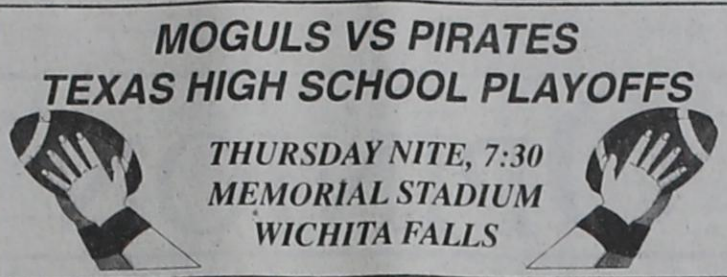


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WHITE'S Wagging Tongue

by Cynthia
White

Ann was puzzled by the odd messages left on her answering machine...

Day after day, friends and family would talk and then say, "Beep."

Finally, she discovered the reason for the joke when she decided to listen to her greeting...

"Hi" it said, "I'm not in right now, so please leave a beep after the message."

Thanks to Anita Russell from Belton, Texas:

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said,

"When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah!" The teacher asked,

"What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied,

"Then you ask him!"

Only in America...do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

Only in America...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Little Miss Merry Christmas Pageant to usher in holiday cheer with style

The Munday High School Theatre Arts department is preparing to bring its annual Little Miss Merry Christmas Pageant to downtown Munday. The pageant will feature young ladies in kindergarten through fifth grade.

This year the pageant will grace the stage of the downtown park area. It will be held on Saturday, November 30 in conjunction to the merchant Open Houses that are scheduled for the same date. Pageant time is slated for 7:00 p.m.

Vying for the title of Tiny Tot Ms. Merry Christmas are Harley Forman, Jenna Wertz, Paloma Perez, Elissa Sepeda, Riley Decker, and Brandy Homstad. Candidates for Petite Ms. Merry Christmas are Holly Alexander, Dana Dockins, Tiffany Wertz, Micaela Hernandez, Lorinne Sepeda, and Morgan Griffith.

Elissa Sepeda is 6 years old and in the first grade. She is the daughter of Greg and Sarah Sepeda. She enjoys playing on the computer and attending to her four parakeets. Elissa loves working with her daddy and building all kinds of things.

Seven year old Paloma De La Rai Perez is in the first grade at Munday Elementary. She is the daughter of Richie and Del Perez. Paloma likes to make bracelets with bead and loves talking to her friends. She says she loves school and all the teachers.

Jenna Carolyn Wertz is the five year old daughter of Marguerite Roberts. Jenna is in Kindergarten. Jenna has two sisters and two brothers. She enjoys her cat, Percy, and playing with baby dolls. Jenna is a Sponge Bob Square Pants fan and likes to sing his songs.

Kindergarten student Harley Foreman is the five year old daughter of Jessie and Paula Torres. Some of Harley's favorite things are dancing and singing. She has one brother and 2 sisters and also one cat. Her favorite color is pink.

First grade student Riley Decker is the six year old daughter of Rick Decker and Juli Decker. Her favorite things are riding four-wheelers and playing the Playstation with her brother. Last summer she enjoyed a trip to Red River, New Mexico with her mimi and pawpaw.

Brandy Homstad is six years old and in the first grade at Munday Elementary. She is the daughter of Michael and Kathy Moore and Dean and Kammi

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Merry Christmas
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Holiday season gears up on Knox Prairie

The weather outside is cool and crisp and folks are already scurrying about to find those perfect gifts. Yes, the holiday season is flying in on reindeer hooves so you'd better stop all that shouting and pouting! Get in on the spirit as Munday celebrates the arrival of the season on Saturday, November 30th.

Several merchants in the city are busy decorating their establishments and preparing for their annual Open Houses. Among those offering a fun shopping opportunity on the 30th are Buds For You, Just in Time, Memories of Munday/Schoolmarm Antiques, Crafts and Clutter, Smith Drug, and Pack Rat Surplus. Open House times vary but are generally set for 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Smith Drug will be open throughout the afternoon, closing at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to visit with your favorite shop keepers and enjoy searching for treasures for your friends and family.

At 4:00 p.m. the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will be hosting the annual Santa Parade. Children are encouraged to begin designing their "floats" now and get ready to decorate your favorite riding or pushing toys to celebrate the arrival of Mr. Claus, himself. The parade will take its usual route - gathering in the Crafts 'N Clutter parking lot and proceeding to the downtown park.

Don't forget to come downtown hungry that evening. The Munday Volunteer Fire Department will be putting on a great spread of homemade stew and cornbread to help your weather

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LITTLE ANGELS in Munday are looking forward to Christmas. The angels pictured above are ornaments on the Child Welfare Board Christmas tree located at Munday Tire and Appliance. Be sure to stop by and select an ornament, purchase gifts on list, and SMILE!

Child Welfare Board utilizes "Angel Tree" to provide better Christmas for needy

Most children are beginning to experience visions of sugarplums and dreams of a jolly old elf dressed in red. But many area children wonder if their own Christmas will be bright or if disappointment is in their future. Blurred visions of Christmas's past when Santa never made an appearance obscure the memories of their childhood.

But you can help! Yes, even in and around Munday there are children who may not experience the excitement of the season unless their generous neighbors and friends dig deep into their pockets as they have in the past. Each year Munday citizens have responded with kindness to the plight of the needy in the area and this year they will have the opportunity to respond once again.

The Knox County Child Welfare Board has assembled their "Angel Tree" in the lobby of Munday Tire and Appliance. The adorable ornaments are the artwork of Munday Elementary students but the backside of the ornament is where wishes are held. Each ornament lists the Christmas wishes and needs of a child in the area who may not have a holiday

unless their ornament is acquired by a holiday spirited person. The list would include the age and gender of the child, along with his clothing size and a much wished for toy or two. Persons who choose an ornament may choose one or more of the gift suggestions on the list along with at least one toy. The items selected by the giver need to be returned unwrapped to Munday Tire and Appliance no later than December 9th.

A few points to remember: be sure to tag each gift you purchase with the assigned number of the child on your ornament; do not wrap the items; you may choose one or more of the gift suggestions, but every "Angel" needs to receive at least one toy and one set of clothes; Other needs are socks and hygiene items. (comb, brush, etc.); Two or more people can provide for the same "Angel" (Sunday School Class or group of friends.)

Please visit Munday Tire and Appliance this week and select an ornament. When Christmas Day marks the calendar you will be glad you helped provide for a needy Munday area "Angel."



Jenna Wertz



Brandy Homstad



Elissa Sepeda



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Community To Give Thanks

The annual community Thanksgiving worship service will take place this Sunday evening, November 24th. The service will take place at First Baptist Church in Munday located at 220 South Fifth Avenue and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Testimonies by Church of Christ minister Adria Fletcher and W.O. Smith of Believer's Chapel will be delivered. The Munday Elementary 4th Grade Choir and the Community Choir will join in the worship service. A fellowship time will follow.

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Calendar of Events

- Nov. 20 - Band Bake Sale.
- Nov. 22 - Basketball - (here) Munday vs. Seymour - 4 games starting at 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23 - Crowell Tournament - JVG & B.
- Nov. 26 - Lions club, Basketball - Munday vs. Haskell (there) - 4 games starting at 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Nov. 20 - Jay Hutchens, Kalee Josselet, Arlee Bruce.
- Nov. 21 - Nathan Herring, Mendie Hendrix.
- Nov. 22 - Brett Bruce.
- Nov. 23 - Mr. & Mrs. Philip Homer, Stever Homer, Kristen Kuehler, Mary A. Zeissel.
- Nov. 24 - Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Sanders, Storm Booe.
- Nov. 25 - Jana Reed.
- Nov. 26 - Angela Albus, Shane Adams, Kathy Low.

Knox County Aging Center

Munday & Goree Menu
Mon., Wed., & Fri.
Benjamin Menu
Tues. & Thurs.
Nov. 25 thru Nov. 29

Mon. Nov. 25th - Sliced ham, baked potato, green beans, hominy casserole, chocolate pudding w/ topping.
Tues. Nov. 26th - Bar-B-Q chicken, butter beans, turnip greens, spoon tomato salad, cornbread, cake.
Wed. Nov. 27th - Chili dogs w/ cheese, potato wedges, pork & beans, onion, relish, dessert.
Thur. Nov. 28th - Closed for Thanksgiving.
Fri. Nov. 29th - Closed for Thanksgiving.

If you plan to join the group at Munday, call Louise Fruewirth 422-4191. At Goree, call Juanita Davis at 422-4208 the day before.



A Breath of Fresh Air

By Ken Nietenhoefer

"Fatty, fatty, two-by-four Can't get through the kitchen door"--Old proverb

It's not fair--poking fun at fat people. They can't help it, or can they?

By the time we become adults, we generally know better than to make fun of overweight people, but woe to kids who are overweight. You've heard the taunts, the teasings, the scoffs. Kids can be extremely cruel to each other when one of the parties doesn't conform to the norm.

According to "USA TODAY", obesity in America is worse than ever. The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey claims that 6 in 10 Americans--120 million--are overweight. Even worse, 31 percent--59 million are OBESE (30 pounds or more over a healthy body weight). Worst of all, 15 percent of KIDS are overweight!

So what's the big deal? Being overweight has been linked to an increased risk of diabetes, heart disease, liver disease, some types of cancer, arthritis and other health problems. In addition, being overweight robs kids of their childhood. It can prevent them from doing the same kinds of activities that normal kids do. They may feel ostracized, left out of fun activities and become the brunt of crude jokes. It may lessen their self-esteem and challenge their self-discipline. Enough reasons?

Why are we becoming a "fat" nation? Several reasons. Despite a minor economic setback, we are a "nation of plenty." Restaurants are serving colossal portions of food, calorie-rich-low-nutrition snacks are omnipresent and every room in the house has been invaded by T-E-L-E-V-I-S-I-O-N. Yep, the one-eyed-monster, even though it's generally boring, is still dominating too many lives.

In fact, the average American kid watches between 24 and 30 hours of TV per week. By the time he or she is 12 years old, 70 thousand television ads will have polluted the brain. By high school graduation, he or she will have watched 18,000 hours of TV.

listened to 11,000 hours of music and will have received a mere 14,000 hours of education. Is it any wonder how grotesque ideas form in the heads of some of our kids?

I have an idea: How about converting your kids to something worthwhile in life? Rather than allowing them to watch sexy sitcoms while scarfing down fatty, pimple-manufacturing, artery-clogging junk food--challenge them to something worthwhile in life.

Help them establish some goals for their lives. Instill in them the belief that goal-setting will ultimately affect their bank balances (as well as their happiness and health). Tell them that the greatest pull on them is the pull of the future. Explain to them that they will be able to anticipate the future with anticipation only when they have a PLAN for the future that they can get excited about.

Tell them that they have a choice--someday they can either merely make a living--or they can start now to design a LIFE. Convince them that the future doesn't get better by merely hoping. It gets better by PLANNING.

Make them understand that the major reason for setting goals in the first place is that it will compel them to become the person it takes to achieve those goals. Get them to ask themselves, "What kind of person will I have to become to get all I want?" HINT: it won't be the TV-watching, snack-inhaling couch potato.

Oh, yeah, parents. You might want to set the example.

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Capitol Highlights

78th legislative session begins with bill-filing bulk

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — The leaves may be falling from some of the trees shading the park-like Capitol grounds, but politically, it is spring in Texas.

The first of the 5,000-8,000 or so pieces of legislation that will be filed for consideration during the 78th session of the Legislature began to appear on Nov. 12 like so many wildflowers after a good rain. (Of course, some, depending on their political or business perspective, will view much of this new growth as a noxious weed infestation needing a quick dose of pesticide.)

And, like spring, opposites are pairing. Lions and lambs are lying together. Lobbyists and associations that supported losing candidates suddenly seem like the best friends of those who won. The lunch crowd in downtown restaurants and private clubs has picked up. Everyone in politics now appears, at least publicly, to be willing to let bygones and vetoes be bygones.

What a change. For a few days after the election, the Capitol was a pleasant place to visit during a lunch break, a quiet, a stately place of contemplation. After Veteran's Day, parking suddenly became more difficult as men and women with aspirations, dreams and brief cases crowded the sidewalk leading to the Capitol and the various House and Senate offices.

The early bills reflect the politics of their sponsors.

Though the Republicans have control for the first time since Reconstruction in both houses, Democrat Rep. Steve Wolens of Dallas wasted no time filing a tax that would add a half-dollar to the current 41-cent tax on cigarettes.

Bills filed so far range from a measure that would provide capital punishment for those who murder in the name of terrorism to a bill from Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio providing for a moment of silence each day in public schools.

King's X on insurance pullout...

In another blossom of civility, thousands of Texans got a price break with the announcement last week that Farmers Insurance Group would postpone by a month its planned exit from the state's home insurance market.

The interim agreement, spearheaded by Republican Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock, includes a 6.8 percent rate cut for Farmers customers whose policies are due for renewal before Dec. 10, the end date of the 30-day truce.

A permanent solution to the dispute between Farmers and the state is still a long way off and insurance reform will be one of many issues in the coming legislative session.

Wild opening day...

Thousands of Texas deer hunters took to the woods Nov. 2 for the first day of deer season, but few had a day like one couple who own a small tract of land down the Colorado from Austin.

The woman was in one of the blinds on her property before dawn, waiting to see if a good buck would show up. Not long after daylight, a buck silently appeared, grazing on corn broadcast from the feeder. Shouldering her rifle, she had the cross hairs of her scope squarely on the deer's shoulder and was about to pull the trigger when the deer dropped dead. A few parts of a second later she heard someone else's shot. No one else had permission to be on her property, and her husband, the only other hunter, was in a blind at a different location.

As she watched, a poacher came up and dragged away her deer.

Meanwhile, her husband was sitting in his blind when a bullet ripped through it, barely missing him. The next thing he saw was a man crawling under his fence, a rifle in his hands.

As the startled landowner looked on, the intruder took a second shot, this one knocking down a spike buck. To his amazement, all this was happening on his land.

The couple separately but simultaneously decided they'd had enough hunting for day and hurried home. The story has a happy ending, at least for the landowners. They called the state Parks and Wildlife Department, and game wardens later arrested the two poachers.

Killing a deer on private property without the owner's permission is a state jail felony and upon conviction the hunting license is automatically revoked.

THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

By Adrin Fletcher

Do you ever feel like you do the same old thing in the same old way every day? Do your days stretch into weeks and weeks into months with little or no variation? Has anyone ever accused you of being in a rut? Someone once said that a rut is just a grave with the ends extended. I don't know about you, but I do not want to live that way. Life is too varied, colorful, and exciting to waste. Yet, it is so easy for us to slip into repetitive patterns for everyday living. It really is easier to do everything the same way day after day. Imagine how easy meal preparation would be if we served oatmeal every time. Boring, but easy.

While living in Scotland, my wife and I became interested in antique mechanical clocks. We were able to purchase a few. One of my favorites is a pendulum wall clock which we purchased from an antique dealer in Melrose, Scotland. That entails another whole story which I will share another time. I was attracted to this particular clock the very first time I glimpsed it through the shop window. We have used and enjoyed it now for many years. However, since moving to Munday, I cannot make it run. I have finally decided that the walls in our house are too straight. I know that sounds silly, but a long time ago, an antique dealer let me in on a secret. These old wall clocks have been hanging in cottages for a hundred years or so. Few if any of those cottage walls are plumb (straight). So, after ticking away for year after year while hanging on less than perfect walls, the gears have worn down ever so slightly to match their position on the wall. Therefore, if you remove the clock from its environment and hang it on a wall that is straight, the clock will eventually quit because the gears will no longer fit together smoothly. In other words, the clock has settled into a rut. The only way to keep it running is to reproduce the conditions under which it has adjusted itself. Since there is no way to know what the wall it hung on looked like, the only way to keep the clock running is to keep adjusting its position until the "tick" and the "tock" sound just right. I am still experimenting with the conditions here. So far, I have only been able to get my clock to "tick" and "tick", but expect to find the right combination soon.

It occurs to me that human beings are often just like old clocks. If removed from the familiar, thrown just a little off center, or assaulted by life, we sometimes just refuse to function at all. The "rut" seems so much safer and more comfortable. One of my colleagues in Scotland would regularly provide the rest of us a ride into our office for work. He fought the urge to fall into ruts by choosing a different road into the city every day. Some days the rest of us wondered if we would ever get to work, but at least every day brought a new adventure. I think this is a great attitude for facing life. Look for adventures in the familiar. Watch the faces of small children to catch a glimpse of the wonder they see.

Jesus told his disciples that as human beings they should not take too much for granted. He said, "Do you not say, 'Four months more, then the harvest'?" But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting" (John 4:35 NRSV). He also said, "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap." (Luke 21:34-35 NRSV).

Avoid the ruts that life offers. Look for blessings in every day. Lift up your eyes, do whatever you do with joy and thanksgiving.

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- "Father of Texas" (init.)
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- TXism: "___ by" (saves)
- in '91, Gov. Ann declared a Soviet ___ an honorary TXn
- William Faulkner manuscript kept at UT
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- TXism: "tame ___ dog"
- Iceland "diner" (pl.)
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- this Premier directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura"
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- TX Janine Turner's character Maggie on "Northern Exposure"
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Benjamin News
By Gladene Green

First of all, thanks to everyone who "complained" about no news last week. I just couldn't get it all together. But I am glad someone misses it! Makes me know my work is not in vain.

The girls started volleyball Tuesday night. Hosted the Patton Springs team and won. They are all sort of slow as it's just beginning but looks like we may have a pretty good year. The football boys traveled to Olney Thursday night to meet undefeated Gordon in the first round of bi-district. The Gordon team was a bit too much and thus our season ended. The final score was 54 - 8 (or near that). The Mustangs have nothing to be ashamed of - they have played well and we are all proud of their accomplishments and look forward to the "round ball" season for them.

The weather cooperated nicely for the Veteran's Day Program Monday at the monument site. A large crowd braved the cool temps that were first felt but later enjoyed the warmer air that crept in as the day progressed. Kudos to the Historical Commission who keep "pulling these event" off successfully.

UIL events were held last week and our elementary and junior high students did well. Elementary was the overall winner and those from grades first through 8th all did exceptionally well. Winners and the category in which they participated are: 2nd Grade: Creative Writing - Matthew Acre - 5th; 3rd Grade: Storytelling - Ryan Ledesma - 1st, Margaret Banman - 3rd; Ready Writing - Nikki Taylor - 3rd, Ryan Ledesma - 5th; Spelling - Nikki Taylor 3rd, Ryan Ledesma - 5th; 4th Grade: Ready Writing - Cody Propps - 4th, Breanna Riggins - 5th; Spelling - Breanna Riggins - 2nd, Cody Propps - 8th; Number Sense - Roberto Acevedo - 3rd, Breanna Riggins - 7th; Oral Reading - Cody Propps - 1st, Roberto Acevedo - 3rd, Breanna Riggins - 4th; 5th Grade: Ready Writing - Mitchell Ham - 4th, Jessi Vanderpool - 5th; Spelling - Teri Miller - 4th, Dylan Benson - 5th; Number Sense - Jacob Siemens - 6th; Oral Reading - Chase Reed - 3rd; Dictionary Skills - Terri Miller - 4th; Listening - Jessi Vanderpool - 1st, Mitchell Ham - 4th; Maps, Graphs, Charts - Mitchell Ham, Jessi Vanderpool, Dylan Benson, first place team; 6th Grade: Spelling - Brittany Coop - 6th, Devon Jones - 5th; Number Sense - Jessica Ledesma - 4th, Devon Jones - 5th; Oral Reading - John Taylor - 1st, Leah Vanderpool - 4th; Calculator - Devon Jones - 1st, Jessica Ledesma - 2nd, Becky Baldwin - 5th; Listening - Brittany Coop - 1st; Maps, Graphs, Charts - Jessica Ledesma - 4th, Devon Jones - 5th; Dictionary Skills - Devon Jones - 4th, Jessica Ledesma - 5th. A list of Junior High winners will appear next week.

Glenda and Larry Bearly of Erie, Colorado spent several days last week with her mom, Odessa Cox and her sister and brother-in-law, Reba and Charlie Morrill. While here they did a little "fixing up" around Mrs. Cox's place.


Had a phone call from Judy (Ju-Ju) Steedman Thursday to tell me her mom, Annie Mae Redwine Crenshaw celebrated her 91st birthday on November 6th. Had lots of calls from friends and family and was glad to hear from them all.

Samijo and Shelby Russell of Spur spent this week end with their great grandmother, Hazel Stockton.

My kids, Diane and Mike Evans and Ashlee of Childress visited me on Saturday.

Financial Focus

By Gary Decker



Preparation Can Lead to Happy Retirement

Here's some information that may interest you: The happiest retirees are those who feel financially prepared for retirement.

This finding, from a study by Harris Interactive, a major polling firm, may not be shocking. After all, you would probably expect that retirees who feel financially prepared would be more content than those who are worried about outliving their income. But you might be surprised by another finding gleaned from the study: Retirement happiness is directly linked to the number of years you've been saving for retirement, rather than your net worth - although the two factors are certainly related.

Just how long do you need to save before you can feel you're financially prepared for retirement? In reality, there's probably no one "right" answer, because everyone has different goals for retirement. Nonetheless, the Harris survey does point to some interesting numbers:

- 61 percent of those who saved for 25 years or more said they were extremely satisfied with retirement.
- 51 percent of those who saved for 15 to 24 years said they were extremely satisfied.
- 46 percent of those who saved for less than 15 years said they were extremely satisfied.

The lesson seems clear: Start saving for retirement as early as you can. By putting time on your side, you greatly increase your chances of enjoying your retirement years.

The Harris survey didn't just ask respondents about how long they had been saving and investing. Another question was designed to relate retirees' happiness with the type of investments they had accumulated.

The findings? The happiest retirees' investment portfolios were well diversified. Stocks made up of the bulk of these retirees' holdings, with smaller allocations in fixed-income securities and real estate. Apparently, maintaining a diversified array of investments helped contribute to the respondents' feelings of being well prepared for retirement.

The survey's results support many other studies that, over the years, have shown the value of diversification. But you can diversify your portfolio in many different ways. To determine which mix of investments is appropriate for you, consider the following:

- Your goals - What do you plan to do during retirement? If you envision traveling around the world and maintaining a couple of houses, your investment income needs will be far different than those of your neighbor who plans to stick close to home and do some consulting.
- Your risk tolerance - If you're an aggressive investor, you're willing to accept a greater degree of risk in exchange for potentially higher returns. If you're a conservative investor, you're more inclined to protect your principal at all costs, even if it means sacrificing growth. And if you're a moderate investor, you're somewhere in between. Your individual asset allocation - your mix of investments - will be shaped, in part, by your investment personality and risk tolerance.
- Time horizon - Your proximity to retirement will also help shape your investment mix. If you're many years away from retiring, you may want to invest more aggressively, because you have time to bounce back from short-term volatility. But if you're only a few years away from retirement, you might want to shift some - but certainly not all - your investment dollars into more stable, conservative vehicles.

There you have it: To be happy during retirement, you need to invest for many years beforehand, and you need to be properly diversified. Take action soon - the future will be here before you know it.

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Elementary Edition

THE HAPPENINGS AT MUNDAY ELEMENTARY

Campus Happenings

UIL
Munday Elementary won the UIL Academic District Championship title over teams from Crowell, Knox City, and Paducah. Competition was held in O'Brien on November 12 & 14 with our students performing very well. Individual results will be in next week's edition. An awards assembly to honor these titleholders is planned for Tuesday, November 26, 2002 at 2:30 pm in the gym. The public is cordially invited to come and share in the victory ceremony.



UIL PARTICIPANTS IN GRADES 2, 3, AND 4.



GRADES 5 AND 6 UIL PARTICIPANTS

Class Happenings

Third graders have started looking at TAKS with focus on main idea being top on the agenda. Social Studies class had the students moving as they studied movable communities like the Chow Indians lived in long ago, and also people who still live in movable communities today. *Attack on Pearl Harbor* was the story time book, and English class had the students checking for subject-verb agreement. Gorge Rangel was listed as the spelling star, while Morgan Griffith, Kristen Kuehler, Dylan Cooke, and Alyssa Moore got the main idea in reading.

Kindergarteners explored cause and effect, and the letter "Pp" was top of the phonics lesson with the reading of Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse. To go with this story about a child who loved her teacher, students wrote stories and drew pictures of their nice, pretty, smart, and beautiful teacher! You can count on math to have the students counting dimes and making patterns. Getting ready for winter was the thematic unit as students checked out what plants, animals, and people do as winter starts to approach. New vocabulary words were migrate, store, gather, and hibernate. Writing had students thinking what they would like to be when they grew up, and science and social studies focused on popcorn and scarecrows. Turning six were Raci Dillard and Juan Rangel.

First graders dived into the second basal reader while the lesson focused on short "e" vowel sounds and double final consonants. Identifying _ and _ were checked out in math with peanut butter & jelly sandwiches being used as a visual aide. (Eating them was no problem either!) Math Whizzes were Tatum Bufkin, Anna Campos, Rylie Decker, Jarett Earle, Molly Denman, Yadi Gonzales, Tanna Moeller, Mayra Ramirez, Heather Thomas, Kaylan Urbanczyk, Brett Workman, and Mayte Torres. Students took their first spelling test while nouns topped the English lesson. Science lessons continued to explore animals' lives in oceans, deserts, forests, and rain forests. Birthdays celebrated were Marcus Castillo and Mayte Torres.

Action, action, we want action was the second grade chant as English class examined action verbs. Students enjoyed creating a line of symmetry with paint, and the students also discovered how the letter "r" can change the sound of a vowel. No wonder, it lives up to being called control and bossy R!

Gobbling Good Stories were written by fourth graders to go along with a turkey art project. Students had to decide what was his/her favorite and then write a persuasive to convince the reader that his/her choice

was worth gobbling up! *Hatchet* is the story time book, and verbs are being checked out in English class. Sarahlee Sanchez celebrated a birthday, and the class was saddened to see Nick Adams move to Lubbock.

High 5's were given as Pre-K students began practicing the number 5!! Students also had to identify the diamond shape in a deck of cards. The cards were sorted by color and numbers as well. Diamond Perez made cookies for snacks, and Sindy's Sweet Shop was visited. At Sindy's students were treated to a doughnut and Thanksgiving turkeys made by the students were dropped off for later display. Practice for the annual Turkey Tea is in full swing with dates set for this "gobbling tea-riffic social." The PM class will hold its Turkey Tea on Monday, November 25th at 2:45 pm while the AM class will have its turkey Tea on Tuesday, November 26th at 10:00 AM.

Upcoming Happenings: November 26—UIL AWARDS ASSEMBLY @ 2:30 in the gym, mid-six weeks, Nov 27-29—Thanksgiving Holidays, December 4 - Progress Reports released.



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GETTING READY FOR TURKEY TEA TIME! Pre-kindergarten students Meranda Gutierrez, Baylie Taylor, and Alexis Walker are getting ready for the annual Turkey Tea presented by the Pre-K students for the families. Teacher Kerri Urbanczyk and aide Mary Myers are busy preparing while students practice their finger plays, rhymes and songs. The afternoon class will hold their tea on Monday at 2:45 and the morning class will present their program at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Both programs will be held in the cafeteria and celebrated with cookies and punch.

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- Wednesday - Pig-in-a-blanket, milk and juice.
- Thursday - Breakfast pizza, milk and juice.
- Friday - Breakfast cereal, milk and juice.

Lunch Menu:

- Monday**
Chicken nuggets w/ peppered gravy or ham & cheese sandwiches, mashed potatoes, roll, lettuce & tomato, Nacho cheese Doritos, Jell-o, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.
- Tuesday**
Hamburger on a bun or chicken sticks
French fries, lettuce & tomato, Chocolate cake, mixed fruit, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.
- Wednesday**
Homestyle chicken patty on Texas Toast or bologna & cheese sandwich, Lays potato chips, lettuce & tomato, celery & carrot dippers, Ranch dressing, apple or orange, sliced peaches, chocolate or white milk.
- Thursday**
Western burger or corn dog,
French fries, Pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, chocolate pudding, apple or orange, chocolate or white milk.
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Tamale Soup

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- 1 small onion
- 1 can Ranch Style Beans
- 1 Can Corn
- 1 or 2 cans Ro-Tel
- 1 large can Gerhart Tamales

Saute bell pepper and onion with seasoned ground meat. In stock pot or crock pot add to mixture Ranch Style Beans, corn, and Ro-Tel. Simmer for 30 - 45 minutes. Cut up tamales and add to mixture. Cook for an additional thirty minutes.

(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!



This week's featured cook
Pam Taylor.



Obituaries

Munoz, Virginia

Mrs. Virginia Munoz, age 94, passed away on November 17, 2002. Graveside services were observed on Monday, November 18, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday. The Reverend Randy Gressett of First Baptist Church in Munday officiated with arrangements under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Munoz was born in Hawley, Texas on December 4, 1907. She was a homemaker and a member of Munday First Baptist Church. She married Eusedio (Rudy) Munoz on November 5, 1942 in Munday. Mr. Munoz preceded her in death on December 8, 1972.

Survivors include two sons, Angel Munoz of Munday and Simon Chavez of Ulysses, Kansas; eleven grandchildren; 54 great grandchildren; 29 great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Daniel Martinez, Fidel Rodriguez, Mickey Jackson, James Smith, and Jerry Gray.

Hansard, J.L.

Services for J.L. Hansard, 62, of Brownfield were held Friday, November 8th in the Brownfield First Baptist Church with Reverend Randy Land officiating. Burial was in Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mr. Hansard died Tuesday, November 6th in Brownfield.

He was born May 31, 1940 in Terry County and was married to Lorene "Mickey" Armstrong on December 27, 1958 in Brownfield.

Mr. Hansard was raised in Meadow and graduated from Ropesville High School. He was employed by Amoco as a pumper for 26 years. He also served as a Brownfield Volunteer Fireman for 17 years prior to his retirement. He coached girls' softball, boy's Little Dribblers and boys' Little League. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters - Rhonda Kay Duncan of Brownfield and Kelly Hansard of Grand Prairie; two sisters - Bettie Jane Garza of Seminole and Willie Lee Eldredge of Wellington; his mother - Betty Hansard of Brownfield and two granddaughters - Kelsey and Alex Duncan.

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MR. LUSK'S HOMEROOM CLASS is the classroom in the spotlight at Goree ISD this week. These students have been studying history and government.



TEACHER RICK MOELLER (CENTER) has been instructing junior high students on Gun Safety and Hunter Regulations. Participating are boy scouts along with their instructors David Booe and David Key and 8th grade students Jacob Fetsch and Martha Perkins. The course includes 8 hours of classroom instruction.

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The classroom in the spotlight this week is Mr. Lusk's homeroom class. The student's in his class are Kristina Rodriguez, Timothy Hardeman, Jose Flores, Frank McKerlie, Veronica Reyes, and Reyes Llamas. These students have been busy studying History and Government.

Mrs. Williamson's elementary class has been studying measuring and as an extension of their lessons the class prepared and measured ingredients for brownies. The students baked their brownies in the cafeteria and enjoyed eating them.

Upcoming dates for Goree ISD are Nov. 27th, 28th, and 29th which is Thanksgiving break.

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Homstad. Among her favorite activities are playing on the monkey bars, swimming, camping, and jumping on the trampoline. She is very helpful and enjoys folding clothes and vacuuming with her mom.

Nine year old Morgan Griffith is a third grade student at Munday Elementary. Her parents are Andy and Dalyn Griffith and she has one brother, Ethan. Morgan is a good student and enjoys reading playing the piano, and science. She is in 4-H and is active at First Baptist Church. Morgan loves the Munday Moguls and the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Third grader Holly Alexander is the daughter of Cambie Lemmond and Wayman Alexander. She is a third grade student this year at Munday Elementary. One of Holly's favorite things is playing with her cat, Callie. Holly also has beautiful big blue eyes!

Nine year old fourth grader Dana Dockins has plans for her future - she wants to be a baby doctor. She is the daughter of Cheryl Huckabee and Bobby Dockins. Dana's favorite activities include cheerleading, going to church, playing basketball, and taking care of her nephew, Kayden.

Tiffany Wertz is nine years old and in the 4th grade. She joins her sister, Jenna, who will also be participating in the pageant. Tiffany has one other sister, Samantha, and two brothers, T.J. and Jaron. Tiffany loves beading, singing, and other arts and crafts.

Ten year old Micaela Dawn Hernandez is in the fifth grade at Munday Elementary. Leandro, Jr. and LaVelle Hernandez are her proud parents. Micaela loves to work and play on her computer and also enjoys everything about school. Her favorite activities are reading, drawing, and watching movies.

Fifth grader Lorinne Sepeda is ten years old. Her parents are Greg and Sarah Sepeda. Lorinne will be joined in the pageant by her sister, Elissa. Her other sister, Kellie, is a 7th grader at Munday Junior High. Lorinne is "family oriented" and enjoys visiting with her Aunt Carmel and Aunt Bea. She also enjoys dancing with her big sister, Kellie.

Come to the Little Miss Merry Christmas Pageant Saturday, November 30 and support these lovely young ladies.

Munday ISD Financial Report

By Robert Dillard

A recent audit of fiscal year 2001-2002 ('02) revealed several positive financial trends that our district can look forward to in the upcoming year. Total revenues for '02 exceed total expenditures by \$176,000. This is impressive due to the fact that the district was heavily damaged during a June 15, 2002, storm. Insurance proceeds produced about \$718,000 in revenue. Approximately \$658,000 has already been spent in needed repairs following the storm. The General Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$530,000, an increase from the previous end of year balance of \$353,000. About \$59,000 of that increase resulted from insurance proceeds generated from the storm that has not yet been spent, but is expected to be used in the coming fiscal year to complete the repairs. Munday ISD's net assets increased by \$48,000 as a result of the operations in '02. To-

tal operating expenditures in the district's General Fund actually decreased by \$6,000 from the previous fiscal year (after elimination of storm repair costs).

Our district's enrollment is currently 12 students more than it was last year. Let's all hope that this trend continues. Each student in Munday ISD generates approximately \$5,500 in funding each year. If our enrollment remains constant, and our attendance percentage remains above 97%, about \$66,000 extra revenue will be generated by the addition of these new students.

However, this has not been the trend of the recent past. When building the budget and setting the tax rate for the 2002-2003 ('03) school year, many historical factors from the 1998-2002 period were considered. The decline in student population has averaged 4.1% over the last four years, while the tax base has basically remained constant at close

to \$29 million.

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the General Fund Budget for '03. Amounts available for appropriation in the General Fund Budget are \$2.9 million, slightly down from the final '02 actual revenues of \$3.0 million (excluding insurance proceeds). Property taxes and state funding are expected to remain fairly constant. District staff will decrease slightly this year, and there are no new programs to fund. Thus, expenditures should not increase, and the fund balance should remain stable.

We welcome our friends from the Goree community as we look forward to the inauguration of Munday Consolidated Independent School District on July 1, 2003, and the beginning of a new, positive era of opportunity with the prospect of expanding educationally and financially during fiscal year '04.

Munday Jr High, JV and High School basketball results

The junior high girls basketball teams played Crowell. The 7th grade girls ended the game with 16 points. The final score for Crowell was 36 points. Individual scoring records were Ashleigh Myers - 4 points; Michelle Gonzales - 4 points; Shadee Wilson 4 points.

The 8th grade girls scored 9 points. Crowell won the game with a total of 26 points. Brooke Rocha scored 3 points. Kassie Mobley - 2; Kelli Cypert - 2;

and Ashton Smith - 2.

JV girls played Stamford, with a 15 - 27 loss. Katie Myers scored 5 points; Kari Kuehler - 4; Jennifer Sosa - 3; Jocelyn Decker - 2; Tamara Dockins - 1.

The Varsity girls played Stamford and Aspermont. Stamford won the game with 38 points and Munday with 26. The Aspermont game was close, but in the end Munday lost by 1 point. The Aspermont score was

41 and Munday 40.

This week the teams will be playing on Friday, November 22nd against Seymour in Munday. The games will start at 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday the JV girls and boys will compete at the Crowell tournament.

On Monday, November 25, there will be 4 games against Baird, in Munday. Then on Tuesday, the Moguelettes travel to Haskell.

Truscott-Gilliland News
By Clara Brown

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the chilly evening. The event will be held in the fire hall.

The Little Miss Merry Christmas will take center stage in the downtown park at 7:00 that evening. The pageant is sponsored by the Theatre Arts Department of Munday High School.

Get in a romantic and spirited mood by taking a carriage ride through the city streets. Snuggle up and enjoy the patter of horses hooves with the glow of holiday lights brightening the path.

Why go to the city to shop when all the fun and great holiday values can be found right here in your hometown? Come on out and enjoy an evening on the Prairie. Help bring Christmas to Munday on Saturday, November 30.

We have an early deadline for our Thanksgiving issue Friday at 5 p.m.

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TXU Gas winter tips can help you stay safe & warm

"Natural gas is safe and dependable," says Randy West, AREa Manager. "However, like with anything else, precautions should be taken to avoid unsafe situations with heating and other household equipment that uses natural gas."

According to West the following TXU Gas safety tips may help you stay warm and safe at home during the cold months ahead:

- Have a certified heating and air conditioning contractor check your heating equipment before each heating season. Only qualified service people should install and maintain all gas appliances. TXU Gas offers a free referral service for qualified heating professionals. Customers can call 1-800-725-0934 or go online to www.txu.com/dealer.
- All your gas appliances should produce a blue flame when lit. Call a certified heating and air conditioning contractor if the flame is red or yellow. A color other than blue is a sign of improper burning, which could produce excessive carbon monoxide.
- If an appliance pilot light should go out, turn off the gas. Allow several minutes for gas to dissipate before attempting to re-

light it.

- When re-lighting, hold the lit match close to the opening. Then slowly turn on the gas.
- Never use an oven or range burner to heat a room.
- Make sure the vent is operating properly on a space heater.
- For space heaters not equipped with a vent or oxygen cut-off switch, slightly open a window to provide ventilation. Be sure to turn it off before going to bed.
- Keep space heater away from furniture, draperies and other combustible materials.
- If you have a gas water heater in the garage, be sure it is installed 18 inches above the floor.
- Never store or use, paints, gasoline, rags or other combustible materials near a gas appliance with a pilot light or open flame.
- If you smell gas in your house, leave immediately, do not touch any electrical switch, don't strike a match or do anything that might cause a spark. Go to a neighbor's home, and call TXU Gas at (800) 817-8090. Don't call from your home because some telephones use a small amount of electricity that may produce a spark.



Courtesy Photo

THE HAWKS under 14 soccer team recently took third place in the Abilene Invitational. Members include (back) coaches Jose Gonzales and Jimmy Cooke, Jonathan Key, Anason Jones, Geoffrey Cude, Destini Cooke, Joseph Gonzales, Jacob Fetsch, Michelle Gonzales, Trey Bufkin, Marcos Gonzales, Zach Rangel, Pate Stewart, Steven Urbanczyk, Donald Penner, Cory Thomas, and Ray Thomas.

Food Protection Management course/exam scheduled

All food establishments permitted by the Texas Department of Health recently received a letter from the Texas Department of Health concerning a new requirement for a certified manager for each food establishment. Jane Rowan, Knox County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences is a certified instructor for the Certified Food Manager (CFM) course and the Knox County Cooperative Extension Service is a licensed CFM test site.

A two-day training is scheduled for Knox County on January 7 & 8, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day. The TDH State Certification will also be administered in Knox County on January 9, 2003 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The training and exam will be held at the Doug Meinzer Community Center in Knox City.

The fee for the two-day course is \$79. This includes the course, course book and State certification exam. The TDH Certification

Exam only is \$35. For more information or to obtain a registration form contact Jane Rowan at the Knox County Extension Office - 459-2651. Deadline to register is Friday, December 5, 2002. ***

Local News:

On August 11, former Munday resident Polly Chamberlain Maddox Williams was treated to a surprise 80th birthday party. Her family held the event at Jim Maddox' (son) house in Weatherford, TX.

Those attending were Polly's three children, 11 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren plus spouses. The families came from New York, Wyoming, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas to attend the party.

Polly is the daughter of M.T. Chamberlain, who was a long time resident of Munday and a former Knox County Clerk. She now resides in Abilene. ***

EARLY DEADLINE
for Thanksgiving
Friday at 5p.m.

Shugart's to take holiday pictures this Thursday

Shugart's Studios of Levelland will be at The Munday Courier this Thursday, November 21 for one day only! Holiday backgrounds will be available for selection and portraits will be returned in time for Christmas gift-giving.

Photo hours are 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 5:00. Setting fee is \$1.99 plus tax per person. Along with regular package deals Christmas Cards will also be available - 25 for \$19.99 plus tax. ***

SHOP MUNDAY FIRST

First Baptist Church

Randy Gressett, Pastor 220 S. 5th Ave. • Munday, TX
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Vernon College to offer two more courses for December

The Division of Workforce Education & Training at Vernon College has once again scheduled the popular course entitled Defensive Driving. The course is designed to train drivers in professional traffic accident avoidance techniques and to promote an attitude of mutual understanding, courtesy, and cooperation through informed motorists. The course is approved by the National Traffic Safety Institute & the Texas Education Agency and makes the student eligible for a reduction in their insurance premiums or for traffic citation dismissal.

The course will meet on Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Vernon College campus in Vernon, Texas. The course will be taught by a licensed Defensive Driving instructor, and the fee will be \$25.00.

For further information or registration forms, contact the Vernon College Continuing Education Office at (940) 552-

6291, extension 2209.

Windows XP will be offered this fall by the Division of Workforce Education & Training of Vernon College. This course will provide the student with a study or microprocessor architecture file creation/deletion, data entry and manipulation, automatic file execution, configuration, and directory commands.

Windows XP is scheduled to meet from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturdays, beginning December 7 and ending Dec. 14.

Registration fee is \$30 plus a book and will be instructed by Laura Smith. Pre-registration is recommended as class size will be limited.

Persons interested may call the Continuing Education Office of Vernon College at (940) 552-6291, extension 2209 or 2210 for registration information. This course will be conducted at Vernon College, 4400 College Drive in Vernon, Texas. ***

Knox County RTA holding November meeting on 21st

The Knox County Retired Teachers Association will be meeting on Tuesday, November 21st at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Benjamin.

The program will be "What's Going On Next Door to the Robert's House" by the Knox County Historical Commission. ***

"Local News"

continued from page 6.

Welch, had visited her home in Abilene on Wednesday. On Thursday she and her two sons visited the E.D. Welch family in Gilliland.

June and Newell Looney went to Thalia Saturday for the community's fish fry at their center.

Joyce Williams of Floydada visited Wednesday and Thursday. Geraldine and Edmund Tomanek went to the annual lodge meeting at Stamford Sunday.

Geraldine and Micheal Tomanek visited the lodge secretary, Doris Vasek, at Stamford. ***

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The Special Education Program for Children with Disabilities provides services for children ages birth through 21. If you are aware of a child who is suspected of having a disability, please contact Haskell-Knox Coop (940) 658-3587 or Region IX Education Service Center (940) 322-6928, (940) 322-8297 or (800) 375-8297 for information about screening and evaluation at no cost.

EDUCACION ESPECIAL CHILD FIND

El programa de Educacion Especial para niños con incapacidades ofrece servicios para niños recién nacidos hasta la edad de 21 años. Si usted sabe de un niño que quizás tendrá una incapacidad, favor de ponerse en contacto con Haskell-Knox Coop (920) 658-3587 o Region IX Education Service Center (940) 322-6928, (940) 322-8297 or (800) 375-8297 para obtener informacion sobre estos servicios. Estos servicios son gratis.

MUNDAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,256,819	\$ 68,164	\$ 1,324,983
5800 State Program Revenues	2,461,841	74,351	2,536,192
5900 Federal Program Revenues	16,925	289,470	306,395
5020 Total Revenues	3,735,585	431,985	4,167,570
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	1,817,090	205,824	2,022,914
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	27,466	2,957	30,423
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	7,522	-	7,522
0023 School Leadership	167,337	-	167,337
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	39,844	-	39,844
0033 Health Services	3,032	42,826	45,858
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	9,528	-	9,528
0035 Food Services	2,758	159,542	162,300
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	224,341	-	224,341
0041 General Administration	194,282	-	194,282
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	967,014	551	967,565
0061 Community Services	2,290	-	2,290
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of	104,746	-	104,746
6030 Total Expenditures	3,567,250	411,700	3,978,950
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	168,335	20,285	188,620
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	21,748	-	21,748
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(13,937)	(21,748)	(35,685)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	7,811	(21,748)	(13,937)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	176,146	(1,463)	174,683
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	353,793	5,416	359,209
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 529,939	\$ 3,953	\$ 533,892

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Early Thanksgiving deadline! Please have ads and articles to The Munday Courier prior to 5:00 p.m. this Friday!

THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE of The United Methodist Church will be accepting bids on property...

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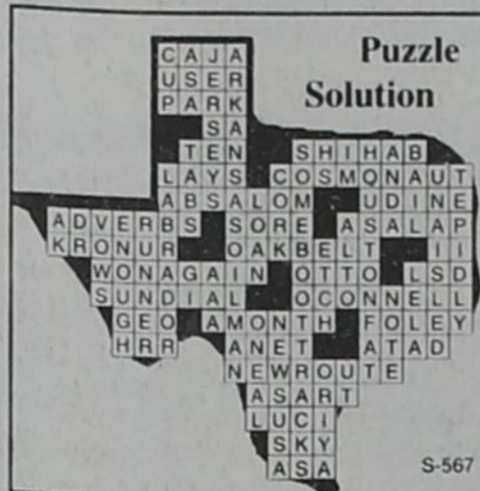
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TxDOT approves funding for Double Mountain Coach

Public transportation funds, totaling \$15,463, for the Aspermont Small Business Development Center were approved in October by the Texas Transportation Commission...

Double Mountain Coach, the area's rural transportation provider, operates on a demand response basis.

According to Rector, the service area spans 6,322 square miles in Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Stonewall, and Throckmorton counties...

In March, the Texas Department of Transportation awarded \$10 million to the rural transit providers in Texas and awarded an additional \$1.8 million last week.

With Texas' rural transportation operators reporting more than 4.4 million one-way passengers in fiscal 2000, the Texas rural transportation program is the largest in the nation.

Unlike urban systems which operate on fixed routes, Rector said rural transportation systems provide services to populations who otherwise would not have public transportation services available to them.

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