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Knox volleyball teams eye playoffs again

By James McAfee
The Knox County News-Courier

All three Knox County volleyball teams will have the same goal as they kick off the season this week: make the playoffs again. They all advanced from District 6-2A as the 1A playoff representatives last season and hope to repeat those accomplishments.

After receiving a bye in bi-district, Knox City was eliminated in the second round by Water Valley while Benjamin and Munday scored bi-district wins over Harrold and Northside before bowing to Mullin and Sterling City.

Coach Jessica Tolliver's Munday Mogulettes traveled to Wichita Falls for a dual match with City View and Childress on Tuesday and will play in the Bryson tournament starting today.

"We will be young this year with only two seniors, Reagan Sanderson and Madison Edgar," said Tolliver, who herself is recovering from a recent back surgery.

"We are looking to junior Kristen Keuhler to lead this team. She is coming off of a great 2015 season where she received first team TGCA All-State Honors.

"We are also looking for our sophomores, who received experience in the playoffs last year, to play an important role. They are: Emily Scott, McK-

enna Ziessel, Kasey Lowrance, Ayleen Arellano and Zoe Cedillo.

"At this time we are expecting freshmen Karsyn Sanders and Zoe Harris to receive significant playing time."

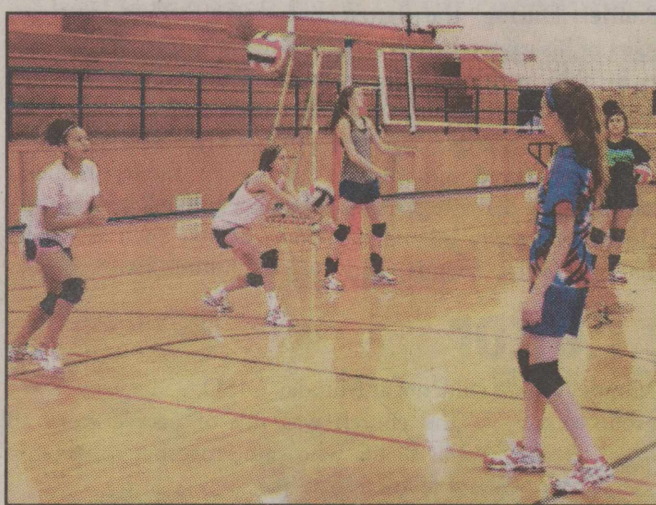
Coach Cody Propps' Benjamin Lady Stangs played Paducah Tuesday and will travel to Harrold for a tournament on Saturday.

Propps noted that the Lady Stangs came out strong and eager to work during the first week of practice and scrimmages. "We worked out some kinks, but the girls really did hustle and play together," he said.

"If the entire season goes as well as this first week, I think we all will be happy with how it turns out. Playoffs again are our main goal, but each week we set a new goal to accomplish.

"My rotation we have worked so far involves all of my girls. Starters includes my seniors Joslynn Harris, Cara McGhee, and Emily Brown. I will rely on them this season the most. Cassidy Watson and Cassidy Correll are juniors that are vital to our front row and serving. My sophomores are a unique group that will be the future of our Lady Stangs and my two freshman coming up stand strong to help our team this year.

"Our theme this year is 'Leaving a Legacy' and with this group we are sure to leave a



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The Knox City Houndettes conduct drills in practice.



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The Benjamin Lady Stangs await a return during practice this week.

good one to follow up on."

Coach T-keeyah Hall's Knox City Houndettes traveled to Rotan on Tuesday and were scheduled to participate in the Cool in Bomtown Tournament in Burkburnett starting Friday against Windthorst at 10 a.m., Notre Dame at noon and Vernon at 2 p.m.

Hall indicated that the varsity beat Woodson and lost to Aspermont in five in scrimmages last week.

"Everyone played well together," Hall said. "We have some very good athletes and it's good that they are young so they still have time to play and grow together. Myca Flowers



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The Munday Mogulettes wait in line to make returns as part of a drill.

and Kirstin Tuckness had awesome games. Myca played really well all around and Kirstin had a good front row.

"I'm very excited for the season. We are so athletic we can compete with anyone I think personally."

Tips to protect against Zika

By Lorri Coop

With mosquito season in full force in Texas and the Zika virus becoming an increasing threat to the health of unborn babies in Texas, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has stepped up efforts to educate the public on ways to protect themselves from becoming infected with this new mosquito-

"While people enjoy outdoor activities and travel this summer, it's important to remember that our first line of defense against Zika is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes," said Dr. Sonja Swiger, AgriLife Extension entomologist at Stephenville.

Here are some simple ways to protect you and your family from infection:

- Apply EPA-approved insect repellent every time you go outside. Choosing an EPA-registered repellent ensures the EPA has evaluated the product for effectiveness. If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

- Always follow the product label instructions when applying insect repellent to children. Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than two months old. Instead, cover crib, stroller, or baby carrier

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting pants and long-sleeve shirts that cover exposed skin.

- Make sure screens are in

good repair if you open windows or close windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

- Cover trash cans or containers where water can collect.

- Remove standing water in and around the home from old tires, planters, or any other containers that can hold water. Mosquito dunks, which can be found in any home and garden center, effectively control mosquito larvae in places where water cannot be drained and are not harmful to fish or other aquatic organisms.

- Change the water in children's pools and bird baths several times a week and the water in pet

- Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or wells.

"Anything that holds water should be dumped or treated", said Dr. Mike Merchant, AgriLife Extension urban entomologist at Dallas. "Small containers can hold enough water to breed mosquitoes. Aedes mosquitoes don't travel far from their larval habitat, so if you've got them, chances are you unknowingly raised them."

"It's the global world we live in today," Swiger said. "As people travel and return from areas affected by Zika, some will return carrying the virus. When Aedes mosquitoes bite infected people, they acquire the virus. The mosquito then transmits it to

Texas changes voter ID requirements

Special to The News-Courier

CORPUS CHRISTI—Texas has reached an agreement to weaken its strict voter identification law and allow residents to cast ballots in November's election even if they have none of the seven identifying documents that the law recognizes.

The accord, filed with the Federal District Court in Corpus Christi, followed a July ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit that the Texas law violated the 1965 Voting Rights Act and needed to be changed to end its discriminatory impact on

black and Hispanic voters.

A district court judge must still endorse the agreement, which was reached by lawyers for the state, civil rights groups and the Justice Department, but the approval is likely to be a formality.

Texans will now be allowed to vote with another reasonable form of identification:

- * A legal photo ID that has been expired no more than four years, regardless of whether address still matches.

- * A certified copy of a birth certificate.

- * A current voter registration card.

- * A government check or

a financial document showing the voter's name and an address.

Voters using one of these forms must sign a legal affidavit saying why they were unable to get the required ID.

The agreement is the latest in a series of legal moves that have weakened or struck down voter ID laws, sometimes in battleground states where turnout in the presidential election could be crucial.

In addition, a federal appeals court nullified North Carolina's identification law and rolled back a host of other restrictions enacted by the state's Republican Leg-

islature, saying the rules had targeted African-American voters.

A Federal District Court also last week ordered Wisconsin to expand its list of valid ID cards and do away with other constraints on voting.

Knox Notes

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

Food handlers training

MUNDAY—"Food Safety: It's In Your Hands," a food handler's course accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services, is scheduled next Wednesday at the Munday High School Cafeteria, starting at 11 a.m. To register for the course, call the Extension office at 940 459-2651. The cost is \$20 per person.

Meet the Moguls

MUNDAY—Fans from Munday will get a chance to Meet the Moguls at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at Scruggs Stadium.

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Knox receives welcome rain

Knox County receives some much needed rain on Monday and Tuesday and more is likely when a cold front moves through the area on Friday.

Measurements of a more than an inch and

up to two inches were reported.

Western Haskell County between Rochester and Rule got up to four inches.

Triple digit temperatures were expected to continue until the weekend.

Commissioners OK county grant

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BENJAMIN—The Knox County Commissioners Court passed a resolution to take action to authorize a county grant during its monthly meeting here Monday afternoon.

The commissioners also decided to authorize Judge Stan Wojcik to collect data to decide if a burn ban is needed for the county.

an uninfected person, passing the virus to them."

To avoid infecting local mosquitoes, people who travel to areas with active Zika transmission should apply insect repellent every time they go outside for at least three weeks after they return to Texas – and longer if they develop an illness that

could be Zika.

According to the Department of State Health Services, Texas has had 97 reported cases of Zika virus disease to date.

This count includes three pregnant women, one infant infected before birth, and one person who had sexual contact with a traveler.

Currently, there is no vaccine or treatment for the Zika virus. Controlling mosquitoes and taking steps to protect against infection are the best ways to defend against the Zika virus. More information can be found at the following websites: Preventingzika.org or Live-stockvetento.tamu.edu.

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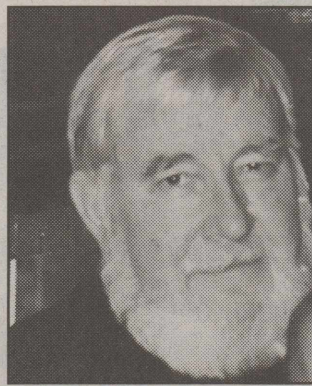
Obituary Monty Duane Searcey

Monty Duane Searcey, 74, of Arlington passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016. He was born Feb. 24, 1942 in Blythe, CA, son of the late Thaxton and Ella Wardlaw Searcey.

His family moved to Goree shortly after his birth and then relocated to the Dallas area during his high school years.

Monty was a 1960 graduate of South Oak Cliff High School. He then attended and graduated with a Bachelor's and Masters Degree of Science in Physics from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Monty's engineering and technology career of 45 years included being a systems telemetry specialist for 30 years at LTV Aerospace,



MONTY SEARCEY

Loral Vought Systems and Lockheed Martin in Grand Prairie. During the latter years of his career, he worked as a cabin systems engineer for the 777 airplane project at Boeing in Seattle, WA.

He was retired and enjoying life with his wife, Diane. He will be sadly missed by his colleagues, friends, and

especially by his family.

Surviving are his devoted wife of 31 years Diane; daughter, Jennifer and her husband Mark Michel and grandchildren Kristin, Mackenzie and Kaileigh; oldest son Brandon Searcey and youngest son Casey and his wife Jennifer Thompson and grandchildren Jordyn and Payton.

Other survivors include his siblings and their families: sister Nancy and her husband Robert Huckabee; sister Pauline Hastings; brother Kenneth Searcey; and brother Tony and his wife Kelly Searcey.

Instead of floral arrangements, the family requests donations be made to a children's charity such as stjude.org or childrenfirstinc.org.

Letter to the Editor

Many thanks to FBC in Munday for bringing "The Chosen" singing group to our area for all to enjoy.

The concert was wonderful.

This local group of talented men put on a much better concert than some of the professionals that have been here and the money stayed here for a good cause—backpacks for

students at Munday CISD.

The church was full of people from all walks of life who came together to worship and fellowship as one.

Great things can be accomplished when we put God first!

Cheryl Daniel

Leadership program deadline Sept. 1

Special to The News-Courier

Sept. 1 will be the deadline to sign up for the Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program, an eight-month leadership series packed with outstanding speakers, tours, workshops, networking and much more.

The leadership series will be open to 20 people. 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 supplies.

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.

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/>.

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

Knox County Aging Center Menu

Menus for week of Aug. 15-19
Monday: Taco salad, Spanish rice, corn, apple sauce
Tuesday: Pork chops, black eyed peas, cornbread, chocolate chip cookies
Wednesday: Baked chicken, carrots, beets, bread, Mandarin oranges
Thursday: Beef goulash, Navy beans, broccoli, cornbread, chocolate pudding
Friday: BBQ sandwiches, tater tots, carrots, zucchini, fruit cocktail

Area News

Hunter education
ROCHESTER—Monty Moeller and Dallas Willis, certified Texas Parks & Wildlife instructors, will present a hunter safety course here Aug. 27 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Rochester Vo-Tech Center for kids ages 9 and up. If under 17, parent signature required. Cost will be \$20. Pre-register by calling 940 841-1695.

Food handler courses
ABILENE—Two food handler courses accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services are being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County. Food Safety: It's In Your Hands is scheduled Aug. 25 and repeated Sept. 22.

School districts offer free meals

Special to The News-Courier

To ensure that students receive nutritious meals, schools in Benjamin, Knox City and Munday do offer programs to provide free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch.

Letters have been distributed to households of the children in each of the school districts about eligibility ben-

efits and any action households need to take to apply.

Parents should check with Stacia Propps in Benjamin, Tammy Gonzales in Knox City or Joyce Sanders in Munday about eligibility requirements.

Applications should be returned to the school districts offices where they will be reviewed to determine eligibility.

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501 Take a plantain trip down Havana way

Wanna be happy? Collect experiences. Not stuff. It's advice that's trending, supposedly based on scholarly research.



HANABA MUNN WELCH (much like a banana but harder to spell) to give the menu a Cuban touch and to provide a springboard for the discussion of politics, history and music. I even found some Cuban music to play in the background, but I was too busy scooping fried plantain

slices out of hot oil to get the music going. And that wasn't my only active skillet.

All told, the meal went well. Everybody liked the plantain. Not everybody liked the spinach. I just threw it in so we'd have something green on our plates. Who knows if they eat spinach in Havana? But they do eat plantains.

When I was 9, my parents and I spent two days in Havana. I myself saw a guy eating a fried plantain at something like an open-air diner. He was sitting at the counter. I was shocked. I thought it was a banana. Cut lengthwise, it shared the plate with a fried egg and I think maybe a piece of ham. My other shock at the same joint was the sauerkraut they put on my hot dog and the chili they left off — proof of the New York influence on Caribbean cuisine. I'm probably Sonic's only customer

who thinks of Havana when I order the New York Dog.

The Cuban experience is one I'm glad my parents decided to collect. Daddy had sold enough Farm Bureau insurance that year to earn us a Daytona Beach vacation. When it ended, we could have gone back to the farm like everyone else, but instead we made that side trek. Back in those days, you didn't even need a passport, much less a visa. The Mafia knows how to run things.

Now, if I had my wish, I'd take our grandkids to Havana and in every other direction too. But they don't have the time, and grand vacations cost money. What's left is supper. And if I'm not the best cook, so what? Dressing up the meal with a semi-exotic dish or two and putting a bottle of mango-infused Pickapeppa on the table is easy. The parrot on the label is enough to take you to the tropics, especially if you turn off the squawking television when the meal begins.

We didn't dwell on Cuba as we downed our plantain medallions, but we did manage to correct our granddaughter's misconception that it's a USA possession. She had it mixed up with Puerto Rico. The next day I tracked

down the scholarly paper that analyzes the value of experiences vs. possessions in the pursuit of happiness. I couldn't even understand the introductory abstract. I think maybe somebody oversimplified the whole concept.

That's OK. Oversimplification is better than making stuff harder to understand. It's how you conjure up Havana with one plantain.

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Moguls fundraiser
MUNDAY—A discount card offering specials at area businesses is being sold by Munday football players as a fundraiser. The cost is \$20.

Students to get backpacks
MUNDAY—Munday Elementary is giving out backpacks from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. next Tuesday. In addition, pre-packed supply kits for students will also be handed out. The supplies are provided by the Aspermont Small Business Development.

Meet the teachers
MUNDAY—Meet the Teachers is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 at Munday Elementary. Parents can meet the teachers, drop off school supplies and pick up paperwork. The first day of school will be Aug. 22.

Free school supplies
ASPERMONT—The Double Mountain Outreach Services branch of the Aspermont Small Business Development Center is once again providing school supplies for low-income students in Knox County who are enrolled in public schools. Contact the DMOS staff regarding the application process for these services at 940 989-3538 or toll-free at 800 722-0137.

120th anniversary
KNOX CITY—The Gillespie Baptist Church will celebrate its 120th anniversary Oct. 2. Invitations are going out to all past and present members. Call Matt or Debbie Harrington at 940 657-3285 to RSVP.

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The Paperboy The real two Americans

All through this election cycle you can probably count on your hands the number of times a candidate has mentioned Rural America.

Does that not disturb anyone else? Rural Americans provide the food, fiber, fuel and fighting forces this country needs to sustain her. Is it not too much to ask that we get a mention?



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Besides providing for the basic necessities of this huge country, most of the water the city folk consume is also located in Rural America. From the oil fields to the cotton fields, millions of Rural Americans wake up each day with the same day-to-day worries as our brothers and sisters in the city. However, one difference in our collective fear is that decisions made by out-of-touch politicians in Washington can decimate our lives in a very short time in terms of jobs whether that be in the coal mine, the oil field or the health care industry.

People in the city have the luxury of having other means of employment near where they already live. When a Rural American loses their job, many times they are hard-pressed to find an equal paying job and end up having to move or commute.

Many of us choose to live in the "country." We like the outdoors, the lack of traffic, friendliness, etc... Have you been to Dallas, Oklahoma City, Austin or Houston lately? While I enjoy visiting those cities, to me, battling that traffic day in and day out would be a nightmare. The 10 hours a week or more stuck in traffic is a whole lot of time missed with family. Heck, that's a night's sleep and a couple of lunches.

Anyhow, I could go on about the positives of

being able to see the stars out in the country, but I'm preaching to the choir. The point is, many of us feel like we don't have a voice and truthfully, what little voice that remains has been shrinking for decades.

What if I told you there was a way you could be heard? Would you be interested in taking part?

In order for us to get our collective voices heard we're going to have to do what the big boys do and organize. Such an organization would need to be a network with voices in state capitals and in Washington. It would cost money, but the windfall of actually having a seat at the table could bring a massive return on investment.

I've pitched this before to readers but it has never really gained traction. It should because it's viable.

If you are interested in helping to launch such an endeavor, I encourage you to email info@blackburnmediagroup.com. I monitor this address myself and I would love to begin a dialogue with leaders that share common interests in rural preservation and economic development.

Don't wait to do it. We can't afford to waste time.

We are living in a time when 80 million Rural Americans need to stand up and let this country know WE are the backbone of the United States.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter

We are moving and shaking here at the office. The start of school is sneaking up and the athletes have already started to practice. Our special football guide is in the works for the first week of school, and it's definitely something to look forward to.

This week I've planned the whole dinner for you. Appetizer, entrée and side. I've given you plenty of desserts in past columns so you're on your own for dessert. I think you'll enjoy these recipes, they are simple yet elegant and yes the appetizer is prepared in the, you guessed it, the crock-pot. Apologies for cutting it short this week, but as I mentioned, we have a lot going on around here. As always, until next week, love you guys a bunch.

Crock-Pot Corn Chowder

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 potato, cubed
- 6 ears of corn, kernels removed
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 12 oz. evaporated milk
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme, 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place the onion, celery, potato and corn kernels into your slow cooker. Add the chicken broth and evaporated milk. Season with the thyme, bay leaf and salt and pepper. Cook on low for six hours. Serve immediately.

Italian Breaded Pork Chops

- 4 boneless pork loin chops
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour

- ½ tsp. seasoned salt
- ¼ tsp. garlic powder
- 2 to 3 tbsps. Milk
- ½ cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 2 tbsps. Olive or vegetable oil
- Shredded or shaved parmesan cheese

Between pieces of plastic wrap or waxed paper, place each pork chop; gently pound with flat side of meat mallet or rolling pin until about a quarter inch thick. In shallow bowl, mix flour, seasoned salt and garlic powder. Place milk and bread crumbs in separate shallow bowls. Dip each pork chop in flour mixture, then dip in milk. Coat well with bread crumbs. In 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook pork in oil six to eight minutes, turning once, until browned and cooked through. Sprinkle with cheese.

Warm Potato Salad with Lemon and Fresh Herbs

- 1 ¼ lb. baby red potatoes, sliced ¼ inch thick, Kosher salt
- 2 large cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup lightly packed fresh parsley
- ½ cup lightly packed fresh basil
- ½ cup thinly sliced chives
- 6 tbsps. Extra-virgin olive oil
- freshly ground pepper
- 1 large lemon
- In a large, wide pot fitted



steamer basket, bring half an inch of water to a boil over medium high heat. Arrange potatoes in an even layer in the steamer and sprinkle with a half teaspoon of salt. Cover and steam, stirring every five minutes, until the potatoes are just tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Let cool briefly and transfer to a large bowl. While the potatoes are steaming, finely grate the zest the lemon and juice it, also. Put the zest in a food processor. Add garlic and pulse a few times. Add the herbs and pulse to coarsely chop. Add the olive oil, one teaspoon of salt, half teaspoon of pepper and pulse until blended (10 to 12 pulses only), scraping down the sides as necessary. Add three tablespoons of the lemon juice and pulse once to mix. Drizzle the herb mixture over the potatoes and toss gently to combine. Season to taste with salt and lemon juice.

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

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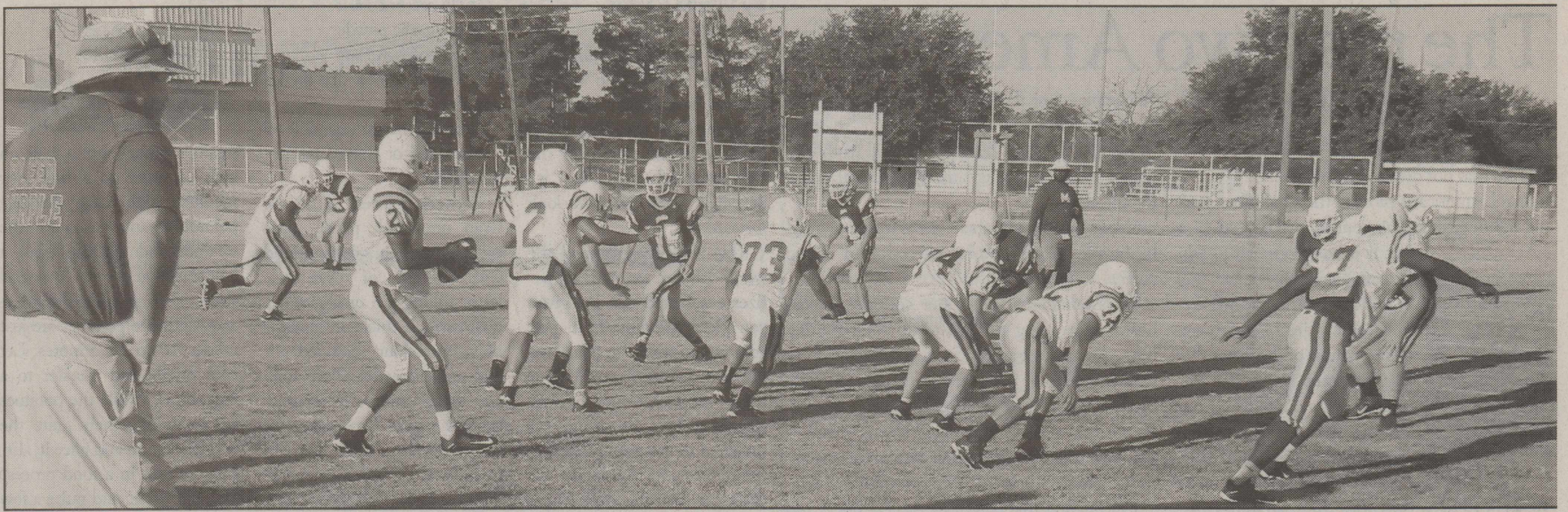
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Moguls prepare for scrimmage



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The Munday Moguls worked on their offense after putting on pads last Friday. They will host Roscoe for scrimmage Friday and then travel to Hamlin for another scrimmage on Aug. 18.

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Munday football schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug. 26	Hawley	Munday	7 p.m.
Sept. 2	Stamford	Stamford	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Bronte	Munday	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Windthorst	Windthorst	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	Seymour	Munday	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Open		
Oct. 7	Archer City	Archer City	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	Electra	Munday	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Haskell	Haskell	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	Petrolia	Petrolia	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	Quanah	Munday	7 p.m.

Pet Talk

Many people remember caring for their childhood pet and the joy they felt from developing a relationship with an animal. Although welcoming a pet into your home is a big commitment, children can learn responsibility by learning to care for pets with adult supervision. In addition, childhood pets can also introduce children to friendship and family bonding. "Children learn about responsible pet ownership by observing their parents," said Dr. Sara Griffin, lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "As a child gets older, their responsibilities with pet care can increase. Children who learn to take on responsibilities appropriate for their age will gain self-confidence and grow

up to be responsible adults." Additionally, family pets can encourage family bonding. Pets need daily exercise, so daily walking with the pet may provide good quality time for the family. Playing or interacting with the pet in the house can take the focus off the TV or computer and also encourage family interactions. While children are learning to care for their pet, they may also develop a loving relationship with them. This companionship may provide children comfort and emotional support. "Positive pet interactions with children can help develop non-verbal communication skills, compassion, and empathy in children," Griffin said. "Pets can provide children with a listen-

ing ear and friendship. Studies show that reading aloud to a loyal companion can increase a young reader's self-confidence and improve reading skills." But how can a family know when it is the right time to get a pet? Sometimes this decision can be difficult. When considering adopting or purchasing a pet, it is important to remember the pet's needs, such as food, water, and veterinary care. Adults must also commit to supervising their children caring for the pet's basic needs. "Pet ownership is a time, energy, and financial commitment," Griffin said. "Parental involvement is necessary for any child learning to care for a pet. A child who learns to care for a pet may learn important lessons, such as how to treat people and animals with kindness, patience, and respect." Additionally, the age of the children caring for the pet should also be considered when deciding if it is appropriate to welcome a pet into the home. "Children as young as two years old can help feed a pet but should never be left alone with a pet because the child does not fully understand their boundaries," Griffin said. "Children around the age of 10 should be able to walk, feed, and clean up after a pet, but would still require adult supervision." Pets offer both children and adults love, loyalty, and affection. Although adopting or purchasing a pet is a big commitment, they can make a positive impact on children by teaching them responsibility, compassion, and patience.

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Houndette runners get ready



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The Knox City Houndettes started preparing for the cross country season last week.

Hounds continue practice



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The Knox City Greyhounds put on pads last Friday and continued practice this week in preparation for a scrimmage against Throckmorton here Friday at Greyhound Stadium. They will travel to Valley for a scrimmage with Valley and Guthrie Aug. 19.

Knox City football schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug. 25	Ira	Jayton	8 p.m.
Sept. 2	Rule	Rule	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Crowell	Knox City	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Throckmorton	Throckmorton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Guthrie	Guthrie	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Newcastle	Knox City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	May	Knox City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Open		
Oct. 21	Rotan	Rotan	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Spur	Spur	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Paducah	Knox City	7:30 p.m.

A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

End of an Error

If we needed any further evidence that baseball is, once again, metamorphosing into a different era, this season's trade deadline was all the proof needed.

While all major sports do the same -- basketball recently saw the addition of the three-point line, football killed the kickoff return, tennis now allows limited coaching, boxing switched to 12-round fights and hockey added the shootout -- no other sport has fiddled with its secret sauce as often as baseball.

What exactly constitutes an "era," you may be asking? Well, in Boston, that's how they pronounce the word "error," as in "Nomah shouldn't be chahged with an era on that play!" Those in the English-speaking parts of the country generally see an "era" as beginning with a readily identifiable change in culture. Baseball, probably due to its fan base's love of statistical scrutiny, seems to revel in this sort of unofficial, much-written-about classification system.

Let's see ... there was the deadball era, the spitball era, the Babe Ruth era, the integration era, the World War II era, the expansion era, the year of the higher mound (not an era, but a noticeable blip on the timeline), the free-agent era, the designated-hitter era, the cocaine era, the steroid era, the "Moneyball" era and now this era.

What do we call this era? The 100-plus mph bullpen era? The infield shift era? The Chachi Arcola Republican Convention Speech era? The search for stars? While the league has its share of superstars, if Bryce Harper, Giancarlo Stanton or Clayton Kershaw walked past you at the Kwik-E Mart, 95 percent of the population would not recognize them, I'd wager (but not on the game if I was a manager).

Baseball is in great financial shape, or so we are constantly being told. Still, the game has

some major-league flaws. The fact that an entire state can't watch a Yankee game due to a fight with a cable company is abhorrent. The fact that a single exhibition game that managers don't play to win can control home-field advantage for the seven-game championship series is moronic.

One thing is clear, however: We are moving out of the boring "on-base percentage is the best statistic there is" phase. Unless it's Rickey Henderson, nobody spends hundreds of dollars to go see a baseball game and root, root, root for the home team to walk. Thankfully, Ned Yost and the Royals freed us from that oppression. They did this by developing a strong farm system that taught fundamentals stressing movement ... great defense, speed and hits, backed by a lights-out bullpen. Now that's baseball

worth paying to see.

It's been a little over 40 years since George Steinbrenner ushered in the free-agent era by signing Catfish Hunter. At this year's trade deadline, Hal Steinbrenner's fire sale of five veterans, the surefire impending release of A-Rod and lack of extension talk for Mark Teixeira in order to shore up an anemic farm, signaled another change: the big-trade era, perhaps?

I'm personally in favor of austerity because no matter what, a few things will never change for baseball: Good pitching beats good hitting, you can't catch a ball hit out of the park and the team with the most runs wins.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Hooray! We were awakened this morning by the rumble of thunder in the distance, a little lightning and the sound of rain on the roof. Sure was good to hear, and it was very nice to know that there's still moisture in the air. Maybe a little more will be forthcoming.

A note to clarify what was in this column last week. It was stated that I had seen Kate Grill Roesler and her children the week before—not so! Kate was not with them.

They were here to visit their grandparents the Grills. So if you thought you missed seeing Kate, you did! She wasn't here. Sorry 'bout that error.

About our ill I saw Jerry Parker a couple of days last week. He said Linda's trip to Dallas the first of the week went pretty well. She has one more chemo treatment, then sees her doctor to see what progress has been made. He did say all her blood work last week was good, and that was good news for them. After she rested a couple of days from the trip and chemo, I'm sure she felt better.

I visited Carol Dickson in the Knox County Hospital on Friday. She was resting and said she felt pretty well. Dick is doing OK—tired, but he's nearly always there if she needs anything. They are very appreciative of their friends stopping in and checking on them.

Janice Tolson has been hav-

ing some tests, MRI, etc. to try to determine why she is having some problems. So far, some blockage in an artery in her neck is all they have told her. Don't know what they plan to do about it. She says she's feeling pretty well, just tired.

Jan Carver will have a stent in one of her arteries going to her heart next Friday. She will have it done in Abilene.

Here 'n there The local athletes, as well as those all over the area, are hard at it with two-a-days and practice. The volleyball girls had a couple of scrimmages this past weekend, and indications are that they looked really good and ready to kick off the season. The Mustangs will scrimmage Paint Creek at Benjamin Friday night at 7.

Jan Carver and her brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Evelyn Anderson, of Abilene were in Stephenville Saturday for the commencement program for students who took college classes through Stephenville. Jan's brother's wife, Barbara Anderson, received her degree from Baylor. She is Jerry Don's wife

and decided to go back to school to get her degree after she retired. Quite a challenge, I'd say, and quite an accomplishment as well. They all enjoyed a family dinner and visit after the program.

Charles Griffith received word from his brother Ronald on Friday. (Ronald and his wife, Verna, live in Park Rapids, Minnesota.) Ronald has been undergoing tests, and doctors have determined that he has a malignancy in both lungs. They are now deciding which kind of treatment will be best for the type cancer he has. Please keep Ronald and Verna in your prayers.

Bill and Dink Jennings were in the area on Sunday. They live in New Braunfels and said it was hot down that way too.

They were going to visit relatives in Aspermont and Jayton before returning home.

Patti and Bob Tavernia of Fredericks, MD were here last week to visit her mom Earlene Meinzer in the Munday Nursing Center and her brothers Wyman and Rick and their families. They left for home on Thursday.

Veterans issues Identification cards explained

By Jason Doran

I have been approached by several people asking about identification cards for veterans. There is no short answer and to be honest it depends on your needs. You can get all or none.

To obtain a VIC, you will need your DD-214, showing that you were honorably discharged from the service. I would like to say that while these IDs do not take the place of your DD-214 they can be a lot easier to carry around.

There is one ID card that is issued by the state of Texas. During the 82nd session of the Texas State House, Bill 1514 authorized the Department of Public Safety to have "Veteran" placed on your driver's license or state issued ID. All that is required is your DD-214, showing an honorable discharge and any other documents required by the state for the license/ID itself. This can be used for everything from your hunting or fishing license to discounts at restaurants or other places that offer discounts to Veterans. This can be done at any Texas DPS driver's license office.

There are three forms of ID that come from the federal government, two of them via the VA.

The first is the Veterans Identification Card (VIC). It pretty much serves the same function as the "Veteran" status on the Texas Driver's License/ID (except that it obviously does not allow you to drive). And as the State issued Veterans ID, it will not allow you on military bases or show proof for or eligibility to any federal benefits such as disability or home loans.

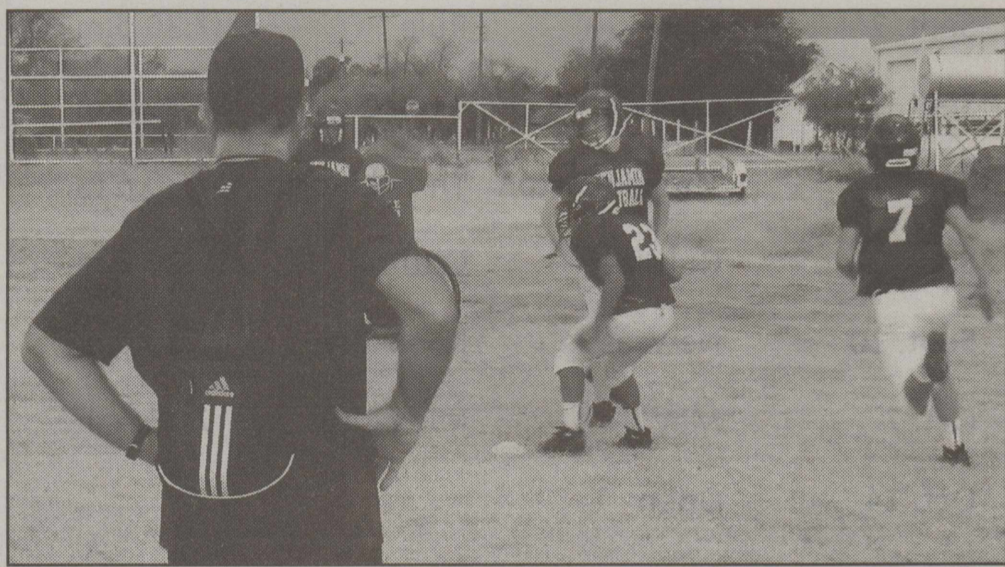
The second form is the Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC). The VHIC, similar to the VIC in appearance, is used to check into the VA for medical appointments, can allow access to most military bases and through airport security and shows proof of service for other benefits as well. Because the VHIC allows for so much more than the VIC, you are required to show proof of a primary and secondary source of ID along with your DD-214. There are also different ways to acquire a VHIC other than your local VA office. For a list of required documents and ways to acquire your VHIC card go to <http://www.va.gov/healthBenefits/vhic/index.asp> or simply call me and I can go over the process with you.

The third and final form is the Military ID card, which is presented by the Department of Defense (DoD). This ID card is for all active duty, reserve and National Guard, retired and family members of those who serve or served. This card can be used for all the things the VHIC provides along with shopping privileges on military bases. These cards are issued upon enlistment, during service or discharge from service at any military base. Dyess AFB is our nearest base that provides this service. Their number is 325-696-5724, call them for hours of operation. While an appointment is not necessary, it can make the process easier.

Jason Doran is the Knox, Kent and Stonewall County Veteran Service Officer. He can be reached at 214-850-7357 or at his office in Knox County Courthouse on the third Thursday of every month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 26	Gold-Burg	Gold-Burg	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Wilson	Benjamin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Notre Dame	Benjamin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Abilene Christian	Abilene	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Wichita Christian	Wichita Falls	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Harrold	Benjamin	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Moran	Benjamin	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	open		
Oct. 21	Guthrie	Benjamin	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Jayton	Jayton	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Patton Springs	Patton Springs	7:30 p.m.

Mustangs continue drills



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Coach James Jackson oversees drills by the Benjamin Mustangs on Monday. The Mustangs host Paint Creek for a scrimmage on Friday and then will have another scrimmage against Paducah and Chillicothe on Aug. 19.

DSHS offers PAM precautions

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN—The Texas Department of State Health Services is reminding swimmers and skiers to take precautions to avoid infection from *Naegleria fowleri*, an amoeba assumed to be present in all rivers, lakes, ponds, tanks and streams.

The amoeba can cause primary amoebic meningoencephalitis, or PAM, an infection of the brain. Infection is extremely rare but almost always fatal.

DSHS offers these precautions to reduce the already low risk of infection:

Never swim or ski in stagnant water.

Hold your nose or use nose

clips when skiing, jet skiing or jumping into any fresh water.

The amoeba thrives in warm, stagnant water but may be present in any body of fresh water. A combination of lower water levels, high temperatures and stagnant or slow-moving water may produce higher concentrations of the amoeba.

Infection is believed to occur when water containing the amoeba is forced up the nose when diving or jumping into the water or when skiing. Symptoms may include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea and vomit-

ing.

The amoeba does not live in salt water or in swimming pools and hot tubs that are properly cleaned, maintained and treated with chlorine.

DSHS officials said closing lakes or other bodies of water is not a standard public health protection measure against PAM given that the amoebas are ubiquitous, naturally occurring microorganisms and infections are extremely rare.

Other dangers associated with lakes and rivers include diving into waters that are too shallow or that may hide rocks and debris. Never leave children unattended around water.

Knox City CC Golf Schedule

- 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

- Aug. 14: Guys & Dolls
- Aug. 21: 1 Person Scramble
- Sept. 10-11: 3 Person Scramble

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Cause No.: 9707 KNOX COUNTY VS. PAMELA KAY FLORES
Tract 1: .015625 Royalty Interest, F W Thormann Lease, Lease # 1720, Section 66/71, Block 13, H&TC Survey, located in Knox County, Texas; GEO: N009903214

Tract 2: .015625 Royalty Interest, F W Thormann #12 Lease, Section 66, Block 13, H&TC Survey, Abstract 1606, located in Knox County, Texas; GEO: N009903328

Cause No.: 9650 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. BOBBY SHERARD
Tract 1: Lots 7-9, Block 18, Original Town Benjamin, Knox County, Texas as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas; GEO: R000004324

Cause No.: 9174 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. MATTIE M STROTTER
Tract 1: West 58 feet of Lots 6,7,8,9 and 10, Block 138 of the Reeves and Musser Addition to the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas; GEO: R000001675

Cause No.: 9773 KNOX COUNTY VS. ELOUISE FUNK TERMELL
Tract 1: .003328 Royalty Interest, Tackitt Lease, Lease # 1696, RRC #28176, Abstract 111, Section 67, Block 13, H&TC Survey, Knox County, Texas; GEO: N000804107

Cause No.: 9757 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ALICIA YOUNG TYRA
Tract 1: Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4, Block 164, (Part of Lot 8 and Part of Alley on West side of Block) Munday Development Addition to the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas; GEO: R000005160/ R000000022

Cause No.: 9782 KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. UNKNOWN OWNERS
Tract 1: Lot 5, Block 8, Original Townsite to the City of Vera, Knox County, Texas as the same appears on a map or plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas; Levied on the 29 day of July, 2016, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 29 day of July, 2016.

Dean W. Howstead
Sheriff, Knox County, Texas

By _____
Deputy

The minimum bid for a person owning an interest in the property of for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgment(s) against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or the tax collector.

NOTICE OF 2016 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR

A tax rate of \$ 1.2228 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of
CITY OF GOREE

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>1.1340</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>1.2228</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>1.1340</u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for

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A tax rate of \$ 0.48430 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of
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PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.48430</u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.54955</u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u>0.48430</u> per \$100

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners Court of Knox County, Texas will hold two public hearings to receive comments or questions from the public regarding its pending budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 on Tuesday August 9th and Tuesday August 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse in Benjamin.

The proposed budget is on file in the County Clerk's office and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Commissioners Court recommends adopting a tax rate of \$0.74031 per \$100 taxable value. This budget will raise \$25,964 (1.62%) more total property taxes than last year's budget, and of that amount \$13,106 is tax revenue raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the county office before the meeting.

Stan Wojcik

County Judge

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 152.013, Local Government Code, notice is hereby given of salaries, expenses or allowances of elected officials proposed to be increased for FYE 09/30/2016.

	Present	Proposed	
Elected Official	Salary	Increase	Total
County Judge	\$ 33,571	\$ -	\$ 33,571
County/District Clerk	\$ 30,362	\$ 1,600	\$ 31,962
County Attorney	\$ 27,833	\$ 1,600	\$ 29,433
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$ 17,018	\$ 1,600	\$ 18,618
County Treasurer	\$ 30,362	\$ 1,600	\$ 31,962
County Sheriff	\$ 35,329	\$ 2,000	\$ 37,329
Commissioner Prct 1	\$ 31,605	\$ 2,000	\$ 33,605
Commissioner Prct 2	\$ 31,605	\$ 1,200	\$ 32,805
Commissioner Prct 3	\$ 42,814	\$ 2,000	\$ 44,814
Commissioner Prct 4	\$ 31,605	\$ 1,200	\$ 32,805
Justice of Peace	\$ 30,362	\$ -	\$ 30,362

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 PM on August 18, 2016 at North Central Texas Municipal Authority, 135 N. Munday Ave. in Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2016. The proposed tax rate is \$0.01807 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District by 8.0%.

The Munday Housing Authority (MHA) and the Knox City Housing Authority (KCHA) have apartments available to eligible applicants for immediate occupancy. Renters may choose flat rent or income based rent, and rent includes some utilities. Come by 131 West Cisco Street in Munday or 203 SW 4th Street in Knox City, or call 940-422-4941 for more information. It is the intent of MHA & KCHA to rent vacant apartments to high income applicants when there are no eligible low or very low income applicants on the waiting list. Both are equal opportunity providers and employers.



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Authorities seek info on thefts

Special to The News-Courier

SEYMOUR —Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Special Ranger Scott Williamson and authorities are seeking information leading to the arrest or indictment of a suspect or suspects involved in multiple equipment thefts in or near Baylor and Knox Counties.

According to Williamson, between July 19 and July 25 a John Deere tractor model 5103 with a front end loader (bucket not attached) was stolen from Portwood barns south of Megargel on the Baylor and Young County line. The VIN number on the tractor is PY51034002153.

Between July 25 and Aug. 3, the Orsak

barn in Seymour was burglarized. A Miller wire welder model 210 with serial number LF062810 was stolen along with various other property, including chop saw, drills, tools and chains.

The property was loaded into a trailer believed to be a horse or stock trailer.

Anyone with further information on these or other crimes in the Baylor and Knox County area should contact Williamson at 240-636-6203 or TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333. A \$3,000 cash reward may be paid to individuals who can provide useful information leading to the arrest and indictment of suspect(s). Individuals reporting information may choose to remain anonymous.

Do standardized tests stifle thinking?

A retired teacher thinks so, offering the following example of where a student made a 0 on a test although his answers were literally correct.

In what battle did Napoleon die? His last battle.

Where was the Declara-

tion of Independence signed? At the bottom of the page.

What is the main reason for a divorce? Marriage.

How can a man go eight days without sleeping? No problem, sleep at night.

If you throw a red stone

into a blue sea, what will it become? Wet.

The Brazos River flows in what state? Liquid.

If it took eight men 10 hours to build a wall, how long will it take four men? No time as the wall is already built. What looks like a half of an apple? The other half.

How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? Any way you want as concrete floors are hard to crack.

What can you never eat for breakfast? Lunch or dinner.

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Mac's Views How to get real person on phone

I wanted to address one of my pet peeves, calling customer support, which is theoretically there to assist you. However, most of the time I have disappointing experiences with the automated systems, spending most of my time either pressing buttons or actually shouting "yes" or "no" or "I want to speak to a human."



JAMES
MCAFEE

This happened just last week for Vonda and I at the same time and I'm sure many of you have had similar experiences.

I decided to do some research and found a way to avoid some of that frustration, allowing you to follow a few easy steps to get a real person on the line.

While most numbers have automated front ends full of prompts to ignore, and different companies have different instructions for navigating their service hotlines, immediately asking for a representative or simply pressing 0 or # as many times as needed tends to lead to faster human interaction.

Also, different companies have different hours of operation, but calling during

the week between typical work hours is a safe bet. Just be aware of differences in time zones.

Here is a list of how to make it happen with some cable providers, for example:

AT&T U-verse: Call 1-800-288-2020. Wait through all of the messages, and you'll automatically be connected to live person.

DirecTV: Call 1-888-777-2454. Say the word "Yes" and then keep saying "Operator."

Dish Network: Call 1-800-333-3474. Press 1 and then keep pressing 0.

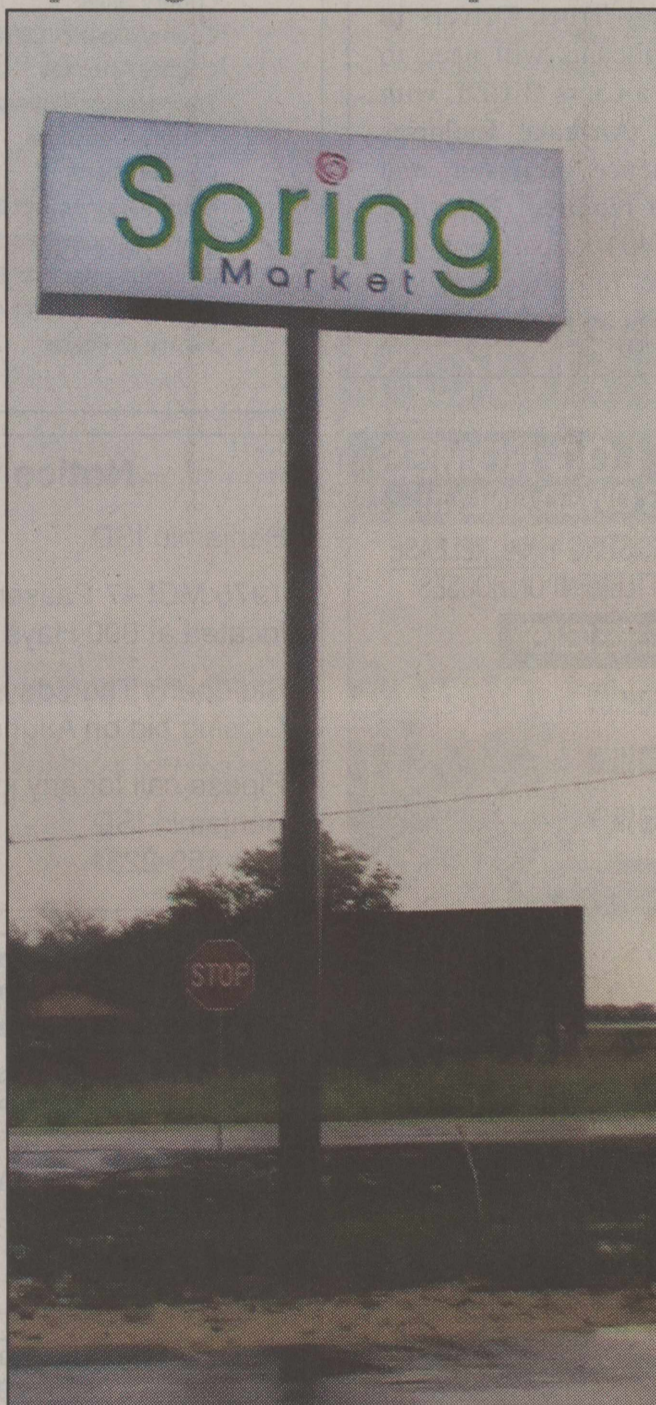
Time Warner Cable: Call 1-800-892-2253 and keep pressing 0.

Verizon FiOS: Call 1-888-553-1555 and keep pressing 0.

If you're interested in contacting other companies, ContactHelp.com and GetHuman.com are great resources to check out.

In closing, Vonda and I are busy working on the 2016 Knox Football Guide that will be included in the Aug. 25 issue. We still need some additional ads in order to add enough pages to have room for all the stories. Fans of the three football teams can get their names added as "Super Fans" by sending \$5 to p.o. box 151 by Aug. 15 or by calling Vonda at 940 422-5350.

Spring Market open



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

Brookshires opened its Spring Market store at the old Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market location on Highway 277 in Haskell last Saturday.

From the Preacher's Desk

For a troubled world
By David Sargent

Just watch the news and you will readily agree with Marcia Fulton that there's a lot of "tough stuff" going on in our world today. It's easy to get discouraged, depressed, and even despondent.

Recently, Marcia had a conversation with her 11-year-old son Jimmy that gave her a different perspective and some peace:

"I had a very deep conversation with Jimmy on our way home yesterday about this world and the tough stuff going on, and he gave me a new hope and perspective on it. Who knew talking to my 11-year-old would give me hope and joy in a dim time in our world? I love and cherish these moments! In Jimmy's words, 'Mom, we love God and He loves us! He has our backs in this world, and we do not have to fear because He told us not to. He told us He is for us! We have to remember that and know that we have heaven waiting for us after this.'"

Thinking about Jimmy's wise words, you know what? No matter how difficult it gets in this world, I think I'm going to be okay. How about you?

Here's where Jimmy gets his information and insight:

Jesus said to His disciples: "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:31-32).

"Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid'" (Matthew 14:27).

Jesus comforted His troubled followers with these words: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Take note: Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation," but "in Me you will have peace" (John 16:33).

Through Jesus, we can have peace with God (Romans 5:1), for Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins (Ephesians 1:7).

Through Jesus, we can have peace with others, if we'll only learn to treat others the way He treats us and forgive them like He has forgiven us (Ephesians 4:32).

Through Jesus, we can have peace within ourselves: "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding [that] will guard [our] hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

Weather Whys

Lightning temperature

Since lightning is electricity, how hot can a lightning bolt be?

Hotter than you probably think, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Scientists have done numerous experiments on this very subject," McRoberts explains, "and the air around a lightning bolt can reach as high as 54,000 degrees. That's over five times hotter than the surface of the sun. That's why when the air gets that hot, it expands faster than the speed of sound, and the compressed air around it sends out a quick shock wave -- and that's thunder. And since one bolt is really several bolts strung together, there are several of these shock waves one right after another, each at a different altitude. That's why thunder often seems to rumble."

How many volts are in a lightning bolt?

One bolt can contain millions of volts of electricity, McRoberts adds. "That's why lightning can be such a killer -- it is extremely powerful. About 100 U.S. residents are killed by lightning each year, and remember that worldwide, there are more than 1,000 thunderstorms at any given moment, causing 6,000 lightning strikes per minute. It's been estimated that the Empire State Building in New York City is struck by lightning an average of 25 times each year."

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Chronicles in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Judges 11, what judge of Israel was a prostitute's son? *Hosea, Jephthah, Samson, Lot*
 3. In Ruth 1, who called herself Marah, a name meaning "bitter"? *Priscilla, Miriam, Naomi, Deborah*
 4. Which was a city of Ephraim and home of the Ark of the Covenant? *Ai, Sardis, Gaza, Shiloh*
 5. From 2 Timothy 1, who was Timothy's devout grandmother? *Dorcas, Lydia, Lots, Hannah*
 6. Ahasuerus was also known as? *Noadiah, Agrippa, Joash, Xerxes*
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Jephthah; 3) Naomi; 4) Shiloh; 5) Lois; 6) Xerxes
- Wilson Casey's two new books — "101 Reasons to Vote For" and "101 Reasons to Vote Against" Hillary Clinton — are now available!