

## Keating joins Muenster PD

**Janet Felderhoff**  
News Editor

With the resignation of Dan Lintner from the Muenster Police Department, a position opened for a new officer. Brian Keating of Saint Jo had applied to serve as a reserve officer for Muenster. He was employed by TxDOT at the time and needed to be a reserve to keep his badge certification.

Keating said that he's known Muenster Police Chief Mark Blankenship since his

time of serving in Saint Jo. "I've helped Chief Blankenship and he has helped me numerous times while I was over there," Keating said. The day that Keating's reserve status was activated by Chief Blankenship, he was also offered a full-time job with the Muenster Police Department by Blankenship. He accepted.

"I'm just really happy to be able to serve the citizens of Muenster," Keating said. "I look forward to being able to interact with everyone

and let people know that I'm here." He added that he likes it a lot in Muenster.

Keating has three children and four step-children. He and his wife Alecia have been married for two years. Brian moved to Forestburg from Watauga with his parents in 1994 while he was still in high school.

Following his graduation from the Grayson County Police Academy three years ago, Keating accepted a position as a police officer for the City of Saint Jo. He also served as interim police chief for Saint Jo and was their public works director. He has 10-12 years of water experience in putting in lines and such.

"Law enforcement isn't anything new to me," remarked Keating. "I've grown up with it. My father was in law enforcement for close to 40 years."

Keating's father was his inspiration to become a police officer. "It was a passion I've had since I was a little kid," he noted. "When I had the opportunity to do it, I took it and did it."

"Enforcement of the law - it literally is blind," stated Keating. "For me, there's no favoritisms. It's all based upon the knowledge that I have at hand of the facts. Basically, law enforcement is to protect the citizens as well as the criminals because we uphold the United States Constitution and the Texas Constitution for every citizen in Texas."

Keating enjoys electronics, computer gaming, and any-  
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Janet Felderhoff photo

Brian Keating is Muenster's newest police officer.



**Raising the Flag for the first time**

MISD photos

Gavin Growing, Kaitin Hennigann, Lane Trubench and Major Eldridge (insert) raise the flag for the first time at the new Muenster Elementary Building. See story, page 5.

## Seats up on Hospital Board

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During the regular meeting of the Muenster Hospital Board of Directors, Administrator Michael Kent announced that there were

three Board positions with terms expiring in May. Those seats are currently held by Danny Walterscheid, Jon Reed, and Don Richardson. Kent noted that all three have expressed interest in seeking re-election.

Anyone wishing to file for an elected position on the MMH Board may do so anytime between now and 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. No applications can be accepted after that time. Applications can be obtained from the administrative assistant. That office is located in the MMH Administration Department (south wing of the Hospital). This is an at-large election with the top three candidates being seated.

Dr. Bhupinder S. Khaira has been doing an increasing number of colonoscopies at

the Muenster Hospital. He requested that the Hospital consider purchasing another colonoscopy scope and another EGD scope. When several patients are scheduled in one day, there is a wait period between patients while the equipment is being sterilized. The cost would be \$45,074.11. With the number of surgeries being performed, it is expected to pay for itself within a year.

The Board unanimously approved the purchase.

Administrator Kent procured the Board's unanimous vote of approval authorizing him to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Program Grant for 2014. This year, the grant awards up to \$75,000

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## Youth brave cold to stand witness for Life

Despite the snow and freezing temperatures, an impressive number of Pro-Life people made the trek to Washington D.C. for the annual March For Life. They marched on the anniversary of the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade. "It is hard to describe the joyful and energetic spirit of the marchers as they stood up and spoke out in defense of the dignity of all human life - womb to tomb," stated Sacred Heart Parish Youth Minister Dan Aedo.

He continued, "One thing you need to know is that this has become a huge youth event! I have attended every March since I arrived at Sacred Heart Parish and it is awesome to see all the youth and young adults that attend. It is only a matter of time... the future is ours because truth always triumphs over lies; good always triumphs over evil; the light always triumphs over the darkness."

The trek this year started out a bit differently than usual as they flew instead of driving many long hours. Aedo said, "It was very nice to arrive in DC after a 2 1/2 hour flight the Sunday (Jan. 19) prior to the march because we still had time and energy to see the monuments that dawn our Nation's Capital. We joined about 25 youth and adults from our Fort Worth Diocese Pro-Life Group led by Sue Laux and set off on our 'monumental' tour of DC (pun intended). We first went to the Washington Monument, then saw Lincoln and visited the World War II, Vietnam, and Korean War Monuments.

"On Monday morning, we set out to the Arlington National Cemetery to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to witness the amazing 'changing of the guards.' Following that, we set back to visit the U.S. National Holocaust Museum and were lucky this year to get in! Later that Monday, we met back up with the Diocese group to visit the White House (just the outside), take a few pictures, and prayed for our governmental leaders. Then, we went just down the road to the Planned Parenthood and joined a small group of Pro-Lifers praying a rosary led by a young priest Fr. Rick. We stayed

and prayed another rosary and by the time we were about to leave, there were over 250 Pro-Lifers for the March who joined us. It was truly incredible!

"On Tuesday, the temps fell drastically and we were happy to hear that both Smithsonian remained opened, so we braved the chilly temps and set out. By 3 p.m., we set back out to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica for the Mass for LIFE led by Cardinal O'Malley of Boston, MA along with our Bishop-Elect Michael Olson. It was incredible witness of faith and LIFE. Over a 30 minute procession of seminarians, deacons, priests, bishops, and cardinals that entered for Mass was AMAZING! After Mass concluded, we were blessed to have Fr. Frank Pavone, president/founder of Priests for LIFE, and our own Bishop-Elect Olson greet and speak and pray with our youth in the crypt of the Shrine.

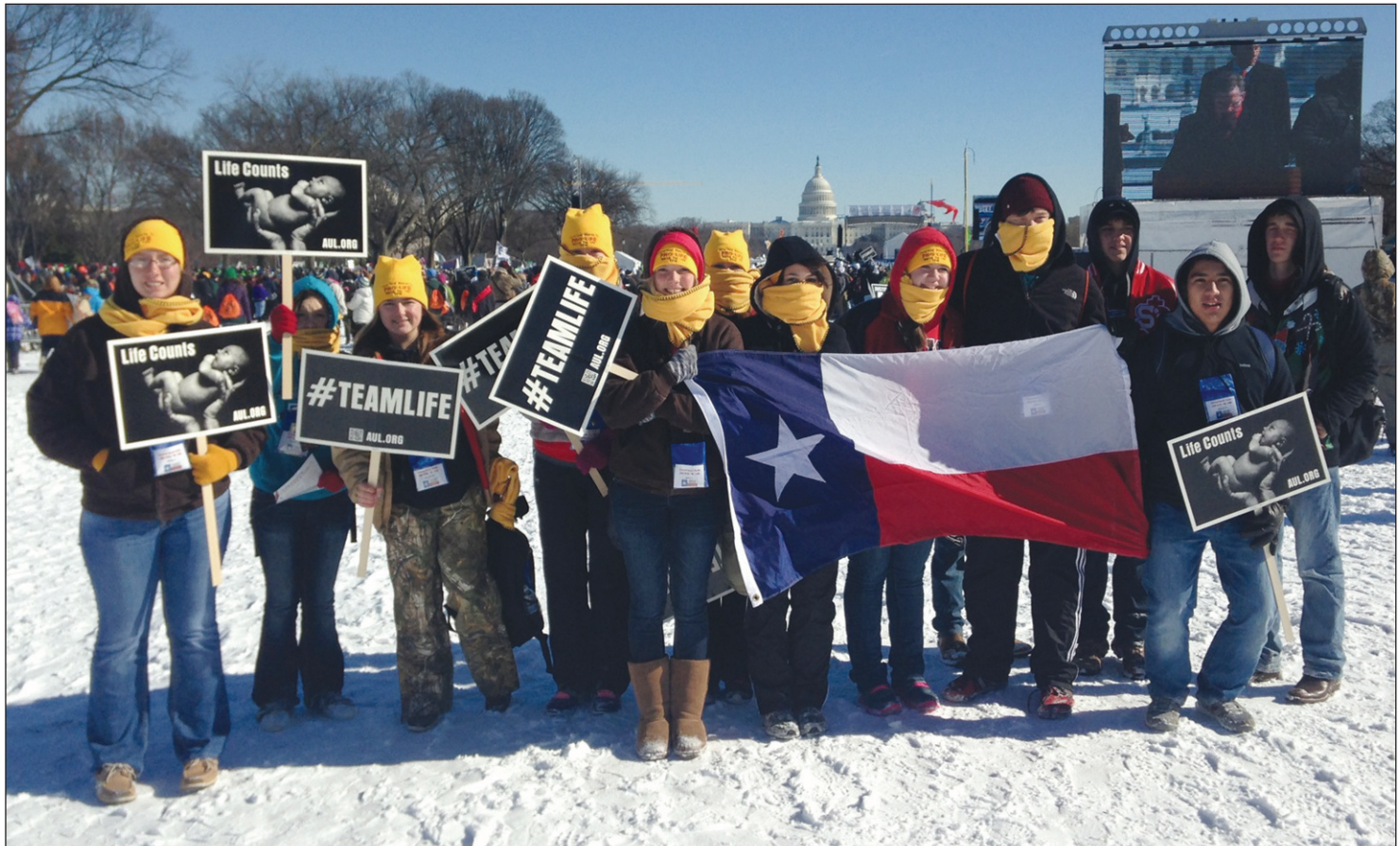
"Finally, Wednesday the day of the March, we started with the Youth Rally and Mass for LIFE at the DC Armory and joined up with 8,000 youth from all over the Nation! It was really great and the Rally was led by Chris Stefanik of Denver and other amazing speakers gave witness and great musicians added to the Rally and Mass. Following Mass, we headed to the National Mall and arrived just in time to hear Matt Maher sing two incredible songs. And then opening prayer for the March and we were on our way to do our best to witness LIFE and to SAVE BABIES!"

Those attending were Abby Luttmr, Amy Luttmr, Allison Haubold, Alaina Reiter, Jordan Buddy, Shelby Klement, Mariah Rocha, Catherine Fleitman, Jacob Miller, James Dangelmayr, Aaron Colmenero, and Darian Peters along with chaperons Jennifer Bayer and Dan Aedo.

Some of the youth who attended shared their thoughts as follows:

Mariah Rocha remarked, "After being the fourth year to go on the March for Life, I would have to say it was the

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Courtesy photo

Twelve teens and two chaperones from Sacred Heart Parish braved frigid temperatures to take part in the Annual March For Life in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22.

## County funds BIPP to help end abuse

**Janet Felderhoff**  
News Editor

Ginger Johnson of Abigail's Arms explained a proposal at Monday's Commissioners Court meeting. She had presented it to District Attorney Janice Warder requesting that she help Abigail's Arms get its Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs) started. Johnson explained, "Basically Batters Intervention Program is a program for the batterer. It could be required per court order, through a plea agreement, or the trial. They can be required to go."

According to Johnson, the program will be self-sufficient and support itself when they have a full class. But to get BIPP started, they need funds to pay a facilitator to get the classes going. The group may start with one or two participants, but as they progress through the six-month program, other people will join and do their six months.

District Attorney Warder agreed to use of money from the District Attorney forfeiture funds in order to get the program started. The amount requested was \$5,040. Commissioners Court approved the donation.

Abigail's Arms will offer BIPP locally for the first time in Cooke County. In the past, although a judge may sentence a person to attend BIPP, rarely did the batterer attend, said Abigail's Arms officials. Many factors attributed to this including distance to the classes, the cost of the classes, and the frequency of the classes (six months).

Following the meeting, Kelly Watson-Fiore, Community liaison for Abigail's Arms gave this explanation of the program, "BIPPs consist of groups for family violence offenders, in which offenders are held accountable for past abusive behavior and taught the fundamentals of leading a nonviolent lifestyle. Although BIPPs work directly with offenders, the underlying goal of these programs is to enhance the safety of battered women and their children."

"Providing services for the innocent victims of family violence"

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## Places up on MISD Board

The Board of Trustees of Muenster Independent School District is announcing that a Board election will be held on Saturday, May 10. Positions to be filled are: Place 3 - currently held by Ben Bindel; Place 4 - currently held by Doug Hermes.

The first day to file for a place on the ballot was Jan. 29, and will continue through Feb. 28.

If you are interested in filing for a place on the ballot for either position, come by the Muenster ISD Administration Office to pick up an application packet. They are located at 135 East Seventh Street and will be open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions, call the Administration Office at 759-2281, ext. 600.

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ence is vital, but taking action to stop future violence against victims is also necessary. BIPPs are unique in that they create the possibility of actually stopping future violence. Currently, there are 27 BIPPs in Texas. "TCFV monitors BIPPs for their compliance with the state standards. In addition, we provide training and technical assistance to BIPPs, as well as other organizations and individuals. Training can include scheduled events or customized workshops delivered locally, regionally, or to statewide conferences of allied organizations. Technical assistance consists of answering questions and providing materials and information for carrying out the work of holding batterers accountable."

Tax Assessor Collector Billie Jean Knight requested approval to purchase new shelving for the Tax Assessor Collector's Office. This would be installed in a downstairs storage room.

The Court approved the shelving purchase in the amount of \$828.70 from the Records Management Fund.

There will be a special called meeting of Commissioners Court on Monday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m. It will be to possibly approve a CETRZ (County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone).

Precinct #2 Commissioner B.C. Lemons was absent due to illness.

Consent Agenda items unanimously approved by Commissioners Court include:

- Out-of-state travel for Phyllis Griffin, AgriLife Extension agent, to attend the Joint Council of Extension Professionals, JCEP, Leadership Conference in Memphis, TN.
- Submitting the revised 2013 Road Reports to address new Texas Legislation

and TXDOT's request for CETRZ application.

- Cooke County Library closing Saturday, Feb. 15 and re-opening at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

- Painting of the ceiling in the children's section of the Cooke County Library on the weekend of Feb. 15.

- Allowing the Cooke County Library to apply for the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Summer Reading Grant and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grant.

- Renewal of the interlocal agreement between Cooke County and the Texas Department of Public Safety for purchasing of test kits.

- Appointment of Dr. Douglas Lewis as Cooke County Health Authority for a two year term.

- Indigent cremation of Patricia Gale Schafer and of Guy Roy Duston.

- Sheriff's Office bonds for Winter, Williams, and Childers.

- Credit card merchant agreement with Accelerated Card Company, Inc. for Cooke County EMS.

- Maintenance agreement between Cooke County EMS and Physio Control for software and equipment maintenance on Lucas Equipment.

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thing of that nature. He also loves the outdoors. Although he hasn't had the opportunity lately, Keating said that when he was younger, he was an avid horse rider, hunter, and fisherman. "You have to put your family first sometimes before you put your hobbies there," commented Keating. "And now that my children are starting to get old enough, we are getting to where we are able to experience those all together."

**CLIU 12 Apostle**



**Valerie Henscheid earned the Catholic Life Insurance prestigious "12 Apostles" award for being a leading producer of life insurance and retirement annuity sales. The award was presented to her at the 2014 Leaders Conference, held Jan. 17-19 at San Marcos.**

**NCTC gets good news on bond sale**

At Monday's regular monthly meeting, North Central Texas College Regents authorized the issuance of bonds and got some good news on interest rates that will save the district around \$5.5 million.

Cooke County voters approved a \$14.8 million bond proposal in November for a new Health Sciences Center, additions to the Career Technology Center, and new parking lots. To generate savings on the interest, Regents authorized Southwest Securities to facilitate \$5.5 million in bond sales through private placement in December 2013. The remaining \$9.3 million will be sold through the open market this month.

The bonds sold in December had an interest rate of 2.580448% with an initial amortization length of 11 years.

Because of NCTC's excellent credit rating of "Aa3" as assigned by Moody's Investors Service and the district's tax rates remaining well below the margin allowed per state law, the limited tax general obligation bonds approved at Monday's meeting for \$9.3 million will have an interest rate of 3.801375% with an initial amortization length of 20 years. Both the

interest rate and the amortization length are well below what was approved by voters in November, resulting in potential savings of \$5.5 million over the term of the bonds.

In other action items at Monday's meeting, Regents approved the transfer of \$2.8 million from the general fund to Board designated reserves and rolling the funds currently designated for potential funding cuts into the Rainy Day Fund, bringing the balance of that fund to \$6,268,333, giving the College approximately 10 weeks of operation. With the transfer, total Board reserves now stand at \$13,418,251.

The Board also approved a revision to the NCTC Mission Statement that makes it shorter and more concise. The statement now reads, "North Central Texas College is dedicated to student success and institutional excellence." Other parts of the previous Mission Statement were moved into a Purpose Statement.

Regents approved the renewal of faculty contracts and also hired Emily Lewis as an instructor in Associate Degree Nursing, Chris McLaughlin as the associate director of Campus Emergency Management, and Susan Svane as the RITA grant manager.

The Board also heard a report from Celia Williamson, the vice-provost for Transfer Articulation at the University of North Texas. Williamson reported on the efforts being made in partnership with NCTC to ensure success for transfer students. The two schools are developing pathways to provide a recommended set of courses that will dependably take a student through a specific NCTC Associate's degree and into and through a specific UNT degree.

Debbie Sharp, NCTC's vice-president of Institution-

al Advancement, presented the quarterly external funding report. She noted that the NCTC Foundation's total assets are now more than \$6.8 million with a current endowed scholarship value more than \$4.4 million. For the Spring 2014 semester, 650 scholarships were awarded valued at \$174,278. In addition, 176 dual-credit scholarships valued at \$31,834 were awarded.

She also highlighted the grant programs NCTC is associated with. Recently calculated amounts indicate NCTC is currently managing \$12,109,508 in grant funds representing 18 individual grant projects that touch NCTC programs in Cooke, Denton, and Montague counties, along with the City of Graham.

In his report, NCTC President Dr. Eddie Hadlock updated Regents on construction projects. He noted that renovation was done over the Christmas break at both the Corinth and Flower Mound campuses to make certain offices more student-friendly.

He noted that renovation continues on the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts with completion expected around Feb. 21.

As for the proposed Health Sciences Center on the Gainesville campus, Dr. Hadlock told Regents that they have finished the schematics stage and are now moving into the design/development phase. He expects bids for construction to be voted on in May with an anticipated completion date of July 6, 2015.

The schematics stage has also been completed on the renovation to the Career Technology Center. Construction bids will also be presented to the Board in May with an anticipated completion date of Dec. 2, 2014 on that project.

All Board members were present for the meeting.

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each. A match of 25% would be required of the Hospital. Since the Hospital's nurse call system is to the point that new parts cannot be found for needed repair, Kenet recommended applying for the Capital Improvement Grant to replace the nurse call system.

Thus far, two vendors have looked at the Hospital facility and will provide proposals for the project. It is expected to exceed \$82,000.

In his CEO report, Kent updated the Board on the status of contract negotiations with a potential new physician. He reminded them of the Hospital's upcoming 50th anniversary celebration. The event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 15 in the VFW Hall. Tickets are available at the Hospital or from Committee members. He acknowledged the MMH Auxiliary for their recent Chili/Soup Supper fundraiser. There was a good attendance and all seemed to enjoy the evening.

H.R. Consultant Janet Oxford was in Muenster on Jan. 17 to provide training and education to all department managers on the new Mission, Value, and Vision statements. She also began the ground breaking of Team Work and Leadership to the department managers. There has been a lot of positive feedback from department managers, Kent noted.

CNO Diane Neu reported on patient numbers. Inpatient numbers are down from the previous month. She told of attending Patient Portal training. This is where patients will be able to go on-line to view their medical records. This should be offered beginning April 1.

- In other business, the Hospital Board:
- Approved Bad Debt Write Off for December totaling \$55,942.18.
- Granted courtesy staff privileges to radiologists: Vaseem Iqbal, MD; Patricia L. Aukes Barnes, MD; Lorraine Marjorie Ash, DO; Lillian Whitley Cavin, MD; Mary Lorraine Grebenc, MD; Wendell Dale Hatch, MD; James Tien-Ti Hsu, MD; Eric Keith Lizerbram, MD; Benoit Alexander Luyckx, MD; Tony Yeung Maung, MD; Anthony Joseph Minotti, MD; Stephen Joseph Muehlenbein, MD; and James Joseph Norconk, Jr., MD.

**Amnesty period noted for County Warrant Round-Up**

The Cooke County Justice of the Peace Courts, Constable's Offices, and Sheriff's Department will join more than 300 agencies across Texas to participate in the 2014 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up. The Cooke County agencies will join many local municipalities in this statewide event in the coming weeks.

An amnesty period removing the warrant fees from the amount due will begin shortly and will run until the Warrant Round-Up effort begins. Once the Warrant Round-Up begins, local law enforcement agencies will aggressively target

those on the warrant list.

Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis and Justice of the Peace Jason Brinkley are encouraging defendants to take advantage of the options available to settle outstanding warrants immediately. The two JPs urge, "If you have or think you have an outstanding warrant in one of the Justice of the Peace courts, please contact the court immediately to avoid being placed on the Warrant Round-Up list."

You may contact Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 at (940) 668-5463 or Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 at (940) 726-3539.

**AARP tax assistance offered at Cooke County Library**

Starting on Tuesday, Jan. 28, free tax assistance began to be offered at Cooke County Library. This service will be offered weekly on Tuesdays

from 3 to 7 p.m. from January to April 15.

There will be three AARP Tax-Aides to help provide free help with preparing tax returns, answering tax questions, and providing electronic tax return filing for low to moderate income taxpayers. No appointment is necessary. Senior citizens will have priority, but all taxpayers are welcome to seek help.

For any general questions regarding this free tax service, call Cooke County Library at 940-668-5530.

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**Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.**  
 - Albert Einstein

**Benefit for Patty, Josh, & Kim Hale**  
**Sat. Feb. 1**  
**Lazy Heart Grill, Saint Jo**  
**Meal starts @ 6 p.m.**  
**Chicken fried steak buffet dinner \$12.50 donation**   **Live auction 7 p.m.**   **Raffle tickets for deer rifle \$10 each**  
*All proceeds will go to help this wonderful family through this very difficult time!*

**CITY OF MUENSTER, TEXAS**  
**Public Notice in Support of Fair Housing**  
**Fair Housing, It's the Law**  
 To promote fair housing practices, the City of Muenster encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.  
 Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.  
 For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

**AGENDA MEETING DATE - February 3, 2014**  
 The following is the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, February 3, 2014.  
 1. Call meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
 2. Opening prayer.  
 3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on January 6, 2014.  
 4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.  
 5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.  
**OLD BUSINESS:**  
 1. n/a  
**NEW BUSINESS:**  
 1. Rod Abbot, City Auditor, will give audit report for FY 2012/2013.  
 2. Hear presentation for possible Eagle Scout project.  
 3. Consider and act on any and all items relating to awarding a construction contract for the TxCDBG #712241 Sewer System Improvement Project to the lowest responsible bidder.  
 4. Call City Election for May 10, 2014:  
     a) Place 1 Now held by Jewel Otto  
     b) Place 2 Now held by Greg Bohl  
     c) Place 4 Now held by Pat Stelzer  
 5. Approve new two year terms for Muenster Water District Board Members.  
 6. Receive monthly update on Police Department from Chief Blankenship.  
 7. Receive status report on City Projects and Activities. Take any needed action.  
 8. Review and act on monthly bills.  
 9. Adjourn.  
 Brenda Simpson, City Secretary

**2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR** To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, February 2, 2014	Monday, February 3, 2014	Tuesday, February 4, 2014	Wednesday, February 5, 2014	Thursday, February 6, 2014	Friday, February 7, 2014	Saturday, February 8, 2014
Muenster Museum open 1-4pm 	MISD FLEX Day City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Rel. Ed class 6:45 pm Skywarn Weather Spotters Training 7pm G'ville Civic Center	Muenster Museum 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP Board Mtg. 10 am SHCS - NO SCHOOL	Library open 10 am - 2:30 pm  Friends of Muenster 4-H- FFA -FCCLA Chili Supper/Texas Hold Em Tournament
Sunday, February 9, 2014	Monday, February 10, 2014	Tuesday, February 11, 2014	Wednesday, February 12, 2014	Thursday, February 13, 2014	Friday, February 14, 2014	Saturday, February 15, 2014
Museum open 1-4 pm 	4-H mtg. 3:30 pm MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm KMB mtg. 6:45 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Religious Ed 6:45 pm MISD Board mtg. 6:30 pm SH Alumni & Supp. mtg. 7:30 pm F C C L A Week	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 M Historical Comm mg. 8 am Blood Drive - MISD 1-7 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP lunch 11:30 am 1st Baptist Church Ladies Night, 6 pm VALENTINE'S DAY	Library open 10 am - 2:30 pm  <b>MMH 50th Anniv. party</b>

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# Ladies invited to Valentine banquet

Muenster First Baptist Church will host its first Valentine's Banquet on Friday, Feb. 14 for all unattached ladies age 55 and older. This is a community event to give back to the ladies of the community who have lost their husband or are single. Banquet Coordinator Tina Lutkenhaus remarked, "This is such a special day to celebrate. Even if their loved one is no longer here with them, it will be a time to reflect and enjoy the wonderful memories they may have. We, as a church body, would like to reach out and basically express our love and pamper each of these ladies."

The event is for ladies of all faiths to enjoy a special Valentine's Day at no cost.

There will be a special meal, live entertainment with songs from the '50s and '60s, and impersonations by Larry Wright and his talented wife Joann. Also, each lady who attends will receive a corsage.

Valet parking will be offered. Also, they are offering courtesy rides to the banquet for local ladies. This can be arranged when calling the Church office to RSVP. Ladies with caregivers may bring their caregiver to the banquet as well. They just ask that they be included when they call to RSVP. Those who plan to attend are urged to call the Church office (940) 759-2772 to make arrangements as soon as possible due to limited seating.

The banquet will be held in the Muenster First Baptist Church Fellowship room from 6-8 p.m.

For any questions concerning the Valentine's Banquet, contact Tina Lutkenhaus by email at tlutkenhaus@ntin.net or by phone after 4 p.m. week days only at (940) 727-9369.

# DAYS GONE BY.....

## 65 YEARS AGO Jan. 28, 1949

Muenster turns to rugged and resourceful living after record-breaking ice storm; TP&L estimates the week of Feb. 5 until damaged power lines are fixed, while local electric co-op estimates the following week for completion of repairs; the Saint Jo *Tribune* is thanked by the *Muenster Enterprise* for allowing Muenster's paper to be printed at Saint Jo, as their electricity was restored before Muenster's (the paper was three days late). Obituary: Elizabeth, (Mrs. H.G.) Stelzer, 69. New Arrivals: a son to Anton and Martha Hacker; a son to L.B. and Marie Ford. Wedding: Lu Ella Arendt and Vincent Zimmerman.

## 50 YEARS AGO Jan. 31, 1964

Auto and pickup license plates are on sale at City Hall. Hospital will open

Monday. Being kicked by a cow left Mrs. Ben Voth with a broken left arm and sprained left ankle. Marilyn Felderhoff fractures bone near the wrist in a fall while skating. Bobby Walterscheid, parts manager at Wilde Chevrolet, gets service pin for membership in Chevrolet's Honor Club of Outstanding Parts Managers. Arnold and Pat Henscheid enjoy a Perry Como show in Dallas. New Arrival: John to Joe and Elfrieda Hundt.

## 25 YEARS AGO Jan. 27, 1989

Muenster Telephone Company celebrates 80th. Martha Fuhrmann awarded St. Mary's Teacher of the Year. Obituaries: Adelina Miller, 80; Sr. Clare Meyers, 66. Wedding: Carmen Fuhrmann and Kevin Cogburn. New Arrival: Elizabeth to Jeff and Diane Neu. Margaret Kupper is feted on 80th birthday.

# Obituary

## Voncille Martin 1937 - 2014

Funeral for Voncille Martin, age 76 of Valley View, are set for 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 31 at First Baptist Church - Valley View with Glen Kersey officiating. Interment will follow at Valley View Cemetery. The family will receive friends at The Rock following the committal service. Services are under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martin died Jan. 28, 2014 in Denton.

Voncille was born Oct. 28, 1937 in Cooke County to Bedford and Frankie Vestal. She married Thurman Martin on June 24, 1956 in Valley View. Mrs. Martin was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Valley View. She enjoyed traveling, seeing all the beauties of the United States by bus and train. She loved canning and cooking for her family. A great feast was prepared every holiday when she would host her family. Mrs. Martin is remembered by many as a

substitute teacher at Valley View and Era schools. Most of all, she loved being on the farm, was a proud farmer's wife, and loved caring for her family.

Survivors are daughter Denise Pearse and husband Ken of Valley View; son Jack Martin and wife Julie of Era; two grandchildren; brother Bedford Vestal and wife Carolyn of Houston; best friend Jane Alexander of Valley View; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and granddaughter Kendra Pearse.

Pallbearers are Madison Pearse, Ward Vestal, Dwayne Harris, Johnny Brown, Mitchell Hayes, Larry Tipps, Taylor Vestal, and Kenny Blanton.

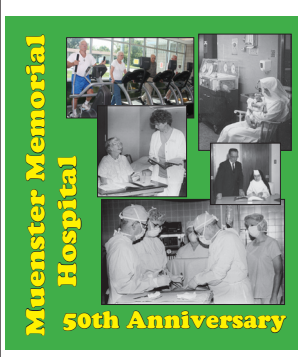
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, or First Baptist Church of Valley View.

# Volunteers to train for Abigail's Arms Center

Abigail's Arms Cooke County Crisis Center will be hosting a volunteer training on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided for all attending. The training will be held at Landmark Bank, 1110 E. California in Gainesville. Call 940-665-2873 to register or email Kathi Kirby at Kkirby@abigailarms.org

A volunteer testimonial: "Being trained as an advocate was a wonderful experience. You receive powerful information that is relevant for any woman. The staff presents the subject in a meaningful way with passion and excellence. The 40 hour training was even better. It was an honor to attend with such a fine group of committed individuals. I feel equipped to 'help' in any way possible and inspired to be part of the healing process." Corinne, Valley View

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Courtesy photo



Kids enjoy a nature hike at Camp Dragonfly.

# Healing Workshop offered

The process of creating art has often been seen as a healing experience. The Hope Center of Texoma hopes to bring healing through art and creativity to those who have lost a loved one. The Healing Arts Workshop will be offered as a two-part session on Feb. 13 and 20 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. at the Muenster State Bank, 1601 U.S. Hwy. 82 in Gainesville.

Anyone in the community is invited to attend this workshop. Participants will discover a creative way to remember their loved ones as well as have a chance to share with other attendees.

"By attending this workshop, participants will be able to create something that incorporates their memories into the piece," said Jolene Senek, LBSW, CT, GC-C, bereavement coordinator and facilitator of the group.

There is no fee to attend

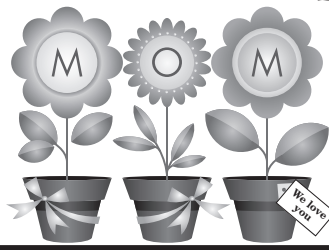
the event, but you must RSVP so that The Hope Center may adequately prepare materials for the event. Please RSVP by Feb. 6 at 903-868-9315 or at jolene.senek@homehospice.org.

The family of Velma Fisher wants to express our sincere thanks for all of the outpouring of support and expressed sympathies for our mother's passing.

The soups, salads, dishes, cookies, and food and drink were so timely. As the house filled with the 8 kids and numerous nieces and nephews, none of the younger generation had to show their cooking skills. That way Mom couldn't find out they might not be able to cook. These meals hit the spot!

Thanks to all the donors at Rohmer's and Fischer's which were directed towards the meal after the funeral. These were appreciated by all.

Thanks so much to the Catholic Daughters for being the best cooks and logistic managers in Muenster. A special tip-of-the-hat to Father Ken. His spiritual words before, during, and after the funeral are always so comforting. We are Blessed to have him as our Pastor.



Thanks to all for donations to the various charities and school funds. If we have missed anyone, it was not our intent. To everyone, thanks so much!

Gary, Joan, Robert, Janice, Judy, Mary, Allan, and Glenn

The Family of Charles "Chas" Bayer would like to thank everyone for all that has been done for him and our entire family.

To each of you who sent a card, said a prayer, brought a meal, visited with him & even sang Christmas Carols, just know how much Chas enjoyed and appreciated you.

To the Men's ACTS members for your Saturday morning Prayer visits & especially for the song you sang at his funeral, we are so grateful for you.

To the Knights of Columbus for the honor guard, the musicians who performed so beautifully, the servers & Eucharistic ministers who assisted in the Mass, & the Catholic Daughters for putting together such a wonderful meal - we appreciate your friendship as well.

To Father Ken Robinson, we especially thank you for all of your spiritual support, your friendship, & the comfort you provided us all.

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The Armella Lutkenhaus family would like to thank our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses during our time of sorrow.

For all those who stopped by to visit or called Mom through her years at Pecan Tree Nursing Home, we appreciate your thoughtfulness. To those who cared for her needs and loved her, we appreciate your love and care.

Thank you for the Mass offerings, expressions of sympathy, and contributions to the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. Through the years, the Muenster Firemen have responded to Mom and Dad's call more than once and saved the farm house.

A special thanks to Father Ken Robinson for the words and celebration of her life. Thank you to Diane Grewing, Linda Flusche, Doug Yosten, and Jim Endres for the beautiful music ministry at the Funeral Mass. We thank the Catholic Daughters of America ladies and especially Carrie Ann Walterscheid for such a wonderful meal and to those who brought food to the family dinner. To all those who brought food to the home, your generosity is truly a gift. We thank the Knights of Columbus for the use of the hall.

Thanks to McCoy Funeral Home, Mac McCoy and Les Scott for their professionalism and their attention to the beautiful and detailed services.

So many have given us comfort and to all we want to say thank you and may you be blessed as we have now and forever.

Walter & Kathy Lutkenhaus, Norma & John Kubicek, Doris & W.C. Muller, Dennis & Carolyn Lutkenhaus, Leo & Peggy Lutkenhaus, and Charles, Jenna, & Greg, Jamie Lutkenhaus families.

## College Honor Rolls

### North Central Texas College

North Central Texas College announced its official listings of students recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the 2013 Fall semester.

Students named to the NCTC President's Honor List are those who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours. Area students earning that distinction are: Muenster - Morgan Forshee, Trevor Hess, Trevor Muller, Danielle Sicking; Myra - Sarah Stoffels.

The Dean's Honor List includes those students earning a GPA of 3.5 - 3.99 while taking 12 or more hours. Area students on that list are: Muenster - Antonio Acuna, Albert Knabe, Randi Lewis, Laurie Ream, Amanda Rohmer, Debrah Walker, Abby Walterscheid; Myra - Samantha Gerngross; Lind-

say - Darryl Block, Dean Fleitman.

### University of Notre Dame

Christian Cooney has been named to the Dean's List in the University of Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters for outstanding scholarship during the Fall 2013 semester. Students who achieve Dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30% of students in their college. Christian is the son of Carl and Brenda Cooney of Littleton, CO. He is the grandson of Ted Gremminger of Littleton and the late Kathryn Hartman Gremminger. Christian is currently studying in London at the Notre Dame campus there.

### Texas A&M

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the Fall 2013 semester. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at

least 15 semester hours who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0. Local students earning that designation include Rishi Patel, Nathan Privett, and Lauren Rohmer.

A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes those who earned a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while taking at least 15 hours for the semester. Devan Henry and Taylor McGrew were included on that list.

### Austin College

Austin College's Dean's List has been announced for the Fall Term 2013. The Dean's List recognizes the top 20% of students taking a minimum of three graded, full-credit courses each term based on the grade point average (GPA) for that term. For Fall Term 2013, the Dean's List recognizes 250 individuals who earned a semester GPA of 3.675 to 4.0. Included on that list is Quinn Sicking of Muenster.

### Benedictine College

Benedictine College, a Catholic college located in Atchison, KS, is pleased to announce that Robert Bartush of Muenster has demonstrated the academic excellence necessary to earn a place on the Dean's List for the Fall Semester of 2013. Bartush's parents are John and Lanie Bartush of Muenster.

Any full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours and a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 is named to the Dean's List. Of the 1,742 full-time undergraduate students on campus for the beginning of the 2013-14 academic year, 469 made the Dean's List.

**Our Lord loves you and loves you tenderly; and if He does not let you feel the sweetness of His love, it is to make you more humble and abject in your own eyes.**

- St. Pio of Pietrelcina



Family participating in the baptism of cousins included, from left, Mary DeOlmo, Joe Bartush, Malony Bartush with George Bartush, John D. Bartush, Fr. Ken Robinson, Derek Elliott, and Catherine Elliott with JJ Elliott.

## Baptisms

### Bartush, Elliott

Cousins George Thomas Blaise Bartush and Jerry John ("JJ") Elliott were baptized together on Sunday, Jan. 26 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. George Bartush is the son of John and Malony Bartush of Muenster and JJ Elliott is the son of Derek and Catherine Elliott of Muen-

ster.

Fr. Ken Robinson administered the Sacrament of Baptism for the two boys after Mass. Godparents chosen for George are Mary DeOlmo and Uncle Joe Bartush. Godparents chosen for JJ are Uncle John and Aunt Malony Bartush.

The baptismal ceremony was followed by a celebra-

tion lunch at the home of Derek and Catherine Elliott. A special decorated cake, made by AnnaBeth Johnson, was served after the lunch.

Attending their special day were parents and siblings of George, parents of JJ, grandparents John and Lanie Bartush, Fr. Ken Robinson, and other close family and friends.

## Lindsay honors School Board members

January is School Board Recognition Month and Lindsay ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

"We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families," said Nora Curry, Lindsay ISD superintendent. "These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their unflinching commitment to the continuing success of our students now and in the future."

ing Lindsay ISD are Tommy Haverkamp, president; Chris Hundt, vice-president; Tammy Bezner, secretary; Phillip Metzler, Vicki Thurman, Julie Martin, and Jenny Corcoran.

During the monthly meeting of the Board on Jan. 20, an appreciation dinner prepared by Robin Hedrick's Family and Consumer Science classes was served to members and their spouses. Table decorations and place-mats created by Jennifer

Bayer's high school and elementary art classes followed the theme "Hearts & Hands for Kids." Following dinner, Mrs. Bayer's 2nd grade music class performed a brief program in honor of the Board for their service.

Superintendent Curry further stated, "Great leadership always begins with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference. Please join us as we applaud these local leaders for truly caring about our kids."

## Weather Whys - Sun dogs

Q: You hear the term 'sundog' every now and then. What is a sundog?

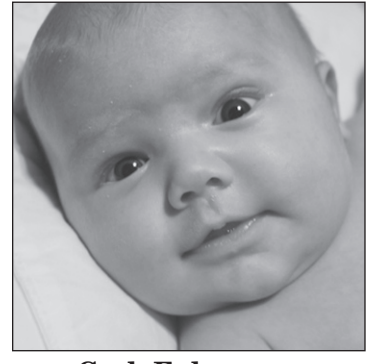
A: A sundog usually is seen as two bright spots of light in the same horizontal plane as the sun, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M Univer-

sity. "The bending or refracting of the sun's rays as they pass through air filled with ice crystals forms a pair of small, bright, rainbow-like spots. The ice crystals refract the light to form a bright spot that for centuries has

## New Arrival

### Fuhrmann

Jami and Zack Fuhrmann of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their son Cash Flusche Fuhrmann. Cash was born Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013 at 1:01 p.m. in Lewisville Medical Center. He weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Welcoming her brother to the family is big sister Hayes, age 2 1/2. Grandparents are Tom and Judy Flusche of Muenster and Robert and Jolene Fuhrmann of Lindsay.



Cash Fuhrmann

## Notice

### Brown Bag Book Review

The February Brown Bag Book Review is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6 at noon at the Morton Museum. *Haunted Falls* will be reviewed by authors Buck Steinke and Ken Farmer.

All are invited to join them and bring a friend.

## Reports heard by VFW Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Jan. 20 in the Post Home with President Frances Bayer presiding. The opening ritual was given by Conductress Linda Knabe, Chaplain Rosemary Dankesreiter pro tem, and Patriotic Instructor Hilda Sicking. Roll call and minutes were read by Secretary Ida Mae Bindel. Agnes Hesse gave the treasurer's report for Lucille Hesse, treasurer.

Members were invited to

the homecoming of Dept. President Melanie McConaghy on March 7 and 8 at Post #3892 in Harker Heights. President Frances Bayer read General Orders and reported on the Voice of Democracy contest.

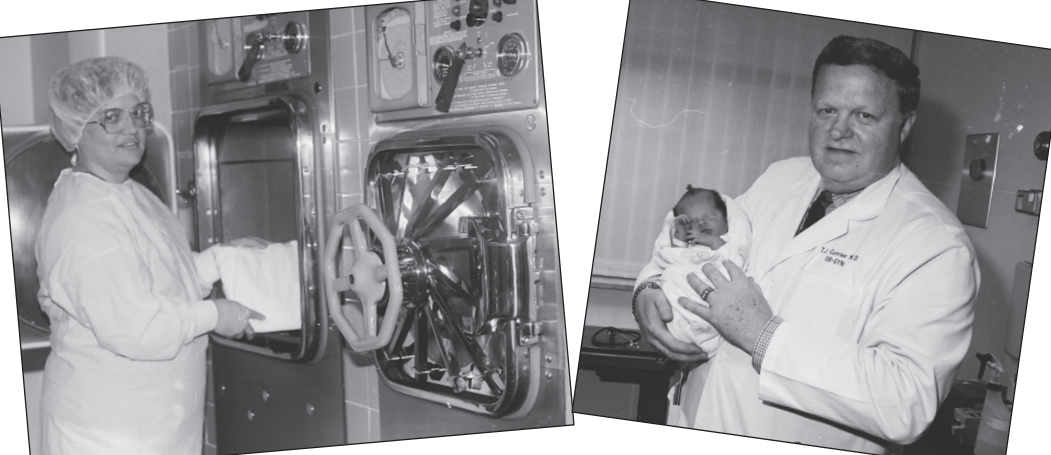
Agnes Hesse reported on the auditing of the books and they are in order.

The Charter was draped in memory of Louise Bayer, long-time member. A song was sung and a short prayer was recited by members, who also voted to send a donation to the Trust Fund in her name.

Members voted to contribute to the Texas VFW Foundation which helps Veterans in need. The ladies signed four sympathy cards. Members heard that the next District I meeting was set for Feb. 23 in Lewisville.

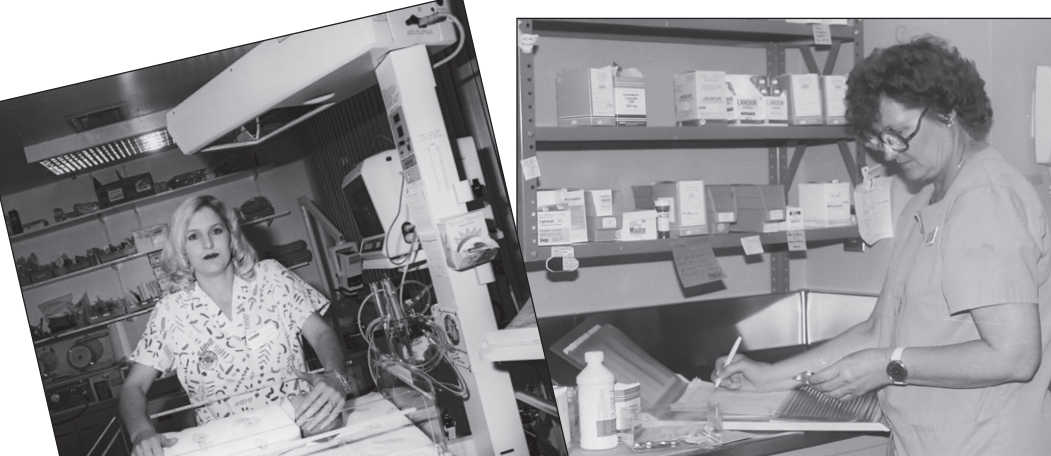
Lucille Hesse served refreshments. The next meeting is Feb. 17 in the Post Home at 7:30 p.m.

## Help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary Muenster Memorial Hospital



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# SCHOOL

## Sedes Sapientiae Chapter of NHS installs news members at SHCS

The Sedes Sapientiae Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) of Sacred Heart Catholic School inducted new members on Friday, Jan. 17, immediately following the morning Mass in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. NHS President Bailey Walterscheid, along with the other officers Morgan Hesse, Karleigh Reeves, and Michelle Zimmerer, defined the selection process during the candle lighting ceremony.

After the present members and new inductees recited the pledge, Chapter

Advisor Dolores Hofbauer called the roll of the elect and they were given a certificate by Fr. Ken Robinson, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, assisted by Dr. Rafael Rondon, principal. A stole was conferred upon them by Bailey Walterscheid and Morgan Hesse.

Immediately following the service, photos were taken and a brunch was held in the Community Center Cafeteria for all inductees, their parents, and present members and probationary members.

Those being inducted included Juniors James Co-

chran, Aaron Colmenero, James Dangelmayr, Aaron Davis, Mikinzie Hesse, Madison Hesse, Hayden Schilling, Isaac Walterscheid, and Elizabeth Weinzapfel.

Probationary members were Sophomores Kathryn Davidson, Alana Endres, Daniel Hesse, and Kason Reeves.

Newly elected officers of the NHS are President Bailey Walterscheid, Vice-President Morgan Hesse, Secretary Karleigh Reeves, and Treasurer Michelle Zimmerer. Sponsor for the group is Dolores Hofbauer.



MISD photos

Top 10 finishers in Muenster ISD's Spelling Bee were, from left, front - Haley Flusche, Nathan Hartman, Savannah Bohl; row two - Erin Hesse, Mary Fisher, Levi Griffith; row three - Alyssa Huchton, Colby Endres; row four - Rut Rodriguez, Ashleigh Fisher, and Merrett Jones.

## Flusche wins Muenster ISD Spelling Bee

After 17 rounds and 168 words, 4th Grader Haley Flusche was declared the Muenster ISD 2014 School Spelling Bee Champion. The contest was held in the MISD Cafeteria on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Flusche was named the Champion by correctly spelling the word hackamore.

The Spelling Champion was met by many tough competitors throughout all the

rounds including 7th Grader Ashleigh Fisher who was named 1st-Runner-up. Also receiving recognition competing in five or more rounds were the top two, Flusche and Fisher, along with Savannah Bohl (6th), Colby Endres (6th), Mary Fisher (5th), Levi Griffith (4th), Nathan Hartman (4th), Erin Hesse (5th), Alyssa Huchton (5th), Merrett Jones (5th),

and Rut Rodriguez (7th). Flusche will compete in the Cooke County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. in the Gainesville ISD Administration Building. She will compete against the winners from Sacred Heart Catholic School, Gainesville Middle School, Robert E. Lee Intermediate School, and Chalmers Elementary School.

## SHCS competes in NTIL Academic Meet

The NTIL Academic Meet was held Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sacred Heart Catholic School after being postponed before Christmas break due to inclement weather. The turnout was large, with six schools attending.

Sacred winners in each event are as follows:

- Creative Writing, Grade 2** - Joseph Gehrig, 2nd; Isabella Walterscheid, 4th; Clint Bezner, 5th.
- Ready Writing, Grades 3/4** - Lauren Miller, 1st. Grades 5/6 - Keith Bezner 2nd.
- Editorial Writing, Grades 7/8** - Sophia Jones, 3rd.
- Listening Skills, Grades 7/8** - Tanner Eddleman, 1st.
- Maps, Graphs, & Charts, Grades 5/6** - Norman Palmer, 6th.
- Oral Reading, Grade 4** - Joie Kintz, 4th; Rylene Reiter, 6th.
- Oral Reading, Grades 5&6** - Lilly Haley, 6th.

- Dictionary, Grades 7/8** - Megan Ploeger, 6th.
- Spelling, Grades 3/4** - Rylene Reiter, 6th. Grades 5/6 - Jianne Juntado, 2nd. Grades 7/8 - Sophia Jones 5th, Ben Ganzon, 6th.
- Art Memory, Grade 4** - Joie Kintz, 4th (Tied), Alison Becker, 4th (Tied), Emily Flusche, 6th. Grades 5/6 - Lexi Rivers, 2nd; Ruth Edleman 6th (Tied).
- Number Sense, Grades 7/8** - Roy Endres, 2nd; Julian Hesse, 6th.
- Science I, Grade 7** - Dani Hess, 1st (Tied); Ben Ganzon, 4th.
- Science II, Grade 8** - Sophia Jones, 2nd (Tied); Julian Hesse 2nd (Tied).
- Listening Skills, Grades 5/6** - Lexi Rivers, 3rd.
- Social Studies, Grades 7/8** - Tanner Eddleman, 2nd (Tied).
- Mathematics, Grades 7/8** - Roy Endres, 2nd.

## Lunch Menus

**WEEK OF FEB. 3 - 7 MUENSTER ISD**  
 Mon. - Classic Italian Lasagna, green peas, sweet corn, fresh apple. AM - Bologna and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.  
 Tues. - Chicken fried steak, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit. AM Turkey and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.  
 Wed. - Crispy beef tacos, Mexican style beans, lettuce topping, fresh orange. AM - Ham and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.  
 Thurs. - Cheeseburger, glazed carrots, lettuce topping, pineapple tidbits. AM - Tuna sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.  
 Fri. - Pepperoni pizza, sweet tator tots, pork and beans, fresh grapes. AM - Po-Boy Combo, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

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 Mon. - Soft tacos w/cheese, refried beans, lettuce, Spanish rice, salsa, fruit.  
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 Wed. - Popcorn shrimp, macaroni and cheese, lettuce salad, carrots, fruit, rice krispy treat.  
 Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, fruit, garlic bread.  
 Fri. - Breaded chicken patty on a bun w/trimmings, tator tots, fruit, ice cream.



SHCS photos

Sedes Sapientiae Chapter of the National Honor Society inductees are, from left, back - Hayden Schilling, Aaron Davis, James Cochran, James Dangelmayr, front - Elizabeth Weinzapfel, Madison Hesse, Mikinzie Hesse, Isaac Walterscheid, and Aaron Colmenero. At right - NHS Probationary members are, from left, Alana Endres, Katie Davidson, Kason Reeves, and Daniel Hesse.



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## MISD Honor Rolls

**3rd Six Weeks ALL "A" HONOR ROLL**  
**Grade 7:** Garrett Bindel, Thomas Davis, Ashleigh Fisher, Nathan Hacker, Morgan Hennigan, Anthony Jones, Rut Rodriguez, Rudy Saucer, Kody Walterscheid.  
**Grade 8:** Morgan Eldridge, Amy Luttmer.  
**Grade 9:** Abby Luttmer.  
**Grade 10:** Kalee Hennigan.  
**Grade 11:** Hannah Bayer, Kendi Bayer, Austin Creswell, Ashley Hammer, Erin Hess, Garrett Miller, Mariah Rocha, Adrien Rohmer.  
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**Grade 7:** Joshua Brinkley, Allison Henscheid, Jacob Hesse, Ryan Huchton, Parker McGrew, Ixel Meza, Bannon Osteen, Sadie Sandmann, MacKenzie

Sicking, Lauren Trubenbach, Blair Waneck.  
**Grade 8:** Natalie Dangelmayr, Travis Dangelmayr, Kaden Fields, Seth Flusche, Mandy Hacker, Max Herr, Alaina Kubis, Zwaine Lamar, Barrett Osteen, Megan Rohmer, Paige Saucer, Erin Schniederjan, Brandon Sicking, Jenna Sicking, Clay Stevens, Andrew Stoffels, Carson Trubenbach, Dean Walterscheid, Madyson Walterscheid, Sterling Walterscheid, LeeAnn West.  
**Grade 9:** Logan Cook, Bryce Herr, Haiden Shook.  
**Grade 10:** Mahayla Bohl, Mason Davis, Chase Deeken, Natalie Fangman, Dalton Hesse, Kyle Klement, Alison Morris, Nicole Rains, Samuel Saucer,

Kelsie Sicking, Courtney Stevens, Kimber Walterscheid, Reagan Weger.  
**Grade 11:** Trey Anderle, Kevin Barnes, Lyndon Cook, Kassie Dangelmayr, Morgan Flusche, Caroline Gressett, Tara Gunnels, Rachel Hare, Blake Haubold, Chance Herr, Ryan Hoepfner, Mikaela Lamar, Makayla Moster, Collin Pagel, Kristen Reiter, Georgia Taylor, Saavedra, Zachary Trubenbach, Sophie Wachtel, Lora Walterscheid.  
**Grade 12:** Jared Endres, Sydney Huchton, Madison Knabe, Reagan Knightstep, Jori Magee, Rachel Mouring, Abigail Pagel, Jaisal Patel, Shelbi Sicking, Clint Sidwell, Cole Walterscheid.

## MISD displays its patriotism

By Kaitlin Hennigan  
 MESC reporter

Along with a new building, Muenster Elementary has new flag poles. For the first time in Muenster ISD's history, the Elementary school has the opportunity to fly our American and Texan flags proudly. Early Tuesday morning, Jan. 21, the Muenster Elementary Student Council (MESC) President Major Eldridge along with fellow MESC officers Lane Trubenbach, treasurer; Gavin Grewing,

secretary; and Kaitlin Hennigan, reporter braved the cold wind to raise our flags. "It was cool to raise the flags for the first time at the new elementary. I felt very patriotic watching the flags rise," remarked Major after he helped perform this important duty.

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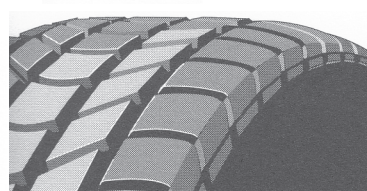
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Sacred Heart youth at national shrine Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

**LIFE** .....continued from pg. 1

best! I experienced things I haven't done before, such as praying in front of a Planned Parenthood, and it was something I really loved. I also went with a small group of Teen Pro-Life Leaders to a Students for Life conference that told me exactly how to defend my beliefs, so now I can tell people what I know, the truth about abortion, and how I can relate it to religion, or just strictly facts. I can't thank Dan enough for what he organized for us to have an awesome experience. We teens are the Pro-Life generation, and it will be abolished in my life time. ~ I survived Roe v. Wade, but it will not survive me!"

Abby Luttmmer, a sophomore at Muenster ISD, shared, "My experience was amazing. I am so glad I got to be Pro-Life with my brothers and sisters in Christ at the March for Life. My favorite parts of the trip were when we went to the Youth Rally in Mass and when we said our night prayer with Bishop Michael Olsen. Thank you Fr. Ken and our Parish for

supporting the youth." Muenster High Sophomore Jordan Buddy said, "This was my first year to attend the March for Life. The part that stood out to me most was when we were all praying outside the Planned Parenthood and people walking by kept joining us. After one hour of prayer, there were probably about 250 people all praying with us. It was amazing. Thank you to Fr. Ken and the Parish for supporting us youth!"

Alaina Reiter, a sophomore at Muenster High School stated, "This was my first time to go to Washington, D.C., and the March for Life. We had the privilege of meeting our bishop-elect Michael Olsen after Mass at the National Basilica, which was an incredible experience. We prayed two rosaries and a chaplet of divine mercy in front of a Planned Parenthood, by the time we were finished over 200+ people joined us. It was amazing to seeing people from all over the country join together and pray to end abortion."

Amy Luttmmer, a freshman at Muenster ISD said, "This year was my first year going to the March for Life and flying in a plane and I absolutely loved both! Despite the zero degree weather on the day of the March, the Pro Life March was definitely my favorite part of the trip. Praying at the Planned Parenthood was so inspirational. It showed me how precious life was and it taught me to never take life for granted. I loved going to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on the campus Catholic University of America and hearing all of the speeches, especially the speech at the Youth Rally. Washington DC was such a beautiful place and I hope I can attend the March next year!"

Sacred Heart Catholic High School Sophomore Catherine Fleitman, commented, "The reason I went on this March For Life was to tell women that they have other options than rather having an abortion... and to grow in my faith."

**Muenster competes in Argyle meet**



MISD photo

Muenster High School students competed in Argyle's UIL Invitational meet Saturday, Jan. 25. Competing against 30 schools, three students brought home top ten trophies. Alaina Reiter placed 9th in both Computer Applications and Feature Writing, Haiden Shook placed 7th in Editorial Writing, and Morgan Eldridge placed 8th in Editorial Writing. Pictured, from left - Noel Rodriguez, Alyssa Barnes, Alaina Reiter, Morgan Eldridge, Haiden Shook, Macie Pagel, and Allie Walterscheid.

**LISD sets Kindergarten/PreK registration**

Lindsay ISD will hold Kindergarten/Pre-K registration on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Elementary office, 500 Sixth Street. For more information, phone 668-8923.

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Proof of residency will be required from all applicants (document with physical address).

Example: utility bill (electric, gas, house phone, water, cable), lease agreement, etc.

Lindsay does not presently have a Pre-K program. Eligibility requirements are re-evaluated every school year.



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Muenster FCCLA STAR event participants Mariah Rocha and Makayla Pumphrey have been busy working on their "Got Stress?" program. They have recently presented the program to Muenster Junior High students, providing age-appropriate information to help the students get a better understanding of stress. Mariah and Makayla worked diligently to adapt their program to benefit people of all ages.



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# SPORTS

## Hornets soar over Eagles

The Eagles of Valley View flew into town Tuesday night and were sent home in defeat as both the Lady Hornets and Hornets remain undefeated in District play.

It was Senior Night for the home team, with the Hornets taking a 52-23 victory. "I thought the team did an outstanding job on the defensive end the entire game," noted Coach Lynn Cook. "We were efficient on offense, shooting 51% from the field and only turning the ball over 10 times."

Eight Hornets contributed points to the win. Cole Walterscheid led with 17. Lyndon Cook added 15, Trevor Cheaney 6, Ryan Hoepfner 5, Logan Cook 4, Blake Hoepfner and Clayton Hess 2 apiece, and Trey Anderle 1.

M	13	12	14	13	52
VV	7	1	6	9	23

The Lady Hornets clinched the District Championship with a 10 point win over the Lady Eagles 41-31. "I couldn't be more proud of a group of girls," commented

Coach Griffin Fields. After a 12 point lead at half-time, Valley View out-scored Muenster the 2nd half for the final count.

Allie Walterscheid and Sydney Huchton both scored 8 points for the Lady Hornets. Hannah Bayer added 7, Kassie Dangelmayr and Mady Burnett 6 apiece, Kristen Reiter 4, and Kendi Bayer 2. Muenster was 14 of 18 from the free throw line.

M	11	15	7	8	41
VV	5	9	5	12	31



Clay Corbett photo

Mady Burnett (11) eyes the baseline to set up the play in the Lady Hornets' victory over Valley View.



## Tiger teams taken out by Texoma

The Sacred Heart varsity teams traveled to Texoma Christian for two tough District contests. The Tigerettes were handed their first District loss and the Tigers a second.

"You can't turn the ball over 25 times and expect to win!" noted Coach Jon LeBasseur on the girls' 61-51 loss. "Back to work to get the problems corrected."

The Tigerettes had an early lead, trailed by 7 at half-time, gained a point in the 3rd, and fell farther behind in the final period.

Three Tigerettes had double digit scores - Peyton Reiter 15, Karleigh Reeves 12, and Michelle Zimmerman 10. Kinzie Hess added 7, Bailey Walterscheid 3, and 2 apiece from Kylie Hess and Alane Bartush.

SH	9	11	17	14	51
TC	7	18	16	20	61

"We got out-worked tonight," said Coach Jon. "You will not win many games when the opponents' guards score 86% of the points and your team only gets seven offensive rebounds." The

Tigers played a tight four quarters, coming up short in the final 44-41.

Hayden Schilling was the Tigers leading scorer with 15. Kason Reeves added 12, Isaac Walterscheid and Brady Endres each scored 5, with Keith Metzler and Zach Flusche getting 2 apiece.

"The District is very balanced and you have to come to play every night. We must get back to playing to our teams strengths," Coach added.

SH	10	4	15	12	41
TC	14	4	14	12	44

## Muenster takes two from Lindsay

The Muenster basketball teams and fans invaded the Lindsay gym last Friday night, taking home District wins.

The Lindsay Lady Knights fell to the Lady Hornets in a low scoring 32-20 final.

Kassie Dangelmayr was high scorer in the game with 12 points. Sydney Huchton added 8, Mady Burnett 6, Allie Walterscheid 3, Kristen Reiter 2, and Hannah Bayer 1. Muenster dropped in five 3-pointers and was 11 of 14 from the free throw line.

"We were cold in the shooting department, but played decent defense," commented Lindsay Coach Robin Hess.

Liz Hellman and Hayley Skinner each scored 8 points. Sarah Fuhrmann added 2, with Maddie Zimmerman and Taryn Stringfellow each scoring 1. Lindsay made only four of 14 of their free throws.

M	11	3	8	10	32
L	3	1	4	12	20

"Lindsay did a good job of slowing down the game and trying to take away Lyndon from our offensive game," noted Coach Lynn Cook. "It took us a little bit to adjust, but eventually we figured out how to handle their box-and-one defense and were able to pull away." Muenster won the game 57-27.

Logan Cook scored 12 points, with Cole Walterscheid and Lyndon Cook each adding 10 to lead the Hornets on the scoreboard. Ryan Hoepfner scored 7, Chance Herr and Blake Hoepfner 6 each, Trevor Cheaney 3, Trey Anderle 2, and Brandon Hennigan 1. Ly. Cook also pulled down 18 rebounds.

Leading scorer for the Knights was John Rohmer with 8 points. Connor Pelzel and James Fuller each added 6, Andy Dieter 4, and John Haverkamp 3.

M	10	15	19	13	57
L	5	9	3	10	27



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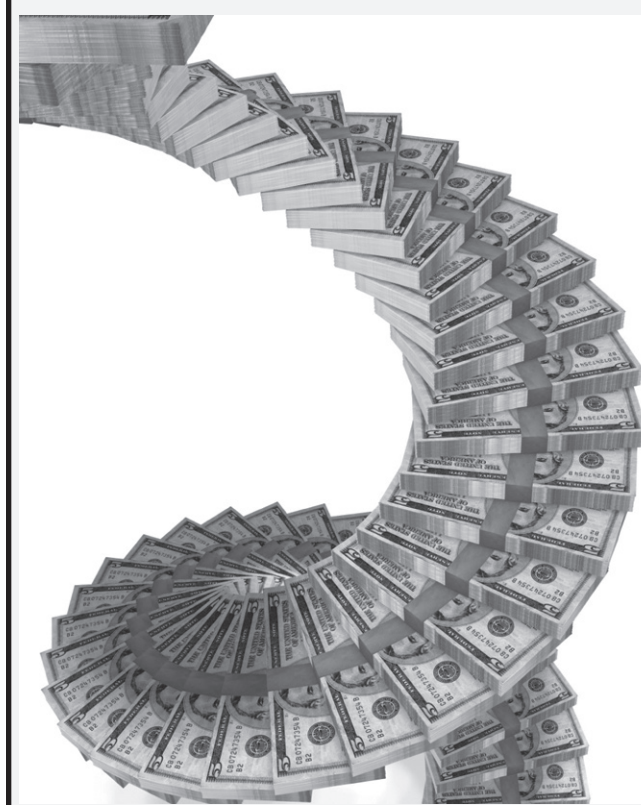
Keith Metzler (20) pulls down a rebound against Fellowship Tuesday night.



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Tigerette Bailey Walterscheid's fight to claim the ball was called a "tie" even with a Mustang rolling over her.

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**Lady Hornets & Hornets vs Valley View**



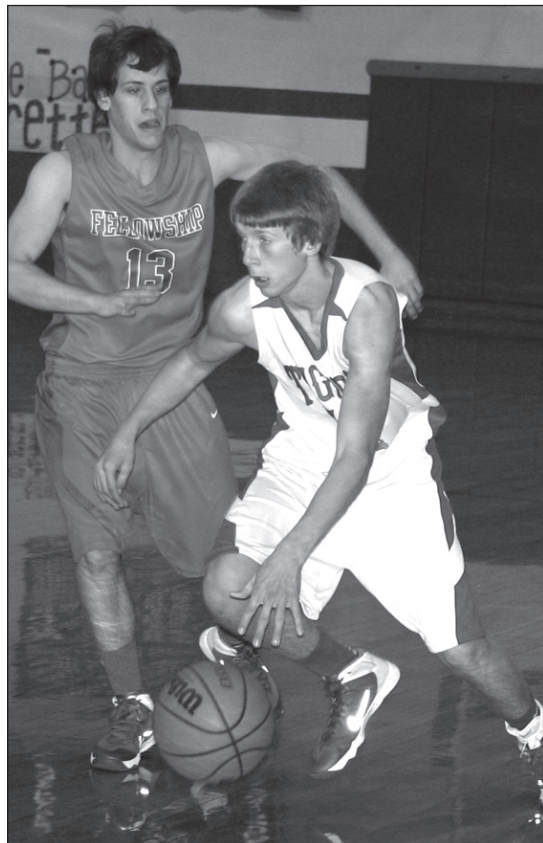
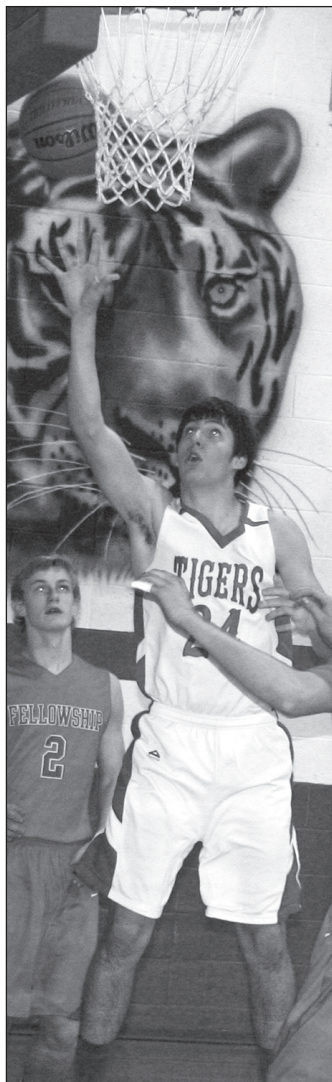
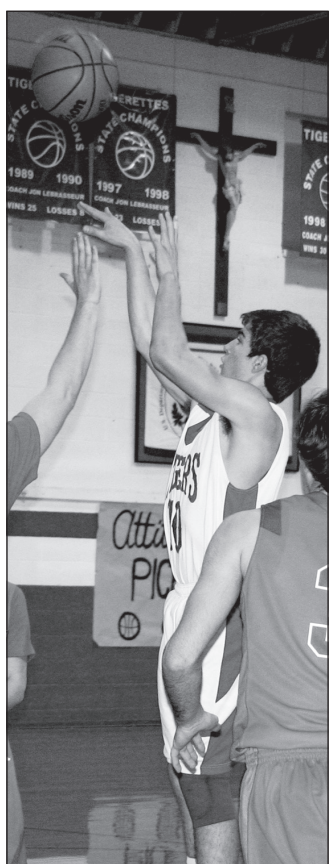
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# TEXAS GAME WARDEN FIELD REPORTS

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

**Sept. 2013**

**Your lie just croaked**

Two Tarrant County game wardens were checking a field on opening day when they found two men sitting around a stock tank with shotguns and a moving dove decoy set out. The father-son duo was contacted by the wardens and it was discovered that the father, who was from out-of-state, did not have a hunting license. The father told the wardens that he was not hunting dove, and that the shotgun and empty hulls by his seat were from shooting at bullfrogs. The wardens informed the man that he needed a license to hunt bullfrogs, as well.

**Trouble in the field**

A Shackelford County game warden was checking local fields for early hunters when he found a field with a high concentration of dove. After investigating the sunflower field further, the warden found wheat seed. Later that night, the warden came back to the field to confirm it was baited and found that wheat seed had been spread all the way around the field and in each mowed strip. The next morning, the shooting started and the warden made contact with a group who said they were surprised to see the bait. One subject was even more surprised that the nighthawk he shot was not a dove.

**Fishing in the dark**

Two game wardens received information - including the time and place, that a Mexican commercial fisherman would be out on Lake Falcon picking up gill net. When the wardens checked the lake at the reported time, they saw a vessel without navigation lights operating in the dark. They moved in for a closer look, made contact with the vessel, and found a fisherman pulling in the last section of gill net. He was placed in custody for no commercial fishing license and possession of illegal fishing device (1,980 feet of gillnet).

**Can I keep him?**

A San Patricio County game warden received an Operation Game Thief call about someone keeping white tailed deer as pets. With the help of another San Patricio County game warden, they found the property where the deer were being kept. Hidden behind a trailer park on several acres of high fence with a mixture of fallow and axis deer were one doe, one buck, and one very young fawn whitetail. After the wardens talked to several neighbors, the property owner was located and questioned. He said that he knew the day would come when he would get caught. He claimed the oldest animal jumped in his pen and never left and the other two were brought to him to be cared for after they were found abandoned. A citation was issued for possession of white tailed deer without permits and the deer were relocated.

**Nov. 2013**

**Sleepy Hollow-like**

Two Van Zandt County game wardens received a tip about three individuals who had killed two large, white-tailed bucks, still in velvet, at night with a spotlight. After interviewing the subjects, the wardens found out the two bucks were shot at night with a .22 rifle and their heads had been removed. Numerous cases against those involved are pending.

**Two-fer**

A Cherokee County game warden responded to a call regarding spotlighting and shots fired west of Maydelle. Recognizing the vehicle description, the warden found the vehicle, which was still in the area. After a brief interview of the two subjects in the vehicle, individuals the warden had previously filed on twice each for hunt-

ing violations, they admitted to shooting at a hog from the county road. Cases pending.

**Hunting in the wrong place**

A game warden from Dallam and Hartley counties and a Lubbock County game warden lieutenant received a call opening morning of pronghorn season about a hunter who shot pronghorn on their property in eastern Dallam County. After a short investigation, the hunter was located hunting two miles north of the property he had permission to hunt on. The pronghorn was seized and charges were filed.

**Trouble with the swerve**

A Hunt County game warden was patrolling for night hunters around midnight near a deer breeding facility when he saw a vehicle stop on the highway not far from him. The warden investigated further and saw the vehicle turn down a dirt road and begin driving along the high fence belonging to a ranch. He continued to follow the vehicle and saw that it was being driven all over the roadway. A traffic stop was made and the warden found that the driver was intoxicated. He was unable to complete any sobriety exercises. At the jail, the driver blew a .175 on the Intoxilyzer.

**Oh deer...**

After receiving several

calls from dispatch about "peppering" from dove hunters, a Gillespie County game warden met with the hunters, one of whom led him to his residence where his hunting license was stored. While checking the license, the warden noticed a cage in the man's backyard with a fawn inside. The man said he found the fawn "abandoned" on the side of the road and brought it home a few months back.

**Underage and Under the Influence**

While patrolling for dove hunting violations, two Starr County game wardens saw a pickup truck leaving a ranch with two unrestrained juveniles riding in the bed. After contact was made, one of the wardens saw two open alcoholic containers in the cab of the truck, and detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. After interviewing the driver and performing standardized field sobriety tests, the driver was placed under arrest for DWI with a child passenger under 15 years old (state jail felony) and was transported to the Starr County Jail.

**Hidden in plain sight**

After spending the morning checking fishermen on the Coletto Creek Reservoir, two Goliad County game wardens were headed to the field to check dove hunters in the area. The wardens found a newer model crew cab truck

stashed suspiciously in the brush. A check of the vehicle identification number showed the truck to be stolen out of Houston. The case was turned over to the Goliad County Sheriff's Department.

**Caught in the act**

A Brooks County game warden and a Kleberg County game warden returned to a large ranch in southern Brooks County to locate a group of dove hunters the wardens believed to be in violation of the law. The wardens eventually found the hunters and observed them from the brush as they enjoyed their dove hunt past legal shooting time and with plenty of bird action. The wardens rushed in soon after and were running over chicken scratch to get to them. Once contact was made and everything was checked out, multiple citations were issued, including: baiting migratory birds; hunting with unplugged shotgun, no hunting licenses, hunter education; and waste of game of a javelina. Cases pending.

**Work in Progress**

Bexar County game wardens were asked to assist Terrell County game wardens on a hunting without landowner's consent case involving two aoudad rams that were taken by four suspects caught on a game camera and the subsequent posting of their illegal hunt on Facebook. Terrell County arrest warrants were issued, and to date, three suspects have been arrested in Bexar County and a search warrant of one of the suspect's residence yielded an aoudad ram skull. Bexar County game wardens are continuing to search for the fourth suspect in the case.



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**Muenster vs Valley View**

The Muenster Junior High Lady Hornets took two wins from the Peepers of Valley View. In 7th grade action, Muenster flew over their opponents 14-4. Natalie Chism scored 6 points, with Morgan Hennigan and Bailey Anderle each adding 4.

**M** 8 6 0 0 14  
**VV** 0 2 0 2 4

Erin Schniederjan scored 18 points in the 8th grade's 44-16 victory. Natalie Dangelmayr added 11, Megan Rohmer 7, Alaina Kubis 6, and Sterling Walterscheid 2.

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The junior high Hornet teams earned two victories over Valley View on Jan. 23. The 7th grade boys won 33-18. Scorers for Muenster were Garrett Bindel 11, Parker McGrew 10, Cody Walterscheid 6, and 2 apiece

by Jacob Hesse, Bannon Os-teen, and Rudy Saucer.

The 8th grade boys had 10 players put in points toward the 46-10 Muenster win. Hornet scorers were Barrett Os-teen 12, Travis Dangelmayr 8, Carson Trubenbach 6, Kaden Fields, and Andrew Stoffels 4 apiece, Max Herr and Clay Stevens 3 each, and 2 points each by Kagen Dangelmayr, Bailey McCoy, and Brandon Sicking.

**Sacred Heart vs ICA**

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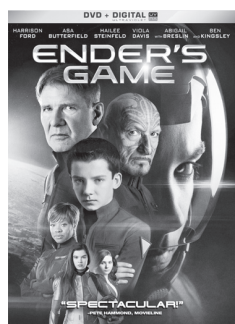
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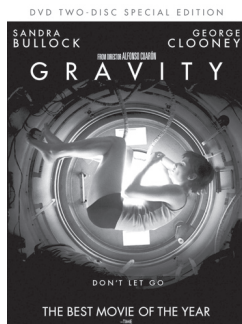
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# Cow slaughter likely to affect cow inventories in 2014

## Fed cattle & beef prices jump up

Fed cattle prices jumped significantly during the weeks following Christmas. The run-up in prices has been attributed to the possibility that packers had not lined up enough cattle ahead of the holidays to maintain sufficient supplies of beef to meet the demand. Other reasons included the weather-related disruptions in transporting cattle between feedlots and packing houses. Break-even prices in the Southern Plains are projected to fall below \$130 per cwt at least through April, after which weather markets will likely introduce some uncertainty. While fed cattle prices remain at or above \$130 per cwt, cattle feeding margins should continue to be positive.

As discussed in last month's write-up, dressed weights for all cattle could average higher in 2014 than they were in 2013 for several reasons. Lower priced corn will provide incentives for keeping cattle on feed longer, increasing dressed weights. More steers and fewer cows and heifers in the slaughter mix could also result in a tendency for dressed weights to be higher. However, pulling cattle forward—placing them in feedlots at younger ages and lighter weights

due to anticipated lower numbers of available feeder cattle and because of a positive relationship between placement weight and final weight—could mitigate the weight-increasing effects of lower feed prices and more steers in the slaughter mix.

Packer margins will improve—despite the significant increases in fed cattle prices and slower moving cutout values—if increases in cutout values sufficiently surpass increases in fed cattle prices. This could occur if cutout values continue to increase significantly beyond the addition of roughly \$2 per cwt that the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service introduced early this month by changing the way primal cuts are categorized for cutout values. Currently, the weekly moving average cutout values continue to move up, which should be supportive of the whole cattle feeding- meatpacking complex.

Retail beef prices are expected to average higher in 2014 than they did in 2013. However, consumer acceptance of the higher prices will be influenced to some degree by the anticipated increase in pork and poultry supplies.

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The extreme cold weather across much of the cattle areas of the continental United States disrupted meat processing and livestock movements to slaughter and has had a negative impact on cattle body maintenance and gains. While most of the extreme cold weather has been in the Central Plains and farther north, wheat with snow cover will likely be protected from much of the winter injury and will eventually benefit from the precipitation, while wheat without snow cover is likely to be adversely affected to some degree. These factors could increase feeding costs for most cow-calf producers, stocker operators, and cattle feeders for the short run.

Despite the likelihood of almost a 3% year-over-year decline in total 2013 commercial cow slaughter, the rate of total cow slaughter (ratio of slaughter to Jan. 1 total cow inventory) appears to have continued throughout 2013,

matching the high rates of 2010, 2011, and 2012. The high cow slaughter rates led to declines in cow inventories and the expectation of continuing declines in Jan. 1, 2014, cow inventory. USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service's Cattle report is due to be released on Jan. 31. Total annual commercial cow slaughter has exceeded 15% of Jan. 1 total cow inventories in 11 of the years since 1980: the four consecutive years from 1983-86, 1996 (1997 was 14.99%), and the six consecutive years '08-'13.

Dynamics are different for beef and dairy cows. Consistent with total cow slaughter, commercial beef cow slaughter is on track for 2013 to be the 6th consecutive year for commercial beef cow slaughter to exceed 10% of Jan. 1 beef cow inventories. Since 1980, beef-cow slaughter rates equaled or exceeded 10% of Jan. 1 cow inventories in 1983-89 and 1996-97.

Dairy cow slaughter is on track for the second highest rate of slaughter relative to Jan. 1 dairy cow inventories since 1980, equaled or exceeded only in 1983-84 (1985 was only slightly below).

Along with prices for other categories of cattle, cow prices have recovered dramatically during the last few weeks. However, with livestock slaughter more erratic than usual for the end-of-year holiday season because of winter storm disruptions and the fact that both Christmas and the New Year holidays came during the middle of the week, disrupting slaughter schedules and markets, it is difficult to determine whether an upward trend is really developing. At the same time, cow prices are projected higher in 2014 because of anticipated declines in cow slaughter as a result of expected efforts to rebuild cow herd inventories.

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## Beef exports strong to Asia

U.S. beef exports through November are up 4% for the year, largely due to strong growth in exports to Asia. The volume of exports has risen most to Japan (+48%), as import restrictions were relaxed in 2013 to allow for imports of U.S. beef from cattle aged less than 30 months. While beef consumption is flat in Japan, relaxed import restrictions have allowed the United States to take some market share from Australia. Exports have also risen through November to Hong Kong (+71%), Taiwan (+82%), and Mexico (+9%). Exports to Mexico have increased this year as Mexican beef production declined. Due to stronger demand from Asia and Mexico, the estimate of 2013 U.S. exports was raised to 2.534 billion pounds. The 2014 forecast was raised to 2.335 billion pounds, but overall exports are forecast to fall 8% next year as U.S. production declines due to lower cattle inventories.

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## Beef import forecast raised

U.S. beef imports through November are up 1% year-over-year and are estimated to have been 2.254 billion pounds for the year. Imports have risen this year from New Zealand (+7%), where an early-season drought led to higher cattle slaughter and beef production. Production rose for the same reason in Australia, but imports have fallen 6% due to rising demand from China.

While China accounted for 3% of Australian beef exports in 2012, China's share has risen to 13% through November due to Chinese consumers' stronger demand for beef. Imports have also

fallen from Canada (-2%), another top supplier of U.S. beef imports.

The 2014 forecast for U.S. imports was raised to 2.285 billion pounds due to recent strength in imports. The forecast for 2014 represents only a small increase in shipments from 2013 as supply will be constrained in many markets that export to the United States. Production is expected to decline slightly next year in Australia, the top source for U.S. beef imports in 2012 and 2013. Competition for Australian beef is likely to remain as demand continues to rise in Asia.

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## Cattle imports accelerate

Through November, U.S. cattle imports were 16% below year earlier levels as falling shipments from Mexico (-37%) outweighed higher imports from Canada (+22%). Imports from Mexico were slow to start the year after several years in which drought caused herd liquidation.

During the first half of 2013, imports from Mexico were down 45%. Imports have strengthened in the fourth quarter as shipments typically rise this time of year due to diminished forage availability in Mexico. Due to stronger imports from Mexico and sustained imports from Canada, the 2013 estimate of cattle imports was raised 25,000 head from last month to 1.99 million.

While nearly all cattle from Mexico are feeders, feeder cattle accounted for only 21% of imports from Canada in 2012. This number rose to 31% in 2013 through November due to strong U.S. demand and comparatively lower prices for feeder cattle in Canada. Cattle imports in 2014 are forecast at 1.95 million head, 2% lower than in 2013. Imports from Mexico are expected to decline for the second year in a row as inventories there remain tight. Strength in feeder cattle imports from Canada is likely to continue but may be offset by lower imports of slaughter cattle.

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## TEXAS AGRICULTURAL MARKET REPORT

For the week ending Jan. 25, Texas feeder cattle auctions reported prices \$6 lower to \$5 higher per hundredweight (cwt). Texas direct feeder cattle prices were steady to \$2 higher. Fed cattle cash prices set another record-high last week, averaging \$147.12 per cwt, up \$5 from the previous week. Wholesale beef values also established new record-highs on Wednesday, with Choice-grade offerings topping \$240 per cwt for the first time. Beef prices then slipped lower through the end of the week as buyers caught up on their purchases. Prices across the cattle-beef complex remain at historically high levels as tight supplies continue to support the market. Weekly beef export sales were down 9% from the previous week, but nearly four times higher than the prior four-week average. Shipments were up 1% for the week and even with the average.

Corn and grain sorghum prices were higher primarily due to support from higher soybean and energy markets. Corn export news was mixed. Weekly export sales were down 16% from the previous week, but up 6% from the prior four-week average. Egypt, Taiwan, Japan, and Mexico were the top buyers. Shipments were up 19% from a week ago, but down 8% from the average. Mexico and Japan were the leading destinations.

Wheat prices followed other grains and soybeans higher, though gains were limited by large world supplies that continue to pressure the market. Weekly export data were mixed. Wheat sales were up 32% from the previous week and 34% higher than the prior four-week average. Brazil, Japan, and Nigeria were the leading buyers. However, shipments were down 28% from a week earlier and 4% lower than the average. Nigeria, China, and Indonesia were the largest destinations.

## USDA reports record yields for major crops

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s January Crop Report reveals record yields for several major crops grown in the United States.

According to USDA Chief Economist Joe Glauber, corn production is down to 13.9 billion bushels, which is still a record. Nineteen U.S. states have reported record corn production. Average yield is about 158.8 bushels per acre.

Soybean production has also reportedly hit a milestone in the U.S. with 32.9 billion bushels. Average yield is 43.3 bushels.

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U.S. NO. 1 <b>Russet Potatoes</b> 10 LB. BAG	<b>\$2.99</b>	LARGE <b>Roma Tomatoes</b>	<b>8 for \$1</b>
LARGE GREEN <b>Bell Peppers</b> .....	3 FOR <b>\$1</b>	CELLO PACK <b>Whole Carrots</b> ..... 1 LB.	<b>59¢</b>
SUPER SELECT <b>Cucumbers</b> .....	3 FOR <b>\$1</b>	GREEN FRESH <b>Broccoli Crowns</b> ..... 2 LBS.	<b>\$3</b>
FRESH <b>Green Beans</b> .....	2 LBS. <b>\$3</b>	FRESH BUNCH <b>Green Onions</b> .....	2 FOR <b>\$1</b>
FRESH "A" SIZE <b>New Red Potatoes</b> .....	2 LBS. <b>\$1</b>	SPICY FRESH PEPPERS <b>Jalapeños</b> ..... LB.	<b>99¢</b>
FRESH <b>Sweet Potatoes</b> ..... LB.	<b>89¢</b>	SWEET <b>Yellow Onions</b> ..... LB.	<b>79¢</b>
CELLO PACK SLICED <b>Mushrooms</b> ..... 8 OZ.	<b>\$1.99</b>		

24-PACK CANS OR BOTTLES  
**Bud & Bud Light**  
**\$21**

## Dairy & Frozen Foods

SHURFINE ASSORTED FLAVORS <b>Ice Cream</b> 56 OZ. SQR., CTN. FOR	2 <b>\$4</b>	HOMESTYLE <b>Shurfine Waffles</b> 24 CT. PKG.	<b>\$3.79</b>
TENDERS OR NUGGETS <b>Banquet Chicken</b> 12.6-15 OZ.	2 FOR <b>\$5</b>	DAISY ORIGINAL OR LIGHT <b>Sour Cream</b> ..... 16 OZ.	<b>\$1.79</b>
MARIE CALLENDER'S ASSTD. VARIETIES <b>Frozen Dinners</b> 10-19 OZ.	4 FOR <b>\$10</b>	KRAFT PRE-PRICED \$4.19 <b>American Singles</b> ..... 16 OZ.	<b>\$2.99</b>
MARIE CALLENDER'S ASSTD. VARIETIES <b>Pot Pies</b> ..... 16 OZ.	4 FOR <b>\$10</b>	GROWERS' PRIDE SELECT VARIETIES <b>Orange Juice</b> ..... 59 OZ.	2 FOR <b>\$5</b>
BIRDS EYE ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Chicken Voila!</b> ..... 21 OZ.	<b>\$3.49</b>	SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Jumbos Biscuits</b> ..... 8 CT.	4 FOR <b>\$5</b>

## Health & Beauty Care

WESTERN FAMILY EX. STR. CHERRY OR PEPPERMINT <b>Anti-Gas Tablets</b> ..... 18 CT.	<b>\$1.99</b>	SELECT VARIETIES <b>Poise Pads</b> ..... 14-30 CT.	<b>\$5.69</b>
ASSORTED SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER <b>Suave Professionals</b> 12-12.6 OZ.	<b>\$1.99</b>		