

WHITE'S  
Wagging  
Tongue

by Cynthia  
White

Albert Shanker, past head of the American Federation of Teachers, made this observation: "Teachers are the most powerful people in the world because who else can tell two hundred other people exactly when they can go to the toilet?"

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A man who hadn't been to church in quite awhile was very intrigued with a newspaper article he had read. It was a news release about a prison choir that would be putting on a concert in a church in his locale. He wondered what the prisoners would have to say and how the congregation would take to them so he decided to attend the concert. When he got to the church the song leader had them sing several songs, they took up an offering, the preacher spoke and then dismissed the crowd. The prison choir never made an appearance and there was no explanation as to why. The man boldly walked up to the preacher and asked what had happened to the prison choir and the minister replied, "Well, like a lot of choirs they were behind a few bars and couldn't find the key."

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At the post office, an elderly lady approached another customer and asked, "Sir, could I get you to address this card for me?"

The man did so courteously, then agreed to write a short message and sign the card for her. "Is there anything else I can do for you?" he asked.

The woman thought for a moment. "Yes, add this to the end: P.S.: Please excuse the handwriting."

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Why don't we just call blueberries unhappy cranberries?

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A friend of ours was lamenting the fact that his teen-aged son had wrecked the family auto. "We just call him 'lighting,'" explained the Dad.

"Oh, you call him that because he drives too fast," I inquired.

"No," came the reply, "because he strikes trees."

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Have you ever noticed that it always gets really hot after a ball game? I guess that's because all the fans have left.

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A teacher at the elementary school in the hills asked one of her pupils to use the word "cousin" in a sentence.

"Yes, Ma'am," answered the boy. "I had to get a sweater cousin the winter it's cold outside."

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Did you know that people north of the Mason-Dixon line call their drawings Yankee doodles.

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A young student came home from school last week very excited about his grades for that day.

"Mom, I got 100 percent in school today!" he exclaimed.

"That's really great," his mom said. "In what subject?"

"You mean subjects - I got 45 percent in math and 55 percent in science!"

Students participate in  
Stamford Math/Science meet

Several students from Munday in grades six through twelve traveled to Stamford on Saturday, January 25, to compete in the 1997 Stamford Math/Science Meet.

Categories that the students participated in were Number Sense, Calculator, Mathematics and Science.

The students from the sixth grade team place first in Science and second as a team in Number Sense and Mathematics.

Sixth grade students who participated were Brandon Melton, Jason Josselet, Jennifer Carlson, Shane Melton, John Harper, Ben Carpenter, Krissie Maston, Jeffrey Urbanczyk, Brian Sterling, Shannon Escamilla and Kylie Myers.

Brandon Melton took the first place position in individual honors in Mathematics, fourth in Science, fifth in Calculator and third

in Number Sense. Jennifer Carlson placed sixth in Mathematics and Jason Josselet took first place in Science. Shane Melton took second place honors in Science and John Harper took fifth.

Seventh and eighth grade students who participated were Nathan Neal, Bobby Greenwood, Justin King, Erik Sosolik, Chuck Reneau, Chris Bibb, John Francisco and Jonathan Ramirez.

Erik Sosolik took third place honors in mathematics and Nathan Neal took the sixth place award in Science.

High School students competing in the event were Lanesa Wilson, Brandi Hall, Lane Murphy, Jessica Carlson, Laci Myers, Nicolas Lara, Terra Searcey, Angie Stone and Ranea Maston.

Terra Searcey took the sixth place award in Calculators.



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS who participated in the Stamford Math/Science Meet are (back, left) Brian Sterling, John Harper, Ben Carpenter, Kylie Myers, (middle) Krissie Maston, Shannon Escamilla, Shane Melton, Jeffrey Urbanczyk, (front) Jason Josselet, Jennifer Carlson, and Brandon Melton.

GTE to expand local calling for  
customers from Munday to Haskell

GTE Telephone Operations will extend local calling for all customers in the Haskell telephone service area, beginning February 24.

Under the plan, all calls to Munday, Seymour, and Throckmorton from Haskell will be local calls. Calls from Munday to Haskell will be local calls but not calls from Munday to Seymour or Throckmorton.

"Prior to the start of Extended Local Calling, each call between these areas was billed separately as a long-distance call, and customers would see a long-distance charge per call on their monthly bills," said Danny Ferguson, Area Manager - Customer Operations, Plains district.

"Now, these calls are equivalent to local calls, and all customers in the towns having the new Expanded Local Calling (ELC) must now dial even digits, both for lo-

cal calls and ELC calls," explained Mr. Danny Ferguson.

The implementation of this seven-digit service may require modification to some telecommunications equipment such as fax machines, speed calling, PABXs, key system, automatic dialers and other equipment that may restrict or automatically dial long-distance numbers.

Customers are not required to take any action to take advantage of the new service offering. Once extended calling is operational, it will no longer be necessary for customers to dial "1" before the number when placing calls between these communities, but you must dial all seven digits for local and ELC calls.

This is a result of balloting which took place in the Haskell telephone service area under the rules of Senate Bill 632 and the Public Utility

Commission Rule 23.49 (c). Under those guidelines, certain communities were allowed to petition for extended toll-free local calling to nearby communities.

A per-line increase in the total monthly bill of \$3.50 for residential customers and \$7.00 for business customers will be assessed to customers in Haskell for the added service. The charges will be listed as "EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING" in the tax portion of the telephone bill. Customers in Munday (Continued on Page 8)

Varsity Mogulettes bask  
in district victories

On Tuesday night the Munday Mogulettes hosted the Roby Lady Lions. The Mogulettes led 29 - 23 after three quarters but broke the game open in the fourth period by outscoring Roby 20 to 10 for the 49 - 33 win. The girls did a great job of controlling the game, especially on the defensive end of the floor.

Scoring for the Mogulettes was Kizzie Shields - 6, Ambra Welch - 20, Jennifer Yates - 2, Briana Alexander - 1, Erica Gray - 7, Andrea Brown - 8 and Brandi Hall - 5. Brandi led the team with nine

rebounds and Kandis Longan led the team with three steals.

On Friday night the Mogulettes traveled to Aspermont. The Mogulettes jumped out to an early 8 - 0 lead before Aspermont cut the lead down to 14 - 12 to end the first quarter. The girls had stretched the lead out to six points at the intermission, 23 - 17.

The start of the second half saw Aspermont cut the Munday lead to two points before the Mogulettes pushed the lead back up to seven. "The entire fourth quarter seemed like it was played on their end of the court but the Mogulettes prevailed with a one point victory 39 - 38," stated a (Continued on Page 6)

Munday Little  
League to  
hold meeting

The Munday Little League will have an organizational meeting Thursday, February 6 at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the board of directors and make necessary plans for the upcoming season.

Musical Performance to benefit  
Knox County Aging Center

The sounds of country music will fill the Knox County Aging Center on February 8 at 7:00 p.m. when a group of area musicians combine their talents to help raise needed funds for the Knox County Aging Service.

Bringing their renditions of old and new country music will be Mr. Norman Anderson on guitar and vocals, Mrs. Tamara Weeks on guitar, Mr. Andy Charo on bass guitar, Ms. Kimi Moon on drums and vocals, Mrs. Cynthia White on flute and vocals, and Mr. Jay White on guitar, vocals, and fiddle.

The Aging Service is located at 601 North Avenue F in Knox City and is a much appreciated and needed gathering spot for the area's senior citizens. The Aging Service provides meals for seniors in Goree, Truscott, Vera, Rhineland, Munday and Knox City and also holds game nights and other activities in an effort to provide senior citizens with entertainment and personal contact.

The benefit will begin a 7:00 p.m. with donations taken at the door. All ages are welcomed to attend and help support this worthy cause.

Parents to get math  
tips at workshop

Parents of elementary students in grades one through six can get tips and advice on how to help your children learn math when the PTO and Munday Elementary School combine to present a Parent Math Workshop.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Teachers assisting with the Workshop

will be Mrs. Edrington and Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Clairday and Mrs. Josselet, Mrs. Bunton and Mrs. Moeller, Mrs. Workman and Mrs. Bufkin. An overview of math curriculum expectations will also be presented.

This will be an excellent time for parents to learn how to help their children better understand the math process.

Elementary students qualify for  
Academic Performance Program

The following Munday Elementary School students have qualified to participate in the Motivation for Academic Performance Program sponsored by The Duke University Talent Identification Program.

They were chosen on the basis of high reading and/or math scores on the recent Texas Assessment for Academic Skills tests.

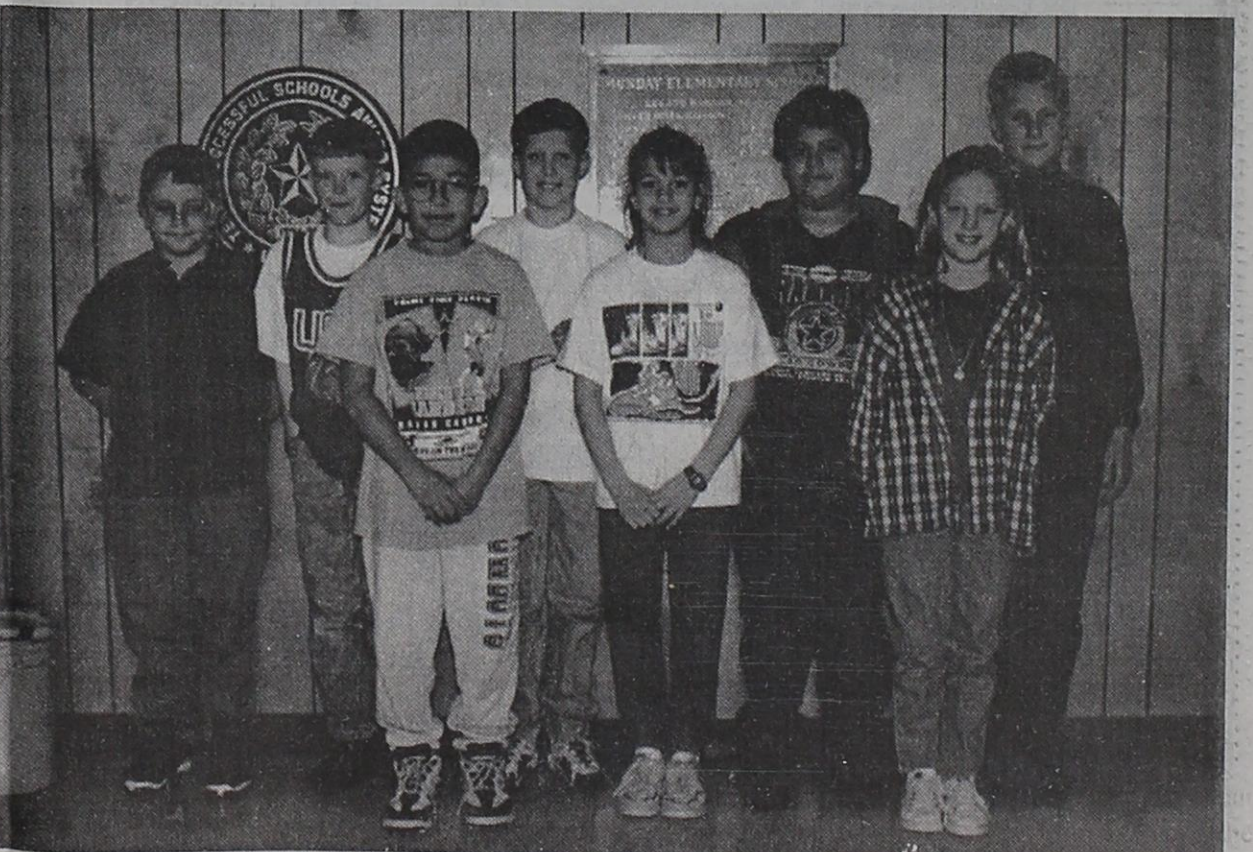
Fourth and fifth grade students who qualify and choose to sign up for this program will receive a Certificate of Achievement and

guides to academic programs. MAP focuses on bright fourth and fifth graders and strives to assist with the development and encouragement of their academic talents.

Three students qualified in both math and reading. They were Aaron Loftin, Justin Lowe and Marti Lowe.

Other students qualifying for the program are Lindsey Wilde, Michael Wilde, Eleazar Mendiola, Cody West and Ricky Escamilla.

Congratulations to these fine students.



MUNDAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS who have qualified to participate in the Motivation for Academic Performance Program sponsored by Duke University Talent Identification Program are (from left) Michael Wilde, Aaron Loftin, Ricky Escamilla, Justin Lowe, Lindsey Wilde, Eleazar Mendiola, Marti Lowe and Cody West.



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by Cynthia White

We were sitting at the dinner table one night about three years ago when the whole ordeal began. We were merrily laughing and I was serving up chicken fried steak, mashed taters and gravy to an adoring family when our chuckles were rudely interrupted by the ringing of the telephone.

Upon answering the phone I became acutely aware that the party on the other end of the line was of foreign persuasion - I could barely understand what they had to say. They were, however, quite persistent and I soon realized that they were offering me a money saving's opportunity.

"Mrs. White, did you know that our company, Trans World Phones, could save you five cents per minute on long distance calls?"

Now it doesn't take a college graduate to realize that this could be a substantial savings to one who talks long-distance as much as I do, therefore I readily accepted the offer. Not only would I be saving money but they offered me a fifteen percent off coupon for my first month's bill. How could I refuse? I hung up the phone feeling as if I had just struck a deal similar to the one's that J.R. Ewing use to make on "Dallas" and I was even feeling quite good about helping out that poor little "professional telemarketer" who was trying to make a living in our bountiful country. I did receive my coupon and I did use it on my next bill.

About one month later our phone rang again just at the precise minute that I was about to put my first bite of dinner in my mouth - this time my husband answered.

"Mr. White," the calling party said, "We have records that show you switched your long distance company from our company to another about one month ago. Why did you do that?"

My husband quickly explained that it was a money matter - we could save five cents per minute! The "professional" on the other end asked, "Did you ever stop to think to call us and ask us to reduce your long distance charge by that amount?"

How dare he, thought my quick witted spouse, and he asked back, "Did you ever think to reduce my bill by that much or call and offer me the same opportunity?"

The caller then offered my husband a savings plan on our calls and would even send him a new sweat shirt with the phone company's logo embroidered on it if we would just change back. We did. A few business days later my husband was proudly sporting that sweat shirt.

The next call came from an entirely different phone company just two days later. This new company offered me something that every woman would jump at - a \$50.00 check to use on my next phone bill or I could cash it and use it any way I wished. The day I got that check in the mail I was off to my favorite discount department store. This was getting better and better.

Soon we were holding free tickets to Six Flags just for switching to another company. We really enjoyed our trip - the kids had a great time!

Then there was a decorative tin filled with chocolate chip cookies from another company, three magazines subscriptions for one

year from another, and four CD's plus a personal stereo unit from yet another. We were riding the waves and reeling in the deals.

One sunny afternoon I was looking over our pictures of the Six Flags trip when the doorbell rang. At the front door I found an angry telemarketer turned "representative" from one of the companies demanding a check from me for \$4.55 - 15% percent from one of my phone bills that had been deducted for changing companies. "Mrs. White, you only stayed with

our company for two weeks - that is against our rules - you owe me money," he stated in strong words.

Oh, well, what is \$4.55? I gave him a check and he left, but soon the doorbell rang again. This time the representative walked right in and snatched up my favorite three magazines while stating almost the same words that the first visitor had uttered.

He was followed by yet another representative who wanted my husband's sweat shirt (I was glad it needed washing!) and another

who took my \$50 worth of purchases! The straw that broke the camels back was the man who demanded my Six Flags pictures but the one who chased my toddler down the hall trying to retrieve a cookie was probably the most rude.

My question is, "Alexander Graham Bell, do you know what you have created?" To that question I might add, "Do you think that these telemarketer's could be so kind as to not interrupt our meals?"

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All requests for applications must include the student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of high school, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1996-97 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 11, 1997. One hundred and seventy-five (175) winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$175,000 will be awarded.

## Munday Elementary math teachers attend workshop

Teachers at Munday's Elementary School attended a math workshop on January 15 which was led by math consultant, Grace Stasny. The topic was "Logical Approach to Problem Solving" and was part of the Munday Elementary School Education Incentive Award.

The purpose of this staff development training was to provide math teachers with strategies and methods to increase student performance in solving math word problems. Math word problems are the weakest area of math performance for all Texas students.

As a follow-up to this workshop, parents are invited to a Parent Math shop on January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary school. The workshop will inform parents of class expectations and ways to help child home.

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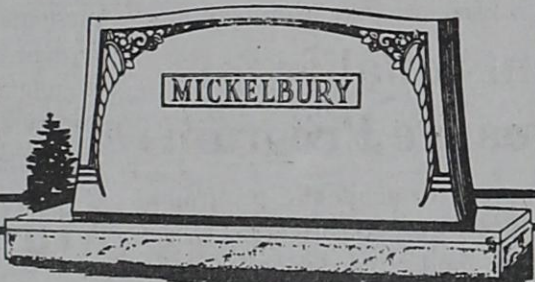
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## PTO's Elementary School Teacher of the Week

Munday High School has turned out many fine athletes who have gone on to become fine teachers. Among them are Munday's own, Mary Jane Kuehler, Physical Education teacher to all students in Kindergarten through grade six at Munday Elementary School. Ms. Kuehler is also a graduate of Midwestern State University and holds a Bachelor of Science in Education.

Ms. Kuehler, who lists her hobbies as crafts and collecting gingerbread men and women, taught in the Rochester ISD for two years where she served as English and Spanish teacher for students in the ninth through twelfth grades prior to becoming employed by the Munday ISD. She has taught here for five years, three of which were spent as Language Arts, Reading and Study Skills instructor for the seventh and eighth grades and is now in her second year as PE teacher at the Elementary School.

Teaching CCD in Rhineland and acting as official clock keeper for MHS during basketball season keeps her busy while not in the classroom.

Ms. Kuehler states, "I enjoy teaching because of the children. They make your days enjoyable and quick. I hope to teach all children that they should get exercise not only because they need it, but also because it is fun. I want them to learn useful skills and fun activities that they can use later in life."



## Cattle Raisers celebrate 120 years of service to cattle industry

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will mark its 120th year of service to the cattle industry in 1997. To celebrate, the annual convention and trade show will be held in the home of association headquarters - Fort Worth, a city famous for its cowboy influence and Old West heritage. About 3,000 cattle raisers and their families are expected to attend.

The 120th Anniversary Convention and 22nd Annual Trade Show, March 23 - 26, will offer the best in education and entertainment and provide an excellent forum for policy-making and information-sharing, says TSCRA President Chaunce O. Thompson Jr., a rancher from Breckenridge.

Business meetings, the trade show, a silent auction and various

entertainment events will be held at the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Convention Center.

On Monday, Dave Thomas, founder and spokesman of Wendy's fast food chain and star of their popular TV commercials, will share his unique and inspiring success story during the kick-off luncheon.

Tuesday's luncheon speaker is world-renowned author, consultant and humorist Doc Blakely, who will offer light-hearted advice for improving business.

Agricultural economist Bill Helming will share his economic forecast for the beef cattle industry. He will also discuss the current government beef grading system and tell why he thinks it should be eliminated.

Convention-goers will also hear from John Hill Jr., former Texas secretary of state, Texas attorney general and chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, and Max Deets, president-elect of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association from Beloit, Kansas.

Governor George W. Bush has been invited to share his insights on important state issues, particularly property tax relief and water policy.

Current issues involving agricultural research, animal health, theft prevention, state and federal legislation and natural resources will be discussed in committee meetings.

This year's trade show will feature exhibitors from across the country showcasing the latest advancements for the ranching industry. An added feature this year is the Cattle Raiser's Trading Co., which will offer an assortment of western merchandise with a TSCRA theme.

A lively entertainment agenda is also planned for the four-day event. On Sunday night, TSCRA Foundation will hold a gala and

silent auction, featuring country and western star Jo Dee Messina. Texas actor Barry Corbin, well-known for his role as Maurice on the TV show Northern Exposure, will perform a one-man show as legendary rancher Charles Goodnight at a dinner theater

Monday night. On Tuesday, cattle raisers can kick up their heels to the tunes of The Johnnie High Country Revue.

For more details and registration information, call TSCRA's Marketing and Membership Services Department at (817) 332-7064.

### Card of Thanks

*Thank you for the wonderful tribute you gave to Truman Cypert. Your expressions of love through your attendance, cards, the flowers, food, and phone calls were greatly appreciated. Most of all, we thank you for the comfort that we received through your prayers.*

*Friends are treasures you keep forever.*  
Maxine Cypert  
J.B. and Sharon Rutherford  
and Families

## University Honor Roll includes Munday student

Midwestern State University had 563 honor students listed for the fall 1996 semester. The Dean's List consisted of 178 students and 385 made the University Honor Roll.

To make the Dean's List, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than an "A".

To make the University Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and no grade lower than a "C."

The 12-hour course, requirement does not include courses in physical education developmental courses in English and math, freshman seminar or marching band. In addition, the student can not have a semester grade of I, WF, or NC.

Katherine M. Worrell Cook, a student from Munday, was included on the University Honor Roll.

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## Vera News

by Mrs. Thelma Coulston

Claudell and Mary Bratcher were in Bowie Sunday where they visited with her sisters, Mrs. Edith Blanton and Mrs. Flo Bratcher and daughter, Shannon and with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ellis.

Mrs. Robbie Feemster visited during the week-end with relatives, Jason and Justin Overcash, Laura Tucker of Abilene and baby, Sibyl Ridley, and family who were all visitors in the home of Mrs. Ruby Elliston and family in Woodson.

Sunday visitors in the Jerrell Trainham home were Toby and Eva Ann Crooks of Seymour.

Mrs. Maurine Parris was a recent visitor in the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matlock in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Catherine Smith, Mrs. Mary Bratcher and Mrs. Melba Parham will be the hostesses for the community dinner to be held this Friday evening, January, 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at the community center. You are invited to attend, bring a covered and enjoy the visiting.

Tasha Rose Patterson spent last week in the home of her great-grandmother, Mrs. Violet Patterson.

Brianna and Tanner Thomas of Woodson were visitors in the home of their grandparents, Billy and Betty Kinnibrough.

Andy Beck has returned to his job with a seis-mo-graph crew on the Gulf of Mexico.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



January 30 - Todd Herricks; Rhiney & Reba Redder.

January 31 - Johnny Birkenfeld, Nancy Shahan, Kristen Hunter.

February 1 - Douglas Moore.

February 2 - Jamie Welborn, Janice Albus, Randy Haines.

February 3 - Jackie & Christy Workman.

February 4 - Melinda Hawkins, Todd Meers, Chelesa Booe; Cody & Michele Josselet.

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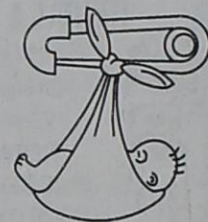
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Cost is \$12.50 per heart. Your Valentine will appear in the February 12th issue of The Munday Courier.

Deadline is at noon, Monday, February 10.

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## Rhineland resident's mother celebrates 95th birthday

Anna Henscheid was honored by her family in observance of her 95th birthday at Muenster when an Open House celebration was held in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Rufus and Betty Henscheid from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, 1997.

About 116 guests attended and were served a buffet of pickup foods. Another table held the punch bowl and an assortment of desserts. Centerpiece for the foods table was the decorated birthday cake made by Betty Rose Walterscheid.

Anna Henscheid's five children and her grandchildren attending included Rufus and Betty Henscheid; their children and grandchildren: John and Rose Henscheid, Jackie Darell and



ANNA HENSCHIED

Michelle of Muenster; Janet and Ronnie Hess, Stephanie, Jeff and Travis of Bridgeport; Gary Henscheid and Joyce Lee of Denton; Sharon and Michael Hermes, Keith and Kelsey of Lindsay.

Verena and Gerald Metzler; their children and grandchildren: Mark and Susan Metzler and Scott; Jerry and Glenna Metzler, Christina, Stephanie and Allison all of Lindsay; Debbie and Tim Voth of Fort Worth.

Florence and John Kelley of Fort Worth; their children and grandchildren: Jeff and Sheila Kelley, Adam, Shannon and Michelle of Fort Worth; Matt Kelley and John of Arlington.

LuRose and Albert Schumacher

of Rhineland, their children and grandchildren: Catherine and Michael Daniel, Neal, Amanda, and Mary of Vernon; Douglas and Shannon Schumacher of Fort Worth.

Ted and Carol Henscheid of Muenster, their children and grandchild: Curtis Henscheid of Fort Worth; Brad and JoAnna Henscheid of Muenster; Amy and Frank Poop and Nicole of Lindsay.

Another grandchild Julie and Gregg Walterscheid, Eric, Alexandra and Hillary of Lewisville.

Others attending were Anna Henscheid's sisters, Marie Zimmerer, Magdeline and Raymond Zimmerer of Lindsay; her twin sisters Armella and Gus Lutkenhaus and Marcella and Paul Fetsch of Muenster; and her brother Urban Flusche of Dallas. Also sisters-in-law Hazel Flusche of Dallas.

Also attending were a number of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends from Muenster, Lindsay, Fort Worth, Gainesville and Richardson.

Anna also received many phone calls and cards from those unable to attend. Grandchildren Laura (Kelly) and John Cast and three children of Temple; and Stephen and Selene Schumacher of Dodge City, Kansas had visited their grandmother weeks earlier.

Pictures were taken of the celebration, and the group enjoyed much visiting. When someone suggested to Anna that since it was such a beautiful day, she should have had a parade in a buggy drawn by horses. Anna was quick to reply, "Oh, no, I would not want horses; it would need to have a motor; I like cars better!" Surrounded by her children and grandchildren, Anna was the proud recipient of the Happy Birthday song. Playing the piano for that, and more requested songs, was Anna's cousin, Joe Hoeng of Muenster (brother of Emma

Fetsch). Anna Henscheid was born January 4, 1902 in Pilot Point to Joseph and Mary Koelzer Flusche.

## Grant to provide transportation for elderly/disabled

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking qualified applicants to receive a Federal Grant to provide transportation for elderly and/or disabled persons. The program known as Section 5310, provides funds to private, non-profit organizations, public entities, and associations.

The program provides up to 80 percent of the cost for capital equipment such as buses, vans, and other paratransit vehicles used to transport elderly and/or disabled persons. Also included are the purchases of vehicles for service expansions, radio and communication equipment, wheel chair lifts and restraints, and vehicle rehabilitation. The funding is appropriated by the Fe Government under the Federal Transit Act.

Qualified projects will be selected for funding by TxDOT using quantitative measures such as coordination efforts, ability to meet service needs of elderly and/or disabled persons based on passenger trips per month, local match ability, hours of operation, ability to maintain equipment, average fleet mileage where applicable and average fleet age where applicable.

Organizations within the Childress District that are interested in receiving an application and are located in Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley, and Wheeler counties should contact Tonya L. Cummins, Texas Department of Transportation, 1700 Avenue FNW, Childress, TX 79201-0900 or phone at (817) 937-7164.

## Protecting your social security record

by Patty Brandt, Social Security Resident Representative, Vernon, Texas

Because Social Security is automatically deducted from your paycheck, you may not realize that there are other steps you should take to assure that the money will be there for you when you retire, if you become disabled, and to your family if you should die.

When you work, your employer deducts the Social Security taxes from your paycheck, adds a matching amount, and sends the taxes to Internal Revenue Service and a report to the Social Security Administration. By the end of January, you should receive a W-2 form stating the amount of wages the employer paid you during the year that you can use to file your own income tax return. If you do not receive the statement, you should contact the employer.

When you receive your W-2 form, check it for the correct name and Social Security number. Compare the number and name shown on the W-2 with the information on your Social Security card. Report any discrepancies to your employer and local Social Security office right away. Uncredited earnings could adversely affect your future eligibility for benefits, as well as your benefit amount.

You should protect your Social Security number, the key to your Social Security account. The nine digit number identifies your account and permits Social Security

to credit your account correctly. If you lose the card, you can generally get a duplicate with a phone call. You should show your Social Security card to your employer when you start a job.

You should be sure to keep your Social Security record up to date. If, because of marriage, divorce, adoption, etc., you change the name you use for work or other official business, be sure to apply for a corrected Social Security card. And once you make the change, be sure to use the name consistently for work, banking, and filing income tax returns.

Finally, Social Security suggests that you check the earnings credited to your account at least once every three years. You can keep track of your account easily by calling and requesting a Personal Earnings and Benefit Statement. If you have the necessary documents showing your earnings, the correction can actually be made on line. If you wait longer than three years, it may be difficult to correct the earnings record using the employer's records.

It's important that you recognize your responsibility to safeguard your Social Security account. The bottom line is that it may be your bottom line when you are ready to retire, or if you become disabled or die.

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## Munday High School keeps up with technology - goes on-line

The world is at the fingertips of Munday High School students. They now have an unlimited world of education just waiting to be pulled up on their computer.

In December of 1996, Munday High School went "on-line." A move that can open a world of information up to teacher-supervised students at the High School.

"We did this to keep up with technology," explained Principal Tommy Bibb. "It is really an amazing tool and there are unlimited possibilities on the Internet," he added.

Guided by computer instructor, Kim Bowman, students can now obtain information and photos for research papers right off their computer. "We have already helped some of our senior students gain information about scholarships and college programs that are available," she explained, "and some of the classes have used the Internet to gain pen-pals from around the world in a class on how to type letters and envelopes on the computers and print them out."

All students who use the service are supervised by a teacher and the computer has a "history" of it's user's and what they were able to access which allows an even

greater amount of supervision.

"We have been able to save money by going on-line. We now have a vast supply of research aids rather than having to subscribe to encyclopedia-type or library type programs, which can be expensive to obtain," explained Mr. Bibb.

Mr. Bibb would be glad to give the public a demonstration on how the tool can be used, however, it is not available for personal use. "We use the computer for educational purposes only," he reiterates.

Some of the other uses that students and teachers at Munday High School have discovered offered by the on-line service are education resources for the teachers themselves - giving them project ideas and lesson plan ideas and also an on-line homework helper for students - students E-mail a teacher in a different state and ask them for tips and pointers on homework assignments.

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-Alfred North Whitehead

In Massachusetts, welfare paid more than a job with salary and benefits totalling \$30,000 in 1995.

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digit zip code, we can mail them directly to your postal facility that distributes your mail. If we have five or less we then must separate

## High school boys power their way at meet

The Munday High School Powerlifters competed at the Seagraves Invitational Powerlifting meet this past weekend and took third place out of the ten teams competing.

Placing for the Mogul team were: Roberto Nunez - 1st - 920 pounds in the 148 class; Leo Zepeda - 1st - 655 pounds in the 123 class; DeShawn Hamilton - 3rd - 1060 pounds in the 198 class; Ramiro Nunez - 3rd - 805 pounds in the 148 class; Joey Valencia - 3rd - 645 pounds in the 132 class; Jacob Cabrera - 5th - 995 pounds in the 198 class; and Brant Reed - 8th - 545 pounds in the 165 class.

them by the first three digits of the zip code and gather them with others of the same first three digits. Those papers are mailed to a central location of those first three digits and then that postal facility then distributes them to the five digit zip. If you zip code does not fall in the five digit or three digit category, then it is gathered with others of the same situation. Those are separated into two bundles: in-state and out-of-state which go through different facilities before it gets to you.

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Michael Waggoner, Publisher

## Tidwell earns perfect Grade Point Average

David Tidwell, a first year student at Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine in College Station, earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Tidwell is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

Tidwell, the son of Joe and Claudia Tidwell of Munday, is a member of The American Association of Equine Practitioners, a member of The American Association of Bovine Practitioners and a member of the Student Chapter of The American Veterinary Medical Association.

Jennifer Tidwell, David's wife, is also a student at Texas A&M and the couple reside in Bryan.

Mrs. J.M. Tidwell of Knox City is the proud grandmother of David.

## Sharp delivers January sales tax rebates

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, today delivered a total of \$139 million in January sales tax payments to 1,085 Texas cities and 117 counties.

This month's payments to Texas cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in November at the start of the holiday shopping season, and reported to the Comptroller in December.


"The first sales tax rebates to cities and counties for 1997 are virtually the same as rebates for the same period in 1996, as the recent burgeoning growth of the Texas economy appears to be leveling off somewhat," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered city sales tax rebates totaling \$126.6 million, less than 1 percent above last year's January payments of \$125.7 million. Likewise, rebates of \$12.38 million to Texas counties also were less than 1 percent more than the \$12.37 million allocations in January 1996.


This period the city of Benjamin received \$46.87, Goree received \$408, Knox City received \$9,941.75 and Munday received \$4,041.05 for a total of \$14,437.67. During the same period of the current year Knox County received a total of \$16,446.62.

## Academic Decathlon to be hosted by High School

On Sunday, February 2, 1997, Munday High School will be hosting a Small Schools Academic Decathlon at 2:00 p.m. in the Munday High School Gymnasium. The Decathlon (or ACADEC) is a competition in which teams of 3 students compete to win scholarship money to be used after graduation. Each team will consist of one "A" average student, one "B" average student, and one "C" average student of any high school class level. The teams will compete against other schools in the subjects of mathematics, English, social studies, and science. The competition is held before an audience with a 15 second response time per question. The public is invited to "cheer on" the Munday High School ACADEC Teams.



### Wedding Announcement and Shower



Mark Wayne Bingham and Heather Lynne Yergensen were married January 4, 1997 in Overri, Utah. Mark and Heather honeymooned in Cancun, then returned to Munday where they reside. Mark is the Physicians Assistant for Knox County Hospital and Clinics. A Shower for Mark and Heather will be held Saturday, February 8, 1997 from 2-5 p.m. at 603 South 8th in Knox City at the Stewart's home. The shower is hosted by Dr. Barretto, Dr. Slavcheva, Kevin Ansley, Karen Stewart, Billy Newton, Gayle Hudson, and numerous staff at Knox County Hospital and Clinics. The community as well as Knox County Hospital, Knox County Clinic, Munday Clinic are cordially invited to attend. Mark and Heather are decorating with forrest green, with no particular theme at this time.

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**THE 1996-97 MUNDAY JUNIOR VARSITY MOGULETTE** Basketball Team consists of (standing from left) Crystal Zeissel, Nicole Urbanczyk, Amber Reed, Mandy Myers, Kandis Brown, Julie Clairday, Taneka Hamilton, Lois Reneau and Anna Waldrip. Kneeling are Laura Aguayo, Miranda Zeissel, Shareka Allen, Jessi Carlson and Angela Albus.

**THE 1996-97 MUNDAY JUNIOR VARSITY MOGUL** Basketball Team consists of (from left) Lane Murphy, Andy Anderson, Jason Key, B.J. Brown, Justin Gray, Chris Rocha, Mario Aguayo and Adam Garza.

## Mogulettes Junior High boys take victories from Knox City

(Continued from Page 1)  
happy Coach Curtis Gorforth. Scoring for the Mogulettes was Kizzie Shields - 7, Ambra Welch - 16, Laci Myers and Erica Gray - 1 each, Amanda Myers and Brandi Hall - 2 each, and Andrea Brown - 8. Anbra, Andrea, and Brandi each had 7 rebounds. The two wins brought the Mogulettes district record to 4 - 2. The win in Aspermont was crucial, it means we do not have to depend on other teams to help us reach the play offs, we control our own destiny at this point. Anytime you can win a basketball game in Aspermont, you have accomplished something. Andrea Brown, along with Brandi Hall, did a super job of playing post defense on the big girls from Aspermont. Their big girl inside did not score a point until the fourth quarter," explained Coach Gorforth.

The seventh grade boys defeated Knox City/O'Brien for the third time this year by the score of 28 - 22. The Munday Braves opened up the fourth quarter and sped to a fourteen point lead and held on to win at the O'Brien gym. Scoring for Munday were Chance Myers - 14, Chris Bibb - 6, Oscar Nunez - 6, and Jared Groves - 2. The seventh graders have two games remaining. They will play at Rotan and will also play Roby at Munday.

The eighth grade boys defeated Knox City/O'Brien at their gym 43 - 23. O'Brien scored first but the Munday eighth grade came back, went ahead, and never trailed again.

Scoring for Munday were Alan Albus - 13, Brian Urbanczyk - 13, Justin Key - 10, Nathan Neal - 6, and Johnny Dockins - 1. The eighth graders have two games remaining. They play Rotan on February 3 there and Roby on February 10 at home.

## Seventh grade girls defeat KC - eighth graders fall

On Monday night, January 20, the seventh grade girls defeated Knox City 31 - 22.

Scoring for the Munday girls were Megan Myers - 5, Laurie Welch, Delia Contreras and Angela Hager - each with 4, Kourtney Greenwood - 2, and Keramie Brown - 12.

On Saturday the girls competed in the Crowell Junior High tournament. The seventh graders defeated Vernon in the first game 32 - 13.

Scoring in that game for Munday was Megan Myers - 4, Laurie Welch and Cynthia Hunter - 2 each, Delia Contreras - 6, Keramie Brown - 18.

In the championship game the Mogulettes defeated Crowell 34 - 24.

In that game scorers were Megan Myers - 7, Laurie Welch - 8, Delia Contreras - 4, Alicia Herring - 2, and Keramie Brown - 13. The eighth grade girls fell to Knox City 22 - 24.

Scoring for the eighth graders were Christi Phillips - 4, Keisha Collier - 15, Jenny Rameriz - 2 and Nicole Allen - 1.

On Saturday the girls participated in the Crowell Junior High Tournament.

In their first game the Mogulettes outscored Vernon 34 - 22.

Scoring for the Mogulettes was Krisi Harlan - 2, Keisha Collier - 22, and Nicole Allen - 8.

In the championship game the

eighth graders lost to Crowell 30 - 22.

Scoring for Munday was Christi Phillips and Nicole Allen - 4 and Keisha Collier - 14.

## Calendar of Events

January 31 - Spur JV/Varsity Girls & Boys - There, 4:00.  
February 3 - Rotan JH, Girls Here/Boys There; Volunteer Fire Department; Band Boosters.  
February 4 - Rotan JV/Varsity Girls & Boys Here, 4:00; Lions Club; Brazos Valley Young Farmers.

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## Moguls drop games to Roby & Aspermont

The Munday Moguls finished the first half of district with a 2-3 record dropping both of last week's games to Roby and Aspermont.

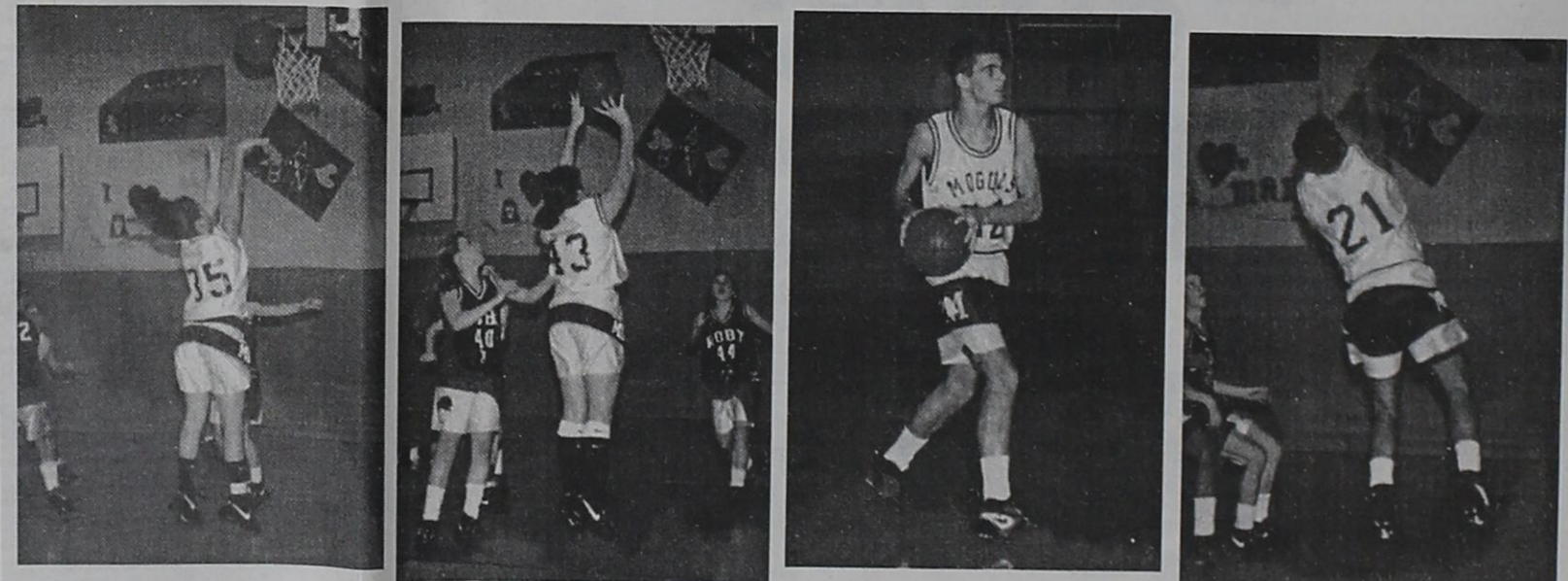
On Tuesday the Moguls could only muster 33 points to the Lions' 54. Jonathan Reagins dropped in 18 of the 33 points to lead the Moguls in scoring. Robby Vaughn had 6, Ricky Serrato 4, Eric Beatty 3, and Wesley Spells 2. The Mogul JV lost to Roby 22 to 45.

Munday traveled to Aspermont on Friday. The Moguls led at the half 26 to 25 and kept the 1 point lead at the end of the third, 34-33.

# MUNDAY BASKETBALL ACTION

|             |           |                                     |       |           |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| February 28 | Knox City | JV/Varsity Girls & Boys             | Here  | 4:00 p.m. |
| February 31 | Spur      | JV/Varsity Girls & Boys             | There | 4:00 p.m. |
| February 3  | Rotan     | Jr. High Girls - Here; Boys - There |       | 5:30 p.m. |
| February 4  | Rotan     | JV/Varsity Girls & Boys             | Here  | 4:00 p.m. |

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Wed. Feb. 5 - Beef stew, cheese sticks, 7-minute cabbage, corn bread, plum cobbler.

Fri. Feb. 7 - Hamburger steak, apple-celery salad, ranch style beans, broccoli, hot rolls, dessert.

\*\*All menu's are subject to change.

If you plan to join the group at Munday, call Louise Freuhwirth at 422-4191. At Goree, call Mrs. Allene Seale at 422-5292 the day before.

## County Aging Service holds executive meeting

The Knox County Aging Services held their executive meeting on Friday, January 24 at the Knox City Center.

The Executive Committee meets on the fourth Friday of every other month at 2:00 p.m. Any interested resident of the county is invited to attend these meetings.

Mr. Norm Anderson is in charge of presenting a musical for the center. The first musical for the year will be held at the Knox City Aging Services Center on Saturday Night, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to join this group for an evening of music and fun.

The fourth game night for the Munday will be held at the Perry Patton Center on Tuesday night, February 4th. Frances Cypert extends a welcome to anyone to come and play games. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite food or snack and game. Join this lively group for a buffet supper and great games.

In Knox City, games are played every Thursday night. This group meets in the Knox County Aging Center at 5:30 p.m. and share a buffet meal and games. They would like to see anyone come to this evening of fellowship and competition.

Many new activities are planned for the year. You are invited to join the congregate group for lunch. Lunch is served at the Knox City Center Monday through Friday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Munday and Goree sites serve lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. The group at Benjamin and Truscott have meals delivered to their sites on Tuesday and Thursday for each week.

For additional information concerning The Center and the activities planned in your area, please call 817-658-3618. \*\*\*

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## Making the Workplace More Friendly to Families

Every working parent I know is stretched to the limit. They say, "I just don't have enough time. The best thing Congress could do for me is add more hours to my day."

Unfortunately, we can't do that. But Congress can do the next-best thing. We can provide scheduling flexibility for people in the workplace so they can better manage what little time they do have.

On January 22, I sponsored legislation with Senator John Ashcroft of Missouri designed to make the American workplace more friendly to families by allowing workers the kind of flexible schedules that are prohibited by current law. The leadership in Congress has decided to make this bill a top priority.

Right now, hourly employees and their employers have few options. Hourly workers are not allowed to make the kind of common-sense scheduling arrangements that salaried workers take for granted. They can't, for instance, sit down with their supervisors and say, "May I work two extra hours on Friday so I can take off at 3 p.m. Monday to go to my son's parent-teacher conference?" To me, it is counterproductive for the government to stand in the way of such accommodation.

So the Family Friendly Workplace Act is aimed at hourly employees who would benefit from having a work schedule that meets the demands of their personal lives — a schedule that allows them to spend more time with their children while continuing to meet their professional responsibilities.

This legislation would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to give employees the option of either:

- \* Voluntarily receiving time-and-a-half compensatory time in lieu of overtime for hours worked in excess of 40 a week, or
- \* Making alternative, voluntary work-hour trade offs which allow workers and employers to devise creative schedules based on a 160-hour-a-month timetable.

In two-thirds of American households, both the mother and father are employed outside the home. Existing laws put these working parents in a straitjacket, effectively preventing the kind of time trade-offs that would allow them to host a scout meeting or to join a child's classroom outing. Flexible working schedules would make workers more content, more productive and more able to address the needs of their families.

Federal employees have been allowed to take advantage of flexible schedules since 1978, and time-and-a-half compensatory time off since 1945. People who work in the private sector should be able to enjoy this flexibility as well.

This legislation is a tool that lets hourly wage earners and their employers manage their time — and their lives — more conveniently. This is another installment payment on my commitment to getting government off the backs of ordinary working families.

## Munday student receives Human Sciences scholarship

The Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences awarded over \$217,000 to approximately 396 recipients for the 1996-97 academic year. Awards ranged from \$200 to \$2,000 for each recipient. Programs in the college include human development; family studies; early childhood; substance abuse studies, marriage and family therapy; family financial planning; merchandising; fashion design; clothing; textiles and merchandising; interior design; home economics; restaurant, hotel and institutional management (RHIM); food and nutrition/dietetics; environmental design and consumer economics; and home eco-

nomics education.

Dannette Owens was awarded the Human Sciences Scholarship. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Owens of Munday.

In the fall of 1996 approximately 2,200 students were enrolled in ten undergraduate, seven master's and six Ph. D. programs.

Area prospective students interested in studying in the College are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 41162, Lubbock, Texas 79409-1162. Applications are due February 15, 1997.

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Crystal is a 1995 graduate of Crowell High School and is a student at Texas Tech University. Shannon is a 1994 graduate of New Home High School and also attends Texas Tech University. Grandparents of the couple are Paul and Ila Mae Bullion of Truscott, Fran Fox of Shallowater, Richard Whitley of Lubbock, the late Bonnie Dishman of Crowell and Ethel Lynn Zant of New Home.

The couple will be married August 2, 1997 at the Forrest Heights United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

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## Inconsistent discipline can encourage tantrums

Parents who are inconsistent about disciplining their children are like slot machines.

"If a child throws temper tantrums and gets what he or she wants every now and then, that intermittent 'payoff' can encourage more tantrums," said Dr. Ernest Fruge, a psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

The same type of intermittent reinforcement motivates people to keep putting money in slot machines, he said, because they think

they may hit the jackpot on the next try. "If a parent's method of disciplining is inconsistent, kids don't know when a misbehavior will pay off, so they keep trying to win by misbehaving," Fruge said.

He advises parents not to spank or scold children for bad behavior.

"By definition, discipline means teaching, not spanking or punishment," said Fruge, assistant professor of family medicine. "The goal should be to teach children the right way to behave."

Spanking can teach kids that "might makes right" and to use physical force to get what they want instead of finding better ways to work out conflicts. "The message conveyed to the child is that when people don't do what you want them to, hitting them gets the desired result and is acceptable," Fruge said.

More effective ways to stop undesirable behaviors include taking away privileges and making a child take "time out" to calm down. Parents who use these methods demonstrate by example that nonviolent approaches can be used to solve a problem.

Children's misbehavior usually results from the frustration of not being able to do or have something. Parents should accept the fact there will be times when a child is going to act up and anger them, Fruge said. "Once parents realize their child is entering that zone of misbehavior, they should try to remain calm and decide the lesson they would like to teach their child, such as how to express frustration verbally instead of destroying property or hitting a pet or sibling."

Rehearsing appropriate behavior is another way to teach children what is acceptable. Tell a child who slams doors why this behavior is annoying, and have the child practice opening and closing doors normally.

Fruge said one of the biggest disciplining challenges parents face is to overcome conflicting messages conveyed by other people. The class bully who always gets what he wants by beating up other kids reinforces the idea that violence is rewarding. Many kids avoid reporting the bully to the teacher because they don't want to be called a "tattletale." Fruge said an adult analogy can help children realize there are times when seeking help from the authorities is necessary. "If a father were mugged on the street, wouldn't his son want him to report the incident to the police?"

Teaching appropriate behavior with positive reinforcement is the best long-term strategy for preventing misbehavior, he noted. Praise and affection can be strong incentives. Token systems can also be used to encourage certain behaviors. For example, give children stickers or points that can be tallied on a chart each time they clean their room, and let them trade these in for extra TV privileges or other modest rewards.

"A pound of prevention is worth a ton of cure," Fruge said, "but it takes a pound, not an ounce."



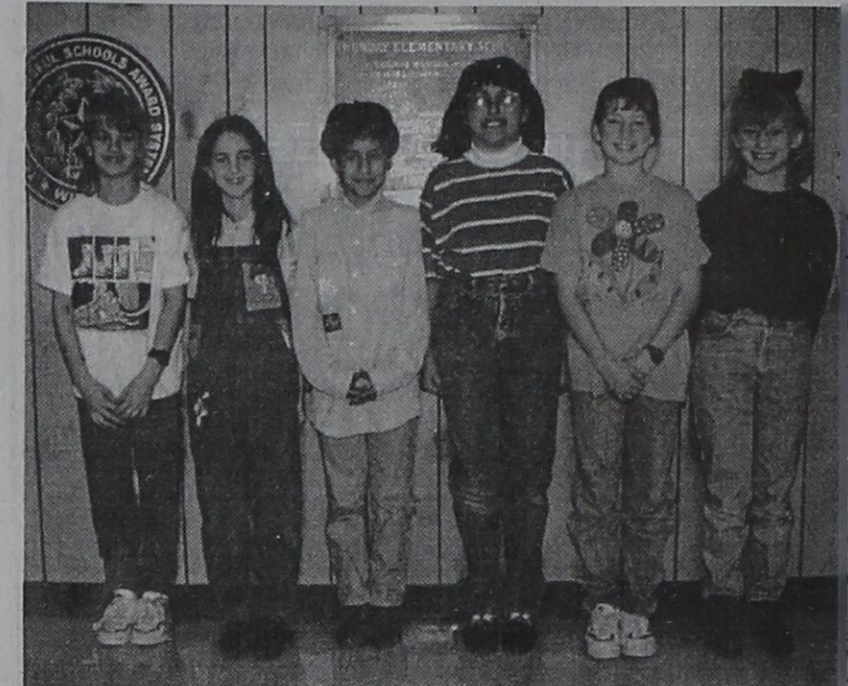
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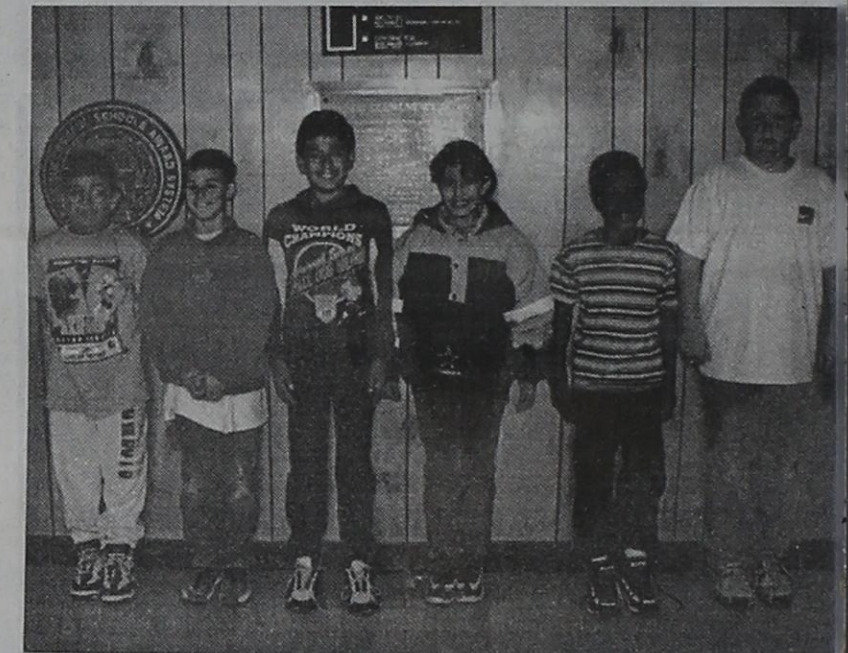
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