

Richardson sworn in to MMH Board

By Janet Felderhoff

Don Richardson of Rosston took an oath of office to serve as a director of the Muenster Hospital Board of Directors. He was sworn in by Hospital Administrator Michael Kent at the beginning of the regular meeting on Jan. 17.

Richardson is a Cooke County native whose family has lived in the area around 100 years. He has a daughter who attends school in the Era ISD. Richardson is employed by the Texas Department of Transportation as an engineer tech and record keeper in the area office located in Gainesville.

Don agreed when asked to serve on the Hospital Board because he said he is, "concerned about the future of the Hospital. I want to help in any way that I can." He is filling the remainder of the term vacated when Paul Becker resigned. There is about two years remaining on that term.

The new director noted that he cares about the community. He feels that he is a part of the Muenster community as well as the Rosston community. Serving on boards such as that of the Hospital District should be a community responsibility. "No person needs to serve on a Board for a long time," Richardson remarked, "It should be shared by the community." He noted that Becker has served some time and had gotten too busy with his job, so it was time to give him a break while someone else stepped up to serve in his place.

Compliance Officer Diane Neu reported that the laboratory was inspected and received the 2011 Hematology/Coag/Microbiology 3rd event report. They were 100% in all categories. She said they would have one more inspection and their year end will be done.

South Plains Biomedical Services (SPBS) performed preventive maintenance by testing all electrical safety on the medical instrumentations and facility. Neu stated that all things tested were found to be in satisfactory condition and to meet criteria established by the SPBS.

Graphs were shown indicating the 2011 year end results of surveys completed by patients of the Hospital and Clinic. The graph for the Hospital compared MMH to Bowie, Nacoma, and North Texas Medical Center. MMH ranked above the other hospital in all but one of the nine survey questions. The questions included things such as communications by the doctors and nurses, cleanliness, pain control, assistance, etc.

Questions from Clinic patients came from October, November, and December. They included length of wait, explanations, physician listening to patient, time spent with patient, etc.

Chief Nursing Officer Renata Pagel informed the Board, "We started doing our Security Risk Analysis today. It's a very, very good system. I think its the best thing that we've bought so far for (part of) our EHR (electronic health records)."



Don Richardson, left, being sworn in as a Muenster Hospital District director by Hospital Administrator Michael Kent. Janet Felderhoff photo

Administrator Kent reported on two EHR systems that are being considered. By federal requirements, all hospitals will have to have met "Meaningful Use" and its three stages by 2016 or they will start losing Medicare and Medicaid funds. The systems are very costly, but there should be some federal funds for reimbursement for the system. Each of the three required stages could take up to a year to meet.

The Board decided that they would like to meet at an earlier time for the Feb. 21 meeting and speak to one of the EHR vendors.

Estimates for Hospital signs were reviewed. One is by Hwy. 82, one would be by the Clinic, another was for on the Hospital. There were varying opinions on the results of placing a sign along Hwy. 82.

The consensus was to delay a decision on the signs until there was a better understanding of what the cost of the EHR system and needed generator will total.

A request for a possible 100% tax abatement for a 10 year period was received from Joe Jordan of Lincoln Renewable Energy, L.L.C. The topic was discussed, but no action taken.

Austin Generator and Parker Electric are preparing bids
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Many people took advantage of the Sneak Peek Party to get a look at the completion of Phase 1 of the new Germanfest grounds. Hosted by Mages Group, the builders, and Germanfest, Inc., the event offered refreshments to be enjoyed while visitors pondered the possibilities of what might be there. KMB assisted with banners and their trash and recycling bins. Pictured is the inside of the building; and at left, from left, Alvin Fuhrman accepts a \$25,000 check from Steve Schmitz and Scott Theeringer of Mages Group, L.L.C. Linda Flusche and courtesy photos

Roundup geared to bring in unpaid fines

By Janet Felderhoff

Due to the success of the event held two years ago, Cooke County officials plan to conduct another warrant roundup. Officials asking for funding for the roundup were Justices of the Peace Dorothy Lewis and Jason Brinkley and Pct. 1 Constable Terry Gilbert.

The two Justices of the Peace asked approval for 25 hours of overtime for each of their staffs. They will work during the lunch hour and on a Saturday. That amounts to \$2,791 and they asked for \$2,000 for advertising.

Judge Lewis said that during the previous roundup period, they raised a little over \$200,000 in Pct. 1 and in Pct. 2 between \$80,000 to \$100,000. She said they plan to coordinate with outlying areas such as Muenster, Lindsay, Valley View, and Oak Ridge. They also wish to participate.

Those who have outstanding unpaid fines will first be notified by letter before the roundup. Last time, 2,100 notices went out from the Pct. 1 office. If those given notice do not pay their fine by the designated day, their names are published in the newspaper several times. The final effort will be an arrest roundup. Offenders will be given the option of paying the fine or doing jail time.

Commissioners approved funding the roundup with contingency fund money.

It was voted that the location for early voting be moved from the rotunda of the Courthouse to the annex building located across the

street from the Courthouse. This will be less disruptive.

Commissioner Gary Hollowell asked that the County surplus items stored in the old jail. County officials will be given until Feb. 10 to identify any items that they still wish to keep. They are asked to bring what they can back into the Courthouse rather than keeping it stored at the old jail.

It was decided that some items are already know to be useless and could be surplus and disposed of now. Items surplus at the meeting were CRT monitors, metal tables, porcelain plumbing fixtures, scrap metal, and projector screens. All items not identified to be kept will be salvaged at the Feb. 13 meeting.

There are connectivity issues between the Courthouse and the Justice Center. This can result in customers being kept waiting up to 20 minutes at times. Judge Lewis noted that they need to get the issue fixed because it has been a problem ever since they moved out to the Justice Center. It was agreed to proceed with obtaining a contract to fix the problem.

During the move back into the Courthouse after its renovation, a treasure of historical significance was found. Commissioner Leon Klement explained, "We came across this small ledger, which has significant historical value to the County. It's literally about to fall apart. Some members of the Historical Commission looked it over."

Kit Chase, Historical

Commission member, addressed the Court, "This book is more than 100 years old. It's our history. It's our ancestors and that's why we are concerned about keeping

this for future generations, as well as a research document and a genealogy document."

The Historical Commission

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Beavers earns Girl Scout Gold Award

Senior Girl Scout Caitlin Beavers was recently notified by the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains Council that she has successfully earned her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor that a Girl Scout can earn.

Caitlin's Gold Award project focused on the needs and wishes of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Fort Worth. She obtained the Hospital's patient wish list and set a goal of gathering 300 items from the list. From January to September 2011, Caitlin collected donations in her designated drop-off bins, held fundraisers and bake sales, and mailed requests and personally asked businesses to lend their support to the project.

As a result, Caitlin surpassed her proposed goal and ended up delivering more than 670 wish list items to the Hospital - a very successful end to her 10 years of Scouting.

Caitlin is a senior at Muenster ISD and is the daughter of Cheryl Beavers.



Caitlin Beavers with some of the items collected for her Gold Award project. Courtesy photo

Muenster natives featured in Farm & Ranch Living

By Janet Felderhoff

Former Muenster residents Will and Julie Wolf Klement shared a diary of a month at their citrus grove operation with readers of Farm & Ranch Living magazine. They kept the diary during the month of February 2011. It was published in the February/March 2012 issue.

The Klements reside in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas about 15 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border, directly across from the Mexican city Reynosa. The couple moved there in 1961 so that Will could take his first

job with an agricultural chemical company. They bought a home in the country in 1967 on Taylor Road, which is the boundary between McAllen and Mission.

With the home came 4.5 acres of citrus. They now have 35 acres of citrus.

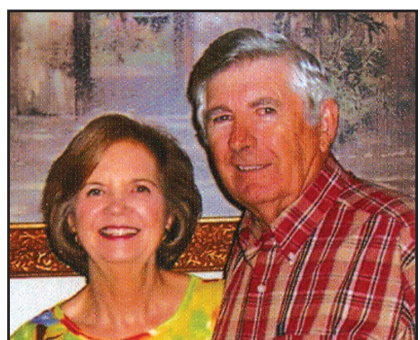
According to Will, they were contacted by the magazine in November

2010 and asked if they would be interested in keeping a diary. He noted that they have subscribed to the magazine for eight to 10 years. Being familiar with the magazine and its diaries featuring various farms and ranches, the couple agreed to the proposal.

In January, the magazine sent a local professional photographer to document activities at Klement's Citrus Grove & Country Store. They did not see the photos until the article came out.

Will explained, "In the article, they asked us to include comments not limited to the business, but to include personal things such as meals, friends, church, etc. We wrote this up daily and submitted e-mails to the magazine weekly. Of the information submitted, they selected only a portion, editing out some things."

"The editors seemed to pick up on the freezing temperatures that we had



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Klement Grove offers a variety of citrus fruit as well as pies and other goods for sale to the public. At left are owners Julie and Will Klement. Courtesy photo

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in mid February in 2011. As it turned out, it was important as it reduced the fruit crop for the 2011-12 season. The reduction in fruit was valley-wide as a result of that late freeze that occurred as the trees were beginning their spring flush of growth and bloom. The freeze hurt the tender growth. Our area seemed to be hit heavily as grapefruit yield seems to be off about 20-25% and oranges by 60% plus."

Will said that currently, there are approximately 25,000 acres of citrus in the Valley. At one time, acreage was 10 times that. "Killing freezes, land development for shopping centers, and home subdivisions have taken their toll on land once used for agriculture," Will stated.

Julie and Will were married June 1, 1957. Will had just earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M. He served in the military and then returned to A&M for his Masters degree in Entomology. They have four sons Chris, Mike, Jon, and Greg. Their children helped with orchard work and fruit harvesting through their high school years. The boys did not choose agriculture as their careers. Will said that four of Chris' daughters have also helped at the store on Saturdays and Christmas breaks. "All four have now moved from the area, and we miss each of them," he added.

The boys' attempt to earn money was the beginning of the family's sale of fruit to the public. "When our boys were in grade school, they wanted a horse," recalled Will. "Julie told them that they could sell citrus fruit along the road and use the money they made to buy a horse. They put two bushels of fruit in a red wagon and set up along the road with a cash box nailed to a palm tree in the yard, and that is how we began selling citrus directly to the public. Since then, we have steadily progressed over the years to the operation we now have."

The Klements say that their business selling fruit to the public began in 1977. Will explained that most

grove owners sell produce to produce sheds or packing-houses. "We began selling direct, mainly to obtain a better price for our product by eliminating the packing shed," remarked Will. "At that period, there was a much larger acreage of citrus grown in the Valley and prices were depressed."

According to Will, the main citrus they grow are Ruby Red and Rio Star grapefruits. He said, "There are several types of Ruby Red and we sell the original Ruby Red plus two others - Henderson and Ray Ruby. In addition, we have a few trees of the old Marsh white grapefruit."

The main varieties of oranges grown in the Klements' groves include Marrs, Pineapple, Navel, and Valencia. Will noted that the Navel is primarily an eating orange since it is easy to peel and is seedless. Although the Marrs has few seeds and can be eaten, Will said that they sell it and the Pineapple and Valencia varieties mainly as juice oranges. The use those varieties to make juice.

"We make fresh orange, grapefruit, tangerine, and lemon juice," Will said. "This past Saturday, I noted that we made and sold in excess of 100 gallons of orange juice. A bushel of oranges makes about 2 1/2 gallons of juice." Also, the Klements sell some specialty oranges - Honey Bell and Temple. They have five varieties of tangerines, two of tangelo (tangerine grapefruit cross), two of lemon, and an orange-grapefruit cross fruit that has orange fruit with a greenish yellow rind. About 20 types of citrus are sold by the Klements. They also have limes and kumquats.

The store is open in season from about Nov. 1 through April every day of the week except Sunday. Will feels that they may close it in March this year due to the reduction in the orange crop after last year's unusual freezes.

"We meet lots of people in the store - from all states and Canada," commented Will. "When we first started selling direct to the public, winter Texans were our

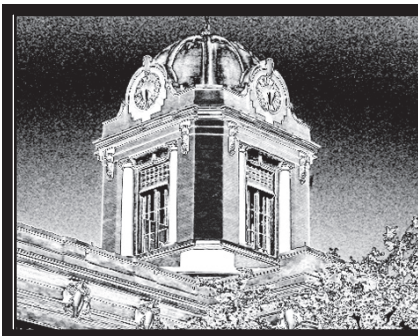
principal customers. Now, probably 85% are locals and most of them are Hispanic since our area is heavily Hispanic. We have lots of Asian culture people here working in the medical field.

"Week before last, we had a couple from Valley View. They have a daughter living here and they came to visit. She was a Rauschuber before her marriage (Trudy Felderhoff is her aunt). I am surprised to hear of the people we get as customers who have been to Germanfest or been to Fischer's for sausage."

In the off-season, there is work to be done in the orchards caring for the trees. Will noted that normally they irrigate about six or eight times a year. This past year, it was 10 times due to the drought. The Valley's annual rainfall is only 20-21 inches, so irrigation is necessary to grow crops. Insect and weed control spraying, pruning of trees, removing dead and weak trees, and replanting are among the chores of the orchard.

Will's parents were Norbert and Agnes Klement. Agnes died in July at the age of 102. "I think of her daily. She was a fixture in my life for so long," Will remarked. Julie's parents were Bernard and Agatha Wolf. "They helped us (mostly Julie) in the fruit shed for years before age and health problems prevented them from coming," Will recalled. "They would come before Thanksgiving and help during that busy time and stay until about a week before Christmas. The first 2 to 2 1/2 weeks in December is when we do the bulk of our gift fruit shipping, and they would help with that. At that period of my life, I had a garden center and nursery and spent my time at it and Julie took care of running the fruit operation. I sold my share of the garden center to my son Jon in 1998 and since then have been involved in the operation of the fruit shed store."

To learn more about these Muenster natives, be sure to read the diary of Will and Julie's month of work on their citrus grove in this month's *Farm & Ranch Living*.



Cooke County working for you featuring County Auditor

By Janet Felderhoff

The 235th District Judge appoints the person who serves as County Auditor to two-year terms. The District Judge also approves the budget for that office and sets salaries for the Auditor and employees. County Auditor Shelly Atteberry explained, "The forefathers who created Texas government put in checks and balances in that the auditor reports to the district judge." It is a system of checks and balances. The purpose is to prevent commissioners having power over the auditor and keeping everything on the up and up. Commissioners Court funds the Auditor's budget.



Auditor's Office staff are, from left, standing - Purchasing Judy Jenkins, Internal Audit Steve Skupin, First Assistant Sharon Giffen, Accounts Payable Mandy Peachee; and seated - Auditor Shelly Atteberry. Janet Felderhoff photo

It is the duty of the County Auditor to safeguard the assets of the County such as cash, property, and equipment. This is done by doing accounts payable, audits of all offices quarterly and reporting any findings. The auditor acts as the purchasing department and enacting requisitions and purchase orders that are approved based on budgetary requirements. They help offices obtain goods and services that are not regular purchases by buying off the state contract, contracts of other counties they hold interlocal agreements with, or a by a bid process.

Another aspect of the purchasing is handling fixed assets, which requires tagging equipment and doing quarterly inventory counts. "This is to make sure the inventory for that department is still in place," noted Atteberry. "If anything is missing, we have to find out why, where did it go, did they give

it to another department, or has it been stolen. We track down those items."

The Auditor's office handles all of the risk insurance and risk management. They handle all of the accident and insurance claims for property.

The Auditor also handles all the County's mail, is financial manager for all grants, and assists the County Judge during the budget sessions. They receive every receipt written by the County Treasurer's office for accuracy, review contracts and financials, requirements for 501C3 entities (volunteer fire departments, Noah's Ark, Muenster library, etc.) that the County budgets money for. The Auditor serves as fiscal officer for the adult and juvenile probation offices and pays their bills

and payroll.

County payroll is audited by the Auditor's office and the checks then printed by them. Quarterly payroll reports are sent to the federal government. Financial and payroll reports are sent to each department once a month so that the department heads can stay within their budgets.

The Auditor's office is located on the north end of the first floor where it was prior to the renovation. Employees of that office are Sharon Giffen, Mandy Peachee, Steve Skupin, and Judy Jenkins.

"I'm excited to be moved back into the historic Courthouse. It is an honor and privilege to work for the citizens of Cooke County," remarked Atteberry.

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sion hopes to scan the pages of the bound ledger so that the information can be made available online to the public. This fragile ledger requires a special digital scanner to prevent damaging it. The ledger would then be preserved in an archival box and stored.

"We understand that there are other historical treasures that are stored away in for instance, the former jail, and we would like permission to go in there under supervision and look to see where some of documents and books are." They will seek ways to make them available to the public without destroying the books and documents.

Klement noted, "This book had a lot of entries from the 1850s - a lot of Civil War entries." Chase expressed

excitement at some of the information they discovered in the old ledger. The earliest entry was from 1851.

Members of the Historical Commission hope to find grant money to help with the digitalization and preservation of any books and documents found. Commissioners Court granted permission for them to seek the funds and to go to the old jail under supervision and Court approval to research and seek any other archives that might be there.

Relocating election hardware gained the Court's approval. Items to be moved are the ballot counting machine to move from the old jail to the lower floor of the County Clerk's Office and poll books from the old jail to the annex building.

In other business conduct-

ed at the Jan. 23 Commissioners Court meeting, Commissioners:

- Approved contract with Total Exploration, Inc. to conduct a seismic survey on County Line Road located in Precinct #2 and Flat Creek Road (CR 388) located in Precinct #3.
- Approved indemnity contracts with EOG Resources, Inc. to bore an 8" disposal water transfer line and a 10" disposal water transfer line, both under CR 328.
- Approved indemnity contract with Copano Energy to cross CR 328 in two specified locations.
- Approved indigent burial of Larry Thomas Burton.
- Received racial profiling report for 2011 for the Cooke County Sheriff's Department.
- Accepted a donation in

the amount of \$20 to the Cooke County Library for research from Larry Wilson.

• Accepted the donation of room and board from Digital Public Library of America so that Director Jennifer Johnson-Spence can attend the Digital Public Library of America Workshop in Dallas.

• Accepted grant funding in the amount of \$21,399 from the Texas Indigent Defensive Commission.



Will and Julie Klement first sold fruit to the public from a red wagon along the road by their rural home. People put their money in a cash box. After several years, they moved in a chicken house and for several years used it to sell citrus. The couple then built a 20'x40' shed and operated out of it until 1984 when they built the present store pictured above. Courtesy photo

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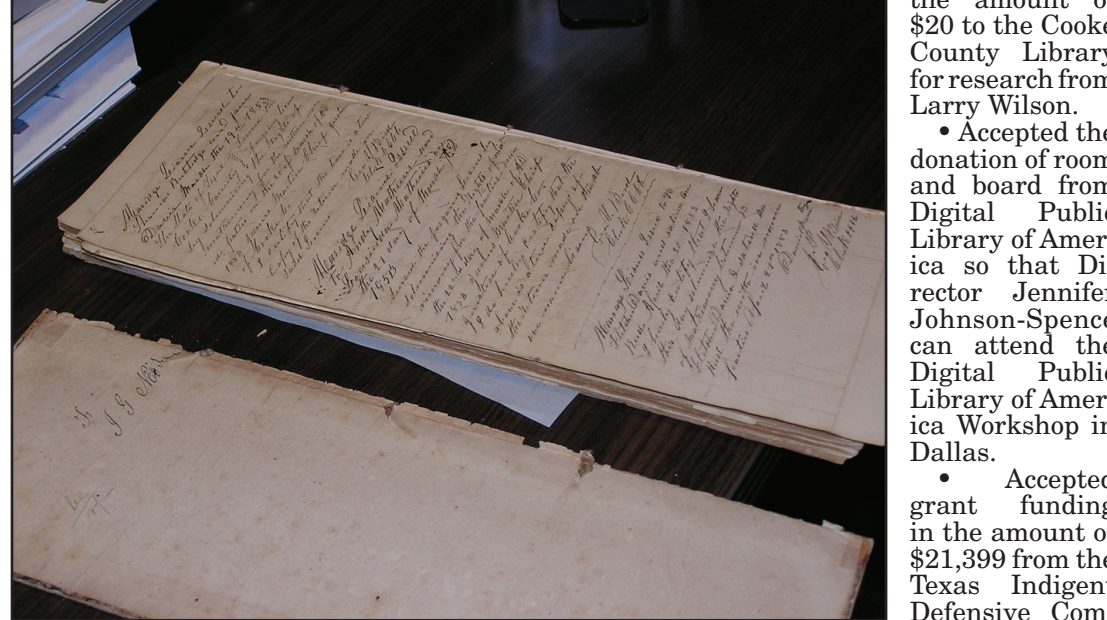
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Ledger discovered with Cooke County records from 1850s. Janet Felderhoff photo

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, January 29, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, January 31, 2012	Wednesday, February 1, 2012	Thursday, February 2, 2012	Friday, February 3, 2012	Saturday, February 4, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Relay for Life 2012 Kick-off meeting 6 pm Stanford House	Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Rel. Ed class, 7 pm Knights of Columbus mtg. 8 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m AARP Board mtg. 10 am	Library open 10:30 - 2:30 Jaycee Banquet 6pm KC Hall Drawing for Pool Raffle Scouting for Food 9-11 am
Sunday, February 5, 2012	Monday, February 6, 2012	Tuesday, February 7, 2012	Wednesday, February 8, 2012	Thursday, February 9, 2012	Friday, February 10, 2012	Saturday, February 11, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm SHCS early dismissal	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Rel. Ed class, 7 pm County Spelling Be SH Alumni & Supp. mtg. 8 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm M. Historical Comm. mtg. 8 am	Muenster Museum open 1-4 SHCS - NO SCHOOL AARP luncheon - noon	Library open 10:30-2:30 MHS Student Council Community Service Day

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Obituaries

Hayden Hess 2012 - 2012

Memorial Mass was held for Hayden Anthony Hess on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating.

Hayden was born to Gregg and Bonnie Hess of Muenster on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012. He died at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth at the age of 11 days on Monday, Jan. 16, 2012.

During Mass, Ruth Ann Eddleman, cousin, gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Hudson Eddleman, cousin. Prayers of the Faithful were read by cousin Elle Bell Zimmerman, cousin. Fertory Gifts were brought up by cousins Tanner and Cooper Eddleman. Eucharistic min-

isters were Gary Endres, Billie and Tony Grewing, Barbara LaChance, and Carolyn Bayer. Altar servers were Alvin Hartman and Sylvan Walterscheid.

Music was provided by Christy Hesse, Clint Kelly, and the Sacred Heart Catholic School 5th Grade, along with Frank Luke, pianist. Songs included "Give Me Jesus," "Seek Ye First," "Here I Am Lord," "Be Not Afraid," and "How Great Thou Art."

Hayden is survived by his parents; siblings Danielle, Eli, Jake, and Mollie; grandparents Frank and Dyann Hess of Muenster and Ron and Sarah Holmes of Stone-wall, Oklahoma; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Windle "Ray" Stanley 1928 - 2012

Graveside services for Windle "Ray" Stanley were held at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21 at Gaines County Cemetery in Seagraves with Fr. Phillip officiating under the direction of the Ratliff Funeral Home.

Ray was born on June 14, 1928 in Lamesa to Bessie True Mayben and Thomas Dewey Stanley. He married Clara Hoening on March 6, 1962 in Lamesa, Texas. Ray

died Friday, Jan. 20, 2012 in Seagraves at the age of 83.

Survivors include his wife Clara of Seagraves; sister Joann Miller of Big Springs; children Allen Seale and Lana Seale of Austin, Dr. Karen Seale of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Joe Seale of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Effie DeGeorge 1923 - 2012

Funeral for Effie Marie DeGeorge, age 88 of Gilmer, was held Sunday, Jan. 22 at First Baptist Church in Gilmer. Interment was in Coker Cemetery in Cooke County, Texas.

DeGeorge died Friday, Jan. 20 in a Tyler hospice.

Born Jan. 28, 1923 in Bulcher to Shelby and Effie Lewis West, Effie was a retired production technician with Texas Instruments, having lived in Upshur County since 1995.

She is survived by her son

and daughter-in-law Gary and Carolyn DeGeorge of Grapevine; daughter and son-in-law Becky and Bill Starnes of Gilmer; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband John DeGeorge in 2006.

Memorials may be made to the Coker Cemetery Fund, c/o FNB, P.O. Box B, Saint Jo, TX 76265 or Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701-6623.

Apply now for United Way allocations

The Cooke County United Way is now considering applications from qualified agencies for the 2013 Campaign Allocation process. New agencies wishing to be considered for the 2013 program may make their request by a letter of intent which must be received by the Cooke County United Way office no later than Jan. 31. Approved agencies will be partners for the upcoming 2013 Campaign which begins this August.

Allocation application packets will be mailed out to all qualified new and current member agencies no later than Feb. 3. Those agencies wishing to be considered for 2013 Campaign Allocations must return the application packets by March 2. Request for information may be sent to P. O. Box 208, Gainesville, Texas 76241 and/or by calling the Cooke County United Way office, 940-665-1793.

A qualified agency must be established as a tax-exempt

organization under the IRS Code Section 501(c)3 and provide services/programs in the health and human services. The allocation packet request agency information in the areas of: constitution and bylaws, management, financial reports, statement of cooperation, and statement of nondiscrimination. The agency must additionally meet the funding criteria, financial accountability, community needs, program priorities, and program effectiveness.

Local volunteers serving on the Citizens Review Panel and the volunteer members of the Cooke County United Way Board of Directors determine where the funds will be invested. These volunteers reflect a cross-section of the community. Cooke County United Way celebrates its 57th anniversary this year and is one of 1,300 local, independent United Ways across the country.

Clyde Steelman named ESC executive director

Dr. Clyde W. Steelman, Jr. was named the new executive director of the Education Service Center (ESC) Region XI at the organization's Monday, Jan. 23 Board of Directors meeting. Steelman, who has been serving as the interim executive director following the retirement of Richard Ownby last August, previously served the ESC as the deputy executive director for Administrative and Business Services, a position he has held since 2005. Prior to joining the ESC staff, he served as superintendent of schools for Muenster ISD for five years and superintendent of schools for Bluff Dale ISD for four years.

Since assuming the role as interim director, Steelman has worked to ensure the financial viability of the ESC as it, like the school districts in the region, has had to respond to drastic state funding cuts. In addition, he has made great strides in reaching out to school superintendents in order to partner with them in order to find the most cost-effective ways to provide services and improve student achievement. Following his recent evaluation with Commissioner of Education Robert Scott, the ESC Board of Directors was given permission to fill the position permanently.

"After the Board named Clyde as the interim executive director, we met with him and told him the direction that we would like for the ESC to go in the future," said ESC Board Chairman J.B. Morgan. "Since that time, we have been extremely pleased with the excellent progress he has made in following that course and getting results."

Home burglary reported on Main

The burglary of a home in the 800 block of North Main Street was reported. The incident occurred on Monday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

According to Muenster Chief of Police Mark Blankenship, the thief saw a Play Station near a window of the residence. The window was not locked and the thief reached in and took the item. Nothing else was stolen.

Chief Blankenship reminds residents to keep valuables out of sight and to lock up their homes, buildings, and vehicles.

Candidate Forum is Feb. 2

The Republican Women of Cooke County are hosting a State and Federal Candidate Forum on Thursday, Feb. 2 at the First Christian Church, 400 North Commerce Street, Gainesville. The Meet and Greet will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7. All are invited to attend the event.

All State and Federal can-

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

2011 years later..... what an eloquent example for life that our Creator gave us for all time at Christmas - and the greatest gift - His divine birth! The true meaning of Christmas is stupendous, with its preceding events - 'the announcement of His mother, being with child, nine months before His birth & the baby stirring within'. I have often thought, what if His mother had said "no" or "no way shall His life continue"? I surmise that there would be no 'Christmas' and 'no Easter'!!

Simply put, to celebrate the 'glory of Christmas' is to celebrate the birth of Jesus, from His conception onwards. After all, He came in human form to show us how to care for every human being from their beginning to their end, naturally!

After reading a recent article by Chuck Norris, in which he points out that Thomas Jefferson noted, "the care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government," the words 'first' and 'only' are monumental.

I have been told that I am single-issued, narrow-minded, naive, and other such terms, regarding my human life stance, and that I cannot vote for a candidate based on this kind of mentality. My answer is that if our country cannot get our beginnings or foundation right, then we will not be able to get the economy, health care, and all the other issues on the right path, due to the 'rippling effect.'

Delving into the aforementioned article by Chuck Norris, he notes that "the Declaration of Independence affirms the values and rights of 'Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness,' for all human beings - something further locked in our Bill of Rights." It is abominable that the landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court - Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (Jan. 22, 1973) came about and that it has not been reversed after all this time.

*The National Right to Life Committee's factsheet, of January 2010 lists the total abortions in the United States since 1973, as 52,008,665 SOURCE: HYPERLINK <http://www.christianliferesources.com/article/u-s-abortion-statistics-by-year-1973-current-1042>.

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Jan. 24, 1947

Angeline Knabe Shumaker joins beauty shop staff. Chip of steel may cost Pat Hennigan sight of right eye; he sustained the injury while hammering on a chisel at Hennigan Garage. Bill Biffle joins personnel of Muenster Motor Company. Weddings: Louise Mages and George Schmidtkofer; Marie Swinger and Steve Fette. New Arrival: Rebecca to the Charles Tates. Johnny Wimmer and Johnny Bayer make business trip to Wichita Falls Tuesday.

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 26, 1962

Four days added to school calendar as make-up days due to bad weather. City starts issue of dog licenses; proof of rabies vaccinations

and license fee of \$5 is required. New Arrivals: Craig to Donnie and Evelyn Walterscheid; Leslie to David and Bernice Strittmatter; David to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Price. Showing at the State Theatre in Gainesville is *Splendor in the Grass* starring Natalie Wood and Warren Beatty, and *Jungle Moon Men* starring Johnny Weissmuller. Pagel's Store advertises canned tuna 19¢ and fresh hamburger 49¢ per lb; Hofbauer's advertises Kraft marshmallows 4 packages for \$1 and Kraft quart bottle cooking oil 65¢; Fisher's advertises 16 oz. mustard 2 for 29¢ and Ranch Style beans 2 for 29¢.

25 YEARS AGO Jan. 23, 1987

Drue Bynum and Andy Burnette, Muenster High School seniors, are two of 60 finalists for the Fina Academic All-State Football Team; 11 students will be named to the team. Dennis and Kathy Hess of Hess Furniture attend window designs seminar in Dallas. George Luke earns registration as Professional Engineer. Rose Rohmer presents garden program to Muenster Extension Homemakers Club during its meeting hosted by Tillie Schoech.

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for a new generator for the Hospital. It is hoped that they will be finished so that a decision can be made at the next meeting.

In other business, the Hospital Board:

• Approved Bad Debt Write

Offs totaling \$30,996.52.

• Discussed need for continuing education reimbursement. Data was set up by previous DON, but never adopted. Will address at a future meeting.

Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

Mother Teresa

The family of Joseph "Joe" Walterscheid would like to thank those who helped ease our pain and sorrow in the loss of our father and brother. Thanks to all who brought food to the house, donated food at Fischer's, and to Fischer's for their food. Thanks to McCoy Funeral Home for their professional service and Father Ken Robinson for visits to the house, for the vigil, and funeral Mass. Thanks to Christy and Isaac for the beautiful music, to the Mass servers, and the Eucharistic ministers. We appreciate the Catholic Daughters for providing the meal and the KC's for the use of the hall.

Thanks to all who sent beautiful flowers, phone calls, cards, prayers, Masses, donations to the Trust Fund, and monetary gifts. Special mention goes to the Cooke County Home Hospice staff, nurses, and aides who took such excellent care of Joe.

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Members of The Perfect Trouble Band, from left, Shawn Scheller, Matt Beaver, Jason Eldred, and Scotty Thurman. Courtesy photo

Area band honored with award nominations

By Linda Flusche
You may have heard and enjoyed music by Scotty Thurman & The Perfect Trouble Band while attending area venues. Members of the band include Matt Beaver of Muenster, Scotty Thurman of Gainesville, Shawn Scheller of Bellevue, and Jason Eldred of Nocona. The band has recently been honored by being listed as an official nominee for the 10th annual Texas Music Awards™.

They are among many other bands and musicians announced by Lucky Boyd, president of the Academy of Texas Music, Inc., for various categories in the competition. One recipient in each category will hold the award title for the next year based on a complex voting system.

Six of 18 categories are decided by public vote. Included are the Live Band award and all the radio awards. The voting process includes public input. Interested fans can go to www.texasmusicawards.org to learn more about the voting process which is open and will continue through midnight on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Fans can listen to clips of music by all the nominees. They can also hear entire tracks for five Song of the Year nominees, 10 Record of the Year nominees, and five Popular Cover Award nominees before voting.

The annual event, which will take place March 24, serves as a fundraiser for the Academy of Texas Music, Inc., a nonprofit which seeks sponsorships and do-

nations for music education programs, scholarships, recognition projects, and benevolence programs for musicians in need.

Scotty Thurman & The Perfect Trouble Band are nominated for Vocal Group for their performance on "Good To See You." Shawn Scheller is nominated for Band Musician for his guitar performance on "Good To See You." The band's album *Good To See You* has also been nominated in the Album category. Fans who would like to show their support of the band, need to be sure to go to the website and cast their votes before the Jan. 31 deadline.

The band will be appearing at Tony's Tavern in Muenster on Feb. 4.

Jan. 30 is 2012 Relay For Life kickoff

Cooke County residents are invited to attend the 2012 Relay For Life kickoff meeting on Monday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. It will be held at the Stanford House, 401 West Garnett in Gainesville.

There is a discount early bird team registration offered at the kickoff.

For more information, contact Melissa at 736-6839 or Stacy at 736-4697, or mlhill@hotmail.com

New Arrival

Bailey
Chad and Donna Bailey of Dallas joyfully announce the birth of their first child, daughter Ella K Bailey. She was born on Thursday Dec. 15, 2011 at 3:52 p.m. at Plano Presbyterian in Plano. Ella weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. She is welcomed by grandparents Don and Sara Lester of Era, and Rick and Deronda Bailey of Hideaway, Texas. Great-grandparents are the late Bruno and Bertha Fleitman, and the late Kenneth and Bedie Lester.



Ella K Bailey

Local Bear Cubs tour 1580 radio station

The Bear Cubs from Pack 664 toured 1580 Memories Radio station recently. The boys are working on their "Information, Please" Achievement.

Each boy had a chance to sit in the radio announcer seat and learn how music mixing software selected the songs that played. They went into the recording studio and recorded the Cub Scout Promise. The Cub Scout promise was then played

the next morning during the Morning Talk show.

Then the boys went outside and looked at the two radio towers and learned how the sound waves are transmitted.

Submit entries for NCTC writing contests

Aspiring writers still have time to submit their entries to the 2012 Annual Creative Writing Awards Contests sponsored by North Central Texas College.

Deadline for submitting entries in all categories and divisions is noon on Feb. 27. Writers may submit one entry in each category for which they are eligible.

According to contest director Gabrielle Fletcher of the NCTC English faculty, the competition comprises four main divisions for amateur writers ranging from middle school age through adults. Each division features sub-categories for poetry, short stories, and essays, and the contests are open to all who wish to enter.

The competition, Prof. Fletcher noted, will feature

both expert judges and cash prizes for first, second, and third place in each division. Winners will be honored during a special awards ceremony at 11 a.m. on April 13 in the NCTC Center for Performing Arts.

This year's award ceremony will feature guest speaker Joe Galloway, co-author of *We Were Soldiers Once...And Young* as well as numerous articles for *United Press International*, *USA Today World Report*, and one of America's premier war and foreign correspondents for half a century.

On May 1, 1998, Galloway was decorated with a Bronze Star Medal with V for rescuing wounded soldiers under fire in the Ia Drang Valley, in November 1965. He received the National Magazine Award in 1991 for a *U.S. News* cover article on the 25th anniversary of the Ia Drang Battles, and the National News Media Award of the U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1992 for coverage of the Gulf War.

Middle-school students in grades 6, 7, and 8 may submit entries to the Jerry Simpson Memorial Poetry and Short Story Contests, while high-school students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 may enter their work in the

Brad Dill Memorial Poetry and Short Story Contests.

The Clinton Brennan Creative Writing Contest for poetry and short fiction is open to all non-student amateur writers residing in Texas or Oklahoma.

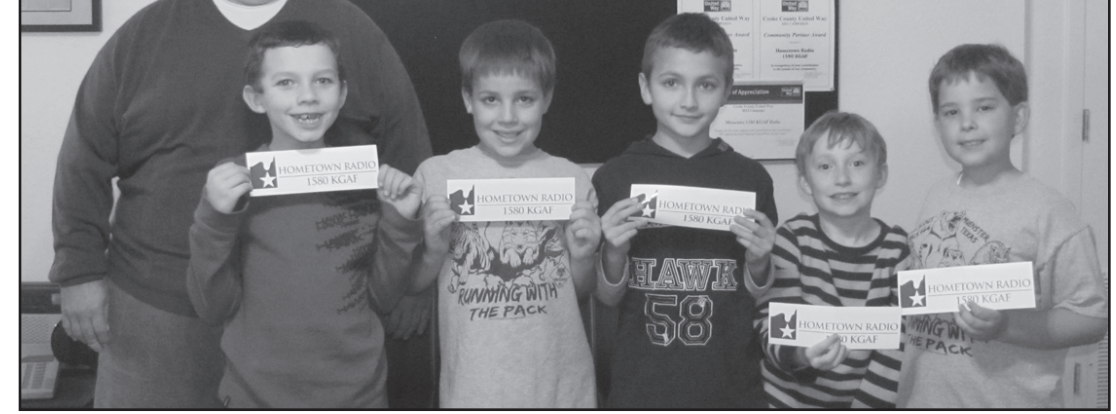
Contests for NCTC students include the Inspired Essayist Contest, the Aspiring Poet Contest, and the Gerald McDaniel Memorial Short Story Contest.

Handouts detailing the guidelines and format requirements for each contest will be available in the libraries on all NCTC campuses. In addition, entry forms and format requirements for electronic or paper submissions can be found online. Go to <http://www.nctc.edu/creativewriting> and click on the link to Contest Rules & Entry Forms.

Entries may be submitted by e-mail or sent by regular mail to Prof. Fletcher at 1525 W. California Street, Gainesville, TX, 76240-4699, or entries may be left at the ESFL office on the NCTC Gainesville campus, room 120. All entries must be received by the stated deadline, along with the required entry form.

For information, call the ESFL office, 668-7731, or e-mail gfletcher@nctc.edu.

At the 1580 Memories Radio station, announcer Dee Blanton gave a tour. At right, Owen David tries on the announcer's headset; below - Dee Blanton poses with Bear Cubs, from left, Matthew Klement, Nolan Vogel, Preston Smith, Owen David, and Rafael Rondon. Courtesy photos



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Abraham Lincoln

Ladies VFW Auxiliary holds January meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Jan. 16 in the Post Home with President Frances Bayer presiding. Ethel Mae Hesse was conductress pro tem, and read the treasurer's report for Lucille Hesse. Hilda Sicking, chaplain pro tem, led opening prayer. Patriotic instructor was Eleanor Felderhoff. A thank you note was read by Ida Mae Bindel, secretary. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were also read.

"In Lieu of Christmas Cards" was deemed a success, and thanks was given to all who contributed to this project that aids their other projects financially. President Bayer read general orders from *The 2 Cents* paper, and reported on the Christmas baskets she delivered to veterans.


Members were reminded of the Mid Winter Round Up to be held in Austin Jan. 25 - 29. Campbell Soup labels can be turned in anytime to be sent to the VFW National Children's Home.

Frances Bayer served refreshments to nine members.


The next meeting will be held Feb. 20 in the Post Home at 7:30 p.m.

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Students study landforms from land to sea

In both Science and Social Studies, SHCS fourth graders have been studying earth's many natural features known as landforms. They have studied earth's tallest landforms, mountains and volcanoes, as well as the flattest kind of landform, the plains. They read about landforms shaped by water such as channels, gulches, valleys, and canyons. They have also learned that

some landforms such as sand dunes are shaped by wind. Where water meets land, other landforms are made. They studied the Mighty Mississippi River, its delta, tributaries, and drainage basin. The students learned that the Mississippi River has the third largest drainage basin in the world, and it includes all or part of 31 states.

From land to sea, they studied how the beach turns into the shallow continental shelf which connects shore to sea and can stretch for miles. Beyond the continental shelf are the continental slope, continental rise, and finally the ocean floor which has features similar to land. After studying all the different landforms, the students created their own landforms out of play dough.



SHCS 4th graders



Sacred Heart Catholic School 4th grade students work on their landforms projects. Pictured clockwise from top left are, from left, Eric Bayer; Jared Walterscheid and Koby Hogan; Logan Muller, Jacob Walterscheid, and Madison Ladzenski; and Cole Hess and Brenton Wilson. SHCS photos



Muenster ISD School Board recognized Muenster Elementary's UIL participants for "bringing home the gold" at the District competition on Dec. 14. The Board praised the students for the many hours of practice they put in and for their obvious dedication. Pictured are, from left, front - Audrey Kubis, Sarah Davis, Owen David, Alyssa Huchton, Martie McCoy, Lilly Muller; row 2 - Alexis Bate-man, Brooke Hammer, Kelsey Hennigan, Shae Budish, Alexa Waneck, Jena Dangelmayr, Hannah Lamar; row 3 - Savannah Hermes, Jessica Dangelmayr, Morgan Hennigan, Dean Walterscheid, Travis Dangelmayr; row 4 - Alaina Kubis, Bailey Anderle, Ashleigh Fisher, Morgan Eldridge, Lauren Trubenbach, Colby Endres; row 5 - Tom Davis, Ryan Huchton, Ethan Hellman, Nathan Hacker, and Blair Waneck; row 6 - Board members Richard Dangelmayr, Doug Hermes, Steve Trubenbach, Neal Flusche, Mel Walterscheid, Ben Bindel, and Kimberly Walterscheid. MISD photo

Lunch Menus

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 Thurs. - Chicken strips, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, wheat hot rolls.
 Fri. - Hamburger w/cheese,

oven fries, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.


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 Mon. - Corn dogs, baked beans, carrot sticks, oranges.
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 Wed. - Roasted chicken, new potatoes, green beans, peaches.
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 Mon. - Beef Stroganoff, green beans, breadstick, fruit.
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 Thurs. - Burritos, corn, carrots w/ranch, fruit, Missouri cookie.
 Fri. - Chicken sandwich, potato wedges, fruit, ice cream.

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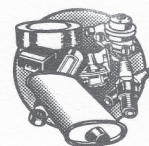
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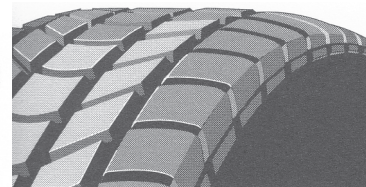
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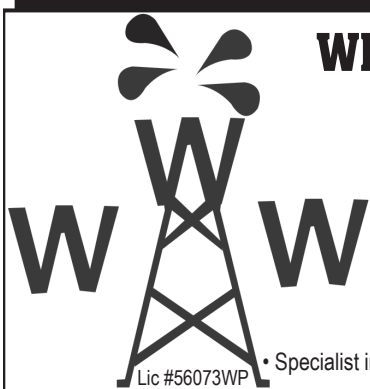
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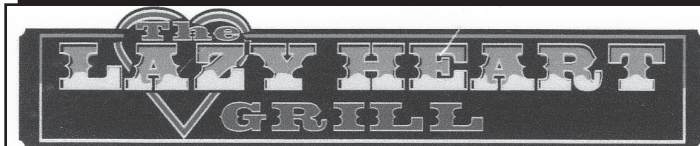


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Muenster teams get District wins over Era and Perrin

Sacred Heart action continues toward TAPPS playoffs

Last week Tuesday, the Tigers lost a tough battle to the Denton Calvary Lions 69-47 after a cold 3rd quarter.

Austin Aldridge led the scoring for Sacred Heart with 11 points. Nick Zimmerer added 9, Austin Springer 8, Isac Walterscheid 7, Hayden Schilling 5, John Paul Hesse and Omar Colmenero 3 each, and Michael Weinzapfel 1.

SH	14	14	5	14	47
C	18	17	22	12	69

On Friday, the Tigerettes traveled to Desoto to take on the #2 ranked team in the state, Canterbury. "We knew going into this one we needed a total team effort and we got it," said Coach Jon LeBrosseur on the Tigerettes 63-54 upset.

Kelsey Reeves led the scoring for Sacred Heart with 18 points. Kaitlin Hesse and Karli Anderle scored 15 each. Mikaela Bartush put in 8 points, Danielle Berend 5, and Peyton Reiter 2.

SH	12	12	14	25	63
C	15	12	11	16	54

On Tuesday, the Tigerettes out-scored the Kennedale Fellowship Lady Mustangs 64-26. "We were able to rest some players, and anytime this late in the season, that's a bonus," Coach Jon said. Eight team members scored points in the game. Anderle led with 19, Ka. Reeves added 13, Hesse 12, Reiter 8, Walterscheid 5, Berend 3, and 2 apiece by Bartush and Ke. Reeves.

SH	22	20	9	13	64
F	6	4	7	9	26



Tigerettes put pressure on a Lady Mustang and get a turnover in Sacred Heart's victory Tuesday night. Janie Hartman photo

In the Hornet battle - Red vs Gold - last Friday night, the Muenster Lady Hornets remained undefeated in District with a 42-28 victory over Era.

Demi Koelzer controlled the scoreboard with 19 points. Lana Heers added 6, Allison Pagel and Emily Hellman 5 each, Amber Walterscheid 4, and Michelle

Sicking 3.

In boys action, Red out-scored Gold 39-18 to improve Muenster's District record to 5-2.

Blake Grewing was high scorer for Muenster with 16 points, which included four 3-pointers. Andy Flusche added 10, Cole Walterscheid 9, and Dalton Koelzer 4. Muenster hit 88% of their free throws.

M	11	7	8	13	39
E	7	4	7	0	18

On Tuesday, Muenster played host to Perrin, with both varsity teams earning District victories.

The Lady Hornets went to 10-0 in District after buzzing over Perrin 68-28.

Koelzer and Hellman were high point makers with 11 and 10. Heers added 8, Pagel 7, Kalyn Dangelmayr 6, Paige Herr, Andi Felderhoff, and Paige Hennigan 5 each, Walterscheid and Lauren Rohmer 4 apiece, and Sicking 3.

The Muenster varsity girls stand with a 25-4 record so far this season.

In boys action, the Hornets hammered Perrin 86-41.

Walterscheid was Muenster's leading scorer with 24 points. Flusche added 12, Grewing and Hunter Klement each scored 11, Clint Sidwell 8, Koelzer and Austin Hennigan 7 apiece, and Landon Presnall 6.

M	27	25	16	18	86
P	9	9	15	8	41

Lady Knights go 9-1 in District

The Lady Knights took a 55-34 win from the Lady Pirates of Collinsville last Friday.

"We didn't play as well as we have been. But it is a win and we will take it," commented Coach Don Neu. "It keeps us in a position we can control our own destiny."

Jordan Fleitman and Megan Caillier led the scoring for Lindsay with 14 and 12 points. Hayley Skinner added 8, Jalyndy Anderle 7, Sydney Ott and Taylor Atkins 6 each, and Hannah Zimmerer 2.

On Tuesday, the Lady Knights defeated Poolville 63-12, moving Lindsay girls to 9-1 in District.

Caillier burned the boards with 23 points. Fleitman put in 12, Skinner 10, Anderle 7, Ott 6, and Zimmerer and Atkins 3 apiece.



Muenster won this Hornets race to the basket. Deanna Hellman photo

Junior Varsity Action

Muenster vs Era

The Red Lady Hornets came up short against the Gold team last week 28-22. Kristen Reiter and Sydney Huchton each scored 7 points. Adrien Rohmer added 4, Hannah Bayer 3, and Kendi Bayer 1.

In the boys game, the Red out-stung the Gold 41-14. Trevor Cheaney led all scorers with 16 points. Brandon Hennigan added 8, Austin Creswell, Chance Herr, and Trey Anderle 4 apiece, Clayton Hess 3, and Dalton Blassingame 2.

M	14	8	12	7	41
E	0	3	4	7	14

Lindsay vs Collinsville
The JV Lady Knights defeated Collinsville 48-11 last week. Nicole Fleitman led all scorers with 18 points.

Courtney Neu added 8, Shea Garner 6, Sarah Fuhrmann and Mackenzie Myrick 4 apiece, 3 each by Maddy Zimmerer and Tara Atkins, and 2 each from Kailei Klement and Madison Green.

Muenster vs Perrin
The JV Hornets earned a 48-23 win over Perrin Tuesday.

Knight powerlifters

On Saturday, the Lindsay powerlifters competed in the Tom Bean Invitational. Alie Fogle finished 1st in her weight class, girls division.

Knight Elijah Walker brought home a 5th place in his weight class and Nick Rose 8th in his division.

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be allowed 15 free-throw attempts. Ties will be settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerges. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, contact Coach Jeff Presnall at 759-2371.

Junior High Basketball action

Muenster vs Era

The Lady Stinger teams took two from the Era Lady Bees last week.

The 7th grade team pulled out a 25-22 win. Bailey Klement scored 13, with Macie Pagel and Morgan Eldridge each getting 6.

The 8th grade team, led by Natalie Fangman's 16 points, out-scored Era 38-24. Claire Schneider added 11, Katie Pagel 9, and Allie Walterscheid 2.

Sacred Heart vs Red River

The Lady Cub A team defeated Red River Home School 36-7. Katie Davidson scored 12 points. Kate Springer and Alane Bartush each added 6, Amanda Aldridge and Leah Knabe 4 apiece, and 2 each by Catherine Fleitman and Avery Truebenbach.

The A team Cubs defeated Home School 41-30. Only three Sacred Heart players put points on the board. Kason Reeves led with 23. Tyler Spruill added 16 and Daniel Hesse 2.

Sacred Heart in Forestburg Tournament

The A Lady Cubs lost one and won one tournament game. Sacred Heart opened with a 24-20 loss to the Henrietta 8th. Knabe and Bartush each scored 6, Davidson

and Springer 2.

Game two was a 41-27 win over the Henrietta 7th grade team. Bartush led the scoring with 11. Davidson added 9, Knabe 8, Aldridge 6, Endres 4, Fleitman 2, and Springer 1.

The A team Cubs won both their tournament matches. Game one was a 55-33 win over the host Horns. Reeves put in 23 points. Grant Springer added 12, with Hesse, Spruill, and Michael Fleitman each scoring 6, and Ethan Henry 2.

Reeves again scored 23 points in game two, as the Cubs defeated Terral, Oklahoma 66-29. Spruill added 12, Springer 11, Fleitman 10, Hesse 7, Rogelio Orocio 2, and Henry 1.

Lindsay vs Bowie

The Lindsay boys Grey team defeated Bowie 26-16. Allen Richards put 8 points on the board. Tyler Morris and Louis Krahl each added 6, Dawson Anderle 4, and Seth Sampson 2.

Lindsay vs Valley View

The junior high girls earned two wins last Thursday in Valley View. The 7th grade team brought home a 30-15 win. Elizabeth Hellman scored 13 points. Campbell Williams added 8, Lindsey Gibbs 7, and Sarah Otto 2.

The 8th grade pulled out a 26-23 win, with six players putting points on the board. Ali Anzaldua scored 9, Alex Harrell 6, Scout Tatum 5, and 2 apiece from Erin Early, Hope English, and Sarah Snider.

The White boys team defeated Valley View 41-7. John Michael Fuhrmann led all scorers with 10 points. Cole Barnes added 6, Austin Schully and Yancey Otto 5 each, Reed Harrison 4, Tanner Deborde 3, and 2 each by Logan Wann, Luke Metzler, Zach Hundt, and Jonathon Bell.

The Black team defeated the Birds 50-18. Blake Hoepfner scored 24 points. Logan Cook added 10, John Rohmer 9, Andy Dieter 5, and Hunter Ellender 2.

Lindsay vs Bowie

The grey team defeated Bowie again last Saturday (score not reported). Richards and Morris both scored 12 points. Anderle added 4, Caden Maydew 3, and 2 apiece by Sampson, Krahl, and Cohen Hunter.

Sacred Heart vs Walnut Bend

The B team Cubs took a 33-28 win over Walnut Bend last week. Sam Hesse led the scoring with 11 points. Roy Endres added 7, Tyler Walterscheid 5, Hunter Hess 6, and Robert Hanson 4.

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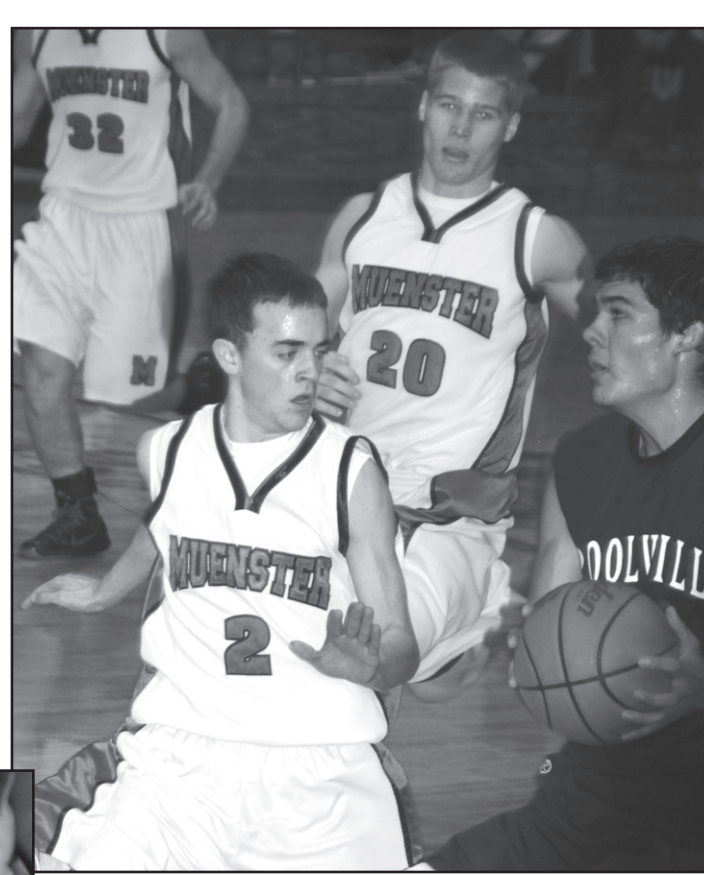
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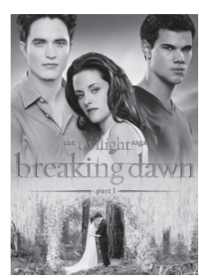
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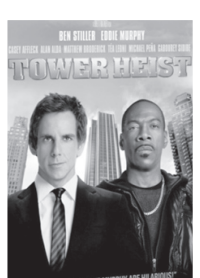
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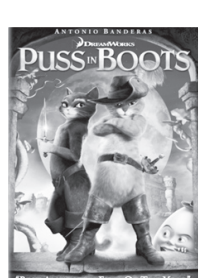
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"I encourage producers to make an appointment with our office to sign-up for program benefits," said Fenoglio.

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Both DCP and ACRE participants must sign annual contracts to be eligible for program benefits. All signatures of producers who will receive a share of DCP and ACRE payments must be on file by the June 1 deadline.

For more information about DCP and ACRE, contact the Cooke County FSA office at 940-665-4397 ext. 2 or visit the web at: www.fsa.usda.gov/tx.

TDA market report

For the week ending Jan. 21, feeder cattle prices at the Texas locations covered by USDA Market News were mostly steady to \$4 higher per hundredweight. Texas direct feeder cattle sales were steady to \$2 higher, with a few up to \$5 higher. Oklahoma City was mostly steady on feeder cattle; steady to \$2 lower on steer calves; and steady to \$2 higher on heifer calves. Buyers continue to actively pursue available cattle, with prices mostly steady to higher across the region. However, reports also noted that the rate of increase has slowed somewhat. Fed cattle cash prices were \$3 higher in spite of lower beef prices and tight packer margins.

Cotton prices were higher after China reported its 2011 production was more than 3 million bales less than the current USDA projection. The weekly export sales report showed the highest purchases since November. Corn and grain sorghum were higher after strong weekly export sales reinforced prospects that lower South American production will increase demand for U.S. grain. Wheat prices continued to slide lower as ample global supplies again pressured markets.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, fed cattle, cotton, and corn were higher, while wheat and lumber were lower. The January feeder cattle contract hit new record highs early in the week amid prospects for tighter supplies.

Topsoil moisture was rated in short to very short supply in much of west and south Texas, while the remainder of the state was mostly short to adequate. Some areas of surplus moisture were noted along the Upper Coast.

Winter wheat was 95% emerged and in mostly good to poor condition. Preparations for spring planting are underway in many areas. Pastures were rated in mostly poor to very poor condition, though recent rains and warm temperatures have helped winter grasses.

County Agent's Report

Look for first hollow stem with wheat and other small grains

In Cooke County there are approximately 40,000 acres of wheat, oats, and other small grains crops planted this year. On a normal year, around 2/3 of those acres are never harvested for grain. Instead, they are either grazed out or baled for hay. Still, that leaves just over 13,000 acres that may get combined for grain; most of this acreage is grazed until the middle of February.

As wheat growth progresses from late winter into spring, at some point it will switch from a vegetative to a reproductive state. This change represents a critical management time frame. Producers refer to the grain crop as "breaking dormancy."

It is during this time of year that many management practices are put into place, including: fertilizing, weed control, and removal of grazing livestock for small grains intended for combining. According to Extension Agronomists Brent Bean and Calvin Trostle, these practices are necessary, but simply using the calendar as a guide may not be good enough. The first thing that occurs when small grains break dormancy is leaf sheaths become strongly erect and new tiller development has ceased. At this time, the growing point, which is below the soil surface, begins to develop an embryo head. Toppredressing with nitrogen should occur by this time because at this stage of growth the size of the grain head is determined; later applications of fertilizer may increase yield because of increased grain size or weight, but it will not affect seed numbers per head.

In regards to termination of grazing, it is important to identify the time of "first hollow stem." Once the embryo head is developed, the internode will begin to elongate, pushing the head up through the leaf sheaths. This first internode will be hollow. This is visible before you can actually feel the first node (joint, located just above the first internode). Therefore, "first hollow" stem occurs a few days prior to "jointing." Research has shown that grazing wheat and other small grains after the appearance of a first hollow stem will reduce grain yield. If maximum grain yield is your goal, then termination of grazing needs to occur by the time the first hollow stem appears.

Breaking dormancy, first hollow stem, and jointing do not occur at the same time every year.

They are influenced by variety, planting date (especially for late planted grain, which will joint somewhat later), and warm or cold weather. These factors can move jointing forward 7-14 days in some years, and delay it by a similar amount in others. To optimize grain yield potential, it is best to physically examine the wheat rather than relying on a calendar date to decide when to terminate grazing or even when to apply fertilizer.

Dates to remember

- Feb. 9 - Private Applicator Pesticide Training and Testing, Call (940) 668-5412 to reserve a position in the class.
- Feb. 23 - Tri-County Farmer and Rancher Symposium (5 CEUs), Gainesville Civic Center, 8 am-3:30 pm, RSVP (940) 668-5412.

And then the rains came



Heaven opened its gates and dropped a wonderful rain on the area this week. Mother Nature cooperated with mild temperatures. Ponds were filled and creeks are running, a sight not seen in some time. Janet Felderhoff photo

TWDB releases 2012 water plan

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has released the 2012 Texas water plan, which is updated every five years. The water plan outlines the state's expected future water needs, particularly in light of the current, ongoing drought.

TWDB estimates the Texas population will increase by

82% by 2060, but Texas water supplies are expected to decrease by 10%. Water needs at that time could total 8.3 million acre-feet per year of additional water.

Not meeting water demand could result in \$11.9 billion in lost income per year, as noted by TWDB. With persistent drought conditions, losses

could top \$115 billion annually by 2060, according to the latest Texas water plan.

To review the 2012 Texas water plan, visit <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/wrpi/swp/swp.asp>.

OSU: Cattle prices continue to climb in 2012

For Texas cattlemen, 2011 was a year of extremes and records. The drought conditions that plagued them last year were only countered by both strong prices and a strong export market. According to livestock economists at Oklahoma State University (OSU), ranchers could see another year of record cattle prices in 2012.

Experts point to the shrinking U.S. cattle herd leading to tighter supplies as a major driver behind increasing prices. Yet Dr. Derrell Peel, an OSU livestock economist, said that, while low supply is the main factor at the moment, it will be consumer demand that determines just how high prices will go.

As unemployment remains a concern, many are unsure about U.S. consumers' willingness to pay higher beef prices. Some experts predict an increase in retail prices from 4-12% in 2012.

Americans eating out less in 2012

Over the next six months, Americans likely will be eating out less, according to a new Harris Poll. The survey polled 2,499 adults in November and found that 61% (compared to 66% last year) of respondents said they are likely to decrease their restaurant spending.

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USDA land use numbers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released an analysis of land use data and found that U.S. cropland decreased by 34 million acres from 2002 to 2007. While U.S. cropland decreased, forestland, grassland, and rangeland increased in the same five-year period.

The report showed that urban land acreage quadrupled from 1945 to 2007, increasing at about twice the rate of population growth over this period.

Land in urban areas was estimated at 61 million acres in 2007, up almost 2% since 2002 and 17% since 1990.

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* packer cows & bulls steady * stock cows was very good with strong demand especially on good young bred black cows and pairs

Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.90-2.40; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.40-1.79; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.85-2.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.40-1.60; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.70-2.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.30-1.50; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.55-1.70; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.40; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.50-1.65; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.30; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.40-1.50; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.25. Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.65-1.90; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.30-1.60; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.55-1.70; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.30-1.45; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.45-1.65; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.25-1.40; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.35-1.50; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.25-1.40; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.35-1.44; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.30; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.25-1.38; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.25. Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., .84-.97; Slaughter Cows: #1&3, .75-.84; Cuts: .57-.67.	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1550; Medium Frame: \$900-\$1050. Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1350-\$1700; Medium Frame: \$900-\$1200. Baby Calves: Holstein: N/T Cross Breds: \$150-\$225. Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 230-270: 48-.55; US #2, 220-280: 44-.44 Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs.: \$45-\$58; 25-90 lbs.: \$20-\$55 Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less: .40-.48; Light wt., 400-500: .40-.48; Med. wt., 500-700: .40-.48; Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: -.8-200-300 lbs.: .19-.25 Light wt.: N/T Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 1.80-1.90; Light lambs: 1.80-1.90; Fat lambs: 1.10-1.30 Ewes (per lb.) Stocker: -.80-Thin: N/T.	Bucks (per lb) All: N/T. Barbardo (per head) Lambs: N/T; Ewes: N/T; Bucks: \$1.10-\$1.45. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$25-\$55; 35-55 lbs.: \$40-\$90; 55-75 lbs.: \$85-\$120. Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs.: \$95-\$140. Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$75-\$130; Milk Type: N/T Slaughter: \$95-\$140 Thin: \$40-\$80 Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$135-\$150. Slaughter: \$90-\$125. Boer Goats (per head) Full Nanny: N/T. Full Billy: N/T.
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