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Bolivian brothers awed by generosity of community in water well rig project

By Janet Felderhoff
Last summer, Muenster and many other communities learned what it is like not to be able to use water when, where, and how they wanted. Those communities had to limit their outdoor watering to the days, hours, and methods dictated. Many were very unhappy.

Now, imagine not being able to turn on the tap in your homes and have fresh running water at will. We are so accustomed to having clean water at our fingertips, that we forget what a blessing and privilege it is.

Many people in places like rural communities in the Northern Andean Highlands of Bolivia do not have

that luxury. They don't even have access to fresh water necessary for drinking, cooking, and hygiene. There are no springs or suitable shallow water for hand dug wells. Thus, people who live in these areas must rely on rain water or standing water that collects in ponds. It is not safe, clean water. There is water at a depth of 10 feet, but it is salty.

Statistics show that over 24% of Bolivia's population lacks access to safe, sufficient water sources. Of these, 80% live in rural areas where water is difficult to collect and often requires much time and energy to bring home.

Muenster native Jason Gehrig and wife Felicia

spent seven years serving as missionaries in Bolivia. They saw the dire need for access to clean water and hoped to find a solution. That goal seems to be coming to fruition with the combined efforts of many people and several organizations.

Water Engineers for the Americas (WEFTA), a non-profit organization, is working with Suma Jayma, a Bolivian non-governmental organization founded by brothers Braulio and Jaime Mamani, have partnered to champion this cause. In the past 10 years, they have brought safe water and sanitation projects to the highlands of Bolivia. Jason serves on the WEFTA Board

of Directors.

Suma Jayma requested that WEFTA assist the cause by finding well drilling equipment in the United States that could be purchased and shipped to Bolivia. As reported in a story in the *Muenster Enterprise*, a water well drilling rig was available for purchase at a reasonable price from Dale White of Forestburg. He offered to train someone from Bolivia on how to run and operate the rig. Donations were requested to help purchase the rig and pay for shipping it to Bolivia.

People donated generously of money, time, talents, and more. The rig was purchased. See BOLIVIA, pg. 2

Local candidate forum is March 1

A local candidate forum will be held by the Cooke County Republican Women on March 1 at First Christian Church, 400 North Commerce in Gainesville. Meet and Greet will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Forum starts at 7 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the forum. Candidates in all contested local races will speak and have an opportunity to respond to questions that have been submitted in advance to the campaign activities committee.



Jaime Mamani learns to work on water well rig that will be soon shipped to Bolivia. He and his brother will be guests at the VFW Saturday evening. See story for information.



Braulio Mamani is one of the founders of Suma Jayma, an organization working to provide rural Bolivians with fresh water. The brothers will be here for four weeks. Courtesy photos

Knabes honored for service to Sacred Heart School

By Janet Felderhoff

Each year an honoree is selected from each of the Fort Worth Diocese's 19 schools to be honored at the Celebration of Catholic Schools Banquet. This year, Duane and Mary Lin Knabe were honored by Sacred Heart Catholic School with the Diocese of Fort Worth Outstanding Service Award by Bishop Kevin Vann at the 25th Annual Celebration of Catholic Schools Banquet held Jan. 28 in the Fort Worth Convention Center.

"I love Sacred Heart School. It's not just a school - it's our home, our heart, our souls," remarked Mary Lin. "As we go through life, our volunteering just gets added to - but that's our life - that's just how it is. But Sacred Heart School and Church will always be first and foremost to work for. It's our life - our future for others."

Their many years of dedicated service to Sacred Heart School began in 1992 as their daughter entered preschool. Duane was asked to serve as treasurer for the Sacred Heart Alumni organization. He agreed and still holds that job 20 years later.

Duane is a self-employed CPA and was very instrumental helping to reorganize the Alumni Association into the Alumni Corp. & Supporters after its merge with the Home School Association. He helped to get its tax exempt status with the IRS. Besides

volunteering his bookkeeping service and tax work, Duane helped to establish and continues to maintain several endowed funds.

Duane's service extends to other organizations such as ABBA where he helped establish tax-exempt status and does volunteer bookkeeping. In 2010, he was named Volunteer of the Year. He has done the same for the Social Concerns Committee and does volunteer bookkeeping for Sacred Heart Trust Fund.

He also served on the Sacred Heart Parish Finance Council for about 14 years and as a director for the Muenster Hospital Board for about 14 years. Duane established tax-exempt status for AFM Ministries and served on its Board of Directors for several years. He continues to provide volunteer tax work for it.

Mary Lin also takes on various jobs to help the school. She has tended flowerbeds, pitched in to help clean, and during summer renovations, tackled tasks from cleaning and painting to helping with flooring. Stocking concessions stands for sports events throughout the year takes up a lot of time. She buys the items, stocks, sets up, and cleans up.

ABBA also benefits from Mary Lin's volunteering spirit. She worked in the Second Chance Store for eight years. She served on the

Parish Social Committee for 15 years and is a long-time member of the Altar Care Committee. She is a member of St. Anne's Society and has been on the Parish Outreach Committee for two years. She often leads the Rosary before Mass on Sunday and has financially supported a seminarian through school. Mary Lin also helped at Relay For Life walk-a-thons.

Perhaps the most time consuming volunteer job that Duane and Mary Lin tackle each year is the Metric Century Bicycle Rally on Germanfest Saturday. This is the Alumni's largest fundraiser. Preparations for the Bike Rally begin in the summer as they combine lists of riders from the last three years. In December, they update the web site, send out e-mails, and in January, they mail out thousands of direct mail pieces. Registration forms are processed as they arrive.

There are many other tasks done in preparation for the event. T-shirts are ordered, packets must be assembled and shirts folded, packets picked up from Metroplex stores, and volunteers found and organized for the day of the event. On

the day of the Rally, about 200 volunteers are required to do the things necessary for a safe, fun ride.

Duane commented, "If one's ultimate goal is not only to get oneself to Heaven, but also to help others

along the way, then I believe the support and promotion of Catholic education is one obvious means of reaching this goal.

"Not being a product of the Catholic School system, I have observed that a Cath-

olic education does not by itself make you a better person, but it definitely can be an advantage in one's faith journey if used properly."

Duane and Mary Lin are the parents of two daughters, Diana and Amanda.



Fr. Stephen Berg, at right, presented Mary Lin and Duane Knabe with the Diocese of Fort Worth Outstanding Service Award at the Celebration of Catholic Schools Banquet. Courtesy photos

NCTC Regents discuss facilities

The Board of Regents of the North Central Texas Community College District met in a regular meeting Monday and spent a great deal of time discussing immediate facility issues.

The discussion centered around the 300 building on the Gainesville campus and possible solutions.

of a report noting that the renovation of the entire 300 building would cost between \$1.5 and \$1.9 million. With bond proposals in May and November 2011 being defeated, regents were told a decision needs to be made on whether to renovate or demolish the 300 building.

Fred Montes of PBK Architects is working on the project. See NCTC, pg. 4

Election scheduled for sale of alcohol

The Board of Directors of Germanfest Inc. is in the process of circulating a petition to have the new Heritage Park festival grounds designated as a wet area for the sale of alcohol. If enough signatures are procured, the election will be held by the City of Muenster on May 12. That is the same date that city and school and hospital board elections take place.

"This is an important factor of our event planning process," said Muenster Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Broyles. "The Germanfest Inc. Board would very much appreciate your support with this effort."

The election is being held because that area was annexed into the City limits after the City's election to approve the sale of alcoholic beverages. Research and questions to the TABC revealed conflicting opinions, so as a precaution, the decision was made to seek approval through an election.

Broyles shared some frequently asked questions concerning the operation of the new grounds and his responses to them:

Q. Will Germanfest be held at the new festival grounds this year?

A. Not this year, but we are looking at 2013.

Q. Will the local service groups that have benefited

from Germanfest in the past still be able to participate at the new grounds?

A. Yes. The only thing that will really change is the location and the number of events held at the new grounds each year.

Q. Is Germanfest the only thing that will be held there?

A. Actually we have plans for several festivals each year. We will also have exhibitions, trade shows, concerts, and much more.

"It is the express goal and purpose of Germanfest Inc., to hold events at the new grounds that will be of benefit to all of Muenster, especially the local non-profit service groups

who will benefit from our efforts," explained Broyles.

"Each year the Chamber of Commerce provides the annual Germanfest that in turn provides the Jaycees, KCs, Sacred Heart Alumni, Boy Scouts, and others with a significant portion of their annual budget. We look forward to future Germanfests and many other events at the new grounds. We hope these events will increase our local organizations budgets and help them in their efforts to improve the quality of life in Muenster."

For more information on this issue, call the Muenster Chamber of Commerce office at 940-759-2227.

and Bolivian brothers Braulio and Jaime are now in Texas to learn the operation of the rig. They plan to be here for the four weeks.

On-the-job training has been arranged as they will be drilling water wells locally for three people. The money earned drilling these wells will be used to defray the shipping charges to Bolivia.

a problem and so the wells need to be close enough for the people to easily reach them.

Braulio said that between January and June, there isn't much activity going on. December through March is the planting season in the highlands of the Andes Mountains. They plant crops and raise alpacas and llamas that are taken out to pasture each day. Jason said that they eat what they raise in these rural agricultural communities. "A savings account for them would be an extra pig that they could sell for a little extra money," Jason said. There are a few cattle, but mainly sheep raised. He added, "They are industrious people. It's a hard climate."

gether.

"We feel very much welcomed here. The hospitality has been incredible." They expressed gratitude for this.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, a social will be held at the Muenster VFW Hall to allow people to meet the brothers. They will share pictures and information on the situation in Bolivia in a short presentation.

Presently, the rig is being prepared for drilling. It has been sitting idle for some time and needs tuned up.

In an interview, conducted with the help of Jason's uncle Joe Bedolla interpreting, Braulio told of life in Bolivia. They are residents of La Paz.

Braulio related that there was a need for the families to get some water, so they began organizing to get the drilling for water started. Jason really helped to get the effort going, he said.

According to Braulio, many children die because of the unsafe water. Children and older adults suffer the most.

When the new wells are drilled, they will be for the public. The goal is to have at least one well per every 20 families. Transportation is

After the water wells are drilled here, John Paul Hesse plans to paint the 1985 rig as his Eagle Scout project.

The event will also serve as a fundraiser. Herkey Biffle and Steve Schmitz are providing a brisket meal that will be available at \$8 a plate with proceeds going to the project. Serving time begins at 6 p.m. A Texas Hold 'Em tournament is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., also to benefit the rig project.

It is estimated that the total cost of the project is around \$58,000. They have about \$25,000 in donations.

Those wishing to make monetary tax deductible donations may do so at the VFW Hall or by check sent to WEFTA, 1201 Parkway Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507.

Light rain and snow fail to meet urgent need for moisture. Telephone Company buys location for permanent building on First Street directly across from REA office. Little Norma Jean Klement returns to school after a near two-week illness. New Arrival: Daniel to Tony and Aileen Hoenig. Wedding: Catherine Pittner and John Arend. Henry and Katie Fuhrmann celebrate 25th anniversary. Relax Theatre advertises *If I'm Lucky* with Vivian Blaine, Perry Como, and Carmen Miranda. Texas Theatre in Saint Jo shows *Blondie's Lucky Day* with Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake.

65 YEARS AGO
Feb. 21, 1947

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 23, 1962

Four-year-old Timmy Cler is recovering after serious head surgery in Dallas after he was accidentally hit with a baseball bat above the left ear. Obituaries: Joe Yosten, 54; Frank Raab, 82. New Arrivals: twins Christine and Catherine to Don and Donna Glover; Mark to Angelo and LaVerna Nasche. Wedding: Lucille Dankesreiter and Thomas Hesse. Muenster's cover girl Jane Endres, employed in Fort Worth, had her picture gracing the *Fort Worth Press*. Advertisement: Barbecue - In sandwiches or by the pound packaged to go, Johnny's B-29 Club, Across the river. Jake Bezners observe 42nd anniversary.

25 YEARS AGO
Feb. 20, 1987

Muenster VFW hosts District I delegates; 200 attended convention here. Gilbert "Nick" Yosten of Hereford, formerly of Muenster, honored as Ag Man of the Year. Obituaries: Mrs. Annie Ruth Tempel, 60; Mrs. Berntha McElroy, 76. Wedding: Tami Fanning and Brian Hudspeth. New Arrivals: Casey to J.D. and Gloria Coker; Keaton to Shana Muegge and Kevin Haverkamp; Stevie Rae to Doyle and Carla Klement; Kristen to Brent and Mary Hess; William to Patrick and Kathy Hacker. Tigarettes win at Regionals - are headed to State playoffs.



Cooke County
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District Clerk

By Janet Felderhoff

Susan Hughes serves as Cooke County's District Clerk. That office assists in filing civil suits such as car accidents, worker's comp, any suit someone files against another, and foreclosures when it is a second lien. Also family law cases such as adoptions, paternity acknowledgement, and CPS cases for emergency removal of children. Hughes said the case amounts range from \$500 to unlimited.



Staff at the District Clerk's Office include, from left, District Clerk Susan Hughes, Janice Brewer, Melissa Gann, and Sue Comer. Janet Felderhoff photo

The District Clerk's office also files delinquent criminal actions, assists with passports, and files appeals on criminal civil actions when someone doesn't get the judgement that they think they are allowed to. "A lot of paperwork comes through here," noted Hughes.

People who visit the District Clerk's Office are usually coming for one of the following purposes: filing petition for divorce or civil action, checking to see if something has been filed against them, getting a passport, or even to do genealogy research. "We have all the records back to 1898," she said. "Old civil

suits of any kind, old divorces, petitions of land, condemnation suits, criminal suits, old tax suits we have."

Office staff includes Sue Comer, chief deputy, Melissa Gann, and Janice Brewer.

The District Clerk's Office is located on the second floor at the top of the stairs, first office to the right. They are located where they were

prior to the renovation. "We can't wait for people to come in and see the renewed Courthouse," stated Hughes. "I think everyone will be pleased. We've been all displaced for so long. I think everyone will be pleased how pretty it is and it's just awesome good. It had gotten pretty run down."

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

I wonder what it's like farming in Heaven!

You're probably tired of me writing about my neighborhood, but I've learned from childhood what sharing and helping out is all about!

Just a couple of weeks ago, I wrote about the goodness of Earl Hess. Now, we've lost the last of the "Good Generation" - with the loss of Wilfred Reiter!

The "Good Generation" I'm talking about was unbelievable! They were neighbors that watched out for one another - I watched them in my childhood. They all got along - they didn't have the best of equipment, but they shared everything they had! It was nothing to round up six to eight hay trailers around the neighborhood when you were in a bind, and many times kids went with them to make sure the job got done!!

I'm so proud to be raised in my neighborhood, and when you think of Albert "Snaggs" Fleitman, Urban Rohmer, Arnie Knabe, Martin Becker, Ray Klement, my dad Walt Klement, and then Wilfred Reiter, they don't make them like that anymore!

The school bus almost loaded going through our neighborhood - it was good times!

Like I mentioned, these guys didn't have the best of equipment, but I wonder what it's like farming in Heaven!

I sure hope they have the tractor-driving jobs, with

all new equipment - and they have a whole bunch of healthy young angels hauling all the hay in!!

Your neighbor,
Wayne Klement
Muenster, TX

To the editor,

We are really excited the first paragraph in President Obama's new budget reads: "The Budget proposes \$53 billion over six years to continue construction of a national high-speed rail network. It will place passenger rail on equal footing with other surface transportation programs; include funding for both Amtrak and new 'core express,' regional, and 'emerging' corridors; and keep the country on track toward a system that gives 80% of Americans access to a passenger rail system featuring high-speed service within 25 years."

With the inclusion of Cooke County in Congressman Mac Thornberry's district

and one of the 13 proposed high-speed rail corridors scheduled to come through Gainesville, the Congressman now has a vested interest in seeing passage of this portion of the budget.

We wonder if the Congressman will champion high-speed rail or join his fellow Republican Congressmen who have their heads in the sand when it comes to the future of transportation in America.

We hasten to point out for Thornberry's consideration that the U.S. Department of Transportation reports one third of all people using public transportation to travel between the Metroplex and Oklahoma City take Amtrak's Heartland Flyer and Gainesville is the only stop it makes in his district. The public wants more rail passenger service and developing a national high-speed system is the way to go.

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Gainesville, TX

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Bass Club Tournament continues, Lake Texoma		Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Rel. Ed class, 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 AARP Board Mtg. 10 am	Library open 10:30-2:30 Youth Fair Premium Sale 1pm VV Ag Barn
.....COOKE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR.....						
Sunday, March 4, 2012	Monday, March 5, 2012	Tuesday, March 6, 2012	Wednesday, March 7, 2012	Thursday, March 8, 2012	Friday, March 9, 2012	Saturday, March 10, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Last day to file for local elections MISD Book Fair - All Week City Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm SHCS early dismissal MISD Open House 6:30-8 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Rel. Ed class, 7 pm K of C Council mtg. 8 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm M. Historical Comm Mtg. 8 am	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m AARP Lunch 11:30	Library open 10:30 - 2:30 G'ville Bass Club Tourn. Jordan Park, Lake Ray Roberts 6:30am-3:30 pm
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Serving Our Neighbors Since 1938

Locals share memories in magazines

By Janet Felderhoff

It seems people known in the Muenster area are quite active in sharing their memories or stories with other readers of national magazines. *Enterprise* patrons have brought attention to two more of those magazine articles.

An article "Dime Store Treasures" published in the August/September issue of *Reminisce* spurred Gary Fisher to share his childhood memories of playing with plastic toy soldiers during the Korean War in the early 1950s. His letter was published in the February/March 2012 issue of *Reminisce*.

Gary recalled the drought years from 1950-57. He wrote, "Large cracks opened in the garden soil. We used these to stage an army on either side of a crack. Using tin cap guns made in occupied Japan (with beer brand marks on the inside), we waged our play wars and lost many plastic men in the deep fissures. Our little arms couldn't reach the bottom of the cracks, so there they remained."

Being born somewhere in the middle of 10 children, Gary watched his younger siblings grow up playing with different toys in that same garden. When the garden soil was turned, they'd often find a toy soldier. The toys also turned up in many other places, and later in life Gary noted that the younger siblings would say, "No ground was sacred." They meant that someone had already played there.

Gary's story continued, "Having heard the stories, my sister's fiance secretly had plastic soldiers baked into their wedding cake. Someone couldn't keep the secret, so my sister (Judy) decided to get the last laugh. When her new husband lifted her skirt to take off the garter at the reception, he found her wearing army boots and a camouflage garter."

Barbara Pybas, who lives on a ranch in northern Cooke County, wrote to *Working Ranch* magazine. She complimented them on an article they published about Joe Zentner and Kodiak Island.

Barbara then shared her memories of a trip that she

took with her husband Jay. They drove from Texas to Alaska in a station wagon in 1950 to check out ranchland there.

While serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Jay was stationed at Adak in the Aleutian Islands and he wanted to go back to Kodiak where he'd visited in 1945.

Barbara wrote, "We caught a small plane from Seward to Kodiak. We even spent the night with Joe, a bachelor, and I made biscuits the next morning. We stayed up late with his regaling us about the bear problem. Next day he showed us the trail in the high grass up the mountain slopes that a bear had made. Another rancher, Tom Felton, had a grizzly pelt stretched 12 feet high on his barn wall."

The couple was in the cattle business for 62 years and they were one of the first Simmental breeders in Texas. They held bull sales for 25 consecutive years.

Barbara wrote that she would celebrate her 83rd birthday on Jan. 23 and was wished the best 84th year anyone could ever have.



Erin Gear, certified physician assistant, is now a part of the orthopedic and sports medicine programs at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville. She, in conjunction with orthopedic surgeon Mark Sanders, M.D., can provide a wide range of services to school districts, independent sports teams, and individual athletes. Erin, who graduated first in her class in Sports Medicine at Central Michigan University in 2008, possesses certification from the National Athletic Trainers Association and has worked as a team and personal trainer. For information on the sports medicine availability at NTMC and through NTMC's clinic, Cooke County Medical Center, please call (940) 612-8750. NTMC photo

New Arrival

Robeson

Corey and Melinda Robeson of Forestburg are happy to announce the birth of their first child, son Tristan Reed Robeson. Tristan was born in North Texas Medical Center on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012 at 7:54 p.m. He weighed 5 lb. 12 oz. and measured 18.5 inches in length. Grandparents are Martha and Joe Alexander of Rosharon, Texas, Dennis and Robin Biss of Marietta, Oklahoma, and Jimmy Robeson and Debbie Robeson of Chino, California. Great-grandparents

are Juanita Cox of Houston and Arlene Bronder of Palm Springs, California.



Tristan Robeson



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police Mark Blankenship

The first half of February, the Muenster Police Department received 18 CALLS FOR SERVICE, recorded three INCIDENT REPORTS, issued 19 CITATIONS, and booked four persons into the Cooke County Detention Center. These tasks were in addition to regular routine patrol, safety, and securities services.

Again, we want to alert citizens that SCAMMERS are on the prowl. Their fraudulent services range from ROOF REPAIRS, LIGHTNING ROD SERVICE to door to door PRODUCT SALES. If you did not call someone to provide a service to you at your home, PLEASE USE CAUTION when dealing with unknown vendors. Anyone going door to door within the city MUST have a City Issued Permit. These permits are requested at City Hall and require a background check as well as permit fee. If there is any question about someone's permission to go door to door, call City Hall for information. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW INTO YOUR HOME.

Remember, nothing is FREE, so don't be fooled! REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ..

NCTC

chitects briefed the Board on proposals regarding the 300 building.

Option 1 is to make repairs and renovations to the building at a cost of \$2,771,500. Option 2 is to demolish the 300 building and repurpose and renovate the 100 and 600 buildings at a cost of \$1,912,932.

As part of this option, several functions currently in the 100 building including information services and reprographics, along with functions currently in the 300 building including the mail center and switchboard operator would be relocated to a renovated 600 building.

At that point, the renovation of the 100 building would begin. Once that renovation is completed, several functions currently in the 300 building would move into the south wing of the 100 building including the Vice-President of Instruction, Vice-President of Institutional Advancement, Marketing and Public Relations, and the Small Business Development Center. Also, Financial Aid would temporarily relocate from the mezzanine in the Student Activity Center to the south wing of the 100 building.

Once all the relocations were completed, the removal of asbestos from the 300 building would begin with the demolition of the building to follow shortly thereafter.

This course of action would resolve a few issues that were proposed under the bond, but would not resolve issues including the construction of a new Health Sciences

Center, creating a central "one-stop shop" for core student services, expanding the bookstore and food services, adding a 24-hour general access computer lab for students, establishing an easily identifiable "front door" to the campus, and constructing an agriculture/equine/horticulture center.

Regents decided to table any action regarding the facilities and will take the matter up again on Feb. 28 at noon in a special meeting.

Also, regents heard a report on enrollment and demographics for Spring 2012.

System-wide head count and contact hours increased by 1.4% and 1.75% respectively. System-wide enrollment for Spring 2012 is 9,360 students.

Enrollment on the Gainesville campus dropped 9.7% to 2,037, but enrollment on the other four NCTC campuses rose, most notably Flower Mound which is up 46.4% in its second spring of operation. There are 2,037 students on the Gainesville campus, 5,700 on the Corinth campus, 1,290 in Flower Mound, 429 in Bowie, and 276 in Graham. In addition, 2,727 students are enrolled in on-line classes, while 977 high school students are enrolled in dual-credit offerings.

It was noted that the shift in Gainesville's enrollment was primarily due to enrollment in on-line classes. Lifelong Learning and winter mini-mester head counts weren't included.

As for demographics, Gainesville's student enrollment was 68.6% female with 34.6% of students liv-

ing in district. Also, 73.4% of students were white, 12.5% were Hispanic, and 6.5% were black. In Corinth, 57% of students were female, 62.1% were white, 18% were Hispanic and 10.7% were black. In Flower Mound, 54.7% were female, 57.4% were white, 19.4% were Hispanic, and 10.8% were black. In Bowie, 60.6% were female, 77.4% were white, 10.5% were Hispanic, and 3.5% were black. In Graham, 63.4% were female, 80.1% were white, 13% were Hispanic, and 2.2% were black.

Of the students taking online classes, 66.9% are female, 69.1% are white, 14% are Hispanic, and 8.8% are black. In the dual-credit program, 60.3% of students are female, 80.7% are white, 11.2% are Hispanic, and 1.7% are black.

In personnel matters, regents approved the hiring of three positions, along with the resignation of Rodger Boyce, who has worked at the college for 36 years. He is currently the assistant to the president/marketing and public relations. Retiring after 32 years is maintenance technician Gary Sorrell.

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass - grows in silence; see the stars, the moon, and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls
Mother Teresa

Meeting Notice

Brown Bag Book Review

The next Brown Bag Book Review will be on Thursday, March 1 at noon at the NCTC Library Lyceum in Gainesville.

Ray and Gabrielle Fletcher will review *We Were Soldiers Once and Young* by Joe Galloway. This is part of a series of events this semester celebrating Medal of Honor recipients. Galloway will be speaking on the NCTC campus on Friday, April 13, for the Creative Writing Awards. The Brown Bag Book Review will give readers a chance to learn more about his book before his appearance in April.

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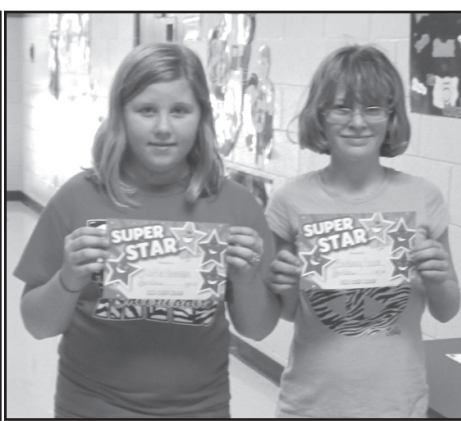
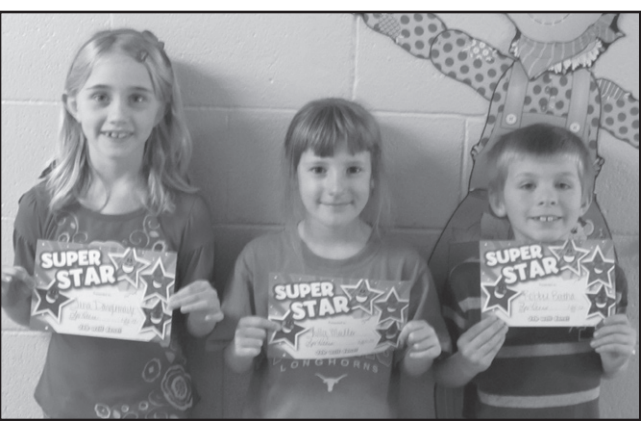
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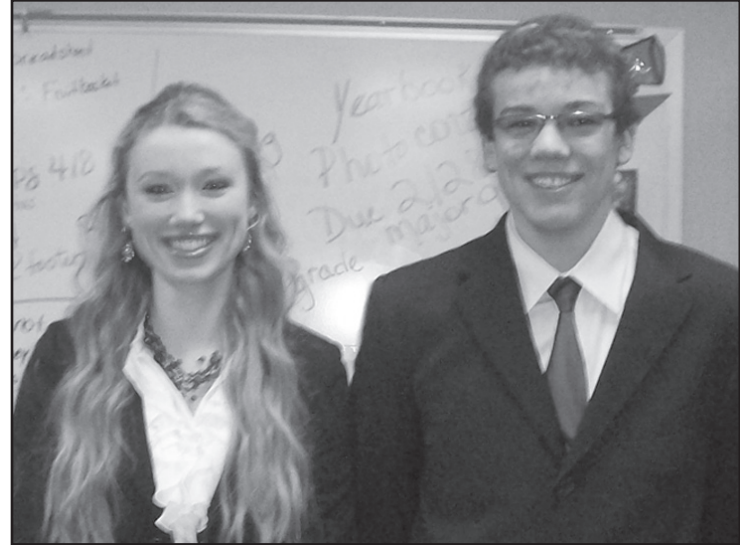
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SCHOOL



Fundraiser to benefit homeless dogs

As a project for Muenster ISD National Honor Society, Cole McAden has chosen to collect money for an animal shelter in Sherman. The ARF (Animal Refuge Foundation) House is a no-kill, nonprofit animal shelter that houses over 350 dogs on average. Cole is collecting money and dry or canned dog food to help these dogs. For a list of dog food products that are acceptable, contact McAden at 940-759-4567 (home) or 940-736-9246 (cell). Cole is willing to pick up any donations.



The Muenster High School CX Debate Team of Brooke Walterscheid (left) and Austin Creswell has qualified for the 2011-12 University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination Debate Meet to be held March 12-13 at the University of Texas in Austin. They placed 2nd in the District 17A CX Debate Meet in Gainesville held on Thursday, Feb. 2. Brooke and Austin are looking forward to more great competition on the State level and the possibility of debating final rounds in the State capitol building this year. MISD photo



FCCLA Super Stars - above, from left - Jena Dangelmayr, Lilly Muller, Robbie Batha, Kaitlin Hennigan, and Katie Batha. At left - front - Elijah Bayer, Bradley Lutkenhaus, and Debra Huchton; back - Rachel Mouring and Makayla Pumphrey.

MISD photos

Muenster FCCLA extends No Tobacco Message

Muenster FCCLA Child Development students recently expanded their "Addicted to Oxygen" program to Muenster Elementary students. Students researched information about tobacco and accessed information from The Great American Smokeout website.

The goal for this program was to motivate youth to stay tobacco free. The students developed presentations which included activities such as coloring sheets and math problems. Students incorporated a math formula for Mrs. Deanna Hellman's 5th and 6th grade students to figure the cost of purchasing tobacco products.

All students from K-6th grades were presented information about tobacco usage and were challenged to design a poster relating to this information for a contest. The posters were displayed in the MISD Cafeteria, and certificates for the poster contest were awarded in the students' classrooms.

Poster Contest winners were: **Kindergarten** - Dawson Voth, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Daultyn Dunn; **1st grade** - Debra Huchton, Elijah Bayer, Bradley Lutkenhaus; **2nd grade** - Lilly Muller, Robbie Batha, Jena Dangelmayr; **3rd grade** - Audrey Kubis, Bayley Otto,

Alex Broyles; **4th grade** - Brittany Green, Kaitlin Hennigan, Katie Batha; **5th grade** - Ryan Huchton, Hayden Otto, Ashleigh Fisher; **6th grade** - Lee Ann West, Bailey Anderle, Megan Rohmer.

Makayla Pumphrey and Rachel Mouring will be presenting the project in competition at the Region II FCCLA Leadership Meeting for Focus on Children STAR Event on March 2 in Abilene.

FCCLA troop project wins at Region II

For Valentine's Day, Muenster FCCLA decided to conduct a service learning project in which they would donate Valentine's Day items to troops overseas. Coordinating with the program Give 2 the Troops, FCCLA hosted a Warm A Troop's Heart Drive.

Over the month of January, the members collected items such as socks, hand warmers, blankets, coffee, hot chocolate, and Valentine's Day items. Elementary students decorated more than 250 Valentine's cards for the troops. Overall, the project was a great success, in that FCCLA collected 91 pounds of materials to donate to the troops.

This project was selected by the Regional advisors as the Region II Most Outstanding Project for 2012. This is the third time Muenster has received this award.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEB. 27 - MARCH 2 MUEENSTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs w/cheese, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, pears, muffins.
Tues. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad w/dressing, corn on the cob, pudding, peaches, wheat hot rolls.
Wed. - Ham, turkey, and cheese sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, baked cheetos, carrots, apples, cookies.
Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple, wheat hot rolls.
Fri. - Tuna sandwiches, oven fries, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Soft say w/trimmings, refried beans, Spanish rice, apple crisp.
Tues. - Grilled chicken w/moz-

zarella on a bun, baked beans, pineapple, vanilla wafers, vanilla pudding.
Wed. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, peaches.
Thurs. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.
Fri. - Baked potatoes w/cheese, apples, peanut butter, bread.

ERA ISD

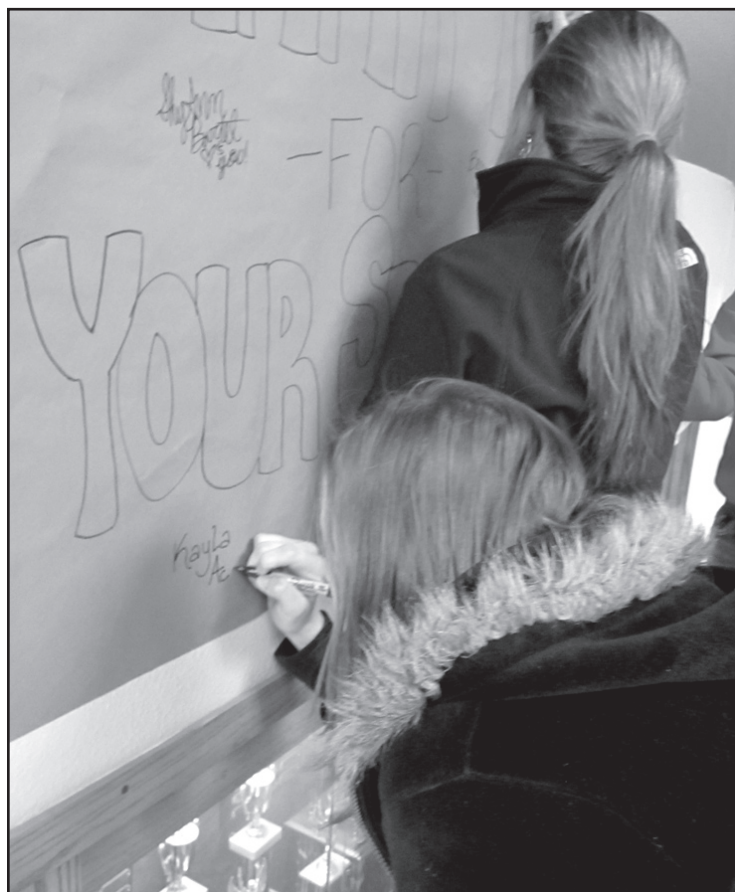
Mon. - Lasagna, green beans, breadstick, fruit.
Tues. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fruit.
Wed. - Chicken stir fry, white rice, fortune cookie.
Thurs. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, fruit, pudding.
Fri. - Hamburgers/fish sticks, sliced cheese, trimmings, chips, fruit, ice cream.

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Sun 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30
Mon-Thurs 2:30, 5:00, 7:30
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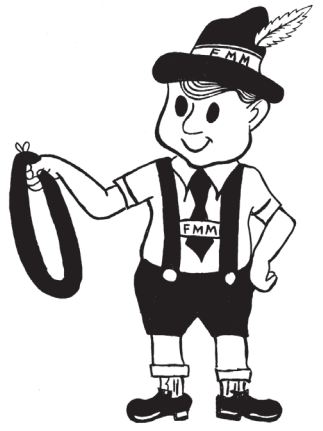
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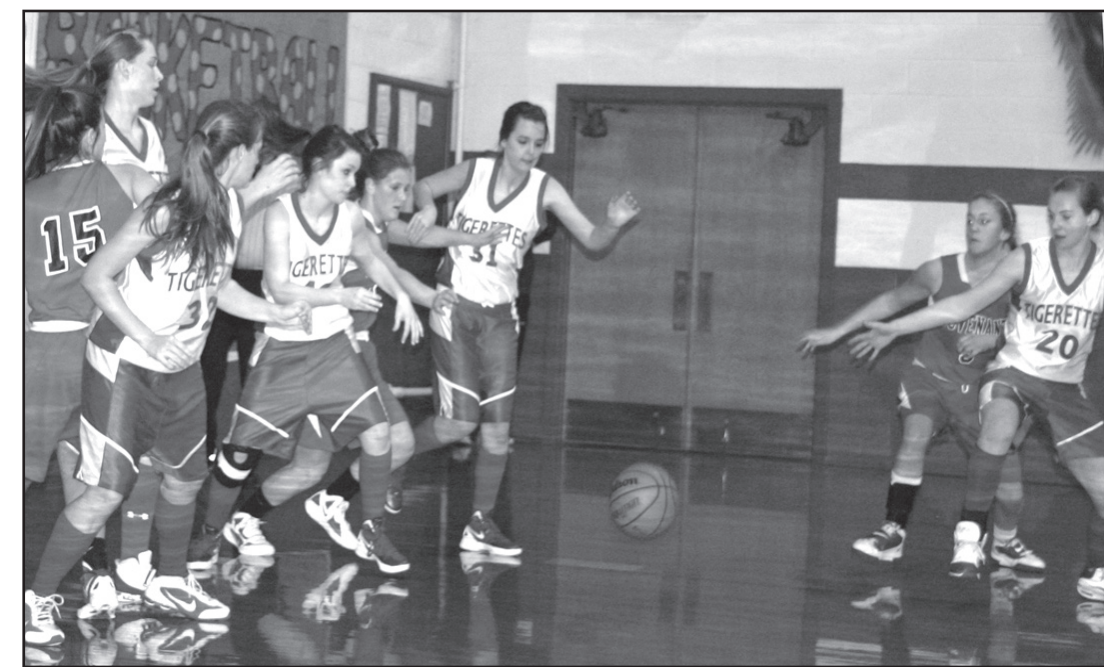
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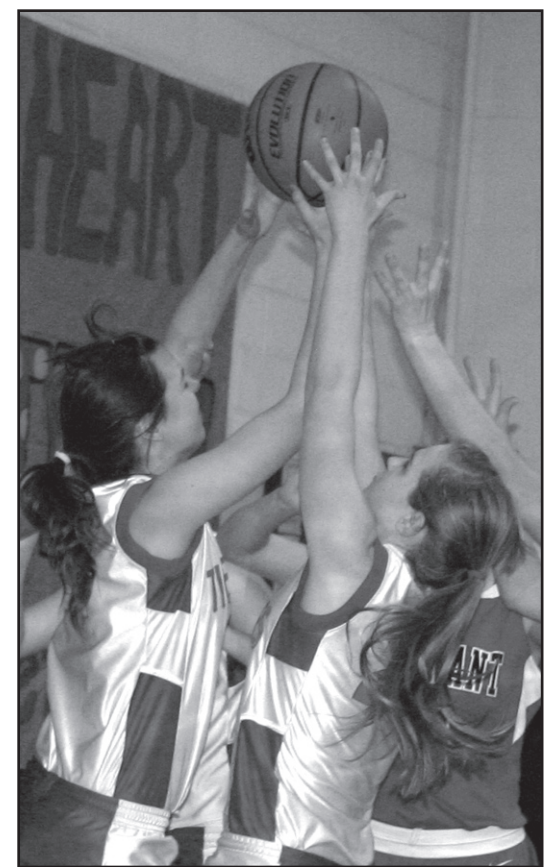
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Cooke County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) is proud to announce the retirement of two long-time employees. Jack Coker, left, has retired after 45 years at CCECA and plans to enjoy full-time ranching. Shirley Reiter, right, retires after 13 years and looks forward to traveling and spending time with her husband Allen. Courtesy photo

Texas observes Severe Weather Awareness

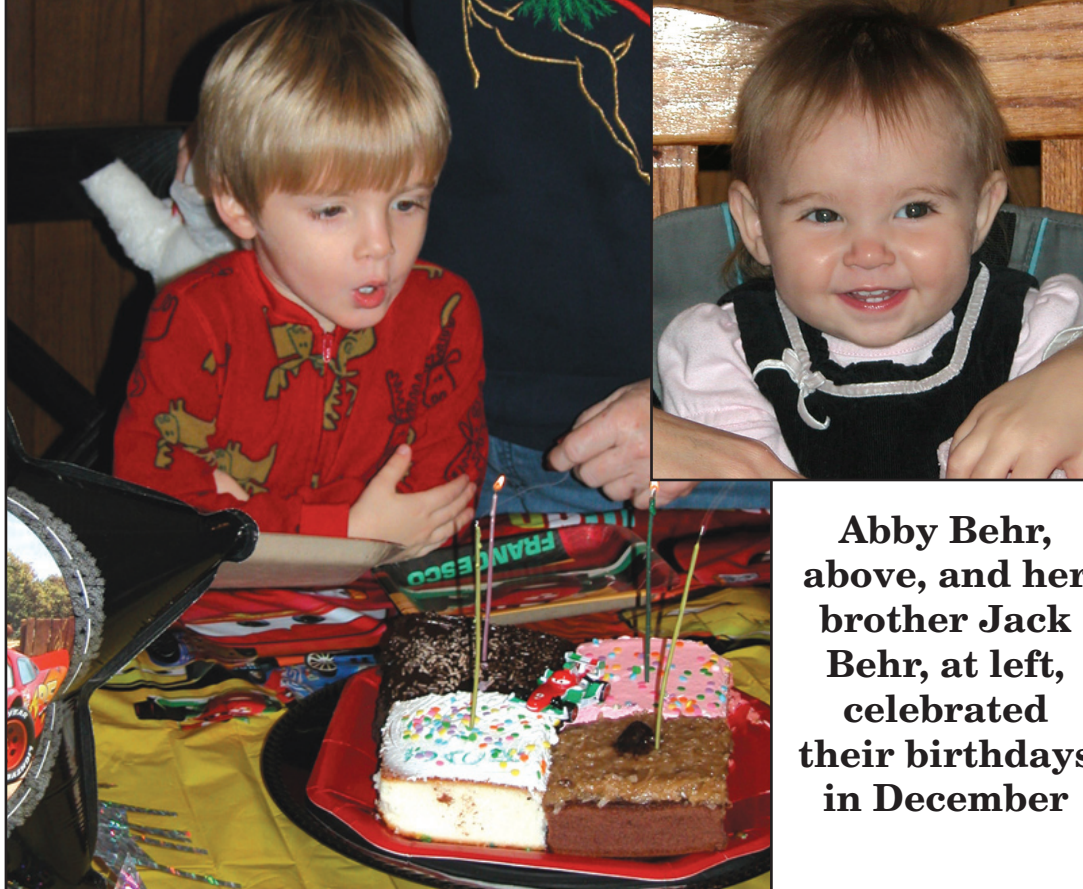
Straight-line wind storms, thunderstorms, and tornadoes can occur at any time of year in Texas. So it pays for individuals and families to plan what to do well in advance. Feb. 19-25 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service remind you that this is a good time to talk to your friends and family about emergency preparedness.

While tornadoes are extremely dangerous, wind, ice, and hail storms can do similar damage, so thunderstorms should never be taken for granted. Dangers include:

Straight-line thunderstorm winds, sometimes referred to as downbursts that blow in excess of 100 mph, are strong enough to uproot trees, destroy crops, and cause substantial damage to buildings and roofs. These include severe and rapid downdrafts of air that push damaging winds outward on or near ground level and that are especially dangerous to aviation.

Hail falling to earth at speeds nearing 100 mph, damaging trees, crops, automobiles, and buildings. Hail storms cause more than \$1 billion in damage nationwide each year.

When severe weather threatens, monitor TV and radio broadcasts as well as NOAA weather radio for storm warnings and watches. When straight-line winds threaten, respond the same way you would to the threat of a tornado. Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a bathroom, stairwell, hallway, or closet. Stay away from windows. If you are outside, cover your head to protect against flying debris.



Abby Behr, above, and her brother Jack Behr, at left, celebrated their birthdays in December

Behr siblings celebrate birthdays

Abby is one!

Abby Noel Behr celebrated her first birthday on Friday, Dec. 23 at the home of her grandparents Gus and Loretta Felderhoff of Muenster. Her actual birthday was Dec. 16.

A "cupcake" pink and purple theme was used in the table decorations, balloons, and gift wrap. A red velvet cake with white icing was decorated with pink roses. After opening of gifts, cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all.

Present for the festivities were Abby's grandparents, her parents Steve and Julie Felderhoff Behr and brother Jack Behr of Coppell, uncle James Felderhoff, uncle and aunt Dennis and Vanessa Smith, uncle and aunt Gus and Britt Felderhoff and cousin Olivia Felderhoff of Scottsdale, Arizona, and great-uncle Gary Droll of Gainesville.

Jack turns four

Jack Behr celebrated his fourth birthday, Monday, Dec. 26 at the home of his grandparents Gus and Loretta Felderhoff.

Decorations for the party were in Spiderman and Cars themes. Four small cakes - German chocolate, white cake with white frosting, chocolate with chocolate frosting, and strawberry cake and ice cream, with a candle on each, were enjoyed by all present. After opening of gifts and cake and ice cream, Jack, with the help of his cousin Olivia, discovered a 'Cars' piñata filled with candy.

Attending the festivities were Jack's grandparents, his parents Steve and Julie Felderhoff Behr and sister Abby Behr of Coppell, uncle James Felderhoff, uncle and aunt Dennis and Vanessa Smith, uncle and aunt Gus and Britt Felderhoff and cousin Olivia Felderhoff of Scottsdale, Arizona, and great-uncle Gary Droll of Gainesville.

Reunion called at Rehab Center

The William F. Powell, M.D., Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program of the Gainesville Hospital District will host a Leap Year Reunion on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2 to 4 p.m. All former and current patients, interested parties, and staff are cordially invited to attend.

The Cardiac Rehab Program was initiated at Gainesville Memorial Hospital in 1994; the Pulmonary Rehab Program was started in 1997. Hundreds of patients have benefited from both programs. The Reunion will be held in the Powell Rehab Center at 1900 Hospital Blvd. in Gainesville. Refreshments will be served and drawings will be held!

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