

## New City pool open for business and fun



The spitting frog is just one of many features offered at the City of Muenster's new swimming pool that opened last weekend. See page 7 for more pool fun. Janie Hartman photo

## Election still undecided for the multi-candidate races

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
With the votes tallied from the Republican and Democratic Primary Elections held on Tuesday, voters found that they will have to make another trip to the polls to determine who will be on the November ballot in several races. The date slated for the run-off election is July 31.

The four-candidate Sheriff's race will be between Jim Carter and Terry Gilbert. Gilbert came close to taking the needed 51%, but fell short. Results were Gilbert 2,340, Carter 1,334, Terry Sawyer 1,113, and Ken Fogus 409. With no Democratic opponent, the winner will take over the reins of the Sheriff's

office in January from retiring Mike Compton.

There will be no new faces on Cooke County Commissioners Court next year. There were no candidates on the Democratic ballot and incumbents Al Smith and Gary Hollowell held on to their Commissioner Precinct #3 and #1 jobs.

Smith claimed victory in the battle of the Alans, as he defeated Alan Britain with 653 to Britain's 418. Hollowell won by a comfortable margin over his opponent Randy Garren with 820 votes to 453.

County Attorney Tanya Davis lost the contest for her job to Ed Zielinski. Votes were Zielinski 2,939 and Da-

vis 2,113. He will take over that position in January since there is no Democratic opponent.

Precinct 1 Constable was won by Chris Watson who took 1,995 votes to Carl Rickert's 1,208. Winning the Republican nomination for Precinct 4 constable is Russ Harper who unseated incumbent Dick Roth with 950 votes to 457.

Other County races were uncontested.

Muenster resident Drew Springer had a tough contest in the quest for Republican nominee to Texas House District 68. Four candidates, Springer, Trent McKnight of Throckmorton, David See **ELECTION, pg. 2**

## County burn ban looms on horizon

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Despite a welcome one half to one inch of rain across most of Cooke County Sunday night, it seems very probable that Cooke County will be under a burn ban this summer. Cooke County Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher updated Commissioners Court on area conditions at the Tuesday, May 29 meeting. He reported on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), an index designed specifically for fire potential assessment.

Cooke County's KBDI is an average of 418, the high 501, and the low 286. "Right now we are doing okay," said Fletcher. "We're not in

a typical mid-May for this area. We are about six weeks ahead of what we should be. Already we've got a lot of browning and fuel out there. We will have to take precaution as we go on through the summer."

Fletcher brought up the topic of fireworks and noted that in June, they might want to look at banning the sale of rockets and missiles with fins. The KBDI doesn't warrant that at this point since it must be at least 575.

Commissioner Al Smith questioned the possibility of finding a way to allow burning on certain days during a burn ban such as on a day

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## In honor and gratitude for their service to our country



Muenster VFW and Ladies Auxiliary conducted their annual memorial service for deceased servicemen and women on Sunday morning at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Shown are VFW Auxiliary President Frances Bayer, at center left, and Auxiliary Junior Vice President Sandra Hennigan carrying wreaths to place at the veterans monument. See story and photo on page 4. Janet Felderhoff photo

## CROP LOST TO WHEAT FIELD FIRE



Muenster Volunteer firefighters work on containing a wheat field fire, as a water tank truck arrives at the scene. The Tuesday afternoon blaze was caused by a combine bearing, burning 25 acres. Approximately 10 acres of wheat were lost. Muenster, Myra, and Saint Jo fire departments responded. Janie Hartman photo

## MMH Board reorganizes

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
In its first order of business at the May 22 meeting, Muenster Hospital Board Secretary John Aytes conducted the swearing into office of the three newly elected Board members. Seated for three-year terms were Ronnie Weinzapfel, incumbent, Mary Del Olmo, and Bob Ambrose. Outgoing Board members Kenny Klement and Aaron Hess were present for the meeting.

Election of officers took place. Elected unanimously were: Ronnie Weinzapfel, president; Don Richerson, vice-president; and John Aytes, secretary.

Following officer election, the Board opted to convene into executive session to consult with their attorney. Aytes suggested that former president Klement be

allowed to sit in on the executive session since he had been the one to do most of the correspondence with the attorney. Since Hess was present at the meeting and served on the Board during the investigation, the Board voted unanimously to allow Klement and Hess in on the executive session.

When the Board reconvened into open session, there was no action taken. Austin attorney Alex Fuller explained, "This is an open meeting when we are discussing legal matters in consultation with the attorney, we went into a closed meeting or executive session. What was discussed in there cannot be discussed in open meeting. That's the way we have to have legal protections for our Board, for your Hospital, and for the indi-

viduals involved." He added that the Board would take comments, but could not respond to them.

Fuller noted that anyone wishing to discuss a particular topic at a meeting needs to submit a request to the CEO in writing at least a week prior to the next meeting to allow time to get it on the agenda and published as law requires.

Board President Weinzapfel asked for public comments, but there were none.

The Board retained Fuller last March for the purpose of investigating and advising on certain allegations made about Hospital staff. An internal investigation has already been conducted by other lawyers and there was no legal basis to take actions against anybody accused in

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## Muenster High graduates learn to "make it count"



2012 Muenster High School seniors Daniel and David Fleitman make some last minute adjustments in preparation for last Friday's graduation ceremony. Janie Hartman photo

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Family, friends, and fellow students gathered in the Muenster Hornet gymnasium on Friday, May 25 for the commencement exercise of the Muenster ISD Class of 2012.

Members of that class entering to "Pomp and Circumstance" were: Kayla Marie Acuña, Tyler John Anderle, Caitlin Mahnon Beavers, Glendon Seth Bewley, Luke Thomas Crabtree, Kalyn Rae Dangelmayr, Shelby Renae Dangelmayr, Andi Cecilia Felderhoff, Chelsea Lee Ferrell, Daniel Shane Fleitman, David Sean Fleitman, Adrian Cristian Gonzalez, Christopher Don Green, Blake Michael Grewing, Chase Aaron Hammer, William Garrett Hanes, Olivia Ann Haverkamp, Lana Kay Heers, Emily Anne Hellman, Paige Madison Hennigan, Andrea Leigh Hess, Mark Jason Jones, Dalton James Koelzer, Demi Jo Koelzer, Cole Nelson McAden, Joseph Martin Monday, Angela Paige Morgan, Allison Nicole Pagel, Nicole Geneva Pagel, Rishi Prakash Patel, Landon Clay Presnall, Corey Aaron Richey, Andrew Jordan Rosenbaum, Chloe Deann Schneider, Shane Colton

Sicking, Shelby Ann Simpson, River Matthew Stewart, Shennell Renee Stringer, Blake Anthony Voth, Kendra Michele Walterscheid, and Caleb Aaron Winters.

Lana Heers offered the invocation. Muenster ISD Counselor Kristi Schneider introduced the Board of Trustees and Administration.

Salutatorian Landon Presnall was introduced by Rishi Patel.

Landon spoke of the ancient Mayan prediction that the world would end on Dec. 21, 2012. He speculated on what they would miss out on if this prediction were true.

Academically, Landon said that the Class of 2012 created something that each could be proud of. He said theirs was a class of leaders both at school and in the community. He highlighted their athletic accomplishments over the past four years.

Landon remarked, "Even though we've had great success throughout our high school careers, many of us are still unsure about our futures, anxious for college, or just out right scared about what is to come. As the world is uncertain about what will unfold on Dec. 21, we are un-

certain about what will unfold on the 22nd, the 23rd, the 24th, and the countless days thereafter. We don't know what our futures hold, but who ever does?"

A poem, *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley, was then read by Landon. It concluded with, "I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul."

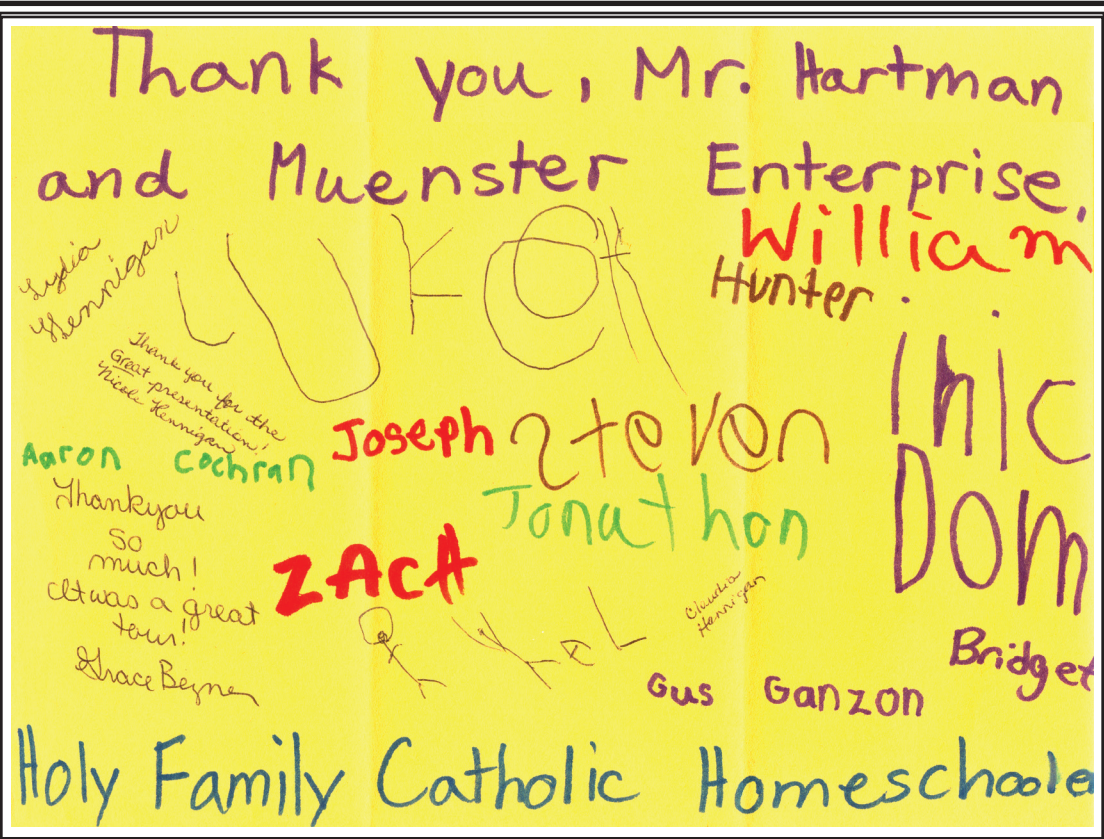
Landon concluded, "No matter where life brings us in the future, each and every one of us will be controlling our own fate. No one else can tell us what we want to do with our lives. No one else can tell us how we want to be remembered or how we want to live our lives. We are the only ones that can control these things, and this should come as a huge relief because of how motivated we've been...But enough about the future for now, if the Mayans were right and the world does in fact end in six short months, then I can say with the utmost confidence that in regards to my Class of 2012, that we've lived up to our class motto: we've made it count."

Class Valedictorian Emily Hellman was introduced by Andrea Hess.

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# Letter to the Editor



## ELECTION

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Isbell of Valley View, and Paul Braswell of Forestburg, vied for the position. McKnight garnered the most votes with Springer coming in behind him. Since McKnight didn't get enough to clinch the election, he and Springer will take the battle to July election. Springer carried Cooke County with 2,973 votes, with McKnight

getting 1,167, Isbell 804, and Braswell 203. The winner will face Democrat Lanham Odom of Montague County in November. Also undecided until July is the GOP race for United States senator to replace retiring Kay Bailey Hutchison. David Dewhurst and Ted Cruz are the candidates remaining in that contest. De-

whurst was a Cooke County favorite with 2,347 with Cruz following with 1,339. The Democratic ballot for the U.S. Senator seat is not resolved. Votes were reported as Paul Sadler 173,352, Grady Yarbrough 127,460, Addie Allen 113,161, and Sean Hubbard 79,604. Results are unofficial until canvassed.

## HOSPITAL

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the prior e-mail. Fuller said, "I have had the opportunity, and actually the pleasure of meeting most all of the permanent employees here at the Hospital. I interviewed over 65 of them and I have also come to the conclusion that there is no legal basis that we can take any type of action regarding the allegations in that prior e-mail. There was substantiated proof. The report is not totally complete yet. There is going to be further actions. There have been discussion of several other issues that I think the community is going to find very helpful. The Board and I will continue to work toward preparing a final report and some action items that can be addressed. That's all I can say right now."



Members of the Muenster Hospital Board of Directors, from left, President Ronnie Weinzapfel, Jon Reed, James Walterscheid, Bob Ambrose, Secretary John Aytes, Mary Del Olmo, Danny Walterscheid, Vice President Don Richardson. Not pictured is T.J. Walterscheid.

enough money in the till to go with Meditech. That's the reason we chose the cheaper course. We do have the money to do it now even after paying nearly half a million dollars." He said they had to hurry to get the new system in operation. There is a deadline to be compliant or the penalty will be withholding of Medicare payments. He noted that some hospitals are up and running, while others have not yet begun. CO Richard Hoeth remarked, "We will recoup approximately 80% of the cost of the new system because your Medicare percentage is close to 60% and then you get the bonus through the government."

who have not been at the Hospital for a full year are provisional. Kent reported that the District has received its pharmacy license from the State of Texas, but is still waiting on its DEA and DPS numbers. Compliance Officer Diane Neu's report stated that on April 30, the American Proficiency Institute performed its quarterly test for the Hospital Laboratory. She said that for all those scored with a ratio, they received a 100%. A score less than 80% is unsatisfactory. Other tests were graded by acceptable or unacceptable and MMH received all acceptables on them. She also reported that the first survey letters were sent to all emergency room patients and to inpatients by NRC Picker.

will be used in the Rural Health Clinic to fulfill service needs there. • Approved Bad Debt Write Offs totaling \$42,987.93. • Renewed contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield for employee health coverage with no change in premiums.

The Board approved the purchase with a 6-0-2 vote. The two new members abstained. They felt that they were not well enough informed on the topic to vote on such a costly expenditure. An addendum to the Medical Staff Bylaws received Board approval. The addendum allows that subject to the discretion of the chief of medical staff, provisional staff members may serve on committees and vote. Staff

In other action, the Hospital Board of Directors: • Approved RHP 19 member agreement and approved the MMH administrator signing the agreements. • Approved purchase of a new EKG machine at a cost of \$10,614 for use in the Hospital. The old EKG machine

that it rains. This would allow farmers and ranchers to do a control burn of pastures or brush during a safe period of a burn ban. Smith felt this could cut back on some of the fuel for fire. Nobody knew of a suitable solution. Paula Lowe of the audit firm Patisillo, Brown, & Hill reported results of the FY 2011 Annual Financial Audit. The County received an unqualified rating, which is the highest opinion that can be rendered. Lowe remarked of Auditor Shelly Atteberry and her staff, "They are doing a really good job." The report was accepted and filed into records. Commissioners Court gave its approval to transfer funds from the Sheriff's office Department 560 to Sheriff's Department 561. This would be transferring funds from the law enforcement budget to the jail budget. These are two separate County departments and thus require Court approval, said Auditor Atteberry. Deputy Larry Winters of the Sheriff's Department explained that the Jail's food budget would be exhausted by mid July. The fiscal year ends on Sept. 30. Winters explained that when the budget was set, it was for 106 inmates, but from September to now, they have been averaging 125. He said Sheriff Mike Compton requests that \$27,000 be moved from the Law Enforcement budget to the Jail Budget. The money will be moved from the law enforcement's general liability insurance which received a premium credit. An additional \$9,000 will be moved from another line item in the jail budget. The request was approved unanimously. David Trout of Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) requested support from Cooke County for a household hazardous waste collection in the spring of 2013. He said that Fannin and Grayson counties have already pledged their support and he has requests in for the cities of Gainesville and Bonham. The last such collection was held in 2011 with about 250 vehicles coming through with items. Commissioner Smith agreed the collection was helpful to keep the hazardous items from being dumped along county roads. The Court approved a resolution supporting the project with a monetary contribution not to exceed \$5,000. Also, Grayson County is asked for \$10,000, Fannin for \$5,000, and Gainesville and Bonham for \$5,000 each. Commissioners Gary Hollowell and Leon Klement, members of the Annex building Committee, sought input from the rest of the Court as to placement of the elevator and other details. It was the consensus that they should

take their time and do it correctly since they anticipate using the building for many years to come and that they should be prepared for a number of yet undetermined uses. The courtroom areas will remain the same. The second floor will be re-inforced to allow its use for records storage. "We want it to last a long time," said Commissioner Klement. In other business, Commissioners Court: • Approved equipment lease agreement from Nortex Communications for network connectivity between the County Courthouse and Sheriff's Office and the Courthouse and Annex building. • Approved County Agent Wayne Becker's travel to Charlotte, North Carolina for the National Association of County Agriculture Agents meeting July 16-19. • Approved Extension Agent Angel Neu's travel to Columbus, Ohio to attend the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences on Sept. 24-28. • Accepted the resignation of "Roscoe" R.D. Cawyer from the Board of Trustees of the Texoma Community Center, formerly MHMR. • Approved County Library applying for the 2012 Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Grant.

### (Start Time - 6:30 p.m.) CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING DATE - JUNE 4, 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, June 4, 2012. • Call meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. • Opening prayer. • Approve minutes of the regular meeting on May 7 & the special meeting on May 16, 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 • Review and possibly approve plans for removing dangerous limbs from trees in City Park. NEW BUSINESS: • Hear and possibly approve Eagle Scout Project. (City Park Improvements) • Review and possibly approve agreement for FY 2011/2012 auditing services. • Consider and possibly approve "DECLARATION OF HAZARDOUS STRUCTURE". (234 E. Cross) • Consideration of a resolution denying the Mid-Tex Division of Atmos Energy Corporation's Statement of Intent to change the gas utility rates in the City of Muenster. • Discuss proposal for updating City Code, including the Zoning Code. • 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

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Muenster Booster Golf Tournament	City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm  Sacred Heart Mini Cheerleading Camp  Muenster	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Muenster KC Council mtg  Hornet Basketball	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm  Camp	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm AARP Luncheon mtg.	Library open 10:30-2:30 G'ville Bass Club Tourm- Jordan Park, Ray Roberts KC Music Festival City Park
Sunday, June 10, 2012	Monday, June 11, 2012	Tuesday, June 12, 2012	Wednesday, June 13, 2012	Thursday, June 14, 2012	Friday, June 15, 2012	Saturday, June 16, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Bass tourn. cont.	KMB mtg. 6:45 pm MMH Aux. NO mtg. VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm  Muenster	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center SH Alumni & Sup mtg 7:30 pm. MISD public mtg 7 pm MISD Board mtg 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm M. Historical Comm mtg 8 am FLAG DAY	Muenster Museum open -1-4	Library open 10:30 - 2:30

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# Muenster Aquamaids



A crowd of 800 attended the grand opening of the new Muenster swimming pool on July 7, 1956. Fifty-six local young ladies, sponsored by business firms of Muenster, entered the Aquamaid Contest. There were two divisions, ages 16-19 and 13-15, for titles of Miss Muenster and Junior Miss Muenster. Top winners were, from left, Junior division 3rd - Judy Cain, 2nd - Ann Luke, 1st - Carolyn Cain; and Miss Muenster Virginia Otto, 2nd - Jeanette Haverkamp, and 3rd - Norma Klement. The pool opened on June 1 with hours of 2-9 p.m. Charges were 15 and 35 cents. The pool showed a \$400 profit in its first month of opening. Red Cross swim lessons began on June 16 with 189 registered, including 162 beginners. LB Bruns was the pool manager.  
Photo courtesy of Muenster Museum

## DAYS GONE BY.....

### 65 YEARS AGO May 30, 1947

Wild steer attack tops regular rodeo: Bill Biffle escapes with bruises after being flipped about 10 feet in the air by bull named "Man Killer." David Lehnertz is bruised and skinned, but no fractures after spill from motorcycle. Obituary: J.B. Tanner, 79. Beans Schmitz has been nursing a sore hand, when, while catching at the ball game, he caught one of Buck Knabe's fast pitches on the top of his finger. Wedding: Geneva Gremminger and Maurice Pagel.

### 50 YEARS AGO June 1, 1962

May was driest on record here - only 1.17 inches. Three-day formal opening will show new building of Wilde Chevrolet Co. College Graduates: Sr. Damien Bayer and Sr. Mary Helen Fuhrmann, University of Dallas; Clifford Endres, University of Texas; Judy Trubenbach and Eddie Joe Schmitt, Cooke County Junior College. New Arrivals: Toni to Gene and Elsie Hoedebeck; a daughter to Charles and Marcella Switzer. Obituary: Otto Burkhart, 63. V.M. Ramsey celebrates 85th.

### 25 YEARS AGO May 29, 1987

Dr. Marvin Knight, chief physician and orthopedic specialist for the Dallas Cowboys, will now become their orthopedic consultant; Dr. Knight will devote more time to his medical practice at Muenster Memorial Hospital and to his cattle ranch south of Muenster. Sharon Henscheid is valedictorian and Craig Voth is salutatorian at Sacred Heart School. Obituary: Anthony Fenoglio, 58. Wedding: Danita Owen and David Partain. College Graduate: Sharon Tate, UT Arlington. New Arrivals: Jeffrey to Phil and Bernadette Walterscheid; Stephen to Gary and Diann Zimmerer; Eric to Jack and Mary Kay Endres; Stephanie to Jeff and Shirley Krueger.

## Obituaries

### Alfred Trubenbach 1927 - 2012

Graveside service for Alfred B. Trubenbach of Gainesville was held Tuesday, May 29 at 2 p.m. at the Fidelity Cemetery in Sabetha, Kansas. Mr. Trubenbach died at the age of 84 on May 25, 2012 in Gainesville. Alfred was born Oct. 14, 1927 in Muenster to Frank J. and Mayme Grewing Trubenbach. Survivors are his sisters Ethel Metzler, Isabelle Swirczynski, and Florentine Pappas. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers and sisters Alice Hellman, Harry Trubenbach, Veronica Neu, Hildegard Swirczynski, and Frank J. Trubenbach, Jr.

### John O'Dowd 1925 - 2012

John William O'Dowd of Houston died Saturday, May 19, 2012. He was born in Fort Worth on Jan. 29, 1925. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eugenia Bertha Walter O'Dowd; sons and their spouses Dan and Beth O'Dowd, and Walter and Cathy O'Dowd; daughters and their spouses Mary and Mike King and Margie and Gary Conner; five grandsons, four granddaughters, and six great-grandchildren. John began his 42-year career with the Cotton Belt Railroad, the night he graduated from high school. He was also an honorary veteran in the U. S. Navy during World War II. His life revolved around what he cherished most: his Christian faith, family, dancing, and golf. He was an extraordinary father, grandfather, and husband. He was best known for his unwavering honesty and loyalty toward family and friends. He will always be remembered for the great interest he took in others, especially the younger generation. He also had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. A Rosary vigil and funeral service was held at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Houston on May 24 and May 25.

### George Gregory 1940 - 2012

Graveside services for George Ray Gregory, age 71 of the Dye Mound area, were held May 28, at Dye Mound Cemetery. The Sheriff's Posse surrounded the grave site, all in uniform, mounted on their horses. Mr. Gregory died Saturday, May 26, 2012. Born Sept. 22, 1940 in Dallas to Robert Vaughn and Ona Lee Welch Gregory, George was active in the Montague County Ranchers and Cowboys Association, the Montague County Sheriff's Posse, the Red River Longhorn Association, the Montague County Property Owners Association, the International Longhorn Association, and the Mustang Heritage Foundation and competed in Extreme Mustang Makeovers and in Project Cowboy. George married Evelyn Ann Duckworth on April 28, 2006. He lived in the Saint Jo area about 25 years. He was a nature lover and enjoyed the ranching life. George is survived by his wife Evelyn; children Robert and Robyn Gregory of LaVernia, Texas, Bubba and Shannon Kocurek of Florida, John and Dale Melton of Saint Jo, Clint and Lindsey Pennington of Sanger, Ryan Short and Kerrie Pennington of Plano; 10 grandchildren; siblings Nita Weger and Doris Coates, both of Saint Jo, and William Gregory of New Mexico. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Carl Gregory, Speedy Gregory and Gene Gregory; and sister Frances Jester.

### Norma Jean "Jeannie" Case 1930 - 2012

Funeral Mass for Norma Jean "Jeannie" Case, 81 of Gainesville, is set for Friday, June 1 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay. Jeannie died Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at Pecan Tree Rehabili-

tation Center in Gainesville. Born Nov. 19, 1930 to Albert Mosser and Cecilia Albert Mosser, Jeannie married Leroy R. Case on Feb. 25, 1954. She worked at Bomber Bait for 40+ years. Survivors are husband, Leroy of Gainesville; children Karen Case of Corinth, Kevin and Diane Case of Gainesville, Jim and Tammy Case of Gainesville, Tina Case of Little Elm, and Tom and Brenda Case of Lindsay; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and brother Lee Mosser. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Norbert Mosser, and sister Margie Dulock. Rosary/visitation will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 31 at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers are Bryant and Mitchell Case, Marcus Case, Dillon and Doug Case, Chad Welch, and Scott Hutchison.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MUENSTER ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM 06/13/2012 in Muenster ISD Administration Bldg. Muenster, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.210000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	2.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	130.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

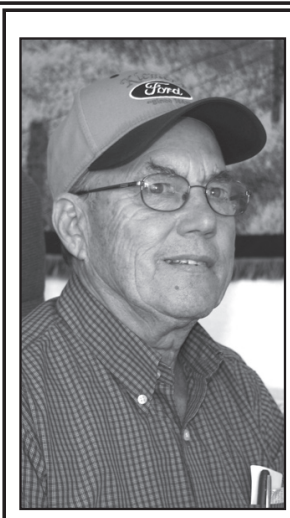
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Total appraised value* of all property	\$435,522,528	\$530,864,207
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$4,240,206	\$6,573,530
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$391,663,673	\$485,129,786
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$439,206	\$5,172,742

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

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Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness:	\$31,839,442
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**Chuck and Doris Koesler of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Jessica Ann Koesler of San Marcos to William Tyler Schneider of San Marcos. William is the son of Cindy and Greg Fry of Gainesville and Bruce and Lisa Schneider of Denton. The couple plans to be married on Friday, June 8, 2012 in a 7 p.m. ceremony at Turtle Hill Lodge with the groom's step-father Greg Fry officiating. Bride's attendants are Kristina Koesler, Katie Crosswhite, and Amanda Klement. Hector Carreon, Clint Metzler, and Paul Metzler will serve as the groom's attendants. The bride-elect earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Texas State University and is working on a Master of Arts degree in Technical Communication from Texas State University. She works as a budget assistant for the Department of Geography at Texas State University. Mr. Schneider received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geographic Information Science from Texas State University and currently works for parking services at the University. After their marriage, the couple will make their home in San Marcos.**

## Veterans honored at Memorial Day services

Muenster Veterans of Foreign Wars to Post 6205 and its Ladies Auxiliary held its annual Memorial Day services on Sunday, May 27.

The events began with the 8 a.m. Mass being offered by Fr. Ken Robinson for all deceased veterans. Offerory Gifts were presented by VFW Post members James Hess and Doug Martin.

Following Mass, the Color Guard accompanied by Commander Doug Martin and Cooke County Judge John Roane, Auxiliary officers, Fr. Ken, and First Communicants, along with other community members, processed to the cemetery where the Post Rifle Squad awaited.

Auxiliary President Frances Bayer and Auxiliary Junior Vice President Sandra Hennigan placed a memorial and a buddy poppy wreath respectively, at the veterans monument in honor of the fallen heroes.

First Communicants then placed a red carnation on each individual grave in the soldiers' plot. Flags and carnations had been placed earlier throughout the cemetery by Auxiliary Department and District I Conductress Frances Bayer, Auxiliary Treasurer Lucille Hesse, Junior Vice President Sandra Hennigan, and Conductress Linda Knabe.

Christy Hesse led the assembly in singing "America, The Beautiful." Fr. Ken said prayers for the living and deceased veterans and followed with a blessing of the grave sites.

Post 6205 Commander

Doug Martin then introduced the speaker, The Honorable Judge John Roane, Ret. Captain of the U.S. Air Force. Judge Roane said, "Today, we all honor those who have gone before us in service to our country." He repeated the oath that soldiers take, promising to protect our country, to bear true faith and allegiance, and to obey orders. He concluded, "Could anything be more contradictory than the lives of our soldiers? They love America, so they spend long years in foreign lands far from her shores. They revere freedom, so they sacrifice their own that we may be free... Perhaps most paradoxically of all, they value life, and so bravely ready themselves to die in the service of our country."

Post 6205 Rifle Squad honored their fallen comrades with the time-honored traditional 21 Gun Salute followed by the playing of "Taps" by Ronnie and Tina Weinzapfel.

Auxiliary officers participating were Department and District I President Frances Bayer, Jr. Vice President Sandra Hennigan, Banner Bearer Janet Barnhill, Color Bearer Rose Marie Sicking and Linda Knabe, conductress.

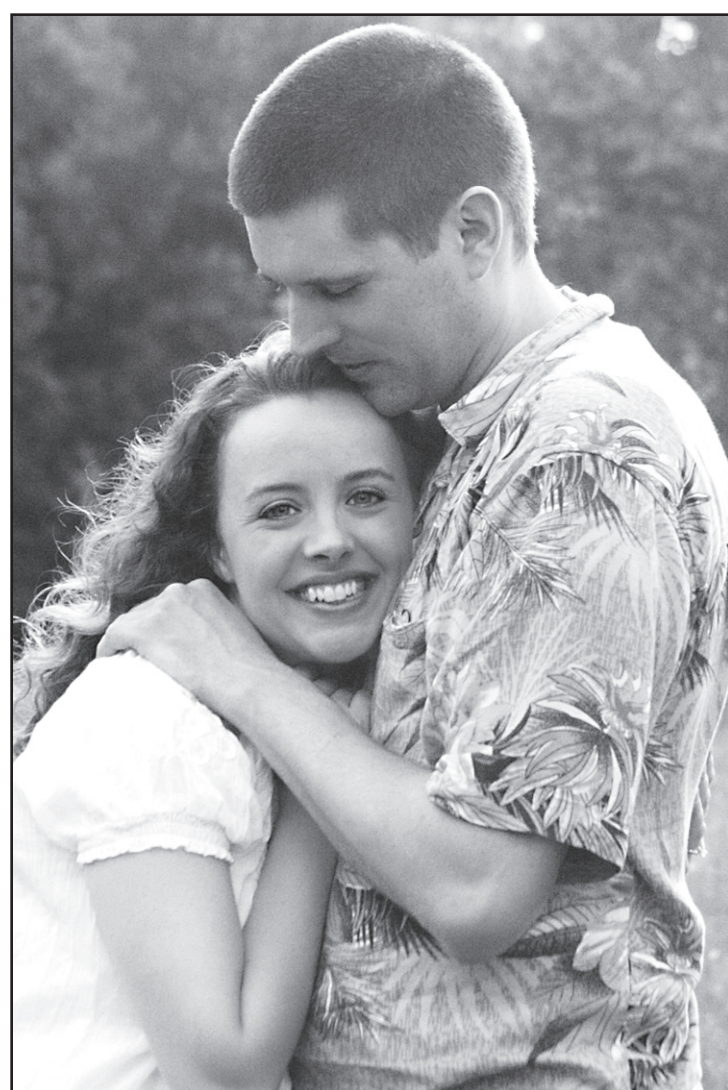
First Communicants, all children and grandchildren of VFW members, were Martie McCoy, Makayla Hacker, Nathan Hartman, Emma Bayer, Lauren Miller, Clayton Spaeth, Connor Vogel, Max Ganzon, Joie Kintz, Luke Walterscheid, and Lilly Muller.

Post Color Guard included James Hess, Leonard Vogel, Don Vogel, Jon Schilling, and Josh Walterscheid. Rifle Squad included post members Don Hellman, Don Eckart, Jake Luke, Tom Knabe, Don Hess, Melvin Luke, Ben Hesse, and Gary Hacker, with Art Bayer conducting.

A bounteous Memorial Day meal concluded the Day's events, served in the new VFW Post Home. Chefs for the large crowd included Don Hess, Gilbert Hess, and Tim Hess, while a number of other members helped with the preparation and the clean-up.

There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling.

~ Mirabel Osler



**Phillip and Brenda Flusche of Muenster announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Jacqueline Flusche of Denton to Matthew Burkepile of Denton. Mathew is the son of Michael and Pamela Burkepile of Garland. The couple has chosen Saturday, June 16, 2012 as their wedding day. Fr. Kyle Walterscheid will officiate. It will be held at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Adria Flusche will serve as her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids are Myra Thompson, Kristen Grammas, Sarah Stoffels, Megan Turberville, and Nicole Bayer. Kendra Flusche will serve as her sister's junior bridesmaid. Andrew Rozell is the best man. Grooms-men are the groom's brother Michael Burkepile, Andrew Karpel, Matthew Di Giovanni, John Worley, and Adrian Gutiérrez.**



Fr. Ken Robinson blessed the graves in the soldiers' plot of Sacred Heart Cemetery during Sunday's Memorial Day service. Courtesy photo

## New Arrival

### Becker

Joe and Kristie Becker of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of Cody Joseph Becker. Cody was born Monday, May 14, 2012 at 2:57 a.m. at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Denton. He weighed 8 lb. 10 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Welcoming Cody is sister Katie, age five, and brother Jake, age two and a half. Grandparents are Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus and Paul and Brenda Becker, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Diamond and Evelyn Fuhrmann of Lindsay, Armella Lutkenhaus of Muenster and the late August Lutkenhaus, Gloria Becker of Muenster and the late Martin Becker, and Edward Sandmann of Lindsay and the late Aileen Sandmann.



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## David M. Bright scholarships awarded

Muenster Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce the 2012 winners of the David M. Bright Memorial Scholarship. This year, the scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 were awarded to Andrea Hess, Tanner Herr, Noel Barnhill, and Kelsey Reeves.

The scholarship committee acknowledges the time and effort spent by those who applied, and encourages everyone to submit an application again next year.

## Auxiliary installs officers

Installation of officers was the first order of business at the May 21 meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205. Secretary Ida Mae Bindel read the Warrant to install the officers. Post President Rose Hudspeth was the installation officer and read the duties of each office to renew their duties. She presented the gavel to Frances Bayer, president for another year. All other officers remained the same, except Rose Marie Sicking who is a trustee.

The opening ritual was given by Chaplain Mary Lee Hennigan, Conductress Lin-

da Knabe, and Patriotic Instructor Rose Hudspeth pro tem. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were read by Ida Mae Bindel, secretary. Lucille Hesse's treasurer's report was read by Agnes Hesse.

Members signed up to help with the Buddy Poppy sales after Masses on Sunday, May 27. Frances Bayer reported on the District I meeting held in Bonham May 20. At the meeting, elections were held and Frances was elected conductress.

Refreshments were served by Sandra Hennigan.

## Friend to Friend wellness program offered for women

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Cooke County is proud to be a local sponsor of the Friend to Friend: Staying Well Together program. This program's purpose is to encourage women to get regular mammograms and Pap tests for the early detection of breast and cervical cancer, when the disease is most curable. For every woman 40 and over, a mammogram is a must! For most women, a Pap test is a must, too!

The Friend to Friend program makes it easy for you

by providing up-to-date information on breast cancer and mammograms and on cervical cancer and Pap tests from a health professional. It answers your questions and concerns about mammograms and Pap tests. You are invited to join them at the Friend to Friend party on June 9 at 10 a.m. The party will be held at the First State Bank Conference Center in Gainesville. Please register by calling Angel Neu at (940)668-5412 or by email at adneu@tam.u.

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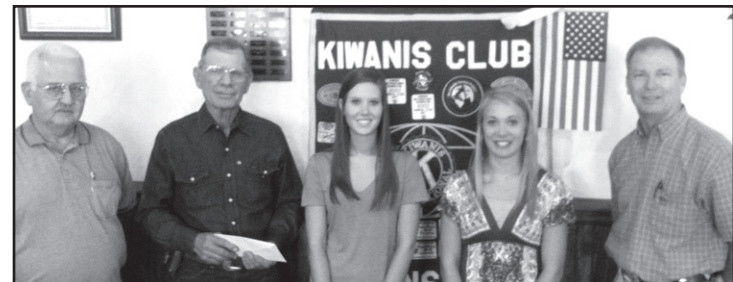
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The Muenster Kiwanis Club has selected its scholarship recipients. This year, the Club decided to double their scholarship payouts from \$500 and \$250 to \$1,000 and \$500. Two winners are from Muenster ISD and Sacred Heart. Shown in this photo are the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee members, from left, Tom Waskom, Charles Barfknecht, and Shane Wiley, and MISD's winners Andi Felderhoff \$1,000 and Chloe Schneider \$500. Sacred Heart High's recipients (not pictured) are Kelsey Reeves \$1,000 and Karli Anderle \$500. Courtesy photo

## Addition

Sacred Heart High School senior Kelsey Reeves received the David Bright Scholarship of \$2,000. This information wasn't received in time to be placed on the graduation program or in the news story.

Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.

--Japanese proverb



On May 1, the Muenster 6th grade band, above, and the 5th grade band, at left, attended the 42nd annual Fun Fest at Sandy Lake Amusement Park. Both bands played music they rehearsed for weeks and then had a fun day at the park. The 5th grade band received a Division 2 rating and the 6th grade, a Division 3. The bands are under the direction of Curtis Oakley.

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## Nortex announces scholarship recipients



2012 Nortex scholarship recipients with Alvin Fuhrman are, from left - Sierra Sharon, Andrea Hess, Kelsey Reeves, and Marbella Hernandez. Not pictured is Joseph Monday. Courtesy photo

Nortex Communications is honored to participate in the enrichment of students from their service area. Nortex awarded five scholarships this year to be applied towards the student's chosen advanced education for the academic year 2012-13.

After reviewing the many admirable scholarship applications submitted, Nortex is proud to announce that the recipients of Gene Henry Fuhrman's scholarships are Sierra Sharon of Forestburg ISD for \$1,000 and Kelsey Reeves of Sacred Heart for \$500.

Since Nortex greatly values its employees the children of two dedicated employees have been awarded a \$500 scholarship as well. These recipients include Marbella Hernandez of Sacred Heart and Joseph Monday of Muenster ISD. Also, Andrea Hess of Muenster ISD was nominated by Nortex for the Foundation for North Education and Development (FRED) scholarship and was awarded \$1,000. These respectable students have chosen career paths ranging from horticulture and landscape management to nursing to psychology to pre-medicine in order to be a doctor.

Nortex has always maintained that community involvement and the advancement of youth have been important objectives in the company. "Nortex is very happy to be a part of these students' futures," said Alvin Fuhrman, president and CEO of Nortex Communications.

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"Make it count" was the theme of Emily's speech. She said those three words were spoken to them two years ago at the funeral of their classmate Dain Schmidkofer. At the time, they were only felt to be words of comfort, but now symbolize what life is truly about. "These words clearly define my class, the class of 2012," she noted.

Emily said that the little things are the ones that really count. Such as the hundreds of miles they run, the midseason games, the countless hours spent studying. "The small things in life, the things we simply overlook or tend to forget, are what truly count," said Emily.

Emily said their class demonstrated excellence, chose to be leaders, and left their mark on the school and town. She said, "Although tonight represents the conclusion of one phase in our lives, tomorrow, the page will be turned, and a new chapter will begin. Each and every one of us will go out in the real world and make a difference...no matter what we do, we must remember to be mindful of the small things in life, the things that truly matter. And in everything we do, we will make it count."

A single red rose was placed at the front of the stage to symbolize the presence of beloved classmate Dain. "Because of Dain, my class has grown closer and stronger than ever," said Emily.

In conclusion, Emily commented, "Now, as we walk through those doors as high school graduates and step out into the real world, let us not forget our experiences, good or bad. Always remember the friends you made, the knowledge you acquired, the sports you played, and the things you loved. And most importantly, live life to the fullest, keep Dain in your hearts, and always make it count."

Cpt. Casey Walterscheid, graduate of the Muenster High Class of 2000, received introduction from Kristi Schneider. She said that he received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurial Management from Texas Christian University as well as a Master of Business Administration from Trident University.

Shortly after graduating from TCU, Casey commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Schneider said, "Casey has had multiple deployments around the world including tours in Iraq and Eastern Africa. In Iraq,

Casey provided procurement support for the establishment of the new Iraqi police and military, obligating almost \$50 million and led negotiations for the construction of Iraq's largest prison. While in Africa, Casey was responsible for troops on the ground throughout the country of Kenya providing humanitarian and civil affairs efforts. Today, he is serving a career-broadening tour in Garland with The Raytheon Company.

Walterscheid was the guest speaker at this class' kindergarten graduation.

Walterscheid advised the graduates that regardless of where they are heading after high school, always remember that education never truly stops. He said, "Learning is a life-long and continuous process and the sooner you adopt this mindset to realize and keep pace with learning opportunities, the greater your personal and professional growth potential. Meet this next chapter with a renewed sense of vigor and passion as you continue to the next obstacles, triumphs, and tragedies in your life."

"You truly have a unique challenge ahead of you. You are going to have to figure out how to survive in a world that is changing more rapidly than any other time in our history. The good news is that this is a world that you grew up in."

Walterscheid said that we are fortunate to live in this great nation and this great community. "When I was in your shoes, I was so ready to leave Muenster. Now, I will say that I cannot wait to get back someday. Never take this community or this school for granted. It has helped define who you are and given you the tools to succeed. Your choice now is how you will use it," remarked Walterscheid.

Walterscheid commented, "Your parents miraculously get smarter as you get older. Do yourself a favor and realize this now. They are and will always be your biggest supporters and your best source of advice. With a young son of my own now, I can tell you that I only hope to be a parent like each of them were to me. Which brings me to the most important message that I have for you today, SAY THANK YOU. You are here today in part because of your support system; your family, your friends, the faculty."

High School Principal Sharon Browning and School Board President Steve Trubenbach present-

ed diplomas to the graduates. Senior Class sponsors Vicki Eldridge, Kristi Schneider, Curtis Oakley, Davis Skeans, and Daniel Waneck performed the traditional turning of the tassels and senior class rings.

Superintendent Clay Richerson then officially presented the class.

Luke Crabtree gave closing remarks and the benediction to conclude the ceremony.

### Scholarships

Awards were presented by Counselor Schneider. Scholarships and awards are as follows:

Kayla Acuña - Gainesville Area Visual Arts Sch., \$500.

Tyler Anderle - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$193.50; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$210; enlisted in Marine Corps and will receive 100% tuition assistance while on active duty up to the Montgomery GI Bill of \$56,000, \$4,500 per semester; and the post 9-11 GI Bill along with the State of Texas Hazelwood Act which covers up to 150 hours of college credit after the GI Bills have been exhausted, all together totaling \$86,000; Total just over \$86,400.

Caitlin Beavers - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$129; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; NCTC Mary J. Cox Sch., \$200; NCTC Norman Luke Sch., \$600; Total \$1,034.

Luke Crabtree - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$129; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; Patrick R. Harris Memorial Sch., \$500; Capital Farm Credit Sch., \$500; TD Williamson, Jr. Sch., \$8,000; Cooke Co. Chapter of the Texas Tech Alumni Assoc., \$1,000; Texas Tech Uni. President's Sch., \$12,000; Total \$22,234.

Kalyn Dangelmayr - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; NCTC Mary J. Cox Sch., \$200; Maggie Fisher & Stephanie Huchton Mem. Sch. through NCTC, \$500; Saints & Sinners of Moss Lake Sch., \$500; Texas State Court of the Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) Mem. Sch., \$1,000; Total \$2,563.

Shelby Dangelmayr - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$210; NCTC Mary J. Cox Sch., \$200; NCTC Loree Riviere Blagg Sch., \$600; Texas State Court of the CDA Mem. Sch., \$500; Cooke County Electric Sch., \$1,000; Total \$2,768.

Andi Felderhoff - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$210; Texas State Court of the CDA Memorial Sch., \$500; Muenster Kiwanis Club, \$1,000; Texas Woman's Uni. Excellence Sch., \$8,000; Total \$9,968.

Blake Growing - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; Chicken Express Sch. provided by William and Nancy Nelson, \$250; Total \$508.

Chase Hammer - Chase enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp and will receive 100% tuition assistance while on active duty up to the Montgomery GI Bill of \$56,000, \$4,500 per semester; and the post 9-11 GI Bill along with the State of Texas Hazelwood Act which covers up to 150 hours of college credit after the GI Bills have been exhausted.

Garrett Hanes - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; enlisted in the National Guard and will serve in the ROTC program at Texas Tech. He will receive 100% tuition assistance while



Preparing for the big day - Muenster High seniors get ready for graduation night. Clockwise, starting above left - Shelby Dangelmayr; Joe Monday gets tie assistance from Mr. Waneck; Olivia Haverkamp; Kendra Walterscheid and Caitlin Beavers.

Janie Hartman photos



on active duty up to the Montgomery GI Bill of \$56,000, \$4,500 per semester; and the post 9-11 GI Bill along with the State of Texas Hazelwood Act which covers up to 150 hours of college credit after the GI Bills have been exhausted; ROTC sch. valued at \$24,000; and upon acceptance into the medical program, a sch. valued at \$75,000; Total \$99,363.

Olivia Haverkamp - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$210; Cooke County Youth Fair Missy Dangelmayr Sch., \$500; Cooke County Electric Sch., \$1,000; Total \$1,863.

Lana Heers - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$210; Mu Epsilon Sch. for Future Educators, \$250; 3rd Place Andrew Blaize Fleitman Memorial Sch., \$250; Law Offices of Jim A. Robertson Sch., \$500; Saint & Sinners of Moss Lake Sch., \$500; Muenster High School National Honor Society Sch., \$500; Muenster State Bank Sch., \$750; Texas Tech Resident Grant, \$1,725; Texas Tech Recruitment Sch., \$2,000; Texas Tech Federal Pell Grant, \$2,600; Total \$9,543.

Emily Hellman - Texas Assoc. of Secondary School Principals All-State Academic Excellence Award honoring her as a Commended Honoring Finalist; 2012 Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year Finalist; State Farm Scholar Award Honorable Mention; MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$64.50; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; Baylor Uni. \$13,500 for four years totaling \$54,000; Dale Hanson Scholar Athlete, \$250; Law Offices of Jim A. Robertson Sch., \$500; Texas State Court of the CDA Mem. Sch., \$500; NACOGA Federal Credit Union, \$500; Cooke County Youth Fair Missy Dangelmayr Sch., \$500; Muenster High School National Honor Society Sch., \$500; Cooke County electric, \$1,000; Cooke County Chapter of the Texas Tech Alumni Assoc., \$1,000; State of Texas Valedictorian Certificate, \$9,000; Texas Tech Honors College Alumni Assoc. Sch., \$1,000; Texas Tech Top 10% Sch., \$2,000; Texas Tech HES Designation Merit Sch., \$2,000; Tex-

as Tech Presidential Sch., \$16,000; Total \$34,919.50.

Paige Hennigan - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$210; Law Offices of Jim A. Robertson Sch., \$500; Zachary Swirczynski Mem. Sch., \$500; Texas State Court of the CDA Mem. Sch., \$1,000; Anonymous Mem. Sch., \$1,000, total \$3,468.

Andi Hess - Texas Assoc. of Secondary School Principals Teens Serving Texas Award in honor of her Commended Service to school and community; MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$64.50; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; Uni. of Texas \$10,000 for four years totaling \$40,000; Baylor Uni. for \$14,000 for four years totaling \$56,000; Law Offices Of Jim A. Robertson Sch., \$500; First State Bank Sch., \$500; 2012 Foundation for Rural Education & Development Sch. nominated by Nortex, \$1,000; MMH David M. Bright Mem. Sch., \$2,000; Texas Tech Presidential Sch., \$16,000; Terry Foundation awarded \$18,000 for four years totaling \$72,000; Total \$92,169.50.

Mark Jones - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$351; Total \$609.

Dalton Koelzer - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$210; NCTC Norman Luke Sch., \$600; Total \$1,068.

Demi Koelzer - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$210; SOSU Athletic Sch., \$7,000; Total \$7,468.

Cole McAden - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$129; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$210; Gainesville Riding Club, \$500; Edgar Dyer Mem. Sch., \$1,000; Sacred Heart Pastoral Sch., \$1,000; Missy Dangelmayr Mem. Sch., \$1,000; Total \$3,839.

Joe Monday - Nortex Communication Valuable Employee Sch., \$500. Paige Morgan - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$193.50; Cooke County Electric, \$1,000; Total \$1,193.50.

Allison Pagel - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; Cooke County Electric, \$1,000; Total \$1,363.

Rishi Patel - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$129; Uni. of North Texas, \$12,000; Texas Tech, \$12,000; accepted Texas A&M Opportunity

Award, \$4,000 and Regent's Sch., \$20,000 for an accepted total of \$24,129.

Landon Presnell - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$129; Muenster Knights of Columbus, \$500; Texas Math & Science Coaches Assoc., \$800; Boston College, \$30,000 renewable sch., totaling \$120,000; total \$121,429.

Corey Richey - \$1,000 sch. from Gainesville Economic Development Corp. that allowed him to attend a 358 hour combination welding program at NCTC. After completing the 10 courses, he earned a Marketable Skills Achievement Award in Combination Welding.

Chloe Schneider - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; Sacred Heart Pastoral Sch. by anonymous donor, \$250; Muenster Knights of Columbus, \$500; Law Offices of Jim A. Robertson, \$500; Texas State Court of the CDA Mem. Sch., \$500; Muenster Kiwanis Club, \$500; VJ Patel Mem. Sch., \$500; Muenster Jaycees, \$750; Anonymous Mem. Sch., \$1,000; Total \$4,863.

Shelby Simpson - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$129; NCTC David & Lou Ann Spaeth Sch., \$600; Total \$729.

River Stewart - enlisted with U.S. Army and will receive 100% tuition assistance while on active duty up to the Montgomery GI Bill of \$56,000, \$4,500 per semester; and the post 9-11 GI Bill along with the State of Texas Hazelwood Act which covers up to 150 hours of college credit after the GI Bills have been exhausted; Total \$86,000.

Blake Voth - MISD Dual Credit Sch., \$258; NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; Cooke County Electric, \$1,000; Zachary Swirczynski Mem. Sch. by the employees of Peterbilt, \$1,000; Total \$2,363.

Kendra Walterscheid - NCTC Dual Credit Sch., \$105; Muenster Hornet Band Booster Sch., \$250; Edgar Dyer Mem. Sch., \$1,000; Missy Dangelmayr Mem. Sch., \$1,000; Total \$2,355.

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## 2012 District 9-A All-District softball selections

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**1ST TEAM**  
**Muenster - Kassie Dangelmayr;** Lindsay - Lucinda Krahl, Megan Caillier, Erin Copeland; Valley View - Whitney Yosten; Collinsville - Sabrina Attaway, Aspen Sowder; Chico - Charlye Biggerstaff, Molli Umpress, Ann Turlington.

**2ND TEAM**  
**Muenster - Sydney Huchton, Kendi Bayer, Brittany Pagel;** Lindsay - Liz Wallace, Hayley Skinner; Collinsville - Sheridan Shewbirt, Holly Theall; Chico - Jordan Vidal.

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
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### HONORABLE MENTION

**Muenster - Lora Walterscheid, Abby Walterscheid, Sadie Stoffels;** Lindsay - Kassidy Gum, Liz Zwinggi, Katie Arendt.

### ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

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The crew from Select Energy are ready for the fish fry that will follow the Raider Cup golf tournament at Turtle Hill, Friday, June 15. Courtesy photo

## Raider Cup Golf Tournament set for June 15 in Muenster

The "Raider Cup" is moving!!! No more Blue Mondays for "Raider Cup" fans! The 2012 version of the Cup will be on a Red & Black Friday. Tee time will be 1 p.m. on June 15 at Turtle Hill Golf Course in Muenster. Entry fee of \$75 (\$300 per team) covers green fee, cart, an opportunity to win some nice prizes, pregame hotdogs, and a great postgame meal.

are Emily Hellman and Luke Crabtree, both from Muenster. The format for the event will be the same as previous years. Each team will consist of four players, with the lowest two scores on each hole counting as the team score. Players are asked to display some item of clothing or equipment signifying the college or university for which they are competing.

presentation and fish fry will follow the competition. Do not miss the opportunity to show your allegiance to your favorite college or university.

### All-State runners

Two Lady Knights were named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State Track team.

Megan Caillier and Lauren Gibbs earned the title after bringing home Gold and Silver State medals. Caillier, Cooke County's only State Gold medalist, won the 800m run. Gibbs finished in second place in both distance races, the 1600m and 3200m runs.



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# FARM & RANCH

## Economist: Weigh options before considering restocking beef herds

Restocking may be an option that many ranchers are considering, but rainfall and other factors will weigh heavily into the decision-making process, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Dr. Jason Johnson, economist from Stephenville, told beef producers at a recent field day, if the conditions are right "and even with high input costs, these high market prices can make you some good money." The most important issue that producers must determine, he said, is when pastures will recover from the drought and provide enough forage to consider restocking.

Texas pastures took a beating last year due to historic drought conditions, Johnson said. He urged producers to use caution and carefully develop a strategy to rebuild herds. Since 1971, Texas is down some 25% in cow inventory, he said.

"2011 was the single largest decline in beef cow numbers we've ever seen," he said. "All of these things are supportive of high calf prices and in support of beef overall. We are not in a situation where we are building cow-calf numbers up."

The price forecast looking ahead to April 2013 is \$1.63 per hundredweight for 700-pound calves.

"Coupled with declining cow numbers, it looks like these high prices are here for a while," he said. "Cattle on feed prices are going higher as well as live cattle prices. Fewer cows, fewer calves, and less beef... that's signaling higher prices."

Other factors such as global finance crisis could affect consumer spending on beef.

"If people don't have money to pay for electricity, they don't have money to buy beef," he said.

In the meantime, Johnson said feedlot return margins are thin due to fewer calves available to put on feed. He said feedlots are "like hotels, and the occupancy rates haven't been too good."

There are also infrastructure issues, such as operational costs at auction barns.

"With small runs at the auction barns, they still have to pay for overhead costs," he said.

Ultimately, if a rancher decides to restock, how much are they willing to pay? Johnson asked. Should they buy replacement heifers or cow-calf pairs?

When it comes to replacement heifers, Johnson said beef producers should consider how much they can sell

their heifers versus raising them. With market prices climbing, Johnson said producers may elect to sell those animals and make a nice profit.

"You really have to answer the question: 'Am I willing to forgo that paycheck I would receive holding on to that replacement heifer rather than selling it?'" Johnson said. "It's going to be two years before I get that first paycheck out of that animal if I hold on to it and raise it as a replacement."

Those who choose to buy replacements should do so through private treaty (a private buy-sell negotiation) rather than an auction barn, unless there is a special consignment sale, Johnson said.

"Where you buy them is important," he said.

Johnson also suggested ranchers consider storing up to two years worth of hay supplies to cut down costs. In 2011, hay prices skyrocketed above \$300 a round bale, so he advised developing the capacity to store excess hay so producers could avoid the necessity of buying hays in

extremely expensive years like last year. Other suggestions included getting soil samples so producers can apply fertilizer at an economical and recommended rate.

"You absolutely have to know your fertilizer needs and (considering) the high cost of fertilizer. Better information will lead to more efficient applications," he said. "With a soil test, you know what your pasture needs are."

Johnson also advised producers to consider purchasing drought insurance to further protect from downside operation risk.

## Dealing with weeds

Dr. Barron Rector, AgriLife Extension range specialist, at a recent program, discussed grazing and weed management strategies with producers. He said coming out of last year's drought, many pastures are seeing a lot of weed growth development.

Seed from some of the weeds observed are noted to be viable in the soil for up to 15 years. Without good management and observation of pasture changes, the soil weed-seed bank will be increased this year for future years, Rector said.

"Take Broomweed for example," he said. "Every day that we come out of a

drought, that weed seed bank gets replenished. Everything that happens on the land is a reflection on us as managers. To grow grass, you've got to get water in the soil and keep it there."

He said three-inch stubble height will retain more rainfall in the soil than forage grazed down to the surface, which will brown out faster. Pasture conditions with short grass or little cover allow the sun to heat up the soil surface more, resulting in soil-water loss to the atmosphere through evaporation, Rector said.

"With knowledgeable grass management, I can keep water in the soil longer, and I can grow grass longer," he said.

That's why Rector stressed the importance of grazing heights on pasture in order to preserve soil moisture. He also discussed various weed types found during the walking tour and advised producers to spray herbicides in March to get the best response time for grass growth.

"This will allow ample time for grass to grow during the optimal months (March, April, and May) when we expect temperatures to be cooler and the limited rainfall we receive to hang around longer."

## Harvest halted by heat



Several area fire departments responded to a wheat field fire on North FM 373 Tuesday afternoon. Around 10 acres of wheat were lost. A total of 25 acres burned. Ten fire-fighting trucks pumped 5000 gallons of water in 45 minutes to put out the blaze, started by a bearing in a combine. Janie Hartman photo

## County Agent's Report

### Following irrigation fundamentals leads to better lawns

Last week, the warm weather and the high winds and the lack of moisture stressed many of our ornamental plants including our lawns. Environmental conditions affect the water requirements of a lawn. With low humidity, high temperatures, and/or high winds, water is quickly lost from the soil by transpiration and evaporation (evapotranspiration) and grass will need watering more often. When weather is cool, humid, and/or less windy, grass will need less water.

During the summer, when temperatures are high and days are long, lawns generally need supplemental watering. Rather than watering on the same schedule each week, adjust your watering schedule according to the weather. Irrigate deeply. Then wait until the grass begins to show signs of drought stress before watering again.

The signs that indicate we need to irrigate again include grass leaves turning a dull, bluish color; leaf blades rolling or folding, and footprints that remain in the grass after walking across the lawn. To time watering properly, look for the area of the lawn that shows water stress first. Water the entire lawn when that area begins to show symptoms.

A lawn that is watered deeply should generally be able to go five to eight days between waterings. Established lawns with deep, extensive root systems sometimes can be watered less often. However, if soil is less than five inches deep, irrigation may need to be more frequent.

Early morning is the best time to water. Wind and temperatures are usually the lowest of the day, and water pressure is generally good. That allows water to be applied evenly and with little loss from evaporation. Watering late in the evening, or at night, causes leaves to remain wet for an extended period of time, which increases the chance for disease. Mid-afternoon watering may cause uneven distribution from high winds. Thoroughly wet the soil to a depth of six inches with each watering. Shallow watering produces weak, shallow-rooted grass that is more susceptible to drought stress.

### TDA market recap

For the week ending May 26, feeder cattle prices at the Texas auctions covered by USDA Market News were

mostly steady to \$6 higher per hundredweight (cwt), with a few to \$10 higher and some steady to \$3 lower on heifer calves. The Texas direct feeder cattle trade was \$2 to \$5 higher, with the largest increases noted on cattle weighing 800 pounds or more. The Oklahoma City auction was mostly \$2 to \$6 higher. Fed cattle cash prices declined by more than \$2 per cwt due to weaker packer demand ahead of a workweek shortened by the Memorial Day holiday.

Grain prices were lower, mostly due to pressure from outside market factors, including a stronger dollar, weaker equity markets, and concerns about the European economy. Corn and grain sorghum prices were also pressured by weak exports, but losses were limited by dry, warm, and windy conditions in the Corn Belt. Wheat prices were also impacted by improved exports and increasing harvest-time supplies.

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