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by Cynthia White

“Sonny” Moore Retires After Twenty One Years of Service

On May 1, 1979, Maynard “Sonny” Moore walked through the doors of Farmer’s Grain for the first time. Since then he has seen, bountiful harvests, drought ruined crops, rail cars come and go, and much more. As of December 31, 1999, Sonny retired from active management of Farmer’s Grain and the reins have been handed over to his son, Corey Moore, who also owns Munday Cotton Company, will continue to act in an advisory position for both establishments.

“I’ll never forget the first year I was here. We had to pile wheat all over the ground and then we had a five inch rain. Right then I made up my mind that we were going to get some more storage,” says Moore. During that harvest Farmer’s Grain boasted only a 9500 bushel capacity for wheat storage. In 1982 the business purchased Chickasha/Kimball elevator which added 300,000 bushels of storage. Then in 1983 a

large tank was added to the facility which increased the storage capacity by 125,000 bushels.

Again in 1986 another tank was added and in 1988 the Knox Prairie elevator was purchased which

added another 36,000 bushels to the capacity and last year the grain division at Goree Gin was purchased for an additional 110,000 bushels. Now the establishment can utilize space to hold some 750,000 bushels.

Under the management of Moore, Farmer’s Grain added several other accomplishments to its list. In 1993 several harvest records were broken. During that plentiful year Farmer’s Grain Co-Op unloaded 337 trucks in one day, unloaded a total of 198,000 bushels in one day, loaded 47 rail cars in one day, and loaded 388 rail cars in one season. In 1998 they broke their own record for unloading bushels when they managed to bring in 1,394,795 bushels in one season.

Moore has also been active in other facets of community life. He served on the Munday Independent School Board for sixteen years, spent two terms on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, is past president of the Munday Lions Club, is a member of the Knights of Columbus, was on the Knox County Junior Livestock Show Board for twenty years, and was co-chair and chair person for the finance committee of that organization for 12 years, was chairperson of the Knox County Building Committee for three years.

“When you retire you think a lot about some of the things that

happened in the past. I remember when I was awarded ‘Citizen of the Year in 1994. That was the first Chamber banquet my two boys and some of my sisters ever attended but I didn’t catch the hint. When they started talking about some of my past accomplishments I finally realized that they were talking about me!”

Moore admits that he is “looking forward to drawing Social Security next year” and has other plans in store for his retirement years. “I have a big garden going and I fish some. I also have a little wood-working shop that I work in when I feel like it,” he says. Moore and his wife, Carolyn, enjoy traveling but she is still employed at the USDA office in Knox City. “She makes sure that I have something to do everyday,” he jokes. “And there’s always a ball-game to go watch.”

Moore is quite confident that the new manager, his son, Corey, will do the job and do it well. “He caught on real quick after I hired him,” he says. The younger Moore holds a masters degree in business management and is quite familiar with the activities at Farmer’s Grain Co-Op and Munday Cotton. “When he was a kid, 8 or 10, he used to come down here and play with the harvesters’ kids. During college he came home during harvest and worked.” He quickly adds, with a smile, “He’ll do just fine!”



SONNY MOORE HANDS THE REINS OVER TO SON COREY after a 21 year stint at the helm of Farmer’s Grain Co-op in Munday. Moore retired from active management on December 31, 1999.

Dirt Bike Racing Jumps Into Munday Scene

What started out as a family hobby and past-time for the Jimmy Cooke family of Munday may very well develop into a family operated establishment and a big plus for dirt bike racers in the area.

Cooke, his wife Tracey, daughter Destini, and son Dylan, have been enjoying the sport of dirt bike racing and have been joined by Munday residents Chris Anderson and Dee Abell. The group travels on week-ends to participate in their favorite hobby but may soon be able to stay at home for more week end practice sessions when not attending races.

Foxx Hills Race Track is coming into existence and Cooke and Abell are anxious to see their dream come to fruition.

The track, located on Highway 222 just past the Lake Creek Golf Course, is ready for riders to come and enjoy the dips, turns, and jumps that make the sport thrilling to young and old. After some labor intensive days, and the help of several Munday residents who enjoy the sport, riders will be able to fly down the track beginning this Saturday, May 13. All riders in the area are invited out for a “free ride” day on Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Cooke says that once he realized the need for a track in Munday he began to go to work on finding a location. “We have to go to Abilene just to practice the sport and that gets expensive. By the time you figure in your time, gas, food, and track fees you’ve spent quite a bit of money,” says Cooke. “We just thought it would be better to put

the money here for practice rather than going somewhere else.”

Cooke says that he and Abell designed and laid out the track while Anderson is the “test jummy.” “He loves to ride so he

always checks out the jumps and turns first,” says Cooke of

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AIRBORNE. Dee Abel shows his style as his dirt bike roars over the newly constructed race course 5 miles east of the blinking light on State Rd. 222.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Named For MHS Class of 2000

Laci Myers has been named Valedictorian for the Munday High School Class of 2000. Myers boasts a 98.27 grade point average during her high school career. Future plans for Myers include attending Angelo State in San Angelo where she will major in physical therapy. She is the daughter of Danny and Tena Myers of Munday.

Amber Reed has been named Salutatorian for the graduating class. Reed claims a 96.8 grade point average to earn the title. Reed will be attending Texas Tech

University majoring in pre-veterinary medicine. She has been named the recipient of the Texas Tech University Presidential Endowed Scholarship, the Cargill Scholarship Program for Rural American Scholarship, and the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship. She is the daughter of Mark and Pam Reed of Munday.

Both scholars will be presented at graduation exercises for Munday High School on Friday, May 26 at 8:00 in the high school auditorium.



LACI MYERS



AMBER REED

A man and woman are having marriage problems, and decide to end their union after a very short time together.

After a most brief attempt to reconcile, the couple goes to court to finalize their break-up.

The judge asks the husband, “What has brought you to the point that you are now at, where you are not able to keep this marriage together?”

The husband says, “In the six weeks we’ve been together, we haven’t been able to agree on one thing.”

The wife says, “Seven weeks.”

A man calls into the police station and says, “My wife is missing.”

The officer asks, “How long has she been gone?”

“A month.”

“Why did you wait so long to report it?”

“Well, until yesterday I thought it was just a dream.”

Bill’s barn burned down and his wife, Lynn, called the insurance company.

Lynn spoke to the insurance agent and said, “We had that barn insured for fifty thousand, and I want my money.”

The agent replied, “Whoa there, just a minute. Insurance doesn’t work quite like that. An independent adjuster will assess the value of what was insured, and then we’ll provide you with a new barn of similar worth.”

There was a long pause, and then Lynn replied, “If that’s how it works, then I want to cancel the life insurance policy on my husband.”

An IRS agent paid a visit to the rectory of a church to speak to Father Sullivan.

“Father,” he said, when he found him, “do you know a Mr. Abner Smithson?”

“Well, yes, I do,” said the priest.

“Is he a member of your congregation?” asked the agent.

“Uh, yes, he is,” said the priest.

“Why do you ask?”

“I’m from the IRS. Can you tell me something? Did he make the \$100,000 donation to the church as he has claimed on his tax return?” asked the IRS agent.

“Well, of course I would have to check our records,” replied the priest, “but if he hasn’t, I can assure you that he will!”

Shortly after returning home from a trip to Sea World, in Florida, a friend went shopping for swimsuits with her children.

When she emerged from the dressing room in a contrasting black-and-white suit, her four-year-old son exclaimed his approval:

“Oh, Mommy, I love it! You look just like Shamu!”

Don’t forget mom on Mother’s Day this Sunday. Thanks for reading.

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Calendar of Events



May 14 - Spring Musicade.
 May 15 - Munday VFD, Spring Musicade.
 May 16 - Lions Club.

Knox County Aging Center

Munday & Goree Menu

May 15 thru May 19

Mon. May 15th. - Salmon croquettes, macaroni and cheese, sweet peas, cole slaw, light bread, dessert.

Wed. May 17th. - Bar-b-que chicken, pinto beans, buttered spinach, potato salad, cornbread, cobbler.

Fri. May 19th. - Beef stew, 7 minute cabbage, cheese sticks, cornbread, peanut butter rice krispie bars.

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 11 - Jami Feemster, T. J. Moore.
 May 12 - Shane Decker, James & Beth Beaty, Gwen Hailey, Micah Maulding.
 May 14 - Brian Kuehler.
 May 15 - Mr. & Mrs. Jason Booe, Ysidro Montoya.
 May 16 - Chad Rio.
 May 17 - Elizabeth Gulley, Traci Ramirez, Gary Cypert, Chris Corsentino, Dalton, Tidwell.

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Piano Students To Present Spring Recital

Piano students of Mrs. Sandy King will present their annual Spring Recital this Thursday evening. The music will begin at 7:30 in the auditorium of First Baptist Church in Munday.

Those presenting pieces during the concert are: Emily Mizer,

Landon Lynn, Lynndy Moeller, Kari Sue Kuehler, Jessie Vanderpol, Leah Vanderpol, Kimberly Hawkins, Kaitlyn Sosolik, Jodie Chambers, Ashley Harrison, Amy Turner, Teddi Sue Harris, and Destini Cooke.

Dirt Bike Racing Comes To Munday

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Anderson. Anderson is an accomplished rider and points out that Foxx Hills is quickly becoming one of his favorites. "This track has better jumps than the one in Abilene - there are more table tops there," explains Anderson.

The jumps that Anderson refers to have come about thanks to the help of several area residents. "Phil Loftin and Steve Anderson have helped us a lot and so has Jerry Lowe who brought a dozer out here and moved a bunch of dirt," says Cooke. Other area residents and businesses who have helped with preparation of the track are Abell Ag., Shortes Inc., and Greg Urbanczyk.

The mounds of dirt are testimony to the work that has gone on at Foxx Hills. The property, which is leased from the city of Munday, has been scraped, pushed, piled up and readied for action. Insurance is in place but riders under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent if they want to ride and all riders, regardless of age, must sign a waiver. However, the sport is very "kid friendly," says most enthusiast. Cooke adds that "motorcycle racers are always friendly and helpful. And since kids must be accompanied by a parent, there are always older riders who are quick to help if a smaller rider needs assistance." Cooke explains that the family orientation of the sport is one of the things that attracted his family to it in the first place. "If a kid is racing, his entire family and usually a bunch of friends are down by the track cheering him on," says Cooke.

After the "Free Ride" on Saturday there will be a charge of \$5.00 per day per racer at the facility. "The fee will off-set maintenance costs for the track," says Cooke. The cost for up-keep can be sizable since the surface of the track will have to be maintained and equipment will be needed. Cooke also hopes that the fee will help with improvements that he envisions for the future. "We would like to get lights, a go-cart track, grandstands, and a concession area," says Cooke. "And eventually we would like to

become sanctioned so that we can have races right here in Munday."

Meanwhile the buzz of dirt bike engines will enliven Foxx Hills and big and little bikers will sail over the track with smiles on their faces while they enjoy the opportunity to practice their hobby off the streets and into a place where they are welcomed. Moms and dads can enjoy visiting with their neighbors - so bring your lawn chairs and refreshments and see why Cooke says that this track is "big boy tough and kid friendly!" Remember, Saturday is "Free Ride" day at Foxx Hills.

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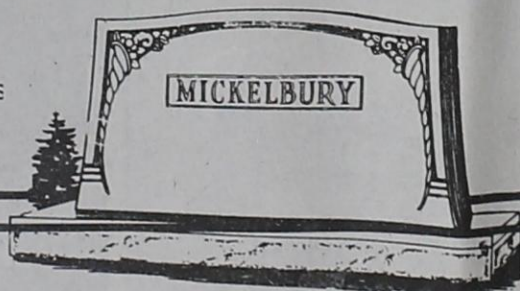
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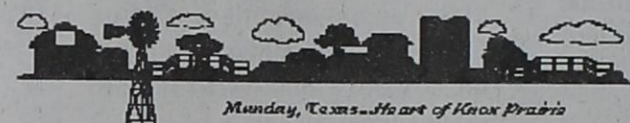
Saturday, May 6th, was a busy and exciting day for Munday and the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. With the grand opening of "Crafts 'N Clutter" in the old Beauty's store, many folks were browsing through town and area shops as well as the new craft mall. Radio station KOEZ from Abilene was on hand for the festivities and gave away several delightful prizes to residents who had registered. Several meals for two from Golden Corral, a handful of T-shirts, and even 4 free tickets to Schlitterbahn were extended to area residents and visitors who attended the grand opening celebrations. While broadcasting live on the air the radio station also gave the performing group, "The 6-teens" at chance to sing on the radio while they entertained the visitors to "Crafts 'N Clutter." Delicious hamburgers and roasting ears were served up at the location which reported a great turnout for the festivities all through the day.

Area Ag students were rewarded for their projects which were on display near the "Browse 'n Buy" location. This was a wonderful way to showcase the talents of these young students. The projects ranged from gun targets, to hat racks, to entertainment centers, livestock trailers, deer stands, pipe haulers, storage buildings and more. Excellent craftsmanship was exhibited by all and those in attendance agreed that the students who entered the judged contest were all worthy of the recognition they received.

Get ready now for "Garage Sale Day 2000!" That's right! It will soon be time for the annual city-wide garage sale sponsored yearly by The Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 10th. If you plan to participate you can get a head-start by preparing your items for sale and also contacting the Chamber office at 422-4540 and informing them of your plan to participate in the sale. Vendors are also needed for the Trade Days area for the week-end. The city-wide garage sale always brings in a large number of people to the city who are shopping for bargains. If you have crafts, flea market items, novelties, or other items that you would like to sale this could be just what you have been waiting for. Vendors are always needed and welcomed for Second Monday in Munday Trade Days - please contact the Chamber for more information.

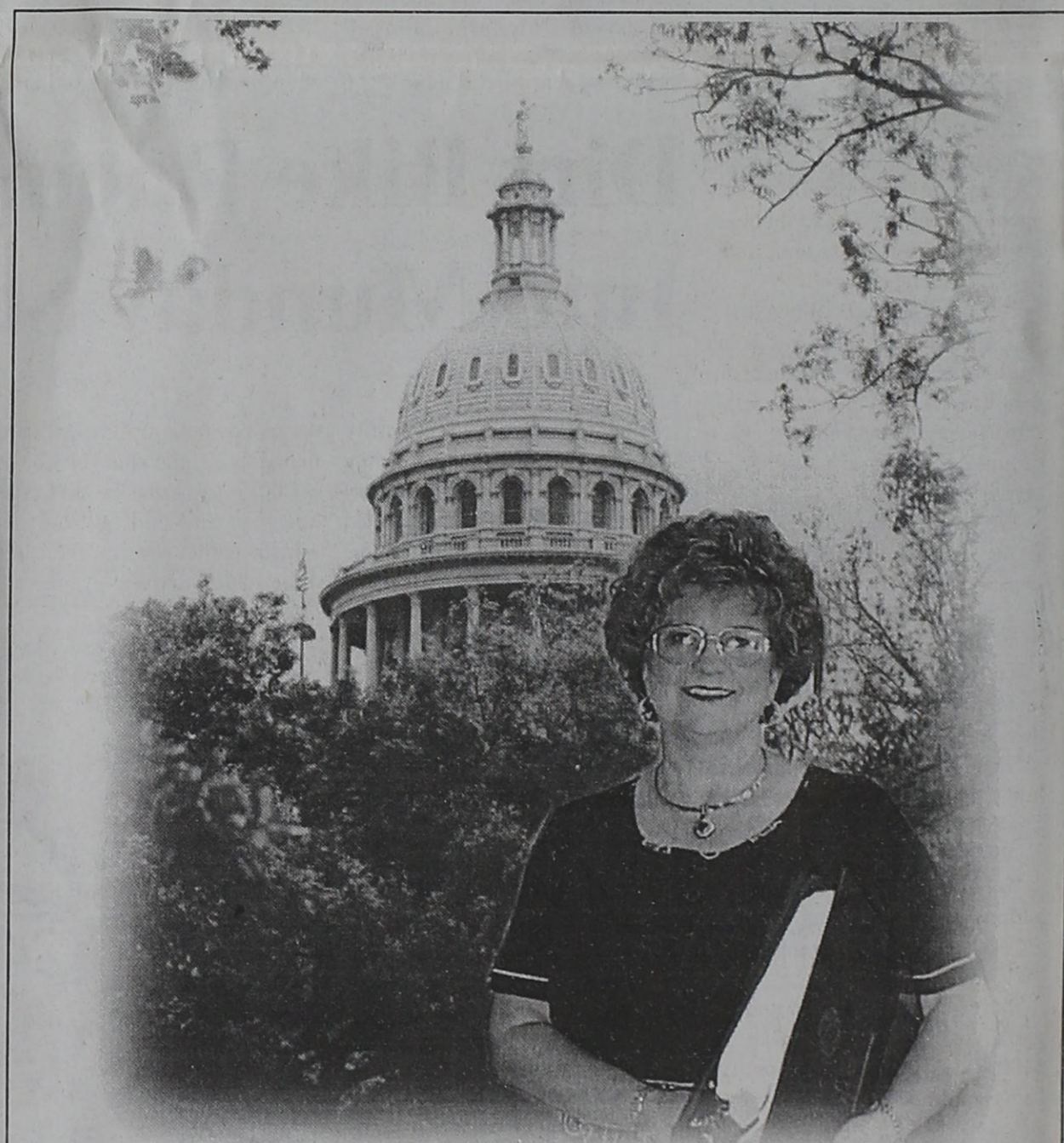
Another big event for the summer is also in the works. "Old Fashioned Saturday" will take place on July 8th. This year is expected to be even bigger and better than in the two years past. The theme for the day will center around the 1950's and an Antique Car Show will be one of the highlights. A cruise around town is being planned as well as entertainment that will encompass the entire Saturday, many vendors are being solicited, and games and other activities are in the planning stages. Please inform your organization or group and plan to participate now! The more the merrier!

Remember, the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture works for a better Munday. Get involved now and help your community prosper and grow. New volunteers are always encouraged and welcomed and those who have volunteered in the past are appreciated for their loyalty, experience, and enthusiasm. Call the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at 422-4540 for information on these and other activities that are planned.



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Locals Granddaughters Win Academic and Leadership Awards

Kristi Walling, daughter of Jerry and Andrea Walling of Pampa and granddaughter of Darlene and Bobby Jones of Groom and James and Joyce Walling of Munday, was recently honored by the United States Achievement Academy. Kristi was named United States National Award Winner for her leadership and service accomplishments.

The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Walling was nominated for the award by her

high school counselor, Starla Kindle. She will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

Lori Walling, also the daughter of Jerry and Andrea Walling and granddaughter of Darlene and Bobby Jones and James and Joyce Walling, recently attended the Seventh Annual Student Athlete Academic Awards Banquet at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

The banquet is held to honor outstanding academic achievement of OSU student-athletes. To qualify for inclusion in the event, a student must earn a 3.0 grade point average or higher and must be nominated by Academic Services for Student-Athletes.

Lori is a second-year award recipient and is a junior at OSU.

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It's a girl!

Fred and Terri Elliott are very happy to announce the arrival of their second granddaughter.

Emmeri Tayte Elliott was born Sunday, May 7, at 3:43 p.m. in Levelland Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 8 ounces and was 22" long.

Proud parents are Justin and Allyson Elliott of Littlefield. Emmeri also has a proud big sister, Breenkly, who isn't quite sure about this situation.

Great-grandmother, Dixie Elliott of Goree, certainly has someone else for whom to sew.

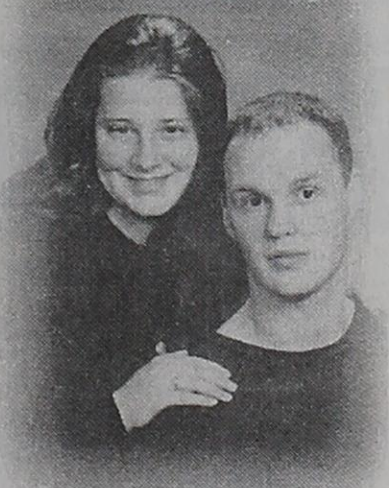
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Wedding Announcement

Kaylon and Debra Bederka proudly announce the wedding of David Jean Trombly and Cassandra Lin Boyer, both of Duluth, Minnesota. The couple will be wed in a ceremony at Copper Breaks State Park on Saturday, May 20, 2000.



Following the wedding, the couple will return to Minnesota, but plans to make Munday their home at the end of the summer. David is currently employed by Raddison Hotels, while Cassandra works as a secretary for a temp agency.

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FOOTBALL HEROS. Adam Garza, Joey Valencia, Chris Rocha, Michael Josselet, and Eric Beaty were recipients of the football award at Monday's All-Sports Banquet.



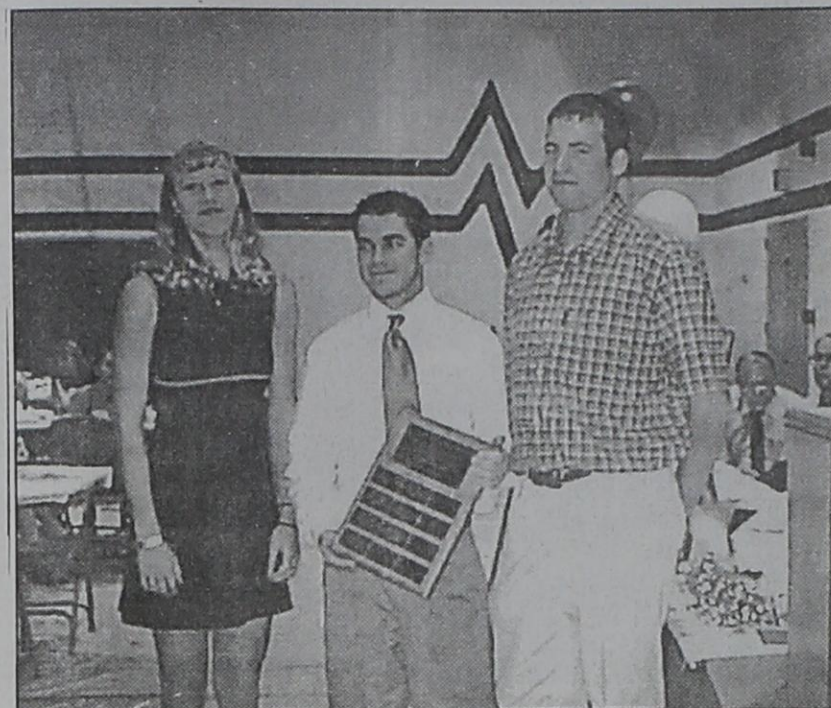
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HONOREES. Amanda Myers, Laci Myers, and Nicole Urbanczyk were awarded the Sam Rayburn Bowman Award at the All-Sports Banquet Monday night.



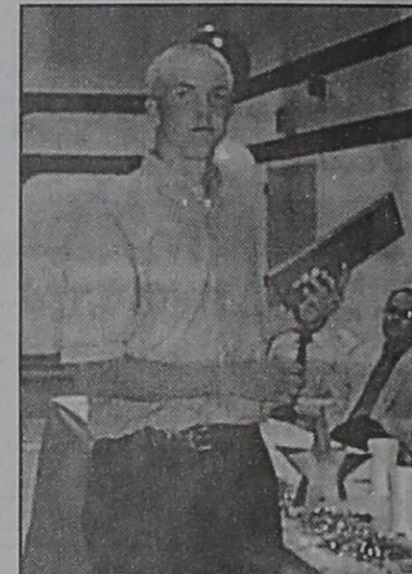
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GIRLS BASKETBALL. Coach Jeff Guice presented Laci Myers and Keisha Collier with the Girls Basketball award.



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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AWARD for the 1999-2000 school year went to three deserving young stand-outs from Munday High School. Those honored with the award were Laci Myers, Lane Murphy, and Eric Beaty.



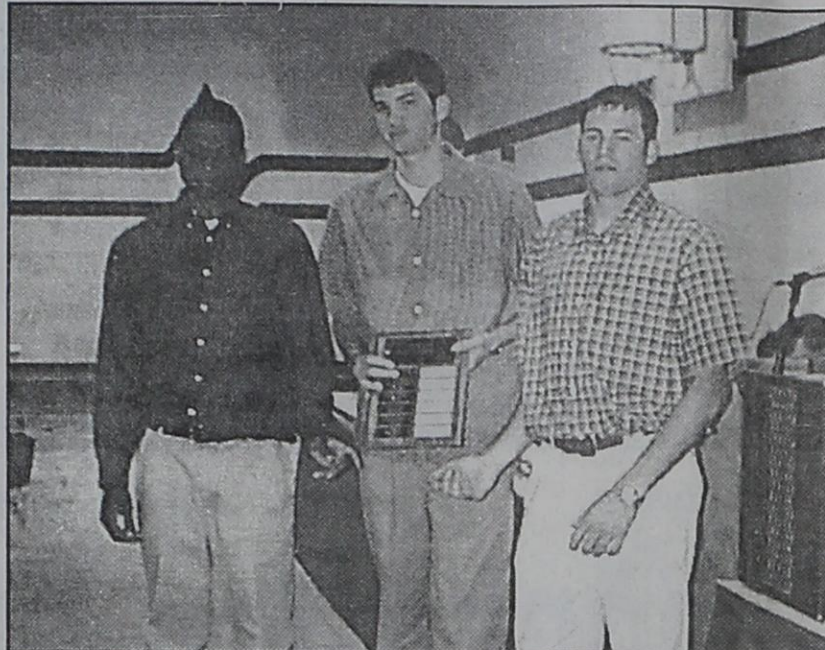
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BOYS TRACK. Receiving the Boys Track Award at the All-Sports Banquet was Alan Albus.



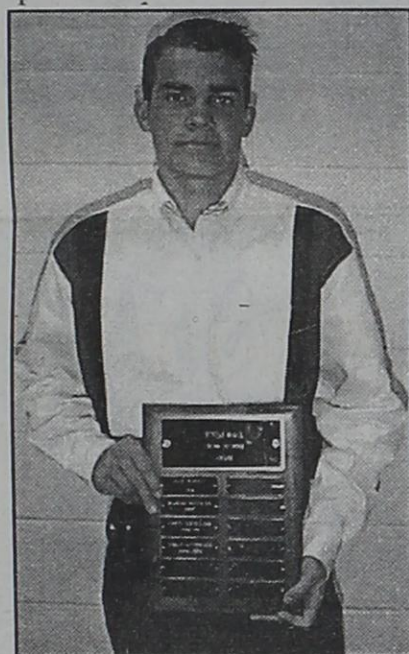
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POWERFUL. Junior student Jennifer Carden brought home the Powerlifting Award from the All-Sports Banquet



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HOOPSTERS. Receiving the Boys Basketball Award Monday night at MHS were Robert Dockins, B.J. Brown, and Eric Beaty.



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CROSS COUNTRY. Taking home the Cross Country Award from the MHS All-Sports Banquet this week was Chris Anderson.

Goree High School Student To Receive UIL Award

The University Interscholastic League Scholarship Award is presented to seniors who will graduate in the top 10 percent of their class and who have participated in at least one academic, music or athletic contest.

"The purpose of the award is to honor those students whose academic and extracurricular achievements have been exemplary," said Dr. Bill Farney, UIL Director.

"This award program is one of the most unique in the nation," added Farney. "We feel it is important to recognize students whose self-discipline and integrity in competition are a model to others and a valuable asset to future citizenship."

The awards will be presented to students during a ceremony to be held at Goree High School Graduation Ceremony on May 19, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the new gym.

Antonio Garcia will be the recipient of this prestigious award.

SELL THOSE UNWANTED ITEMS IN THE COURIER CLASSIFIEDS

Atheletes Honored At Annual All-Sports Banquet

by Jennifer Carden

Amongst purple and gold balloons and streamers, the Mogul and Mogulette athletes were honored at the All Sports Banquet Monday night.

The Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders were recognized by their sponsors Tena Myers and Tracy Cooke.

Coach Jeff Guice honored the outstanding Cross Country Boy, Chris Anderson and Girl, Laci Myers.

Coach Steve Gunter presented the football awards to the following athletes: Offensive Lineman of the Year, Adam Garza; Defensive Lineman of the Year, Michael Josselet; Fighting Heart Award, Chris Rocha and Joey Valencia; Most Valuable Football Player of the Year, Eric Beaty.

Coach Gene Tuttle recognized Jennifer Carden with the Powerlifting Award.

Laci Myers and Keisha Collier received the Basketball Award from Coach Jeff Guice. The Sammy Rayburn Bowman Award was given to Laci Myers, Nicole Urbanczyk, and Amanda Myers.

Coach Ralph Klinkerman presented three deserving boys with the Basketball Award- B.J. Brown, Eric Beaty, and Robert Dockins.

Volunteers To Be Honored At Munday Nursing Home

Residents of a nursing home depend on a trained staff to take care of their needs. But busy staff members don't always have the time to sit down and visit or show someone a long-forgotten crochet stitch or read the Bible to them.

At the Munday Nursing Center, a large group of volunteers under the supervision of recreation director, Nancy Cypert, make each day special for the residents. The nursing home will honor these volunteers on Friday, May 19, at 2:30 p.m. All volunteers are invited.

The Most Outstanding Girl Track Award went to Laci Myers. Alan Albus was presented with the Most Outstanding Boys Track Award.

The Most Outstanding Girl Athlete was presented to Laci

Myers, who has overcome many adversities this year to achieve success. Eric Beaty, who also has had injuries to overcome to be successful, was presented with the Most Outstanding Boy Athlete for the 1999-2000 school year.

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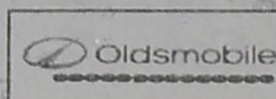
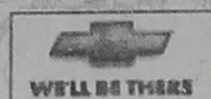
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with Don Taylor, co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts

More Common than Sense: Business Nonsense

Common sense is the ability to look at the situations we find ourselves in and still do what ought to be done. Unfortunately, common sense isn't as common as it ought to be.

Business nonsense is the absence of common sense. It is either becoming more common or I'm becoming more aware of it. Either way, I believe it's worth drawing your attention to.

Business nonsense can become accepted practice if enough businesses buy into it. Anatole France said, "If fifty million people say a foolish thing it is still a foolish thing." However, all too often common beliefs and common practice are substituted for what ought to be done.

Some Nonsense Examples

A few months ago, I wrote about a problem we were having getting the computer we ordered shipped to our office in an expedient manner. The company shipped the wrong computer and the exchange process wasn't easy.

The first problem involving the lack of common sense occurred when the company was shocked that we had broken the security seal on a computer box that wasn't ours. Common sense would tell you--unless you are telepathic--that you must open the box to see if what's in it is what you ordered. When the box is addressed to your firm, you assume it is yours.

The second instance that demonstrated complete lack of common sense was when the computer company sent us an invoice for 18 cents for a poster that was missing when we returned the misshipped computer. That's right, they spent 33 cents on postage to send out an 18-cent invoice. Factor in the time, materials, and opportunity cost of creating and sending the "18 cent invoice" and you've just validated a complete lack of common sense.

Here's another example. An extra value breakfast meal at my favorite fast-food stop includes a small coffee. But, if you win a free value meal in an annual promotion game

and want to move the drink up to a large soft drink, you must pay full price for the soft drink. Where did the 59-cent coffee value go? It's nonsense.

Another bit of business idiocy is the procedure at some wholesale clubs. First, you stand in long lines for a long time to check out. Then, 10 feet from where you just checked out, another employee takes your receipt and checks it against the actual items in your cart. More nonsense.

Some Quick Fixes

• Look for "we've always done it this way" problems. If you don't have a good reason for any business activity other than it is the standard routine, don't continue to do it. All "standard practices" should be evaluated frequently and changed when a better way is found. Look hard for better ways.

• Ask the question, "Does this really make sense?" If employees are involved, ask them. If vendors or suppliers are involved, ask them. If customers are involved, ask them.

• Don't let it happen again. Often, the only difference between the wise and the foolish is "when." What the fools are still doing at the end is what the wise were doing in the beginning. When the wise see their folly they stop and don't repeat the foolishness.

• There may be more than one "common sense" option. Seldom is there only one way to fix what isn't working. More often than not, you will find several solutions. Don't develop tunnel vision and assume that there is only one way to succeed.

Emerson wrote, "Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing." That might be a pretty good recipe for eliminating business nonsense as well.

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.

Historical Commission Continues Fund Raisers For Veterans Memorial

by Alice Partridge

Did you ever clock a snail's pace? Slow, isn't it? Try clocking the Knox County Historical Commission's effort to finance the \$50,000 Veterans War Memorial honoring nearly 2000 young Knox County war Veterans. Yes, most of them were barely older than children when they were inducted.

The pace can speed up as we realize we need to contribute more than \$10 or \$25 for each of these names. Nearly 2500 solicitation brochures are currently being mailed out to you. Count this news story as your individual brochure.

Most of these young veterans, now much older, or their families are no longer with us. All put their young lives on the line. All gave their youth. Many gave their health. Some gave their lives.

Honoring their names honors us! How? Whether it's the Viet Nam Memorial in Washington, D.C. or raising the flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima, these memorials say something about those young lives memorialized, yet it says much about those who give to this monument. What?

You can answer that question by reminding yourself what you feel when you see or visualize those monuments. Pride? Gratefulness? Humility? Most of all a sense of reality? What reality really is? What does winning two world

Wars actually mean to us? Where would be if we had lost? That's reality!

Helping build the Knox County Veterans Memorial shows you know, in the largest sense, the answers to the above.

Viewing the monument will be shorthand for present and future school children. They will sense the fiber of those young war veterans they haven't had any other chance to know, see, or recognize.

For all viewers, it will be looking at reality, how and why we are still here as U.S. citizens, the most prized and coveted citizenship on this planet, won by "The Greatest Generation," so named by Tom Brokaw.

Each week, until our monument is erected and paid for, we hope to review a short moment in one of a Knox County Veteran's service experience. We need volunteer accounts of such moments. Our Munday Courier gave us excerpts of Benjamin's 19 year old Joe Barton's P-51 WWII pilot journal, for which we are grateful. Though no more journals are available, a short example of what will keep us focused until the monument is built and paid for, follows.

(Submitted by Orbyrie Littlefield concerning her husband, E.B.)

A special thanks to the Historical Commission for making us jog our

memories about World War II, and the price that was paid for our freedom.

My first thought is always the same "gunny" that I can't help but laugh about, whenever WWII is mentioned. As well as I can remember, there was a bus load of volunteers, waving flags, that departed for Lubbock to be inducted into the service. The next time I heard from E.B. was a call, and through the tears he was trying to tell me that out of the group, all were being sent to San Diego but him, and he was going to Forragut, Idaho for boot camp. I tried to console him but it wasn't easy, since it was the first laugh I had over the whole thing. He survived, but after all these years, when I think of it, I laugh!

Entries Needed For Haskell Parade

Haskell's Wild Horse Prairie Days Parade will be held Friday, June 2 at 5:00. Anyone who is interested in participating please contact Loutina White at (940) 864-3507. Prizes will be awarded.

Wildcat Wisdom News From Goree ISD

The second day of UIL Academics was held at Crowell on Tuesday, May 2. Several students placed in the various events. Results will be posted as soon as possible.

The Pee Wee track meet was held at Rochester on Friday, May 5. Students competed in the long jump, high jump, chin ups, and softball throw. Each grade also ran the 50 yard dash, 75 yard dash, 100 yard dash, and a 100 shuttle relay. Pre-k students Tyrone Neskorik

and Garret Weaver won first and second places in all the running events, while BJ Araugo placed third in the 75 yard dash. In Kindergarten, DJ Castorena and Chico Melendez placed in all three running events receiving first, second or third place. Jackie Sanchez placed second in the 75 yard dash for first grade girls. Michelle Nieto placed second in all three races for their grade girls, and Myrissa Lara made a clean sweep for fifth grade girls winning first place in all three events. Adrian Gracia placed second in the trio of events for sixth grade boys. Other schools competing were Rochester and Rule.

The annual awards banquet/prom was held on Friday evening, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the old gym. The theme was "Hollywood Nights," and the students truly outdid themselves on the decorations, going to the extremes of completely covering the bleachers to look like the famous mountain that says "Hollywood." Tammie Trainham was class sponsor and a big thank you goes out to her for all her hard work and time she gave to make this a memorable night for the high school students. A complete list of all the winners from the banquet will appear in next week's paper

along with pictures of the winners. In the Senior Spotlight this week is Kory Deon Hardeman. Kory has received all his education from Goree School. His mother is Maggie Castillo of Goree and an ex student too. When Kory was asked to name his favorites, he answered blue was his color, westernburgers topped the food, and Dr. Pepper couldn't be beat in the beverage category. He likes the group Master P, the song, "Dear Mama", the movie, "Hook," and his TV show is The Brady Bunch. Actors Brandy and Ice Cube he really likes to watch perform. His favorite school subject of all time is History, and his hobby is drawing. His future plans are to move from Goree when graduated in order for him to get a job, and maybe later down the road he will even get married. To the underclassmen, he leaves his strength. In school he wishes he would have worked harder for better grades, and to the teachers who taught him, he has two simple words that mean very much, "Thank you." Kory, thank you for being our Senior Spotlight and good luck on your future endeavors.

Upcoming events: May 10 - Students return from Outstanding Student Trip, May 12 - 18 - Finals Week, May 18 - Junior High Graduation at 7:00 p.m., May 19 - Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. (last day of school), May 19 - High School Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

Vera News By Mrs. Thelma Coulston

Ladies of the community are invited to a Mother's Day Tea at the Community Center in Red Springs, Friday afternoon, May 6th from 3:00 to 4:00. Ladies of the Red Springs community are hosting the tea.

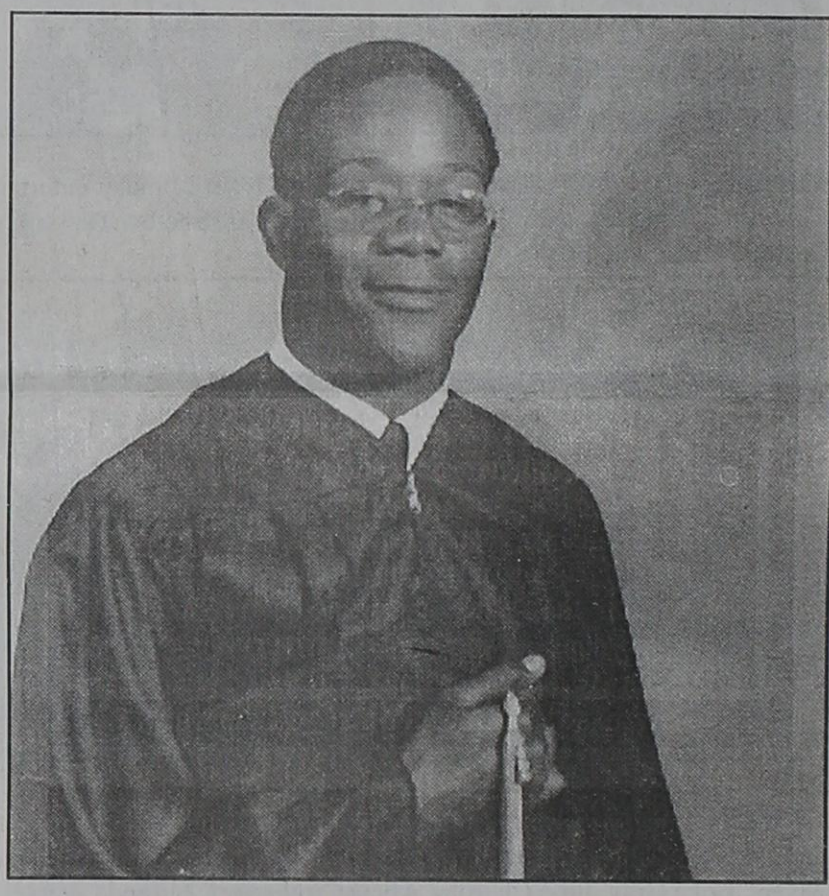
Dickie Patterson and daughter, Lorán Christine of McKinney visited Monday through Thursday with his grandmother, Mrs. Violet Patterson. They all visited Tuesday with Violet's mother, Mrs. Tom King at her home in Munday.

The Knox County Hospital election was held Saturday, May 6th at the community center.

The annual meeting for the election of board members for the community center will be held this Friday evening at the community center.

Mrs. Maurine Parris, Mrs. Aleitha Beck and Mrs. Betty Kinnibrough will host the monthly dinner at the community center, Tuesday evening, May 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the community center. You are invited to come, bring a covered dish and enjoy the visiting.

Mrs. Maurine Parris visited Thursday through Sunday with the Wood family in Whitesboro and with Mrs. Tina Tucker in Sanger. Last Monday Maurine attended a Retired Teacher's Conference at the Region 9 education service center in Wichita Falls. Also attending the conference were Bess Hoosier and Mary Helen Cure of Seymour.



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HUNGRY FOLKS. Many Munday residents took advantage of the Grand Opening at "Crafts 'n Clutter" Saturday to fill up on some great grilled burgers and roasting ears.



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TREAT TIME. Happy shoppers gladly nibbled on the delicious treats served at the Grand Opening of "Crafts 'N Clutter" on Saturday.



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THE SINGING "6-TEENS." The "6-Teens" from Munday entertained those who attended Saturday's Craft Mall Grand Opening. Members of the group are Shelby Hendrix, Lynndy Moeller, Ashley Crownover, Destini Cooke, Kelli Cypert, and Emily Mizer.



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TAKING IT IN. Local residents took in the sights, sounds, smells, and good things to eat Saturday. These shoppers were on hand to welcome "Crafts 'N Clutter" to the Munday business scene.



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CLEAN UP CREW. Helping prepare the area for the Ag Show Project Judging were Munday students Crystal Zeissel, Amber Reed, Amanda Myers, Erica Gray, Julie Clairday, Alicia Crownover, Miranda Zeissel, Jessi Carlson, and Laci Myers.

Cottingham Named National Collegiate Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Tara Cottingham from Munday, Texas has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in Elementary Education.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain, in fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American college students.

Cottingham, who attends West Texas A & M University, was nominated for this national award by Dr. Mary Parker, a professor at the college.

Cottingham will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects winners upon the exclusive recommendation by professors, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a professor or college official.

Cottingham is the daughter of Johnny and Nancy Birkenfeld from Goree, Texas.



Digital Photo

LIVE AND ON THE AIR. General manager Tom Bell and disc jockey Billy Spears from KOEZ 106.9 out of Abilene were on hand for the festivities Saturday at "Crafts 'N Clutter."

Busy Schedule Remains For Munday Campuses

Students at the elementary and high school campuses in Munday are busy chasing down the last of the activities for the 1999-2000 school year.

On May 15, the band program will present their annual "Musicade" performance beginning at 7:00. The performance will take place in the high school auditorium.

The Elementary Awards program will take place on May 17 at the high school auditorium at 2:00.

Also on May 17 the Seniors of 2000 will face off with faculty members in a fun-for-all softball

game beginning at 4:00.

The High School Awards Ceremony will take place at 2:00 in the auditorium on May 18.

Also on May 18 the FFA will hold a picnic at 7:00.

The senior trip, an outing to the Fort Worth/Dallas area will take place on May 19th.

The Junior/Senior Banquet and Prom is scheduled for May 20.

Baccalaureate services will take place on May 21 at 8:00 in the auditorium with Graduation Exercises bringing the school year to a close on Friday, May 26. Graduation will also begin at 8:00 in the auditorium.

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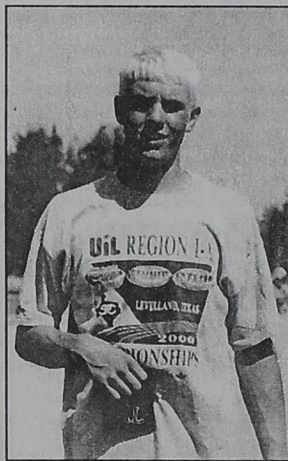
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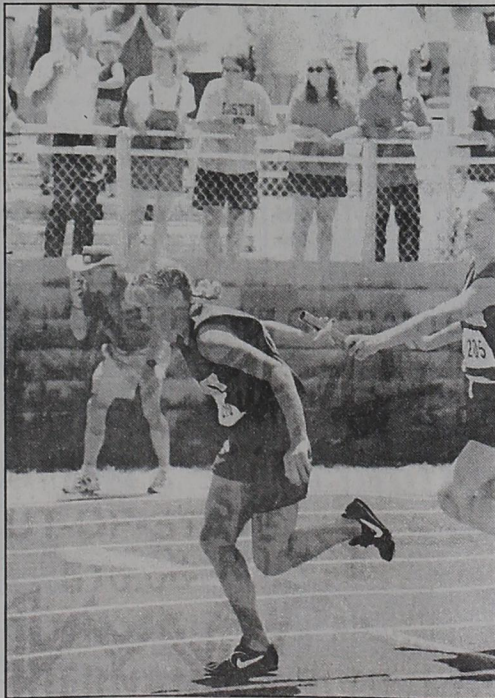
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Foundation hires new program director

ABILENE - Charles T. Allen has been hired to be the program director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, said Lindy Patton, executive director.

Allen, an entomologist with the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in Monticello, Ark., succeeds Osama El-Lissy in the position that oversees the technical aspects of eradication in Texas. El-Lissy is now operations officer for cotton pest programs at USDA.

Allen graduated from high school in Junction and attended Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in entomology. He obtained a doctorate in entomology from Louisiana State University.

From 1981-1996, Allen worked with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Weslaco and Fort Stockton. He joined the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in 1996.

He has done extensive research and has published in a wide variety of journals and other publications, and has served as an editor for the Journal of Cotton Science. He has also served on a number of entomology-related task forces and

committees. Allen said he is looking forward to joining the Texas eradication effort, the largest eradication effort in the United States. "One of the board members told me, 'I believe if I were an entomologist and had the chance to join an endeavor like this, I'd jump at it,' and of course that's exactly what I believe," Allen said. "In this job, I'll have an opportunity to participate in a project that will really make a difference."

He said he believes the Texas eradication program has been demonstrated to be effective, and he won't need to make changes in the way the program operates.

"I'm likely to stay with something proven," he said. Allen said he is glad he'll be part of a team in the eradication effort.

"I'm under no illusion that I'm alone in this," he said. "I know I'll feel intimidated for a while, but I'll have the help of the Technical Advisory Committee, Osama, the current program personnel and the rest of the staff."

"You couldn't have found a better person anywhere," said Zan Matthies, Pecos County extension agent. "He was a specialist out

here, and I've worked with a lot of specialists, and nobody ever worked harder or was more knowledgeable about his subject matter than Charles."

Foundation Board of Directors members were equally enthusiastic about Allen's selection.

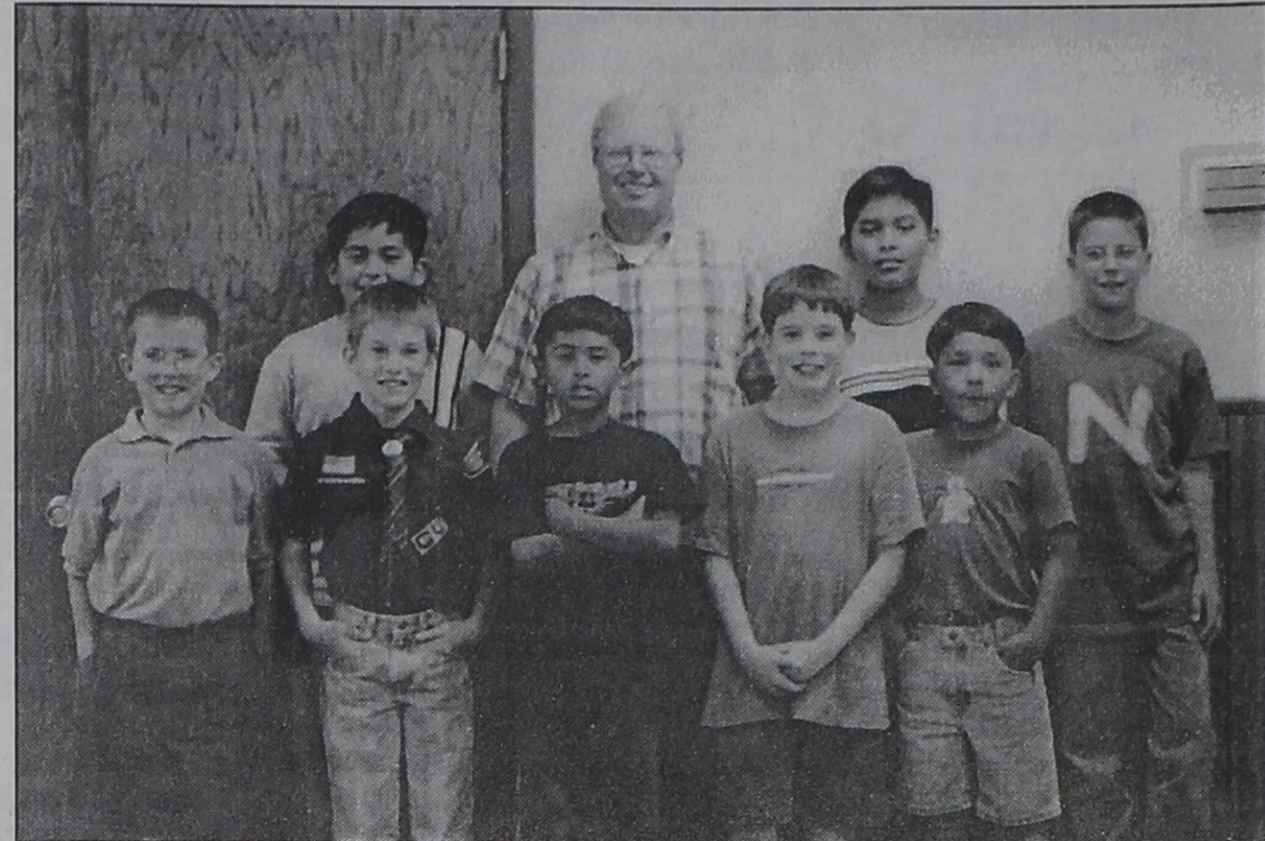
"We were very pleased with the quality of all the applicants," said Jim Brown of Midland, who was chairman of the committee charged to find a program director. "We feel strongly that the program is in good hands with Charles because of his unique qualifications."

Woody Anderson of Colorado City, chairman of the foundation's board, said he has known Allen for a number of years and is "extremely pleased that Charles is joining the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation."

Charles has the knowledge and experience from his work with the program in Arkansas to help us drive the weevil from the state of Texas."

Allen said he anticipates beginning work with the foundation about June 5.

Allen has a wife, Vicki, and two sons, Brad and Wade.



MUNDAY CUB SCOUTS RECEIVE THEIR WOLF BADGES. Pictured left to right back row are: Eric Gonzales, leader David Key, Joseph Gonzales, and Jonathan Key. On the front row is Jacob Herricks, Jason Upton, B. J. Castorena, Jay White, and Andreas Mateos. Munday has two Cub Scout packs and both are active in civic projects as they earn their advancements toward Webelos. The Cubbers currently raise the flag every Tuesday morning at Munday Elementary School and meet every Tuesday after school. The pack was responsible for the repainting of the play ground equipment at the Munday City Park, and has other worthwhile projects planned for the future.

Successful Drive Completed By American Cancer Society

The Knox County Unit of the American Cancer Society has once again completed a very successful Crusade Drive, due to the generosity of the people of our County. A total of \$7,189.13 was collected by 105 volunteers who made over 976 personal calls on individuals or businesses.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. The red sword is their official insignia on all literature and only 3% of donations go to Management.

Chairpersons, workers, and amounts for each town are as follows: (Chairpersons for each area are listed first.)

Benjamin - \$390.00. Jessie Roberts, Connie Shaw, Linda Parker, Kay Sheedy, Louise Hertel, Gladene Green, Kenneth Roberts.

Vera - \$188.00. Edith Beck, Harold Beck, Alma Jean Boone.

Rhineland - \$688.00. Valera Hertel, Dayle Kuehler, Dot Myers, Mag Michalik.

Gilliland - \$141.00. Lula Baty. Truscott - \$72.00. Eugenie Daniel.

Goree - \$334.25. Joy Hord, Trudy Trainham, Teresa Gray, Dixie Elliot, Tammie Trainham, Paula Nuckols, Clea Jones, Alene Seals, Barbara Bowman.

Knox City Business - \$406.00. Tammy Dillon, Roni Morrow, Serena Parker, Natalie Bloxham, Richard Rincon, Jessica Sliger, Audrey Lankford, Manuel Ledesma.

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Munday - Business - \$660.00. Lyndle Reeves, Delores Coffman, Corey Moore, Tammy Fetsch, Glenna Shahan.

Valera Hertel, Knox County Crusade Chairman, wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the 2000 Crusade a big success, especially the volunteers who gave of their time and effort.

Ag Students To Celebrate Year With Picnic

The Munday FFA and Junior FFA Awards Picnic will be Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Hot dogs and ice cream will be served at the city park. All members and parents are invited.

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From Mine Fields To Mission Fields - Retired Veteran Makes Knox Prairie His Home

The 18 year old Marine found himself in the humid, tropical, and war ravaged territory of Viet Nam. He was a part of the Special Forces whose job was the locate and map future bombing targets for the U.S. forces involved in the campaign. He was among a small group of soldiers - nine counting himself.

The sounds of gun fire rang out through the forest, but those were the usual noises that the marines had become accustomed to. Through the heat and sweat Marine Rich Palma felt a mosquito biting at his side - but the pesky insect wouldn't go away. He reached down to swat at it and "realized I had been hit by a sniper's bullet when I tried to wipe the sweat from my forehead and saw blood dripping from where I had slapped by side."

He was patched up at the field clinic and allowed to rest up for a few weeks but was sent back into action, despite his hopes of returning stateside after being wounded. Three months to the day of the sniper attack Palma was once again tramping through the forest in an effort to map bombing sights. Suddenly a band of approximately 80 Viet Kong descended onto the small Marine unit, aiming and firing at the young soldiers. The group was left with no choice but to try to make a run for the border some twenty-six miles away. "We were always taught to spread out when we ran but we were taken by surprise and we were running in a small group," Palma remembers. One of the men in the lead of the small formation ran right across a small "home-plate shaped" disk - a land mine. Pieces of the soldier shot into the sky and the two men immediately behind him were also decapitated and their bodies thrown into the air. Palma was the fourth man from the deadly explosive device. He remembers the scene with all of its brutal moments vividly. "I remember seeing my left arm flying through the air almost as if in slow motion. I was thrown into the air and I landed face down, with my stomach laid open. I could see my guts on the ground and my arm was detached from my body but the fingers were still moving."

Palma also remembers what some call an "out of body experience." He says, "I remember coming out of my body and seeing myself lying on the ground. I recognized my black hair and I knew it was me on the ground." Palma then remembers turning around and viewing a different picture. This time he was floating above a battle cemetery. He looked forward and saw a person with a white robe blowing in the wind and a brilliant face whose features weren't detectable. With outstretched arms the figure kept motioning for Palma to come to him. "His robe was so white - it was a bright, pure, innocent white - a color that I had never seen before and haven't seen since," he explains. "I knew it was the Lord but I could never get close to him. He was trying to tell me something." Suddenly Palma was returned to his body and he overheard a corpsman shout, "He's alive. He's breathing!"

Palma was transported to a medivac unit and sent to D'Nang. There Palma was pronounced dead during an operation to repair his badly damaged internal organs and to clean up the stump that was left where his arm had been. "This time the Lord told me he wasn't through with me and that I had a lot of work to do," he says.

The road to recovery has been long, hard and painful. Palma has undergone some 26 major operations. He lost his spleen, his left kidney, his gall bladder, part of his left lung, and 1 1/2 feet of intestines. He was paralyzed for six months from the waist down and still has pieces of shrapnel in his

back. And though his physical and emotional pain has been great he will readily tell you, "The Lord answered every care I had. I got a good education. I learned to walk again. I learned to do everything with one hand." He will also tell you with pride about his wonderful wife, his 2 children, 3 step children, and ten grandchildren.

Now Palma, who holds a degree in Psychology and is retired from active service and also from serving as an Investigator for the Office of the Inspector General, works in the Lord's Army and serves in the fields of the Knox Prairie. Palma and his wife, Mary Ann Reyes Palma, a former Knox City resident, have now founded and operate the Abundant Life Church and prayer and outreach ministries located in O'Brien. They returned to the area about three years ago and have been performing public service in the name of the Savior ever since. They started by meeting new people and making new friends - going into their homes for prayer groups. This eventually led to an out-reach ministry. They painted homes and weeded gardens for poor, elderly and handicapped people who really needed and appreciated the help. They pruned trees, built handicapped ramps, and help feed the hungry - all with no fees attached. Palma is also in demand by area courts to act as a counselor. "I want to give back to God so I do this free for those who absolutely can't afford it," he says. He eagerly counsels those in need in the areas of family matters, spousal abuse, anger control, child abuse and more. Both of the Palma's also conduct "prison ministries" - going to area jails and talking with the inmates. "We go into the jails and talk to the prisoners about their past experiences. We want to make friends with them and help lead them to a conversion," says Palma.

The Palma's "Abundant Life" church is humble in design and furnishings but the couple manages to fill it with an out-pouring of love on a daily basis. Located in a barn on the Palma's country property, most of the furnishings of the church have been donated. The gold velvet pews were donated by River of Life Church in Lovington, New Mexico. Mary Ann Palma's son is co-pastor of the establishment and they also donated an organ to help supply hymns of praise and worship. The podium was build and donated by Faith Chapel in Rochester. The piano was given in love by First Baptist Church in O'Brien. A friend from Phoenix donated electrical work and microphones

for the public address system. Bill Lerma of Knox City built a sink in the small kitchen area and donated appliances.

"We're humble. We're hear for those who want to worship the Lord in their own way. You can worship the way you want to here - it's between you and the Lord. We're non-denominational and non-traditional," says Palma.

Both Rich and Mary Ann Palma are licensed and ordained ministers and are eager to act in service. While they are former members and leaders of a large church in Arizona that sported the best of furnishings, the Palma's are grateful for the amenities their Abundant Life Church owns. "The Lord provided all this and we're pleased. In our eyes this is humbleness and God's beauty. It was provided by the Lord and it's beautiful to us," says Palma. The next big challenge for the small congregation is supplying air conditioning to cool the metal building which is certain to swelter in the Texas heat.

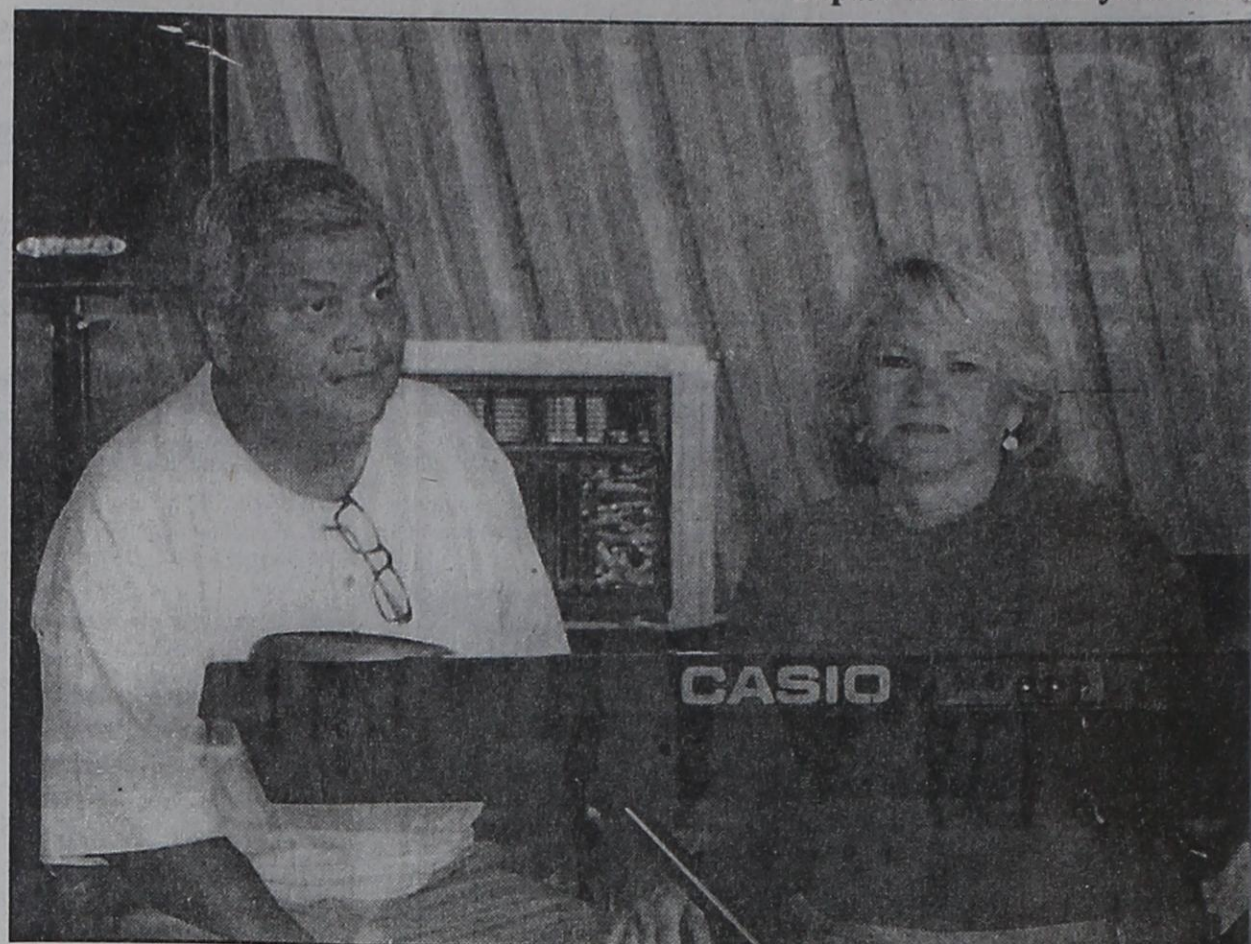
The congregation is small but growing. Currently some 12 - 14 members worship at the establishment but the numbers are growing. On some occasions approximately 35 - 40 have packed the red barn with a cross on the top. Services are conducted on Thursday evenings at 7:00 with Sunday School at 10:00 on Sundays and morning worship at 11:00. Sunday evenings the members meet at 6:00. "We enjoy a lot of praise and worship," says Palma.

The Palma's plan to continue on their walk of Christianity. "Everyone is supposed to be an example. Jesus helped everyone, we're supposed to try to do the same. There is no prejudice in Jesus Christ - no race, color, or creed difference," he says. "We're not here to make money. People out here don't have any money. We just give and receive love in the name of Jesus Christ."

Mothers Day Recognition To Be Given By Nursing Center

The Munday Nursing Center will have a Mother's Day Recognition on Sunday, May 14 at 3:00 p.m. This will be followed by church services given by First Baptist Church in Goree. Nancy Cypert, Recreation Director, invites all family members and friends.

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EX MARINE RICH PALMA AND WIFE MARY ANN REYES PALMA believe that they are right where God wants them at this time in their life. Rich and Mary Ann have stated the Abundant Life Church West of O'Brien and are enjoying their work for the Lord.

Area Graduates Receive Degrees From McMurry

One hundred and thirty-two McMurry University seniors received their degrees at Spring Commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6, in Radford Auditorium.

Texas Senator David Cain, a McMurry University alumnus and Pampa, Texas, native, delivered the Commencement address Saturday. Friday's Baccalaureate service was delivered by Reverend Ava Burdine Berry, pastor of the Throckmorton/Elbert circuit of the

Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Longtime Sweetwater businessman and McMurry University board member Jere Lawrence received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from the University.

Among the 132 students who walked the stage in front of friends and family to become spring graduates for the class of 2000 were Michele Josselet and Marc H. McWhorter.

Michele graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies III. She is the wife of Cody Josselet and they have one daughter, Bethany. Michele is the daughter of Buford and Cheryl Berryhill of Munday.

Marc graduated with a degree in Theatre. He is the son of Bob and Cindy McWhorter of Munday.

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