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Courthouse closed for renovation

By Janet Felderhoff

The Cooke County Courthouse is closed. All offices and public services have found temporary new homes for the duration of the restoration process expected to take around two years.

At the July 27 regular meeting, Cooke County Commissioners voted to hold future Court meetings in the Prosperity Bank building, suite 214, 100 East California Street. The location is east of the Courthouse.

Also to be found at a new location are public hearing/meeting postings, citations, notices of foreclosure sales, and Sheriff's sales. These will be posted at the County Clerk's office at 216 West Pecan in Gainesville.

Due to restoration work, the location of public sales, foreclosure sales, and Sheriff's sales will be moved from the Courthouse steps to 112 South Dixon.

Lengthy discussion ensued over the retiree insurance program. Currently, an employee can retire at age 55 with 25 years of continuous service and the County pays that employee's insurance premium until he or she turns 65 years of age.

County Auditor Shelley Atteberry informed the Court that according to GASB 45, the County must either set up an irrevocable trust or set aside money each year to pay for retiree insurance. Money put into an irrevocable trust could not be used for other purposes even if the County chooses to discontinue paying retiree insurance premiums.

Commissioner Al Smith commented, "I think that retiring at age 55 and the County paying for the retiree's health insurance until he's 65 is out of step and irresponsible in terms of the expense of it." Things that bothered him about it included that at age 55 most employees, particularly those who have been there a time, are very valuable employees. Offering the health benefit could encourage them to leave the County's employment.

Escalating health insurance costs and the unknown future costs also bothered Smith.

Commissioner Gary Hollowell noted that as long as the money was placed in an irrevocable trust, that policy could be rescinded.

Finally, Smith made a motion to rescind the age 55 health insurance benefit with 25 years continuous service and grandfather those employees who are currently receiving the benefit. Commissioner Steve Key made the second.

Commissioner Leon Klement noted that he'd not seen any figures on the subject and he would like to know more about the potential liability before deciding.

A roll call vote was taken, getting ayes from Commissioners Smith and Key and nays from Commissioners Klement and Hollowell. County Judge John Roane joined the nays, noting the topic could be addressed next year.

Commissioners approved accepting \$42,615 in the form of road and bridge materials from the Texas Department of Transportation for the County Assistance Program. Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith offered to store

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Tractors pull for Fair Association show barn



The Texas Truck and Tractor Pullers Association put on a crowd pleasing show last weekend in the "old" Tractor Pull Arena north of Lindsay. All proceeds went to the Cooke County Fair Association for the show barn rebuilding project. See page 9 for more Pull pictures. Janie Hartman photo



Cooke County's historic courthouse is closed for restoration. The last official function to be held there until after renovations are completed was the July 27 regular meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court. With business not completed by the end of the day Monday, that meeting was recessed and begun again on Tuesday morning. Members of Commissioners Court at that meeting were, from left, Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement, Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith, County Judge John Roane, Precinct #2 Commissioner Stephen Key, and Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell. All County offices have been relocated to offices in downtown Gainesville. Janet Felderhoff photo

County sets tax rate

By Janet Felderhoff

After tangling with the proposed budget and tax rate for the better part of an afternoon and morning, Cooke County Commissioners Court came to a divided decision on the tax rate, but were unanimous on the budget.

The proposed tax rate remains the same as it was last year at .45. County Judge John Roane and Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith voted against that proposed rate. The tax rate does not become final until after two public hearings and a final vote. The tax rate for two years ago was .4768.

According to County Auditor Shelley Atteberry, this year's effective tax rate is 44.73.

Two public hearings were scheduled for the 2009-10 tax rate. They scheduled the first hearing for Monday, Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. It will be held on the second floor of the Prosperity Bank, suite 214, 100 East California Street in Gainesville. The second hearing is set for 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 24 at the same location.

Missing from this year's proposed budget is any across the board increase in salaries for County employees. This was a point of contention during budget considerations. Last year, employees received a 2% increase in salaries and the year before that there was a 3% increase.

A public hearing on the proposed 2009-10 budget was scheduled for 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 17 at Prosperity Bank in the same location as the hearing on the proposed tax rate. A final budget will be voted on after the hearing.

Jessica Hess grasps for future with optimism

By Janet Felderhoff

Jessica's knee jerked and twitched as she applied the brakes on her vehicle. She had to hold her leg down with her hand just to control it. That's when she learned that she would be having surgery to get her started on dialysis.

Not that going on dialysis was a totally unexpected turn of events, Jessica had known since she was a young girl that kidney failure loomed as a possibility in her future. At age 10, she was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes.

Juvenile or type 1 diabetes affects as many as 3 million Americans. Type 1 diabetes develops when the body's immune system attacks and destroys insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Without insulin, glucose, or blood sugar, cannot get into the body cells and instead builds up in the bloodstream to dangerous levels.

The diabetes was never under good control, noted Jessica. "Because of that, I actually have nerve damage to my feet and hands," she explained. "I have a diabetic retinopathy in my eyes. I've got the kidney problems now, and anemic on top of all that. They tell me I'm functioning with 5% of my kidneys and so I am in stage 5 end stage

renal disease."

Dialysis was initiated on June 17. Preparation for that included surgeries to put in a port for hemodialysis, a fistula, and most recently a tube for peritoneal dialysis. She is under the care of nephrologist Dr. George Rojas at the Renal Center of North Denton.

Although Jessica started out doing hemodialysis (using a machine to take the body's impurities out through the blood), she began peritoneal dialysis (fluid such as glucose introduced into the abdomen draws out water, salts, and waste products from the blood through osmosis) a little over a week ago.

Jessica chose peritoneal dialysis because she feels it will be easier at home. She and her husband Darrin "Scoob" have a son Colby who is almost three years old. Also, she has a hard time sitting around for the length of time required for the hemodialysis and the trips to and from Denton three times a week. "Sitting down and doing the dialysis at the clinic is just sitting there and I can do absolutely nothing. Sittin' on my butt is just not me," she remarked. With the peritoneal, she is doing an overnight process while she sleeps.

Peritoneal dialysis re-

quires some changes in daily routine. Jessica had to prepare a somewhat sterile environment to do exchanges of the dialysis fluids. This required her to board her beloved cats with her father. The dialysis fluid itself must be stored where it does not get too hot or too cold. Jessica said that one box weighs 40 pounds and there are 30 boxes in a month's supply. That takes up quite a bit of space.

Since she started dialysis, Jessica discovered a new zest for life. She said, "I can breathe. I can move. I have more energy. It's a life-changing thing." It had gotten to the point where just walking outside got her out of breath. Just walking from another room in their home to the bedroom to check on her sleeping son exhausted Jessica.

A kidney and pancreas transplant offers hope for a future with fewer health problems. Jessica recently learned that she had been approved at Methodist Hospital and is on the transplant list there. She has applied at another hospital and hopes to be added to its list.

Such a debilitating medical condition carries more than just medical problems into the lives of those affected by it. The financial burden is huge. "Everybody in the

world is trying to help out," Jessica remarked. Family members offer money to help defray the expenses. Jessica was taking shots that cost \$2,500 a month. With the recent surgeries, hospital bills, and doctor bills, she has already maxed out her insurance coverage. It started over on June 1 and was maxed out by June 10.

Jessica has been approved for Medicare which is available to dialysis patients. She said that she will have to wait several months before the coverage kicks in. Even after a successful transplant, medical bills play a large part in the recipient's financial picture. Anti-rejection drugs are costly. Jessica was told to expect a cost of at least \$1,000 a month. These medications are required for the rest of the transplant recipient's life unless some medical break-through changes things.

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At right - Jessica Hess prepares equipment for her peritoneal dialysis treatment. She is dialyzed as she sleeps, saving the time of a drive to and from Denton for treatments for a four hour session three days a week. She experienced kidney failure due to diabetes and will rely on dialysis to clean impurities from her system until she can get a new kidney from a transplant. Janie Hartman photo



Obituaries

Joshua Phillips, MD, MBA 1979 - 2009

Dr. Joshua T. Phillips, MD, MBA died on Friday, July 24, 2009, in Lubbock, Texas at the age of 29.

Memorial services were held in Lubbock on Tuesday, July 28, at 10 a.m. in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. The family received friends for visitation on Monday at Resthaven Funeral Home. Memorial services were also held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster, with visitation at KC Hall following the service.

Joshua was born on Dec. 5, 1979, to Ronnie Phillips and Sherry Altaffer Phillips. He was raised in Denton and Lubbock. After graduating with honors from Denton High School, he received his Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University. Joshua then went on to earn his medical degree and MBA degree from Texas Tech University. He was a member of the West Texas Herpetological Society, the Texas Association of Family Medicine, and the American Association of Family Medicine.

Survivors include his parents Sherry Phillips and Ken Jones and Ronnie and Kathy Phillips; girlfriend and best friend Dr. Beth Cochran; sisters Jennifer Phillips, Sara and Shelby Ratliff, and Mindy Wilkins and husband Ollie; brother Coby Jones and wife Michelle; grandparents Bryce and Janita Altaffer



Joshua Phillips

and Imogene Phillips and the late Pete Phillips; nephews Jackson and Grayson Wilkins; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins who love him dearly.

The family suggests that rather than flowers, memorials be sent to either of the following: The Joshua T. Phillips, MD, Memorial Scholarship Fund, Department of Family Medicine, Texas Tech School of Medicine, Texas Tech University, 3601 4th Street Mail Stop 8143, Lubbock, TX 79430 or to The Josh Phillips Scholarship Fund, Muenster Memorial Hospital, PO Box 370, Muenster, TX 76252.

You may join in celebrating Joshua's life by visiting his memorial at www.mem.com.

Eddie Mages 1914 - 2009

Eddie Mages, born Edmund Theodore on Feb. 26, 1914 in Custer City, Oklahoma to Frank Wenzel and Anna Rushenburg Mages, went to be with the Lord on July 23, 2009 at age 95.

He married Evelyn Wimmer on Nov. 27, 1941 in Muenster, and on Oct. 22, 1942, he enlisted in the Army and served in both the Army and Air Force until Nov. 20, 1945. He worked most of his life in construction, retiring from Fox and Jacobs Home Builders in February 1979 after 26 years of service. He enjoyed dancing, shooting pool, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Eddie is survived by his wife of 67 years, Evelyn Mages of Farmers Branch; son David Mages of Murchison, Texas; daughters Shirley Norton of Carrollton, Barbara Cleveland of Jasper, Alabama, and Nancy Logan and Rosemary Corey, both of Farmers Branch; sister Betty Yosten of Muenster; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Edmund Mages; granddaughter Marsha Hunter Clark; brothers Joseph, Frank, Leo, Carl, Anton, and Aloys Mages; and sisters Mary Grewing, Anna Fleitman, Dora Berend, Ce-

ilia Berend, and Jane Kin-

stly. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, July 25. Rosary and visitation were on Friday, July 24, at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funer-

al Home, Gainesville. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandchildren Edmund Hunter, Kenny Corey, Bobby Chandler, Michael Logan, Leslie Mages, and Jerry Norton.



Eddie Mages

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO July 28, 1944

The Coffee Shop, operated by the Alf Schumachers, opens for business in the Wolf building. Mrs. R.L. McNelley to open hat shop "The Vogue" in Muenster next week. New Arrival: John David to Bruno and Bertha Fleitman. Miss Rosalie Beyer undergoes tonsillectomy. Ben Seyler Motor Co. want ad: 155 customers to pay their past due accounts by Aug. 5.

50 YEARS AGO July 31, 1959

New grandstand under construction at Sacred Heart football field. Joe Moster attends firemen's school at Texas A&M. Mary Trubebach, Virginia Wolf, and

Marlene Bezner get nurse diploma. Wedding: Jo Ann Hacker and Donald Pelzel. Doris Lutkenhaus, 10, has tonsillectomy. Larry Gobble, 12, dislocates elbow in fall off 12 foot shed - says he "just walked off a shed."

25 YEARS AGO July 27, 1984

Sister Amora Felderhoff visits family in Muenster. Weddings: Annette Block Alexander and Bill Bayer; Sandy Ramsey and Jeffrey Temple. Obituary: Fred Kuhn, 89. New Arrival: Britany to Billy and DeAnn Haverkamp. Rosston holds annual Sam Bass Day celebration. Linus Fuhrmann and Laura Fuhrmann win State essay contest.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING DATE - AUGUST 3, 2009

The following is the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, August 3, 2009.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on July 6, 2009.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and take any needed action in regards to drilling new City Water Well, including discussion of which funds to use for payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hold Public Hearing on request for sign permit for Sacred Heart School.
2. Take action on sign permit request, as discussed in item #1.
3. Discuss street repairs in City Park and various other locations. Possibly approve bid from contractor for repairs.
4. Consider and act on TML rerate for employee insurance and approve changes to Interlocal Agreement with TML.
5. Review and act on monthly bills.
6. Receive report on City projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
7. Approve payment due to State Comptroller for Court Costs, Fees, and Fines, the result of audit.
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the follow: Texas Local Government Code: 551.074-Personnel Matters.
9. Adjourn.

Brenda Simpson, City Secretary

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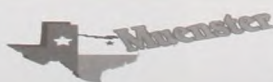
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Sunday, August 2, 2009	Monday, August 3, 2009	Tuesday, August 4, 2009	Wednesday, August 5, 2009	Thursday, August 6, 2009	Friday, August 7, 2009	Saturday, August 8, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	City Council Mtg 7:30 pm MHS Cross Country 1st day practice, 7am, Hornet Track. Hornet Football 1st day practice	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. C of C Board mtg. 5:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Family Swim Night 7-9 Muenster pool SHCS Teacher in service begins	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP Board mtg. 10 am Stanford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Muenster VFD BBQ & Auction City Park
Sunday, August 9, 2009	Monday, August 10, 2009	Tuesday, August 11, 2009	Wednesday, August 12, 2009	Thursday, August 13, 2009	Friday, August 14, 2009	Saturday, August 15, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	VFW mtg. 7:30 pm MMH Aux. mtg. 5:30 pm	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. CoFC luncheon noon mtg. Rohmer's Restaurant SH Alumni & Supporters mtg. 7:30pm SNAP room	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Historical Commission mtg. 8 am SHCS classes begin	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP luncheon member mtg. 11:30 am Stanford VI Day - FLY FLAGS MISD Meet the Coaches Cookout, City Park, 6pm	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. KoFC Softball Tournament-City Field

Muenster First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, 9-11:30am

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Walterscheid and Cory exchange vows in Sacred Heart Church

Melinda Jean Walterscheid of Dallas and Cody Cory of Dallas exchanged wedding vows in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster during a wedding Mass on Saturday, June 13 at 2 p.m. Fr. Ken Robinson officiated for the double ring vows and Mass.

The bride is the daughter of Glenn and Jean Walterscheid of Muenster, and the granddaughter of Peggy Walterscheid, and Loyd and Gwen Trubenbach. The groom's mother is Diana Cory of Gainesville. His grandparents are Ernest and Joan Cory.

During the wedding Mass, readers were Eryn Humphrey of Highland Park, bride's college friend, Brooke Endres of Muenster, bride's high school friend, and Lisa Felderhoff of Muenster, bride's cousin. Music was provided by Isaac Davis, pianist, and Christy Hesse and Jack White, vocalists.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a San Patrick, A-line gown that was natural white, silk dupioni with sweetheart neckline and capped sleeves that were removed for the reception. Re-embroidered lace on the bodice and ruching at the waist embellished her dress.

The bride carried an all white wrapped bouquet of

calla lilies, hydrangea, and roses. For something old, she carried a silver rosary that her Grandma Peggy carried in her wedding, and a pearl and diamond ring from Grammie. Something borrowed was a pearl bracelet from the bride's mother. A garter worn by the bride's great-grandmother was something blue, and for something new the bride wore pearl earrings.

ATTENDANTS

Maid of honor was Jessica Merritt of Longview, college friend. Bridesmaids were Julianna Bruyere of Longview and Allie Gammill of Cabot, Arkansas, both college friends, and Robyn Hermes and Alisha Walterscheid, both of Muenster and high school friends.

The bridesmaids were attired in aubergine, teal-length, chiffon dresses with empire waist and ivory matte satin framing the bodice. Wide straps crossed the backs of the gowns. They carried wrapped bouquets of hot pink calla lilies, spray roses, and green hydrangea.

Ashleigh Deweber of Muenster, bride's Godchild, was flower girl. Ringbearer was Conner Lane of Norman, Oklahoma, cousin of the groom.

Michael Rudewick of Copperas Cove, college friend, was best man. Groomsmen



Mrs. Cody Cory
... 'nee Melinda Walterscheid ...

were Chris Irby of Arlington and Louis Goeke of Bedford, college friends, John Sturm, high school friend, and Collin Walterscheid, bride's brother.

Serving as ushers were college friends David Lara of Haltom City, Kyle Mosakowski of Frisco, Stephen Ortegon of Snyder, and high school friend Tyler Walterscheid of Muenster.

Members of the house party were Laura Benesh of Fort Worth and Sarah Black of Longview, both college friends.

RECEPTION

After the wedding Mass, a reception given by the bride's parents was held in Sacred Heart Community Center for 275 guests. Rohmer's Catering provided the buffet meal, consisting of Hawaiian chicken or bacon wrapped chopped sirloin with new potatoes, green beans, and dinner salad.

The bride's table was covered in white, adorned with crystals, and held the bouquets.

The bride's white vanilla cake with vanilla cream filling was frosted in soft ivory. The cake's base and top layers were round, with two hexagon-shaped layers in between. All layers were decorated with scroll design with the couple's initials

monogrammed on one layer. Fresh cream spray roses decorated the top layer and side focal points. The cake rested on a silver fortified plate. Betty Rose Walterscheid made and cut the cake.

A chocolate layer cake topped with a football also made of chocolate was the groom's cake. The frosting was chocolate and the sides of the cake were covered with pecans. The cake was made by Betty Rose and cut by Carol Grewing, aunt of the bride.

After the wedding cake was served, guests enjoyed a dessert and coffee bar. A wide array of cookies, bon bons, tarts, miniature cheesecakes, cream puffs, and bar cookies, along with strawberries were served. The coffee had different flavored creamers all made by Betty Rose.

Tables were topped with aubergine cloth and held silver candelabras with hot pink flower arrangements. Photos of the bride and groom through the years were placed on all the tables. The walls and dance floor were accented with colored lights.

After a wedding trip to Sandals Dunns River in Jamaica, the couple is residing in Dallas.

The rehearsal dinner for 50 guests, hosted by Diana Cory, was held at Doc's the evening before the wedding.

The bride is a 2004 Muenster High School graduate, and a 2008 UT Southwestern Medical School graduate. She is a medical student at UT Southwestern Medical School.

The groom graduated from Muenster High School in 2003 and from Howard Payne University in 2007. He is a football coach and teacher at North Mesquite High School.

St. Peter's Church has change of place for weekend Masses

Due to painting being done at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay, Masses will be held in Centennial Hall the first two weekends of August: Aug. 1 and 2, and Aug. 8 and 9. Daily Mass will be held in the church.

A first in a long history

St. Bernards Medical Center has served northeast Arkansas for over 109 years. During its long history, not only has there been consistent good, Christ-like care, but occasionally there are some exceptional episodes. Being in the deep Bible Belt, sometimes baptisms have been requested and granted, even by submersion. There have been weddings in the simple chapel and a few in the patients' rooms.

But on July 11, 2009, there was a first. The Olivetan Benedictine Sisters founded St. Bernards and continue to maintain the good work. Sister Cabrini Arami, OSB, who served as chairperson of the Governing Board during the six years she was Prioress of the Community, was scheduled to observe the 60th ju-

bilee of her religious vows. The day before the planned celebration, during the practice for the church ceremony, Sister fell and fractured her shoulder, hip, and pelvis.

The church celebration went on as planned with her classmate, Sister Mary John Seyler, OSB. But, in the afternoon, the presiding celebrant, Rev. Leonard Wangler, OSB, several of the Sisters, and a few guests, witnessed Sister Cabrini renewing her vows from her bed in room 2203. "What I, Sister Cabrini Arami, vowed, 60 years ago" Father Wangler led a prayer of thanksgiving and a little five year old granddaughter of one of the visitors closed the ceremony singing, "This Little Light of Mine."

Submitted by Sister Mary John Seyler, OSB



Sister 60th Jubilee celebrants, from left, Mary John Seyler, OSB and Sister Cabrini Arami, OSB with Father Leonard Wangler, OSB. Courtesy photo

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Four attain rank of Eagle Scout on July 12



Lois Sicking and Ralph Dieter, both of Upland, California, announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Miss Sicking is the daughter of Mary Sicking of Gainesville, Texas and the late Emmett Sicking, Mr. Dieter is the son of Ilse Uland of Petaluma, California and Olaf Dieter of Upland. They plan to be married on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009 at Grace Lutheran Church in Upland. The wedding services begin at 4 p.m. with reception following at 6 p.m. in the Grace Fellowship Hall. The officiant is the Pastor James Pike. Ralph serves as assistant minister at Grace Lutheran Church. Bridesmaids are maid of honor Lana Dieter, Laura Hamilton, and Marjorie Benesh. Groomsmen are best man Olaf Dieter, Keith Uland, and Chuck Weck. Lois is a graduate of Muenster Public High School, Grayson College with an Associate degree in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M, and Masters in Environmental Science/Atmospheric Chemistry from California State University in Fullerton. She is employed at the California Air Resources Board as an air pollution engineer in the Advanced Engineering Section/On Board Diagnostics writing air pollution regulations and conducting emissions testing and evaluation. Ralph is a graduate of Petaluma High School, Santa Rosa Jr. College and graduated with an Associate degree in Business Administration and Computer Information Systems, San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, University of New Orleans with a Masters of Economics, and the University California at Davis with a PhD in Economics. Ralph also was awarded a one year Rotary International Fellowship, attending the University of Munich in Germany, with studies in Economics. He is employed as a professor of economics at Los Angeles City College. As a tenured professor, Ralph teaches micro and macro-economics at the freshman and sophomore levels. Lois and Ralph will reside in Upland after a honeymoon in Napa Valley.

On July 12, Boy Scout Troop 668, sponsored by the First Baptist Church in Gainesville, held an Eagle Scout Ceremony to honor four Boy Scouts who recently earned the Eagle Scout rank: Todd Bezner, Gregory Knauf, Kevin Paynter, and Benjamin Zimmerer. The ceremony was held at the church activity center with Scouts, Scout leaders, family, and friends in attendance.

The Scouts and Scout leaders from Troop 668 presided over the ceremony. Officially opening the ceremony with the presentation of the flags were Color guard members Austin Reiter, Chris Bell, and Josh Timmins. Kyle Nix, assistant Scoutmaster, served as master of ceremonies and welcomed everyone. Bruce Bezner led the invocation.

All four Scouts joined the Boy Scout program as Cub Scouts. Todd, Greg, and Benjamin were members of Cub Scout Pack #1167 and Kevin was in #1653. Two Scouts representing the honorees throughout their years in Scouts came forward and recited the Scout oaths. Representing Cub Scouts was Jonathan Bell. Boy Scout representative was Keith Metzler. Reading the poem "I am the Eagle" was Johnathan Zimmerer.

Scoutmaster Darrel Timmins gave the Eagle Scout credentials for each Scout. He shared stories and talked about each Scout and their accomplishments through their scouting years.

He began with Todd Bezner who joined Troop 668 in February 2004 and earned his Eagle Rank on May 11, 2009. Todd's Eagle Scout project was installing team benches in the new Lindsay ISD baseball field dugouts. During Todd's Boy Scout career he earned three Catholic Boy Scout Religious Awards: Light of Christ, ParVuli Dei, and Ad Altare Dei. He completed 22 extra merit badges along with World Conservation, Totin Chip, Paul Bunyan Woodsman, Fire'n' Chit, 50 Miller Award, Wrangler, and Sunrise Kyle Mountain. Todd attended summer camp for six years with four trips to Worth Ranch in Palo Pinto County and two at Slippy Falls in Oklahoma. Todd was elected into the Order of the Arrow and completed his Ordeal on May 7, 2004.

Gregory Knauf joined Troop 668 in February 2004 and earned his Eagle Rank on April 27, 2009. His Eagle Scout project was refurbishing the lobby of the Cooke County Youth Center Teen Center. During Greg's Boy Scout years, he earned the Catholic Boy Scout Award Ad Altare Dei. He completed six extra merit badges, 50 Miller Award, Sunrise Kyle Moun-



Eagle Scouts, from left, front - Kevin Paynter, Greg Knauf, Todd Bezner, and Benjamin Zimmerer; back - Scoutmaster Darrel Timmins and Assistant Scoutmaster Kyle Nix. Courtesy photo

tain, Totin' Chip, Fire'n' Chit, Wrangler, Paul Bunyan Award, and World Conservation Award. Greg also attended the High Adventure Philmont Ranch Backpacking Trek, Worth Ranch, and Slippy Falls. Greg was elected to the Order of the Arrow and completed his Ordeal on April 15, 2007.

Kevin Paynter joined Troop 668 in February 2002 and earned his Eagle Rank on April 27, 2009. His Eagle Scout project was at the Claude Jones Day Care Center which is also sponsored by the First Baptist Church and a tradition with Troop 668 Scouts. Kevin repaired and painted a playroom in the center. Kevin completed extra merit badges, World Conservation Award, Fire'n' Chit, Sunrise Kyle Mountain, Wrangler, and Totin Chip. Kevin attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree with Troop 668 in Virginia, Philmont Scout Ranch for a backpacking trek in New Mexico, Worth Ranch, and Slippy Falls.

Benjamin Zimmerer joined Troop 668 in February 2005 and earned his Eagle Scout on May 11, 2009. Benjamin's Eagle Scout project was to construct cement blocks and install Veterans Bronze Markers. During his Scouting years, he earned three Catholic Boy Scout Religious Awards: Light of Christ, ParVuli Dei, and the Ad Altare Dei. He earned 20 extra merit badges, World Conservation Award, Totin' Chip, Fire'n' Chit, Wrangler, Sunrise Kyle Mountain, United States Heritage Award, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1922 Youth Award. He attended Worth Ranch and Slippy Falls summer camps. Benjamin was elected to the Order of the Arrow and completed his Ordeal on April 15, 2007.

After the presentation of each of the Scouts' credentials, the Order of the Arrow ceremony began. Fellow Scouts in traditional Indian attire entered the room with the beat of the Indian Nic

Bohac's drum. Justin Nix represented Chief Allowat; Devin Nix was the Indian Meteu; Shawn Paynter was the Brave East Wind; Riley Metzler was the Brave West Wind; Jon Michael Sweeney was the Brave South Wind; and Jay Porter was the Brave North Wind.

The Indians presented the story of a boy's beginning in Scouts, his climb to the summit of the Eagle, and what that entailed. Chief Allowat spoke of what is now expected of the new Eagles as they enter the ranks of Eagle Scouts all over the world. The Indians escorted the parents of each Eagle Scout to stand behind their son for the award presentations. Scoutmaster Timmins presented the Scouts with their Eagle Scout certificate, badge, scarf, and slide. The Scouts presented their mothers with the traditional mother's pins and the fathers the traditional tie tack.

George Pitzinger called all the Eagle Scouts in attendance at the ceremony to come forward. As the Eagle Scouts gathered around the honorees, Mr. Pitzinger read the Eagle Charge. By the authority of the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Pitzinger pronounced Todd Bezner, Gregory Knauf, Kevin Paynter, and Benjamin Zimmerer Eagle Scouts.

Chief Allowat Sakima signaled for the drum to begin and the Indians left the hall.

A special presentation was made by George Pitzinger who gave each of the honored Eagles an Eagle Scout pin and a poem written by himself to his late son, Eagle Scout William Pitzinger. Alex Cummings gave each Scout a walking stick he

made himself and Eagle medallion to be attached to the stick.

The Eagle Scouts chose to use their mentor pins and awarded these pins to those whom they felt were instrumental in their Scouting achievements. Greg Knauf presented his pin to his father Don Knauf. Todd, Kevin, and Benjamin presented their pins to Darrel Timmins, Donna Zimmerer, and Kyle Nix.

Kyle and Kelly Nix created a special video presentation of the four Scouts that led the audience from their activities as Cub Scouts into the Boy Scout years. The video was a very special highlight for the Scouts, their parents, and the guests of the event.

Greeting the guests were Scouts Collin Clark, John Hess, and Jacob Harris. A reception followed with cake and punch served. Guests enjoyed looking at memorabilia from the boys' Scouting. The Scouts brought shirts they wore in Cub Scouts, Cub Scout crafts, Boy Scout projects, pictures, awards, patches, and they displayed their Eagle Scout notebooks. The Scouts also displayed congratulatory letters from the current and past Presidents, Congressmen, Senators, and other special awards.

Todd Bezner is the son of Bruce and Jenny Bezner and a student at Lindsay ISD. Gregory Knauf is the son of Don and Renee Knauf and a Lindsay ISD student. Kevin Paynter is the son of Kevin and Nancy Paynter and a recent graduate of Callisburg High School, and Benjamin Zimmerer is the son of Michael and Donna Zimmerer and a student at Lindsay ISD.

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"The road is long, expensive, and sometimes painful, but is all worth it just to be with my husband and soon to be three year old son," Jessica concluded.

Love Funds have been established for Jessica at Muenster State Bank, First State Bank, and Prosperity

Bank in Muenster for those who wish to assist her financially. "This is a great community when they try to help out," said Jessica. She was told to reach out to her community for help. She doesn't like to ask for money or for help. They told her not to be proud and to take help.

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Proverbs 3:6

KMB schedules final Hwy. 82 meeting on August 6

Keep Muenster Beautiful announces a public meeting for the entire community to hear and review the plans for the GCAA Landscaping award won in 2008.

A TxDOT representative will attend this meeting and show final design plans for sidewalks along Hwy. 82 from Mesquite Street to Sycamore Street. The design can be changed at this meeting if businesses wish to do so. If there are no objections, the

plan will be let to contractors with work beginning in December.

The importance of this meeting to businesses not getting sidewalks is that once a design style is chosen, that same pattern and style will be used on all future projects. The meeting is to be held at the Center Restaurant at 6 p.m. on Aug. 6.

Submitted by Gary Fisher
Keep Muenster Beautiful

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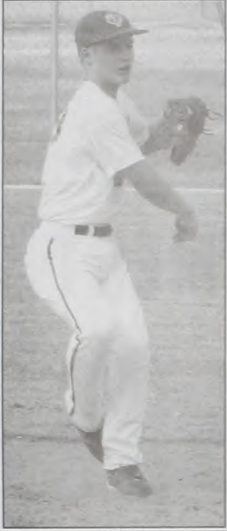
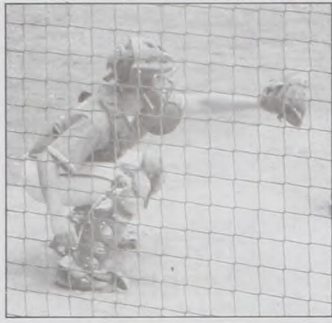
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46. Bayer Roofing - Timer For Deer Feeder
47. Catholic Life Ins - \$100 Savings Bond
48. Tim & Janie Hartman - Fire Fighter Sign
49. Tim & Janie Hartman - 4 sets of Fire Fighter Pins
50. Joe & Laura Pagel - Portable Scanner
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65. JW Works (Josh Walterscheid) - 150 Sq. Ft. Foam Insulation
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SPORTS



Finish season in 3rd place in finals

Members of the Texas Cutters team include locally: clockwise, starting above left - Mason Binder; Cole Walterscheid; John Haverkamp; and Clint Sidwell, shown in action this past season.

Moms' photos



Texas Cutters take 3rd at the Super Series National Baseball Tournament

Local boys Mason Binder, Clint Sidwell, and Cole Walterscheid of Muenster, and John Haverkamp of Lindsay along with their teammates took 3rd place at the Super Series National Baseball Championship Tournament held in Round Rock at Old Settler's Park during the week of July 19. There were 22 teams playing in the 13U Super Series Nationals.

Under the direction of coaches Cy Binder, Robb Owens, and Jim Conatser, the team played in many tournaments across north Texas starting their season in early March. They earned Super Series points along the way by placing in the top 4 in every tournament. This seeded them as the #6 team in 'pool play' at the National tournament in Round Rock.

Opening Ceremonies began with team events on Saturday: Flying Spikes, Around the Horn, and Home Run Derby. That evening, the team was invited to attend a Minor League game at the Dell Diamond ballpark watching the Round Rock Express take on the Oklahoma Redhaws. Each Super Series team was paraded across Dell Diamond field before the game began.

On Sunday, 'pool play' began. The team's

record and scores from 'pool play' seed them into either the winner's or loser's bracket. The Cutters played well enough with a record of 2-1 to be placed into the winner's bracket for double elimination play.

On Tuesday, 'bracket play' began. The Cutters won their first game against the Ennis Lions, 6-3. Another win came after playing the East Texas Colt 45s with a score of 15-5. The Cutters faced the number 2 ranked team in the nation, the Caldwell Swarm, and were able to earn a win, 6-2. A loss to the BLBA Black (ranked #1) with a score of 2-4, forced the Cutters to take the long road to the Championship game. The Cutters would have to play three games with no losses to earn the Gold. The Cutters again faced the Caldwell Swarm, but fell short of winning in the 9th inning (7-4). The Texas Cutters earned a 3rd place finish in the Super Series National Tournament.

The team played well defensively, pitched their best games, and a few home runs were hit. This was the Cutters' second season to play in the Super Series National Tournament and is considered their best season ever.

Muenster Hornets given a boost



Amy Dangelmayr, FNP-C and Brent Meredith, PA-C (at left) of the Saint Jo and Nocona Medical Clinics gave a \$1000 donation to the Muenster Hornet Booster Club earlier this week. Proceeds were raised when sport physicals were given at MISD by the Clinics, who in turn gave the money plus more back to the athletic program. Accepting the gift were Club President Brian Herr along with Coach Allen Cross, Tina Hess, Lee Buddy, Lisa Walterscheid, Carol Grewing, Rhonda Silmon, and Carla Klement. Linda Flusche photo

More Hornet Football Camp action



Photos by Janie Hartman



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the material at Precinct #3's barn. He said the material he'd choose would be chip and seal. He offered to purchase the other Precinct's shares, if the Commissioners were agreeable. All had other needs, and agreed to accept their share of materials in cash from Smith in the amount of \$10,653.75 each.

LEGAL NOTICES

The City of Muenster is accepting bids on a paving proposal. The area to be paved is the south side drive and parking area in the Muenster City Park, approximately 3,277 square yards. The projects consist of reclaiming and mixing all existing asphalt areas to six (6) inch depths, watering and compacting, then finish by applying MC-30 prime oil and two (2) inch hot mix asphalt.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Victor A. Rohmer, Deceased, were issued on July 27, 2009, in Cause No. PR16543, pending in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas, to: Maurus R. Rohmer.

Floodplain and Wetlands Early Public Notice
July 31, 2009
The City of Muenster, Texas is considering drainage system improvements in the northeastern part of the city as a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) project for non-entitlement cities and counties under the Office of Rural Community Affairs (TxCDBG Contract #728570).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Muenster's Board of Aldermen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday August 3, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Muenster City Hall Council Chambers, 400 N. Main, Muenster. The hearing will be held during the regular City Council meeting. Sacred Heart Catholic School is requesting the approval of an on-premise sign permit, to be located in Block 5 in Muenster. The sign will be located just south of the west end of the high school, along East Sixth Street. The sign will be a lighted message board. All concerned citizens and property owners are invited to attend the hearing.

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A Salute to the

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Volunteer firefighters sacrifice to protect Muenster community

By Janet Felderhoff

How many people do you know who will, without hesitation or complaint, lay aside what they are doing at a second's notice to head off to help someone else in their time of need?

Many such individuals live and work right here in our community. A volunteer fireman receives little or no pay for the time spent on the job or for the time training for it. The hours are irregular. Disaster pays no heed to schedules, holidays, time of day, or weather conditions, and the local volunteer firemen always respond immediately when called.

Volunteer firemen have a multifaceted job description. Once, their job was to protect people and property from fires. They still do that very important task, often risking their own lives in the process, but they are also first responders and storm supporters. As first responders they may be the first on the scene at accidents or medical calls. They have varying degrees of training in treating the victims.

As storm spotters, the firemen are called on to keep watch over the town to call an alert in case of tornado, hail, or damaging wind. While the local citizens are safe and dry in their homes, school, or work, the firemen are sitting in trucks with eyes on the sky.

Weather conditions can be brutal for firefighters. For their protection, the firefighters wear heavy insulated fire suits. On days when the temperatures are in or near the triple digit mark, it doesn't take long to become overheated and worn out. Freezing cold brings its own set of problems. The water used to put out a fire can freeze causing slippery walking and other problems. Lightning strikes cause fires and when there is a lot of rain, it can be hazardous driving to the fire. More than one fire truck has bogged down in muddy fields and pastures, as firemen try to fight fires.

The equipment necessary for the volunteer firemen to safely and efficiently defend our community comes at a high price tag. The funding that is received from city, county, and grants doesn't cover all that is needed, and that is where the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department counts on the people of this community to assist them. Each year, they spend weeks preparing for their annual barbecue meal and auction to bring in some of that needed money. This year, the event is set for Saturday, Aug. 8. Come out, visit with your neighbors, have a good meal, and support your local volunteer fire department!

Muenster Volunteer Firemen Roster 2009

Deano Bayer
 Ryan Bayer
 Ben Bindel
 Mitch Creed
 Ronnie Felderhoff
 Brandon Ferguson
 Doug Fleitman
 Neal Flusche
 Shawn Flusche
 Jon Forshee
 James Gehrig
 Michael Gehrig
 Jimmy Green
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Deano Bayer

Deano Bayer joined the MVFD three years ago. He is a trustee with the Department.

Deano is married to Jeannene. They have three children, two sons Dillon and Nolan, and a daughter Kendi. He is employed by Nortex Communications as an install and repairman.

What Deano likes best about serving on the MVFD is the ability to help the community and those in need.

Experiences shared by Deano, "During the first night of fighting fire during the big fires back in April, I looked at Erik Walterscheid and asked if he was having fun yet, and he answered, 'Yes.' Then, on the second night of the same thing two nights in a row, I asked him the same thing knowing full well he was as tired and worn out as everyone else. He looked up and said, 'No, not really, but I'm glad to be here and doing all I can to help.' Just shows everyone around here really does care."

Life lesson learned by Deano as a volunteer fireman, "Take one day at a time and enjoy every minute of it."

His hobbies are hunting, fishing, and golfing with his kids.



Ryan Bayer

Ryan Bayer joined the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department back in August of 1992. His daughter is Hannah. He is employed by Cooke County Electric as a serviceman, and is co-owner of Bayer Roofing.

Pride is what appeals to Ryan about serving as a volunteer fireman. "I take pride in what I do. You won't find a better group of volunteer firemen that work as a team and get the job done."

On his experiences with the Department, Ryan says, "I guess it's the rush I get when that pager goes off and you never know what you're going to have next."

Of his life lessons learned as a fireman, Ryan says, "I have a sign at home and it says 'Live a good life and in the end, it's not the years in a life - it's the life in the years.'"

Hanging out with his friends, boating, hunting, and just getting on his bike and riding are things Ryan enjoys.



Ben Bindel

Ben Bindel joined the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department in 1984. He serves as the Department's training officer State Certification coordinator.

Ben and his wife Tina have been married 28 years. They have three children. Daughter Danielle is a student at TWU in Denton, son Brandon attends the University of Texas, and daughter Briana is a student at Muenster ISD. They have a granddaughter Kylie. Ben works as a fleet director at Brown Motor Company in Gainesville.

Asked what it is about serving as a volunteer fireman that appeals to him, Ben said, "Helping others in need. I especially love helping the new firefighters learn the firemen's way to stay safe and the proper way to use the fire apparatus"


Ben shares these experiences: "The Ringgold fire that threatened the Muenster community was very scary. I was helping with the Incident Command Center and the officers were very busy with all the logistics of that fire. One thing that makes me proud to be a firefighter is the young kids at


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school coming up to you and looking up to you as someone who can help people."

Life lessons learned as a volunteer fireman for Ben, "Working with the best group of men. These guys are the best ever."

His hero, "My fellow firefighters at Muenster Volunteer Fire Department."

Hobbies - golf, Texas Hold'em, volleyball.

Favorite sports - basketball, golf.

Favorite athlete - local high school kids.

Favorite TV show - *CSI*.

Favorite meal - steak and baked potatoes.

Favorite dessert - cherry pie.



Mitch Creed

Mitch Creed became a member of the Muenster Fire Department in November 2008. He is married to Kami. Currently their "kids" are their two dogs Jake and Abby. He works for Universal Machining as a machinist.

Mitch feels that the appeal to serving on the MVFD is that it is a, "good chance to serve the community and do something exciting."

His memorable experience as a firefighter, "Watching Shawn Flusche get our truck stuck in mud for six hours." His life lesson learned as a MVFD member, "Don't drive where Shawn drives."

Mitch's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and jeep riding.

Favorite sport - football.

Favorite athlete - C. J. Wilson.

Favorite TV show - *Life*.

Favorite movie - *Tombstone*.

Favorite song - "Sandman" by Metallica.

Favorite meal - hamburgers.



Ronnie Felderhoff

Ronnie Felderhoff is married to Sharon. Their children are Chad and his wife Elisabeth, Amanda, Mitch, and Dustin. He is general manager of Muenster Milling Co., Inc.

Ronnie joined the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department in September 1978. "Helping the community and families in the area" are what appeal to him about being a firefighter.

Being a firefighter has taught Ronnie that "working as a team, you can accomplish a lot."

His hero is Ronald Reagan because he was a true leader who did what was best for the country and did not let politics direct his decisions.

Hobbies that Ronnie enjoys are fishing and golf (when he's able to).



Brandon Ferguson

Brandon Ferguson became a member of the MVFD in December 2007. His parents are mother and step-father Donna and Weldon Rains, and father Jody Ferguson. He has a sister Ashley Ferguson and his grandfather is Raymond "Curly" Fuhrmann. Brandon is employed as a wind turbine technician by Florida Power and Light.

The appeal of being a member of MVFD to him is, "serving the community, love fire fighting."

Of his experiences with the Department Brandon said simply, "Don't let Herbie drive." His life lesson as a firefighter, "Always have the guy next to you's back."

Brandon's hero is his grandpa. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and golf.

Favorite sport - football, hockey, and baseball.

Favorite athlete - Jason Witten.

Favorite TV show - *Deadliest Catch*.

Favorite saying - Way to go you.

Favorite meal - anything on the grill.

Favorite dessert - banana pudding.

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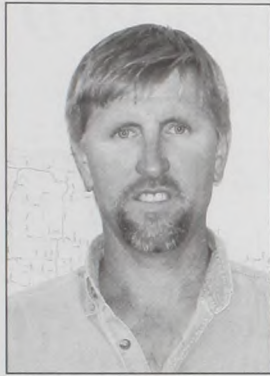
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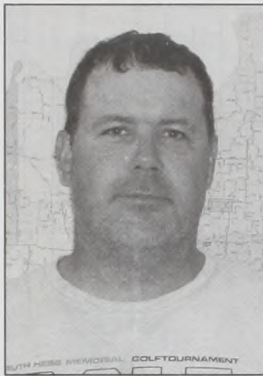
Douglas Fleitman is married to Vickie. Their children are Mikayla, Mikenzie, and Michael. He is self-employed at Fleitman Backhoe Co.

Doug is the treasurer of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. He joined in May 1991.

"Fire fighting is my way of serving the community and doing my part," says Doug. An experience that he shares is "One of the best meals I've ever had was a ham sandwich from the Red Cross while fighting a fire near Saint Jo."

His heroes are "the old timers in the Fire Department. Herbie, Henry, Jim, John, and Ben for putting up with us young guys."

Services by volunteer firefighters save localities in the United States an estimated \$36.8 billion per year.



Neal Flusche

Neal Flusche is a trustee with the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. He has been a member since 1999. Neal and his wife Susan have four sons Micah, age 20, Matt, 18, Aaron, 16, and Andy, 14. Neal is a welder and machinist at Flusche Enterprises, Inc.

What appeals to him about serving as a firefighter, "Being able to help the people of Muenster and Cooke and Montague counties."

Hobbies enjoyed by Neal are hunting and golf.

Favorite sport - football.

Favorite athlete - Jim Sundberg.

Favorite TV show - *Dirty Jobs*.

Favorite book - *Beyond Belief* by Josh Hamilton.

Favorite movie - *Dirty Harry*.

Favorite song - *Free Bird*.

Favorite saying - "Cut it off twice and it's still too short!"

Favorite meal - steak, baked potato



Shawn Flusche

Shawn Flusche is married to Shari and they have three children Steven, Morgan, and Seth. He works at Structures, Inc.

It was in 1999 that Shawn became a Muenster volunteer firefighter. Fighting grass fires is the aspect of serving as a firefighter that most appeals to him.


The life lesson Shawn learned from his experience with the Department is, "Be careful." Shawn also stated that "in April, I spent more time fighting fire than I did working."

Shawn's hobbies are hunting and fishing, and his children's baseball, football, soccer, basketball, and softball.

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Jon Forshee

Jon Forshee and his wife Stacie have two daughters Morgan and Makenna, and a son Parker. He is the owner of Phil's Collision. Jon joined the MVFD in December 2004. He serves as a safety officer for the Department. "Helping out my community" is what appeals to him about being a fireman.

He enjoys hunting and fishing.
 Favorite sport - hockey.
 Favorite athlete - Mike Modano.
 Favorite TV show - *Rescue Me*.



Jim Gehrig

James C. Gehrig accumulated many years of experience with the MVFD, having joined in 1977. He is married to Cynthia. The couple has seven children and seven grandchildren. He is self-employed as the proprietor of Gehrig's Hardware.

What appeals to James about serving as a volunteer firefighter is that he finds it enjoyable and likes being helpful.

The experience that he shared, "I like to stand behind 'newbies' and tell them how to fight fires. - Cooler that way."

Hobbies James likes are gardening, fishing, and skiing.

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Michael Gehrig

Michael Gehrig and his wife Kelly have two children Joe and Luke. He is an engineer/geophysicist with Gehrig, Inc.

The newest member of the Muenster VFD, Michael joined in February of this year.

"Serving the community and the excitement and camaraderie that comes with it," are what appeal to him about serving with the Department.

Michael shares his experience, "Spring '09 wild-fires was literally a "Throw 'em the fire" learning experience."

For hobbies, Michael said he likes anything outdoors.

- Favorite sport - basketball.
- Favorite athlete - Armstrong.
- Favorite TV show - *The Office*.
- Favorite book - *Bible* by God.
- Favorite song - *Texas Country*.
- Favorite meal - chicken fried steak.

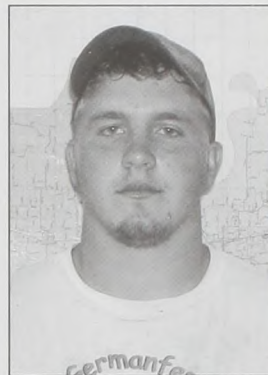


Jimmy Green

Jimmy Green is married to Brenda. Their family is Blake Green, Tiffany Richey, and Colby Richey. Jimmy is a truck driver for Tejas.

He joined the Fire Department in September 1997. What appeals to Jimmy about being a volunteer fireman is "just being able to help other people." Experiences that he remembers are "fighting big grass fires."

- Jimmy's hobbies are golf and hunting.
- Favorite sports - football, rodeo.
- Favorite meal - chicken fried steak.



Nolan Hartman

Nolan Hartman is the son of Kenny and Rhonda Hartman. Structures, Inc. employs him.

Nolan joined the MVFD in August 2008. What appeals to him is helping people out.

Some of Nolan's hobbies are golf, hunting, and fishing.

- Favorite sport - football.
- Favorite saying - Way to go me.

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Doug Hennigan

Doug Hennigan is married to Nicole. Their children are Austin, Lydia, Hunter, Zach, and Claudia. He is a butcher at Fischer's Meat Market.

Doug joined MVFD in December 2003. He serves as a trustee. What appeals to him about serving with the Department is helping the community and others.

An experience Doug shared, "The large grass fires earlier this year were very intense. Also, climbing to the top of the wind turbines for high rescue training was very exciting."

Life lessons learned by Doug as a firefighter, "As a volunteer fireman, I've learned that with hard work, dedication, and the right people, you can achieve anything. We have all of that here in Muenster."

Doug said his wife Nicole is his hero. "She is my hero because of her support for me as a fireman and what comes with it, but most of all for the sacrifices she makes for our family."

Hobbies of Doug's include hunting and gardening.

- Favorite sport - football.
- Favorite athlete - Shaq.
- Favorite TV show - *Seinfeld*.
- Favorite movie - *Braveheart*.
- Favorite meal - tacos.
- Favorite dessert - pecan pie.



Steve Henscheid

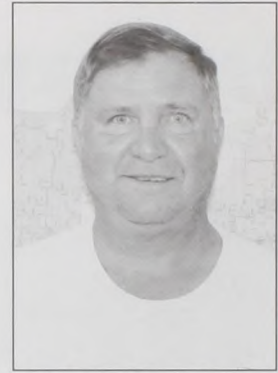
Steve "Shaw" Henscheid is married to Kyla. They have two children Stephanie and Jordan. He is employed by Community Lumber Company.

Shaw joined the MVFD in August 1980. He finds being able to help people in need the appealing aspect of serving as a member of the Department.

The life lesson Shaw learned as a volunteer firefighter, "Keep your head on straight, think before you act."

His hobbies include fishing, hunting, wood work, and jeepin'.

Favorite TV show - *Andy Griffith*.



Brent Hess

Brent Hess and his wife Mary are the parents of Ashley, Kristen, Haylee, Andrea, and Clayton. He is a warehouse manager at Muenster Milling Co., Inc.

Brent joined the Department in October 1983. What appeals to him about being a fireman is "helping others, and working with a good bunch of guys."

His hero is Tom Landry "cause he ran his crew as a top notch organization."

Hobbies Brent enjoys are hunting, fishing, and golf.

Favorite sport - golf.

Favorite athlete - Lance Armstrong.

Favorite TV show - golf channel.

Favorite movie - *Cool Hand Luke*.

Favorite meal - Steak and fries, ranch style beans.



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Henry Knabe

Henry J. Knabe and his wife Florentine "Babe" have a son John. Henry is the manager for Muenster Meat Market.

Henry serves as a safety officer for MVFD. He joined the Department in 1973. The appeal of serving with the Department for Henry is serving people.

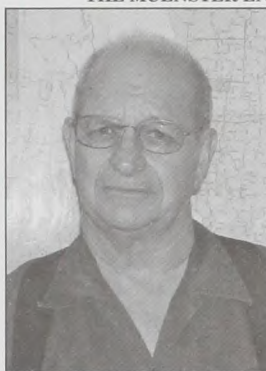
The experience that Henry has to share, "April 2009 - scary wildfires."

Henry's hobbies include hunting and fishing. Favorite meal - rib eye and potato salad.

Milton Knauf

Photo and bio not available

Of the 118 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2007, 68 were volunteers.



Herbie Knabe

Herbert Knabe is married to Edna. They have five children Bert, Tim, Stan, Dawn, and Alison. They also have nine grandchildren. He is the owner of Knabe Tire in Muenster.

Herbie is the chief of the MVFD. He has been serving on the Department since 1965.

"Serving the people when needed and the great bunch we have to work with and the help we get from the public," appeals to Herbie. "Being a volunteer firefighter for so many years has been very fun and exciting. There was always a rush when getting into a fire truck and the rush stays until the fire or whatever the call is, is over. Since I don't actually fight fire anymore but try to keep things going the right way, there is still a rush. But watching the guys work and get the job done right is the most exciting thing I can think of."

Of life lessons learned as a volunteer fireman, Herbie commented, "I don't know if I've completely learned it yet, but don't assume anything."

Herbie names his heroes as "all my fellow firefighters and my wife for putting up with all the time I've spent on the Department."

His favorite hobby is old cars.



John Knabe

John Knabe is the son of Henry and Babe Knabe. He works as a butcher for Muenster Meat Company.

In 2002, John became a member of the MVFD. What appeals to him about serving with the Department, "To help a community that deserves it."

John shares this experience, "Scary 100 foot flames traveling 40 m.p.h. coming right at you and there's nowhere you can go. That's scary and exciting at the same time."

His life lesson learned as a volunteer fireman, "Respect of all."

John said his hero is his father. "My father has been my hero my whole life."

Golf, fishing, and hunting are hobbies that John participates in.

Favorite song - *Welcome to the Jungle*.

Favorite meal - porterhouse.

Favorite dessert - cherry cheese or German chocolate.

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The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames, and stopped! The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily-controlled parts.

Watching all this, the farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and was so grateful that his farm had been spared, that right there on the spot he presented the volunteers with a check for \$1,000.

A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds. "That ought to be obvious," he responded, wiping ashes off his coat. "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!"

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A mom was driving her second-grade daughter and two of her friends to school one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started talking about what the dog's duties were.

One little girl said, "They use him to keep crowds back."

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

The daughter said, "No! No! They use the dogs to find the fire hydrants."



**Smoke Koelzer**

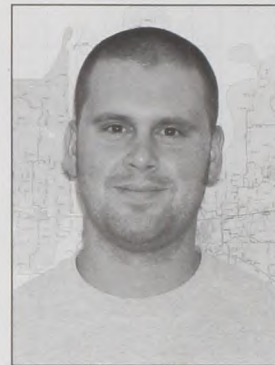
Jim "Smoke" Koelzer and his wife Carol are the parents of Wesley, Jacé, Demi, and Dalton. He is employed as a truck driver for Tejas.

Smoke joined the MVFD in November 1986. "The challenge of doing things that should not be possible" are what appeals to him about being a firefighter. Of fire fighting, Smoke says, "All of it is exciting." The life lesson he has learned through his experiences is respect.

His hero is his wife. "She makes my life worthwhile."

Smoke enjoys his family, garden, and work.  
 Favorite sport - all of it.  
 Favorite athlete - my kids.  
 Favorite TV show - *Beverly Hillbillies*.  
 Favorite book - *Texas Football Magazine* by Dave Campbell.

Favorite movie - *Quiet Man*.  
 Favorite song - "Little Brown Jug"  
 Favorite saying - "Whatever it takes."  
 Favorite meal - rib eye steak.  
 Favorite dessert - homemade ice cream.



**Mark Neu**

Mark Neu is married to Lacy. They have a baby on the way that is due Oct. 20. Brad Metzler of Pond King is his employer.

Mark joined the Department in December 2007. "The self reward of helping others. Fighting grass fires," are what Mark lists as appealing aspects of serving as a MVFD member.

The experience he recalls is fighting wildfires for days straight.

Hunting, fishing, and riding motorcycles are his hobbies.

Favorite sport - football.  
 Favorite TV show - *Ice Road Truckers*.  
 Favorite meal - steak.  
 Favorite dessert - cheesecake.



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**Charlie Schilling**

Charles Schilling is an assistant training officer for the MVFD. He is married to Jacque and they have one child Joan. He is employed at Cooke County Electric. Charlie joined the Department in November 2004.

His hobbies include fishing, golfing, hunting, and farming.



**Drew Springer**

Drew Springer is married to Lydia, and their children are Austin, Grant, and Kate. He is self-employed in financial services.

Drew joined the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department in August 2005. "Helping to keep the community safe" is what appeals to Drew about being a firefighter.

A special experience Drew remembers is "training on hoses down at the park with two teams. Ryan Bayer used his body as a backstop to fill the bucket and was soaking wet at the end, but he won."

Drew's wife Lydia is his hero because "she doesn't let anything get in her way."

Golf, tennis, hunting, fishing, poker, and sailing are hobbies of Drew.

- Favorite sport - tennis.
- Favorite athlete - John McEnroe.
- Favorite TV show - *Rescue Me*.
- Favorite author - Jimmy Buffett.
- Favorite movie - *Slapshot*.
- Favorite song - "Southern Cross."
- Favorite saying - Over.
- Favorite meal - the next one.
- Favorite dessert - key lime pie.



**Bert Walterscheid**

Bert Walterscheid is married to Delanne, their family is Kendra, Gayle, Justin, and Emily. He also has two grandsons and one granddaughter. Bert is self-employed as a home builder.

He joined the Fire Department in 1985. "Helping other people out and serving our community" appeals to Bert about being a volunteer fireman. "The one thing that I don't like is going to a bad car accident and having to cut someone out of the vehicle that you know," commented Bert.

The lesson he has learned as a volunteer fireman is "Don't jump into anything until you have made a good decision before acting. Good decisions can make the outcome better."

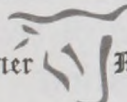
His heroes are "my fellow firefighters because we put our lives on the line every time we roll out of this station. They have my back and I have theirs."


Bert's hobbies include raising goats, playing golf, and fishing.


- Favorite sports - football, basketball, golf.
- Favorite athlete - Roger Staubach.
- Favorite TV show - *Boston Legal*.
- Favorite movie - *Lonesome Dove*.
- Favorite song - "Come Monday."
- Favorite meal - a good pot roast.
- Favorite dessert - Coconut cream pie.




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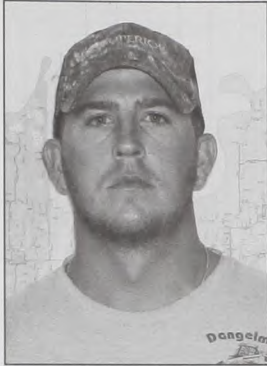
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**Erik Walterscheid**

Erik Walterscheid is married to Jayna and their daughter is Bella. He is employed by Dangelmayr Construction.

Erik joined MVFD in July 2008. What he likes best about being a fireman is "fighting fires and helping others."

His hobbies are golfing, fishing, and hunting.

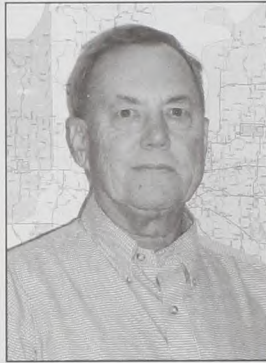


**Ronnie Walterscheid**

Ronnie Walterscheid's wife is Celeste. He is self-employed at Gainesville Door.

Ronnie joined the Department in July 2005. "Helping others in need" is what appeals to him about being a fireman.

Camping and hunting are Ronnie's hobbies.



**John Yosten**

John Yosten is married to Pat and they are the parents of Paula and Christy. They are grandparents to Christy and son-in-law Dan Bezner's children Kate, Keith, Clint, and Clayton. He is employed in sales at Klement Ford of Muenster.

He has been with the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department since September 1964 and now serves as its secretary.

The thing that appeals to him about serving as a volunteer fireman is that "even after all the years, it is still a rush."

Of his experiences with the Department, John noted that "It is very satisfying to know you helped

save someone's lives, possessions, or family from a structure fire."

Life lessons learned as a volunteer fireman include "Size up every situation, never panic, and trust your fellow firemen."

His hero is his father "because he showed me what family is all about."

John's hobbies include fishing, camping, boating, and wood working."

Favorite sport - NASCAR.

Favorite movie - *McClintock*.

Favorite song - "It's a Wonderful World."

Favorite saying - What is it?

Favorite meal - fried chicken.

Favorite dessert - ice cream.

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**- Author Unknown**