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## A defense strategy for the new administration

By Mac Thornberry and Andrew F. Krepinevich Jr.

First of four installments

The next U.S. president will inherit a security environment in which the United

States confronts mounting threats with increasingly constrained resources, diminished stature, and growing uncertainty both at home and abroad over its willingness to protect its friends and its interests. Revisionist powers in Europe, the western Pacific, and

the Persian Gulf—three regions long considered by both Democratic and Republican administrations to be vital to U.S. national security—are seeking to overturn the rules-based international order. In Europe, Russian President Vladimir Putin has seized Crimea,

waged proxy warfare in eastern Ukraine, and threatened NATO allies on Russia's periphery. Further demonstrating its newfound assertiveness, Russia has dispatched forces to Syria and strengthened its nuclear arsenal. See **STRATEGY**, Page 7

## Dove hunting starts

Special to The News-Couriers

The dove hunting season was scheduled to get off to its traditional opening today and will give hunters in the North Zone an extra 20 days, strategically placed early in the season to take advantage of the mourning doves' migratory patterns into Texas.

Last year's early season ended in late October, but goes until Nov. 13 this year in the north zone. It will pick back up again on Dec. 17, running through Jan. 1, 2017. In the Central Zone, the season runs from Sept. 1 until Nov. 6 and from Dec. 17 until Jan. 8, 2017. The South Zone dates are from Sept. 23 until Nov. 13 and from Dec. 17 until Jan. 23, 2017.

The daily bag limit is 15 with a possession limit of 45 and shooting is allowed from one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife reported that dove populations "are soaring."

## Tips for hunters

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Dove hunters can improve their game and increase their odds of having a successful outing by following these important tips from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

Practice with a purpose: Get the gun out well ahead of the hunt and take some "batting practice" swinging on birds. "Even practicing leading a bird without shooting can improve your accuracy," according to TPWD dove program leader Shaun Oldenburger. "The average hunter takes five shots to bag one dove; that's three boxes of shotgun shells to get your bag limit! Effective shooting leads to better hunts and more birds in the bag." Shoot at least a couple boxes of shot shells at clay targets to get your timing, shooting stance, head, gun mounting and follow through in sync.

Know your limitations: Pattern your shotgun on paper targets with different chokes, loads and at various distances within 30 yards, where dove loads are most effective. Not all guns, chokes and loads pattern the same. Practice estimating distances to spots and then verify them with a rangefinder. You'll better understand your distances from birds and be able to make more effective shots and reduce crippling loss.

Know the routines: Mourning doves will typically be

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## Lost points to penalties costly for Moguls

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Hawley Bearcats found it very difficult to catch Munday's elusive runners Jacoby Thomas and Day'veon Dockins out in the open, but did corral them on a drive toward a possible winning score for the Moguls to escape with a 30-28 win here Friday night at Scruggs Stadium.

After forcing the Bearcats to punt, the Moguls moved deep into Hawley territory, setting up a chain changer at the Bearcat 27 on an 18-yard screen pass from Thomas to Raylynn Dockins. Day'veon

Dockins managed seven yards on first down, but then Holt Bivens failed to come up with a possible catch of a Thomas pass that would have been good for a first down. Thomas then came up a yard short on third down. The Bearcat defense then broke through and caught Dockins behind the line of scrimmage on fourth down.

The Bearcats, who controlled the ball for more than two-thirds of the 48 minutes getting off twice as many plays (73-36), then ran off last four minutes of the game to escape with the narrow win

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Terry Messer/The Knox County News-Courier

Munday's Day'veon Dockins en route to an 80-yard touchdown run against Hawley.

## Hounds fall, 68-41, to No. 10 Ira

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

JAYTON—Although the Knox City Greyhounds suffered a 68-41 setback at the hands of 10th ranked Ira here last week, new coach Caleb Callaway felt he saw enough good things to remain positive.

"It was a great opportunity to play against a ranked opponent on a neutral field, giving us the playoff atmosphere we hope to feel at the end of the year," Callaway said.

"We had some hiccups on offense, which was expected, but were able to grow through the experience," Callaway added, pointing out that only three touchdowns were scored by the offensive unit trying to adjust to a new system.

Ira managed to roll up 464

yards, led by Booker Brasuel's 283 rushing, as compared to a total of 300 for Knox City, including 196 passing. Quarterback Anthony Estrada connected on 11 of 18 for 177 yards, including two long ones to Christian Abila for touchdowns in the final period. Estrada also added 76 yards on eight carries.

The Greyhounds got on the scoreboard quickly when Brady Hawkins recovered a fumble in the end zone in the game's first minutes, but the Bulldogs quickly answered to take the lead on a 64-yard run by Booker Brasuel and a Ramiro Rios PAT kick.

Brasuel scored on a 20-yard run to allow the Bulldogs to expand their lead to 14-6 seven minutes later, but Sam Schnable returned the ensuing kickoff 79 yards and

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Sheri Bab/The Knox County News-Courier

Knox City's Sam Schnable returns two kick offs for touchdowns against Ira.

## Mustangs pull away late for 82-52 win

By James McAfee

The Knox County News-Courier

BOWIE—The Benjamin Mustangs broke open a close game with a 33-point fourth quarter to kick off the season with an 82-52 victory over the much improved Gold-Burg Bears here last Friday night.

"We had a hard fought game for our season opener," said Coach James Jackson. "For the whole first half we went back and forth exchanging scores. Thankfully in the second half, we were able to make adjustments and control the game in our favor.

"For my first regular season game ever as a head coach, it really felt good to win. With continued hard work, I believe we will continue to have success."

Justin Rainwater led the

Mustangs' explosive offensive showing that finished the night with a total production of 544 yards, equally distributed with 295 on the ground and 249 through the air. Rainwater carried the ball 14 times for 214 yards and five touchdowns and connected on 14 of 17 passes for 247 yards and four additional six-pointers.

"Justin is a leader on both sides of the ball," Jackson told the Abilene Reporter-News when he was named one of the top 10 performers for week 1 in the Big Country.

The Bears came ready to play in an attempt to end their losing streak, taking a 12-0 lead. The Mustangs managed to tie the game at 12-12 in the first quarter when Damian Landini scored on a short run inside and Rainwater

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Photo by David Jackson

Justin Rainwater rushes for 214 yards on 14 carries in opener against Gold-Burg.

## Knox Notes

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

### Bake sale Friday

MUNDAY—The Clowning for a Cure team from the St. Joseph's Church in Rhineland will hold a bake sale starting at 8 a.m. Friday here at the Lawrence Brothers as a fundraiser for Relay for Life.

### Homecoming musical

KNOX CITY—The 22nd homecoming for the Liberty Community Church of God in Christ will feature a musical at 7 p.m. Saturday. That will be followed with an 82nd anniversary celebration at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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## Some cotton farmers happy with rain

Special to The News Courier

Some of the cotton farmers in Knox County have received enough rain in August to make them happy with their crops.

One report mentioned that four inches of rain was recorded east of Munday on Saturday. Up to an addition.7 of an inch came down in a short cloudburst Sunday in Munday.

However, the plant materials in Knox City reported only .05 of an inch.

## Earlier deadline for advertising

The deadline for advertising for next week's issue has been moved up to noon on Friday to allow employees to enjoy the Labor Day holiday.

All news items need to be sent in via email to kcnews-courier@gmail.com on the weekend, but no later than 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

## Correction

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## News on the go



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## Obituary policy

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

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

## Obituaries

### Claudia Tidwell

Claudia (Reed) Tidwell of Munday passed away Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 at the age of 71. She was born May 21, 1945 in Knox City to Claude and Gladys (Williams) Reed. She and Joe Tidwell were married June 3, 1963 in Knox City.

Claudia always put others before herself. She adored Joe. Spending time with her family was a favorite pastime. She loved a house full of friends and family with a welcoming hug for all who entered through their doors. Claudia's greatest legacy to her family is her servant's heart. She loved children and was an active part

of children's ministry. She was known for her generous way of providing for others' needs, often anonymously to that person. Claudia's beautiful heart spilled out into her home and her flower beds.

Claudia is survived by her loving husband Joe of Munday; three sons James and wife, Lori of Sherman, Doug and wife Lianne of Munday and David and wife Jennifer of Pottsboro; one sister Linda and husband C.H. Underwood of O'Brien; eight grandchildren Erin and husband, Drew, Mason, Dalton, Trey, Grace, Justin, Jacob and Claire; and one great-grandchild Ellie.



CLAUDIA TIDWELL

A visitation was held Sunday at the funeral home in Munday. Funeral services were held Monday, at the First Baptist Church in Munday with Shannon Waters officiating. Interment followed in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

### Michael Collier

Michael "Bryan" Collier, 41, of Cross Roads passed away Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016 in Denton. He was born Oct. 10, 1974 in Knox City. Bryan attended school in Krum and Sanger and was a member of the Singing Oaks Church of Christ.

Visitation for Bryan was held Thursday at DeBerry Funeral Directors. Funeral services were held Friday at Singing Oaks Church of Christ with interment following at Jackson Cem-

etery in Krum. Pallbearers were Tracy Spence, Dusty Dwyer, Len Sanders, Cody Clark, Kevin Dickerson and Wesley Sanders.

Bryan is survived by his mother Debbie Vaughn, stepfather Glen Vaughn, father Randy Collier, step mother Janice Collier, sister Jenny and husband Grayson Sanders, nieces Kylene, Scarlett and Bristol, nephew Gavin, step sister Kenni Dwyer, step brothers Cody Ray and Kevin Anderson,



MICHAEL COLLIER

Memorials may be made to the Dallas Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn Street Dallas, TX 75219, 214-559-5000 in Bryan's name.

# Want to gain valuable leadership skills?

By Lorri Coop

I'm sure by now you have heard about the Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program. You may be wondering, "What will I get out of it?" or "Why take the time?"

This program is a fantastic opportunity only available in Haskell and Knox Counties. You are meeting people in your community and neighboring community. You are networking with your city and county government. You are touring local businesses, learning about your local hospital, school system and assets around your region.

When you finish this program, you will have gained valuable leadership skills, you will have met

people from around the region, and you will know more about your community as a whole. The only way you can gain this kind of insight is to invest the time in a program like this one.

The leadership program kicks off Sept. 23 and ends in May 2017. We will take you through a fun orientation process where you get to know the group. Our groups are usually 12-15 people. Then, we will meet on the first Friday of each month starting in October. You will spend the morning working through valuable curriculum. Then, in the afternoon you will be on your feet and touring Haskell and Knox Counties. These tours will expose you to various topics such as economic develop-

ment, agriculture, health-care and all the things that make up the assets of a community. Each month we will alternate between Haskell and Knox County. Not only will you learn about your county, but you will also learn about your neighbors.

The DCOH and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension are providing the tools, now we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity. We promise you won't regret it...just ask any of our past participants. Applications can be picked up at the Extension Office in Benjamin or downloaded @ <http://knox.agrilife.org/>. For more information, call the Knox County Extension Office at 940-459-2651.

# Public hearings on tax rates continue

All the taxing entities in Knox County have been busy posting legal notices about their tax rates as required by law.

Many of the public hearings have already been held, but the city of Benjamin will have a second one at 6 p.m.

Sept. 9, the Knox County Appraisal District will hold its public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Knox County Courthouse and the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at its office in Munday.

## Area news

### StarWalk set Saturday

QUANAH—StarWalk, the nationally acclaimed public astronomy program at Copper Breaks State Park, continues its popular naked-eye presentations on Saturday with Sky Guide Terry Paridon leading participants in an exploration of the night sky beginning at sunset, around 9:30 p.m., in Big Pond Campground.

In addition, Sky Guide volunteer Earl Foster will offer Sun Fun, beginning at 5 p.m. Sun Fun offers the public rare views of our own star, the Sun, through telescopes fitted with filters for safe viewing. Through the afternoon, visitors will be able to view "Journey to the Stars," a story of life and death of stars and their formation, including our own sun.

### 'Taste of Country'

HASKELL—The Noah Project will hold its annual "Taste of Country" here Sept. 20 at the Haskell Civic Center. There will be food to sample from area restaurants from 5-7 p.m. A silent auction is set for 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 until Sept. 13. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Funds raised will go to help victims of family violence in Knox, Haskell, Jones, Throckmorton and Stamford counties.

### Weinert homecoming

WEINERT—Plans for the Weinert Homecoming 2016 are being finalized. The "Coming Home" celebration is scheduled Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. The classes of 1966 and 1967 will be honored. All Weinert Bulldogs, teachers and patrons are encouraged to attend.

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going to fields from roost locations to feed early in the morning, but there's also good hunting opportunities during mid-morning or even mid-afternoon at watering holes in areas with good dove concentrations. Birds won't be flying in flocks, but it can be some great hunting as singles and doubles look for daily drinking water. White-winged dove flocks always seem to be flying in and out of an effective gun range; make sure to single out individual birds that are lower than others when shooting to be more effective.

Be safe: Always be aware of your shooting lanes and locations of other hunters, which can change constantly when birds are coming in and the action gets hot. Shooting outside of a safe zone of fire is the #1 cause of hunting accidents in Texas, mostly during dove hunting.

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#### Sheriff's sale Tuesday

BENJAMIN—A sheriff's sale for property in Knox County is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday here at the South door of the Knox Courthouse.

#### Blood drives Tuesday

Community blood drives will take place from noon until 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Knox County Hospital in Knox City and at the Munday Clinic. Each donor will receive a choice of T-shirt or a camouflage cap, as well as a complimentary total cholesterol test.

#### English lessons

MUNDAY—The First United Methodist Church will again host "English as a Second Language" from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday. Contact Debbie Pankhurst at 940 422-5348 if interested.

#### Rangers' tickets prize

MUNDAY—The First United Methodist Church Carnival for Hope team is conducting a raffle for five tickets to the Oct. 10 baseball game between the Texas Rangers and the Tampa Bay Rays as a fundraiser for Relay for Life. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5.

#### Museum garage sale

MUNDAY—The Knox County Historical Commission and Friends of the KCHC will hold its annual garage sale here Sept. 10 at the Perry Patton Center.

#### Conservation meeting

KNOX CITY—The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Knox County and the Wichita Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public to attend their meeting from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sept. 14 to discuss conservation topics and issues, and to set local conservation priorities to help farmers, ranchers and private landowners conserve and manage the natural resources.

#### 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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## Service Times:

**Sunday**  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Kidz Impact, Pre-K to 6th grade:  
5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Youth: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Knox County Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Sept. 5-9

**Monday:** Closed Labor Day

**Tuesday:** Hamburger steak, yams, English peas, bread, fruit cup

**Wednesday:** Chicken tenders, gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, corn, wheat rolls, cake

**Thursday:** Herb roasted chicken, pinto beans, green beans, cornbread, pears

**Friday:** Hot dogs, pork & beans, potato salad, cookies

## Thank You

*Thank you seems so inadequate at this time of our life. There is no way to express our appreciation for all of the calls, visits, gifts, food, cards, flowers, plants, and especially the prayers for our family the last few weeks. We are very blessed to live in a community that is so supportive. We are very thankful for all of the love shown to Kevin "Flipper" and our family. He loved every one of you and so do we.*

*—In Christian Love  
The family of Kevin Oustad*

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# 'Carnival for Cure' scheduled Sept. 17

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—Mark your calendars for Sept. 17 as that's when the Relay for Life's "Carnival for a Cure" will be held here at the Phillip McAfee Track from 4-10 p.m.

The committee, headed by Leann Harlan, gathered Monday to make some final plans for the fundraiser for the 2016 American Cancer Society's national program,

"Paint Your World Purple."

Ryan Dillard, a Munday Elementary teacher, will be the master of ceremonies.

There will be five teams raising money with carnival-themed activities or food, including

"Carnival for Hope" from the First United Methodist Church in Munday, "Clowning for a Cure" from the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, "The Bearded Ladies" in

Misty's honor, the Munday Lions Club, First Bank Texas and the Munday Volunteer Fire Department.

Activities will include a cake walk, dunking booth, jail, bingo, dominoes and various carnival games.

Entertainment will be provided by various singers, including Lyndle Reeves, along with The Movement Space dancers, the MHS cheerleaders, an obstacle course

for kids, a lip sync battle and themed dance laps.

The Munday Church of Christ will serve as the welcoming committee, offering free water, peach tea and cookies.

In addition, there will be drinks, snacks, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream and coke floats for sale.

The Luminaria ceremony will start at 9 p.m.

# The Paperboy Economy struggles while markets soar

Last week the government adjusted its Gross Domestic Product numbers down. The revised figures show the economy grew at just 1.1 percent during the second quarter of 2016.

If you don't know what that means, it's terrible news.

Rick Manning, President of Americans for Limited Government, issued the following regarding the figures:

"Today we learned that the economy grew even slower than originally thought in the second quarter, dropping to an inflation-adjusted annualized 1.1 percent. That stinks. Combined with the really bad 0.8 percent in the first quarter, that means just to get to 2 percent for the year, the economy will need to grow above an annualized 3 percent for each of the last two quarters. To get to 3 percent for the year, it will need to grow at more than 5 percent for each of the last two quarters. Not going to happen.

"President Obama promised to turn the economy around after the financial crisis, and not only has he failed spectacularly, we are risking posting the worst economy on record — ever. Even worse from a growth perspective than the Great Depression given the past decade's data. It's that bad.

"The failure to hold Washington, D.C. accountable lays at the heart of the economy's failure to turn around. All we've done is double the national debt in eight years to \$20 trillion, taxing and regulating ourselves into oblivion and chasing even more business and the jobs they create overseas by making it even harder to produce things in America and turn a profit. The truth is, those looking overseas for growth opportunities are the smart ones, because if we have another four years like Obama's past eight, you'd have to be an idiot to invest in America with this assault on growth by Washington, D.C."

I agree with Mr. Manning and I'll add that the markets have me worried as well.

The stock markets continue to soar despite an overall bad economy. Why?

Financial gurus can give us reasons as to why the markets are not tanking despite obvious weakness and uncertainty in the economy. They will also tell you that the bull market is going to turn south.

I guess the main thing to be aware of is when the markets does turn south, what will that do to the overall economy. It could be every bit as ugly as 2008.

Of course, if the economy crashes, it will likely mean higher oil prices which could actually insulate states like Texas and Oklahoma from the kind of devastation other states will see.

The markets have seen a wild ride despoits a weak economy. I'm guessing that a severe market correction would send the U.S. and world economies into a death spiral.

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# Thornberry warns residents about scams

Special to The News-Courier

WASHINGTON—Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) is warning 13th District residents against new waves of scams trying to take people's money.

Criminals are using several different schemes to extort money from innocent people. The scams include:

Letters that threaten to turn the recipient over to a collection company or report them to a credit agency unless they immediately pay for some item they have purchased, often medical equipment;

Emails that demand immediate payment of tax debts; and

Calls or emails that use personal information taken from social media, such as the names of family members, to invent stories of medical emergencies or arrests that require immediate payment.

"People from our area have come to me with all of these types of scams just within the last week. While many of them seek to take advantage of older citizens, everyone should be alert for these and other creative attempts by criminals to obtain money," Thornberry said.

In one of the most common IRS scams, criminals call or send emails to the victims and identify themselves as Department of the Treasury or IRS officials. They claim that the victim owes money to the IRS and that they must pay the balance immediately using a credit card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer. They threaten punishment, including arrest or suspension of a business or driver's license if the debt is not paid immediately. The scammers may also use fake badge numbers and use phone numbers with a 202 Washington area code.

"People should be aware of this scheme before they become victims themselves. We also want them to know how important it is to report instances like this so these criminals can be found and prosecuted," Thornberry added.

The IRS generally first contacts people by mail — not by phone — about unpaid taxes and will not ask for payment using a pre-paid debit card, a money order, or a wire transfer. The IRS also will not ask for a credit card number or your bank information over the phone. If you get a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS asking for a payment or your

credit card or bank account information, report it by going to [treasury.gov/tigta](http://treasury.gov/tigta). There is an online form you can fill out or you can call their scam hotline at 800-366-4484.

"If someone unexpectedly calls claiming to be from the IRS or in a new twist, the Treasury Department, and uses the threat of legal action if you do not pay immediately, that is a sign that it is not the IRS calling, and your cue to hang up," Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration J. Russell George said. "Again, do not engage with these callers. If they call you, hang up the telephone."

The IRS will also never request personal or financial information by e-mail, text, or any social media. You should forward scam e-mails to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). Do not open any attachments or click on any links in those e-mails.

Reporting these incidents helps in the following ways according to the Department of the Treasury:

- Providing the call-back number can lead to arrests.
- It builds an evidentiary trail.
- Telephone numbers are shut down.
- Scam attempts are catalogued.

# Knox City considers Plan for a safe, water, garbage hikes sober ride home

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Council discussed the possibility of increasing the base water rate by \$1 a month and 50 cents per \$1,000 gallons thereafter plus also increasing the base garbage rate by \$1 a month due to rising costs to the city

during its August meeting.

They also proposed lowering the property tax rate from .61641 to .58421.

An application for a technology grant through the Texas Criminal Assistance System and a tax resale deed for a property in the city were among the items approved.

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN—As celebrations are finalized to mark the last days of summer, the Texas Department of Transportation urges drivers to make a plan leading up to the Labor Day holiday — a plan for a safe and sober ride home.

"Drinking and driving remains a big problem in Texas," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "If you plan to drink, you must plan ahead for a safe and sober ride home. It's a plan that could save a family — even your own — from the heartbreak of losing a loved one."

TxDOT's "Plan While You Can" campaign kicked off this week in San Antonio and runs through Sept. 5 to coincide with Labor Day and increased DWI enforcement in Texas. Dur-

ing the Labor Day holiday period in 2015, there were 359 alcohol-related crashes that led to 12 fatalities and 36 serious injuries.

As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. In addition to potentially life threatening crashes, drivers under the influence of alcohol could face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license.

Find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Staying where you are and spend the night.

# DPS welcomes 95 new troopers

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) welcomed 95 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers in a ceremony here last month.

"It takes an extraordinary individual to make the momentous commitment to taking on the responsibilities of a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper," said Commissioner Manny Flores. "DPS and all Texans are deeply thankful of your service, and our state can rest easy knowing all of you will be serving on the frontlines."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

The troopers began the 23-week DPS Training Academy in March. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures,

crash reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

"The department is pleased to welcome 95 new Troopers to our ranks—their specialized law enforcement training will be indispensable in fulfilling our mission to protect and serve Texas," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

The B-2016 class includes:

11 former peace officers, including a former trooper with the Virginia State Police and a former trooper with the Georgia State Patrol;

28 military veterans, including a retired Navy SEAL, who is the class's oldest recruit at 52; the youngest recruit is 21; and

the first-ever married couple in DPS history to start and complete a recruit school together.

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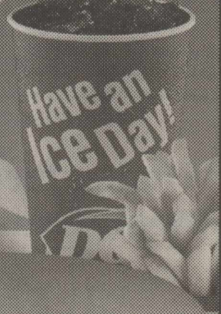
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# MOGULS

From Page 1

In the final analysis, a pair of yellow flags at the wrong time also played a major role in the Moguls ending up on the short end of the score.

After the Bearcats opened up a 16-0 lead in the first quarter, Thomas took the ensuing kickoff for a 97-yard dash to the end zone, but it was erased by a holding penalty back at the Munday 20.

After the Moguls had apparently tied the game at 30-30 in the final period when Trevaugh Mitchell escaped around the right end for a successful two-point conversion, there was another yellow flag for holding. Then Thomas' pass attempt from the 13 was intercepted.

The Moguls were penalized seven times for 54 yards and there were also two times

there were offsetting penalties called. Coach Patrick Corcoran did think some of the penalties were avoidable, like the holding call on the other side of the field on Thomas' kickoff return.

The Bearcats couldn't convert a fourth down deep in Munday territory to start the game, but got the ball back at the Moguls' 29 when Heath Bivens couldn't get off a punt after a high snap and failed to make the necessary yards for a first down.

The Bearcats needed eight plays to turn the break into a one-yard run for a touchdown by Quay Stokes with 3:14 left in the first period. Stokes then connected with Shan Guerra for the two points.

That same combination teamed for a 52-yard gain to the Mogul three on the Bearcats' next possession and Tanner Schnoor scored on the next play. Stokes found Saxon Jones open to make it 16-0 with just a minute left in the opening

period. Thomas brought the home crowd to their feet with the electrifying return that was erased by a penalty.

When a Moguls' fourth down attempt came up short, the Bearcats were back in business at the Munday 43. On second down, Stokes tried to pull the trigger to Jones in the end zone, but Alex Thorn beat him to make the interception in the end zone.

That's when the tide turned as Dockins found daylight up the middle and escaped down the left sidelines to go 80 yards for a touchdown. It was the Moguls' initial first down, too. Despite a delay of game penalty, Mitchell circled left end to add the extra points.

Neither team could score in the final nine minutes of the half thanks in part to a 58-yard punt by Heath Bivens that pinned the Bearcats back inside their own 10.

The Bearcats made the

mistake of kicking deep again on the kickoff to start the second half and a well-rested Thomas couldn't be stopped until he had gone 90 yards for a TD. A high snap kept the Moguls from tying the game.

After Jesse Sites broke free for 37 yards to the Moguls' three, the Moguls' defense stiffened until Stokes found Jones open on fourth down from the five. Stokes' pass to pad the lead to 10 was incomplete.

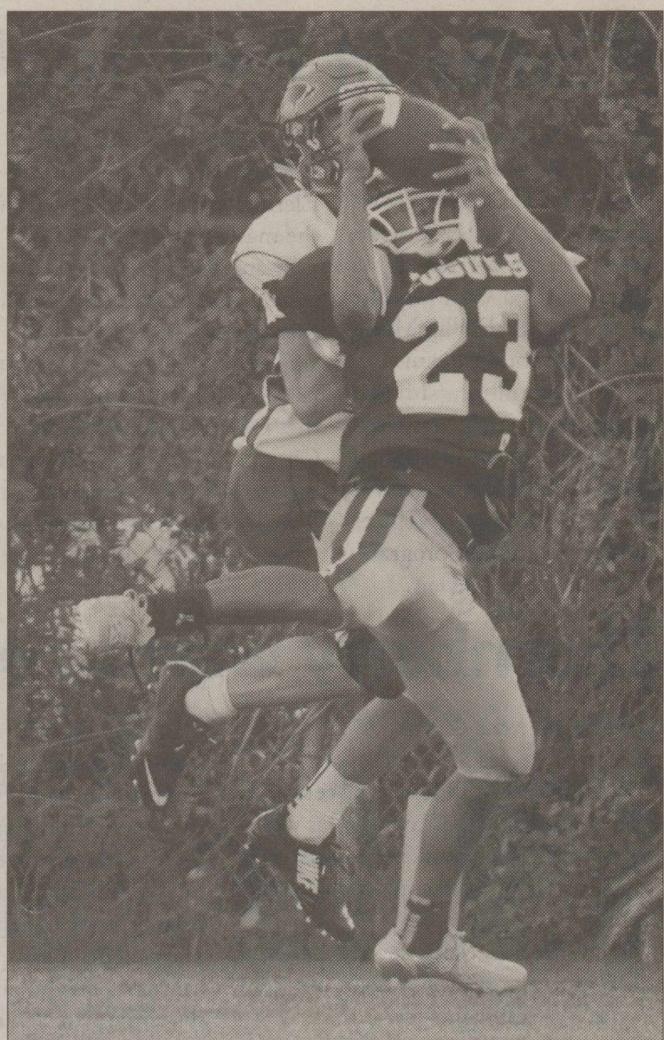
Thomas wasn't through, however, escaping again for 54 yards. Dockins added the extra points and the game was deadlocked at 22 with 6:37 left in the third period.

An interception by Heath Bivens stopped the Bearcats' trip into the red zone, but after the Moguls were forced to punt, the Bearcats moved 72 yards in 10 plays to regain the lead on a three-yard run by Sites and another run by Sites for the extra points.

Thorn returned the ensuing kickoff 27 yards to the Hawley 43. Dockins picked up a first down and then on third and nine from the 31, Thomas again found daylight, breaking a tackle at the 10, to score. Then the Moguls' chance to tie the game again ended on the holding call and an intercepted pass on the second attempt.

Despite each being caught behind the line of scrimmage for negative yardage on three occasions, Dockins and Thomas finished with 123 and 112 yards rushing.

Stokes was the workhorse for the Bearcats, carrying the ball for 26 times to gain



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Alex Thorn makes interception of Hawley pass in the end zone to end first quarter threat.

73 yards and connecting on 15 of 22 passes for 254 yards.

Corcoran did feel that the Moguls played hard and physical, adding "there was stuff you had to do against a team like Hawley we didn't get done. We have to clean that up and need to get better at what we do, having a lot to work on."

Offensively, Corcoran felt the Moguls did what they could, but felt they needed to avoid too many four and outs to allow the defense a

little more time to rest.

"Defensively, we played physically and did tackle well early, but started missing some later and couldn't get the ball back at the end of the game," Corcoran added.

The Moguls will travel to Stamford to play the Bulldogs on Friday. The Bulldogs suffered a 52-0 setback at the hands of No. 1-ranked Class 3A Brock last week. Corcoran expects another good game, pointing out the series stands 5-6 the last 11 years.

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## Electra, Haskell, Petrolia claim opening wins

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Electra, Haskell and Petrolia opened District 7-2A DII with victories Friday night.

Xavier Waggoner caught a 43-yard pass from Drake Cooper with 51 seconds to allow the Electra Tigers to escape with a 30-27 victory over the Seymour Tigers. Cooper was the catalyst for the Tigers, scoring three early touchdowns in rushing for

201 yards to give the Tigers an early 18-0 lead.

The Haskell Indians rallied from a 35-21 halftime deficit behind quarterback Alec Roscoe, who gained 186 yards, including 146 in the second half, and scored three times. He also connected on 13 of 18 passes for 138 yards. The eventual difference in the game was Caleb Wheat converting all seven of his PAT kicks while Joe Orgtega's

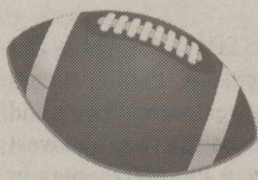
seventh try missed, hitting the right upright.

Petrolia overcame three turnovers to score a 46-12 win over Fort Worth Lake Country as Dane Williams passed for 201 yards and four touchdowns and Reed Latham gained 126 on the ground.

Quannah and Archer City joined Munday in the losers' circle, dropping 31-0 and 34-7 decisions to Class 3A City View and Millsap.

### 7-2A DII standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Electra	1	0	30	27
Petrolia	1	0	46	12
Haskell	1	0	42	41
Munday	0	1	28	30
Quannah	0	1	0	31
Archer City	0	1	7	34



### Last week's results

Hawley 30, Munday 28; Electra 30, Seymour 27; Petrolia 46, Fort Worth Lake Country 12; Haskell 42, Roscoe 41; City View 31, Quannah 0; Millsap 34, Archer City 7

### This week's games

Munday at Stamford, Anson at Haskell, Quannah at Seymour, Olney at Petrolia, Nocona at Archer City, Frederick, OK at Electra

### Munday cross country schedule

Date	Meet	Teams	Site
Sept. 1	Burkburnett	HS	Perkins Scout Camp
Sept. 10	Seymour	JH, HS	Seymour Park
Sept. 17	Hamlin	JH, HS	Hamlin Golf Course
Sept. 29	Wichita Falls	JH, HS	Garnett Field
Oct. 6	Lucy Park	HS	Lucy Park, WF
Oct. 19	District 9-2A	JH, HS	Seymour Park
Oct. 29	Regional	HS	Grand Prairie
Nov. 12	State	HS	Round Rock

## Munday JV falls to Hawley

Special to The News-Courier

HAWLEY—A short-handed Munday junior varsity football team dropped a 36-0 decision to Hawley here last

Thursday, finishing the game with only 10 players on the field.

"We only had 11 guys available as three or four were injured in practice," Coach

Jeffery Toliver said. "We do hope to get back a few this week."

The Moguls will entertain Stamford here tonight at 5:30 p.m.

## Mogulettes to compete in Nocona

Special to The News-Courier

MUNDAY—The Munday Mogulettes were scheduled to compete in the Buckle Up for Lane's Sake Tournament in

Nocona today and Saturday. The Mogulettes carried a 3-9 record into a dual match with Paducah and Wichita Falls Hirschi tuesday. Munday lost to Chico in

three straight sets last Saturday. Freshman Karsyn Sanders and junior Kristen Keuhler both had six kills. Sophomore Emily Scott had 13 assists.



## HOUNDS

From Page 1

Armando Torres tied the score at 14 with a successful PAT kick.

Rios connected on a 38-yard pass to Brayden Corley and added the kick to provide Ira with a 22-14 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Hounds still couldn't contain Brasuel in the second quarter as he escaped for touchdown runs of 26 and 43 yards while Rios added four points on PAT kicks.

Schnable scored from the one and Hawkins caught a pass from Estrada to leave

the Hounds trailing 38-21 at halftime

The Bulldogs extended their lead to 54-27 after three quarters as Rios and Anthony Sosa scored from close range while the Hounds could only respond with a 75-yard kick-off return by Schnable.

The Greyhounds did find some success through the air in the final quarter as Estrada connected with Abila for TD passes of 52 and 64 yards, accounting for 116 yards of the total 196 passing.

The Bulldogs countered with a 44-yard Hunter Cotton pass to Sosa and a final 56 yard run by Brasuel, allowing him to finish the night with a

total of 283 yards on 19 carries.

In preparing for a road game against Rule on Friday, Callaway noted the Greyhounds needed to make sure that they executed at a high level on both offense and defense, spending time to fine tune some parts and to eliminate mistakes they made against Ira.

"Rule is going to give us some looks we haven't seen and that is always good in prepping for games down the road," Callaway added. "Again it all comes down to execution. I know the effort will be there, so we just need to go execute all facets of the game."



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Brady Hawkins stretches out in an attempt to convert first down against Ira.

## Rotan, Spur claim wins

Special to The News-Courier

The Rotan Yellowhammers and the Spur Bulldogs posted opening wins over Wilson and Anton in last week's Dis-

trict 4-1A DI action.

Paducah joined Knox City in the losers' circle, falling No. 1-ranked Richland Springs, 58-0.

Three schools remained

ranked with Knox City at 11th, Spur at 14th and Paducah at 16th.

## Houndettes improve record to 9-8

Special to The News-Courier

KNOX CITY-The Knox City Houndettes improved their non-district record to 9-8 last week, winning a pair of games and losing

only to Veribest in a tournament at Bronte.

Kirstin Tuckness had 24 kills in the three games while Brooke Jones and Temi Flowers combined for a total of 54 assists. Jones

also led the team in aces with six.

The Houndettes have remaining games with Archer City and Newcastle on the road before opening District 6-2A play April 10.

4-1A DI standings				
Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Rotan	1	0	46	0
Spur	1	0	52	42
Knox City	0	1	41	68
Paducah	0	1	0	58

**Last week's results**  
Ira 68, Knox City 41; Rotan 46, Wilson 0; Spur 52, Anton 42; Richland Springs 58, Paducah 0

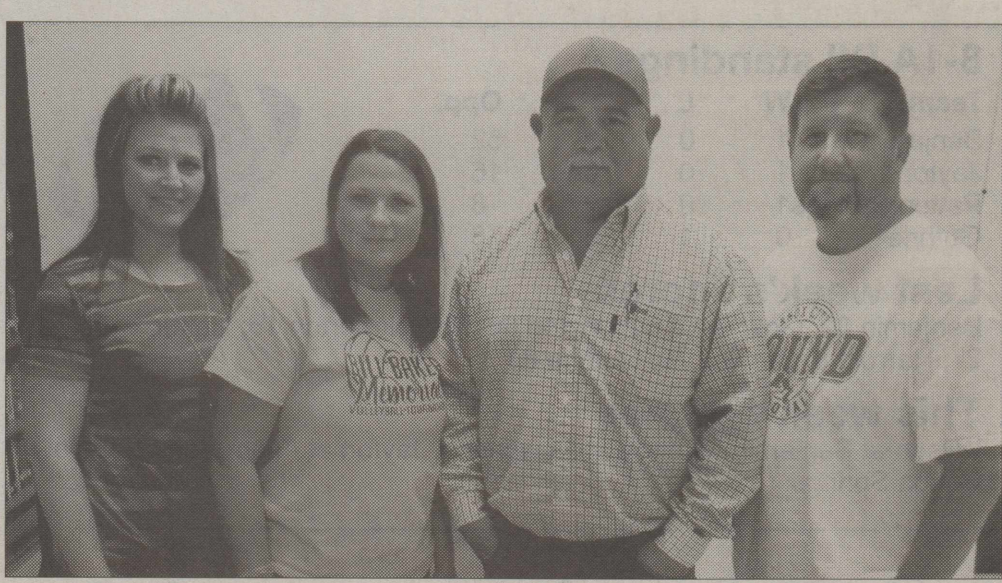
**This week's games**  
Knox City at Rule, Spur at Motley County, Paint Creek at Rotan

Knox City cross country schedule			
Date	Meet	Teams	Site
Sept. 1	Perkins	JVG/VG/VB	Perkins Camp, Burkburnett
Sept. 21	Rotan	JHG/JVG/VG/VB	Rotan
Sept. 26	Crowell	JHG/JHB/JVG/VG/VB	Crowell
Oct. 8	*Decatur	JH,JVG,VG,VB	Decatur
Oct. ?	District	TBD	
Oct. 29	Regional	VG/VB	Mae Simmons Park, Lubbock
Nov. 12	State	VG/VB	Old Settlers Park, Round Rock

\*Tentative at press time

Knox City Roster		
No.	Name	Class
2	Armando Torres	Sopomore
3	Abraham Nevarez	Freshman
4	Nathan Williams	Senior
5	Corban Cox	Freshman
6	John Shaver	Freshman
7	Andrew Casillas	Freshman
8	Preston Lynn	Sophomore
9	Brady Hawkins	Junior
10	Pablo Sandoval	Junior
11	Anthony Estrada	Senior
12	Taigen Lofton	Freshman
13	Christian Abila	Senior
14	Sean Logsdon	Sophomore
17	Dawson Eades	Freshman
19	Dustin Ledesma	Sophomore
20	Angel Rodriguez	Senior
21	Mason Smart	Freshman
22	Jesse Munoz	Sophomore
25	Joey Espinal	Senior
28	Shawn Hacker	Sophomore
31	Jabahri Walton	Freshman
32	Samuel Schnable	Senior
33	Zack Overmyer	Senior
40	Abel Sandoval	Senior
44	Casey Arendall	Freshman
55	Jessie Ledesma	Senior

## Booster club officers



James McAfee/The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox City Booster Club elected new officers Monday night. Shown (l-r) are Tasha Carrillo, secretary; Lori Ruiz, treasurer; Mario Abila, president; and Tony Logsdon, vice president.

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## MUSTANGS

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ran 11 yards for a TD. The Bears regained the lead with a pair of touchdowns and were still ahead 31-30 at halftime despite a 58-yard scamper by Rainwater and a 13-yard Rainwater-to-Lincoln Strickland pass.

Rainwater's 16-yard run for a TD allowed the Mustangs to take the lead for good at 36-31. He added another touchdown from 25 yards and Nick Brumley added another TD from 48 yards as the Mustangs finished the third quarter with a 49-46 advantage thanks to the addition of a PAT kick by David Torres.

The Mustangs then started pulling away in the fourth quarter as Rainwater scored from 30 yards

out and then connected with J.C. Espinal, Valec Landini and Damian Landini for touchdown passes of 41, 31 and 16. Strickland and Torres split the uprights for four additional points.

Following Gold-Burg's only score in the final quarter, Jalen Barrientez ended the night's scoring by returning the kick 62 yards for a TD.

Defensively, Rainwater and Strickland were the leading tackles with nine and four solo tackles and two assists each.

The Mustangs will make their home debut at Ben Grill Field Friday night against Wilson, which suffered a 46-0 setback to Rotan last week.



Photo by David Jackson

Benjamin's Damian Landini scored twice as the Mustangs outscored Gold-Burg, 82-52.

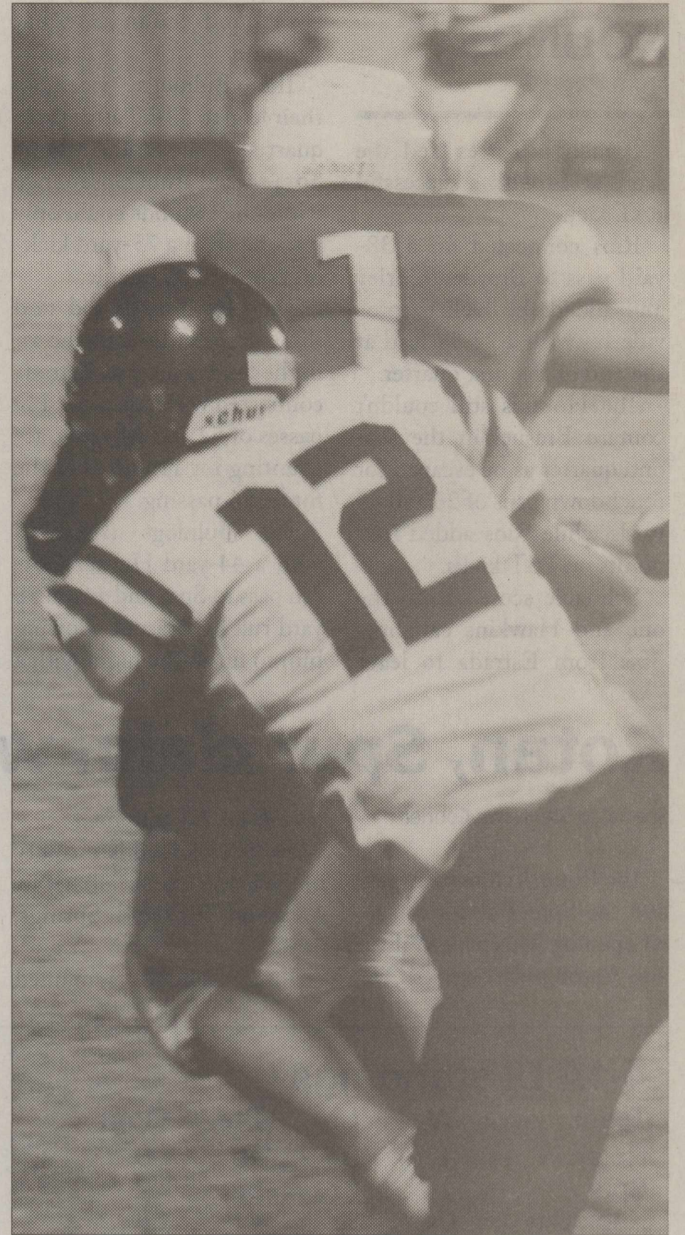


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Justin Rainwater led Mustangs with nine tackles.

## Crowell outscores Guthrie, 78-61

Special to The News-Courier

While still regarded as the team to beat in District 8-1A DII, the Guthrie Jacquars suffered a 78-61 defeat at the hands of

the No. 3-ranked Crowell Wildcats in a showdown at Jayton last Saturday.

Tristen Hayes passed for 460 yards and 10 touchdowns to pace the Wildcats, who dropped down a

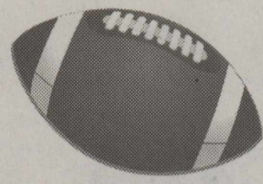
division after being state champions of Division I in 2013 and 2014 and runnerup to Abbott last season.

Guthrie dropped to eighth in the rankings.

Meanwhile, Jayton and Patton Springs joined Benjamin in the winners' circle with 27-8 and 66-16 victories over Throckmorton and Harrold, respectively.

### 8-1A DII standings

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Benjamin	1	0	82	52
Jayton	1	0	66	16
Patton Springs	1	0	27	8
Guthrie	0	1	61	78



### Last week's scores

Benjamin 82, Gold-Burg 52; Jayton 66, Throckmorton 16; Patton Springs 27, Harrold 8; Crowell 78, Guthrie 61

### This week's games

Wilson at Benjamin, Guthrie at Newcastle, Jayton at Aspermont, Loop at Patton Springs

## Lady Stangs improve to 9-2

Special to The News-Courier

**BENJAMIN**—Following Coach Cody Propps' philosophy of "if you are not having fun, why are you even doing it," the Benjamin Lady Stangs improved their volleyball record to 9-2 last week.

"They are truly having fun right now," Propps said after the Lady Stangs scored 25-10, 25-17, 25-20 and 25-21, 25-15 25-20 win over

Northside and Gold-Burg last week and then posted a 2-1 record at a tournament in Vernon, beating junior varsity teams from Childress and Quanah and losing to the host team.

Propps was especially impressed with the fact four of six servers went 100 per cent in the opening set against Gold-Burg.

"Overall this week I know has been stressful on the

girls," he added. "Starting classes, late practices, and then being on the bus most of the week they made me proud giving it all they had. The girls are improving in each week and then wanting to learn more."

The Lady Stangs were scheduled to travel to Quanah on Tuesday and then play a dual match with Wichita Christian and Newcastle on Saturday.

## Benjamin News

### Gladene Green

We have had some relief from the heat this past week, and that has been great. With a few sporadic showers once in a while, it's made it even nicer, but, of course, when the sun returns, so does the humidity. At any rate, it has been nicer, and we like that.

There's more sadness in the news today. We learned Friday night of the death of Claudia Tidwell of Munday. Her death came unexpectedly, as she was doing well from some heart procedures earlier in the week, but something happened, and she wasn't able to overcome it. Claudia was one of the nicest, sweetest persons I have ever met. She also had an encouraging word for any situation. She will certainly be missed by her beloved family and friends all over the area. Her funeral is today at 1 p.m. in Munday. Certainly, my sincere sympathy and prayers for Joe, their sons and their families as they face the loss of their loved one.

### About our ill

According to her family, Linda Parker got a good report after her last round of tests and blood work. She won't go back to see her doctors for two weeks to learn what the next phase of treatment will be. Doctors want her to gain some weight, as she has lost quite a lot, so maybe by the time she goes back, she will have "put on" a few pounds. We are certainly glad to have that good report.

Corrine Parrish continues to have some days better than others. Physically, she's pretty well, but she does have bouts with confusion from time to time, and that is frustrating to her and her family. She is getting good care, and that is important. Please pray for her and her family.

Ronald Griffith is also in need of our prayers. He began a series of treatments for his lung problem (ma-

lignancy in both lungs) last week. So far so good, but it's early in the treatment phase, so he will likely have some uncomfortable times before it's over. He is getting his treatments in Fargo, N.D., which is about a two-hour drive from Park Rapids MN. He is the younger brother of Charles Griffith.

### Party honors Betty Lyles

It was a bittersweet time on Saturday when several of Betty Lyles' friends met at Isabella's in Knox City for lunch and a little going away party. Betty left on Sunday morning for Sherman, where she will make her home. She will be living in an assisted living facility and is excited about it, but also still has her home here—completely furnished—if she decides to come back! Anyway, it's here when she wants to return to visit from time to time. Attending her party were Doris Tidmore, Pearl Stephens, Romaine Stubbs, Joy Jones, Betty and her daughter Judy Robinson of Sherman and myself. Of course, we all wish Betty well in her new surroundings.

### Here 'n there

Benjamin will certainly not have a winless season in football this year. The Mustangs started the season off right Friday night by defeating Gold-Burg by 30 points. Maybe Gold-Burg didn't have many boys to play—We know the feeling, but a win is a win, and that's what we came up with. I congratulate the boys and Coaches Jackson and Waters. Hope we can do it again this week when we meet Wilson here at 7:30 P.M. Friday.

The volleyball girls have done OK as well. On Tuesday night they beat Northside 3 games straight in some pretty exciting sets. We have some girls who really can hit the ball, and some of those hits just can't be picked up. It's fun to watch. They played Gold-Burg on Friday and won again. I believe again they won the first three games. Then on Saturday it was on

to the Vernon Tournament where they brought home the consolation trophy. So lots of sports and lots of wins—a good way to start the new school year.

Thursday night was "Meet the Mustangs and Lady Stangs" night here at Ben Grill Field. I didn't make it but am told that a good turnout came to get acquainted with the teams and coaches and show their support. Reason I wasn't there? I was working!

Be careful everyone! The rattlesnakes are out and about. I haven't seen any, but am told they are moving pretty good. My neighbor Willie Strickland did kill one here at the corner between my house and theirs one day last week. It was a big one. He left it so I would see it when I came home. And although it was dead, it was not a pretty sight and has made me very cautious around here.

We had a pleasant surprise Friday when former Ag teacher, Buddy Hale, now of Odessa, came by the museum for a visit. I hadn't seem him in quite some time, so it was good to catch up on what's going on in his world. He also visited the Grills and friends in Knox City. He was en route to Wichita Falls to ride in the Hotter 'N Hell Hundred bicycle race.

It's been a pretty busy weekend around my house. I'm having a metal roof put on and am very excited about it. I have wanted it done for years, so am finally getting it done. It's looking good.

Judy Barnett told me her son Jeff, who lives at Wolf-orth, is having some problems with his hand. He is seeing different doctors, and they will come to some sort of conclusion about what needs to be done. He's ready to get something done.

I saw former KC resident Dr. Shirley Barretto on Saturday. She is looking good and doing great. She lives at Leander, near Austin, and plans to retire very soon. It was good to see her doing so well.

**GO MUSTANGS**  
*Have a Great Season*

## Texan among five charged

**COLUMBIA, SC**—Federal prosecutors indicted Jerry Eddins of Aspermont along with four others, alleging they illegally won government contracts worth some \$350 million by mis-

representing themselves in straw corporations controlled by either low-income men or women or disabled veterans.

The U.S. Attorney's office indicated that the defendants hid the fact that construction

companies were not controlled by minorities, veterans, women or the disabled in order to receive lucrative contracts.

All were charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, facing up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000, and with wire fraud, facing a similar fine and up to 20 years in prison.

Bart Daniel, the attorney for Eddins, said "All the jobs in the indictment were finished on time, within budget and had outstanding performance ratings with no loss to the government."

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# TxDOT plan will address congestion STRATEGY

Special to The News-Courier

AUSTIN—The Texas Transportation Commission approved the 2017 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) with \$70 billion worth of projects to help TxDOT meet the state's growing transportation demands last week. The plan is the largest of its kind in the agency's history that addresses capacity, maintenance and safety needs around state.

The 10-year plan, developed with extensive public input, targets congestion in the state's most-populated areas and includes projects to better connect the major interstates in rural areas with local roads and highways. Also outside urban areas, the program calls for enhancing and completing interstate highways, and addressing the continuing needs within the energy sector and along hurricane evacuation routes.

"The actions by the Texas

Transportation Commission represent a historic investment in our state's infrastructure," said Gov. Abbott. "Texans have sent a loud and clear message that they are tired of sitting in traffic, and this funding plan will significantly address safety, maintenance, connectivity and congestion on our crowded highways. The plan presented by the commission will allow Texas roads to keep pace with our population growth, provide much-needed congestion relief for working Texans and put the Lone Star State well on its way towards having a first-in-class highway system for decades to come."

"The Unified Transportation Program reflects TxDOT's commitment to planning for and meeting the mobility needs of our fast-growing state," said Transportation Commission Chairman Tryon Lewis.

With more than \$70 bil-

lion in total funding, the 2017 UTP represents a significant increase from last year's 10-year plan, which included more than \$33 billion worth of projects. The bulk of the additional funding will come from legislative- and voter-approved initiatives to allocate portions of oil and gas taxes, sales taxes and other taxes to the state highway fund. Ending the practice of appropriating state highway funds to agencies other than TxDOT and the passage of long-term federal transportation legislation also contributed to the additional funding.

The new funding in the 2017 UTP is largely allocated into program areas that address safety, maintenance, congestion and rural connectivity needs. It includes funding for all 25 TxDOT districts and 25 metropolitan planning areas throughout the state.

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After a failed attempt to "reset" relations with Moscow, U.S. President Barack Obama has issued stern warnings and imposed economic sanctions, but these have done little to deter Putin.

Nor has the administration's "pivot" to Asia, now five years on, been matched by effective action. China continues to ramp up its military spending, investing heavily in weapons systems designed to threaten U.S. forces in the western Pacific. As a result, it is proving increasingly willing and able to advance its expansive territorial claims in the East China and South China Seas. Not content to resolve its disputes through diplomacy, Beijing has militarized them, building bases on natural and artificially created islands. The United States has failed to respond vigorously to these provocations, causing allies to question its willingness to meet its long-standing security commitments.

The lack of U.S. leadership is also fueling instability in the Middle East. In Iraq, the Obama administration forfeited hard-won gains by withdrawing all U.S. forces, creating a security vacuum that enabled the rise of both Iranian influence and the Islamic State, or ISIS. Adding to its strategic missteps, the administration fundamentally misread the character of the Arab Spring, failing to appreciate that the uprisings would provide opportunities for radical Islamist elements rather than lead to a new democratic order. The administration also failed to learn from the previous administration's experience in Iraq when it chose to "lead from behind" in Libya, intervening to overthrow Muammar al-Qaddafi, only to declare victory and abandon the country to internal disorder. It then drew a "red-line" over President Bashar al-Assad's use of chemical weapons in Syria but failed to act to enforce it. The result is growing instability in the Middle East and a decline in U.S. influence.

The threat of Islamist terrorism has grown on the Obama administration's watch. Al Qaeda and ISIS, both Sunni groups, have gained new footholds in Iraq, Libya, Syria, Yemen, and even West Africa. Obama's negotiations with Iran, the home of radical Shiite Islamism, have not curbed the country's involvement in proxy wars in Iraq, Syria, and Yemen or its support for Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in the Palestinian territories. What the talks did produce—the nuclear deal-

may slow Tehran's march to obtaining a nuclear weapon, but it also gives the regime access to tens of billions of dollars in formerly frozen assets. The ink on the agreement was barely dry when, in March, Tehran tested ballistic missiles capable of delivering a nuclear warhead, in blatant defiance of a UN Security Council resolution. Adding to all this instability, military competition has expanded into the relatively new domains of outer space and cyberspace—and will eventually extend to undersea economic infrastructure, as well.

With the current approach failing, the next president will need to formulate a new defense strategy. It should include three basic elements: a clear statement of what the United States seeks to achieve, an understanding of the resources available for those goals, and guidance as to how those resources will be used. The strategy laid out here, if properly implemented, will allow the United States to preclude the rise of a hegemonic power along the Eurasian periphery and preserve access to the global commons—without bankrupting the country in the process.

The chief goal of U.S. foreign policy has long been to prevent a hostile state from establishing dominance over a key region—Europe, the western Pacific, or the Persian Gulf—where it could accumulate sufficient power to threaten core U.S. interests. Thus, in the first half of the twentieth century, the United States waged war twice in Europe to defeat Germany and once in the Pacific to defeat Japan. During the Cold War, it worked with allies to prevent the Soviet Union from dominating Western Europe or expanding its influence into the Middle East and East Asia. This goal remains valid today.

In order to preserve access to its allies and trading

partners, the United States also needs access to the global commons. For over 70 years, the U.S. military has borne the responsibility for guaranteeing access to the seas and the air, not only for the United States but for other countries, too. It has accomplished this task so well that many take it for granted. Yet preserving access to the global commons is neither cheap nor easy. Should the United States decline to play this role, there is no other like-minded power that could take its place.

These two tasks have been made all the more challenging by the revisionist powers' growing "anti-access/area-denial" (A2/AD) capabilities, such as long-range precision-strike weaponry, antisatellite systems, and various cyber weapons. All are designed to attack the U.S. military's muscle (its forward air bases and aircraft carriers) and its nervous system (its surveillance, reconnaissance, targeting, and communications systems).

What resources are available for accomplishing these two goals? Although the United States is no longer as dominant as it was at the end of the Cold War, relative to the revisionist powers, the country enjoys an enviable position. It possesses extensive natural resources, an efficient free-enterprise system, and the healthiest demographic profile of any major power. The United States has a proven ability to assimilate immigrants, and its educational system, although badly in need of reform, still ranks among the world's finest. Thanks to its insular geographic position and peaceful neighbors, it can mount a defense of the homeland far from its shores. Its long list of allies includes most of the world's biggest economies. And it boasts the world's best military, in terms of quality of people and equipment, as well as in terms of experience conducting a wide range of operations.

## Vonda's Recipe Corner

By Vonda Carter



Okay folks, dove season opens today. And the only reason I know this is because I work for the newspaper and James thought that it would be a good idea to include dove recipes this week. Actually, it was Betty who thought it would be a good idea. James was just trying to take the credit. I've never eaten dove, I've only had them as pets. I'm not a big advocate for dove hunting. Therefore, I feel compelled to tell all the doves in town to stay in town, their lives are at risk. Don't take any family dove vacations, it's just too risky. Besides, have you seen the size of a dove? It takes several of them to make a good meal. Seems to me they're hardly worth the effort. Good luck to all of the hunters, not really! I hope the doves drop "something" (I used a different word but James made me change it) on you!

Having said all of that, against my better judgement, here are the dove recipes. I even found one for the crock pot, you're welcome.

### Grilled Jalapeno Dove

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Fresh Dove  | Fresh jalapenos        |
| Breasts   | Toothpicks             |
| Bacon   | Lawry's seasoned salt  |
| Cheese of your choice — cheddar, Velveeta or cream cheese | Tabasco Habanero sauce |

De-breast the dove so that you have two separate pieces of meat. Marinate meat in Lawry's Salt & Tabasco's Habanero Sauce. Cut the jalapeno peppers in half and deseed. Fill the pepper with cheese of choice. Place each piece of meat on each side of pepper and wrap with bacon. Place a toothpick through bacon, dove and pepper to secure. You are ready for the grill.

### Southern Fried Dove

- 10 - 12 dove breasts, cleaned (skin on), rinsed, and patted dry.  
 2 eggs, mixed  
 1 cup flour  
 salt & pepper to taste  
 vegetable or peanut oil
- In a large cast-iron skillet, add 1 inch of oil. Heat over medium-high heat until hot. (Drop of water placed in oil sizzles. Oil should not smoke). Dip breasts in egg and season to taste with salt & pepper. Roll in flour. Add dove breasts to skillet a few at a time and fry to a golden brown on all sides over medium-high heat. (Don't overcrowd the skillet).
- De-breast the d

### Crock Pot Dove

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 6-8 dove breasts, skinned       | 1 medium chopped onion       |
| 1 can diced tomatoes and chilis | 1 can cream of mushroom soup |
| 1 clove garlic, chopped         | salt and pepper, to taste    |
- Soak the breasts in salt water solution for 20-30 minutes (1 Tbsp. salt to 4 cups water.) Rinse the birds and set aside. Place all ingredients in the crockpot. Stir and cover. Turn crockpot on low. Cook time approximately 6-8 hours. Follow manufacturer's instructions for your crockpot. Serve with mashed potatoes, rice, or noodles.
- If you're enjoying my little recipe corner, let me know, and send some recipes of your own to kcnewscourier@gmail.com or mail them to P.O. Box 151, Munday, TX 76371.

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## From the Preacher's Desk

### Make sure distress signal not false

Several years ago when I was a missionary in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, some friends invited us to spend the night with them in a rented cabin cruiser on a lagoon about 200 miles away in Knysna. When we arrived, the owners instructed us how to operate everything and gave us the keys. They told us that although the boat had a citizen's band radio, it could only receive signals, but could not transmit a signal. We left the pier about 11 am and drove all around the lagoon. It was really huge and many other boats were on the water with us.

We had lunch on the boat and after more hours of riding around, we anchored out in the lagoon and had supper. Dark came and we were a little bored. I started playing with the citizen band radio and listening to the different stations. Finally, being VERY foolish, I pressed the button on the mike and said, "mayday, mayday." Well, since I had been told the transmitter did not work, I thought nothing about it. (For those who may not know, mayday is a distress signal only to be sent in case of an emergency!)

About 20 minutes later, a boat started coming across the lagoon toward our boat. A man with a megaphone said, "Are you the boat and person who shouted mayday, mayday, on the radio." Wow, I was floored! I wanted to go under the boat from embarrassment! I was chastised dutifully and very humbly apologized for my actions. After being told that I SHOULD NEVER say mayday, mayday over a transmitter even if told it was not operable.

Twenty years later, I was living in Thessaloniki, Greece and had an occasion in which I had to fly from Thessaloniki to Ankara, Turkey. On my return, I had a layover in Istanbul for several hours. While I waited, I heard a group of people who sounded like South Africans. After joining the group and introduced myself, they told me they were from Knysna, South Africa. I began to tell them what had happened to me some 20 years earlier and when I was almost at the end, they all started laughing. They said, "So, you are that crazy American who said mayday, mayday over the radio!" They said Knysna was a small community and they had all heard about that "crazy American" who pulled that stunt. My "stunt" had made history! I could not believe it! I had given a false distress signal long ago and it was known by many over many years.

Long ago, a "distress signal" was sent out. It was not a false signal. It was mankind crying out for help. Mankind was dying without any hope and needed to be saved. The Creator of the universe heard the distress signal and decided to answer. The only solution to the problem came at a tremendous price. The Creator could only answer the dis-tress signal by sending His only Son to respond and that response included giving up heaven (Philippians 2:5-8), becoming human, and giving himself up to die a criminal death.

When we cry, "mayday, mayday" it needs to be a serious cry from each of us and the One who has answered our call will respond immediately and help us. He will never criticize us or try and "put us in our place" but will come to us in love to save us.

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# The 501 Flashy redo for rusty truck

Uncharted territory here I come! If you're smart, you'll step aside. My brakes aren't that good.

I'm driving my '66 Chevy pickup for the first time in a decade. It had been parked on the farm with nothing really wrong with it. My mistake. I'd sidelined it when I heard a bad-sounding noise, thinking it was the engine. It wasn't.

Yes, it's taken some work to resuscitate the old truck, but it's running nicely. It recently survived cruise night in Vernon. Only once did the gears stick. My fault. When you resurrect a vehicle, it's like getting it new all over again, except it wasn't new when I bought it. It was already a classic circa-1990 when the 93-year-old original owner decided she'd sell it to me. I caught her on the right day, much to the chagrin of everybody else who'd tried to buy it. I didn't even deserve it.

As for the uncharted territory that lies ahead, I'm referring to my choices for what to do with the truck to make it more stunning than it already is. I have a plan.

If you look at car and truck magazines (I don't, but I hear stuff), you'll see trends. Apparently the prevailing trends for a truck like mine are either to restore it to its original appearance or put it on steroids, meaning a bigger engine plus other modifications — both those methods requiring a fine paint job — or leave it as

is, giving the body a clear coat to preserve the patina, a fancy word for rust. That last approach is apparently all the rage, and my truck is the perfect candidate.

I myself think it would be a little embarrassing to drive a clear-coated farm truck. And the clear coat would damage my finances. But driving the truck in that cruise made me want to somehow give it a new lease on life.

**PAUSE TO SWITCH GEARS.**  
Have you seen those shows where people boldly redo rooms on the cheap? That approach to interior design should work for my truck. As long as all changes are cosmetic, costs can remain minimal.

I'm remembering too something my Romanian friend Ticu once said. In the repressive era of Nicolae Ceausescu, Romanians tended to create small but elegant spaces inside their homes — interior rooms that didn't match the exterior shabbiness of their dwellings or the prevailing drabness of communist society. In such retreats, they maintained their dignity and sanity. Perfect for my pickup.

Already a flashy improvisational Hawaiian print outdoor quilt covers the seat where the upholstery is missing. I can buy another quilt just like it, put my seamstress to work and properly redo the interior, meaning the entire seat and both sun visors and the one armrest. I'll round out the look with two simple but beefy rubber floor mats.

Presto! My old truck will dazzle on the inside but stay otherwise unchanged. I'll brand the new style the Romanian approach to truck renewal. You will know why.



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# Grain wheat 'picks' announced

Special to The News-Courier

AMARILLO — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has released its "Picks" of annual grain wheat varieties for the 2016-2017 cropping season in the Rolling Plains and High Plains.

Dr. Jourdan Bell, Dr. Calvin Trostle and Dr. Emi Kimura, AgriLife Extension agronomists from Amarillo, Lubbock and Vernon, respectively, along with statewide small grains and oilseed specialist Dr. Clark Neely, compiled the list of Picks.

Kimura said the Picks list for the Rolling Plains region includes Greer by Syngenta; TAM 114, Texas A&M; WB Cedar, Monsanto; Gallagher, Oklahoma State; WB 4458, Monsanto; and TAM 304, Texas A&M. Yields are obtained only from dryland trials in the Rolling Plains.

Bentley and SY Grit are on the "watch list" for the Rolling Plains. Both have moderate to good resistance to leaf and stripe rust and have

performed reasonably well in yield trials the past two years. In their first year of testing, Monsanto's WB 4721 and WB 4515 and Syngenta's SY Southwind did well across the Rolling Plains in 2016.

"Pick varieties with a minimum of three years under AgriLife testing in the High Plains continue to yield an average of 7-11 percent better as a group than all other varieties in both irrigated and dryland tests," Trostle said.

"Though you may have a variety for your production conditions that you really like, we encourage you to include one of our Picks in your cropping. Perhaps a Pick variety that has a specific disease package, which may have been valuable in the stripe rust outbreaks of 2015 and 2016, or relative maturity that contrasts with your current variety would be a good complement to your overall program."

"Our ongoing Picks criteria include a minimum of three years of data in AgriLife

wheat variety trials across numerous annual locations within each region of Texas," said Trostle. "As we have noted before, a Pick variety means this: Given the data, these are the varieties we would choose to include and emphasize on our farm for wheat grain production."

Among the top High Plains Picks are:

— Full irrigation — TAM 113, TAM 114, TAM 304, WB Grainfield, Iba and Winterhawk.

— Limited irrigation — TAM 111, TAM 112, TAM 113, TAM 114, WB Grainfield, Iba, T158 and Winterhawk.

— Dryland — TAM 111, TAM 112, TAM 113, TAM 114, WB Grainfield, Iba, T158 and Winterhawk.

"We initially discussed removing TAM 111 from our Picks list due to a modest decline in recent yields and its susceptibility to leaf and stem rust," Trostle said. "However, TAM 111 is still a top-yielding variety in our regional variety trials."

# More Texas-grown produce needed

Special to The News-Courier

AMARILLO — Texas retailers want locally grown produce, and Texas A&M AgriLife is working to make that happen.

Dr. Bill McCutchen, Texas A&M AgriLife Research

ecutive associate director in College Station, and Joseph Bunting, United Supermarkets produce director from Lubbock, talked about the need for Texas-grown produce at a recent Summer Crops Field Day near Bushland.

"Studies show 75 percent of shoppers select their grocery store based on the produce and the quality and freshness of that section," Bunting said. "Second is convenience and third is price, but quality and freshness are the main drivers to a grocery store."

"We look to buy local first, then domestic, and if we can't get those, we look at importing," he told the crowd. "Currently, we have someone who grows squash and turnips for us. Another producer grows pecans, watermelons and cantaloupes. Another grows russet potatoes for us."

Bunting said he is excited to be talking with Dr. Charlie Rush, AgriLife Research plant pathologist in Amarillo, who is looking at high-value vegetable crop production under high tunnels, particularly tomatoes.

High tunnels are Quonset hut-type structures similar to greenhouses in appearance but lacking artificial heat. Rush's research is aimed at aiding producers in growing tomatoes on a commercial basis and being a consistent source for area retailers.

"Our meeting was timely because we've had a lot of farmers come to us in the past couple of years saying their crop consultants have suggested they diversify into the produce area," Bunting said. "We are very interested in that and have talked to farmers on what it would take to get them to grow produce. I think as we work together with the research projects going on here, we can get some more producers."

This is only one step in AgriLife's re-commitment to vegetables, McCutchen said.

"We recently examined what we were doing in research, and one of the things we were not doing well at Texas A&M was vegetables," he said. "Back in the '80s when I was going to school at Texas A&M, we were one of the top three in the nation. We had the mild jalapeno, which built an entire industry."

"For some reason, we lost our way. But we are going to get our way back again, because we are making investments."

McCutchen said about three years ago, Texas vegetable production was analyzed and it was determined the High Plains, South Plains, Overton, Wintergarden and Weslaco areas were prime growing regions.

"We import over 90 percent of our tomatoes to Texas," he said. "What's going on here? That's got to change."

McCutchen said after looking at the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities that face the vegetable growing industry in Texas, they determined Texas A&M has the faculty and staff capabilities with a good reputation and credibility.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Munday CISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. August 29, 2016 in The Board Rm of the MCISD Admin Bldg, 811 W. D St Munday, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

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### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>2</u> % increase or _____ % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>100</u> % increase or _____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>8</u> % increase or _____ % (decrease)

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Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>82,380</u>	\$ <u>287,680</u>
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Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>82,390</u>	\$ <u>287,680</u>

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: C. Dan Campbell  
 Attorney at Law  
 4245 Kemp Blvd. Suite 800  
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DATED the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2016.

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PHILIP F. HOMER, Deceased, were issued on July 12, 2016, in Cause No. 2629, pending in the County Court of Knox County, Texas, to Lenie Hacker a/k/a Lenie Homer Honza and Stephen Homer.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Lenie Hacker a/k/a Lenie Homer Honza and Stephen Homer, Co- Executors of the Estate of Philip F. Homer, Deceased  
 c/o James M. Decker  
 Shahan Guevara Decker Arrott  
 127 East McHarg Street  
 Stamford, Texas 79553

DATED the 18th of August, 2016.

/s/ James M. Decker  
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Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below:

CITY OF KNOX CITY  
 ATTN: SAM WATSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
 902 E. MAIN  
 KNOX CITY, TEXAS 79529

Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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Knox County Hospital District will hold a Special Session of the Board of Directors of Knox County Hospital District on September 5, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. in the Knox County Hospital Clinic Conference Room, 712 South 5th Street, Knox City, Texas to set the tax rate for Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2017.  
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## Mac's Views

In today's fast-paced world where most people seem to have little patience, I think it's time we all start to show a little more consideration to others around us.

My wife Betty mentioned that she and my daughter Tamara saw a lady just throw her Sonic sack with trash in it out the window before departing.

Here are a few other examples of things to avoid, some that I heard about from retired Decatur mayor Joe Lambert in the Wise County Messenger. You might even be guilty of a few yourself like I was.

Do you leave your cell phone on during church, a funeral, a concert or a movie?

Betty remembers hearing a pastor down in Lampasass say to a lady whose phone rang during his sermon that she had better answer it. "God might be calling," he said. "No else would be calling you while you were in church."

Do you carry on conversations while eating at a restaurant where others can hear your booming voice?

Or do you and others in your party check your text messages instead of chatting when out eating at a restaurant?

Do you use your cell phone while driving or even worse, try to text?

I used to do this and would slow down. I even drove through Waco one time and had trouble remembering if I had done so. However, now I just don't answer the phone.

When you park diagonally, do you sometimes straddle the parking stripes?

Of course, sometimes you might have had to do that like I did when the person parking ahead of me left no other choice.

Do you drive with your headlights on bright at night, even when approaching another vehicle?

Do you ever drive in the passing lane at 10 miles below or even at the speed limit when the signs clearly say "left lane for passing only?" Or are you one of those who ignore the speed limits?

Going through Palo Pinto on a Sunday morning recently, I even had one pickup pass me on the right side. Guess, going the speed limit wasn't fast enough for him. I now enter Knox City driving the posted speed limit after getting an earlier warning, but switch to the right lane so that another vehicle driving over the speed limit can pass to the left.

Do you flip your cigarette or cigar out of your car window on the roadways?

I'm sure this has caused some of those forest fires out West or grass fires out here in West Texas.

Or do you just throw the butts out on the ground everywhere?

Evidently, this happens here looking at the parking lots of stores.

Do you light up a cigarette before you are completely out of a non-smoking area?

I've had to warn my daughter several times about this and now make sure she goes outside to smoke when visiting us.

Do you get in the "express checkout lanes" with more than 20 items when you do get to one of the larger grocery stores?

If so, do not look back as the person behind you will not be happy.

Do you block the aisles with your shopping cart when catching up on the

local gossip?

Do you let your children run wild in the aisles?

Do you have your mind made up when ordering food at a fast food place or do you stand around while the clerk tinkers with the cash register?

I really need to be more careful about this sometimes.

I'm sure you can think of other pet peeves of your own to add to my list, but I hope my tongue-in-cheek reminders will in some small way help all of us to be more mindful of others in the future.



JAMES MCAFEE

## Happy on the football field



Kim Bearden/The Knox County News-Courier

Children of the Munday High football coaches got to get out on the playing field at Scuggs Stadium to pose for a photo before the start of the season when they'll probably see a lot less of their fathers.

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