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Commissioners hear about street closings

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The Knox County Commissioners Court heard arguments for and against the closing of two streets in Truscott during its regular session here Monday.

R.C. Daniel brought a petition from 11 property owners to protest the closing of the two streets while Jerry Bob Daniel presented his view that the streets be closed since he owns property on both sides.

No action was taken as it appears both sides have hired lawyers to present arguments when a court date is set.

In other action, the Commissioners approved:

*Glenn Huffman's bid of \$5,000 for the Colorado pickup from Road and Bridges.

*A resolution to support the current abatement policies for Wind, Oil and Gas and the Texas Economic Development Act.

*The payment of \$4,836 to Lan Radio for two additional radios and an antenna so that Knox East can be connected to 911 and the Sheriff.

*The tax resale deed on Lots 5 and 6, Block 47 of the J.T. Lee addition in Munday.

*The removal of all signers on the registry funds held in trust by the Citizens Bank and the addition of Travis C. Floyd, county judge; Rosie Ake, county treasurer; and Lisa Cypert, county and district clerk as signers.

The commissioners learned that their accounting practices were good in a review of the annual audit by Jerry Love of Abilene; nominated Jim Cowser to serve on the Knox County Appraisal Board to replace the position formerly held by Bobby Burnett; heard a report from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards Inspection praising the efforts of Sheriff Dean Homstad; received an annual certification letter from Green Pastures Wind II; and recognized the certificates Cypert received for completing courses relating to the Public Information Act and the Open Meeting Act.

In the opening public comments, new district judge Burnett explained he wanted to keep an open line of communications with

the commissioners. "If you have a complaint, you have to tell me," he said. "My door is open."

Burnett also explained his decision to locate his office in the Baylor County Courthouse instead of Knox County, pointing out that was where the District Attorney was located and its facilities were better suited for the office.

The Commissioners also heard reports from the various county offices, hearing that a cloud seeding meeting was scheduled Friday in Haskell, that an aging center grant had been approved, that 90 per cent of the taxes had been collected and that the jail would need some plumbing work.

They also took care of financial obligations, including consideration of the 2014-2015 budget.

Knox Calendar

Please notify the News-Courier to add or update your events and meeting times. Emailed submissions to kcnwscourier@gmail.com are preferred, but will also be accepted by phone at 940 422-5350. The deadline for inclusion in the next week's issue will be 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Friday, Feb. 13

Munday VG basketball vs. Crowell, City View, Wichita Falls, 7 p.m.

Munday VB basketball vs. Harrold

Benjamin VB basketball vs. Chillicothe

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Lions Club, Perry Patton Center, noon

Blood drive, Munday High School

Munday, Crowell battle for title

The Munday Mogulettes and the Crowell Lady Wildcats will meet at 7 p.m. Friday at City View in Wichita Falls to decide the District 8-1A championship after finishing district play with identical 9-1 records, each winning on their home court.

The winner gets a bye in bi-district, facing the winner of the bi-district game between the second-place team in 5-1A and the third-place team in 6-1A in round two of the playoffs.

The loser faces the No. 3 seed from District 7-1A.

Amnesty granted for large water bills

By James McAfee
The Knox City News-Courier

MUNDAY — The Munday City Council voted to approve amnesty to residents who owe more than \$500 on water bills during Tuesday night's regular session. Late fees and overages will be waived if paid by April 30.

The Economic Development A Board's Richard Albus reported that the old Red Hen had been purchased, that another contract was being finalized on property for a possible new restaurant and a new roof was being put on the old Munday Courier building.

In other business, the council approved:

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Frank named to House committees

Special to the News-Courier

AUSTIN — State Representative James Frank has been chosen to serve on the Natural Resources Committee as well as the Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Additionally, he has been appointed vice-chair of Defense and Veterans Affairs by the Speaker of the Texas House, Joe Straus.

Frank's appointment to the Natural Resources Committee, which handles all water legislation in Texas, is of particular interest to District 69 as it is one of the regions in the state most affected by the current drought. Because of this, Rep Frank has spent much of the interim session working on water availability and usage issues in his district.

"Water is far and away the number one issue in my district, so I appreciate Speaker Straus giving me the opportunity to serve on the Natural Resources Committee," Frank said.

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Perry continues fight against synthetic drugs

LUBBOCK — Sen. Charles Perry filed SB 461 last week to give law enforcement the ability to tackle the issue of synthetic drugs from the angle of mislabeling.

Senators Kevin Eltife (R - Tyler), Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa (D - McAllen) and Jose Rodriguez (D - El Paso) have joint authored this bi-partisan legislation to help solve this critical issue.

"It is unethical for a company to mislabel products in an effort to skirt the law and sell dangerous substances to our youth," said Perry. "We banned these drugs across the state in 2011, it is time to close the loopholes and ban these substances once and for all."

Due to the complex chemical combinations, these substances have been known to produce side effects including hallucination, severe agitation, elevated heart rate and/or blood pressure, chest pains, blackouts, tremors, seizures, cardiac infarction, and in some cases death.

Several communities, including Lubbock and Abilene, have found success prosecuting offenders on the merits of mislabeling. Perry's latest bill attacks synthetic drugs from this angle.

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Museum fundraiser a success



A large crowd attended the fundraiser Sunday in Benjamin for the Wichita Brazos Museum. Participants enjoyed lunch, a silent auction and some even got prizes in a drawing. A final count on the amount raised was not available, but the silent auction raised \$2,000

Knox Notes

Red Cross blood drive Tuesday

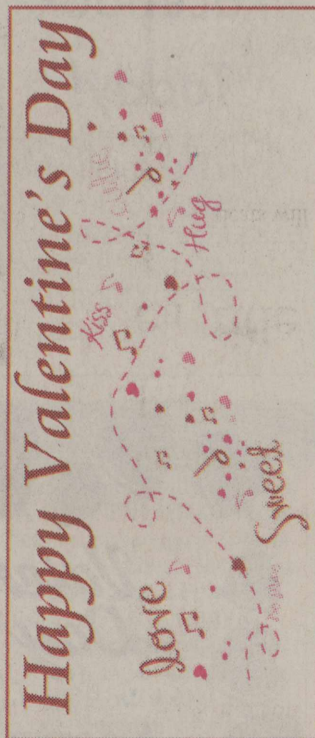
MUNDAY--The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive Tuesday at Munday High School. "Diversity among blood donors is important because red blood cells carry markers that determine one's blood type, and certain blood types are unique to specific racial and ethnic groups," said a Red Cross spokesman. "Blood must be matched very closely for those patients with rare blood types or for those who need repeated transfusions."

Whitford benefit lunch scheduled Feb. 22

KNOX CITY—A benefit luncheon for Martha Whitford is scheduled for 11 a.m.-1:30 on Sunday, Feb. 22 here at the Knox County Aging Center. Chicken fried steak will be featured. Dine in or take out available at \$10 a plate.

Revival set Feb. 26-28

KNOX CITY—Pastor Elder Gene Ward announced that the Liberty Community Church of God in Christ will host a "New Year" revival nightly starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 26-28 with Jacqui Allen Jones of Langston Memorial Church of God in Christ in Amarillo serving as the speaker.



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Deaths

Wanda Day Stark

Wanda Day Stark, age 91, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015, surrounded by her loving family. Wanda was born April 13, 1923 in Cone, TX to the late Americus and Lou (Strickland) Lambert. She spent much of her early life in the Knox City area and then later moved to Abilene. Wanda loved music and could play the piano by ear. She had a great sense of humor and loved having fun with her family (especially when it included Peeps and balloon volleyball).

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Gentry Day



WANDA STARK

and Cody Stark; brother, Arvis Cortez Lambert; and sisters, Minnie Jo Youngblood and Talmage Madonna Havens.

Survivors include

her daughters, Sharlyn Wynette Williams of Abilene and Gail Elaine Hart of Garland; grandchildren, Troy Williams of Abilene, Eric Williams of Houston, Shaynan Runnels of Rockwall and Brandi Neville of Henrietta; great grandchildren, McKenzie and Logan Martin; and great great grandchild, Aiden Retana.

The family wishes to extend thanks to the staff at The Oaks At Radford Hills.

A private family memorial service was held in her memory. To leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.elliott-hamil.com.

Tommy Adams

Tommy Eugene Adams, age 72, of Cross Plains passed away at his home Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015. Graveside services were held at the Burkett Cemetery in Burkett, Texas. Kevin Morton officiated and Kathy Monroe assisted. Music was presented by 4 His Glory.

He was born to Billy Mac and Ernestine (Sipes) Adams on November 13, 1942 in Marshall, Texas. Tom was raised on the J. C. Bowden Ranch in Burkett, Texas.

He married Karen J. Walker in Big Spring on Aug. 19, 1966. She taught and coached at Goliad Jr. High. He graduated from Cross Plains High in 1961 and Tarleton State College in 1965 with a Composite Social Science degree with a minor in Education. Tom received his Masters of Education and Administration certification in 1979 from Sul Ross. Tom taught government and economics

and coached varsity football at Big Spring High School, as well American history. In 1981 he was Selected as an Omar Burleson Intern to work in Congressman Charles Stenholm's Washington, D.C., office during the month of July. He was also appointed as an Archeological Steward with the Texas Historical Commission. From 1984-1993, Tom was the assistant principal at Big Spring High School; from 1993 - 1999, he served as assistant principal, Goliad middle school; then from 1999 - 2004, he was principal, Disciplinary Alternative School, Big Spring ISD, in cooperation with the Coahoma ISD Forsan ISD and in charge of maintaining the district's records in accordance with state guidelines.

In 2004 he retired from the school business and returned to northern Brown County where he had been raised by his aunt and uncle, J.C. and Yunette. He and

Karen began genealogy research with the Brownwood Genealogy Library and joined the Pecan Valley Genealogical Society. In 2010 he was selected as a member of the Brown County Historical Commission.

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Survivors include his wife Karen Adams of Cross Plains, two sons, Matt Adams of Houston, Shay Adams and wife Ashleigh of Copperas Cove, daughter, Shawna Dobbs and husband Coley of Coahoma, Texas; 5 grandchildren, Keegan Dobbs, Serena Dobbs, Sean Adams, Samuel Adams, Emma Adams.

Rosie (Ledesma) Nevarez

Rosie (Ledesma) Nevarez, longtime resident of Knox City passed away Sunday morning, Feb. 8, 2015 at United Regional Heath Care in Wichita Falls. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Santa Rosa Catholic Church. Burial took place immediately following the services at Knox City Cemetery in Knox City under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Rosary was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Rosie was born Sept. 18, 1947 to Federico and Juanita Ledesma. She married Emiliano Navarez, Sr. on April 1, 1971. Rosie was a member of the Santa Rosa



ROSIE NEVAREZ

Catholic Church.

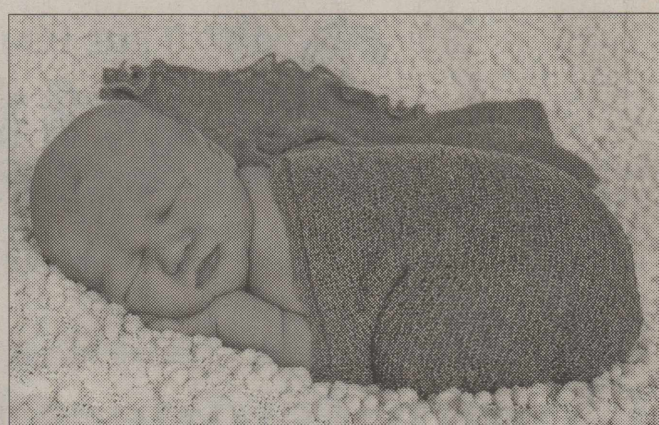
She was preceded in death by her parents Federico and Juanita Ledesma; four brothers, Fred Ledesma, Jr., Manuel Ledesma, Juan Ledesma and Jessie Ledesma; two sisters, Margaret Rodriguez and Manu-

ela Ledesma.

Rosie is survived by her husband, Emiliano Nevarez, Sr; three daughters, Laurie Najera, Gloria Estraca and Erica Nevarez; three sons, Emiliano Nevarez, Jr., Margarito Nevarez and John Nevarez; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one brother, Tony Ledesma and Wife, Anita of Hollis, OK; three sisters, Reyes Barrientez of Benjamin, Yolanda Ledesma of Rule and Mary Vargas and husband Vicente of Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences can be shared with the Nevarez family at www.smithfamilyfh.com

Birth Announcement



On the 9th of December, came a gift to remember. Hadleigh and Piper received a brother, and I'm sure he'll be like none other.

Little Hagen Seth was born at 7:51 in the morn. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. His proud parents, Jeremy and Jessica, he does belong. We are so proud of this baby new!

DPS to cease collecting 10 fingerprints

Special to the News-Courier

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is statutorily required to enforce the laws passed by the Texas Legislature. As such and based on concerns and questions raised by a number of legislators regarding the statutory authority of DPS to collect all 10 fingerprints in order to obtain a driver license (DL) or identification (ID) card, effective last Monday, the department will cease collecting all 10 fingerprints in order to obtain a DL or ID card.

The department will continue to comply with Texas Transportation Code, Section 521.059*, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2005, which requires the department to collect "an applicant's thumbprints or fingerprints." The department will comply with any further direction or legislative action taken by the Texas Legislature regarding this matter.

Area News

Special to the News-Courier

SEYMOUR — Mike Bliss, a comedian, magician and illusionist, will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday here at the Seymour City Hall Auditorium. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for kids. Free admission to Whiteside Museum of Natural History from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday included with advance purchase of tickets to the Bliss show.

Special to the News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS—The sixth annual Lone Star Kart Nationals is scheduled for Feb. 20-21 at the J.S. Bridwell Ag Center. Hot laps are scheduled from 3-5 p.m. on the 20th while heat races start at 10:30 a.m. and feature races at 3:30 on the 21st.

Producer support remains high

Special to The News-Courier

Three out of four producers support the beef checkoff, while the number who disapprove of the program, at just 11 percent, is the lowest in program history, according to a recent survey of 1,209 beef and dairy producers nationwide.

The random survey conducted by the independent firm Asper Media & Market Research in late December 2014 and early January 2015 found an overwhelming majority of beef and dairy producer continue to say their beef checkoff has value for them in many ways:

- 81 percent of producers say the beef checkoff has helped to contribute to a positive trend in beef demand.
- 72 percent of producers say the beef checkoff contributes to the profitability of their operations.
- 76 percent say the checkoff is there for them in a crisis.
- 76 percent say the checkoff represents their interests.
- 66 percent of producers believe the checkoff is well managed.

One of the key priorities of the working group is to "increase the understanding of how the checkoff works ... how [it] benefits them and their role as stakeholders," she notes.

For more information about your beef checkoff investment, go to MyBeefCheckoff.com.

Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of Feb. 16-20

- Monday:** Beef goulash, beans, broccoli, bread, cookies.
- Tuesday:** Beef stew, cornbread, salad, cake.
- Wednesday:** Meatloaf, Blessed potatoes, green beans, breadsticks, cake.
- Thursday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, seasoned corn, cookies.
- Friday:** BBQ sandwich, tater tots, carrots & zucchini, dessert.



MARTHA WHITFORD BENEFIT
11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 22
Knox County Aging Center
Chicken Fried Steak meal
\$10 per plate
Dine in or take-out



Valentine's Day Special
A dozen roses from Knox City Florist and a Versa Spa Spray Tan from Texas Tans for \$95.00.
To place your order call Barbara at 940-657-3581 and tell her you want the Valentine's Day special.



FBC
First Baptist Church
Munday, Texas
220 South 5th Ave.
Munday, TX 76731
P: 940-422-4559
Pastor Shane Kendrix
Service Times:
Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Awanas, Pre-K to 6th grade:
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The secret is, there is no secret The 501 Calling all cars

I don't read the newspaper, so I didn't know that the city had acted on..." You know, social media is great and all, but it does not let residents know what is going on pertaining to their local taxing entities (city, county, school and hospital). Our newspapers and e-editions do. Nonreaders, you have a choice: you can live on social media and stay uninformed and then gripe when you find something out once it's too late to say anything, or you can read the newspaper - which happens to have a digital component for your smart phone.

If you're upset about things which have been in the public eye for months, please take a look in the mirror and direct your anger there. Most of your friends on Facebook are not covering stories for the public. As for your taxing entities, they conduct transparent meetings monthly and those meetings are open to the public. Personally, I like to have reporters at meetings, but when we can't be there, we will run the minutes of the meeting. These same entities are also required to inform the public through legal notices. My point here is this: You have an interactive news source at your fingertips. There is no reason to be surprised and I know of no entities in the towns we cover intentionally trying to hide things from the public. If I did know of such a thing, we would do a story on it. The majority of our elected officials do so for no pay. They volunteer their time and their effort to make our communities better

to the best of their ability. Why are some trashing these people? They do so because they are unaware of their surroundings. That's sad to me. When these uproars occur, people get riled up and they are going to run for office or launch a protest. Or maybe they're just going to get on Facebook and rip everyone they can and state their case. Guess what? Do you honestly think you are making a difference? Usually, it fades. By the next meeting, these same people, who were angry enough to say nasty things and present an uninformed opinion of the facts, go back into hiding until they hear about something else down the road they don't agree with. There is no reason to be surprised or shocked by how our entities are conducting your business. Want to be knowledgeable about your community? Then stay informed. Attend meetings. Read your newspaper or get an online subscription. There is important information disseminated all the time in our publications. Guess what? There is important information in this edition too. Just as there is every week. Just because our society is becoming less engaged with government is no excuse for us small-town folk to do the same. Now is the time for us to be more engaged in our communities while they still exist.

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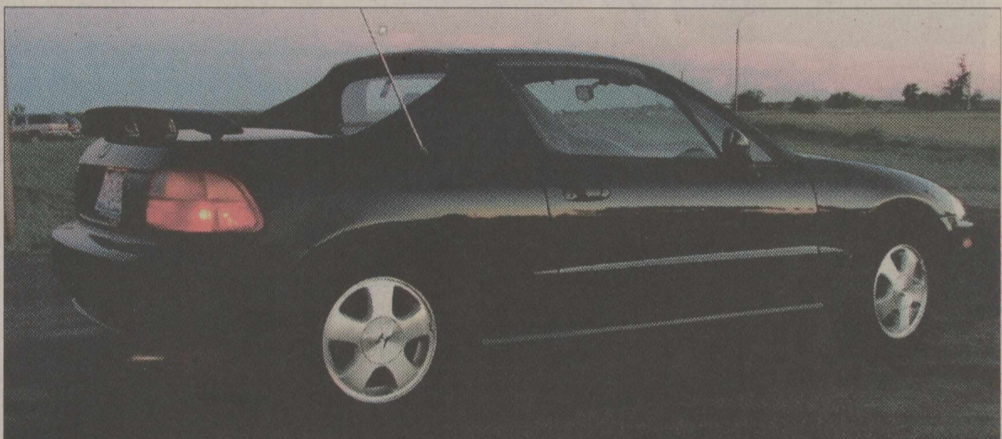
The older I get, the harder it is to keep up with all my cars, especially the ones I've sold. I'd say some have gone to Car Heaven, but the automotive afterlife is via reincarnation, pun intended. What a perfect name for the car crushing and recycling process. Maybe my '85 Buick somehow has ended up as a set of cattle panels somewhere. Same for my Datsun B210. What better way to put a car out to pasture than turn it into steel for cattle panels or fence posts?



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Unless, of course, we consider the old gold Cadillac, fondly called "The Hail-Bent Car." It's currently parked in the pasture. I digress. But the car that's been on my mind most lately is one that recently popped back into my life - my sporty little Honda Civic Coupe del Sol. I learned I still owned it. I pocketed the cash when I sold it a decade ago. Surely I handed over the title. But new owner apparently didn't register the car. Technically, it remained mine! For a fleeting moment, I considered repossessing my del Sol. But that didn't seem like a nice thing to do to Jesus, who himself had bought the car and needed a clear title. So, having his ad-

dress, I set out to meet him. He wasn't there, but I met his father. I could tell my del Sol would be in caring hands rather than the maw of a crusher. I completed the paperwork required to make it unquestionably no longer mine. Since then, Jesus and I have exchanged email messages and pictures of the car. I'm happy, even though it means letting go all over again. My del Sol is better off with him. A low-slung car is meant for life in the city, even if I did keep the underside nicely polished on farm weeds. Somehow I'm finding it harder to let go of my first car - my '46 Chrysler Club Coupe. I sold it about two years ago. Destined for restoration, it's parked close to the cemetery. When I go to funerals, I try not to look that direction. It's hard. But the old Chrysler must feel at home. The widow of the original owner drove it only to the cemetery and back. At least that's what the guy said who sold it to my parents. Maybe it was just his sales pitch, but we would have bought the car anyway. I was almost 16, and I had my heart set on it - almost a dead ringer for our old '48 Chrysler New Yorker, the first family car I remember clearly. Obviously, car nostalgia has always been a driving force in my life, unintended pun. Genetic or hereditary, I got it from my mother, who never got over selling her beloved Model A Roadster. The money launched her and Daddy in a soda shop business.



A 2004 snapshot of columnist Hanaba Munn Welch's Honda Civic Coupe del Sol shows the car in the last rays of twilight on an August evening. Little did Welch know she would ever see the car again until a title snafu put her in contact with the current owner.

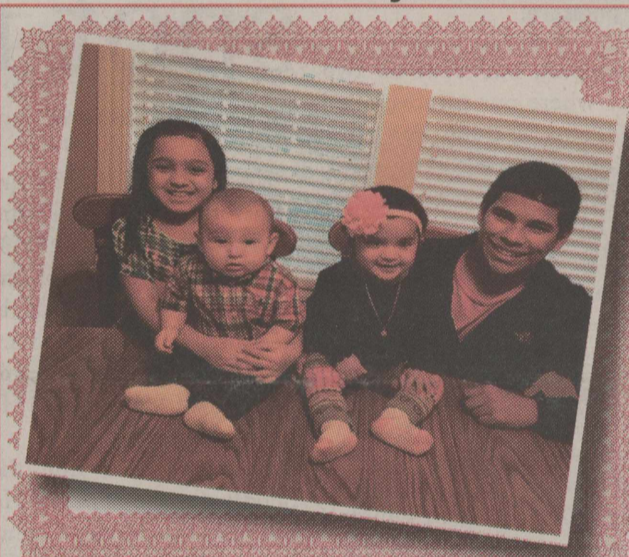
Perry files measures important to district

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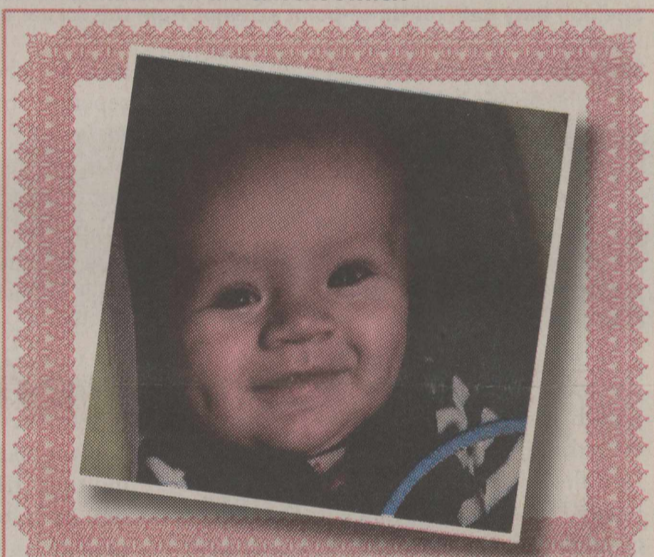
LUBBOCK - Senator Charles Perry filed several pieces of legislation at the request of constituents and stakeholders in his legislative district that focus and addresses a range of issues important to Senate District 28. "At town hall forums and community events across the 51 counties I represent, I have heard numerous concerns from constituents and local elected officials," said Senator Charles Perry. "I look forward to addressing some of these concerns through the legislation I am filing today." Below is a brief synopsis of the bills: SB 473: This bill will clear up ambiguity between federal and state law regarding certain weapons that are registered in the National Firearm Registration and Transfer Record. This should ensure that people that have gone through the process to legally possess these weapons are not hassled with conflicting laws. SB 503: This bill would allow for better opportunities to invest in communities that have or could be affected by Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) with loans or grants given out by the Texas Military Preparedness Commission. This will give communities in Texas better access to available funds that can be invested in infrastructure or job training programs.

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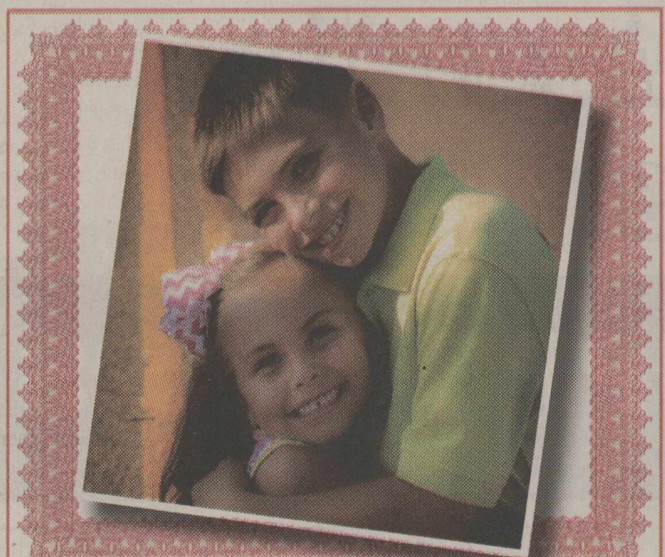
Happy Valentine's Day!



Coleen Parks Sanchez, Olivia Aguilar, Abby Aguilar, Julio Vitolas
Grandparents Zac, Janie Salinas and parents Jorge, Julie Aguilar and Zac, Jayla Sanchez of Munday and Mary Currola of Fort Worth



Ryker Yates
Ryker Yates is the 5-month-old son of Justin and Erin Yates of Munday. Grandparents are Macky and Janet Yates of Munday and Bobby and Cindy Baker of Spur.



Kelton and Kinslee Carver
Kelton and Kinslee Carver are the children of Adam and Jennifer Carver. Grandparents are Macky and Janet Yates and Rick and Linda Hudson and the late Cyle Carver, Jr.



Happy Valentine's Day!
Grandparents are Becky and Dan Offutt of Munday, TX

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TWO STEP TIPS
Single Expiration Date: Transitioning to "Two Steps, One Sticker" requires every vehicle's inspection and registration dates to expire at the same time. In order to do this, during the first year you will be allowed to register your vehicle as long as your vehicle inspection is valid the day you register. However, if your inspection and registration stickers both expire in the same month your vehicle will need to pass inspection prior to registration renewal.
90 Days to Inspect: Beginning March 1, 2015, you will have a convenient 90 day window to complete the Two Steps. In order to register on time, you must have your vehicle inspected within 90 days before your sticker expires.
Inspection Verification: If your vehicle passed inspection but the system is unable to electronically verify it, simply present your valid, passing vehicle inspection report (VIR), and you will be able to register.
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PASO DOS
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CONSEJOS SOBRE EL PROCESO DE DOS PASOS
Única fecha de vencimiento: La transición al proceso "Dos pasos, una etiqueta" requiere que la fecha de inspección y la de registro de cada vehículo venzan al mismo tiempo. Para ello, durante el primer año podrá registrar su vehículo siempre y cuando la inspección sea válida el mismo día que realiza el registro. Sin embargo, si su inspección y registro expiran en el mismo mes, su vehículo tendrá que pasar una inspección antes del registro.
Periodo de 90 días para la inspección: A partir del 1 de marzo de 2015, tendrá un conveniente periodo de 90 días para completar los dos pasos. Para registrarse a tiempo, debe realizar la inspección de su vehículo dentro 90 días anteriores a que venza su calcomanía de registro.
Verificación de la inspección: Si su vehículo aprobó la inspección pero el sistema no puede verificarlo electrónicamente, simplemente presente el informe de registro de su vehículo (informe de inspección de vehículos) vigente y aprobado y podrá realizar el registro.
Tarifas de inspección: Las tarifas de inspección no han cambiado. Solamente ha cambiado en donde las pagará. Ahora usted pagará parte de la tarifa a la estación de inspección, y luego pagará el restante de la tarifa al momento de su registro.

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Greyhounds get No. 2 seed in District 8-1A



Sheldon Baty gets off three-point attempt from the corner under pressure. Sheri Baty for The Knox County News-Courier

Special to the News-Courier

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Greyhounds scored a 48-42 win over Goree Tuesday to improve to 7-3 in District 8-1A and claim runner honors behind Paducah.

The Greyhounds will battle Northside, the No. 3 seed in District 8-1A, in bi-district.

“The playoffs are a welcomed result of the hard work my boys have put it,” said Coach Josh Webb. “We always talk about everything being a process and you have to love the process to love the results. Fortunately I have been blessed with kids that for the most part come in and work hard every day and work through the process.”

In losing to district leader Paducah, 48-43, on Tuesday, Webb indicated it was always hard to play on the road. “We played

well for the most part, but went on two separate stretches where our turnovers led to layups,” he added. “I think our game plan and execution of it was pretty solid, but crucial turnovers and some missed free throws led to the loss.”

Webb indicated the Greyhounds came out well offensively in the 66-53 win against Motley County, but saw a 12-point lead cut to 22-16 at the end of the first period because of some defensive struggles. “They fought the entire game,” Webb said. “We had a great third quarter defensively with multiple trips of good stops or defensive rebounds, but the problem was we couldn’t execute on the offensive end and put them away. We finally got up by 15 or so and kept it there. They did make a little run with some three-pointers and free throws, but we were able to respond.”



Amy Harrington connects on jump shot. Sheri Baty for The Knox County News-Courier

Houndettes miss spot in playoffs

Special to the News-Courier

KNOX CITY — The Knox City girls basketball team survived a scare against Guthrie Tuesday night, winning 51-36.

The Lady Jags shoot the ball exceptionally well in the first half, but good defense, free throw shooting and a strong post game helped the Houndettes pull away in the second half. Kaylie Steele led the Houndettes with 20 points and 15 boards. As a team, the Houndettes hit 19 of 25 from the free throw line. Shortly after the game, the Houndettes received bad news that Motley County had knocked off Spur to claim third place in District 7-1A, leaving them in fourth place and out of the playoffs.

“It was a year with ups and downs, but we got better every week and much better than last year

and what we were in November,” said first-year Coach Dylan Ballard. “A good thing is that we return every player and will make some noise next year. I’m proud of every girl in the basketball program. We will be in playoffs next year.”

“The Lady Dragons came out shooting lights out, knocking down six three-pointers in the first half,” Ballard said about the last Tuesday setback. The Houndettes trailed by 18 at halftime and cut the deficit to 10 before falling to the district champion. Some reports had the score reversed last week.

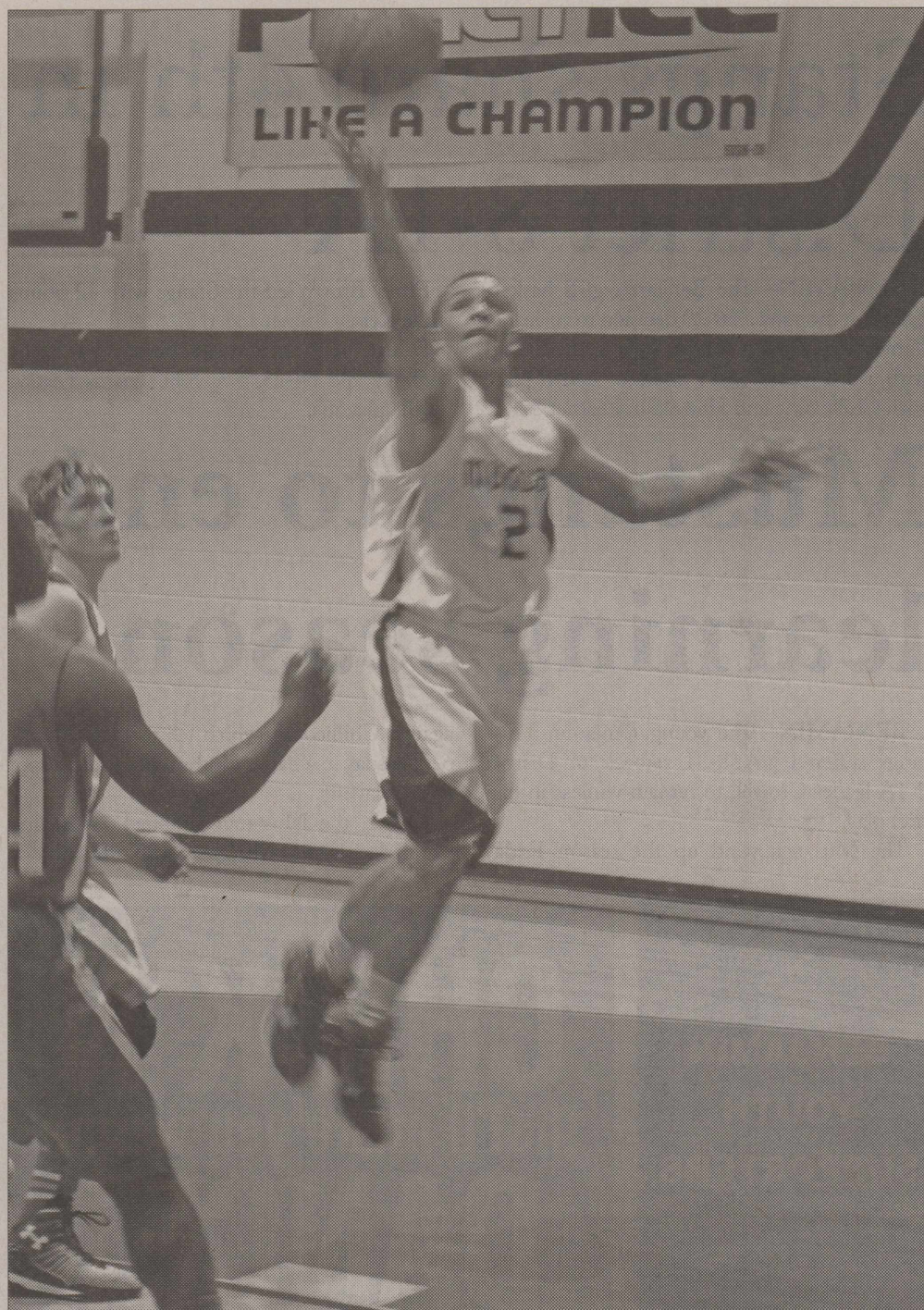
Poor free throw shooting led to the Houndettes’ loss to Motley County on Friday. They hit on only 14 of 33 attempts. “You can’t win many games that way,” Ballard added.

Brooke Jones led the Houndettes in scoring with 16 points last Tuesday and 12 points Friday.

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Day'veon Dockins makes layup in earlier game.

Courtesy photo for the News-Courier

Moguls wrap up second in 8-1A

MUNDAY — The Munday Moguls wrapped up second place in District 8-1A with a 55-29 victory over the Northside Indians at home Tuesday night, breaking away with a 15-5 edge in the second period for a 27-14 halftime advantage.

Temerick Reagins led the Moguls' scoring attack with 29 points while Alfonso Nunez added 10 points.

The Moguls play third-place Harrold, a 76-62 winner over Chillicothe on Tuesday, on Friday night to end district play before taking on the third-place team in District 7-1A, the loser of a Tuesday showdown between Knox City and Guthrie, in bi-district.

With Reagins scoring a season-high 33 points, the Moguls cruised by the Benja-

min Mustangs, 74-28 on Tuesday.

Then the Moguls won a 49-46 decision over the third-place Chillicothe Eagles Friday night. A 17-11 advantage in the third quarter enabled the Moguls to overcome a 25-24 halftime deficit.

One of the keys to victory was the fact the Eagles converted only 7 of 21 from the charity line.

Reagins led the scoring attack with 21, raising his season average to 18+. He averages 11+ rebounds a game.

"He's becoming a better basketball player," said Coach Greg Clark. "He's had 30 dunks this season. That's the most I can ever remember one of my players having. His teammates are helping put him in better positions to score with their passes."

Moguettes in playoff for 8-1A crown

MUNDAY — The Munday Moglettes scored a 52-34 win over the Northside Lady Indians here Tuesday night to wind up tied for first place in District 8-1A with a 9-1 record.

The Moglettes and the Lady Wildcats will meet at 7 p.m. Friday at City View in Wichita Falls to decide who gets to take home the trophy. The winner gets a bye in bi-district, facing the winner of the bi-district game between the second-place team in 5-1A and the third-place team in 6-1A in round two of the playoffs. The loser faces the No. 3 seed from District 7-1A, either Knox City or Motley County.

Coach Corey Stephenson feels confident in his team's chances on a neutral site after the teams each won at home. "It'll be a hard fought game as they want that trophy as bad as we do," he said. "Defense will be the decid-

ing factor."

Stephenson felt the Moguettes executed their offense as well as they have all season in beating Northside, the No. 3 seed in district. "Our shooting was just a little off, but the other girls did a good job of getting the ball to Raci."

Dillard finished the night with 15 points. It was Senior Night as Dillard along with Maria Vega and Janie Salinas finished play on the home court.

The Moglettes scored a pair of convincing wins last week—55-18 over Benjamin and 51-12 over Harrold—to keep place with Crowell, who scored 72-21 and 83-51 wins over the same two teams.

Dillard led the scoring attack with 17 and 25 points. For the season, she is averaging 15+ points and 10 rebounds a game.



Crystal Hunter connects for two in earlier game

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Sunday was a "happening day" here in Benjamin, as the annual museum benefit lunch and silent auction was held. The weather was perfect and folks came from lots of places to enjoy the good food, bid on a favorite item at the silent auction table, and visit with friends they may not have seen since last February. The event is usually held the first Sunday in February, but it was changed this year because of Super Bowl Sunday. I saw visitors from Munday, Knox City, Crowell, Seymour, Vera, Goree, Wichita Falls, Garland, Haskell, Old Glory, Aspermont and Rhineland. I'm sure I have missed some that I am not aware of. It was a wonderful crowd, and everyone seemed to enjoy it so much. And again, it's "Hats Off" to the Historical Commission for organizing and getting everything in place to make it the success it was. Lots of volunteers pitched in and helped as well, and with everyone working together, all turned out great.

Regarding our ill Corrine Parrish, who has had her share of health problems the past few months, is doing much better. She has help that comes in daily to assist her with her regular routine, but she's still able to live at home and keep her independence, and, of course, she's thankful for that.

Mike Young fell at the Nursing Center in Seymour, where he is living for a few weeks for some rehabilitation therapy. He broke his finger in the fall and hurt some ribs, but he is gradually getting back to feeling better.

Latest word on Valerie Mendoza is that after being out of the hospital a few days, she was re-admitted to Harris Hospital in Fort Worth the last of this week

in severe pain and was to have some surgery within the next day or so. Hopefully, she will get some relief. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

Here 'n there
I enjoyed visiting with Kenneth and Ila Mae Benson and Wanda Jennings of Wichita Falls on Sunday. They were here for the lunch and brought items for the silent auction. They are very supportive of Benjamin and all that goes on here and we are always glad to see them when they come our way.

Marlie Bell Kuehler was an overnight guest of her grandparents, Stephen and Sheila Kuehler, and cousins, Kinsey and Will. Her parents, Seth and Ashton, are in the process of moving the family to Munday, and Seth will be employed by the Swenson Ranch. That will be closer than Paducah (where they have been living) and very convenient for the local grandparents to help out with babysitting. We wish them well.

Basketball season is about over. Although our teams have not been overrun with wins, they did well—all things considered—and we hope next year we will hear about a more prosperous season. Win or lose, they are our "kids", and we as a community are always proud of them and their coaches.

Debi Moorhouse and I were in Munday on Tuesday for the funeral of Jean Alexander. It was good to see Jean's children, Brenda, Judy, and Waymon Dale. Although the circumstances were sad, I was glad to visit with them briefly. Barbara Ryder from Benjamin also attended the funeral.

Sympathy is extended today to the Shane Kendrick family in Munday. His mother passed away late last week, and her funeral is today (Monday) in Moore, Oklahoma, where

she resided. Shane is pastor of First Baptist Church in Munday.

Troy Culpepper of Haskell was over here on Sunday for the museum lunch. He always enjoys coming back to different things we have. He was our interim pastor at FBC in Benjamin for several years and, of course, became well acquainted here. It's always good to see him and have a chance to visit.

Jessie Roberts, who now resides in the Munday Nursing Center, was also here on Sunday for the lunch and a chance to see many of her friends. She is doing pretty well, and it's always good to see her. Also, my friend, Dorothy Jean Dykes of Knox City, was able to be here Sunday. She's been in the Munday Nursing Center for rehab on her leg and was dismissed on Thursday and is very glad to be home. She's doing well, and it's sure good to see her out and about. She and her husband, Dallas, are also good to attend our fund raising events here.

I had a nice, although brief, visit with Misty and Clint Jones and their son, Levi, on Monday. They still live on the Pitchfork Ranch and are as busy as everyone else is with 4' children. The kids are all growing up, and that's hard to believe. The Jones' are former Benjamin residents, and Misty is the daughter of Mitzi Welch.

Finally, this week, I want to say "Thank You" to everyone who has taken the time to tell me how much they enjoy my weekly column. There are too many to call by name, and I'm afraid I would leave someone out. However, I really do appreciate it. That's the reason I keep doing it every week, and as you know, some weeks are less "newsy" than others. But I will do my best and hope you continue to enjoy reading it.

Stangs share 4th in District 8-1A

BENJAMIN—The Benjamin girls basketball team dropped a 66-20 decision to co-leader Crowell on Tuesday night, leaving the Stangs with a 2-8 record and a share of fourth place with Chillicothe and Harrold in District 8-1A.

Emily Brown led the Stangs with 12 points while Kelsey Brown added 8.

Earlier, the Stang were beaten 74-20 by Munday and 64-25, two other teams headed for the playoffs.

Mustangs to end learning season

BENJAMIN—The young Benjamin Mustangs suffered an 88-31 setback to District 8-1A leader Crowell to remain winless in district play.

The Mustangs wind up the season Friday

against Chillicothe, which fell to Harrold, 76-62 Tuesday in a battle for third place and a spot in the playoffs.

Earlier, the Mustangs dropped 74-20 and 42-38 decisions to Munday and Northside.

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Legal News

Be prepared for legal expenses

By Janna Clarke

At one time or another, virtually all Texans will need legal assistance. Whether it's for estate planning or legal issues related to housing, employment, government benefits, adoption or divorce, most Texans will need professional legal services at some point.

Though the Texas legal aid system faces funding challenges, low-income individuals and families may have the opportunity to get help through our state's legal aid system for civil legal issues, and for criminal issues, they have the right to a state-provided attorney if they cannot afford legal counsel. On the other end of the spectrum, wealthy individuals are more likely to be able to afford to pay an attorney when legal services are needed.

However, middle-income Texans frequently have difficulty paying for a lawyer, especially when unexpected situations arise. For example, there are nearly 3.9 million Texas households with incomes between \$35,000 and \$99,999. It's this group that is most likely to face financial difficulties when an attorney's help is needed.

Middle-income families need to plan ahead for legal expenses. The State Bar of Texas and the state Legislature created a nonprofit entity 40 years ago to help address this issue. Texas Legal (formerly called Texas Legal Protection Plan) is a low-cost insurance plan for legal services that is provided by many Texas employers. Individuals and families can also insure themselves with a policy purchased directly from Texas Legal.

Here's how it works: A network of attorneys who are part of the Texas Legal participating attorneys panel can be accessed by members as needed—and the cost of one year's premium is about equal to one hour of an attorney's time if paying direct-

ly, without the benefit of insurance.

Of course, legal insurance is not the only answer to being prepared for unexpected legal needs. Another approach might be to set aside some money each month to have available for legal needs as they arise.

What might some of these legal needs be? According to a study by the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, 2014 was the second-best year ever in Texas for home sales volume. However, many Texans may not realize that the home-buying process is complicated and filled with hidden risk. Entering a housing contract, obtaining financing and closing are all legal situations that cost time and money.

Having a lawyer to help guide you through the process will better protect your finances in the long run.

Estate planning is another common legal need and should be revisited from time to time as a family's situation changes. Wills should be kept up to date, and all adults should consider a durable and medical power of attorney to ensure that your wishes will be taken under consideration if you are not able to speak on your own behalf.

Family issues, including divorce and adoption, are also common legal challenges. And, after a divorce is final, other issues can arise such as child support, custody and visitation rights. Those who are thinking of remarrying may have to revisit these issues again if families are combined.

Planning ahead for unexpected legal needs—similar to the way most Texans plan ahead for medical needs—will provide peace of mind and will ensure that you and your family will be protected financially when the time comes for legal assistance.

Janna Clarke is chair of the Texas Legal board of directors. She is of counsel to Broude, Smith & Jennings,

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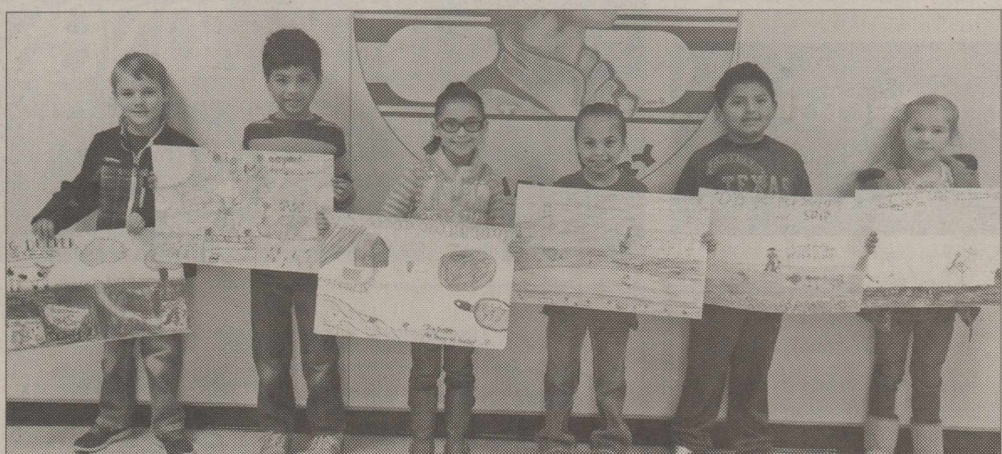
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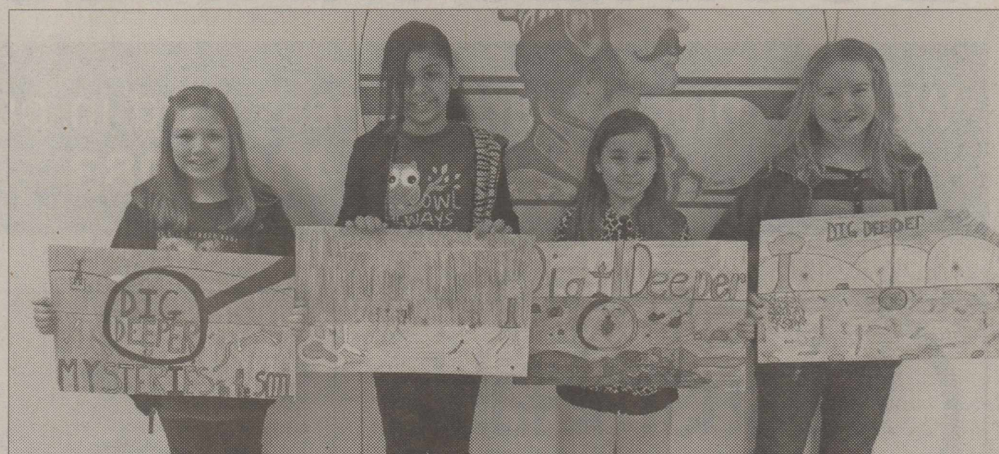
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First graders winners shown (l-r) in order of finish were Haiden Bowman, Elijah Estrada, Amrie Loftin, Kinslee Carver, Austin Lerma and Taylor Herring.



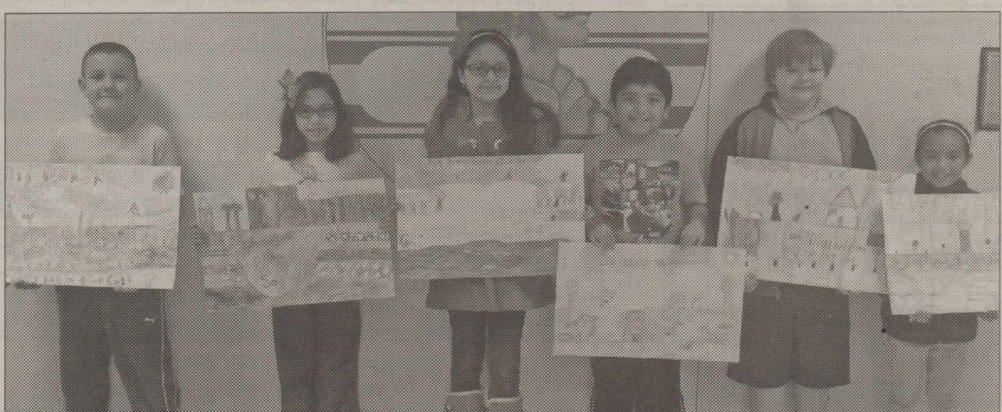
Fourth grade winners in order were Stephanie Scott, Leigha Purselley, Alyssa Estrada, Gabie Castorena, Cheny Thompson and Brice Thompson. Missing in photo were no. 2 Leigha and no. 6 Brice.



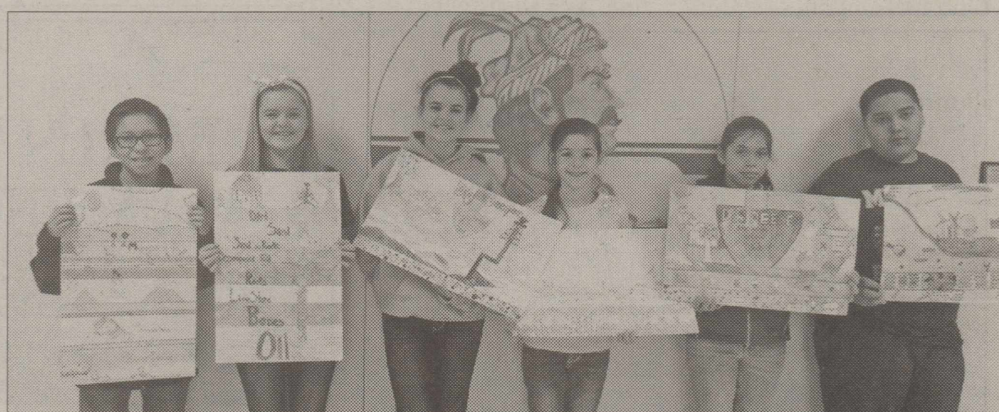
Second graders winners shown (l-r) in order of finish were Eryn Cottingham, Kamryn Rocha, Mackenzie Castille, Itxel Davila, Evelyn Garcia and Aaron Quintero.



Fifth grade winners shown (l-r) in order of finish were Maria Sanchez, Andrea Nunez, Catalina Perry, Junior Martinez, Manny Nunez and Nena Armendaviz.



Third graders winners shown (l-r) in order of finish were Kayton Shahan, Avery Garcia, Caramey Ledezma, Nicolas Hernandez, Lynn Strebeck and Brooklyn Rodriguez.



Sixth grade winners shown (l-r) in order of finish were Jonah Hernandez, Destyn Mauldin, Macy Flowers, Kendal Rocha, Guadalupe Zapata and Kelvin Matinez.

AMNESTY

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*Extending the agreement with TXU two years to provide electrical service for a lower rate.

*The purchase of a new pickup, utilizing funds from a grant.

*Nomination of Jim Cowser to serve on the Knox County Appraisal District board replacing new Judge Bobby Burnett.

*Adding new city administrator Winston Stephens to the signature cards.

*Authorization of an amended resolution of a submission for a Texas Community Development Block

Grant program to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

In addition, the council decided to allow City Attorney Lina Trevino to develop a plan of action dealing with ordinances for unoccupied structures in the city, called for a city election and tabled a motion for a property bid until more details are available.

FRANK

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"Water is a critical short-term as well as long-term issue of the state and our region. It is important that the Texas Legislature continue to intelligently address this issue before it negatively impacts every other area of life for Texans—education, jobs,

taxes, and healthcare."

The Defense and Veterans' Affairs Committee is responsible for legislative issues involving military bases, defense-related economic development in Texas, and the various programs and services for the military and veteran population in Texas. District 69 is home to Shepard Air Force Base, which has over 15,000 active per-

sonnel.

"I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to be vice-chair and to serve on this committee again," Rep Frank said. "It is an honor to work to support those who have served us so faithfully."

Since the state constitution allows committees to meet only after 30 days into the session, they will not begin work until Friday.

PERRY

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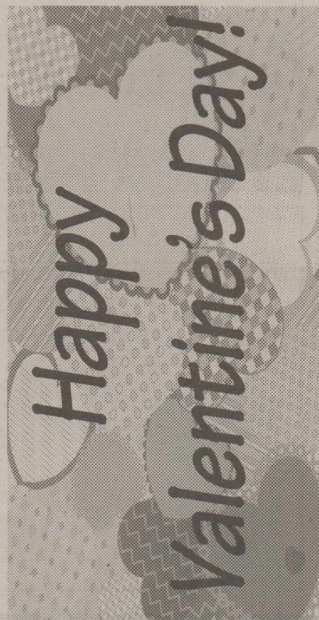
"On the heels of another arrest made in Lubbock County utilizing labeling, our organization feels this will be of great assistance in removing this poison from Texas," said Jeannine Kelley, leader of

Warrior Against Synthetic Pot - Lubbock (WASP).

Previously, Senator Perry filed SB 199 which will add additional known chemicals to the Texas Controlled Substance Act and include a controlled substance analogue provision that will act as a 'catch all' for drugs with substantially similar chemical

composition or intended to produce substantially similar effects.

"Between our two bills, it should be very difficult for dealers and manufactures to skirt the law in Texas," continued Perry. "I look forward to working closely with my fellow legislators to pass this legislation in the coming months."



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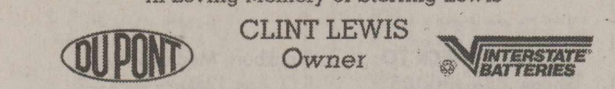
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The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.)

- AGENDA:
- 1) Call to Order - Roll Call
 - 2) Public Hearing on Accountability and Student Performance
 - 3) Public Forum, Comment
 - 4) Consent Items: Minutes
 - 5) Personnel Matters Including the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal and/or Compensation of Individual District Employees
 - a) Certified Personnel
 - (1) Principal Contracts
 - (2) Director Contracts
 - b) Teacher / Coach
 - 6) Student Insurance Renewal
 - 7) Order Election
 - 8) Appoint Election Judge
 - 9) 2015-2016 School Calendar
 - 10) Low Attendance Waiver
 - 11) Knox County Appraisal District Property Held in Trust
 - 12) Financial and Investment Review & Report
 - 13) Administrative Reports
 - a) Student Activities
 - b) Student Programs
 - c) Student Performance
 - d) Facilities
 - 14) Adjournment

If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 12:18 p.m. February 2, 2015.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING on the 2013-2014 TEXAS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE TEXAS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR FOR MUNDAY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015, AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 811 WEST D STREET, MUNDAY, TEXAS.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the CITY OF KNOX CITY TX1380002 water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes at .080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter three 2014 of .129 mg/L for DBP2-02. Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. We are taking the following action to address this issue: Continue to monitor on a quarterly basis. Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartment, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Sam Watson at 940-658-3313 Posted/Delivered on 02-12-2015

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Mac's Views

I want to first share with you the following tribute to a "Giving Heart." While it seems almost everyone responds when someone or a project is in need here in Knox County, there are always a few who go the extra step.



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"There are rare and special people who always give and give. To them it's nothing special. It's just how they choose to live. They are never too busy, no matter what the task. They seem to think of everything before you even ask." No names needed, everyone knows who they are!

The "giving heart" of Knox residents, and even others from around North Texas, was evident last Sunday when the Wichita Brazos Museum held its fundraiser. I haven't heard how much was raised, but did hear that the silent auction netted \$2,000. All my bids were not good enough. Guess, you need to stay until the end?

Munday Coach Larry Welch was among the 1981 Oklahoma Panhandle State University football team that was inducted into the Aggie Hall of Fame in Goodwell, OK last month. He was a kicker on the team and one of his highlights that season was kicking a winning field goal to seal a win against Chadron State.

Based on Richard Albus' report at last night's Munday City Council, we've got some new eating places going to open here soon. They are sorely needed although I am enjoying home cookin' from my wife.

Former Munday teacher and coach Jenna Williams will be flying to the Big Island in Hawaii next week to join her husband, Shane, who now is flying helicopter tours of the islands. She was saying goodbyes to everyone at Tuesday basketball games.

Condolences go to the family of Shane Kendrix, pastor of First Baptist Church Munday, on the loss of his mother. The funeral was held Monday in Altus, OK. Munday Church of Christ minister Wayne Speer and wife Brenda are away on a mission trip to Albania, a trip they've made for the last five years after formerly residing there from 1998 to 2000.

The Methodist Church is now looking for a replacement for the Rev. Christie Reeves-Pendergrass at the First United Methodist Church of Munday.

It was sad to hear that Hall-of-Fame golf professional Billy Casper died. While sometimes overlooked by the media, he was definitely one of the best putters ever. In an interview two summers ago with me, his putting tip was: "Keep the back of your left hand square to the blade at impact." He also credited his putting feel to the fact that as a youngster he would practice even after the sun had gone down.

Recycle 2015

Trash needs to be washed

By Bunny Norville

One reader asked: We take all this stuff from the trash, why do we need to wash trash for you?

That is a good question, but you're not doing for me. All recyclable stuff is being diverted from the trash. Once it is recycled, however, it becomes a commodity, something that is bought and sold. For these things to continue down the line to becoming new products they must be reasonably clean. We need to do everything we can to remove contaminants here, before they go to the mill. So we ask for your help.

The plastic we take at our Center is only a drop in the bucket of all the plastics made. Manufacturing plastic is a multimillion dollar industry. Never mind that our landfills and oceans are full of the stuff, as long as big business can make money there will be an abundance of plastic.

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Do the same with your milk jugs and other #2 plastics. Please, rinse and drain completely all of your plastic containers, then put them in a bag or box by themselves. Don't forget to flatten them all you can. There are many kinds of #2 plastic containers and we accept them all: detergent bottles, antifreeze, windshield washer, motor oil cans, household cleansers, and on and on. Please leave the lids on these.

Rinse food from tin cans. Just put the can under the faucet, fill it with water and allow it to stay there a while and then pour the water out. Don't try to flatten them.

I'll have more next time.
If you have questions, please call me at either 421-3334 or 203-0221. Please don't call before 9:00 a.m. My email address is: youwoodtwo@yahoo.com.

Relay for Life Award



Leann Harlan and Kendra Hunter show off the award that the Knox-Haskell Relay for Life group received for raising the most funds in its division last year.

Quilt hunters coming soon

By Jimi Coplin

GOREE—The 21st Annual Cotton Pickin Quilt Show and Cookin Show is set from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Feb. 28. Over 100 quilts will be on display at the Knox Prairie Events Center. There will be a cooking demonstration, a cookie-baking contest, a raffle, vendors and a yummy lunch.

Beautiful quilts come from near and far for the annual quilt show. The gymnasium will be full of hand and machine made quilts. For those wishing to enter a quilt, the entries are \$2 per quilt and they will need to be checked in on Wednesday or Thursday the week of the show.

The traditional lunch menu is chicken spaghetti, salad and dessert. Lunch is \$7.00 and will be served from 11-1 p.m. The lunch proceeds will benefit the Goree Volunteer Fire Department.

There is always a great turnout of vendors during the quilt show. You will find everything from quilt shops, home-made crafts, and much more. If you would like to be a vendor, the registration forms can be found on the facebook page. Booth spaces are \$20.

New this year is a cookie-baking contest. The categories are drop cookies, bar cookies, rolled cookies and sandwich cookies. Each person may enter one entry in each category. Adult entries are ages 18 and up. Youth entries are 8-17 years of age. See additional rules on facebook.

This year's raffle item is a red outdoor metal glider (furniture piece). Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. These tickets may be purchased now through the day of the quilt show. Tickets will be sold at the show and the drawing will be held at 2 p.m.

Lorrie Coop and Jerry Coplen with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting a demonstration about herb gardening and cooking with herbs. This will take place at 10:30 a.m.

There will be gift bags given to the first 250 registrants. There is a \$5.00 entry free. If you would like more information, please contact Vickie Huffman at 940-203-0463, Crystal Graham at 940-422-5306 or Glenna Decker at 940-256-0097. Visit www.facebook.com/CottonPickinQuiltShowAndCookinShow for official rules and entry forms.

Weather Whys?

Galveston hurricane worst natural disaster

What are some of the worst-ever weather events in the U.S.?

credible 343 tornadoes in the central and southeastern United States, which killed 321 people and caused \$10 billion in damage.

This question gets asked a lot, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. There are several "worst weather" lists compiled by NOAA and other groups, but the following disasters are almost always included on every one. "The deadliest ever occurred in Texas - it's the Galveston Hurricane of 1900," he explains. "It killed at least 8,000 people, leveled the city and is still considered by most to be the worst natural disaster in U.S. history." Number 2 on the list would likely be Hurricane Katrina, which devastated

New Orleans in 2005, breaching 53 different levees, killing over 1,800 people and causing \$125 billion in damages. "The Dust Bowl period of the 1930s caused by a large-scale drought and poor agricultural practices wiped out thousands of farms in the Great Plains, causing landowners to declare bankruptcy," McRoberts says. For tornadoes, the outbreak in late April 2011 had an in-

What are some others?

Hurricane Camille in 1969 killed 256 people and is still one of the strongest storms ever recorded, McRoberts adds. "Most natural disaster lists include the Midwest flood of 1993, the costliest on record, which caused \$21 billion in damage and killed 48 people. Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which caused \$27 billion in damage and killed 61 people in Florida and Louisiana and the Tri-State Tornado of 1925, which destroyed 15,000 homes and killed 695 people in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana also rank high on most lists. The most recent event that may be considered among the worst ever is Superstorm Sandy, which battered the Northeast in late October 2012 and ranks just behind Hurricane Katrina in terms of economic loss at \$65 billion."

Beetles gaining ground on saltcedar problem

By Kent Mahoney

Anyone who lives in close proximity to any number of creeks and rivers in the Brazos River watershed is familiar with saltcedars. During the recent droughts and the lower water levels, saltcedars have become more invasive in the creek beds.

Last year, a leaf beetle was discovered in the Possum Kingdom Lake area that was feeding on the leaves of saltcedar and with an amazing effect. The tamarisk beetle is from Uzbekistan and has been around the High Plains and Texas Panhandle for some time now. Its affect on saltcedars was the surprise.

Their range goes as far west as the headwaters of the Canadian River and as far east as the Texas-Oklahoma state line just north of Wichita Falls. From the Canadian River at the north, the beetle has been found as far south as Aspermont in Stonewall County, bridging over to just north of Possum Kingdom Lake.

The beetle feeds on the leaves of the saltce-

dar causing stress in the tree. As the tree enters each growing cycle, the stress of fewer leaves at the top essentially stunts new growth. Newer leaves and branches are consumed from the top down until eventually the entire tree dies.

According to Texas AgriLife Extension publications, the beetle is present in about 60 percent of saltcedar areas of Texas. Although the results are slow in coming, extension agents are confident the beetle is doing its job. "There are still large infestations of saltcedar where leaf beetles are not yet present," the report says.

A survey found beetles at Lake Graham and at four bridges on the Brazos in Young, Baylor and Know counties had stripped up to 80 percent of the saltcedars. Leaf beetles were also present on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos in Knox, Stonewall and Fisher counties.

It is hoped the beetle will continue to migrate and spread throughout the tributaries moving upstream within the Brazos River systems.

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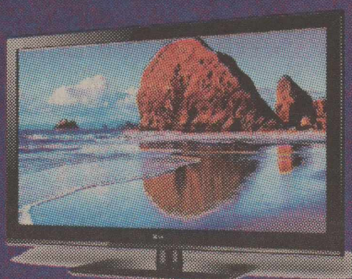
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