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## State Champions

### Sacred Heart Tigerettes win TAPPS AA State Title



Accepting the TAPPS 2A State Championship trophy were Senior Tigerettes of Sacred Heart (in foreground) Stephanie Krawietz, Jessica Schilling, and Taylor Torcellini. (See coverage in this issue's special section.) Thomas Otto photo

### Lindsay Lady Knights win Texas UIL A State Title



Senior members of the Lindsay Lady Knights State Championship team, from left, Karrissa Reiter, Autumn Murrill, Brittany Anderle, and Kaileigh Hess with the State trophy. Not pictured, senior Amanda Hess. (Additional coverage in this issue's special section.) LISD photo

## City Council confronted on problem dog issue

By Janet Felderhoff

Frustrated by non resolution to a problem that has gone on for about two years drew Danny and Debbie Cochran and her mother Diana Bland to the Muenster City Council meeting Monday night. The problem - dogs allowed to roam freely in town. The Cochrans noted that they had called the City numerous times to report the problem, but hadn't gotten a satisfactory response. Danny Cochran listed several incidents where people had been chased by dogs. One time his son-in-law was bitten by a dog while he had his son with him. "It's only a matter of time before somebody is bitten again," speculated Danny. "And hopefully not a little tyke that's fatally attacked. It seems like we've got ordinances on the books, but they are not being enforced. It seems like lack of will more than anything."

City Manager Stan Endres said that when he gets a complaint about a dog and he knows who the owner is, he sends a letter to start with. If another complaint comes in on that dog, the City tries to send the available employees to attempt to catch the dog. Endres said that usually the dog is gone by the time they get there or it runs away when they try to catch it.

"I don't know what the answer is," said Endres. "It's not just in your neighborhood,

there's other places in town where we get complaints."

Mayor Henry Weinzapfel suggested that issuing citations might be the answer, particularly those that show aggressive behavior and have taken after people.

Debbie commented that she knows the owners of at least three of the dogs. One day she said that Police Chief Bob Stovall went to the home of one of the owners. She said the dog was out front and the owner was home when Chief Stovall went to the home. "He left and nothing was ever done," said Debbie. "This is after six months of this dog being out, so why wasn't it taken care of? I don't understand what happened."

Debbie has called, but hasn't seen results. She wondered, "I understand that the City is busy, but when you know who it is, why not give them a ticket?"

Endres gave an example of a ticket being issued to one of the Cochrans' neighbors. Chief Stovall didn't catch the person at home, so he wrote out a ticket and mailed it by certified mail. That citation was never picked up at the Post Office and therefore never served.

Alderman Jewel Otto suggested putting something in the paper. "If these people aren't going to get their mail, they

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## Youth Fair held in Muenster

By Janie Hartman

The 2007 Cooke County Youth Fair was held last week at the Circle A Arena and the Knights of Columbus Hall in Muenster. The change of location this year was due to the fact that the County Fair Grounds Barn was destroyed last April in a wind storm.

The Show began Wednesday, Feb. 28 with the equine show at NCTC. Thursday morning began the livestock showing, along with shop and home ec projects, continuing Friday. On Saturday, the premium sale began, consisting of 11 Grand Champions and 11 Reserve Champions, four Breed Champions, six Reserve Market Swine, and two Breed Lamb Champions.

Also sold were 45 market swine, 25 lambs, 30 meat goats, three meat rabbits, four broilers, and 12 market steers. A total of 153 projects were sold, all livestock, with the exception of 12 Grand and Reserve shop/home ec projects.

Muenster exhibitors were awarded five Grand Champions, and four Reserve Champions at the Show.

Taking Grand Championships were: Paul Crabtree, Muenster FFA (MFFA), heifers; Jimmy Abner, Muenster Junior FFA (MJFFA), swine; Ann Marie Oppermann, Sacred Heart Home Ec (SHHE), food; Jessica Bartel, SHHE, creative arts; and Kendra Walterscheid, Muenster 4-H, wood shop.

Reserve Champions were: Cole McAden, MJFFA, swine; Sunni Jo Bayer, Muenster 4-H, steer; Anne Walterscheid, Muenster FCCLA (MFCCLA), clothing; Michael Valliere, MFCCLA, visual arts.

Lindsay was also awarded several top prizes. Grand

Champions were: Amelia Wyrick, Lindsay 4-H (L4-H), broilers; Cletus Fuhrmann, L4-H, dairy. Reserve Champion was Abe Fuhrmann, L4-H, dairy.

A list of champions and local exhibitors are as follows: POULTRY - BREEDING: Grand, Jack Burkhart, Gamesville FFA (GFFA); Reserve, Chris Aitchison, Midnight Mustang 4-H (MM4-H); Junior Showmanship, Kendall Evins, Red River 4-H (RR4-H); Senior Showman-

Derek Ogletree, LFFA; Tyler Hess, LFFA; Chris Holder, MFFA; Raleigh Capuchina, MJFFA, Rhys Capuchina, MJFFA.

HOLSTEIN: Grand, Cletus Fuhrmann, L4-H; Reserve, Abe Fuhrmann, L4-H; Junior Showmanship, Amelia Wyrick, L4-H; Senior Showmanship, Amber Fuhrmann, MFFA; OTHERS: Paige Dill, L4-H; Rose Wyrick, L4-H; Payton Dill, L4-H.

WOOD SHOP: Grand, Kendra Walterscheid, M4-H;



Paul Crabtree, Muenster FFA member, won the Cooke County Youth Fair's Grand Championship in the Breeding Heifers division last week. See page 8 for more Youth Fair pictures. Janie Hartman Photo.

ship, Kenny Blakey, Valley View FFA (VVFFA). OTHERS: Ryan Kendall, Lindsay FFA (LFFA).

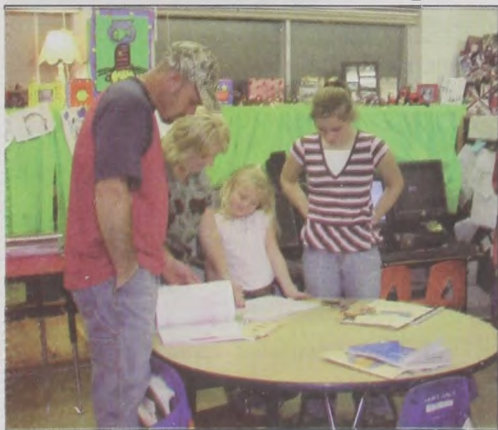
POULTRY - BROILERS: Grand, Amelia Wyrick, L4-H; Reserve, Kenny Blakey, VVFFA; Junior Showmanship, Kendall Evins, RR4-H; Senior Showmanship, Kenny Blakey, VVFFA. OTHERS:

Reserve, Kendall Pearse, Era 4-H (E4-H). OTHERS: Ryan Kendall, LFFA.

METAL SHOP: Grand, Colt Baldwin, saddle, GFFA; Reserve, Kenny Blakey, smoker, VVFFA. OTHERS: James Kelley, LFFA; Tyler Hess, LFFA; Liz Neu, LFFA; Matt Dieter, LFFA.

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## MISD holds open house



First grade student Taylor Knabe (center) shows her school work off to her parents (l,r) Donny and Renee and big sister Madison during the MISD open house Tuesday. Deborah Wood photo

## March 10 Lake cleanup focuses on recycling

This Saturday, Keep Muenster Beautiful is sponsoring a clean-up event at the new Muenster lake site. Volunteers are asked to come by 9 a.m. to the west gate near the proposed park to tackle more fence removal along Picnic Grounds Road. The gate can be accessed by going west on Hwy. 82 to CR 351, turn north, then immediately back east on CR 316.

Fulton Supply of Gainesville will provide a roll-off dumpster to KMB to help recycle scrap metal found at a dumpsite at the new lake.

On Feb. 17 volunteers pulled what is estimated to be

several tons or more of scrap metal from an old dump along the eastern shoreline. Much more cleanup work remains to be done.

KMB President Elaine Schilling arranged for a meeting with David Fulton last Friday. He agreed to donate a roll-off dumpster to help in the effort. Elaine set March 10 as another Lake Cleanup day, and a call is going out for volunteers to help load the scrap metal into the dumpster. "We had an excellent turnout and were so proud of our volunteers," said Schilling. "They tackled two

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## Minnnows stocked in Muenster Lake



Minnnows were released into Muenster Lake on Wednesday. The minnows require a growth period of about 6 months prior to the introduction of game fish. The bait fish were introduced by Pond King of Lindsay by game fish to come later this fall. Janie Hartman photo



# OBITUARIES

## Florence Rohmer

1932 - 2007



Florence Rohmer

Mass of Christian Burial for Florence Rohmer of Muenster was held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 5 in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster with Rev. Ken Robinson celebrating.

Florence Fette Rohmer died at the age of 74 in Muenster Memorial Hospital at 3:25 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2007.

Born Sept. 2, 1932 in Sidney, Nebraska to Joseph and Gertrude Otto Fette, Florence graduated from Sacred Heart High School. She then attended nursing school for three years in St. Paul's in Dallas, and anesthesia school at St. Joseph's in Fort Worth for 2 1/2 years, devoting her career to being an anesthetist for Muenster Memorial Hospital. She married "Johnny" Alfred Rohmer on Jan. 27, 1953 in Sacred Heart Church. Florence was a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Survivors are her husband Johnny of Muenster; daughter and son-in-law Darlene and Rick Stewart of Muenster; sister Della Campbell of Muenster; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her infant son Kevin Rohmer; her parents; sisters

Emily Hartman and Patsy Flores.

Assisting Fr. Ken at the Mass of Christian Burial were Mass servers Sylvan Walterscheid, Butch Fisher, and Alvin Hartman.

The First Reading was given by Kim Hesse. John Kintz gave the Second Reading and the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by grandchildren Cody Truebenbach, Sabrina

Truebenbach, Alyssa Stewart, Rhonda Rhoades, and Ray Stewart. Eucharistic ministers were Sr. Romana Rohmer, Agnes Rohmer, Imelda Rohmer, and Herbie Miller.

Sacred music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, Christy Hesse, Diane Grewing, Christi Klement, and Linda Flusche. Songs included "Peace Is Flowing," "And I Will Follow," "Ave Maria" (solo by Christy Hesse), "You Are Near," "Morning Has Broken," and "On Eagles Wings."

Karla Kintz gave the eulogy and said in part: "Florine" as she was nicknamed early on... After the second year of her (nursing) program, Florine was afflicted with polio and remained bedfast for five months at St. Paul's Hospital. She stayed there until her determination brought her to her feet again. Many a doctor told Florine she would never walk. She proved them wrong, and after months of strengthening, she not only walked, but she also danced...

"In 1965, Florine started her 15 years of dedication to the patients of Muenster Memorial Hospital (as a nurse anesthetist). As anyone who knew her knows, Florine devoted many a night and day caring for her patients..."

"Johnny and Florine were in their 54th year of marriage. He was her friend and companion... Florine deeply loved her daughter and husband and relished her grandchildren, and proudly spoke of them always..."

Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Steve Walterscheid, Raymond Stewart, Johnathan Monday, Tim Hartman, Floyd Haverkamp, and Joseph Monday.

A Rosary led by James Fleitman was held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 4 at McCoy Funeral Home. A family Rosary preceding the funeral Mass was led by Imelda Rohmer.

## Albert Hoehn

1918 - 2007



Albert Hoehn

Albert D. "Al" Hoehn of St. Louis, Missouri died at the age of 88 on Feb. 24, 2007.

Funeral services on Thursday, March 1, began at Bopp Chapel in Kirkwood, followed by Mass in St. Clement Church. Burial was held in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with full military honors.

Al was born July 29, 1918 to Albert T. and Bertha Hoehn in Ballinger, Texas, and later that year they moved to Burkburnett. In 1927 the family moved to Muenster. Al attended Sacred Heart Elementary and Muenster High Schools. His love of sports started with Muenster High School basketball. He earned his Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Texas, also doing coursework at Harvard, MIT, SMU, and Washington University. Al achieved Captain's rank in the U.S. Navy/Naval Reserve. During WWII, he was responsible for maintaining radar/radio equipment on the U.S.S. Natoma Bay CVE-62 in the Pacific.

In 1945 Al married Lois Hammond, and worked at Southwestern Bell/AT&T, specializing in telecommunications transmission engineering, retiring after 41 years. He achieved Master Gardener status at the Missouri Botanical Garden and performed many volunteer services within the community and St. Clement Parish.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Lois of Sunrise Des Peres facility; daughter and son-in-law Kathleen and Stephen Anton; son and daughter-in-law Don and Toni Hoehn; two grandchil-

dren; sisters and brother-in-law Aileen and Ed Cler of Muenster, and Bertha Jane Hoehn of Florida; brothers and sisters-in-law Joe John "Jack" and Jeanne Hoehn of Nocona, and William "Bill" and Rickie Hoehn of Graham; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Clarence "Bud" Hoehn.

Visitation was held at Bopp Chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Missouri Botanical Garden or the Alzheimers Association.

## Local Republicans attend TFRW Legislative Day

The Cooke County Republican Women were represented by LaVerna and Angelo Nasche, Pat Peale, and Sharon McCormack at the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Biennial Legislative Day in Austin on March 1.

More than 1,000 women formed a sea of red, as they swarmed all over the beautifully refurbished Capitol visiting their Representatives and Senators. Both the Texas Senate and Texas House recognized the women in their Galleries by reading proclamations.

The ladies and men attended a luncheon at the Convention Center where Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, Comptroller Susan Combs, Chairman Railroad Commission Eliza-

beth Ames Jones, and Speaker of the House Tom Craddick were guest speakers. At the luncheon, Pat Peale was honored as a TFRW individual award winner member with the most Campaign Activities volunteer hours for 2006: 2,945.5 hours.

After the luncheon, the ladies attended informational and educational workshops organized for the occasion. Topics included Immigration, Ground water, 2008 elections, and Club Leadership.

The Cooke County Republican Women visited the of-

fices of Senator Craig Estes, and Representative Rick Hardcastle to let them know about their concerns and positions on legislation and issues before the Legislature.

All interested women in the area are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Cooke County Republican Women and become a part of this active political organization. Meeting are held on the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at First Christian Church in Gainesville. For information, call Sharon McCormack 668-6762.

## DAYS GONE BY.....

### 65 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1942

Muenster experiences heaviest snow in 16 years. The Valley View Beacon, a weekly newspaper published in Valley View, changes hands. New Arrival: Charles to Johnny and Adelaide Bayer. Rody Klement buys '40 Plymouth coupe. Earl Fisher enlists in the Navy. Transportation of school children and consolidation with Linn is discussed at open meeting. Walt Disney's Dumbo shows at State Theatre.

### 50 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1957

Service to Rosston is next expansion of Muenster Telephone Company. Moisture for 1957 so far measures five inches. Obituaries: Mrs. Rose

Roewe, 59; John Kreitz, 73. Weddings: Floyd Lehnertz and Patricia Wright; Joan Friske and Bernard Sandmann. New Arrivals: Deborah to the Tommy Phillips; Sharon to Raymond and Helen Metzler. Sacred Heart announces favorites: seniors - Carol Miller and Mike Fuhrmann; juniors - Loretta Mages and Howard Mollenkopf; sophomores - JoAnn Hess and Pat Hess; freshmen - Eunice Knauff and Leonard Haverkamp.

### 25 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1982

Plans told for proposed new Gainesville Boys Club building. Obituary: Regina Blankenship, 86. New Arrival: Barry to the Mike Otts. Three-inch snowfall blankets Muenster area on Feb. 26.

## TxDOT to hold public meeting on transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct public meetings to allow public input into the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) preparation process. A list will be provided of upcoming state projects selected in the UTP and STIP. Maps and drawings will be on display.

The meeting for this area will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gainesville Area Office located at 2615 West Hwy 82 in Gainesville.

The meeting will be informal, and all interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views on the programs.

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## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, March 11, 2007	Monday, March 12, 2007	Tuesday, March 13, 2007	Wednesday, March 14, 2007	Thursday, March 15, 2007	Friday, March 16, 2007	Saturday, March 17, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 SH Jr. Class pancake breakfast 9 am-1 pm cafeteria Tigerette State Championship Party 5pm SH Theater Arts Rm.	Last day to file for place on local ballots MMH Aux. mtg. 7 pm Muenster 4-H 7 pm SHHS VFW mtg. 8 pm		C of C Mixer Religious Ed Class 7 pm SH Alumni & Supporters mtg. SNAP rm. 7:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SHS NOON DISMISSAL	Jaycees TX Hold em Tour. Sign up @ KC Hall 6 pm.
Sunday, March 18, 2007	Monday, March 19, 2007	Tuesday, March 20, 2007	Wednesday, March 21, 2007	Thursday, March 22, 2007	Friday, March 23, 2007	Saturday, March 24, 2007
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	Deadline to write in candidates to file VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm SPRING BREAK WEEK	MMH Board mtg. 7pm Admin. office	NO Religious Ed Class HorsemanSHIP 101 8am-4pm Era ISD	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	SH Alumni Ranch Rodeo

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# City .....from pg. 1 Sicking resigns from Project Board

aren't going to read that paper. That dog just needs to be picked up," stated Alderman Jack Flusche.

Alderman John Pagel commented, "You can't do any kind of discipline with the dog, but you can do something with the owners. The attention ought to be on the owners and not the dog."

Debbie said that her son called when the owner was home, but nothing was done.

Mayor Weinzapfel tasked Alderman Bobby Dale Walterscheid with riding herd on the problem. He instructed him to work with Chief Stovall, Endres, and Chris Yosten to see what can be done about the dogs, particularly the ones that are more aggressive.

Weinzapfel admitted that there is a problem and promised the visitors that an effort would be made to do something about it.

In a telephone interview Tuesday morning, Debbie said that she feels the City is frustrated also. She feels that after the meeting Monday, action will be taken to handle the situation.

Debbie said the dogs are roaming the trailer park morning and evening. There are two huge dogs there. She said that perhaps the owners of the facility should set a limit on the number of dogs that a resident is allowed to keep in the trailer park. "There is not a lot of space and it seems inhumane to the animals," she concluded.

Mayor Weinzapfel noted that according to the City Manager and City Secretary Micallee Matson, the City is in pretty good financial shape. There is about six months in reserves and certificates of deposits. He suggested taking \$100,000 from the general fund and transferring it to a CD to get a better return. It was voted a unanimous 5-0 to purchase the CD.

James Burnett of Texoma Council of Government (TCOG) spoke on the May 5 household hazardous waste collection to be held in Gainesville from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. These collections have been held in Sherman in the past, but will be held in Gainesville and Bonham this time.

The event is free to the citizens of Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties. A grant from TCEQ helps to fund the collection and disposal. "We are just asking resolutions from the city councils to say that they stand in support of this program and more to show that there is a need and a viable support from the councils in preparation and development of this event," said Burnett. Keep Muenster Beautiful and the Muenster Chamber of Commerce have already committed to support the event with advertising.

The City Council was unanimous in passing a resolution supporting the event.

After studying the merits of purchasing metering devices for both of the City's water distribution stations, Anderson recommended that the City purchase one for each well. There has been a significant difference in the water input and output numbers. "I don't see any reason why we shouldn't do it if we can control water uses and define our problem. We ought to go ahead and get both of them and just get it done and move forward," he said.

Pagel questioned the cost of \$4,000 per meter. Endres said that a regular water meter is about \$3,000 due to the large size. "This is not your typical water meter that we're talking about," explained Endres. "They put a device around the pipe and put a probe inside the pipe and run a line back to the station so you can read it without having to look in the manhole." He said that if it gets faulty after a time, the probe can be replaced at a much lower cost than replacing a whole meter. Gainesville has had similar devices for four years and relayed that they are very happy with it. The accuracy is said to be 99 plus.

Endres explained that now it shows that more water is going into the system (being sold) than the current well meters show are being pumped out of the wells, which is not possible. Purchase of two new meters was unanimously approved.

In his status report of City projects and activities, Endres said that Ira Schoppa has prepared an aerial photo of Muenster and its ETJ (extra territorial jurisdiction). The ETJ is drawn out in this preliminary map. Endres

said Schoppa is in the process of preparing another map that will include a written description at various points on the map telling how far each location is from a noted point. He said that he's had several calls inquiring about the ETJ in the last month.

The water tower tank was cleaned and according to the company, they were surprised to find it as clean inside as the day it was built. It is in good condition.

Endres discussed what he had learned at a meeting held in Gainesville regarding a proposed ground water conservation district. It is hoped that Cooke County can convince TCEQ that this area doesn't need to be part of such a district or that it can be in a district of its own. Breakout cost of a district is \$250,000 a year and the ways to fund one is by property tax or fees on water wells that are drilled, said Endres. A district must be voted in and he didn't think voters would agree to a tax or fee. That would leave Cooke County in whatever district it was assigned to, probably with large counties such as Dallas.

Most large entities are not interested in groundwater because they use reservoirs as their source of drinking water.

"It is really a very serious thing, but there is very little we can do," noted Endres. The area has until the end of April to complain. TCEQ has

until October to decide what they want to do. After that, a judge will decide the outcome. Mayor Weinzapfel asked Anderson to work with Endres on the proposed ground water district.

Bolen Construction is in town this week to lay asphalt on Ninth Street. He will also patch six areas that were dug up to repair water lines.

In other business, the City Council:

- Approved renewal of lease by Muenster ISD for use of Well 3. They use it to water the football field.

- Tabled decision on dedication of 20' water utility easement along Mesquite Street and 30' easement at Mesquite running east along north side of property at 815 N. Mesquite Street.

- Reviewed and approved monthly bills totaling \$67,546.79. Endres said he thinks that is the lowest he's seen since becoming City Manager.

- Held an executive session to discuss the Police Department, but took no action.

- With a 5 p.m. March 12 deadline to sign up for the May 12 elections, only Place 5 Alderman Jack Flusche has signed up to run for another term. Also serving terms that expire this May are Mayor Henry Weinzapfel and Place 3 Alderman Joey Anderson. As of press time Wednesday, no other candidates had signed up.

**By Janet Felderhoff**

Due to ongoing issues on the Tri County Senior Nutrition Project Board, the entire Board membership is either resigning or being recalled. The Tri County area consists of four major cities and three counties, including Cooke County.

"Bernice (Sicking) did a wonderful job during her time on that Board," praised Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman. "I appreciate her taking the time and the effort. Sometimes you get on a board that does not function really well as a group and even though you are doing a wonderful job, sometimes you get caught in a situation where the group cannot get anything done."

County Commissioner Al Smith added, "Bernice served on that volunteer board with a lot of professionalism and a lot of discipline that went above and beyond the call. She saw things that weren't going as perhaps they should be, and she diligently stayed with it and notified us and worked with us... I'm really proud of what she did."

Sicking's resignation was accepted by Commissioners.

Judge Freeman explained that he chaired a special meeting of the three counties and four cities involved. It was voted to either accept the resignation or recall the existing members of that Board. Then a motion was approved to appoint the three county judges and four mayors as the

Board of Directors for the Tri County Senior Nutrition Board while they solve the existing problems.

"I want to assure the recipients of the Meals on Wheels that their meals will continue," stresses Judge Freeman. "There is not going to be a break in service anywhere. The meals will continue being served and being cooked. Recipients should not see any difference at all. There are some operational problems within the Tri County organization that the Court is going to attempt to straighten out." With that, Commissioners Court appointed Judge Freeman to the Board.

Commissioners Court approved the HAVA voting machine rental service agreement between Cooke County and the City of Lindsay for the May 2007 election. But Judge Freeman advised Commissioners that there would likely be a need to consolidate voting precincts. "There is a special Constitutional Amendment Election that will take place May 12," he noted. "That means we are going to have to do some work as far as consolidating precincts." It deals with the tax exemption for school districts on age 65 and older and disabled. It would authorize school districts to lower the tax rate on those over 65 so they don't have to pay as much tax.

Judge Freeman felt there would be a sufficient number

of the HAVA voting machines since voting places would be consolidated for voter convenience. Judge Freeman added that there is also the regular Constitutional Amendment Election that will be held in November.

Commissioner Al Smith congratulated the Court on its choice of a HAVA machine that leaves a paper trail as opposed to one that would not. He said he had just been in Austin where he learned that those that don't are becoming an issue on the national and state levels and may be outlawed and have to be replaced.

Cooke County Library Director Jennifer Johnson-Spence updated Commissioners Court on activities at the Library. On Saturday, March 24 at Butterfield Stage, the Cooke County Library is sponsoring a special event to celebrate Texas History Month. It includes a storyteller of tall Texas tales.

The meeting room in the Library is being utilized more frequently, said Spence. She explained several events planned for April, which is National Library Month.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Approved Budget amendments for Precinct #2's needed equipment repairs and for the Sheriff's Office to maintain his 9-1-1 recorder.

- Approved annual contract between Cooke County and the Office of the Attorney General of Texas regarding the District Clerk's Office, Child Support Division.

- Approved contract with Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department.

- Approved a scale variance from 1 inch equals 200 feet to one inch equals 300 feet for a 343 acre subdivision located off Bloomfield Road and Blackjack Road in Precinct #2.

- Tabled decision on shelving for Cooke County Clerk's office.

- Approved \$2,300 settlement on Cooke County EMS 2004 ambulance that was damaged in a single vehicle accident on Jan. 30.

- Approved advertising for bids for diesel fuel and gasoline for all precincts.

- Approved advertising for bids for the 2007-09 Depository Contract.

- Declared a LeBlonde, Lathe model #14T-dm from Precinct #1 as surplus. Approved advertising for sealed bids for the sale of the LeBlonde Lathe.

- Approved bond for Jim Farquhar, director of Cooke County Juvenile Probation Services.

## Clean Up .....from pg. 1

big tasks that day - planting trees and cleaning up the dump. It also gave many their first look at the new lake."

Heavy equipment will eventually be needed to remove other construction debris that had been dumped all along the eastern shoreline for many years. Trees and brush have grown through the material, making hand removal a daunting task.

"That area is the only pathway along the east lake boundary, so if future plans include a walkway, the trash has to go before the water rises," said Gary Fisher, KMB project chair.

Discussions are underway and KMB is looking for volunteers with a dozer to donate for a day. Call Elaine Schilling or Gary Fisher for more information.



## Grand Re-Opening Celebration!

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# LIFESTYLE

## Divine Mercy featured topic for 2nd Sunday

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Second Sunday morning teaching series at Sacred Heart Parish on March 11 from 9 to 10:15 a.m. (between Sunday Masses). The presentation will be on the message of Divine Mercy as revealed to Saint Faustina. These powerful messages speak of Christ's desire to forgive everyone who calls on His mercy, even the greatest sinner, and how we are called to be merciful to others.

**NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION:** The presenta-

tion will be held in the theater arts room (basement) of the Sacred Heart Elementary School. There will also be a special presentation for children in the adjoining classroom on the same subject.

Free prints and holy cards of the Divine Mercy Image, along with informative pamphlets will be given to those attending.

So bring the entire family, and be inspired by this powerful revelation during this Lenten season. Refreshments will be provided.

## NEW ARRIVALS



Caden Klement

### Klement

Aaron and Polly Klement, currently of Justin, joyfully announce the birth of their first child, Caden John Klement. He was born in Denton on Friday, Feb. 2, 2007 at 4:23 p.m. He weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. and measured 21 inches in length. Grandparents are Steve and Marla Fette and Claude and Deb Klement of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Judy Grewing and the late Steve Grewing, Walt and Eleonore Klement, and Ed and Ginny Schneider, all of Muenster.

### Aldriedge

Lee and Jennifer Aldriedge of Muenster announce the birth of their daughter Addison Grace Aldriedge on Monday, March 5, 2007. She was born at 8:38 a.m. in North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville weighing 7 lb. 12 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. Welcoming their sister are her brothers Devon, age nine, and Bryce, age four. Grandparents are Steve and Dianna Klement of Muenster and Jim and Lynda Hacker of Myra. Great-grandparents are Tony and Sis Klement and Richard and Anna Herr, all of Muenster, Louis and Joyce Rigler of Gainesville, the late Andrew and Annie Hacker, and the late Anna Margaret Tempel.

### Gebken

Richard and April Gebken of Springfield, Missouri announce the birth of their son Conner John Gebken at 10:06 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, 2007 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and measured 19 1/4 inches in length. First-time grandparents are Allen and Debbie Fleitman of Gainesville and Richard and DeLane Gebken of Columbia, Maryland. First-time great-grandparents are Eddie and Maryanne Fleitman of Muenster and Mona Interwicz of Gainesville and the late Chuck Interwicz.



Conner Gebken

### Hacker

Jimmy and LeAnn Hacker of Muenster are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Jasmine Lee Hacker on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007 in Denton Presbyterian Hospital. Jasmine was born at 6:44 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Welcoming their sister are her brothers Devon, age nine, and Bryce, age four. Grandparents are Steve and Dianna Klement of Muenster and Jim and Lynda Hacker of Myra. Great-grandparents are Tony and Sis Klement and Richard and Anna Herr, all of Muenster, Louis and Joyce Rigler of Gainesville, the late Andrew and Annie Hacker, and the late Anna Margaret Tempel.

## MEETING NOTICE

### Diabetes Support Group

A meeting of the Cooke County Diabetes Support Group is set for Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the North Texas Medical Center Classrooms. Getting Family Support is the topic which will be presented by social worker Pam Ness, LMSW. Individuals with diabetes, family members, and others interested in learning more about diabetes are encouraged to attend this FREE program. For more information call (940) 612-8377.

**Move your clocks ahead - Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday at 2 a.m.**

## New pastor named at Saint Jo First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Saint Jo has a new pastor, Jeffrey Neal Roe, who moved into the community last week and began his service there Sunday, March 4.

Jeff, his wife Jacqueline, and their little daughters Katie and Sydney, are moving from Honey Grove, Texas, where he served as associate pastor of Windom Baptist Church since May 2005. At Windom the family had the opportunity to "do a little bit of everything, trying to ease the senior pastor's workload and learn as much as possible about the pastorate." Everything included leading youth ministry activities and planning and administering V-

## Texas promotes Severe Weather Awareness Week

Severe thunderstorm and tornado watches for Texas are issued by the storm prediction center in Norman, Oklahoma. A severe thunderstorm watch is issued when the primary concern is for large hail or damaging winds. Hail is considered severe if it is penny size or larger. Winds are considered damaging if they are 58 m.p.h. or stronger.

A tornado watch is issued when severe weather is expected that includes the likelihood of large or multiple tornadoes. Watches are issued for many counties and last for several hours.

During a watch:  
1. Stay aware of weather changes since severe storms can develop rapidly.  
2. Monitor NOAA weather radio all hazards, commercial

radio, television, the internet, or cable service for further information.

3. Review your severe weather plan and what action you will take if severe weather threatens. Make sure those who are with you also know what to do.

Severe thunderstorm or tornado warnings are issued by your local national weather service office when forecasters detect a severe thunderstorm or tornado. This could be based on Doppler radar observations or reported by reliable sources such as skywarn spotters. A warning usually covers one county or a portion of a county and normally lasts for an hour or less.

During a warning:  
1. Remain calm and take protective action immediately.

2. Monitor NOAA weather radio all hazards, commercial radio, television, the internet, or cable service for further information. Note details such as where the severe weather is moving, either toward you or away from you, and how long the warning

will continue.

Remember:  
In a watch - watch the sky.  
In a warning - take action.  
For more information on watches or warnings contact your local National weather service office or visit [www.srh.weather.gov](http://www.srh.weather.gov).

## LOCAL EVENTS

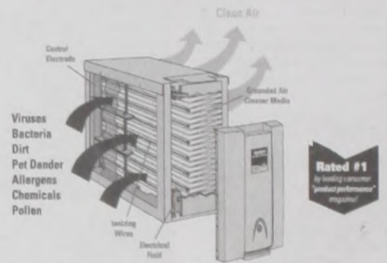
### Keep Muenster Beautiful meeting held March 8

Keep Muenster Beautiful held their monthly meeting Thursday, March 8. It was held at 7 p.m. in Muenster Public Library.

### Pancake breakfast set

The Sacred Heart Junior Class is sponsoring a pancake breakfast fundraiser Sunday March 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be held in the Sacred Heart cafeteria. Cost for the meal is \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children 12 and under.

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## New members sought by CCRW

Cooke County Republican Women (CCRW) will sponsor their annual spring Membership Brunch on Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the home of Janelle Haverkamp, south of Lindsay.

The brunch is an opportunity for interested women to learn about CCRW, as well as

the club's many programs and activities to benefit the County and improve political awareness.

For more information, contact CCRW President Sharon McCormack, 940-668-6762, VP-Membership Pauline Lesch, 940-726-3954, or Janelle Haverkamp, 940-665-7663.

## Morton Museum begins Spring Series

Morton Museum of Cooke County in Gainesville is beginning its Spring Series. The first program "A 125 Year Legacy" will be held at the Museum on Monday, March 12 at noon.

The program will examine

the impact of J.M. Lindsay on Cooke County and North Texas. Mr. Lindsay was instrumental in the development of North Texas. The program will also examine the establishment of the Lindsay House in Gainesville, which celebrates its 125 year anniversary this year.

Seating is limited. For members of the Heritage Society, the cost to attend is \$3, and for nonmembers the cost is \$4. To make reservations or for more information, call 940-668-8900.



Guess who grew up to be 75 and stubborn. (Hint, it's not the mules!)

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# Raegan turns two!

Raegan Warren, daughter of Brent and Jennifer Warren of Hurst, turned two years old on Feb. 11. On her birthday, she celebrated with a birthday lunch and cupcakes with her parents, her older brother Lane, grandparents Eddie and Teresa Warren, aunts Mere Powell and Sara Johnson, and cousins Morgan Powell, Madison Powell, and Savannah Johnson.



Raegan Warren

Raegan had another celebration on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Glenview Baptist Church. The kids enjoyed playing on the indoor playground and treehouse. Raegan's cake was decorated with valentine hearts. Joining Raegan and her family were grandparents Mark and Linda Fuhrmann and Eddie and Teresa Warren, uncle Kyle Fuhrmann, aunt Sara Johnson,

great-aunt Jan Fox, Kim Fox, along with Sydney and Maddie, Tony, Erica, and Isabel Szymanski, Christy, Amanda, and Zachery Koelzer, Amanda and Nia Kenvin, and Vicki, Micah, and Lauren Lawshe.

# ST. RICHARD'S VILLA NEWS

By Elfreda Fette

Monday, Feb. 26, was sit-tercise, current events, Word Search Club, and a Happy Hour with visiting and dominoes.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, was Bible study, sensory group, remember when, and the Bowie Church of Christ with a Bible activity and a craft using tiles donated by Community Lumber Company to Janice Halley.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, residents enjoyed music, bingo, the movie *The Magnificent Seven* and popcorn. Members of the Sacred Heart National Honor Society visited from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. They worked on a puzzle, played games, and visited with residents.

Thursday, March 1, was glamour nails, aroma therapy, and the Red Hat Ladies came to entertain with Texas bingo and a snack. They handed out a bluebonnet with a ribbon tied on it to the ladies. Afterward, the Romeos met and visited.

Friday, March 2, was Mass with Fr. Ken, bingo, Word Search Club, and floor basketball.

Saturday, March 3, was games, puzzle, and movies.

Sunday, March 4, residents celebrated March birthdays with Mildred, Buddy, and Friends. They ate cake and drank punch.

**Upcoming Events**  
March 10: Bingo, puzzle, movie matinee.  
March 11: TV time, dominoes.  
March 12: Sittercise, current events, word game, arm-chair travels - Ireland.  
March 13: Bible study, balloon toss, sensory group, crafts with Anita and Mary, men's group.  
March 14: Music, bingo, popcorn and movie, Bonny Prescher singing, SHHS National Honor Society visit.  
March 15: Glamour nails, aroma therapy, trivia, coffee and cookies.  
March 16: Music, bingo, Rosary, Word Search Club, sing-a-long.

# Tim Cooper enters round three of CMT contest

Country music artist Tim Cooper's song and video "Think Like a Woman" has so far been successful in CMT's music video contest. It pits artist against artist and has the public vote on their favorites with the winners of each round going forward to the next elimination round. Cooper's public relations representative Delanne Walterscheid said, "The contest is now in round 3, which

is the top 16 videos and Tim is still in it! He is really EXCITED right now BUT this round will be hard for him to get through because he is up against a guy in the military. He needs EVERYONE to vote for him now!!"

Round 3 voting will last until Monday night, March 12. The website to vote is [www.cmt.com/interact/music\\_city\\_madness/vote/](http://www.cmt.com/interact/music_city_madness/vote/)

## NOAA fact

A severe thunderstorm watch or a tornado watch is issued when atmospheric conditions are favorable for the development of severe

weather.  
**NOAA info**  
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## BAPTISM

### Gehrig

Drew William Gehrig was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 during the 10:15 a.m. Mass in St. Thomas Catholic Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi with Fr. Tommy Conway officiating the sacrament.

Drew is the son of Ryan and Kristen Gehrig of Hattiesburg. Godparents are Drew's uncle and aunt Dan and Judy Schwarz of Moore, Oklahoma. He wore the baptismal gown his sister Alyssa wore at her baptism. It was made by their grandmother Cindy Gehrig, who also crocheted a white blanket for Drew's special occasion.

Following the ceremony, family and friends gathered at Ryan and Kristen's home for brunch. A decorated cross cake was made for the occasion.

Attending were Drew's sister Alyssa; grandparents Larry and Janie Lyon of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Jim and Cindy Gehrig of Muenster; Godparents Dan and Judy Schwarz and children Justin and Katie; and uncle Lucien Gehrig of Addison. Great-grandparents Herman Stoffels and Josephine Schilling of Muenster, and Charlie and Juanita King of Tulsa were unable to attend.



Drew Gehrig

## COLLEGE HONORS

### University of North Texas

Kelly Endres achieved a perfect grade point average of 4.0 for the 2006 fall semester at the University of North Texas. She was named to the President's List. Only students with a gpa of 4.0 on a course load of 12 or more hours during the semester were accorded this distinction. Kelly is a 2006 graduate of Muenster ISD and the daughter of Phil Endres and Marlene Pagel.

### Tarleton State University

Two local students have been listed on the Fall Honor Roll at Tarleton State University.

Chisam Cain of Muenster was named a Distinguished Student. Jalynn Wilson of Lindsay was listed on the A Honor Roll.

# Rose survived Katrina, cuttings to restore ravished gardens

This is the story of a rose. A nameless rose. A rose that had no thorns, not one.

It came to Peggy Martin as a little cutting from a friend. Her friend had gotten a cutting from a relative who had in turn gotten it from another relative. Peggy planted the rose by an old shed that she wanted to cover - an ugly old shed. And soon enough the rose covered the shed with its beautiful pink clustered blossoms and long graceful canes.

That was 18 years ago. And that's how it stood all those years in Louisiana, showing its beauty to visitor after visitor, standing out as the pride of Peggy's garden - her own Eden - until 2005.

This is also the story of rebirth. A rekindling of joy. A realization that good returns, abundantly.

Peggy and her husband, Marcus, left the nameless, thornless rose that August fleeing from Katrina. When

they returned, the rose was the least of Peggy's thoughts. She went home after the hurricane to claim the bodies of her mother and father who drowned after refusing to leave. What's more, there was nothing left of her home, nor of her beautiful garden. More than 450 rose bushes and all other plants she had nurtured over the years, washed away. The home place stood under 20 feet of saltwater for at least two weeks.

But when the water receded and Peggy returned once more, there was just a glimmer of green under the muddy remains where the rose bush had been. And ultimately, as the sun continued to shine and rain fell at the right time, the rose bloomed again and again.

Now the rose is being cultivated by five nursery owners who got cuttings from Peggy's bush. A portion of the proceeds from their sales will fund horticulture restoration programs in New Orleans and other hurricane-damaged botanical and historical gardens and parks. And the abundant plant now has a name - the Peggy Martin Rose.

"It has been a wonderful bright spot for me. It has kept me from dwelling on my sadness," said Peggy, who now lives in Gonzales, Louisiana.

The rose had been a catalyst for Peggy joining a gardening club, she recalls. That enabled her to meet fellow gardeners - many of them well-known horticulturists who came to address the New Orleans members.

"I always loved that rose, and all those years, any time anyone came, I could get them to come look at the rose to see if they could tell me what its name was," Peggy said.

That is how Dr. Bill Welch, Texas Cooperative Extension horticulturist came to know the rose.

In 2003, when he was in New Orleans to speak at her garden club, Peggy brought Welch and his wife, Diane, to her garden. He didn't know its name but was intrigued by the thornless bush with flower-loaded canes cascading around the shed.

She told Welch about the hand-me-down cutting and offered him a snip of it as well.

The Welch's rooted their cutting in their yard by a fence that surrounds air-conditioning equipment. But

they were skeptical the plant would thrive in the extreme heat and different soil around their place in Washington County, Texas.

"I saw the cutting quickly mature into a vigorous specimen that spans most of the 15-by-four-foot fence," Welch said. "It is literally covered with clusters of dark, pink flowers each spring from mid-March through May. It starts blooming again in late summer and repeats until a hard frost slows it down for the winter."

The bush, he felt, was destined to be developed as a hearty variety for home gardens.

"I was convinced that the rose deserved to be widely available and enjoyed by gardeners," Welch said. "Its disease resistance, thornless stems, and colorful displays of bright, pink flowers along with a graceful vining form make it a logical choice. The lush growth of her thornless climber rose is a testament to its toughness and status as a true survivor."

But it was a "middle of the night" thought, Welch said, to use the rose as a fundraiser for restoring gardens in the hurricane areas, an effort started by the Garden Club of Houston.

With Peggy's agreement, several nurseries were mustered to grow cuttings for sale, with a portion designated for the restoration fund.

"A great rose and a great cause," Welch said. "That's a hard combination to beat."

Peggy has a cutting from the original plant in her new garden, and her original is still thriving on the old home place. She'd still like to know what its name was.

"I'm still on that quest. I still want to know its true name," she said of her namesake rose.

As for the restoration effort, the Peggy Martin Rose is selling rapidly. The five nurseries involved in the project maintain waiting lists to fulfill orders as cuttings mature.

The nurseries are: Antique Rose Emporium, <http://www.antiqureroseemporium.com>; Chamblee's Rose Nursery, <http://www.chambleerose.com/>; Petals from the Past Nursery, [www.petalsfromthepast.com](http://www.petalsfromthepast.com); King's Nursery in Tenaha, Texas, 409-248-3811; and Nacconiche Gardens, [www.nacconichegardens.com](http://www.nacconichegardens.com).

# Damaging winds, hail impact Texas

Texas is affected by thousands of thunderstorms every year. The most dangerous thunderstorms are classified as severe and occur mainly in the spring and fall. Severe thunderstorms can produce damaging winds, large hail, and tornadoes.

It is important to remember that most damaging winds are not tornadic. Severe thunderstorms are capable of producing equally destructive and life-threatening winds commonly referred to as straight-line winds. These are winds that are not associated with rotating winds in a tornado. Instead, they move forward along the ground in a straight line.

Thunderstorm winds are considered severe when they are 58 m.p.h. or greater. Severe thunderstorms are capable of producing winds in excess of 100 m.p.h.

Downbursts, another type of straight line wind, are strong downdrafts of air in a single thunderstorm that accelerate downward and produce an out-rush of damaging wind on or near the ground.

Another danger associated with severe thunderstorms is large hail. By definition, hail is considered severe if it is

penny size (3/4 inch in diameter) or larger.

Some facts about hail: Hail is precipitation in the form of lumps or chunks of ice that develop in some thunderstorms.

Hailstorms form in the updrafts of thunderstorms. Generally, the stronger the updraft, the stronger the storm, and the larger the hail.

Hail ranges in size from pea size (1/4 inch) to greater than softball size (4.5 inches). Hailstones are usually oval shaped or round, but can be spiky in appearance.

Although rarely fatal, hail injures several dozens of people each year. To protect yourself from wind and hail, seek shelter immediately in a sturdy building.

## A Muenster Moment in history

from the Muenster Historical Commission

Muenster Memorial Hospital began in the 1940s as plans of J.M. Weinzapfel. City wide support in 1958 began raising money that led to the start of construction in 1962 and completion in January 1964. Weinzapfel also donated the land for the site.

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# SCHOOL

## Fun activities mark 2007 FCCLA Week at Muenster ISD

FCCLA Week was celebrated during the week of Feb. 13-16 at Muenster High School. Officers met the prior week to plan the program.

On Tuesday, it was Pajama Day, and all the members participated in "Ready, Set, Read" which involved going to elementary classes and reading to the students. This program promotes reading literacy. Also on Tuesday, the FCCLA held a bake sale to benefit All Babies Born Alive (ABBA).

Wednesday, the 14th, was Red and Pink Day. Everyone wore red and pink for Valentine's Day and to represent the colors of FCCLA. Wednesday was also Teacher Appreciation Day. All the high school teachers were given a coupon for a free large drink from the DI One Stop. There was also candy in the workroom for the wonderful teachers.

Thursday was Inside-Out Day. The students wore their clothes inside-out. There was also the officer/senior luncheon, which was prepared by Food Science and Technology students. Salad, chicken spaghetti, and bread were served, with a brownie and ice cream for dessert.

Friday was Favorite Band T-shirt Day/Punk Rock Day. It was also Quiet Day, which meant the girls couldn't talk to any guys. If a guy got a girl to talk to them, then the girl had to give him her paper heart. At the end of the day,

the guy with the most hearts and the girl who kept her heart received a giant chocolate chip cookie. Another activity that was new this year was a drawing for a \$5 gift card to the Sonic for members participating all week. The winner of the gift card was Matt Flusche.

Throughout the week, members who participated in secret pals received small gifts in their locker each day, and on Friday their secret pals were revealed. Also throughout the week, students brought many baby items to benefit ABBA.

FCCLA Week was a major success.



Muenster Elementary Caught With Good Character winners for the 4th Six Weeks; row 1: Sam Bayer, Rut Rodriguez, and Rudy Saucer; row 2: Matthew Smith, Owen Tolar, Maddie Serna, and Kendra Flusche; row 3: Kyla Haverkamp, Nicole Rains, Kimber Walterscheid, and Kendi Bayer; row 4: Ashley Hammer, David Hutson, Kassie Dangelmayr, BriAnna Bayer, and Kristina Lamar. MISD photo



Muenster Elementary Melody Award winners for the 4th Six Weeks were row 1: Diego Rocha, Hayley Frank, Paige Saucer, and Nathan Hacker; row 2: Sterling Walterscheid, Steetson McGrew, Billy Felderhoff, Cooper Peavey, and Shawn Pumphrey; row 3: Allison Haubold, Zina Haverkamp, Mahayla Bohl, Alison Morris, and Sadie Sandmann; row 4: Dalton Barte, Blake Haubold, C.J. Call, and Kalee Hennigan; row 5: Jared Endres, Hannah Bayer, Daniel McDufee, and Brooke Walterscheid. Not pictured was Brianna Rohmer. MISD photo

### A Muenster Moment in history

from the Muenster Historical Commission

The extension of electric lines by REA (Rural Electric Association) to all rural residents was in 1937.

## Growing your family by adopting a child

Few decisions in life require more thought and a greater commitment than adopting a child. Whether you already have other children, or are adopting your first child, you should know a few things before you start the process...

**Lots of kids need loving homes.** Many children are available for domestic adoption, especially if you don't insist on an infant or are willing to take sibling groups or children of color.

**Know your terms.** In an "agency" adoption, the agency helps match you with a birth mother, then assists with the legal aspects of the adoption. In an "Independent" adoption, you find the birth mother yourself or with an adoption facilitator, and a private lawyer helps do the legal work. In a "kinship" adoption, you adopt the child of a relative. In an "open" adoption, you agree to maintain contact with the child's birth family, meaning anything from sending photos once a year to more frequent contact.

**Going overseas.** When U.S. parents adopt outside the U.S., most of the children come from China, Guatemala, Eastern Europe, or Cambodia.

**Your child is your child is your child.** An adopted

child and a natural child are exactly the same in the eyes of the law. But not always in the eye of a will or a trust. If your adopted child stands to inherit under a will or trust, make sure the document specifies that adopted children are included.

**Marriage doesn't make it so.** Stepparents are not legal parents of their partners' children unless they have legally adopted the children.

**An irrevocable decision.** When a child is adopted, generally the birth parents' rights are terminated forever. One possible exception to this is where the birth father didn't know that he had a child, and the adoption was completed without his consent. In some of those cases, the adoption might be revoked, but it's not automatic—the judge would look at all the circumstances.

**It's never too late to have a happy childhood.** Adults can be adopted, too. All it takes is an agreement between the two adults. In some states, the adopting parent must be older than the person being adopted by a certain amount (in California, for example, it's 10 years).

**Privacy still matters.** Although most court proceedings are a matter of public record, adoption files are not.

**All over the map.** Same-sex couples can adopt in many states, but not all. Florida bans adoption of all kinds for lesbians and gay men. Living in a state that allows you to enter into a marriage-like relationship with your same-sex partner, such as California or Vermont, doesn't necessarily protect parental rights completely. In those states, even if one partner is the biological

parent, the non-biological parent should still probably do an adoption.

**Not to put a price on it, but...** Adoption expenses can range from minimal in a simple proceeding like stepparent adoption, to many tens of thousands of dollars in an international adoption.

This excerpt is taken from *Your Little Legal Companion: Helpful Advice for Life's Big Events*, a 35th anniversary commemorative gift book by the editors of Nolo.

### A Muenster Moment in history

from the Muenster Historical Commission

• Muenster became an incorporated city on Feb. 26, 1927. Ben Hellman was the first mayor.

• The Farmers Marketing Association bought local products, such as eggs, poultry, and milk in the 1920s.

• Ensign Robert Weinzapfel was the first WW II Cooke County casualty. He was lost on Dec. 9, 1941, the second day of the War.

• Dr. T.S. Myrick opened the Muenster Clinic in 1936.

• The present Muenster Memorial Hospital was financed by \$200,000 local contributions, \$300,000 Government grant, and a \$300,000 bond issue.

## LUNCH MENUS

### WEEK OF MARCH 12-16 MUEENSTER ISD

Mon. - Beef tacos w/cheese, Spanish rice, pinto beans, pears, cake.

Tues. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad w/dressing, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, macaroni and cheese, beans, apples, cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Peanut butter or tuna sandwich, chips, lettuce salad w/dressing, applesauce, teddy grahams.

**SACRED HEART**  
Mon. - Ham and turkey sandwiches, potato rounds, lettuce, tomatoes, apricot cookies.

Tues. - Fiesta salad, corn chips, ranch style beans, salsa, apples, wheat crackers.

Wed. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, corn, pineapple tidbits, bread.

Thurs. - Lasagna, green beans, green salad, mixed fruit, garlic bread.

Fri. - No lunch served.

**LINDSAY ISD**

Mon. - Soft tacos w/trimmings, refried beans, Spanish rice, apple crisp.

Tues. - Grilled chicken melt w/mozzarella on a bun, baked beans, fresh fruit.

Wed. - Corn dog, carrot sticks, pickle wedges, pineapple, chocolate pudding.

Thurs. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, peaches, bread.

Fri. - Fish on a bun and cheese w/trimmings, tater tots, ice cream.

**ERA ISD**  
Mon. - Chicken spaghetti or mini corn dogs, green beans, sliced peaches, tossed salad, breadsticks.

Tues. - Chicken patty or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, hot roll.

Wed. - Crispy tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding.

Thurs. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, corn, tossed salad, fruit mix, chocolate chip cookie.

Fri. - Sausage pizza or cheese pizza, corn, fresh orange, ice cream.



February "Teachers and Students of the Month" at Muenster ISD are: from left, front - 7th grader Chloe Schneider, 10th grader Emily Stoffels, 4th grader Tara Gunnels; back row - JH/HS Principal Curtis Eldridge, high school science teacher Molly Sicking, Kindergarten teacher Sharon Ledbetter, and Elementary Principal Lou Heers. MISD photo

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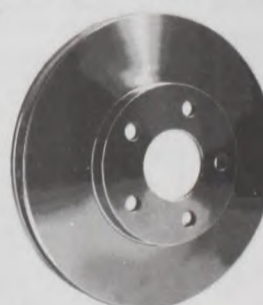
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# LINDSAY ISD HONOR ROLLS

**4<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks ALL "A" HONOR ROLL**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Autumn Murrill, Laura Zimmerer, Joe Otto, Chandni Patel, Rachel Zimmerer, Amanda Hess, Jenny Schroeder, Sanaa Anwar, Julie Hanson, Alli Copeland, Kaileigh Hess, Jillian Bezner, Brittany Anderle, Levi Hermes, Sabrina Bezner, Kristin Sharp, Heather Odell, Amy Norton, Liz Neu, Rachael Skinner.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Jennifer Rauscher, Justin Turner, Sarah Stoffels.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Amber Nortman, Pooja Patel, Nick Bezner, Danielle Hogan, Kelly Laux, Rhiannon Robinson, Derek Hundt.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Dillon Hanson, Shirley Hess, John Nystrom, Colton Hermes, Haley Hughes.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Todd Bezner, Emily Conaway, Carol Dickerson, Kelsey Hermes, Anna Hogan, Chris Klement, Allison Metzler, Katie Nortman, Madison Parkhill, Savannah Stoffels.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Breanna Bollard, Drew Cooney, Caroline Dieter, Caitlin Huston, Lucinda Krahl, Raneer Morrison, Valerie Nystrom.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Natasha Agarwal, Cassidy Gum, Chisam Reiter, Megan Schumacher.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Ryan Bollard, Nicole Popp, Sabrina Stoffels, Elizabeth Zwinggi.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Tara Atkins, Matthew Block, Sarah Dieter, Neal Fleitman, Nicole Fleitman, Ryan Hoepfner, Kailei Klement, Jessica Laster, Camdon Maydeu, Greyson Mendeke, Mason Morrow, Bailey Murrill, Justin Ott, Emily Otto, Travis Whiteraft.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - Caitlin Corcoran, Hannah Davis, Garrett Martin, Jessica Metzler, Mariah Noggler.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - Dawson Anderle, Jarrett Barnes, Jonathon Bell, Alexis Carlson, Jace Ceyanes, Brenna Fleitman, John Michael Fuhrmann, Abby Haverkamp, Ashley Hedrick, Elizabeth Hellman, Julie Hermes, Zachary Hundt, Cohen Hunter, Logan King, Louis Krahl, Caden Maydew, Rider Mendeke, Luke Metzler, Molly Myrick, Sarah Otto, Brianna Overholt, Ashlyn Polk, John Rohmer, Austin Schully, Sean Stoffels, Campbell Williams.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** - Maegan Burr, Mia Burrows, Chloe Ceyanes, Sarah Corcoran, Brandon Craigie, Slade DeHoyos, Grace Dieter, Nathan Dieter, Kaylen Ebarb, Dawson Fogle, Jocelyn Grewing, Michael Hellman, Kate Henley, Kody Hermes, William Hernandez, Parker Jones, Alaina Klement, Luke Meece, Abigail Miller, Garrett Morrow, Alyssa Noggler, Chase Otto, Jenna Tharp, Josh Wallace, Lexin West.

**"A-B" HONOR ROLL**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Cindy Alcalá, Meredith Bezner, Kodie Buck, Justin Caillier, Michael Conaway, Chris Dieter, Travis Endres, Bernie Gabriel, Emily Haverkamp, Jeff Hess, Becky Martinez, Dustin Neu, Traci Redder, Karissa Reiter, Brian Sandmann, Jeff Shannon, Victoria Vogel, Ben Wyrick, Johnathan Zimmerer.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Krystal Arend, Charlotte Bartlett, Katelyn Brewer, Madisen Burrows, Ashley Caillier, Christina Eckart, Rhea-Claire Galubenski, Jordan Heilman, Josh Heilman, Chelsea Hermes, Shelby Hess, Hillary Hoelker, Taylor Horn, Michelle Husman, Lauren Krahl, Mathew Mas-sengale, Lisa Milkowski, Stephanie Neu, Dillon Ott, Jaden Perry, Kimberly Schumacher.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Rose Hermes, Ashley Hess, Kayla Hess, Beverly Knabe, Nichole Metzler, Kendall Neu, Natalie Rose, Jon Michael Sweeney.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Abby Anderle, John Block, Dianne Brown, Alex Cooney, Emily Copeland, Andie Faulkner, Dax Fleitman, Haley Haverkamp, Adam Krebs, Kristin Martin, Cammi Neu, Austin Reiter, Jessica Thurman.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Nikita Agarwal, Jessica Block, Kailyn Gum, Vanessa Hess, Kyle Johnson, Troy Kirby, Jessica Krahl, Macy Perry, Thomas Rohmer, Jason Schumacher, Katelyn Weber, Sean Willard, Amelia Wyrick.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Katie Arendt, Taylor Atkins, Megan Caillier, Kayla Davis, Dean Fleitman, Jordan Fleitman, Alie Fogle, Connor Fuhrmann, Amelia Haverkamp, Lauren Hicks, Cole Hunter, Marti McNeil, McKenzie Neu, Matt Reed, Ashton Reynolds, Taylor Stringfellow, AJ Summerlin, Kourtney Vogel, Stephanie Zwinggi.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Darryl Block, Shannah Daymude, Rachel Fuhrmann, Dylan Hughes, Molly Lurry, Katelyn Neu, James Porter, Brianne Sandmann, Taylor Springs, Blake Walker, Claire Williams.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Jalyn Anderle, Garrett Cooper, Briley Fleitman, Shea Garner, Lauren Gibbs, Madison Green, Matthew Huston, Maisoun Hweidi, Suzanne Kaden, Travis Krahl, Dalton Metzler, Conner Polk, Caleb Rains, Anna Rose Rohmer, Elizabeth Wallace.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Brad Bezner, Rachael Dieter, DeLancey Fogle, Sarah Fuhrmann, James Fuller, Benjamin Haverkamp, Jeffrey Hellman, Mark Krahl, Elle Lurry, Aaron Martindale, Mackenzie Myrick, Courtney Neu, Sydney Ott, Keleigh Pearson, Chloe Tackett.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - Travis Almon,

Jacob Cler, Hailey Cooper, Erika Davis, Andy Dieter, Erin Early, Kaleigh Eason, Hunter Ellender, Leah Fuhrmann, Zachary Green, Alexis Hamel, Alexandria Harrell, Karl Jones, Colton Rains, Jacob Reynolds, Alan Richards, Sarah Snider, BreAnna Vogelsson.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade** - Rhyany Bewley, Laura Cedillo, Lindsey Gibbs, Blake Hoepfner, Jacob Kindiger, Rebecca Laster, Emma Manley, Raye Ann Moran, Anthony Shasteen, Laura Wyrick.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** - Alexis Castro, Matthew Cler, Caleb Hernandez, Cameron Hughes, Caleb Martin, Erin Osborn, Jake Swarner, Sarah Turner.

## College finances - fact or myth?

**Myth: You can wait until you get accepted to a college before worrying about financial aid.** Most financial aid is doled out on a first-come, first-served basis. No one should wait to get started. Looking for financial aid probably isn't a teen's idea of a good time, but it is better than graduating from college in debt.



Muenster Elementary Principal's Award winners for the 4th Six Weeks, from left, row 1 - Tyler Carter, Jaden Walterscheid, Logan Pangel, Paige Sauer, and Brandon Sicking; row 2 - Amy Luttmer, Bailey Klement, Dalton Hess, and Kelsie Sicking; row 3 - Chance Herr, Jared Endres, C.T. Beecham, and Joyana Zamzow; row 4 - Makayla Mosler, Sidney Huchton, Payton Sanders, and Rosalee Bayer.

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## TMA Health Tip: Giving a bike? Then give a helmet and fit it right

When parents give bikes, skates, skateboards, and scooters to children, "include the gift that could save a life, then make sure it fits," the physicians of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) advise.

Give a bicycle helmet, and ensure that it fits the child well, physicians recommend. "We tell parents to make sure the helmet fits down over the child's forehead, snugly, and truly protects the head," said Tamra Kay Deuser, MD, a family medicine physician in Flower Mound and Lewisville. "Otherwise, the helmet's just a pretty dress-

ing." When properly fitted, the bicycle helmet can prevent serious head injury or even death, which can occur when a child takes a spill on his or

her bike. "If a helmet doesn't fit right, the child is more likely to suffer serious injuries that could change his or her life forever," Dr. Deuser added. A helmet is made to absorb the energy of an impact, provided it fits properly.

TMA sponsors the Hard Hats for Little Heads program, in which TMA physicians encourage children to wear bicycle helmets when riding bikes and participating in other wheeled activities. With support from TMA's philanthropic arm, the TMA Foundation, the medical society's physicians have given more than 30,000 helmets to children. At Hard Hats outreach events, doctors stress that the helmet must fit properly for it to offer the most protection.

Dr. Deuser notes that most helmets are sized based on the child's age or weight, so parents should look for that guidance when making the purchase.

"Kids are generally very healthy - it's accidents that can cause serious, life-altering injuries or even death. We can't prevent all accidents, but we must do what we can to minimize the effects of those accidents."

Dr. Deuser is sponsoring her fourth Hard Hats event, which will provide 500 helmets free to people in need this holiday.

TMA's Hard Hats for Little Heads physicians recommend these steps to fit a helmet:

- The helmet must sit

squarely on top of the child's head.

- The front of the helmet should cover the forehead, approximately one inch above the eyebrows.

- Un-twist the chin straps.
- Fasten together the ends of the chin strap and tighten them to secure the helmet to the proper fit. The straps should be snug but comfortable.

- Use the pads included with the helmet to make it fit snugly.

- Test the fit by pushing the helmet with your hand. If it shifts or slides off, adjust the straps to tighten the fit, or try a different-size helmet. "If they wiggle their head and the helmet bobs around, the fit is not good enough," advises Dr. Deuser.

## Wind damaged trees could pose hazards

Hazardous trees pose a danger to people and property. When storms or high winds hit, limbs - and often whole trees - fall to the ground.

"Many fatal accidents and millions in property damage can be averted if homeowners heed the warning signs of a hazardous tree," explains Peter Gerstenberger, senior advisor for safety, standards and compliance for the Tree Care Industry Association. "By not paying attention to your trees, you are placing your property, even your life, in potential jeopardy."

**Tree defect clues**  
 Fortunately, one can often read the clues which indicate that a tree is prone to failure. For instance, if a tree has large branches attached with tight, V-shaped forks, you should consider having those branches removed or lightened. Other warning signs of structural instability include cracks in the trunk or major limbs, hollow and decayed areas, or the presence of ex-

tensive dead wood. Mushrooms growing from the base of the tree or under its canopy may be a sign of root decay. On the other hand, just because you may not see fungus growth does not mean there is no decay.

"It pays to be highly suspicious of any tree that has had construction activities - such as trenching, addition or removal of soil, digging or heavy equipment movement - anywhere under the spread of its branches," says Gerstenberger. These activities can cause root death, which in turn could lead to the structural instability of the tree.

The sign most people recognize is a hollow in a tree. But even a large hollow does not necessarily signify a tree has become hazardous. Nor does it mean the hollow should be filled. Filling of hollow trees, a process called "cavity filling," was practiced by arborists for many years. However, thanks to modern research, it has been discov-

ered that cavity filling is not needed to support or improve the health of hollow trees.

Tree experts found that cavity filling with cement can actually damage a tree. According to Rouse, "The column of cement created in the tree by a cavity fill doesn't move, just like a column on a building, but the tree is always moving. It sways with the wind constantly. The rubbing created by the swaying tree and the solid column of cement further damages the tree."

Wood decay fungi that created the hollow in the first place are able to take advantage of the new injuries created by the rubbing and invade the remaining healthy tissue of the tree. If cavity filling is desired for aesthetic reasons, there are some synthetic foams that can be sprayed into the cavity by professional arborists. These materials will bend with the swaying tree, reducing injury. However, there is really no reason to fill a cavity other than for aesthetic reasons; it doesn't improve the tree's health and doesn't offer any added support. If structural support of a tree is required, a professional arborist will

recommend cables, braces, tree guys, or removing the tree, not cavity filling.

**What should you do?**  
 Homeowners who would like a professional arborist to assess their trees should contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 69-year old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety, maintenance of trained, professional staff, and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices.

An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search on the TCIA Web site, [www.tcia.org](http://www.tcia.org).

*And people were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this He became indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* - Mark 10:13-14

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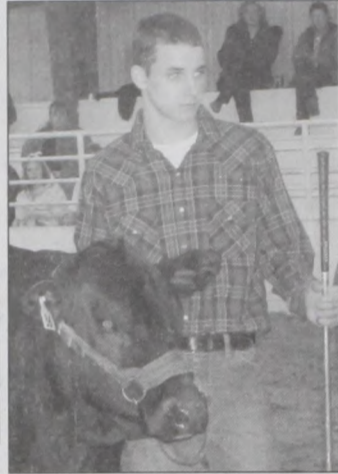
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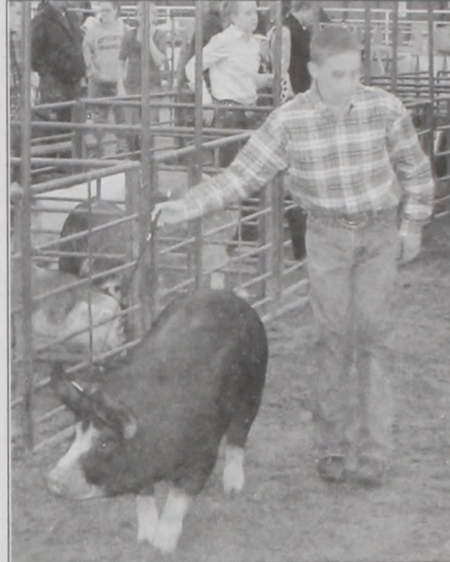
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Below - Ben and John Wyrick and Amber Fuhrmann.



Taylor Endres and Quaid Wilburn.



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## Janie Hartman photos



Jenni Luke, Emily Hellman, Brandy Dangelmayr, Tori Dyess, James Dangelmayr, Jared Danglemayr, and Kendra Walterscheid.

DAIRY GOATS: Grand, Katherine Parkhill, RR4-H; Reserve, Ryan Ramirez, RR4-H.

BREEDING MEAT GOATS: Grand and Reserve, Shelby May, Callisburg FFA (CFFA). OTHERS: Brandy Dangelmayr, MFFA; Kendra Walterscheid, MJFFA; James Dangelmayr, M4-H.

MEAT GOATS: Overall Grand, Calvin Welper, CFFA; Overall Reserve, Natalie Zimmerer, VVFFA. OTHERS: Class Champion, Kendra Walterscheid, MJFFA; David Fleitman, MJFFA; Daniel Fleitman, MJFFA; Jared Dangelmayr, M4-H; Jessica Holder, MFFA; James Dangelmayr, M4-H; Eric Hellman, M4-H; Jordanne Hellman, M4-H; Brandy Dangelmayr, MFFA; Tori Dyess, M4-H; Jacy Steelman, MJFFA; Camille Hale, MFFA; Tanner Silmon, MJFFA; Hannah Bayer, M4-H; Toby Dyess, MFFA.

BREEDING HEIFERS: Grand, Paul Crabtree, MFFA; Reserve, Marlie Bell VVFFA; Junior Showmanship, Colten Bentley, CFFA; Senior Showmanship, Jessica Bartel, M4-H. OTHERS: Colton Steelman, MFFA; Sunni Jo Bayer, M4-H; Amber Fuhrmann, M4-H; Ben Wyrick, LFFA; John Wyrick, LFFA.

MARKET STEERS: Grand, Dustin Rucks, VVFFA; Reserve, Sunni Jo Bayer, M4-H. OTHERS: Kourtney Vogel, L4-H; C.J. Harrison, MFFA; Clayton Harrison, MFFA; Benjamin Haverkamp, L4-H; Caleb Anderle, L4-H; Philicia Vogel, L4-H; Ryan Haverkamp, LFFA; Kimberly Schumacher, LFFA; Clayton Williams, L4-H.

BREEDING LAMBS: Grand, Christinn Garvey, Era FFA (EFFA); Reserve, Kendall Pearse, EFFA; Junior Showmanship, Kendall Pearse, E4-H; Senior Showmanship, Stephen Wallace, E4-H.

MARKET LAMBS: Grand, Taylor Ritchey, VV4-H; Reserve, Rebecca Okay, VV4-H. OTHERS: Ryan Henscheid, M4-H; Chad Henscheid, M4-H.

MARKET RABBITS: Grand, Cooper Alexander, VV4-H; Reserve, Logan Smithson, Sharp Shooters; Junior Showmanship, Hayli Hough, RR4-H; Senior Showmanship, Whitney Taylor, RR4-H. OTHERS: Benjamin Zimmerer, L4-H; Kelli Reed, L4-H; Kelly Laux, L4-H.

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FOOD DIVISION: Grand, Ann Marie Oppermann, SHHE; Reserve, Victoria Blessing, RR4-H. OTHERS: Not available.

CLOTHING: Grand, Stephen Wallace, E4-H; Reserve, Anne Walterscheid, MFCCLA. OTHERS: Not available.

CREATIVE ARTS: Grand, Jessica Bartel, SHHE; Reserve, Kayley Bell, Valley View FCCLA (VVFCCLA). OTHERS: Not available.

VISUAL ARTS DIVISION: Grand, Lance Williams, VVFCCLA; Reserve, Michael Valliere, MFCCLA. OTHERS: Not available.



# SPORTS

## Hornets run at Aubrey

The Muenster Hornets participated in the Aubrey Chaparral Relays on Thursday, March 1. The Hornets were one of two 1A schools competing against larger schools.

In the Varsity Division, distance runner Johnny Green brought home 2nd and 3rd place medals. Green, in the 800m run, got the silver with a time of 2:09.69, while taking the bronze in the 400m dash with a finish of 56.35.

Collin Walterscheid medaled in the triple jump, finishing 3rd with a distance of 39' 4". Walterscheid and Corey Reynolds both placed in the long jump.

Walterscheid's 17' 11.5" earned a 4th, with Reynolds following in 5th at 17' 7.5".

Brad Endres took 5th place in the 800m run, finishing at 2:16.29.

Muenster's relay teams settled for 6th places. The 400m relay team of Reynolds, Walterscheid, Garrett Hennigan, and T.J. Acuna ran a 48.23 race, while the 1600m relay finished at 3:47.80, run by Micah Flusche, Green, Acuna, and Chase Serna.

Aubrey won their own meet with 218 points. Muenster settled for 6th place with 32.

In the Junior Varsity Division, Chris Valliere medaled

in both hurdle events, finishing the 110m hurdles at 18.90 and the 300m hurdles with a time of 47.62.

The next meet for the Hornets was Thursday, March 8 at Lindsay. Muenster will host a track meet on Friday, March 16.

## Lindsay softball struggles against Gainesville

The Lady Knight softball team played a double header against the Gainesville Lady Leopards Monday and were handed two losses.

In the first game, Gainesville dominated the field, taking a 16-3 victory from Lindsay. Leading hitters were Liz Neu with a triple and single, Rhiannon Robinson a double, and Heather Odell a single.

Game two found the Lady Knights on the short end of the bat with a 6-0 loss. Rose Hermes had a single, with Chelsea Hermes getting three "great" catches at center field. The team committed only one error.

Next action for the Lindsay Ladies is Friday, March 9 at Argyle.

from bed to bed in their hotel room to improve their start technique.

But to fix Blythe's turn problems, she needed to improve her composure. "When I get nervous, I shorten my strokes," Blythe said. "I don't come off the wall like I should."

Blythe eradicated those problems in the final. She won with a personal-best time of 1:02.33. Lawrence, who was neck and neck with Blythe the whole way, finished only .15 seconds behind.

Blythe has been in swimming competitions for seven years. As a freshman, she came in 3rd at state. She was 2nd in state as a sophomore.

## Biffle granddaughter wins State

How did Colleyville Heritage junior Gwen Blythe spend the eve of one of the biggest races of her life? By jumping off the beds in her hotel room. "It felt kind of dumb," Blythe said. "But, actually, it helped me in the end."

Blythe, the daughter of Richard and Gwen Blythe and granddaughter of Mary and Jimmy Jack Biffle, said the unique preparation helped her win the state championship in the 5A 100 breaststroke.

Blythe finished 2nd in the preliminary to Pflugerville's Micah Lawrence because of labored starts and turns. So Blythe and Grapevine senior Jessica Miles, a state finalist in the 200 freestyle, dived

## GAME WARDEN REPORTS

### Pretty sure it's not for arts and crafts

While patrolling the Lubbock Playa lakes for fishing violations Oct. 29, Lubbock wardens encountered three individuals stripping a large amount of copper wire in a secluded area. With a rash of wire thefts reported from construction sites around the Lubbock area, the wardens were suspicious of the stories they were told. Lubbock police department detectives were called on to assist and the investigation is continuing.

### Scouts try to earn "unnecessary risk" badge

Game wardens from Burleson and Lee Counties were called to Somerville Lake Oct. 27 in reference to six canoeists who had capsized in high winds. The national weather service re-

ported winds at 30 m.p.h. with gusts up to 40 m.p.h. Abandoned canoes and paddles were found floating in the lake. The occupants of the canoes were eventually found by the south end of the lake by a passerby. The three adults and three teenagers were members of a scouting group. Wardens cautioned the group's leaders about putting the lives in danger in bad weather conditions. No merit badges were issued.

### Warden says God doesn't excuse roadside hunting

A Bell County game warden was setting on one of his prime spots for road hunters Oct. 25 when a driver approached and shot an armadillo off the road. When the suspect was apprehended, he advised the warden that he was killing it for the oil of the

armadillo to treat a medical condition, and that God told him it was okay. The suspect was informed that God forgot to let the wardens know. The case is pending.

### Live deer don't make good passengers

A McMullen County deputy game warden observed a car in a ditch at 4:30 a.m. Upon making contact, he discovered that a deer had been put in the truck - alive. The two men in the car admitted to tackling a trapped 8-point buck and putting it in the truck of their car. When the deputy advised the men that they risked injury from the buck, they stated they had both played football and could handle themselves. The deer was removed from the trunk after being searched for bullet holes and none were found.

## Panthers scratch Knights out of playoffs

The Seymour Panthers eliminated the Lindsay Knights in the Regional Semifinal round of the Class A Division 1 Boys Basketball playoff in Fort Worth on March 2.

The game went down to the last second, handing the Knights a 44-42 loss. The Knights ended the regular season as District Champions, got a bye to Area, where they defeated Grafrod 50-49, then advanced to the Quarterfinals with a 54-49 win over Trenton. The season ended, naming the Knights Regional Semifinalist.

The Knights totally controlled the first minutes of the ball game, taking an 8-0 lead with points by Levi Hermes and Preston Mendez. The Panthers' first points came at 4:27. Hermes and Travis Endres put more points on the scoreboard for a 13-6 lead to end the 1st quarter of play.

Seymour closed the score to 3 before Hermes stopped Lindsay's shooting dry spell. A 3-pointer by Seymour at

3:44 closed the point spread to 2. Hermes got another basket, followed by a 3 point play just under a minute by the Panthers. Andrew Thomas, who couldn't hit a basket, dropped in a 3-pointer at the buzzer for a 19-17 Seymour lead. The Knights had led the entire 1st half until the last second ticked off the clock.

Baskets by Endres and Mendez put Lindsay on top 21-19, but the Panthers got the next two baskets to regain the lead. Hermes hit a 3. At 2:20 in the 3rd, Hermes got a basket and a free throw to again tie the game 26-26.

With 35 seconds remaining in the quarter, three consecutive baskets gave the Panthers their biggest lead of the game 32-26. Just inside 20 seconds, Hermes ended the quarter with a 32-28 score.

Hermes got around the big guy for 2 points to close the score to 32-30. The Panthers added 4 points, then a 3-pointer by Garrett Block cut the lead in half, 36-33. Men-

dez and Jeff Shannon kept the Knights in the game. With 44 seconds on the game clock, Hermes hit two free throws to tie the game 42-42.

Seymour got the ball down court quickly, set the play, shot and missed, but was fouled on the rebound. The shooter missed, the Panthers rebounded, shot and dropped the ball through the hoops to take a 44-42 lead with 17 seconds remaining in the game.

An attempt to get a basket and draw the foul failed for the Knights. Seymour got the rebound and was quickly fouled. At the line, with 6 seconds on the clock, the Panther missed his shot, Hermes rebounded, dished to Endres, who got the shot off, but it didn't fall, and the Seymour Panthers took a 44-42 victory.

Levi Hermes led all scorers with 24 points. Preston Mendez added 9, Travis Endres 4, Garrett Block 3, and Jeff Shannon 2. The Knights were four of eight from the free throw line.

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## The One Dollar Bill!

Take out a one dollar bill. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material.

We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know.

It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget.

In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut.

Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury.

That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all

know. If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles.

Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States.

The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal.

It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning.

We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization.

The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished.

Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity.

It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it

alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

"IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency.

The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking."

The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "A new order has begun."

At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776.

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States.

It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments.

Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons:

First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it.

Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England.

Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own.

At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor.

We were coming together as one nation.

In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning, "one nation from many people."

Above the Eagle, you have 13 stars, representing the 13 original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away.

Again, we were coming together as one.

Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons.

He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace.

The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number.

This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor.

But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum," 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows.

And, for minorities: the 13th Amendment.

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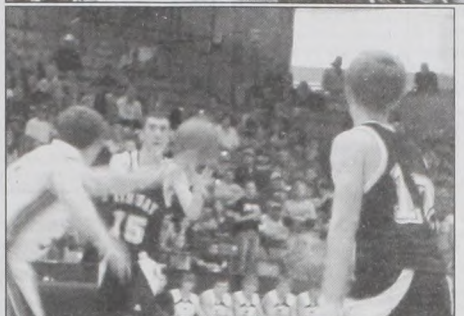
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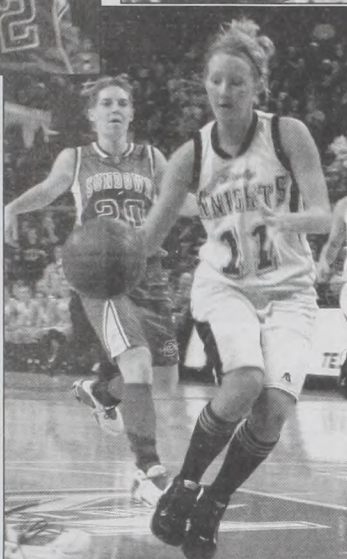


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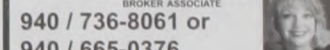
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RODRIGUEZ, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters  
Testamentary for the Estate of Jerene E. Rodriguez  
were issued on March 5, 2007, in Cause No. 16,214  
pending in the Probate Court of Cooke County, Texas,  
to Glen Comer, who resides in Cooke County, Texas,  
and whose mailing address is: Glen Comer, 99 CR 138,  
Gainesville, Texas 76240.  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is  
currently being administered are required to present  
them within the time and in the manner prescribed by  
law.  
DATED this 5th day of March, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,  
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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COOKE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters  
Testamentary for the Estate of ROY ALLEN  
SISTRUNK were issued on February 21, 2007, in Cause  
no. 16205, pending in the County Court at Law for  
Cooke County, Texas, to Deborah Lou Fuhrmann,  
Independent Executor.  
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the  
Estate addressed as follows:  
Estate of ROY ALLEN SISTRUNK, c/o: THOMAS L.  
CLAXTON, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 329, Gainesville,  
Texas 76241  
All persons having claims against this Estate, which is  
currently being administered, are required to present  
them within the time and manner prescribed by law.  
March 1, 2007

Deborah Lou Fuhrmann,  
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/s/ THOMAS L. CLAXTON  
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## Are land markets overpriced?

Conventional wisdom may suggest that the current price of Texas land — \$1,797 per acre — is more than prudent investors should pay if they expect to see positive returns on land ownership in 10 years, but at least one noted research economist is not so sure about that.

"That assumes the next 10 years will unfold much like the previous 40," said Dr. Charles Gilliland of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. "And that's not necessarily the case."

Judging strictly by land costs and investment returns since the 1960s, paying more than \$1,200 per acre today will earn investors meager — and possibly negative — returns 10 years down the road. Today's land prices greatly exceed that amount.

But the research economist says several factors cast serious doubts on the assumption that past market trends accurately predict future investment trends.

First, the negative returns on a 10-year land investment

in the past four decades largely resulted from the meltdown of a leverage-driven land market in 1986.

"Land purchased in 1976 would sell in 1986 for the 10-year investment," Gilliland said. "That retreat in the state's land prices is the only documented period of price decline in the history of Texas land market research. United States Department of Agriculture statistics indicate Texas land prices remained flat even during the Depression."

Gilliland also pointed to several negative influences that struck the Texas market in 1986. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 eliminated much of the tax-shelter motive for land ownership, and oil prices plummeted, sending the Texas economy into a tailspin that resulted in declines in population growth and numerous job losses.

In this environment, Gilliland said, many land sales supported by borrowed funds collapsed, lenders found themselves owning

unwanted properties as available market supply grew, and many financial institutions sank into insolvency.

"Because of the excess properties, land markets languished from 1986 through 1993," Gilliland said. "Eventually, most of the surplus property was transferred to private hands at vastly reduced prices. By 1994, the land glut had ended, and markets began a recovery that continues today."

For more information on Texas land prices, read "The Sky's the Limit: How High Can Land Prices Go?" at <http://recenter.tamu.edu/tgrande/vol14-1/1799.html>.

The Real Estate Center (<http://recenter.tamu.edu>) has been providing solutions through research for 35 years. Funded primarily by Texas real estate licensee fees, the Center was created by the state legislature to meet the needs of many audiences, including the real estate industry, instructors, researchers, and the general public.

## Farming for our future

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bonds."

More than 200 years later, farmers and ranchers in Texas continue to be tied to their country and wedded to its liberty. The agriculture industry contributes \$73 billion to the Texas economy annually, and the work ethic and love of the land exhibited by Texas farm and ranch families embody many of our best values.

Texas is home to 230,000 farms covering almost 130 million acres, and we consistently rank as the nation's leader in agriculture production of cotton, corn, wheat, and livestock. Texas deserves a sound national farm policy, and I remain committed to doing all I can in the United States Senate to protect the needs of Texas farmers and ranchers.

For the past five years our state has benefited from the farm bill of 2002. This legislation provided a carefully crafted balance of support for commodities, conservation, and nutrition. It also provided a necessary and adequate safety net for farmers and ranchers who not only produce our domestic food supply, but feed much of the world as well.

The farm bill that I supported and Congress passed in 2002 was critical at the time because commodity

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prices were low, exports had declined for five consecutive years, and the average debt-to-asset ratio was nearly 15%. Since then, commodity prices have appreciated with exports increasing every year — reaching a record level of \$68.7 billion in 2006 and projected to climb even higher in 2007 to \$77 billion. In addition, the debt-to-asset ratio fell last year to 11%, the lowest ratio in recorded history, and renewable energy continues to boost rural economies. These achievements are the result of sound farm policy. However, the fundamentally sound policy has not fully protected our state's farmers and ranchers from natural disasters that have hurt our producers. Drought and wildfires have negatively impacted many rural areas in Texas.

Since most farm bill programs are set to expire this year, I am working with my Senate colleagues on a proposal that extends the success of the current farm bill. The 2002 act worked for producers, and I believe we must continue to invest in farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. One of my top priorities during the 110th Congress is ensuring the same predictable level of support for commodities, conservation, and nutrition as provided by the successful 2002 farm bill, as well as addressing needs of rural areas.

The administration recently released a set of farm and rural support proposals for consideration. Texas would benefit significantly from \$1.6 billion in proposed loans to complete the rehabilitation of the 1,283 nationwide certified Rural Critical Access Hospitals, of which 76 are in Texas. These hospitals provide vital services to communities for whom larger hospitals are inaccessible. Modernizing these hospitals will provide better health care to Texans across the state. Also proposed is an additional \$500 million over 10 years in loans and grants to support the completion of rural infrastructure projects

involving water supplies, waste disposal, distance learning, and telemedicine.

I remain committed to developing and harvesting all available energy sources, including biofuels. While conventional ethanol is derived mainly from corn, there is vast potential in cellulosic ethanol, which can be made from switchgrass and sugarcane, both of which are economically feasible in Texas. The administration's proposal provides \$2.1 billion in loan guarantees to support cellulosic ethanol projects in rural areas and \$150 million for biomass research competitive grants, focusing on cellulosic ethanol.

Agriculture is the first industry of America — the industry that feeds us, clothes us, and increasingly satisfies our energy needs. When farmers and ranchers thrive, our future grows brighter.

## Johanns says corn acres to increase

During comments to the House Agriculture Committee, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns told members it is highly likely there will be a big scramble in ag land use over the next several

### AG BRIEFS

Planting narrow-row silage corn instead of the conventional row can increase silage yields by up to 6.6%.

Beef is one of the 24 "luxury items" banned from Japanese export to North Korea as part of the U.N. Security Council resolution 1718. Other items include tuna meat, caviar, liquor, cars, motorcycles, motorboats, carpets, watches, cameras, jewelry, and tobacco. The North Korean dictator favors such items for his personal use and as rewards for loyalty.

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## COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER  
CEA - AG/NR

### Rabies in Texas

Rabies, also known as hydrophobia, is caused by a virus which affects the central nervous system. This virus can affect any warm blooded animal and is normally fatal if left untreated. This disease is transmissible to humans and most commonly found in skunks, bats, coyotes, and foxes. Many wild animal species are considered dangerous due to the high prevalence of the virus in a certain area. Rabies can be found world wide and is endemic to the United States.

### Transmission

The rabies virus is contained in the saliva of an infected animal. When the infected animal bites or scratches another animal, the saliva is deposited in the skin wound. Reportedly, skunks have the highest concentration of virus in their saliva than any other species. There are other routes of transmission for the virus, but they occur very rarely. Some caves that have a high density bat population have detected the virus in aerosol form. Ingestion of the rabies virus has been speculated to cause the disease in the wildlife, but no report of cases in humans has been documented. The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians does however recommend not consuming milk or animal tissues that are from a rabid animal.

### Diagnoses

There are three phases to how the rabies virus infects its host: 1-incubation, 2-clinical signs, 3-paralysis and death. Incubation of the virus depends on the species of animal (skunk vs. dog) that transmitted the virus, location of bite or entry of virus (bites closer to the head have a shorter incubation), and the strain of virus. Incubation can range from three to eight weeks and up to seven months. Dogs and cats incubation ranges from 10 days to six months. As the virus enters the body, it travels to the peripheral nerves and migrates to the brain. It begins to affect the central nervous system (CNS) and some of the clinical signs of rabies include, but are not limited to, anorexia,

apprehension, nervousness, irritability, hyper-excitability, ataxia, and altered temperament. The best-known symptom is excessive salivation. As the disease paralyzes an animal's throat, it is unable to drink or swallow, causing saliva to drool from the corners of the mouth. This, along with apprehensive behavior, gives the characteristic impression of a "mad dog". Once an animal starts to exhibit symptoms, the case is termed either "dumb" or "furious". In a "furious" case the animal will attack, bite, and snap at anything and everything. It becomes paralyzed, beginning with the hind legs, and usually dies about four to seven days after the symptoms appear. In a "dumb" case the animal appears drowsy and its lower jaw is paralyzed. It doesn't roam, but will snap at movement. Such an animal is usually insensitive to pain and becomes comatose and dies three to 10 days after symptoms appear.

### Prevention

Prevention by use of vaccine is the best way of controlling the spread of the disease and by protecting family pets and livestock. Animals should be routinely vaccinated to ensure that their immune systems can fend off the virus should they become exposed to it. If an animal has any reaction to the vaccine it usually causes temporary lameness in the body part that the vaccine was injected in. Do not allow pets to roam or come into contact with wild animals. Also, people should not adopt wild animals. It is unclear whether vaccines work in some wildlife species and there is the possibility that an adopted wild animal has been

exposed to the virus. Finally, prevent bats from taking up residence in areas where there are many people and domestic animals. Bats are carriers of rabies. If you see a sick or injured wild animal or an animal not acting in its usual behavior, do not touch it and contact your local animal control officer and report it.

### Regulation and control

It is probably not possible to eradicate rabies, but it is

possible to take important steps the public and communities can take to control the disease. All dogs and cats should be immunized before they are four months old. All dogs should be registered and licensed. Stray dogs should be impounded and eliminated if not claimed by owners. Any animal suspected of having rabies should be quarantined for 10 days. Also, rabid wild animals and any domestic animals that have been in contact with them should be destroyed immediately or quarantined for 45 days if vaccinated and for 90 days if not vaccinated.

### Basic Horse Management 101 program set

Texas Cooperative Extension in Cooke County in combination with Wise County has scheduled a program for the horse enthusiast. This program will be an excellent opportunity for adults or youth to learn or simply review some of the most critical horse ownership management practices.

Basic Horse Management 101, which is hosted by the Midnight Mustang 4-H Club, will take place March 21 at the Era School Ag Barn and Cafeteria, beginning with registration at 8 a.m.

The agenda for the day features speakers from Texas Cooperative Extension, the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, and Local Veterinarian and Farriers. Topics include: Safety, Pasture and Hay, Basic Nutrition, Hoof Care, Body Condition, Permanent Horse ID, and finally Dentistry and General Health Care.

This program is scheduled to last until 4:30 p.m. Lunch and breaks will be served. Cost is \$5 at the door, but pre-registration is requested to aid with planning. Please RSVP to Cooke County office at 940-668-5412, E-mail [cooke@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cooke@ag.tamu.edu), or Wise County office at 940-627-3341. E-mail [wise@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:wise@ag.tamu.edu)

### Dates to remember:

March 13 - Cooke County Marketing Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Gainesville Farm Bureau Building.

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years. He predicted that corn production could increase by millions of acres, shifting from other crops and conservation acreage.

Johanns said he expects three million acres that are presently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to opt into corn production by as early as next year. This is due largely to higher corn prices resulting from ethanol production. The best clue that indicates this shift is that farmers have not filed the preliminary paperwork to re-enroll those CRP acres.

That CRP acreage allotment, Johanns said, would be made available to other farm-

ers during future sign-ups for the popular conservation program. CRP allows farmers to enroll their land in 10-year contracts for the purposes of wildlife habitat or other environmental benefits. The Agriculture Department has already said it will not enroll any new CRP contracts next year, and they may allow some contracts an early out, due to the increased demand for corn. An economic report from USDA recently predicted that farmers will take land out of CRP over the next three years and put it back into production, but CRP would return to its maximum 39.2 million acres by 2017.

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1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-99; 700-  
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2 & 3, 70-92.

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Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.21; 300-400  
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30; Fat 25-35.

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Bucks: NT;

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KRAFT Velveeta Cheese..... 32 OZ.	<b>\$3<sup>69</sup></b>	LIMIT 4 Shurfine Wieners..... 12 OZ.	<b>2 \$1</b>
SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES Salad Dressings..... 16 OZ.	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>	HALF GALLON, ALL RIMS Blue Bell Ice Cream..... 3	<b>\$10</b>
CHICKEN OF THE SEA Tuna..... 6 OZ.	<b>45<sup>¢</sup></b>	ASSORTED CHIPS Lay's or Doritos®..... 2	<b>FOR \$5</b>
ORIGINAL OR DOUBLE STUFF Oreo Cookies..... 2	<b>FOR \$5</b>	24 PACK CANS Natural Light.....	<b>\$10<sup>99</sup></b>
ASSORTED 4 SINGLE SERVINGS Hamburger Helper..... 14.5 OZ.	<b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b>	24 PACK CANS Milwaukee's Best.....	<b>\$10<sup>49</sup></b>
LIMIT 2 Mrs. Baird's Bread..... 24 OZ.	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>		

**24 PACK 12 OZ. CANS Coca Cola \$6<sup>29</sup>**      **24 PACK, 12 OZ. Miller Lite \$17<sup>99</sup>**

## WEEKLY SPECIALS

TOWN TALK SANDWICH White Bread..... 24 OZ.	<b>79<sup>¢</sup></b>	VALUE STAR Foam Bowls..... 30 CT.	<b>2 \$3</b>
GENERAL MILLS ASSORTED Lucky Charms..... 11.3-14.25 OZ.	<b>2 \$4</b>	ASSORTED SPICES AND SEASONINGS Spice Classics..... 5-7.5 OZ.	<b>2 \$1</b>
CASSEROLE Pinto Beans..... 4 LB.	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>	ORVILLE REDENBACHER'S SELECT GROUP MICROWAVE Popcorn..... 6 PACK	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>
LUNCHEON MEAT Armour Treet..... 11 OZ. CAN	<b>5 \$5</b>	CAPRI-SUN OR KOOL-AID JAMMERS ASSORTED Pouch Drinks..... 10 PACK	<b>2 \$4</b>
24 REG. ROLLS Angel Soft..... YOUR CHOICE	<b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b>	ASSORTED VARIETIES Del Monte Tomatoes 14.5 OZ.	<b>5 \$5</b>
SELECT GROUP 80 OZ. LIQUID OR 53 OZ. POWDER Cheer Detergent.....	<b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b>	SELECT GROUP SOUP Campbell's Selects 18.6-18.8 OZ.	<b>2 \$4</b>
ASSORTED TORTILLA CHIPS Doritos®..... REG. \$3.49	<b>2 \$4</b>	SELECT GROUP TRASH OR KITCHEN Hefty Trash Bags..... 16-80 CT.	<b>\$5<sup>99</sup></b>
SALSA OR SALSA CON QUESO Tostitos® Dips..... 15.5-16 OZ.	<b>2 \$5</b>	PAPER TOWELS Brawny..... 6 ROLL	<b>\$5<sup>99</sup></b>
SELECT GROUP PASTA American Beauty..... 12-16 OZ.	<b>5 \$5</b>	1 CT. OVENWARE PIZZA PAN OR 2 CT. EXTRA LARGE 10 INCH PIE PANS EZ Foil Pans..... YOUR CHOICE	<b>\$1<sup>19</sup></b>
DEL MONTE ASSORTED Spaghetti Sauce..... 20-26.5 OZ.	<b>5 \$5</b>	SMUCKER'S SELECT GROUP Jams or Preserves..... 18 OZ.	<b>2 \$5</b>
HORMEL Corned Beef..... 12 OZ.	<b>2 \$4</b>	DEL MONTE ASSORTED Pineapple..... 15-15.5 OZ.	<b>3 \$2</b>
HONEY BOY Pink Salmon..... 14.7 OZ.	<b>2 \$3</b>	CAMPBELL'S SELECT GROUP Supper Bakes..... 18-21.7 OZ.	<b>2 \$5</b>
VALUE STAR REGULAR OR COMPARTMENT Foam Plates..... 35-40 CT.	<b>\$1</b>	ASSORTED MICROWAVE CUPS Kids Kitchen..... 7.5 OZ.	<b>5 \$5</b>

## QUALITY FRESH MEATS

HEAVY BEEF Sirloin Steak..... LB.	<b>\$3<sup>29</sup></b>	SHURFINE POINT CUT Corned Beef Brisket..... LB.	<b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b>
FAMILY PACK - PREVIOUSLY FROZEN Split Fryer Breast..... LB.	<b>89<sup>¢</sup></b>	SHURFINE Jumbo Meat Wieners..... 1 LB.	<b>79<sup>¢</sup></b>
GREAT FOR SCHNITZEL Pork Cutlets..... LB.	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>	BAR S Sliced Bacon..... 12 OZ.	<b>\$1<sup>59</sup></b>
FISCHER'S Pork Hot Links..... LB.	<b>\$2<sup>39</sup></b>	HORMEL MARKET SLICED Boiled Ham..... LB.	<b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b>
FISCHER'S MARKET SLICED Bologna..... LB.	<b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b>	WISCONSIN MARKET SLICED Colby Jack Cheese..... LB.	<b>\$1<sup>79</sup></b>
FISCHER'S OR PACKER Pork Spareribs..... LB.	<b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b>	OSCAR MAYER REGULAR OR THICK SLICED Sliced Bacon..... 16 OZ.	<b>2 \$5</b>
LENTEN SPECIAL: NORTHERN KING EZ PEEL Raw Shrimp 71/90 COUNT..... 2 LB.	<b>\$6<sup>99</sup></b>	SEÑOR RICO Rice Pudding..... 9 OZ.	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>
LENTEN SPECIAL: FARM RAISED BREADED Catfish Nuggets..... LB.	<b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b>	DELUXE OR PEPPERONI - 2 PACK 14 INCH MaMa Rosa's Pizza..... 46.6 OZ.	<b>\$4<sup>79</sup></b>

## GARDEN FRESH PRODUCE

LARGE GREEN Seedless Grapes..... LB.	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>	SALAD SIZE Avocados..... 3 FOR	<b>\$1</b>	CELLO PACK WHOLE Mushrooms..... 8 OZ.	<b>2 \$3</b>
FARM FRESH Green Cabbage..... 4 LBS.	<b>\$1</b>	LARGE RED GLOBE Grapes..... 2 LBS.	<b>\$3</b>	CELLO PACK PEELLED Baby Carrots..... 1 LB.	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>
FRESH CRISP Broccoli..... LB.	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>	FRESH BUNCH Green Onions..... 2	<b>FOR \$1</b>	LARGE GREEN Bell Peppers..... EACH	<b>69<sup>¢</sup></b>
EXTRA FANCY GRANNY SMITH Washington Apples..... LB.	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>	FRESH BUNCH Cilantro..... 3	<b>FOR \$1</b>	LARGE RED Bell Peppers..... EACH	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>
NORTHWEST Green Pears..... LB.	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>	NEW BUNCH New Red Potatoes..... LB.	<b>69<sup>¢</sup></b>	COLORADO Baking Potatoes..... 3	<b>LBS. \$1</b>
FRESH Green Beans..... 2 LBS.	<b>\$3</b>	CLASSIC ICEBERG OR COLE SLAW Dole Salads..... 1 LB.	<b>99<sup>¢</sup></b>	SNACK SIZE Navel Oranges..... 5	<b>FOR \$1</b>
FRESH New Red Potatoes..... LB.	<b>69<sup>¢</sup></b>			BREAKFAST SIZE Grapefruit..... 3	<b>FOR \$1</b>
				CHILEAN Red Plums..... LB.	<b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b>
				CHILEAN Peaches..... LB.	<b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b>
				FRESH Jumbo Garlic..... 4	<b>FOR \$1</b>
				TROPICAL Kiwifruit..... 4	<b>FOR \$1</b>

## FROZEN & DAIRY

ASST. FLAVORS, FAMILY SIZE PAIL Blue Bunny Ice Cream..... 144 OZ.	<b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b>	SELECT GROUP FILLETS Gorton's Fish..... 18.2-19 OZ.	<b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b>
YOGURT SMOOTHIE OR HOMEMADE VANILLA ICE CREAM BAR Blue Bunny Novelties..... 12 CT.	<b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b>	PLAINS LOWFAT NO SUGAR ADDED Chocolate Milk..... HALF GAL.	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>
ASSORTED VARIETIES Banquet Meals..... 6.7-11 OZ.	<b>5 \$5</b>	SHURFINE ORIGINAL OR 1/3 LESS FAT Cream Cheese..... 8 OZ.	<b>89<sup>¢</sup></b>
SELECT GROUP Banquet Chicken..... 28-32 OZ.	<b>\$4<sup>29</sup></b>	BORDEN ASSORTED American Singles..... 12 OZ.	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>
ASSORTED El Charrito Dinners..... 11-13 OZ.	<b>4 \$5</b>	NESTLE ASSORTED BREAK & BAKE Cookie Dough..... 16-18 OZ.	<b>\$2<sup>79</sup></b>
ASSORTED Patio Burritos..... 5 OZ.	<b>3 \$1</b>	SOFT SPREAD Blue Bonnet..... 48 OZ.	<b>2 \$4</b>
SELECT GROUP Ore-Ida Potatoes..... 20-32 OZ.	<b>2 \$4</b>	ASSORTED VARIETIES Yoplait Yogurt..... 4-6 OZ.	<b>2 \$1</b>

## HEALTH & BEAUTY CARE

SELECT GROUP Crest Toothpaste 6.4 OZ. TUBE	<b>2 \$4</b>	LIQUICAPS PSE FREE OR SINUS PE DayQuil..... 12 CT.	<b>\$4<sup>69</sup></b>
TYLENOL GRAPE OR CHERRY Infants' Drops..... .5 OZ.	<b>\$4<sup>69</sup></b>	ASSORTED VARIETIES Suave Styling Aids..... 9-11 OZ.	<b>3 \$5</b>
SELECT GROUP Tylenol Cold, Allergy or Sinus..... 24 CT.	<b>\$4<sup>69</sup></b>	ASSTD. VARIETIES SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER Suave Hair Care..... 15 OZ.	<b>5 \$5</b>
		ASSORTED MAXI PADS OR PANTILINERS Always..... 16-40 CT.	<b>2 \$6</b>

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