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KC pool will open in May MCISD approves \$300,000 for technology

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier

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KNOX CITY – The Knox City Council decided that the swimming pool will open in late May during its regular meeting here last week. The city is looking to hire a manager.

The council decided to accept bids for roofing repairs on the old variety store downtown and the kennel building at the park.

While Republic Water Service decided to raise rates by 1.1%, the council decided no hike was necessary for residents.

It was reported that the city received a 100% grant to purchase a new vehicle for the police department.

Sales tax revenue down in Knox

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AUSTIN – Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$867.1 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 0.7 percent less than in February 2015.

These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2015 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

In Knox County, Munday held its own, collecting \$13,363.62 as compared to \$13,347.95 the previous year; Knox City got \$18,632.59, down 10.86%; Goree 884.53, down 40.31%; and Benjamin \$769.92, down 18.38%.

Forage field day set Monday

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The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Haskell and Knox Counties will be having a two-hour forage field day starting at 1:30 p.m. Monday on plots located on the Kenneth Baker Farm just south of the Brush Cemetery on Hwy. 222.

“We have 33 varieties of forage that we are testing for forage weight yields as well as grain varieties being tested,” said Jerry Coplen.

Two CEUs will be given at this program, 1 IPM and 1 General.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension wheat specialist Dr. Clark Neely will be speaking at the field day.

“Please take advantage of this time to ask our wheat specialist any questions you have related to your forage production needs,” added Coplen.

There will be no cost for the meeting. If you have any further questions, please contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension office at 940 459-2651.

MUNDAY – The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the purchase of up to \$300,000 technology equipment and staff training with its fund balance during Monday night’s regular monthly meeting.

Supt. Troy Parton explained that each student in kindergarten through the fourth grade would be given an iPad Mini while other students in the fifth through twelfth would get a Surface laptop/tablet. Only those in the upper four grades would be allowed to take them home. In addition, each teacher would receive a Dell laptop computer.

“We want to make sure they will be used,” Parton explained in noting that training would be necessary for the teachers, including during this summer in preparation for the introduction of the technology for the start of the new school year this fall.

Some teachers are going to Guthrie later this month to see how computers are being used at the schools there.

The board also approved the purchase of a new football scoreboard and play clocks from the fund balance, approving up to \$25,079 and allowing Parton and Athletic Director Patrick Corcoran to decide which product to buy.

“The old one could go out at any time,” said Corcoran. “You just can’t buy replacement chips for it.”

Earlier in the meeting, the trustees heard that there was a fund balance of \$3,737,941 and that they were authorized to use up to \$2 million for improvements.

The board confirmed participation in an annuity program through First Financial, allowing the superintendent to sign the necessary paperwork on behalf of the district. It allows staff members to participate.

The board accepted a district calendar for the 2016-17 school year as presented by Parton. “It will be the same sched-

ule as the one used in Haskell,” Parton explained, noting that Munday would start participation in the Rochester Vocational Technical program next year. “We’re going to take some kids to tour the campus in April,” he said.

In other action, the trustees approved policy update 104 and an instructional materials certification.

Parton showed the trustees some drawings and sample floor plans for the new facilities being considered in the bond proposal. He added that some trees in the lot across from the stadium would need to be cut down and something done with the house there to get ready for the football season.

In an executive session that lasted more than an hour, the trustees discussed issues with MHS Principal John Berry and Corcoran, but took no action. Based on comments in the open session, it related to discipline.

Three ladies did show up a few minutes late and were unable to take part in the public forum.

Knox City Easter egg hunt



The Knox City Fire Dept. hosted an Easter egg hunt for youngsters, shown here with Sparky.

Moguls Relays set Saturday

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MUNDAY – Local fans will get to see the Munday High School track teams in action here Saturday when they host the Mogul Relays at Phillip McAfee Track.

Joining Munday in the event will be teams from

Anson, Hamlin, Haskell, Newcastle, Quanah, Roscoe and Stamford.

The 3,200 meters run kicks off action at 8:45 a.m. The running prelims start at 9:45 a.m. and the field events at 11:30 a.m.

The finals will start an hour after the final field event or preliminary race.

8-1A golf set Monday

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MUNDAY – The Munday High School girls golf team enters next Monday’s District 8-1A tournament at the Rivercreek Golf Course in Burkburnett as the favorite to repeat.

The Moguelettes have been scoring between 435 and 440 in earlier tournaments, but Coach Scott Riley expects they could improve on that total in district.

Taylor Thompson also enters the event as the favorite to take medalist honors. She has posted 86s in winning the Tommy Terrell Invitational at Albany and the Baird Invitational plus finishing second at the Jim Ned Invitational.

“She’s not happy with those scores, but I expect her to do better in April,” Riley added.

Joining her will be Kathryn Cude, Kendall Thompson, McKenna Sanderson and Madison Thompson with Torie Everson likely to play in the medalist division. The boys will not have a team, but Holt Bivens and Cole Parton will be in the battle for individual honors with chances to advance to regional. Bivens posted a 92 and finished fourth at Albany earlier this week.

Area one act play event set April 9

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MUNDAY – Knox City High School and Munday High Schools joined four other schools at MHS on Wednesday to compete in the one act play bi-district competition. At stake were three spots in the area competition April 9 in Lubbock.

Knox City’s “Lisa and David” joined plays from Spur and Guthrie to represent District 7-1A while Munday’s “The White Snake” joined plays from Chillicothe and Northside from District 8-1A.

Munday’s Grace Tidwell and Cole Redwine claimed best actress and best actor honors in 8-1A. Earning all-star cast honors were Kamille Redder and Kale Lewis. Ariana Arellano, Ayleen Arellano and Cole Parton earned honorable mention honors. The MHS crew of Denise Araujo, Kasey Lawrence, Allison Josselet, Reagan Sanderson and Stormie Andrade were named the outstanding technical crew while Araujo, Lowrance and Josselet took lighting tech, stage manager

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Cast of Knox City’s “Lisa and David”



Cast of Munday’s “The White Snake”

Knox Notes

Please notify the News-Courier about your upcoming events. Emailed submissions to kc-news@courier.com are preferred. The deadline for inclusion will be the Friday before the following week’s issue.

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Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of April 4-8
 Monday: Chicken stew, cornbread, salad, cake
 Tuesday: Salisbury steak, yams, English peas, bread, peach crisp
 Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, seasoned corn, bread, cookies
 Thursday: Herb roasted chicken, green beans, bread, fruit
 Friday: Hot dogs, potato salad, pork & beans, dessert

Area News

Ag Appreciation Day

SEYMOUR - Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller will be the feature speaker at the luncheon here Tuesday when the 26th annual Baylor County Ag Appreciation and Health Fair is conducted at the Cliff Styles Activity Center. Awards will be presented for the rancher/cattlemán, conservationist and ag business of the year. Free blood tests are scheduled from 7-9 a.m. Then 80+ ag and health related booths will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Car show Saturday

HASKELL - The fifth annual Wild Horse Prairie Car Show is scheduled here Saturday around the square. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and runs through 11 a.m. Entry fee will be \$20. Winners will be announced in 22 different categories.

Texas Trash Off

QUANAH - Copper Breaks State Park will join in the state-wide Great Texas Trash Off on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The park trash pick up covers two miles of State Highway 6 in front of the park, Park Road 62 in the park, the park trails, and the park campgrounds.

Tankersley resigns as treasurer

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KNOX CITY - June Tankersley resigned as treasurer of the Pink Ladies at the group's meeting earlier this month here at their thrift store. Judy Leaverton agreed to think about taking her place.

The Pink Ladies approved amendments to its by-laws.

Obituary policy

The Knox County News-Courier will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

Letter to the editor policy

The Knox County News-Courier welcomes letters to the editor from readers on topics of local, state and national importance.

All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes) and a daytime phone. Please limit to 250 words or less.

Letters sent by mail should be addressed to Box 151, Munday, TX 76371, but the preferred way is by email to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Letters may be edited as to content and will be printed or not printed at the discretion of the editor.

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My husband, Hugh, doesn't like cats.

I do. He married me anyway, but not until my cat died. RIP Isabella.

Guess who just acquired five cats? Hugh and Hanaba. Can this marriage survive? We'll see.

We've yet to name them. In fact, Hugh doesn't know how many cats arrived today at our farm in his absence. He just knows they're plural.

I sent him pictures of two. Why show him the whole half-grown random-gender

Obituaries

Leon Burkham

Leon "Mr. B." Burkham, 79, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral services were held last Saturday at the Community Center in Knox City with Joe Dale Wilson officiating. Interment took place immediately following the service at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation was held Friday at the Community Center.

Leon was born April 24, 1936, in Mount Vernon, to W.E. Burkham and Edna (Lovell) Burkham. He went to Abilene Christian University where he received his Bachelor's degree and went to Sam Houston State University to receive his Master's degree in Education. Leon married Leona (Magee) on Dec. 22, 1955, in Olney and later they made their home in Knox City. He was a Vocational Agriculture teacher for 40 years, his first two years at Northside ISD and 38 years at Knox City ISD. Leon enjoyed fishing and being a member of his church, where he served as an elder. He was a lifetime member of Vocational Agriculture Teachers of Texas.

Leon is survived by his wife of 60 years, Leona Burkham of Knox City two sons Michael Burkham and wife Melissa of Yoakum and Bob Burkham and wife Angela of Canyon; one daughter, Gaylynn Covey and husband Greg of Stephenville; six



LEON BURKHAM

grandchildren Wade Covey, Ryne Burkham, Will Burkham, Lee Covey, Clay Burkham and Abby Burkham; four great-grandchildren; Izzabelle, Breana, Tyler and Wyatt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.E. Burkham and Edna (Lovell) Burkham.

If desired, memorials may be sent in Leon's name to American Heart Association National Center, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75231, American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, Maryland 20852, New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM-236, Portales, NM 88130 (575) 356-5372, or Texas FFA Association, 614 E. 12th Street, Austin, Texas 78701 (512) 480-8045.

Online condolences can be shared with Leon's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend. I enjoyed Easter very much. My oldest daughter Rachel came in from Midlothian for the day Saturday. We had a great visit. We went to Wichita Falls for lunch at the Chinese Buffet, the food is so good there. I can't cook Chinese food, but I do love it.

I was talking with Patricia Young of Knox City earlier in the week and she tells me that her husband Billy is not in good health right now. He was in the office a while back placing an ad, he is such a sweet and funny man. I hope you all will keep good thoughts for him. I really did enjoy his visit that day.

I hope everyone will keep good thoughts for Homer Lowrance as well. You are probably aware of his fall several weeks ago. He is now living in Houston, closer to his daughters. We sure miss Homer here in Munday and hope he is doing well. He came in to the office every Thursday after the paper came out, and I do miss his visits.

I came across a recipe for a bread the other day that sounds really good. What's interesting about this bread is that it only has four ingredients and flour is not one of them. I'm going to try it soon, but if anyone gets to it before I do, let me know how it turns out. The comments for the recipe say that it is a great substitute for regular bread, but not firm enough to replace it, although if you use two of the buns, it will work well for sandwiches or hamburgers.

Easy Cloud Bread

3 large eggs, separated
 1/4 Tsp. cream of tartar

2 ounces cream cheese, very soft
 1 Tbs. white sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Beat egg whites and cream of tartar together in a bowl until stiff peaks form. Mix egg yolks, cream cheese and sugar together in a separate bowl using a wooden spoon and then mixing with a hand mixer until mixture is very smooth and has no visible cream cheese. Gently fold egg whites into cream cheese mixture, taking care not to deflate the egg whites. Carefully scoop mixture onto the prepared baking sheet, forming five to six buns. Bake until cloud bread is lightly browned, about 30 minutes.

Recipe by: The Wicked Noodle

If you're enjoying my little recipe corner, let me know, and send some recipes of your own to kcnewscourier@gmail.com or mail them to P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371.

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We have set aside a special day to honor & appreciate a good man. Previous owner of B & P BBQ, **Mr. Billy Young**, well known in our community and a friend to many.

A member and Deacon of the Liberty Community Church of God in Christ.

You are invited to attend our celebration of Billy, April 10th at 3:30 p.m. at the Liberty Community Church of God in Christ, Knox City.

We hope everyone will plan to be a part of this joyous occasion and would appreciate it if you bring a covered dish for the fellowship after the service. Billy and myself are looking forward to seeing all of you.

*Thank you in advance,
 Patricia Young*

26th Annual Baylor County Agriculture Appreciation Day
Cliff Styles Ag. Pavilion-Seymour, Texas

Tuesday, April 5, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Keynote speaker will be Sid Miller, Texas Agriculture Commissioner.

- Noon meal will be provided free of charge.
- Musical entertainment prior to the meal will be provided.
- A drawing for a Henry Golden Boy 22LR Rifle will take place following the noon program. Donated By Shumate Taxidermy and Robertson Electric
- Approximately 80+ Booths and Exhibits
- Door Prizes Given All Day • Free Admission
- The Seymour Hospital Health Fair will begin free blood draws at 7:00 a.m. (Twelve hour fasting is required for proper results for these blood tests).

line-up? If you've seen one, you've seen 'em all, minus the tabby. The similar four are gray, shorthaired and big-eared, with varying signature touches of white. The tabby has gone into permanent hiding, making himself-herself a mewt point. (Apologies. Couldn't help myself.)

The cats will headquarter in the ratty open-air shed attached to our under-construction shop. That's the plan.

Along with his aversion to cats, Hugh's also allergic to them. How appropriate. With any luck, the Texas wind will blow all offending dander to Oklahoma.

Yes, rats are back. They gnawed a hundred dollars' worth of wiring in Hugh's pickup last week. Welcome cats.

Thank you, Wanda and Shirley, for graciously donating some cats to our cause.

Friend Terri, thank you for transporting them 40 miles. Reportedly Wanda and Shirley ended up bleeding in the cat catching process - a result of failed efforts to catch some vigorous adult cats before settling for the tamer adolescents.

Never forget, it's easier to say "round up some cats" than to do it.

More advice: If you want freshly displaced cats to be happy, show them you care by feeding them, even if you expect them to catch mice and rats. I think I'm right.

I've heard cats kill stuff mainly to please the people they love - not because they want to eat the kill. Why else would they constantly drag the corpses into view,

leaving them as offerings, so to speak? I've even read that cats think humans need more rodent meat in their diets; hence, they serve us rats and mice accordingly.

What to do if you expect to be away and can't afford a cat sitter? Install a cheap deer feeder. Load it with cat food roughly the size and weight of deer corn. Shield the pellet-slitting mechanism to make everything drop down into a big food bowl instead. Aren't you glad you read this far?

Terri and I didn't shield it on the first test run. Pellets went far and wide. Unwittingly, we set the stage for a feeding free-for-all, cats versus rats and whatever other varmints materialize for the widely scattered feast.

I would have stuck around past dusk, disguising myself as the proverbial observant mouse in the corner if time had allowed. Time didn't.

No matter who eats what (or whom) this first night, I expect both cats and rats to get used to the routine feeding times and behave accordingly.

Prediction: Mornings at the farm will henceforth begin with whatever the cats drag up.

Vehicle wiring will remain intact; so will bonds of matrimony.

To the friends of our precious Mother and Grandmother, Zelma Harper, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses, support, food, and comfort we have received. We, also send our gratitude and appreciation to the Munday Nursing Center for their special care, McCauley-Smith Funeral Home for their loving compassion, and the Munday Church of Christ for their abundant generosity.

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and sound tech honors. Knox City's Clayton Richardson and Haley Cox were named best actor and best actress in 7-1A. Sean Logsdon was named to the all-star cast. Sheldon Baty and Caitlyn Baxter were named to honorable mention all-star cast list. The KCHS crew of Jesse Munoz, Amy Harrington, Erica Trevino, Alfredo Martinez, and Veronica Lara was named as the best crew. Trevino took best lighting tech and Martinez brought home the best sound tech

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JAYTON – The Knox City Houndettes captured the title in the Rolling Plains Relays in windy conditions last week, outscoring the Munday Moguelettes, 104-94.

Winning individual events for the Houndettes were Myca and Temi Flowers along with Zinziley McCrary.

Myca cleared 4-10 in the high jump, edging Hannahlynn Brock of Jayton on fewer misses; Temi claimed the 800 meters with a clocking of 2:35.63; and McCrary won the 100 meters in 12.68.

The Houndettes' foursome of McCrary, Amy Harrison and the Flowers clocked a 1:55.01 to win the 4x200 meters relay. Brooke Jones joined McCrary and the Flowers for second in the 4x400 meters relay in 4:27.75. Harrington, Alvarado joined Caitlyn Baxter and Makayla Cline for fifth in the 4x100 meters relay.

Deborah Alvarado finished second to Aspermont's Jacy Sparks in both hurdles races, clocking 17.67 in the 100 and 52.73 in the 300.

Britney Hawkins picked up valuable points with a fifth in the 1,600 meters (6:15) and a sixth in the 3,200 meters

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Knox City's Myca Flowers wins high jump at Jayton



Makayla Cline of Knox City gets off long jump, but fails to make top six.

(14:33.79).

In the other field events, Chloe Grimsley placed second in the discus with a throw of 87- 9 1/2 while

Kaylie Steele took third in the shot put at 31-1.

"I was especially pleased with the girls' efforts in the windy conditions and they

competed until the end," said Coach Mindy Flowers.

The O'Brien girls also won the junior high division. Winning individual events

were Chelsea Castorena, Savanna Hawkins, Mona Alvarado and Macy Flowers.

Hope Dunnam finished second in the shot put.

GO GREYHOUNDS & HOUNDETTES

Estrada wins 300 hurdles

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JAYTON – Anthony Estrada of Knox City posted a 43.97 time to claim the 300 meters hurdles here last week in the Roll-

ing Plains Relays.

Estrada also got a sixth in the long jump at 19-3 and Ryan Heard finished sixth in the high jump at 5-6 to account for the Greyhounds' 12 points.

Water Valley edged Munday, 108-107, for the title.

In the junior varsity division, Knox City's Jordan was fifth in the long jump at 15-6 1/2.

Greyhounds fall to Jim Ned JV

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TUSCOLA – The Knox City Greyhounds suffered an 11-3 defeat at the hands of the Jim Ned junior varsity in a baseball game here Monday after-

noon.

Jim Ned broke open the game with a six-run second inning and added five more in the fifth.

"We gave up the two big innings and it turned out to be the difference in

the game," said Coach Jordan Carter "We had some chances to make plays but couldn't get it done."

Perry Stanfield, Jesse Munoz, Ryan Heard and Skylar Neill all had singles for the Greyhounds.

Pet Talk

According to the American Heart Association, there have been reported associations between pet ownership and cardiovascular health in the last decade. Owning pets — specifically dogs — may help reduce the risk of heart disease in pet owners in a number of ways.

In addition to companionship, dogs can encourage laughter, physical activity, and other benefits effective in decreasing stress levels. Dr. Sarah Griffin, lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sci-

ences explained why owning dogs may be related to decreased stress levels. "The American Heart Association has said that owning pets can have a positive effect on how people react to stress," she said. "Chronic stress has not been shown to directly increase risk factors associated with heart disease, but it can lead to unhealthy lifestyle choices that are associated with high blood pressure and increased risk for heart disease."

High blood pressure, another common contributor to heart disease, has also been analyzed in relation to dog ownership. "Reduction in blood pressure reduces risk for coronary heart disease," Griffin explained. "A group of Oregon State University graduate students recently found

dog owners have significantly lower levels of systolic blood pressure than people who don't own dogs."

In addition, dog owners are more likely to achieve the recommended level of physical activity per day through walking their dog and taking their dog to parks. "The American Heart Association says owning a dog is likely associated with lower heart disease risk, partially because dog owners are 54 percent more likely to get the recommended level of physical activity each day," Griffin said. "Many people who own dogs take them on walks, go to the park, or go to dog parks. These activities provide exercise for both the owner and dog."

However, some people question if healthier people

tend to own dogs, or if dogs really do have a positive impact on cardiovascular health. For example, there are many dog owners that do not participate in daily exercise with their dog. Furthermore, it is important to keep in mind that no study proves that owning a pet, particularly a dog, reduces the risk of heart disease. Having a dog may help with factors associated with a healthy heart, but a direct link between cardiovascular health and dog ownership has not been found.

It is still unclear whether owning a dog directly reduces the risk for heart disease, but recent studies suggest that dogs may be beneficial to heart health. Despite positive new research, Griffin does not encourage people to get a dog solely for a reduced heart disease risk. "Getting a dog is not the answer to better heart health, but actively caring for a dog does promote a healthier lifestyle," she said.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.

Knox City Spring Sports Schedule

KCHS track

- April 1: Aspermont
- April 8: Spur
- April 14-District 7-1A, Knox City
- April 20: Area, Hamlin
- April 29-30: Region, Levelland
- May 13-14: State, Austin
- O'Brien track
- March 31: Aspermont
- April 7: District 7-A, Spur
- KCHS baseball
- April 11: Stamford
- KCHS softball
- April 5: at Hawley JV
- April 11: Wichita Falls
- Notre Dame



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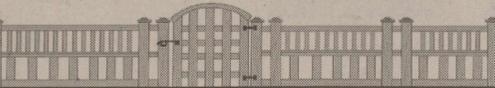
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Moguls miss title by 108-107 count

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JAYTON - The Munday Moguls finished a close runnerup in the Rolling Plains Relays here last week, compiling 107 points, one less than winner Water Valley.

The Moguls claimed the 4x400 meters relay with a clocking of 3:43.17 with the foursome of Brady Weaver, Alex Thorn, Trevor Swearingin and Day'veen Dockins, but finished second to Water Valley in the 4x100 meters and 4X200 meters relays as Dee Hemphill joined with Dockins, Thorn and Swearingin for 45.53 and 1:38.20 clockings.

The lone first place in the individual events came in the discus where Julio Vitolas got off a 130-11 heave.

Raylynn Dockins and Holt Bivens grabbed seconds in the 110 meter hurdles (16.78) and the pole vault (11-6) while Dockins, Hemphill and Dane Leija took thirds in the long jump (20-9), triple jump (38-8) and

3,200 meters (11:51.60).

Christian Araujo picked up points with a fourth in the 1,600 meters (5:10.10), a fifth in the 800 meters (2:15.87) and a sixth in the 3,200 meters (12:02.11) while Swearingin took sixth in the 400 meters (58.66).

Running unattached, Munday's Jacoby Thomas captured the 100 meters in 10.95 and placed second in the 400 meters in 53.98.

Munday ran away with the junior varsity title, outdistancing Water Valley 183-93.

The Moguls swept the relays. Omar Nunez, Trevaugh Mitchell, Noah Ramos and Cole Redwine clocked a 48.27 in the 4x100 meters; Chance Hobert and Sasha Thompson joined Nunez and Redwine for a 1:46.84 in the 3x200 meters; and Mitchell, Hobert, Ramos and Nunez clocked a 3:56.03 in the 4x400 meters.

Getting individual wins for Munday were Ramos in the 400 meters

(59.07), Noah Fernandez in the 1,600 meters (5:45.24), Nunez in the long jump (15-6 1/2), Seth Salazar in the discus (104-1/2) and Hobert in the high jump (5-4).

"Overall, the kids are competing very well at the varsity and junior varsity levels," said Coach Jeremy Toliver. "They're getting better each week in practice, and it is showing at the meets. I am excited to see how well our kids compete here at the Mogul Relays in front of a home crowd."



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Bransen Speck hands off to Sasha Thompson in the junior varsity 4x200 meters relay.

Good Luck in Mogul Relays

Mogulettes 2nd at Jayton

Special to The News-Courier

JAYTON - The Munday Mogulettes scored 94 points to finish second behind the Knox City Houndettes here last week in the Rolling Plains Relays.

Munday's Karla Taylor, Kayla Taylor, Skylar Gomez and Charity Hunter claimed the 4x100 meters relay in 52.20 while Emily Scott, the Taylors and Hunter combined for a 4:21.78 to take first place in the 4x400 meters relay.

In the 4x200 meters relay, the Mogulettes' Kimberly Shahan, Scott, Gomez and Hunter clocked a 1:57.46 for fourth place.

Kayla Taylor captured the 200 meters in 27.17 while Shahan finished fifth in 30.22. Shahan's 13.34 took third in the 100 meters.

In the field events, Kristen Kuehler got off a throw of 104-5 to win the discus while Kasey Lowrance and Hunter placed second in the shot put and long jump with 34-6 and 16-9 3/4 efforts. Bergen Waters picked up points with a fifth in the shot put at 29-8 1/4.



Sheri Baty/The Knox County News-Courier
Munday's Kayla Taylor makes long jump effort at Jayton.

Munday Spring Sports Schedule

MHS track

- April 2: Munday
- April 8: TBA
- April 14: District 8-1A, Munday
- April 20: Area, Hamlin
- April 29-30: Regional, Lubbock
- May 12-14: State, Austin MJH track
- April 7: District, Munday MHS golf
- April 4: District 8-1A, River Creek, Burkburnett
- April 11-12: Regional girls, Reese, Lubbock
- April 11-12: Regional boys, Lake Ridge, Lubbock
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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Easter Sunday afternoon turned out to be pretty nice after a howling, cold wind had blown hard since about midnight Saturday night. The Sunrise Service went as planned except it was moved inside the Methodist Church instead of being outside. Pastor James Jackson of the Baptist Church brought the message. Pam Duke led the singing. The pot luck breakfast that followed was enjoyed by all in attendance. Everyone made it home in time to get ready for services at their home churches.

After church and lunch, the annual fire department sponsored egg hunt was held in the park. Lots of eggs were hidden, and lots were found. There were several prize eggs with money in them, and of

course the kids that found them were doubly excited. So all in all we can say it was a good day for everyone.

Regarding our ill

Bud Conner seems to be showing a little improvement, but is still in the hospital with no indication of how long he will be there. He is finally back on solid food, and that makes him feel better. He is very weak, but they do plan to start some physical therapy soon if all goes as planned. That should help to strengthen him. Thanks to all who have shown so much concern for him, and also many thanks for the prayers.

I'm not aware of any more serious illnesses in the community. However, a lot of us have sure been bothered with allergies. I guess the strong

winds we have been having stirred up a lot of undesirable stuff in the air. I think a good rain would help.

Janice and Buddy Tolson are doing pretty well. He got a good report from his doctor the last time he was there and Janice is doing OK also. She does have some problems. She has diabetes and has to keep a close watch on it, but so far so good. They are looking forward to their granddaughter Chasity Tolson's wedding on Saturday in Lubbock.

My sympathy this week to the family and friends of Leon Burkham of Knox City, who passed away last Wednesday after being in failing health for quite some time. Leon was a friend to so many, as was evidenced by the crowd at his visitation time and also his funeral on Saturday. Many of his former students and those he didn't teach but just knew him from school returned to Knox City for his service. That speaks mighty well of the legacy he leaves. He was loved and admired by a host of people and will be missed greatly.

Also sympathy to Phyllis Nichols and family of Knox City. Her mom passed away last week and her funeral was Friday.

I learned on Saturday of the death of former resident Lonnie Vincent. Lonnie passed away last Wednesday in Ukiah, CA. after being in failing health for some time. He lived here several years and was employed by the Moorhouse Ranch. He was the son of Josephine Pierce Inman, and the grandson of the late P.H. and Goldie Pierce. Lonnie was cremated, and a memorial service for him will be held at a later date here at Benjamin. Of course, sympathy is extended to his family also.

Here 'n there

The students and all school personnel all over the area enjoyed a long weekend, being out on Good Friday. That's probably the last day off they will get this school year. After a week of spring break and the Easter weekend, everyone should be rested and ready to finish out the year.

Shane Milson of Duncan, OK was here for a weekend visit with his mom Bo. He spent part of it doing some plumbing work, as Bo had a bad water leak in her yard. They discovered it Saturday, so they spent a good part of Easter Sunday repairing it. But thank goodness Shane was here. Being the weekend, she probably could not have gotten anyone to fix it until Monday or later. We all know that being without water is no fun.

Ishmael and Sheila De Los Santos of Vernon and part of their family and David and Wendy Jones of Runaway Bay spent Sunday with their parents Charles and Joy Jones. Easter weekend guests of

Dennis and Pam Duke were Phil, Rebekah, Paige, and Peyton Boone of Abilene, and Rachel Ferris and family of Wichita Falls.

Dicky and Laura McCanlies were in Wichita Falls Saturday to enjoy their grandkids Cooper, Cayden and Brie and Easter egg hunt with them. Children the age of those kids are the most fun to watch.

Janice Tolson said they spent Easter Sunday with her brother and his wife R.C. and Joann Daniel in Truscott.

Randolph and Judy Barnett went to Lubbock Sunday afternoon to help their grandchildren hunt eggs. I'm guessing they enjoyed it about as much as the youngsters. Easter Sunday at my house was pretty quiet. I did go to Sunrise Services and church but missed the hunt in the park. I did have my local kids, Debi and Mike Moorhouse and Cody Taylor in town for supper. That was very enjoyable. With their fast paced lives and my schedule, we don't have a lot of time to just have a relaxing visit. I think everyone is living too fast these days. We need to slow down. Easter weekend guests of Charles and Linda Griffith were their daughters and husbands and two of their grandchildren. Lori and Rickey LaShomb of Lubbock, Amy and Vince Tyson of Clovis, NM, Becky and Kemp Jones, Brooke, and Karmyn of Knox City enjoyed lunch with Charles and Linda. Lori, Rickey, Amy, Vince and Becky went on a 21 mile gravel bike ride Sunday afternoon and reported that it was a lot of fun.

Sunday guests of Chad and Kathy Rainwater and Justin were Jonathan Rainwater, Rebel and Bryan Huffman, Megan of Whitehouse, Toby Shawn and family of Decatur and Kathy Rainwater and children of Wichita Falls. Vicki Huffman and granddaughter McKenzie of Goree came over for the Easter egg hunt.

Janice said the 2016 Homecoming plans are shaping up and looks like it might be another successful one. It will be the second weekend in June, so start making plans now to attend. There will be something for everyone. More on this as the time draws near.

Dawn Vanderpol reminded me to remind the readers of this column that there will be a brunch honoring Devon Jones Bradley on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church here in Benjamin. No invitations were mailed out, but it has been posted on Facebook. Some, such as I, may not have access to Facebook, so this is an alternate means of getting the word out. Before you say anything, I know this is a bit unusual, but the hostesses wanted everyone to know about this event. Devon and Brandon's baby is a boy and is due around May 1.

Brown captures shot put again

Special to The News-Courier

JAYTON - Emily Brown of Benjamin High School continued her run of shot put victories, claiming first place here last week in the Rolling Plains Relay with a throw of 36-4.

She finished ahead of fellow Knox County competitors Kasey Lowrance of Munday and Kaylie Steele of Knox City, who had throws of 34-6 and 31-1, respectively.

Her 10 points earned the Lady Stangs 16th place.

Knox City edged Munday, 104-94, for the title.

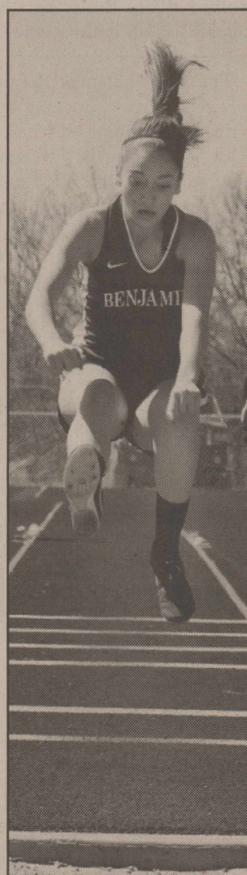
Benjamin Track Schedule

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April 8: Golden Spur Relays, Spur

April 14: District 8-1A, Munday

April 20: Area, Hamlin
April 29-30: Regional, Lubbock
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Taryn Strickland flies through the air in long jump.

Mustangs fail to score at Jayton



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Justin Rainwater nears finish line in 200 meters.

Special to The News-Courier

JAYTON The Benjamin Mustangs failed to score any points in the Rolling Plains Relays here last week.

"It was a tough meet, but our times are improving

weekly," said Coach Jacob Navarro. "I'm excited."

Navarro said the highlights for the Mustangs were a 11.66 time by Lincoln Strickland in the 100 meters and a 5:24 for J.C. Espinal in the 1,600 meters.

Weather Whys

A commercial airliner was recently hit by lightning. How often does lightning hit airplanes?

A: It does often, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The best government estimates are that lightning strikes commercial airplanes several times a year," McRoberts explains. "Most pilots are told to avoid thunderstorms and to try and fly around them, but lightning still hits planes often. In the early 1980s, NASA equipped a jet and intentionally flew it into more than 1,000 thunderstorms

over a period of several months. It was hit at least 700 times by lightning. A few years ago, we know that the plane carrying the president of France was hit by lightning, and the same thing occurred to former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's plane that was hit by lightning in 2005 but had no major damage."

Q: How come lightning doesn't cause a plane to crash?

A: It sometimes does, McRoberts adds. "We know that in the 1940s and 1950s, some airplane crashes were directly linked to lightning strikes," he adds. "Plane manufacturers have learned more and more about lightning to avoid damage. To begin with, the shells of airplanes are made of aluminum, which is a good conductor of electricity. Planes are designed so that if lightning does strike them, the bolt usually travels along the exterior of the plane and flows through the body into the open air. In 1962, a plane over Maryland was hit by lightning. The spark ignited the fuel tank, killing all 81 people, but it led to rules that planes have systems to prevent such sparks in fuel areas."

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Thornberry announces art competition

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the winner will be announced April 25.

"Every spring, I look forward to seeing the talent, creativity, and originality displayed by our high school artists," said Thornberry. "Seeing our young people working hard and getting involved always makes me proud."

The winning student will be invited to participate in the exhibition's opening celebration in Washington, D.C. this summer.

USDA loans available for rural utilities

Special to The News-Courier

TEMPLE - Rural Business Cooperative-Service Administrator Sam Rikers has announced that USDA is seeking applications for loans and grants

to help support the start-up or expansion of rural businesses.

"Our small, rural businesses need financing to compete in the global economy," Rikers said. "With this announcement, USDA

is demonstrating its continued commitment to investing in small towns and rural communities. These loans and grants will spur entrepreneurship, create jobs and improve the quality of life in rural America."

"USDA is committed to helping rural communities increase economic conditions needed to implement strategies that will stimulate the economy, reduce poverty and enhance the quality of life in our small towns and rural areas," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director.

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The first round of applications is due today and the second round of applications is due June 30.

Mac's Views

Looking back at 1971, 1972 Masters

It's been 44 years since I actually covered the Masters as the golf writer for The Tulsa Tribune. Of course, I did return to Augusta National for practice rounds twice when I was a member of the Golf



JAMES MCAFEE

Digest staff from 1973 until 1978.

I remember mentioning to the sports editor at the Tribune that I had interviewed the 1971 champion Charles



Coody when I was at the Abilene Reporter News and asked if I could get an assignment to cover the Masters. The baseball writer was scheduled to take the paper's airplane to Florida and I hitched a ride with them, sending in daily reports. Wish I had kept them, but that newspaper folded in the 1980s.

I remember being awakened by a train during the early morning at the hotel, can't recall its name, I was staying in downtown, but by the third night it didn't bother me

As I recall, I spent a lot of time in the press room, hearing interviews with Jack Nicklaus and other names from that era, but did get out to walk the course. Nicklaus started with a four-under par 68 and coasted to the title, the fourth of six wins. He was the only player under par at -2, three ahead of Bruce Cramp-ton. The prize? Only \$25,000. It was the first Masters played without founder Bobby Jones, who had died the previous December at age 69. Coody, who still lives in Abilene and owns Diamondback, tied for 12th six behind Nicklaus.

I do remember hearing how

Coody won the previous year, posting 68-71-70-70—279 to win by two strokes over Johnny Miller and Nicklaus. Coody entered the final round tied with Nicklaus, but Jack could not find the magic on the back nine, shooting a 38. Meanwhile, Miller, as he could do back then, started sticking his approaches close and actually had a two-shot lead with four to go. However, he made two bogies. Coody birdied the 15th and 16th for the margin he needed to earn a green jacket.

As mentioned earlier, I did win a spot to play the course on Monday, using some borrowed golf clubs. The highlight were birdies on the back 9 par 5s where I hit layup shots and then hit wedges close enough to make birdie putts. I didn't get to hole out on the 18th as the other writer and pilot were there telling me we had to leave in order to avoid some possible thunderstorms.

That was my first trip in a small plane and I must admit that at times sitting next to the pilot that I got a little scared.

Back to the Masters, recognized as one of the four major championships. If the USGA hadn't turned down Jones' request to host the 1934 U.S. Open, it might never have been started.

With a limited field by invitation, it may have the weakest field of the majors. Firsts for the event include using: four-day, 72-hole format; over and under par scoring system; grandstands for viewing purposes; and ropes to line the fairways.

In a tradition dating back to 1949, the winner is presented a green jacket. He gets to take home a custom version tailored for him, but must relinquish it when he returns the following year. It's left in a locker, but available any time he returns to play. Seve Ballesteros once challenged the decision, saying: "If they want it, they can fly to Spain and come and get it." Of course, he was only joking, I think.

Out of respect for Jones, amateurs have always been invited, getting to stay in the

Crow's Nest, located above the clubhouse. This means U.S. Amateur champion Bryson DeChambeau will play alongside defending champion Jordan Spieth the first two days.

The level of respect that the patrons— they're not called fans or a gallery—of The Masters have is only surpassed by their understanding of the game. There is no need for marshals to hold "Quiet Please" signs because everyone respects the tournament so much. Patrons can show up early and place their chairs and leave and return to find their chairs waiting for them. That would not happen anywhere else.

As most other tournaments, you'll see a cadre of sign bearers, media and cameramen behind the players, but that's not the case at the Masters. Only competitors, caddies and rules officials are allowed between the ropes.

Announcers have to be careful with their words as Jack Whitaker and then Gary McCord found out. They use observation stands, not bleachers; bunkers, not sand traps; and first or second nine, not front or back nine. Whitaker missed five Masters back when he called the crowd a mob in 1967. McCord wasn't invited back to the Masters after making comments like "bikini wax" and "body bags" during the 1991 event.

Augusta National is definitely beautiful at this time of year, which isn't surprising considering it was once home to Fruitland Nurseries, which helped to make Georgia famous for its sweet peaches.

If I was a betting man, my choice would be either Charl Schwartzel or Louis Oosthuizen at 30-1. Rory McIlroy was the favorite at 6-1, followed by Jordan Spieth at 13-2, Jason Day at 9-1 and Bubba Watson and Adam Scott at 10-1.

You can be assured I will be glued to my television to see what happens next week.

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From the Preacher's Desk

Tribute to three women

This past week marked the passing of Zelma Harper. When I heard about it, I could not help but remember two other wonderful women, Ida Oustad and Mary Cartwright. These three women set a wonderful example to many throughout many years in Munday.

Brenda and I are so thankful to have had the opportunity to have known them, if only for a short time. As you all know, Zelma built and lived in the house we live in. Mary bought it and lived in it also and Ida lived next door. Many in this town respected and loved these three women and there will always be a hole in many hearts in missing them.

In His Word, God exalts women throughout the ages and in Proverbs 31, God's Word says it is hard to find an excellent woman and says that kind of woman is more precious than jewels (31:10). All three of these women were known for the love of their families, friends and neighbors and it is hard to find women of their qualities in our world today. We honor Zelma, Mary and Ida today and will always keep their wonderful examples in front of us as we strive to live a life worthy of respect and love.

We had another baptism, the second since we have been here in Albania. She is an older woman and has been studying for many years about the message of Christ. She told us that she finally came to the conclusion she wanted to be baptized for the forgiveness of her sins and wanted to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. What a thrill it was to see her excitement as she put on her Lord in baptism! Her name is Nertila and she would love to know many are praying for her new life in Christ.

I also heard from our missionary friend J. J. Bekoe and he told me of two more baptisms in Ghana. Please keep him and his work for the Lord in your prayers.

Brenda and I will be back in Munday in time for Sunday's services.

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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