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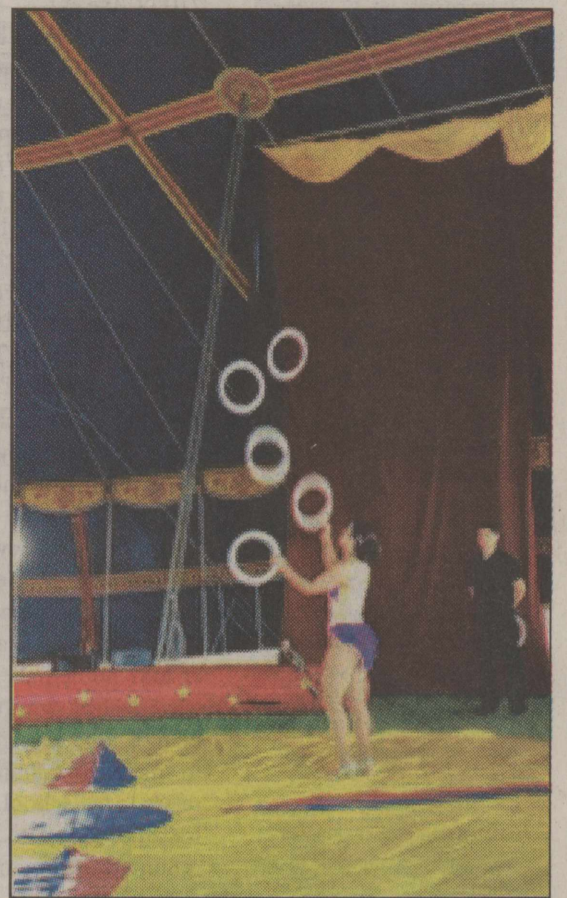
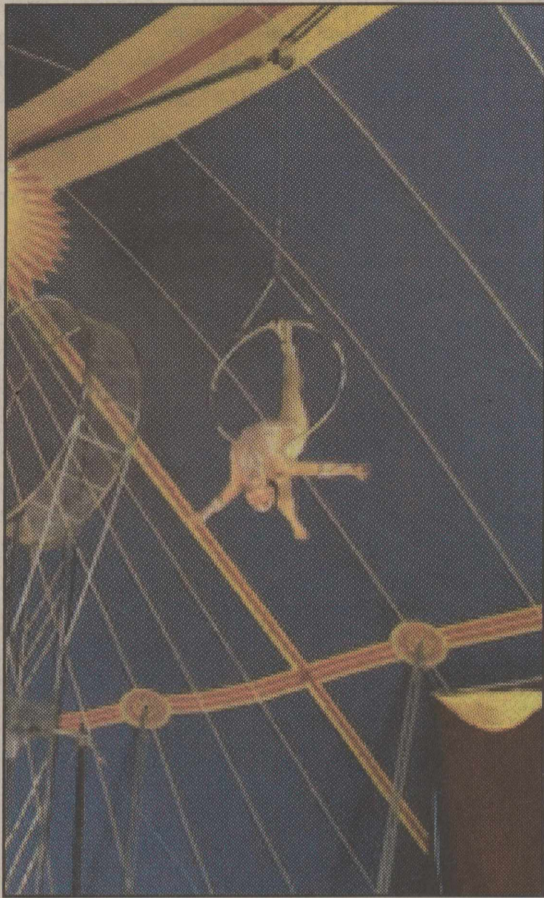
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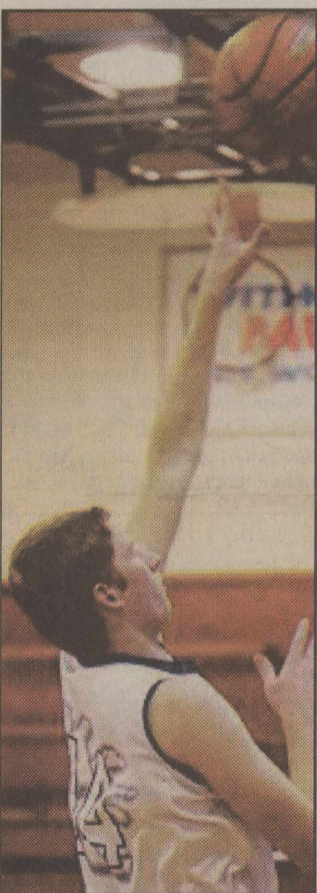
Circus comes to town



Munday youngsters and their parents and grandparents got to see acts like these two when the circus came to town Monday and Tuesday.

Courtesy photos

KC cagers shine in all-star games



Coach Dylan Ballard, McKaylie Steele on winning all-star team.

James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Ryan Heard (left) in an earlier game

Sheri Baby/The Knox County News-Courier

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

WICHITA FALLS—Knox City's Makaylie Steele and Ryan Heard made their presence known inside during the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star basketball games here Saturday at D.L. Ligon Coliseum.

Steele, who was named all-state by the Texas Girls Coaches Association, led in rebounds with eight as the West won for the 10th straight year, 63-48. She added six points and had four blocks.

It was a dream come true for Steele as she had attended the six-man coaches activities many times as the kid of a coach.

"It was a great experience for me," said Knox City coach Dylan Ballard, who coached the winning West team. "I learned a lot. The talented level of the girls made my job easy! I was lucky to have such a great group of girls. My assistant Eric Simonds of Ira helped me out a lot as well. He's a great coach. Overall it was a great week!"

Heard, a second team all-stater, also led in rebounds with seven, but the West lost, 47-

42, ending an eight-game winning streak. He also had four blocks and scored four points.

Knox City's Skylar Neill, who had been listed as one of the all-stars participating, had to miss the game because some college stuff came up and he was unable to be there for the whole week, according to his coach Josh Webb.

Mollie Mounsey, an all-stater from Follett who will continue her cage career at Steward College in Liberal, KS in the fall, claimed MVP honors in the girls game, scoring 25 points plus adding five rebounds, four steals and three assists.

Tyler Tull, a second team all-stater from Bryson, was the boys MVP, scoring eight points and adding four blocks and six rebounds.

Matt Heji and Katie Holcomb of Abbott were the East girls coaches. The Avalon staff of Khris Marshall, James Cashion and John de la Garza handled the East boys while Meadow's Kyle Johnson and Cade Brown coached the West boys.

Patrick Tillis, a second team all-state utility

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Jackson, Waters named Benjamin coaches

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN—Benjamin High School has filled its boys coaching assignments with the promotion of James Jackson to football coach and the naming of Shannon Waters as basketball coach.

Jackson, who also serves as the pastor at First Baptist Benjamin, had served as an assistant to Jacob Navarro last season.

"I'm looking forward to the start of football as all the boys are back and have experience," Jackson said. "We have eighth graders moving up that will offer us more depth than we've had in the past."

Jackson graduated from Howard Payne University in 1989 with a degree in recre-

ation, but after four years in the Army decided to instead attend the Southwestern Baptist Theology Seminary. After a few years as a youth minister, he spent three and a half years as minister at First Baptist Munday. He then worked for more than five years with the Knox County Sheriff's office before deciding to get his teacher's certificate and taking the job of teaching sixth grade at Benjamin and helping with the coaching.

Waters, who also is the pastor at the Believers Chapel in Munday, was officially hired last Monday night at a special meeting of the BISD board. He will be teaching History 8-12 and coaching in all boys sports for Benjamin High School and Junior High.



Courtesy photo

Claude Rister, who won the B and senior divisions, congratulated by Terry Gray.

Ritchie claims top shooting award

Special to The News-Courier

GOREE—Robin Ritchie claimed the highest overall shooter award at the third annual Big Country Clay Shoot at a shooting range near here last Saturday.

Donna Ritchie and Krystal Gregory finished as the women's winners, Claude Rister and Tommy Decker finished one-two for shooters over 60 and Clay Jackson and Cody Dutton paced the junior shooters.

Setting the pace in the other classes were Kyle Woodward and Cody in Class A, Rister and Johnny Urbanczyk in Class B, Larry Welch and Jonathan Urbanczyk in Class C and Cole Jordan and Jason Gregory in Class D.

The shoot was held in memory of Kole Gray. "Kole would be so proud to see everyone come together to make this happen in his honor," Karen Gray said.

MCISD approves sale of bonds

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday CISD approved the sale of bonds during a meeting here last Wednesday.

Leon Johnson of George K. Baum & Company led the discussion regarding the sale of bonds, telling the board that the tax rate can be set lower than was anticipated to pay off the bonds.

Johnson also indicated that the district had options to pay off the bonds earlier than 30 years with the first option being in 10 years, allowing the board to have the ultimate decision on the tax rate in order to have funds available to pay off the bond earlier or to possibly refinance in 10 years or later.

The bond market was very favorable for the MCISD after it received a very good rating by Standard and Poor, leading to an average interest rate of 3.08%.

Supt. Troy Parton discussed the calendar for the Lamar University Superintendent Leadership Academy, to which he has been accepted, going over the dates and highlighting a trip with the board in February.

Parton explained the facilities work that is going on, some of it new building related: the surveyors had been out and would continue work on Thursday; DigTest has been out and marked all of the lines, with the help of Atmos Energy to find gas lines; the clearing of the lot south of the high school had begun, this lot will be a parking lot for football, volleyball and basketball for this school year; the new scoreboard will be installed next week, the folks who bought sponsorship spots need to get their ads to the school or to Sign-On.

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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.

Watermelon Festival

KNOX CITY—The 28th annual Donald Johnson Memorial Watermelon Festival, presented by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled here July 29-30. Vendors will man booths starting at 1 p.m. Friday. A parade is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. and local musicians will provide music at the city park. Booths will be open 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday. In addition, free swimming, kiddie train rides and watermelon will be provided at the city park.

'The Chosen' to perform

MUNDAY—The Munday Ministerial Alliance will present "The Chosen," a Southern Gospel singing group consisting of area ministers, at 6 p.m. July 31 at First Baptist Church Munday. Paul Wright of Common Ground Ministries in Stamford, formerly of Munday, is the director. Other members include Danny Edmond of Hopewell Baptist Church in Haskell, Billy Ford of Bethesda Baptist Church in Anson, Gene Ward of Liberty Church of God in Christ Church in Knox City and Ernest Flanders of Munday.

ASBDC to stop in KC

KNOX CITY—The Double Mountain Outreach Services (ASBDC) from Aspermont will be here at the city hall from 1-4 p.m. next Thursday to provide help to those who need help with utility bills, dental fillings or extraction, eyeglasses or for overcoming poverty.

Relay for Life fundraiser

MUNDAY—A fundraiser for Relay for Life is scheduled July 31 at First United Methodist Church. Burgers, chips and desserts of all kinds will be served from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. There will also be a silent auction for donated items, including two tickets to a Texas Rangers game on Aug. 27.

Hiz Kiz fundraiser

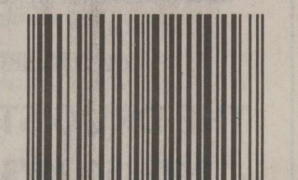
MUNDAY—Brown Bag Burritos will be served starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday for \$6 at the Munday downtown park across from city hall as a fundraiser for Hiz Kiz.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Spikes

Dorothy Faye Spikes, 87, longtime resident of Benjamin, passed away Sunday, July 17, 2016, at Seymour Rehabilitation and Health-care in Seymour. Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday at Benjamin Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation was planned for Wednesday evening at the funeral home in Knox City, Texas located at 210 N Ave A.

Dorothy was born Oct. 23, 1928, in Archer City to Oscar Campbell and Myra (Pennington) Campbell. She graduated from Wichita Falls High School and on Aug. 5, 1949, married Bill Spikes in Odessa. In 1950, they moved to Colorado Springs and lived there until 1955 to return to Benjamin. Three years later they moved to Eagle Pass, NM, and lived there until 1969 when they moved to Wray, CO. Bill and Dorothy eventually moved to Byers, CO until 1980 when they moved back to Benjamin to make their permanent home.

She was a dedicated mother and homemaker. Dorothy was involved with the kids by being a 4-H leader and active in many community events related to school and civics. She helped to organize a mounted drill team that performed at rodeos and other



DOROTHY SPIKES

events in northeast New Mexico. Dorothy was a talented artist in many endeavors, including pencil sketches, weaving, quilting and knitting. She was a very good seamstress and did a lot with her hands. Although, she did work outside the home, her main attention was on her kids and maintaining a home.

She was preceded in death by her parents Oscar and Myra (Pennington) Campbell and her husband Bill Spikes, who passed away in February of 1999.

Dorothy is survived by sons Rusty Spikes and wife Janis of Archer City, Ty Spikes of Huntsville and Guy Spikes and wife Donna of Seymour; daughter Penny Eaton of Benjamin; nine grandchildren Sammi, Blue, Tag, Matthew, Sarah, Kendra, Helen, Crystal and Chris; and six great-grandchildren.

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

Valarie Kinnibrugh

Valarie (Val) Kinnibrugh was born Peggy Valarie Burgess on July 27, 1928 in Hale Center to Henrietta and Earl Burgess. She graduated from Gilliland High School and went to North Texas University two years, majoring in Home Economics, before marrying John Kinnibrugh on Jan. 25, 1947. She was a homemaker and active in the Gilliland Baptist Church.

In 1963 John and Val moved to South Plains where she was active in the South Plains Baptist Church. In 1965 she began teaching elementary in South Plains, where the desire to be involved in children's education began. The next year she went to West Texas University, with a 2-year-old and driving 145 miles a day on the days she went to class, to slowly earn her degree in Elementary Education and a teaching certificate in 1968.

Valarie taught second grade in Floydada for six years. In 1975 John and Val moved back to their farm in Gilliland and Valarie taught Remedial Reading in Munday. After that she taught first, second, and kindergarten in Benjamin.

She loved all her students very much, and enjoyed working with them. It was not unusual to see her students sitting in her lap at



VALARIE KINNIBRUGH

football games. Val had many heartwarming stories to tell of her students through her many years of teaching.

She retired at 62 years of age to help John on the farm, until he retired five years later. They leased their farm to a nephew and moved to Abilene, and soon joined Pioneer Baptist Church where they made many good friends.

John and Val had five children, James Earl, John Anthony, Beverly Ann, William Edward, and John Mark Kinnibrugh.

Valarie was predeceased by James Earl, John Anthony and William Edward, all having died in infancy. They had

short lives, but were loved no less. Her husband John died June 1, 2005. They had been married 58 years at the time of John's death. She was also predeceased by her father Earl, her mother Henrietta, her brothers Earl L., Orville, Dwight and her sister La Rue Reeves.

Valarie lived a good an honorable life, and was loved dearly by her children, friends and students.

Graveside services were held Monday at the Vera Cemetery with Dr. Jeff Reid officiating. Services were under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene.

Memorials may be made in Valarie's honor to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605; or to the Alzheimer's Association, 2630 West Freeway, Suite 100, Ft. Worth, TX 76102.

Condolences may be submitted online at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com

Knox County Aging Center Menu

- Menus for week of July 25-29
- Monday: Smothered pork chops, rice, mixed vegetables, rolls, cake
 - Tuesday: Meatloaf, bliss potatoes, breadstick, peas and carrots, apple crisp
 - Wednesday: BBQ chicken, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, cake
 - Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, peach cobbler
 - Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot stick, jello

Area News

Food training course

ABILENE—Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Nolan Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course for \$125 on Aug. 15-16 at the Taylor County Extension Office. Cost includes training, materials, and the ServSafe food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. Registration deadline is Monday.

Rochester garage sale

ROCHESTER—A community-wide garage sale will be held here July 30. Maps will be available at 7 a.m. that day downtown. If you would like to participate, call Linda Short 325 669-0338, Karen Hayley 940 207-0915 or Tamara Smart 940 256-1737. In addition, a bake sale to benefit the Rochester Museum will be

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June Esquivel

June Esquivel passed away Friday, July 15, 2016 at the age of 65. June was born June 4, 1951 in Santa Rita, Guam

to Gonzalo and Beatris Fernandez. She and Robert Esquivel Sr. were married May 13, 1978 in Knox City.

June was a LVN for 33 years and worked at various places in this area. She worked at the Knox County Hospital, Munday Nursing Center and Haskell Memorial Hospital. She was known for her famous eggrolls and her crocheting. June loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Verna and brother Richard.

June is survived by her husband of 38 years Rob-

ert of Munday; sons Frank Skidmore of College Station and Robert Esquivel Jr. of Munday; daughters Marguerite Poston of Cisco and Jaelyn Esquivel of Wichita Falls; sisters Helen, Vickie, Martha, Geraldine and Madeline; brothers George and Victor. Also, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A rosary was held Wednesday at the funeral home in Munday. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland. Interment will follow at Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

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From the Preacher's Desk

Study of parables under way

We have begun a new class on Wednesday evening on the parables of Jesus. PLEASE come and join us at 7 p.m. for these lessons.

Jesus was asked by His disciples why He spoke to the people in parables and He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them"; and, "This is why I speak to them in parables: 'Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand'" (Matthew 13:11, 13)

Jesus makes it clear as He tells these parables (stories), that those who are really seeking for truth from Him will understand the parables and those who don't really want to know the truth from Him will not understand. So, come and listen to the 32 parables of Jesus and see if you really want to know the truth He presents from the Father.

On Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., our adult class is presently studying the book of Acts. We are on chapter 25 and we will soon be finished with the book. In a few weeks, we will finish the book and the elders have asked me to do a study of the prophets of the Old Testament. This will be an exciting study and will introduce us to some really amazing men of God who lived in difficult times and yet stayed true to the God of the Bible.

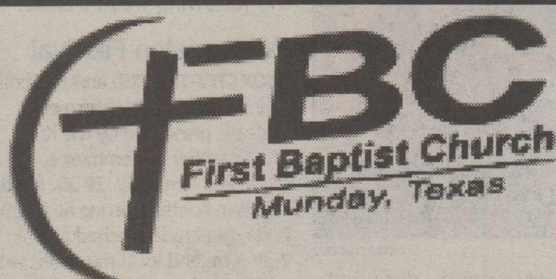
I don't need to remind anyone that we are living in some really terrible times here in America and many times people tell me they feel like giving up in despair. Believe it or not, these men lived in worse times than today and yet they kept living for God even when faced with terrible persecution. In this study, we can learn how to be true to Him no matter what happens in the world around us.

In 2 Timothy 2:15, it says, "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This clearly tells us two things:

1. We are to study if we are to be approved by God.
2. People are to "rightly divide" the Word of God, which means people can "wrongly divide" the Word of God.

Everybody is invited to join for these two studies and see if you can understand the parables of Jesus and if you can learn how to "rightly divide" God's Word. We look forward to you being present!

—Wayne Speer, Munday Church of Christ



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Sheriff's Report

June 25-July 16

1. Lee, Dewan, 6/16/16, Dob 7/27/82, Fail to register/Sex offender, (F-2) Foard County
2. Pope, Jennifer Ann, 6/27/16, Dob 4/17/84, Criminal trespass, (M-B) Baylor County
3. Smith, Emmett Lee, 6/28/16, Dob 12/21/41, Criminal trespass (M-B) Knox County
4. Plume, Cleborn Michael, 6/28/16, Dob 10/29/94, Assault causing bodily injury/Family (M-A) Knox County
5. Barber, Melinda Sue, 6/28/16, Dob 11/01/72, Assault causing bodily injury/Family (M-A) Knox County
6. Tole, Katie Marie, 6/30/16, Dob 1/27/91, MTR: Possess marijuana (M-B) Knox County
7. McNulty, Bobby Lewis, 6/30/16, Dob 7/27/82, Assault causing bodily injury/Family (M-A) Knox County

8. Pierce, Bryston Tres, 7/5/16, Dob 9/6/95, Surety off bond/Criminal trespass x 2, (M-A), FTA Criminal trespass/habitation x2, (M-A) Baylor County
9. Jones, Vernon Ray, 7/6/16, Dob 9/14/73, DWI 2nd, (M-A) Knox County
10. Mayes, Roy Lee, 7/6/16, Dob 11/27/68, Possess controlled substance, (SJF) Knox County
11. Tole, Katie Marie, 7/5/16, 1/27/91, Unrestrained Child Passenger, Fail to appear, No drivers license, No insurance (M-C) x 4 Knox County
12. Barker, Jeramie Dwane, 7/9/16, Dob 8/11/76, MTR/Continuous violence/family (F-3) Baylor County
13. Thorn, Casey Lloyd, 7/12/16, Dob 4/12/82, Open container (M-C) Knox County
14. Mendoza, Valerie, 7/12/16, Dob 1/18/95,

- No drivers license, Violate promise to appear (M-C) x 2, Knox County
15. Kinnibrugh, Dennis, 7/12/16, Dob 4/24/52, Parole violation/Burglary of habitation, (F-2) Baylor
 16. Dickson, Robert, 7/12/16, Dob 4/22/72, Theft (M-A), Traffic fines x 4 (M-C) Knox County
 17. Araujo, Jose Benito, 7/12/16, Dob 3/21/64, Public intoxication (M-C) Knox County
 18. Joseph, Linnies Ray, 7/16/16, Dob 4/25/87, Burglary of a building (SJF) Knox County
 19. Perry, Heston O'Neal, 7/16/16, Dob 5/5/83, Burglary of a building (SJF) Knox County
 20. Masias, Michael Ray, 7/16/16, Dob 9/21/88, Criminal trespass, (M-A) Knox County
- Dean W. Homstad Sheriff
Knox County

Knox 4-H'ers earn state honors

Knox County was well represented at the Texas 4-H State Round-up at the Texas A&M campus in College Station in June.

- Kathryn Cude and Grace Tidwell placed 18th at Educational Presentation in the very crowded "Open" category.
- Tidwell, Ryan and Corrie Earthman and McKayla Coplen earned eighth place at Food Challenge in the "Fruits and Vegetables" category.
- Ryan and Corrie Earthman and Coplen placed fifth at Duds to Dazzle in the "Wearable" category.
- Corrie Earthman finished sixth at the Fashion Show in "Construction: Semi-Formal to Formal."
- Cude, who served on the state council and as president of District 3, received multiple 4-H awards and scholarships.

At the District 3 Teen Leader Lab, a summer leadership camp for 4-Hers held at the

4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, Knox County had five participants: Cude, Ryan Earthman, Corrie Earthman, Coplen and Shawn Earthman.

Being members of the outgoing District 3 Council team, both Cude and Ryan Earthman led classes on "Public Speaking" and "Leadership Communication", respectively, while the other three participants sat in on these classes and others, learning about leadership, communication, and even how to dance.

District Council elections for this coming year were also held at "Leader Lab", with Corrie Earthman being elected to the office of parliamentarian. The new District Council spent time after the camp together in Brownwood getting to know each other and brainstorming for the approaching year. They will make their first group appearance at District 3 4-H Food Challenge in October.

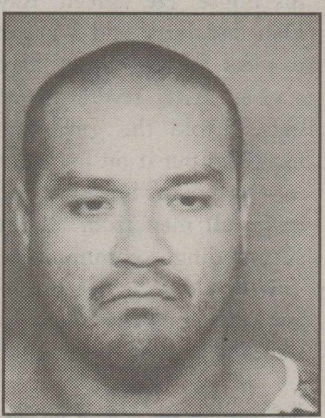
Grand jury to hear Munoz case

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BENJAMIN—Jesse Munoz Jr.'s case for theft from Stonewall County and for evading arrest will go to the grand jury, reports Sheriff Dean Homstad.

Knox County deputy Jose Rose attempted to make contact with Munoz in regard to an out of county warrant back in May.

After making contact and identifying himself as a peace officer, the suspect sped off in his own vehicle. After a brief chase through Knox City, Munoz was cornered with the help of Knox City patrolman Nick Gregory at his mother's residence and was arrested after a brief foot pursuit.



JESSE MUNOZ JR.

Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

Sadness continues, as we have experienced another tragic incident over the weekend. I've been looking to the "Big Man" for inspiration and the following is where He led me. God Says: "Trust me, and I will make everything new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). I hope it gives you a little bit of inspiration you've been looking for as well.

- Reach Out
- Encourage
- Connect
- Inspire
- Progress
- Eat

Recipe for Peace

- 1 cup of friendship
- ½ cup of hope
- 2 cups of love
- 5 tbsp. of respect
- ½ cup kindness
- 1 cup of joy
- 3 tsp. understanding
- 1 ½ cups of honesty

Mix friendship, love and kindness in a large bowl. Add understanding a few drops at a time. Stir in honesty and joy for good firm dough. Sprinkle half of respect over it and mix well. Pour into cake pan and bake at 350 degrees. When it is ready pour the hope and the rest of respect on top and share with everyone you know.

World Peace Cookies

- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
 - 1/3 cup natural unsweetened cocoa powder
 - ½ tsp. baking soda
 - 1 tbsp. + 3 tbsps. unsalted butter, room temp.
 - 2/3 cup packed golden brown sugar
 - ¾ cup sugar
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - ¾ tsp. fine sea salt
 - 5 oz. extra-bittersweet chocolate (do not exceed 85% cacao), chopped no larger than 1/3 inch
- Sift flour, cocoa and baking soda into medium bowl. Using electric mixer, beat butter in large bowl until smooth but not fluffy. Add both sugars, vanilla

and sea salt; beat until fluffy, about two minutes. Add flour mixture; beat just until blended (mixture may be crumbly. Add chopped chocolate; mix just to distribute (if dough doesn't come together, knead lightly in bowl to form ball). Divide dough in half. Place each on sheet of plastic wrap. Form each into one to one half inch diameter log. Wrap each in plastic; chill until firm, about three hours. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Using thin sharp knife, cut logs crosswise into one half inch thick rounds. Space one inch apart on prepared sheets. Bake one sheet



at a time until cookies appear dry (cookies will not be firm or golden at edges), 11 to 12 minutes. Transfer to rack; cool. Also share with everyone you know.

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

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We truly appreciate all the participants that came to shoot. We would also like to thank those that helped with all the behind the scenes management.

Kole would be so proud to see everyone come together to make this happen in his honor. We can't wait for the 4th Annual Big Country Clay Shoot.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

This week's news begins with expressions of sympathy to families in this area who have lost loved ones.

On Friday, Johnny Daniel, a former Truscott resident who has been living in Dallas, died of an apparent heart attack while en route to his daughter's home in Louisiana. He and his wife Janet were about two hours from their daughter's home when he was stricken. Janet managed to get the vehicle stopped, avoiding any accident that could have occurred. Johnny was a nice young man and his death leaves a void in many lives. His funeral was scheduled yesterday at Sullivan Funeral home in Vernon with burial in Truscott. He was the middle son of R. C. and Joann and a nephew of Janice Tolson of Benjamin.

On Sunday morning, Benjamin lost a friend when word of the death of Dorothy Spikes was received. Dorothy had broken her hip several weeks ago and had

been in the Seymour Nursing Center for a while. Her funeral (graveside rites) is tentatively set for 10 A.M. Thursday at the Benjamin Cemetery.

We also learned on Saturday of the death of Valerie Kinnibrugh. Val died in Abilene late last week. Graveside rites for her were held at Vera. Valarie taught school here and was loved by her students, fellow teachers, and all others who knew her.

Here 'n there
The hot weather continues! We did get a shower or two last week, but just enough to make the days more humid. No rain is in sight for this week.

Jan Carver told me that her son-in-law Gary Antile is doing well following triple bypass surgery about three weeks ago. Gary lives in Wingate. His wife is the former Stasia Carver. Good to hear that he is doing so well.

Janice and Buddy Tolson returned home Wednesday night after about a 10-day

vacation trip to interesting points in New Mexico and Arizona. Janice said they had a good time, but home sure looked good to them when they got back.

Teresa Washington of Childress spent Tuesday night with Mike and Debi Moorhouse. Teresa and Debi have been friends a long time. They worked together at Childress Regional Medical Center for several years.

Tammie Lyles and her grandchildren Talon and Lexie Collins of Munday, returned home Wednesday after a two-week visit with Tammie's daughter and son-in-law Cassie and Cody Wainscott near Raleigh, NC. Reports are that they had a wonderful time.

I had a good visit by phone with my good friend Jonnie Matthews Yandell. She lives in San Antonio and called to wish me a belated Happy Birthday. It's always good to hear from friends of "long ago."

Also had a good visit (also by phone) with Janice Johnson New. She and Parker live at Pipe Creek. They are doing great. She's had a bout with cancer and several rounds of chemo and radiation, but so far everything is looking good. They plan to be in Gilliland for the homecoming on Labor Day.

And while on the subject, I had birthday cards from Joan Sokora Blake, she and Tommy live in Friendswood, and also Jimmy Morgan. He and his wife Wanda live in Waco. They were all classmates of mine.

It's official—James Jackson will be the head coach of the Benjamin Mustangs this next year. We had heard rumors that this was going to be a fact, and on Sunday, James confirmed it. We congratulate him and look forward to a good Mustang season.

Janet Reed's mom Edith Broach of Knox City is a patient in UMC in Lubbock. She was admitted early last Thursday morning and has been undergoing tests to try to determine her problem. Hopefully the doctors will find out her problem soon and get her on the road to recovery.

Men's prayer breakfasts attract more than 100

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY—The Men's Ministry Coalition conducts a men's fellowship breakfast each first Saturday here at The Nickel. All area men are invited to the next one at 7 a.m. Aug. 6.

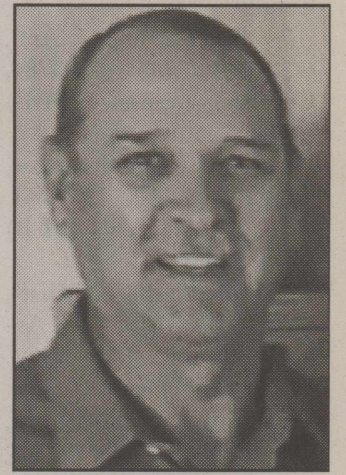
The idea originated when Tony Breedlove, who had been involved in men's ministry at the Family Worship Center in Pueblo, CO, and his wife (name) moved back to Texas in 2015, getting a place just North of here.

"When we moved, we didn't know anyone in this area but soon met our closest neighbor Dan Godsey," Breedlove explained. "Through a series of events, I also met Jerry McCown and Ray Penman. I asked Ray if he would let me teach a men's bible study at his house. He agreed. Ray, Dan and Jerry and I began to meet for bible study once a week. After several meetings, I told the guys that God had put it on my heart to start a men's breakfast and invite all men from all the surrounding communities. This would be a free breakfast with praise and worship, a speaker and of course good

food."

"We set up a Men's Coalition Team that has several communities and eight churches represented. We scheduled the first breakfast for the first Saturday in February. The plan was to rent the Knox City Community center. Then God intervened. He blessed us by a chance meeting I had with Steve Pepper, who I had not met. Steve told me he might have a place that would work for our men's breakfasts. The next morning my wife and I met with Steve at "The Nickel" in Knox City. It was perfect! Steve handed me the keys and said 'use it.' He felt the men's breakfast was a good idea. Now with a team, a place to meet and a scheduled time, we were ready to do this. All we had to do was get the word out and buy food.

"McCown and I headed to the store to shop for breakfast food. While shopping, Jerry asked me how many I planned to buy for. I told him we would plan on feeding 125 men. He got this funny look on his face and said he didn't want to hurt my feelings, but this was Knox City and he thought



TONY BREEDLOVE

30 would be a better number. "I told Jerry that if this had been our idea, he would be right but this was God's idea and we will buy for 125. The first Saturday in February came and we had men and pastors from all over our area, 111 total for the very first breakfast. We've had six breakfasts so far and they have all been attended by over 100 men each time.

"We welcome all men and young men, church or unchurched. We certainly welcome all pastors as well. Our goal is to bring our men, churches and communities together for a higher purpose. We encourage and lift men up to be the spiritual leaders they are meant to be."

Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program opens enrollment

Special to The News-Courier

The Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program is gearing up for its third year! This eight-month leadership series will be packed with outstanding speakers, tours, workshops, networking and much more.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Knox County and the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) are sponsoring the Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program.

Each class will include curriculum elements such as communication, conflict management, dealing with difficult people/situations, diversity, leadership styles, customer service and team building to name just a few. In addition, there will be local tours of businesses, museums, and other places that make each county unique.

This class will also teach you the inter-workings of city, county and state governments, school boards, economic development and more. These tours will help participants learn more about their community and the region.

The leadership series will be open to 20 people. Those

participating will attend an orientation on Sept. 23. Monthly sessions will be held on the first Friday of each month from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., starting October and going through April 2017 in Knox and Haskell County. The group will take a trip to Austin in February 2017. And, each group will launch a community project upon completion of the training in April.

The program costs \$275 and may be paid by the employer or by individuals. Each participant will receive 4.8 CEUs from Vernon College. This fee includes all travel, food, a shirt, the overnight trip to Austin and all sup-

plies.

Applications are available to Knox County residents at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in the Knox County Courthouse or downloaded at <http://knox.agrilife.org/>. For Haskell County residents, applications can be picked up at the Haskell County Courthouse at the DCOH office on the second floor or downloaded at www.haskell-texasonline.com.

Application deadline is Sept. 1, but sooner is better because space is limited.

For more information call the DCOH at 940.864.3424 or Knox County Extension at 940.459.2651.

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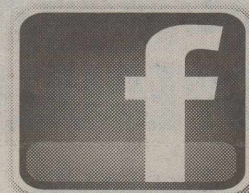
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He also mentioned that Lee Grey will be making a trip soon to do a site review in order to finalize some of the documents for the engineers, as well as discuss any areas of concern anyone might have.

Parton, speaking for Kristi Bufkin, told the board that he was pleased with the STAAR test results for elementary students. John Berry reported that eighth graders also did well on the tests with several scoring at level III in social studies. The seventh grade STAAR results showed 100% passing ELA, 87% passing writing and 80% passing math.

Band director Trey Singleton reported that nine students had attended the Leadership Band Camp and were awarded the most improved.

While the new student drug testing policy has not been received back from TASB, the board has approved the changes and they will go into effect this school year. The 2016-17 Student Code of Conduct was approved. The Student Handbook and Device Guidelines and Agreement were reviewed, with no questions being asked.

The board approved a motion to endorse Lanny Evans from Henrietta to be the TASB Region 9 representative.

Parton also informed the

board that the school nurse Clark had resigned. A search for a new nurse is underway.

ALL STARS
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back from Lorraine, helped the West end a six-game losing streak in the Division II football game, 40-20, at Memorial Stadium Friday night. He earned offensive MVP honors, rushing for 79 yards and throwing two touchdown passes.

Kevin Dorman, an all-state safety from Southland, claimed defensive honors with a strong game that included a 48-yard fumble recovery for a TD.

John Benavidez and his assistants Jose Martinez, Jacob Benavidez and Mark Dominguez from Buena Vista were coaches for the West while Luis Guereca of Iredell was the East head coach with Rodie Johnston of Iredell and Eddie Gallegos serving as assistants.

Coletyn King, who played at Throckmorton and Hermeligh when his stepdad Shane Mallory was the coach at the schools, accounted for 332 yards of offense—20 rushing for three TDs and 212 yards passing for four more scores—to claim offensive MVP honors as the West won the Division I game, 79-44.

After the East grabbed a 28-16 lead midway in the second period, the West reeled off five straight touchdowns to assume total command.

Jacob Richburg of Highland took defensive honors, leading a strong effort by the West defenders to stop seven of the East's final nine possessions.

Devlin Smith, a first team all-state running back from Coolidge, had an impressive effort in a losing cause, rushing for 243 yards and scoring five touchdowns.

Mallory, now the coach at Union Hill, was the West head coach, getting assists from Ben Smith and Casey Everitt of Union Hill and Jeff Shelton of Spur while Terry Crawford of state champion Abbott was the East head coach, getting assistance from Kyle Crawford of Abbott, John McFarlin of Blum and Kevin Scheler of Covington.

During the meeting of the coaches earlier in the week, former Greyhound coach Charles Steele was part of the chalk talk program on Wednesday and current Knox City boys basketball coach Webb was one of the speakers during a Thursday seminar.

Former Rule coach Danny Jones along with John Cornelius, who coached 23 years at Wellman among other stops, were named to the group's hall of fame.

Mac's Views
Let's support our lawmen

The divisiveness between police and citizens must stop!

The killings of law enforcement officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge were senseless tragedies by lone individuals, who were outraged about killings of black men by police.

It's regrettable that suspects are sometimes killed, but in most cases these individuals, both blacks and whites, were maybe acting suspicious or even putting up a fight. A few officers may overreact, but that doesn't happen often.

Protecting our cities would be im-

possible without the devotion and hard work by members of law enforcement, who put their lives on the line every day to keep all of us safe.

In my opinion, the "Black Lives Matter" group just throws gas on the situations, causing even more racial tensions.

Blue lives matter as do all lives. On the local level, I'm fully behind our law enforcement members as they strive to help all of us.

In fact, I've had both Munday Police Chief Chris Mendoza and Knox County Sheriff Dean Homstad come to my door at night when I have left a car door open accidentally, proving they are out at night patrolling the streets in an effort to reduce possible thefts.

Let's all support our lawmen.



JAMES MCAFEE

Managing concerns about falls

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on a favorite activity because you might fall? If so, "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls" is a program for you.

A Matter of Balance is de-

signed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

The Knox and Baylor Counties Extension Services and Seymour Hospital Home Health are offering

the program on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. for four weeks beginning Aug. 8 at the Perry Patton Community Center. The program is free. A workbook is provided and refreshments will be served.

Please call the Knox County Extension Office at 940-459-2651 to register or for more information. Class size is limited.

Council addresses local crimes

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday City Council discussed the local crime situation during its regular monthly meeting last week.

Citizens are encouraged to continue to organize neighborhood watch groups, report thefts in a timely fashion and to take steps to lock their cars and homes.

The council handled some administrative matters related to which accounts to pay sala-

ries out of and decided to raise the city's rates and fees on some things to reflect cost of labor, equipment and garbage disposal fees.

A discussion followed on the possible purchase of a Skid Steer, a specific piece of transportation/road equipment, but took no action.

The council will hear the annual report of the CPA at its August meeting.

Another city-wide clean up is planned for Aug. 20.

Weather Whys

Why are clouds different colors?

Why do some clouds appear to look white in color, while others are gray, black or other colors?

The color of a cloud depends primarily on the thickness of the cloud, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "As sunlight passes through a cloud, tiny water droplets that make up the cloud scatter all colors of the light in the same manner, producing a white color. As the cloud gets thicker, less light can pass through to the base of the cloud and it appears darker. Where you are when you're looking at a cloud can also affect what color it will appear to you. If you're standing underneath the base of a tall cloud, it will appear gray because little light can get through the cloud. If you are standing farther away from the same cloud and viewing it from the side, it will appear white because the light is not passing through the cloud before it reaches your eye."

Then why do some clouds look almost black?

Very dark looking or black clouds are probably those that contain a lot of rain in them and part of a thunderstorm, McRoberts adds. "In general, the severity of a storm is related to cloud height, which is why dark clouds are usually an indicator of bad weather. Storms moving in from the west during the afternoon and evening hours will appear even darker. This is because the angle of the sun means light must travel a farther distance from the top of the cloud to the base of the cloud. Also, clouds composed of bigger droplets tend to absorb more sunlight than those with smaller droplets. Some experts say if a cloud is 3,000 feet or so thick, very little sunlight will pass through it, so it appears to be a dark-looking cloud."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

'From Zero to Hero' VBS scheduled

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—A group of 20 adults and children from the MacArthur Park Church

of Christ in San Antonio and Camp Verde, AZ were scheduled to arrive here Saturday to assist the Munday Church of Christ with its an-

nual vacation bible school.

Activity kicks off at 8:30 p.m. Monday with a presentation of the movie "Woodlawn" on the street in front of the church. Free popcorn and drinks will be provided. While some chairs will be provided, others are being asked to bring their own folding chairs or to come in their carts.

The VBS, with the theme "From Zero to Hero," for youngsters age 3 through the fifth grade is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Lunch will be provided. A carnival is also planned from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, featuring a bounce house, carnival games, prizes and refreshments.

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