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Commissioners deny pay hike request

By JAMES MCAFEE

The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN—The Knox County Commissioners decided to deny giving a salary increase to employees in the Tax Assessor Collector's office at its regular monthly meeting here Monday.

The discussion about the request by Tax Assessor-Collector Mitzi Welch revealed that legally they could do it, but it would mean amending the 2014-2015

tax assessor/collector's budget and might create other employee problems.

Welch made the proposal for minimum pay hikes for Penny Eaton and Laura McCanlies instead of hiring a fourth employee, showing how it would save the county and appraisal district money in the long run, approximately \$14,475 even after the salary increase for deputies.

Judge Travis Floyd noted that the commissioners had been pa-

tient in regard to the road issue in Truscott, but that a public hearing needed to be held in the near future on the matter. "The road needs to be open," he said.

County Attorney Lina Reyes Trevino informed commissioners that she had received an unsigned petition from Don Malone, the attorney for Joe Bob Daniel, asking for the road to be closed, but needed more details for any action to be taken.

The issue involves Joe Bob Dan-

iel wanting to close a road so that he can house additional cattle, a move receiving opposition from other Truscott residents, including R.C. Daniel.

The commissioners approved a request by Justice of Peace Augie Rodriguez to purchase a new laptop computer (\$1,000) and to implement a new website (\$8 monthly), using funds from the Technology Fund, which had a balance of \$18,000 available.

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But Appraisal district agrees to pay hike

KNOX CITY—The Knox County Tax Appraisal District voted to amend its budget and pick up half of the salaries of deputy clerks Penny Eaton and Laura McCanlies, acting on a request by Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch.

Earlier in the day, the Knox County commissioners Court had denied a similar pay hike.

Welch indicated that if both the county and the appraisal district had reached the same decision, it would have saved \$14,475 as there was already money budgeted for another employee.

Welch added that changing technology had allowed her to cut back some of the work load of the office, allowing her to divide the duties which had been handled by the third deputy. She just wanted to compensate the other two employees.

"I hope in the future we can remain with just three employees here in the office, but we may have to hire a part

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Dillard 8-1A MVP



Munday High senior Raci Dillard was recognized as the District 8-1A Most Valuable Player as selected by the district coaches. (See story, page 5)

St. Joseph's plans dinner

RHINELAND—Residents of Knox County and neighboring towns eagerly await for a chance to attend the annual St. Joseph's Catholic Church parish sausage and fried chicken dinner.

They get their chances again here Sunday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The cost for the meal will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Take-out orders also will be available.

To order bulk sausage, call 940 256-2973 or 940 256-3113. The Country Store also will be selling homemade goods and arts and craft items.

Bands get "1" rankings

ANSON—Both the Knox City High School and Munday High School bands received 1s in Stage Concert and Sightreading here last Wednesday.

The Purple Cloud Band of Trey Singleton completed its first Sweepstakes honor since it had also received a 1 in marching last fall.



Debbie Tanner shows off her quilt, the winner of the viewer's choice at the Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show in Goree

Tanner's quilt choice of viewers

GOREE—Debbie Tanner's quilt was named the viewer's choice out of 108 quilts featured at the Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show here last Saturday in the Knox Prairie Events Center.

The late Mary Cartwright, who started the show in her home in Munday 20 years ago, was honored. Her family showed some of her quilts.

Kay Bradley took best of show honors in the senior division cookie baking contest, winning first with her bar cookie. Wanda Thompson took the top prize in drop cookies and was followed by Jim Wright and Kelsie Hobart. Kay Bradley won for bar cookies with Wright taking second and third. Wright

claimed first in sandwich cookies and took second and third in the bar category

In the junior category, Nate Eearthman claimed best of show honors, winning in the drop cookie category. Shawn Earthman and Corrie Eartman took second and third for drop cookies. In rolled cookies, Ryan Earthman claimed first followed by Belle Earthman and Daniel Duke.

Lorrie Coop and Jerry Coplen presented a program on growing and cooking with herbs.

Kay Bradley of Seymour won the raffle for the red glider.

The Movement Space from Munday coordinated the meal and will use the funds for its completion dance team.

Rain goes away, turning to sunshine

Knox County's prayers for more rain were answered Monday as a slow, steady rain fell for most of the day.

Water was still standing around after Monday's rain raised the weekly's precipita-

tion total to .82 of an inch here at the Plant Materials in Knox City. Other areas of the county got more than an inch.

Sunny weather and warming conditions were in the forecast for the rest of this week.

As expected, override of veto falls short

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Senate failed last week to override President Barack Obama's veto of legislation approving the Keystone XL oil pipeline, leaving the controversial project to await an administration decision on whether to permit or deny it.

The Senate was five votes short of the necessary two-thirds needed, mustering just 62

votes in favor of overriding the veto. Thirty-seven senators voted to sustain Obama's veto. The House of Representatives will not vote on override.

Republican Senator John Hoeven indicated pipeline backers would not quit trying and would try again to force Obama's hand, by attaching Keystone approval to another bill this year.

Knox Notes

Chamber banquet set March 28

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled at 6 p.m. March 28 here at the Knox City Community Center. Judge David Counts III will be the speaker. Tickets will cost \$18 and are available at the Chamber office during office hours—10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday or from one of the board members. Vonnice Ivie, formerly the Knox

County Justice of Peace, is the new office manager for the chamber.

Youth fundraiser rescheduled

KNOX CITY—The First Baptist Church Knox City rescheduled its youth fundraiser, serving chicken noodle soup, to follow this Sunday's morning services. It was postponed by icy conditions back in February.

Knox Calendar

Please notify the News-Courier to add or update your events and meeting times. Emailed submissions to kcnews-courier@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.

Thursday, March 12

Munday High One Act Play Festival

Saturday, March 14

Munday track at Pied Piper Relays

Monday, March 16

Knox County Hospital District, 7 p.m.

Knox City softball vs. Wichita Falls Rider JV

Tuesday, March 17

Knox City baseball at Wichita Falls Notre Dame

Munday golf at Jim Ned Invitational, Shady Oaks, Baird

City of Knox City, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

Munday golf at Jim Ned Invitational, Shady Oaks Board

Thursday, March 19

Breckenridge OAP Festival

Knox City JH Track Meet

Friday, March 20

Knox City Track Meet

Munday Track at Roby Relays

Saturday, March 21

Knox City baseball vs. Loraine

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact kcnews-courier@gmail.com.

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Thank you for spending the day with us!

Knox News-Courier

Deaths

Glenna High Jungman

Glenna High Jungman, 81, passed away March 6, 2015, in Seymour. Christian Wake services and Rosary were held at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was held Monday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father John Perikomaylil, Father Albert Kanjirathumkal and Deacon Jim Novak officiating. Interment was in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Rhineland.

Glenna was born April 8, 1933, in Seymour to Hershal and Wilma Ruth High. She married Alvin Jungman on March 6, 1950, in Seymour. She was an LVN, a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Altar Society, KJZT and was a former CCD teacher, Camp Fire leader and a Catholic Life Officer Branch 10.

She is survived by her husband Alvin of Seymour, five daughters, Christy Bickly and husband Kent of Conroe, Texas, Holly



GLENNA JUNGMAN

King and husband Rob of Weatherford, Texas, Jackie Allison and husband Rhea of Richardson, Marty Slaggle and husband Shan of Seymour and Barbie Donnell and husband Shannon of Seymour; a sister, Nancy Heard and husband Dale of Olney; 15 grandchildren, Bryan Studer and wife Amy, Krisann Hadenfeldt and husband Cordy, Craig Bickly and wife Adrienne, Kim Ponzio and husband Jason, Kasey Pierson and husband Jay, Clint Loving and wife Anna, Krystal

Weiderhold and husband Justin, Laci Brown and husband Chris, Joe Allison and wife Nicola, Justin Allison, Kara Loftin and husband Aaron, Blake Slaggle, Philip Weckar, Katrina Morrison and husband Jonathan and Ranger Donnell; 22 great-grandchildren, Killeen and Wyatt Studer, Kevin Dallas, Kaleb and Caitlyn Hadenfeldt, Tatum and Cade Bickly, JJ and Emma Pierson, Avery and James Loving, Alyssa Niemann, Brooke and Camryn Weiderhold, Rylee and Ty Esmond and Grant Brown, Corey Wozencroft, Knox Loftin, Peyton Weckar and Garrett Morrison; and one great-great-grandchild, Lilly Kelly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Vicki Studer; two sisters, Virginia Reynolds and Patsy Ford, and a brother, John High.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Meldon "Jack" Hill

Meldon "Jack" Hill, 87, went to meet his Savior on March 3, 2015. Funeral services were held last Friday at Northwest Baptist Church, 1003 Oakwood Lane, Arlington. Interment followed in Moore Memorial Gardens, Arlington.

Jack was born Dec. 16, 1927, to Susie and Otis J. Hill in Knox City. Jack graduated from Paschal High School in 1945 and was married to his sweetheart, Jean Carrington, on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1952. They celebrated 63 years of marriage.

Jack served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from Bell Helicopter (Textron) where he worked as a quality control specialist. His Christian faith was always his top priority.

As a lifelong resident of



MELDON HILL

Arlington, his pioneering spirit allowed him to forge great accomplishments. He co-founded Trinity Baptist Church on North Davis in Arlington with four of his closest friends. He later became a trustee and taught Sunday school to the young people's department. Trinity has produced and supported missionaries around the world. In 1999, Jack

purchased property on Oakwood Lane in Arlington and became the founding father of Northwest Baptist Church. The property was gifted to the church and has since been an outreach to all, particularly to the young. This church is growing and thriving to this day.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Melba Stephens; and grandson, Michael Ray.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 63 years, Jean Carrington Hill; daughters, Jackie Hill Kasten and Kay Hill Myers; sons, Terry Jack Hill Reynolds and Danny Hill; grandsons, Jerome Hill, Nathan Myers, Ryan Reynolds, Aaron Hill; granddaughters, Mindy Kay Myers Ray and Kesha Kasten; and great-grandchildren, Tori, Gage, Natalite, Jordan and Avery.

AREA NEWS

Nurses Aide Class set

ROCHESTER—Registration for Vernon College's Certified Nurses Aide Class is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. Tuesday here at the Vocational Training Center. Classes will start March 30.

Hee Haw set March 26-28

SAGERTON—The Sagerton Hee Haw is scheduled March 26-28 with performances at 8 p.m. at the Sagerton Community. Tickets will cost \$5. Call 940 997-2688.

Sheriff's Report

Pursuant to your open records request, the below is a list of those arrested within the indicated time and processed through the Knox County Jail:

January 6-March 5

- Ramirez, Traycee, 1/9/15, Dob 3/6/81, Surety withdrawal/terroristic threat, (M-B) arrested in Wichita Falls, (Knox County warrant)
- Bearden, James Hal, 1/15/15, Dob 11/17/67, DWI w/ open container, (M-B) Foard County.
- Kreger, Donald Dean Jr., 1/15/15, Dob 6/22/70, Aggravated Sexual Assault (F-1) arrested in Haskell County., (Knox County warrant)
- Pierce, Bryston Tres, 1/16/15, Dob 9/6/95, Intoxicated Assault (F-3), Possess Dangerous Drug (M-A) Baylor County
- Guerrero, Reagan Trent, 1/16/15, Dob 9/1/93, Criminal Trespass, (M-B), Aggravated Assault /Family member, (F-2) Aggravated Assault w/deadly weapon (F-2) Baylor County
- Purselley, Larry Lee, 1/17/15, Dob 3/11/80, DWI 1st, (M-B) Knox County
- Munoz, Jesse Jr., 1/17/15, Dob 8/20/80, Theft (SJF) arrested in Abilene, Taylor County, (Knox County warrant)
- Navarro, Mason Cole, 1/19/15, Dob 4/4/92, Public Intox. (M-C) Baylor County
- Hicks, Travis, 1/20/15, Dob 12/10/83, Aggravated Sexual Assault of Child (F-1), Abandoning/Endangering Child, (F-2) arrested in Abilene, Taylor County, (Knox County warrants)
- Plume, Cleborn, 1/20/15, Dob 10/29/94, Burglary of building ((SJF), Criminal mischief (M-B), Theft (M-B) Knox County
- Cash, Dameon, 1/21/15, Dob 9/5/96, Burglary of building (Wichita County warrant) (SJF), Foard county
- Cash, Dameon, 1/26/15, Dob 9/5/96, Escape (F-3) Knox County
- Jones, John Walter III, 1/26/15, Dob 5/13/83, MTR: Possess CS (F-3), Knox County
- Bohannon, Jamie, 1/29/15, Dob 10/29/78, Traffic warrants x several (M-C) Knox County
- Stoval, Heather Michelle, 1/29/15, Dob 2/23/82, Traffic warrants x several (M-C) Knox County
- Redman, Angel, 1/30/15, Dob 9/28/94, No Driver's license, (M-C), Expired Registration (M-C) Baylor County
- Limbaugh, Kimberly, 2/3/15, Dob 7/10/79, Parole violation: Burglary of habitation (F-2) Knox County
- Beasley, Brandt, 2/3/15, Dob 11/16/79, TBC, (M-B) Baylor County
- Roberts, Jackson Daniel, 2/7/15, Dob 7/4/91, Contributing to a minor (M-A) Foard County
- Dockins, Bobby Lynn, 2/9/15, Dob 2/8/73, Evading arrest/detention w/previous (Wichita County warrant, (Knox County)
- Norton, Charles, 2/11/15, Dob 11/11/86, miscellaneous misdemeanor warrants x 58 (M) Failure to register as a Sex Offender (Felony) Alabama warrants, 2/12/15, Forgery (SJF), 2/17/15, Forgery (SJF) Foard County warrants
- Shores-Baker, Brittany Kim, 2/12/15, Dob 4/12/94, Purchase/Furnish alcohol to minor, (M-A) Foard County
- Bonham, Garrett Loron, 2/12/15, Dob 4/23/91, MTR:DWI 1st, (M-B) (arrested in Fannin County) Knox County warrant
- Mask, Steven Eugene, 2/18/15, Dob 7/16/71, FTA:TBC, (MisD) (arrested in Marion County) Knox County warrant
- Pryor, Eddie Bernard, 2/21/15, Dob 4/17/73, Possess Controlled Substance (F-3) Foard County
- McCrary, Luther Ray, 2/21/15, Dob 4/17/67, Fleeing Police Officer (M-B), DWI 2nd, (M-A), Knox County
- Ramos, Andres, 2/24/15, Dob 4/18/66, MTR: Assault causing bodily injury (M-A), MTR: Interfere w/emergency call, (M-A) Haskell County warrants
- Armendariz, Pedro, 2/24/15, Dob 10/09/96, Deadly conduct, (F-3) Knox County
- Estrada, Adrian, 2/26/15, Dob 4/24/84, Fail to report accident over \$200.00, (M-B), Knox County
- Williams, Shannon, 2/26/15, Dob 6/8/90, Assault causing bodily injury, (M-A), Baylor County
- Holmes, Adam, 2/26/15, Dob 1/20/92, Public Intoxication (M-C), Criminal Mischief, (SJF) 03/04/15, Criminal Mischief (M-A) Knox County
- Sherwin, Leonarda Marie, 3/3/15, Dob 9/11/51, Criminal Trespass, (M-B), Knox County
- Coody, Eric Lynn, 3/4/15, Dob 3/13/87, Criminal Trespass x 2, (M-B), Terroristic Threat (M-B), Burglary of Vehicle (M-A), Possess Marijuana (M-B), DWLI w/previous x2 (M-A) arrested in Parker County (Knox County warrants)
- Rubio, Armando, 3/4/15, Dob 3/11/81, DWLI (M-B) Knox County, Bond Forfeiture: Aggravated Sexual assault of child (F-1), Bond Forfeiture: Fail to comply w/sex offender requirements (F-1) Jones County warrants (Knox County) Dean W. Homstad, Sheriff Knox County

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Monday: BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, vegetables, bread, fruit.
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Thursday: Beans & ham, cornbread, salad, cookies.
Friday: Hamburgers, chips, salad, dessert.

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Perfect attendance winners



Winners of perfect attendance awards for the fourth six weeks at Munday Elementary are shown (l-r): Kelton Carver, Justin Tidwell, Connor Moore, Connor Willison Liliana Rodriguez, Brooke Urbanczyk and Israel Perez. David Walker also accomplished the feat.

Munday Elementary AR winners



The advance reading awards for the fourth six weeks at Munday Elementary included (l-r) Claire Redwine, Jasmine Swann, Natalie Garcia and Bayley Lyles along with Kylen Crawford, not shown.

Munday CISD Honor Roll

4th Six Weeks 2014-2015

A Honor Roll

1st Grade-Caroline Alvarado, Lily Arismendez, Haiden Bowman, Kylen Crawford, Elijah Estrada, LJ Garcia, Aaliyah Gonzalez, Ericka Hernandez, Taylor Herring, Amrie Loftin, Jelani Lopez, Kanyin Mauldin, Trevor Thompson, Hunter Urbanczyk, David Walker

2nd Grade-Mackinzi Castille, Eryn Cottingham, Kierslynn Myers, Landri McCombs

3rd Grade-Kyson Latham, Kayton Shahan, D'Keydren Toliver

4th Grade-Jaxson Bowman, Stephanie Scott

5th Grade-Karley Myers, Justin Tidwell, Allie Willison

6th Grade-Macy Flowers, Claire Redwine, Charlie Willison

A-B Honor Roll

1st Grade-Kameron Arismendez, Grant Bonham, Kinslee Carver, Chandlyr Clark, Ma-

rina Davila, Brandon Henderson, Luke Latham, Ambrey Myers, Jariyis Williams, Termane Wilson

2nd Grade-Desiree Carrasco, Ann'Elyse Clark, Talan Collins, Campbell Corcoran, Ixtel Davila, AJ Diaz, Alexis Garcia, Evelyn Garcia, Baleria Gonzalez, Zenaida Nunez, Mance Phillips, Aaron Quintero, Trey Wilson

3rd Grade-Melissa Carmona, Rachanna Hardeman, Luis Marmolejo, Daniela Nunez, Brooklyn Rodriguez

4th Grade-Dustin Cottingham, Conner Moore, Cheney Thompson, Aleeyah Urbanczyk

5th Grade-Joe Jasso, Manny Nunez, Julie Valk

6th Grade-Kelton Carver, Chris Dennis, Jonah Hernandez, Destyn Mauldin, Cassandra Reyes, Trinity Rodriguez, Ashia Swarengin

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

We are still having changing weather. Last week we experienced cold wind, some sleet and ice, then a lovely day on Saturday—warm and sunny. Now today, (Monday) we had rain—only light showers, but enough to put water in the holes in our driveways. I don't think it's supposed to last long, however.

Here 'N There

News is scarce again this week. Think this unsettled weather is keeping everyone pretty close to home. Maybe things will get back to normal soon.

My great grandson, Dillon Keys, was in United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls, having been admitted on Friday. He is much improved and was expected to be released before you read this. His system was septic again, a condition caused by his kidney problem. He had this problem about a year ago, but this time doctors got to it before it got too bad.

We learned Sunday of the death of Debra Coker Adkins of Rochester. She was a sister to Pam Conner. She had heart surgery over a week ago, and her condition just never improved much following the surgery. She died early Sunday in

a Lubbock hospital. Her funeral was scheduled yesterday in Rule.

Michael Rogers of Snyder spent the weekend with Mike and Debi Moorhouse. He was helping Mike with some construction on a barn.

Irene Reed spent Saturday with her son, Donnie, and his family. Donnie and his wife, Sheryl, live near Wichita Falls, and they all met in Seymour for a day with his sons and their families. Irene said she sure enjoyed it, especially the great grandkids!

I'm told that the Quilt Show in Goree last Saturday was a huge success, and we had some from over here to win in different categories. Pam Duke, Carol Dickson, and Jan Carver all were winners, and they deserve it! They work hard, spend lots of hours on their projects, and they love it. I congratulate them and everyone else who did so well with their quilts.

The Little Dribblers tournament last Saturday here in Benjamin brought in lots of folks to see their favorite youngsters perform. These "meets" are fun to watch, and it is serious to every one of the participants. I don't know for sure what groups won, but the way I see it, they are all winners and all deserve a ribbon! They are our competitive teams of tomorrow.

Rainwater, Browns get 8-1A honors

BENJAMIN—Benjamin High sophomore Justin Rainwater was recognized as the District 8-1A newcomer of the year by district coaches.

Senior Kelsey Brown and sophomore Emily Brown were named to the girls 8-1A all-district second team.

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MHS Golf Schedule

March 17-18—Jim Ned Invitational, Shady Oaks, Baird

March 23—Olney Invitational (girls)

March 25—Olney Invitational (boys)

March 31—Tommy Terrell Invitational, Albany

April 6—District 8-1A Tournament, River Creek, Burk Burnett

April 13-14—Regional, girls at Reece, boys at Lake Ridge, Lubbock

April 29-30—State, Lions Municipal, Austin



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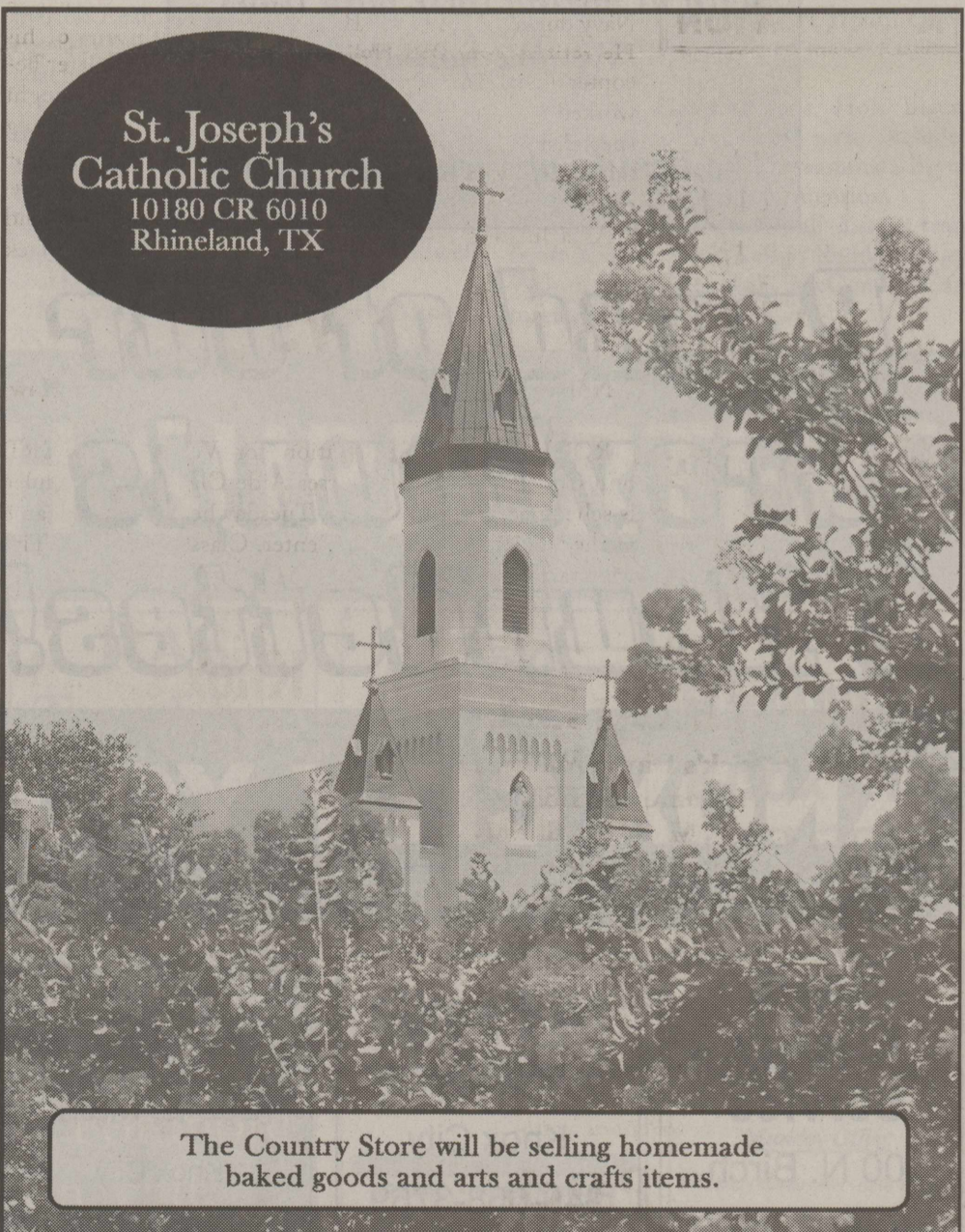
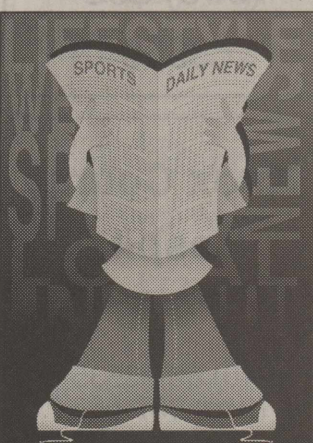
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St. Joseph's Catholic Church Annual Parish Sausage & Fried Chicken Dinner

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O'Brien CISD campuses meet TEA standards

First of Series
Special to the News-Courier

KNOX CITY — All three Knox City-O'Brien CISD campuses received the "Met Standard" rating for the 2013-14 Accountability Ratings released by the Texas Education Agency.

In addition all campuses received Distinction Designations for high performance in certain areas.

Knox City Elementary received Distinction Designations for Academic Achievement in Reading/English Language Arts and Top 25 percent in Student Progress.

O'Brien Middle School received Distinction Designations for Academic Achievement in Reading/English Language Arts, Academic Achievement in Mathematics and Academic Achievement in Social Studies.

Knox City High School received Distinction Designations for Academic Achievement in Reading/English Language Arts, Academic Achievement in Mathematics, Academic Achievement in Social Studies and Postsecondary Readiness.

In addition the high school was one of nine schools in Region 9 Education Service Center to be named a High Progress School and one of seven schools in Region 9 to be named a High Performance School in Federal Accountability.

Louis Baty, superintendent of Knox City-O'Brien CISD, praised the performances of the district's students.

"This success does not just happen, but requires hard work and dedication from the students, teachers, and parents," he said. "Unfortunately students, schools, and teachers

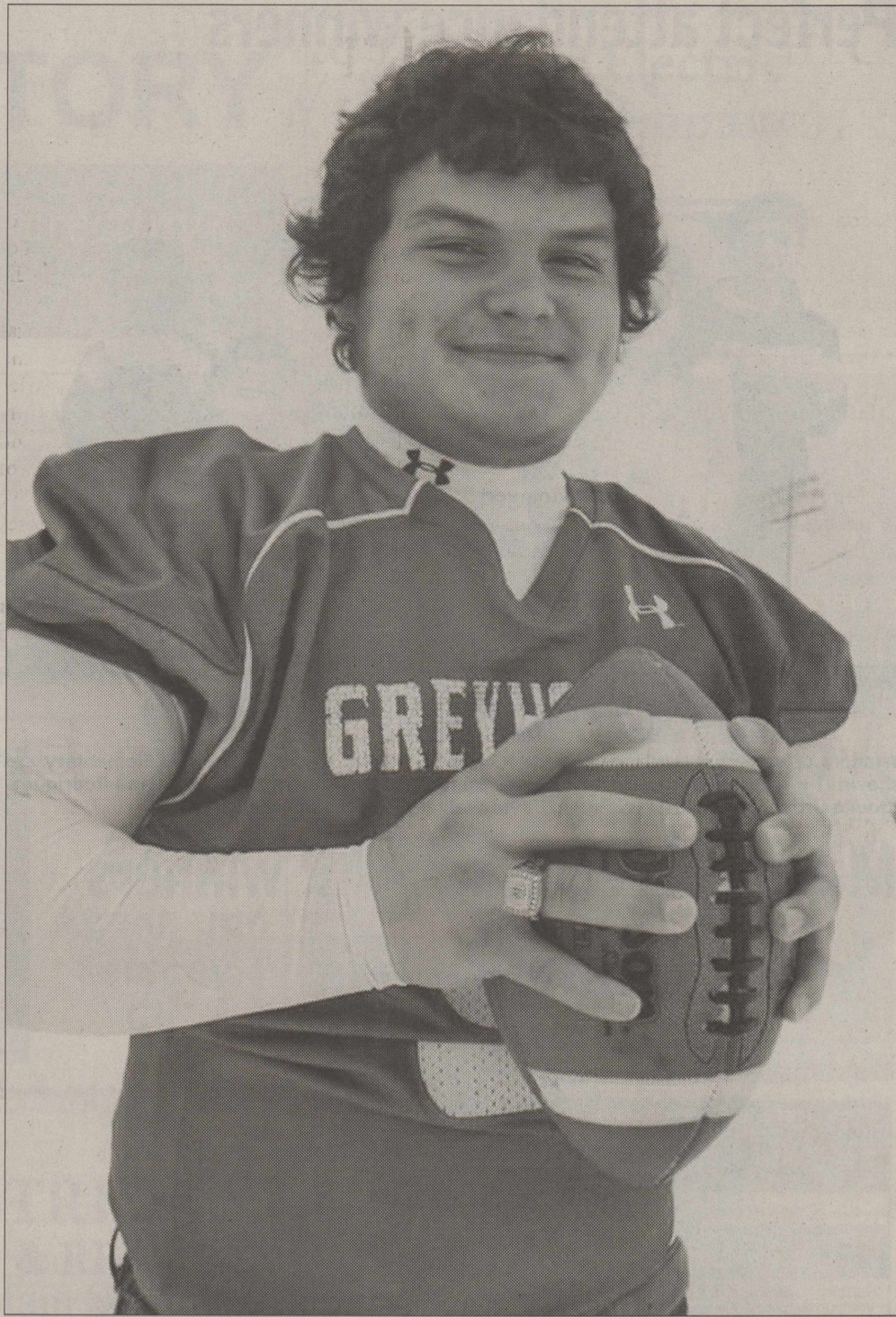
throughout the state are judged on the performance of students on a state developed testing instrument that does not allow for the individual differences of students. God did not create everyone with the same abilities, interests and skills, so I find it troubling that our state leaders developed a 'one test fits all' assessment instrument. However, as long as schools are staffed with dedicated teachers individual differences of students will be cultivated into successful, positive contributing members of society."

Knox City has taken advantage of the career pathways the 2013 Texas Legislature created with HB 5 by partnering with the Haskell county schools to create the vocational training center. This training center located in Rochester allows students to develop job ready skills and certifications to meet today's job market. During the 2013-14 school year, the students attending the skills center earned an OSHA General Industry Certification, the National Safe Tractor and Machinery Certification and the American Welding Society Certification.

The skills center has also partnered with Vernon College to allow a student to obtain a Certified Nursing Aide License in the first year of attendance, and in the second year they will obtain credit towards a Licensed Vocational Nursing Degree.

"Student success is more than test performance, it is about being successful in the next life phase," said Baty. "The addition of the skills center gives students wanting vocational training an opportunity to gain hands on experience to develop skills to enter the workforce or obtain additional training."

Currently, Aspermont, Haskell, Knox City, Paint Creek and Rule have students attending the Vocational Skills Center.



ZAC RODRIGUEZ

Rodriguez gets invites to all-star grid games

Special to the News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Knox City High's Zac Rodriguez will be playing more football this summer, including the 11-man version.

Rodriguez has been selected to play in the 11-man Greenbelt Bowl game, sched-

uled at 6:30 p.m. June 13 at Childress.

In addition, he will play in the Brazos Bowl, scheduled to return here on June 20.

Rodriguez also has received an invitation for the Public Private Bowl, but no details were available on when it will be played.

We would like to take time to thank everyone for all of the acts of kindness shown to us in our recent loss. Your visits, cards, calls, flowers and donations in memory of our Mother, Grandmother, Sister and Aunt are so greatly appreciated. Thank you, our friends, for being with us during these hard times. We love you all!

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Steele named to 7-1A all-district

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KNOX CITY — Junior Kaylie Steele of Knox City High School was named to the 7-1A all-district girls basketball team selected by the district coaches.

Sophomore Faith Walker of district champion Paducah was recognized as the most valuable player. Teammate Ebony Hampton, a freshman, was newcomer of

the year.

Seniors Brielle Collett of Motley County and Sierra Fry of Spur were named offensive and defensive MVPs, respectively.

Joining Steele on the all-district team were Leslie Mayo, Dazia Flemens and Ali Smith of Paducah; Victoria Ward, Airykah Ward, Jess Walker and Joey Cubler of Spur; Mattie Brooks of Motley County; and Reagan Maxwell of Guthrie.

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Dillard, Vega, Stephenson, Flowers receive 8-1A honors

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MUNDAY—As expected, Munday High senior Raci Dillard was named as the District 8-1A Most Valuable Player.

In addition, Coach Cory Stephenson was named as the coach of the year, senior Maria Vega the defensive MVP and freshman Myca Flowers the newcomer of the year.

Three other members of the Mogulettes were selected on the first team—junior Kimberly Shahan, junior Brenly Waters and sophomore Charity Hunter.

Crowell junior Mardi Wisdom was picked as the offensive MVP.

Other first team selections included

Kathryn Richardson and Brice Moore of Crowell, Keeli Smith and Marci Zuniga of Northside and Stormie Propst of Chillicothe.

Munday junior Kathryn Cude was joined on the second team by Kelsey and Emily Brown of Benjamin, Lyndsey Price and Olivia Perez of Harrold, Blaine Carroll and Adriana Hinkle of Crowell and Kelsi Holcomb and Sara Don Faulkner of Northside.

Mogulettes Ana Vega and Kristen Kuehler were honorable mention selections.

Named academic all-district from Munday in addition to the ones named earlier were Skylar Gomez, Janie Salinas and Taylor Thompson.

Win in final relay gives Mogulettes title



Charity Hunter passes the baton to Kayla Taylor as the Mogulettes won the 4x100 meter relay at the Wind Energy Relays

Moguls capture title in Wind Energy Relays



Heath Bevins passes the baton to Tamerick Reagins during the Moguls' second-place finish in the 4x100 meter race at the Wind Energy Relays

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HERMLEIGH — The Munday Mogulettes cruised to a victory in the closing 1,600 meter relay to edge Westbrook, 101-99, for the title in the Wind Energy Relays here Saturday.

Kayla Taylor, Kristen Kuehler, Ana Vega and Karla Taylor posted a time of 4:29.31, more than 20 seconds ahead of Westbrook.

"We expect to win in a small event like this," Coach Cory Stephenson said. "I was pleased with the times."

The Mogulettes were missing the services of distance runner Janie Salinas, who was sick.

Earlier, the Mogulettes claimed the gold

in the 4x100 meter relay (53.52) and the silver in the 4x200 meter relay (1:56.55).

Kayla Taylor and sister Karla Taylor claimed the 200 and 400 meter with clockings of 28.37 and 1:02.41, respectively. Kimberley Shahan and Ana Vega got points for sixths in those races.

Maria Vega and Shahan finished second and third in the 100 meters with 14.18 and 14.24 times, respectively.

Myca Flowers clocked 2:52.65 for second place in the 800 meters and Jenna Wertz took sixth in the 3,200 meter race with time of 15:28.55, missing by one place to get points in the 1,600 meters.

Next on the schedule will be the Pied Piper Relays Saturday in Hamlin.

Reagins named 8-1A offensive MVP

Special to the News-Courier

MUNDAY—Munday High junior Tamerick Reagins was named as the offensive MVP for District 8-1A by the district coaches.

Crowell senior Mitchell Parsley was recognized as the Most Valuable Player while sophomore teammate Tristen Hayes was the defensive MVP; Benjamin sophomore Justin Rainwater as the newcomer of the year; and the district champion Crowell coaching staff as coach of the year.

Moguls Day'veon Dockins and Alfonso

Nunez were named to the first team all-district along with Jared Brown and Nathan Moya of Crowell, Jake Welch and Blade Montgomery of Harrold, Creed Harris of Chillicothe and Justin Faulkner of Northside.

Munday's Heath Bivens, Holt Bivens and Chandler McCombs were included on the second team while teammate Bryan Castorena was honorable mention.

Named to the academic all-district team from Munday were Kellen Redder, Chase Wilson, Dee Hemphill, McCombs, Castorena and both Bivens.

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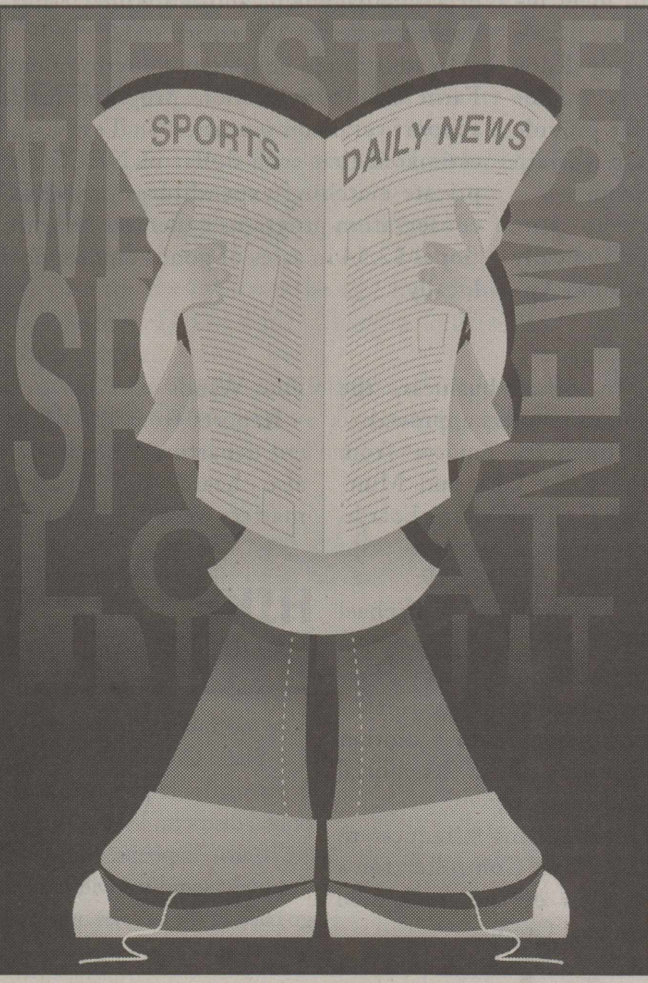
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Building trust is critical and encourages customer retention. The old adage is "if you tell a customer you are going to do something, then make sure you do it."

Have you ever noticed how stories that are passed around seem to get changed? I recall telling a story at a golf tournament function once. When it got back to me, it wasn't the same. Part of the reason is that people don't really listen and then forget or add details when they re-tell it.

One of the nice things about living in a small town, according to one of my friends, is that when you don't know what you are doing, someone else does.

In closing, don't be afraid of sometimes stepping out of your comfort zone, trying new adventures on your bucket list before you get too old.

Livestock producers eligible for LFP

KNOX CITY—County Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Knox County, Nancy Birkenfeld, announced that ranchers and livestock producers may be eligible for assistance from the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for grazing losses incurred in 2015.

"Knox County recently met qualifying drought ratings that 'trigger' eligibility for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program for native pasture, improved pasture, short season small grains, long season small grains, and annual ryegrass," Birkenfeld said.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program provides compensation to livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>. Qualifying fires are those occurring on rangeland managed by a federal agency and the producer is prohibited by the federal agency from grazing the normal per-

mitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to the fire.

Eligible livestock include alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland during the normal grazing period.

Applications are required for 2015 losses. To expedite applications, producers who experienced losses in 2015 are encouraged to collect records documenting their losses. Supporting documents may include information related to grazing leases or federal grazing permits, contract grower agreements, and more.

"We encourage producers to contact our office for an appointment, and to learn what records are required to apply for assistance," said Birkenfeld.

For more information, contact the Knox County FSA office at 940.658.3537 Ext 2. Information can also be obtained online at: disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

Recycling 2015: Get rid of old items

Will there be a city-wide cleanup this year and will the Recycling Center be open that day?

Nothing has been announced yet, I certainly hope there will be one, and we will be open.

Spring is coming, soon, I hope. So it's time to start thinking about cleaning out the garage or shed. But before you do anything, think recycling, reusing, and re-purposing.

Uppermost in our minds will be the idea of getting rid of as much as possible. As you handle each item think about a way you can use that item in another way. Maybe you could re-purpose it altogether. For instance, I made a cabinet out of an old 110-volt clothes dryer. It is now serving a new purpose, mainly as a conversation piece.

Don't throw anything out until you have tried a yard sale. Sales are considered recycling.

Good luck as you move ahead with your cleanup. If you can't decide what to do with your stuff, box it all up and bring it to the Recycling Center. We will find a place, a use, and a new purpose for your castoffs. And don't forget your cans, plastic, and paper to recycle.

Add these items to your recycling list: batteries (all kinds), your old light bulbs, ink and toner cartridges.

If you have questions, please call Bunny, at either 421-3334 or 203-0221. Please don't call before 9:00 a.m. My email address is: youwoodtwo@yahoo.com. Any question is a good question; there are no dumb questions.

Deadline nearing for NAP coverage

KNOX CITY—The Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Knox County, Nancy Birkenfeld, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date set Sunday.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop

According to Birkenfeld, FSA policy has changed for the 2015 crop year. Producers in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas, who annually plant crops used for mechanically harvested livestock feed, can purchase both NAP coverage at the catastrophic level or higher ("buy-up") and Rainfall Index - Annual Forage Insurance plan coverage offered through Risk Management Agency (RMA). However if a NAP payment and indemnity benefit are payable, the producer must choose. The producer cannot receive benefits under both.

The Agricultural Act of 2014, the 2014

Farm Bill, allows producers to choose higher levels of NAP coverage. Previously, the program offered coverage at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Producers can now choose higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price. It is important to note that the higher coverage is not available on grazing.

The following crops in Knox County have a NAP application closing date of March 15: Sorghum Forage, Guar, Sunflowers, Sesame, Mung Beans and Pecans.

"NAP policies allow producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for crops," said Birkenfeld. "Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers to recover when they experience a loss."

Eligible producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the March 15 deadline. Producers also pay a fixed premium for higher coverage. Beginning, limited resource and underserved farmers may request a waiver of the service fee and a 50 percent premium reduction when the application for coverage is filed.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales closing dates, contact the Knox County FSA office at 940.658.3537 Ext 2 and visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

April 17 deadline set for EQIP program

KNOX CITY—USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Charles Schur announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted at the NRCS offices located here at 3950 FM 1292.

NRCS in Texas has received its EQIP funding for fiscal year 2015 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after April 17. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2015 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP, one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill, is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Knox County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," said Schur.

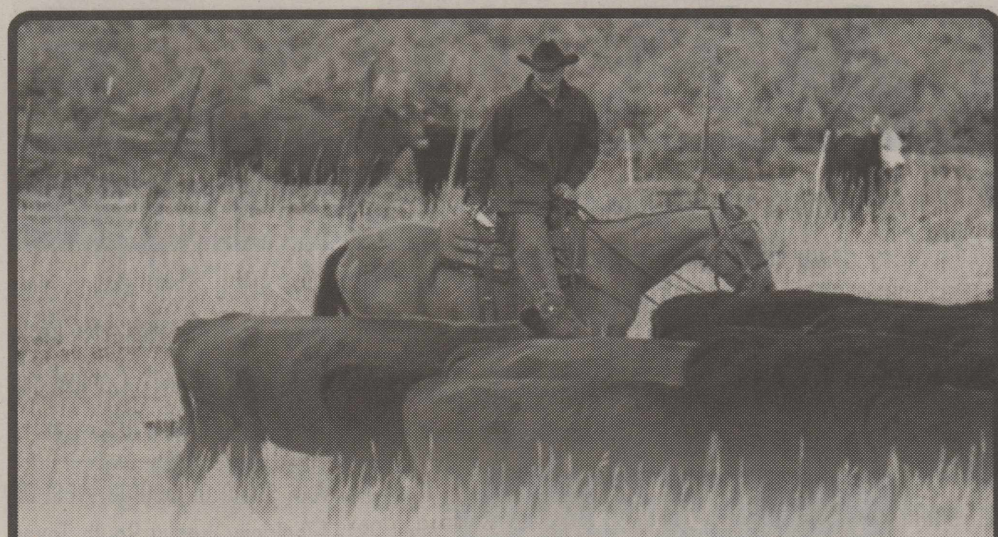
EQIP is a continuous sign-up program. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Ap-

plications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 3,400 EQIP contracts with \$82 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 1.8 million acres across the entire state.

In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services locally.



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By a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Johnny McCowan not voting, a \$5,450 bid by Booe Roofing to do insulation work on the county barn was OKed.

Commissioners Nathan Urbanczyk and Dan Godsey were recognized as having completed earning certificates for the Public Information Act and the Opening Meeting Act, required for new members.

In other business, the commissioners approved:

- *financial reports from the Knox City and Munday Child Welfare boards, showing balances of \$10,981 and \$8,719;

- *appointment of Michael Wilde and Leon Burkham to the Knox County Hospital Board of Directors;

- *applying for another Edward Byrne Memorial Justice grant;

- *submitting a request to the Texas Controller for a portion of the unclaimed Capital Credits;

- *a \$100 sponsorship for

Four Winds

Reports from the different department heads were also heard and financial matters were discussed.

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time or fulltime employee as the State Comptroller's office is putting more pressure on appraisal districts," Welch said.

"If that happens, the deputies understand we will have to go back to the salaries originally budgeted."