordyn Eaton, Knox City, 105-8 ½; Chloe Grimsley, Knox City, 96-9 ½; Kate Baker, Knox City, 82-9; Gina Cheyne, Guthrie, 81-9 ½; Jolissa Reyes, Spur, 80-2; Marissa Reyes, Spur, 80-1 ½
 Triple jump: Myca Flowers, Knox City, 32-5 ½; Temi Flowers, Knox City, 32- ½; Kirsten Tuckness, Knox City, 31-9 ½; Ashleigh Jones, Patton Springs, 31-9; Kailyn Childers, Spur, 29-11 ½; Camrey Sanchez, Spur, 28-10 ½
 High jump: Myca Flowers, Knox City, 4-8; Temi Flowers, Knox City, 4-6; Julie Beth Ferguson, Spur, 4-6; Brandy Campos, Patton Springs, 4-6; Ashleigh Jones, Patton Springs, 4-4; Karlie Van Meter, Guthrie, 4-4
 Pole vault: Kaitlan Price, Spur, 7-6; Isabelle Smith, Spur, 7-0; Juleigh Walker, Spur, 5-0
 Team: Knox City, 224; Spur, 187; Motley County, 58; Paducah, 52; Guthrie, 38; Patton Springs, 24

Wild pigs continue to be a nuisance

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Wild pigs continue to plague farmers and ranchers in much of Texas. They are a year-round nuisance to producers, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist in Overton, but farrowing, the birth of new litters of pigs, typically peaks in the spring. Higginbotham said farmers and ranchers in 253 of 254 Texas counties face a constant battle to prevent or reduce damages by wild pigs. He added that the statewide population estimate is around 2.6 million wild pigs, and limited ways of controlling their numbers means they are here to stay. "Given the population numbers, there's no way to eradicate them but you can

reduce exposure to damage by managing their numbers," Higginbotham said. "It costs producers time and money to repair damages and deal with the wild pig population, he said, pointing 71 percent of landowners with pastureland who responded to an AgriLife Extension survey reported damages by wild pigs. A conservative estimate of statewide damages based on a decade-old study puts the annual cost to farmers and ranchers at \$52 million. Producers spent an additional \$7 million each year to repair damages and deal with wild pig populations, according to the same estimate. Wild pigs are omnivores and will seek any food source for calories. They cause much of the damages to crops when they dig, or root, for food sources, such as grub worms,

planted seed and plant roots. Landowners should monitor for signs of wild pig activity, such as tracks, rubs against fence posts and trees, well-used trails and hair stuck on barbed-wire fences where they cross. "If you see the signs of hogs, it's best to take a proactive approach and try to reduce their numbers," he said. "They may just be moving through your land but eventually they will cause problems. The more you reduce their numbers the more you reduce the damage they cause." Higginbotham said there are four legal ways to address wild hogs in Texas - trapping, snaring, shooting and catch dogs. "Hiring professional shooters to reduce wild pig numbers from helicopters represents a cost-effective way for

farmers and ranchers in parts of the state with less tree canopy, but in East Texas trapping is advised," he added. "Corral-type traps work best, especially when a landowner can catch an entire family or sounder of pigs." However, Higginbotham said it takes a process to trap effectively. "Pigs must be hooked on the bait before placement of the trap," he added. "The trap should then be baited to allow the pigs to get comfortable. It could take a week, it could take several weeks depending on how much trapping pressure they've experienced."



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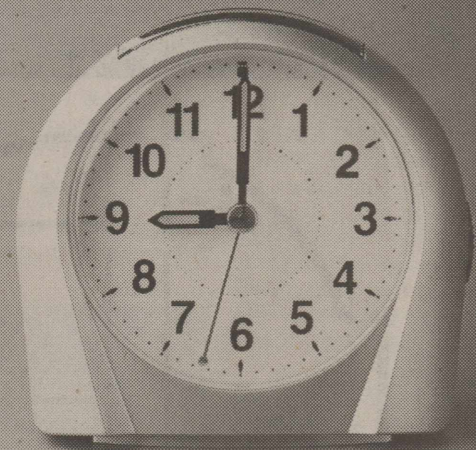
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