

Muenster Chamber recognizes community members

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting and banquet on Friday, Jan. 27 in the new VFW Hall. The evening featured various members of the community, living and deceased, who were nominated as being pillars of the community.

John Broyles, executive director for the Chamber, served as master of ceremonies. Fr. Ken Robinson, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, offered the invocation. Muenster Mayor Joey Anderson welcomed guests.

Anderson recalled last summer's destructive storm and how the community came together to clean up and move forward. He spoke of the extreme heat and drought and resulting restrictions on watering called for by the City and how people cooperated.

Things to be celebrated that Anderson mentioned included the swimming pool exchanged for a swimming hole that will hopefully become a nice new pool, several new businesses, and the

Germanfest, Inc. facility. Broyles said, "The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is in to promoting both the business and tourist aspects of Muenster and maintaining a constant spotlight on all that we have to offer. We do this through member communication, business promotion and development, and programs that encourage and enhance business in and around the City of Muenster. We provide opportunities for our membership to gather for both monthly meetings and mixers. We hope to offer an environment of communication and for celebrations. During these meetings, we also provide a platform for the discussion of new ideas, issues, and our progress."

The Chamber also puts out a monthly newsletter to keep members informed of coming events and business news. A web site kept current by the Chamber gives anyone access to news of Muenster, its businesses, and events. Last year, the Chamber had more than a dozen bus tours visit Muenster. Visitor bags as-



Featured at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce Banquet were residents who were nominated as pillars of the community. Pictured are the nominees or the person who read their history since several nominees are deceased or weren't present. From left, Jeannine Flusche, Penny Fisher, Henry Weinzappel, Urban Endres, Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman, Alan Rohmer, Debbie Hess, Gary Fisher, John Aytes, and Fr. Ken Robinson. Janet Felderhoff photo

sembled by the Chamber are provided for the tours. The bags include items that promote businesses and entice visitors into the stores and shops. Advertising in state and local magazines and newspapers is done by the Chamber.

Political candidates for the 2012 races who attended were introduced. They were: for Cooke County Sheriff - Terry Gilbert, Terry Sawyer; for State Representative District 68 Dave Isbell and Gary Fisher for Drew Springer; for Precinct #3 commis-

sioner incumbent Al Smith; Sandra Ross attended for Mac Thornberry incumbent candidate for U.S. House of Representatives.

Banquet Chairman Jeannine Flusche reviewed why Muenster is such a great place to live and to know.

She said it still carries with it some of the traditions brought by the first immigrants. She then detailed points of Muenster's German heritage. She said Muenster now has a total of 340 businesses.

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Marguerite King celebrates 100 years of living

By Janet Felderhoff
On Friday, Feb. 3, Marguerite Felty King will have experienced 100 years of living. She enjoys being with people and treasures her many friends.

Marguerite recalls, "I've always wanted friendship. When I started going to school, I wanted friendship and I had it then and I still have friends. I like people and want them around."

Lucille Hesse worked with Marguerite at Endres Motor Company. They became friends at work and still visit

today. Lucille said, "She enjoys people coming to visit."

Life has not always been easy for Marguerite. Her twin sister died at birth. They were born on Feb. 3, 1912 in San Antonio to Robert Melvin and Essie Mae Felty. At age four, she lost her mother Essie Mae when she succumbed to tuberculosis. Marguerite was mostly raised by her grandmother after that.

The first 18 months of Marguerite's life were spent in San Antonio. "I won a prize for being the prettiest baby

born in San Antonio. I was about six or eight months old," she beamed. When Marguerite was 18 months old, her parents traveled to Cooke County. Because of her mother's illness, they needed the help of family to care for mother and child. Her grandmother lived in a small, two-room house in the Hood area.

Marguerite graduated from high school twice. The school at Hood only went to 11th grade. She then attended school at Denton High where she graduated again.

After high school, Marguerite recalls sitting at a table when a man asked to see her hand. He looked at it and told her, "You are going to another state and you are going to stay." The young Marguerite had no friends out of state and didn't know what he could mean.

"In four or five months, I moved to Missouri and lived with my mother's first cousin for five years." She was age 19 at the time she went to Missouri. Marguerite worked there as secretary to the county agent for four years. "We had what they called corn and hog program and it was entirely different from anything here," she said. During that period, she became very ill and nearly died. Her relatives cared for her during the illness.

The daughters of that Missouri relative plan to visit Marguerite this weekend to help celebrate her milestone birthday.

A note sent in a matchbox is what drew Marguerite back to Texas. The note was a marriage proposal from Maurice King whom she had met while attending school in Hood. "I couldn't get rid of him, so I had to marry him," she joked. He then lived in Dallas and that's where the couple married and lived for two months after their marriage. Marguerite was 24 when she wed Maurice. Then they moved back to Cooke County.

The couple lived in Oklahoma for a time, but Marguerite doesn't like to talk about those days. She said they were hard times and they almost froze to death. "Coming

home in Mr. King's old truck on the Davis Mountains, we came down that hill and we like to not made it."

During her marriage, Marguerite worked in Gainesville and then at Endres Motor Company as a bookkeeper. She had no formal training, but picked it up day by day. "I really liked it," she said of

the job.

During the days of Camp Howze, Marguerite said a soldier came to her door looking for a place to stay with his wife and baby. She told him that she didn't have room for them. He begged so hard that she decided to let them have the bedroom and

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Marguerite King enters her second century of life this week and still enjoys keeping up with friends. Janet Felderhoff photo

All-State Honors



Muenster athletes earning placement on fall sports All-State Teams were, from left, back - Andy Flusche, Luke Crabtree, Mark Jones; front - Tyler Anderle, Emily Hellman, and Chase Hammer. See Sports for honors received. Janie Hartman photo

Cub Scouts to collect food in Muenster on Saturday

In the Law of the Pack, a Cub Scout gives good will. By participating in the Scouting for Food event, Scouts come a step closer to fulfilling these words.

How can you help? The Muenster Cub Scouts will be collecting donated non-perishables and canned goods for the community food banks. The collection will be from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4. Items collected will be divided between The First Baptist Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church food banks.

After meeting at the Sacred Heart Com-

munity parking lot, the Scouts will be given a section of town and then they will knock door-to-door asking for donations. All Scouts will be in uniform and supervised by their den leaders. Items can be left on the front porch for pick-up.

After the collection is complete, the items will then be gathered and brought to the old VFW Hall. The collection will be on display there for the following day's ceremonial Blue and Gold. Items can also be dropped off at the old VFW from 9 to 11.

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she and Maurice slept on the couch. They stayed with her six months. Their daughter Judy lives in California.

Marguerite said that after the death of her husband in 1983, she decided to try to contact the family from Camp Howze. She invited them to visit her and they did the next year and several times since. The mother died, but Marguerite still keeps in touch with the daughter Judy.

Marguerite has numerous memories of living with her Grandmother Felty. One was that her grandmother made her wear longhandles and black bloomers on top of that. She had to walk a mile and a half to school and these were to help keep her warm.

One day when Marguerite was eight years old, she forgot to put her black bloomers on. Her grandmother caught her at the creek and sent her back to the house for her bloomers. This made Marguerite late for school. She decided not to go into the schoolhouse, but to hide in a nearby ditch.

"I like to froze to death," she remembers. "I had dinner though, so I ate my dinner while I was waiting. A man came along on a horse and asked me who I was. I wouldn't talk to him, so he went to the grocery store and got the grocery man. He knew who I was, so they took me to school. The teacher had to work with me quite a bit because my hands were just about frozen."

Marguerite's grandmother didn't like to stay alone at night. Many times, they would go somewhere to spend the night. She recalls often sleeping on the floor



Marguerite Felty King as an infant was proclaimed Prettiest Baby in San Antonio. Courtesy photo

at people's houses. At times Marguerite would wake up in the storm cellar. Her grandmother was afraid of storms. There was a bed in the storm cellar and her grandmother would pick her up and carry her down to the cellar. "She was scared of storms and she made me that way too," added Marguerite.

At age 13, Marguerite started to drive. Her father was sick and went to Dallas for treatments. He'd drive their old Ford car to Dallas and give Marguerite 50¢ to go see a show while he took his treatment. Then, he would drive to the first town and then give Marguerite the wheel for the remainder of the trip home.

Her grandmother traveled by horse and buggy. Marguerite had a little saddle and would ride their white horse to the mailbox. There were three wooden gates between the house and the mailbox.

The Kings did not have any children, but when they lived in the country she had several animals that followed her

around the farm. There were a pig, two sheep, and a goat following her to get cows and do other chores. When she laid down to rest in front of a window, the pig would sit outside the window waiting for her.

Asked if she knew a secret to a long life, the soon-to-be centenarian responded, "Not a cockeyed thing! I'm glad I never drank coffee. I never drank milk. I never smoked or drank alcohol. It costs money!"

Marguerite is a member of the VFW Auxiliary and has been since it was organized in 1948. She served as its first secretary. She was also a member of the first Muenster Hospital Auxiliary and served as its treasurer until it disbanded. She also be-

longed to a fun group called Hard Times Party.

Now days, Marguerite passes her time watching television. She enjoys watching car races and the weather. She feels that she would have made a good weather forecaster. Marguerite spends time keeping in contact with her many friends.

With the assistance of a caretaker, Marguerite still lives at home. A nurse from Home Health visits regularly to keep her medicines in order and check on her health.

"I just live from day to day and let God take care of me," remarked Marguerite when asked her advice on how to live a good life.

Marguerite expressed excitement about the birthday party planned for her on Sunday, Feb. 5. She hopes to see her many friends there.

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE - FEBRUARY 6, 2012

The following is the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, February 6, 2012.

- Call meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Opening prayer.
- Approve minutes of the regular meeting on January 09, 2012.
- Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
- Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

- Receive update on Water System Project; possibly approve purchase of ground storage tank, pumps, pump house, and or other equipment and materials.
- Discuss City Swimming Pool, take any needed action.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Steve Gilland will give audit report on FY 2010/2011.
- Call City Election for May 12, 2012.

Place 1 Now held by Pat Stelzer

Place 2 Now held by Greg Bohl

Place 4 Now held by Jewel Otto

Dates to apply for place on ballot are February 4 - March 5, 2012.

- DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 CITY OF MUENSTER, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2012.

- Review proposals from electricity providers. Possibly approve renewing contract with Green Mountain or another vendor.

- Discuss and possibly take action on Atmos Energy's request for a rate increase.

- Consider approving change to the City's Personnel Policy regarding on-call duties.

- Approve new two year terms for Muenster Water District Board Members.

- Approve Kiwanis Club's request for use of Old Baseball Park for Circus.

- Receive monthly update on the Police Department from Chief Blankenship.

- Receive status report on City Projects and Activities. Take any needed action.

- Review and act on monthly bills.

- Adjourn.

Brenda Simpson, City Secretary



Marguerite, above, poses with a first car; below - Marguerite and Maurice King. Courtesy photos



Marguerite King bookkeeping for Endres Motor.

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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
Sunday, February 12, 2012	Monday, February 13, 2012	Tuesday, February 14, 2012	Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Thursday, February 16, 2012	Friday, February 17, 2012	Saturday, February 18, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	KMB mtg. 6:45 pm VFW mtg. 8 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm National	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Rel. Ed class, 7 pm MISD Board mtg. FCCLA Week	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 - 2:30

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Alois "Ollie" Sicking
1925 - 2012

Mass of Christian Burial for Alois "Ollie" Anthony Sicking was celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 28 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster, with Fr. Ken Robinson celebrating the Mass. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Born April 28, 1925 in Muenster, Alois was the ninth of the 11 children of Bernard and Mary Felderhoff Sicking. He was raised on the family farm southwest of Muenster along with his eight brothers and two sisters. All shared the work required of farmers, and hard work was common. Much of the family food evolved from garden-raised vegetables, most of which were canned and/or preserved for later use.

Alois served two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Having mechanical skills, he was assigned the responsibilities associated with being in charge of the motor pool.

Soon after his term in the Army and his long-time sweetheart Rose Marie Becker were married Feb. 17, 1953. He then went to work in the oil field as a roughneck and then a driller. After the oil field, and when Valenite Metals opened their first plant in Gainesville in 1966, Ollie was among the first employees hired. He was quickly promoted to day shift leader. He continued receiving promotions and finally was made plant manager, a position he held until retirement.

After retirement, Ollie and Rose moved back to Rose's family farm just west of Muenster. He spent 20 happy years on the farm, tinkering, raising critters, and growing

a large garden. The harvests from his garden were shared with family and friends.

Ollie was mechanically inclined. He could "fix" almost anything, and seemed to love tinkering with, and inventing things.

After several years of failing health, Ollie died of pneumonia in Muenster Memorial Hospital on the evening of Jan. 25, 2012 at the age of 86.

Survivors are his wife Rose of Muenster; daughters and spouses Marjorie and Bob Burditt of Dallas, Shirley Sicking of Mesquite, and Helen and Tom Haessly of Howell, Michigan; sons and spouses Don and Karen Sicking of Gainesville, and Carl Sicking of Albuquerque, New Mexico; seven grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law Ernest and Carolyn Sicking of Laurens, South Carolina; and sisters-in-law Georgie, Adeline, Hilda, and Bernice Sicking.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Rose Rohmer and Irene Klement; brothers Frank, Bernard J, Leo, Martin, Joe, Edward, and Paul Sicking.

During the funeral Mass, Bob Burditt gave the First Reading, The Second Reading was given by Sarah Bynum. Helen Haessly read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory Gifts were brought up by Megan Haessly and Brandon Sicking. Eucharistic ministers were Peggy Sparkman, Dolores Stark, Kathy Vogel, and Theresa Mae Walterscheid. Altar servers were Alvin Hartman, Sylan Walterscheid, and Chuck Bartush.

Music ministers were Christy Hesse and Isaac Davis. Songs included "How Great Thou Art," "Only In



Alois Sicking

God," "Only A Shadow," and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

The chalice used during Mass belonged to Fr. Henry Felderhoff, uncle of Ollie.

The eulogy was given by Marjorie Burditt. She remembered that "Ollie attended Sacred Heart School and graduated at the top of his 8th grade class. As with many farmers in those days, that is as far as his formal education went... Ollie served two years in the Army. At that time, the Army administered IQ tests. Ollie scored high enough on his test that he was recommended for Officers training. However, because he did not have his high school diploma, he was not accepted into the program...

"Ollie was not an openly affectionate man but showed that he cared in his own way, including with a bit of orneriness at times... Dad was an avid reader. He always said, 'You can teach yourself anything if you can read...' Carl's and Don's fondest memories are of times fishing with their dad..."

"Ollie was an inventor of gadgets and a man who was truly 'green' even back when 'green' was still just a color. He reduced, reused, and recycled back when the three 'R's' were still reading, writing, and arithmetic... Ollie loved music and his home was often filled with the sounds of his favorite polkas and waltzes..."

Pallbearers were Dennis Jowers, Carolyn Jowers, Casey Organ, Meredith Organ, Jared Bynum, and Anthony Sicking.

A Rosary led by Imelda Rohmer was held at on Friday. A vigil followed at evening.

Harrison dies

Funeral services for James Harrison of Muenster are set for Friday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. in McCoy Funeral Chapel in Muenster. No formal visitation is planned. James died at the age of 82.

In lieu of flowers, monetary donations toward funeral expenses would be appreciated.

Paul Hoedebeck
1950 - 2012

Graveside services for Paul Eugene Hoedebeck of Paulsville were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 1 at Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville, with Rev. Ken Robinson officiating under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Paul was born on May 30, 1950 in Denison to Gene and Elsie Sanchez Hoedebeck. He grew up in Muenster, attending Sacred Heart School and Subiaco Academy. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1968. He married Diane Wiese on Aug. 30, 1970 in Gainesville.

An Sp-4 in the U.S. States Army, Paul was serving in Germany in 1971 when he was injured in a train accident. He became a life member of the Disabled American

Veterans and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. He was a Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a wonderful Pops to his three granddaughters Alexa Rose, Megan Faith and Shea Ella.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Diane; son Jeff and wife Kate Hoedebeck of Dallas; three granddaughters; sisters and brothers-in-law Linda Knabe of Muenster, Terri and Chris Cagle of Coppell, Peggy and Wayne Grewing of Muenster, Mary and Brent Hess of Muenster, and Toni and Jay Lankford of Arlington; brothers and sister-in-law Joe Hoedebeck of Muenster, and Fred and Michelle Hoedebeck of The Colony; his mother-in-law Clara M. Wiese of Gainesville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister



Paul Hoedebeck

Mary Lynne. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, 2527 Hwy. 691, Denison, TX 75020. Be sure to designate Cooke County on your contribution.

Sue Hoberer Eades
1940 - 2012

Memorial Mass for M. Sue Hoberer Eades of Fort Worth is set for 10:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 6, in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay with Fr. Raymond McDaniel officiating.

Ms. Eades died at the age of 71 on Jan. 28, 2012 at her residence. She was born June 26, 1940 in Gainesville to John P. and Elizabeth Arndt Hoberer.

Sue is survived by her daughter Cheryl Eades Todd; sons and daughters-in-law Dennis and Cynthia Eades, Joe and Denise Eades, and

Danny and Diana Eades; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; sisters Barbara Wilmut, Sara Cooper, Judy Fuhrmann, and Karen Hoberer; and brothers Gene Hoberer, John Hoberer, Edwin Hoberer, Larry Hoberer, and Tom Hoberer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Joyce Nottingham, and daughter-in-law Sherry Eades.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 148, Lindsay, TX 76250.

Hollis "Buzz" Berry
1946 - 2012

Funeral for Hollis Ward "Buzz" Berry of Rosston were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Rosston United Methodist Church with the Pastor Doyle Henderson officiating. Burial was in Rosston Cemetery under direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Visitation was Monday, Jan. 30.

Buzz was born on July 16, 1946 in Gainesville to Hollis

M. and Ellen R. Turner Berry. He died at the age of 65 on Jan. 26, 2012 in Rosston.

Survivors are his daughters and son-in-law Carrisa Taylor of Gainesville and Leah and Travis Parker of League City; sister and brother-in-law Carolyn and Norris W. Boyd of Rosston; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Lena Koonce
1908 - 2012

Graveside services for Lena Francis Koonce of Marietta, Oklahoma were held Saturday, Jan. 28 at New Resthaven Cemetery in Gainesville.

Lena Francis Bratcher Koonce was born Dec. 26, 1908 in Wauhillau, Oklahoma to James Albert and Martha Amina Wortman Bratcher. She died in Marietta at the age of 103 on Jan. 26, 2012.

Lena married Leo Koonce on Jan. 11, 1934.

Survivors are her sons and daughter-in-law John-

ny Koonce of Gainesville, Clayton and Toni Koonce of Thackerville, Oklahoma, and Grady Koonce of Thackerville; five grandchildren and three spouses; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and sister Lois Rouse of Marietta.

She was preceded in death by her son James in 1954, husband Leo in 1992, and daughter Merle in 1993.

Memorial contributions may be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County.

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Sacred Heart Parish

714 North Main Muenster, Texas 76252

Confirmation held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Thirty-seven youth from Sacred Heart Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, Jan. 28. Another two youth received a special blessing, as they had already been confirmed. Fr. Ken Robinson, Sacred Heart pastor, was celebrant for the Mass and Confirmation. Bishop Kevin Vann planned to officiate, but was unable to attend due to illness.

Anne Walterscheid gave the introduction. Brooke Walterscheid read the First Reading and Kaitlin Hesse gave the Second Reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Michael Weinzapfel.

Youth Minister Dan Aedo did the presentation of the candidates before the homily given by Fr. Ken.

Those being Confirmed were Austin Aldriedge, Isaac Barnhill, Mikaela Bartush, Justin Brown, Luke Cochran, Clayton Fangman, Andrew Flusche, Steven Flusche, Madeline Hanson, Tommy Harrison, Devan Henry, Paige Herr, Brooke Hess, Trevor Hess, John Paul Hesse, Kaitlin Hesse, Viviana Iglesias, Hunter Klement, Daniel Lutkenhaus, Trevor Muller, Brit-tany Pagel, Miranda Pagel,

Christina Rohmer, Clayton Rohmer, Lauren Rohmer, Payton Sanders, Michelle Sicking, Alyssa Stewart, Sadie Stoffels, Jordan Studebaker (who completed RCIA that day), Morgan Swank, Elizabeth Turner, Abby Walterscheid, Amber Walterscheid, Brooke Walterscheid, Michael Weinzapfel, and Mark Whitecotton. Omar Colmenero and Tori Dyess received a blessing because they had already been Confirmed.

Also assisting at Mass were altar servers Daniel and Julian Hesse and Lora Walterscheid. Music ministers for the occasion were Christy Hesse, Jack White, and Isaac Davis. Songs at Mass included "Come Holy Ghost," "Send Us Your Spirit," "Spirit of the Living God," and "Come, O Holy Spirit." The Knights of Columbus served as Color Guard.

Adults on the Rite of Confirmation CORE Team were Dan Aedo, Neil and Anne Hesse, Doyle and Carla Klement, and Susan Flusche. "Your grace is enough" - 2 Corinthians 12:9 set the theme for this year's Confirmation preparations.



Sacred Heart Parish 2012 Confirmation Class

Clinic offers weekend hours

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"Healthcare is changing and needs to be more accessible and cost-effective for the consumer," noted Randy Bacus, chief executive officer for North Texas Medical Center. "Our clinic will open early, stay open late, and be available weekends to provide healthcare to those who need us, when they need us."

Currently, the clinic is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. Weekend hours will be 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

The clinic is staffed by

internal medicine specialist Sophia McFadden, M.D., Physician Assistants Brenda Anderle and Erin Gear, and Family Nurse Practitioner Jill Fuhrmann.

Services include the range of medical practice, including management of chronic conditions such as diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure, asthma, COPD, anemia, fatigue, skin and abdominal issues. The clinic staff can also handle women's healthcare, orthopedic and sports medicine, and some minor emergency care, such as lacerations.

The flu? Strep throat? "Bring it on," say staff members. "The earlier you treat these illnesses the better."

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Raffle features 1952 car

Sacred Heart Alumni & Supporters are sponsoring a Car Raffle fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. Four prizes will be given away.

First prize is a 1952 MG red convertible kit car with buckskin top and leather seats. Its estimated value is \$5,500. This car was donated to the Alumni in 2008 by Noel and Margie Arens of Argyle. Noel had heard about the SH Alumni & Supporters from his barber Gene Hartman of Denton who graduated from Sacred Heart School in 1958. It was raffled and won by Joe and Martha Tepera. The Teperas recently moved from Muenster to Amarillo to be closer to their children. They donated the vehicle back to the

Alumni so that someone else might enjoy driving it.

Second prize is one player card to Turtle Hill Golf Course in Muenster. Third prize is a \$200 gift certificate and fourth prize is a \$100 gift certificate.

Each ticket admits one person to party and drawing on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Muenster. Entertainment will be provided by alumni Colby Richey, Clay Knabe, and Mitch Hesse. Food and beverage will be provided.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the drawing takes place around 9 p.m. Winner need not be present to win.

To purchase tickets, contact Vickie at 940-736-1041. All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School

New Arrival

Bayer

Brandon and Holly Harris-Bayer of Lindsay joyfully announce the birth of their daughter Tennyson Neeley Bayer. Tennyson was born on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012 at 10:42 a.m. in Baylor Regional Medical Center in Grapevine. She weighed 6 lb. 13 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches in length. Tennyson is welcomed home by her sister Macy, age 5 1/2, and brother Maverick, age 3. Grandparents are Rebecca Harris of Saint Jo and the late Van Harris, Janice Bayer of Muenster and the late David Bayer. Great-grandparents are Coy and Mary Nell



Tennyson Bayer

Mosley of Saint Jo, Louise Bayer of Muenster and the late Martin Bayer, the late Prentis Harris, the late Wilda Harris, and the late Richard and Florence Grewing.

Remember Muenster Jaycee Banquet this Saturday

Severe storm program scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Fast approaching is the 2012 severe weather season. Are you ready for whatever this year has in store? Can you recognize the clues that suggest large hail, flash flooding, or a tornado is possible? Do you want to become part of the severe weather warning system in your county? As part of its area-wide weather preparedness campaign, the National Weather Service (NWS) in Fort Worth will answer these and many other questions at the SKYWARN severe weather program on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. The program will be held at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver Street.

"We have quite a bit of new material for this year's spotter training program," said

Mark Fox, warning coordination meteorologist at the Fort Worth NWS Office.

This program is free and open to the public. "By coming

to this program, you will learn a lot about thunderstorms," Fox said. "You will learn about how storms work and the visual clues you can identify

when storms are in your area. We will discuss severe weather safety tips. This will better prepare yourself for the threats that storms pose."

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 "In an effort to rediscover Muenster and the ideals it stands for, the Chamber of Commerce has been soliciting names of citizens for recognition," Flusche explained. "People with bold and authentic leadership. We were looking for people who had the courage to step up to the plate and make a difference for their contemporaries and for the generations to follow. We hope you find inspiration in the stories and people you hear about tonight. We must not forget our story. The accomplishments of these people is nothing short of remarkable."

Originally, the Chamber planned to select and honor five of the nominees. They decided instead to recognize all whose names and biographies were submitted. Gary Fisher gave the history of Earl Fisher. He opened his introduction with "this thought, 'We all have our pet projects we like to support, and that is fine. We need to do that. We also need to never forget the community at large because it dearly needs our support. While many people serve, few serve for purely unselfish reasons and we all should. We should not serve for our self interest. A pillar is one who serves others.'"

Earl, at age 14, served as a page in the Texas Legislature. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, two terms as mayor of Muenster, was a lifelong member of the Muenster VFD and the Knights of Columbus, assisted students with loans at little or no interest when they could get them no other place, sometimes forgiving the loan. When Earl retired from the Muenster State Bank after 60 years, he was its president. He served on many boards and commit-

tees to bring businesses to Muenster. John Broyles gave the information on several people who did not have anyone present to do their histories. Urban Endres served Muenster on the City Council for 10 years, six as mayor, 21 years on the Muenster School Board, 30 years on the North Central Texas College Board of Regents - 12 as chairman. He was responsible for Valenite Corp. locating its tooling plant in Muenster and arranged for the Muenster Industrial Foundation to benefit from the lease of the buildings to Valenite. Urban served on various organizations benefiting Muenster.

Herbie Knabe was named for more than 25 years of service as the City's Fire Chief. He puts in 20-40 hours per week serving the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. Clyde Fisher received recognition for his support for the City of Muenster and of the many non profits and service organizations. Broyles said, "We at the Chamber have been the recipient of this generosity of Clyde and his family for many, many years."

Giles Walterscheid was nominated for his outstanding contribution to the economic development of the Muenster community by following the "Hometown Spirit" philosophy when deciding the location of his Superior plant.

Dr. Elaine Schilling was honored for her service as Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB) president, her giving to the community, her concern for the beauty and appearance of the community, and member of the zoo committee. She is a prominent business person in the community.

Fr. Ken Robinson is pas-



Cooke County Electric Cooperative employees Janet Voht, left, and Malony Bartush visit before the program at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.
 Janet Felderhoff photo

tor of Sacred Heart Church. He was nominated for doing a wonderful job helping parishioners grow in their faith and in their community.

John Aytes was nominated for his work to save the Muenster Hospital and Hospital District and his more than 10 years of service on the Hospital's Board of Directors.

Debbie Hess gave the history of nominee Angelo Nasche. She noted that Angelo did anything he could to help the community and our country. He worked to establish the Sacred Heart Trust Fund to help pay the teachers' salaries. He was a big factor in keeping the Muenster Hospital District, was a cofounder and owner of Muenster Drilling Company, and a faithful helper with the Sacred Heart Parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. He also gave generously of his time and efforts serving on the Cooke County Appraisal Review Board (ARB), the Fort Worth Diocesan School Board, and the Sacred Heart School Board.

Alan Rohmer presented the information on nominee Alvin Fuhrman. Fuhrman began working for Muenster Telephone in 1949. Two years later, he spent two years with the 14th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 2nd Armored Division in Germany. When he finished

his time in the service, Alvin returned to the telephone company and took over its operation in 1953. Under his leadership, the company continued to grow in the areas served and services offered. It is now Nortex Communications and soon to celebrate 103 years.

Alvin was on the founding committee of Germanfest for its first year and served as its general chairman for the next 12 years. He is president of Germanfest, Inc. which was established to build a permanent home for Germanfest.

It was noted that Alvin's wife Gracie worked with him at the telephone company and in his other endeavors, and giving back to the community has always been an integral part of life for the Fuhrmans.

Henry Weinzapfel presented information on his father J. M. Weinzapfel whose accomplishments for Muenster included starting Muenster State Bank (MSB), his purpose for coming to Muenster in 1923. He served as cashier, vice president, president, and chairman of the Board for MSB. He was secretary of the building committee for Sacred Heart School in 1925, was instrumental in the chartering of the City of Muenster in 1927, and served as the first City secretary and later as mayor. He was instrumental

in developing the first water, sewer, and street system for Muenster.

J.M. also helped establish the Cooke County Electric Cooperative in 1938, assisted in the formation of the Farmers Marketing Association, was a leader in the Upper Elm-Red Soil & Water Conservation District, and a sustaining member of the Boy Scouts of America. J.M. assisted in the founding of Muenster Memorial Hospital, donating the land on which it was built. He donated land for and helped develop the Muenster Community Gardens. He belonged to many service organizations.

Penny Fisher gave information on brothers Francis "Butch" and John C. Fisher who were co-owners of Fischer's Meat Market. They bought the business in 1975 and operated it for 30 years. The brothers took it from a small business and brought it into the 21st century with updates and remodeling. Butch coached Little League baseball, helped construct the Kiwanis street corners, sponsored some KMB events, and helps with trash pick ups. He is a director for

Jeannine Flusche detailed the history of Ben Seyler who was in the car business in Muenster. She noted that Ben was generous and willing when asked to help promote and participate in civic and church projects, giving of his time, talents, and energy. He served as fire chief, city alderman and mayor, and Cooke County School Board member.

Officers for 2012 are Matt Sicking president, Charles Barfknecht vice-president, Debbie Hess secretary, and Harold Flusche treasurer.

Serving on the 2012 Board of Directors are the officers and Neil Hesse, Kirk Klement, Josh Walterscheid, and Danny Walterscheid. Businesses and organizations decorated tables for the event. Each guest was given a ballot and asked to mark the number of their three favorite tables. The top three received prizes. Winners were: first Nortex Communications - \$150, second Town & Country - \$100, and third Blue Ostrich Winery - \$50. Others decorating tables were Fischer's Market, Christy Dawn Events, First State Bank, Cooke County



Blue Ostrich Winery's table decor took 3rd place honors as a favorite of Chamber guests. Shown seated there are, from left, Patrick Whitehead, Danna and John Fredrick of Blue Ostrich.
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Muenster State Bank. Johnny, in conjunction with the meat market, built a feedlot on the family farm that he purchased. He was instrumental in organizing the first several Germanfests, served on the Chamber Board, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

John Pagel spoke of nominees Joe W. and John August Fisher, the two brothers who opened Fisher's Meat Market in 1927. They operated the grocery store and meat market for 48 years until it was sold to John's sons.

Joe was a charter member of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, an active member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, and served as a director for Muenster State Bank.

John was also a charter member of Muenster VFD and active in the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus for 59 years. He served on the Muenster City Council.

Cooperative, Sacred Heart School, Muenster Hospital Auxiliary, Muenster Historical Commission, Muenster Antique Mall, Muenster Looks, and Klement Ford.


Door prizes were drawn, with the main prize being a Muenster basket with gifts from various businesses in Muenster. Sharon Felderhoff received this item. Businesses contributing door prizes included Muenster State Bank, The Center Restaurant, Luminous Looks, Bayer's Kolonialwaren, Blue Ostrich Winery, Cooke County Electric, Barfknecht Saddle, Nortex Communications, Sisters, Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, Bartush Land & Cattle, Arché Winery, Muenster Enterprise, First State Bank, Community Lumber, Hennigan Auto Parts, Girlfriends, Klement Ford, The Bird Nest, Jennifer Dunn nail tech at Luminous Looks, Muenster Family Medical Clinic, and North Texas Dental Association.

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Chloe Tolar, Cooke County 4-H member, exhibited the First Place Red Angus in the Junior Heifer Show at the 2012 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on Jan. 23. The Show is hosting nearly 10,000 junior exhibitors this year. Chloe is the daughter of Tony and Edie Tolar of Muenster.

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Eldridge wins Muenster ISD Spelling Bee

After 13 rounds and 141 words, 4th-grader Major Eldridge was declared the Muenster ISD Spelling Bee Champion. The contest was held in the MISD Cafetorium on Thursday, Jan. 26 with an audience on pins and needles as Eldridge was named the Champion by correctly spelling the word carnival.

Eldridge was met by many tough competitors throughout all the rounds including fourth grader Colby Endres, who was named 1st Runner-up after missing the word laborious. Also receiving recognition by correctly spelling five or more rounds of words were the "Top Spellers." These included the top two, Eldridge and Endres, as well as, Katie Batha (4th), Savannah Bohl (4th), Hannah Clure (5th), Ashleigh Dew-

eber (4th), Ashleigh Fisher (5th), Hunter Lovett (4th), Rut Rodriguez (5th), Zachary Sanders (4th), and Sterling Walterscheid (6th).

Eldridge will compete in the Cooke County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the MISD cafetorium. He will compete against the winners from Sacred Heart Catholic School, Gainesville Middle School, Robert E. Lee Intermediate School, and Chalmers Elementary School.

The County champion will advance to the Regional spelling bee sponsored by *The Dallas Morning News*. The winner of the Regional competition will then advance to Washington, D.C., where he or she will compete in the *Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee* in June.



Muenster ISD Spelling Bee runner-up Colby Endres, at left, and winner Major Eldridge. MISD photo

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Jan. 31, 1947

Water leaks, resulting in the loss of 35 to 40 thousand gallons of water, cause temporary shut-off last Friday. Golden Anniversary: Henry and Mary Wolf. Otto Walterscheid buys local Magnolia Station. Obituaries: Ben Roewe, 50; Mrs. V.M. Ramsey, 58. New Arrival: Jimmy to Bill and Ruth Eberhart.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 2, 1962

Tony Klement barn and contents destroyed by fire. New Arrivals: Donnie to Tony and Anna Marie Fleitman; Rhonda to Ed and Clara Endres; Gary to Tommy and Mary Otto; a son to the J.Y. Brandons. Obituaries: Gus Sicking, 79; Sam Epps, 84; Earl Ward, 58; Fred Bezner, 59. Wedding: Jo Ella Prather to Terence Kite. College Graduate: Leroy Wiesman, NTSU. Urban Endres is elected president of Subiaco Alumni. Charlotte Wolf hon-

ored at Rural Youth Achievement Award Banquet in Fort Worth.

25 YEARS AGO Jan. 30, 1987

Residents at public hearing resist tower erected by Muenster Cable TV; the tower is taller than other structures in Muenster and has some residents concerned about its safety. Casey Houtchens, Sacred Heart senior, earns football Honorable Mention for the 1986 Division II All-State Football Team. MHS Hornets clinch District Championship. Gene Fuhrman joins staff of Muenster Telephone. College Graduate: Debra Metzler, NTSU. New Arrivals: Clint to Alan and Darlene Miller; Jared to Kevin and Laura Pels; Jessica to Andy and Susie Bezner; Hannah to Jimmy and Sally Ferguson. Weddings: Sherry Joy and Eric Wright; Amy Gosney and Eddy Lange.

Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Beef tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, salsa, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches, yellow cake.
Tues. - Roasted chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, wheat hot rolls.
Wed. - Ravioli, lettuce salad w/dressing, corn on the cob, oranges, bread sticks.
Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, black eyed peas, pineapple, wheat hot rolls.
Fri. - Chicken patty sandwich, oven fries, lettuce, and tomatoes, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.

Tues. - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, corn, pears.
Wed. - Philly steak w/mozzarella sub sandwich, chips, pickle wedges, apples, peanut butter cup.
Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, carrots, mixed fruit, bread stick.
Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.
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Mon. - Chicken spaghetti or fish sticks, carrots, fruit, breadstick.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fruit.
Wed. - Barbecue chicken, Spanish rice, green beans, fruit, cookie.
Thurs. - Soft taco, pinto beans, corn, fruit.
Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, tator tots, fruit, ice cream.

Students write for a trip to Washington, D.C.

One area high school student from the Cooke County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) service area will have the exciting opportunity to join other young people from across the country on an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., the week of June 14-22. The 2012 Youth Tour Contest can be won by writing an essay.

The United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 64/136 proclaiming the year 2012 as the International Year of the Cooperative. The theme of the International Year of Cooperatives is, "Cooperative Enterprises Build A Better World."

Eligible students may write an essay explaining how the Electric Cooperative business model differs from an Investor Owned Utility.

Eligibility requirements are: the student must be currently enrolled in an area high school and reside full time in a home currently served by the CCECA, and his/her parent(s) or guardian must be a CCECA member with an active residential

account. Students may enter the contest by delivering his/her essay to the Cooperative located at 11799 West Highway 82, Muenster, by 5 p.m. on **Friday, Feb. 10**. The essay must be an original composition, 500 words or more, written by the student. A panel of judges from outside the cooperative will evaluate the essays.

Five finalists will be selected. On Sunday, March 4, a panel of three judges will interview the five finalists. The winner will be awarded the all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The second place winner will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Any student who wishes to enter the contest should contact Carolyn Powell, Member Services representative, at the cooperative office at 940-759-5173 or email for information at carolyn.powell@cceca.com. Information is posted on the website, www.cceca.com. under the community tab. Students may also contact their area high school for this information.

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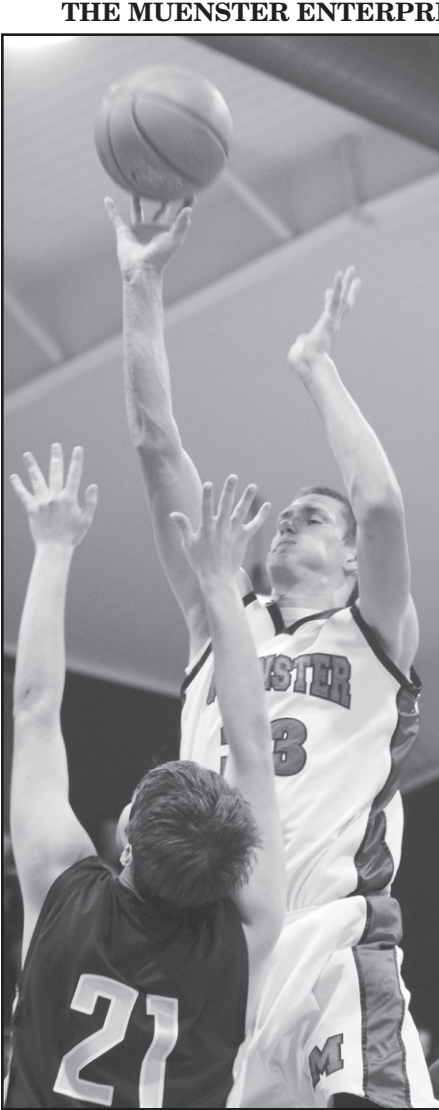
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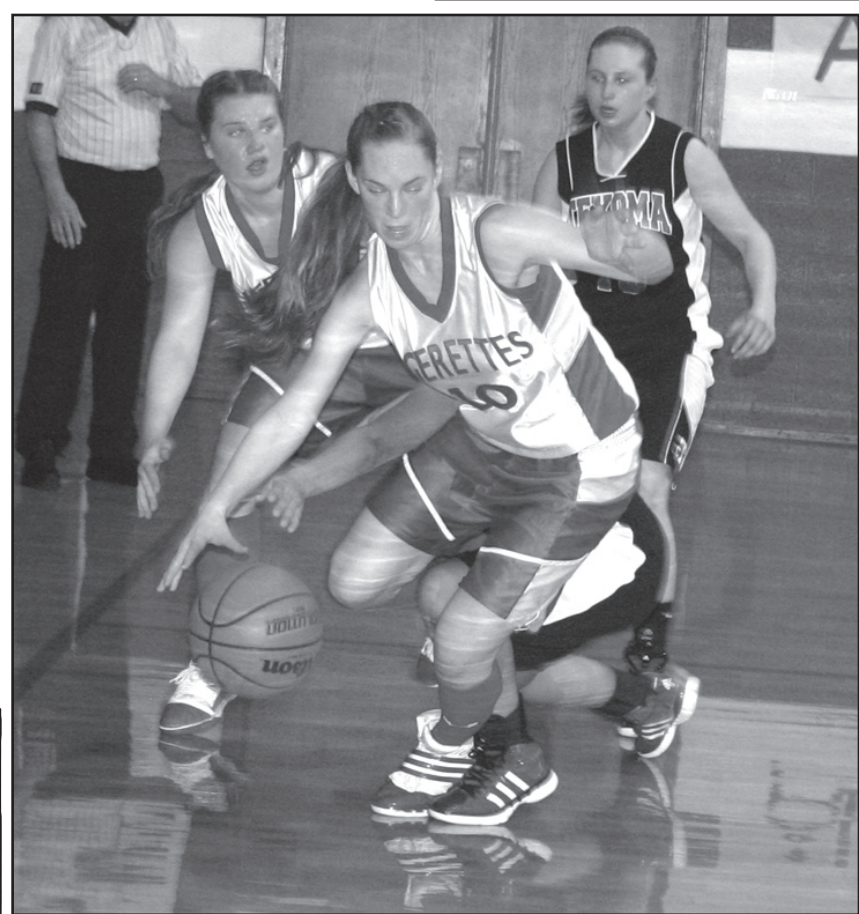
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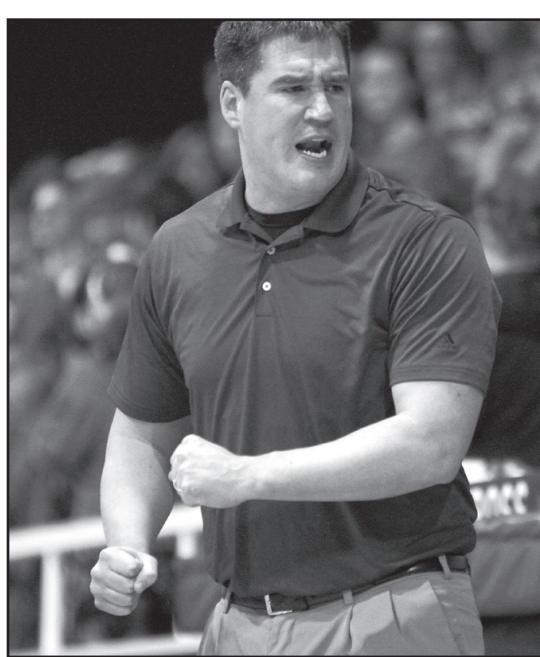
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Texas cattle moving out amid drought conditions

Rain has fallen in parts of the Lone Star State, but many Texas cattlemen are still cutting their dwindling herds and moving cattle to the Midwest and further north. That shift is causing economists to speculate the long-term impact of moving cattle north, but Texas ranchers are simply adapting to survive.

"If we're going to survive, we have to go north," Dennis Braden, general manager of Swenson Land & Cattle Co. in Stamford, told Reuters. "We have to go."

The national cattle and calf inventory fell 2% from a year ago to its smallest since 1952. In Texas, the herd dropped 11% or 1.4 million head—the biggest decline in nearly 150 years of recorded data.

However, states like Nebraska saw an increase in cow-calf numbers. The state's inventory increased 4% or 250,000 head in the year to Jan. 1, the most of any state, placing it ahead of Kansas as the country's second-largest cattle producer, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's bi-annual survey.

While the influx of Texas cattle could boost markets and the Midwest economy, space is running out and tensions are building in some areas. With land values increasing, some wonder how the migration will affect real estate markets and row-crop production.

"People worry we're going to see a lot of big Texas cattle and oil money up here," said Gary Phipps, a fifth-generation rancher who took in several hundred Texas cattle on his family's spread in Nebraska.

AFBF opposes bills to restrict antibiotics in animals

American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) has asked members of Congress to oppose two bills that seek to restrict the use of antibiotics in animals like livestock and poultry. AFBF states the proper use of antibiotics in animals allows veterinarians and farmers to maintain animal health and ensure food safety.

"Farm Bureau members use antibiotics carefully, judiciously, and according to label instructions to treat, prevent, and control disease in their flocks and herds," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "These products are critically important to the health and welfare of the animals and to the safety of

the food produced from these animals."

The bills, HR 965 and S 1211, aim to remove specific antibiotics and classes of antibiotics in animals, citing potential health risks to consumers. However, AFBF points to advanced food safety measures which have reduced bacteria in food processing and handling, as well as food-borne illnesses.

"Further, data indicates development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in animals is stable, and food-borne bacteria resistance in humans is declining," Stallman said. "In fact, recent research indicates using antibiotics to keep animals healthy reduces the incidence of food-borne pathogens in meat."

Crop insurance payouts top \$9 billion in U.S.

Last year, Texas farmers and ranchers experienced record losses. For many areas of the state, that means a record for crop insurance payouts.

Nationwide, those payments added up to more than \$9 billion last year, and that number likely will go higher. In Texas, with more than \$5 billion in agricultural losses from drought, heat, and wildfire damage, the crop insurance payments mean the difference between recouping some losses and going out of business for many producers.

Indications from the National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS) predict payouts to top \$10 billion after all claims are settled.

"Two out of the last four years have seen the largest indemnity payments in history, all while the crop insurance industry was asked to do more with less," said Tom Zacharias, NCIS president, in a Dow Jones report. "The industry has become leaner and more efficient as it continues to serve the risk management

needs of U.S. farmers."

Farmers across the state and country rely on crop insurance to weather years like 2011. Many are concerned that the next farm bill legislation will cut the safety net too thin.

"Faced with decreasing federal funding, record payouts, and high crop values, it is imperative that Congress not weaken the crop insurance infrastructure further as it writes the 2012 Farm Bill," Zacharias said.

Study links beef to heart health

Researchers at Pennsylvania State University recently found that eating beef every day as part of a heart-healthy diet can improve cholesterol levels.

Texas medical doctor and cattleman Richard Thorpe said the Beef in an Optimal

Lean Diet (BOLD) study confirms that lean beef plays an important role in heart health.

"As a father, medical doctor, and beef producer, I have proudly and confidently served my family beef and have recommended it to my

patients for years," Thorpe said on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "The BOLD study is further proof that Americans should feel good knowing the beef they enjoy eating and serving their loved ones is not only a nutrient-rich, satisfying food that provides 10 essential nutrients in about 150 calories, but is good for their heart health as well."

The BOLD study appears in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* in the January edition.

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Texas population growth leads nation

Texas leads the nation in population growth in an updated survey by the U.S. Census Bureau. From April 1, 2010, to July 1, 2011, the Texas population increased by 529,000 people, more than any other state in the U.S.

Texas population growth was followed by California (438,000), Florida (256,000), Georgia (128,000), and North Carolina (121,000).

"These are the first set of Census Bureau population estimates to be published since the official 2010 Census state population counts were released a year ago," said U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert Groves. "Our nation is constantly changing and these estimates provide us with our first measure of how much each state has grown or declined in total population since Census Day 2010."

According to the report, U.S. population growth was 0.92% during the same period, accounting for 2.8 million more people and bringing the total U.S. population to 311.6 million.

TDA market recap

For the week ending Jan. 28, feeder cattle prices at the Texas locations covered by USDA Market News were mostly steady to \$5 higher per hundredweight, with a few to \$10 higher. Texas direct feeder sales were steady to \$4 higher. Oklahoma City was mostly \$2 to \$4 higher on feeder cattle, steady to \$4 lower on steer calves, and \$1 to \$4 higher on heifer calves. Buyers continue to actively pursue available cattle with prices pushed higher on concerns that future supplies will be even tighter. Fed cattle cash prices were \$2 lower in light trade after wholesale beef prices declined late in

the week, further eroding packer margins.

Corn and grain sorghum were higher after another week of strong export sales and continued prospects for lower South American production. Wheat prices followed corn higher, but ample global supplies limited gains.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, fed cattle, wheat, and corn were higher, while cotton and lumber were lower. The front-month feeder cattle contract hit new record highs every day last week amid prospects for tighter supplies.

Much of the state recorded rainfall during the week, with the heaviest amounts east of a line from Wichita Falls to Abilene to San Antonio and north of I-10. 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 also noted, mostly in the Blacklands region and in East Texas.

Winter wheat was 96% 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.

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- Crunch Bars.....12 CT. **\$3.49**
- MRS. SMITH'S SELECT VARIETY 9 INCH
- Pre-Baked Fruit Pies.....37 OZ. **\$4.99**
- SISTER SCHUBERT'S SELECT VARIETY
- Dinner Rolls.....11-15.8 OZ. **\$2.79**
- KRAFT PRE-PRICED \$4.19
- American Singles.....16 OZ. **\$3.29**
- CHOCOLATE CHIP, SUGAR, OR PEANUT BUTTER; DELUX CHOC. CHIP, OR DELUXE OATMEAL RAISIN
- Pillsbury
Cookie Dough.....16-16.5 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

Health & Beauty Care

- WESTERN FAMILY REG. MINT
- Antacid Liquid.....12 OZ. **\$4**
- WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED VARIETIES
- Bubble Bath.....32 OZ. **\$2.29**
- WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED VARIETIES
- Skin Care Lotion.....10 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

- WESTERN FAMILY TABLETS OR CAPLETS
- Ibuprofen.....100 CT. **\$4**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER
- Alberto VO5
15 OZ. BTL. **79¢**