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**WHITE'S
Wagging
Tongue**

by Cynthia
White

Thanks to Jimmy Ray Albus for these flight attendant funies:

On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

On landing, the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane

"Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Ronald Reagan, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as heck everything has shifted."

From a Southwest Airlines employee: "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight 245 to Tampa. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite.

Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."

"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

"Should the cabin lose pressure, oxygen masks are in the overhead area. Please place the bag over your own mouth and nose before assisting children ... or other adults acting like children."

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Kelly Spiller selected as new Athletic Director for Munday ISD

After an arduous task of narrowing down 113 applications to a final five, the Munday Independent School District has hired Mr. Kelly Spiller as its' new Athletic Director.

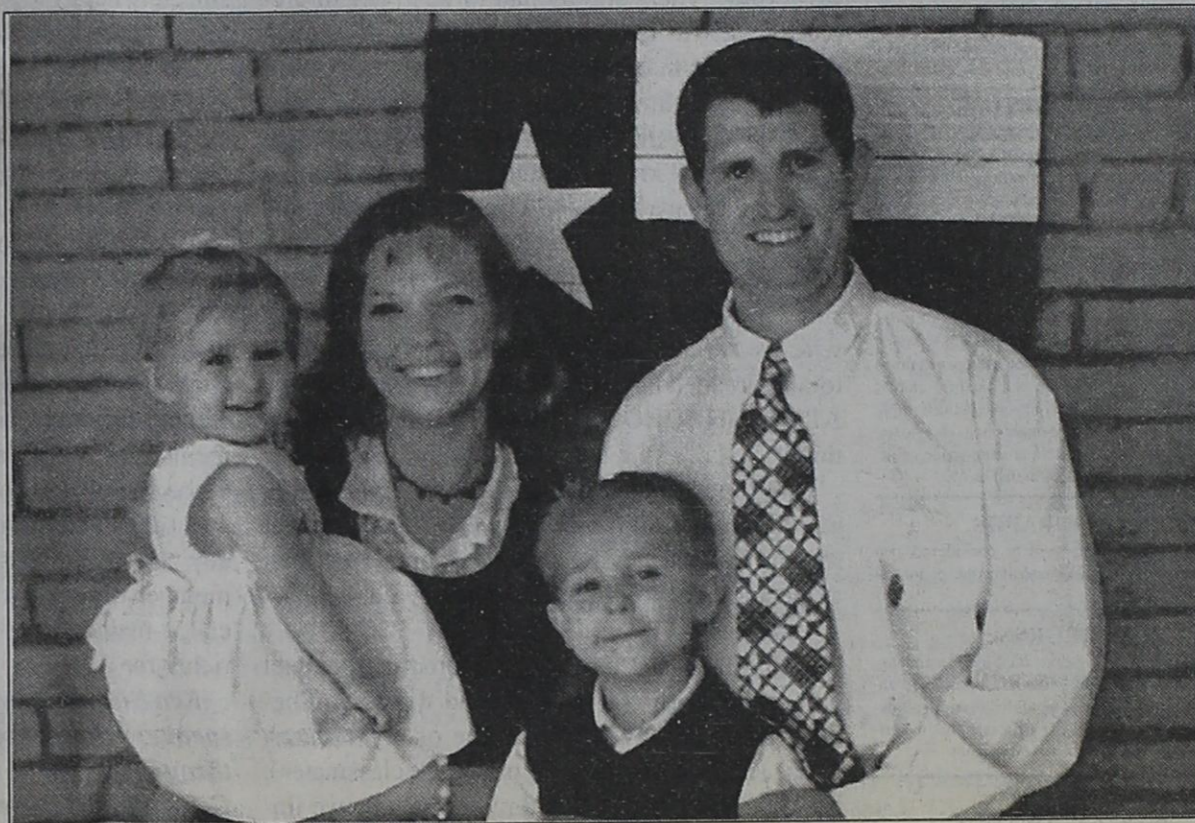
For the past three years Spiller has been teaching and serving as Offensive Coordinator in Del Rio, Texas. He was raised in Taylor, Texas where he was an honor graduate and letterman in three sports. He attended Angelo State University on an academic scholarship and lettered in football while attending the university. He then transferred to the University of Texas at Austin and received a BA in Microbiology - ending his schooling with a 3.52 grand point average. His other teaching and coaching assignments have included Sonora ISD, Magnolia, and O'Donnell, Texas.

Spiller's wife, Jennifer, is a stay-at-home mom tending to son Reagan, three years old, and

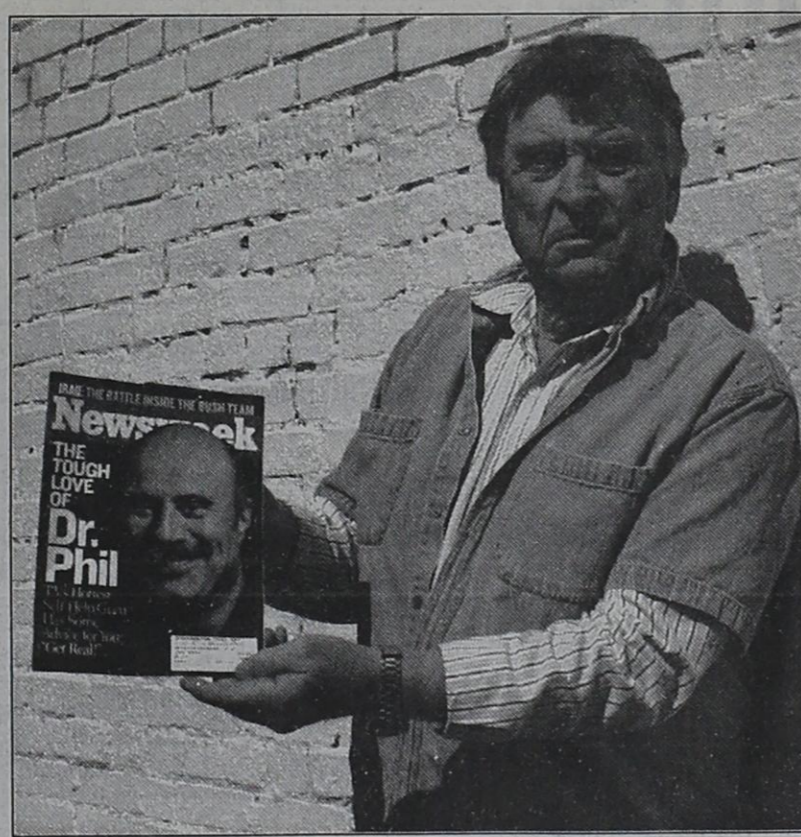
daughter Jillian, 1 1/2 years old.

"We are very excited about the future with Spiller serving as Athletic Director for Munday ISD," said Superintendent Robert Dillard. "He is enthusiastic, focused, and organized and he also comes highly regarded for his teaching abilities." Dillard also stated that to narrow the field down to thirty applicants was a difficult process due to the many outstanding resumes that were received by the school district. "We feel confident that we have selected a highly qualified and dedicated person to fill the position of Athletic Director at Munday Independent School District," he said.

Spiller will begin his duties next week. He plans to meet with coaches and students during his first week on campus and will implement his programs and introduce his philosophy on athletics at that time.



THE SPILLER FAMILY. Mr. Kelly Spiller and his family are anxious to make the move to Munday where he will take over the role of Athletic Director at MISD. Spiller's family members include Jillian, age 1 1/2, wife Jennifer, and son Reagan, 3.



Courier Digital Photo

TROY LINTICUM holds up a Newsweek magazine that features his former brother-in-law, Dr. Phil McGraw. Linticum has lived in Munday for approximately four years since retiring from the Civil Service. McGraw's parents and grandparents also hailed from Munday, Texas.

Dr. Rao to leave Knox County Hospital for teaching position at University of Oklahoma

Knox County Hospital district has received several grants lately, including a \$500 Health Information Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance grant from Four Winds RC&D, Inc. This will be used for the additional electronic equipment required by HIPAA to ensure patient privacy standards and to comply with recent mandates.

Another grant received by the District was a Small Hospital Improvement Program Grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs in the amount of \$9,763.39. This money will be used to purchase REGIMEN for Rural and community hospitals. This grant is geared to hospitals

with fewer than 150 beds. It provides operations manual templates and includes standard policies, procedures and form necessary for compliance with HIPAA.

Additionally, the District acquired funds from the Regional Advisory Council. EMS will be reimbursed \$2,872 of money spent upgrading pager systems. This includes seven hand-held radios with pager capabilities. These radios will ensure prompt response from emergency responders. Funds were also used

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"O.K. Listen up!" Dr. Phil has Munday ties

If you think you recognize a little of the twang associated with the vocal performance of T.V.'s hottest self-help Guru, Dr. Phil McGraw, and if you share some of his tough outlooks on life it just might be due to the fact that Dr. Phil inherited some "Munday Mogul" blood.

Joe McGraw and his wife, Jerri Stevens McGraw had four children - three girls and a boy. Both Joe and Jerri grew up in good 'ole Munday, Texas. Joe was a member of the Class of '43 and Jerri was a year or two behind. Joe is remembered by many in the community as a good friend and a pretty tough Munday Mogul.

After graduating from MHS Joe enlisted in the Navy. After his tour of duty he held various positions before becoming involved in the oil field industry - supplying oil rig equipment to companies around the country. When Dr. Phil tells the story he says that his dad was "miserable by the time he was 40." That's when the can-do attitude that Dr. Phil inherited kicked-in and the patriarch McGraw made an incredible move. He decided to study psychology and become a doctor.

Munday resident Troy Linticum remembers those times well. At that time he was married to Phil's older sister Deana and living in Oklahoma City. When the elder McGraw made the move to further his education Linticum's mother-in-law, the two other girls, and Phil moved in with the young couple. At that time Phil was a senior in

high school.

"He was very smart in high school and was able to skip a few grades," remembers Linticum. "He is just a brilliant person. He can talk to you for five minutes and know everything about you." he says of his former brother-in-law. "The guys got a heart of gold. Everybody that knows him likes him. He's a really good person," says Linticum.

Dr. Phil was also a good football player, muscling his 6'4" frame around on the field in high school and later as a line backer at the University of Tulsa. "He could eat like a horse," says Linticum. "When we would go to restaurants they were usually glad to see us leave," he jokes. "In fact, I ought to send him a bill for all the food he ate!"

Linticum also remembers traveling to Munday to visit his wife's grandparents and shopping at what use to be the old Beaty's Grocery Store.

However, one of his favorite memories of time spent with the now famous Doctor involves a visit to the Bahama Islands. "When we got there we rented a car but the owner of the vehicle told us not to drive it on the sand at the beach." But even those who grow up to be psychologist sometimes just can't resist having fun and it wasn't long before Linticum and Phil found themselves driving along on the sandy beaches of the island. "It wasn't long before we were stuck," remembers Linticum. "I got out to see what I could figure out and

Phil began driving forward and backwards in short spurts to try to get the car un-stuck. When I told Phil to put it in reverse he stuck the gear shift out the win-

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Area Catholics begin Holy Week Observance

Members of St. Joseph Church, Rhineland and Santa Rosa Church, Knox City will begin Holy Week with the Blessing of Palm and Procession to the church. This ceremony commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem. Highlight of the church ceremony is the meditative reading of the Passion. This

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Calendar of Events



Apr. 10 - School Board Meeting.
Apr. 14 - Munday VFD, Band Booster Meeting.
Apr. 15 - Lions Club.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



April 9 - Anita Hosea.
April 10 - Haley Hutchinson.
April 12 - Keith Cypert.
April 13 - Andera Hollar
April 15 - Nell Sloan, Bailey Hunter.

Knox County Aging Center

Munday & Goree Menu
Mon., Wed., & Fri.
Benjamin Menu
Tues. & Thurs.
Apr. 14 thru Apr. 18

Mon. Apr. 14th - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, carrot & raisin salad, hot rolls, dessert.

Tue. Apr. 15th - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, buttered potatoes, fried squash, salad, hot rolls, cobbler.

Wed. Apr. 16th - Turkey & dressing w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie.

Thur. Apr. 17th - Chicken casserole, macaroni & cheese, salad, light bread, ice cream.

Fri. Apr. 18th - **CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY.**

If you plan to join the group at Munday, call Louise Fruewirth 422-4191. At Goree, call Juanita Davis at 422-4208 the day before.



A Breath of Fresh Air

By Ken Nietenhofer

Was it Nostalgia—or More?

"True friendship is like phosphorescence--It glows best when the world around you goes dark"--Denise Martin

I have never enjoyed reunions--family reunions, work reunions, class reunions. And I must admit, I really, really wasn't looking forward to the last reunion I attended. It wasn't even one of mine. It was my wife's class reunion.

All the way down to Corpus Christi--three hours or so--I was trying to figure out how I could become a post, or part of the ceiling, or melt into a flowerpot. There simply had to be a way to prepare myself to tolerate not one--but TWO--class get-togethers in one weekend.

Saturday night would find us downtown at a banquet. What in the world would I do at a banquet where I would know NO ONE? And what about the next day--at a barbecue where I would still know NO ONE?

Oh yeah, I'm fairly good at small talk, so I reassured myself that I at least wouldn't embarrass my wife by acting weird or something. However, I totally dreaded having to endure a whole weekend AT A HIGH SCHOOL REUNION that wasn't even mine!

I could just imagine how everybody was going to attempt to outdo everybody else. "Hey look at me and how successful I've been" and "Hey look at me and how good I look" Ya-da-ya-da-ya-da---Blah!

Well, knock me over. We entered the banquet hall--along with 400 others. And would you believe it? Right away, I met one of my counterparts. (His wife was one of my wife's classmates). He and I must have looked rather lost, so we immediately hit it off. (And after several trips to the bar, he and I hit it off even better.) He was the first

of several new friends that I made that night. Not only that, but I ran into old neighbors of ours. (Didn't even know that she had attended the same school as had my wife) Old "home week." I hate to admit it, but I was having the time of my life.

You know what I DIDN'T SEE? I didn't see anybody trying to outdo anybody. I didn't see anybody trying to one-up anybody. I didn't see anybody trying unduly to impress anybody.

You know what I DID SEE? Old friends truly glad to see old friends. Long-time acquaintances sincerely happy to see each other. True friends with tears in their eyes when they departed the next day.

The difference? Maybe 9/11. Maybe Iraq. Maybe the realization that we won't live forever and that we had better grab all the goodness out of life that we can WHILE WE STILL CAN. Maybe the appreciation of how our lives are products of our parents, families and good friends. After all, what else IS there? REPEAT: What else IS there?

Was it nostalgia? To be sure, there was some of that. After all, none of us can turn back to clock--back to when we were young, carefree and rather stupid. However, nothing can prevent us from remembering those days--and they were good days. To be cherished. To be treasured.

Let those memories help make today your best day. After all, someday you'll look back and remember it as one of the good old days. Oh yeah, call, e-mail or write a friend. You'll forever be richer for it.

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Capitol Highlights

Amber Alert expands to electronic Lottery system

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — It's happened to most parents at least once or twice: One minute your child is there, the next moment he or she is not. Usually, they have not wandered far and are found. Or, in the case of an older child, they simply forgot to tell you where they were going. But for moms and dads the fear, however brief, is stomach-churning.

Hoping to reduce the chances of a Texas parent ever having to deal with the prolonged disappearance of a child, the state has expanded its successful Amber Alert program to include the 15,000 retail outlets that sell lottery tickets.

Under the new system, put into place by the Texas Lottery Commission with the help of its contracted vendor, GTECH, when an Amber Alert is issued, the name and description of the missing child will be distributed through the company's computer system. The information will appear on small pieces of paper that will look like lottery tickets.

The Texas alert system was set up last year. Since then, five alerts have led to the recovery of each of the children reported missing. Set up through executive order, the system is on the verge of being incorporated into state statutes by the Legislature.

Appropriations Committee approves budget...

The House Appropriations Committee approved a proposed budget last week that is still \$7 billion shy of the level needed to maintain current state services. Throw in federal funding and other sources, and the total state budget now taking shape will be about \$117 billion. But the budget, yet to be considered by the Senate, is still just a proposal at this point. Lawmakers continue to say that revenue shortfalls will be dealt with through cuts and state agency mergers.

Prison layoffs...

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will lay off 600 of its 40,000 employees as the state

continues to look for ways to save money in the face of a projected \$9.9 billion budget shortfall. The only good news is that the jobs are mainly administrative not related to security, and those who will get the proverbial pink slips will have an option of transferring into guard positions.

Home-schooled drivers...

Since 1996, Texas parents have had the option of teaching their kids how to drive rather than pay for a commercial behind-the-wheel course.

Last year, nearly a third of the state's new young drivers learned their motoring skills from mom or dad. Unfortunately, the number of vehicle crashes involving children who get this type of training has increased 140 percent during the seven-year period that it has been legal.

With that in mind, the Legislature is considering a bill that would require home-schooled drivers to pass a Department of Public Safety driving test before they can get their driver's license, which is the way it used to be. Taking the DPS test would cost \$5 under the proposed measure, Senate Bill 946 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan.

Bluebonnets...

Americans are dying in a war 7,000 miles from Texas, the economy is a mess and a killer respiratory disease is spreading in Asia, but the bluebonnets have bloomed.

The Texas Department of Transportation has a wildflower hotline for the latest information on the best places to see bluebonnets and other wildflowers along the state's highway system. The number is 1-800-452-9292.

Information is broken down by region: Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney Woods, Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas) and Southwest Texas, TxDOT sowed more than 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along the state's roadways earlier this year.

THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

By Adrin Fletcher

My neighbor brought over an old "Family" type Bible for me to look over recently. That reminded me of a story you might enjoy.

King James the First of England and the Sixth of Scotland was an interesting character. Maybe someday, we can go into some of his personal background. For now, I want to remind you that he instigated the translation of the Bible that we commonly call "The King James Version". James felt that the common citizens of England and Scotland should be able to hear the word of God read in their own language. He gathered a group of scholars and commissioned the translation of Biblical texts into English. The result of their work was published in 1611 as the "Authorized" version of the Bible. It was "Authorized" by King James. An important part of the king's plan was to make the Bible available to the common man. Very few of his subjects could read, but King James ordered that a copy of the Bible be available in every Parrish Church and accessible for study to every person in the land. As a result, for several hundred years, large editions of the Bible were published and displayed in every church. These Bibles came to be called Pulpit Bibles since they were usually left on the pulpit for public reading.

While living in Edinburgh, I met a young Englishman who had opened a furniture design and production shop in an old building located in an old part of the city. It turns out that the building he rented had served at one time as a Mission church for the residents of the surrounding slums. One back closet had never been emptied. He needed the space and invited me to come down and take away the contents of that closet.

It was filled with old religious books and paraphernalia that dated back over a hundred years. Of course, I was thrilled to relieve him of his burden. Most of the books were beyond repair, but I did come to possess several "treasures." Two pulpit Bibles had survived the stress of time and damp and soot. I took both home and began the process of cleaning and restoring them. One is still so fragile, I keep it boxed and protected from the light. The other started out as a sooty black volume with little to commend it. After liberal and repetitious applications of saddle soap, the cover revealed itself to be maroon leather with gold stamping. Encouraged by that revelation, I cleaned the edge of the pages and found them to be gold leafed as well. Published in Glasgow, Scotland in 1856, this Bible holds a featured position in my office today.

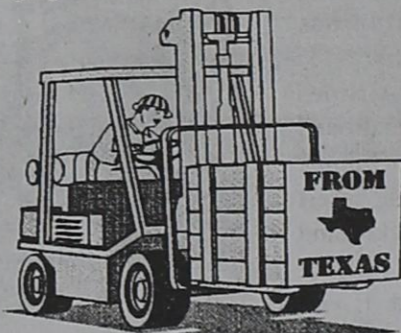
That old Pulpit Bible can be a lesson for us all. We, too, are often relegated to the closet of sin and self. The longer we stay, the dirtier we get. Eventually every outward sign of goodness and beauty is obscured by the accumulation of grit, grime and soot which the world bestows on us. Our hearts are invisible beneath the grime. Jesus came to be our savior. He provided the cleanser for our souls and the energy to make it work. Each one of us can experience the cleansing of the savior and become treasured inhabitants of His place. Are you anxious for that cleansing? Begin to read God's word, look for His plan for your life. It's Great To Be A Christian!



Keeping an Eye on Texas

Exporting Texas

According to the United States Department of Commerce, the Lone Star State is now No. 1 in exports. Texas products make up 13 percent of all goods that the U.S. sells to other nations. Last year, Texas exports totaled \$88 billion, mainly machinery, slightly edging California and New York.



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Local Munday Military members and those with ties to Knox County



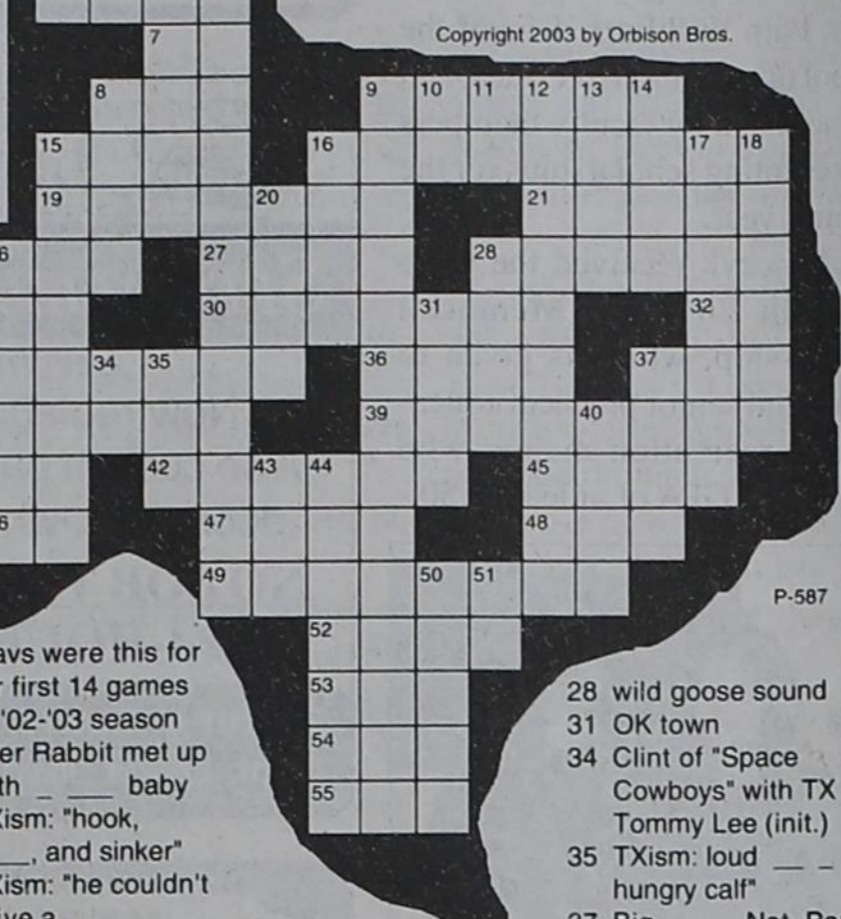
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- ACROSS**
- 1 what TXns do best
 - 5 graduation gown
 - 6 TXism: "chow ___ awhile"
 - 7 TX-based hotel chain: ___ Quinta
 - 8 ex-Cowboy Renfro
 - 9 dressed in jeans
 - 15 weather maker "El ___"
 - 16 Rangers manager Bobby (1985-92)
 - 19 TXism: "hard as putting up ___ a windstorm"
 - 21 famed Aggie coach ___ Bible
 - 22 ex-Cowboy CB Waters
 - 27 TXism: "___ together like chili and pepper"
 - 28 Travis Tritt's ___ Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)
 - 29 breakfast food
 - 30 TX-filmed "The ___ Heaven"
 - 32 he starred with TX Zellweger in "Jerry Maguire" (init.)
 - 33 govt. medical help
 - 36 this Heche was in "Wag the Dog" with TX Willie
 - 37 TXism: "chompin' at the ___"
 - 38 the best
 - 39 longtime Valley congressman
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- 1 sis's sib
 - 2 TX Tarzan Ely
 - 3 Taylor Co. seat
 - 4 "whoopie ti yi yo, ___ doggie"
 - 8 TXism: "got less than the widow's ___" (broke)
 - 9 TXism: "more than you ___ at"
 - 10 Rangers league (abbr.)
 - 11 dir. to Houston from Dallas
 - 12 Mavs were this for first 14 games in '02-'03 season
 - 13 Brer Rabbit met up with ___ baby
 - 14 TXism: "hook, ___ and sinker"
 - 15 TXism: "he couldn't drive a ___ a snow bank"
 - 16 many TXns fought in ___ nam
 - 17 meanly
 - 18 bet to pick the 1st & 2nd horse at Lone Star Park
 - 20 TXism: "horny ___"
 - 28 wild goose sound
 - 31 OK town
 - 34 Clint of "Space Cowboys" with TX Tommy Lee (init.)
 - 35 TXism: loud ___ hungry call"
 - 37 Big ___ Nat. Park
 - 40 "now you've gone and ___ it"
 - 43 "king" so of the border
 - 44 Mrs. Roosevelt
 - 50 TXism for "get going" (2 wds.)
 - 51 TX WWII hero Audie (init.)

Benjamin News
By Gladene Green

We do have a report on our friend, Bill Parham of Vera. Bill is now at the Hospice of Wichita Falls and having some pretty long days. He continues to get weaker but reports are that he takes each day well and is so thankful for the wonderful care and concern for him and his family that Hospice provides. If you would like to drop Bill and Milba a note, the address is:

Bill Parham, Hospice of Wichita Falls, In Patient Center-Room 4, 4909 Johnson Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76308
Phone # 940-691-7100

One Act Play Advances
It's on to the next level of competition for the cast and crew of the One Act play. Benjamin advances in area competition Sat. at Jayton. They go to Abilene Sat. 12th for the Regional Contest. Chance Propps was again named best actor. Jessica Moorhouse was named to the All-Star Cast and Michael Clower and Laura Benson received honorable mention. We're proud of all those kids and their directors, Bell Grill and Charles Steele.

Here 'n There
Kathy Tomlinson of Valley View spent Sat. with her folks Gloria and Leroy West.

Jammie Kay Liles of Longview visited her daughters, Shannon and Stacie Propps and their families during the weekend and attended the play in Jayton Sat.

Bud Conner and I attended the funeral of Dell Large in Knox City Sun. Mr. Large was the father in law of former Benjamin resident, Carol Clower. Sympathy goes to the Large family.


Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and Will and I were in Childress last Tues. night to see our grand kids and great-grandkids perform in a play. It had a jungle theme and four classes of girls and boys were dressed in animal suits and it was very well presented. After the play, my entire family met for dinner and an enjoyable time of visiting.

Supt. Ben Grill reminded me last week that we have two Benjamin graduates in the war zones. Eric Santisteven is in Afganastan and Lauren Reed Dalless is in Iraq. Laura is a Nurse and according to family members is right in the midst of the fighting. Please add these to your prayer list as we remember all of our young men and women who are involved in this conflict.

Del and Irv Tech of Wichita Falls visited me Sunday afternoon and evening.

The Church of Christ folks have just about got the First Christian Church building (which now belong to the Church of Christ) ready for services. I was over there the other day and it sure looks nice. They are working outside now, planting trees, pouring sidewalk, etc. It has been a pretty good project but the fruits of their labors is well worth it. We are proud for them.

Financial Focus
By Joe McMeans



How Long Should You "Park" Your Money?

The stock market dropped every year from 2000 through 2002. And today, with increased global tensions, a struggling economy and mixed reports on corporate earnings, the market outlook remains uncertain. Consequently, you may have taken a time out from investing and "parked" substantial amounts of your assets in certificates of deposit, money market accounts or other investments in which your principal is generally protected. But how long should you keep this "parking spot"?

You may feel that putting your money in these kinds of vehicles is a safe way to "ride out" the turbulent markets. And, in the current political and economic environment, the stability of principal offered by CDs and money markets is indeed a factor to consider. And yet, you'll need to be careful not to keep too large a percentage of your funds in these types of investments for too long. Why? Because you could run into problems you may not have considered.

To begin with, keep in mind that the longer you park your money, the less safe it is from the threat of inflation. In today's low-interest-rate environment, many fixed-income vehicles offer returns that barely exceed the inflation rate - if they exceed it at all.

Your first thought might be that inflation isn't much of a threat today. And it's true that, over the past several years, inflation has been quite mild, especially in contrast to the period of the late 1970s and early 1980s. However, although inflation has been low, it hasn't disappeared entirely - and, over time, even a low rate of inflation can add up, eroding your purchasing power. For example, in just 20 years, an annual inflation rate of four percent would drive the value of a dollar down to \$0.44.

Clearly, you can't afford to tie up too many of your investment dollars in vehicles that won't keep you ahead of inflation. But there's also another danger of "parking" your money for too long - the "opportunity cost" you pay for staying on the investment sidelines. Every "bear" market in history has ended, sooner or later - and the biggest gains in stock prices have usually been recorded in the first few months of a recovery. (However, you must remember that what's happened in the past doesn't necessarily indicate future results.) If you are still parked in money market accounts and CDs when the stock market turns around, you might miss out on growth opportunities.

So, given the dual needs of staying ahead of inflation and staying invested in preparation for a recovery, when should you think about pulling out of the parking lot? After all, neither you nor anyone else can predict the future course of the financial markets.

Here's the answer: Don't park - diversify. By keeping your investment dollars in a wide range of high-quality stocks, bonds, money market accounts, CDs and government securities, you can reduce the effects of market volatility and give yourself more chances to succeed.

Of course, your exact mix of investments should be based on your risk tolerance, your long-term goals and your time horizon. But even if you are, by nature, a conservative investor, you still won't want to keep too large a percentage of your assets stuck in fixed-rate vehicles. To achieve your long-term objectives, such as a comfortable retirement, you will more than likely need some exposure to stocks - the only asset class that, over time, has significantly outperformed inflation.

So, look over your investments carefully. Make changes when you need to keep your portfolio properly balanced, according to your needs and goals - but don't get stuck in "park."

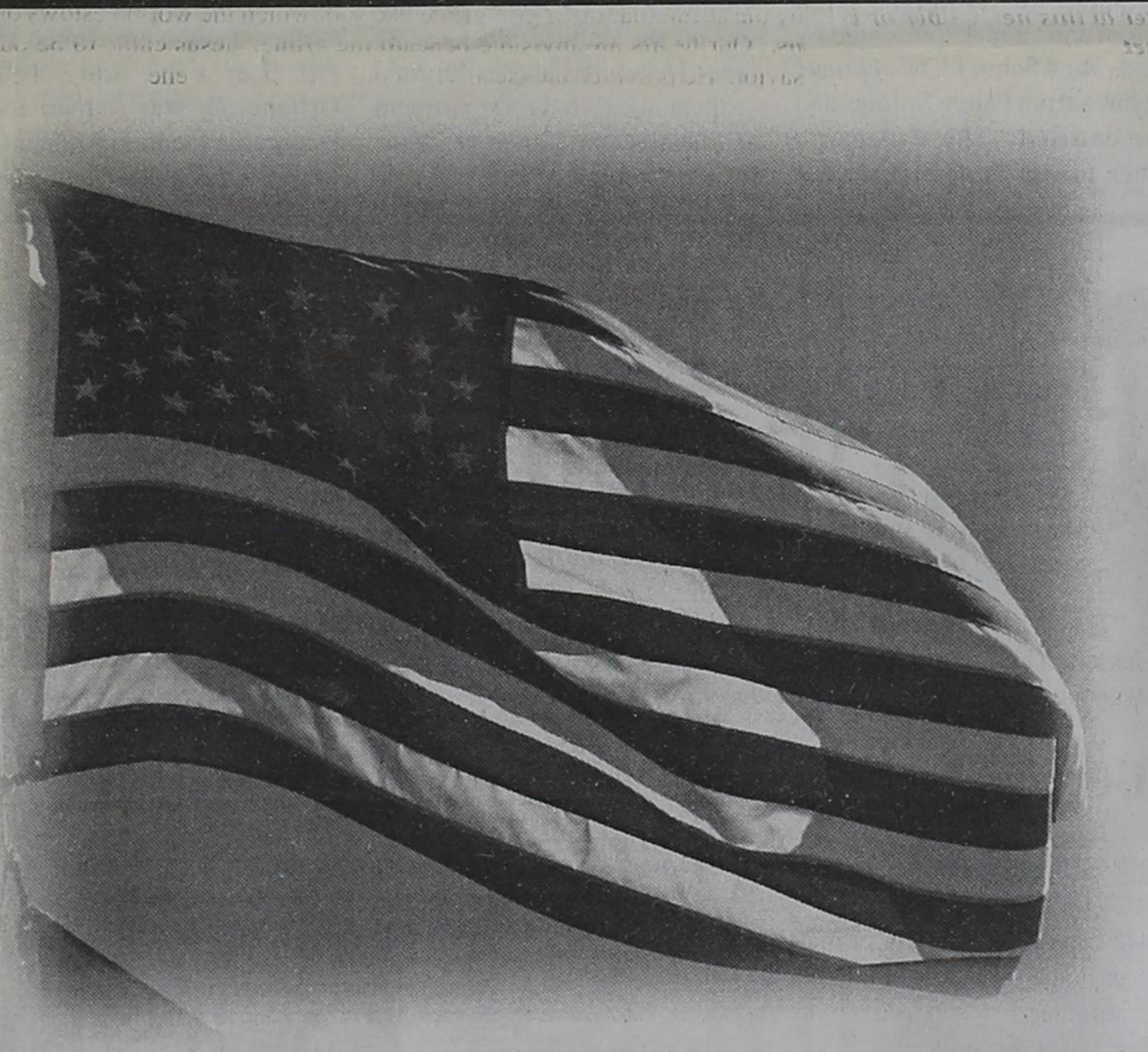
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Elementary Edition
THE HAPPENINGS AT MUNDAY ELEMENTARY

Campus Happenings

Thursday, April 3 students in grades 4 - 6 walked over to the high school to watch this year's OAP, Just Before Sleep. Teachers and students gave the performance two thumbs up! The fifth six weeks ended Friday, April 4th. Report Cards will be distributed Wednesday, April 9. Only 32 more school days left. WHOA!

AR Happenings

Students making AR goals were treated to sno-cones from the Sno-Shack. Owner Konnie Kuehler opened business to allow the students this special treat. Making his/her goal were Grade 1--Tatum Bufkin, Anna Campos, Juan Carranza, Lawrence Collier, Rylie Decker, Molly Denman, Jarrett Earle, Jarred Escobedo, Yadi Gonzalez, Jonathan Gressett, Ethan Griffith, Brandy Homstad, Darian Leija, Tanna Moeller, Mayra Ramirez, Heather Thomas, Mayte Torres, and Kaylan Urbanczyk.

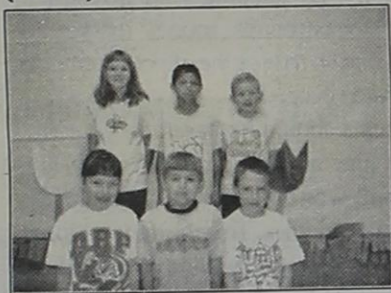
Grade 2-- Matt Booe, Tomas Carranza, Ryder Cude, Ryder Dillard, Kenya Docksins, Logan Groves, Jaeda Jordan, Dametric Masias, Jake Myers, Janie Ortega, Dee Paul, AJ Prieto, Karla Rangel, Karina Rangel, Kennedy Redder, Ryan Redder, Shannon Reeves, Aaron Searcey, Trey Stinnett, Tori Thompson, Rodrick Taylor, Kylie Urbanczyk, Baliegh Weigand, TJ Wertz, Taylor Wilson, and Mark Yzguirre.

Grade 3 -- Holly Alexander, Kimberly Andrade, Katelyn Brown, DJ Castorena, Eduardo Chavez, Makebra Collier, Dylan Cooke, Chelsea Ford, Jose Gonzalez, Morgan Griffith Griffith, Morgan Hendrix, Adrian Hernandez, Kristen Kuehler, Rita Martinez, Alyssa Moore, Lindsey Myers, Kirstie Thorn, and Lee White. Grade 4 -- Andrea Angerer, Diandra Avalos, Calder Cude, Sanjuana Diaz, Rian Dillard, Kylie Kingston, Will Kuehler, Maca Monasterio, Angel Navarrette, Cody Reece, Chace Thompson, Bo Tyra, Diana Torres, Kyler Urbanczyk, Tiffany Wertz, and Amber Williams.

Grade 5 -- Jonathan Birkenfeld, Tanya Gray, Kayla Hernandez, Emiliano Lara, Mariela Martinez, Candy Mata, Andres Mateos, Kimberly Myers, Taylor Stewart, Anali Torres, Brittany Waggoner, and Sherrie Williams.

Grade 6 -- Ezequiel Carranza, Marcie Cherry, Keith Cypert, Geoffrey Cude, Kobie Decker, Rob Dillard, Kristen Hunter, Leslie Flores, Kalee Josselet, Gary Mizer, Andrea Ramirez, Sarah Reeves, Abby Sanders, Danyelle Tyra, Ronnie Weeaks Jr., and Lari Dee Welch.

Top Point Earners were Ethan Griffith (28.9), Brandy Homstad (26.4), Grade 2 - Shannon Reeves (60), Ryder Cude (36), Grade 3 - DJ Castorena (52), Chelsea Ford (46.3), Grade 4 - Rian Dillard (27.8) Kyler Urbanczyk (24.1) Grade 5 - Emiliano Lara (41.1) Sherrrie Williams (29.1), Grade 6- Geoffrey Cude (173.8) and Rob Dillard (108.4)



TOP AR POINT EARNERS THIS SIX WEEKS! 1ST - 3RD GRADE (LEFT) AND 4TH-6TH GRADE (RIGHT)
Top Class was Mrs Chapman's with 570.1 and the school total is 12, 860 points -- less then 2,200 away from the 15,000 Dunking Booth Goal!!!

Class Happenings

Second graders were busy reading flow charts and measuring items in pounds. They also checked out the perimeter of shapes and gathered information needed to make an outline.

Pre-K did some tasty things for the letter P. They went to the park for a picnic. They read If You Give a Pig a Pancake, and in class they made pancakes. Letters Q and R made a quick run onto the coconut tree. Paige Ramirez and her grandfather Robert Hosea brought a baby cottontail rabbit for the class' enjoyment. The students played Alphabet Bingo and Memory Game. Bryan Castorna was great at writing his numbers while Kimberly Shanon and Kathryn Cude can recognize all the letters of the alphabet. Ross Denman and Rhealea Hendrix were teacher's helpers for the week.

Sixth grade reading classes read fairy tales and then wrote fractured fairy tales. Douglas Moore's was classed "a hoot" with the three little pigs taking a trip to Los Vegas and the wolf coming to knock their homes down with a monster truck. Fifth and sixth graders studied biographies and read the bio Sitting Bull and Jackie Joyner Kersee. Keith Cypert turned a dozen.

First graders learned about what gives heat and how heat changes things. The class also looked into different sizes like quart and gallon. Reading was compund words and social studies checked out bar graphs. Math Whizzes were Tatum Bufkin, Juan Carranza, Lawrence Collier, Yadi Gonzalez, Brandy Homstad, Paloma Perez, Mayra Ramirez, and Mayte Torres. Jarred Escobedo celebrated a birthday.

Third graders read Rudyard Kipling's "Rikki tikki Tavi" as part of a listening skill. Ask your third grader to retell you this story so that he/she can practice storytelling skills. Expository papers were written in English and newly acquired keyboarding skills will allow the students to type the "published copy". Some very interesting information for these papers was found in encyclopedias, books, and Encarta Encyclopedia on the computer. Teachers noted that ALL third graders are working hard and are very cooperative. Keep up the good effort to be and do your best.

Animal habitats were the Kindergarten theme for the week with students reading A House is a House for Me. Students also were tested on all letters, sounds, and sight word cards. Math studied measuring and writing identified sentence types.

Fourth graders had chicks hatching in art to go along with some really "egg-citing" Easter stories. TAKS reading and math practices have started, and six weeks tests were given.

Upcoming Happenings

Spinal Screening April 15, Easter Break Friday April 18 and Monday April 21, TAKS & ITBS -April 29, 30, and May 1 -- Pre-K & K Zoo trip -- May 9.



COURTESY PHOTO

Benjamin debate team wins silver medal

By Stacia Propps

Benjamin High School's Cross-Examination Debate Team, consisting of Chance Propps and Laura Benson, attended the State Meet at the University of Texas in Austin during Spring Break.

The team debated their way through a bracket of 55 other teams from across Texas to the final round. They were crowned State-Runners Up and received the silver medals.

The UIL makes special awards to the top five speakers of the 110 debaters. Chance Propps was named to this elite five.

On their way to the Silver Medal they debated teams from Rice, Rocksprings, Bruni, Iola, Highland, Nazareth and in the final debated Borden County.

RIF holds 2nd book distribution at Munday campuses

"Be a Sport -- Read a Book" was the theme of the second book distribution held at Munday ISD by Reading Is FUNDamental and MISD.

Reading is exercise for the brain, and elementary PE teacher, Mrs. Kim Kuehler, led the students through many book exercises such as rolling eyes, turning pages, and opening/closing books. Students also did 20 chapter jumping jacks, read a book sit-ups -- 1, 2 turn page, 3, 4 turn page. Then after making a hoop, pick a book, and read a page exercises. Grades 4, 5, and 6 also had some activity stations to keep brain fit with "books" being the first station.

At the high school campus, Principal Joe Mobley "officiated" the give away as local sport stars Jason Josselet, Justin Josselet, Jefferey Toliver, and Jeffery Urbanczyk dazzled the students with their "on the ball book brains"! What a winning team!! Other volunteers jogging on the scene to help were David Kuehler, Wes Pierce, Candice Docksins, Monique Hemphill, Marcos Sosa, Mendie Hendrix, Mandi Brown, Kelly Myers, Gwen Stinnett, Sherrie Williams, Rob Dillard, Tanya Gray, Lachesha Masias, Kimberly Myers, Larami Stewart, Anali Torres, Robert Dillard, and Dalyn Griffith.

Partners for the event were Reading Is FUNDamental (RIF) and MISD. All students in grades Pre-K through 12th were given the opportunity to choose a book of choice, as well as sport a bookmark. What a day for reading and fitness! Local RIF coordinator is Janet Dillard.

Urbanczyk honored with scholarship from Hardin-Simmons

Hardin-Simmons University student Nicole Urbanczyk of Munday, TX, was honored recently at the Irvin School of Education's special scholarship recognition program.

Dr. Pam Williford, dean of the school of education, presided, and was assisted by faculty members in presenting scholarships for the coming year.

Urbanczyk received the Otho M. Polk Endowed Memorial Scholarship, which is given to junior and senior physical education or recreation majors who maintain a GPA of at least 2.50.



COURTESY PHOTO

NICOLE URBANCZYK of Munday (left) with HSU professor of education Veronica Snow.

MHS actors receive awards at Area OAP competition

The area One-Act Play contest was held Saturday, April 5, 2003 in Moody Auditorium on the campus of Lubbock Christian University. Six towns competing for the chance to advance to regional competition. The two advancing plays were "The Miser" presented by Whiteface High School and "Opal" presented by Plains High School. The alternate play was from Patton Springs and was entitled "The Prisoner". Other towns competing were

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BBQ chicken tenders or ham and cheese sandwich, mixed vegetables, roll, Lay's potato chips, lettuce and tomato set-up, chocolate pudding, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.

Wednesday
Spaghetti w/meat sauce or pepperoni pizza, bread sticks, green beans, lettuce and tomato set-up, apple sauce cake, apple or orange, pineapple chunks, chocolate or white milk.

Thursday
Fajita or tacos, refried beans, lettuce and tomato set-up, shredded cheese, Jello sprinkled apple sauce, chocolate chip cookie, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.

Friday
Hamburger or ham and cheese sandwich, tater tots, English peas, lettuce and tomato, pears, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.

Munday, Ralls and Ropes. Receiving awards from the Munday play, "Just Before Sleep" were Justin Josselet and Joseph Gully. They were named to the All Star Cast and Jeffrey Urbanczyk was named to the Honorable Mention All Star Cast. ***

Prairie Pantry



"This is a new recipe that I just made last week," says Nancy Cude of this scrumptious sounding dessert. The Cude family enjoyed the new creation and chances are it will be made again in the near future at the Cude household.

Berried Delight

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/2 cup sugar, divided
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
1 package (8 ounces) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
2 tablespoons milk
1 tub (8 ounces) Cool Whip Whipped Topping, thawed
2 pints strawberries, hulled, halved
3 1/2 cups cold milk
2 packages (4-serving size) Jell-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding and Pie Filling

Mix crumbs, 1/4 cup of the sugar and butter in 13 X 9 inch pan. Press firmly onto bottom of pan. Refrigerate until ready to fill.
Beat cream cheese, remaining 1/4 cup sugar and 2 tablespoons milk until smooth. Gently stir in 1/2 of the whipped topping. Spread over crust. Top with strawberry halves.
Pour 3 1/2 cups milk into large bowl. Add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes. Pour over cream cheese layer
Refrigerate 4 hours or until set. Just before serving, spread remaining whipped topping over pudding.



This week's featured cook is Nancy Cude

Cude made this recipe "Sugar Free" by using Splenda as a substitute for the sugar, Light Cream Cheese, Light Cool Whip, and sugar free Jell-O Pudding. This dessert only takes thirty minutes to prepare plus a 4 hour refrigeration time and it serves fifteen people so it is a great "make ahead" dessert for gatherings.

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Teen hasn't let accident slow him down

By Dawn Cobb / Staff Writer

COPPER CANYON — Jace Beck returned to the arena this year, grabbing a third place award and \$700 for his market goat at the Denton County Youth Fair and Rodeo last weekend.

Monday at his home off Chinn Chapel Road, the 16-year-old awaited the birth of next year's entry. In just over 11 months, the teenager's life changed dramatically. May 26, 2002, is a date he will not forget. Climbing with a cousin on the side of a hill above the Brazos River near Vera where his grandparents live, Jace felt the side of the hill crumble that morning. He fell 70 feet straight down into a ravine. The fall broke his neck.



DRC/Barron Ludlum
Jace Beck, 16, feeds his goats Pudge and Ginger. He has won state and national competitions with his rabbits and goats and is still competing after an accident put him in a wheelchair.

The two teens had been riding around the area on four-wheelers and weren't expected until lunch, said Jace's mother, Elaine Beck. Emergency crews, notified by the

family after the cousin ran back, were unable to reach the teen because the rope on a crane was too short, his mother said. Someone called a medical helicopter that later flew her son to a Dallas hospital. Both mother and son now count their blessings — the helicopter service would be bankrupt a week later; the cousin's presence allowed emergency crews to reach her son soon after the fall.

"We figure things are on our side," Mrs. Beck said. "We kind of pave our own way." In the weeks and months following, the family rallied around the youngest member, hoping he would be able to cope. In the time since the accident, Jace, a student at Marcus High School, has not only coped, he's expanded his horizons. Though he cannot walk, he has gained use of his upper body and can use his arms, he said.

The former football player now spends his energies in quad-

rugby, a sport for quadriplegics that requires upper-body strength, skill and speed. He played two games this year with the North Texas Nightmares before the team stopped for the season. On Monday, he planned to be fitted with a new rugby wheelchair to give him more flexibility for the new season. With his three-hour workouts every day, Jace uses an electric wheelchair only to feed animals; the rest of the time, he powers his standard chair with his arms. It is his strong determination and the rigorous schedule her son keeps that gives Mrs. Beck inspiration, she said. The teen drives his own truck, plays quad-rugby, goes to school, takes extra college classes, is finishing his Eagle Scout project and shows animals. He's also working toward a longtime dream — to join his brother, Adam, at Texas A&M University. "More people need to know you can go on," she said. "There's no sense quitting." Randy Carroll, superintendent of this year's youth fair, agreed.

"Jace Beck — that's a prime example of don't give up, don't quit," he said. "It's kids like that that have put out the effort and worked hard," Mr. Carroll said. "That's what this program is all about."

Question: I am not clear on how to care for my ornamental grass. It is about 15-18 inches high, blooms from time to time and has been in the ground for about seven years. The underneath areas have a good bit of dead growth and I was thinking of cutting it back. Would you tell me if this is a good idea and how short I should cut it. Thank you for your help and time. - S. W.

Dale's Answer: I suggest you remove any of the "dead" material you wish by using sharp hand pruners now. After the operation is complete apply a fertilizer according to label directions. This will remove the dead material and help stimulate new spring growth.

You may prune severely if desired. I'd just remove the dead parts of the planting.

Question: I live in central Texas and would like to know if now is too late to cut my rose bushes back? I'd like to take them down pretty low, as they've got lots of 'leggy' branches and don't look too good. They are 'JFK' bushes and have been in this spot (full sun) for about three/four years. I want to plant another bush to balance out the scene and would like to have all bushes about the same size.

So...can I cut back the older bushes now? - B. T.

Dale's Answer: JFK is a lovely white rose and I too enjoy it.

Roses may be cut back now no matter if you live in North, South, East, West or Central Texas. I'd cut them back by 1/2 their average height and let the other rose(s) catch up with them in the future.

Question: I live in the city limits and have 2 pecan and 1 black walnut tree that was heavily infested twice this past summer with web worms. One pecan tree is over a patio area and the droppings were so heavy, we really could not enjoy being outside. It was a twice or more daily cleaning to remove debris. The tree is too large for us to cut all the webs or to spray effectively. It's only function is to provide shade as it is close to the house (native) and patio and foundation apparently cause it to throw its fruit, and squirrels take care of the rest. We don't want to remove it because of the shade in the summer. What do you suggest.

1. What is a web worm, and when is the best time to begin controlling
2. What is the best method of controlling?
3. Is there anyway to prevent infestation from neighbors?

Because we do not get fruit, we did have some of the webs cut last year, but even they could not reach all of them. The black walnut is under power lines and of course we are hesitant to have poles up in that area.

Any suggestions would be appreciated. I do live in the yard from now until cold. - B. S.

Dale's Answer: The "critters" in questions can be a real ... pain in our trees at times.

Pruning or applying sprays are the standard method of controlling them. The trouble usually in doing this effectively is their heights. Most home owners don't have the necessary power equipment or telescoping pruners and ladders long or tall enough. The decision is whether or not to hire a firm to remove the webs or apply a product to control the pests. And, that's a personal decision each home owner will need to make on their own.

There is no "prevention" I'm aware of. If they hit your location then decide to treat with a product, prune them out, do it yourself or hire a firm.

You may want to contact your local Extension Service Agent for a fact or tip sheet on Fall Web Worms and another sheet covering Eastern Tent Caterpillars because these are two different groups of pests.

Dale's Notes:

- * Fertilize your lawn as soon as new growth begins or by April 1
 - * Take time to visit Texas' wildflower trails this season
 - * Remove any remaining dead materials from perennial beds now
- Native Texas Horticulturist, Radio/TV Host, Consultant, Author and Columnist Dale Groom, The Plant Groom will answer your lawn, garden and landscape questions here in his column. Send questions to Dale Groom, P. O. Box 365, Eustace, TX 75124 or by e-mail to dalegroom@tvec.net Visit theplantgroom.com or dalegroom.com too.

A special thank you to all who sent cards, flowers and food to us during and after my surgery. A special thank you for the prayers and visits. Living in a community like Munday and the friends we have here are truly a blessing.
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Reminisce & Remember

In the April 6, 1972 edition of **The Munday Courier:**

The new community center was 86 per cent complete and 36 housing units were under construction for the Munday Housing Project.

The census bureau reported that there 601 farms in Knox County. That number was up from the previous census taken in 1964 when there were 578 farms.

49 voters had turned out for the City Election. J.E. Reeves had been re-elected as mayor and Burns Ray, W.O. Smith and Fred Reddell, Jr. had been elected as alderman.

Carl's Department Store was advertising "something special in slacks" - men's plan or fancy double knit slacks were on sale for \$15.00. Munday Tire & Appliance had "Big Values" on Powerbelt Whitewall Tires - popular sizes were \$17.95. At the M System Super Market Milk was 49¢ for a half-gallon and Corn Country Bacon was 69¢ per pound.

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Local Obituaries

Wren, Cecil D.

Cecil D. Wren, age 87, beloved father and grandfather, peacefully passed away March 30, 2003 at his son's home in Watauga, TX. He was a longtime resident of Johnson County and Keene.

Services for Mr. Wren was held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at the Godley United Methodist Church, Godley, Texas. Burial was in the Godley Cemetery.

Cecil D. Wren was born July 6, 1915 in Rotan, Texas to Amos R. and Velma G. Wren. He was a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, a member of the Hella Temple out of Garland, Texas and Godley Lodge #822 where he was presented his 50 year pin and certificate in 1998.

He worked with William Beaumont and Scottish Rite Hospitals during WWII where he designed and developed the neck brace and various other braces for the human body.

He was owner of the Triangle W Ranch in Quemado, New Mexico and also a civil engineer with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Wren was a resident of Johnson County for many years and a faithful member of the Godley United Methodist Church. He married Sula Veldon Mercer, April 13, 1935, in Dallas, Texas. She preceded him in death by his eldest son, Jerry Lee Wren.

He is survived by two sons, Lindy Jack Wren, of Watauga and Mike Wren, Sr. of River Oaks; grandchildren, Kelly Bland, of Breckenridge, Jennifer Wren, of Munday, Michael Wren, Jr., of San Marcos and Marcia Hunt of Watauga; six great-grandchildren and numerous friends.



File Photo

HORSE OWNERS should be aware that the season for West Nile Virus is just around the corner. Horses that were vaccinated last year and followed with a booster may only need one dose or annual booster this year.

HORSE OWNERS - MOSQUITO SEASON IS APPROACHING

If you have not already vaccinated your horses for West Nile Virus, it is time to see your veterinarian. Just a reminder, if you vaccinated last year and followed with a booster 3-6 weeks later, you will only need one dose or annual booster this year. It is important to get your horses vaccinated prior to mosquito season so there is ample time for immunity to build up. If you recently purchased a horse and don't know its vaccination history, go ahead and vaccinate the horse and follow with a booster in 3-6 weeks.

If you considered yourself lucky and got away without vaccinating last year, don't think you will be that lucky this year. Weather conditions and the migratory pattern of birds through our area, has made us a prime target for repeating threats of West Nile Virus.

Don't neglect some other health issues in regard to your horse. Horses teeth should be floated annually by an equine professional and can begin at most often the 2 or 3 year old age. Horses teeth wear as they eat, and many times a horse's jaw may not align

correctly. This will cause the teeth to wear at an angle causing teeth to have sharp points of hooks that can irritate and cut the side of their mouth. This will often discourage eating is severe, but many times you will see your horse dropping feed as it eats or tilting its head to one side.

Be sure your horse is on a current vaccination and deworming schedule as well. Consult your local veterinarian for proper vaccinations necessary. There are many types of dewormers on the market and you should consult with your vet about brands and frequency of administration.

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Truscott-Gilliland News

by Clara Brown

The annual Truscott Community Center meeting and election will be held Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. at the Truscott Community Center according to Trenna Carlson, president.

June and Newell Looney attended a golden anniversary party for Jean and Felix Taylor at the bank room in Crowell Saturday afternoon, March 29. From there they went to a cookout at the Taylor's prepared by the Taylor boys. Jean and Felix lived west of Truscott on Antelope Flat for a few years before moving to Foard County.

Lovis and Lula Baty visited her sister Billye Joy at Valley View last Friday night, March 28. They also visited with her daughters and several of her grandchildren before returning home Saturday.

Margaret Daniel visited her aunt, Ruth Stoker, at Mineral Wells last Wednesday and Thurs-

day, March 25 and 26.

Visiting Jody Miller Saturday were her grandchildren, Susan and Brian Hackett of Canyon and Kathy Hines, a student at WTV in Canyon. Lois Welch visited Jody Sunday afternoon.

Lois Welch and E.D. and Mary Welch attended Church in Vernon Sunday and ate lunch there.

Sybil Simmons was in Earth last week visiting her cousin Laverne Stephens and other relatives.

Ronnie Simmons and Jon Lee Black were in Dallas last week for a Cattle Marketing seminar.

Adam Welch was in Stephenville with the Benjamin FFA last week for an invitational horse judging contest.

Linda and George Oustad of Munday and Dennis and Adam Welch visited E.D. And Mary Welch Sunday afternoon.

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JV Boys come in third at District Meet

The JV Boys track team finished with 87 total team points putting them in third overall at the District Meet at Floydada.

Winning the 3200 M Run was Payden Stewart and coming in fourth was Bo Mobley. In the 800 M Run Aaron Loftin placed fifth. Bo Mobley and Ty Bufkin came in fourth and fifth in the 400 M Dash with times of 1:00.55 and 1:01.85. In the 300 M Intermediate Hurdles Joseph Gulley was third with 48.53. With a time of 27.63 Mobley finished sixth in the 200 M Dash. In the 1600 M Run Payden Stewart was second with 5:47.80. James Nelson was sixth with 6:00.17 and Aaron Loftin was seventh with 6:16.81. Nelson won Discus with a throw of 98'2" and Kevin Brown was fourth with 88'1". Placing third in Long Jump was Bo Mobley with a jump of 15'10 1/2". Joseph Gulley won the Pole Vault with 8'6", while Payden Stewart and Ty Bufkin tied for second with 8'0". In Triple Jump Gulley was third with 34'4" and Mobley was sixth with 33'3".

MHS Purple Cloud Band Scores 12th Sweepstakes in row

Munday High School Band was awarded a twelfth consecutive U.I.L. Sweepstakes trophy on Wednesday, April 2. The band traveled to Anson High School for the Region II U.I.L. Concert and Sight-reading Contest.

This marks the seventeenth year of the last eighteen years of receiving the Sweepstakes Award, according to Mr. Rodney Bennet, Munday High School Band Director. "There are not many school bands that have a record of this kind of success. It is very difficult to maintain this high standard from year to year --the award just proves what a great group of students we have."

In order to receive the "Sweepstakes A" designation, a band must make a first division in marching competition, and a first division in both concert and sight-reading. A "Sweepstakes B" award is given for a first division in concert and sight-reading.

Selections performed by the Munday High School Band included "Pathfinder of Panama" by John Philip Sousa, arranged by Frank Byrne, "Deir In De," arranged by Warren Barker, and "Contrasto Grosso" by Jacob de Haan.

Judges for the concert portion of the contest were Mr. Robert Rubio of San Antonio, Mr. Jim Rhodes of Forsan, and Mr. Chris Lovejoy of Sanger.

Judges for sight-reading included Mr. Butch Crudgington of Brady (Head Sight-reading Judge), Mr. Jerry Bartley of Stanton, and Mr. Kelly Glaze of Ozona.



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TONI TIDWELL goes over the hurdle at District to advance to the Area Track meet.

Varsity Girls finish 3rd in District

The Varsity Girls track team finished third overall out of nine teams at the District Track meet at Floydada last Friday. The girls that placed within the top three get to go to the area track meet at Friendship.

Finishing sixth was the 400 M Relay with a time of 39.76. In the 800 M Run Tamara Dockins was fourth with 2:52.53. Toni Tidwell was third in the 110 M High Hurdles with a time of 17.32 and Kayla more was right behind her in fourth with 18.39. Eden Collier finished fourth in the 100 M Dash with 13.77. The 800 M Relay of Danielle Betts, Katie Myers, Jennifer Sosa, and Jocelyn Decker was fifth with a time of 1:56.63. Tiffanie Myers placed fourth in the 400 M Dash with 1:04.04. With a time of 55.98 Marti Lowe finished in fourth place in the 300 M Hurdles. Tiffanie Myers and Eden Collier were fifth and sixth in the 200 M Dash with times of 29.00 and 29.22. Winning the 1600 M Run was Tamara Dockins with a time of 6:34.32. Danielle, Jennifer, Jocelyn and Katie finished in third place in the 1600 M Relay with a time of 4:34.29. In High Jump Jennifer Sosa was second with a jump of 4'10" and Tiffanie Myers was third with 4'8". Kaitlyn Sosolik placed second in Pole Vault with 7'6". Winning Shot Put with a throw of 36'7 1/2" was Dee Toliver.

Vernon releases NET testing dates for RN generic program

Upcoming NET (Nurse Entrance Exam) testing dates have been announced at Vernon College. The test will be offered April 14, April 26, May 1, May 8, May 13, May 24, and May 30. These test dates are the last scheduled test dates before the program begins in the fall 2003. Students wishing to take the test must prepay before scheduling testing. The cost for the NET test is \$13.00. For more information, please contact Association Degree Nursing Program (940) 552-6291 ext. 2268.

NET study guide is available from the Vernon College Bookstore for \$33.99. NET Prep Course is available from Vernon College Division of Workforce Education and Training for \$20.00 with a minimum enrollment of six students. For more information, please call Vernon College Vernon campus at (940) 552-6291 ext. 2209.

Wildflower hotline can aid interested motorists

Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways have help at their fingertips.

The Texas Department of Transportation's wildflower hotline (800-452-9292) gives callers information on the best spots to find wildflowers along the 79,000-mile Texas highway system.

To make it easier to find wildflowers in bloom, callers may request information by seven different regions of the state: Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney-Woods (East Texas), Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas), and Southwest Texas.

Information on the hotline comes from TxDOT's maintenance offices as well as from chambers of commerce and parks officials.

"There should be an excellent crop of bluebonnets," said Ben Bowers of TxDOT Vegetation management "The wet weather the past few months has made conditions hood for an even bigger crop of wildflowers than last year."

April is considered the prime blooming month for wildflowers, according to Bowers.

The department's wildflower program is part of a comprehensive vegetation management program encouraging the growth of native species that require less mowing and care.

This year, Tx DOT put out more than 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas Highways. Each Pound contains at least 30 varieties of wildflowers.

The hotline will be active daily, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., through early May.

TxDOT sows more than 33,000 pounds of seed each year to promote growth of wildflowers in case drought or other factors out the number of seeds available from the plants we have by the side of the road. We have 30 different varieties of wildflowers per pound.

TxDOT puts out wildflower seeds to prevent soil erosion and

Munday to hold Trike-A-Thon

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN announced today that Munday Child Development Center will join hands with the hospital to conduct the "Bring A Bike Day" Trike-A-Thon. This unique one-week event is scheduled to begin on April 22, 2003 and will promote bicycle safety while raising money for childhood cancer research.

Lack of training is the most frequent contributing cause of bicycle accidents. The Trike-A-Thon teaches riding safety tips using coloring sheets, stories, and riding activities. Parents support the program by collecting tax-deductible donations to sponsor their child.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, was founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas. The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC). ALSAC covers all costs not covered by insurance for medical treatment rendered at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Families without insurance are never asked to pay. For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.

For local information, contact Ms. Lara at (940) 422-5363.

to cover any damaged spots by the side of the road due to construction or other damage.

Growth is promoted by hot, dry summers and cold, wet winters. This helps them to germinate and grow better. Vegetation management says wildflower crop should be good this year.

Hotline number is 800-452-9292, callers are able to check any of the seven regions that the state is divided into by pressing the appropriate button on the hotline menu.

Hotline is available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily until early May.

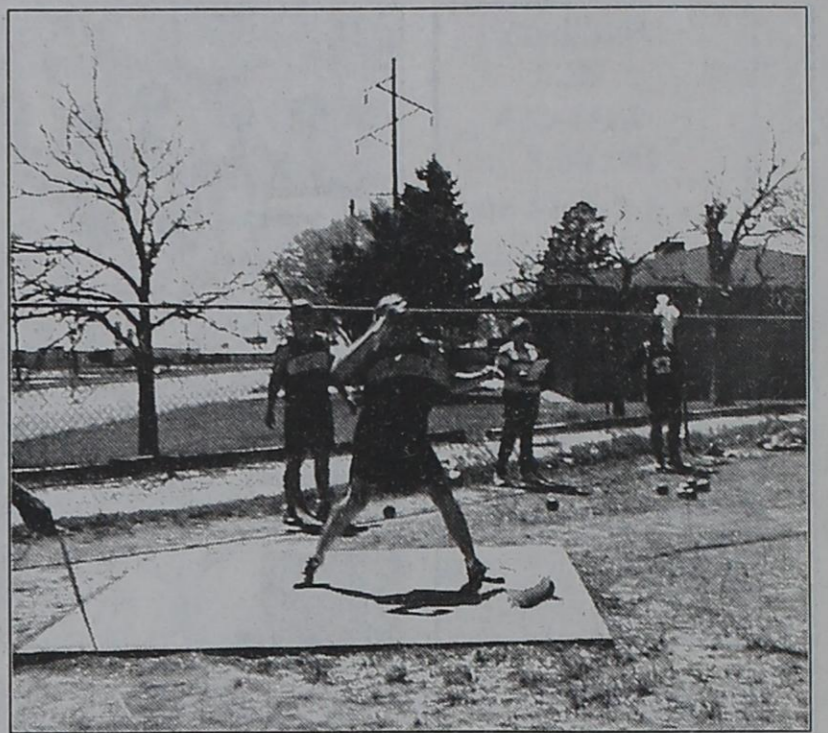
The seven regions are Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney-Woods (East Texas), Prairie and Lakes (North Central Texas) and Southwest Texas.

Information on wildflowers is supplied by TxDOT maintenance personnel, that monitor roadside growth of the wildflowers and pass it to the District Offices. They pass the information to the hotline operators (TxDOT Travel Division). They also get reports from Chambers of Commerce and Park Officials. The hotline is updated weekly.

The peak blooming season for wildflowers is March, April, and May, with the peak for bluebonnets being April.

Where driver safety is not compromised, maintenance personnel delay cutting grass until the wildflower season is over.

Wildflower seeds are sown in the approximately 745,000 miles of right-of-way TxDOT maintains across the state. That is along the 79,000 miles of highway in Texas.



Carla West Photo

CODY WEST puts the Shot for Munday varsity boys. Cody advanced out of the district meet and will compete in the Area meet at Friendship on April 17.

Varsity Boys track team traveled to Floydada for District Meet

The Varsity Boys track team traveled to Floydada for the district track meet. As a team Munday had 50 points which put them overall in sixth place. The top three individuals in each event get to advance to Area.

Shawn Scarborough places second in the 3200 M Run with a time of 11:24.72. In the 400 M Dash Terrence Allen, with a time of 54.44 came in fourth. Junior Sanchez was sixth in the 200 M Dash with 24.38. Coming in second in the 1600 M Run was Shawn with 5:03.54. The 1600 M which consisted of Junior Sanchez, Terrence Allen, Johnny Collier, and Jerome Flye came in third with a time of 3:43.54. Winning the Pole Vault with 13'0 was Trey Taylor. In Shot Put Cody West was third with a throw of

43'73/4" and Jordan Lowe was sixth with 41'5".



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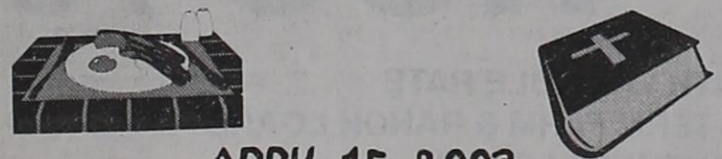
RICKY ESCAMILLA finishes the long 1600 M run for the Moguls at the District track meet held in Floydada last Friday. Several Moguls and Mogulettes advanced out of the District level and will now compete at the Area Track Meet in Friendship on April 17th.

The Munday Courier would like to feature area service members and those who have ties to Knox County in an up-coming special issue.

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JR. HIGH BOYS TRACK DISTRICT CHAMPS

Jr. High Boys Claim District Championship

With 250 points the Munday Junior High Boys won the District Meet at Knox City.

In the 2400 M Run Ray Thomas was first with 9:03.61, Phillip Sosa was second with 9:52.97, Pate Stewart was fifth with 10:26.95, and Jason Upton was sixth with 10:33.76. The 400 M Relay which consists of Joseph Gonzales, Adrian Perez, Edgar Mata, and Steven Urbanczyk finished second with a time of 50.38, while the Munday B team (Lane Loftin, BJ Dockins, Curt Groves, and Jason Lemmond) finished fourth. James Betts and Anason Jones was first and second in the 800 M Run with times of 2:27.02 and 2:28.82. With a time of 13.52 Keithy Flye was fourth in the 100 M Dash. Steven Urbanczyk won the 110 Hurdles with 19.61, Sammy Hernandez was third with 20.83, and Jonathan Key was fifth with 21.78. Also running the 300 Hurdles, Urbanczyk, Hernandez, and Key, with times of 50.49, 52.86, and 55.15, placed first, second and fifth. The 800 M Relay of Joseph Gonzales, Ray Thomas, Keithy Flye, and Adrian Perez won with a time of 1:48.80. Lane Loftin, Curt Groves, BJ Dockins, and Jason Lemmond of

Lady Mustangs win district

By Stacia Propps

The Benjamin Varsity girls achieved a first for the school this past week. For the first time in school history the girls were crowned District Track Champions. For the past four seasons the Benjamin girls had chased the elusive crown, being runners-up for three straight years.

In 2000 the Lady Stangs were beaten by Crowell girls 121-118. The following year the Jayton girls won by 16, and last year the Spur girls defeated the Lady Stangs in the mile relay to win by 2 1/2 points.

This year the Lady Stangs scored 190 points to win District 15A over 12 other schools. Bellevue was runner-up with 160 points.

the Munday B Team received third. In the 400 M Dash with times of 60.00 and 62.03 Edgar Mata and James Betts came in first and third. Keithy Flye was the winner of the 200 M Dash with a time of 27.37 and in fifth was Cody Kuehler with 30.67. Coming in with first, second, and third was Ray Thomas with 5:34.03, Anason Jones with 5:42.60 and Phillip Sosa with 6:08.35 in the 1600 M Run. The 1600 M Relay of Joseph Gonzales, James Betts, Edgar Mata and Adrian Perez won first place with a time of 3:59.33 and the Munday B team of Lane Loftin, Curt Groves, BJ Dockins, and Jason Lemmond was fourth with a time of 4:42.56. Winning Pole Vault was Cody Kuehler with 7'6", second was Edgar Mata with 7'6", third was Steven Urbanczyk with 7', fifth was Jason Lemmond with 6'6" and sixth was Lane Loftin with 6'6". In Long Jump Joseph Gonzales jumped his way into first with 15'11.75", in second was Adrian Perez with 15'8.5" and in fourth was Jonathan Key with 14'2.5". Perez was second in the Triple Jump with a jump of 34'2.25", Gonzales jumped 32'1.5", and Keithy Flye jumped 28'7". In Discus Cody Kuehler was second with 91'10.5" and in Shot Put Kuehler was fifth with a throw of 33'1.25". Finishing sixth in High Jump was James Betts with a jump of 4'6".



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Jr. High Girls take second as a team at District

The Munday Junior High Girls track team finished second with 158 total team points at the District track meet held at Knox City last Thursday.

Coming in second in the 100 M Dash was Beatrice Monasterio with a time of 13.33, and Eden Collier finishing fourth with 15.05. In the 200 M Dash Monasterio was sixth with 33.16. Martha Perkins places second in the 400 M Dash with a time of 1:11.40. In third place was Kellie Sepeda in the 100 M Hurdles with 20.61 and in fifth was Missy Collier with 21.30. Also Sepeda and Collier ran the 300 M Hurdles placing second and fourth with times of 1:01.38 and 1:23.99. In the 800 M run Ashley Crownover was second with 3:00.02 right behind her coming in third was Ashton Smith with 3:00.84 and finishing fifth was Martha Perkins with 3:02.12. Kayla Upton was first place in the 2400 M Run with a time of 10:30.71. In Long Jump with a jump of 14 ft. 2.75 in. Kassie Mobley took 3rd, and Krystynn Myers with a jump of 11 ft. 9.5 in. was fifth. With a jump of 29 ft. 8.75 in. Mobley took second in Triple Jump while Martha Perkins jumped 26 ft. 9 in. for sixth. Tying for 6th place was Krystynn Myers in High Jump. The 400 and 800 Relays both came in second with times of 56.07 and 1:59.72. The Mile relay finished big in first place with a time of 4:40.94.

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