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Big splash for naught



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Day'veon Dockins makes a big splash in the sand at the end of one of his jumps, but he wasn't able to get an official mark as he fouled by inches on this jump and two others in the Class 1A long jump in Austin. The Moguls managed a pair of fourths and a fifth in the three relays to finish with 20 points. (See related story and photo on pg. 4)

Callaway named Hounds' coach

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY - Caleb Callaway, who has been the head football coach and athletic director at Rising Star High School for the past three seasons, has been hired for a similar position at Knox City High School.

Callaway received a one-year contract at a Knox City-O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District meeting last week.

En route to a visit to the school on Tuesday, Callaway said, "I'm really excited to be working at Knox

City and building on the school's success in football. High expectations create good results."

Callaway graduated from Hermleigh High School in 2000, playing six-man football and basketball from junior high through high school. He then earned a degree at McMurry University in Abilene. He spent three years at Westbrook as the head basketball coach and defensive coordinator and one year at Paint Rock with similar assignments before taking the Rising Star AD and head football duties in 2013.



CALEB CALLAWAY

Rising Star posted a 7-5 record last season, winning District 8-1A DII and bi-district. Callaway will replace Charles Steele, who posted a 50-36 record in eight years at KCHS, before accepting a position at Covington High School.

Tax values for wind farm higher than expected

By James McAfee
 The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY -Supt. Troy Parton had some "really good news" for the Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees when it met Monday night.

He informed them that the taxable values for the Horse Creek Wind Farm came in \$24 million higher than expected in a report he sent to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

No formal action was taken on the \$8 million bond proposal except to canvas the votes that showed it passed by a 265-117 margin.

The election totals for trustees were also canvassed, showing that Nancy Birkenfeld was reelected and that Jason Bowman was added to the board.

Then the current slate of officers was re-elected: Sam Hunter as president, Tyler

Thompson as vice-president and Birkenfeld as secretary.

The trustees accepted the resignation of Reba Cuba and hired Renae Parton and Ryan Dillard as new elementary teachers.

In other business, the trustees decided to keep the current insurance plan for students although the premium increased by 9 per cent and accepted a bid of \$160 for four lots in Goree.

They also heard reports from the two principals, the band director and the athletic director, telling of what was going on for the final two weeks at the schools. In his report, Parton also noted he was halfway to his goal for sales of advertising for the scoreboard and that he had an estimate of \$183,000 for lighting at the stadium. He also passed along information about upcoming training opportunities for board members.

Moguettes earn bronze medals



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Skylar Gomez ran the first leg of the Munday Moguettes' 4x100 relay unit that earned bronze medals in the Class 1A state track meet in Austin last Saturday. Joining her were Charity Hunter, Karla Taylor and Kayla Taylor. (See story, photo on pg. 4)

Going to Austin



Courtesy photo

Munday's one act play, "The White Snake," will be competing in the Class 1A state finals along with Cross Plains, Abbott, Chireno, Whiteface, Hermleigh, Bryson and Slidell next Monday at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center in Austin. Pictured above is the wedding scene with Kamille Redder as the White Snake and Cole Redwine as XuXian exchanging vows. Others pictured (l-r) are Kale Lewis, Cole Parton, Ayleen Arellano, Emily Scott, Kendall Thompson, Grace Tidwell, Brendan Kuehler and Alexis Nunez. This will be the 10th time MHS has advanced to state.

Brown earns bronze medal

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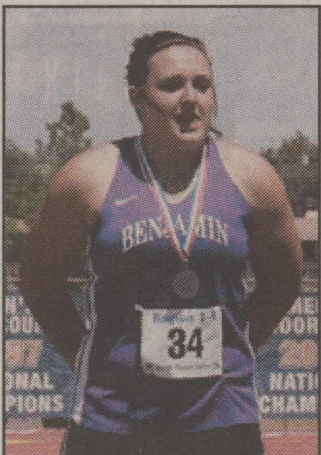
AUSTIN- Benjamin High junior Emily Brown got off her best throw of the year with a 39-10 effort on the second of six attempts here last Friday at the Mike Myers Track to earn a bronze medal.

Brown was "happy" to get to medal stand after falling one place short back in 2015.

Mollie Mounsey of Follett took the gold for the second straight year with a 43-7.75 effort while Balmorhea senior Audrey Loranzo got the silver with a 42-8.75 throw.

Both of these girls are seniors, so Brown is hoping to return to Austin again next year with her eyes on a gold medal.

"I don't want to jinx it or anything, but hopefully that's what I'm aiming for since we'll have Mollie and Audrey gone," she told the Wichita Falls Record-News.



EMILY BROWN

Knox gets inch of rain

While areas to the north and south reported higher rain totals, Knox County had to settle for just a little over an inch on Tuesday.

Rain remains in the forecast through

Friday and another weather system could bring more Sunday or Monday.

For the first time in years, Lake Kemp in Baylor County was full.

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.

Pet clinic set

BENJAMIN- Dr. James Gober from the Haskell Veterinary Clinic will be here Saturday at city hall from 9-11 a.m. to conduct a pet clinic, offering shots for rabies, parvo,

distemper.

Singing set May 29

MUNDAY- The First United Methodist Church will host the fifth Sunday Sing-Along at 6 p.m. May 29 in its fellowship hall. An offering will be taken to benefit the Munday Ministerial Alliance Food Bank.

Free meals offered

Free meals will be provided in both Munday and Knox City elementary schools cafeterias week days during the summer. The meals

will be served without charge on a first come, first served basis to all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Expedition Norway!

WEINERT- The Weinert First Baptist Church will host a one-day Expedition Norway! vacation bible school from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on June 9 for kids age 3 through the sixth grade. "It'll be like taking a trip to Norway," said Brother Dan Bullock.

School finance system ruled constitutional

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN - The Texas Supreme Court unanimously declared the state's school finance system as constitutional, even though it's flawed.

The decision last week overturned an earlier district court decision.

"Despite the imperfections of the current school funding regime, it meets minimum constitutional requirements," Justice Don Willett wrote for the court.

Gov. Greg Abbott hailed the ruling as a victory for Texas taxpayers and the Texas Constitution, saying "The Supreme Court's de-

cision ends years of wasteful litigation by correctly recognizing that courts do not have the authority to micromanage the state's school finance system."

Abbott and legislative leaders have argued that how much money lawmakers give the schools is a "political question" for the executive and legislative branches, not the courts.

James Crow, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards, said in a statement that the ruling jeopardizes the future of schools in Texas as it forces districts to depend too heavily on property taxes.

Correction

In the 60th class reunion photo last week, Sybil Jungman Kendrick's name was left out.

News on the go



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From the Preacher's Desk

Dads' jobs important, too

In my experience, the person who usually says, "Being a mother is the most important job in the world," is usually not a mother, it is a father. I've heard countless men praise their wives in this manner. And of course, these men are to be commended for acknowledging the hard work of their wives, but what are they saying about their own jobs?

It's no wonder fathers have been made to feel their job is less important. Almost every family sitcom for the last 20 years has had a father who is bumbling idiot. The mother is the competent parent and the father is the comic relief. Is it any wonder then, so many men do very little to assist their wives in the role of parenting when they hear constantly that their job really isn't that important?

Scripture paints quite a different picture. When parents are told to bring their children up "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord," it is to the fathers that this command is specifically addressed (Ephesians 6:4). God is not OK with men taking a backseat in the parenting process. He is not OK with us politely telling our wives, "You're the one with the important job; I would just get in your way if I tried to help." Dads, we need to step up and realize our job is just as important as our wife's job.

There was an interesting study done that showed if a mother "attends church regularly," but the father does not attend at all, only "2% of their children will end up attending church regularly". We've got to stop telling Christian fathers their job is not as important as their wife's job. And Christian fathers, we've got to stop believing that lie.

Some dads need to be told, what your wife would appreciate more than you saying she has the most important job in the world is you realizing how important your job is and doing it.

On Mother's Day, countless well-meaning preachers will likely give a sermon about the women who are doing, "the most important job in the world." And I can't imagine how heart-wrenching those words are to those women who do not - or cannot - have children.

What are we telling single women or women who have been trying unsuccessfully to conceive? Are we telling them, "No matter how you contribute to the work of the church, it can never match the importance of women who are mothers?" How wrong and how cruel for us to give this impression.

With the biblical accounts of women like Hannah and Rachel, you would think we would be more sensitive to this issue. You would think we would realize just how hard it can be on some women simply being childless, but we add insult to injury by telling them mothers have the "most important job in the world." And that statement is not only untrue, it's hurtful.

Women who are faithfully serving the church in other capacities are doing jobs that are just as important as the women who are raising children. I think we need to be more sensitive to these ladies. If we're going to publicly recognize the job mothers do, we need to recognize the jobs the childless women do as well.

The bottom line is mothers have an important job. Fathers have an important job. Christians without children have important jobs. We need to stop trying to figure out who has "the most important job."

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ

Obituaries
Silverio Hernandez

Silverio G. Hernandez, 85, passed away May 15, 2016. He was born April 12, 1931 in La Osca, China to Manuel Hernandez and Reyes Gonzalez.

Silverio is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Zulema Quintanilla Hernandez; his four sons, Hector (Nora) from San Benito, Ralph (Evita) from Boerne, Manuel (Sandy) from Frisco and David from Katy; eight grandchildren Shandee and Michael (Rebecca) Hernandez from San Benito, Hector Jr (Mary) from Pasadena, Renee (Ashley) Hernandez from New Iberia, LA, Bree Hernandez from Boerne, Faith Hernandez from Stamford, Jocelyn and Alessandra Hernandez from Frisco; and seven great-grandchildren Katie and



SILVERIO HERNANDEZ

dez from Stamford, Jocelyn and Alessandra Hernandez from Frisco; and seven great-grandchildren Katie and

Ricky Contreras, Andrew Hernandez, Michael James Hernandez from San Benito, Ethan Hernandez from Pasadena, Braylon and Justine Hernandez, New Iberia, LA.

Silverio is also survived by three siblings out of 11 children: Ricardo Hernandez from Weslaco, Lola Arispe from General Bravo, NL and Noelia (Manuel) Garza from Weslaco.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 1-2 p.m. at McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Burial of ashes is scheduled in Edinburg, TX the following week in a private service.

Death Notice

Claude Hill, Sr.

Claude Larry Hill, Sr. 78, passed away on May 7, in Roswell, NM. He was born July 19, 1937, in Munday to Claude William Hill and Lela Moore Hill.

A graduate of Texas Tech University, Claude had a B.S. in agronomy. He was a farmer who enjoyed the science of Agronomy.

Claude married Mary Lokey in 1958, who survives him. Also surviving are his daughters Sharla Johnson (James) of Cleburne and Debra Butler (Bryan) of Waco; son Larry Hill of Oklahoma City, OK; sister Emogene Watson (Hill) of Fort Worth; granddaughters Danielle Harnish (Tyler) of Sheridan, WY, Nikki

Johnson of Cleburne and Kayla Johnson of Glen Rose; grandson Robert Hill of Anaheim, CA; sister-in-law Margaret Hill of Munday and Buffy, his constant and faithful companion.

Preceding Claude in death are his parents, son Gary Hill, brothers Howard Hill, Pat Hill and J.R. Hill and sister Maxine Ashley.

The Paperboy

What country are we living in?

I'm all for individual rights, but what President Obama did last week via another Executive Order is the very definition of government overreach.

The president showed just how out of touch he and others are by mandating policy letting

basically anyone in school use the bathroom of their choice as long as they are identifying as that gender.

Not only does Obama skip Congress, the actual lawmakers of the land, he forces ridiculous action on school districts across the state and nation.

Plain and simple, it's absurd. It's so wrong, it's hard to put into words.

A tiny .03 percent of Americans identify as transgendered. So that

means over 99 percent of us are going to be forced into cooperating with idiocy.

And what of our educators and administrators? Is there job not difficult enough? Now they have to play bathroom police.

What good could possibly come of this? More homeschooled students is not going to add to the revenue of schools.

What is likely to happen are lawsuits. Lawsuits against the government. Lawsuits against the state. Lawsuits against school districts. Looks to me like the only benefit to the order is the money lawyers are going to make on both sides.

Obama is a lawyer. Huh?

I can't speak for women, but the ones I've talked to feel like I do about the topic. After all, it has literally been the rule everywhere, forever. It's lunacy to impose that intrusion of privacy on everyone to alleviate some discomfort for a tiny minority. Restrooms and locker rooms are segregated based on biological reasons, not identification. People are trying to ignore what have been universal truths since the beginning of time.

People are openly asking how the country can be in a situation with three less than desirable candi-

dates to choose from for President of the United States? The answer, as far as the candidacy of Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders, is anger. People are angry with the government.

And it's no wonder. We've had expensive executive orders that have shaken the very foundation of this country. One man playing God and acting unilaterally is not how this country works. And it will never work that way.

Obama and his cronies should have realized long ago that he works for us, not the other way around. He is acting like a dictator and the anger will continue to grow.

Leave the education of our children at the local and state level. That seems to be the only place left where common sense resides.

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Knox County Aging Center Menu

Menus for week of May 23-27
Monday: Ham & beans, spinach, red bliss potatoes, cornbread, cake
Tuesday: Smothered pork chops, black eyed peas, cornbread, baked apples
Wednesday: Baked chicken, carrots, beets, bread, chocolate cookies
Thursday: Beef goulash, lima beans, broccoli, bread, dessert
Friday: BBQ sandwich, tater tots, carrots & zucchini, peach crisp

Area News

Trail walk scheduled
CROWELL— Park volunteer, Scout leader and hiking enthusiast Jamie Slausenhop will lead a trail walk and talk at 3 p.m. on Saturday here at Copper Break. The hike will be along Bull Canyon Trail, part of the park's Big Loop Trail network. The trails are for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. The Big Loop network also includes The Juniper Ridge Trail and the Equestrian Trail. In addition, the regular Saturday "Meet the Longhorns" program will be presented at 2 p.m.

FM 267 will get seal coat

Special to The News-Courier
CHILDRESS — Each year the Texas Department of Transportation's (TXDOT) Childress District performs an in-house seal coat operation as part of a maintenance program to prolong the life of roadways. Included in the project will be FM 267 in Knox County
Seal coating offers three major benefits: it protects the road base by keeping wa-

Skiles duo, Williams win KCVFD golf

Special to The News-Courier
KNOX CITY— Bruce and Donnie Skiles teamed with Brian Williams for an 11-under-par 59 to win the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department scramble here at the Knox City Country Club earlier this month.
Finishing second with a 61 were Mario Abila, J.D. Garcia and David Newton.
Long drive honors went to Caleb Hodges and Janice Verhalen.

House fights opioid abuse

Special to The News-Courier
WASHINGTON — The House passed, and U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) supported, a series of 18 bills to address the nation's growing opioid abuse epidemic last week. The bills were combined to become the "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act," which passed the House by a vote of 400-5.
Opioids, often used to suppress pain, can become addicting for many Americans, including adolescents, veterans, and pregnant women. The number of deaths related to opioid overdose quadrupled to 28,647 between 2000 and 2014. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, an estimated 15 million Americans abused prescription drugs during the past year.
"This abuse of opioids has really become epidemic," said Thornberry. "Statistics show that one in five Americans have a family member who has become dependent upon these pain killers, both prescription and illegal narcotics. With strong bipartisan support, Congress voted to remove bureaucracy and provide more tools to deal with this crisis."

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It was beginning to get pretty dry, so all the recent rain is welcome. As long as there's not any storms, I'll not complain.

News of the ill in the community is varied this week. Dorothy Spikes fell and broke her hip early morning one day last week. She had surgery to repair it in Wichita Falls, and if all continues to go well, was to come back to the Seymour Hospital last Monday to begin therapy.

Ronnie White has been having his share of "not feeling so well" days. According to his son Tim, he was feeling better this week. He is to have some surgery, but he's not sure just when that will be. The main thing now is that he is feeling better.

Betty Bohannon was in Abilene on Monday to see her cardiologist. It was a routine checkup, but she has had a few problems lately, so she's was anxious to see what the doctor had to say.

Dennis Duke told me that he is feeling much better. The pneumonia is clearing up, and he is out and working some every day. He's pretty weak and tires out real easily, but when that happens he stops and rests a while, gets his second wind, and goes again. It's good to hear from him that he is feeling better.

Word on Brent Vanderpol is that he is recovering nicely from his recent surgery. I have not talked to any of them, but word from those who know is that he is doing OK. Waiting for some test results, I think.

I'm sure there are others I'm not aware of or don't know enough about to report, but I do urge everyone to remember all these friends in your daily prayers.

Mitzie Welch spent a night in the Knox County Hospital last week. No definite diagnosis has been determined, but she will see a cardiologist soon, so maybe they can get her back to feeling better before long.

Emmy does well

Congratulations to Emily Brown, BHS junior, who won a bronze medal in the shot put at the state track meet in Austin last weekend. Winning third out of that many entrants is really good, and we are proud of her. Her mom Michele, sister Kelsey and nephew Zane were right there to cheer her on.

Here 'n there

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Benjamin Cemetery for Lonnie Vincent. Lonnie, a former Benjamin resident who worked on the Moorhouse Ranch for

several years, died a few weeks ago in California. Following the memorial service, a reception for the family will be held at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church in Benjamin, giving the family a chance to visit and also for friends here who may wish to do so.

Jonathan Rainwater of Whitehouse spent the weekend with his parents and brother Chad, Kathy and Justin.

Mary Young returned home last Friday after a week's visit with her daughter Debbi Neill and family in Florida. She spent a couple of nights with her son Jackie Jr. and his wife Cindy in Austin before returning home.

According to those who are working hard to get ready for it, the homecoming plans continue to come along nicely, and according to what they are hearing, it seems several have stated they will be here for the event the second weekend in June.

Carol Duke of Throckmorton and Cheryl Daniel of Knox City dropped by the museum for a visit and to see what had been added since they were last here. I see Cheryl often (and enjoy seeing her), and I was surely glad to see Carol as I had not seen her for a while. She said James was doing real well. You may remember that he's been battling cancer for several years, but it seems right now things are looking up for him. They had driven around town and were shocked at so many changes since they were here to look things over, and even more shocked since they were "kids" here and going to school.

The city cleanup day last Saturday turned out to be rather uneventful due to the cold, miserable wind that was blowing. The chipper was here, and I think they did pick up several trees, limbs, etc. that needed to be "chipped up." But any day can be cleanup day, so any time anyone desires to do so, I say just get out and get busy.

Former resident Ronnie Patterson, was seriously injured in an accident early last week when he was involved in a "cowboy horse wreck." He was hospitalized in Amarillo for several days but is now in the Aspermont Hospital to begin rehabilitation therapy. From all accounts, he is very fortunate, as he was beat up pretty badly. We certainly pray his progress continues. He lives in the Amarillo area.

There will be a Pet Clinic here in Benjamin on Saturday, May 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. Dr. Gober from Haskell Vet Clinic will be here to vaccinate pets. If your pet needs rabies, parvo, distemper, shots, bring them to city hall Saturday morning.

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

I'm loving the cooler weather we've been having. Feels almost like Fall. I know it won't last, soon we'll be sweltering hot and these cool days will be just a memory. But I'm enjoying them while we have them.

I have some delicious recipes for you to try out this week. Last week I was in a rush and didn't give you the attention you deserve, but this week I managed to get a head start so I could have something more for you. I think last week's recipes were definitely worth trying, and who doesn't like quick and easy? This time the recipes have more to them, but still are simple and quick. This time you get dinner or is it supper or is it both? Does it matter whether dinner is lunch or supper is dinner? All I know is that breakfast is breakfast and that this week's recipes are not breakfast, although I suppose if you wanted them to be breakfast. Oh forget it, this is all too confusing and I spend a lot of time in a state of confusion anyway, so let's move on. Enjoy this week's recipes and be done with it.

Oven-Baked Chicken

1 tbsp. butter or margarine
2/3 cups Original Bisquick™ mix
1 1/2 tsp. paprika
1 1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 cut-up whole chicken (3-3 1/2 lbs.)

Heat oven to 425 degrees; Melt butter in rectangular baking dish, 13x9x2 inches, in oven. Stir together Bisquick, paprika, salt and pepper; coat chicken. Place skin sides down in dish (dish and butter should be hot). Bake 35 minutes; turn chicken. Bake about 15 minutes longer or until juice is no longer pink when centers of thickest pieces are cut.

3-Cheese Beef Pasta Shells

24 uncooked jumbo pasta shells
1 lb. lean ground beef



1 jar (26 oz.) chunky tomato pasta sauce
1/4 cup water
1 container (8 oz.) chive & onion cream cheese spread
1 1/2 cups shredded cheese Italian cheese blend
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 egg

1 to 2 tbs. chopped fresh parsley, if desired
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cook and drain pasta shells as directed on the package. In skillet, cook ground beef over medium heat until thoroughly cooked. Cool slightly, about five minutes. In large bowl, mix pasta sauce and water. Pour one cup of the pasta sauce in bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch glass baking dish. In medium bowl, mix cheese spread, one cup of the Italian cheese, the parmesan cheese, egg and cooked ground beef. Spoon heaping tablespoon mixture into each shell. Arrange stuffed shells over sauce in baking dish. Pour remaining sauce over top, covering shells completely. Cover with foil. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until bubbly and cheese filling is set. Sprinkle remaining half cup Italian cheese. Bake 10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with parsley.

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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My plate sells 18 tag numbers

The first-ever Texas license plate number auction has concluded with 18 plate numbers being sold. My Plates the official vendor for specialty license plates in Texas conducted the auction event that resulted in \$23,900 in sales. The highest selling plate was the historic Texas number 1836 that sold for \$5,250. The lowest number offered, 16 sold for \$3,400 and the only other two-digit number 40, sold for \$2,000.

Unlike other everyday Tex-

as license plates, plate messages sold at auction by My Plates are offered for a 5-year term and are legally transfer-

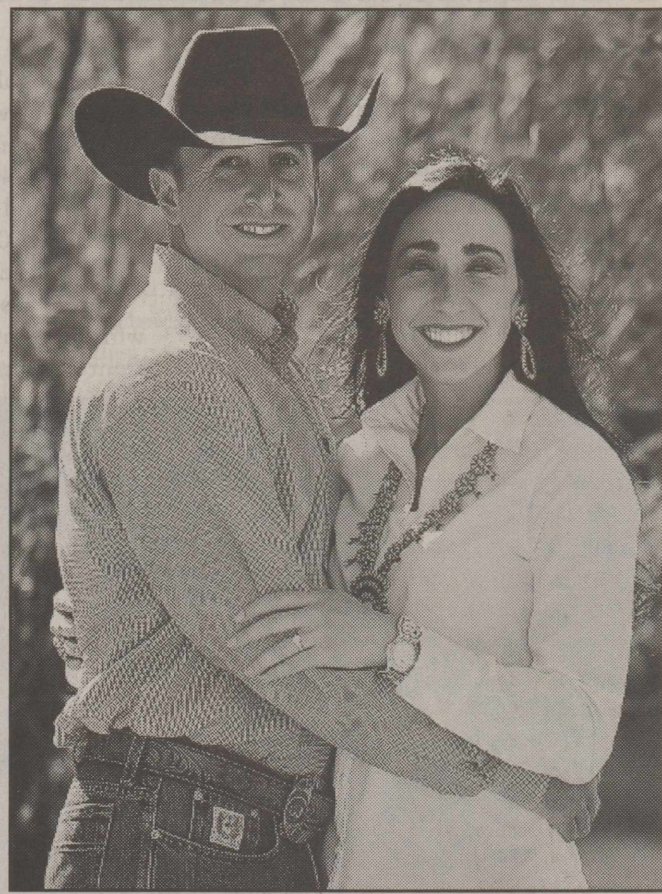
able. The plate owner then has the right to sell the plate message to another person with the same ongoing rights

Tucker, Cowen engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dale Tucker of Fort Sumner, NM are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Jessen Carol to Edward James Cowen III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward James Cowen, Jr. of Okeechobee, FL and Benjamin.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. John Malcolm Greer of Centreville, MS and Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Leroy Tucker of Roosevelt, AZ. Grandparents of the Groom are Mrs. Faye Abney Haverlock and Mr. Jack Howard Williamson, of Okeechobee, FL along with Mr. and Mrs. Edward James Cowen Sr. of Cantonment, FL Jessen is employed with AgTexas Farm Credit Services of Amarillo, as Portfolio Manager. She is a 2012 graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview with a Master of Business Administration Degree. She also obtained a Certificate of Ranch Management from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

The Groom is manager



JESSEN TUCKER, EDWARD COWEN III

at the Williamson Ranch in Benjamin. Jake is a 2006 graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal

Sciences.

The couple plans a July 8, 2016 wedding in Lubbock and will reside on the ranch in Benjamin.

NFPA says sleep with door closed

Special to The News-Courier

Should you sleep with your bedroom door opened or closed? It's a straightforward question, but the answer isn't quite so clear-cut. Many variables, including where people sleep in their homes and the location of their smoke alarms, make it challenging to craft a one-size-fits-all answer.

In an effort to reflect the latest information, the National Fire Protection Association recently modified its messaging around sleeping with the following:

"A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected."

Previous messaging stated that if you sleep with the bedroom door closed, to install smoke alarms inside and outside the bedroom, and for the best protection, to make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected.

"NFPA and others have long acknowledged that closing a door can impact the spread of fire, but the primary message has been and continues to be to make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home, giving you early warning of a fire," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

"While there are so many variables to where a fire starts and how it spreads, anything that can potentially give you more time to get out should be considered," said Carli, emphasizing that you may have as little as two minutes to escape a home fire, compared to seven to eight minutes years ago. "Today's furnis-

ings and open floor plans create scenarios that burn much more quickly than previous structures and their contents."

The NFPA recommended additional research to look at other factors, such as whether or not a closed door could delay the early warning from a smoke alarm outside the sleeping room, and how a closed door will impact the rate of fatalities when the fire begins in the room where the

door is closed.

"We are constantly reviewing our messages to make sure they reflect the latest knowledge in fire safety and we'll continue to do so," said Carli. "Given that the majority of fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms, we cannot stress enough the importance of making sure you have adequate protection from these life-

saving devices."

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Mogulettes earn bronze medals

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AUSTIN —The Munday Mogulettes' foursome of Skylar Gomez, Charity Hunter, Karla Taylor and Kayla Taylor earned bronze medals in the 4x100 relay here Saturday in the Class 1A state track meet.

Before rain delayed the competition for more than five hours, the Mogulettes clocked 50.80 to finish third behind the 49.97 and 50.49 efforts of Burton and

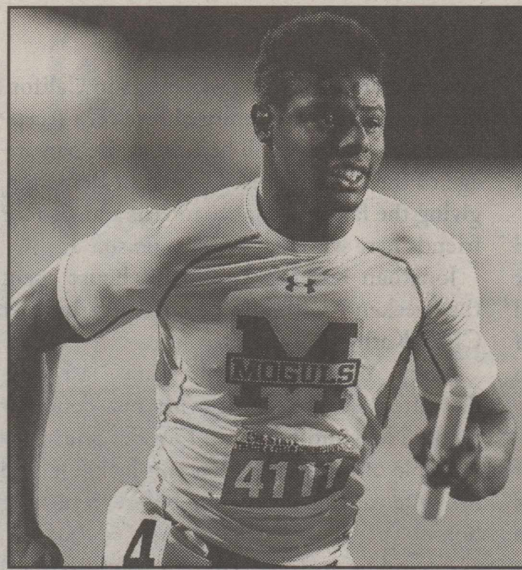
Coolidge.

The Mogulettes shared eighth place with Aspermont with 18 points as Karla Taylor finished fourth in the 400 with a 1:01.29 and the 4x400 relay unit of the Taylors, Hunter and Emily Scott finished sixth with a 4:21.04 effort. Kayla Taylor finished eighth in the 400 with a 26.97 time.

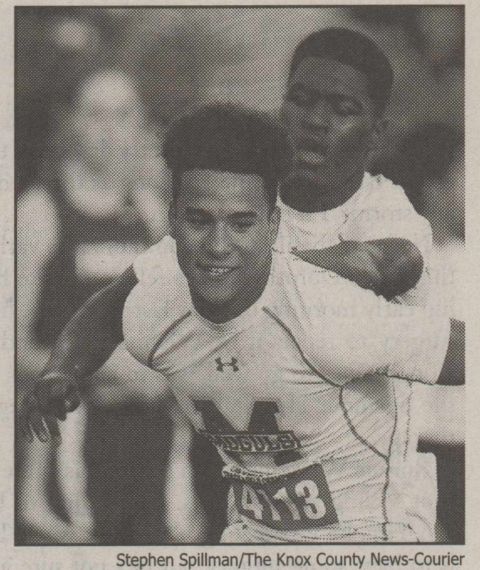
Burton also claimed the 4x200 relay to win the team title with 40 points, eight in front of Blum.



Karla Taylor finishes fourth in the 400 at the state track meet.



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Temerick Reagins anchors all three relay units at state track meet.

Alex Thorn takes baton from Dee Hemphill in the 4x200 relay.

Moguls 10th at state meet

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — The Munday Moguls missed getting to the medal stand here last Saturday in the rain-delayed Class 1A state track meet at the Mike Myers Track Complex, claiming fourths in the 4x100 and 4x400 relays and fifth in the 4x200 relay.

The 20 points earned left the Moguls in 10th place with 20 points.

Water Valley claimed gold medals in both of the shorter relays en route to winning the team title with 90 points while Garden City won the 4x400 relay to take second with 44 points, four ahead of Wink.

Before an over five hour delay for rain, the Moguls' foursome of Day'veon Dockins, Trevor Swearingen, Alex Thorn and Temerick Reagins clocked a season best 44.11 to trail Water Valley, Calvert and Garden City in the 4x100 relay.

With Dee Hemphill and Holt Bivens join-

ing Dockins, Thorn and Reagins, the Moguls clocked 1:32.68 and 3:32.05 in the other relays that were run after the rain delay.

Coach Jeffery Tolliver said Valley, which finished behind Munday at regional, got a break in the 4x400 relay when Jake Merrell, who won gold in the 800, got extra time to rest because of the rain delay.

The Moguls were running third in the 4x400 relay, but Wink's Eli Augusta, who had won the 400 earlier, was able to overtake Reagins.

"Finishing among the top four or five teams in the relays was really a great accomplishment for the kids," Tolliver added.

The Moguls missed adding a few more points when Dockins fouled by inches on a long jump that likely would have finished in the top four. His timing was off and he also fouled on his other two jumps.

In the individual events, Dockins fouled out in his three jumps as his timing was off.

Class 1A Track Results

Team standings — 1. Water Valley, 90; 2. Garden City, 44; 3. Wink, 40; 10. Munday, 20

High jump — 1. Mike Rodriguez, Rankin, 6-6; 2. David Smith, Gholson, 6-5; 3. Grady Shields, Newcastle, 6-4

Pole vault — 1. Jancen Power, Water Valley, 14-0; 2. Landon Roberts, Guthrie, 13-9; 3. Seth Demere, Water Valley, 13-0

Long jump — 1. Ladarius Arnett, Laneville, 22-2; 2. Asher Rogers, Water Valley, 21-11; 3. Grady Shields, Newcastle, 21-1

Triple jump — 1. Asher Rogers, Water Valley, 45-3¾; 2. Michael Rodriguez, Rankin, 44-11; 3. Conner Dawson, Tilden-McMullen, 44-1

Shot put — 1. McClendon Hill, Guthrie, 52-5; 2. Cooper Gray, Happy, 48-10¾; 3. Aquileo Evans, Nuces Canyon, 48-6

Discus — 1. Ross Alison, Strawn, 162-9; 2. McClendon Hill, Guthrie, 159-9; 3. Kyle Brauneck, Roby, 153-8

3,200 — 1. Cash Kunkel, Burton, 9:48.34; 2. Dustin Dominey, Spur, 9:51.69; 3. Jesse Roberts, Sanderson, 9:58.11

400 relay — 1. Water Valley, 43.26; 2. Calvert, 43.58; 3. Garden City, 43.64; 4. Munday, 43.11

800 — 1. Jake Merrell, Turkey Valley, 1:55.11; 2. Logan Swires, Lefors, 1:59.99; 3. George Anaya, Wink,

2:01.40

110 hurdles — 1. Grant Emmons, Menard, 15.15; 2. Conner Dawson, Tilden McMullen, 5.23; 3. Zach Davis, May, 15.25

100 — 1. Martin Loewen, Wellman-Union, 11.23; 2. Alex Caldwell, Savoy, 11.34; 3. Marty Flores, Rochelle, 11.41

800 relay — 1. Water Valley, 1:31.01; 2. Happy, 1:31.40; 3. Garden City, 1:32.10; 5. Munday, 1:32.68

400 — 1. Eli Augusta, Wing, 50.49; 2. Aaron Carman, Wink, 50.68; 3. Skyler Sandusky, Forestburg, 51.38

300 hurdles — 1. Zach Davis, May, 38.86; 2. Conner Dawson, Tilden McMullen, 38.93; 3. Garret Emmons, Menard, 39.73

200 — 1. Jeremy Jackson, Water Valley, 22.50; 2. Zach Adee, Happy, 22.62; 3. Donnell Patterson, Burton, 22.98

1,600 — 1. Jake Merrell, Turkey Valley, 4:22.60; 2. Jesse Roberts, Sanderson, 4:27.20; 3. Cash Kunkel, Burton, 4:32.30

1,600 relay — 1. Garden City, 3:27.04; 2. Turkey Valley, 3:27.60; 3. Wink, 3:31.29; 4. Munday, 3:32.05

GIRLS

Team standings — 1. Burton 40; 2. Blum, 32; 3. Tilden McMullen County, 29; 8. Munday, 18; 36. Benjamin, 6; 56. Knox City, 1

High jump — 1. Makinna Serrata, Tilden McMullen, 5-4; 2. Hannah Moore, Mt. Enterprise, 5-4; 3. Gentry

Munden, Blum, 5-0; 3. Miranda Goswick, Westbrook 5-0; 3. Brittany Bobo, Douglas, 5-0; 6. Myca Flowers Knox City, 5-0.

Pole vault — 1. Sarah Patrick, Saint Jo, 10-3; 2. Lexi Wagner, Cherokee, 10-0; 3. Payton Hastings, Garder City, 9-3

Long jump — 1. Lilly Worthington, Kopperl, 17-1; 2. Tory Weaver, Moran, 16-10; 3. Caleigh Forbus, Bryson 16-9

Triple jump — 1. Makinna Serrata, Tilden McMullen 35-10¾; 2. Tory Weaver, Moran, 35-5¼; 3. Sydney Ritter Groom, 34-8

Shot put — 1. Mollie Mounsey, Follett, 43-5¾; 2. Audrey Lozano, Balmorhea 41-8¾; 3. Emily Brown, Benjamin, 39-10

Discus — 1. Mollie Mounsey, Follett, 128-8; 2. Hannah Kipp, RTC, 122-6; 3. Audrey Lozano, 120-9

3,200 — 1. Kaitlin Bell O'Donnell, 11:28.22; 2. Siena Collins, Saltillo, 11:37.01; 3. Izabelle Smith, Spur, 11:37.15

400 relay — 1. Burton 49.97; 2. Coolidge, 50.49; 3. Munday, 50.80

800 — 1. Kaytlin Waldron Ricksprings, 2:20.61; 2. Shelby McWilliams, Cross Plains 2:20.67; 3. Cheyenne, Shed Dime Box, 2:20.8

100 hurdles — 1. Abigail Sorrells, Blackwell, 15.69; 2. Jacy Sparks, Aspermont 15.70; 3. Makinna Serrata Tilden McMullen, 15.97

100 — 1. Mikala Weavers Happy, 12.77; 2. Callie Crockett, McLean, 12.80; 3. Valerie Alvarez, Morgan, 12.90

800 relay — 1. Burton 1:47.72; 2. Ira, 1:47.76; 3. Burkeville, 1:48.46

400 — 1. Madison Frazier Woodson, 59.89; 2. Dustec Hoelscher, Eden, 1:00.36; 3. Sydney Ritter, Groom 1:01.21; 4. Karla Taylor Munday, 1:01.29

300 hurdles — 1. Jacy Sparks, Aspermont, 46.93; 2. Hope Thomas, Blum, 46.93; 3. Brooklyn Butler, Chireno 47.35; 9. Debra Alvarado Knox City, 51.16

200 — 1. Kenzie Jordan Water Valley, 25.84; 2. Valerie Alvarez, Morgan, 26.06; 3. Keyera Koroma, Leggett 26.33; 8. Kayla Taylor Munday, 26.97

1,600 — 1. Izabelle Smith Spur, 5:16.79; 2. Kaitlin Bell O'Donnell, 5:17.55; 3. Brooke Rauch, Sterling City, 5:28

1,600 relay — 1. Bronte 4:11.87; 2. Roby, 4:12.32; 3. Blum, 4:12.45; 6. Munday 4:21.04

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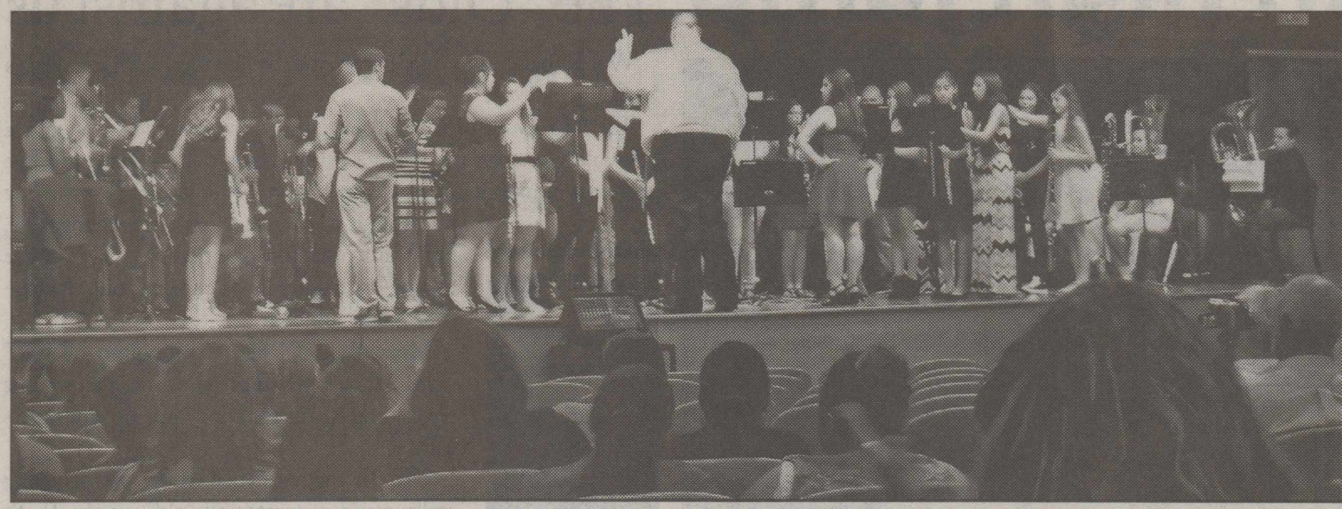
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MHS band holds spring concert Weather Whys



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The Purple Cloud band prepares to premier 2016 marching program at spring concert.

MUNDAY -The Munday High School Purple Cloud band presented its spring concert last Sunday, performing five songs, including Machine Age and The Machine Awakes, as part of sci-fi fantasy spectacular.

In addition, they gave the audience a preview of their 2016 marching program, Into Heart of the Machine.

The flute quartet of Denise Araujo, Rebecca Carranza, Alexis Nunez and Ana Vega and piano soloist Kamille

Redder, who all qualified for state, were featured in Sonatina Giocosa and Clair de Lune.

The beginner and intermediate bands also performed a series of numbers.

Purple Cloud banquet tonight

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY -The Munday High Purple Cloud band will hold its banquet at 7:30 p.m. tonight at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland.

The MHS baccalaureate service and an awards assembly were scheduled yesterday. The MHS senior trip is scheduled Friday and the junior-senior prom on Saturday.

An early release from schools in the

Munday CISD is planned for May 26 following an 10 a.m. assembly at the high school where academic and athletic award winners will be honored.

The Munday High School graduation is scheduled at 7 p.m. May 27.

Knox City CC Schedule

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
 Aug. 27: Glow ball
 Sept. 5: Labor Day play day
 Sept. 10-11: Guys & Dolls
 Sept. 24: Par 3 Classic II
 Oct. 8: Guys & Dolls

Lake Creek Golf Schedule

May 28-29: Daniel Ramirez Memorial Scramble
 June 25: 3 Lady Scramble
 July 9-10: 3 Person Scramble

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Landsprout a weak tornado
 A landsprout is a tornado that has formed from clouds that are not associated with a strong thunderstorm, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Because most tornadoes are formed from the rotating clouds in a supercell thunderstorm, they tend to be stronger than most landsprouts," he says. "A landsprout is generally a short-lived and weak tornado characterized by a smooth tubular-shaped appearance, but some past landsprouts have caused extensive damage."

Can they occur over water?
 The answer is yes, and these are called watersprouts, McRoberts adds. "Watersprouts are common over lakes and the Gulf of Mexico region in late spring and summer," he notes. "They often appear white in color because they have water in them. Like landsprouts, they are generally not nearly as strong as a supercell tornado, but they can sometimes cause moderate to severe storm damage. Because they develop from non-supercells, landsprouts and watersprouts can be almost impossible to forecast, and many of them are never even detected."

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Flowers 6th in high jump

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN—Knox City's Myca Flowers cleared a personal best of 5-0 in the high jump in the Class 1A track meet here last Friday, but had to settle for sixth place.

She missed out on getting a medal because she cleared that height on her second attempt while three other girls—Gentrye Munden of Blum, Miranda Goswick of Westbrook and Brittany Bobo of Douglas—did it on their first tries, sharing the bronze medals.

Makinna Serrata of Tilden McMullen and

Hannah Moore of Mt. Enterprise cleared 5-4 to earn the gold and silver medals.

"Finishing in the top six is quite an accomplishment," said Coach Mindy Flowers.

Meanwhile, Debra Alvarado, the other Knox City qualifier, had to settle for ninth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 51.16. "She ran well considering the long rain delay," added the coach, noting the scheduled 2 p.m. start of the race was delayed until 9 p.m. because of a rain delay.

Jacy Sparks of Aspermont claimed the gold



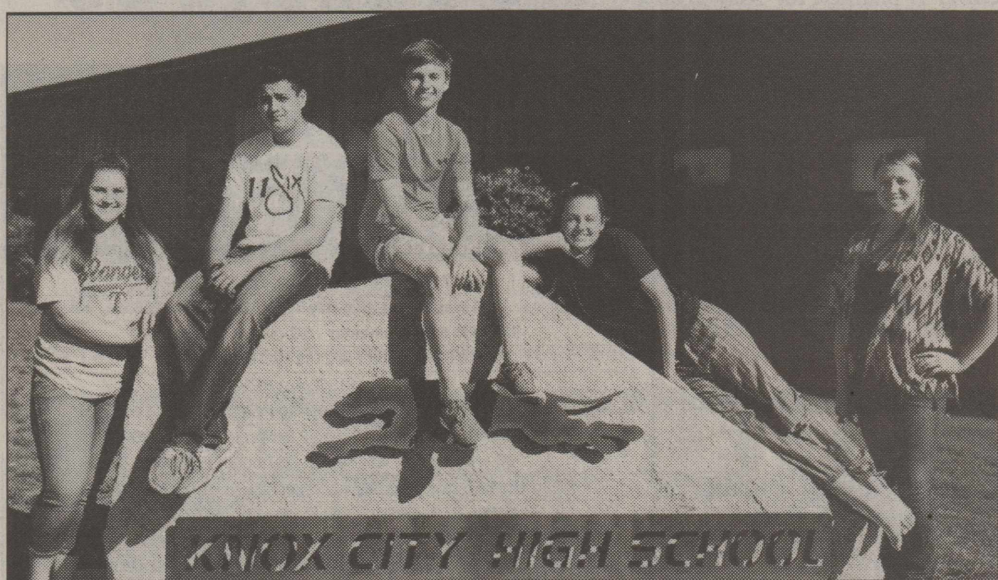
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Myca Flowers in earlier competition.

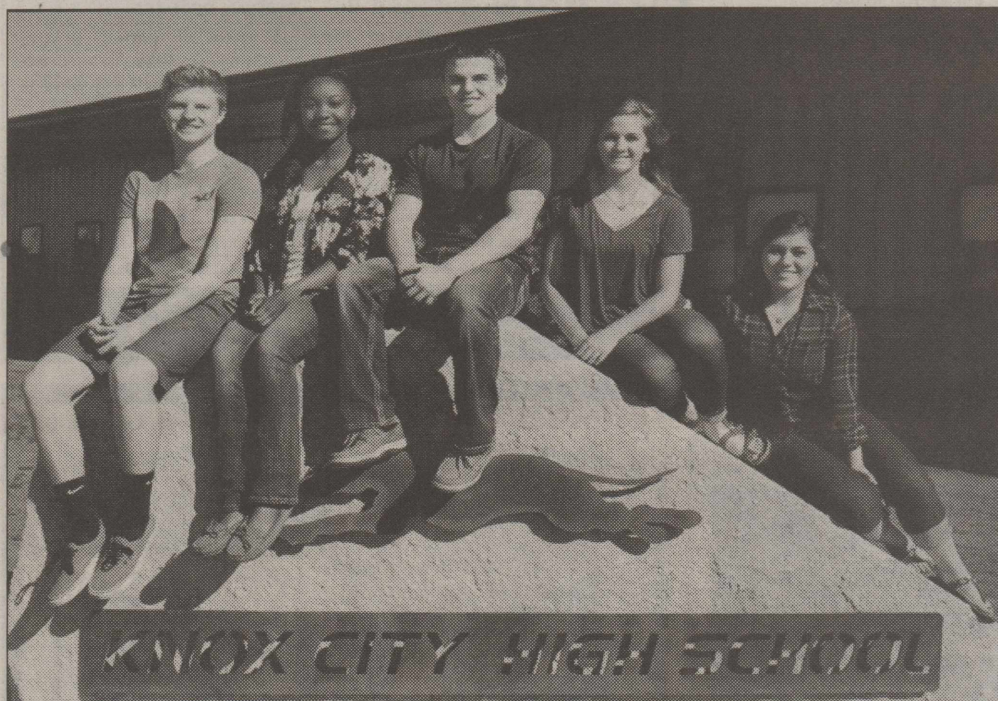
in that hurdles race in a photo finish after she and Hope Thomas of Blum were both timed in 46.93. "The future is bright

for the Houndettes track team and these two will be leaders next year in getting more team members to state," added Flowers.

Knox City High School Class Officers



Freshman class officers (l-r) are Brogan White, Sean Logsdon, Preston Lynn, Makayle Cline and Chloe Grimsley.



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The 501 The "Oids" are against us

Words that end in "oid" bother me. I'd like to avoid them all. It's hard.

The "oid" word of the day yesterday was "solenoid." I bought a shiny new one for my vintage Ford tractor, only to learn too late that an automobile solenoid won't work. Who knew? Not the guy that sold it to me. They look interchangeable, but one works and one doesn't — not on the tractor. I'm calling it the curse of "oid." Maybe they'll take it back.

Meanwhile, I'd like to impound all "oid" words. They're a bad breed running loose. But try finding words that don't line up alphabetically.

OK. In today's cyber world, we probably really could sequester all "oid" words. That's what's wrong with research today. You don't have to work for stuff. Everything's at your fingertips. Too easy.

Shall we try rounding up some "oids" all on our own?

"Solenoid" excluded, "android" springs first to my mind, along with plain old "droid," the shorter version of the word. I've personally known only one. She was a robotic character in a book I read. She had no personality. She did as she was told and added no spark to the story. (Unintentional pun on that non-functioning solenoid.) So if droids are so dull, why would someone use the name "Android" for an operating system? Maybe because "an" is a prefix that negates all connotations of the word to which it's attached? Maybe not. I'm confused. You look it up.

It's my guess that "oid" is most often attached to something to make it a diminutive or synthetic version of something — like "ette." If "oid" were a better-sounding suffix, the English-speaking world would be graced with more "oid" words. As it is, we've got stuff like opioids. At least I thought we did. Spell check doesn't buy "opioid." Oh yeah! I remember now. It's opiate. I guess I was thinking of "ovoid" — the word for any oval that falls short of being an oval. Yep, that's it. "Oid" must be a suffix to apply to anything that doesn't quite measure up.

Unless we consider steroids. Measuring up is what it's all about when it comes to steroids, as in biceps. But there you have it — another "oid" word with some negative connotations.

PAUSE TO THINK OF MORE NEGATIVE "OID" WORDS.

Freud comes to mind. By any other spelling, he would be Froid, except that's French for Cold and doesn't sound at all the same. That's what I like about French. All the "oid" words lose their d's into thin air.

Bottom line, I'm just anti-oid. I'll admit it. I especially don't want any "oid" things that can plague a body — hemorrhoid, fibroid, whatever. Nor do I want death by asteroid.

I'd like to craft an upbeat ending to take us away from all things "oid." I cannot. My mind is a void.

We're left with irony:
Neither my tractor solenoid nor the one I bought to replace it was a true solenoid. Both are relays.

Postscript: I was wrong when I thought spell check had caught me making up a word. Opioids do exist after all. Spell check still doesn't think so.

Friday last day for KC students

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY— Taking advantage of a new way of measuring time by minutes instead of days, students in the Knox City/O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District will get out a week early tomorrow.

Elementary students will have a track event that final day, starting at 9 a.m.

The Knox City High Baccalaureate service is scheduled at 6 p.m. Sunday in the KCHS Auditorium.

The O'Brien Middle School graduation is scheduled for 7 p.m. on May 27 and the Knox City High School graduation at 7 p.m. on May 28, both in the KCHS Auditorium.



Junior class officers (l-r) are Tyler Harvey, Hailee Cox, Amy Harrington, Brylee White and Kate Baker.



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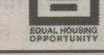
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LEGAL NOTICES

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of the property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

Call to set up Informal Appt. Knox County Appraisal District 940-459-3891

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any materials - whether in paper or electronic form - intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. (Multiple copies of these materials typically must be brought to the hearing so that each ARB member has a copy of all the materials to review.) To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative

will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office or from the Comptroller of Public Accounts at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/taxforms/50-132.pdf.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

**Knox County Appraisal District
Located at: Knox County Courthouse
940-459-3891**

You can get additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's publication, *Property Tax Basics*, available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/pdf/96-1425.pdf.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before April 30 for residence homesteads and May 31 for all other property (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines

For changes of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

Procedimientos para la protesta y apelación de los impuestos de la propiedad

La ley concede a los dueños de propiedades el derecho a protestar las acciones acerca de sus tasaciones de la propiedad. Usted puede utilizar esta guía para la apelación si tiene alguna duda sobre lo siguiente:

- El valor del mercado o de su propiedad;
- La tasación desigual de la propiedad;
- La inclusión de su propiedad en la lista de tasaciones;
- Alguna exención que aplique;
- Los requisitos para una tasación agrícola o de madera;
- El estado imponible de su propiedad;
- El gobierno local que impone los impuestos de la propiedad;
- El título de la propiedad;
- El cambio en el uso de los terrenos con una tasación especial;
- Cualquier acción tomada por el jefe de tasaciones, distrito de tasaciones o la junta de revisión de tasaciones (ARB, por sus siglas en inglés) que aplique y le afecte negativamente

Revisión Informal

Call to set up appointment at : Knox County Appraisal District 940-459-3891

Revisión por el ARB

En caso de no solucionar el problema informalmente con el personal del distrito de tasaciones del condado (CAD, por sus siglas en inglés), puede presentar su caso por la junta de revisiones de tasaciones (ARB).

El ARB es una junta independiente formada por la ciudadanía con el propósito de revisar los problemas en las tasaciones o algún otro asunto listado arriba. La junta posee también el poder de ordenar al CAD a hacer los cambios necesarios para solucionar los problemas. Si usted presenta una solicitud escrita para programar una vista con el ARB o una notificación de protesta antes de la fecha de vencimiento, el ARB cita el caso para una vista. Luego recibirá la notificación que indica la hora, fecha y lugar de la vista. Si es necesario puede además solicitar la vista para asistir en la noche, sábado o domingo. Antes de asistir a la vista, usted puede pedir la evidencia que el CAD intenta presentar durante la vista para establecer cualquier asunto en cuestión. La ley exige que anterior a o inmediatamente después de comenzar la vista, usted o su agente y el CAD deben intercambiar copias del cualquier material - si en la forma de papel o electrónica - destinada a ser ofrecido o enviado al ARB en la vista. (Varias copias de estos materiales típicamente deben ser llevados a la vista para que cada miembro del ARB tiene una copia de todos los materiales a revisar.) En la mayor medida posible, la vista será informal. Usted o un agente designado puede presentarse en persona con la evidencia o enviarla notariada al ARB para revisar durante la vista. El representante de CAD presentará la evidencia sobre su caso. Usted puede

interrogar al representante de CAD. El ARB rendirá su decisión basado en la evidencia presentada. En la mayoría de los casos, el CAD carga la responsabilidad de establecer el valor de la propiedad de acuerdo a la preponderancia de la evidencia presentada.

En ciertas protestas, el jefe de tasaciones tiene la carga de probar el valor de la propiedad por evidencia clara y convincente. Usted debe revisar los procedimientos de las vistas para aprender más sobre la evidencia y asuntos relacionados. Usted puede obtener una copia de una protesta en la oficina del distrito de tasaciones o la Contraloría de Cuentas Públicas en comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/taxforms/50-132.pdf.

No debe contactar a los miembros de ARB fuera de la vista. La ley requiere que los miembros de ARB firmen un affidavit declarando que no han discutido el caso anteriormente.

Revisión por Corte del Distrito, Árbitro o SOAH
Después de que decida su caso, el ARB está obligado a enviar una copia de la orden por correo certificado. Si usted no está satisfecho con la decisión, usted tiene el derecho de apelar. Si usted decide ir a la corte, debe comenzar el proceso presentando una petición dentro de los 60 días de la fecha en que recibió el orden del ARB. En ciertos casos, como alternativa de apelar a la corte del distrito, puede presentar, a más tardar 45 días después que reciba la notificación de la orden del ARB, una solicitud para arbitraje con el distrito de tasaciones del condado. En ciertos casos, usted puede apelar a la oficina estatal de vistas administrativas (SOAH, por sus siglas en inglés). Una apelación a SOAH se inicia, a más tardar 30 días después de recibir la notificación de la orden del ARB, presentado con el jefe de tasaciones del distrito de tasaciones del condado de una solicitud de apelación. Las apelaciones a la corte del distrito, arbitraje obligatorio, o SOAH requieren pago de ciertas cuotas o depósitos.

El Pago de los Impuestos

Usted debe pagar el monto de impuestos debido por la parte del valor imponible no disputado, la cantidad de impuestos debido en la propiedad bajo la orden de que se han adoptado la apelación o la cantidad de impuestos debido en el año anterior.

Información Adicional

Usted puede obtener más información poniéndose en contacto con su distrito de tasaciones en:

**Knox County Appraisal District
Knox County Courthouse
940-459-3891**

Puede obtener información adicional acerca de cómo preparar una protesta de la publicación de la Contraloría, lo Básico de los Impuestos de la Propiedad, disponible en el sitio web de la División de Asistencia al Contribuyente de la Contraloría en comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/pdf/96-1425.pdf.

Fechas de vencimiento para presentar protestas al ARB*

Fecha de Vencimiento Usual

En o antes del 30 de abril para residenciales y el 31 de mayo para toda otra propiedad (o dentro de 30 días después de que un aviso del valor tasado fue enviado a usted, cualquiera es más tarde).

Las protestas tardías son permitidas si usted falla en cumplir la fecha de vencimiento usual por causa justa. El ARB decide si usted tiene una buena causa.

Las protestas tardías no son permitidas después de que el ARB aprueba los informes para el año.

Fecha de Vencimiento Especial

Para el cambio de uso (el distrito de tasaciones lo informó que usted está perdiendo la tasación del terreno agrícola porque ha cambiado el uso de su tierra), la fecha de vencimiento es no más adelante que el trigésimo día después de la notificación de la determinación fue entregado a usted.

Para cambios de ARB (el ARB le ha informado de un cambio que aumenta su responsabilidad fiscal y el cambio no es el resultado

de una protesta que presentó), la fecha de vencimiento no es más adelante que el trigésimo día después de la notificación del cambio fue entregado a usted.

**Last Day to Protest
June 23rd, 2016**

Si usted cree que el distrito de tasaciones o ARB fallaron en enviar la notificación, usted puede presentar una protesta hasta el día antes de la fecha de vencimiento para pagar los impuestos (por lo general el 1ro de febrero) o a más tardar el día 125 después de la fecha en que usted reclama que recibió la factura de los impuestos de una o más de las unidades imponibles recuadros de los impuestos de su propiedad. El ARB determina el mérito de presentar la vista basado en la evidencia del envío de la notificación obligatoria.

* La fecha de vencimiento es postergada hasta el próximo día laboral si se cae durante el fin de semana o día de fiesta legal, estatal o nacional.

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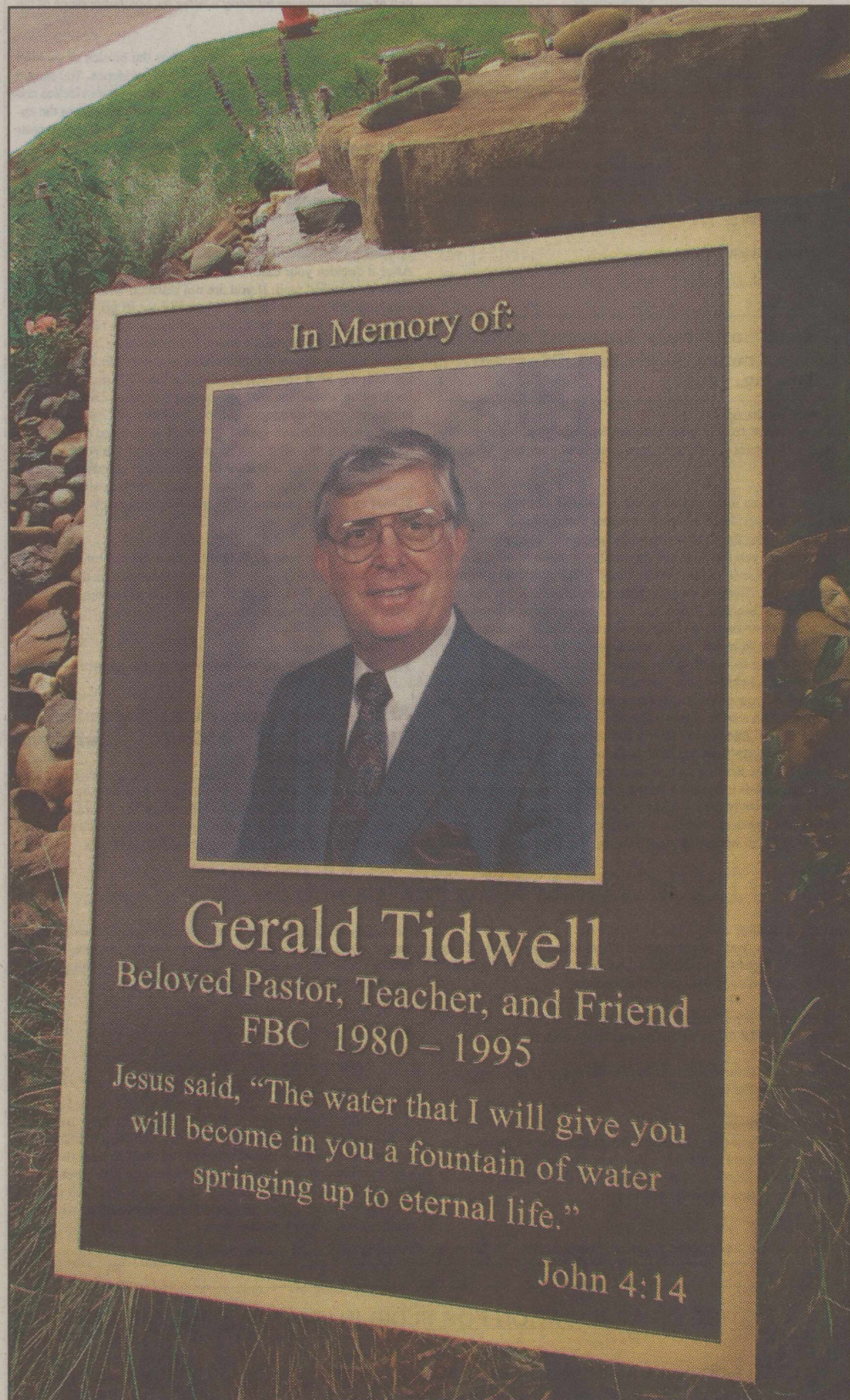
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Tax notices in the mail

BENJAMIN—Tax notices will be mailed to all Knox County by the last week in May, according to Tax Assessor-Collector Mitzi Welch. By state law, the previous year's estimated values are used in these notices. Welch notes her office doesn't get the new

tax rates until they are reported by all entities in the county and the Munday Consolidated Independent School District's rates will definitely be higher because of the passage of the \$8 million bond proposal and will be reflected on the October tax statements.

Tidwell honored



Courtesy photo

Former Munday resident Gerald Tidwell was honored at the dedication of the First Baptist Church of Durant's new 210-seat student worship center with a plaque at the waterfall.

Mac's Views

While I usually leave political concerns for our publisher Chris Blackburn to address as he does again elsewhere in this issue, I do have a few things on my mind that I wanted to share and for you to think about.



JAMES MCAFEE

First, I think far too much money is spent on elections and I would love to see more of it used in other places, like helping veterans who have risked their lives for us or for some of the homeless. Government never seems to get everything done that it should as the lawmakers are too busy with their re-election campaigns or making deals with each other that may not be in everyone's best interest. If you lie to congress, it's a felony; but if

congress lies to us, it's just politics. If we dislike a black, it's racist; but if a black dislikes a white, it's their first amendment rights. We have these same first amendment rights, but now only if they are politically correct. The government takes money away from those like me that work, even at 75, and give it to others who don't work. OK, that's enough, let's change the theme and enjoy a laugh that I got from a friend on Facebook recently. Driving down a country road, a man saw a farmer standing in the field. Stopping, he asked, "Excuse me, what are you doing?" The farmer replied, "Trying to win a Noble Prize." Of course, the man was puzzled. The farmer continued, "I heard they gave that prize to people who are outstanding in their field."

Tips to protect your home

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY—Knox City police chief Richard Candelaria conducted another Neighborhood Watch program here Monday night in an effort to let residents know how to better protect their homes from crime. "Watching out and helping out are two principles in making the crooks aware the community is looking out and will report it to the police," he said. Here are some simple steps he recommends: Make sure all doors are locked at night and every time you leave the house. If possible, doors should be of solid hardwood or metalclad. Doors should have wide-angle viewers at heights everyone can use. If there are glass panels on or near the door, they need to be reinforced in some way so they cannot be shattered. Do not leave spare keys under a doormat, planter, ledge or in the mailbox. If possible, leave the keys with a trusted neighbor. The door leading from an attached garage to the house needs to be locked with a dead-bolt. The overhead garage door should be closed and if necessary locked. Close the garage when you leave the house.

Sliding doors should have a dowel or a pin to prevent it from being lifted off the track and should be locked every night and when you leave. Windows should be secured and closed when leaving and each window should have a key locked or be securely pinned. Shrubs and bushes need to be trimmed and dark areas eliminated so there is no place for an intruder to hide. If possible, have a motion-sensor with light to illuminate visitors. Make sure house number is clearly displayed so police and emergency vehicles can find it quickly. Make sure gate latches and shed doors are locked after every use. Store grills, lawn mowers and other items in a shed or the garage. Secure bicycles with a u-bar lock or chain. Make sure firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes. Mark your valuables with identification numbers and keep an updated list in a secure area. Do not leave mail in a mailbox or papers in the front yard. Instead have a friend pick them up. Do not post on social media when you are going on vacation or shopping. Call the police department and request your house be put on a watch list.

Knox City will seek third officer

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

Candelaria mentioned in his report that the city was expected to be awarded a \$32,000 grant that would help with the purchase of a new vehicle. J.R. Hodges, Gary Schnable and Fred Ledesma took oaths of office after a canvas of the recent election. Then Zeke Duke was elected as the mayor pro-tem.

After discussing an inter-local agreement with the city of O'Brien, the Council decided to set up a meeting with the city council in O'Brien to determine how to go forward with the current arrangement where city employees provided assistance. A review of the city codes will be undertaken with an assist from other citizens. The council heard that the current repair of roads and ditches were behind schedule because of equipment problems that the current contractor was having. In addition, administrator Sam Watson mentioned that there were still problems with the pipes that transfer water from one of the new wells. A request from Charley Starnes concerning building a shed on a dead end alley that was also a public right of way was tabled.

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