

Ginger Johnson works with Abigail's Arms to stop the cycle of violence

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

"Kind of my passion has always been family violence," said Ginger Johnson. "Trying to help women and men to break out of that cycle of violence because it does perpetuate itself. The children, that's their normal. They see that happening and then when they grow up, their normal with their spouses and their children ends up being the same way. Getting in there and breaking that cycle has always been something that I really pushed for."

Abigail's Arms Cooke County Crisis Center recently hired Ginger as their victims services/SART manager.

Ginger worked for the Denton Police Department for 23 years. After doing

about 10 years as a patrol officer, she served as the training and personnel officer for about five years. She then returned to patrol for a few years. For the last couple of years, she served as their family violence investigator.

As a child, Ginger said she wanted to be a policeman, but was told that's what little boys grow up to be. When she was older and returned to Gainesville, she got some encouragement from her brother. He was enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program at the college. He told her to take some classes and see if she liked it. "I got hooked," she said of her law enforcement career choice. "It fit and I loved it. I really enjoyed what I was doing."

According to Ginger, much of the training that she went to while at the Denton PD was geared around domestic violence and child abuse.

After hearing about Abigail's Arms and of the soon-to-open women's shelter, Ginger felt it would be a place that she'd like to work. When a position came open there, she had to decide if she was ready to retire from her law enforcement career. "It basically came down to this is where I needed to be," said Ginger.

The sexual assault response team (SART) is a priority for Abigail's Arms at this time. Ginger explained that presently, victim of sexual assault must go to Denton for their forensic exam. Once Cooke County's program is in place, the forensic exams will take place at North Texas Medical Center.

There are five or six nurses in Cooke County who have are or almost have their training as SANE (sexual assault nurse examiner).

The goal is to have 10 so that they take call turns being on call to respond.

"I am really looking forward to getting the shelter open and being able to offer a complete package of services to victims in Cooke County. We have the same problem with the domestic violence that we do with the SANE. If we have a victim of domestic violence that doesn't have anywhere to stay, the only way we can help them is to send them to Denton or to Sherman.

"When you try to deal with the dynamics of them having a job, their children going to school, rearranging their whole life, it's bad enough they've been through that trauma, and then to have to send them completely out of the city in order to provide them with just a roof over their head, a lot of times they can't cope with that. It's easier to just go back home than to have to uproot everything that they know. So, being able to offer that in Cooke County is a very good thing."

Ginger recalled when she was investigating in Denton, she would sit down and do an interview post-filing the report to get more details. She would speak with the victims about the cycle of violence and going through different steps and how it affected their children. Most didn't feel that it affected the children. She said that you could see this lightbulb go on and knew that they were understanding it.

When talking to victims of domestic violence, Ginger would tell them that their children grow up seeing their spouse treat them like that and the children will either grow up and treat their spouse like that or be treated like that. She said, "That is what they are used to seeing and that is what they believe a healthy relationship is."

There are success stories of people who went through Abigail's Arms. She said, "That person has finally been ready to take that step and get themselves out of that cycle and get themselves



Janet Felderhoff photo

Ginger Johnson recently joined the staff of Abigail's Arms as the victim services/SART manager.

away, and then taking the next step to get some counseling and to understand the dynamics of a healthy relationship."

Abigail's Arms Executive Director Kim Cook remarked, "Ginger's arrival to Abigail's Arms fortifies us as a comprehensive and multi-disciplined team. To have her level of expertise and training increases our agency's ability to serve the

many multi-faceted needs of our clients. Not only does she add to us from a service-oriented perspective, she fits so well with our group. It's as if she's been with us for years and we're definitely delighted to have her!"

Ginger and her husband Derrall are the parents of five children and they have five grandchildren. She is the daughter of Leon and Betsy Fleitman of Lindsay.



Joe Warren photos

Rednecks With Paychecks drew thousands of people to have a muddy good time last weekend. Above, a driver tests rock climbing skills. Below, another vehicle makes it out of the mud pit.



Large item trash pickup day is March 30

Keep Muenster Beautiful reminds residents March 30 is the last chance for removal of large items by IESI before Germanfest weekend. There is only one day per month when large items are collected. KMB encourages residents to take advantage of this opportunity to remove large items such as large tied bundles of brush, old furniture, mattress, etc.

You must call City Hall to schedule large item service for your location. There is no charge. Items left at curbside without informing City Hall will not be picked up and will need to be removed from the curbside until the next month. As with any garbage, items must not be placed at curbside until 5 p.m. the day before pickup. Trucks will begin routes at 6 a.m.

Residents are reminded City Ordinance does not allow any garbage to be placed curbside until 5 p.m. the day before service. Help keep our community clean by keeping garbage hidden from view until scheduled pick up days. Make your plans now to schedule your large item service for March 30.

Submitted by Gary Fisher, KMB

KMB "Texas Trash Off" scheduled for April 6

All groups are reminded that Saturday, April 6 is the Texas Trash Off. On the same day, thousands of volunteers across Texas will join in the effort to remove litter from our beautiful Texas highways. Locally, KMB volunteers gather to set an example by collecting trash along the adopted roadways around Muen-

ster. KMB volunteers are asked to meet at Muenster City Park at 8:45 a.m. for a large group photo before dispatching to their sites. Vests and trash sacks will be provided. Anyone can volunteer and take part in the Texas Trash Off.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. courtesy of

Muenster State Bank. Keep Texas Beautiful's Trash Off program has been the envy of states all across the U.S. for the best anti-litter campaign in America. Join in the effort and be a part of the solution, not part of the problem. Remember, only trash litters.

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Thousands flock to Rednecks With Paychecks event

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Vehicles of all shapes and sizes were seen heading to the Rednecks With Paychecks (RWP) Park last weekend as RWP featured a Redneck Spring Break event. There was redneck style rock climbing, mud pits, and a Saturday night concert with entertainment by Stoney Larue, Whiskey Myers, The Cadillac Black, Phil Hamilton, and others.

The crowds is estimated to be as large as 10,000. Montague Sheriff Paul Cunningham remarked that he felt this weekend's event had the largest RWP crowd thus far.

Rumors abound on the number of people killed at the event. Sheriff Cunningham reported that he knows of no deaths occurring due to RWP. "There were a number of people injured, some seriously," he stated.

RWP Park is located along FM 3206 southwest of Saint Jo.

A portion of the proceeds received at RWP benefit the Saint Jo VFD, Muenster Jaycees, Nocona Booster Club, Saint Jo ISD, Nocona Carpenter Shop, Nocona Cheer Unlimited, and Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce.

SHCS Montessori students feel the beat of the music



Sacred Heart Montessori students move to the music of Willson & McKee. The nationally touring duo specializes in traditional Irish, Scottish, and original acoustic music and performed on Monday and Tuesday at Sacred Heart Community Center, working with Sacred Heart students.

Janie Hartman photo

Ms. Wheelchair Texas 1999 hosts current titleholders at State Capitol

On Feb. 28, Rep. Drew Springer of Muenster, House District 68, met with Mariah Kilbourne, current Ms. Wheelchair America; Lana Little, current Little Ms. Wheelchair Texas, representing girls under age 12; and the current state titleholder Tina Williams.

Springer introduced the titleholders to his wife Lydia, Ms. Wheelchair Texas 1992. They spoke about the issues facing individuals with disabilities around the state of Texas.

Before becoming a Texas representative, Springer was an executive at a railcar company. "I had 1,000 people who worked for me—yet it's what we do from the neck up that makes us important," he said.

Springer's wife Lydia was involved in a diving accident a week after her 21st birthday and has used a wheel-

chair since that time.

"I was very excited when Drew told me that there was a younger division for girls to enter," Lydia said regarding the category of Little Ms. Wheelchair Texas.

When asked what advice she would give to someone about how to treat people with disabilities, Lydia responded, "We're no different than you all. This may not be what we would have chosen, but don't assume anything about our abilities because chances are you're going to be wrong. Let go of your perceptions and just get to know us as individuals."

"It was great to meet and share stories with Lydia Springer," said Kilbourne. "She has accomplished many things to help break down the barriers and misconceptions that the disabled community has faced historically and continues to overcome today. Despite being injured from a diving accident shortly after her 21st birthday, she hasn't let anything stop her dreams and ambitions. She went on to become Ms. Wheelchair Texas and graduate from college. She is a mother of three children and a practicing attorney. She helps others see that wheelchairs truly are just a mobility device - they in no way define or limit us as people."

All four women also had a chance to meet with Rep. Allen Fletcher, Texas House District 130, who was also very interested in hearing the women's platforms on how to make Texas a more accessible state.

"You don't realize who's gone before you and what that means," said Teri Little, Lana's grandmother.

Fletcher stated that he thought it was inexcusable that some historic buildings would be inaccessible, which Ms. Springer had also stated that she believed that to be "insanity."

"You're out there on your own sometimes, making your own rules," said Ms. Springer. "Ms. Wheelchair Texas is a wonderful opportunity for girls to see that they aren't the only ones and also form friendships and build each other up."

Ms. Wheelchair America was established in 1972 as a forum for the promotion of the achievements as well as the needs of mobility impaired persons. The organization is dedicated to increasing public awareness so that all its citizens will be able to lead productive and meaningful lives. Ms. Wheelchair America and Ms. Wheelchair Texas Pageants are competitions designed to select the most accomplished and articulate spokeswoman for the millions of disabled Americans.



Courtesy photo

Pictured, from left, are Tina Williams, Ms. Wheelchair Texas, Representative Drew Springer, Lana Little, Little Ms. Wheelchair Texas, and Mariah Kilbourne, Ms. Wheelchair America.

Time to take homestead exemptions

Homeowners looking to reduce their property tax bills in 2013 may find some relief by filing a homestead exemption. A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year.

Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes.

To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the Cooke County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

- School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.
- County taxes: If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control, a homeowner may receive a \$3,000 homestead exemption for this tax.
- Age and disability ex-

emptions: Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$15,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for a taxpayer who is age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for these special homestead exemp-

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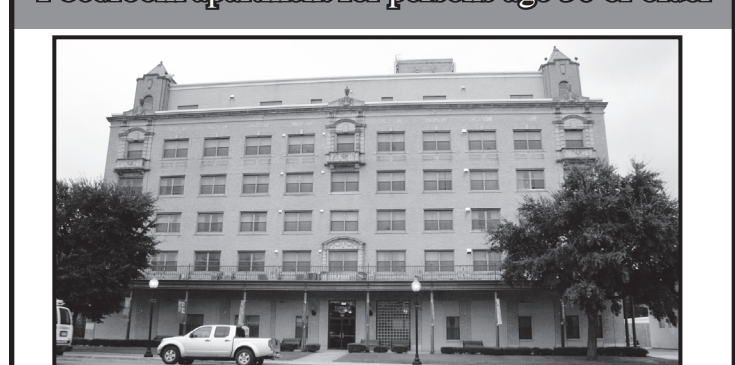
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from Muenster Chief of Police
Mark Blankenship

March 1 through March 15, the Police Department responded to 34 CALLS FOR

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Let's all remember that Easter is just around the corner and traffic around our churches will be heavier than normal. There will be Easter Egg hunts around town, so let's watch for kids near the streets. With the warmer weather, more people are walking, riding bikes, and enjoying the outdoors, so please, watch for our friends on the streets.

The Police Department had the pleasure of visiting with CUB SCOUT PACK 664 "The Bear Den" in the park this week. Finger printing was one of the topics along with POLICE RELATIONS in the community.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
March 19, 1948

Ferd Luttmir is recovering at a Wichita Falls clinic from injuries sustained in an oil field accident. J.B. Wilde and Gerald Stelzer bag coyote from airplane. New Arrivals: Robert to Lt. and Mrs. F.P. Swan, Jr.; a daughter to the Cliff Bewleys. Obituaries: Anton J. Noggler, 44; John N. Wimmer, 70; W.J. Linnen, 92. A neon sign is installed at Jimmy's Service Station. El-freda Luke attends convention of Texas State Teachers Association in Dallas. Relax Theatre advertises *Down to Earth* starring Rita Hayworth and Larry Parks.

50 YEARS AGO
March 22, 1963

County voters approve a \$350,000 bond issue to finance addition of two new buildings at Cooke County Junior College. Robert Knabe, Jr. sustains broken leg in oil field accident. Doris Jean Felderhoff breaks arm while playing at home. New Arrivals: John to Leonard and Emily Hartman; a

son to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Matthews. Tim Mosman is on TV with a panel of four other Texas Aggies participating with other colleges. Obituary: Zettie (Mrs. John) Coursey, 80. Wedding: Kathy Trubenbach and James Whitt. Alice Walter returns to Muenster to take charge of Marilynn's Beauty Salon.

25 YEARS AGO
March 18, 1988

City police kept busy through weekend due to accidents and an act of vandalism. Obituaries: John Kupper, 81; Anthony "Buddy" Haverkamp, 54; Mary Addison Bartush, 94. Wedding: Bert Miller and Debra Anderson. Muenster Garden Club hears Daryl Ferber's program on "Preserving Nature's Beauty." New Arrival: Adam to Joe and Pam Dangelmayr. Sandra Walterscheid named to North Texas Junior College All Conference Team.

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PALM SUNDAY March 24		Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwans mtg. noon, Center Religious Ed Mass & Tenebrae 7 p.m.	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Muenster Museum CLOSED Good Friday	Library open 10:00-2:30 Muenster Museum Bake Sale Fischer's 8 am - ? Easter Egg Hunt, City Park, 2 pm
Sunday, March 31, 2013	Monday, April 1, 2013	Tuesday, April 2, 2013	Wednesday, April 3, 2013	Thursday, April 4, 2013	Friday, April 5, 2013	Saturday, April 6, 2013
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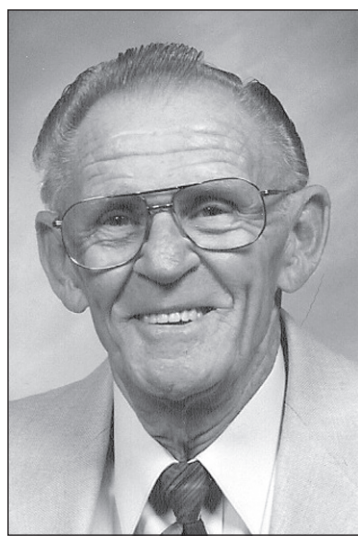
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Obituaries

Alrich "Red" Zwinggi 1930 - 2013

Mass of Christian Burial for Alrich "Red" Zwinggi, age 83 of Lindsay, was held March 19 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Fr. Raymond McDaniel and Fr. Ken Robinson con-celebrating. Burial with Air Force military honors followed at St. Peter's Cemetery. Rosary was recited March 18 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.



Red Zwinggi

Mr. Zwinggi died March 15, 2013 in Muenster. Born Feb. 27, 1930 in Lindsay to Leo and Lenora Zwinggi, Red enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in November 1948. During the Korean War, he served in Detroit, San Antonio, and Houston. He was honorably discharged in August 1951. On June 29, 1954, Red married Joyce Grewing at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. They raised three children over 58 wonderful years of marriage.

Red worked as a welder and maintenance technician for National Supply. He always planned a vacation for his family to Colorado, Arizona, Florida, and many other places. In his retirement, he enjoyed driving cars for Johnson Motors and Glenn Polk Autoplex. For the last 10 years, Red and Joyce spent every summer in Colorado together.

Survivors are his wife Joyce of Lindsay; son Danny Zwinggi and wife Carla of Muenster; daughter Donna Tutt and husband Ricky of Montgomery; son Chris Zwinggi and wife Carolyne of Coppell; grandchildren Jeremy Zwinggi, April Walterscheid, Amy Bryant, Jana Truebenbach, Clayton Truebenbach, Josh Garner, and Tyler, Conner, and Shelby Zwinggi; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Lo-

retta Bassett and Freida Sutton; brothers Leonard, Joe, Oscar, Kenny, and Roy Zwinggi; and granddaughter, Jamie Zwinggi Yosten.

During Mass, the Readings and Prayers of the Faithful were read by Steven Zwinggi. Offertory Gifts were brought up by Shelby Zwinggi and Ava Yosten. Music ministers were Roger Dieter and Andrew Kenney.

The eulogy was given by Carla Zwinggi, who spoke of Red as "a man of love. He loved his God ... taught his children to love the Lord and their neighbor.

"He loved his five brothers and two sisters... Joyce was the love of Red's life. He had him a 'good ole Muenster girl' and he was very happy about that... They took their pets with them when they travelled... they loved their pets.

"Red had an obsession for cars... loved to fix things and piddle around in his shop... He was always smiling, happy, and easy to get along with."

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 148, Lindsay, TX 76250.

Stewart Hughes 1921 - 2013

Stewart Anderson Hughes, Lt. Col USAF (Ret.), died Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at the Muenster Health and Rehabilitation facility in Muenster after a lengthy illness. Stewart was born Jan. 13, 1921, in Brashear, Texas to Bernice and Leora Hughes. He graduated from Sulphur Springs High School and East Texas State Teachers College. In 1941, he joined the Army Air Corp and served his country in WWII as a meteorologist.



Stewart Hughes

On June 2, 1951 he married the love of his life, Christine Settle of Rosston, who preceded him in death on Aug. 18, 2007. In 1968, he retired from the USAF and trained to become a cartographer for the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center in St. Louis, Missouri and enjoyed working there until final retirement in 1983.

At that time, Stewart and Christine returned to Texas to fulfill their dream of building a home in Rosston, close to their friends and family. Stewart spent many happy years tending his garden, cheering on his favorite sport teams, surrounded by his beloved books. He also found great joy in the fellowship of the Rosston Methodist Church.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Thomas and Eileen Hughes of Granger, Indiana; grandchildren Maureen Bulgrin (Greg) of St. Louis, Michael Hughes (Sarah) of Cincinnati, Ohio,

and Catherine Hughes of Chicago; one great-grandchild; sister Rose Marie (Keith) Jennings of Fort Worth and brother-in-law CJ Haines of Gainesville; many nieces and a nephew, along with dear friend Becky Ford of Rosston.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Stewart was known for his gentle manner, kind words, deep faith, and love of family.

Services were held at Rosston Methodist Church on Saturday, March 16. Burial with military honors followed in Rosston Cemetery.

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To all of the doctors, nurses, and staff at Muenster Memorial Hospital and nurses and staff at Muenster Health & Rehabilitation for their wonderful care of my son Dale during his stay. To Fr. Ken Robinson for the comforting funeral service, to Imelda Rohmer for leading the Rosary, and to all who came to celebrate Dale's life.

Thanks to Christy Hesse and Isaac Davis for the beautiful music, the Mass servers, and McCoy's Funeral Home.

Thank you CDA ladies for preparing the delicious meal after the funeral, the KCs for the use of their hall, those who gave food donations, monetary donations, flowers, encouraging words, and prayers.

Clara Wilde

John Barnes 1932 - 2013

Funeral for John Marcus Barnes, age 80 of Gainesville, was held Thursday March 21 at 2 p.m. at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Chapel with burial in Fairview Cemetery. The family received friends March 20 at the funeral home. Mr. Barnes died March 18, 2013 in Denton.

Born July 16, 1932 in Gainesville to Oliver and Johnnie Ruth Dresser Barnes, John served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and upon returning from the service he ran the Marysville Store. He retired from National Supply after 30 years where he was a foreman in the welding shop. He loved hunting, fishing, but most of all playing dominos at the Stanford House. John also loved his family dearly.

Survivors are his wife Lenora Barnes of Gainesville; daughter and son-in-law Donna and Calvin Mosley of Forestburg, son Marc Barnes of Gainesville, daughter Vickie Hess of Muenster, and son and daughter-in-law Sonny and Denise Barnes of Gainesville, step-daughter Susie Drummonds and her husband Ken; brother and sister-in-law Donald and Loretta Thompson of Thackerville, Oklahoma; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-father Amos Thompson, and step-son Harold Hughes.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stanford House 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville TX 76240.

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Ashley Bowman

Ashley Kim Bowman, age 32, died Monday, March 11, 2013. She was born in Midland, and was a "miracle" baby who survived insurmountable odds.



Ashley Bowman

Ashley attended the Regional Day School for the Deaf Program at 18 months of age. At this very young age, she already could "sign" 35 words. The next school she attended was the Sunshine School for the Deaf in San Antonio. In elementary school, she attended school in Lindsay where she was a Knight cheerleader. Ashley was a "free" spirited young lady who loved the outdoors. She was active in sports including basketball and soccer and was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

She graduated high school at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin in 2000. Ashley was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was a loving child who embraced life. Ashley faced many challenges growing up, but she always had a fiery spirit, demonstrated as she fought a courageous battle against cancer.

Ashley brought much joy to her family and friends.

Ashley is survived by her father and stepmother Patrick and Janet Bowman of Muenster; mother Kathleen Fisk of Denton; sister Meredith Bowman of Lewisville;

and brother, Zachry Bowman of Lindsay.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Ellsworth and Doris Fisk, Bill and Nell Bowman, uncles Mike and Casey Bowman.

A memorial service was held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denton March 16 to celebrate Ashley's life.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ashley's memory. A garden is being built in memory of Monsignor Charles King and donations will be used for the purchase of a sundial to be placed in the garden.

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The instructor, a local elder law attorney, was quoted as saying, "Legal, financial, and health care options for an aging population can be an absolute maze. The Elder Law Boot Camp provides help negotiating that maze."

The classes, scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. March 25 and 26, are designed to educate older persons, their families, and professionals about common legal mistakes, myths, and concerns related to aging.

"All of us want to age in place, that is to stay in our own homes and be independent," he said, "but the reality is some of us will need help either at home or in a care facility. It is important to know what steps to take when additional care is necessary to insure there is no worry about paying for needed care or what happens to the well spouse financially."

Session one covers the basic legal documents for both disability planning and the

transfer of property by will, trust, or other means. The attorney will look at how the legal needs of the elderly are impacted by health concerns or issues. This overview of life care planning will explain how to avoid costly legal mistakes and ways to insure high quality care at home or in an alternate setting. A concise and understandable explanation of living trusts will be presented along with information about how a trust can benefit elderly people and help preserve assets, providing peace of mind for the future.

The final session of the course will clarify some of the myths about Medicaid and Veterans benefits. Strategies on the legal ways to qualify for these programs will be provided.

Elder Law Boot Camp is for all seeking legal alternatives to protect assets, income, a home, and a well spouse despite high health care costs. Information gathered from an elder law attorney and other experts can allow the senior and their family to face whatever situations arise with peace of mind knowing they have a plan in place.

NCTC is assessing \$15 per person for this course. To register, call Lifelong Learning at 940-668-4272 or complete a registration form in person at the Career and Technology Center, 2100 on campus.

Baptism

Muller

Trenton Jace Muller, infant son of Gary and Kathleen Muller, was christened on Feb. 10, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed by Fr. Ken Robinson. The baby's Godparents are grandmother Carol Ann Hess and uncle Jon Henley, both of Muenster. Trenton's special day was celebrated with a family luncheon at the home of his parents. Guests included his big brother Garrett; his grandparents James and Carol Ann Hess, and Steve and Sharon Muller; Jon, He-

lene, Ava, and Jon Henley; Rob, Gina, Kate, and Lauren Henley; Wayne and Bobbie Sue Muller, and Jasmine and Devin Hill.



Trenton Muller

VFW Ladies Auxiliary holds March meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting March 18 in the Post Home with President Frances Bayer presiding. Conductress Linda Knabe, Chaplain Hilda Sicking pro tem, and Patriotic Instructor Rose Marie Sicking pro tem gave the opening ritual. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Ida Mae Bindel. Lucille Hesse gave the treasurer's report, accepted to audit.

The Auxiliary received several letters of thanks which were read to members. They included letters from VA North Texas Health

Care System of Bonham for the Valentines the Auxiliary sent to the Veterans, the Texas VFW Foundation for the donation that helps the Veterans Assistance Program, Austin, and from local member shut-ins.

Members were reminded of National Volunteer Week which is April 13 - 20, and were asked to turn in their hours.

Frances Bayer, District I conductress, reported on the District I meeting she attended at Honey Grove on Feb. 24. There, she took part in the memorial service that included five members from the local Auxiliary. Those attending heard the District I essay contest winner present her speech. She will go to State to present it again as State winner.

Election of officers will be held the next meeting set for April 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Rose Marie Sicking was hostess for the March meeting.

We gain the strength of the temptation we resist.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

VISTO's Murder76240 to take the stage in April

Have you been watching one of those crime episodes on TV and thought you were a better detective and solved the murder mystery before the actors did?

For all of those want-to-be sleuths, VISTO's annual Murder76240 and Clueless will again be produced April 25 in downtown Gainesville.

VISTO is Cooke County's food bank, and the games are its annual fundraising event that raises money to help feed those in need in Cooke County, including its Backpack Buddy Program that helps provide food for those children at risk of going hungry during the weekends.

Murder76240 is designed for teams of eight to use teamwork and deductive reasoning to solve the crime as they interview all of the suspects in downtown Gainesville until they think they have determined which suspect committed the crime.

This year's Murder76240 is "Mr. Peppermint's Twist of Fate" in which Rio Fox, played by Cooke County Judge John Roane, plays the victim. Mr. Peppermint will be portrayed by Craig Hertel.

Clueless 2013, "Who kidnapped Ms. Feed M. Well?" is a game designed for individuals to play and use clues provided by the cast of 10 and the process of elimination to try to find a solution. Clueless does not require a team and provides a great opportunity for individuals to enjoy the detective scene simultaneously as the teams of Murder76240 are solving their crime.

Murder76240 costs \$20 per team of eight members and will last about two hours. Deadline for entering your team in the murder-mystery is April 1.

Clueless will accommodate individual players at a cost of \$10 each and will last 20 minutes to an hour. Those who want to participate may register up to the start of the game.

All proceeds will be used to support VISTO's mission that is solely supported by donations and directed by a totally volunteer Board. All of the funds raised by VISTO are used to help Cooke County residents.

For more information about either game - Murder76240 or Clueless - call 940-668-6403 or visit www.murder76240.org.

Area Event

GAVA meeting

Don MacLaughlin will be a demonstration artist for the upcoming GAVA meeting on March 28 at 7 p.m. at the lecture hall in the Visual Arts Department of North Central Texas College in Gainesville. He will teach drawing and painting portraits. The workshop will be Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ceramics lab in the Visual Arts Building on the NCTC campus. Contact Gerri Williams at (940) 372-8176 for more information and cost.

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tions. They qualify as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled.

- Taxing units may offer a local option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20% of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.

- Partial disabled veteran exemptions: The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans, and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

- 100% Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans: A disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (1) 100% disability compensation due to a service-connected disability; and (2) a

rating of 100% disabled or of individual unemployment is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Surviving spouses are also eligible upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

Recently passed legislation now requires homeowners to provide proof of residency for a new property tax exemption beginning Sept. 1, 2011. This applies to all new applicants and applicants requested to re-apply for homestead exemptions.

For more details on homestead exemptions, contact the Cooke County Appraisal District at 940-665-7651. Or contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team. The homestead exemption application is available online at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf.

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MARKET BEEF - Grand, Jayme Lawson, Era; Reserve, Jayme Lawson, Era.
SHOWMANSHIP BEEF - Junior, Hunter Crisp, Valley View; Senior, Alexandra Harrell, Lindsay. OTHERS - **Muenster:** Hannah Bayer, Alexa Waneck, Blair Waneck, Sawyer Sanders; **Lindsay:** Laura Wyrick, Rose Wyrick, Ben Haverkamp, Evan Anderle.
BREEDING SHEEP - Grand, Seth Foster, Lindsay; Reserve, Seth Foster, Lindsay.
MARKET SHEEP - Grand, Allison Haubold, Muenster; Reserve, Clare Williams, Lindsay.
SHOWMANSHIP SHEEP - Junior, Allison Haubold,

Muenster; Senior, Campbell Williams, Lindsay. OTHERS - **Muenster:** Blake Haubold; **Lindsay:** Travis Whitcraft, Jacob Sprouse, Gage Lee, Nick Schmitz, Payne Lee, Kenadie Schmitz, Kade Hermes, Collin Clark, Nick Springs, Evan Anderle, Karlye Case, Doug Case, Lauren Kirk.
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MARKET GOAT - Grand, Alexa Waneck, Muenster; Reserve, Sterling Walterscheid, Muenster.
SHOWMANSHIP GOAT - Junior, Travis Dangelmayr, Muenster; Senior, Heather Brown, Era. OTHERS - **Muenster:** Dane Huchton, Dylan Huchton, Kimber Walterscheid, Karli Mourning, BriAnna Bayer, War-

ren Williams, Madyson Walterscheid, Lilly Anna Muller, Curtis Haverkamp, Blair Waneck, Jared Dangelmayr, Dean Walterscheid, Lora Walterscheid, Katherine Klement, Darrell Hermes, Savannah Hermes, Shae Budish, Hannah Bayer, Luke Walterscheid, James Dangelmayr, Kyla Haverkamp, Stephen Dangelmayr, Ashleigh Deweber, Tori Dyess, Brooke Walterscheid, Abby Walterscheid, Natalie Dangelmayr, Kassie Dangelmayr, Wade Trubenbach, Lauren Trubenbach. **Lindsay:** Geordan Spaeth, Nathan Dieter, Nick Dieter, George Gomulak, Caleb Anderle, Brad Bezner, Sara Clark, Kloe Copeland.
BREEDING SWINE - Grand, Madison Reed, Callisburg; Reserve, Dillon Hodge, Valley View.

MARKET SWINE - Grand, Madison Reed, Callisburg; Reserve, Dakota Tinney, Callisburg.
SHOWMANSHIP SWINE - Junior, Taylor York, Valley View; Senior, Matthew Huston, Lindsay. OTHERS - **Muenster:** Bradley Henscheid, Michelle Sicking, Brennan Binder, Jordan Buddy, Brooke Hess, Destin Fleitman, Brandon Sicking, A.J. Christopher, Mathew Porter, Allison Henscheid, Devon Brinkley, Emily Brogdon; **Lindsay:** Jake Metzler, Clayton Gunderson, Kyleigh Duke, Nicholas Fisher, Alison Gunderson, Stetson Duke, Ty Mauldin, Samantha Fisher, Grace Dieter, Jack Butcher, Travis Krahl, Hunter Ellender.
ALL AROUND CHAMPIONS EQUINE - Junior, Stephen Fuhrmann, Red River; Senior, Sara McCormick, Midnight Mustangs.
ALL AROUND RESERVE EQUINE - Junior, Kenleigh Wells, Woodbine; Senior, Maegan Burge, Era.
RESERVE CHAMPION MARE - Cody Dangelmayr, Muenster. OTHERS - **Muenster:** Emily Brogdon, Eve Brogdon, Sawyer Sanders, Kevin Dangelmayr, Eli Dangelmayr.



Courtesy photo
 Bert Walterscheid and Alexa Waneck with her Grand Champion Market Goat.

LISD Honor Rolls

4th Six Weeks ALL "A" HONOR ROLL
12th Grade - Megan Schumacher, Jay Porter, Chisam Reiter, Darryl Block, Taylor Springs, Emily Ambuehl, Rose Wyrick.
11th Grade - Anna Rose Rohmer, Shea Garner, Briley Fleitman, Nicole Popp, Teresa Boles, Madison Green.
10th Grade - Emily Otto, Jessica Martin, Sarah Dieter, Elle Lurry, Lyndon Cook, Brandon Worth, Mackenzie Myrick, Nicole Fleitman, Jessica Laster, Keleigh Pearson, Camdon Maydew.
9th Grade - Peter Raman, Paisley Cornett, Caitlin Corcoran, Mariah Noggler, Hannah Davis, Alex Harrell, Garrett Martin, Scout Tatum.
8th Grade - Jonathon Bell, Logan Cook, Brenna Fleitman, John Michael Fuhrmann, Lindsey Gibbs, Bob Gomulak, Zach Hundt, Cohen Hunter, Logan King, Louis Krahl, Caden Maydew, Luke Metzler, Sarah Otto, Roshan Patel, John Rohmer, Sean Stoffels, Campbell Williams.
7th Grade - Sarah Corcoran, Brandon Craigie, Alaina Klement, Hayley Marion, Bhavin Patel, Cameron Worth.
6th Grade - Brianna Craigie, Emily Davis, Kirsten Dennison, Ashley Fleitman, Makenzie Fleitman, Colby Metzler, Hannah Metzler, Kyle Popp, Trevor Sims, Theresa Wyrick.
5th Grade - Jack Gomulak, Cade Hellman, Mia Hweidi, Kate Jones, Maggie Krahl, Jake Metzler, Casey Schumacher, Kathryn Worth.
4th Grade - Lauren Colwell, Kylee Fleitman, Mackenzie Hess, Shelby Lawson, Mya Meece, Rachel Metzler, Jack Popp.
3rd Grade - Alexis Butcher, Anna Fleitman, Loren Freeman, Molly Fuhrmann, Andrew Goldsmith, Kirtan Patel, Colton Popp, Isha Raman, Jessalyn Reiter, Madison Reiter, Landon Williams.
2nd Grade - Trenton Blount, Cole Branson, Kade Branson, Ashlyn Brooks, Logan Brooks, Audrey Colwell, Ella Dieter, Emma Dieter, Rory Dulock, Macey Hawkins, Kelsey Haynes, Abigail Hellman, Ryan Hellman, Ava Horner, Nathan Huch, Ella Klement, Corey Metzler, Jenna Parkhill, Kortnie Reiter, Corinn Schully, Kane Wolf, Travis Wolf.
1st Grade - Emma Baker, Macy Bayer, Caylee Cheaney, Grace Dill, Maya Dulock, Joseph Fisher, Jack Flanagan, Jacob Freeman, Katelyn Fuhrmann, Thomas Fuhrmann, Mary Gomulak, Elizabeth Hawkins, Autumn Hedrick, Henry Hess, Tess Hughes, Mia Hunt, Isabella Jackson, Avery Johnson, Noah Male, Alexa Martin, Emily Metzler, Bay Morris, Meg Morris, Layton Morrow, Logan Noggler, Kevin Overholt, Blake Parsons, Elaina Reiter, Lucas Sebade, Henry Swarner, Yashica Vig, Raylee Waugh, Madelyn Williams.
"A-B" Honor Roll
12th Grade - Travis Block, Adam Boles, John Eastman, Bryan Fortune, Terrell Grewing, Cade Hess, Tanner Kuhn, Matt Reed, Cody Thurman, Caylee Turner.

11th Grade - Jalyn Anderle, Austin Bird, Sara Clark, Garrett Cooper, Kyleigh Duke, Lauren Gibbs, John Haverkamp, Matthew Huston, Suzanne Kaden, Travis Krahl, Ty Mauldin, Dalton Metzler, Zach Mlinar, Chance O'Shel, Kimberly Page, Conner Polk, Caleb Rains, Hayley Skinner, Sabrina Stoffels, Philicia Vogel, Liz Wallace.
10th Grade - Tara Atkins, Bradley Bezner, Matthew Block, Rachael Dieter, Sarah Fuhrmann, James Fuller, Karson Gum, Ryan Hoepfner, Lauren Kirk, Kailei Klement, Sydney Ott, Connor Pelzel, Travis Whitcraft, Maddy Zimmerer.
9th Grade - Douglas Case, Collin Clark, Erika Davis, Andy Dieter, Erin Early, Kaleigh Eason, Hunter Ellender, Leah Fuhrmann, Zach Green, Alexis Hamel, Karli Jones, Sydney McCage, Jessica Metzler, Jacob Neusch, Jake Reynolds, Catlynn Schumacher, Kaleb Willis.
8th Grade - Dawson Anderle, Tanner DeBord, Reed Harrison, Riley Harrison, Abby Haverkamp, Ashley Hedrick, Elizabeth Hellman, Kyle Hermes, Chloe Larabee, Rebecca Laster, Molly Myrick, Ashtyn Polk, Austin Schully, Logan Wann.
7th Grade - Natalie Alcala, Cade Bird, Andy Boles, Jocelyn Grewing, Kate Henley, Kody Hermes, Cameron Hughes, Parker Jones, Caleb Martin, Luke Meece, Alyssa Noggler, Chase Otto, Kayln Pulte, Jenna Tharp, Josh Wallace, Laura Womack.
6th Grade - Preston Brewer, Karlye Case, Alexis Castro, Alaina Dennison, James Dennison, Aaron Fleitman, Justin Fuhrmann, Jake Hellman, Olivia Hertel, Katelynn

Huchton, Nathan Huston, Autumn Lutkenhaus, Jillian Martin, Madeline Myrick, Macie Neu, Skyler Neu, Kyle Ott, Merrick Parkhill, Forrest Russell, Alex Sims, Karsyn Taylor.
5th Grade - Daniel Bell, Brooke Bird, Kaylee Colwell, Kloe Copeland, Alyssa Eason, Nicholas Fisher, Cassidy Grewing, Matthew Hellman, Kade Hermes, Logan Martin, Madyson McCage, Gracie Myrick, Payton Orr, Elizabeth Otto, Grace Otto, Kaitlyn Popp, Cayden Rains, Terah Skipworth, Skylar Tatum, Aryan Vig, Hunter Wolf.
4th Grade - Riley Anderle, Gage Bezner, Braxton Craigie, Lily Dieter, Nash Dieter, Heidi Fleitman, George Gomulak, Allison Hedrick, Landrie Herr, Parker Hillis, Avery Hughes, Alexandria Hunter, Lindsey King, Macey Ott, Derek Parsons, Andrew Schully, Dylan Sprouse, Michael Sprouse, Anna Williams, Tyler Yancey.
3rd Grade - Sai Chikoti, Chad Corbell, Jacob Dulock, Samantha Fisher, Clay Fuhrmann, Stephen Fuhrmann, Shelby Grewing, Tyler Grewing, Keira Haynes, Natalie Hellman, Makenna Hermes, Tori Martinson, Gabriel McCain, Ivan Reyes, Kyleigh Sandmann, Matthew Sebade, Sierah Skipworth, Garrett Tackett, Story Tatum, Henry Thurman, Jaxon Williams, Trinity Williamson.
2nd Grade - Ryder Bezner, Kallie Brandle, Claire Davy, Hayden Ellender, Tatum Fleitman, Caden Forson, Hunter Galubenski, Shane Hess, Chris Krebs, Dayne Meurer, Yash Patel, Cassidy Tackett, Kyla Taylor.
1st Grade - Alexis Hess, Hunter Sandmann, Wyatt Voth.

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Muenster High places 7th at State TMSCA

Muenster High School took five students to San Antonio over Spring Break to compete in the State competition of the Texas Math & Science Coaches' Association (TMSCA). The best of the best come together for a precursor to the State UIL competition held later in May.

Muenster was one of 18 Class 1-A schools. They finished 7th overall at the meet. Team standings were 7th in Number Sense, 9th in Calculator Applications, 5th in Mathematics, and 5th in Science.

Jay Patel was the top winner bringing home two trophies in the Junior Class division. He placed second in Math and third in Science. Other students competing were: seniors Lauren Rohmer who brought home ribbons for 9th in Number Sense and 8th in Calculator; Hunter Klement 7th in Number Sense; Brooke Walterscheid who also participated and helped with team totals. Austin Creswell rounded out the team as a junior and brought home two ribbons by placing 8th in Mathematics and 9th in Science.

Making the trip to San Antonio were Danna Hess, TMSCA coordinator, and Sharon and Mike Browning as sponsors and chaperones. The group enjoyed the evening in San Antonio and had a delicious meal at Chuy's Mexican restaurant.

Coaches for the four events are Danna Hess, Math and Number Sense; Nancy Perryman and Molly Sicking, Science; and Carolyn Lutkenhaus, Calculator Applications. All of the coaches are looking forward to the District UIL meet that is scheduled for this Saturday in Fort Worth.



MISD photo

Muenster ISD's TMSCA participants were, from left, front - Brooke Walterscheid and Lauren Rohmer; back - Jay Patel, Austin Creswell, and Hunter Klement.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAR. 25 - 29

MUENSTER ISD
 Mon. - Tasty rib sandwich, healthy energy meal (HEM) w/ bologna and cheese, sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit, 100% fruit juice slushy.
 Tues. - Frito chili pie, HEM w/turkey and cheese, glazed carrots, lettuce topping, fresh honeydew, slushy.
 Wed. - Chicken quesadilla, HEM w/ham and cheese, Mexican corn, refried beans, "sour green" applesauce, slushy.
 Thurs. - Steak fingers, (HEM) w/tuna salad, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh cantaloupe, slushy.
 Fri. - No School.

LINDSAY ISD
 Mon. - Frito pie, ranch style beans, corn on the cob, fruit.

Tues. - Pizza, corn, lettuce salad, fruit.
 Wed. - Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, fresh carrots, rice krispie treat.
 Thurs. - Baked potato w/ham and cheese, salad, bread, fresh carrots (9-12), fruit.
 Fri. - No School.

ERA ISD
 Mon. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, oranges.
 Tues. - Crispy beef tacos, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, apples.
 Wed. - Chicken pot pie, baby carrots w/ranch, peaches, salad (ms/hs).
 Thurs. - Sloppy joes, cheese, chips, salad, mixed fruit.
 Fri. - No School.

GAVA scholarship offered

Gainesville Area Visual Arts Group is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior student from any Cooke County high school, including home schooled students. They must intend to enroll for higher studies in the visual arts. The funds will be sent directly to the school of entry, once the student has directly enrolled.

The form for scholarship entry is located on the GAVA web site at: <http://www.gainesvilleareavisualarts.org>
 Once the form is filled in, send it to: GAVA, P.O. Box

495, Gainesville, TX, 76241. The student needs to present several pieces of their art work to the organization on the evening of their April 25 GAVA meeting, along with two letters of recommendation from teachers, pastors, or other such adult. In addition, they need to call the president of GAVA, Gerri Williams, to notify her of their intent to show their work to the GAVA members. That contact number is (940) 372-8176.

The deadline for this event is no later than April 10.



MISD photo

Muenster ISD students who competed at the Junior High TMSCA meet at Azle on March 9.

MISD students compete in Azle meet

On March 9, students in grades 5-7 competed in a State qualifying meet held at Azle High School.

Muenster ISD students were awarded trophies for Division 1A - 3rd Place

Sweepstakes, 2nd Place Calculator Team, and 2nd Place Math Team.

Students in grades 6-8 are able to qualify to participate in the State Meet in San Antonio on April 6.

Qualifiers include: 7th graders Bailey Anderle, Alaina Kubis, Megan Rohmer, Erin Schniederjan, and Sterling Walterscheid; 6th graders - Hannah Clure, Tom Davis, Ashleigh Fisher, Nathan Hacker, Morgan Hennigan, and Sadie Sandmann. Qualifying for State at previous meets are 8th grader Alyssa Barnes and 6th grader Rut Rodriguez.

Other places earned at

the Azle meet were:

Number Sense
 5th Grade - Colby Endres 2nd;
 6th Grade - Tom Davis 1st, Nathan Hacker 3rd, Kolby Klement 7th;
 7th Grade - Alaina Kubis 5th, Bailey Anderle 6th.

Calculator
 5th Grade - Warren Williams 5th, Noah Clure 6th;
 6th Grade - Hannah Clure 5th, Tom Davis 6th, Ashley Fisher 7th, Morgan Hennigan 8th, Ixel Meza 9th, Sadie Sandmann 10th;
 7th Grade - Bailey Anderle 3rd, Alaina Kubis 4th, Megan Rohmer 5th.

Mathematics

5th Grade - Colby Endres 1st;
 6th Grade - Sadie Sandmann 1st, Nathan Hacker 5th, Merrett Jones 6th.
 7th Grade - Bailey Anderle 3rd, Erin Schniederjan 5th, Sterling Walterscheid 7th, Paige Saucer 9th.

Science
 5th Grade - Lane Trubench 1st, Colby Endres 2nd, Savannah Bohl 3rd;
 6th Grade - Ashleigh Fisher 1st, Morgan Hennigan 4th, Chris Kresge 6th, Rut Rodriguez 7th, Hannah Clure 9th, Jacob Hesse 10th;
 7th Grade - Bailey Anderle 3rd, Erin Schniederjan 5th.

Lindsay students compete at Houston Livestock Show

The following are results from the Lindsay FFA students who competed at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Mr. Cody Spies is the Agriculture/Science Teacher at Lindsay ISD.

Market Lambs: Claire Williams, 19th place (didn't qualify for premium sale); Campbell Williams, 17th Place, qualified for premium sale, \$1000. Participants not placing high enough to qualify for sale: Doug Case, Karlye Case, Travis Whitcraft, Nick Springs, Evan Anderle. Market Goat - Caleb An-

derle (did not place high enough to qualify for sale). Commercial Steers (Pen of 3) - Alex Harrell, Best Record Book, sold the pen of 3 for \$6,740.

Breeding Beef Heifers - Alex Harrell, Reserve Division Champion (Maine Anjou Breed).

Market Steer - Evan Anderle, 4th place polled Hereford steer, qualified for sale and sold for \$2,750.

Market Pigs - Clayton Gunderson, 8th place Hampshire, qualified for sale and sold for \$800. Participants

not placing high enough to qualify for sale were: Stetson Duke, Jack Butcher, Kyleigh Duke, Nathan Huston, Matthew Huston, Dalton Metzler, Colton Rains, Garrett Martin

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January "Teachers and Students of the Month" at Muenster ISD pictured with their principals are, from left, front - 5th Grader Riley Stewart, 3rd Grader Martie McCoy; back - Elementary Principal Lou Heers, JH/HS Business and Yearbook teacher Lisa Walterscheid, Freshman Mason Davis, and JH/HS Principal Sharon Browning. Not pictured was English Language Arts teacher Jennifer Walterscheid.

Sweet sounds will raise money for scholarships in the Arts

The Cooke County Arts Council is making plans for the 4th Annual Scholarship Concert to be held on Friday, April 5. The Arts Council includes Butterfield Stage Players, Gainesville Swing Orchestra, The North Central Texas Chorale, GAVA, and The Gainesville Circle Garden Club. Throughout the year, these groups present plays, music programs, art classes, demonstrations, and exhibits, and a variety of gardening programs. All these groups work together to present the Scholarship Concert.

Proceeds are used to fund a scholarship for a senior high school student who will be attending college in the fall. Additional funds are also used to help with operating expenses for the Art Council groups.

The concert will be held at The First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, April 5. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and concertgoers will be treated to wine, coffee, and desserts. At 7:30 p.m., "Mr. and Mrs. Watson" will present a short skit. The North Central Texas Chorale will feature jazz songs.

The Gainesville Swing Orchestra will close the concert featuring a tribute to Harry James. Harry's son has been invited to emcee the tribute and tell stories about the stars he met through his dad. Dave Alexander will sing the male vocal parts and Maria Harris will do the female vocals. The majority of the show will be songs that Harry recorded as singles.

Tickets are available at Horace Mann Insurance office of Kevin Beall, Butterfield Stage Players (940-665-8152), and will be available at the door the night of the concert.

I am convinced that material things can contribute a lot to making one's life pleasant, but, basically, if you do not have very good friends and relatives who matter to you, life will be really empty and sad and material things cease to be important.
- David Rockefeller

Poems wanted

Poetryfest is sponsoring a poetry contest free to everyone. There are 100 prizes in all, and the \$1,000 grand prize goes to the last poet standing.

Poems of 21 lines or less on any subject and in any style will be judged by Contest Director Betty Cummins Starr-Joyal. "We are a nonprofit group of friendly poets who love awarding cash prizes to deserving poets," she says. "We love to read and discuss new poems and trust this contest will produce exciting discoveries!"

Send one poem to: Free Poetry Contest, PO Box 3336, Central Point, OR 97502.

Or enter at www.friendly-poets.com. Deadline for entering is March 31.

Include your name and address on the same page as your poem. All entrants will be sent a winners' list.



Courtesy photo

Matthew Huston, left, and Dalton Metzler, right, from Lindsay FFA competed at the March 14 Houston Rodeo performance and they both caught a calf. Alex Harrell also competed in the calf scramble at the March 8 rodeo performance, but she did not catch a calf. Each of the students who catch a calf is awarded a \$1,250 certificate to purchase a registered beef heifer or market steer. Raising and showing this animal becomes a year-long project as the scrambler sees to the grooming, feeding, and care of the animal. The students are required to submit monthly reports and to maintain a detailed record book that is submitted to the livestock show. They are also required to do two essays, one on why they chose the breed of animal they purchased and another describing their year experience in the calf scramble program. The exhibitor returns to the Houston Livestock Show the following year for a special competition. Calf Scramble exhibitors receive a \$250 bonus when they return to compete with their heifer or steer, totaling their certificate to \$1,500.

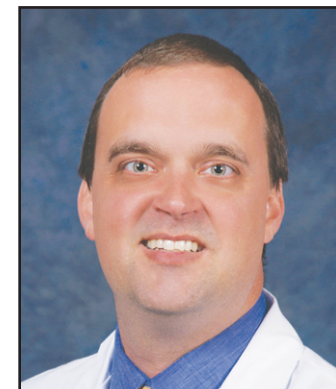
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SPORTS

Sacred Heart holds annual golf tournament Tuesday

The 2013 Sacred Heart Invitational Golf Tournament was held Tuesday, March 19 at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Under partly sunny skies, the temperature was a cool 55 degrees with wind at 10-20 miles per hour.

In the Boys Division, taking first was Watauga Harvest Christian with 379 points. Lindsay A took 2nd place with 388, followed by Sacred Heart at 3rd with 393 points.

Brady Endres shot a 93, for Sacred Heart, followed by Cooper Eddleman with 97, Keith Metzler 101, Grant Sprenger 102, and Isaac Barnhill 112.

Leading Lindsay was Cody Thurman at 86, followed by Neely Rose 96, Chisam Reiter 97, Connor Pelzel 109, and Lyndon Cook 114.

Muenster did not field a team, but Hornets Darrell Hermes and Clayton Rohmer scored 94 and 96 respec-

tively.

Playing for Lindsay B was Hunter Ellendar with 106, Jacob Reynolds 108, Karson Gum 118, and Travis Whitcraft 124.

In the Girls Division, 1st place was taken by Muenster with 411 points. Lindsay came in 2nd with 430 and Sacred Heart 3rd with 436.

Erin Hess (medalist) led the Lady Hornets with 75, followed by Kassie Dangelmayr 100, Claire Sch-

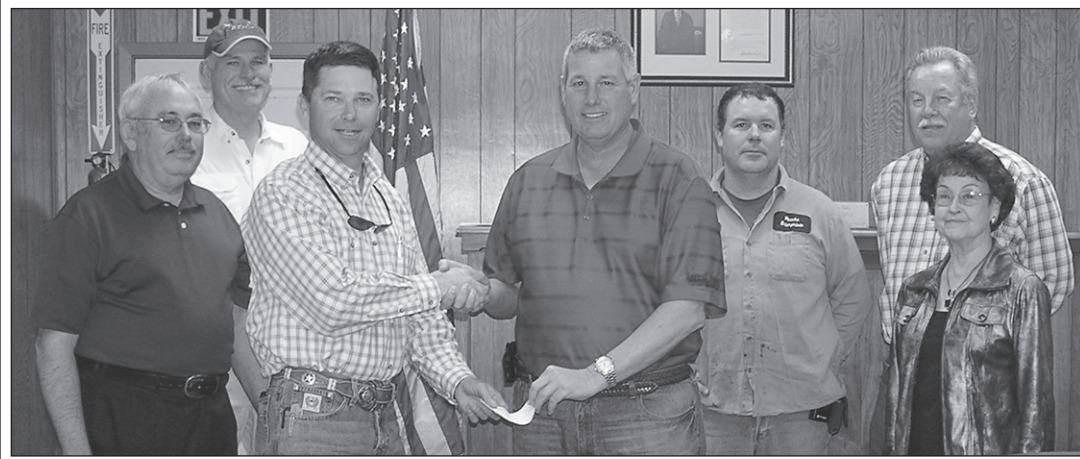
neider 118, and Paige Herr 118.

Devan Henry scored 100 for the Sacred Heart Tigerettes, followed by Elizabeth Turner 102, Lindsay Miller 115, Sarah Miller 119, and Madison Dugger 122.

Leading Lindsay was Sarah Dieter at 96, Rachel Dieter 110, Taryn Strangfellow 111, Jessica Martin 113, and Erika Davis 117.

Playing as an individual for Sacred Heart were Kylie Hess at 120.

Muenster Youth Council accepts donation



Janet Felderhoff photo

The Era Masonic Lodge donated \$500 to the Muenster Youth Council. It will be used towards purchasing playground equipment at the baseball fields. Pictured at the check presentation are, from left, Mason Chaplain Danny Knight, Stick Lamar, Mason Senior Warden Jared Groce, Ben Bindel, Neal Flusche, Stan Endres, and Jewel Otto.

LINGERING AFTEREFFECTS OF DROUGHT COULD IMPACT TURKEY HUNTING

Turkey hunters can focus their attention on coaxing old boss toms during the upcoming spring season, with relatively few gullible two-year-old birds available, but will also have to contend with curious jakes, according

to Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists.

Rio Grande spring turkey hunting season in the 54-county South Zone runs March 16 - April 28. In the 101 counties comprising the North Zone, the season opens March 30 and runs through May 12. A special one-gobbler limit season opens April 1 and continues through April 30 in Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, and Milam counties.

"We had phenomenal production in 2010, which means there should be good hunting opportunities this spring for big old gobblers," said Jason Hardin, turkey program coordinator for TPWD.

"Going into last year, many of these hens put forth tremendous nesting effort following a mild winter and late winter-early spring rains," he added. "This led to average to above average production, so there will also be a large number of jakes on the landscape this spring."

"The drought of 2011 wreaked havoc on wild turkey production," Hardin continued. "There was almost zero nesting effort and the handful of hens attempting a nest were almost all unsuccessful. This will be obvious this spring with almost no two-year-old gobblers across Texas' Rio Grande turkey range."

Eastern spring turkey hunting in the 28 counties having an open season runs April 15 - May 14.

According to Hardin, the Eastern turkey population remains stable, but is not expanding to the degree that biologists have hoped.

"Easterns across most of Texas have not shown much growth outside of a few areas stocked in 2007-08," he said. "Those stocked sites were part of a research project examining a new stocking strategy known as super stocking."

This method calls for flooding the best available habitat with 80 turkeys (60 females and 20 males). The old stocking method only placed 15-20 birds per site. Following the positive results of this "super stocking" research, TPWD is now looking for large, high quality sites to be evaluated as potential future release sites. These sites can be single ownership or a cooperative on private or public lands.

Hunters are reminded all harvested Eastern turkeys must be taken to a check station within 24 hours. To find the check station nearest you, contact a TPWD field office or call (800) 792-1112.

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Home run hit



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Sacred Heart Tiger Isac Walterscheid waits for the pitch from the Notre Dame pitcher, hitting the ball over the fence in Tuesday's game.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

Pre-Kindergarten registration for Muenster ISD will be April 1-5, 2013. Registration folders may be picked up at the elementary office. Children must be four years old by September 1, 2013. A copy of the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate must be filed with the school secretary Deborah Sanders prior to school starting.

Parents who wish to transfer their children into the Muenster Independent School District must complete a transfer request in addition to the registration card. The MISD School Board must approve all transfer requests. For more information about transfer requests call Lou Heers, Principal, at 759-2281, extension 620.

El Registro de Pre-Kindergarten para Muenster ISD sera abril 1-5, 2013. Las carpetas del registro se pueden recoger en la oficina elementaria. Los niños deben cumplir cuatro años ante de septiembre 1, 2013. Una copia de los registros de la inmunización: tarjeta social de seguro y certificado de nacimiento oficial se deben presentar a la secretaria de la escuela, Deborah Sanders, antes de que los estudiantes empiesen la escuela.

Los padres que desean transferir sus niños en el Muenster Distrito Independiente de Escuela debe completar una petición de la transferencia además de la tarjeta de matrícula. El Comité Ejecutivo de la Escuela de MISD debe aprobar todas transferencias solicitadas. Para más información acerca de la transferencia solicitada llame Lou Heers, la Directora en 759-2281, la Extensión 620.

**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION MISD**

Kindergarten registration for MISD will be held on Tuesday, April 2, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the PreK-2 building.

Parents registering children for the 2013-2014 school year must complete a registration card. A copy of the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate must be filed with the school secretary Deborah Sanders prior to school starting.

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Muenster Elementary's full day kindergarten, a child centered program, develops pre-academic skills. The kindergarten teachers use a combination of centers, discovery and direct instruction in a language-rich environment to maximize each child's potential. Students discover the fun of learning as they prepare for future academic and social success. The teachers will be on hand at registration to answer questions.

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La MATRICULA del JARDIN DE LA INFANCIA MISD

La matricula del jardin de la infancia kinder para MISD sera martes, el 2 de abril a las 3:30 p.m. hasta las 5:30 p.m. en el PreK-2 edificio elementaria.

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Knights baseball update

The Lindsay Knights baseball team took two wins in the Lindsay tournament over Spring Break thanks to the weather ended play a day early. They beat Petrolia 7-2 and Callisburg 13-0 in three innings. Last week Thursday, Lindsay defeated Nocona 21-4, scoring 10 runs in the 7th inning.

Then on Friday, the Knights fell 14-1 to the Muenster Hornets. Lindsay led 1-0 going into the 4th, but a pair of errors and Muenster base hits put 4 runs on the board for the Hornets. In the 5th inning, Muenster scored 10 runs.

On Tuesday, the Knights traveled to Savoy and improved their District record to 2-1 with a 20-4 win over Savoy.

Just a thought

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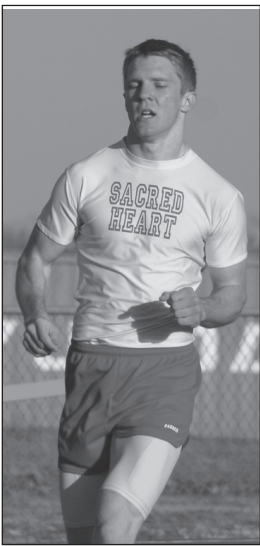
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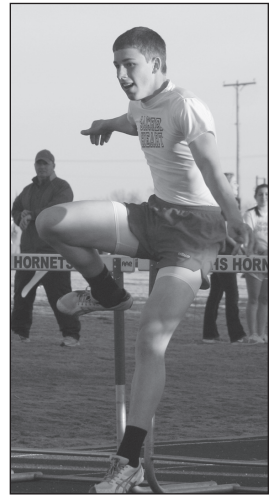
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New taxes burdensome for families

America's farm and ranch families will be burdened by new Medicare taxes, the health insurance tax and penalties for failing to meet coverage requirements, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF).

According to a statement submitted to the House Subcommittee on Oversight,

the new Medicare Contribution Tax, which is a tax on unearned income, will burden those in the agricultural community more than many other taxpayers because farming and ranching is capital-intensive.

The Medicare Contribution Tax, according to the statement, will hurt farmers be-

cause it goes into effect when farmers sell their businesses to fund retirement. The AFBF supports the repeal of the 3.8% Medicare Contribution Tax and the 0.9% Medicare tax imposed on wages and self-employment income above established thresholds for high-income individuals.

AFBF also supports legislation to repeal the Health Insurance Tax as it "will raise health insurance costs, making it harder for farmers and ranchers to purchase coverage for themselves, their families, and their employees."

The health insurance mandate, and threat of a penalty for noncompliance, makes the situation worse, according to AFBF, especially for those unable to afford health care in the first place.

Now's the time to schedule a water well checkup

The National Ground Water Association is urging all Texans to have their water wells checked before the peak water use season begins. They recommend that well owners request an annual checkup from a qualified water well contractor to ensure problem, free service and quality water.

Well owners are also encouraged to keep hazardous chemicals, like paint and fertilizer, far away from wells and maintain a clean zone of at least 50 feet between your well and any kennels or livestock.

Farm Bureau offers additional tips at: <http://www.fb.org/index.php?action=newsroom>.

EPA's anti-fossil initiatives threaten to limit domestic, affordable energy

Railroad Commission Chairman Barry Smitherman, in testimony recently before the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce's subcommittee on Energy and Power, said that anti-fossil initiatives by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are threatening the domestic development of abundant and affordable energy from coal and natural gas.

"We now have abundant supplies of natural gas in the

United States," Smitherman said. "Through horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing techniques (developed by the private sector, not government), we have seen a 180-degree turnaround from just five years ago. In late 2008, natural gas prices were at an all-time high, and there was much uncertainty about supply. Today, the United States is awash in natural gas - but we face a different problem.

"The EPA, through its

anti-fossil rule making initiatives, is dramatically limiting America's ability to burn coal as a means of meeting the growing electricity demands of our homes, businesses, and industries. Now, efforts abound to stop hydraulic fracturing," Smitherman said. "At the Railroad Commission, we continue to take proactive steps with the intention of implementing industry best practices throughout the hydraulic fracturing process. Examples of such steps include implementing some of the first frac fluid disclosure requirements, updating well integrity rules, and working toward a recycling rule which will remove current impediments to recycling, and thereby encourage oil and gas operations to do more recycling.

"These proactive measures demonstrate that state regulation, which is closest to domestic energy development actions, not a federal one size fits all rule, is the best policy to ensure continued production of abundant and affordable natural gas. The key to keeping our nation's natural gas momentum going is to limit interference from EPA. Without hydraulic fracturing, our incredible supply of natural gas disappears, prices for gas and electricity skyrocket, and our economy stops dead in its tracks."

County Agent's Report

Recovering from drought

According to Dr. Charles Hart, Extension range specialist, and Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Extension livestock specialist, when managing for drought, some of a livestock producer's most important decisions include stocking rates and grazing management. The effects of these decisions go far beyond survival of the current drought and can greatly influence recovery afterward.

Always monitor forage supply and demand; forage supply must meet or exceed livestock demand. When supply can no longer meet demand, reducing stocking rates is recommended. If stock remain in a pasture too long without adequate forage, long-term carrying capacity for livestock may be severely reduced. Several kinds of ecological damage can result:

- More rainfall runs off when there is too little plant and litter cover on the soil surface, leaving less moisture in the ground for plant production.
- Erosion increases, removing soil needed for plant production.
- Organic matter in the soil decreases.
- The plant root mass eventually becomes depleted, reducing the plant's ability to recover after grazing or extreme environmental conditions.
- Undesirable plant species invade.

Keep in mind that the decisions you make before and after a drought are just as important as those made during drought. Consider these strategies when dealing with drought:

- Maintain as much carryover forage on the ground as possible.
- Keep the herd composition flexible.
- Implement a grazing

system that allows periodic rest of pastures.

- De-stock as early as possible. Make adjustments before either the pasture or the livestock suffer.
- Balance forage supply and demand before, during, and after drought.
- Protect the soil by maintaining minimum forage levels.
- Refrain from fully restocking after the drought until the forage has recovered completely.

Dates to remember
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New interstate tagging rules now in effect

Texas farmers and ranchers who plan on selling cattle outside of the Lone Star State now have additional standards to meet. On Monday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) animal disease traceability final rule took effect.

Tracy Tomascik, associate director of commodity and regulatory activities at the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB), says the rule only affects cattle raisers selling cows or bulls over 28 months of age interstate.

"They'll need to have a permanent identification number on them whether they're beef cattle or bison," Tomascik said. "In addition to that, they'll need a certificate of veterinarian inspection which is a health paper."

Details on the new federal tagging requirement can be found at www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability.

Cattle sold within the borders of Texas fall under the Texas Animal Health Commission's (TAHC) tagging requirements, which can be found at: <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

Texas House committee continues discussion of State Water Plan


The Texas House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources has voted favorably on a bill that would create the State Water Implementation Fund to finance loans through the Texas Water Plan.

The committee's substitute to House Bill 4, proposed by Allan Ritter of Nederland, creates the implementation fund to finance revolving loan programs for water infrastructure and conservation programs.

The bill, as voted on favorably by the committee, requires the 16 regional water planning groups to prioritize water projects in their regional plans. The Texas Water Development Board will then rank projects based on a point system that places the highest priority on projects that serve large populations, provide assistance to a diverse urban and rural population, or on those that provide regionalization.

The committee's substitutions to the bill also call on the Texas Water Development Board to take into consideration several factors, like the amount of local contribution to finance a project, when awarding points to projects.

HB 4 also asks that at least 10% of the fund be used for projects designed to serve rural areas. It also requires that 20% of projects be dedicated to water conservation and reuse.



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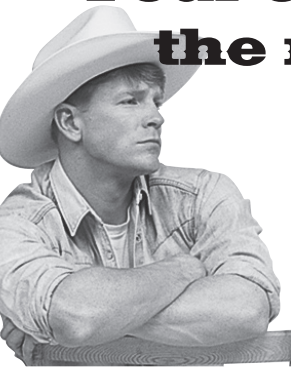
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