

WHITE'S  
Wagging  
Tongue

by Cynthia  
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Children's letters to God:

Dear God, Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? - Norma

Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you have now? - Jane.

Dear God, Who draws the lines around the countries? - Nan.

Dear God, Did you really mean "do unto others as they do unto you?" Because if you did, then I'm going to fix my brother! - Darla.

Dear God, I think the stapler is one of your goodest inventions. - Ruth M.

Dear God, I want to be just like my Daddy when I get big, but not with so much hair all over. - Sam.

Dear God, Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother. - Larry.

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A little girl asked her mother if all fairy tales begin with "Once upon a time." The mother replied that this year most of them began with "If I am elected..."

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My husband was very tuned in to the television set while the World Series was playing. One evening I tried to get his attention to tell him that supper was ready. When my efforts went by unnoticed I simply announced that I had just cooked a "no-eater."

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I don't understand - my children's shoes wear out really fast even though I DRIVE them everywhere they go!

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Last night the television newscaster was handed a note that he mistakenly thought was an important announcement. He read, "A late bulletin just handed to me: 'You've got a piece of spinach or something between your two top teeth.'"

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My friend has posted the following note on her front door: "If I do not answer the door immediately, please do not keep ringing. It may be for one of the following reasons: I am not at home, or I am sick, or I am asleep, or I am in the shower, or I am looking through the peephole and can see who it is."

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The little boy was getting a physical examination before entering school. The doctor asked him, "Do you have any trouble with your ears or nose?" "Yes," he replied. "They are always in the way when I take off my T-shirt."

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What kind of footwear did Lester buy his frog for the summer? Open toad.

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We had always wondered why Dalmatian's rode on the fire trucks. Was they to help pull people to safety or to keep people away from the fire. We finally asked a firefighter and he said, "Neither. We use them to find the fire hydrants."

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# Moguls drop final game to State ranked Aspermont

## Munday fights hard but comes up short



**GOING IN!** Brian Urbanczyk, #44, takes one in the end zone for the Moguls despite the attempts of many red-shirted Aspermont Hornets. The Moguls were defeated 35 - 17.

In the final game of the 1998 football season for the Munday Moguls, the score was in no way an indication of the type of game that was played. Munday took it to the Hornets, rated third in State, and came within inches of putting them away in the third quarter. Alan Albus intercepted a Hornet pass after the Moguls had just finished capping the opening drive of the 3rd period with the go ahead touchdown on a 17 yard run by Brian Urbanczyk, and it looked like we were going to see a "Cinderella" win for the fighting Moguls. Aspermont, however, had other plans.

After forcing the Moguls to go three and out, the Hornets drove 78 yards to regain the lead going into the fourth quarter, where they never looked back, scoring twice more in the period and holding the punishing Mogul offense scoreless to end the game with the score Munday 17 Aspermont 35.

It is heartbreaking when a team physically and emotionally whips an opponent everywhere but on the scoreboard, but these Moguls

never got their heads down and kept fighting even when there was nothing left to fight for but pride. This writer, although disappointed by the loss, is proud of the way this bunch of High School football players conducted themselves on the field of play. We got some tough breaks and at times the calls just didn't go our way, but the spirit of this fine, young Mogul football team was exemplary and undaunted. Although I grew up a Belton Tiger, and am proud to be one, I am just as proud to be a supporter of The Mighty Moguls from Munday, Texas. I'm sure that we can look forward to many years of excellence in High School football from our athletic program, our coaching staff, and our student athletes.

Excellence is exactly what we saw as the Moguls took it to the Hornets in the first quarter. Obviously ready to play, the Moguls forced a fumble which was recovered by Ramiro Nunez on the Hornet 6. Urbanczyk took the handoff from Brandon Sosa and roared in for the opening score of the game.

The kick by Nunez was good and Munday led 7 to 0 with 8:18 on the clock in the first quarter.

Munday stuffed them for only 2 yards of offense on the next drive, and after forcing a 27 yard punt, drove the ball all the way to the 6 yard line where on 4th and goal Nunez hit a perfect 23 yard field goal to put the Moguls up by 10. Aspermont scored 2 quick touchdowns, one a 48 yard big play touchdown pass, to give the Hornets a 4 point lead at the half, and we had not only a football game, but bona-fide battle for the District 9A Championship on our hands.

Munday just couldn't quite come up with the big plays at the right time to pull off the upset victory, but to say the least it was a game that fans on both sides of the field will long remember. Statistically Urbanczyk led the way with 63 yards rushing and caught 2 passes for 29 yards. Marcus Kimmel had a great night rushing

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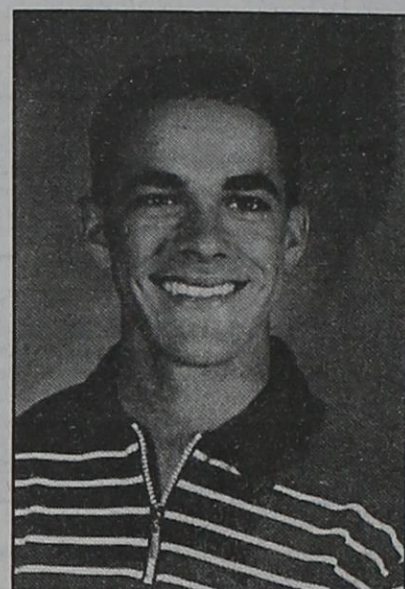
# Munday student attends National Young Leaders Conference

Mr. Lane Murphy of Weinert, a student at Munday Secondary School, attended the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) October 27 through November 1, 1998 in Washington, D.C. This unique leadership development program invites high school students, chosen on the basis of their scholastic merit, community involvement, and leadership experiences, to interact with today's national leaders.

Matthew McDermott, the Associate Director of Policy at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, gave the keynote address. He advised students to have high expectations, be deliberate, and connect leadership to something that they are passionate about. "We don't need any more leaders in this country who are leading for leadership's sake. We need leaders in this country who will go deep into their values and bring those into public life."

The Honorable Thomas Downey, a former representative from New York, greeted the students on the Floor of the House of Representatives, an honor usually reserved for Members of their special guests. Students sat in the same seats as their Representatives and filled the same chamber where the State of the Union is given. After the address and a question and answer session with former Representative Downey, Lane had appointments in the offices of his Representative and Senators.

Because leadership goes beyond what happens on Capitol Hill, Lane had the opportunity to interact with a panel of renowned journalists at the National Press Club, including Nancy Ambrose of ABC News, Tucker Carlson of *The Weekly Standard*, Sam Fulwood III of *The Los Angeles Times*, and Ann McFeatters of Scripps Howard News Service. The journalists and students discussed current events



LANE MURPHY

and the role of the media in shaping and reporting these events.

To complement the briefings, Lane participated in a number of leadership skill-building activities. In one activity, If I Were President, students role-played the President and members of the Cabinet, responding to an international crisis involving India and Pakistan. Lane also participated in a judicial simulation, called Testing the Constitution, in which he examined sexual harassment and assisted suicide. The conference culminated with the Model Congress, where scholars assumed the roles of United States Representatives by debating, amending, and voting on a proposed tobacco reform bill.

"The NYLC inspires exceptional high school students to take on the challenges of leadership and gain the confidence to make positive changes in their communities and the world," said Michael Lasday, the Congressional Youth Leadership Council's (CYLC) Executive Director.

CYLC, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization, sponsors the National Young Leaders

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# Munday cowboys to kick up dust at World Championship event

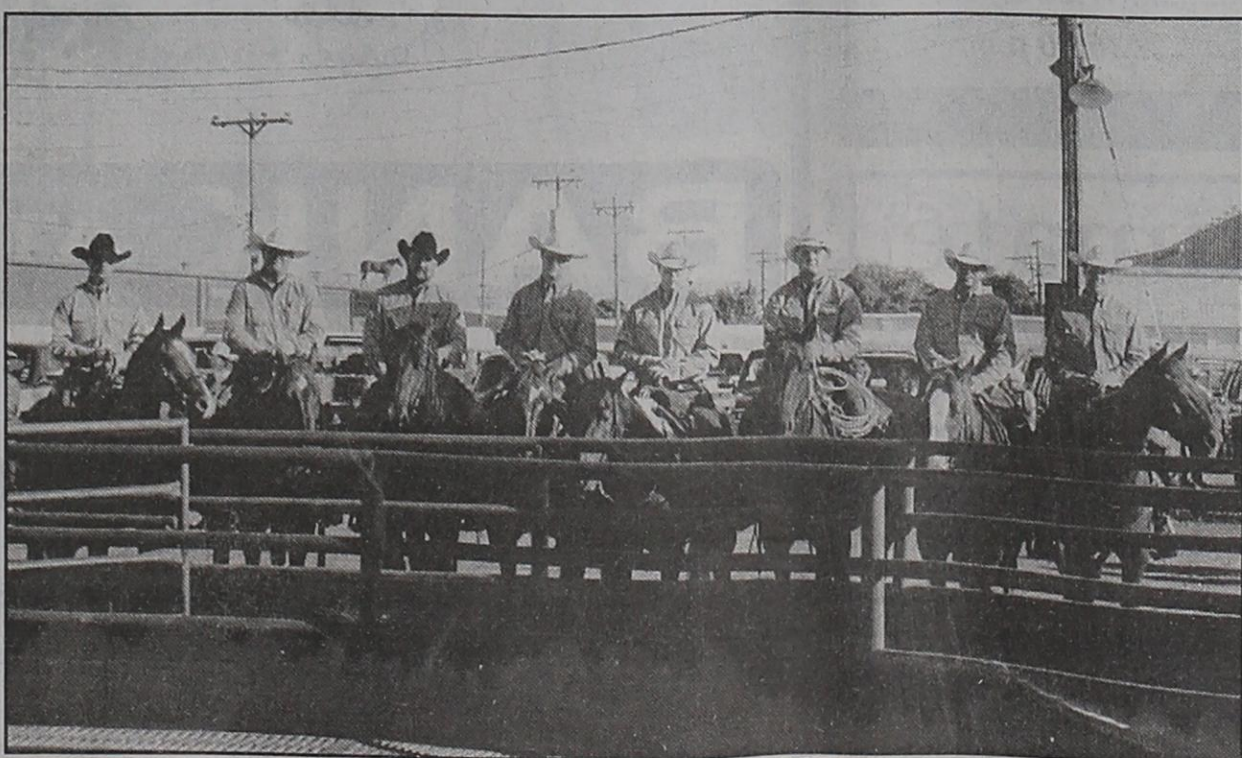
Hoofs, dust and ropes will be flying this week-end at the World Championship Ranch Rodeo finals in Amarillo, Texas. And riding high in the saddles will be a group of fine young cowboys from Munday representing the Thompson Ranch.

The Thompson team consists of Tyler Thompson, Todd Thompson, Trey Thompson, Jay Hart, Ray Bradley, and Clay Morris with Larry Thompson as alternate. They earned the right to compete in the World Championship when they roped and rode their way to first place awards in June at the Amarillo Coors/Outfit Ranch Rodeo. Now they will test their mettle against other winners from across the United States and Canada in the three night go round events.

Ranch Bronc Riding, Team Doctoring, Team Penning, Wild Cow Milking, Team Branding and the Wild Horse Race are all on slat for this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 12, 13 and 14. The rodeo will take place at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Other teams competing in the Championship include the Horse Creek Ranch from Little Valley, California, Hitch Ranch of Guymon, Oklahoma, Nail Ranch from Albany, Texas, Wilson Cattle Company from Arthur, Nebraska, RM-4 Ranch from Manitoba, Canada, Padlock Ranch Company from Dayton, Wyoming, Stuart Ranch of Caddo, Oklahoma, Pitchfork Land and Cattle Company from Guthrie, Texas, Turkey Track Ranch of Artesia, New Mexico, H-Cross Cattle Company from Uniontown, Kansas and the Fields Cattle/Rana Creek Ranch from Morgan Hill, California.

Other activities that will be held in conjunction with the World Championship Ranch Rodeo are the Kids Cowboy Camp sponsored by The American Quarter Horse Association, Trappings and Collectible Trade Show, Cowboy Poetry and Music Sessions; Ranch Roping Clinic and Cow Working Clinic, and the Junior Ranch Rodeo Finals featuring Stickhorse competition.



**"THE REAL DEAL"** The Thompson Ranch team will be participating in the World Championship Ranch Rodeo Competition this week end in Amarillo. The competition is made up of ranch teams from across the United States and Canada who earn their living on the back of a horse in all kinds of weather, rain or shine. The team consists of (from left) Todd Thompson, Larry Thompson, Clay Morris, Tyler Thompson, Mark Sanderson, Kyle Everson, Jay Hart and Trey Thompson.







# 1999 Stock Show entries due

Each year Knox County is represented by many youth at junior livestock shows all across Texas. Such shows take place in cities like Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo. However, in order to enter and show at these stock shows the youth must follow very specific rules.

Two of the most important rules are validation and completing entry forms. Validation for show steers took place in June. Sheep and goats were validated in October. Now, in November, all show pigs will be validated. Animals like broilers and turkeys are not validated but must be ordered at one time from one hatchery. Rabbits also do not require validation. For the Knox County Junior Livestock show it is the responsibility of the supervisor (Ag. Science Instructor or County Extension Agent) to verify ownership.

Entry forms and fees, the second most important part of entering a show, must be completed in November. All spring major shows must be post-marked by December 1. In order to do this on time - due to the Thanksgiving Holiday - most ag teachers and county agents request that entries be completed before Thanksgiving.

(Anyone wishing to show under Knox County 4-H must have a current 4-H Enrollment Card on file in the Extension office, so if you have not filled out an enrollment card since September 1998 then you will need to request a form, fill it out, and return it to us.)

Anyone wishing to show under Knox County 4-H must submit their completed entries and entry fees to Paul Weiser in the Knox County Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20. All entries must be mailed at one time. They will be mailed on Monday, November 23, 1998.

Youth interested in exhibiting under FFA must consult their local Ag. Science Instructor for deadlines. Each instructor may vary with their deadlines.

All Knox County Junior Livestock Show entries are due to

their supervisor by December 21, 1998. Once again, there may be differences according to each supervisor. Knox County 4-H entries must be in the County Extension office by this date - Monday, December 21, 1998 at 5:00 p.m.

Anyone with questions or concerns related to livestock show entries should contact Paul Weiser in the Knox County Extension office in Benjamin at 454 - 2651 or their local Ag. Science Instructor.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at (940) 454 - 2651.

## FFA wrapping up fruit and meat sales

The Munday FFA has been hosting their annual fruit and meat sales and all student orders have already been turned in. However, if you were not contacted by a student and you would like to place an order and contribute to this fund raising activity, please contact Rick Moeller or Jack Redding at the Ag Science Department of Munday High School, 422-4229. Orders will be accepted until November 18, 1998.

## Reading opportunities abound at Elementary Book Fair

Munday Elementary School will be hosting a Book Fair from November 16 through November 20. During those days students will be able to purchase reading and educational materials, including Texas Bluebonnet Books, during normal school hours. On Wednesday and Thursday, November 18 and 19, hours will be extended from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Brochures will be sent home with elementary students that will provide parents with more information on the Book Fair.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE MUNDAY COURIER!

## Elementary students earn Honor Roll status in second six weeks

The second six weeks grading period of the 1998 - 99 school year has ended and the following students have been named to the A Honor Roll at Munday Elementary School:

First Grade - Corey Dempsey, Emiliano Lara, Martina Molina, Dustin Offutt, Brittany Waggoner, Amanda Heard, Liliana Lopez, Kimberly Myers and Taylor Stewart. Lester Adams, Jonathan Birkenfeld, Leslie Caisse, Miranda Johnson, Bandy Moeller, Joshua Perez and Larami Stewart.

Grade Two - Geoffrey Cude, Kristen Hunter, Amy Moore, Andrea Ramirez, Danyelle Tyra, Lari Dee Welch, Trey Bufkin, Rob Dillard, Kalee Josselet, Gary Mizer, Laura Rangel, Sarah Reeves and Abby Sanders.

## Junior Varsity fights hard against Wylie Freshman

Erik Sosolik's 65 yard touchdown run started the Mogul scoring in the second quarter after falling behind 21 - 0 in the first. Chance Myers then returned a Bulldog kick-off 85 yards for a touchdown, then Myers found Will Longan in the end zone for the two point conversion.

The second half was the Chance Myers show with him completing numerous passes to Chris Bibb, Will Longan and Eric Sosolik. Two passes went for touchdowns to Will Longan while Sosolik added another touchdown run.



ERIK SOSOLIK ROMPS 65 YARDS on his way to his first touchdown against the Wylie Freshman team here last Thursday night. Although the JV failed to put one in the win column, they had a very promising showing during their last outing of the season.

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OCALA, FL -- An ingredient derived from hot peppers that decreases inflammation in racehorse's legs, is now recognized as safe and effective for human use. The ingredient has been formulated into a product called ARTH-Rx and comes in a strength designed for humans. Researchers are excited and say the formula can relieve arthritis pain for millions.

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# Waldrip runs toward state meet

Munday High School senior Anna Marie Waldrip will be competing at her third State Cross Country Meet following her bronze medal finish at the Regional level.

The Regional Competition took place last Saturday, November 7 in Lubbock with the Varsity Girls team from Munday placing 12th out of 24 teams entered. A total of 186 runners competed on the Regional level.

Munday girls individual stats were: Anna Marie Waldrip, 3rd, 12:43; Laci Myers, 55th, 13:58; Megan Myers, 95th, 14:45; Laurie Welch, 142nd, 15:45; Delia Contreras, 151st, 16:02; and Dawn Urbanczyk, 161st, 16:24.

Waldrip will now be competing at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday, November 14, 1998, at the Old Settler's Park at Palm Valley in Round Rock, Texas in the State Cross Country Meet.

At last week's Regional competition Munday's lone male runner, Chris Anderson, finished 17th out of 143 runners, with a time of 18:15.



ANNA MARIE WALDRIP takes the bronze medal at Regional Cross Country competition last Saturday in Lubbock. She now advances to the State Cross Country meet in Round Rock on Saturday, November 14.

## Veterinarians unlocking genetic code of dolphins

COLLEGE STATION — Though one eats fish, has fins and glides effortlessly through the water while the other eats hamburgers, wears Reeboks and drives a car to work every morning, humans and dolphins may have more in common than people think, especially when it comes to genetics.

Texas A&M University veterinarians are comparing human chromosomes to those of dolphins and are finding that the two share many similarities. The scientists hope to use these similarities to identify and map the genes of dolphins.

Dr. David Busbee and his team applied human "paints," fluorescently labeled pieces of human chromosomes, to dolphin chromosomes on microscope slides. When scientists examined the photos taken with a fluorescence microscope, they found dolphin chromosomes fluorescently tagged with the labeled, or "painted," pieces of human chromosomes and concluded that dolphins hold many of the same chromosomes as humans.

"We started looking at these and it became very obvious to us that every human chromosome had a corollary chromosome in the dolphin," Busbee said. "We've found that the dolphin genome and the human genome basically are the same. It's just that there's a few chromosomal rearrangements that have changed the way the genetic material is put together."

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Kaylen Jeara Meers is here!! She made her arrival in Lubbock, Texas on October 26, 1998 at 7:43 p.m.

She weighed 8 pounds and 8 ounces and she measured 21 1/4" long.

Her proud mother and daddy are Kelli and Kyle Meers. Her Granny and Granddad, Karen and Jerry Wayne Meers haven't come down to earth yet.

Her paternal great grandparents are L.D. and Lorretta Tranthaim of Lubbock and Ruby Meers (Nana) of Munday.

You've got to see her - she's beautiful!

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KAYLEN JEARA MEERS

## Requirements for "Letters to the Editor"

The Munday Courier welcomes "Letters to the Editor" that are written with the following guidelines.

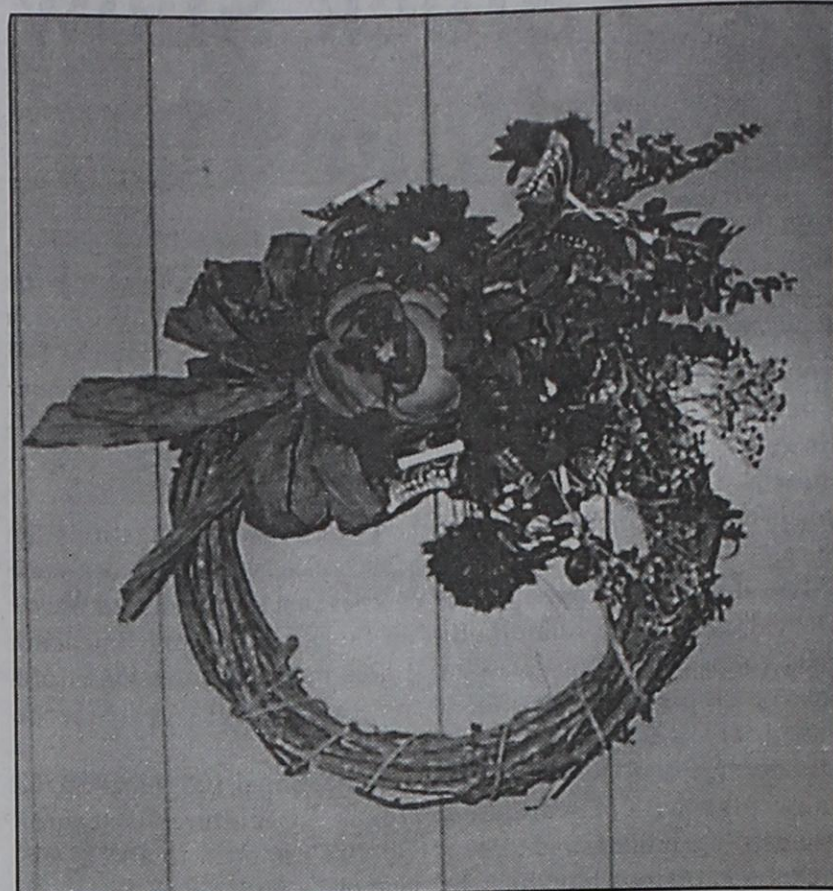
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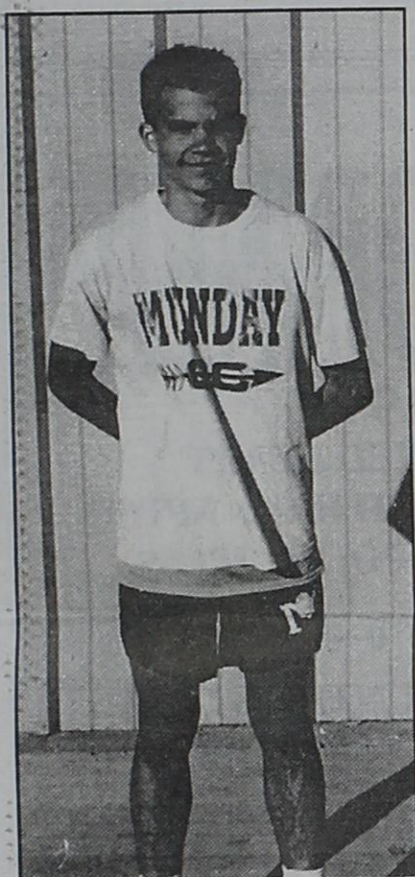
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FLORAL DESIGNS. A beautiful floral swag is being raffled off by the parents of the Munday Child Development Center students. The fund raising activity is being carried out in order to help purchase Christmas gifts for the students at the center. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, November 24 at the center at 10:00 a.m.. You need not be present to win. Call 422-5363 for more information on the drawing. The Munday Child Development Center provides pre-school age children of low income families the opportunity to spend their week days in an environment featuring learning activities and social skill building. It is a federally funded program administered by the Rolling Plains Management Corporation of Crowell, Texas.



CHRIS ANDERSON recently finished his Cross Country Track season for Munday High School. Chris ran well and represented MHS at the Regional Track Meet last Saturday in Lubbock.

## District honors handed out to volleyball athletes

District 7-A recently announced team members for the All District Volleyball team and several local athletes were included.

Making the team from Goree were Traycee Harlan and Katherine Mitchell. Mica Larned and Lynn Moorhouse from Benjamin were also named to the team.

Honorable Mention went to Carmen Acevedo of Benjamin and Amanda Luna of Goree.

Congratulations are extended to these fine volleyball players.

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David Counts



**Local Obituaries**

**Norman, Lee**

Lee Norman, aged 96, passed away at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell, Texas on Tuesday, November 3, 1998. Services took place at First Baptist Church in Munday on Thursday, November 5, 1998 with the Reverend John Hall officiating and Doctor H.B. Graves assisting. Burial followed in Rule Cemetery in Rule, Texas. McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Norman was born on December 25, 1901 and was a former resident of Rule, Texas. She and Carl Clint Norman were married in Haskell County on January 12, 1924. She moved from Lamesa to Munday in 1987. Mrs. Norman was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Munday.

Mrs. Norman was preceded in death by her husband on December 12, 1971.

Survivors include two sons, Clint J. Norman of Munday and Lyndon W. Norman of Keller, Texas; five grandchildren, Layne Norman, Gregg Norman, Lynette Norman, Vanessa Mayo and Melissa Shilling; three great grandchildren, Brittany Norman, Kyler Norman and Clayton Shilling.

Serving as pall bearers for the services were Dub Garth, Dale Gibson, Don Gibson, Layne Norman, Gregg Norman and Angel Munoz.

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**Happy sounds to ring in holiday season in Munday**

"Christmastime's a comin'" and businesses and groups in Munday are preparing to kick off the season with happy sounds. The Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will be sponsoring "an Old Fashioned Musical Christmas" on Saturday, November 28 with sights, sounds, and tastes to get you in the holiday mood.

Many area businesses will be staying open late that evening to encourage you to "Shop Munday First" for your Christmas needs. Be sure to stop by their "Open Houses" to treat yourself to their goodies and hometown hospitality while searching out that perfect Christmas present.

Entertainment will be featured throughout the various businesses and along Main Street. Singers, musicians and dancers will ring out the yuletide choruses and set your toes to tapping.

Children's activities will include a "Santa Parade" to escort Santa into town. Decorated bicycles, wagons, carts and small floats are welcomed. Make your plans now so that your child will be ready for the big event.

After the children bring Santa into town he will be seated in the downtown park for photo sessions. He will also enjoy watching the children as they participate in the games that will be offered.

Several charitable Munday organizations have already made arrangements with The Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture to present a delicious variety of foods to fill your hungry tummies. Other groups and organizations who are interested in setting up a booth in the downtown area should contact the Chamber at 422-4540 as soon as possible.

Crafters are also welcome to contact the Chamber at the above telephone number if they are interested in displaying their wares. Crafters would be

responsible for their own table set up.

Businesses in Munday are also encouraged to have their windows decorated in the "Old Fashioned Musical Christmas" theme for the November 28th celebrations. A window decorating contest will be held with judging to take place on Monday, November 30. Don't be left out - having a well decorated city is a wonderful Christmas present for our community.

Plan now to be in Munday on Saturday, November 28 for a great kick-off to the Christmas season with "An Old Fashioned Musical Christmas."

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**Munday Braves win Final season game**

The Munday Braves completed their football season in fine fashion by defeating the Aspermont Stingers 30 to 8. The Braves fought a close 1st quarter and ended up tied but opened up with a touchdown by Brandon Urbanczyk in the second to go ahead for good. The extra point was added by Jeffery Toliver. The Braves then held the Stingers and scored on a touchdown pass from Jeffrey Urbanczyk to Justin Josselet on the last play of the half.

Jeffrey Urbanczyk scored another touchdown for the future Moguls and Micah Yates added an interception return for the Braves final score.

The fifth quarter saw the seventh graders score on a 1 yard plunge by Ricky Escamilla to defeat their opponents 6 - 0 to end their season on a positive note.

Congratulations to both teams on successful seasons. Both will start basketball here against Knox City - O'Brien on November 16, at 5:00.



**HE'S GONE!** Jeffery Toliver, #10, gains great yardage for the 8th Grade Braves last Thursday night against the Aspermont Hornets.



**IT TAKES TWO** to bring down #10, Eric Beaty, of the Munday Moguls during high school football action against the Aspermont Hornets. The Moguls put up a healthy fight but lost to the Hornets 35 - 17.

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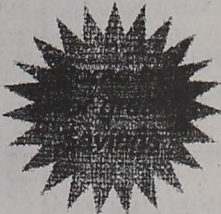
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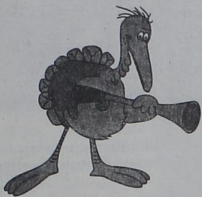
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## Nationally known photograprer has keen eye for education

by Karen Strong

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The Sky is the Limit  
Why would Wyman Meinzer, official state photographer of Texas, choose to live in Benjamin, Texas, and serve on his local school board? Why would this



AND AWAY HE GOES! Jeffrey Urbanczyk hustles the ball downfield for the 8th Grade Braves during their game against Aspermont last Thursday evening. Blocking for Jeffrey are Jeffery Tolliver and Jason Josselet.



FAST ON HIS FEET! Brandon Urbanczyk takes the ball down field during 8th Grade football action last Thursday night at Scrugg's Field. Blocking for Brandon was #10 Jeffery Toliver and #70 Shane Melton.

highly regarded photographer, who travels all over the state and the nation, want to live in this tiny West Texas town and concern himself with the issues of public education?

The lanky, mustache-wearing Texan seems at first glance to be a series of contradictions. Consider these apparent inconsistencies: He completed his bachelor's degree at Texas Tech University but took a lonely job hunting coyotes on a large Texas ranch. He says he can't paint, but he is an artist intimately concerned with color and form. He's successful enough to live anywhere he might choose, but he lives in a converted 1887 jailhouse one block off the highway that runs through the town where he went to school as a child.

### Roots that run deep

Meinzer's dad was foreman for the 27,000-acre League Ranch for 30 years, and Wyman grew up roaming the ranchland around Benjamin. Perhaps the first thing you notice when you talk to Meinzer today is his love of the land and its native animals. His major at Tech was in wildlife management, but he found out quickly that there were few jobs in that area.

As a youth he was interested in photography, but cameras usually lost out to guns in those days. He says he didn't date much because he was always going coyote hunting. It wasn't until he was a student at Tech that his interest in photography began to grow. He was given a camera and told to document data in the field. His research topic was coyotes, and his lifelong love of the land began to show up in his photographs.

### An Eye for the Land

Today Meinzer is the kind of man who can talk easily and simply about capturing wild South Plains buffalo, which he did last year when he joined a Texas Parks and Wildlife capture team. He's the kind of man who talks about the history of the land, mentioning early settlers and cowboys as though he had known them on a

first-name basis.

He says, with no hint of self-consciousness, that he didn't know how much he loved Texas until he worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Santa Fe and Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Indeed, Meinzer has championed Texas with his photography. His books have celebrated various aspects of this state's outdoors. His photo books have featured whitetail deer, roadrunners, quail - and, of course, coyotes. Other books have been collaborations. He provided the photos for Texas Lost and Texas Past, both written by Andy Sansom, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He's probably lost count of all the magazines that have used his photos, although the photos he provided Field and Stream and Outdoor Life from 1983 to 1987 made him the most published wildlife photographer in the nation at that time.

### A 'Small Circle of Friends'

So why does this widely known, successful photographer choose to live in Benjamin?

"I have two sons, ages 13 and 15," explains Meinzer, smiling. "I want to instill in them some of the old ways, like unselfishness and being appreciative. It seems that everyone today talks about 'what I deserve, I, I, I, me, me, me.'"

"I believe you have to work for what you get. You have to prove yourself. It's easier to teach those ideas when you are in a small circle of friends. In Benjamin, we have a pretty small circle."

That small circle creates accountability and opportunity. "In Benjamin, it's not just a selection of the brightest and best who participate. Every student is included in every activity. That's good for self-esteem."

Shortly after Meinzer graduated from Texas Tech, he took a job with the Pitchfork Ranch. He decided to immerse himself in the outdoors. He lived in a half-dugout with no running water and no electricity. He bathed in an old

Number 2 washtub. His job was to hunt bobcats and coyotes in order to protect the ranch cattle.

"It was one of the most formative times of my life," muses Meinzer. "If you are around people all the time, you make mistakes and place blame. One of the biggest lessons I learned out there by myself was that there was no one else to blame. It was a lonesome time, but one of the finest memories of my youth."

"I kept a daily diary of what I did right and what I did wrong in my hunting. I set goals. I was paid by the animal, and I was serious about how to improve. I never listened to the radio, never knew the weather report. Once a week I went to the headquarters for mail."

Hunting wasn't Meinzer's only activity, however, "I had time to really work on my photography. I studied color. I worked with acrylic paints to get the hues of red and blue and yellow. I trained my eye

to see contrasts."

### A Father's Concern

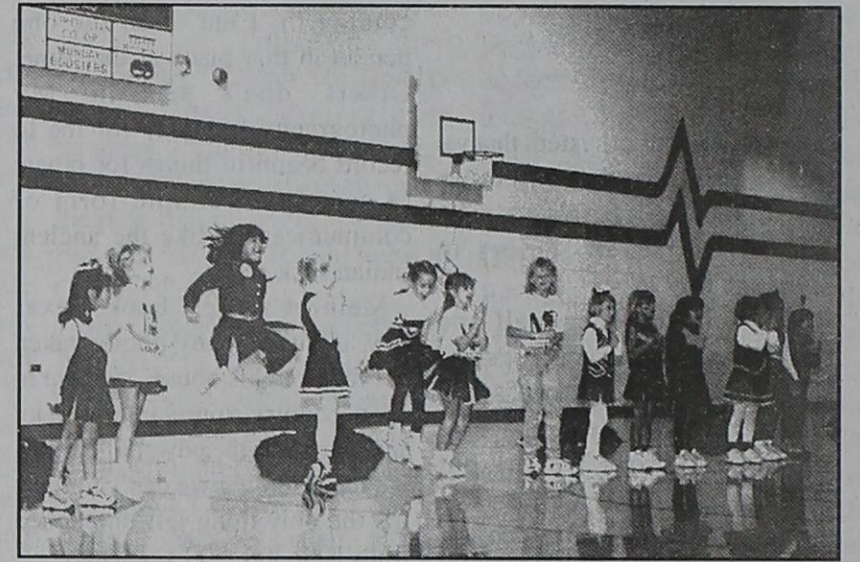
And why has he served 10 years on his local school board? His dad served 20 years on the Benjamin ISD Board, and Meinzer remembers his dad's school board meetings as a part of his formative years.

"He was concerned about the quality of education; I'm concerned, too. I feel that I have an obligation to be a part of making sure that our schools are good. I hope our (board's) decisions are good ones."

"We want to do more (for the kids), but we just can't afford it," says Meinzer, shaking his head. "This year we are buying laptops for all the seniors. They will be able to take them home. We are

Please see **Meinzer...**

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SMALL CHEERS! First grade girls cheer on the Moguls at the high school pep rally last Friday afternoon. They were small - but they were loud!

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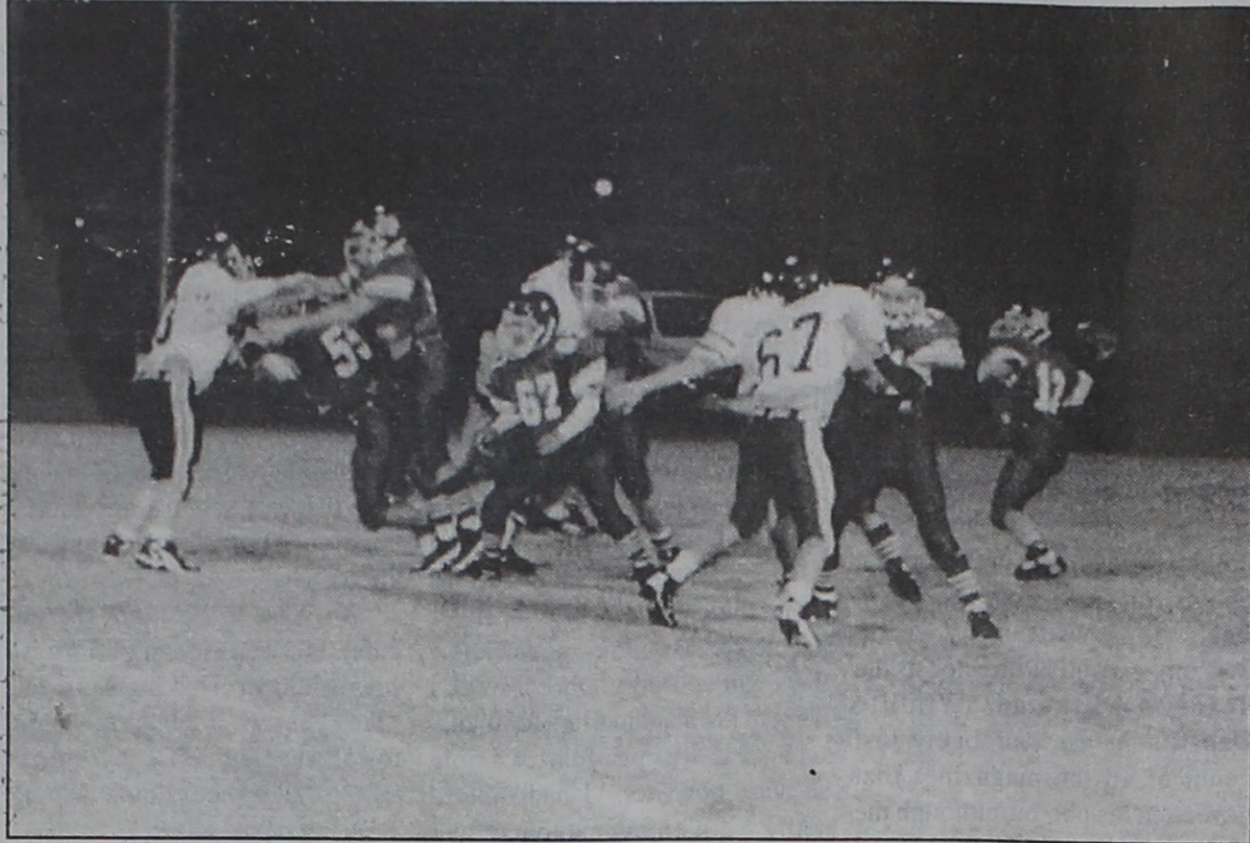
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**CHANCE MYERS FIRES ANOTHER ONE** - Chalk up another touchdown pass for young Chance Myers who has shown big league poise and confidence as the quarterback this year for the Munday Mogul JV. Here Chance uncorks a long one in the action against the Wylie Freshmen.

**Meinzer...**

such a small school system that we hate to spend the money, but we have to do what's best."

There are seven seniors in Benjamin this year.

Benjamin may be small and removed from urban areas (it's two hours from Lubbock, one and a half hours from Abilene, and three hours from Fort Worth) but Meinzer faces many of the same problems shared by all educators. Meinzer worries about the families in his town who choose to home-school.

"They are skeptical about public schools because they think the school isn't safe. They think there are drugs just floating around at school. Maybe the biggest challenge for school board members is to convey a more accurate view of our schools to those skeptical parents."

To Give 'A Thousand Percent' In other ways, Benjamin seems to be very different from urban areas. In the Benjamin school, there are no security guards or campus police. The grassy ranchland and huge West Texas sky are immediate in their nearness. In Benjamin, a cowboy hat is worn for protection, not for show, and young men still take off their hats when they enter a building.

"I want my boys to be happy, to see life as a great adventure, to appreciate every day. I'm not pushing them to do what I want. I want them to look forward to doing whatever they choose to do and to give it a thousand percent."

Perhaps unintentionally, Meinzer describes his own enthusiastic attitude about life and his career.

"I would like for every young person to learn to appreciate the natural beauty around us. I'd like for them to appreciate the light on the land and the sunrise you won't see if you stay in bed."

Under the Sky Talking about his photography, he says, "I've learned the art of creating something that pleases me and that I know will please others. When I photograph a storm

coming in, I am often the one person in that place at that time. Others don't see it. My photography is a way for me to record beautiful things for others to see. It's a simple form of communication, like the ancient Indian rock art."

Meinzer's latest book, Texas Sky, includes many photos taken not far from his house. "People in open country appreciate the sky and recognize the power of the sky. It's the last thing we can't control. It's the only thing left untouched from 100, 200, 500 years ago"

"It's the same sky George W. Kendall saw when he traveled with the Santa Fe Expedition in 1841. It's the same sky Captain Randolph Marcy saw when he searched for the headwaters of the Red River in 1852. It's the same sky Quanah Parker looked at in the 1870's."

"You can't postpone a developing storm. Jets veer off and fly around them. No two thunderheads are alike. There is something moving, something spiritual about the sky. Even the crabbiest person will respond to a beautiful sunset."

Grinning, Meinzer says, "Now if I could just get my boys to stop and look at it!"

*Karen Strong is TASB associate executive director of Communications and Public Relations.*

**"On A Wizer Note"**  
by Paul Weiser  
Knox County Extension Agent

By now many of the residents of Knox County have heard that so called "Killer Bees" have been found near Knox County. In fact, one such discovery of so called "Killer Bees" happened in Haskell County.

Through movement of hives that have been africanized or by swarms "hitchhiking" on vehicles travelling from infested areas to non-infested areas. Many scientists believe that this is the cause or blame for many of the swarms/colonies found in the Rolling Plains of Texas.

Whether they arrive under their own will or by some other fate, it is important to know a few of the characteristics of the Africanized



**TWO BRACED AND READY - ONE DOWN!** It was pie in the face time for three teachers at Munday Elementary School on Tuesday afternoon. The teachers had challenged the students to a reading contest which the students won. Getting ready to be pied by student Keremy Serabia was teacher Nancy Wilde, Melissa Josselet prepares to be hit by Lynndy Moeller and teacher Peggy Urbanczyk was the first to be "pied" by Nachito Mendiola.

threatened. Also, once provoked the AHB remains agitated for a longer period of time than does the EHB. It has been estimated that when provoked an AHB colony may result in six to ten times as many stings as a similar disturbance of a EHB colony.

The AHB swarms much more frequently than the EHB. Typically an EHB colony swarms once every year or two. An AHB colony may swarm four to eight times in one year. Generally, an AHB swarm is much smaller than an EHB swarm, some being not much bigger than a coffee cup.

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## Truscott-Gilliland News

By Mrs. Clara Brown

Saturday, October 31, 1998 the people of Truscott and Gilliland got a wonderful Halloween gift, a rain!

A community pot luck dinner was held at the Truscott Community Center Sunday, November 1. It was followed by a community center meeting at which everyone was urged to pay their \$8.00 monthly dumpster fees and those leasing housing or land to hunters were urged to pay for their hunters' use of the dumpsters during hunting seasons.

Next the cemetery committee had a short session with Bette Gleaves chairman, presiding. Cemetery care and plans for next spring were discussed.

Third, a meeting of Truscott grandmas finalized plans for Grandma's Sunday Dinner, November 8. Turkey and dressing and ham will head the menu. Grandmas were assigned to bake cakes, pies and cobblers and to make salads. Saturday, the day before November 8, those who can are to meet at the center at 9:00 a.m. to move tables and make other preparations.

Ruth and Shirley Moore went to Amarillo Thursday for a few days.

Clara Brown visited Edgar and Opal Jones at Vernon Thursday afternoon.

Sybil Simmons and Frances Cook attended a meeting of Knox

County Retired Teachers last Tuesday.

Derrell and Vula Hord are still going to Abilene three times a week for Derrell's treatments.

Ben and Bette Gleaves were in Post Saturday to attend the Trade Days.

The children and grandchildren of L.D. and Loys Welch honored them recently with a 60th anniversary party at the Vera Community Center.

Duane and Maria Carroll spent last Friday to Sunday at the National Finals Steer Roping at Guthrie, Oklahoma to see Sid Howard of Canyon, Texas, Maria's brother-in-law, compete in the contest. Howard placed 10th in the World at the end of the contest Maria reported.

Northern Knox County neighbors did not meet Tuesday of this week due to the election. The club will meet next Tuesday, November 10 at Gilliland.

Dovie Ribble, 85, aunt of Homer Martin of Gilliland died Wednesday October 18, 1998 in Vernon, Texas. Services were Saturday, October 31 at 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Church in Crowell under the direction of Womack-Manard Funeral Home. Burial was at Crowell Cemetery.

Mrs. Ribble was born February 14, 1913 to Jerome Curtis and Minnie Laura Luttrell Spears. She married Carlon Ribble December 24, 1931 in Frederick, Oklahoma. She was a Crowell High School graduate. Mrs. Ribble was a sister to Josephine "Jossie" Lee Spears who married Dolph Martin, father of Homer Martin and Gladys Meek.

Dovie Ribble was survived by three daughters, Helen Thibeault of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Joyce Gill of Texarkana, Texas, and Pat White of Abilene, Texas; a son, Harold D. of Brownfield, Texas; a sister, Lucille Cantrell of Azle, Texas; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ribble's birthplace is given

as Gilliland in *Between the Wichitas* and as Crowell in her obituary in the Wichita Falls paper. The Spears family did not leave Gilliland until 1918, according to the family story in *Between the Wichitas*, when a tornado destroyed J.C. Spears Gilliland blacksmith shop and he moved his family to Truscott for a time.

## Vera News

By Mrs. Thelma Coulston

A Parham-Lonman reunion was held at the home of Bill and Melba Parham in Vera, Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, 1998. The brisket lunch was catered by Bo and Donna Sue Whitaker on Saturday. Fellowship and fun followed the luncheon. Sunday morning a country breakfast was served after which everyone departed for their homes. Those attending were Amelia Taylor, Jesse Johnson, Jackie, Shannon and Melissa Bryon of Wichita Falls; Alan and Beth Johnson, Beth, Mary Elice Ritchie, Caleb Johnson and friend, Amanda of Henrietta; Wendel and Maxine Parham and Carl and Lucille Lohman of Seymour; Floyd and Ellen Freeman of Colcord, Oklahoma; Dalton, Donna and Jaquel Morgan and Louise Morgan of Odessa; Annette, Robert and Clint Carr of Amarillo; Bart and Tammy Parham, Andrea Amerson of Haskell and Monty Parham and friend, Misty Gass of Idalou.

Billy and Betty Kinnibrugh and Bill Townsend visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holt in Graham. Sunday visitors with the Kinnibrughs was a daughter, the Gordon Thomas family of Woodson.

Week end visitors in the Jerrell Trainham home were Royce and Linda Young of Plano, Kevin Trainham of Moran and Eva Ann Crooks of Abilene.

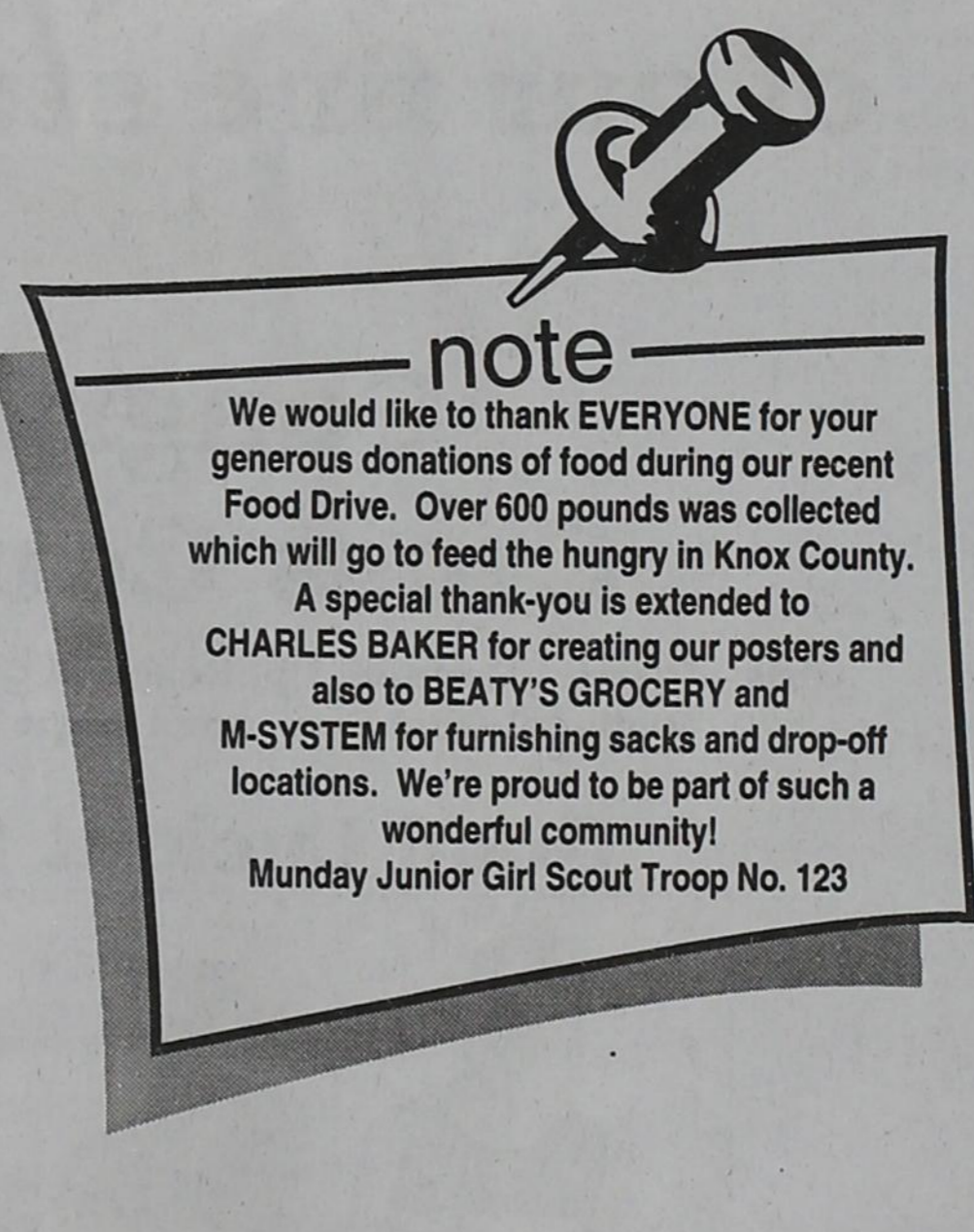
Tony and Margaret Boone of Run-away-Bay and Phil and Rebakah Boone and little daughter, Paige of Trent were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Alma Jean Boone.

The Carl Coulstons spent Friday and Saturday in the home of their daughter, the Jim Berrier family in Lubbock.

A donation has been made to the Vera Cemetery Association by Dan Boone.

Bill Parham attended A Quail Appreciation Day at San Angelo Tuesday, October 20. He and Melba continued on from San Angelo to Lake Amstead at Del Rio and enjoyed a few days of fishing. They were joined there by Jack Taylor of Wichita Falls. He and Bill continued their fishing for several days while Melba returned home and assumed her duties as the newly appointed Post Master in Guthrie, Texas as of October 26.

The Boone cousins reunion was held at the Vera Community Center Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11. We are the descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matt Boone. There were 31 attending and we had a very good time visiting, awakening our memories of the past, taking pictures and, of course, eating more than we should. We visited the Vera Cemetery and I was so proud of it - no grass burrs and no weeds. I thank each one who helped with the new fence around the perimeter and the driveway. This has been needing it for a long time but I didn't expect it to happen.



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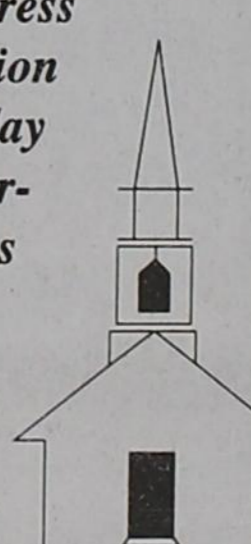
We would like to thank **EVERYONE** for your generous donations of food during our recent Food Drive. Over 600 pounds was collected which will go to feed the hungry in Knox County. A special thank-you is extended to **CHARLES BAKER** for creating our posters and also to **BEATY'S GROCERY** and **M-SYSTEM** for furnishing sacks and drop-off locations. We're proud to be part of such a wonderful community!

Munday Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 123

*From the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seymour, Texas - Pastor Rev. Floyd Stevenson:*

*We the members would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Dick Thompson, the Munday Lumber Co., and all of you who purchased tickets, for your contributions and participation in helping us to complete our task.*

*(A special Thanks from Bro. Robert Thomas.)*



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September 11	Seymour Panthers	Here	8:00	38	28
September 18	Quanah Indians	There	8:00	12	44
September 25	Hawley Bearcats	There	8:00	23	6
October 3	** Archer City Wildcats	Here	7:30	27	0
October 9	* Knox City Greyhounds	Here	7:30	35	7
October 16	* Crowell Wildcats	There	7:30	49	13
October 23	* Paducah Dragons	Here	7:30	13	6
October 30	* Throckmorton Greyhounds	Here	7:30	28	37
November 6	* Aspermont Hornets	There	7:30	17	35

**Congratulations to the Munday Moguls on your winning season! We're proud of our fine student athletes.**

**Congratulations Cross Country Teams!**

*Girls - District Runners Up, Regional Qualifiers. Chris Anderson - District Champion, Regional Qualifier. Anna Marie Waldrip - 3rd Regional, State Qualifier.*

**Good Luck at State Anna Marie!**



**CROSS COUNTRY TRACKSTERS.** The Munday High School Cross Country team finished their season this past week end with a good showing at the Regional meet in Lubbock. Representing MHS were (back, left) Dawn Urbanczyk, Frutosa Aguayo, Jennifer Hernandez, Jennifer Carden, Anna Marie Waldrip, (front, left) Delia Contreras, Megan Myers, Laurie Welch and Laci Myers.

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