

CCAD seats new board, elects officers

By Janet Felderhoff
Judge John Roane, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #4, led the 2006-07 Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) Board of Directors as they swore to faithfully execute the duties of their office. He then witnessed their signatures. Members of the 2006-07 Board are Bob Knauf of Muenster, David Clifton of Valley View, Zach Nichols of Gainesville, Beverly Snuggs of Gainesville, and Jim Myrick of Lindsay.

Knauf and Myrick are beginning their second year on the Board. Nichols served about a half year as he was appointed to serve when Lisa Bellows resigned. Snuggs is new to the Board and will take the place of Michael McHorse. Clifton is the senior Board member, having served four years.

Election of officers was ad-

ressed next. Michael McHorse, outgoing Board member and 2005 president, supervised election of the new president. Jim Myrick was unanimously elected. He then presided over the meeting.

Other officers elected, also unanimously, were David Clifton as vice-president and Bob Knauf as secretary.

Appointment of Appraisal Review Board (ARB) members for 2006 ensued. Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson noted that a person could serve up to, but not more than six consecutive years. Current members are Brenda Mobley, who has served her sixth year; Bill Dearing with two years of service; Parker Yarbrough with four years of service.

It was agreed that it would be wise to keep Yarbrough and Dearing since they have experience. Nominees for

Mobley's position include John Stockton of Valley View, Guy George of Gainesville, Dean Mendenhall of Callisburg, David Bowman of Lake Kiowa, and Harold Flusche of Muenster. George seemed to be the favored nominee since they wanted to have representation for Gainesville. The Board members will be appointed at the next Board meeting.

With McHorse leaving the CCAD Board, there is a need for a change in authorized bank signatures. It was voted to take McHorse's name off and to authorize Snuggs to sign checks since she lives and works in Gainesville. Myrick's name was left on the authorization from the previous year.

In his Chief Appraiser's report, Smithson told the Board that reappraisal of new construction is ongoing. Ap-

praiser assignments are: Darlene and Kim - Lake Kiowa, Gainesville residential and commercial; T.M. - Callisburg and Woodbine, north; Debbie R. and Trudy - Moss Lake and rural Gainesville; Marylyn - Era, Muenster, and helping T.M. with Callisburg.

Smithson said that collections have been heavy during December and January.

In other business the CCAD Board:

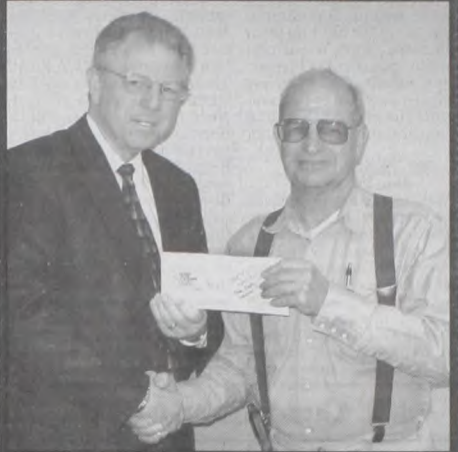
- Authorized the chief appraiser to request new bids for depository contract. Last time there was only one bidder and that was GNB. Clifton encouraged seeking bids since he felt it would be more prudent to do so.

- Discussed which Board members needed training in open meetings and open records to comply with new statutory requirements. It was decided that a training tape session would be held for all members, probably prior to the next regular Board meeting.

- Smithson and Myrick plan to attend the TAAD conference.

- Discussed CCAD Directors manual. Will study and consider changes.

NCTC helps firefighters



Herbert Knabe, right, president of the Cooke County Firefighters Organization, Inc., accepts a donation of \$312 from faculty and staff members at North Central Texas College. The money came from a collection taken up during a recent pre-spring semester in-service program at NCTC and was presented by Dr. Eddie Hadlock, president. Knabe, who is chief of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, said the donation will be shared among the 10 volunteer firefighting companies in the County. "We are so appreciative of the work being done by these volunteers during this time of heightened wildfire risk to our homes and property," said Dr. Hadlock, "and we hope these funds can help that effort in some small way. We will continue to accept donations from college employees wishing to give to this cause." Courtesy photo



Members of the CCAD Board of Directors, from left, Jim Myrick, Beverly Snuggs, Zach Nichols, David Clifton, and Bob Knauf are sworn into office by Justice of the Peace, John Roane, pictured far right. Janet Felderhoff photo

Muenster Chamber Banquet reveals Texoma AVA district

By Janet Felderhoff
As of Jan. 6, Muenster is a part of the Texoma American Viticultural Area (AVA). Dave Galvin of Ravenna, Texas proclaimed this news at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Galvin coauthored the petition to have the north-central Texas counties of Cooke, Montague, Fannin, and Grayson established as the Texoma viticultural area. The area covers 3,650 square miles on the south side of Lake Texoma and the Red River, along the Texas-Oklahoma State line. The newly established viticultural area contains four wineries and a number of small vineyards with approximately 55 acres planted to vines. Both native Texas grape varieties and Vitis vinifera thrive in the proposed area.

Viticultural areas are established for the purposes of allowing vintners to better describe the origin of their wines and consumers to better identify wines they may purchase.

According to Galvin, the Napa Valley in California, which is America's premier wine district, earned the designation of AVA in 1982.

The process took almost three years from the beginning of the application until its approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury - Tax and Trade Bureau on Dec. 7, 2005.

In proving the area to be appropriate for grape growing the application noted, "Historical evidence in the petition for the proposed boundaries includes the contributions of the Texoma region to world viticulture. Renowned 19th century viticulturalist Thomas Volney (T.V.) Munson chose the Texoma area as the site for his experimental vineyards. An expert on native grape varieties, it was reported that he was particularly excited by the varieties of native grapes found within the region, calling the area his "grape paradise". He developed over 300 new grape varieties from the wild grapes growing along the bluffs of the Red River and its tributaries. Today, the T.V. Munson Memorial Vineyard at Grayson County College in Denison, carries on Munson's legacy. The vineyard grows 65 of the 300 grape varieties developed by

Munson, and the college, unlike most junior colleges in the nation, bestows an associate degree in viticulture.

"Because of the importance of native grape species to the viticultural history and identity of the Texoma region, the petitioner bases the southern boundary in part on the distribution of wild grapevines through the area. The proposed Texoma viticultural area southern boundary excludes some southern portions of the four counties since wild grapevines generally do not grow on the south-facing slopes beyond the ridge that divides the Red River and Trinity River drainage basins."



Newly elected officers of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Pictured (l to r) are: Treasurer Carolyn McPherson; Vice-president Kirk Klement; and Secretary John Pollard. President Debbie Hess was unavailable for photo. Deborah Wood photo

Officers for 2006 were installed. They are Debbie Hess, president, Kirk Klement, vice-president, John Pollard, secretary, and Carolyn McPherson, treasurer. Board members who opted to serve another year are Dina Sicking, Matt Sicking, and Robert Weinzapfel. All officers are returning Board members. Danny Walterscheid is also a returning member of the Board.

New business openings, expansions, etc. that were noted for 2005 include:

January - Outside of Sacred Heart Rectory completed. City of Muenster started new rock and iron front entry to City Park. Arched sign is finished but has not been put into place yet. Plans are to continue with the rock and iron work across the front of the park replacing the existing chain link fence. Curbing has been finished outside of the front of the park and curbing has begun inside the park.

April - Terri and Brad Barrett open "Main Street Book Store" where they offer new and used books for sale. May - Keep Muenster

Beautiful continues maintaining its standing of "Sustained Excellence" and won another \$65,000 for additional beautification purposes. The plans for this \$85,000 are to replace the old chain link fence on the North side of the park with rock and iron work like that at the front of the park.

September - WFW Production completes a four - office complex at 208 N. Walnut. WFW is utilizing two office spaces, have rented a third, and the fourth is available for rent.

During the year Nortex Communications continued with expanding and adding services offered to their area

customers - adding high definition TV and wireless Internet. Bob Baker opened automotive shop. Hess Furniture completed refurbishing outside of its historic building. City completed equipment shed. Doug and Vicki Fleitman offer storage units for rent.

During the past 18 months - Superior Machining & Fabrication owned by Giles Walterscheid has expanded by 28,000 square feet of which 18,000 was completed

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Larry Anderson of J.W. Anderson Associates presented his company's audit report for Muenster Memorial for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. The report was a clean report with no problems found.

"This year salaries are 44% of our overall operating cost, benefits about 8%. That continues to be in line with what we see in most of our other places," said the auditor.

Anderson said that the numbers of days of cash on hand looked very nice compared to last year. Last year the District had 10 days worth and this year it is up to almost 30 days worth of cash on hand.

According to the auditor, MMH's expenses this year were paid as follows for the total operating expenses of \$5.6 million: Medicare 64%; Medicaid 2%; other patients 23%; grant money 5%; and tax money 6%.

After the report was completed Board President Kenny Klement remarked, "That was the best presentation we've had in a while."

During his report, Administrator Lynn Heller said an updated telephone system at Muenster Memorial Hospital features a direct dial number to each patient room. It's a nice modern system and it's real proof about that," he remarked.

CareFlite presented the Hospital with a windsock to be placed in the area where the helicopters come in. While it was being installed, the Hospital put in a new light that didn't stick out as far making it safer for CareFlite.

Heller said that there are plans to rework the front driveway to make it a one-way drive through. "People are driving through both ways and it's not a good situation," said the administrator. "Every now and then somebody gets blocked. We want to have it where traffic flows one way." There are plans to make

short-term parking in the area.

A copy of the employee-training schedule was given to the Board. "Each month we have a continuing education program for our employees and it is mandatory for them to attend," said Heller. "It doesn't always fit what the person does, but everybody is required to attend it. Next year when this is really implemented, if they haven't got all of this completed, they won't get their raise. They'll get their raise when they get it done and the raise will be retroactive to the anniversary date. It just won't be added in until they get everything caught up to date."

Employee Pam McCormack is working on getting a website set up for the Hospital. It would have general information about the Hospital.

Plans are being formed to set up a Giving Program to present the community with opportunities to help the Hospital improve its equipment. "There are huge benefits to that as far as the Medicare reimbursements," said Heller. "If somebody contributes to the Hospital, we get that money and then we depreciate it and Medicare pays that too."

CFO Dick Teeter reported, "We had a fairly good month. Our revenue was down a little from the last three months, but it was still up over \$600,000. We were above budget by a little bit. Our adjustments were down this month \$117,000. Net revenue of \$499,149. Our expenses for the month totaled \$363,554, so we had a net operating revenue of \$135,595, plus our taxes gave us \$179,372."

Bad Debt Write Offs

amounting to \$34,368.61 were approved 6-0 by the Board.

Physicians approved by the medical staff at the November meeting for hospital privileges included Patricia Sharkey, ER physician; Leonard Saunders, M.D., ER physician; Alberto Pena, M.D., ER physician; Matthew Lindgren, and Maurice Armand LaPierriere, ER physicians. The last two have expressed interest in coming to work some at MMH. The Board accepted the recommendations as presented by the medical staff.

Three Board members are serving terms that expire in May. They are Kenny Klement, Dan Hamric, and Walter Knight, M.D. May 13 is the date of the election. Filing period begins Feb. 11 and ends on March 13.

Board members absent were Danny Walterscheid, Mary Dangelmayr, and Dan Hamric.

Fleitman Love Fund established

A love fund has been started for Paula Fleitman at Muenster State Bank, Guaranty National Bank, and First National Bank in Muenster. Mrs. Fleitman has been hospitalized since Dec. 16 due to health complications, where she still remains in need of constant care. She has had a couple of surgeries, numerous procedures, and two more procedures are pending at this time.

Hamburger supper to assist Freeman family

Muenster High School organizations will be sponsoring a benefit hamburger supper for Bonnie Freeman on Friday, Feb. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Muenster ISD Cafeteria. Bonnie, a senior at Muenster High School, was seriously injured recently in an automobile accident. All proceeds will be donated to her family to help with expenses. The meal will be hamburger

with all the trimmings, chips, dessert, and drinks. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the MISD High School office. Advance ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Ticket prices at the door will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets can also be purchased from any MISD Student Council member.

United Way beats expectations!



At left, John Bartush, Muenster Division Leader for the United Way, stands with Kathy Bauer and Neil Hesse to show that the goal for 2006 has been surpassed with the help of the community.

DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO
Jan. 17, 1941
 Obituaries: Mrs. F. "Franz" Hesse, 74, the last adult survivor of original group to colonize this community; infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Hermes. City cleanup sponsored by Garden Club; Evelyn Meurer, chairman of the sanitation committee, advised that a truck and driver have been arranged for residential areas; Mayor Ben Seyler said that the City will have its own annual cleanup; A minimum of 25¢ is set for hauling from each home. Mary Wiedeman is elected president of Blessed Virgin Sodality for 1941. New Arrivals: Leonard to Ben and Mamie Haverkamp; Sarah to Bruno and Bertha Fleitman.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 20, 1956
 Welcome moisture arrives here with severe cold wave. Collection Sunday will be big event in 1956 polio drive. Men In Service: Corporal Roger Wolf receives discharge from the Army, and goes to college in Houston where he joins Mitchell Wolf, Johnny Fisher, and Wilbert Vogel; Ronald Fette is stationed in Norman.

Oklahoma. Ronnie Herr was one of the 36 lettermen announced for the 1955 Texas Tech football team. Joe Luke was in Wichita Falls to take three-day course in first aid. New residents in Muenster are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hermes and baby son. New Arrivals: Donald to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mages; Thomas to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Blevins.

25 YEARS AGO
Jan. 16, 1981
 Groundbreaking for the construction of new Muenster First Baptist Church; a special Sunday worship service was presented by Rev. Keith Thomas, pastor, and Andy Cherry, associate pastor. Norbert and Elizabeth Koessler retire after 16 years as owners/operators of Koessler Jewelry. They are succeeded by Michael L. and Beverly Fuhrmann of Lindsay. Obituaries: Jo Hillis, Cooke County tax assessor for 16 years; Richard Yosten, 58. New Arrivals: Jennifer to the Jim Roots; Laura to the Lionel Garcias; Melinda to Kevin and Barbie Fanning; Russell to Bobby and Carol Zimmerer; Monica to the Wayne D. Mosters.

OBITUARIES

Della Rose Voth

1935 - 2006



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Lillian "Sissy" Hess, and Imogene Zimmerer.

Music ministers were St. Peter's Choir. Sacred songs included "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", "On Eagles Wings", "Mother Dearest", "Softly and Tenderly", "Stille Nacht/Silent Night" (sung by Charlotte Voth), and "Amazing Grace".

Remarks of remembrance were given by Sharon Luke, who said in part, "...Our mom was the kindest, most giving, most unselfish person I know. She was always there for us... She never complained, not even while she was sick... She was so strong... She rarely cried... She loved Christmas... Her favorite song was Silent Night sung in German..."

"Our mom never raised her voice or yelled or said a bad word. If something went wrong, she simply said 'fiddlesticks' or 'shoot fire and save matches'... But the expression I will remember the most, because she said it all the time, was 'Bless her heart' or 'bless his heart' or 'bless your heart'. If someone was having a difficult time... If someone did something kind for her or for anyone, she would say 'bless her heart'... And so now, Mom, your family wants to say to you 'Bless your heart'..."

Tuesday at McCoy Funeral Chapel a family Rosary was held at 1:30 p.m. led by George Luke. A committal service was held at 2 p.m. with burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ryan Luke, Justin Friddell, Paul Becker, Gene Rohmer, Bobby Knauf, David Spaeth, and Tommy Felderhoff, Jr.

In Conrad Hall following the Mass in Lindsay, a meal was served by Mary Hundt, Marie H. Zimmerer, Marie E. Zimmerer, Joanie Wyrick, Claudia Zimmerer, and Mary Bayer.

Lucille Knabe Schroeder

1913-2006



Lucille Schroeder

Lucille Marie Knabe Schroeder, age 92, of Windthorst passed away Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at her residence.

A vigil service and rosary were held Tuesday, Jan. 17 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. David Kraeger officiating. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery under the direction of Auld's Funeral Home of Archer City.

Lucille was born on Nov. 22, 1913 in Windthorst to John and Catherine Gremminger Knabe. She was the oldest of seven children. When Lucille was one year old, the family moved to Muenster, where they lived on the Knabe home place until 1927, then returned to Windthorst.

Lucille married Joseph Schroeder on June 13, 1933 and lived all their married life in Windthorst where they owned and operated a dairy farm and raised their nine children. On June 13, 1983, Joe and Lucille celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and the following year on May 3, 1984, Lucille's devoted and loving husband passed away.

Mrs. Schroeder was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Windthorst. She taught CCD classes for many years. She was active in the Christians Mother's Society and was an honorary 50 year member, and was a past Regent and Grand Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America. She served as NCCW Deaneary president. She also enjoyed attending the Senior Citizen gatherings and always looked forward to their activities. She was a skilled seamstress and enjoyed crocheting and quilting. In her early eighties, Lucille took up oil painting, and gifted family members with her precious art works.

Lucille will be remembered as a devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother and will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

Survivors include five sons, Richard and his wife Rosalee, Donald and his wife

Linda, Joey and his wife, Gail, and Dennis, all of Windthorst, and Kenneth and his wife Carolyn of Archer City; four daughters, Doris Hoffman of Venus, Texas, Carolyn Hoelscher and her husband Clarence of Stephenville, Harriet Halfmann Fischer and her husband Daniel of Olfen, Texas, and Patricia Kainer of Sealy, Texas; two brothers, Johnny Knabe of Necedah, Wisconsin, and Thomas Knabe and wife Ruth of Muenster; one sister, Caroline Hess of Muenster; three sisters-in-law, Dorothy Buckhoff of Robstown, Texas, Mary Lou Schroeder of Windthorst, and Juanita Knabe of Muenster; 45 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Lucille was preceded in death by her second child, John William who died at birth; two brothers, Herbert Knabe and Norbert Knabe; one sister, Martha Sicking; three sons-in-law, Allen Hoffman, Vincent Halfmann, and Lawrence Kainer; and one great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Rose Fleitman.

Her grandsons Chris Halfmann, Brian Hoelscher, Greg Hoffman, Jason Kainer, Blaine Schroeder, Ricky Schroeder, Cyril Schroeder, and Steven Schroeder will be serving as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Windthorst Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 162, Windthorst, TX 76389, or the Windthorst Library Fund, P.O. Box 190, Windthorst, TX 76389.

OBITUARIES

Thomas Potet

1945 - 2006

Funeral services for Thomas Lawrence Potet, age 60 of Whitesboro and formerly of Cooke, Montague and Wise counties, were held Jan. 19 in the Forestburg Church of Christ. Burial followed in New Harp Cemetery. He died at 6:44 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006 in Gainesville.

Potet was born March 11, 1945 in Roswell, New Mexico to J.T. and Myrtle Greenwood Potet. He moved to Alford where in the 4th grade, where he lived for about 15 years.

He was a heavy equipment operator most of his life, working in the construction industry.

Survivors include: sons, Thomas and David Potet of Waco; sisters, Anita Hancock of Alford and Olita Lanier of Forestburg; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers were: Jeff Lanier, Tracy Lanier, Wally Lanier, Samuel Herman, John and James Taylor.

Company Recognized for Outstanding Relief Efforts

TXU Electric Delivery was honored recently with the Edison Electric Institute's (EEI) "Emergency Assistance" award in recognition of outstanding efforts helping other electric utilities restore power in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.

TXU Electric Delivery, the sixth largest electric utility in the country, sent a total of 1,692 employees and contractors to Florida, Louisiana, and southeast Texas to help local utilities recover from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.

"Not everyone realizes it, but the same people who work hard to bring you power here in the Muenster area everyday, are also heroes in other communities — those devastated by last year's hurricanes," Local Town Manager Rick Hanning said. "We

are extremely honored that the Edison Electric Institute recognized their efforts with this award."

Chairman and CEO Tom Baker was presented with the "Emergency Assistance" award during EEI's winter CEO meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. TXU Electric Delivery is one of six electric companies chosen by a panel of judges following a national and international nomination process.

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this past year. They now have 83 employees.

October - Johnny Fischer sells his half of Fischer's Market to Steven Fisher and Stanley Hess. They now operate the business with their father and father-in-law, Butch Fisher.

November - Dr. Allan J. Rosenbaum a doctor of chiropractic medicine opened Muenster Natural Wellness Center in one of the offices of WFW Products Office Suites at 208 N. Maple.

December - Flusche Enterprises completed a 45,000 square foot building to house their larger machining equipment and for additional warehouse space.

Banquet sponsors were Bayer's Kolonialwaren, Cooke County Electric Co-op, Debbie Hess, Doc's Bar & Grill, Fischer's Market, Klement Ford, Kountry Korner, Muenster State Bank, Rohmer's Restaurant, Sickling Custom Digging, and Sister's.

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM KC Free Throw Championship, 1PM, MISD Gym		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice Marketing Club mtg., 7PM, Gainesville Farm Bureau Bldg.	Mass, 6:30PM followed by Relig. Ed Class	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	TX Beef Quality Producer program, NCTC Little Theatre
Sunday, January 29, 2006	Monday, January 30, 2006	Tuesday, January 31, 2006	Wednesday, February 1, 2006	Thursday, February 2, 2006	Friday, February 3, 2006	Saturday, February 4, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice	Relig. Ed Class, 7PM TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11AM, Cooke County Electric	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM Freeman Benefit Hamburger Supper, 4-7PM, MISD cafeteria	

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LIFESTYLE

Muenster native Norman Luke coauthors book

By Elfreda Fette
Lt. Commander Norman J. Luke USNR-Retired, a native of Muenster, has coauthored an intensely fascinating and interesting book on "Squadron 13 and the Big Flying Boats", along with other men who piloted the four-engine PB2Y Coronado airplanes down by the squadron. All who became involved worked hard to turn this book into a compelling eyewitness chronicle of the War in the Pacific, WWII, 1939-1945.

One example of the intensity of accounts in the book, is a description of a PB2Y Coronado low level and high level bombing raid on Wake Island in February 1944. Eighteen Coronados made four raids over a 10-day period. The planes flew 2,100 miles to a pinpoint in the middle of the Pacific, the longest bomber trip in WWII up until that time. Only the lead plane used its radar, to hone in on the island while the others struggled to maintain the tight formation. One-half of the overloaded seaplanes came in low, beneath enemy radar, and dropped their time-release bombs (eight-second delay), from a height of only about 200 feet, as turret guns strafed the buildings below. The rest of the planes came in at 8,000 feet.

The PB2Y Coronado performed without mishap in the many and frequent flights that followed quickly after. It

set flight time records and established itself as a special member of the new arm of the Navy. The Coronado seaplane was the new, huge patrol bomber desperately needed by the Navy after December 1941. With the attack on Pearl Harbor and the rapid Japanese movement into the South Pacific, the timing for this remarkable seaplane couldn't have been better.

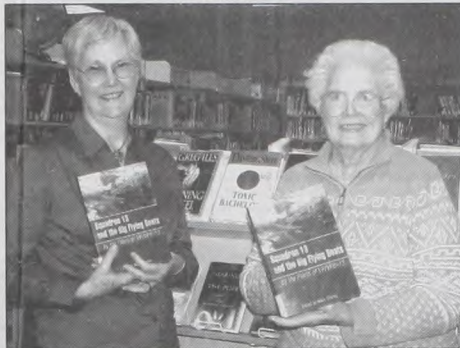
The heart and soul of this book come from these VPB 13 pilots who contributed their remarkable accounts.

Norman J. Luke wrote five chapters: "Our Tales of the South Pacific", "Mine Laying", "The Skipper Chases a Betty", "Aircraft Repair", and "Windshear".
"The Good Lord had His Hand on my shoulder and guided and protected me, and I returned much better for the experience," said Norman Luke.

Other men who contributed chapters in the book included: Frank De Lorenzo, two chapters on "Nimitz's Flight to Pearl Harbor 1941" and "The Coronado - a Four Engine Seaplane"; Russ "Fuzzy" Fowler, one chapter on "Mines and Other Island Missions"; Don Frenz, two chapters on "Life in Wartime Hawaii" and "VPB13, Third Tour"; John Fuller, one chapter on "Prudence Pilgrimage - VP-13 in Africa"; George Head, one chapter on "Flying Out the Casualties"; Ernie Horrell, one chapter on



A "Big Flying Boat"



Muenster Public Library volunteer workers Betty Felderhoff (left) and Evelyn Koesler display two copies of *Squadron 13 and the Big Flying Boats*, available at the Library. The books were donated by Norman Luke, one of the contributing writers.

Janie Hartman photo

Henscheid honored for academic achievement

Jackie Henscheid was recently honored in Memphis, Tennessee for academic excellence during Southern College of Optometry's (SCO's) Convocation ceremony.

Henscheid received the Optometry/Clinical Skills Award from the college for ranking among the top 10 members of the Class of 2008 in optometry and clinical skills.

A second-year SCO student, Henscheid earned a bachelor's degree in biomedical science from Texas A&M University in 2004. A 2000 graduate of Muenster High School, she is the daughter of Rose and John Henscheid of Muenster.

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In thunderstorms

Go quickly inside an enclosed building. If no enclosed building is convenient, get inside a hard-topped all-metal vehicle.

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"Friends and Comrades"; Bill Kelley, four chapters on "Landing Seaplanes", "Bill Kelley's Story", "Christmas 1944", and "Rough Water Takeoffs"; Bill Kitchen, six chapters on "The Big Flying Boat", "Unique Features of the PB2Y", "PB2Y's Do Hospital Duty for Tarawa", "Bill Kitchen's Story", "Waging the Island War", "VPB13 Night Torpedo Attack on Convoy"; Stu Knopp, one chapter on "Logbook of Okinawa, Karama, Retto Islands".

Also Bob Lee, three chapters on "Dumbo Mission", "Kamikazes, Pickets and Smoke", "Empty Seas Is Not Always Empty"; Grant Muller, one chapter on "Shot Down Off the Korean Coast"; Chuck Nelson, one chapter on "Betty Number Two"; Jim Robison, one chapter on "Night Torpedo Attack on Convoy"; Chet "Smitty" Smith, two chapters on "Mail

and VIP's", and "Chet Smith's Story"; Don Swanson, one chapter on "The Battle For Midway"; Troy Thweatt, one chapter on "The Admiral's Flagship"; John Wheatley, seven chapters on "Maintaining the Vital Links", "Cruising Performance Tests", "Nimitz Visits Tarawa and the Hurricane at Funafuti", "John Wheatley's Story", "The Atolls", "Another Betty Shot Down", "Open Sea Landing".

A series of 16 pages of pictures concludes this book, followed by a 10 page Chronology of Significant Events, and a Glossary of explanatory terms.

There are copies of the book at Muenster Public Library.

Also available are order forms for books, soft cover \$10, hard cover \$20, plus shipping charges.

SH Outreach Committee to host drug education program

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the Sacred Heart Outreach Committee will host a Drug Education Program for parents and teens at the Sacred Heart Community Center from 7 to 9 p.m. The goals of the program are to: 1, educate participants about the facts of teen drug use; 2, provide teens with the tools needed to resist peer pressure; 3, open the lines of communication between parents and their children about drug related issues.

The program will be led by John Spragins, Investigator for the North Texas Regional Drug Enforcement Task Force, Penny Foster, Certified Health Education Specialist, and Dana Dittlinger, Sacred Heart youth leader.

Parents and students, grades seventh through twelfth, are invited to attend. Those who are not members of Sacred Heart Parish are welcome as well. Grandparents, teachers, and all those who play an important role in a child's life are also encouraged to participate.

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Members from the Lindsay 4-H Club collected donations of bottled water, Gatorade, and snack crackers at the Jan. 10 meeting in support of the Lindsay, Moss Lake, and Myra Volunteer Fire Departments. Pictured in no particular order are: Junior 4-H members Paige Dill, Amelia Haverkamp, Cade Hess, Christopher Klement, Lucinda Krahl, Kelli Reed, Jason Schumacher, Megan Schumacher, Kourtney Vogel, Philicia Vogel, Claire Williams, Amelia Wyrick, Rose Wyrick, and Benjamin Zimmerer; and Senior 4-H members Brad Hellman, Liz Klement, Kelly Laux, Randi Reed, Victoria Vogel, Clayton Williams, and Johnathan Zimmerer. The Lindsay 4-H club is also sponsoring and collecting donations for several Lindsay soldiers who are stationed overseas to share with fellow troops in their unit. The 4-H members hope to get local organizations and businesses involved in making donations. They plan to send their first group of care packages sometime in February. Courtesy photo

COLLEGE HONOR ROLLS

Southwest Oklahoma State University
Honor rolls at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford have been announced for the 2005 fall semester. There were 633 students on the Dean's Honor Roll after completing 12 semester hours of undergraduate work with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher with no grade lower than a "C".

Included on the Dean's Roll were Muenster residents Kelly Michelle Grewing, daughter of Wayne and Peggy Grewing, and Whitney and Michelle Watson, daughter of Chris and Robbie Watson. Kelley is a 2003 graduate of Muenster ISD and Whitney is a 2005 graduate of Muenster ISD.



The Hudson children, from left, back - Alec, Abel, Ava, Abbey; front - Adam, Andie, Anna. pd. adv.

NEWS OF THE SICK

Bonnie Freeman, daughter of Jamai Freeman and the late Ken Freeman, is in intensive care at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. She was injured Friday night, Jan. 6, in a one car accident on FM 1630 in Cooke County, and CareFlited from the scene to that hospital. Ejected from the car, she was critically injured with a long list of fractures and internal injuries.

She remains comatose and on a ventilator. Surgery was performed Thursday, Jan. 12, to correct the eye socket and facial fractures. The plastic surgeon said it was more complicated than the expected four hour surgery because "there were some hidden fractures and fragments that the cat scan did not pick up."

A lung tube keeps the punctured, collapsed lung functioning. She is being fed intravenously. The latest cat scan was not perceptible showing reduction in swelling of the brain. A wait for consciousness is necessary to determine whether the optic nerve is damaged or if there is brain injury. There was some activity, she was slowly popping her knuckles, just with her one hand, a little habit familiar to her. Her brother, Josh, said that she fluttered her eyelashes and opened one eye a second or so when he spoke.

Bonnie is a senior at Muenster ISD. Her brothers, Joshua and Jacob arrived. Josh came from Kings Point, NY, USMMA, Saturday, Jan. 7. Jacob was on board a cargo ship in the Pacific. He arrived on the Red Eye flight 5:30 a.m. Monday.

Josh returned to class at the Merchant Marine Academy on Monday, Jan. 16, is trying to finish for graduation in June. Jake will have until his ship returns for another cargo run Jan. 22.

Bonnie is being lifted up on prayer lists by many, many churches, groups, and individuals.

NCTC schedules guitar concert

Fans of classical guitar music have a treat in store on Thursday, Jan. 26 as Stacy Arnold returns to perform a free concert on the main stage of the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts (FSBCPA) at North Central Texas College. The program will begin at 7 p.m., and no reservations are necessary.

"Local audiences were first introduced to Stacy's playing at the center's grand opening production, and they went away wanting more," said Dr. Mike Linder, NCTC Music Department coordinator.

Arnold said this concert will be a showcase of 500 years of guitar composers and guitar compositions, representing the Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical periods

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on up through the present day. The program will include pieces by composers from Europe, Latin America, and South America.

Arnold holds a bachelor's degree in guitar performance from Middle Tennessee State University at Murfreesboro. He earned his master's in music at Southern Methodist

University in Dallas. Arnold serves as adjunct instructor of guitar at NCTC, Southwestern Assemblies of God University, and Navarro College (Waxahachie). In addition, he is an alumni guitar instructor in the community education program in connection with the Meadows School of Music at SMU.

Arnold, who is affiliated with the Dallas Classic Guitar Society as a performer, said the Saturday evening concert will showcase the society's heritage from Renaissance Spain through the 20th century.

For more information, call the NCTC Fine Arts Department at 940-668-3318.

NEW ARRIVALS

Hudson
Steve and Shannon Hudson are happy to announce the birth of their son Abel Reed Hudson on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006 at North Texas Medical Center. He weighed 6 lb 2 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Abel joins siblings Abbey, age 11, Alec, age 8, Ava, age 6, Adam, age 4, Anna, age 3, and Andie, age 1. Grandparents are Jack and Cheryl McDearmon of Antlers, Oklahoma and Danny and Pat Lewis of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Great-grandparents are Francis Hale of Paris, Texas and Carroll Lewis of Italy, Texas.

Weems
Curtis and Beth Weems of Frisco proudly announce the birth of their son Ronnie Glen Weems on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005. Ronnie was born at Trinity Medical Center at 7:04 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length. He is their first child. Grandparents are Shirley Weems of Lindsay, Jim and June Weems of Longview, and Ronnie and Carol Bivans of Lewisville. Great-grandparents are Geraldine Lewis of Gainesville, Glen and Alberta Bivans of Pleasantville, Iowa, and George and Juanita Hedstrom of Frisco.

Schroeder
Billy Schroeder and Tara Bell announce the birth of their daughter Libby Ann Schroeder on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006 at North Texas Medical Center. She was born at 10:35 a.m. and weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 21 inches in length. Libby joins siblings Dillon Schroeder, age 9, Katie Bell, age 7, and Brooke Schroeder, age 2. Grandparents are Bill and Patricia Schroeder of China, Texas, Cody and Geri Williams of Montgomery, Texas, and Roy Chapman of Houston. Great-grandparents are Jean Schroeder of Beaumont, Jo Sowell of Beaumont, Lawrence and Corene Chapman of Houston, and Leona Mattern of Tomball.

Frost
Lanette and Reuben Frost of Flower Mound joyfully announce the birth of their first child, Benjamin Asher Frost. He was born on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006 at 11:10 p.m. and weighed 9 lb. 7 oz. Grandparents are Willie and Janet Fisher of Muenster, Deborah Frost of Richardson, and Jack Frost of Owasso, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Fisher of Muenster and the late Paul Fisher, John LaJeune of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Sis and Tony Klement of Muenster. Benjamin is Sis and Tony's 50th great-grandchild.

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SCHOOL

Isaac Davis wins National Geographic Bee at SHS

Isaac Davis, an eighth grade student at Sacred Heart Catholic School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Tuesday, Jan. 10, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 18th annual National Geographic Bee. The National Geographic Society and JPMorgan sponsor the Bee.

The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of Nov. 14, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee March 31.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geo-

graphic Bee national championship on May 23 and 24. The first place winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the Society.

Sacred Heart classes participating in this Bee were 4th - 8th grade. The top 10 were: 1, Isaac Davis, 8th; 2, Jordan Henscheid, 7th; 3, Quinn Sicking, 6th; 4, Marbella Hernandez, 6th; 5, Michael Davis, 6th; 6, Austin Springer, 6th; 7, John Hesse, 5th; 8, Clay Hogan, 5th; 9, Emily Krahl, 5th; 10, Andy Flusche, 5th.

The National Geographic Society is one of the world's largest nonprofit scientific and educational organizations. It has funded more than 8,000 scientific research projects and supports an education program combating geographic illiteracy. Anyone wishing to brush up on geography can go to www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee, which poses five new questions a day from previous National Geographic Bees.



MUESTER ELEMENTARY TERRIFIC KIDS FOR THE 3RD SIX WEEKS are sponsored by the Muenster Kiwanis Club. Pictured are: PreK - Kolby Klement, Logan Pagel, Benny Koesler, and Cole Kubis; Kindergarten - Josh Brinkley, Savannah Hermes, Matt Riley, Jon Hess, Sterling Walterscheid, Shawn Pumphrey, and Angelica Meza; 1st - Devon Brinkley, Katie Hutson, Zina Haverkamp, Tehya Morgan, Bryce Herr, and Carrie Nasura; 2nd - Abby Luttmir, Kyle Klement, Natalie Fangman, Dylan Gressett, Maggie Riley, and Rogelio Orocio; 3rd - Kyla Haverkamp, Rachel Hare, Chance Herr, Georgia Taylor-Saavedra, Trevor Cheaney, Trey Anderle, and Karson Heady; 4th - Cristan Medlock, David Hutson, Joyana Zamzow, ShyAnn Bartel, Abby Pagel, Cole Walterscheid, Clint Sidwell, Aly Schingo, and Jace Fredrick; 5th - Clayton Fangman, Morgan McGrew, Trevor Muller, Blayne Styles, Hunter Klement, Paul Mouring, Miranda Pagel, and Lauren Rohmer; 6th - Kayla Acuna, Jimmy Abner, Lana Heers, Demi Koelzer, Andi Felderhoff, Taylor Endres, Preston Brewer, Kalyn Dangelmayr, and Kendra Walterscheid; and Art - Christopher Green.

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11th Grade: Amanda Hess, Chandni Patel, Laura Zimmerer, Rachel Zimmerer, Autumn Murrill, Kaileigh Hess, Karissa Reiter, Jenny Schroeder, Joe Otto, Amy Nortman, Jill Beizer, Levi Hermes, Brittany Anderle, Kristin Sharp, Sanaa Anwar, Liz Neu.

10th Grade: Jennifer Rauschuber, Christina Eckart,

Brigette Seeds, Chelsea Hermes, Lauren Creed, Hillary Hoelker, Ashley Caillier, Mary Bayer.

9th Grade: Nick Bezner, Pooja Patel, Amber Nortman, Rhiannon Robinson, Nichole Metzler, Derek Hundt, Natalie Rose, Danielle Hogan, Elizabeth Martin, Kelly Laux.

8th Grade: John Block, Dillon Hanson, Colton Hermes, Shirley Hess, Haley Hughes, Cammi Neu.

7th Grade: Nikita Agarwal, Jessica Block, Emily Conaway, Carolyn Dickerson, Kailyn Gum, Kelsey Hermes, Allison Metzler, Katie Nortman, Madison Parkhill, Katelyn Weber, Amelia Wyrick.

6th Grade: Drew Cooney, Caitlin Huston, Lucinda Krahl, McKenzie Neu.

5th Grade: Natasha Agarwal, Darryl Block, Rachel Fuhrmann, Kassidy Gum, Dylan Hughes, Chisam Reiter, Megan Schumacher.

4th Grade: Jalyn Anderle, Ryan Bollar, Hannah Erwin, Shea Garner, Clayton Gunderson, John Haverkamp, Matthew Huston, Suzanne Kaden, Travis Krahl, Gus Martin, Dalton Metzler, Conner Polk, Caleb Rains, Anna Rose Rohmer, Nealie Sanchez, Sabrina Stoffels, Allison Timmis, Phlicia Vogel, Elizabeth Wallace, Elizabeth Zwings.

3rd Grade: Sarah Dieter, Neal Fleitman, James Fuller, Ryan Hoepfner, Kaile Klement, Jessica Laster, Jessica Martin, Camden Maydew, Greysdn Mackenzie, Bailey Murrill, Mackenzie Myrick, Emily Otto, Keleigh Pearson, Jenna Spivey.

2nd Grade: Travis Almon, Brees Barnett, Matthew Burrus, Caitlin Cororan, Hannah Davis, Erin Early, Kaleigh Eason, Hunter Ellender, Leah Fuhrmann, Zachary Green, Katherine Haverkamp, Garrett

Martin, William Mason, Jessica Metzler, Tyler Morris, Mariah Noggler, Colton Rains, Jacob Reynolds, Catlynn Schumacher, BreAnna Voglesong.

1st Grade: Jarrett Barnes, Jonathon Bell, Samara Bezner, Alexis Carlson, Jace Ceyanes, Brenna Fleitman, John Michael Fuhrmann, Lindsey Gibbs, Abby Haverkamp, Ashley Hedrick, Elizabeth Hellman, Kyle Hermes, Blake Hoepfner, Zachary Hundt, Cohen Hunter, Louis Krahl, Rebecca Laster, Rusty Mahaffey, Emma Manley, Caden Maydew, Rider Mendcke, Luke Metzler, Molly Myrick, Sarah Otto, Yancey Otto, Brianna Overholt, Ashlyn Polk, John Rohmer, Austin Schully, Daniel Shasteen, Sean Stoffels, Campbell Williams.

"A-B" Honor Roll

12th Grade: Bradley Arend, Pat Bayer, Megan Benton, Austin Buck, Chad Dieter, Michael Eckart, Ashley Ferguson, Valerie Huchton, Brandon Huckaby, Liz Klement, Lynzee Loch, Jason Metzler, Emerald Otto, Alan Trammell, Melinda Winchester, Erin Wyrick.

11th Grade: Jordan Alexander, Sabrina Bezner, Alli Copeland, Travis Endres, Sam Faulkner, Julie Hanson, Emily Haverkamp, Josh Jones, Dustin Neu, Heather Odell, Brian Sandmann, Rachael Skinner, Johnathan Zimmerer.

10th Grade: Krystal Arend, Charlotte Bartlett, Katelyn Brewer, Madison Burrows, Elizabeth Dieter, Emily Fuhrmann, Rhea-Claire Galubenski, Jordan Heilman, Jessica Hermes, Keith Hermes, Shelby Hess, Taylor Horn, Kristin Jaroma, Neil Jones, Hunter Loch, Nathan Martin, Becky Martinez, Dillon Ott, Jaden Perry, Kimberly Schumacher, Johnathan Zimmerer.

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Top 10 winners in Sacred Heart National Geographic Bee were, from left, Isaac Davis, Jordan Henscheid, Quinn Sicking, Marbella Hernandez, Michael Davis, Austin Springer, John Paul Hesse, Clay Hogan, Emily Krahl, and Andy Flusche.

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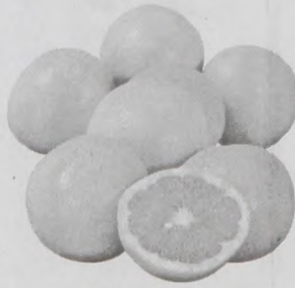
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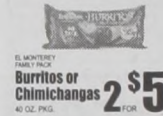


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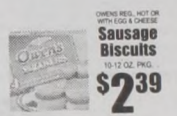
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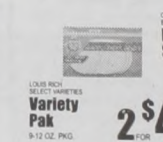


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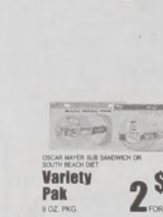
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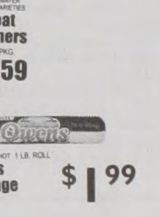
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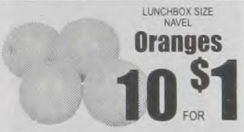
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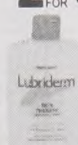
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Laura Heers and Jacé Koelzer (12) attempt to stop an Ambassador.



Megan Felderhoff makes the shot. Jacé Koelzer is ready to rebound.



Defending the boards are Dustin Wimmer (22), Derek Endres (20), Collin Walterscheid (00), and Micah Flusche (23).



Derek Endres (20) takes the ball down court.



Hornets in action include Eric Johnson, Collin Walterscheid (00), and Derek Endres (10).



Collin Walterscheid reaches for a rebound.



An unidentified Lady Hornet and Jacé Koelzer (12) guard the basket.



Zach Swirczynski (20) after a rebound.



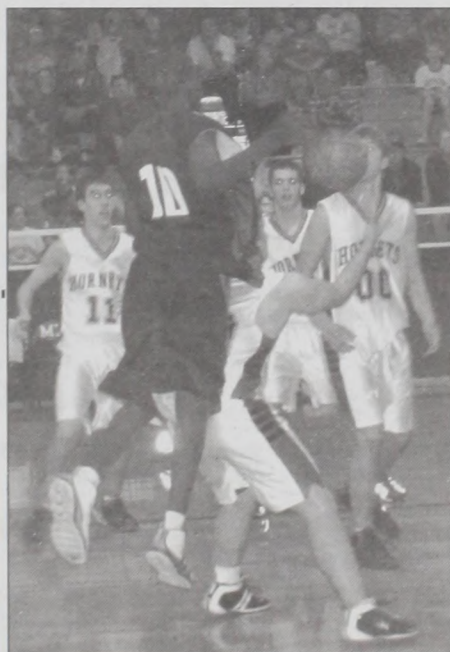
Collin Walterscheid (00) grabs for the ball.



At left, Lindsey Watson and Megan Felderhoff (22) keep an Ambassador from the basket.



Lady Hornets protect the basket from God's Academy. Pictured are Megan Felderhoff (22), Sandy Endres, Jacé Koelzer, Laura Heers, and Alison Teafatiller (20).



Zach Swirczynski gets "bumped" under the basket. Also pictured are Brad Endres (11), Eric Johnson, and Collin Walterscheid.

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Junior High action, from left, Thomas Rohmer, Bob Bartush (15), Josh Biffle, Greg Knauf (33), Tyler Hundt (44), Calvin Wimmer (21), and Madison Parkhill.



Allison Metzler, Bethani Eberhart, and Kailyn Gum surround Karli Anderle (51).

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Tiger Cub John Krawietz takes the shot.



Aaron Flusche (25) takes the ball down court. Also pictured are Ian Barnhill (4), Josiah Yosten, and Lindsay's Wes Morrison.



Above Kristin LeBrasseur (32) moves in on Alex Cooney.

At left, Madison Hofbauer and Kristin Martin fight for the ball.



Ginger Bartush and Megan Hesse (24) after the ball.



Reaching for the rebound, Kyle Knabe (32), Ryan Haverkamp (33), Austin Reiter, Chad Henscheid, and Ryan Henscheid (33).



Chasing a loose ball, Bob Bartush (15), Tyler Hundt (44), Josh Biffle, Ben Yosten (14), and Madison Parkhill (50).



Lady Cubs Ashley Cowan and Karli Anderle steal the ball from Lady Squire Bethani Eberhart.



Karli Anderle attempts to steal the ball from Bethani Eberhart.



Sydney Hoedebeck gets the shot.



Kristin LeBrasseur (24) tries to get around Lindsay defenders Cammi Neu, Haley Hughes, and Katie Dieter.



Bob Bartush tries to get around Todd Bezner.



Waiting for the rebound, Justin Anderle, Bob Bartush (15), Thomas Rohmer (15), and Calvin Wimmer (21).

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Tigerettes get 2nd District win

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The Tigerettes took an 85-23 victory over the Lady Eagles to improve their season to 15-6 and 2-0 in District.

The one-sided game allowed a dozen Sacred Heart players to put points on the board. Lauren Krahl and Kara Felderhoff were high scorers with 15 points each. Sam Wimmer added 9, with eight steals and nine assists.

Brittany White scored 8 points and pulled down nine rebounds. Shannon Hartman also scored 8. Kaitlyn Felderhoff and Nicole Bayer each had, Whitney Wimmer and Taylor Torcellini 5 points apiece, Stephanie Krawietz 4, and 2 each by Lisa Miller and Hannah Hess.

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Local basketball teams ranked high in State

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches have announced their high school basketball rankings for the week of Jan. 16.

In Class 1A Division I, the Lady Hornets are ranked number three in the State. Martins Mill and Sudan outrank the Muenster girls, followed by Port Aransas, Sterling City, Moulton, and Celeste. The Lindsay Lady Knights are ranked 11th and Alvord 18th.

Martins Mill also leads the boys division in Class A, followed by Broadus, Axtell, and in 4th place, the Lindsay Knights. Bogata Rivercrest, Gruver, LaPoynor, and Sabinal follow.

In small private schools, the Sacred Heart Tigerettes are ranked 6th. Lake Country Christian, Hallettsville Sacred Heart, Grapevine Faith, Colleyville Covenant, and Amarillo San Jacinto are ranked over Sacred Heart. Also, District teams number nine Abilene Christian and number 11 Wichita Falls Notre Dame take the top 20.

Hornets win two

The Muenster Hornets got recent wins over Archer City and Collinsville.

On Jan. 6, the Hornets got a 77-55 victory over Archer City. All Muenster players put points on the board, with three getting double digit points.

Jordan Walterscheid dropped in 16 points, with Zach Swirczynski and Micah Flusche each adding 13. Chris Steelman scored 8, with Ryan Hennigan, Derek Endres, and Collin Walterscheid each getting 6. Tanner Herr put in 4 points, as Brad Endres and Dustin Wimmer scored 2 apiece, and Eric Johnson 1.

M 21 16 19 21 77
AC 15 16 9 15 55

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the Hornets took a 72-40 District win from the Pirates of Collinsville.

C. Walterscheid was high scorer for Muenster with 16 points (14 in the 2nd quarter). Hennigan added 12, with J. Walterscheid and D. Endres each scoring 11. Flusche dropped in 7, Swirczynski 6, Johnson 4, Steelman 2, Wimmer 2, and B. Endres 1. Again, all Muenster players scored points.

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Lindsay Coach John Erwin reassigned to teaching duties

By **Janie Hartman**
Monday night, Jan. 16, at the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees meeting, it was announced that John Erwin, Lindsay athletic director and head football coach, Larry Smith, high school principal, and Jason Ceyanes, superintendent "have mutually agreed to the reassignment of John Erwin to a position which will no longer include coaching duties. Erwin will continue to teach in Lindsay ISD and contribute to other programs."

The announcement was made when the Board returned to open session after being in executive session. Dr. Ceyanes noted that this announcement will stimulate a number of feelings from those within the school district and in the community. "First, I would like to reiterate that this decision was not forced upon any of the parties involved. This truly was a mutual agreement between all parties," Ceyanes noted. "Regardless of what position individuals have held in the past on this issue, I believe that we must unite together as a school district and community and refocus our attention to what matters most, the academic performance of our students."

Dr. Ceyanes added, "John Erwin has been coaching our students and athletes for the past eight years and many will miss his contributions to the athletic program. LISD would like to thank Coach Erwin for his dedication to our students and for all of his hard work."

Earlier in the meeting, Dr. Ceyanes and the Lindsay ISD School Board recognized Erwin and the varsity football coaching staff for their Regional Semi-Final Championship in football, finishing in the top eight teams in the state. Dr. Ceyanes also recognized Erwin for receiving the IA Coach of the Year Award from Fox Sports Network. Last year the Knights won the State Track Championship, and the basketball teams are presently ranked high in the state.

Erwin has been a part of the Knight coaching staff since 1998 and was named head football coach/athletic director in 2002.

In a telephone conversation, Erwin noted that this

decision was not forced on him by the school, but in a way was forced. "A small group in the community would not accept my position. It wasn't about winning or losing. If I thought winning would have made a difference, I would have continued. But they wouldn't let there be peace in the community."

Coach Erwin also commented that he did something he never believed in, giving in to the small group. "It's not worth the fighting. Most (people) in Lindsay are great. I want to stay here. Maybe we can blend in and just be part of the community."

The school administration will begin the search for a new athletic director and/or head coach within the week, hopefully to have someone in place before the end of the school year.

Murrill added 3, and Christina Eckart 1. Lindsay was three of five at the free throw line.

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The Knights blew away the Pirates' sinking ship, scoring 47 1st half points while holding Collinsville to only 19. The final score, 74-46, proved why the Knights are a state ranked team.

Four Lindsay players hit the double digit points, led by Michael Eckart's 20 points. Brandon Huckaby and Kristopher Creed each added 16, with Levi Hermes scoring 14. Dustin Hughes dropped in 4, with Jeff Shannon and Malcom Martin hitting 2 apiece. Huckaby scored four 3s, while the Knights were four of five at the free throw line.

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Junior varsity

Sacred Heart 29 Aledo 53

The JV Tigers traveled to Aledo Friday, but a weak 1st half put Sacred Heart so far behind on the scoreboard, a good 2nd half didn't cover lost ground, for a 53-29 final score. Nathan Berend and Tyler Rohmer led the Tiger scoring with 8 points each. Steven Davis added 7, Ben Walterscheid 3, Kirk Felderhoff 2, and Dylan Flusche 1.

SH 25 15 2 11 29
A 25 15 2 11 53

Muenster 61 Era 16

The JV Muenster girls got district victory number three Tuesday night. Alison Miller was high scorer with 14 points. Hillary Swirczynski added 11, Jordan Ledbetter and Jenni Luke 8 apiece, Tori Wright 6, Cassie Hale, Jessica Walterscheid, and Mara Erickson 4 apiece, and Krystal Wolf 2.

M 17 16 12 16 61
E 25 15 2 11 7 16

Muenster 50 Era 47

A 4th quarter comeback gave the Red Hornets their second District win Tuesday. Matt Flusche led Muenster with 18 points. Matt Beaver added 10, Nick Flusche 9, Evan Koesler 6, Garrett Hennigan 5, and Chad Endres 2.

M 25 15 2 11 53
E 25 15 2 11 47

Era with 24.

M 13 13 13 11 50
E 15 11 14 7 47

Muenster 24 God's Academy 42

Two high scoring Ambassadors handed Muenster a loss last Friday as the Hornets struggled under the basket. M. Flusche scored 8, and N. Flusche 7 for the Hornets. Hennigan added 4, Endres and Koesler 2 apiece, and John Monday 1.

M 4 8 4 8 24
GA 14 6 9 13 42

Lindsay 37 Collinsville 15

The Lady Knights took another victory Tuesday. Eight players scored, led by Karissa Reiter, Madison Burrows, and Hillary Hoelker each scoring 6. Stephanie Neud added 5, Kayla Hess, Beverly Knabe, and Emily Fuhrmann put in 4 points apiece, with Rose Hermes getting 2.

L 10 4 8 15 37
C 2 7 2 4 15

Junior High

Muenster 45 Collinsville 15

Lia Heers and Delana Rohmer each scored 10 points to lead the "A" team Lady Stingers to victory last Thursday. Jackie Klement added 8, Taylor Klement 7, Amanda Dangelmayr 4, and 8 each by Shaina Felderhoff and Erin Endres. Muen-

ster dominated the first two quarters before slowing down the 2nd half.

M 14 20 8 3 45
C 4 4 5 2 15

Muenster 13 Collinsville 32

The "B" team Lady Hornets couldn't get the shots as the young Lady Pirates got the win. Cathy Aston and Taylor Reiter each scored 4 points. Michelle Henscheid added 3, and Bianca Velasquez 2 points. Muenster hit 100% of their free throws.

M 2 2 3 6 13
C 8 8 10 6 32

Muenster 40 Collinsville 20

The 7th Grade Stingers got a victory on Jan. 12. Garrett Walterscheid and Shane Pressnell were high scorers with 11 and 10 points. Tyler Acuna added 8, Jason Luke 6, Dillon Bayer 3, and Tanner Silmon 2.

M 16 10 8 6 40
C 1 2 4 13 20

Muenster 19 Collinsville 13

Muenster's 8th Grade Stingers had only three players put points on the board, but it was enough to get the win. Levi Trubenchack scored 7 points, with Eric Hellman and T.J. Acuna each getting 6.

M 6 2 7 4 19
C 3 4 0 6 13

LINDSAY 7TH GRADE TOURNAMENT

Lindsay hosted a tournament Jan. 14 with Sacred Heart and Nocona participating. Lindsay girls and boys won the tournament.

Lindsay 40 Sacred Heart 11

Eight Lady Squires put points on the board to outscore a cold-shooting Lady Cub team in the opening game. Karli Anderle scored 7 points for Sacred Heart, with Kelsey Reeves getting 2, and Ashley Cowan and Victoria Endres each getting 1.

Bethani Eberhart and Jessica Block each put in 10 points for Lindsay, with Katie Nortman, Allison Metzler, Emily Conaway, and Kelsey Hermes all scoring 4. Kate Weber and Kailyn Gum added 2 points apiece.

SH 1 3 2 5 11
L 12 12 4 12 40

Lindsay 33 Nocona 25

The Lady Squires won round two to take the championship. Block dropped in 12 points. Hermes added 8, Nortman 6, Metzler 4, and Eberhart 3.

L 8 13 6 6 33
N 4 5 4 12 25

Lindsay ISD Honor Roll from p.5

Sarah Stoffels, Justin Turner, Mason Ward, Morgan Webster.

9th Grade: Kyle Bezner, Marcus Case, Crystal Dickerson, Rachael Fiducia, Rose Hermes, Ashley Hess, Kayla Hess, Kristan Hoberer, Mustafa Hweidi, Laura Kelley, Beverly Knabe, Matthew McPherson, Kendall Neu, Jon Michael Sweeney.

8th Grade: Abby Anderle, Dianne Brown, Alex Cooney, Emily Copeland, Andrea Faulker, Dax Fleitman, Haley Haverkamp, Ryan Haverkamp, Devin Hennen, Blake Hunter, Deyn Kendall, Adam Krebs, Kristin Martin, Sarah Redder, Austin Reiter.

7th Grade: Todd Bezner, Bethani Eberhart, Vanessa Hess, Tyler Hundt, Kyle Johnson, Christopher Klement, Greg Knauf, Thomas Rohmer, Jason Schumacher, Savannah Stoffels, Melynda Vo, Sean Willard.

6th Grade: Taylor Atkins, Breanna Bollar, Megan Caillier, Caroline Dieter, Alie Fogle, Amelia Haverkamp, Lauren Hicks, Ranece Morrison, Matt Reed, Taylor Stringfellow, AJ Summerlin, Kourtney Vogel.

5th Grade: Travis Block, Shannah Davmude, Cade Early,

Neely Rose, Brianne Sandmann, Taylor Springs, Emily Tamplin, Caylee Turner, Selyna Vo, Claire Williams.

4th Grade: Dillon Case, Sara Clark, Garrett Cooper, Dakota Ellender, Briley Fleitman, Lauren Gibbs, Diana Gonzales, Madison Green, Kendyl Harris, Maisoun Hweidi, Macie Kindiger, Nicole Popp, Freddy Shasteen.

3rd Grade: Tara Atkins, Brad Beizer, Matthew Block, Nick Dieter, Rachael Dieter, Nicole Fleitman, DeLancey Fogle, Sarah Fuhrmann, Karson Gum, Benjamin Haverkamp, Jeffrey Hellman, Mason Morrow, Courtney Neu, Sydney Ott, Taryn Stringfellow, Katryna Vo, Travis Whitcraft.

2nd Grade: Douglas Case, Collin Clark, Jacob Cler, Hailey Cooper, Erika Davis, Andy Dieter, Payton Dill, Nick Fleitman, Alison Gunderson, Alexis Hamel, Zachary Hermes, Karli Jones, Blair Martinson, Gustavo Medina, Alan Richards, Chance Shauf, Sarah Snider, Molly Spivey, Jacob Sprouse.

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Retail food prices drop slightly in fourth quarter

Retail prices for food at the supermarket dropped just over 3% in the fourth quarter of 2005, according to the latest American Farm Bureau Federation Marketbasket Survey. The informal survey shows the total cost of 16 basic grocery items in the 2005 fourth quarter was \$38.83, a decrease of \$1.13 from the 2005 third quarter survey average of \$39.96. The cost of the marketbasket items was down 4 cents from a year ago. Of the 16 items surveyed,

nine decreased and seven increased in average price compared to the 2005 third quarter survey. Corn oil showed the largest decrease, down 27 cents to \$2.67 per 32-oz. bottle, followed by cheddar cheese, which dropped 26 cents down to \$3.39 per pound, and mayonnaise, which dropped 25 cents to \$3.06 per 32-oz. jar.

"Although there has been some small quarter-to-quarter variation, food prices as reported in the marketbasket survey have

been stable for the past two years," said AFBF Senior Economist Terry Francl. "Perhaps more interesting is what has not happened over the past quarter," said Francl. "The sharp spike in energy prices in the third quarter of 2005 does not appear to have been transferred to the food sector at this time. While higher energy prices may yet work into food prices in the first half of 2006, it now appears that they will have only a small impact."

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COUNTY AGENT REPORT

Destocking Strategies During Drought

Forage plants have a minimum residue requirement in order to maintain adequate root and above ground growth, ensure plant health, and make effective use of limited precipitation. When the forage base is taken below a certain residue level, ability to recover is severely reduced. More rainfall is needed to sustain forage regrowth in overgrazed pastures when compared to those with adequate standing reserves. When limited amounts of rain are received and no leaf is available to absorb sunlight, there will be inefficient utilization of the precipitation. By the time roots can absorb enough moisture to initiate leaf growth there is insufficient moisture left to sustain leaf and root growth. Successful grazing managers always leave sufficient root and leaf tissue for plants to respond to rainfall. With the conditions present this year, substantial destocking measures may need to be implemented by area cattlemen.

Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist, and Dr. Bill Pinchak, Range Animal Nutritionist of Texas Agricultural Experiment Station offer some advice to producers who have to make some tough herd reduction decisions.

- There are four primary rules in destocking:
1. The sooner the problem is identified the sooner appropriate actions can be taken.
 2. The sooner stocking adjustments are made the less severe the herd reductions will need to be.
 3. Maximize available options and minimize long-term negative impacts on the forage resource.
 4. During drought, maximize the effective use of

precipitation by having enough residual forage to capture and utilize limited precipitation and reduce evaporative loss.

Common Destocking Mistakes

There are three common mistakes ranches make when faced with forced liquidation of the breeding herd:

1. Do nothing now in hopes rainfall will occur or additional grazing can be leased until conditions improve.
2. When the decision to reduce stocking is made, the most common strategy is to early wean calves and then hope conditions will improve and cows will not have to be sold.
3. The practice of retaining young cows (less than 4 year old females) at the expense of more productive middle-aged cows (4 to 7 years old), when culling is finally initiated.

Culling spring calves, under six months of age, will not appreciably decrease herd forage demand. Calves only consume 15% to 25% of the forage consumed by their dams. Light weight, early weaned calves have little value when marketed during widespread drought conditions. Use early weaning as a management tool to improve cow condition before calving, not to decrease forage demand.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 18 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Association Meeting; 7 p.m., Cooke County Fairgrounds.

Feb. 22 - Tri-County Farmer and Rancher Symposium; 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., NCTC Little Theatre (5 CEUs, \$10 fee).

Feb. 24 - Marketing Club Meeting; 7 p.m., Gainesville Farm Bureau Building.

Feb. 28 - Texas Beef Quality Producer program (BQA Training); level 1, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; level 2, 3-5 p.m., NCTC Little Theatre.

Beef industry outlines long-range plan

A new long-range plan designed to recapture global markets while catering to "time-starved" domestic consumers is on deck for the national Beef Checkoff program. The plan, expected to be released next month, was put together by a panel that represented all segments of the beef industry from producers to national chain restaurants.

It comes on the heels of a successful defense of the checkoff before the U.S. Supreme Court.

According to Al Svajgr, chairman of the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, the long range plan is aimed at several tangible targets but, "none is more important than beef safety," he said.

The primary strategic objectives of the plan are to increase demand by 10% by the year 2010 and to increase exports of U.S. Beef by 400% by 2010.

Svajgr and Monte Reese, chief operating officer of the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, spoke to producers at the 87th annual

meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The beef board switched advertising dollars to radio away from television some time ago to cut costs and attain greater flexibility in a complex media environment.

The industry successfully faced the challenge of a flurry of media stories about concerns over bovine spongiform encephalopathy. Despite the prolific news reporting about two cases of BSE, which did not enter the food chain, the consumer confidence level for beef is "the highest in history," Reese said.

Svajgr, a Nebraska cattle feeder, said the long-range plan is a working draft and all segments of the industry will be studying the details of the document before it's officially released.

The two beef leaders said the industry is "cautiously optimistic" about the future for ranch families and U.S. beef in a global market. However, Reese said increased vegetarianism and chicken consumption may be equally threatening to the

beef industry.

Whether it's fighting to maintain and regain global markets or convincing "time-starved" parent to buy a hamburger rather than chicken nuggets at the fast food restaurant, the beef industry is poised to react to changing markets, the two beef spokesmen said.

The checkoff is focused on consumer research and market development. In the last six years beef checkoff research and developer has resulted in 2,500 new beef products for consumer "who want a beef meal in 2 minutes."

The Beef Checkoff program was passed by the U.S. Congress as part of the 1985 farm bill.

Oklahoma Governor lifts state hay hauling restrictions

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry has temporarily suspended restrictions on hay hauling due to wildfires that have destroyed thousands of acres across Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau welcomes the news after Farm Bureau members across the state expressed a desperate need for hay to feed their cattle as a result of these wildfires.

Gov. Henry's Jan. 3 executive order states, "that because there is a state of emergency existing in the State of Oklahoma due to wildfires occurring statewide, it is necessary to assist and expedite all efforts of wildfire

suppression." The temporary suspension will be in effect for 60 days.

The restrictions being temporarily lifted state, "The Commissioner of Public Safety, upon application of any person engaged in the hauling for hire or for resale, of round baled hay with a total outside width of eleven (11) feet or less, shall issue an annual permit, upon payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each year, authorizing the operation by such persons of such motor vehicle load lengths and widths upon the highways of this state except on the National System of

Interstate and Defense Highways. Provided, however, the restriction on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways shall not be applicable to persons engaged in the hauling of round baled hay with a total outside width of eleven feet or less."

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is hopeful the suspension will allow those with trucks and/or trailers to haul excess hay from other areas to those in need in a timely manner.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.47-1.85; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.47; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.37-1.75; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.37; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.26-1.50; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.26; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.27; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-110; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.06-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-106; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.02-1.12; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-102.	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9 year-olds - Large Frame: \$750-\$910; Medium Frame: \$450-\$750 Cow-Calf Pairs weanlings under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1100; Medium Frame: \$650-\$1000 Baby Calves: Holstein: \$75-\$125; Cross Breeds: \$160-\$240	Ewes (per lb.) Stocker: 50-56; Thin: 25-45; Fat: 40-48 Bucks (per lb.) Thin: NT; Fat: 35-45 Barbados (per head) Lamb: \$40-\$65 Ewe: \$30-\$75 Buck: \$65-\$110
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