

## Fire blackens 70 acres of grass



Muenster VFD responded to a grass fire at 621 Coyote Way north of Muenster about 2:15 Tuesday afternoon. It is on property owned by Gary Knabe. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation. Assisting Muenster's six trucks and firemen were Lindsay VFD with four trucks and Myra VFD with two trucks. It required two hours and 10,950 gallons of water to douse the fire to the point where there was no more smoke. MVFD Chief Herbie Knabe noted that the winds were 15-20 mph, the humidity was 50-60%, and pastures were muddy causing two trucks to get stuck. The fire spread swiftly despite the higher humidity. Knabe advises caution with any type of outdoor burning this winter and spring, even when conditions are wet.

Janie Hartman photo

## County appoints Jury of View panel for possible Road Map

By Janet Felderhoff

With strict instructions that nobody should contact any of its members regarding evidence, Cooke County Commissioners Court appointed a panel of individuals to serve on a Jury of View for the County Road Map. "These people should be considered a jury," noted County Judge John Roane. "There really should be no contact relating to the Road Map Program with any of these 10 people in any way trying to influence them one way or another. That should be our guidance as well as the public's guidance."

Each commissioner and the County Judge submitted the names of two potential members. The 10 names were read and all approved at the Monday, Feb. 14 regular meeting of Commissioners Court. Only five of the 10 will actually serve on the jury.

Appointed were: Precinct #1 Vernon Dozier and Gary Lewis; Precinct #2 Wilbur Smith and Ralph Craddock; Precinct #3 David Miller and Rudy Schumacher; Precinct #4 Gene Hoberer and Bob Knauft; and Matt Chalmers and Paula Roberts.

The public hearing for the Jury of View to convene and hear evidence to determine the validity of the County's claim of existence of a public interest in one or more roads depicted in the proposed County Road Map will be on Monday, March 14 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room, 2nd floor of the Prosperity Bank building, Suite 214.

County Clerk Rebecca Lawson requested that \$25,000 in additional funding be added to her election line. She had requested \$65,000 during the budget hearing, but received only \$30,000. Commissioner Gary Hollowell reminded the County Clerk that she did not present numbers during the Budget Hearing to justify her need for the greater amount.

There are currently outstanding bills totaling \$22,000 that will be turned over to a collection agency if not paid soon. There is only \$4,627 remaining in the budget for election expenses. There are projected expenses for the November Election ballots which must be ordered during the 2010-11 fiscal year, bringing the amount needed to meet ex-

penses at \$25,000.

The Court voted unanimously to approve an additional \$25,000 to the election budget with the money coming from the Contingency Fund.

County Clerk Lawson also requested approval of a cell phone for the vital records clerk in her office. Clerk Cindy Walterscheid explained that as a result of HB 1739, someone from the County Clerk's office must be available after hours, on weekends, and during holidays to supply death certificates to funeral homes when requested. She has been using her personal cell phone without reimbursement and traveling back to the office at her expense to fill out the paperwork. An air card was also requested, but could not be addressed because it was not on the agenda. The cell phone allowance could not be considered because it was not advertised as part of the salary at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Judge Roane suggested the no action be taken and that he meet with the County Clerk, Walterscheid, and some others to decide what

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Cooke County	Net Payment This Period	Comp. Payment Prior Year	% Chg.	2011 Payments To Date	2010 Payments To Date	% Chg.
Gainesville	837,837.86	506,147.14	65.5%	1,474,245.93	843,095.06	74.9%
Lindsay	10,507.89	9,577.15	9.7%	17,904.39	18,609.58	-3.8%
Muenster	37,251.35	34,565.28	7.8%	60,968.06	56,959.03	7.0%
Oak Ridge	6,170.80	6,537.61	-5.6%	11,897.33	12,167.29	-2.2%
Valley View	9,823.53	7,965.83	23.3%	19,792.82	14,185.66	39.5%
County Total	901,591.43	564,793.01	59.6%	1,584,808.53	945,016.62	67.7%

## Comptroller reports on monthly local sales tax

The State's sales tax revenue in January was \$1.83 billion, an increase of 10.4% compared to January 2010.

"Sales tax revenues have now improved for the last 10 months, reflecting increased activity in almost all major economic sectors," Comptroller Susan Combs said. "The strongest growth was from sectors fueled by business spending, such as oil and gas activity. Tax collections from retail trade were also up."

Combs will send \$654.8 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems, and special purpose taxing

districts, up 5.9% compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2010.

January State sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations represent sales made in December, and also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller will send \$440.3 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 5.4% compared to February 2010 payments. Texas counties will receive February sales tax payments of \$39.7 million, up 13.1% compared to last February.

## Improvements continue in Muenster Lake area

By Janet Felderhoff

When the gates were closed on Muenster Lake to allow water accumulation to begin, it was expected to take at least a couple of years to fill up. Unexpected heavy rains surprised everyone by filling the Lake that first spring. A bonus to that was the ability to stock it with fish that would be of taking size much sooner than anticipated. Area fishermen anticipated Spring 2010 when they felt fishing Muenster Lake would be great sport. A negative was that fences and junk that hadn't yet been removed were now under water. The negative and positive soon reversed.

In preparing for the construction of a boat ramp, the Lake Board had the task of attempting to keep the construction area dry. This meant draining the Lake

water to about 15' below normal. When draining through the sluice gate could not make the outflow exceed the inflow, it was decided to open the primary spillway and lower the water level to about 20' below normal. Construction was scheduled to begin on Feb. 15, so the spillway was opened the week before. The Water Board calculated it should be closed that Friday or Saturday.

Opening and closing the spillway required four men and a lot of time. After it was opened, a winter storm brought frigid temperatures and snow. Closing the spillway became a task deemed dangerous by the Water Board since it would take four men in a boat climbing a slippery ladder onto a snow covered platform. Closing the spillway was abandoned and the water continued

to flow out of the Lake and into the creek, taking with it many of the fish that had been stocked in it.

It has been a year since most of the water drained from Muenster Lake. Bountiful rainfall in 2010 and snows in early 2011 brought the level up considerably, but it is not yet filled.

With the boat ramp installed and grant money remaining, the Water Board is pursuing other improvements. The grant was for about \$450,000 and the boat ramp cost came in at about half that amount. The money is designated for use only on the boat ramp and parking lot.

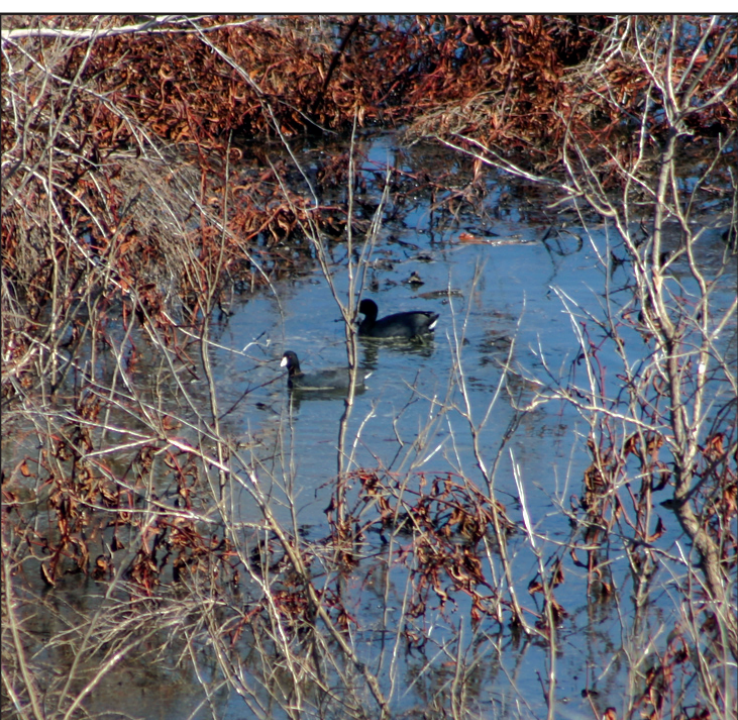
Water Board member Henry Weinzapfel said that the Board plans to begin the process of advertising for bids to install a concrete parking

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## Community welcomes Dr. Mario Roa



On Tuesday a reception at the Muenster Hospital honored MMH family practitioner Dr. Mario Roa. He is new to the facility's staff of physicians. Here he is greeted by the Buckalews, from left, Patrick, Madeleine (shaking hands), Emilla, and Justin. Not pictured is Robert. Janie Hartman photo



Although there is no fishing to be done at Muenster Lake, there are glimpses of nature waiting to be enjoyed by those who seek them out. Clockwise from far left, ducks frequent the Lake; walking trail for peaceful walks; rocks on water's edge; fossils; and a bird's nest from last summer are just a few of the Lake area's offerings. Janie Hartman photos

# Obituaries

## Robin Wimmer 1951 - 2011

On Feb. 5, 2011, Denton lost a true icon when Robin Paul Wimmer died at the age of 59 following a long battle with cancer. He fought the disease valiantly to the bitter end the best way he knew how - hunting, fishing, playing 42, and making others laugh.

Memorial Mass was held Friday, Feb. 11 at 10:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Robin was born in Muenster on April 1, 1951 to Andy and Cecilia Walterscheid Wimmer.

Survivors include his wife Sara and children Will and Hannah of Krum; mother Cecilia Wimmer; brother Terry and wife Carol, brother David; sisters and brothers-in-law Donna and Mike, Molly and Louie, Candice and Bob, Janelle, Brenda and Kim, and Barbie and David; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, and sister-in-law Cindy.

Assisting during the Mass were altar servers Dale Schilling, Babe Schilling, and Sylvan Walterscheid. Adam Geiser, nephew, gave the First Reading, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Katie Nix, niece, gave the Second Reading, 2 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Andrea Etheridge, niece. Godchildren Stacie Johnson and James Wagner carried up the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Terry Hess, Sharon Hess, Megan and Shaina Felderhoff, Deb Klement, Claude Klement, Della Hellman, and Theresa Walterscheid.

Music ministers were Pat Hennigan, Jr., pianist, and Christy Hesse and Linda Flusche, vocalists. Sacred songs included "Amazing Grace," "Softly and Tenderly," "You Are Mine," "Ave Maria," and "On Eagles Wings."

A dear friend Ken Dodd gave the eulogy, and several close friends told of some of their personal experiences of Robin's wit and personality. Ken mentioned that Robin was a true entrepreneur, having many different businesses in Denton in the 70s and 80s. He first started Red's Place, followed by the Cross Roads on Fry Street, and then The Yellow Rose. He was a dedicated employee of Miller of Denton for 16 years, winning many trips as one of their leading salesmen.

Always a giving person with a tremendous heart, his body was donated for medical teaching and research in the hope that his passing might benefit others.

## James Wagner

Memorial service for James D. Wagner, age 80 of Saint Jo, was held Feb. 12 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Gainesville. Mr. Wagner died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011 at his son's home. Born in the community of Pleasant Valley, Texas, he was the first child of James Embery "Jim" and Eula Mae Ellis Wagner.

In 1950, he married Sherry Casey in Florida where he was stationed in the Navy. They were married more than 60 years. He started a career in photography that he enjoyed his whole life. J.D never did anything half way, whether it was teaching himself to play the piano, learning to play tennis in his late 50s, or mastering the computer.

He was preceded in death by wife Sherry on Jan. 16, 2011; daughter Holly Stone; parents; granddaughter Alicea Wagner; and son-in-law Herman Stone.

He is survived by his brother Bill, and his sisters Ruth Kelly and Judy Wagner; his children and their spouses Jim and Joyce of Granbury, Linda and Tommy Martin of Gainesville, Mark and Connie, and Jason and Shanele, all of Saint Jo; 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.



## DAYS GONE BY.....

**65 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 15, 1946

Fire Department makes plea for enforcement of city ordinance regarding parking near fire plugs and in prohibited zone in front of the theatre. Accident injuries in Europe are fatal to Cpl. Leo Zipper, 28. Mrs. Alvina Hellman has appendectomy. Earl Walterscheid has right foot in a cast after accident at an oil well. Wedding: Leona Haverkamp and Anthony Luke. New Arrivals: Virginia to Capt. Charles and Lorena Taylor. Silver Wedding Anniversaries: H.P. and Elise Hennigan; Frank and Mary Wiesman. Mrs. C. Hoelker suffered discomfort from an infected finger on her right hand during the week.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 17, 1961

Della Wimmer of Muenster High School Band is selected to appear in the 5th annual All-Girl Band at Texas Woman's University; Della plays the baritone. Mrs. Theresa Schriver is new housekeeper at Sacred Heart Rectory. New Arrivals: Kathie to Clyde and Polly Fisher; Kathleen to Clem and Rita Sandmann; Linda to Urban and Celine Schrage. Weddings: Louise Noggler and Jerry Wimmer; Peggy Lewis and Burt Hamric. Fisher's Market advertises Cheer, reg. size for 32¢; Pagel's Store advertises breaded shrimp 49¢ per pkg; catsup, 12 oz., 2 for 20¢.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 14, 1986

Muenster High School girls continue in basketball play-offs. Muenster Library receives \$5,000 check from the estate of the late Catherine Dumraese. The community of Muenster joins Operation: Clean Sweep. Weddings: Billie Friday and Jerry Fleitman; Terri Murphree and Stephen Hermes. College Graduates: Carol Walterscheid Grewing, Midwestern State University; Jeff Felderhoff, Texas A&M. Martin Bayer honored on 75th birthday. New Arrivals: Gabriel to Dan and Claudette Fette; Tony to Richard and Karen Moster; Courtney to Ken and Rhonda Hartman.

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## Wilbert Joseph "Sonnie" Block 1926 - 2011

At home on Monday, Jan. 31, 2011 at 7:15 p.m. surrounded by his children, Sonnie Block, 84, peacefully passed away. Funeral Mass was held Friday, Feb. 4, in St. Peter Church in Lindsay celebrated by Father Raymond McDaniel, Father Ken Robinson, and Father Stephen Bierschenk, Sonnie's nephew. Burial with Military honors followed in St. Peter Cemetery under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home.

A Knights of Columbus Rosary was held at 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon led by Joe Bezner. Father McDaniel led a 7 p.m. rosary. A family rosary was held Friday morning prior to Mass, led by his son Glenn "Tic" Block.

Sonnie was born March 1, 1926 in Lindsay, the oldest of eight children to Pete and Pauline Laux Block. On May 11, 1957 he married Anna Mae Dieter in St. Peter Church. He graduated from Lindsay High School in 1943 and served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. He worked at North Texas Compress, Crystal Creamery, and Agricultural Enterprises. For 30 years, he worked for National Supply, retiring in 1988. Sonnie was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, a 67-year member of the Knights of Columbus and a past Grand Knight. He served on the Lindsay City Council for 30 years. He enjoyed traveling and playing dominoes and

cards.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law Natalie and Dale Ray Alexander of Lindsay, and Annette and Bill Bayer of Muenster; sons and daughters-in-law Kevin and Brenda Block, Tim Block, and Glenn "Tic" and Sonya Block, all of Lindsay; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; sisters Beatrice "Tootsie" Kuntz of Valley View, Evelyn Fuhrmann of Lindsay, Elfrieda Wagner of Perry, Oklahoma, Mary Alice Looney of Fort Worth, Irene Lorerwald of Bedford, and Patty Hemmi of Scotland, Texas.

Sonnie is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Anna Mae on Aug. 29, 2006; brother Gene Block; and son-in-law Don Alexander.

Assisting at the Funeral Mass as altar servers were his grandson Matthew Block, great-nephew Nick Dieter and Brad Bezner. "Amazing Grace" was sung as the family entered the church. The First and Second Readings were given by granddaughter Michelle Lutkenhaus. The Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 23 "The Lord is My Shepherd" was sung. Father Stephen read the Gospel. Father McDaniel gave the homily. Melissa Ice, granddaughter, read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory gifts were presented by granddaughters Mallory Brennan and Michelle Lutkenhaus. "Oh God Our Help In Ages Past" was sung during the preparation of gifts.

Eucharistic ministers were daughter-in-law Sonya Block and granddaughters



Sonnie Block

Jessica Block and Nicole Bayer. Communion songs were "On Eagle Wings" and "Here I Am." Phillip Flusche sang "Ave Maria" at meditation. "Song of Farewell" was sung prior to dismissal and the commissioning song was "Holy God We Praise Thy Name." Music ministers were Phillip and Adria Flusche, Janelle Colwell, and Brenda Clark, accompanied by Pat Hennigan, Jr.

The eulogy, written by Sonnie's children, was presented by family friend Don Metzler. Prior to burial, TAPS was played and the family was presented with an American flag. Pallbearers were grandsons Neil Bayer, Garrett, Darryl, Joey, John, and Travis Block.

Following Mass, members of St. Anne's Society hosted a dinner in Centennial Hall.

Donations may be made to Home Hospice of Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson County, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, TX, 76241, St. Peter Church Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 148, Lindsay, TX, 76250, or Sacred Heart Trust Fund, P.O. Box 97, Muenster, TX 76252.

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Sunday, February 20, 2011	Monday, February 21, 2011	Tuesday, February 22, 2011	Wednesday, February 23, 2011	Thursday, February 24, 2011	Friday, February 25, 2011	Saturday, February 26, 2011
Muenster Museum open- 1-4 pm	Presidents Day FLY FLAGS VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Religious Ed class 7pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
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Sunday, February 27, 2011	Monday, February 28, 2011	Tuesday, February 29, 2011	Wednesday, March 1, 2011	Thursday, March 2, 2011	Friday, March 4, 2011	Saturday, March 5, 2011
Muenster Museum open- 1-4 pm		Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Religious Ed class 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum open- 1-4pm AARP Board Mtg. 10 am	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

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# LIFESTYLE

## Walterscheids celebrate Golden Wedding

Jerry and Betty Rose Walterscheid celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 30. Surrounded by their family, they attended 10:30 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church, the same church they married in on Jan. 28, 1961.

Recalling their wedding day 50 years ago, they married at 10:30 a.m. and the weather was 16° with snow and ice on the ground. Attending the couple 50 years ago were her sister Joan Walterscheid and his sister Earline Mages. Both were in attendance for the celebration. Groomsmen were his brothers Gene and Emmett Walterscheid. Both are deceased.

On Sunday, taking part in the liturgy as lectors were their son John and granddaughter Anne. Granddaughters Traci, Abby, and Lora were altar servers. Offertory Gifts were presented by sons Doug and Ron along with daughters-in-law Leigh and Celeste and grandson Daniel. Eucharistic ministers included daughter-in-law Dana and granddaughter Sara. Fr. Ken Robinson

blessed the couple during Mass.

Chris Walterscheid, another grandson, was sick with the flu and unable to attend.

Following Mass, family members went to the country home of Tom and Lora Hennigan for dinner and visiting. Son John Walterscheid gave the invocation and thanksgiving prayer. Very special guest Fr. Ken blessed the food.

Dessert was a two-tier cake made by Betty Rose and a white chocolate lime mousse cake by Lora.

Out of town guests were Earline Mages, Frank and Kathy Mages, Mark Mages and his guest of Farmers Branch, Ginger Kupper, Kristin Vinci and children of Rockwall, Tom, Helen, and Darrin Kupper and Tara of Lewisville, Deann Jacobs of University Park, Casey and Michelle Kupper and children of Frisco, Jim and Janell Kupper and granddaughter Kinlee and Billy and Lisa Kupper of Valley View, Jennifer and Kaitlyn Popp of Lindsay, Kim and Molly Stobaugh and Brian

Hess of Gainesville, Doug, Leigh, and Traci Walterscheid of Grapevine, and other family members from Muenster. Special guest was Catherine Cho, John and Dana

Walterscheid's exchange student from South Korea.

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful day and seeing the beautiful country home of Tom and Lora Hennigan.



Rebecca D'Aun King and Dominic Stephen Fuhrmann, both of Dublin, Texas, are happy to announce their engagement and upcoming May wedding. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dennis King of Graham, and Danny and Jodi Creager of Granbury, and the granddaughter of Dudette Caudle of Graham and Albert King of Graham. The prospective groom is the son of Steve and Brenda Fuhrmann of Lindsay, and the grandson of Marcus Fuhrmann of Lindsay and the late Catherine Fuhrmann, and Lou Voth of Muenster and the late Ray Voth. The couple plans to be married May 21, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dublin. The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Graham High School and currently attends Tarleton State University in Stephenville. The future bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Graham High School and a 2006 graduate of Tarleton State University. He is employed by Horizon Well Testing.



Jerry and Betty Rose Walterscheid

## Baptism

### Hillis

Asher Murphy Hillis was baptized on Sunday, Jan. 9 at Sacred Heart Church by Fr. Ken Robinson. Asher is the son of Lance and Holly Hillis of Lindsay. His Godparents are Iva Walterscheid and Uncle Nolan Hartman. He wore a special family Baptismal gown that his mother, aunt, uncle, and sister also wore on their Baptism.

Following the Baptism, Asher's family and friends gathered at the home of Josh and Iva Walterscheid for a wonderful fried chicken lunch prepared by Josh Walterscheid.

Special guests included his parents, his brother Parker, his sister Ava; Godparents; grandparents Kenny and Rhonda Hartman, and Gary and Terri Atterbury; great-grandparents Alvin and Joanie Hartman and Clara



Asher Hillis

Endres; Courtney Hartman, Natalie Atterbury, Monica LeBrasseur, Kenzie Herr, Josh and Della Walterscheid, and Brenton Wilson.

### Notice

The next Brown Bag Book Review is scheduled for Thursday, March 3 at noon in the NCTC Gainesville Library. Ray Green will review *Goodbye to a River* by John Graves. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

## New Arrival

### Bewley

Janson and Krystal Bewley of Valley View joyfully announce the birth of their daughter Brooklyn Dawn Bewley. Brooklyn was born on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011 at 1:58 a.m. in Denton Presbyterian Hospital. She weighed 8 lb. and measured 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Tim and Debbie Endres of Muenster, the late Kim Hale, and Loyd and Janis Bewley of Valley View. Great-grandparents are Bobbie Hale of Muenster and the late Kenneth Hale, Sug and Harold Bindel of Muenster, June Eldridge of Forestburg and the late LT Eldridge, and

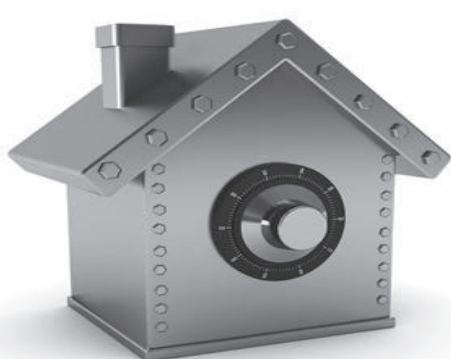
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The Department of Public Safety is warning Texans to be wary of any private charitable solicitations by telemarketers on behalf of the Department.

"It should be absolutely clear that the Department of Public Safety will never solicit financial contributions from private citizens. DPS is funded by tax dollars and will never call your home or business to solicit donations," said Steven C. McCraw, director of DPS.

DPS has received a number of complaints over the years from citizens complaining of rudeness and high pressure tactics being used by individuals using the good name and/or logo of the Department and often times in conjunction with the untimely death of a state trooper.

Private organizations cannot use names, symbols, or statements that are similar to those used by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers, or other police agencies in a manner that is intended to confuse or mislead a person being solicited. Violations are criminal offenses and punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000, a jail term up to one year, or both.

DPS advises citizens not to give money to these groups,

as the funds are not likely to go to the causes that are claimed. Some groups include in their names the terms, "Texas Rangers," "State Troopers," "Texas Highway Patrol," or "Department of Public Safety."

While some current or former officers may be members of some of these associations on their own time, these organizations are not affiliated with the DPS nor do they represent the Department. Many of these organizations provide only a small percent of their donations for good causes, with the majority of the donations going to administrative and operational purposes.

Some of these organizations suggest that official looking decals placed on personal vehicles that resemble official DPS affiliation may somehow keep the individual from receiving a traffic citation from a law enforcement. There is also a lack of public accountability and transparency by many of these organizations.

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*Miller, Caplinger marry in Grapevine*



Julie Elizabeth Miller and Cyle Joseph Caplinger were married Nov. 6, 2010 in Grapevine. The Rev. Ken Byrd performed the double-ring ceremony, with both the wedding and reception being held at Paradise Cove on Lake Grapevine. The bride is the daughter of Katherine Miller of Plano and the late Paul Miller. Grandparents of the bride are the late Frank and Margaret Miller and the late Nathan and Ruby Blaylock. The groom's parents are Paul and Susan Caplinger of Denton. Grandparents of the groom are the late J.D. and Miriam Caplinger and the late Mike and Patsy Sloan. Julie is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. She is currently an elementary teacher with Plano ISD. Cyle is a graduate of University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture. He works for a software company in Richardson, as he completes his Master's Degree in Architecture. The couple resides in Frisco.

**Playground temporarily closing**

The large wooden playground in Leonard Park in Gainesville will be closed from Monday, Feb. 21 through Saturday, March 12 for renovation. All other areas of the park will still be open, including Frank Buck Zoo. For more information, call the Gainesville Parks and Recreation Department at 940-665-4530.

Winter dies into the spring, to be born again in the autumn. - Marche Blumenberg

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**Chisam Reiter achieves Eagle Scout ranking**

Chisam Reiter, son of Lloyd and Mary Reiter of Lindsay, formally received his rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America organization on Jan. 9, 2011, at First Baptist Church in Gainesville. First Baptist Church is the sponsor for Troop 668 of Gainesville where Chisam has been a member since 2006. Chisam is currently a sophomore at Lindsay High School. Chisam's scoutmasters during this time were Alex Cummings, Darrell Timmins, and Royce Bryan. The ceremony began with Father Raymond McDaniel of St. Peter's Church giving the invocation. During the ceremony, Chisam announced that he would like to present his mentor award to Donna Zimmerer, who has been a very strong supporter of the Boy Scout organization. Mrs. Zimmerer has led many Scouts to achieve numerous merit badges and has always done so with a positive attitude and much encouragement. Progressing through the ranks in Boy Scouts included Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life, and finally Eagle Scout. Only 3% of those who join Boy Scouts of America ever reach the highest rank of Eagle Scout. During his years as a Boy Scout, Chisam received awards including Kyle Mountain Sunrise, Ad Altare Dei Award, a Catholic scouting award, 50 miler award (Canoeing), and the Wrangler Award twice. Chisam also served two terms as troop guide, two terms as patrol leader, one term as chaplain's aide, one term as assistant senior patrol, and one term as senior patrol leader. Chisam's Eagle Scout project was to prepare and paint 80 posts that support the cable fence as well as the guard rails leading down to the Lindsay High School baseball complex. The project included wire brushing years of rust off of the posts that were installed. After the posts were prepared for painting, Chisam organized a workday where he led and supervised 15 fellow Boy Scouts who helped with the painting process. The Scouts used socks on their hands to paint the posts. Chisam learned some valuable leadership skills during this project as he quickly learned that it was easier to be neat when you paint than to have to spend hours removing extra paint from the cables. Some of Chisam's favorite activities in Boy Scouts included campouts, canoeing, and summer camps. Chisam has always loved water activities and when he was 12



**Chisam Reiter**  
years old, he had the opportunity to join a 30 mile canoe trip down Red River, which normally was reserved for Scouts 14 years of age and older. It was a two-day trip that turned into a 50 mile canoe trip. It was a true adventure that Chisam really enjoyed with the older Scouts. Another favorite Scouting memory is a high adventure rafting trip on the Arkansas River in 2009. The biggest highlight of his Scouting career was a two-week trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, New Mexico, where he and eight fellow Scouts hiked 64 miles with everything they needed in a backpack weighing up to 60 pounds. Summer camps each year at either Slippery Falls in Olakhoma or Worth Ranch in Palo Pinto County provided many learning opportunities and fun that will always be remembered. Chisam's grandparents are Julius and Marcella Metzler of Lindsay and Wilfred Reiter of Muenster and the late Polly Reiter.

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lot. This will prevent erosion, which is already evident on the graveled lot. Other improvements already in place include low maintenance restrooms, a walking trail, and a fishing peer north of the boat ramp. The Board plans to apply for more grants hoping to be able to put in a nice picnic area with tables, a permanent path to the fishing peer, and to further develop the walking trail and perhaps make a bike trail. According to Weinzapfel, there is a group working on design ideas for a walking and biking trail. Local arborist Greg David met with the Water Board at their last meeting. He expressed an interest in assisting with planning and developing the walking trail. Eventually, they hope to have the trail circle the entire Lake. This would require installing two crossings since there is a creek that empties into the Lake. Restocking of fish is in process. Weinzapfel reports that 40,000 fingerling bass and catfish were released into Muenster Lake by Texas Parks & Wildlife. The Water Board also put in 40 pounds of minnows as a food source. Weinzapfel feels that a good number of the original stock of fish survived when the Lake drained. He said that there were several deep holes where fish remained. The Board plans to again allow fishing as soon as the water level reaches the boat ramp so that boats can be taken onto the Lake. Weinzapfel expressed disappointment that interest seems to have waned on cleaning up the junk and trash in an area east of the Lake. It is not easily seen from the Lake, but would be an eyesore in the future if the walking and bike trails circle the Lake as is the goal. He hopes that warmer weather will reignite the interest in local groups to clean that area.

Weinzapfel said they hope to make the Lake area a pleasant place for people to go and enjoy nature. A variety of birds already claim the Lake as their home and may be seen there. Last winter, eagles were spotted at the Lake. Muenster's City Council appoints members to the five-member Muenster Water District Board. Current members are Chair Milton Knauf, Vice-Chair Nick Walterscheid, Henry Weinzapfel, Gene Walter, and Tim Schneider. Schneider is the newest member and was appointed after Dwayne Rohmer resigned from his position on the Board.

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really needs to be done. In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Held a public hearing on re-subdivision of Harrell Estates, Section 3, Lots 1-2, located in Precinct #4. With no opposition either written or verbal, closed the hearing and voted to approve the re-subdivision request.
- Approved amendment adding Tom Carson, Colleen Clark Carri, Ken Leach, and Marcia Porter as members of the Cooke County Historical Commission.
- Approved assurances relating to real property acquisition for the NRCS of the USDA grant for Watershed Site Elm Fork 7A and approved flood control structural repair grant program grant award notification documents for grant #EWP 2011-2033.
- Accepted memorial donation in the amount of \$50 from Ray of Sunshine to the Cooke County Library in memory of Jay Pybas.

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Jeff McAden	Ronnie Felderhoff	Darren Walterscheid
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# SCHOOL

## FCCLA marks celebration week with many activities

The Muenster Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America celebrated National FCCLA Week from Monday, Feb. 7 to Friday, Feb. 11. The officers held a planning meeting to discuss the activities that would incorporate State and National programs.

Monday's activities were combined with Friday's due to the weather from the week before. Tuesday the 8th was Hat Day; members were allowed to wear their favorite hat to school that day. It was also Traffic Safety Day. Class presidents passed out Smarties candies to those students who wore their seat belt and refrained from cell phone usage while driving to school and Dum Dum suckers to those who didn't.

Wednesday was Teacher Appreciation Day and Quiet Day. Desserts and fresh fruit were provided in the teacher workrooms to show respect to the entire faculty for their hard work. Quiet Day is a traditional game designed by Muenster FCCLA. The girl members received a heart at the start of school and had to keep from talking to any of the boys the whole day. If they did talk to a boy, the boy "captured" her heart. The boy with the most hearts at the end of the day received a giant decorated chocolate chip cookie. This year's winner was Dillon Bayer.

Thursday was "green day" to promote the "Go Green" theme, and students were encouraged to wear green clothing. It was also Campus Clean-up day; the students were asked to clean out their lockers and contribute to the paper recycling project for Keep Muenster Beautiful.

Friday was "Ready, Set, Read!" day which is a program that promotes literacy for young children and their families by emphasizing the importance of reading to children. Friday was also Pajama Day and all members were allowed to wear comfortable PJs pants to school. The officers, seniors, and class presidents luncheon was on Friday at noon. Lasagna was served with green

bean casserole, garlic bread, and cherry cobbler with ice cream for dessert. The meal was prepared by Lifetime Nutrition classes.

The members also elected Landon Presnall as FCCLA Sweetheart. Other nominees were Dillon Bayer, Garrett Hanes, David Hutson, Juan Orocio, Rishi Patel, Jay Patel, Shane Presnall, and Garrett Walterscheid.

The week was a success and all members are looking forward to more success at Region II in Granbury.

Submitted by Muenster FCCLA reporter Michelle Henscheid



Muenster ISD and Cooke County Spelling Bee Runner-up Rut Rodriguez, left, and Champion Kimber Walterscheid.

## Walterscheid wins local and County Spelling Bee

After many days of cold, winter weather that caused multiple days of school closings, Muenster ISD students finally competed in the annual Spelling Bee on Monday, Feb. 7. The contest was held in the MISD Cafeteria. For a second year in a row, Kimber Walterscheid won!

After 12 rounds, this 7th grader was named the Local and County Champion by correctly spelling the word surmountable. In a close second was a 4th grader Rut Rodriguez. Also receiving recognition were the "Top Spellers." These included the top two Walterscheid and

Rodriguez, as well as, Brennan Binder (6th), Mason Davis (7th), Morgan Eldridge (6th), Parker McGrew (4th), Alaina Reiter (7th), Sawyer Sanders (6th), and Lauren Trubenbach (4th).

Walterscheid will compete in the Regional competition sponsored by *The Dallas Morning News*. Tune into WFAA Channel 8 for the regional *Dallas Morning News* Spelling Bee on Saturday, Mar. 26. The winner of the Regional competition will then advance to Washington, D.C., where he or she will compete in the Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in June.



Taking part in Pajama Day during FCCLA Week were, from left, front to back - Adrien Rohmer, Ally Schinigo, Destin Fleitman, Erin Hess, Abby Pagel, Jori Magee, Danielle West, Ashlee Hammer, Jori Magee, Kendi Bayer, Shelbi Sicking, Madison Knabe.

## Lunch Menus

### WEEK OF FEB. 21 - 25 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Grilled cheese, tomato soup, wheat crackers, pears, celery sticks, peanut butter.

Tues. - Steak fingers, potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, apricots.

Wed. - Corny dogs, red beans, carrot sticks, peaches.

Thurs. - Beef and bean burritos, Spanish rice, green peas, applesauce.

Fri. - Turkey/ham sandwiches w/trimmings, potato wedges, oranges.

### MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corn dogs, oven baked French fries, pinto beans, peaches, cake.

Tues. - Smokes w/BBQ sauce, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, bananas, carrots, cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Pepperoni pizza hot pockets, lettuce salad w/dressing, pork and beans, carrots, applesauce, ice cream.

### LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, corn, lettuce salad, pears.

Tues. - Nachos supreme w/taco meat, cheese sauce, refried beans, fresh fruit.

Wed. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, pineapple, bread.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, peaches, bread sticks.

Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

### ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken spaghetti or fish sticks, green beans, bread sticks, peaches.

Tues. - Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, applesauce.

Wed. - Crisпитos, cheese sauce, corn, pears, jello.

Thurs. - Oven baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, applesauce.

Fri. - BBQ sandwich, potato wedges, ranch style beans, fruit mix, ice cream.

## Muenster ISD Honor Roll

### 4th Six Weeks "A" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade: Mason Davis, Alison Morris, Kimber Walterscheid.

8th Grade: Jonathan Cooley, Kassie Dangelmayr, Aaron Davis, Chance Herr, Mikaela Lamar, Makayla Moster, Kristen Reiter, Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Lora Walterscheid.

9th Grade: Hannah Bayer, Austin Cridwell, Jared Endres, Clayton Hess, Sydney Huchton, Jaisal Patel, Adrien Rohmer, Shelbi Sicking, Audrey Taylor Saavedra.

10th Grade: Cho Jeonglim, Brooke Walterscheid.

11th Grade: Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, Andrea Hess, Landon Presnall.

12th Grade: Briana Bindel, Llogan Cheaney, Calvin Wimmer.

### "A/B" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade: Mahayla Bohl, Jordan Buddy, Chase Deeken, Natalie Fangman, Dylan Gressett, Kyle Grewing, Dalton Hess, Cassandra Horsman, Zane Kemp, Trace Klement, Abby Luttmir, McKenna Proffer, Nicole Rains, Samuel Sau-

cer, Claire Schneider, Kelsie Sicking, Allie Walterscheid, Reagan Weger.

8th Grade: Trey Anderle, Alexandra Broyles, Morgan Flusche, Caroline Gressett, Tara Gunnels, Rachel Hare, Kalee Haubold, Kyla Haverkamp, Blake Hennigan, Colin Pagel, Zachary Trubenbach.

9th Grade: ShyAnn Bartel, Kendi Bayer, Mason Binder, Ashley Hammer, Erin Hess, Shelby Klement, Jamie Magee, Jori Magee, Garrett Miller, Rachel Mouring, Abigail Pagel, Mariah Rocha.

10th Grade: Austin Hennigan, Hunter Klement, Paul Mouring, Lauren Rohmer, Payton Sanders, Travis Sicking, Abby Walterscheid.

11th Grade: Luke Crabtree, Daniel Fleitman, David Fleitman, Paige Hennigan, Cole McAden, Allison Pagel, Rishi Patel.

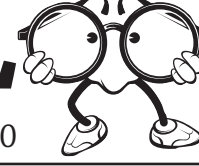
12th Grade: Catherine Aston, Michelle Henscheid, Taylor Klement, Jason Luke, Ronald Nelson, Merle Porter, Shane Presnall, Danielle Sicking, Alexis Trubenbach, Lacey Trubenbach, Garrett Walterscheid.



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# SPORTS

## Muenster Lady Hornets warm up for playoffs

The Muenster Lady Hornets had a warm-up game with Celina this week in preparation for this Friday's Area contest with Wortham. A 53-44 victory over the Lady 'Cats improved Muenster's season to 28-5. Celina, 10AAA Champions, were undefeated in District play.

Taylor Klement and Allison Pangel were high scorers in the game with 20 and 13 points. Lana Heers and Demi Koelzer each added 7. Amber Walterscheid 4, Emily Hellman 2.

M	12	16	14	11	53
C	19	6	11	8	44

The Lady Hornets, District 13 winners, will travel to Aledo High School Friday night to take on the Lady 'Dogs of Wortham. The Area round game of the playoffs will tip off at 8 p.m. District 16 Runner-up Wortham defeated 3rd place District 15 Bosqueville 38-15 in Bi-District.

## District 13-A Basketball

TEAM	GIRLS WIN	LOSE
Muenster	14	0
Era	11	3
Valley View	10	4
Lindsay	9	5
Chico	6	8
Poolville	4	10
Perrin	2	12
Collinsville	0	14

## District 13-A Basketball BOYS

TEAM	WIN	LOSE
Muenster	14	0
Poolville	12	2
Collinsville	8	6
Lindsay	8	6
Era	7	7
Valley View	5	9
Chico	2	12
Perrin	0	14

## Muenster Senior leadership



Muenster basketball team members from the Class of 2011, from left - Jason Luke, Garrett Walterscheid, Tyler Nelson, Taylor Klement, Scott Porter, Josiah Flaming, Tanner Silmon, and Shane Presnall. Melvin Luke photo

## Hornets finish District 14-0 Champs

Muenster Hornets - District Champions! Undefeated in District play. The boys varsity basketball team finished their District play this week with wins over Valley View and Era.

On Friday, the Hornets hosted the Eagles, grounding them with a 54-37 victory.

Jason Luke led the scoring for Muenster with 14

points. Andy Flusche and Cole Walterscheid each added 10, Scott Porter 8, Shane Presnall 6, Garrett Walterscheid 4, and Blake Grewing 2.

Muenster dropped in five 3s, but hit only 17% of their free throws.

M	16	10	11	17	54
VV	8	15	7	7	37

On Monday night, Muenster traveled to Era in the fi-

nal District match. Three of the quarters had Muenster in the lead by only 6 points. It was the 2nd period that Red overpowered the Gold to contribute to a Muenster 50-

36 victory.

Luke and C. Walterscheid both scored 17 points. Porter added 9, Flusche and Grewing 3 apiece, and a free throw point by G. Walterscheid.

M	10	15	13	12	50
E	8	7	10	11	36

Muenster gets a bye in the first round of the Region 2 playoffs before advancing to Area.

## PLAYOFFS 2011

**BI-DISTRICT**  
Valley View Lady Eagles 34  
Gateway Lady Gaters 43

Era Lady Hornets 48  
Rice Lady Bulldogs 23

**AREA**  
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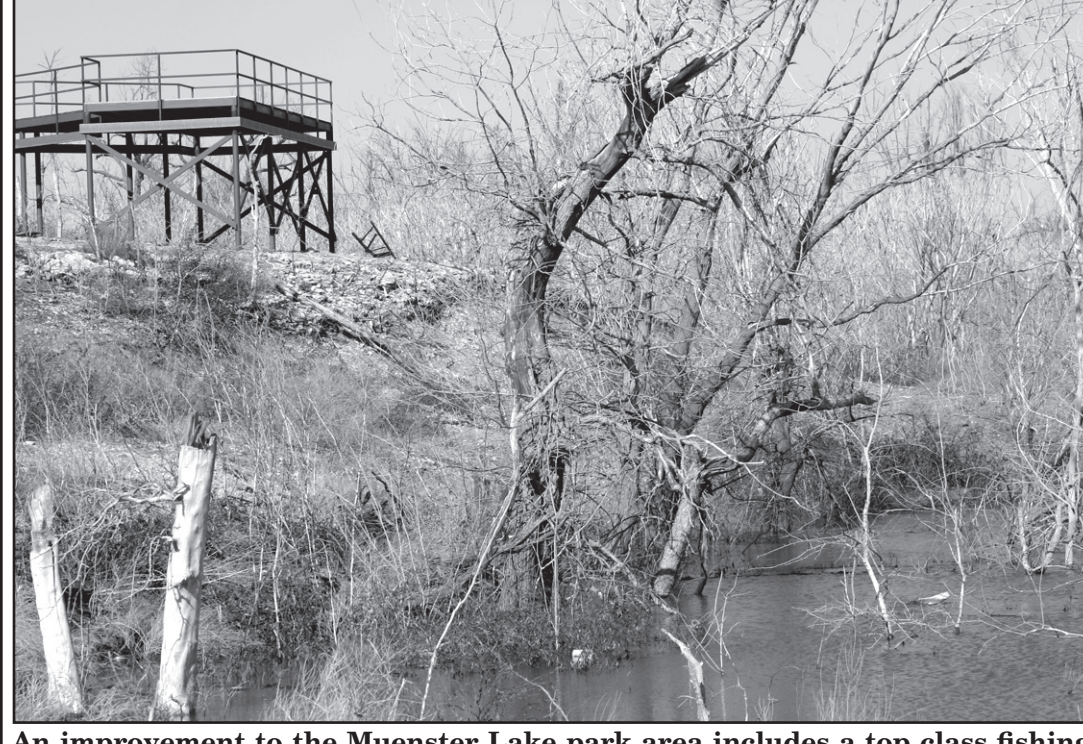
Era Lady Hornets vs  
Mart Lady Panthers

Friday, Feb. 18 - 7:30 p.m.  
Mansfield Timberview

Sacred Heart Tigers won 1st round - no information available. Next playoff game - not available

Tigerettes waiting on outcome of Friday game. Playoff game will be at Sacred Heart, probably Saturday

## Dry dock - waiting on water



An improvement to the Muenster Lake park area includes a top class fishing dock, located at the west end access. Now needed is lots of water to fill the Lake and lots of fish to be caught. Janie Hartman photo

## Knights keep season alive

After a slow start, the Knights took control of the game and walked away with a big 62-28 victory over Chico last Friday. Lindsay held the Dragons to two field goals and five free throws in the 2nd half.

Scoring for the Knights were Dawson Holt with 16 points, Dean Fleitman 10, Garrett Yancey 9, Thomas Rohmer 8, Jace Wann 7, Travis Skinner and Connor Fuhrmann 3 each, and Madison Parkhill, Drew Cooney, and Kyle Johnson 2 apiece.

L	20	14	11	17	62
C	11	7	4	6	28

The win over Chico coupled with Collinsville's loss to Poolville set up a showdown Tuesday in Lindsay with playoff implications on the line. The Knights extended their season by beating the

Pirates 41-35 and forcing a play-in game to determine who will represent District 13 in the playoffs as the 3rd place winner.

After a tough 1st period, the Knights picked up their defensive intensity and held Collinsville to only 9 points the next 2 quarters.

Thomas Rohmer led the Knights on the boards with

17 points. Yancey added 7, Holt 6, Parkhill 5, Wann 3, Fleitman 2, and Cooney 1.

L	12	10	8	11	41
C	17	3	6	10	35

Lindsay will replay Collinsville this Friday, Feb. 18 at Callisburg High School. Game time is 6:30 p.m. Lindsay will be the visitors. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

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## JV ACTION

**Muenster 41 Valley View 23**

The JV Hornets improved their record Friday with a win. Eight Muenster team members put points on the board. Austin Hennigan and Mason Binder each scored 8. Corey Richey and Hunter Klement added 6 apiece, Trevor Hess 5, Colton Lang 4, and 2 each by JJ Horsman and Clint Sidwell.

M	12	15	8	6	41
VV	2	4	6	11	23

**Muenster 20 Lindsay 13**  
The Lindsay JV Lady Knights (13-11) finished their season with a loss to the Lady Hornets. Muenster finished as the Junior Varsity District Champions.

Lauren Rohmer scored 9 points for Muenster. Brooke Walterscheid added 4, with Paige Herr, Hannah Bayer, and Kendi Bayer each getting 2, Jori Magee 1 point.

Scoring for Lindsay were Shea Garner 5, Briley Fleitman 3, Hannah Zimmerer and Brianne Sandmann 2 apiece, Hayley Skinner 1.

**Muenster 57 Era 12**

The JV Red Hornets finished the season with an undefeated 12-0 District record after Monday's final game. Klement led the scoring with 13 points. Binder and Richey each scored 9, T. Hess, Hennigan, and Horsman added 7 apiece, Sidwell 3, and Clayton Hess 2.

M	19	18	8	12	57
E	2	5	2	3	12

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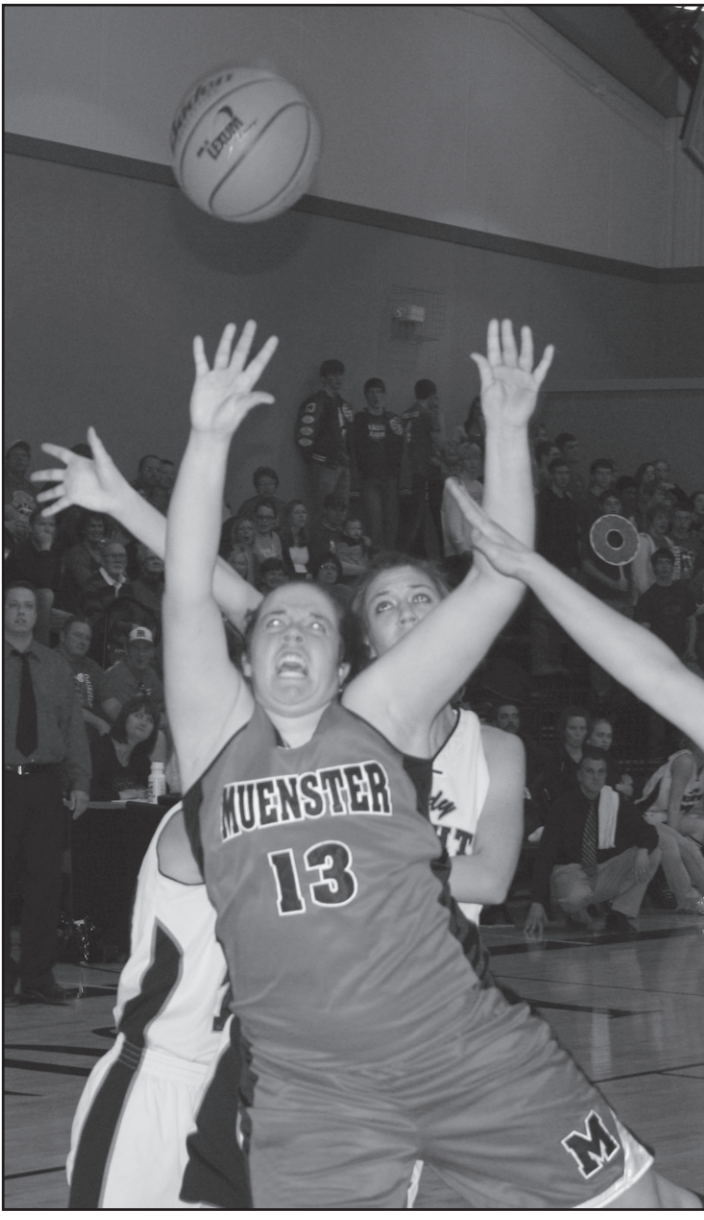
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# County Agent's Report

## Successful breeding depends on bull selection

The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation will host a Spring Cattle Workshop, entitled Preparing for Breeding Season, from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Noble Foundation's Kruse Auditorium.

Spring is a common time for purebred producers to

offer bulls for sale through production, consignment, and private treaty sales. Since most commercial livestock operations use a spring calving system, this is also the time to purchase bulls for the upcoming breeding season.

However, the bull selection process can be challenging

without the correct information and experience. Noble Foundation livestock consultants will discuss proven techniques to assist agricultural producers with choosing the correct bull for their specific operation. The Noble consultants will discuss Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs), the value of known genetics, and phenotypic selection.

"EPDs are the most accurate tools we have to compare the genetic potential of animals," said Deke Alkire, Ph.D., livestock consultant. "We will show participants how to effectively use EPDs, improving their ability to select the best bull for their production goals."

Participants will work through a selection scenario for two common production enterprises: one in which replacement females are raised and one in which all progeny are sold. A live animal evaluation will also be provided.

The workshop is open to the public and offered at no cost. Preregistration is requested.

For more information or to register, please contact Tracy Cumbie at 580.224.6411 or register online at [www.noble.org/AgEvents](http://www.noble.org/AgEvents).

### TDA market recap

For the week ending Feb. 12, feeder cattle auction prices were mostly steady with a few to \$5 lower per hundred-weight and some to \$5 higher as another round of wintry weather reduced receipts at some locations and closed others. Fed cattle prices were near unchanged in spite of lower beef values.

Corn prices increased after USDA released projections for lower than expected ending stocks.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, cotton, wheat, corn, and lumber were higher while fed cattle were lower. Cotton futures topped the all-time record high price ever reported for U.S. cotton of \$1.89 per pound during the Civil War.

The winter wheat crop was rated in mostly fair to very poor condition as dry soils and last week's freezing temperatures continued to impact the crop. Field preparations are underway for spring planting, though moisture is needed in many areas. Pastures were reported in mostly fair to poor condition and livestock in many areas required supplemental feed. Spring calving, lambing, and kidding remained active with newborns at risk from last week's extremely cold temperatures.

### Controlling brush - a good winter activity

Controlling brush in your pasture and fence rows will increase the useful area of your pasture without the need to purchase more land.

Woody plants are a common component of many pastures in Texas. Some woody species provide food for livestock or wildlife, warmth and escape cover for deer, roost sites for turkeys, or resting cover for quail. Therefore, you may be very interested in keeping some areas of brush around.

However, if an area is too dense with woody plants, the plants compete with the more desirable vegetation for water, sunlight, and nutrients.

They also can reduce forage production for livestock and wildlife and can interfere with the handling and movement of livestock and wildlife harvests. Here in Cooke County, fence rows tend to be one area that is especially prone to excessive woody plant growth.

Most woody plants will not readily die after they are cut off. They tend to re-sprout from the roots. A high percentage of these plants can be killed, however, if you spray the stump with a specific herbicide treatment immediately after cutting it.

Brush Busters refers to cooperative program of the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Service to expedite the adoption of Tactical Brush Management Systems. Visiting the brush buster website at: <http://texnat.tamu.edu/about-2/brush-busters/> will give you the knowledge necessary to control many species of woody plants. Methods include basal treatments and using cut stump spray treatments that are easy, effective and environmentally responsible. These Brush Busters methods involve spraying a small but potent concentration of herbicide directly onto the cut stumps.

Keep in mind that controlling woody plants is not a one-time job.

Because livestock, wildlife, wind, and water can spread the seeds far, you will need to go over your land periodically to eliminate unwanted seedlings.

### Rancher Symposium

The Tri-County Farmer and Rancher Symposium will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23. This is the 8th year Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Cooke, Montague, and Grayson counties will team up to offer five CEUs for those needing continuing education for their Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide licenses. The program will provide useful information for anyone managing rural property; you do not need to have a pesticide license to attend. If you are interested in CEUs, the program will provide five hours. This represents 1/3 of the hours private applicators need for a five year period, and all of the hours a Commercial or Non-Commercial Applicator would need for a year. Categories for the CEUs will include 1 "Laws and Regulations," 1 "IPM," and 3 "General."

We have an excellent group of speakers this year. Dr. Ron Gill, Extension beef specialist, will begin the day with "Preventing Chemical Residues in Beef"; Mike Porter, Noble Foundation Wildlife Specialist, will discuss "Pros and Cons for Prescribed

Burning"; Bob Lusk, Wildlife and Fisheries consultant will talk about "Pond Management"; Henry Krusekopf, TDA field inspector will give us an update on pesticide "Laws and Regulations"; and finally, Dr. Twain Butler, Noble Foundation agronomy research leader, will talk about "Grazing Systems for Improved Grass Pastures."

Note that the program will be held at North Central Texas College's Field House, not the Little Theater this year. The Field House is the gymnasium which is located immediately to the South of tennis courts, near the back end of campus. Participants are encouraged to use the parking lot on the south side of the road after they pass the residence hall. The program times are 8:15 until 3:15. There is a \$10 fee; lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to (940) 668-5412 by Feb. 22.

**Dates to remember**  
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<b>Feeder Steers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.40-1.70; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.50; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.30-1.50; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.50; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.25-1.40; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.20; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.35; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.15; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.26; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.10.	<b>Stocker Cows (per head)</b> Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$950-\$1400; Medium Frame: \$700-\$900. Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1150-\$1500; Medium Frame: \$850-\$1100. <b>Baby Calves:</b> Holstein: NT Cross Breeds: \$150-\$250.	<b>Stocker:</b> NT; Thin: .NT; Fat: NT. <b>Bucks (per lb)</b> Thin: NT; Fat: NT. <b>Barbardo (per head)</b> Lams: NT; Ewes: 80-150; Bucks: 70-200. <b>Goats (per head)</b> Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$40-\$65; 35-55 lbs., \$40-\$70; 55-75 lbs., \$55-\$95. <b>Yearlings (per head)</b> 75-120 lbs., \$85-\$160. <b>Nannies (per head)</b> Stocker: \$80-\$110; Milk Type: NT; Slaughter: \$1.20-\$150; Thin: \$50-\$75. <b>Billies (per head)</b> 120 lbs up Breeders: \$150-\$200. Slaughter: \$95-\$150. <b>Boer Goats (per head)</b> 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: NT; 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: NT.
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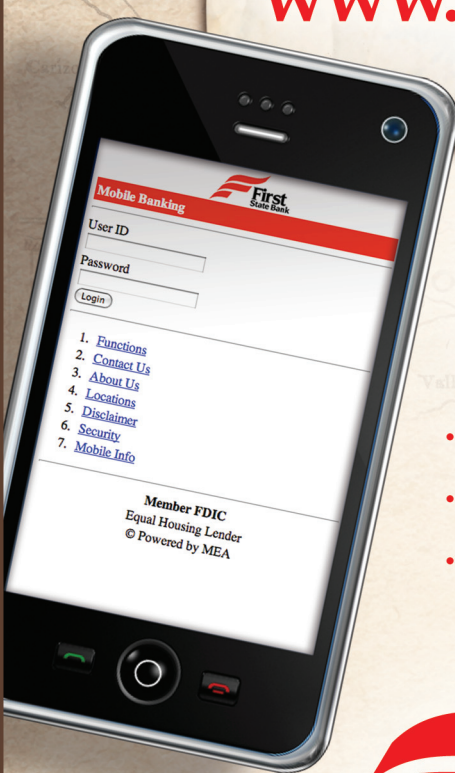
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- OLD EL PASO TOSTADA OR ASSORTED Taco Shells 10-12 CT. **2 FOR \$3**
- SHURFINE Chocolate Chip Cookies 14-16 OZ. **\$2.00**
- LONE STAR CHEESE, CHERRY & CHEESE, OR PECAN & RAISIN Cinnamon Rolls 4 PK. **\$2.00**
- ASSORTED VARIETY Gatorade 8 PK. **\$4.99**

**24 PACK  
Budweiser  
or Bud Light  
12 OZ. CANS**

**\$21.00**



- ASSORTED VARIETIES Coca-Cola Products 12 PACK, 12 OZ. CANS **3\$12** for



## Fischer's Quality Meats

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS Pork Chops **\$2.69** LB.



PILGRIM'S PRIDE GRADE "A" Split Fryer Breast **\$1.29** LB.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE GRADE "A", WHOLE Cut-Up Fryer **99¢** LB.



- FRESH Eye of Round Roast LB. **\$2.99**
- TENDERIZED BEEF Round Steak LB. **\$3.59**
- CRANBERRY JACK Cheese 1 LB. BLOCK **\$3.19**
- RED RIND MILD CHEDDAR Cheese Wheels 3 LB. **\$7.99**
- MARKET SLICED American Cheese LB. **\$2.79**
- MARKET SLICED Pressed Ham LB. **\$2.29**
- BAR S Franks 12 OZ. **89¢**
- MAMA ROSA'S ALL VARIETIES Mini Mama's Pizzas 4 PACK **2 FOR \$5**
- GOURMET DINING SELECT VARIETIES Stir Fry Dinners 28-32 OZ. **\$4.99**
- GLACIER GOLD HASH BROWN Potato Patties 10 CT. **\$1.79**
- REGULAR OR THICK SLICED Bar S Bacon 12 OZ. **\$2.59**
- OSCAR MAYER SELECT VARIETIES DELI FRESH Lunch Meats 1 LB. **\$2.69**
- OSCAR MAYER BOLOGNA, HAM, TURKEY Variety Pak 1 LB. **\$2.69**

## Fresh Produce

- LARGE Texas Grapefruit **3\$1** FOR
- LARGE FANCY Navel Oranges 2 FOR **\$1**
- FRESH RED RIPE Strawberries 1 LB. **2 FOR \$5**
- BLACKBERRIES OR BLUEBERRIES Fresh Berries 6 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**
- FRESH Cantaloupe 2 FOR **\$4**
- FRESH Honeydew Melons LB. **89¢**
- MEXICAN SWEET Yellow Onions LB. **69¢**



- LARGE OR EXTRA LARGE Roma Tomatoes 5 FOR **\$1**
- SUPER SELECT Cucumbers 2 FOR **\$1**
- TENDER GREEN Broccoli LB. **99¢**
- FRESH BUNCH Green Onions 2 FOR **\$1**
- FRESH Kiwifruit 4 FOR **\$1**

## Dairy & Frozen Foods

- SHURFINE ASSORTED FLAVORS Ice Cream 144 OZ. PAIL **\$4.99**
- ASSORTED FLAVORS Blue Bell Ice Cream HALF GALLON **2\$9** FOR
- ASSORTED VARIETIES Yoplait Yogurt 4-6 OZ. **59¢**
- JOSÉ OLÉ EGG & SAUSAGE Breakfast Burritos 4 OZ. **99¢**
- JOSÉ OLÉ SELECT VARIETY CHIMICHANGAS OR Burritos 5 OZ. **99¢**
- SELECT VARIETY Tai Pei Entrées 12-14.2 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- CHUNG'S SELECT VARIETY SPRING ROLLS OR Egg Rolls 11-12 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- ORE IDA SOUTHERN STYLE DICED POTATOES Hash Browns 32 OZ. **\$2.39**
- KRAFT PRE-PRICED \$2.49 American Singles 12 OZ. **\$2.39**
- APPLE OR ASSORTED ORANGE Simply Juices 59 OZ. **\$2.99**

## Health & Beauty Care

- WESTERN FAMILY TABLETS OR CAPLETS NAPROXEN SODIUM All Day Relief 50 CT. BTL. **\$4.00**
- WESTERN FAMILY COLD OR SINUS LIQUID CAPS DayRelief PE 12 CT. **2 FOR \$5**
- WESTERN FAMILY MENTHOL OR CHERRY Sore Throat Relief 6 OZ. **2\$99**
- WESTERN FAMILY MEN'S OR WOMEN'S Comfort Touch Razors 5 CT. **2 FOR \$4**
- SELECT VARIETY SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER Alberto VO5 15 OZ. **88¢**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES TAMPONS Tampax 40 CT. **\$4.99**
- WESTERN FAMILY CHERRY OR GRAPE FLAVOR Children's Expectorant 4 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

