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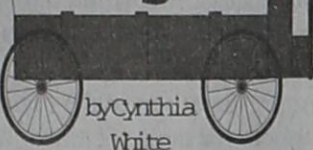
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**Wagging
Tongue**



by Cynthia
White

It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by. "Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed, "The one Sunday I don't go, He shows up!"

One Easter Sunday morning as the minister was preaching the children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "What's in Here?"

"I know" a little boy exclaimed.... "Pantyhose!"

The prospective father-in-law asked, "Young man, can you support a family?"

The surprised groom-to-be replied, "Well, no. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves."

Little Johnny asked his grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding."

"Johnny thought for a moment, and then said, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly,

"Don't pay for me Daddy. I'm under five."

The Sunday School teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?"

"No sir," he replied, "We don't have to. My mom is a good cook!"

"Oh, I sure am happy to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother on his mother's side. "Now maybe Daddy will do the trick he has been promising us."

The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that?" she asked.

"I heard him tell Mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit us again", the little boy answered.

My husband bought me a mood ring the other day. When I'm in a good mood it turns green. When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a red mark on his forehead.

Veteran's Day observed at Knox County Memorial Plaza



Charles Baker

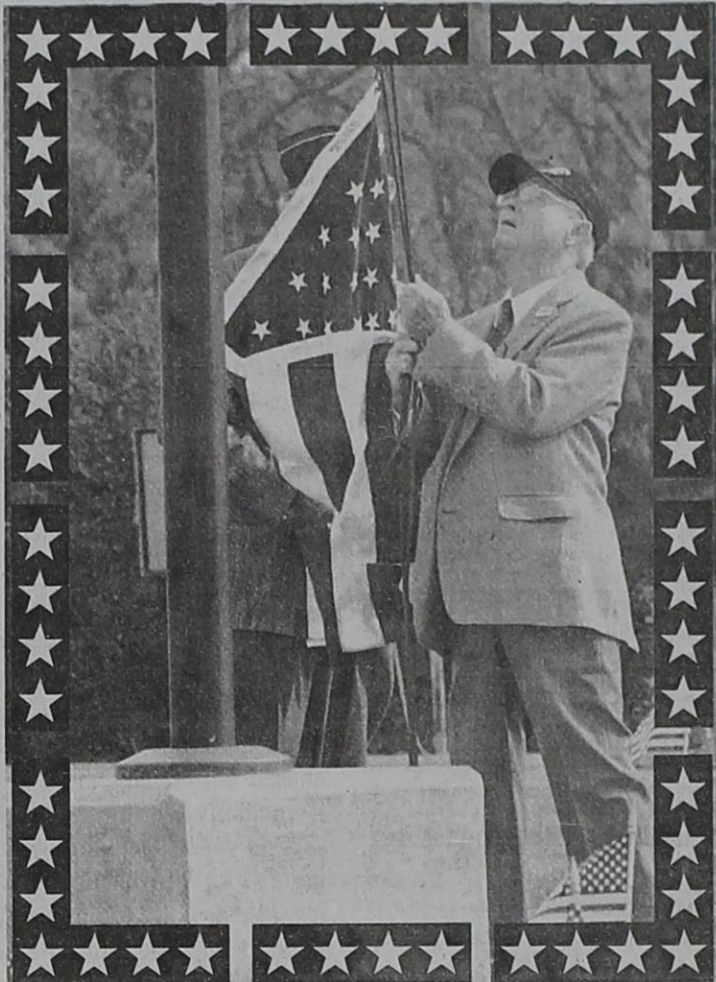
The Knox County Historical Commission hosted their annual Veteran's Day Program on Tuesday, November 11th. The program was held at the Memorial Plaza in Benjamin at 11:00 a.m.

Patriotic music from the Knox City High School Band was enjoyed by all in attendance. Charles Baker of Munday acted as MC and gave the opening remarks followed by the Invocation led by Reverend John Gillispie of the Knox County Veterans Service Office. The Honorable Greg Clonts, Knox County Judge issued the welcome with the Presentation of Colors performed by the American Legion Post 229 and the VFW Post 1035.

Students from the Benjamin School led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the winners of their recent essay contest concerning Veteran's read their reports.

This year's Gold Star Mother was Mrs. Marva Gentry whose son David was killed in action during the Viet Nam conflict. Mrs. Gentry led in the laying of the wreath at the Veteran's Memorial. This solemn presentation was followed by the playing of Taps.

A hamburger fund-raiser meal was held in the Benjamin Memorial Building immediately following the program.



Theatre Arts Students

Students to present original program created in Theatre class

Twenty-seven creative students have put together an original program for the Fall Production. "Where the Sidewalk Ends" features poetry by Shel Silverstein put to drama and music by the students in Mrs. Karen Longan's Theatre Arts Class.

"This production is for all ages and parents and teachers are urged to attend," says Longan. "The students hope this production serves as a reminder about the things that should be nourished as a child attends school, such as creativity and genius."

The students have added special activities to the poems including choreography, sign language, and song along with other multi-sensory props and costumes.

In addition to the Silverstein

poetry a few readings are from the works of Longan's daughter and former MHS students, Casey.

"I have seen some really motivated, creative students in this class. They now have a sense of ownership with the production and they are excited about presenting it to the public," explained Longan.

The program ends on a dramatic and endearing note with the dramatization of "The Giving Tree" followed by the song "Love Can Build A Bridge" featuring the students utilizing American Sign Language.

The Fall Production of "Where the Sidewalk Ends" will take place Thursday evening, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Cost is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.



Scruggs Field chosen for 6 man football playoffs

For the first time since the 1973 6 man football finals between Goree and Guthrie, Munday's own Scruggs field will be the site of a post season football game. This Friday at 7:30 PM, Vernon Northside and #5 Strawn will square off in the first round of playoff competition. Strawn enters the post season with a 9 and 1 record, as does Vernon. Strawn is the new home of former Munday Coach Terry Taylor whose son, Trey, plays defensive end and tight end for the team.

The field was made available thanks in part to the efforts of Munday's athletic director and head football coach Kelly Spiller and Superintendent Robert Dillard.

"Spiller and Dillard have gone

all out to help us get the field," said Taylor. "We are really looking forward to seeing our old friends in Munday and hope to win a big one for everyone who comes out to support us."

Scruggs Field is set up for a regulation 11 man football game according to NCAA Rules. To adapt to 6 man requires shortening the length from 120 yards overall to 100 yards overall, and the width from 53.3 yards to 40 yards. To accomplish this Northside the home team, will use the East goal by the concession stand and move a temporary goal to the West end. The overall length of the playing field is 80 yards with a 10 yard end-zone at each end of the field.

Six man football generally features a high scoring wide open offensive show with combined scores often exceeding 100 points or more. State ranked Strawn is no exception, having scored a total of 606 points over 10 games while limiting their opponents to just 170 for a 61 to 17 average. Games are called after the first half if one team has a 45 point or greater lead in the game.

Strawn's attack features typical wide open 6 man offensive sets and prospers from two returning all stars from last year, number 40 Johnny Parsons and number 33 Justin Cormack. The 7:30 PM game this Friday should be a very entertaining night of High School Playoff Football.

Moguls end season with 12 to 0 loss to Knox City

For the third week in a row the Munday Moguls were unable to pull out a win to advance to the playoffs and fell out of the picture with a 12 to 0 loss to the Knox City Greyhounds. The season ending game put the Moguls at 4 and 5 for the year and 2 and 3 in district for a fourth place finish in district 9A.

"It is difficult for any of us, players or coaches, to see beyond the last three games right now," said head coach and athletic director Kelly Spiller. In time we hope to be able to step back and recognize some of our accomplishments."

Spiller's Moguls had a tough time against a Knox City team that had been building momentum and improving all year. Munday managed only 145 yards rushing and 24 passing. Jr. Sanchez went 3 for 12 with 1 interception with all three passes completed to Josh Myers. Dustin Flye lead the Mogul ground attack with 71 yards on 14 carries, followed by Jerome Flye who had 42 yards on 8 carries. Terrance Allen added another 32 yards on 5 carries. Dustin Flye's total for the year was 1627 yards on 187 rushes for an average of 8.75 yards per carry.

Josh Myers and Miguel Nunez had big nights on the defensive side of the ball with Myers notching up 14 tackles to Nunez's 10. Dustin Flye was credited with 9 tackles and one interception. Jordan Lowe had 7 tackles and Cody West had 6 tackles including 1 sack.



Dustin Flye

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1 in Montague Co. on hwy. 82
5 TXism: "lower than a snake's belly in ____"
6 the East TX Dairy Finance Corp. ____ money to buy dairy cows
7 Tex-Mex tasty
8 George W.'s time (abbr.)
9 TX Reeves recorded for ____ Victor
12 TX King Ranch has 825,000 of 'em
17 goal at Six Flags over TX? (3 wds.)
19 TX ____ town Scandal* (1971-72)
21 TXism: "doesn't know enough to come ____ the rain"
22 TX "Eagle" Don
23 TXism: "blind ____"
28 TXism: "stirred up a hornet's ____"
29 ____ out a living*
30 Travis Tritt's ____ Quarter*
31 it ain't "tails"
35 milk is ____ material for TX Bluebell
36 this Anna Maria was in Alamo film "Last Command"
42 ____ Choir has HQ in Fort Worth
44 paint layers

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1 TXism for "saved" (3 wds.)
2 in 1862, 40 suspected Unionists were hanged in no. TX for this crime
3 Kimble Co. seat
4 this Premiering directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura"
9 barn critters
10 closet items (2 wds.)
11 TX J.M. Bullock was on this TV "alien" series
12 TX cosmetics queen Mary Kay
13 popular product from New York, TX
14 TX Nimitz's ____ in WWII was admiral
15 UT has ____ Stanley Gardner's complete study
16 drove fast
18 election day (abbr.)
20 this Young created storied "Curtain Club" at UT (init.)
23 ____ Belo Corp. is TX media giant
24 dir. to Corpus from San Antonio (abbr.)
25 TXism: "fast as ____ up a rafter"
26 desolate by death
27 TXism: "unnecessary ____ grease on a jackrabbit"
32 TXism: "let ____ rip!"
33 Greg Abbott's position (abbr.)
34 22-across init.
36 "Honest ____"
37 TX "Moonraker" actress Chiles
38 outlaw Hardin quote: "Texas, ____"
39 TXism: "I'd have ____ better to die"
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41 bit of gossip
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Seminar to be held on developing business ideas

A grassroots seminar on developing individual business ideas and fostering community economic development is slated Nov. 17, in Littlefield, according to a Texas Cooperative Extension entrepreneurship specialist.

"Texas Cooperative Extension, the Sirolli Institute, the cities of Littlefield and Anton, Market Lubbock Inc., and the Texas Tech University Office of Economic Development are joint sponsors of this community and economic development seminar," noted Pam Brown, Extension entrepreneurship specialist at Texas A&M's Agriculture Research and Extension Center here.

The seminar begins with registration at 8 a.m., in the Littlefield Ministry and Activities Center. The center is next door to the First Baptist Church of Littlefield (downtown). The program will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration costs \$15 per person. Registration before Nov. 12 is encouraged. Checks should be made payable to: City of Littlefield, Enterprise Facilitation, PO Box 1267, Littlefield, TX 79339.

The key seminar topic is enterprise facilitation - the process of identifying and supporting individual business concepts to foster sustainable prosperity though community economic development.

Ernest Sirolli, author founder of the Sirolli Institute, is the featured seminar speaker. "Sirolli is a champion for rural small business development," noted Robert McComb, Texas Tech assistant vice president for economic development. "An opportunity to hear this global educator-trainer speak is invaluable. I hope people from across the region will attend the seminar."

Sirolli will explain their model of enterprise facilitation, and discuss ways to nurture expansion and enterprise development. He will also address methods to encourage growth form within communities and how to bring growth, wealth and jobs to these communities.

"This seminar is designed for people interested in economic and business development - including civic leaders, bankers, government officials, business owners and managers, entrepreneurs, and economic development professionals and volunteers," added Joan Chandler, Texas Cooperative Extension family and consumer science agent in Lamb County.

On-line registration is available at: <http://www.whylittlefield.com>. Other registration and seminar information is available form Concha Aleman, at (806) 385-5161, Extension 6; or from Joan Chandler in the Lamb County Texas cooperative Extension office, at (805) 385-4222.

Financial Focus



By Gary Decker

Stay Current on Your Insurance Needs

You probably don't spend a lot of time pondering insurance. And yet, you should think about it - because, by taking the steps necessary to meet all your key insurance needs, you can help protect your income, your family and your long-term financial goals.

In creating a comprehensive insurance strategy, you need to keep one key point in mind: Your protection needs will evolve over time. Consequently, at different stages of life, you'll need to evaluate your insurance coverage to make sure it's appropriate and sufficient.

When should you first start thinking about insurance? Do you even need to worry about it if you're first starting out in your career, you're single and you have no dependents?

Actually, you might have more to protect than you thought. Do you own a house? Do you have a student loan? A car loan? A balance on your credit cards? If you have any or all of these expenses, then you could face serious problems if something happened to your income. And the fact is that, at every stage of your working life, you are much more likely to become disabled than you are to die. If a serious injury or lengthy illness prevents you from working, how will you make your house, car and other payments?

Disability insurance can help. If your employer offers disability coverage as a low-cost benefit, take it. However, you may have to supplement this coverage with an individual policy.

Now, let's fast-forward a few years in your life cycle. If you get married and have children, you should absolutely consider life insurance. The amount of insurance you require should be based on several factors: your income, your spouse's income, the size of your mortgage, how many children you have, anticipated college costs, etc.

During your early working years, you may be able to get by with relatively inexpensive term insurance. As you move into your middle years, though, you might want to explore some type of "permanent" life insurance.

Once you approach retirement age, you'll also want to consider long-term care insurance. A year's stay in a nursing home can cost \$50,000 - and in some major metropolitan areas, it can cost twice that much, according to the Health Insurance Association of America. Medicare may only pay a fraction of these costs, so if you want to maintain your financial independence and avoid burdening your family, you might want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy.

Finally, during your retirement years, you could use life insurance as an estate-planning tool. An attorney experienced in estate planning can advise you on the potential uses of life insurance in trusts or other arrangements.

As you can see, meeting your insurance needs is a dynamic process. That's why you may want to periodically review your insurance situation with an investment professional who has the tools and experience to recommend the right moves to make - at the right time in your life.

Do you know how much income your current assets and life insurance will provide for your loved ones?

How much is enough?

No one likes to think about it, but planning for our loved ones' financial security is something we all need to address. You may already have a life insurance policy. However, if it's been a few years since you've reviewed your life insurance program or you've been through a recent life-changing event, now is the time to have your life insurance needs analyzed. It only takes a few minutes to determine if your current coverage is adequate.

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Special Band Boosters meeting, Monday, November 17 to discuss ordering and delivery of Krispy Kreme Donuts fund-raiser.

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DYSFUNCTIONAL UTERINE BLEEDING

By Christopher Opella, M. D.

Menstruation is a normal, predictable event for most women. In this country the average age of the first menstrual period is between 12 and 13 years of age. After an initial 4 or 5-year period of adjustment, the normal menstrual cycle averages 24-35 days between cycles with 4-6 days of bleeding.

Dysfunctional uterine bleeding (or DUB) is bleeding from the uterus (or womb) that is not caused by a tumor, infection, or pregnancy. It usually happens to women who are either at the start of their reproductive years (under 20 years old) or near the end of their reproductive years (over 45 years old).

- DUB can usually be classified in three ways:
- **Menorrhagia** is long, heavy periods often with clots. The period lasts more than 7 days. This may or may not be a sign of a serious problem.
 - **Metrorrhagia** is heavy, irregular bleeding between your periods.
 - **Polymenorrhea** is having your period more often than 21 days. Usually you do not ovulate (produce an egg).

The causes for this are often times unknown. However, it is usually caused by inner

uterus overgrowth due to an over production of estrogen. Other causes may include miscarriage, endometritis, some cancers, some birth control pills, stress, or a current illness.

When you visit your doctor, he or she will take a detailed history of your general health and menstrual periods. More than likely, you'll have a pelvic exam. Additionally, you may have blood tests to detect the levels of hormones in your body.

Tests are commonly used to explore DUB. A hysteroscopy will allow the doctor to view the uterus. An ultrasound also produces a picture so the doctor can look directly at the inside of the uterus. An endometrial biopsy and D&C involve removing a small sample of uterine tissue for examination.

All the tests are relatively quick and most can be done in the doctor's office, although the D&C is normally done as day surgery in a hospital.

DUB treatment depends on how severe the problem is as well as individual preferences of the woman. Some of these treatment options include watchful waiting, over-the-counter meds such as ibuprofen or Naproxen, or prescription meds such as birth control pills and hormones.

Surgery such as a D&C (as mentioned above) or even a hysterectomy may be necessary, depending on the seriousness of the bleeding.

Do remember that, no matter what treatment your doctor recommends, you have a right to be a part of the decision-making process. Discuss all your options with your doctor and don't be shy about asking questions.

The Purple Cloud Band Boosters will have a special meeting on Monday evening, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the band hall. The ordering of Krispy Kreme donuts and delivery by students on Wednesday, November 26 will be the main topic of discussion.

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Recycling Awareness Day to be Held November 15

Texas Recycles Day (TRD), the statewide, public awareness campaign to encourage Texans to start recycling or increase their recycling efforts, will be held on Saturday, November 15. With this year's theme of Texas Recycles Every Day, co-sponsors Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality hope to raise awareness and encourage Texans to make recycling a part of their daily lives. Events focusing on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rebuy are being held now through November 17 in communities across the state.

This is the 11th year for the event to be held. TRD was the nation's first statewide recycling campaign, which served as the model for America Recycles Day. In celebration of America Recycles Day, everyone is invited to pledge to recycle and buy recycled more, or support an America Recycles Day recycling event on, or leading up to November 15. By pledging to begin or renew their commitment to recycling, participants are automatically entered into a drawing. Nationally, 8 prizes will be awarded, including a 2004 Ford Focus PZEV (Partial Zero Emission Vehicle), five aluminum Trek Model 4300 24-speed bicycles, and spa vacation packages. All pledges must be submitted no later than midnight November 15, 2003. For details and to enter the contest, visit www.americarecyclesday.org.

Any individual, group, or company can participate in or hold a Texas Recycles Day event. To participate in TRD events, download publications, or learn more about recycling, go to www.texasrecyclesday.org. Texas Recycles Day is an ongoing program to promote the economic and environmental benefits of waste reduction and recycling.

Specialty license plates honor military service and veterans

In observance of Veterans Day and to honor the brave and dedicated men and women involved in military operations around the world, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and county tax assessor-collector's offices are featuring the military and veteran specialty license plates during November.

More than 20 types of specialty plates are now available for motorists who have served in the military and for their surviving family members. This year the Legislature established several new military license plates that recognize the service of Texans including the Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom special plates, a Distinguished Flying Cross plate, and the Airborne Parachutist plate.


"These license plates are a fitting tribute to the men and women who have served our country so nobly over the years," said state Representative Frank Corte Jr. "Legislators and their constituents are proud to honor their service."

Corte serves as the Chairman of the Defense Affairs and State Federal Relations Committee, which addressed the creation and expansion of eligibility for many of these license plates.

TxDOT and local county tax assessor-collector's offices can help those who qualify to display one of these license plates on their vehicles. Fees differ and individuals must meet certain eligibility requirements for military or veteran specialty plates.

Elementary Edition

THE HAPPENINGS AT MUNDAY ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Keller's PE stars this week were: 2nd Kaylan Urbanczyk, 3rd A.J. Prieto, 4th Morgan Hendrix, 5th Kandace Lowrance, and 6th Brittany Waggoner. They began their basketball unit and ball handling drills.

In Mrs. Pankhurst's class this week Denise joined the ABC club. These students got 100 percent of their six week word list correct: Kimberly, Taylor, Denise, Bryan, Nate, Paige, Ana, and Kamille. In computers the students got to choose a font and style of Word Art and wrote their names. In science they went on a nature walk to see seasonal changes, leaves and needles. It was sensational!! Math time was spent using pennies to pay for things in the classroom store. They also learned to sort, place a tag on a pictograph, and make patterns using fall colors. Denise had the first birthday in this class this school year. On November 1 she turned 6 years old.

Mrs. Kuehler's class says, "Kindergarten LEAVES us happy!" They made leaf rubbings, painted stenciled leaves, and pressed their favorite leaves between wax paper. The "RAD READERS" with no mistakes were: Michael, Anthony, Tyson, Kathryn, Sonora, Shailee, Alexis, and Diamond. Our citizen of the week was Eduardo Rangel. He is always smiling and nice to everyone. This week for spirit week the coolest nerd was Kellen. Pajama day dressers were: Tyson, Jordan, Kathryn, JoLene, Shailee, Edurado, Faith, and Kellen. On hat day Micheal, Tyson, Ty, Kathryn, Kellen, Jordan, Sonora, Alexis, Monica, Shailee, and Faith wore hats all day.

Mrs. Wilde's first graders learned the short "o" and the -s and -ing endings. In math they counted by twos and practiced telling time to the hour. In spelling they asked and answered questions. Social Studies was a time for using maps and identifying leaders of the nation. Math Whizzes were: Bryant Booe, Sanjuana Carranza, Rebecca Serrato, and Maria Vega.

Mrs. Cottingham's class practiced counting by twos, telling time to the hour, and identifying even numbers. In science they discussed where an animal lives. Reading time was spent finding words with short "o" and words that end with -s or -ing. Math Whizzes for the week were: Zac Castorena, Raci Dillard, Mitchell Lowrance, and Janie Salinas. Zac Castorena and Juan Rangel were chosen for Outstanding Citizens this three weeks and got to enjoy eating lunch with Mr. Moeller.

Mrs. Hall's 2nd grade class has really been busy this week. Jonathan Gressett, Jarett Earle, Ethan Griffith and Dаметric Masias will compete in UIL storytelling this week. The Creative Writing team is Kaylan Urbanczyk, Brandy Homstad, Ethan Griffith, and Rylie Decker. Good luck to you all! Star Speller for the six weeks was Rylie Decker.

Mrs. Josselet's 2nd grade class has learned to count nickels, measure to the nearest inch and add 10 to a 2-digit number. They have had a busy week of testing to end out the six weeks. The class earned an AR reward of popcorn and a movie.

Mrs. Messer's third graders started on the 1, 10 and 7 multiplication tables. Math whiz for the week was Ryder Cude. In English they are learning to write an explanatory paper. Science was spent learning how things depend on one another to live.

Mrs. Bunton's 3rd grade class has written and presented orally to the class, an explanatory paper that they have written in English class. Spelling Stars for the week were: Matt Booe, Ryder Cude, Karina Rangel, Ryan Redder, Aaron Searcey, Sierra Stewart, Trey Stinett, Kylie Urbanczyk, Garrett Weaver, Ryder Dillard, Tyrone Neskorik, Janie Ortega, and Roddrick Taylor. In Reading they read a chapter book called "Tornado".

In Fourth Grade they learned to Multiply two digit numbers using parentheses. Math Fact Aces were: D.J. Castorena, Morgan Griffith, Adrian Hernandez, Kristen Kuehler, and Chico Melendez. Science time was spent exploring tropical ecosystems. In social studies they finished up the unit on Spanish and French explorers.


Mrs. Myers fifth grade spelling stars for the week were: Sanjuana Diaz, Kylie Kingston, and Chace Thompson. They spent reading time on nonfiction articles about volcanos and hurricanes. They used graphic organizers to organize information. In English the study of verbs goes on.

Mrs. Moellers fifth grade class super spellers for the 6 weeks were: Diandra, Rian, Kandace, Kyler and Pamela. In math they learned more about fractions and began the study of polygons. English time was spent learning about the different kinds of verbs.

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When is the best time to remove and thin limbs from shade trees and is there a way to keep them from growing taller? Some of mine are starting to scare me. They seem to be getting too tall. - W. N.

The best way to keep shade trees from growing "to tall" is plant selections know to grow in your area to specific heights you desire. Genetics plus culture are the two components that most often effect any plant's growth height and width including trees.

For relative short term applications selective and I do mean selective removal of limbs and shaping trees may be accomplished. Please DO NOT under any circumstances "top" your tree or trees in question. It will ruin their natural shapes if you top trees. Just don't do it.

Shade trees are routinely pruned year round in Texas. During our relatively brief winter seasons with deciduous trees which are the many trees often used in Texas landscapes that drop all their leaves it is easy to see a tree's individual branch structure. This may help in deciding which limb and where to cut for its' removal. A negative could be it is more difficult for home owners to determine if a tree limb is dead or just dormant without leaves on it.

In the spring when leaves are in their full flush of new growth and on through the growing season until leaf drop occurs in the fall it is relatively easy to spot dead limbs which should be removed when pruning shade trees. The foliage may make it a bit more difficult to see the overall branch structure.

My #1 choice for shade tree pruning is early spring when the target tree is or trees are putting out new foliage. During this relatively short time period it is often easy to see a tree's overall branch structure as well as identify dead limbs. This helps to provide specific locations on where to cut for limb removal.

We have a stubborn weed in our yard that we can't seem to kill. Our yard is Bermuda. These nasty little tree-looking things keep growing all over the place, tending to grow in clumps. Wherever they are, the Bermuda is sparse. They have thick trunks considering they get mowed with the grass, and long narrow leaves, about 1/2 inch long....(at least that's the longest they get with regular mowing)..They eventually flower...light pink, 5-petaled flowers that look like deflated balloons before they open up. From a distance, the patches look black, and in fact when they die, they turn totally black, and yet they don't just dry up and blow away like any other living thing...they just stay there till you pick them!

Personally, I think they are from another planet! We've tried pulling them, roots and all, but to no avail. They are in full bloom now, not so plentiful in the heat of the summer.

What do we do to kill them that will not harm our Bermuda? Thanks, and I look forward to your column every week. - B. H.

The pest weed pest you described is a member of a group of weeds called "broadleaf weeds". Products specifically labeled for broadleaf plants that state on the label are safe to use on your Bermuda grass lawn should do the job.

Liquid products containing the active ingredient Trimec are widely available and are known to control broadleaf weeds effectively. If you decide to utilize these products do read and follow label directions.

I believe the best equipment for applying these types of products are sprayers known as; tank sprayers, compression sprayers and/or pump up sprayers. Adjust your nozzle with plain water under a compressed charge of air to a fine mist, release the pressure according to your sprayer's model instructions then add your selected weed control aid according to label directions. I suggest applying your selected product on a sunny, warm and still day around mid afternoon to your target pest weed.

Foliage is needed for these types of products so the active ingredient can be absorbed by the leaf tissue and translocated through plants vascular systems to their roots and terminate the pests. Because of this do not mow the target weed low and apply the selected product on the same day. Let the pest obtain some foliage then hit it with your weed pest control ... "hammer".

I live in an area of Texas famous for the heavy, wet clay soil. Last spring you recommended Chinese Pistachio trees for my yard. They are doing well, however the edges of the leaves are turning brown. I know it is hard to tell without seeing a picture, but do you have a suggestion what might be the problem. I do not water them specifically. They get water as I water the grass in that part of the yard. Too much water/not enough something else???

This started back at the end of June. Thanks. - R. R.
Chinese pistache or pistachio will grow in clay as well as sandy soils and those in between state wide as long as the locations drain well.

During the first year it is important trees maintain sufficient soil moisture in their root zones. In order to accomplish this extra water above what is applied to the lawn may be needed. The most difficult time to accomplish this may start in June & run through September and in the case of this year include October.

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TO: The unknown Heirs of Rosella Sanders, Deceased, and Milton Murray aka Milton Murry, and if he be deceased The Unknown Heirs of Milton Murray aka Milton Murry.

You are each hereby notified that a hearing will be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say Monday, the 8th day of December, 2003, and at TxDOT office - 1 mile West of Munday on Highway 222, to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.

The State of Texas filed a Petition for Condemnation with the Judge of the 50th Judicial District Court of Knox County, Texas, on the 22nd day of October, 2003, in Cause No. 8796 which is styled *The State of Texas v. The Unknown Heirs of Rosella Sanders, Deceased, et al.* The Plaintiff is the State of Texas. The Defendants are: **The Unknown Heirs of Rosella Sanders, Deceased, and, Milton Murray aka Milton Murry, and if he be deceased, his respective heirs and legal representatives, if any;** and City of Munday; Knox County Texas; and Munday Independent School District.

The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is **Christopher C. Gunter**, Assistant Attorney General, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711-2548.

This suit is an eminent domain proceeding in which the State of Texas is condemning a tract of land located in **Knox County, Texas, containing 0.075 acre out of Lot 9, Block 137, G.W. Reeves and B.M. Musser Addition, Munday, Knox County, Texas, and being all that certain tract (Known as a 40.0 foot X 82.0 foot lot out of the east central part of Block 137) conveyed to Milton Murry by Quit Claim Deed recorded in Volume 216, Page 811, Knox County Deed Records**, such property being fully described in Exhibit "A" of Plaintiff's *Petition for Condemnation* filed under the above-referenced cause number.

The interests of these Defendants are that they either own or claim an interest in said property, subject to unpaid accrued taxes.

You are further notified that you may appear at the hearing before that Special Commissioners and present evidence you desire on the issue of damages to be assessed against the State. If you do not appear at the hearing, the Special Commissioners may proceed to assess the damages of the owner of the property being condemned.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

8th grade ends football season as District Champs

By Coach Pat Corcoran

The 8th grade Moguls finished their season in fine fashion Thursday by beating the rival Greyhounds 40-8. The win brought the record to 6-2-1 and 5-0 district champions. I am extremely proud of our players. They have won 6 in a row, outscoring opponents 212-52. The defense has played well all year and the offense came to life over the past six-weeks. This week our defense came up strong again being led behind Sammy Hernandez, Keithy Flye, and Jonathan Key who forced an INT and had two sacks. Junior Reyes chipped in a sack and one INT. Anason Jones also covered up one Greyhound fumble. Our defense plays well together and do a good job of play recognition. We play fast and are not afraid of contact.

Offensively we ran the ball well doing what we do best: trap, belly, and power while mixing in the option and playaction game. Our offensive line has been the key to our win streak. Jay White, Jason Lemmond, Pate Stewart, Keith Booe, Kenny Garcia, Jonathan Key and Junior Reyes have been great. They are aggressive and work hard to stay on their blocks.

Corey Thomas, Anason Jones, and Caleb Collier also work hard from the wideouts to get blocks and spring big plays. This week the scoring started on our first drive with an Urbanczyk keeper over the right side to make the score 7-0 (Jones PAT) at the end of the first quarter. Hernandez would find the endzone early in the second to make it 13-0. With a little over 2 minutes remaining Steven hit Anason Jones on a nice

throw and catch, and Keithy Flye made the 2-pt conversion to make the half-time score 21-0. The third quarter started with a good kickoff return by Flye making the score 28-0 (Jones PAT). Later in the third after a long run by Keithy, Urbanczyk would hit Jonathan Key in the corner of the endzone making the score 34-8 at the end of the third. The 8th grade Moguls would score one more time in the 4th as Flye ran it in over the right side ending the scoring 40-8.

It is a great achievement being district champions. That was the team goal when we started and the players worked and earned it. We now look forward to carrying our winning ways into basketball and the challenges will be great, but accepted with enthusiasm and anticipation.

7TH GRADE REPORT

By Coach Brad Allen

The Munday Mogul's seventh grade football team ended the season last Thursday with a 20-8 win over the City View Mustangs. The scoring began on a long pass from Rob Dillard to Gary Mizer. The two point conversion failed and the Moguls led 6-0. The Mustangs fought back to take an 8-6 lead which they would hold until the fourth quarter. The Moguls fought back valiantly behind the brilliant running of Marcos Gonzalez who had over 150 yards rushing in the second half. Gonzalez scored two touchdowns and added a two-point conversion to make the final score 20-8. The Moguls ended up 5-4 on the year and showed tremendous heart and courage to come from behind in two of those 5 wins. Thank you for supporting us this football season and I hope it continues throughout basketball and track.



MOGUL MINUTES

FROM THE DESK OF MCISD SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT DILLARD



The Munday Moguls football team will not be playing in post-season action this year. Injuries to key players prevented our team from being able to perform through the final three games of the season as it did when they gave a deservedly ranked Windthorst team "a run for the money" in a closely fought game earlier in the season. Many will simply look at the win/loss record and make a determination if the 2003 Moguls are winners. There's more to winning than the score on the scoreboard at the end of a contest.

Winning is important and trying to win is essential. Without the passionate pursuit of victory, much of the enjoyment, as well as the educational and spiritual value, of sports will be lost. Sports programs should not trivialize winning or the desire to win. To dismiss victory by saying, "It's only a game" can be disrespectful to athletes and coaches who devote their time to being the best they can be in the pursuit of individual victories, records, championships, and medals. But the greatest value of sports is its ability to enhance and uplift the character of participants and spectators.

The best strategy to improve sports is not to de-emphasize winning but to more vigorously emphasize that adherence to ethical standards and sportsmanship in the honorable pursuit of victory is essential to winning in its true sense. It is one thing to be declared the winner, it is quite another to really win. Cheating and bad sportsmanship are not options. They rob victory of meaning and replace the high ideals of sport with the petty values of a dog-eat-dog marketplace. Victories attained in dishonorable ways are hollow and degrade the concept of sport.

Programs such as those implemented at Munday CISD that adopt the tenets of Pursuing Victory with Honor are expected to take whatever steps are necessary to assure that coaches and athletes are committed to principles of ethics and sportsmanship as ground rules governing the pursuit of victory. Their responsibilities to demonstrate and develop good character must never be subordinate to the desire to win. It is never proper to act unethically in order to win. Quality amateur sports programs like the Munday Moguls football program are based on the belief that vital lessons and great values of sports are learned from the honorable pursuit of victory, from the competition itself rather than the outcome.

Although they didn't make the playoffs, the players on this year's team are not losers. Their coaches did not coach them to lose. However, what did happen through hard work, determination, dedication, perseverance, and teamwork, was that these young men and their coaches grew together and learned that sometimes, no matter how hard you work, no matter how one of the most important lessons that each of us has had to learn in life. Through the guidance of the coaching staff in a family-like atmosphere, these young men were transformed into people of character. People of character live by universal values that can be used to define a good person; trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. These Moguls are indeed winners!

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Commissioners' Court

Be it remembered on the 14th day of October 2003 there was conducted a Regular Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

Knox County Judge Greg Clonts called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. at the Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas. Other elected County officials present were Commissioners Weldon Skiles, Jerry Parker, Jimmy Urbanczyk, and Johnny Birkenfeld, Sheriff Dean Homstad, Treasurer Penny Brown, County Attorney Bobby D. Burnett, and Clerk Ronnie Verhalen. Also in attendance were David Albus and Travis Floyd.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk on October 9, 2003, at 4:37 P.M.

Upon motion by Commissioner Birkenfeld and second by Commissioner Skiles, the Court voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, the Special Called Meeting of September 15, and the Special Called Meeting of September 23, 2003.

David Albus presented to Commissioners' Court an "Application to Close Certain Public Streets, Roads, and Alleys in the Community of Rhineland" signed Billie Myers and eight other landowners in Rhineland. Albus said that the petition had been signed and posted at the Courthouse and at two prominent locations in Rhineland, and no opposition had been forthcoming. The streets, roads, and alleyways that are sought to be closed are described as follows: (1) All of Fourth Street that lies West of St. Joseph's Church and Cemetery, the same being that portion of Fourth Street between County road 6002 on the North and St. Joseph's Street on the South, (2) The alleyway running East and West and North and South in Block No. XII of the Town of Rhineland, Knox County, Texas according to the map or plat referred to above, (3) That part of Cleveland Street that lies South of Block No. XI and North of Block No. XII and East of County road 6001 and West of Fourth Street in the Town of Rhineland, (4) The alleyways running East and West and North and South in Block No. XI of the Town of Rhineland, Knox County, Texas according to the map or plat referred to above. (C.C. Minutes, 10-14-2003, #1) After questioning Mr. Albus regarding the matter, the Court upon motion by Commissioner Parker and second by Commissioner Urbanczyk, voted unanimously to order those areas closed as set out in the application.

Judge Clonts relayed to the Court the monthly travel report from the Extension Office and gave a status report on the current activity concerning replacing Extension Agents for the County. Openings have been posted on the Internet to see if interest is first generated within the system. Information only.

The judge forwarded a letter from Terry Keener, regional TxDOT engineer, offering the availability of training for those interested, both Commissioners and roadhands. The Court also discussed the sources and costs of gravel for use on County roads. Information only.

The Court received a letter from Chief Appraiser Stanton Brown addressed to the eight voting taxing entities within the County, asking for nominations for Directors to the Board of the Knox County Appraisal District. (C.C. Minutes, 10-14-2003, #2) Upon motion by Commissioner Birkenfeld and second by Commissioner Skiles, the Court voted unanimously to nominate, for the County, W.R. Baker, Tracy Cartwright, Doug Donoho, Robert L. Harrison III, and Daniel Sloan.

Judge Clonts revealed to the Court a letter from Knox City Administrator Barbara Rector asking the County (and all taxing units within the County) to approve the relinquishment of thirteen parcels of property in Knox City, approximately fourteen lots altogether) now held in trust by the Knox County Appraisal District. (C.C. Minutes, 10-14-2003 #3) The main goal is to clean the lots for the beautification of the city. Commissioner Birkenfeld moved to surrender those lots as of this date, Commissioner Skiles seconded, and all approved.

The Court next considered membership in the County Information Resources Agency, administered by Texas Association of Counties and requiring no dues, designed so that eleven counties of North Texas can keep up with information technology. Commissioner Urbanczyk moved to sign the interlocal participatory agreement between the County and CIRA to remain engaged and share information. Commissioner Parker provided a second, and the agreement was unanimously approved.

Judge Clonts informed the Court of a Rolling Plains County Commissioners Court Conference to be held outside Vernon on November 6. Information only.

The Court considered appointment of a Local Health Authority to, among other things, receive and dispense important health notices. Upon motion by Judge Clonts and second by Commissioner Parker, the Court unanimously named Dr. Kevin Finley to that position.

The Court considered membership in the North Texas Drug Task Force. The current membership will expire in May 2004 and has cost \$2200; renewal would cost somewhat more. No action was taken on this matter.

Along similar lines, the Court considered membership in Texas VINE program, which keeps victims apprised of the criminal's whereabouts. A computer would be kept in the Sheriff's office with the information updated every fifteen minutes. Grant money would pay for the program. No action was taken on the matter, as someone would be coming to the next Commissioners' Court meeting to explain more about it.

The Court considered ratification of an Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution, the purpose of which is to improve indigent criminal defense services in the County. Commissioner Parker moved to ratify the resolution. Commissioner Urbanczyk seconded, and it was unanimously passed. (C.C. Minutes, 10-14-03, #5)

Judge Clonts provided an update on the Emergency Management Planning Program and grant, which totals \$115,000, to be spent mainly on telecommunications equipment. Information only.

Treasurer Penny Brown provided the Court with copies of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2003 and an Income Statement for the same period. (C.C. Minutes, 10-14-2003, #4)

The Court was also in receipt of a summary of Total Tax Collections for September 2003 from the office of Tax Assessor-Collector Stanton Brown. (C.C. Minutes, 10-14-2003, #6)

Judge Clonts announced a Special Called Meeting for Commissioners' Court Monday, October 20 at 1:30 to review the FY 2004 Budget and related matters. Information only.

The Court reviewed Accounts Payable for the month of September presented by Treasurer Brown. Upon motion by Commissioner Birkenfeld and second Commissioner Skiles, the Court voted unanimously to pay all bills.

There being no further business to come before the Court at this time, upon motion by Commissioner Urbanczyk, seconded by Commissioner Parker, and carried unanimously, the meeting of the Court was Adjourned.

Approved this 10th day of November, 2003.

VC Surgical Technology program receives accreditation

Vernon College Surgical Technology program has been awarded a three year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Vernon College is the 21st accredited program in the Texas.

Jeff Feix, Surgical Technology instructor, applied for accreditation in June 2002 and submitted a self-study of the program in February 2003. An on-site visit was conducted in June 2003 by the Accreditation Review Committee for Surgical Technology, consisting of Betty Roberts from Virginia and Joe Long from Michigan.

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For more information about Vernon College Surgical Technology program, call 940-696-8752. Classes are divided between the classroom and operating rooms at the United Regional Health Care System, Kell West Regional Hospital, and North Texas Surgi-Center.

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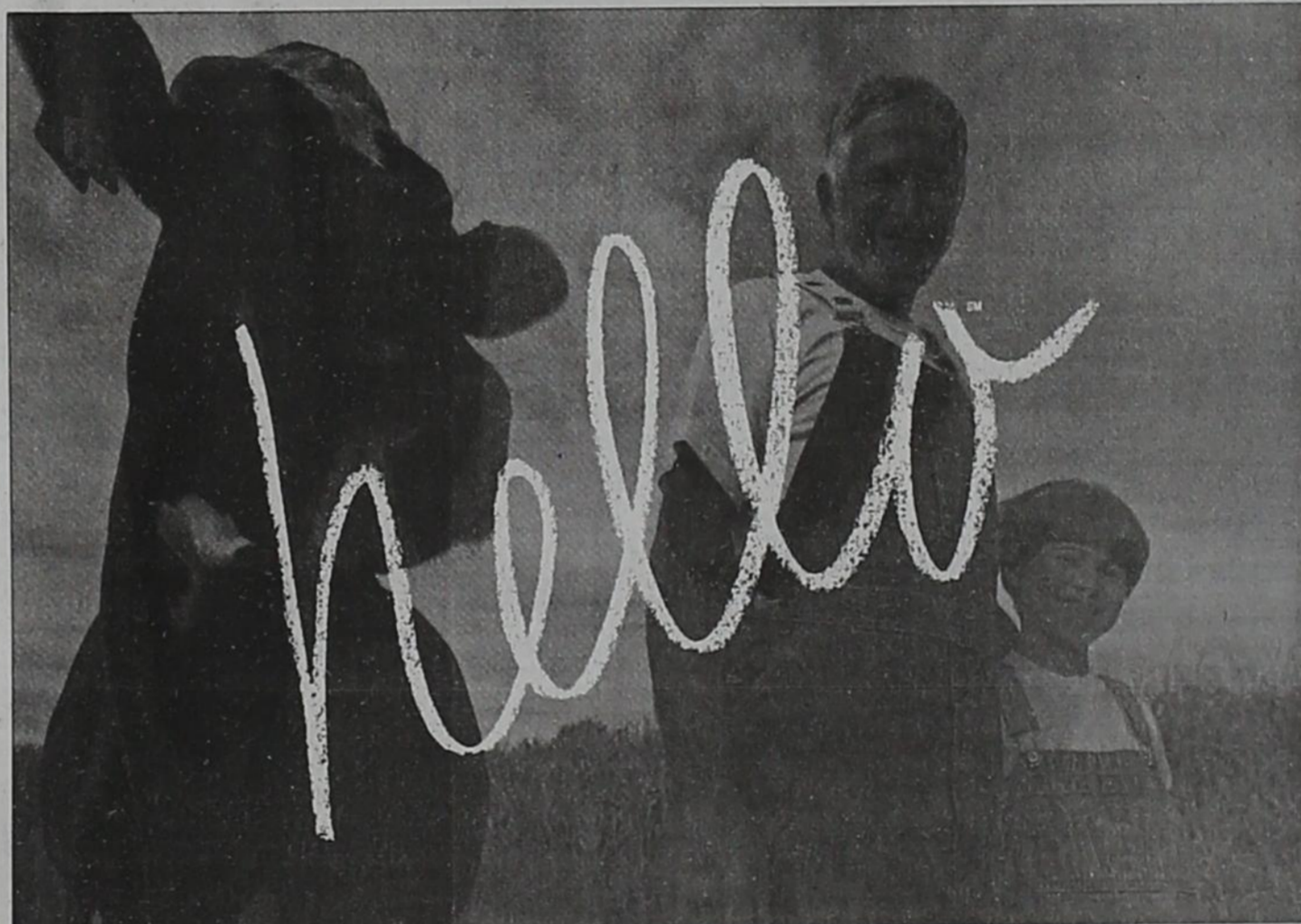
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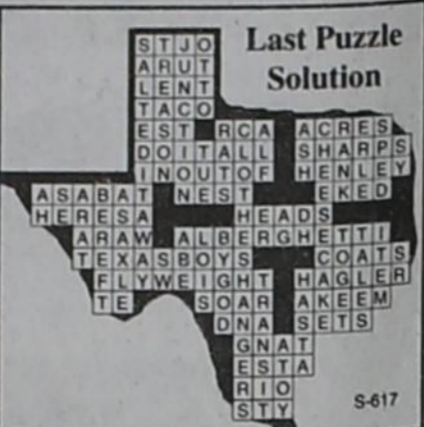
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Munday CISD
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Today, although most of the cotton fields have disappeared and the communities have given way to larger cities, a significant number of these early church buildings, along with their devoted membership remain; a few from as long ago as the late nineteenth century.

In *Rock Beneath the Sand: Country Churches in Texas*, Lois Myers and Rebecca Sharpless explain the staying power of these rural churches and look at the people who have kept, and continue to keep, them alive. Along with photos taken by photojournalist Clark Baker, memories of

longtime members, and church histories and baptism records, they examine the roles that geography, ethnicity, and family play in sustaining these small congregations.

R. Douglas Hurt of Iowa State University calls *Rock Beneath the Sand* a fascinating study.

"As denominational strength ebbed with demographic and economic change in the countryside, many rural churches failed, but others compromised, adjusted, and preserved, both tenaciously and precariously," Hurt says. "This is oral history at its best."

Churches studied include the oldest Norwegian Lutheran Church in Texas, four African American Baptist churches organized soon after emancipation, white Southern Baptist churches, Protestant and Catholic churches founded by immigrants, and more. The authors discuss not only the history of these congregations, but profile churches that, when faced with becoming extinct because of an aging membership, must decide whether to retain cherished traditions or embrace new ideas. Often, such denominational changes to attract new members leads to a loss of church identity, especially in congregations possessing a strong ethnic background.

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About the authors: Lois Myers and Rebecca Sharpless are associate director and director, respectively, of the Institute for Oral History at Baylor University. Myers is the author of *Letters by Lamplight*, published by Baylor University Press in 1991, while Sharpless wrote the award-winning book *Fertile Ground, Narrow Choices: Women on Texas Cotton Farms, 1900-1940*. Clark Baker is an associate professor of journalism at Baylor and has exhibited his work extensively.

Rock Beneath the Sand is available at stores or direct from Texas A&M university Press (800-826-8911 M-F 8-5 CT; secure online ordering at www.tamu.edu/lupress). To schedule an interview with the author or for more information, contact Wendy Lawrence at 979-458-3982 or <wlawrence@tamu.edu>.

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