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WHITE'S
Wagging
Tongue

by Cynthia
White

A Christmas Gift For Your Community - Shop Munday First!

Back in the days when people rode the buses all day, they'd take picnic baskets and put them up on the luggage racks above their heads. The men traveling alone would look to see where the picnic baskets were so as to try to get a free meal. A man got on this bus, saw a big basket, and sat down under it next to a lady. Soon he felt something dripping on his face. He licked his lips and asked, "Pickles, ma'am?" "No. Pups," she answered.

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A fool and his money are soon elected.

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The 49ers and the Bears were playing a rough-and-tumble game on a particularly rainy day. The field was one great big mud pit. At one point, Dick Butkus was chasing a runner when a large ball of mud flew into Butkus' eye. He blacked out from the pain. Immediately, he was carried off the field to a waiting doctor. There was the terrible possibility that Butkus might lose his eye. Soon, the doctor had it cleaned out and everything was alright again. As Butkus jumped to his feet, referee Norm Schachter yelled after him,

"Thought you'd lost that eye. What would you do then?" Butkus, without hesitation, yelled back,

"If I lost my eye, I would become a referee. One eye is more than I would need from what I've seen out here today." (Norm Schachter, CLOSE CALLS, New York: William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1981)

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Walt Garrison, former Dallas Cowboys running back, was once asked if Coach Tom Landry ever smiles. Garrison replied, "I don't know. I only played nine years."

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I was reading recently about a man who awoke one morning to find a puddle of water in the middle of his king-size water bed. In order to fix the puncture, he rolled the heavy mattress outdoors and filled it with more water so he could locate the leak more easily. The enormous bag of water was impossible to control and began rolling on the hilly terrain. He tried to hold it back, but it headed downhill and landed in a clump of bushes which poked it full of holes. Disgusted, he threw out the water bed frame and moved a standard bed into his room. The next morning, he woke to find a puddle of water in the middle of the new bed. The upstairs bathroom had a leaky drain.

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In a little town in Georgia, a motorist had to pay a farmer \$20.00 to pull him out of a mud-hole.

"Seems to me that you'd be so busy pulling folks out of these lousy mud roads that you'd be doing it day and night."

"Nope. Cain't pull em' out at night," drawled the farmer. "Night's when we tote water to muddy the road!"

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You can always tell when it's getting closer to the holiday season. The ads are everywhere. There's a new kitchen gadget available guaranteed to cut meal time preparation in half, the Power Rangers have a new line-up of characters, fashion trends are changing, a new assortment of Chia Pets are out, this store's having a sale - that store's having a sale. Better get out there and get to shopping.

But wait! Have you stopped to think about what taking your money out of town means to all who live in your hometown? Have you discovered the joys of hometown shopping and all the great "finds" that are available right here?

Did you know that a portion of every dollar you spend goes to pay for community services and benefits in the location where you spend the money. Sales tax rebates that distributed back to the

communities from whence they came are often spent on tax-supported services in that community. By spending money out of town you help the tax burden there but are still faced with having to pay out for those services here at home. This community could enjoy greater prosperity and many more social and civic facilities if out-of-town spending was funneled back into the local community.

Not to mention that when you shop in more heavily populated areas you are burdened with heavy traffic, parking problems, road construction, and a higher crime rate that could affect you while visiting there.

Salespeople in the city are generally overwhelmed and rushed by the holiday season. Give them a break - shop at home and experience the helpfulness of your friends and neighbors.

Local businessmen work hard to

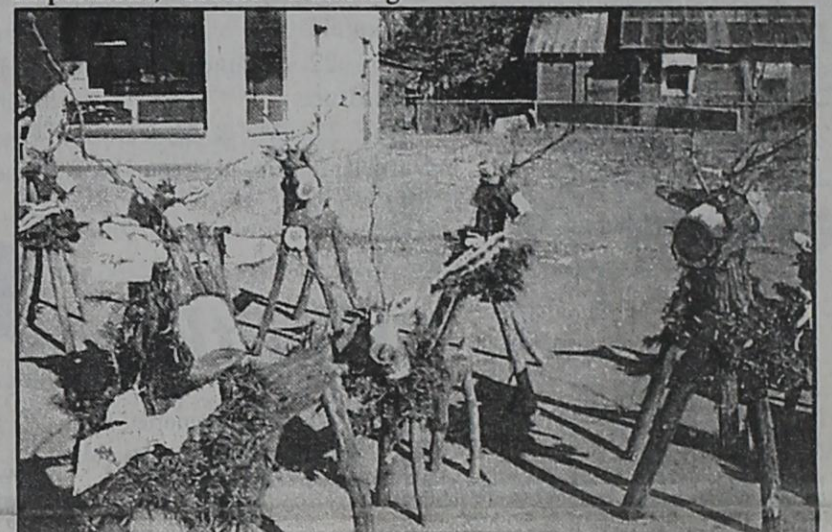
maintain the type of merchandise and shopping possibilities that you desire. While it's true that there are certain items that you can't find in Munday, just think about what it would be like if we didn't have the businesses that are represented here.

Local merchants are also the people who contribute heavily to our community charities, clubs and organizations. Many of them spend not only countless hours of volunteer work but they also bankroll the many activities that entertain and educate our children, grandchildren, and other residents. They would appreciate your business, which will help them to continue to make their generous donations to these activities.

The following businesses and individuals encourage you to patronize all Munday merchants this holiday season, it will benefit all of us! Monty Booe, Contractor, Memories of Munday Antiques

and Collectibles, Charles Baker Insurance, Pac-Rat Surplus, Schoolmarm Antiques, P & M Supply, Jim Cowser, Appraiser, Bud's For You, First National Bank in Munday, Four K Feed and Supply, Automotive Plus, Inc. Farmer's Grain Co-op, Dairy Queen, Osborne's, Commercial Promotions, C.F. Moore Insurance & Financial Services, Parker Implement, Home Building

Center, Munday Cotton, The Munday Economic Development Corporation, The Munday Courier, Knox County Farm Bureau, Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, Munday Tire & Appliance, Penman Conoco, Lawrence Brothers, Abicond Inc., Cambie's Corner Cafe, The Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, and Smith Drug.



DEERLAND the brainchild of the Oustads is just one of the many ideas available for gifts during the upcoming season. The Oustads recently debuted Deerland at Munday's Trade Days.

Prairie Lights Parade To Illuminate Christmas Season

It may be unseasonably warm outside but the Christmas season is upon us and a fun new way to bring in the Yuletide is being planned by The Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

The Prairie Lights Parade will usher in the holiday season and also debut the new decorations for downtown Munday. The parade will take place on Saturday, November 27 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

All citizens, churches, organizations, businesses, and families are encouraged to enter a lighted float in the parade. We hope to fill the streets of Munday with

the joyous sights of shining Christmas lights, along with the gleaming eyes of happy children and residents.

If it rolls - light it! Tractors, combines, trucks, vans, bicycles, wagons, floats, children on skates - it can all be aglow with Christmas lights and traveling in the parade. Battery operated Christmas lights are available at Home Building Center - get yours now and plan to be in the parade.

For more information or to make your entry in the parade call The Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at (940) 422-4540. Get that Christmas spirit!



MUNDAY'S TRADE DAYS is chock full of Christmas gift ideas. This display was one of many featuring Christmas items set up in the old Ben Franklin building. Munday's next Trade Days is set for December 10th and 11th.



A CHRISTMAS FOR ALL. Glynna Shahan and Margaret Hill put the finishing touches on the Knox County Welfare Board Christmas Tree located at Munday Tire and Appliance. The Welfare Board invites you to help make the holidays special for a local needy child - come by and pick an ornament off the tree then fulfill the wishes listed on the back.

Welfare Board Prepares For Busy Holiday Season, Relies On Citizens Generosity

The Knox County Child Welfare Board is already seeing red and green and members have been busy building snowmen despite the warm, unseasonable temperatures. The traditional Christmas tree has been adorned with ornaments and volunteers are dreaming of happy children and sugarplums. All in an effort to assist needy children in the Munday area whose Christmas just might be gray with out their help.

Snowman ornaments decorate the Yuletide tree at Munday Tire and Appliance located at 210 S. Munday Ave. Holiday Spirit filled citizens are encouraged to visit Munday Tire and Appliance and pick out an ornament. Each ornament is inscribed with a list containing the Christmas wishes of a youngster in need of your help. The items listed include sizes for clothing and necessities, the age of the child, and a toy or two that would bring a gleam to the little

ones eyes.

All a giving person needs to do is purchase one or more of the items on the list. Tag the gift with the number from your chosen ornament and return the unwrapped gift to Munday Tire and Appliance no later than December 10.

For those generous souls who would like to help but are not able to do the shopping, donations of money are also accepted with thanksgiving. Donations can be deposited at First National Bank by asking the friendly tellers to place it in the welfare account, or cash donations may be given to Dayle Kuehler, Glynna Shahan, Becky Offutt or Margaret Hill.

The welfare board has already had Christmas requests from forty needy children in the Munday area and more are expected as the season approaches. Please remembers these less fortunate

who rely on the benevolence of their neighbors to help make Christmas morning dreams come true.

Retired School Personnel To Learn Of Veterans Memorial Association

The Knox County Retired School Personnel will hold their November meeting on the 23rd of the month. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will take place in the First United Methodist Church in Benjamin.

Alice Partridge will present the program about the Veterans Memorial Association.

Host/Hostesses will be the Benjamin, Truscott and Gilliland members.

All members are asked to please note the date and are encouraged to attend.

Moguls and Mogulettes Looking Forward to Successful Seasons

Go Fight Win!

Munday Jr.High Basketball Schedule 1999-2000

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Nov. 15	Aspermont	B-Home G-Away	5:00
Nov. 22	Knox City	B-Away G-Home	5:00
Nov. 29	Guthrie (8B Boys & 1 Girls) Vernon (7&8 Boys)	Home Away	5:30 5:00
Dec. 6	Throckmorton (1Girls & 2 Boys)	Away	5:00
Dec. 13	Windthorst	B-Home G-Away	5:30
Dec. 18	OlneyTournament 7th & 8th Girls	Olney	TBA
Jan. 6	Vernon	3B-Home 2G-Away	5:00
Jan. 10	Knox City	B-Home G-Away	5:00
Jan. 15	CrowellTournament 7th & 8th Boys	Crowell	TBA
Jan. 17	Guthrie (1 Girls & 1 Boys)	Away	5:30
Jan. 24	Aspermont	B-Away G-Home	5:00
Jan. 31	Throckmorton (1 Girls & 2 Boys)	Home	5:00
Feb. 3	District Tournament	O'Brien	4:00
Feb.5	District Tournament	Windthorst	TBA
Feb.7	Aspermont	B-Home G-Away	5:00

Victory!

Both Ralph Klinkerman and Jeff Guice are optimistic about their chances to at least make a repeat appearance to their regional tournaments with this year's Mogul and Mogulette basketball squads. The Moguls are ranked in some polls as high as eighth and picked with Ira as Regional favorites. Munday coach Ralph Klinkerman says that both he and the team are heading into this year with high expectations. "I think this year we've got a legitimate shot," says Klinkerman, we've got

real good size and quickness, and we have a chance to be as good as we've ever been."

The Moguls will be returning five players from last years team which lost in the regional semifinals to Ponder. Klinkerman sees his starting lineup looking very familiar to last year's with Eric Beaty, Robert Dockins, Jason Key, Brian Urbanczyk, and B. J. Brown all returning to take their respective places on the court. Alan Albus and Lane Murphy are both expected to see a lot of action this year also.

Klinkerman's Moguls performed well in a recent scrimmage against Vernon last Saturday out scoring the 3A school 15 shots to 12, and despite having a few expected rough spots, played well on offense as well as defense.

Coach Jeff Guice will also be returning his starting lineup from last year, with seven girls coming back from a stellar season which saw them advance to the regional level losing to Zephyr in the semifinals. The Mogulettes, picked to finish second in district 22A behind a talented Windthorst Trojanette team, are ranked 24th in the TABC poll. "Polls," says Jeff Guice, "are just some people's opinions. It doesn't matter where you start, what matters is where you finish."

Guice will rotate six starters just like last year, and expects to fit Jo Ann Thomas into the line up. "Jo Ann will bring us a lot of size underneath," adds Guice.

The Mogulettes will start the season without the services of Keisha Collier who under went orthrosopic knee surgery to repair a torn miniscus and will miss at least four weeks. Collier along with Laci Myers was voted to the Texas Basketball Magazine's All State Team. In addition to Collier's injury Coach Guice is also missing Jessie Carlson who is suffering from a knee injury and is currently being evaluated.

The Mogulettes have performed well in their two recent scrimages against Stamford and Byers, and overall coach Guice is pleased with the effort he's seen. Save your schedule whic is printed in this week's Munday Courier, and for more basketball information and the latest statewide basketball news go to www.themundycourier.com/sports/htm and click on the Texas basketball and the TABC links.



IT'S TURKEY TEA TIME! Ryan Redder, Veronica Molina, Baileigh Hunter, Ryder Dillard, and Matthew Booe are all ready for the annual event.



PRE K AFTERNOON CLASS members Kenya Dockins, Tomas Carranza, and Karina Rangel prepare to present the annual Turkey Tea hosted by Kerri Urbanczyk's Pre K Classes.

Over the years patients have brought many delicious dishes to the office for us to enjoy. The staff at Dr. Cliff Ray's office, would like to compile a Recipe Book for him this Christmas, including many of your favorites.

Please send, (on or before Dec. 1, 1999) your favorite recipe and anecdote (if there is one) to:

Recipes
PO Box 317
Haskell, TX 79521

Turkey Tea Time Looms Ahead For Pre-Kindergarten

The Pre-Kindergarten classes at Munday Elementary School will present their annual Thanksgiving program, The Turkey Tea on Tuesday, November 23, in e Elementary lunchroom.

The morning class will hold their tea beginning at 10:00 and the afternoon class will begin their program at 2:45.

The Turkey Tea is an entertaining short program of Thanksgiving songs and finger plays performed by the Pre-Kindergarten students of Ms. Kerri Urbanczyk. Parents and grandparents are cordially invited to the program.

Raffle To Net Lucky Winners With Christmas Gifts

The Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will be holding a Christmas Raffle that could put a terrific prize under your Christmas tree. Many gifts will be included in the fund-raiser and all will be purchased from Munday businesses. The largest prize offered will be a top of the line gas grill - a great addition to any home. Tickets for the fund-raiser will be \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any Chamber Board of Directors member or from the Chamber office located at 121 East B Street.

Your support of this fund raising

Please See "Raffle"

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Go Moguls!

Munday High School Basketball Schedule 1999-2000

Go Mogulettes!

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Nov. 9	Stamford (scrimmage)	away	5:00	JVG,VG
Nov. 12	Byers (scrimmage)	away	TBA	JVG,VG
Nov. 16	Stamford	home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Nov. 19	Chillicothe	away	4:00	FrG, FrB, VG, VB
Nov. 23	Throckmorton	home	6:00	JVG,VG
Nov. 23	Iowa Park	away	TBA	JVB,VB
Nov. 27	Haskell	home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 2-4	Goree Tournament	Goree	TBA	JVG,JVB
Dec. 3	Holliday	away	6:30	VG,VB
Dec. 7	Midway	home	5:00	JVG,VG, VB
Dec. 9-11	Albany Tournament	Albany	TBA	VG, VB
Dec. 9-11	Patton Springs Tourney	P. S.	TBA	JVG, JVB
Dec. 14	Electra	home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 17	Graford	away	6:00	JVG, VG
Dec. 17	Breckenridge	home	5:00	FrB, JVB, VB
Dec. 18	Seymour JV Tourney	Seymour	TBA	JVG,JVB
Dec. 20	Guthrie	away	5:00	VG, VB
Dec. 21	Lipan	Midway	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Dec. 27-29	Eula Tournament	Eula	TBA	VG, VB
Jan. 4	Seymour	home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 6-8	Jayton Tournament	Jayton	TBA	VG, VB
Jan. 11	Woodson	away	6:00	JVG, VG
Jan. 14	Hawley	home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 18	Paducah	away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 21	Windthorst	home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 25	Knox City	away-	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 28	Petrolia	home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 1	Knox City	home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 4	Windthorst	away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 8	Petrolia	away	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB

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Minding Your Own Business

With Don Taylor, co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts

Rising above the Entrepreneurial Plateaus

(Part one of a two-part series)

In simple geographic terms, a plateau is a high-level flat spot. In the Southwest, these high, flat areas are called buttes or mesas. You'll find quite a number of plateaus in Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and Colorado.

In normal business cycles there are also plateaus or flat spots. These times of stagnation are frustrating for business owners because there is no easy or obvious answer for taking the business to a higher level.

For example, a manufacturer works hard to grow his business and maxes out his plant's production capacity. The owner can no longer meet increasing demand without a huge outlay of capital. Is the expansion risk worth the potential reward?

A service business owner provides great training and incentives to her employees, and sales increase steadily for three years. However, some employees grow weary of the steady push, push, push and relax their efforts. Sales flatten out, and stay flat. No amount of encouraging seems to help. What happened to the team?

A new-car dealership sells about 900 new vehicles each year. The owner has tried numerous growth strategies, but can't seem to quite reach the 1,000 unit sales mark. Is there a way?

These are typical entrepreneurs. They have a dream of building their own small businesses into great success. I've worked with hundreds, and most of them are bright, talented, hard-working folks.

Because they are entrepreneurs they must wear all the hats. They handle the marketing, do all the purchasing, keep the records, manage the finances, pay the bills and serve the customers.

If they do it well, sales grow, the workload increases, the hours grow longer, more customers call and stress escalates. One day they simply can't do any more. They've hit the entrepreneurial plateau.

There are three entrepreneurial plateaus I want to discuss in this and next week's column: the profit plateau, the people plateau and the performance plateau.

Let's start with the money mesa.

The low-profit plateau

All too often the earnings from a business don't keep pace with the growth. Many small-business owners underprice their products and services. They are so concerned that someone may complain about their prices, or that they may lose a sale because of price, that they enter the market too low and are never able to recover.

I'd like to share a five-step profit plan for rising above the low-profit plateau. It will help you find the right range for your products or services.

Step One: Know your true costs. You must include your cost of goods sold, operating expenses, your personal income needs, margin for growth and expansion and a return on investment.

Step Two: Know your competitor's prices, products and value. Your competition may offer a lower price without delivering the same quantity or quality.

Step Three: Know the advantages and benefits you offer that no one else does. If you don't have any, find some. Otherwise you are stuck on the low-profit plateau.

Step Four: Set a price that covers your costs and delivers real value to your customers. Then stick by it. If any customers question your price, go to step five.

Step Five: Sell the value you add. Show the customer that the quality, performance, results, etc that you give them is worth every penny you are charging. Point out the advantages and benefits they get only from you. Yes, you may lose a sale now and then, but it is a rare customer who prefers low-price to obvious good value.

Next week I'll offer suggestions for rising above the people and performance plateaus. Don't miss "Rising above the Entrepreneurial Plateaus" part two.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



HONORABLE STUDENTS. Students recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Munday High School are (top) Jonathan Ramirez, Cindy Hunter, (middle) Alicia Herring, Chad Tuttle, (front) Erik Sosolik, Meghan Myers, and Joe Rivera. Also inducted into the National Honor Society but not pictured was Celia Lara.

Ag Communications Class Writes Of High School Life

By Ag Communications Students at Munday High School

MOGULETTE BASKETBALL IS UNDERWAY

Sounds of bouncing balls and swishing nets can be heard throughout Munday High School. The girls athletic program has

begun their season activities. The teams are fired up and looking forward to another successful season. Returning lettermen from last year's Regional Quarterfinal Championship team are: Seniors - Erica Gray, Amanda Myers, Miranda Zeissel, Nicole Urbanczyk, Jessi Carlson, Laci Myers, and Junior - Keisha Collier. These ambitious athletes have been leading their teammates through fundamental drills, which include dribbling, passing, and shooting. They also have been working on strength and conditioning exercises to improve their overall athletic abilities. When asked how he feels about the upcoming season, Coach Jeff Guice stated, "I think that we will have a good year."

FFA ACTIVITIES

The organization of FFA is doing lots of activities this upcoming year. Some of these

activities include a variety of extra hard work.

Please See "Ag" Continued on P. 6

Shugart's Photography To Offer Christmas Package

Shugart's Inc. of Levelland will be at The Munday Courier on Thursday, December 2. Photographer's hours will be from 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 5:00.

Shugart's offers a quality portrait package featuring 30 color photos for only \$12.99. A 99¢ deposit is required at time of sitting with the remainder plus tax due at portrait pick-up time.

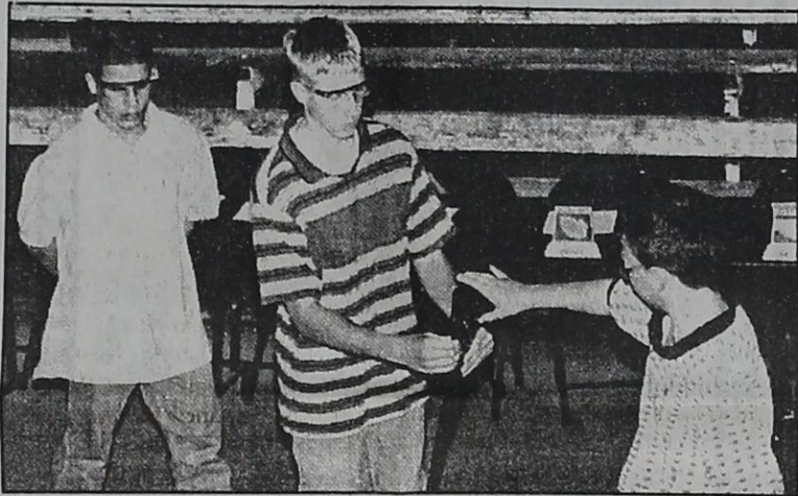
Plan now to have your holiday pictures taken on December 2 at The Munday Courier. Pictures will arrive in time for great Christmas giving! Mark your calendar!

Lady Stangs Receive District Volleyball Honors

Benjamin High School's Lady Stangs volleyball team remained undefeated during regular play to be named District Champs. Many of the team members have now received further honors by being

named to the All District Team for 1999. One Benjamin player.

Blain Conner, was named Most Valuable Player. Members named to the All District Team from Benjamin are Carmen Acevedo, Mica Larned, Lynn Moorhouse, Sandra Acevedo, and Ashley Cartwright.



AND IT FITS EVERYTIME! Micah Yates, Cody West, and Justin Lowe demonstrate the proper technique used in cutting rafters as the students prepared for their district FFA competition.

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Cotton Harvest Underway For Knox County Farmers

This year's cotton harvest is just getting under way in Knox county with area gins reporting capacity start ups and estimates on harvested acres running anywhere from 15 to 20% completed. Corey Moore of Munday Cotton estimates that irrigated cotton yields are running at about 2 bales to the acre, while dryland yields are looking poor at about one quarter of a bale to the acre. Cotton prices of about 44¢ per pound are expected to remain stable in the immediate future. According to Moore the worm resistant varieties of cottonseed planted in the irrigated fields appear to have helped some of our area growers to keep their spray bills lower over last year and may help to influence lower inputs over last year.

Brenda Brown from Rhineland Co-op Gin reports similar findings on yield and quality. Brown said the early cotton that didn't get hauled out is yielding overall better than that which has had to be replanted due to the spring storms.

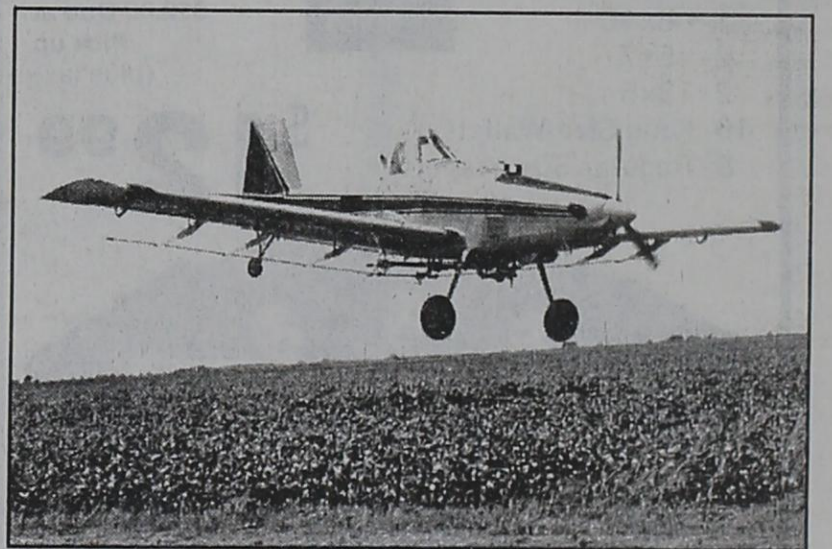
"The replanted cotton has a shorter growing season, and the water quality due to diminishing Summer water tables always impacts the yield negatively," says Brown. Overall Brown is optimistic about the quality and the quantity of cotton just now starting to come in. Area growers on the other hand are still struggling with what to do about the upper bolls on the plant that have yet to crack open.

Jim Cottingham of Petty flying service says that most of the area cotton has been defoliated by this time, with the favored Prep and Def combination of defoliant and boll opener, and the bolls near the top of the plant that have yet to pop open will most likely have to wait for a freeze which is unlikely any time in the immediate future if you can believe the weather forecasters.

Cottingham reported spraying about 7,000 acres per week for boll weevils which he says is down some from last year, and the early wheat is starting to see some green bug populations over the threshold that warrant spraying. "The cotton looks pretty good, overall," says Cottingham. "The early wheat will need some spraying for green bugs."

While the wheat needs rain and time to harden up before winter, rain and mild weather is not what the cotton growers want. "Our farmers are waiting on a freeze to pop open those top bolls," says Bernadette Moore of Knox Prairie Co-op, "rain and continued mild weather would just string out the cotton that's already open and promote regrowth."

So while some wait on a freeze, others strip what they have, unopened bolls and all. There has been mention recently of going to cotton varieties that would lend themselves more to picking instead of stripping as the harvest-



AIR TRACTORS IN FLIGHT are a common sight around Munday as the mature cotton gets a good dose of defoliant. Boll Weevil eradication continues also until the first good freeze.

ing method of choice. Picking the cotton would allow the grower to harvest the cotton that's ready, then come back and get the bolls that open later on another pass.

What does this mean economically? It depends on your crop and your yield just like it always has. If your dryland cotton is yielding half a bale to the acre (250 pounds) of average cotton, you might be able to sell it for 44¢ plus your government subsidy of 19¢ for a total of 63¢ per pound. Multiply 63¢ times 250 and your gross per acre on an optimistic half bale yield is a whopping \$157.50 per acre. Subtract the average input price for dryland cotton to get it through the gin, which according

to Ag Credit of Texas representative Jason Cox is \$150.00, and the grower is left with \$7.50 per acre is he's lucky enough to get that. Of course irrigated yields are higher, but their input costs are higher too, averaging from \$300 to \$350 per acre according to Cox.

With all of these factors to consider, the American public is lucky that there are still people willing to farm this land, and I'm thankful that there are.

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OUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has assessed our system and determined that our water is safe to drink. The analysis was made by using the data in the attached tables. If your water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices.

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Where do we get our drinking water? Our drinking water is obtained from Ground water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: Miller Crk Res. TNRCC will be reviewing all of Texas' drinking water sources. The source water assessment process will be completed in three years.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

About The Attached Table

The attached table contains all of the chemical constituents which have been found in your drinking water. U.S. EPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents. 8 constituents were detected in your water.

DEFINITIONS:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Treatment Technique - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

MFL - million fibers per liter

pCi/l - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter.

CERTIFICATION LETTER

FOR
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

CWSName: City of Goree

PWS I.D. NUMBER 1380001

The community water system named above hereby confirms that its consumer confidence report has been distributed to customers and appropriate notices of availability have been given. Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the primacy agency.

Certified by: Name Debra Smith

Title City Secretary

Phone# 940-422-5306

Date 11-15-99

*** You are not required by EPA rules to report the following information, but you may want to provide it. If so, check all items that apply.

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- Posting the CCR in public places
- Delivery of multiple copies to single bill addresses serving several persons
- Delivery to community organizations

____ (For systems serving at least 100,000 persons) Posted CCR on a publicly-accessible Internet site at the address: www. _____

Return to: **Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission**
Water Utilities Division - Mail Code 152
P. O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Inorganics

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1998	Arsenic	3.9	3.0000-3.9000	50	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
1997	Barium	0.249	0.2220-0.2490	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
1998	Fluoride	0.7	0.7000-0.7000	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
1997	Nitrate	0.15	0.1500-0.1500	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
1997	Selenium	5.1	4.5000-5.1000	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
1998	Gross beta emitters	15.4	15.4000-15.4000	50	0	pCi/l	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

Organics

Year	Constituent	Highest Average of Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1998-1998	Xylenes	0.0009	0.0009-0.0009	10	10	ppm	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories.
1993-1998	Ethylbenzene	0.2	0.2000-0.2000	700	700	ppb	Discharge from petroleum refineries.

Lead and Copper

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1996	Lead	0.6000	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
1996	Copper	0.0080	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

COLIFORMS

What are coliforms?

Coliform bacteria are used as indicators of microbial contamination of drinking water because they are easily detected and found in the digestive tract of warm blooded animals. While not themselves disease producers, they are often found in association with other microbes that are capable of causing disease. Coliform bacteria are more hardy than many disease-causing organisms; therefore their absence from water is a good indication that the water is bacteriologically safe for human consumption.

Fecal coliform (mostly E-coli), is a portion of the coliform bacteria group originating in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals that passes into the environment as feces. Fecal coliform is often used as an indicator of the fecal contamination of domestic water supply.

Total Coliform

Year	Constituent	Highest Monthly Number of Positive Samples	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1998	Total Coliform Bacteria	1	*	Presence	Naturally present in the environment.

* Two or more coliform found samples in any single month.



THE ARTIST'S TOUCH. Local youngsters are enjoying the teaching techniques of artist Linda Edwards at weekly sessions held at First United Methodist Church. Ms. Edwards grew up in Munday and now has a selection of her water color paintings on display at the art museum in Lubbock. Young budding artists taking the class include Geoffrey Wade and Kaitlyn Sosolik.



PRAIRIE LIGHTS PARADE

Help light up our Knox Prairie...

As we celebrate the lighting of Munday's new downtown Christmas lights! Enter your business, organization, truck, farm implement, bicycle, kids, or yourself, in our "Prairie Lights Parade" on Saturday, November 7, 8 p.m. The parade will follow an evening of "Open House" from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Buds For You, Smith Drug & Gift, Memories of Munday, Schoolmarm Antiques, Just in Time, and the Trade Days Arts & Crafts Building (former Ben Franklin). Following the parade, join us at the Downtown Park for hot chocolate and Christmas carols.

Join the Fun!



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Benjamin News...

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participating all had a part. The finale was the singing of Auld Lang Syne by the kids and the audience, thus bringing to a close the last fall fest of this millennium. Chance Propps did an excellent job of announcing and Matthew Cartwright was his "camera man." The parents, students, teachers and aides had put a lot of work in the entire evening and it was successful and some money made for the classes, PTO and fire department. Connie Shaw is PTO president.

HERE 'N THERE

Among those in town this past week end visiting relatives were Eddie Romo of Dallas, Sean, Mary and Hannah Widmer of Carrollton, Michele and Jimmy Barrientez of Lubbock, Tracy

Condron of Amarillo, Bobby Condron and a friend of Wichita Falls, Toby Rainwater of Nocona, Kathy Rainwater of VRJC, Rachel Duke of M.U., Rebekah, Phil and Paige Boone of Trent, Bonnie Tomlinson of Seymour, Charles and Linda Griffith of Lubbock, Brandi Hacker, Kayla and Charles and Linda Griffith of Lubbock, Brandi Hacker, Kayla and Courtney of Knox City. Also Stacy, Ryan and Callie Antilley of Guthrie.

Pete and Kay Lindsey of Dickens were here Friday for the funeral of Ruth Ressel. I visited with them briefly and they are doing well. They are former Benjamin residents.

Mary Rainwater, also formerly of Benjamin, now of Nocona, was here Friday to visit the family of Ruth Ressel. She had to leave early so was unable to stay for the

funeral. It was good to see Mary, also.

Week end visitors in the home of Chris, Penny and Christi Phillips and attending the fall festival were James and Heather Phillips of Bay City, Casey Hendrix of Palmer, Ronnie Phillips, Ida and Whitney Crane of Haskell, and Jo Ima Hill, Misty and Jaydon Fronterhouse, Harold Floyd, LaCresha Phillips and Joe Alan Phillips all of Munday.

Jane Gideon and her daughters, Lana Mendoza of Seymour visited Jane's sister, Joy Yancey in Wichita Falls Sunday afternoon.

Peggy Cure Richie and Calleen Jamison Patterson of Wichita Falls were here Friday for the funeral of Ruth Ressel.

Retired School Personnel Learn Of Historical Society Work

The Knox County Retired School Personnel met Tuesday, October 26, 1999 in the Munday First United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Vice President Ramona Helms called the meeting to order. Kenneth Roberts gave the invocation.

Ramona Helms introduced our speaker Clara Brown. She told about the work of Knox County Historical Society. She gave ideas on how each family could write our family history to go in the Knox County History Book update. A sheet to help write the history was given us. Each family with history growing up in Knox County was urged to participate.

In business meeting each member is encouraged to bring good new or used books for children to take home, to have books to read at home. Books are to be turned in in November, December or January meetings.

Francis King, Health Care Chairman, encouraged all persons with health care equipment to have them checked for failure in 2000.

Nell Sloan, Bill Baker, Ramona Helms and Billy Walker attended Drive In Conference in Wichita Falls on October 11, 1999.

Knox County Retired School Personnel will meet again November 23 in Benjamin First United Methodist Church.

VRJC Explores Possible Nursing Program In Haskell

Interested citizens in Haskell and the surrounding area have requested that Vernon Regional Junior College (VRJC) investigate the possibility of establishing a vocational nursing certificate program in their city. In order to determine the need for such a program, VRJC is surveying Haskell area residents.

The VRJC Vocational Nursing program requires twelve months of training. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the licensing examination for Vocational Nurses.

If you are interested please pick up a form at one of the following locations: Haskell Memorial Hospital, Haskell City Hall or at the Haskell High School Counselor's office.

For more information please contact Monty Montgomery at (940) 864-3424.

Raffle

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activity will be extremely important to The Chamber of Commerce as they continue to promote activities and business in Munday. The Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture encourages you to Shop Munday First during the holiday season and every other day of the year!

An Ending Too Soon

Author Unknown

Close to the door he paused to stand
As he took his class ring off her hand.

All who were watching did not speak
As a silent tear ran down his cheek

And through his mind the memories ran

Of the moments they walked and laughed in the sand.

But now her eyes were so terrible cold

For he would never again have her to hold.

They watched in silence as he bent near

And whispered the words "I love you" in her ear.

He touched her face and started to cry

As he put on his ring and wanted to die.

And just then the wind began to blow

As they lowered her casket into the snow...

This is what happens to man alive...

When friends let friends drink and drive.

Goree News

By Mrs. Leonard Brothers

Tommy & Joyce Greenwood visited with relatives, Mr & Mrs D.A. Corley of Burleson, Texas.

Billy Don & Mary Hutchens visited with Dean Williams and Delbert Matthews of Ringold, Texas.

Tommie Sue Teague of Decatur, Texas, visited her sister Dixie Elliott, the past weekend.

Jr. high boys will start their basketball games on Nov. 18, 1999, at Goree. They will play Paint Creek at 4 pm. The next game is Nov. 22, 1999, at Benjamin at 4:30 p.m. Let's all get out and support the boys.

The Goree girls won their volleyball game on Monday against the faculty. I understand it was a good game.

Mr J.M. Howard, the former Goree undertaker who was 100 yrs. old died. He was buried Thursday, in the Goree Cemetery. He was Lois Howard's brother-in-law.

The late, Margaret Jones of Haskell, Texas, passed away on Nov. 12, 1999, the niece of Lois Howard and Fannie Bell & Merl Lambeth. Services were held in the First Baptist Church of Haskell with Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Pat Peek treated her daughters Jamie Brothers and Betsy Ramos to a birthday luncheon in Altus, Oklahoma. Dustin Brothers, Austin & Ethan Ramos were also present.

Friday night, James & Pat Peek went to Wichita Falls to meet Len & Jamie Brothers at Samari of Tokyo, for celebrating Jamie's birthday, which was Thursday, Nov. 11, 1999.

I understand that Patty & Robert Arismendez have sold their home to Carlene & Jimmy Harlan. We congratulate the Harlans.

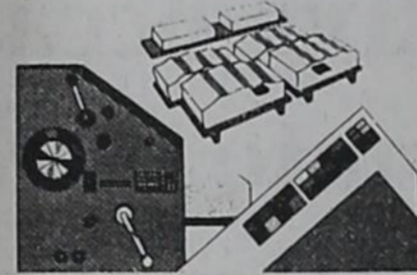
Joyce & Laura Littlefield, Michael Brothers went to Vernon to see Cody Brothers play basketball over the weekend.

I wish to thank each of you who have complimented on the Goree News. L. Lowrance of Colorado City and Charlie Thomas of Fargo, Texas, have sent letters of appreciation. Thanks.

If you have any news, contact Loweta Brothers 940-422-5265

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Ag Communication Students Write

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fruit and sausage sales which require much dedication on the teachers, community and students. In November students help hang Christmas lights for the community. In December poinsettias will be sold. Also the Ag students will be attending the District FFA Banquet. In January and February stock shows will be attended. In April and May there will be plant sales from the greenhouse. Projects will be finished and will be in a show. A small vaccination clinic will be held.

The officers of FFA are Lane Murphy - President, Amber Reed - Vice President, Jennifer Carden - Reporter, Scott Tuttle - Secretary, Keramie Brown - Treasurer, Jeremy Lowe - Sentinel, Eric Hagar and Chris Bibb Historian, Jason Key - Photographer.

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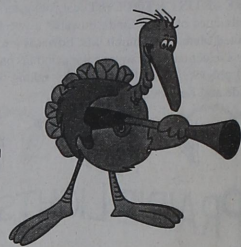
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