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WHITE'S Wagging Tongue

by Cynthia
White

A vacationing couple from New York was driving through Colorado, when the wife said to her husband, "Oh dear, George, I'm sure I left the iron on! I'm afraid the house is going to burn down!"

George stated with certainty, "The house will not burn down, dear."

His wife said, "Now, how can you make a statement like that?"

George replied, "Because I forgot to turn off the water in the bathtub."

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I stopped at a friend's house the other day and found him stalking around his home with a flyswatter...

When I asked if he had gotten any flies, he answered, "Yeah, two male and one female."

Curious, I inquired as to how he could tell the difference.

He answered, "The two were on the TV remote control and the one was on the phone."

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A man entered a stationery store and asked the clerk for a birthday/anniversary card.

The clerk replied, "We have birthday cards and we have anniversary cards. Why not take one of each?"

The man said, "You don't understand. I need a card that covers BOTH events! You see, we're celebrating the fifth anniversary of my wife's thirty-fourth birthday."

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It was a typical night at the old watering hole. Jimmy walked in, took his seat at the bar and ordered a tall one.

Then Jimmy told his buddy, Bill, "I called the local insane asylum yesterday to check on who has escaped from there recently."

Confused by his buddy's comment, Bill asked, "Oh? Why were you wondering about that?"

Jimmy explained, "Well, somebody married my ex-wife last week."

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Cindy's boyfriend said to her, "We're going to have a GREAT time Saturday. I've got three tickets for the show."

"Why do we need three?" asked Cindy.

"They're not for us!" replied her boyfriend. "They're for your father, mother and kid sister."

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"Trail of Lights" to brighten Knox Prairie for holidays

The Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, in partnership with the Knox City Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor "The Knox Prairie Trail of Lights" during December. Communities, businesses and individuals are strongly encouraged to decorate for the holiday season and help the Chambers of Commerce promote these communities and county. Knox County and its communities are an intricate part of rural America and it is hoped that the "Trail of Lights" will help stimulate tourism in this area.

Visitors from throughout northwest Texas will be invited to experience the Knox County 'Brand of Texas' by driving through and appreciating the variety of holiday decorations the area has to offer. The Chambers of Commerce will promote the county wide decorations and lights as an important part of the Christmas season and tourism promotion for the area. Please take an active part in "The Knox Prairie Trail of Lights."

Cash prizes will be awarded to the best decorated home and busi-

ness in each city of Knox City and Munday/Rhineland. The best decorated home in Goree and in Benjamin will also be awarded a prize. Recognition will also be made to the best decorated neighborhood. Judging will take place on December 15 and the results will be published in the county newspapers in the December 19 issues. For questions or additional information, please contact the Munday Chamber of Commerce at 422-4540 or the Knox City Chamber of Commerce at 658-3442.



MOGULS #60 Jared Groves, #3 Justin Josselet, and #33 Micah Yates are in pursuit of a ball carrying Screaming Eagle from O'Donnell. Mogul #25 Brandon Urbanczyk has the Eagle by the legs.

Moguls drop bi-district game to O'Donnell

With the Bi-District Championship on the line for the first time in three years, the Munday Moguls squared off against the O'Donnell Screaming Eagles at Sweetwater, only to come up short on the scoreboard 14 to 7. Munday finishes their season at 5 and 5 while O'Donnell now prepares to face Iraan.

Munday won the toss and elected to receive. After a 20 yard kickoff return by Brandon Urbanczyk, the Moguls fumbled on just their second play from scrimmage. O'Donnell took advantage of the fumble and on their second play elected to run a half back pass to the end zone where a wide open Eagle receiver hauled

in the ball for a touchdown. Munday's only score came on a similar play, a half back pass from Jeffery Toliver to Justin Josselet for a touchdown with 2:11 remaining in the first half. Toliver's pass to Josselet covered 38 yards. Senior Joe Rivera booted the PAT for the extra point to tie the game at 7 each.

Water testing for private water wells available for all residents

Water testing to check for two common contaminants, fecal coliform and nitrate, will be conducted by Monty Dozier, Extension water Resources Specialist, on November 28 & 29 in the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell.

The presence of fecal coliforms in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces have microorganisms present that can cause a number of "water-borne" diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water at levels of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L or parts per million) is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L

can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body. Nitrate is converted to nitrite which combines with hemoglobin, the chemical that carries oxygen in the blood, to form methemoglobin. Oxygen cannot bind with methemoglobin, therefore, oxygen is not carried throughout the body. As a result, oxygen starvation occurs. This condition is called methemoglobinemia. If left untreated, death may result. Infants less than 6 months in age and young livestock are most susceptible.

If you would like to have your water tested for these two contaminants, you will need to pick up an approved water sample bag for each sample from the County Extension Office either Monday or Tuesday, November 26 or 27 dur-

ing office hours (8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.) and return the sample to the same location on Wednesday morning, November 28. When you pick up your sample bag, you will receive a detailed sheet of instructions telling how to collect the sample. There will be a charge of \$5 for each sample tested to be paid when you return the sample for testing. To get the same tests run by an independent lab, you would have to pay around \$70 plus the expense of delivering the sample to the lab. The closest lab to our area is located in Abilene.

The results of the testing will be distributed during a public information meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m. on November 29 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.



FAMILY TRADITION. Brittany and Micah Waggoner join their mother, Esther, as they begin the process of decorating for Christmas.

Children and businesses to welcome Santa and the Christmas Season this Saturday

"Sleigh bells" will begin to ring on Saturday, November 24, 2001 in downtown Munday as the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture brings to town a variety of Christmas activities to help kick-off the holiday season.

The family and community traditional "Santa Parade" will begin at 4:00 on Saturday when children will escort Santa into town. Encourage your young family members, children and grandchildren, to decorate their favorite riding toy or themselves and participate in this fun activity. The parade will assemble in the parking lot of Crafts 'N Clutter and will make it's way to the Downtown Park. Prizes will be awarded to the youngsters participating and great picture opportunities abound for moms and dads with cameras.

Immediately following the Santa Parade the children are invited to gather for pictures with the jolly old gentlemen himself. The pictures will be courtesy of the Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture - no fee will be charged for the photos.

Several businesses in Munday will be decorated for the season and will be welcoming Christmas

with Open Houses on Saturday. Smith Drug and Grace Gift Center will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. while Buds for You, Crafts 'N Clutter, Just Stella, Memories of Munday, Prairie Stitches, and Schoolmarm Antiques will be open from 5:00 - 8:30. At 7:00 there will be a short Christmas Program in the Downtown Park with the community invited to participate.

The Munday Chamber of Commerce will also be selling chances on an ATV and other prizes to be given away on December 20 at 5:15 in the Downtown Park. Tickets are available for \$20.00 each at the Chamber of Commerce office. Proceeds from the give-away go to benefit Chamber activities like the Santa Parade and Pictures with Santa. Other activities sponsored by the Chamber include the annual Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show, the Old Fashioned Saturday, and other business promotions in Munday. The Chamber building also houses the City/County Library and Chamber funds go to up-keep and monthly expenses involving the Library and Chamber office. Your support of these activities is always appreciated.



ANTICIPATION! Three little cousins await the arrival of Santa Claus last year prior to the Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade. From the looks of things one little parade participant was waiting patiently, one was getting sleepy, and one was in deep thought about the jolly old elf. Pictured from left are Baileigh Taylor, Brett Workman, and Colton Rogers.

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 21 - School Holiday.
Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Day, School Holiday.
Nov. 23 - School Holiday.
Nov. 26 - Munday VFD, 7th & 8th vs. Seymour - girls (away) & boys (here)
Nov. 27 - Lions Club, JVG, JVB, VG, VB vs. Throckmorton (here).



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov. 21 - Nathan Herring, Mendie Hendrix, Barbara Jaramillo.
Nov. 22 - Brett Bruce.
Nov. 23 - Kristen Kuehler, Mr. & Mrs. Bob D. Burnett.
Nov. 24 - Jimmy Reddell, Storm Booe.
Nov. 25 - Janna Reed.
Nov. 26 - Kathy Low, Shane Adams.
Nov. 27 - Dalyn Griffith, Macky Yates, Glenn Herring, Robert Cooper Nix, Gary & Lisa Cypert.

Knox County Retired Teachers Association holding meeting

The Knox County Teachers Association will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.

This meeting will be located at the Knox County Aging Center in Knox City.

The program will be given by Donna Anders from the Noah Project.

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Minding Your Own Business

with Don Taylor, co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*

If you can dream it, you can do it

Usually on the fifth column of any given month, I try to share some lighter thoughts on everyday living. I turn to the great wordsmiths of the past and use their quotes to give us all something to think about. This week, I want to share some words of wisdom without known sources.

Common sense is where you find it. Whether from a bumper sticker or a billboard, tee shirt or television, fortune cookie or commencement speech, good advice is still good advice.

I hope you won't discount the thought just because the source is unidentified. There's something here for everyone whether you're in business or not.

Words From the Unknown

- The most demanding boss anyone can have is a bad habit.
- Never give advice - sell it.
- Knowing without doing is like plowing and sowing without harvesting.
- A sign in a store: "Staying-in-business sale now in progress."
- It isn't the number of people employed in a business that make it successful. It's the number working.
- To succeed - keep your head up and your overhead down.
- The best business to avoid is other people's.
- Business is like a wheelbarrow - it stands still unless somebody pushes it.
- Some things do not have to be learned. We're all born with a natural gift to make mistakes.
- Modern credit systems have made buying easier than it's ever been. Unfortunately, paying for it is still just as hard as it ever was.
- A shady business never produced a sunny life.
- Business is tough these days. If you do something wrong, you get sued or fired. If you do something right, you get taxed. (Sounds like something Will Rogers would have said.)

- Crime seems to be the only big business to escape government meddling.
- Character is like glass - even a small crack is visible to everyone.
- Honesty is one business policy that never has to change to keep up with the times.
- No business opportunity is ever lost. If one business loses it, another competitor will find it.
- How-to-get-rich-quick books should be filed under "fiction."
- In good times, business owners love to advertise. In bad times, they have to.
- My wife and I started out with nothing. Today, we still have most of it.
- When a check returns, you can be sure the customer won't.
- A computer salesman told me his "Super Mega" computer would do half of my work for me. I bought two.
- Knowledge is to business what fertilization is to farming.
- The book *How to Beat Inflation* has just gone from \$14.95 to \$16.95.
- No one ever climbed a hill by looking at it, talking about it or writing a plan for it.
- Success is like underwear, we should have it without showing it off in public.
- I consider every day to be lost in which I do not make a new acquaintance.
- Luck is the result of choices we make. We create our own luck by choosing which opportunities to take advantage of. Everyone has opportunities, therefore anyone can be lucky.
- Fear defeats more people than any other one thing in the world.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Capitol Highlights

Lone Star political hospitality began with Johnson

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — When Russian President Vladimir Putin visited President George W. Bush's 1,600-acre Prairie Chapel ranch last week, the world spotlight briefly centered on Crawford, Texas.

Unmentioned in any of the Texas news media coverage of Putin's visit, and barely mentioned even by the national media, was that a Texan named Lyndon Baines Johnson perfected this brand of Lone Star political hospitality more than 40 years ago.

In April 1961, for instance, then Vice President Johnson hosted West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer at Johnson's 438-acre ranch on the Pedernales near Johnson City.

When Johnson became president following the assassination of John F. Kennedy 38 years ago this Thanksgiving, a succession of other world figures were wooed and fed on the LBJ Ranch during his presidency.

With the Cold War seemingly ever in danger of heating up in the 1960s, LBJ never got to drive Nikita Khrushchev around his ranch in his white Lincoln.

But the ranch guest list is virtually a Who's Who of who was who in the Kennedy-Johnson era.

Who knows how sneaky the post-Communist Russian intelligence service is, but perhaps one of their operatives studied a book just published by Texas A&M University Press, "LBJ's Texas White House." Historian Hal K. Rothman's book traces the history of Johnson's ranch and how he used it during his political career both as a refuge and political tool.

No matter if the Russians have read up on the last time a Texas ranch had national significance, Putin's speech writers clearly had done their homework on Texas.

"Texas is not just a Lone Star State," the Russian leader said in a speech at Rice University in Houston, it is a place of "romantic magnetism... which captivates everyone who knows and

loves America."

Texas' romantic image is nothing new, but what Putin saw in and around Crawford was Texas Light compared to the LBJ era. Anyone consulting any of several candid LBJ biographies will quickly discern major differences in the two versions of what may come to be called "the Texas treatment." To put it politely, LBJ was a bit more informal around visitors to his ranch. Well documented is that he seldom lacked a fresh drink in his hand, drove on and around the ranch while drinking, and was not particularly picky about where he stopped to go to the bathroom.

The differences between now and then, and between Bush and Johnson, are greater than their political parties, but there is one common denominator: Texas food.

No visitor to the LBJ Ranch was likely to leave hungry, whether it was a breakfast of scrambled eggs and fried venison sausage prepared by Lady Bird herself or a catered barbecue dinner. Four decades ago, Chancellor Adenauer was treated to barbecued ribs, potato salad and cole slaw.

Similarly, the menu for the Nov. 14 Putin visit would make almost any visitor, even a man raised in a land of borscht and vodka, more than be happy to sign the dotted line to get rid of a few thousand unused nuclear devices: Guacamole salad, mesquite-smoked peppered beef tenderloin, fried catfish, fire-roasted potatoes with poblano peppers, green beans, Texas onion butter with cornbread or grilled sourdough bread. For dessert they had pecan pie with vanilla ice cream.

After the grub, the two world leaders enjoyed an Austin country-western band, the Ranch Hands. National security advisor Condoleezza Rice demonstrated the Cotton-Eyed Joe for the Russian president.

"The best diplomacy starts with getting to know each other," Bush said of Putin's visit. But good Texas cooking doesn't hurt.

Letter to the Editor

With Thanksgiving approaching I thought you and the readers would enjoy reading some thought-provoking words Billy Graham expressed in his article "Taking Blessings for Granted" in the *Decision* magazine.

"The United States is the richest nation in the world. If you live here, you are considered rich by the world's standard. If you have clothes to wear, you are richer than millions who have no clothes. If you have a coin in your pocket, you are richer than millions who have no money. If you have a shelter over your head, you are richer than millions around the world.

But we take our blessings for granted. Nearly 400 years ago a group of exiles, Pilgrims seeking religious liberty, landed on the arid, rock-bound New England coast. During the following 11 months, 100 pioneers were exposed to the rigor of winter and to the ravages of death. Within the first three months there on the edge of the wilderness nearly half of the Pilgrims died. During the winter, more graves were made for the dead than were homes built for the living. Of the 50 survivors, only four were women.

Even when the rays of that first spring sun warmed the clearings, new disasters loomed. Seeds imported from England failed to germinate and grow. For months, while the perils of the wilderness assailed from without, famine stalked within. The entire colony was forced to live on half-rations of food. Yet the Lord God of mercies was with that hunger-ridden band of exiled Pilgrims.

November came, and with it the harvesting of the crops of corn that had been raised from seeds accidentally discovered. With one accord these Pilgrims met for a solemn service of thanksgiving, and they lifted grateful hearts to the heavenly King. The Plymouth Pilgrims had a deep-rooted connection between their thankful recognition of God for the blessings that they were permitted to enjoy.

However, only a few years earlier, a group of people had come to the Virginia shore only to meet with terrifying starvation. They were hunger-crazed, desperate wretches, and they died of starvation.

You may ask, "Why did the Massachusetts colony succeed and the Virginia settlement fail?"

They had much in common: both were British, both had the same kinds of opportunities. In fact, the Plymouth colony even suffered intense difficulties while the Virginia settlement had much better circumstances.

Yet, there was a striking difference between the two settlements. The Pilgrims had come to the New World that they might freely worship God. The adventurers in Virginia had crossed the ocean that they might find gold and a water route to the Orient. And when they landed in the spring, they searched for gold. They neglected to sow seeds for the fall crops, and many people perished.

Above all, however, the striking difference between the two settlements was that the Pilgrim pioneers knew God and gave Him first place. Even when a large part of the colony was wiped out, they gave Him thanks. But the early Virginians seemed to give God only second place.

Throughout history it seems that no nation, however powerful in domain, money or military might, has forgotten God and neglected to thank Him without paying an appalling price for ingratitude. And it seems that no nation, however small, persecuted or oppressed, that has put its trust in God and acclaimed Him the bountiful Source of every blessing has not finally experienced His rich benediction.

At this season of thanksgiving let's fall on our knees in gratitude and praise to God for the many blessings that are ours. Every blessing comes from God.

May we turn to Him and thank Him for the innumerable blessings with which He has enriched and endowed us."

Amen and Amen,

Brenda Floyd

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- TXiam: "numin" with the big
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- UNT is a Div. 1 sch. of this team
- TX Grams won't seek another one
- TX "..." Gannett invented the auto traffic light in '23
- ex-Mavericks coach Richie
- TXiam: "chew" ashlie
- TXiam: "he" when the Dead Sea was only sick (old)
- TX media giant
- Belo Co.
- Luxford in '35 film with Cary Grant
- TXiam: "vin" rattler (wicked)
- Castroville: "The Little" of Texas
- TX Roddenberry was a writer for this old TV series
- TX's 3rd governor
- Bell
- Marcus
- TXiam: "..." as a lap dog
- regular practice
- TXiam for wire cutters
- Dr. Pepper rival in La Balle Co. off I-35
- Austin univer.

DOWN

- TXiam: "he" nothing but burn hay (poor horse)
- Aggie
- Always an Aggie
- one legally responsible for a minor
- Austin food festival
- arama
- right good root beer
- TXiam: "that gets my
- (irritating)
- governing body for TX olympians
- Indonesia province
- TXiam: "..." dirty rotten shame
- TXiam: "Y" to it
- TX actor Aubrey (int.) character Jake of "Tales of the TX Rangers" and Drew of the Cowboys
- City, TX
- Pass, TX
- TXiam: "I" mind to it (ignored)
- TXiam: "brave enough to eat in a boom"
- TXiam: "last as" a rafter
- TXiam: "lacked" half death
- TXiam: "burn" the lights, the party's over
- TXiam: "the dogs out from under the porch"
- TX school rule: "..." play
- colored Mexican perennial plants
- TXiam: "sneaky as" egg-sucking dog
- ex-Cowboy kicker Lin (int.)
- male horse parent
- Tee-Mex mafia: "EJ"
- Mex. holiday Diez Septiembre
- Franklin is its seat
- TXiam: "the tail" Gov. "..." Ferguson
- TXiam: "beat him like a red-headed"
- TXiam for "many"
- h.a. football class of Azle or Boerne
- TXiam: "fallin' out"
- TXiam for "spank"
- Mt. Everest country

Educational program on water quality planned by Extension Office
by Lou Gilly and Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agents

An educational program on water quality has been planned by the Haskell County Extension Program Council's Executive Board and the Haskell County Extension Office. The program scheduled for Thursday, November 29, will highlight the results of water testing conducted on private water wells in our area the day before; discuss all the different types of treatment solutions for contaminated water, especially water with high nitrate concentrations; and highlight efforts made to date by the newly formed Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District. This educational program will be held in the Haskell National Bank Community Room beginning at 12:30 p.m. Program presenters will be Monty Dozier, Extension Water Resources Specialist; a representative from a company that has a water treatment device designed to treat water with high nitrate concentrations; and Mike McGuire, District General Manager for the Haskell-Knox Underground Water Conservation District. This program is open to anyone that is interested in water quality information.


There will be a chili and bean lunch served prior to the program at 11:30 a.m. at a cost of \$5. The menu will consist of homemade chili and beans, crackers, sliced onions and pickles, cherry cobbler, and ice tea and coffee. If you would like to eat lunch prior to the program, please contact the County Extension Office at (940) 864-2546 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, to make a reservation for lunch.

For more information, please contact the County Extension Office by calling either (940) 864-2658 or 2546.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Financial Focus

By Gary Decker



"Bad Times" to Invest Can Yield Good Results

Is there ever a "bad time" to invest? A lot of people have thought so, for one reason or another - but they've usually been proved wrong.

Just glance back over the past 20 years. We've had plenty of economic and financial events that probably caused many people to delay investing. But their hesitancy proved expensive. Consider these bits of history.

- Recession** - It's the first day of 1982, and we're in the middle of a recession - so you think twice about venturing into the market. But if you put \$10,000 in the stocks making up the S&P 500, you will have accumulated more than \$190,000 by the end of 2000.
- S&I bailout** - It's New Year's Day, 1989, and the government is on the verge of bailing out the savings and loan industry. Grim news for investors, right? However, if you can overcome your concerns and put \$10,000 in the S&P 500, your money will grow to some \$63,000 by the end of 2000, when the bailout had become a distant memory.
- Stock "meltdown"** - It's Jan. 1, 1995. The investment community is still reeling from 1994, when more than 400 stocks dropped 40 percent, vaporizing billions of dollars of wealth. Do you really want to jump into the stock market? If so, you won't be sorry - your \$10,000 investment in 1995's S&P 500 will grow to more than \$31,000 just five years later.

Of course, these results, encouraging as they are, can't be used to predict future market performance after a crisis, real or perceived. Furthermore, these three events weren't the only supposedly "dark clouds" on the investment horizon over the past two decades. In fact, you probably wouldn't have to look too hard to find a reason not to invest in any given year. There's always something going on: bad economic news, political instability, energy crisis - you name it. But if you delayed investing until conditions were perfect, you'd have a long wait indeed.

You can't control world economic and political events - but you can message your response to them. Instead of letting today's headlines dictate your investment decisions, make up your mind to focus on the future. Instead of aggravating yourself over how this or that event will affect a particular stock, focus on quality. By building a diversified portfolio of high-quality equities and holding them for the long term, you'll have a good chance of achieving the typed of performance you need to help meet your financial goals.

If there are no "bad times" to invest, are there particularly good times? Yes - and the best time is today. As an investor, you must put time on your side. The longer you hold your stocks, the greater your potential for growth. Plus, over long periods of time, stock price fluctuations tend to even out.

The next time you're pondering all the reasons you should put off investing, close your eyes and picture yourself in 10 or 20 years, looking back on the year 2001 and shaking your head sadly over lost opportunities. That should be enough of an incentive to spur you into action.

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Class Plans/Happenings

Remember the Alamo is something one can ask a fourth grader following their unit of study over the Alamo in social studies class. In science these students have learned all about the ecosystems.

Third graders became archeologists as they dug up knowledge on rocks and fossils. They also analyzed persuasive paragraphs, and wrote friendly letters. Math was adding up two digit numbers, and using patterns, while following directions was mastered in reading. Movable communities of past and present were the hot topic in social studies. Mrs. Bunton has been reading aloud *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling to her class. With all the hoopla neighboring the movie release of this book, her class lived the magic on opening day with all the students receiving a lightening bolt tattoo and black-rimmed glasses. Each student was magically transformed into the world famous Harry Potter.

Second graders are excited to announce they are in the process of learning the correct writing strokes of cursive handwriting!! They are also into action verbs, counting money in nickels, and learning about the Golden Rule in social studies.

First graders have started taking spelling tests!! Trial tests will be given each Wednesday and final tests will be administrated each Fri-

day. Rocks were hit hard in science, and halves were understood in math. Reading was the short "e" sound, and new stories were enjoyed in the second reader the students just started. Kennedy Redder lost a tooth, and Jake Myers will be asking for his two front teeth for Christmas with the recent disappearance of his. Going to the AR party for the first time were Matthew Booe, Dewayne Castorena, Ryder Dillard, Baleigh Hunter, Jake, Kennedy, Ryan Redder, and Tori Thompson. Way to read, independent readers!

Mrs. Pankhurst's kindergarteners were little Indians (we won't add "wild" before the word!) as they explored Indian life and were given Indian Names for the week. Parents, ask your child if he/she were Star Girl, Running Deer, or Crawling Turtle? The class also learned how Indians grew corn, sampled corn products, made canoes, teepees, and buffalo skins with picture writing. Mrs. Murphy's class landed at Plymouth Rock as they focused on Pilgrims, their dress, and why they came to America. One must accept responsibility for the choices he/she makes was studied since responsibility was the BIG word for the week. Kindergartners also enjoyed listening to the fifth and sixth grade UIL oral readers as they continue to practice for the upcoming contest.

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The Case of the Watermelon Patch Mystery

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Chapter Fourteen..... I Save The Watermelons

LEAD IN: Hank's only hope was staging a fake fight with Eddy the Rac. Will it work? We are about to find out...

Okay, so Eddy and I had to stage a fight, right there in the middle of the watermelon patch. What I'd had in mind was a thirty-second burst of fighting, then a parting of ways. That's not the way it turned out. Eddy got hold of me and started gnawing on my ears, and fellers, I thought I'd never get rid of him.

Around and around we went, through the vines, through the broken watermelons, through the dirt--growling, barking, snapping, snarling, biting, clawing.

"Hey Eddy, that's enough. You can quit now. Eddy, that's fine, just right, nice job. You can leave now. Eddy, will you stop chewing on my ears! GET OFF MY NECK!"

Well, I'd told him to make it convincing, and he sure did. At last, I shook him loose and he escaped into the darkness.

Slim had come out from his camp and had joined me. He was holding a flashlight in one hand and his shotgun in the other. Oh yes, and Drover had managed to pry himself out of bed and was hiding behind Slim's legs.

Well, the moment of...gulp...truth had arrived, so to speak. I looked up into Slim's eyes. He looked down into mine. I gave him Slow Questioning Wags on the tail section and squeezed up my most sincere cowdog smile.

We had been through a lot, Slim and I, and I could only hope that he wouldn't leap to any wild conclusions or believe whatever hateful rumors might be...

He smiled. Yes, he smiled, oh, happy day! I almost fainted with relief. Then he reached down and patted me on the back.

"Nice work, Hankie. Good thing you was on the job, pup, 'cause I sure fell asleep and didn't hear a thing 'til you jumped that raccoon."

Right, and whipped him and ran him off.

He shined his light around the patch and shook his head. "Boy, them raccoons can sure tear up a watermelon patch! There must have been five or six of 'em."

Oh yes, at least five or six. Or ten or fifteen, a whole army of, uh, watermelon-crazed coons.

"Tell you what let's do. To avoid any embarrassment to the hired help, let's load up these busted melons and pitch 'em in a ravine. Sally May doesn't need to know that somebody was sleepin' on the job."

Good point.

"And then we'll make double sure them raccoons don't come back. And tomorrow at first light, we'll pick these ripe melons and go to town with 'em. What do you say, pooch?"

He gave me a secret wink and I sealed our pact of silence with Broad Wags of the tail, assuring him that I would never blab it around that he had, uh, allowed this awful thing to happen.

But then his smile faded, and I felt his eyes on me. "Man alive, you're as fat as a toad. Looks like you've been eatin' inner tubes. What in the world did you find to eat out here?"

Well, I...bugs...crickets, watermelon beetles...uh...grub worms...mice...the field was just full of, uh, wild-life and food groups and other things that a dog might...uh...eat.

"Well, I know you ain't dumb enough to eat watermelons with a bunch of raccoons...are you?"

Me? Oh no. Heck no. Dogs don't eat watermelons. No kidding.

Maybe a little gourd every now and then, but watermelons? Never.

Well, we hauled off the broken melons and stayed up the rest of the night, guarding the patch. The next morning, everyone turned out for the big harvest. We picked and hauled two pickup-loads of melons into town, sold 'em to the grocery store, and brought home Sally May's new couch.

It was a great day. Sally May was not only thrilled with her couch, but she was thrilled with ME. See, Slim told her the whole story of how I had stayed up all night, guarding her watermelon patch, and how I had jumped right into the middle of a whole gang of thieving raccoons--thrashed 'em and sent 'em running for their lives.

It was a great story and Sally May was impressed. Seldom if ever had I received so many awards and honors, kind words and pats on the head. Shucks, she even named me her Hero of the Week.

I accepted all these honors with all the humbability I could muster, and was mighty proud of her for finally giving credit where credit was due.

Well, on this outfit, it doesn't get much better than that. I had solved the Case of the Murdered Watermelons and restored peace and tranquility to the...

Oh, one last thing. If you ever hear any nasty rumors about dogs eating watermelons, don't believe 'em. They're not true. Just gossip.

Dogs don't eat watermelons. Period. No kidding.

Case closed.



"Principal for a Day!"
Ashleigh Myers

Prairie Pantry



Just in time for Thanksgiving this absolutely delicious Pumpkin Pie recipe has become a treasured family tradition for Christi Shahan's family. "This recipe is my grandmother's, Bertha Wilde of Rhineland," says Shahan. "It was always a treat to go the house for Thanksgiving."

Pumpkin Pie

- 1 c. cooked pumpkin
- 2/3 c. sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ginger
- 2 T. molasses
- 3 T. butter
- 1/3 tsp. nutmeg
- 3 eggs
- 2 c. milk or 1 (15 oz.) can Pet milk
- 3 T. butter
- 1 tsp. lemon extract

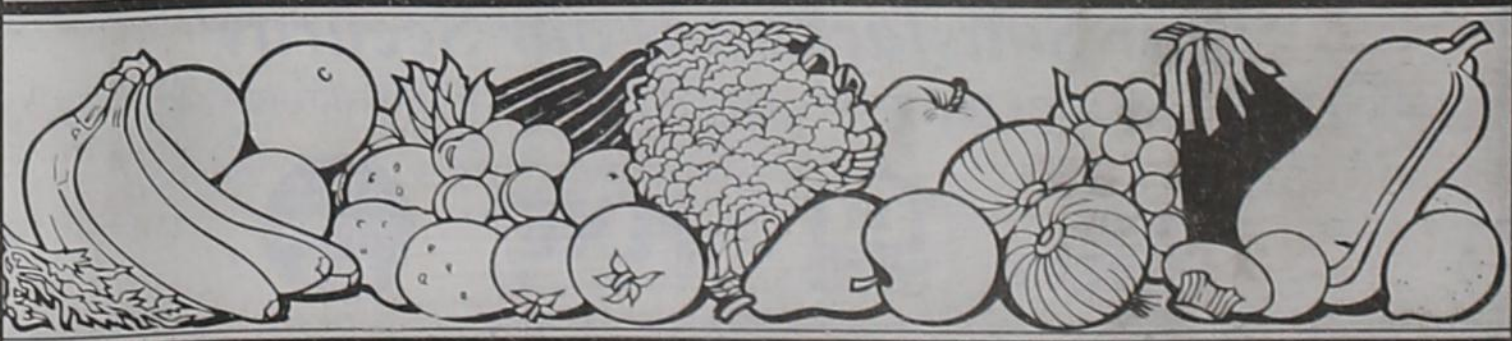


This week's featured cook
Christi Shahan, pictured
with daughter Kimberly.

Mix together all ingredients and pour into an unbaked pie shell. This will fill 2 shallow 9-inch pans. Bake at 350 degrees until filling is set and crust is brown.

Make this Pumpkin Pie this holiday season and start a new family tradition recipe at your home!

(The Prairie Pantry is a column that is featured weekly in The Munday Courier. We hope that cooks in the area are excited about this feature and will volunteer to star in one of the weekly columns. If you have a recipe you would like to share or if you know of a good cook in the area that we could call on please telephone us at (940) 422-4314. Happy dining!



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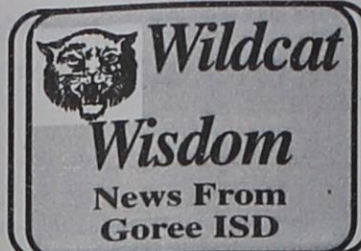
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Nov. 6	Jayton	5:00		6:30		Home
Nov. 13	Stamford	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Home
Nov. 15&17	Anson Tourn	TBA				Away
Nov. 16	Chillicothe	4:00 (gold)	5:00	6:30	8:00	Away
Nov. 19	Seymour	7:00 (gold)				Away
Nov. 20	Throckmorton	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Home
Nov. 27	Haskell	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Home
Nov. 29-31	Haskell Tourn.			TBA	TBA	Away
Nov. 29-31	Goree Tourn.	TBA	TBA			Away
Dec. 3	Baird	7:00 (gold)				Home
Dec. 4	Guthrie		5:00pm	6:30	8:00	Away
Dec. 6-8	Albany Tourn.			TBA	TBA	Away
Dec. 10	Baird	6:00 (gold)				Away
Dec. 11	Stamford	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Away
Dec. 14	Seymour	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Home
Dec. 15	Seymour Tourn.	TBA				Away
Dec. 19	Guthrie		2:00	3:00	4:30	Home
Dec. 27-29	Jayton Tourn.			TBA	TBA	Away
Jan. 8	Chillicothe	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Home
Jan. 10	Eula	5:00 (gold)				
Jan. 11	Aspermont	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Away
Jan. 15	City View	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Away
Jan. 18	*Crowell	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Away
Jan. 22	*Knox City	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Home
Jan. 25	*Paducah	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Home
Jan. 29	*Crowell	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Home
Feb. 2	*Knox City	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Away
Feb. 6	*Paducah	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00	Away

*District Games
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The paraprofessional of the week this week at Goree ISD is Mrs. Barbara Bowman. Mrs. Bowman has been working as a paraprofessional at Goree for 23 years. She has worked in every grade from Pre-K through 12th. When asked what she likes best about Goree she replied: I have enjoyed working with the students in all grade levels and they are all special and fun. Kids to me are very special and it has been a blessing to me to work with them all. I have helped in all subjects and after school activities as well. I have really enjoyed working with the teachers and the administrators both present and past. Goree ISD is not only the place where I work but it is also home.

This is the end of another six weeks, and the elementary students have been working hard reading for their AR points. In Kindergarten Tony Garcia Jr. and Victor Garcia Jr. reached their 20-point goals. Marcus Castillo and John Mitchell both reached their 10-point goals. Victor Garcia Jr. was high point for second six weeks. In first grade Garrett Weaver was high point for the second six weeks. In 2nd grade D.J. Castorena was the high point reader. In 3rd and 4th grades the high point reader was Christina Garcia. In 5th and 6th grade the high point reader was Amber



GOREE'S paraprofessional of the week is Mrs. Bowman. She has been with the Goree school for 23 years.

Garcia. The 5th and 6th grade students making their goal the 2nd six weeks were Amber Garcia, Michelle Neito, Shelby Hagle, Ruben Castillo, Aurora Chavez, Chris Hagle and Kenny Garcia. Mrs. Messer recognized her reading students for making an 85% or higher average on all AR tests taken, which earned them a place in the Star Club. These students were Aurora Chavez, Amber Garcia, Kenny Garcia and Michelle Neito. Coming up soon will be the Goree Invitational Basketball tournament, which will be November 29th, 30th and December 1st.

THANK YOU

To each of you that have expressed concern of my well being, either by card, telephone, visits, or any other expression, we THANK YOU.

To all our County Churches, Sunday school classes and individuals who added me onto their prayer lists...you will never know how much I appreciate each and every one of you. Your prayers have given me strength and such a love for the each of you.

We still have a ways to go but we know we are not alone. Judy and I THANK YOU all so much, and GOD BLESS each of you.

David N. Perdue

Munday Junior High 2001-2002 Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	7 th GIRLS	7 th BOYS	8 th GIRLS	8 th BOYS	SITE
NOV. 12	ROBY	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	AWAY
NOV. 19	SEYMOUR	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00	G-AWAY/B-HM
NOV. 26	ROBY	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	HOME
DEC. 3	ASPERMONT	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00	G-HM/B-AW
DEC. 10	OPEN					
DEC. 15	OLNEY TOURN.	TBA		TBA		G-AWAY
DEC. 17	THROCKMORTON		5:00	6:00	7:00	HOME
JAN. 7	KNOX CITY	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00	G-AWAY/B-HM
JAN. 14	PADUCAH	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00	AWAY
JAN. 19	BAIRD TOURN	TBA		TBA		G-AWAY
JAN. 21	CROWELL	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00	G-HM/B-AW
JAN. 26	BAIRD TOURN		TBA		TBA	B-AWAY
JAN. 28	KNOX CITY	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00	G-HM/BAW
FEB. 4	PADUCAH	5:00	5:00	6:00	6:00	HOME

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Twenty-eight area businesses generously provided 28 lucky winners with turkeys for their Thanksgiving tables this week. Winners were drawn from a pool of names collected from the sign-up slips located at each participating establishment.

Winners were: Jesus Nunez - Knox Hardware; Kenny Barnett - Knox County EMS; Raymond Sanchez - Munday Clinic; Jimmy Ray Albus - First Ag Credit, PCA; Dale Kuehler - Smith Drug; Oscar Zavala - Booe Roofing; Carmen Yruegas - Charles Baker Insurance; John Lee Wilde - Farmer's Grain; James Amerson - Munday Cotton Company; O.L. Patterson - Farm Bureau; Cathy Albus - First National Bank;

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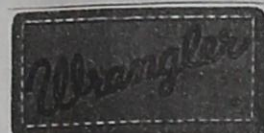


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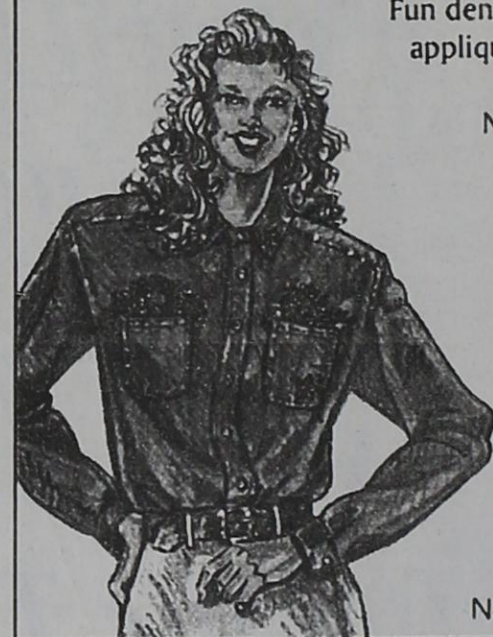


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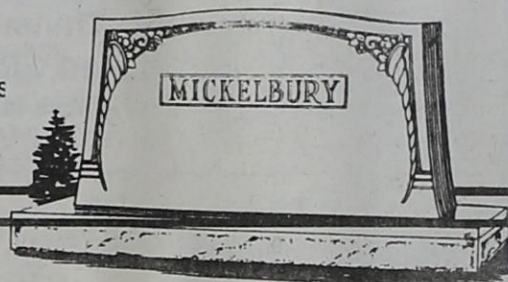
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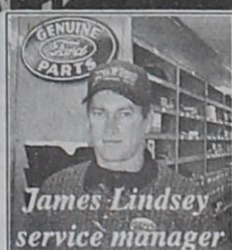
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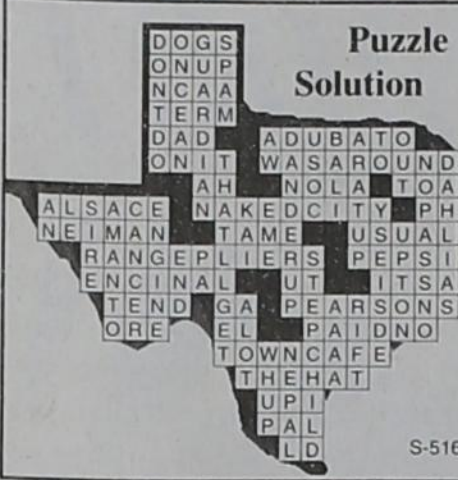
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Dylan Benson and Katlyn Kuehler led the Pledge of Allegiance. After the singing of "I'm Proud to be an American" by Don Roberts, John Gillespie brought the Veteran's Day message. Then a memorial wreath was placed on the Knox County Veterans Memorial by Mrs. Mary Jane Young, chairman of the Knox County Historical Commission.

The program closed with the beloved notes of "Taps" drifting over the name filled memorial from the trumpet of young Jenna Williams of Munday.

After the program the audience adjourned to the Ex-Students Center for lunch and visiting. Over 180 tickets were sold for the meal, with profits going to the Veteran's Memorial Fund held by the Knox County Historical Commission.

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At the ceremony note was made of the names recently added to the memorial, and several other names were turned in afterwards. Any veteran whose name is not on the memorial is eligible for consideration for listing as a Knox County veteran if the person has an honorable discharge, a Knox County connection, and a written application is made. All nominations for the archives must be made in writing.

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