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'The White Snake' earns a spot in state meet



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Members of the Munday one act play, *The White Snake*, shown in costumes.

Three KC students advance to state

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LEVELLAND - Hannah Duhon finished first in spelling while Clayton Richardson and Hailee Cox placed third in poetry and informative in the regional academics event here last week to earn spots in the state competition next month.

It will mark a repeat trip to Austin for Cox, who also finished just out with a fourth in prose.

Overall, Knox City, with a total of 23

students qualifying, ranked 10th out of 25 schools.

Joe Max Schirmak advanced to the quarterfinals in debate while Christina Alexander placed fifth in accounting.

The KC accounting team, which also included Cheyenne Camp, Kaylie Steele and Richardson, finished third while the current issues and events team of Kailyn Martin, Jeremiah Rincon, Ryan Heard and Trey Ledesma placed second. The speech team finished fourth.

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier

LEVELLAND—Peaking at the right time at the regional last Saturday here at South Plains College, Munday's "The White Snake" advanced to the state one act play contest May 23 in Austin. It will mark the 10th time for Munday to make it to state, having finished first in 1993, second in 2008 and third in 1997.

"Getting to state is always our ultimate goal," said director Karen Logan. "Getting there validates the whole season for us."

"It was the best performance by every character at the regional and the kids had to do that at that level and knew it."

Grace Tidwell, playing the part of the green snake, claimed the best actress award while Kamille Redder, playing the white snake, and Cole Redwine, playing XuXian, were named to the all-star cast. Ariana Arellano, playing Madam Lin, took honorable mention.

For the fourth straight competition, Munday's technical crew of Kasey Lowrance, Denise Araujo, Allison Josselet, Reagan Sanderson and Stormie Andrade took the top technical crew award.

"I've never seen that done before," added Logan. "They're really a hard working crew behind the scenes making it easier for all the costume changes."

Other cast members include Alexia Nunez, Kolbey Brown, Emily Scott, Alden Hunter, Brendan Kuehler, Ayleen Arellano, Kendall Thompson and Ana Vega.

The 1A performances will be held at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center, located at 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd, Austin, TX 78723. The box office will sell tickets onsite and electronically. Tickets will cost \$14 for adults and \$12 for students. A few individual tickets, if available, will go for \$7.

Supt. Troy Parton did announce that due to OAP state contest and the students' participation in the baccalaureate program, the service will be moved to 7 p.m. May 18 at the Munday High School Auditorium.

The OAP schedule for 1A:

- SESSION I**
 Cross Plains High School - Crimes of the Heart
 Abbott High School - Mariner
 Chireno High School - Amazing Grace
 Whiteface High School - The King Stag
- SESSION II**
 Hermleigh High School - The Boys Next Door
 Munday High School - The White Snake
 Bryson High School - The Balkan Women
 Slidell High School - Mariner

Knox athletes eye state spots

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LEVELLAND - The Munday Moguls and Mogulettes will be definite title contenders when the Class 1A regional track meet is held here Friday and Saturday at South Plains College, but athletes from Knox City and Benjamin also have their eyes on making it to the state meet in Austin next month.

One of the key reasons for the Munday teams being contenders is the fact

that both squads qualified all three relay units, which award double the points of the individual races.

With Temerick Regains back as an anchor, the Moguls posted times of 45.0.1:34.30 and 4:33.34 times in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays in winning the area title at Hamlin last week. Their times this season make them definite medal contenders with opportunity to advance to state.

The Mogulettes have Kay-

la and Karla Taylor, contenders for medals in the 200 and 400, as the anchors for the 4x100 and 4x400 relays that rank with Anton for the best times this season.

The Knox City Houndettes claimed the area championship and will bring 12 athletes to Levelland, led by Myca and Temi Flowers.

Benjamin's best hope for making the state will be Emily Brown in the shot put.

(See pages 4, 6 and 8 for area track stories.)



Early voting ends Monday

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier

Early voting started this week in Knox County and will continue until Monday for the May 7 election.

Headlining the election for residents of the Munday Consolidated Independent School District will be an \$8 million bond proposal. In other voting, places on the city councils and school boards are at stake.

If passed, the bond would pay for the construction of a new gym and a new junior high building, using monolithic domes, along with adding two classrooms to the elementary school and making other improvements at the schools.

Angela Herricks and Richard Don Thompson join incumbents Ryan Cottingham, Karen Longan and Trey Singleton in running for three places on the Munday City Council.

Anthony Adkins and Fred Ledesma join incumbents J.R. Hodges and Gary Schnable in a race to determine three places on the Knox City council. Logan Morrow is step-

ping down.

Randy Hibdon will run against current mayor Glenna Decker in Goree. Incumbents Vicki Huffman and Trey Harlan are unopposed for council seats while Pat Wilde will have competition from Jonathan Ramirez for the place 5 position.

No election will be necessary in Benjamin after incumbent Ronnie White decided to not run again for mayor. Joy Lynn Pool was the only other candidate. Incumbent council members Fred Carver and Charles Jones were unopposed, but Carver passed away last week and the council may have to appoint a replacement for him.

Jason Bowman, Chris Mendoza and Ida Jo Watson join incumbent Nancy Birkenfeld in running for two spots on the MCISD board of trustees.

No election will be necessary for either the Knox City-O'Brien or Benjamin school boards. Dale Turner will be joined by Al Rios, who filed and will take the place for the retiring Jarred Pepper, in Knox City while Kathy Rainwater and Jimmy Barrientez were unopposed in Benjamin.

Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo starts Friday

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MUNDAY - Twelve ranches will be competing in the Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at the Munday Roping Arena.

The Triangle Ranch from Paducah claimed the top prize last year just ahead of the Hager Ranch from Weinert and the Pitchfork Ranch from Dickens.

The three will be joined this year by Circle Bar Ranch, Clark Ranch, Cook Canyon

Ranch, Diamond Bar Ranch, Panhandle Ranch, R.A. Brown Ranch, Red Mud Cattle Company, Stewart Ranch and Thompson Ranch.

The ranches compete in four different contests—branding, wild cow milking, sorting and mugging.

The Ranch Horse Association will hold a show starting at 9 a.m. Saturday. Lunch will be served.

The event is a fundraiser for the Munday Volunteer Fire Department.

Relay for Life plans Knox Notes Carnival for Cure

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MUNDAY - The Knox Haskell Relay for Life committee decided on a theme and name for its event, scheduled Sept. 17 at the Phillip McAfee Track.

The theme will be a carnival and it will be called a Carnival for a Cure.

Each of the teams will operate a carnival game in its tent during the 4-10 p.m. event.

Just like at a carnival, a ticket booth will sell tickets that can be used for the various games.

Just like two years ago when Munday hosted

the event, teams are being organized and will be announced. Anyone interested, should contact Leann Harlan. Some of the initial responses include First Bank Texas, First United Methodist Church, the Movement Space, the Knox County Courthouse and the Munday Volunteer Fire Department.

The Welcoming Committee already has a fundraiser under way at the Munday Tire & Appliance called "What's in the Freezer."

The national theme this year for Relay for Life is "Paint the World Purple."

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.

Festival organization
 KNOX CITY - An organization meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. Tuesday here at the Knox City Chamber of Commerce office to make plans for the Donald Johnson Memorial Watermelon Festival. "Volunteers are needed and asked to come show their support," Vonnie Ivey said.

News on the go

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Dance recital set May 7-8

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MUNDAY - The 11th annual Movement Space Up, Up & Away recital is scheduled for 2 p.m. on May 7 and May 8 at the Munday High School Auditorium.

Over 100 performers from Benjamin, Bomarton, Crowell, Goree, Haskell, Munday, O'Brien, Rhineland, Rochester, Rule, Seymour, Stamford and Weinert will be involved.

More rain in forecast

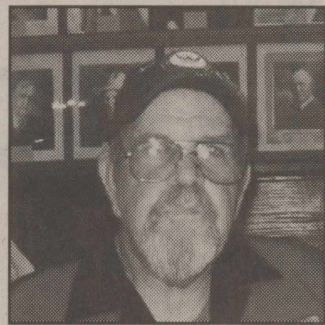
Additional rain was expected later today and into Friday morning for Knox County after a line of thunderstorms blew through Tuesday afternoon.

Brandon Carr reported .50 of an inch of rain in Knox City while report from Munday were in the .25 range.

More hail was reported in the eastern part of the county than in the west. Other neighboring counties had even larger hailstones

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Obituaries Richard Johnston



RICHARD JOHNSTON

On the afternoon of Monday, April 18, 2016, Richard "Rick" Vernon Johnston passed away after being diagnosed with advanced lung cancer only three weeks before.

He passed away at the University Medical Center while being comforted by family and a close friend Kerry Brunken.

Funeral services were held last Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Rochester with Rev. Jim McCurley officiating.

Interment took place immediately following the service at Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Rick was a caring and supportive father and grandfather.

He was his daughter's rock who learned many important life lessons through his wisdom.

As a young boy growing up in West Texas, he loved to hunt, fish and live life. His family moved to Australia where his dad built cotton gins.

Rick and his brother Dale worked to raise 280 acres of cotton in Australia after the sudden and unexpected death of their father. The

crop did well and the family returned to Texas in 1966. He lived in Lubbock most of his life until retiring in 2007 when he moved to Ransom Canyon, where he lived until time of his death.

Rick joined the Navy to serve two tours during the Vietnam War and then moved back to West Texas.

He was an avid motorcycle and car enthusiast. He was once a member of the Southern Cruisers Motorcycle Club until he was physically unable to ride due to his physical limitations.

He loved NASCAR and never missed a race. His favorite was Dale Earnhart, Sr. He loved fishing, camping, nature and history. He would take long rides in his pickup truck with his daughter in search of wild boars, turkey and deer while stopping at every historical marker along the way.

He instilled the appreciation of nature and history in his daughter and grandkids.

He loved to tell anyone that would listen how his granddaughter Madison Bishop, was going to be the next Sheryl Swoopes. He was so special to many and will be eternally missed and remembered with love and admiration.

Rick is survived by his daughter Marie Johnston and Tony Zenon of Hurst; three grandchildren Madison Bishop, Christian Zenon and Evelyn Zenon; two brothers Lynn Dale Johnston and wife Debra of Navasota and Jackie Roy Johnston of Rosharon; two sisters Sandra Wilson and husband Michael and Mary Elaine Brooks both from Corpus Christi; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph "Jack" Austin Johnston and Christina Grace (Milligan) and brother Robin Johnston.

If desired, memorials can be sent in Rick's name to Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. Online condolences can be shared with Rick's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com

The Paperboy Overstimulation leads to boredom

Do your children ever tell you they are bored? How about you? Do you get bored?

100 years ago, when there were none of the things we use today to entertain ourselves, I wonder if people got bored? Back then, many families lived on the farm and it took the entire family to operate it. Even if a kid was to admit they were bored, I imagine their mother or father could find plenty of things for them to do.

Today we have so much to occupy our time that it seems impossible to get bored. However, my youngest son says he's bored all of the time.

It got me to thinking how in the world this is possible. Game systems, iPad, 200 TV channels, social media, toys, games, outdoor fun, books ... how can someone be bored?

As an adult, I'm never out of things to do. I really don't remember the last times I was bored. Some of that may be because there is literally not enough time in the day to get everything accomplished.

Take my fence for example, I've been needing to get it finished for months. Of course that's a matter of priority and sometimes a twoday job that you dread tends to slip down the list.

According to one expert, the explanation of boredom might be different than what you'd think.

"Up to half of us are 'often bored' at home or at school, while more than two-thirds of us are chronically bored at work," he said. "We are bored by paperwork, by the commute and by dull meetings. TV is boring, as is Facebook and other social media. We spend our weekends at dull parties, watching tedious films or listening to our spouses drone on about their day. Our kids are bored - bored of school, of homework and even of school holidays.

"This, in fact, is part of the problem - we are overstimulated. The more entertained we are the more entertainment we need in order to feel satisfied. The more we fill our world with fastmoving, highintensity, everchanging stimulation, the more we get used to that and the less tolerant we become of lower levels.

"Our attention spans are now thought to be less than that of a goldfish (eight seconds). We are hardwired to seek novelty, which produces a hit of dopamine, that feelgood chemical, in our brains. As soon as a new stimulus is noticed, however, it is no longer new, and after a while it bores us. To get that same pleasurable dopamine hit we seek fresh sources of distraction.

"Our increasing reliance on screentime is also to blame. Although we seem to live in a varied and exciting world with a wealth of entertainment at our fingertips, this is actually the problem. Many of these amusements are obtained in remarkably similar ways - via our fingers. We spend much of our work life now tapping away at our keyboard. We then look for stimulation (watching movies, reading books, catching the news, interacting with friends) via the internet or our phone, which means more tapping. On average we spend six to seven hours in front of our phone, tablet, computer and TV screens every day.

"All this is simply becoming boring. Instead of performing varied activities that engage different neural systems (sport, knitting, painting, cooking, etc) to relieve our tedium, we fall back on the same screentapping schema for much of our day. The irony is that while our mobile devices should allow us to fill every moment, our means of obtaining that entertainment has become so repetitive and routine that it's a source of boredom in itself."

So there you have it. We have become drones. But seriously, there is validity in the thought we are overstimulated.

Sounds like the remedy for boredom is to find a hobby. Find a release to where you get away from the mundane.

My advice, if you are bored, is to use your wonderful device and find yourself an activity or a hobby. There is enough information on the web that you can make yourself pretty good at something in a short time. My wife recently found something on Pinterest that she wanted me to build. I built it and not only did I enjoy it, I made her happy in the process. Now, she has several more things she's like to see built and has several projects of her own she's involved in. So maybe the simplest answer to boredom is to create with your minds and hands. At least it seems like that to me. By the way, I sincerely hope this column did not bore you...

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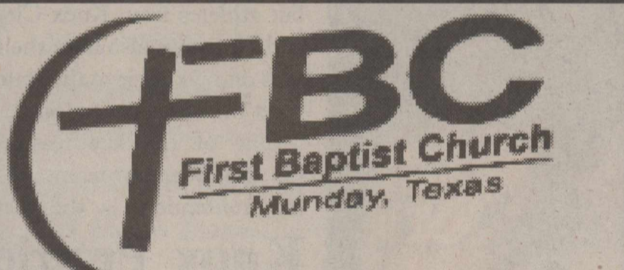
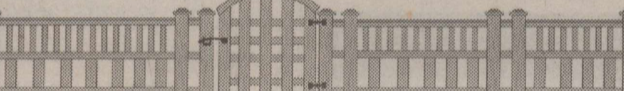
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To be eligible to vote, you must be a registered voter, you must own a meter and you must reside on the property with a meter.

Please vote **YES** for this conversion.
Thank you. Concerned members

From the Preacher's Desk

Waiting for you each day

I recently read about an elderly man who could no longer take care of himself and whose family made the difficult decision to put him in a nursing home. Every Sunday afternoon the man's daughter and her husband and their children would go see him. Every Sunday he would wait for his daughter and her family to come visit, looking forward to it all week and was always out waiting. As the years passed, his mind grew weaker, and he soon had a hard time remembering his children's names. He would sometimes have a hard time getting back to his room. But no matter what happened on Sunday afternoon he was always there waiting for his daughter and her family.

One day the daughter asked, "Daddy, do you know what day of the week it is?" The father couldn't tell her what day of the week it was. So the daughter said, "Well, Daddy, how did you know to wait for us today?"

The father replied, "Oh, honey, I wait for you every day." In Luke 15:11-24, we read the beloved parable of Jesus that we call "The Prodigal Son." It's about the younger of two sons that asks his father for his inheritance even while his father is still living. The father gave the inheritance to both of his sons.

The prodigal son ended up feeding pigs in the pigpen, longing for home. He humbled himself and decided he would go back and ask his father if he could come home and serve as a servant in his father's household. He didn't feel worthy to be called a son anymore.

"So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him" (Luke 15:20).

How often do you think the father watched for his son. I think he waited for him EVERY DAY. Jesus doesn't say, but I'm thinking he looked for his son every day.

The father in the parable represents God. And God is looking for the return of His lost children every day. We need to ask ourselves, "Since He is looking for me every day. Why don't I run to Him."

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

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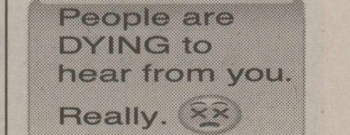
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You are TWENTY THREE TIMES more likely to crash when you text while driving. Is sending an LOL text message really worth killing someone? Park the phone when you drive.



On the Tee

Be careful in windy conditions

On slick greens in windy conditions that you sometimes see here in Hawaii, it might be wise to follow the example of Jack Nicklaus and not ground your putter after taking your stance. That way, you have not actually addressed the ball.

I can recall one time at the Masters where Nicklaus' ball at rest on the ninth green at Augusta National (steep slope from back to front) rolled closer to the hole when he prepared to putt. He at first appeared ready to replace the ball until informed by a rules official that since he had not grounded the putter, there was no penalty and the ball was in play where it came to rest.

Even during this year's Masters, I noticed that one player put his ball back down after picking up his marker and before he could try to putt, it rolled back into the water in front of the 15th green. This resulted in a one-stroke penalty, but at least he did not have to go to the other side of the water to play the next shot. Instead, he used the option of returning to where he played his last shot. Still, it didn't seem fair.

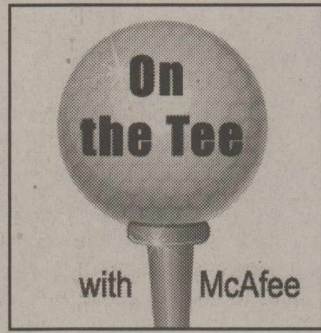
I also saw a professional blast out of the bunker on the 16th at Augusta and end up in the water. He looked like he was ready to go to the other side until the official walking with the group indicated he could play again from the bun-

ker if he wished. He did.

If your putter actually touches the green after you have taken your stance and the ball moves, you would be subject to a penalty as PGA player Christie Kerr found out. Kerr had a difficult time getting her ball to not move on the green when she tried to replace it after marking it. In fact, she marked it five times. When she started to putt, the ball rolled down the slope. She then putted from the new position and holed out.

Some armchair rules experts who saw it on television quickly got on the telephone with PGA rules officials, who then took a look at a replay on television. They decided she had addressed the putt, but waited until the round was over to inform Kerr that she would be penalized one stroke because the ball moved after she addressed it and another stroke because she didn't replace it. Kerr at first didn't think she had grounded the putter, but the replay showed otherwise.

Kerr did learn a valuable lesson and used it later in the tournament. Faced with a similar problem of getting her ball to stay stationary on one of the sloping greens, she called a rules official over. They found a place nearby where the ball would not move and she made that putt for an eagle.



Here's another tip to avoid a possible penalty when windy conditions exist or when your ball is precariously balanced and there is chance it might move.

The "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" state that a player who steps away after taking his stance and starts over can still be penalized if the ball moves. However, if he marks the ball, then the presumption inherent in the rules that the act of addressing the ball caused it to move is no longer valid. If it moves after the ball has been replaced and he has not taken his stance, there is no penalty and he putts from the ball's new position.

Does that mean if it rolls into the cup that you have holed out with the previous stroke? Yes!

Of course as mentioned previously, the ball could also roll farther from the hole, or even out of bounds or into a hazard if it was on a slope near those white stakes or near red or yellow stakes indicating a hazard.

One other thing to remember is not to replace the ball if it happens to move even if your marker is still on the green. I recall where a PGA player was penalized one stroke for moving her ball when she replaced the ball, thinking that was the correct procedure. Even her two fellow competitors thought so until a rules official informed them otherwise. The ball moved again after she picked up the mark. That's when they called for a rules official. If she had putted, she would have received a two-stroke penalty for playing from a wrong location.

Animal Health

No horsin' around, it's vaccine time

By Heather Kittrell

Spring is a great time to update all of your horses' vaccinations and deworming!

Let's talk about how mosquitoes can affect our horses. West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (WEE, EEE) are all transmitted by mosquitoes and can all be easily prevented with annual vaccination. These diseases are known as encephalomyelitis and they all affect the brain and spinal cord. Horses can show any variety of neurologic signs such as aimless wandering, head pressing, paralysis, seizures and death. The signs can progress to death in as few as two to three days, after the first signs appear. Chances of survival are slim and requires extensive hospitalization at a specialty clinic. Any horse that is exposed to mosquitoes is at risk for these diseases, and in our area, that can be year-round.

Other common preventable diseases in horses are tetanus and rabies.

Tetanus is a toxin that is found in soil, especially in warm climate. The toxin enters the body through wounds. Even a minor scratch from a cactus or mesquite thorn can be the entry point for the toxin. Horses are among the most frequently affected species and nearly 80% of horses with tetanus die.

Rabies vaccination is also recommended in horses annually.

In our region, skunks are the number one rabies carrier. Have you seen the number of skunks here? There is no cure for rabies and it is transmitted by saliva or bite wounds of infected animals. Rabies can also be transmitted to hu-

mans from any rabid animal's saliva, including our horses.

We offer a combination vaccine to cover EEE, WEE, WNV, Tetanus, Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus. The rabies vaccine is a separate vaccine. These vaccinations are annual vaccinations for all adult horses. If your horse has never been vaccinated or you are uncertain of the vaccination history, a booster at four weeks is recommended for the five-way. It is also recommended that all mares that are pregnant be vaccinated approximately four to six weeks before foaling, allowing transmission of antibodies to the foal through the colostrum or "first milk."

While coming in for these important spring vaccinations, it is a good time to renew Coggins test on your horse. The Coggins is a test for Equine Infectious Anemia and only requires a simple blood draw, will take about one week to get the results and will be valid for one year. A negative Coggins is required by Texas law for any horse leaving the farm. Most events also require a negative Coggins test for qualification/registration/participation.

Deworming is also an important health maintenance consideration for all horses. Many parasites affect the intestinal tract of horses. Parasites can cause colic, weight loss, intestinal blockage and diarrhea, which can lead to more severe problems. The minimum deworming recommended for most horses is twice a year. Talk to your veterinarian about the specific needs of your horse.

Heather Kittrell is a veterinarian at the Salt Creek Veterinary Hospital in Seymour.

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

I have to start my column this week by saying "Happy Birthday" to my friend and next door neighbor Fidel Rodriguez, today is his birthday. I hope you have a wonderful day Fidel.

Now I want to talk about marinades. I'm always looking for a good marinade and I came across these the other day and thought they looked good. Most of the time if I want to use marinade I just throw some of this and some of that and hope for the best. Most of the time it turns out just fine, but I wish I had recipes for marinades. Maybe you do too. I don't like to buy marinades, you never know if it's what you want.

For these marinades, simply mix all ingredients in a shallow glass or plastic dish-or re-sealable food storage bag and add your meat of choice and refrigerate, turning meat occasionally for at least one hour but no longer than 24 hours.

Teriyaki Marinade (yield ½ cup)

¾ cup water
1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 tbsp. brown sugar
1 clove garlic, finely chopped

Fajita Marinade (yield ½ cup)

¾ cup vegetable oil
1 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. chili powder
½ tsp. salt

Lemon-Herb Marinade (yield 2/3 cup)

1/3 cup vegetable oil
2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. chopped fresh or ¼ tsp. dry oregano leaves

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3 tbsp. soy sauce
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¼ red wine vinegar
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½ tsp. pepper

1 tsp. grated lemon peel
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. coarse ground black pepper

Consider stocking pond with fish

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COLLEGE STATION

Spring is a good time for landowners with new ponds to begin stocking fish but a planned approach is recommended, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension fisheries specialist Todd Sink.

of people think you just put fish in a pond and it is stocked and will result in a good fish population," said Sink, who is based in College Station. "But you must first assure the water chemistry is correct to adequately support fish, create a strong pond food-chain, stock the proper baitfish to sportfish numbers, and finally there is a particular stocking order that must be followed."

The first step is to assure the environment is suitable for where phytoplankton,

prey organisms and fish at all levels of the food chain can thrive, Sink said. Phytoplankton are the single-celled microscopic algae that give water a greenish tint and are the basis of the entire pond's food-chain. Sink recommends taking a water sample for analyses to determine the water chemistry of the pond. This is especially important in East Texas, he said, because the soil is typically acidic which leads to low-alkalinity, acidic waters.

Landowners should try to create an alkalinity of between 50-150 parts per million and a pH of 6-9. Doing so provides the best environment for the pond's food chain, he said. Crushed agricultural limestone, hydrated lime, quicklime, or slaked lime can be added to low-alkalinity or low pH ponds

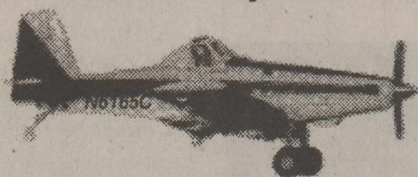
to create a more productive environment for fish and their food prior to stocking. Hydrated lime, quicklime, or slaked lime cannot be added to a pond with fish because the rapid pH change can cause a fish kill. Landowners can add crushed agricultural limestone, or agricultural lime, to correct alkalinity or pH issues in ponds that already contain fish with no adverse effects to the fish populations, because it creates a very gradual shift in pH, he said.

Sink also recommends a fertilization program be implemented if maximizing fish production is the goal. Most

ponds benefit from adding 5-8 pounds of liquid or powdered, not pelleted, phosphorus per-acre. This practice will create a phytoplankton bloom, which creates food for baitfish, crawfish, insects, and other organisms at the base of the sportfish food chain, as well as for larval sportfish themselves.

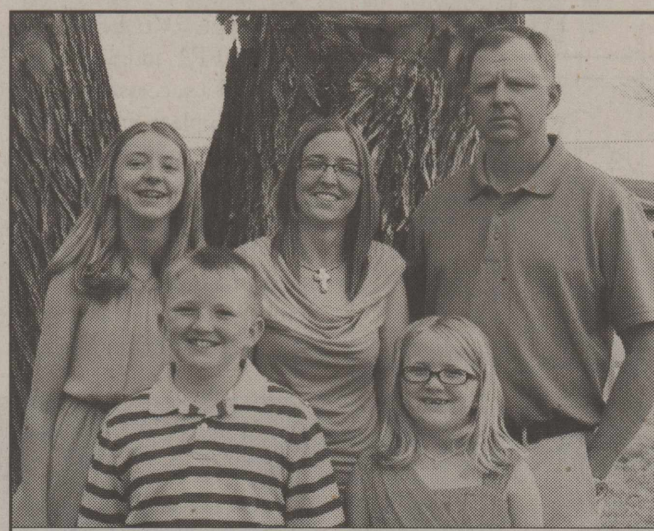
The pond "won't produce as much food as it could if unfertilized," he said. "Creating a good basis for the pond's food chain through fertilization programs can produce four to six times more fish from the same body of water."

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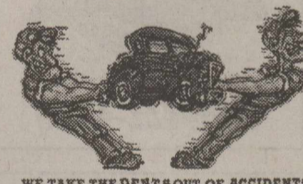
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Moguls sweep relays to claim area title

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

HAMLIN - With representatives in every event except the 100-meter dash, the Munday Moguls are expected to be in the hunt for the title in the Class 1A regional competition in Levelland Friday and Saturday.

The Moguls ran away with the area title in Hamlin last Wednesday, sweeping the relays in compiling 178 points, more than the combined efforts of Guthrie (86) and Spur (81) who finished behind them.

"The kids competed very well at Hamlin and we'll be well represented at the regional track meet," said Coach Jeffery Toliver.

Temerick Reagins had a season best effort of 6-2 in winning the high jump, the only individual gold medal.

Reagins anchored all three gold-medal relay units that posted 45.0, 1:34.30 and 3:33.34 times, finishing with comfortable margins at the end. Day'veon Dockins and Alex Thorn joined him on all three units while Trever Swearingin, Dee Hemphill and Holt Bivens filled in as the fourth members. Swearingin earned a bronze in the 400 meters.

Toliver noted that Christian Araujo and Dane Leija had personal bests of 10:59.36 and 2:13.9 in the 3,200 and 800 meter races, finishing third and fourth. Araujo and Leija also advanced in the 800 and 1,600 races.

Trevaugh Mitchell advanced in the 300 meters hurdles with a fourth place finish while RayLynn Dockins and Sasha Thompson picked up valuable points for fifth and



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Munday Moguls headed to regional track meet in Levelland.

sixth places. In the field events, Kaven Alvarado had a personal best of 43-2 for a bronze medal

in the shot put while Kade Sanders had personal best of 121-7 for another bronze in the discus.

Julio Vitolas and Alvarado picked up valuable points with fourth and fifth in the discus. Dockins claimed a silver medal in the long jump

at 20-0.5 and a bronze in the high jump at 5-10, Bivens cleared 12-0 for second in the pole vault and Hemphill second in the triple jump at 39-10.

Landon Roberts of Guthrie was the leading individual scorer as he claimed gold

medals in the pole vault (14-0) and the two sprints (11.70, 24.17), a silver in the discus (125-5) and a bronze in the shot put (43-8).

Paducah's Joseph Garibaldi claimed golds in the long jump (20-4) and the 110 hurdles (16.03).

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Mogulettes win four individual golds



By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

HAMLIN - The Munday Mogulettes claimed four individual gold medals and also won two of the three relays, but didn't have the necessary depth to repeat as the area champion, settling for third place with 121 points behind Spur's 123 and Knox City's 158.

Munday will send 10 representatives to the regional meet Friday and Saturday at South Plains College in Levelland and will join Anton as one of the contenders for the title.

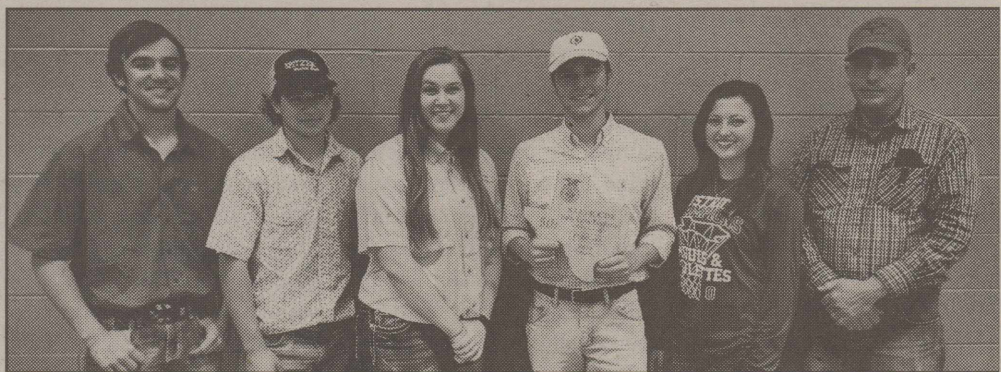
Kayla and Karla Taylor led the Mogulettes

with gold medals in the 200 and 400 with times 27.02 and 1:02.4 and ran legs on the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relay units, which clocked 51.90 and 4:15.24.

Charity Hunter, who won gold in the long jump at 15-7, joined the Taylor duo on the two winning relay units and also ran on the 4x200 relay that placed fourth. Skylar Gomez and Emily Scott were the fourth members. Kimberley Shahan and Abby Walker advanced in the 100 and 800 with third and fourth finishes, joining Gomez and Walker on the 4x200 relay.

Kristen Kuehler and Kasey Lowrance claimed gold and silver in the discus and shot put with efforts of 118-7 and 33-5.

Munday FFA 5th at state contest



Courtesy photo

Munday FFA team shown with advisor Keith Rowan (l-r) Heath Bivens, Holt Bivens, Brenley Waters, Cole Redwine and Skylar Gomez.

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STEPHENVILLE The Munday FFA judging team capped off a successful season with a fifth place finish in the state dairy judging contest that featured 51 teams held here recently.

Heath Bivens finished 13th among the individuals. Other members of the team were Holt Bivens, Brenley Waters,

Cole Redwine and Skylar Gomez.

Munday earlier took second place in the area contest at Stephenville. Previously, they had placed fourth at West Texas A&M from a field of 62, fourth at the Tarleton Invitational with a field of 126 and second at Windthorsh with a field of 38 teams.

Individually, Waters fin-

ished third at the area contest Holt Bivens sixth at West Texas, seventh at Windthorsh and ninth at Tarleton and Redwine 11th at Windthorsh.

Also competing in contests in Coleman, Weatherford Anson, Sweetwater, Canyon and Stephenville were Munday's land judging and horse judging teams, also coached by Keith Rowan.

The land team consisting of Cole Parton, Kristen Kuehler Kade Sanders and Branser Speck won third in the Anson contest with Parton as the seventh high individual.

The Munday horse judging team consisted of Berger Waters, Madison Edgar, Kendall Thompson Brendan Kuehler, Madison Thompson and McKenna Sanderson.

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Munday AR



The advanced readers for the fifth six weeks at Munday Elementary were Natalie Gavin, Kamryn Rocha, Justin Tidwell, Chandly Clark and Kinslee Carver.

Munday Elementary Honor Roll

- A Honor Roll**
1st Grade-Brinley Bowen, Rachel Hernandez, Ta'nya Lara, Olivia Myers, Natalie Ramirez, Kiyryn Wilson
2nd Grade-Haiden Bowman, Kylan Crawford, Elijah Estrada, Taylor Herring, Luke Latham, Amrie Loftin, Jelanie Lopez, Trevor Thompson, Hunter Urbanczyk, Jariyis Williams
3rd Grade-Mackinzi Castille, Ann'Elyse Clark, Talan Collins, Kierslynn Macken
4th Grade-Melissa Carmona, Isaac Garcia, Kyson Latham, Kayton Shahan
5th Grade-Jaxon Bowman, Diana Marmolejo, Conner Moore, Annika Ridenour, Stephanie Scott, Cheney Thompson
6th Grade-Karley Myers, Christopher Rodriguez, Justin Tidwell, Julie Valk, Chris Wigington, Allie Willison
- A-B Honor Roll**
1st Grade-Kaleigh Garvin, AJ Ibarra, Loran Miranda, Harley Phillips, Landon Stephens, Jaeli Wallace
2nd Grade-Lily Arismendez, Baylee Bates, Kinslee Carver, Chandly Clark, Marina Davila, LJ Garcia, Aaliyah Gonzalez, Brandon Henderson, Ericka Hernandez, Hannah Mong,
3rd Grade-Desiree Carrasco, Campbell Corcoran, Alexis Garcia,
4th Grade-Caremy Ledezma, Luis Marmolejo, Daniela Nunez, Brooklyn Rodriguez, D'Keydren Toliver
5th Grade-Brice Thompson
6th Grade-Andrea Nunez, Manny Nunez, Elli Oustad, Corbin Rogers

Munday Perfect Attendance



The students with perfect attendance for the fifth six weeks at Munday Elementary were Delaney Leija, Loran Miranda, Keaghan Henderson, Abraham Gonzalez, Junior Martinez, Adam Myers, Mackinzi Castille and Amrie Loftin.

Lewis earns 5th place in academics

LUBBOCK -Kale Lewis had the highest finish among Munday students participating in the regional UIL academics competition here last Friday, earning a fifth in prose interpretation to finish just in front of classmate Grace Tidwell.

Other top 10 finishes were a seventh in ready writing by Alexis Nunez, an eighth in poetry interpretation by

Kolbey Brown and a tenth in computer applications by Kathryn Cude.

Also competing were Zoe Cedillo, Ariana Arellano, Justin Thomas, Aiden Hunter, Gus Davis, Jordan Andrade, Alli Josselet, Kimberly Shahan, Kasey Lowrance, Kamille Redder, Ariana Nunez, Cole Parton and Cole Redwine.

Texas 4-H summer program announced

Special to the News-Courier

BROWNWOOD — The Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood has released its 2016 summer program schedule.

The center, which is owned by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is at 5600 Farm-to-Market Road 3021 near Brownwood.

It is located on 78 acres on the western side of Lake Brownwood and features walking trails, basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, a swimming pool, rope course and other amenities.

"We have programs ranging from our Horizons camp, a Mission Possible camp for disabled youth to county camps, Prime Time Camps and camps for sports like shooting and fishing," said Jenny Wilder, program coordinator for the center. "We try and design our camps to address a variety of youth interests and to be inclusive so as

many young people as possible can share in the 4-H experience."

She said some of the camps are open to youth in specific grades, while most are open to youth from ages 8-18.

Enrollment is based on grade completed in spring 2016 and 4-H membership is not required for camp participation.

"There is a discount for camp registration by June 14," she said. "A deposit of only \$25 will hold the spot for a camp, and final payment will be due on June 14."

Wilder said two of the newer camps include the Prime Time Xtreme and Beginner Shooting Sports camps.

"Prime Time Xtreme is in its second year and will feature an advanced challenge course, vet science and wildlife sessions," she said. "We will also be playing knockerball soccer this year."

"In the Beginner Shoot-

ing Sports camps, coaches will teach safety as well as accuracy. Kids will alternate between educational sessions about shooting and traditional camp activities such as kayaking and our challenge course."

Wilder said both Prime Time Xtreme and Beginner Shooting Sports camps include team challenges and an evening dance.

In chronological order, the summer camps for 2016 will be:

— June 27-July 1, Horizons, grades 4-8. Youth fee \$280; adult fee \$135.

— June 27-29, County Camp I. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

— June 29-July 1, County Camp II. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

— July 5-6, Mission Possible Mentor Training. Youth fee \$100.

— July 6-8, Mission Possible; Youth fee \$175; adult

fee \$100.
 — July 6-8, County Camp III. Youth fee \$190; adult fee \$90.

— July 11-13, Beginner Shooting Sports I. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

— July 11-14, Prime Time Xtreme, grades 8-11. Youth fee \$230; adult fee \$110.

— July 13-15, Beginner Shooting Sports II. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

— July 17-20, Prime Time I, grades 5-8. Youth fee \$230; adult fee \$110.

— July 20-23, Prime Time II, grades 2-5. Youth fee \$230; adult fee \$100.

— July 25-27, Fishing Camp, third grade and older. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

To register, go to "Camps" on the center's website, <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> and click on the "Register Now" button.

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Star Walk set May 7

CROWELL—StarWalk is set for Saturday May 7 Copper Breaks State Park, located eight miles north of here on Highway 6. Starting its 21st year, the nationally acclaimed public astronomy program will highlight mythology and the ways other cultures have interpreted the planets. Terry Paridon will return as presenter and will lead participants in a naked eye exploration of the night sky beginning at sunset, around 8 p.m. in the Big Pond campground.

In addition to the after-dark programs, Sky Guide volunteer Earl Foster will again offer Sun Fun at 5 p.m. Earl Foster is a NASA Solar System Ambassador and will lead a close up tour

of our own star, the Sun, exploring the spectrum, solar prominences, and viewing through telescopes fitted with filters for safe observation.

Nighttime observing begins after sunset. Paridon will begin the program with a tour of the darkening sky, the original StarWalk. Blending science with history, legend, and lore, he will take the public on a trip through major constellations spotlighting bright stars and introducing the "star-hopping" technique to find other interesting objects.

After the StarWalk, the public is invited to view these various dark-sky objects through telescopes and binoculars with the help of knowledgeable Sky Guide volunteers.

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Flowers duo lead Houndettes to title

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

HAMLIN – Myca and Temi Flowers led the Knox City Houndettes to the championship of the area competition here last Wednesday.

The Houndettes scored 158 points to finish ahead of Spur with 123 and Munday with 121, advancing 12 girls to Lubbock.

“Overall, I’m really proud of the team as a whole,” said Coach Mindy Flowers. “Everyone stepped up and scored points to help us win. To win the area meet is a big accomplishment against some talented teams.”

“It was a great team effort. All of the girls went out and competed and did what we had to do to win the championship. We had a rough start in a few events, but finished well enough to win the meet.”

“Myca and Temi Flowers

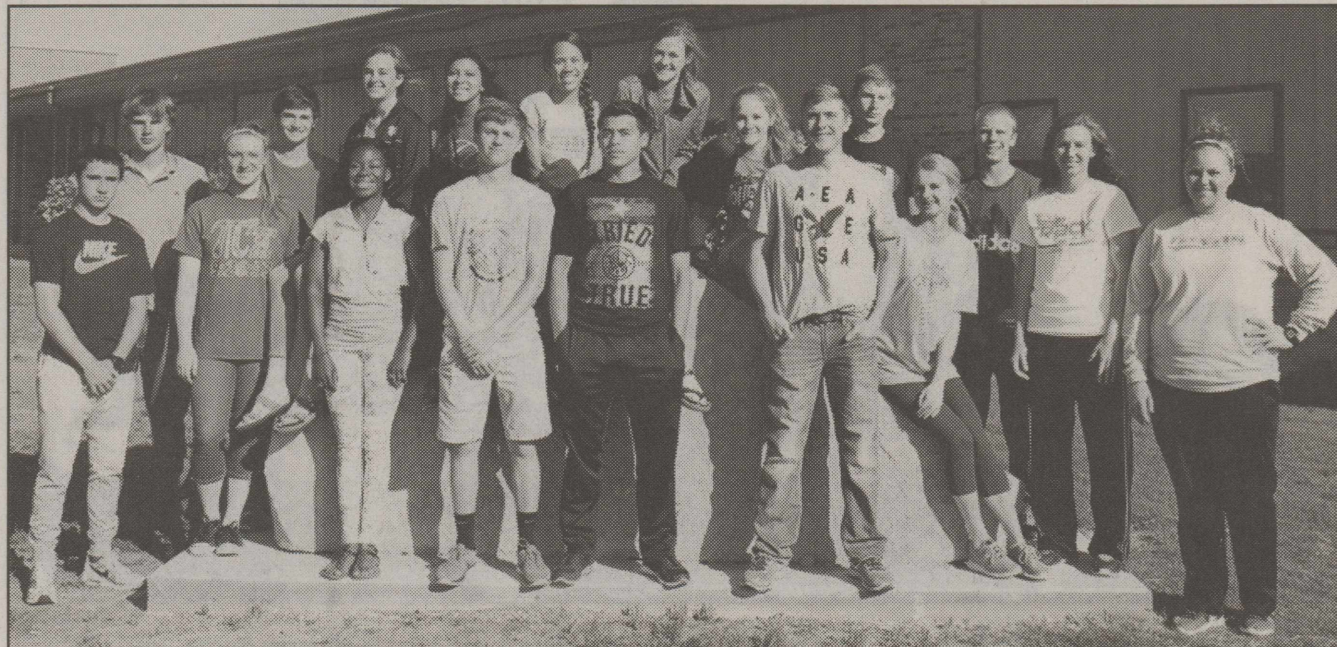
stepped up and got points and qualified for regionals in all five events, which is quite an accomplishment.”

Myca Flowers scored 33 points, winning the high jump with a leap of 4-10, finishing second in the triple jump with a 31-4 effort and finishing third in the long jump at 14-5.25 plus running legs on the winning 4x200 relay and the second place 4x400 relay.

Temi Flowers added 28 points running legs on the same two relay units plus getting second in the 800 meters with a 2:42.01 clocking, third in the high jump at 4-6 and fourth in the triple jump with a 29-11 effort.

Zinziley McCrary overcame a less than great start to finish second in the 100 meters and ran great legs on both relays to add 17 points.

Joining the two Flowers and McCrary on the 4x200 was Amy Harrington while



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Knox City High School will send 18 to the regional track meet in Levelland.

Brooke Jones was the fourth on the 4x400.

Debra Alvarado captured a gold medal in the 300 meters hurdles with a 50.12 and also advanced in the other hurdles race and anchored the 4x100 relay unit to a fourth place finish.

Joining her on that relay unit were Harrington, Caitlyn Baxter and Kirsten Tuckness, who also earned a bronze in the triple jump at 30-6.

Brittney Hawkins knocked 20 seconds off her

previous best and picked up a bronze in the 1,600 meters with a 6:11.03 clocking and also advanced in the 3,200.

Jordyn and Kaylie Steele captured silver medals in the discus and shot put with throws of 101-6 and

33-5 while Chloe Grimsley advanced with a fourth in the discus and a third in the 800.

Brooke Jones also earned a trip to Levelland as a member of the 4x400 relay unit.

Jimenez bows in regional 7-1A, 8-1A area track results

LUBBOCK Knox City’s Lexi Jimenez earned a spot in the Class A regional tournament last week but bowed to Jobee White of Northside, 6-0, 6-0, who went on to claim the title and a spot in the state tournament.

Jimenez had earlier finished second in the District 7-1A tournament. Brooke Jones and Myca Flowers finished third in doubles, missing a chance to advance to regional.

Other Knox City tennis players who participated included Kaylie Steele and Brylee White in the girls doubles, Sam Schnable and Christian Abila in boys doubles and Anthony Estrada and Joe Max Schirmack in boys doubles. In addition, Temi Flowers and Makale Cline played double in the junior varsity event.



LEXI JIMENEZ

Estrada, Nevarez earn gold medals

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HAMLIN – Six Knox City Greyhounds earned the right to advance to the Class 1A regional track competition Friday and Saturday in Levelland with their performances at the area meet here last Wednesday.

Anthony Estrada and Elis Nevarez claimed gold medals

in the 300 intermediate hurdles and the triple jump with 43.29 and 40-4 efforts. Nevarez also advanced in the long jump, finishing fourth with a 17-10.75 effort.

Estrada and Nevarez also ran legs on the 4x100 and 4x400 relays that earned bronze and silver medals with clockings of 46.71 and 3:41.53.

Skylar Neill joined them while Preston Lynn started the shorter race and Sheldon Baty started the longer race.

Ryan Heard also advanced with a fourth in the high jump with a 5-10 effort.

The Greyhounds were fourth in the team standings with 57 points, trailing 7-1A foes Guthrie and Spout plus winner Munday.

Girls

High jump: Myca Flowers, Knox City, 4-10; Brandy Campos, Patton Springs, 4-8; Temi Flowers, Knox City, 4-6; Julie Beth Ferguson, Spur, 4-4; Brooklyn Propst, Chillicothe, 4-0; Maddi Huse, Chillicothe, 4-0

Pole vault: Taryn Strickland, Benjamin, 7-9; Kaitan Price, Spur, 7-9; Isabelle Smith, Spur, 6-0

Long jump: Charity Hunter, Munday, 17-7; Danni Uriegas, Spur, 14-7.75; Myca Flowers, Knox City, 14-5.25; Crystal Collette, Motley County, 14-3.5; Saradon Faulkner, Northside, 13-11.75; Kirsten Tuckness, Knox City, 13-10.25

Triple jump: Ashleigh Jones, Patton Springs, 31-7; Myca Flowers, Knox City, 31-4; Kirsten Tuckness, Knox City, 30-6; Temi Flowers, Knox City, 29-11; Marissa Padilla, Munday, 29-0.5; Kelly Carroll, Crowell, 28-3.5

Discus: Kristen Kuehler, Munday, 118-07; Jordyn Eaton, Knox City, 101-6; Emily Scott, Munday, 100-10; Chloe Grimsley, Knox City, 98-11; Zayda Gonzalez, Crowell, 97-4; Reagan Sanderson, Munday, 90-10

Shot put: Emily Brown, Benjamin, 37-7; Kaylie Steele, Knox City, 33-5; Kasey Lowrance, 33-3; Michaela Clark, Crowell, 31-4; Bergen Watters, Munday, 30-2; Cheyenne Robertson, Knox City, 30-0.5; 3,200: Isabelle Smith, Spur, 12:55.84; Candace Tarver, Guthrie, 13:45.18; Hayley Smith, Motley County, 13:47.31; Brittney Hawkins, Knox City, 13:50.5; Carolina Hilario, Benjamin, 14-06.63; Alexis Matus, Harrold, 15:32.82

4x100 relay: Munday (Skylar Gomez, Karla Taylor, Charity Hunter, Kayla Taylor), 51.90; Paducah, 54.67; Spur, 54.87; Knox City (Amy Harrington, Caitlyn Baxter, Kirsten Tuckness, Debra Alvarado), 55.33; Crowell, 55.67; Northside, 57.11

800: Reagan Maxwell, Guthrie, 2:32.42; Temi Flowers, Knox City, 2:42.91; Chloe Grimsley, Knox City, 3:47.89; Abby Walker, Munday, 2:52.07; Lyndzie Drisbow, Harrold, 2:57/01; Hanna Gonzales, Spur, 2:58.30

100 hurdles: Saradon Faulkner, Northside, 17.68; Debra Alvarado, Knox City, 17.84; Juleigh Walker, Spur, 18.69; Camrey Sanchez, Spur 19.09; Brianna Pautsky, Chillicothe, 19.24; Kristen Tuckness, Knox City, 20.47

100: Danni Uriegas, Spur, 13.39; Zinziley McCrary, Knox City, 13.44; Kimberley Shahan, Munday, 13.76; Kailyx Childers, Spur, 13.77; Skylar Gomez, Munday, 13.92; Saradon Faulkner, Northside, 14.01

4x200 relay: Knox City (Amy Harrington, Temi Flowers, Myca Flowers, Zinziley McCrary), 1:54.04; Paducah, 1:54.80; Spur, 1:55.93; Munday (Kimberley Shahan, Charity Hunter, Abby Walker, Skylar Gomez), 1:56.02

400: Karla Taylor, Munday, 1:02.04; Rivers Marshall, Motley County, 1:04.07; Brooke Shobert, Spur, 1:05.92; Crystal Collette, Motley County, 1:06.72; Baylee Horn, Guthrie, 1:07.42; Katie Reeves, Northside, 1:08.96

300 hurdles: Debra Alvarado, Knox City, 50.12; Lilly Amechi, Northside, 52.01; Brianna Pautsky, Chillicothe, 52.26; Autumn Woolsey,

Motley County, 53.04; Ali Smith, Paducah, 54.14; Makayla Cline, Knox City, 54.37

200: Kayla Taylor, Munday, 27.02; Brooke Shobert, Spur, 28.43; Kaitlyn Childers, Spur, 28.57; Kimberley Shahan, Munday, 28.96; Ebony Hampton, Paducah, 29.03; Bailey Lambert, Paducah,

Boys

High jump: Temerick Reagins, Munday, 6-2; Dylan Reagan, Chillicothe, 6-0; RayLynn Dockins Munday, 5-10; Ryan Heard, Knox City, 5-10; Blane Blount, Guthrie, 5-4; Phillip Garvin, Spur, 5-2

Pole vault: Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 14-0; Holt Bivens, Munday, 12-6; Keaton Adams, Spur, 9-9; Kylar Talley, Guthrie, 9-6; Eli Shelton, Spur, 8-0; Justin Rainwater, Benjamin, 8-0

Long jump: Joseph Garibaldi, Paducah, 20-4; Day’veen Dockins, Munday, 20-0.5; Dylan Reagan, Chillicothe, 18-7.25; Elias Nevarez Knox City, 17-10.75; Connor Potts, Chillicothe, 17-8.75; Hayden Palacios, Paducah, 17-6.75

Triple jump: Elias Nevarez, Knox City, 40-4; Dee Hemphill, Munday, 33-10; Jeremiah Lorimer, Spur 37-9.5; Kameron Todd, Paducah, 37-4; Trever Swearingin, Munday, 37-0.5; Brady Weaver, Munday, 36-20

Discus: McClendon Hill, Guthrie, 150-5; Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 125-5; Kade Sanders, Munday, 121-7; Julio Vitolas, Munday, 119-9; Kaven Alvarado, Munday, 108-8; Sean Logsdon, Knox City, 102-2

Shot put: McClendon Hill, Guthrie, 52-7; Jacoby Burns, Paducah, 45-8; Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 43-8; Kaven Alvarado, Munday, 43-2.5; Steven Perez, Crowell, 40-7; Julio Vitolas, Munday, 37-3

4x100 relay Munday (Day’veen Dockins, Alex Thorn, Trever Swearingin, Temerick Reagins), 45.9; Chillicothe, 45.26; Knox City (Preston Lynn, Skylar Neill, Elias Nevarez, Anthony Estrada), 46.71; Benjamin (Benjamin Vanderpol, Lincoln Strickland, Justin Rainwater, Daniel Jackson), 47.59; Crowell, 48.88; Spur, 48.91

800: Ethan Fernandez, Patton Springs, 2:8.18; Kamren Shelton, Spur, 2:08.82; Christian Araujo, Munday, 2:12.77; Dane Leia, Munday 2:13.90; Caleb Barrientez, Benjamin, 2:15.67; Noah Vernandez, Munday, 2:21.57

110 hurdles: Joseph Garibaldi, Paducah, 16.03; RayLynn Dockins, Munday, 16.79; Eli Shelton, Spur, 19.42; Austin Doya, Crowell, 19.88; Kaleb Brendle, Guthrie, 19.96; Hayden Palacios, Paducah, 20.48

100: Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 11.70; Bryant Taylor, Motley County, 11.93; Jakob Sanchez, Spur, 11.98; Evan Santos, Crowell, 12.03; Lincoln Strickland, Benjamin, 12.05; Trevaul Michell, 12.27

4x200 relay: Munday (Day’veen Dockins, Dee Hemphill, Alex Thorn, Temerick Reagins), 1:34.30; Crowell, 1:37.94; Chillicothe, 1:38.90; Spur, 1:39.65; Motley County, 1:42; Benjamin (Caleb Barrientez, Ricky Hilario, Benjamin Vanderpol, Justin Rainwater), 1:42.12

400: Marcus Ortiz, Motley County, 52.82; Holt Bivens, Munday, 55.07; Trever

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Swearingin, Munday, 55.31; Tristen Hayes, Crowell, 55.37; Kamren Shelton, Spur, 55.44; Brady Weaver, Munday, 56.70

300 hurdles: Anthony Estrada, Knox City, 43.29; Gabriel Garcia, Guthrie, 45.81; Kaleb Brendle, Guthrie, 46.20; Trevaal Mitchell, Munday, 46.82; RayLynn Dockins, 47.41; Sasha Thompson, Munday, 49.87

200: Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 24.13; Bryant Taylor, Motley County, 24.14; Joseph Garibaldi, Paducah, 24.58; Lincoln Strickland, Benjamin, 24.99; Noah Ramos, Munday, 25.53; Dee Hemphill, Munday, 25.55

1,600: Dustin Dominey, Spur, 4:44.22; J.C. Espinal Benjamin, 5:12.10; Jeremiah Lorimer, Spur, 5:12.78; Dane Leija, Munday, 5:19.66; Noah Fernandez, Munday, 5:29.34; Emmaual Carranza, Munday, 5:42.56

4X400 relay: Munday (Holt Bivens, Dayveon Dockins, Alex Thorn, Temerick Reagins), 3:33.34; Knox City (Sheldon Baty, Skylar Neill, Elias Neverez, Anthony Estrada), 3:41.53; Chillicothe, 3:42.40; Motley County, 3:45.45; Spur, 3:49.92; Benjamin (Caleb Barrientez, Damian Landini, Ricky Hilario, J.C. Espinal), 4:04.18

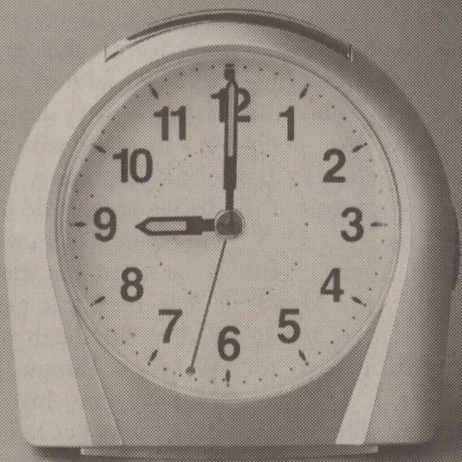
Team: Munday, 175; Guthrie, 86; Spur, 81; Knox City, 57; Chillicothe, 56; Paducah, 40; Motley County, 38; Crowell, 34; Benjamin, 31; Patton Springs, 18; Harrold, 1.

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Locals hear concert by Pride bands

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Local residents got a chance to see the Knox City Greyhound Pride band play the show it presented at the UIL contest earlier this year in Anson during the Band Spring Concerts here last Sunday afternoon at Baker Auditorium.

The band, directed by Mark Tucker, played Guardians of Liberty, Mystery Ride and Summit Fanfare, which received a superior concert rating at Anson.

“These kids have had an amazing year,” Tucker told the audience. “They earlier finished eighth in the state marching band contest.”

The audience also got a chance to hear the band perform Spartacus, which will be its marching music for next year.

The O’Brien Junior High band performed Born to be



The Knox City Pride high school band performs concert.

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O’Brien Junior High band also played at local concert.

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Wild and the Hey Song earlier in the afternoon after the separate seventh graders had done Atlantis, Majestica and The Tempest and the sixth graders

had done Gallant March, The Old Band and Windsor Overture.

In addition, the audience heard the beginning fifth graders perform 10 differ-

ent short pieces, including the Mexican Clapping Song and the Banana Boat Song.

More than \$2,000 was raised during intermis-

sion when donated items that included cakes, pies and a nice outdoor bench were auctioned off. Earlier, a fundraising meal was held in the cafeteria.

The 501 When dump grounds were dump grounds

Dump grounds aren’t what they used to be. They’re landfills. For a while, they were sanitary landfills, but few people say both words. When

you’re landfill-bound, you don’t have time or the energy to use a four-syllable adjective to describe the place. You’ve put yourself in the context of trash. Even the word “landfill” all by itself sounds pretentious.

In some ways, I like a dump ground better. I grew up going to a nice one. We country types took our garbage, with permission, to a big draw on a place a couple of miles from our house. Except it wasn’t really garbage. Here’s why:



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Every family in the country had a barrel for burning trash and any garbage that didn’t get fed to the hogs. By the time everything got burned (which is how nearly all fires got started), what remained in the barrel was sanitary in the cleanest meaning of the word — just burned cans and jars and bottles and ashes. What’s not to like? That’s what we hauled to the dump, where it rusted into oblivion or blew away in the wind. Except for the glass. Broken or whole, melted or not, it’s still there, documenting our existence for future archaeologists.

As for the city dump, I knew about it. Smoke rose from the site, maybe from burning tires. I heard it was a good place to shoot rats, if that was your sport. In my young mind, I imagined the rat shooters were armed juvenile delinquents. Maybe they were. Our little country dump ground seemed idyllic by comparison. In fact, it was.

But it was still a dump. And, to be truthful, not everything that ended up there got burned beforehand. Just nearly everything.

On one visit, circa 1959, I saw a scrapbook lying atop the rubble. While Daddy emptied our trash barrel, I

scrambled into the draw and leafed through the book. The pages held memorabilia from World War II, including foreign money and a Nazi armband and a U. S. Army VII Corps shoulder patch. I was intrigued. I took the stuff.

Just last week I was in the attic, sorting through my possessions, tossing the worst stuff out the window for the dump. I mean landfill. If you have an attic, it’s nice to have a window. That’s when I ran across the armband and patch, tucked away in a little box.

What do you do with a Nazi armband? It’s not something you frame and hang on the wall.

Politically sensitive eBay doesn’t deal in swastikas — at least not those blatant armbands. Other sites do, but maybe that’s where neo-Nazi shop. As niche markets go, count me out.

So I think I’ll just keep that armband, along with the unknown soldier’s patch.

My grandson likes history. When he’s old enough, I can give him those items — real pieces of the past. He already knows about Hitler. No need to discuss the Third Reich. Instead I’ll tell him all about that old dump ground.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You’re the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you’d be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your adversary hasn’t given up trying to undermine you. Continue to stay cool — someone in authority knows what’s happening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Spring brings a positive aspect for relationships. Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance — perhaps with a Leo or ...

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of those long-standing goals, but don’t cut any current ties until you’re sure you’re ready to make the change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former colleague wants to re-establish an old professional connection. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what he or she is planning.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship that survived some

rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what he or she is hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to re-establish your once-close relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. A workplace situation will, I’m pleased to say, continue to improve.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

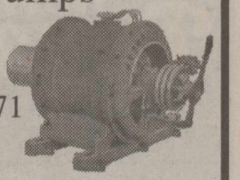
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POND

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Fertilization can also help to limit the establishment of nuisance rooted vegetation by blocking sunlight to the bottom of the pond, he said. After creating a good environment, Sink said owners should stock ponds in spring or early summer with 5-15 pounds of fathead minnows per acre, which are easy-to-capture baitfish that will spawn and create a good food source for larger baitfish and sportfish populations so they are established when stocked.

In the fall, Sink said the pond should be stocked with 500 bluegill or 400 bluegill and 100 redear sunfish per acre. Redear can grow substantially larger than bluegill, but the two species do not compete for food. By stocking the two species in combination, landowners end up with more fish in the pond because they are not competing for the same resources, which means the bass have more available baitfish and anglers have another species to catch, he said.

Bluegill and redear are good baitfish for bass and catfish, Sink said. When stocked in the fall, they will continue to grow throughout the fall, winter and spring so they are ready to spawn and provide sufficient prey for bass and catfish. Bluegill and redear are typically sold as 1-3 inch stockers while bass are sold at 2-4 inch and catfish 1-6 inch.

If landowners stock bass or catfish at the same time as the bluegill and redear are

stocked, the bass and catfish eat the small sunfish before they ever have a chance to spawn, creating too many predatory fish and too few forage fish, leading to stunted bass and catfish populations. This avoids a bad start.

Bass spawn in March and April and fingerlings will be ready to stock by May or June. Catfish spawn in May and June and will be ready to stock in July or August, but fingerlings are available throughout the year due to fish production management, although size varies with time of year.

Ponds should be stocked with one largemouth bass for every 10 sunfish stocked, so for the scenario above where 500 sunfish are stocked, 50 largemouth bass per acre can be stocked. Up to 50 channel or blue catfish per acre can be stocked, or up to 100 per acre with fertilization and supplemental feeding two to three times a week. Sink said catfish can be added any time after bass are stocked.

But Sink said owners should consider whether they will fish for catfish and must plan to remove larger catfish to protect bluegill, redear and smaller bass populations. "A 2-pound catfish is a good predator and can feed on a quarter to half pound bass and 8-9 inch bluegill so they should be thinned out to keep their sizes small," he said.

If the owner does not plan to fish for catfish or remove most of them by the time they reach 2 pounds, they should not stock catfish in their pond and focus more on bass, bluegill, and redear sunfish.

Once stocked, the pond should be ready for quality fishing in three years. Sink said owners could speed up the process a bit by adding more minnows, bluegill and redear during the first two years, but that stocking more minnows or baitfish is not necessary. Stocking additional bass into the pond is never needed, unless there is a fish kill, as bass over-populate in most ponds.

The key to managing good fish populations, and to growing big bass, relies on harvest of bass from ponds starting the third year after stocking. Most ponds require a minimum of 10 pounds of 6-10 inch largemouth bass be harvested per-acre per-year to support a healthy fish population. If the owner wants to grow trophy bass, they may need to harvest 25 pounds or more of 6-14 inch largemouth bass per-acre per-year to free up limited food resources so that remaining bass can grow fast or large.

If owners want to catch more large bass or are catching too many half to 2-pound bass, the answer is not to stock more bass because it would make the issue worse. Instead, work on building the food-chain and harvesting more bass to free up food resources so remaining bass can grow larger faster.

Crappie are not recommended for stock ponds less than 20 acres because they are prolific breeders, Sink said. They are extremely difficult to manage because predators and anglers can't keep up with crappie spawns and ponds are eventually overrun.

Strickland, Brown advance

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

HAMLIN — Coach Cody Propps is proud of the way the Benjamin Lady Stangs have turned around the school's track program.

"They all have come together and worked as a team," he said. "That's something that makes this coach happy and proud."

After a runnerup finish in District 8-1A, the Lady Stangs advanced six girls to the area competition here last week and captured two individual gold medals as Taryn Strickland won the pole vault with a leap of 7-9 and Emily Brown claimed the shot put with a throw of 37-7.

"Emily came to the area with the best throw, but I told her many times anybody can beat anybody on any given day," Propps added. "It was not her personal best, but a great mark."

Strickland and Brown



Courtesy photo

Tara Strickland, Emily Brown advance to Levelland.

will advance to the regional competition Friday and Saturday at South Plains College in Levelland.

Carolina Hilario just missed advancing, finish-

ing fifth in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter. "She had her best time in the 1,600 (6:25.45) and was fighting hard all the entire race," Propps said.

Mustangs' Espinal wins silver

Special to The News-Courier

HAMLIN — Benjamin's J.C. Espinal earned a spot in the Class A regional competition Friday and Saturday at Lubbock after earning a silver medal in the 1,600 meters race here last Wednesday in the area meet. He clocked a 5:12, finishing second to Dustin Dominey of Spur.

Teammate Lincoln Strickland also earned a trip to Lubbock as he clocked a 24.99 to place fourth in the 200 meters.

He barely missed making it in the 100 as his 12.05 was fifth.

Strickland joined teammates Benjamin Vanderpol, Justin Rainwater and Daniel Jackson to finish fourth in the 4x100 relay. Caleb Barrientez also claimed fifth in the 800 meters with a 2:15.67.

The Mustangs finished ninth in the team standings with 31 points.

Munday repeated as champion with 178 points, 92 ahead of runner up Guthrie.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

More sad news has reached our close-knit community. Word of the death of Fred Carver came early this Monday morning, and although we know he was having a hard time, we all felt a little wave of shock at his passing. We all hoped and prayed that the medication would take hold and he would improve. Fred had battled cancer several months, and for a while felt pretty well after his first round of chemo, but his condition worsened a couple of weeks ago, and he was just not able to overcome. Of course, my sincere sympathy goes to Jan, Tammy, Stasia, and Ricky and their families, as well as the rest of their family and their many friends. Services are pending at this time.

Concerning our ill

Betty Bohannon was in Abilene last Thursday to see a surgeon regarding her health. She really didn't learn much but will have

more tests next month and hopefully get to the main source of her problem. She has good days and some not so good, and she is sure ready for some improvement in the way she feels.

Dick Dickson is a patient in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. At last report, he was still in ICU and no idea when he may go to a private room or return home. He had a light case of pneumonia and also has an ongoing breathing problem, so it will probably take a while to get that under control.

Please keep these friends and others we are not aware of in your prayers.

There's no news of anyone else in the community who is not well.

Jerry Parker's brother Darrell, who lives in Knox City, suffered a stroke a week or so ago, and I understand is paralyzed on one side. I'm not sure if he is taking therapy or is at home or just what is happening with him, but we join his family and friends in wish-

ing him a complete recovery.

Here 'n there

Let me apologize for not having a column last week. Just failed to get it all together, but do appreciate those of you who tell me you missed reading it. Some weeks are not too "newsy" but seems folks always want to read anything I submit. Thanks for that!

We are all looking toward Levelland and the regional track meet coming up this coming Friday and Saturday. We have several who will be competing, and of course, wish them all well. Would love to see several go on to the State Meet. Also good luck to the Munday and Knox City competitors as well. Seems like we have a pretty good representation from Knox County.

Matt Tyson, who live in Houston, has been having lots of back trouble. He had a problem with a ruptured disk and surgery was scheduled to correct that problem. He is the son of Amy Griffith Tyson and the grandson of Benjamin residents Charles and Linda Griffith and Buddy and Janice Tolson. We surely do wish Matt well. He has been in a lot of pain for quite some time.

Mary Jane Young spent the weekend in the Metroplex visiting relatives and attending a birthday party for Jackie's cousin J. B. Young, who turned 95. He lives at Flower Mound.

Ashley and Tony Burson and family of Pottsboro spent Friday night with her parents Tracy and Susan Cartwright. They were en route to Lubbock to visit Tony's brother and family and get acquainted with a new nephew.

Jill Jackson and sons Daniel and Grant spent the

weekend in Cleburne with Jill's family and visiting with her grandmother, who is quite ill. They returned home Sunday.

Lexie, Katy, and Blaze Taylor of Amarillo spent last weekend with their dad Cody and grandparents Mike and Debbie Moorhouse. Also spending the weekend with the Moorhouses were grandchildren Taylor and Westin Herring of Rhineland.

The homecoming plans are coming along nicely. It's just a little over a month until it will be here, and lots of folks are making plans to attend. Homecoming will be the second weekend in June, starting Saturday morning and ending with a potluck meal after the Community Church Service at the Church of Christ on Sunday. It should be a very fun time as there seems to be something planned for all ages. The Ex Student Board has a newsletter about to be mailed out with all the plans outlined. They have added a new feature this year—there will be a fiddlers' contest on Saturday after the parade. If you are gifted with the talent of fiddle playing, call Janice Tolson at 940 256-1119 and get the details on what to do to be entered in the contest.

I learned this past weekend of the death of Danny Welch. Danny lived in Munday in his younger days, the son of Leonard and Carolyn. His sister Bonnie, is married to my nephew Charles Yeager. My sympathy to his family. Also, Don Munson, who lived in Abilene, passed away on Friday. He was married to the former Sue Voss, also of Munday. He had visited in this area many times. His funeral was last Wednesday in Abilene with burial in Clyde. My sympathy to Sue and her family also.

Did you see the smoke billowing over the city on Thursday? That was the Tiptons burning the Driver house. Now all that's there is a pile of rubble, but they plan to get that moved right away. Sam and Clara and their son Kenneth were here three days last week clearing and cleaning the property.

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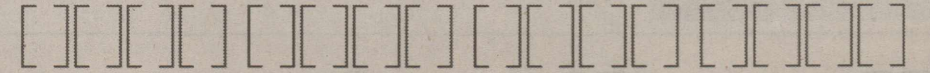
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Rep. Mac Thornberry will be presented the Spirit of Enterprise Award for his jobs and pro-growth efforts at a May 4 luncheon in Wichita Falls.

Shooting club seeks members

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY – The legal work has been done and the Lake Creek Shooting Club is now a reality. The club has started a

membership drive. A one-time \$100 range fee will be required. It covers a member and his immediate family. Then annual dues of \$50 will be prorated once the range is open.

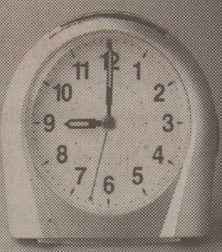
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Mac's Views I'm in favor of bond proposal

Residents in the Munday Consolidated Independent School District face an important decision in the upcoming election to decide if they want to approve an \$8 million bond proposal.



JAMES MCAFEE

I urge everyone to be sure and vote, either by Monday at the MCISD office or at Munday City Hall on May 7. After studying all the information provided and hearing pro and con opinions, I'm personally in favor of the proposal to make improvements at the schools.

Of course, I'm also among the homeowners over 65 who will see no tax

increases on my homestead. They are frozen, unless I make significant improvements.

For homesteads of others in the district with a market value of \$100,000, the bonds will just increase school taxes to a maximum of \$104.38 per month, an increase of only \$31.25.

The impact on farm and ranch land has to be computed on an individual basis, but I did understand that it will reflect productive not market value and also involve the use of agricultural exemptions.

The MCISD has provided everyone with plenty of information about the bond proposal, including a big poster that also was used on the back page of last week's issue. A portion at the bottom was left out and is included in today's issue.

With the Horse Creek Wind Farm

eventually paying for 75 per cent of the funds, it's time to vote yes for the bond!

Of course, voters in the different cities in Knox County also have other decisions to make in regard to selecting school board and city council members.

One small concern is that you do not see a lot of notices from the candidates asking for votes like has been the case of other recent elections.

I did recently hear a concern of Don Thompson regarding how more motorcyclists tend to get out on the roadways here in Texas in the Spring.

He asked me to urge drivers of cars and trucks to be extra diligent and more cautious when they share the road with those driving motorcycles, checking their mirrors, leaving a little extra room between vehicles and using turn signals to prevent crashes and save lives.

Grid finals likely back at AT&T

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN – Although no official contract had been signed, all signs point toward the 2016 UIL state football championships returning to AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

UIL deputy director Jamey Harrison told multiple news outlets earlier

this week that "I can assure you that (the UIL) has no signed contract with anybody" after a report from Houston using unnamed sources said the state championship site had been determined as Dallas.

AT&T Stadium has served as a central site for multiple state title games since 2010. The UIL

moved its 2015 state finals to Houston's NRG Stadium largely because the UIL state championship dates conflicted with the Dallas Cowboys' NFL schedule.

When the NFL schedule was announced, the Cowboys did not have a conflict of schedule with the UIL's prospective calendar dates of Dec. 15-17. Earlier, the

Alamodome, another site that could host the events, already had announced a schedule conflict for 2016.

A drop in attendance from past years and NRG's higher charges reduced the UIL revenue nearly \$1 million from past events held at AT&T and might be a reason not to return.

Lake Creek golf schedule

May 21-22: Daniel Ramirez Memorial Scramble
June 25: 3 Lady Scramble
July 9-10: 3 Person Scramble

Aug. 7: Guys & Dolls
Aug. 21: 1 Person Scramble
Sept. 10-11: 3 Person Scramble

Knox City CC Golf Schedule

May 7: Knox City Fire Department Scramble
May 30: Memorial Day play day
June 4: 22nd annual Ladies Wild Hog Classic
June 18: Par 3 Classic I
July 2: Bill Baker Memorial
July 4: July 4th play day

July 30: Knox City Festival
Aug. 13: Ag-Oil
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