

Birds enjoy Winter feasting time



Courtesy photo

Beautiful red cardinals bring a bit of cheer to the Hess residence south of Muenster. Seemingly undeterred by the recent icy, cold weather, these birds feed happily at the bird feeders set out by the Danna and Brian Hess family. The Northern Cardinal male is a vibrant red, while the female is a dull red-brown shade. How many cardinals can you count?

Knabe put his heart into job as Muenster fire chief

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

It was not just something to do. Herbie Knabe, former fire chief of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD), poured his heart and soul into the job. He didn't just do what it took to get by. He took it a step further, doing what was necessary and then some to help make Muenster's Volunteer Fire Department a success. That goal took dedication and hours of his time - something that his wife Edna attests to.

Knabe said that he spent some time at the Fire Station on a daily basis. He estimates that the job took an average of at least 10 - 16 hours a week. In the summer even more.

"I really put my heart and soul into the whole dat gum thing," admitted Knabe. "I probably read more, have read more, been to more classes. I read more fire stuff than I do anything else. *Firehouse* magazine is one of my favorites."

On Jan. 1, Knabe handed the responsibilities of fire chief over to his assistant chief Bert Walterscheid. Knabe remains a member of the Muenster VFD, going out on calls and lending as-

sistance or advice to Walterscheid when needed as they make the transition.

Knabe became a member of MVFD in 1965. He served as fire chief from 1972-78 and from January 1983 to Dec. 31, 2013. That is 36

years of service as fire chief. He also served as president of the Cooke County Fire Association for some years.

Knabe did some math and noted, "Out of those years, 1,152 drills that I could have

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Janie Hartman photo

Muenster VFD Chief Herbie Knabe takes command as he communicates with firefighters as they work to get a grass fire under control.

Car burns on icy highway

Fire under the hood of the car, at left, caused a motorist to be stranded on Hwy. 82 east of Muenster Monday afternoon. Most of the ice had melted on the road, but temperatures were still freezing. Muenster VFD responded with five trucks and 17 firefighters to extinguish the fire and to assist with traffic control. Muenster Police Department also helped with the traffic which was backed up due to the car fire. MVFD responded to a rollover caused by icy roads earlier that day.

Janie Hartman photos

County honors MMH for service

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News Editor

Muenster Memorial Hospital District received accolades at the Monday, Feb. 10 meeting of Commissioners Court. The Hospital marks its 50th anniversary this month.

The proclamation stated that the Muenster Hospital serves Muenster, Myra, Hood, Era, Rosston, and all of western Cooke County. It noted that in 2002 the District became a Critical Access Hospital and in 2010 a new addition including a fitness center with pool therapy and rehab center opened.

It also said that presently Muenster Memorial Hospital employs 125 staff members, and is an 18 bed Critical Access Hospital with a Level IV Trauma/Emergency Department. The Muenster Memorial Hospital District also includes a Rural Health Clinic, Home Health department, and a retail pharmacy.

The proclamation said, "Muenster Memorial Hos-

pital continues to be one of the most outstanding health care facilities in our area, extending exceptional service to our citizens."

Feb. 10 was proclaimed as Muenster Memorial Hospital Day by the Court.

Sheriff Terry Gilbert applied for and received a grant from Tarleton State University for participation in the Rural Law Enforcement Information Technology Program. This grant will be used to place computers in the Cooke County Sheriff's Department vehicles.

Sheriff Gilbert remarked, "This grant will place 17 onboard computers in our patrol units. It will allow us

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Rabies found in County

Cooke County Sheriff Terry Gilbert has disclosed that the Department of State Health Services has confirmed the first case of rabies for the year. State officials in Abilene revealed that a skunk killed in southwestern Cooke County, between the cities of Era and Valley View, tested positive for rabies. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of CR 332, sometime between late Friday and early Saturday morning when two dogs killed a wild skunk that had wandered too close to a private home. All Cooke County residents are cautioned to avoid nocturnal animals seen in populated areas in the daytime and report any contact with pets or people to local authorities.

Winter rabies cases are uncommon for the North Texas area. Health service professionals warn that night or nocturnal wild animals observed during daylight hours in urban areas could be at risk for rabies. Skunks

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the Peace Courts, probate, guardianship and juvenile hearings, and civil lawsuits up to the statutory limit of the Court.

Why do you seek (re) election to this office?

Morris - I am seeking reelection for a fourth term because I like doing the job and I do it well. I treat all persons who come into my court with courtesy and respect. I have never had an ethics complaint filed against me with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. I have had some judgments appealed to higher courts but I have never had a judgment reversed by an appeals court. I have always operated the court within the budget approved by the Commissioners Court.

Tatum - I have been interested in this position since our County Court at Law was created. I feel this Court is under-utilized, and could

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Two vie for position of Judge of Court at Law

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There are two candidates, John Morris and Lee Tatum, seeking the Republican nomination as candidate of the Cooke County Court at Law Judge. Since there is not a candidate on the Democratic ticket for this position, the person who wins the Republican nomination will serve the next term as judge of Cooke County's Court At Law.

Incumbent John H. Morris hopes to hold his office. He has served Cooke County in that capacity for 11 years. Judge Morris earned his BBA at East Texas State University in 1968 and his JD from Texas Tech School of Law in 1972. He lives on County Road 260 near Gainesville with his wife Galene. She is a retired school teacher from Gainesville ISD who is now a volunteer advocate with CASA and

Cooke County United Way. They are the parents of two married daughters and have three grandchildren.

Lee Tatum is an attorney licensed in Texas and Oklahoma, and the Eastern Federal District of the State of Texas. He graduated from Callisburg High School and received his Bachelor of Business degree from the University of North Texas. He earned his law degree at Texas Wesleyan School of Law, now Texas A & M. A Gainesville resident, Tatum is a multi-generation native of Cooke County. Lee and his wife Cindy are the parents of Scout, Skylar, Story, and Slate.

Each candidate was presented with a set of identical questions. The questions and their responses follow.

Describe what you see as the duties of the Court at Law Judge.

staff of the County Court at Law. To set the budget for the court to be presented to the Cooke County Commissioners Court for approval. To preside over the juvenile board of Cooke County. To preside over all trials and hearings involving criminal misdemeanors, civil cases with an amount in controversy up to \$200,000.00, probate cases which include



John Morris

trust and guardianship cases, applications for mental health commitments of adults and juveniles, and all juvenile cases involving children between the ages of 10 and 16 in the County Court at Law.

Tatum - To preside over various hearings and trials, which include Class A and B misdemeanors, any Class C appeals from the Justice of



Lee Tatum



Courtesy photo

Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement, at left, presents a proclamation to MMH Administrator Michael Kent honoring the Muenster Hospital District for 50 years of service to the County.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Feb. 11, 1949

One extra hour each day will make up lost school time in Muenster due to the bad weather; Lindsay will hold Saturday classes to make up the time lost. Randy Bayer, Jerry Fuhrmann, Larry Hofbauer, John Myrick, and Henry Weinzapfel receive their Scouting Ad Altare Dei awards. New Arrival: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Welch. Luke's Variety Store advertises heart-shaped boxes of chocolates 80¢ to \$6, Valentine cards (a swell variety) 1¢ to \$1. Valentine dance in KC Hall to feature Doc Davis Orchestra at cost of \$1.25 per couple.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 14, 1964

It was approved. A public hearing took place on the closing of approximately 1.1 miles of CR 137. With no objections given, Commissioners voted to close that portion of CR 137. In other business conducted at the Feb. 10 meeting, Commissioners Court:

- Approved using the District Attorney's forfeiture account for the purchase of a new scanner in order to aid in the new discovery laws that became effective this January.
- Approved the Cooke County investment policy as presented by County Treasurer Patty Brennan.
- Approved Cooke County EMS Station project change orders. All were credits.

Muenster Jaycees say new tennis courts will be ready in about a week. Obituaries: B.I. Dern, 54; Jeannie Craddock, 84. New Arrivals: Tina to Leo and Ethel Hesse; Jeffrey to the James Wolfs; Curtis to Curtis and Dorothy Mae Holland; Bradley to Tim and Eunice Wimmer; Michael to Bobby and Linda Walterscheid; Brooke to the James Krahl's. Weddings: Sharon Yosten and Clyde Walterscheid; Sheila Derichsweiler and Glenn Blackwood; Charlotte Ford and Jere Friske. Janet Lutkenhaus is FHA Girl of the Month.

25 YEARS AGO Feb. 10, 1989

The National Evangelization Team (NET) holds two retreats in Muenster. Muenster Hornets win third District Championship. Obituaries: Charles Wolf, 74; Sr. M. Frowina Hacker, 88. Nick Miller is honored for all his years of service to the Boy Scouts. Ed Endres retires after 41 years of working for the Post Office. New Arrivals: Krista to George and Sharon Luke; Katie to Bobby and Judy Hobbs.

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access to drivers license information, warrant status, and the capability to connect with the Sheriff's Office CAD system so that a GPS program can be used for deputy safety and also allow the deputies to limit their time spent in the Office for report writing. This grant includes the hardware and installation of the computers. The Sheriff's Office will supply the air cards needed to connect to the systems."

regarding the closing of County Road 467. This road was put in to give property owners access to their land after the building of the Muenster Lake caused the original access road to no longer exist. Brian Walter purchased that property and the property that CR 467 runs through. Access from CR 467 was no longer necessary, thus Walter asked that the road be closed. No objections were voiced against the road closure and

it was approved.

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County Library News

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Don't have any cash and you need to pay your Library fine? The Cooke County Library will now offer patrons the option to pay for their fines, credits, fines, or printouts by credit or debit card. You can use your Visa or MasterCard. A patron may use a card, only if the amount to be paid is a dollar or more. Also the credit card vendor charges a fee to process the payment. This fee is \$1 or 3%, whichever is greater, to the patron when using the credit or debit card.

If you have any questions, you can email them to cookectylib@gmail.com or call the Library at 940-668-5530.

February closings
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be made much more efficient and productive for the citizens of Cooke County, with no added cost to the taxpayers. I would like to be given the opportunity to show how much more this Court can do.

What do you feel best qualifies you for this position?

Morris - I have been a lawyer for 40 years. For the first seven years, I was a state prosecutor and tried dozens of criminal cases, everything from traffic ticket appeals to a capital murder case. I then began 22 years of private law practice in both civil and criminal law with an emphasis on criminal law. I am one of only two practicing lawyers in the County who is board certified in criminal law. The other one works in the County Attorney's office. I have held my board certification for 30 years. I was elected judge in 2002 and have been reelected twice without opposition. I have presided over hundreds of cases in the last 11 years. The records of the Office of Court Administration show that in 2013 the court disposed of more than 1,000 cases with 899 of those being criminal cases. We assessed fines of \$716,982.40. We collected \$364,116.18, since many of the fines are payable in monthly payments on schedules set by the Court Compliance Officer. If fines are not paid according to the schedule, the defendants are arrested and lay the fines out in jail.

Tatum - I practice in courts all over the State and do a lot of criminal Federal work. I have handled many different types of cases, including family law, criminal, probate, juvenile, and civil cases. I have handled cases from a murder trial to small claims court cases. I have seen different ways that Courts throughout our State handle cases that come before them, and believe that I can help make this Court more efficient and productive.

I have a very thriving law practice in Cooke County with a large staff. I am experienced in operating a business, and will be able to bring this experience to this position.

What goals do you have for this office should you be (re) elected?

Morris - To hear and dispose of cases as efficiently as possible, always looking to improve on the already efficient system in place. To maintain good communication with the law enforcement agencies, the probation offices, and the District Court.

Tatum - I plan to make a request to the Cooke County Commissioners Court to seek concurrent jurisdiction with the 235th Judicial District Court of Cooke County, Texas. This will assist Judge Haverkamp with her District Court cases, and will help balance the caseload between the two courts. Currently, our District Court has to handle all of the family law cases. With the concurrent jurisdiction, this would allow the County Court at Law to be able to help Judge Haverkamp out with the family law cases.

Comments?

Morris - Before becoming a lawyer, I served in the United States Army receiving an honorable discharge in June, 1970. I have no intention of seeking to amend the law setting the jurisdiction of the court to include family law because it could possibly cause us to lose our single county district court and the district judge is not agreeable to sharing her family law jurisdiction with my court. The district judge and I have a good working relationship and I would do nothing to jeopardize that relationship. This issue was discussed and decided by the judges and lawyers of Cooke County in 2001 when the law was written creating the County Court at Law and I would not propose to change it.

Tatum - According to the dockets provided by the Courts, during the period from Nov. 1, 2013 to Jan. 3, 2014, 500 cases came before the District Court, including two jury trials, one of which lasted one week, and 350 cases came before the County Court at Law, with no jury trials. Many of the County Courts at Law across our State have concurrent jurisdiction with the District Court for their counties. If concurrent jurisdiction is granted, judges for both of these courts would be able to work together to balance the County's caseload between the Courts more evenly.

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and bats are especially known to often be carriers of the disease and should be avoided by people and pets.

In this recent incident, one of the dog owners, recognizing the skunk's behavior as being unusual or erratic took the animal carcass to the County veterinarian for testing. Personnel at Refinery Road Animal Clinic, which is the County contract vet, immediately sent the carcass to the Abilene lab where examination confirmed the animal was rabid. Upon being notified of the case, Sheriff Department deputies implemented quarantine measures for the dogs involved in the incident. Isolation of animals for observation periods help insure the disease is not spread to people or other animals. These quarantine periods are stated-mandated and carry hefty fines for owners that are non-compliant.

To report additional information, contact Cooke Co. Sheriff's Office at 940-665-3471.

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Sunday, February 23, 2014	Monday, February 24, 2014	Tuesday, February 25, 2014	Wednesday, February 26, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014	Saturday, March 1, 2014
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attended or been at, I made over 1,102. I have record that I missed 20 of those in all those years.

"There was one thing about it - there was never any one call that was any more important or any less important than the other one, there never was."

The former fire chief is proud to say that the department grew in personnel, training, and trucks over those years. "Training is really important. And, of course, we've got the equipment now to handle just about any fire that we would have."

Materials have changed from being the more natural cotton or leather to man-made products that are toxic and much more dangerous to breathe. He added that even after a fire has been extinguished, the burned materials are producing invisible, but toxic products in the air.

Herbie recalls his early days with MVFD. "After I first joined the Department, I didn't go to a fire for three years. I almost quit. Our communications were really bad. The phone company had it set up where there were eight phones. Out of everybody in the Department, only eight people got notified right away."

Back then, people called 2235 to report a fire. Those eight fire phones would ring and if none of those firemen were home, nobody got the call. Some time after he became chief, that number was raised to 10, but with about 21 MVFD members, only half were getting the calls. Another bank of 10 was added and so 20 firemen were getting calls. He recalled that three or four phones had buttons to push that would activate the siren on the water tower to notify firemen who were not by their phones.

It was not until 1995 when Cooke County Commissioners Court stepped up to help that the volunteer fire departments got pagers for fire calls. Fire calls were then dispatched out of the Sheriff's Department.

Back in 1965, when Knabe first joined Muenster's volunteer department, they did not have any bunker gear. "I remember going in houses just like this (dressed in regular clothes), a hose in one hand and a nozzle on the end of it and hopefully water coming out of the end of it. That was all we had." The paperwork of where they went and who went was kept on a sheet of paper on a board in the Fire Department. When the paper got full, it was exchanged for a new one.

Knabe noted, "As time went on, we started getting bunker gear. We did have two air packs and we did have a black coat and a helmet - I think we had four of them. But, nobody would ever put them on."

Fire Chief Knabe and his assistant chief Rick Stewart found little money in the Fire Department's account. There was \$26 in their account.

With the need for gear, they decided to have a fundraiser. They raised \$2,500 and bought some gear. That's when their fundraiser be-

gan. They bought more bunker gear and air packs over a period of time. The firemen still were not wearing the new gear despite Knabe urging them to do so. The station was added onto, another truck or two purchased. Still the firemen neglected to wear their gear. Knabe said the firemen protested that their response time would be slowed too much if they took time to suit up in their gear.

"So, we started practicing that," stated Knabe. "And now, from the time we get the call, in a little over two minutes, and a lot of times under two minutes, a truck is running out of the station with guys with their gear on. They've got it sitting where they want it so they come in and shuck their shoes off, step down and pull it on, get their coat and helmet and they are going out the door."

A proud moment in Knabe's mind is at a structure fire they responded to at Rosston. They had their 2005 fire truck specially equipped by Dennis Schwalbe. "It had three air pack seats in it where the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) was up in the back. Whenever the guys jump in the trucks they can put these air packs on as they are going out. The driver doesn't have it, but the other three seats do." When they arrived at the house fire, the Muenster firemen got out all suited up in their gear, grabbed the hose, and headed for the fire while the driver started the pump motor up. Rosston was struggling with a problem with its pump motor. Knabe said the homeowner was heard asking, "Where did that paid fire department come from?" Knabe said it made him feel about 10 feet high.

Knabe recalled, "I think in all those years we only had one structure fire that we totally lost that I can think of. Weather - lightning, wind, and rain - had everything to do with that one."

Asked if he felt he'd accomplished his goals as chief, Knabe replied, "There is a constant goal and that is that every firefighter comes back home safe. Looking at it from that standpoint, we've accomplished our goal in that respect."

Getting all of the firefighters certified is a goal that Knabe did not quite attain. He said that about half of the department is at least basic certified, about a third hold Intermediate certification. The day is coming when every volunteer firefighter will be required to be certified. Knabe holds an M-3 certification and is close to attaining an M-4 certification. "There is a lot of hours that go into that," he said.

Looking back, Knabe recalled that when he got out of high school he thought he'd like to become a highway patrolman. "I was two inches too short and 20 pounds too light. I was discriminated against," he said with a laugh. It was the same for paid firefighters. Now if you can meet the test, you can do it, he said.

Of the current fire department members, Knabe had high praises. He told of a cold spell in December with

wind blowing 25 mph out of the north and very cold temperature. There was a call to a car fire at about 10 p.m. "Think about dedication - 17 firemen showed up at that scene and some were at the station," he commented. "And then the other morning, we had a call, a possible structure fire, roads covered with ice, 7 o'clock in the morning, and we had 20 some that wrote their names down that morning. Twenty some out of the 33. Of course, some come to the station and if all the trucks are gone, they'll drive their personal vehicles or they'll check to see if we need anything and if we don't need anything, then they'll go on. It seems like it doesn't make any difference on what the conditions are, they come running. It's a good bunch of guys and a girl. We have one girl on the department."

Two incidents from his childhood are what inspired Herbie to join the fire department. One was a grass fire started by sparks from a trash barrel fire. He remembered that about eight acres burned before the fire department arrived. Another was a fire when he was about 10 years old and his family lived near the old railroad. There was a fire one day and one of the Fishers stopped at their house and asked Herbie if he could drive. He said he couldn't but his mother could. She was quickly recruited to drive the fire truck. "I got to thinking about those times and there wasn't anybody around. They were very short of help. I thought maybe it was time to get into that," Herbie said. "Then whenever I got into it, it was three years before I went to my first fire." When he got to the fire, he was excited to get to fight a fire. Then he was handed a wet gunny sack and told to "start over there."

In conclusion Knabe remarked, "I don't think that we could be in any better place than we are as far as if we needed something, if the community saw or knew that we needed something, they gave us the money. We got the money to get whatever we needed. I really feel right now with the personnel that we've got and the equipment we can be beat. And as long as we've got community support, I don't think anything could be any better than it is right now. To me, it's a situation that every volunteer department in the country would love to be in."

Weather safety

DPS offers tips for staying safe during winter weather:

- Avoid unnecessary travel, monitor local weather broadcasts, follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions at <http://www.weather.gov/>.
- Remember that ice forms first on bridges, overpasses, and shady areas.
- On icy roads, drive slowly, increase distance needed for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.

For information on road conditions statewide, check www.drivetexas.org or call 800-452-9292.

Obituaries

Mary Seyler Adams 1929 - 2014

Mary Evelyn Seyler Adams, 84, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2014. She was born in Muenster, the second child of Ben and Agnes Seyler, on Dec. 20, 1929. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School and attended Loretto Heights College and Texas Technological College. She married Darrell V. Adams in Lubbock on July 2, 1948.

Mary lived a life worthy of celebration. She and Darrell created a beautiful home for their children and countless others. Mother Mary was known by many for her kindness and caring as well as her opinions and philosophies. She was a foster mother early and late in her life. She befriended strangers in places ranging from laundries to the highways. They didn't stay strangers for long. Her life was an adventure and she mothered friends from across the world and these people still count her as their "Texas Mom". Ursula Kärner Baum, Alak Akbarov, Marat Alkhanov, and William James Christopher Hildson (or Billy Jim as we rechristened him), who returned to give her great comfort in her final months, were only a few of the numerous foreign students who made their home with her over the years.

Her house was galactic central for marathon card games, extraordinary barbecues, epic graduation parties, the occasional soap

opera addiction, books, magazines, newspapers, late night discussions, and children. Forever children - there were few times in the last 60 years that Mary's home wasn't filled with noisy, young children. Always the innovator, she created the mesquite Christmas tree and Big Bend Stew. She managed many camping trips and never turned down the chance at a rafting expedition. She ran Tortoise Express for the benefit of friends and family alike. She was a lifelong member of the Democratic Party and a true progressive. Home was where she was and it was always filled with laughter and good times. Her Catholic faith sustained her.

Later in life, Mary and Darrell both benefited from the spiritual (and fishing) guidance of Fr. Alvin Wilde and Fr. Thomas Kelley. She was blessed by their friendship. More recently, Monsignor James Bridges provided much welcomed comfort and good humor. Mary benefitted mightily from the love of her sisters. She left this world without a worry or concern because of their love.

Survivors are children Paul and wife Margaret of Lubbock, Agnes "Sissy" of Midland, Peter of Lewisville, Ben and wife Melinda of Fort Worth, John and wife Sharon of Dripping Springs, TX, Anne of Midland, and Aimee Jackson and husband



Mary Adams

Richard Jackson of Rule, TX; 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; her sisters Johann Bezner of Gainesville and Sr. Mary John Seyler, O.S.B. of Jonesboro, AR; sister-in-law June Adams of McAllen; and a nephew and niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 49 years, Darrell, and their infant daughter Abigail Margaret.

In celebration of her life, a Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave, Midland. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Muenster Museum, PO Box 234, Muenster, TX 76252 or to Helping Hands of Midland, Texas, 1301 Brinson Lane, Midland, Texas 79703.

Billy Joe James 1932 - 2014

Mass of Christian Burial for Billy Joe James was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 6 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. A Rosary/Vigil was held at 6 p.m., Feb. 5 at Scott Funeral Home. Services were officiated by Rev. Ken Robinson.

Billy Joe died at the age of 81 on Feb. 2, 2014 in Muenster.

Billy Joe was born in Gibson County, IN on March 10, 1932 to Thurman Delbert James and Ruth Viola Wicklin. God, family, and country were the three most important elements in Billy Joe's life in which he served with love and passion.

He searched for a long time and after 81 years he found his peace by joining Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013. Daily prayers and bedtime thanks were among his many conversations with God.

Music was a window to Billy Joe's soul. He wrote many songs and poems. Sharing his talent as a musician, he started a band named "The Country Rocks" where he played lead guitar and backup vocals with his brother Kenny James as lead vocalist. These were some of his happiest and fondest memories, often bringing a lump in his throat and tears to his eyes anytime he drifted down memory lane.

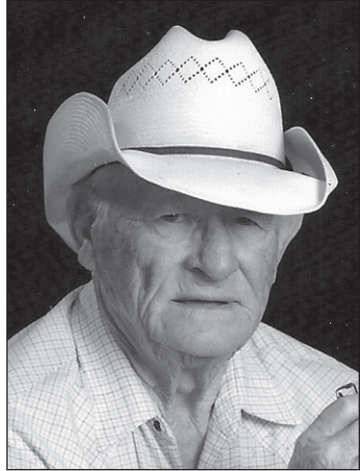
Billy Joe is his families' hero. Being the first born, he served as son, big broth-

er, daddy, grandpa, great-grandpa, and great-great-grandpa. There was no limit to what he would do for his family.

Billy Joe joined the Army in February 1956. He was awarded declarations in Carbine Sharpshooter, Rifle Expert, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Infantry Badge. He was stationed in Germany along the Berlin Wall. He was a lifelong member of the V.F.W and a member of the American Legion and served in many positions and duties.

Billy Joe worked in his early years helping his dad and his grandpa Joe on the farm, as a driller in the oil fields in Indiana and Illinois, and the coal mine in Illinois. After moving with his wife Marilyn and youngest daughter Billie to Texas in 1986, he enrolled in the police academy and served as chief of police in Saint Jo until his retirement in 1996.

Billy Joe's most loved work was farming and ranching, the hard work but simple life of a farmer. He took on many jobs brush hogging, plowing, disking, and planting as well as many fence building jobs where he graciously supervised. He woke up early each day to check on the cattle and make sure all were counted for and repeating this before each evening's sunset. Billy Joe was a simple man with simple ways, where a man's handshake and good word were all that he needed to



Billy James

seal a deal.

Survivors are daughters and sons-in-law Gail and Mike Bryant of Newalla, OK, Betty James of Gainesville, and Billie and Tony Grewing of Muenster; sons and daughters-in-law Ralph and Sharron James of Gainesville, David and Kathy James of Oklahoma City, OK, and Keith and Suzanne Haney of Fountain Valley, CA; sister and brother-in-law Grace and Terry Kelsey of Odon, IN; brother and sister-in-law Pete and Kathy James of Mt. Carmel, IL; 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn L. Alldredge, Chrystal Adams, mother of his five oldest children, his parents, brothers Ora Kenneth "Kenny" James and Hovey Ray James, and one grandchild.

Pallbearers were Keith Bartlett, Mike James, Tim James, Brian James, Jon Grewing, Matthew Grewing, Kenneth Grewing, and Ryan Hess.

Elizabeth "Betty" Stoffels 1934 - 2014

Mass of Christian Burial for Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Stoffels, age 79 of Lindsay, was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 12 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Fr. Phil Petta officiating. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery under the direction of the Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. A rosary with visitation was held at 7 p.m., Feb. 11 at the funeral home.

Betty was born June 27, 1934 in Gainesville to Joseph Henry and Clara Elizabeth Hermes Bengfort. She died Feb. 8, 2014 in Gainesville.

Betty retired from the Texas Department of Human Services. She also served as a volunteer of the North Texas Medical Center Auxiliary.

Survivors are daughters and sons-in-law Charlotte and Bill Winter and Katie

and Billy Felderhoff; sons and daughters-in-law Randy and Janice Stoffels, Bob and Pauline Stoffels, Tim and Sabrina Stoffels, and Stan and Stephanie Stoffels; 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law Stella and Tony Hess; and sister-in-law Ann Bengfort.

She was preceded in death

by her husband Charles; her parents; sisters Marie Zimmerer, Catherine Stoffels, Sr. Elise Bengfort, and Dorothy Bengfort; and brothers Joseph Bengfort, Leonard Bengfort, and Wilfred Bengfort.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Peter's Catholic Church Restoration Fund.

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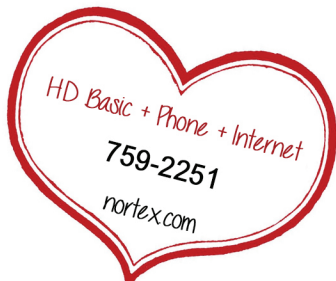
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2015 applications due for Cooke County United Way

The Cooke County United Way is now considering applications from qualified agencies for the 2015 Campaign Allocation process. New agencies wishing to be considered for the 2015 program may make their request by a letter of intent which must be received by Cooke County United Way office no later than Feb. 24. Approved agencies will be partners for the upcoming 2015 Campaign which begins this August.

Allocation application packets will be mailed out to all qualified new and current member agencies no later than Feb. 28. Those agencies wishing to be considered for 2015 Campaign Allocations must return the application packets by March 27. Request for information may be sent to P. O. Box 208, Gainesville, TX 76241 and/or by calling the Cooke County United Way office 940-665-1793.

A qualified agency must be established as tax-exempt organization under the IRS Code Section 501(c)3 and provide services/programs in the health and human services. The allocation packet request agency information in the areas of: constitution and bylaws, management, financial reports, statement of cooperation, and statement of nondiscrimination.

The agency must additionally meet the funding criteria, financial accountability, community needs, program priorities, and program effectiveness.

The Cooke County United Way and its member agencies share two common goals in the allocation process relative to the overall mission: 1) To fund real community needs as fully as possible and 2) To allocate available funds for optimum effect among these needs. Whereas, each agency views community needs from its own specific viewpoint, the United Way must look at agencies and needs from the view of the total community.

Local volunteers serving on the Citizens Review Panel and the volunteer members of the Cooke County United Way Board of Directors review the needs and determine where the funds will be invested. These volunteers reflect a cross-section of the community. Cooke County United Way celebrates its 59th anniversary this year and is one of 1,300 local, independent United Ways across the country.

To learn more about Cooke County United Way, visit website [HYPERLINK "http://www.cookeuw.org"](http://www.cookeuw.org) www.cookeuw.org and "like them" on Facebook.

NCTC Creative writing contest accepting entries

An annual event that showcases the talents of area writers and poets is now accepting entries. North Central Texas College is once again hosting the NCTC Creative Writing Contest.

The NCTC writing contests offer aspiring amateur writers of all ages in Texas and Oklahoma the chance to have their work critiqued by professionals, to have it published, and possibly earn them special recognition and cash prizes.

Sponsored by the NCTC English, Speech, and Foreign Language Department, the popular contest usually draws up to 600 or more entries from throughout the region.

"We just keep getting more and more entries from a wider area," contest director and NCTC English Instructor Gabrielle Fletcher said. "It used to be mostly Cooke County and Denton County, but now we are starting to move out a little further and more schools are starting to participate."

Fletcher said the competition comprises four main divisions for amateur writers ranging from middle school age through adults. Each division features subcategories for poetry, short stories, and essays. Cash prizes are awarded for first, second, and third place in each division.

Deadline for entries is noon on Feb. 26. The 2014 Awards Ceremo-

ny will be held at 11 a.m., on April 11 at the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts on the NCTC Gainesville campus.

Copies of the 2013 edition of *The April Perennial*, featuring winning entries from last year, will also be distributed at the awards ceremony.

Renowned author Nancy E. Turner will be this year's guest speaker at the awards ceremony.

Turner, a graduate of the University of Arizona with a triple major in Creative Writing, Art, and Music, has had several novels published. She started college at the

4-H Livestock Show this weekend

A 4-H Livestock Show is set for Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. The show starts at 9 a.m., with two rings in use simultaneously and other livestock being shown in other areas of the building. Categories in-



clude beef, sheep, dairy goats, dairy cattle, poultry, swine, rabbits, and goats.

This is a great chance for the public to support the local 4-H youth.

Concessions will be available.

Local students win at show

Two Muenster livestock exhibitors earned 1st place at the 2014 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.

Owen Tolar, a 4-H member, took top honors with his heifer in the Junior Red Angus Show on January 27.



in the Junior Wether Goat Show on February 2.

The 118th edition of the Fort Worth Show hosted nearly 10,000 junior exhibitors from across Texas, competing for prizes and \$107,885 in premiums.

Muenster FFA member Darrell Hermes exhibited the 1st place medium weight

Meeting Notice

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the North Texas Medical Center (NTMC) Classrooms. Bobby Tarrant, RN, NTMC stroke coordinator, will present a program on the signs, symptoms, and risk factors of stroke. Those who attend will learn about the NTMC Level

III Stroke Certification, recently received at NTMC, and what that means for the treatment of stroke patients in this area.

Individuals with diabetes, family members, and anyone interested in learning about diabetes are encouraged to attend this free program.

For more information, call Joan at 940-768-8120.

Cooke County Library to host Valentine's Day Storyhour

Cooke County Library will host a special Valentine's Day storyhour on Friday, Feb. 14. Children are invited to come celebrate Valentine's Day with their friends and make new ones. The Library will have stories and crafts, as well as some treats!

This storyhour will take place at 10:30 a.m. at the Library at 200 S. Weaver Street in Gainesville.

Little Flowers dance and dine with dads

Toes were tapping on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the second annual Little Flowers' Daddy/Daughter Dance. Dads and daughters danced their Sunday best and arrived at the KC Hall where they had pictures taken to commemorate the evening.

A delicious fried chicken meal and scrumptious homemade desserts were next on

the agenda. The girls and their dads then took to the dance floor for a fun evening of dancing to a variety of songs. In between dances, the Little Flowers and dads enjoyed making St. Valentine's cards.

Little Flowers Girls' Club is a Catholic club for girls ages five and up that teaches virtues through scripture, saints' biographies, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The girls meet once a month during the school year to learn about a specific virtue and a saint that exemplified that virtue, memorize a related Bible verse, and complete a craft. The Little Flowers Girls' Club coordinators are Tina Walterscheid and Christy Hesse.

Weather Whys

Roll clouds are one of the most unusual cloud formations seen anywhere, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Roll clouds can often be seen before a thunderstorm approaches," he explains. "They resemble a giant dough roller in the sky - they can stretch for many miles and they almost look like a horizontal funnel cloud. They are a fairly rare occurrence and you may go years without seeing one."

Often, they are caused "by a sinking cold air mass that is above warmer, moist air," he adds. "The warmer air condenses into the shape of a cloud, but the winds will 'roll' the cloud parallel to the ground, creating the giant roll cloud effect. Roll clouds are usually harmless."

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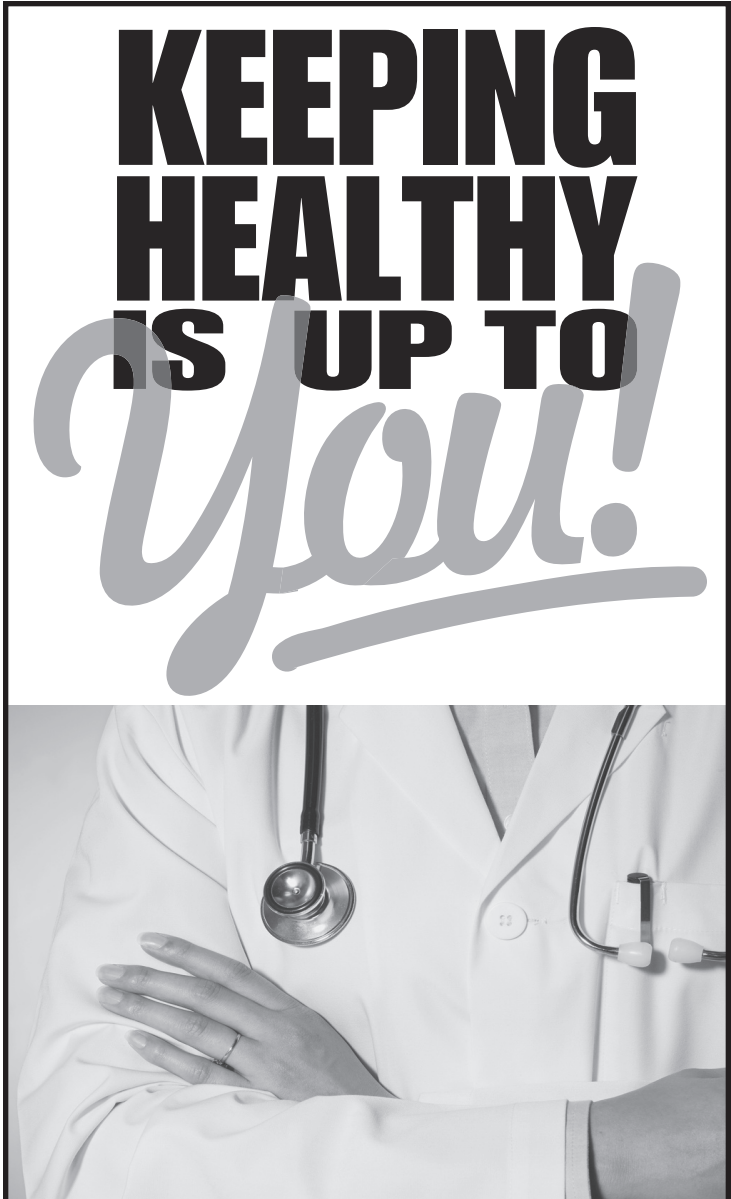
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Bishop Olson confirms 28 at Sacred Heart Parish



On Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m., 28 Sacred Heart Parish youth celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by Bishop Michael Olson, the new bishop of the Fort Worth Diocese.

The following were Confirmed and Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Trey Anderle, Emily Brogdon, James Cochran, James Dangelmayr, Eli Dangelmayr, Kassie Dangelmayr, Garrett Dangelmayr, Aaron Davis, Brady Endres, Morgan Flusche, Blake Haubold, Brandon Hennigan, Chance Herr, Jeremy Hess, Mikinzie Hess, Madison Hesse, Jason Knabe, Courtney Neu, Collin Pagel, Darian Peters, Kristen Reiter, Brianna Rohmer, Hayden Schilling, Zayne Styles, Zach Trubenbach, Isaac Walterscheid, Lora Walterscheid, and Elizabeth Weinzapfel.

SH Parish photo

Sacred Heart Parish's 2014 Confirmation group with Bishop Michael Olson and Youth Minister Dan Aedo.

God has no need of your money, but the poor have. You give it to the poor, and God receives it.
-St. Augustine

New items at Muenster Public Library

Fiction/Non-Fiction
Breaking Point by C.J. Box, *Pagan Lord* by Bernard Cornwell, *Death Trade* by Jack Higgins, *Suspect* by Robert Crais, *Fear Nothing* by Lisa Gardner, *First Love* by James Patterson, *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, *Last Witness* by W.E.B. Griffin, *Mrs. Lincoln's Rival* by Jennifer Chiaverini, *Sins of the Flesh* by Colleen McCullough, *First Phone Call from Heaven* by Mitch Albom, *Supervolcano: Things Fall Apart* by Harry Turtledove, *Labor Day* by Joyce Maynard, *River Road* by Jayne Ann Krentz, *Robert B. Parker's Bull River* by Robert Knott, *Dear Mr. Knightly* by Katherine Reay,

Hunted by Karen Robards, *Stagecoach* by Max Brand, *Lost Lake* by Sarah Addison Allen, *Miss Julia Throws a Wedding* by Ann B. Ross, *Unwelcome Child* by V.C. Andrews, *Miracles and Massacres* by Glenn Beck, *Emily Post's Wedding Etiquette Book* by Anna Post.

Junior Fiction
Moon Over Manifest by Claire Vanderpool, *Other Worlds Apart* by Jon Scieszka, *All the Truth That's in Me* by Julie Berry, *Brotherhood* by Anne Westrick, *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell, *Midnight Dress* by Karen Foxlee, *Song of the Quarkbeast* by Jasper Fforde, *Fallout* by Todd Strasser, *Storm Runners* series by Roland

Smith, *Hostage Three* by Nick Lake, *Dr. Nicholas is Ridiculous* by Dan Gutman, *Judy Moody and the Bad Luck Charm* by Megan McDonald.

Easy Picture Books
Locomotive by Brian Floca, *High Time for Heroes* by Mary Pope Osborne, *Mr. Wuffles* by David Wiesner, *In the Wild* by David Elliott, *Ding Dong! Gorilla!* by Michelle Robinson, *Cleo in the Snow* by Stella Blackstone.

CD Books
Home to Seaview Key by Sherryl Woods, *Lost Lake* by Sarah Addison Allen, *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope, and Repair* by Anne Lamott, *Takedown Twenty* by Janet Evanovich.

National Weather Service language
 Sleet - pellets of ice composed of frozen or mostly frozen raindrops or snowflakes, which have melted and refrozen.

Join Arbor Day Foundation - receive free trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from Texas who joins the Foundation in February 2014 will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. "Redbuds will help beautify Texas for many years to come," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Texas' existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for more than 35 years.


The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time

for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, which

contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Feb. 28, or visit arbor-day.org/february.



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Nominations sought for MISD Gifted and Talented program

It is time for parent nominations for the Muenster Elementary Gifted and Talented program (Grades K-5). A gifted student is one who demonstrates excellence in intellectual ability, creativity, academic aptitude, innovative thinking, leadership, and/or individual responsibility in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment. If you feel like your child exhibits any of these qualities, you may nominate him/her to go through the identification process. Please remember, a nomination does not automatically provide for placement in the program. It is the first step in the identification process.

Gifted students need to be challenged beyond what the regular classroom instruction can provide. Many people believe the myth that gifted students are given more work. A Gifted and Talented program would not be successful if that were true. The challenges should be represented by advanced coursework, independent studies, and/or student products.

If you would like to make a nomination, call the Elementary office or contact your child's teacher to obtain the necessary recommendation forms. These forms must be returned by Monday, March 3.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEB. 17 - 21 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Italian beef macaroni, sweet corn, glazed carrots, fresh grapes. AM - Bologna and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, majestic pears. AM - Turkey and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Wed. - Soft beef tacos, Mexican style beans, lettuce topping, fresh orange. AM - Ham and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Thurs. - Ballpark hot dog, mashed potatoes, sour green applesauce, peaches. AM - Tuna salad, fresh fruit, fresh

vegetable.

Fri. - Tony's pepperoni pizza, sweet tator tots, pork and beans, fresh grapes. AM - Po-boy combo, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken fajitas, cheese, lettuce, Spanish rice, ranchero beans, salsa, fruit.

Tues. - Beef tips over rice, sautéed mushrooms, cooked carrots, fruit, bread.

Wed. - Baked potato, diced ham, cheese, lettuce salad, raw veggie tray, bread, fruit.

Thurs. - Lasagna, Romaine lettuce salad, corn, garlic bread, fruit.

Fri. - Grilled chicken on a bun w/trimmings, tator tots, fruit, ice cream.

100 items on the 100th day



MISD photo

Muenster ISD Elementary's Kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school by collecting 100 food items to donate to Sacred Heart Outreach.

Lindsay Honor Rolls

2nd Six Weeks

ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

12th Grade - Briley Fleitman, Madison Green, Anna Rose Rohmer, Travis Krahl, Kyleigh Duke, Zach Mlinar, Sara Clark, Matthew Huston, Chance O'Shel, Clayton Gunderson.

11th Grade - Keleigh Pearson, Jessica Martin, Emily Otto, Jessica Laster, Sarah Dieter, Elle Lurry, Rachael Dieter.

10th Grade - Paisley Cornett, Caitlin Corcoran, Hannah Davis, Mariah Noggler, Alex Harrell, Scout Tatum, Douglas Case.

9th Grade - John Michael Fuhrmann, Caden Maydew, Bob Gomulak, Brenna Fleitman, Zach Hundt, Cohen Hunter, Luke Metzler, Lindsey Gibbs, Sean Stoffels, Roshan Patel, Logan Wann, Abby Haverkamp, Sarah Otto, Logan King, Jonathon Bell, Austin Schully, Campbell Williams

8th Grade - Brandon Craigie,

Abbey Harrison, John Walker, Cameron Worth.

7th Grade - Brianna Craigie, Kirsten Dennison, Ashley Fleitman, Mackenzie Fleitman, Jake Hellman, Hannah Metzler, Macie Neu, Kyle Popp.

6th Grade - Kloe Copeland, Jake Gomulak, Mia Hweidi, Kate Jones, Maggie Krahl, Logan Martin, Elizabeth Otto, Kaitlyn Popp, Casey Schumacher, Aryan Vig, Hunter Wolf, Mary Worth.

5th Grade - Lauren Colwell, Landrie Herr, Mackenzie Hess, Lindsey King, Shelby Lawson, Rachel Metzler, Derek Parsons, Jack Popp.

4th Grade - Alexis Butcher, Anna Fleitman, Loren Freeman, Molly Fuhrmann, Jessalyn Reiter, Madison Reiter, Matthew Sebade.

3rd Grade - Ashlyn Brooks, Emma Dieter, Tatum Fleitman, Macey Hawkins, Ryan Hellman, Ella Klement, Corey Metzler, Dayne Meurer, Yash Patel, Travis Wolf.

2nd Grade - Emma Baker, Macy Bayer, Maya Dulock, Jack Flanagan, Katelyn Fuhrmann, Thomas Fuhrmann, Elizabeth Hawkins, Autumn Hedrick, Henry Hess, Mia Hunt, Avery Johnson, Emily Metzler, Bay Morris, Meg Morris, Layton Morrow, Kevin Overholt, Elaina Reiter, Hunter Sandmann, Henry Swarner, Reese Wager, Raylee Waugh, Madelyn Williams.

1st Grade - Konnor Bloom, Abigail Brennan, Brooklyn Burgess, Mary Colwell, Molly Dieter, Sydney Fleitman, Winston Fleitman, Austin Henderson, Nathaniel Klement, Anthony Lara, Addison Lawson, Mason Mills, Madeline Neu, Madison Riley, Kate Stubbs, Reagan Swaney, Slate Tatum, Erica Taylor, Simon Thurman, Cody Williford, Ronald Winnett.

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

12th Grade - Jalyn Anderle, Teresa Boles, Matt Eberhart, Dakota Ellender, John Haverkamp, Chandler Herr, Ty Mauldin, John Price, Caleb Rains, Matt Reed, Philicia Vogel, Elijah Walker.

11th Grade - Caleb Anderle, Tara Atkins, Brad Bezner, Matthew Block, Sarah DeBorde, Nicole Fleitman, James Fuller, Karson Gum, Ben Haverkamp, Lauren Kirk, Kailei Klement, Camdon Maydew, Mackenzie Myrick, Sydney Ott, Connor Zelzer, Brandon Worth, Maddy Zimmerer.

10th Grade - Collin Clark, Erika Davis, Kaleigh Eason, Leah Fuhrmann, Zach Green, Alison Gunderson, Karli Jones, Sydney McCage, Erin Metzler, Jessica Metzler, Jacob Neusch, Catlynn Schumacher.

9th Grade - Dawson Anderle, Cole Barnes, Tanner DeBord, Ashley Hedrick, Elizabeth Hellman, Kyle Hermes, Louis Krahl, Chloe Larabee, Rebecca Laster, Yancey Otto, Brianna Overholt, John Rohmer, Laura Wyrick.

8th Grade - Natalie Alcalá, Sarah Corcoran, Bethani Cornelison, Grace Dieter, Kate Henley, Kody Hermes, Parker Jones, Alaina Klement, Hayley Marion, Luke Meece, Alyssa Noggler, Chase Otto, Bhavin Patel.

7th Grade - Emily Davis, Alaina Dennison, James Dennison, Aaron Fleitman, Justin Fuhrmann, Olivia Hertel, Katelynn Huchton, Nathan Huston, Emilee Krahl, Autumn Lutkenhaus, Jillian Martin, Colby Metzler, Maddie Myrick, Skyler Neu, Kyle Ott, Merrick Parkhill, Forrest Russell, Alex Sims, Trevor Sims, Karsyn Taylor, Theresa Wyrick.

6th Grade - Daniel Bell, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Rose Butcher, Kay-

lee Colwell, Jonathan Dowell, Alyssa Eason, Nicholas Fisher, Cassidy Grewing, Cade Hellman, Matthew Hellman, Lauren Henley, Madison Huchton, Lily Jones, Madysen McCage, Collin Metzler, Jake Metzler, Payton Orr, Grace Otto, Skylar Tatum.

5th Grade - Riley Anderle, Nadia Balthrop, Gage Bezner, Braxton Craigie, Lily Dieter, Nash Dieter, Heidi Fleitman, Kylee Fleitman, George Gomulak, Emma Harrison, Allison Hedrick, Parker Hillis, Alexandria Hunter, Marshall Jones, Mya Meece, Macey Ott, Andrew Schully, Dylan Sprouse, Brock Wagar, Anna Williams, Tyler Yancey, Damian Yosten.

4th Grade - Chad Corbell, Stephen Fuhrmann, Andrew Goldsmith, Elizabeth Hacker, Makenna Hermes, Gabriel McCain, Kameron Metzler, Reece Mills, Kirtan Patel, Colton Popp, Ivan Reyes, Henry Thurman, Trinity Williamson.

3rd Grade - Ryder Bezner, Trenton Blount, Kalie Brande, Cole Branson, Kade Branson, Logan Brooks, Audrey Colwell, Claire Davy, Ella Dieter, Rory Dulock, Hayden Ellender, Coltan Hanks, Abigail Hellman, Ava Horner, Nathan Huchton, Jenna Parkhill, Kortnie Reiter, Angel Resendiz, Corinn Schully, Cassidy Tackett, Kane Wolf.

2nd Grade - Caylee Cheaney, Joseph Fisher, Jacob Freeman, Mary Gomulak, Isabella Jackson, Noah Male, Alexa Martin, Logan Noggler, Blake Parsons, Lucas Sebade, Yashica Vig, Wyatt Voth.

1st Grade - Jennifer Brande, Carson Corbett, Luke Eason, Addison Herr, Aden Johnson, Pauline Kessner, Kirsten Krebs, Emma Mauldin, Brice Robison, Wyatt Tackett, Lyndon Winters.

Stay safe in cold snap

As temperatures plunge into dangerous territory, hitting unexpected extremes, doctors urge everyone to learn the risks that come with cold weather.

Cold weather brings its own set of risks. Along with general discomfort from those blustery winds, frostbite and hypothermia are very real dangers, particularly to older people and the homeless. Severe frostbite can damage skin, tissues, muscle, and bones and lead to complications such as infection and nerve damage. Hypothermia left untreated can cause heart failure. More than half of all hypothermia-related deaths happen in people 65 and over.

Hypothermia

According to the Mayo Clinic, hypothermia occurs when the body cannot keep itself warm and its temperature falls below 95 degrees. Symptoms of hypothermia can include uncontrolled shivering, poor muscle control, careless attitude, confusion, exhaustion (even after rest). Look for signs of the "umbles" - stumbling, mumbling, fumbling, grumbling. Severe hypothermia may produce rigid muscles, dark and puffy skin, irregular heart and respiratory rates, and unconsciousness.

Frostbite

Hands, feet, ears, and nose are the areas most susceptible to frostbite. Symptoms of frostbite can include grayish-yellow or white skin, a hard, waxy feel to the area and the area is cold to the touch. Severe frostbite may also cause

blisters as the flesh begins to thaw.

Protect yourself from exposure. If you're outside, warm frostbitten hands by tucking them into your armpits. Cover your face, nose, or ears with dry, gloved hands. Don't rub or put snow on the affected area.

Get indoors. Once you're inside, remove wet clothes. Clothing loses 90% of its insulating power when wet.

Gradually warm frostbitten areas. Put frostbitten hands or feet in warm water — 104 to 107.6 F. Wrap or cover other areas in a warm blanket. Don't use direct

heat, such as a stove, heat lamp, fireplace, or heating pad, because these can cause burns before you feel them.

Don't walk on frostbitten feet or toes if possible. This can damage the tissue.

If there's any chance the affected areas will freeze again, don't thaw them. If they're already thawed, wrap them up so that they don't become frozen again.

Anyone with signs or symptoms of frostbite and hypothermia should seek medical attention immediately.



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Miller sets indoor meet record for Texas A&M

Texas A&M's Ryan Miller set a meet record in winning the 3,000 meters at the 2014 Texas A&M triangular indoor meet against LSU and Texas Tech on Jan. 25. A final kick moved Miller past LSU's Phillip Primeaux over the final stages of the race as Ryan crossed the finish line in 8 minutes, 20.76 seconds to better the previous mark of 8:21.27 set by Cale Wallace of Arkansas in 2013.

Ryan is a distance runner on the Aggie track team that dominated the meet they hosted in completing a sweep of team titles over LSU and Texas Tech in front of 1,288 fans at Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium. For those who still think in terms of miles, 3000 meters is about 220 yards short of two miles and would translate to an 8 minute, 56 second two mile with a 4 minute, 28 second per mile pace.

Ryan is in his fourth year at Texas A&M where he has been able to continue his running career that started in Boerne, where he grew up. Ryan graduated from Boerne Champion High School in 2010. His high school cross country team won back-to-back UIL 4A State titles in 2008 and 2009 and captured the National High School Cross Country title in 2009 winning the Nike Cross National Championship. His team defeated the top 24 high school teams from across the country in Portland, OR where Nike is headquartered.

Ryan was named to the 2009 *San Antonio Express-News* Cross Country Boys

Super Team, being recognized as one of the top seven runners in the San Antonio area.

He was fortunate to go from one National Champion team to another when he joined the Texas A&M track

has maintained a 3.81 GPA in the Industrial Distribution Program of the Dwight Look College of Engineering. After graduation, he would like to pursue a career in supply chain management in the oil and gas industry.

He has accepted an internship for the summer of 2014 with Anadarko Petroleum, a Fortune 500 company in the Woodlands, as a supply chain analyst. Ryan plans to continue competitively running after graduation in the marathon and 1/2 marathon distances. His goal is to qualify for United States Olympic Marathon Trials, limited to approximately 160 of the top runners in the country.

Ryan set a new personal record in the 5000 meter race at the Aggie Invitational on Feb. 7. He shaved 10 seconds off his previous best, recording a time of 14 minutes 31 seconds. He finished in 3rd place in a tightly contested fight to the finish between the top three runners as they came through the 4800 meter mark in a virtual tie. That time ranks 7th on the all-time Aggie indoor 5000 meter list. This meet included a national caliber field of eight teams including UCLA, Arizona State, UTEP, Baylor, LSU, TCU, and Houston. 5000 meters is 3.12 miles and the 14:31 time is a 4 minutes 38 seconds per mile pace.

With the indoor track season winding down, Ryan is eagerly anticipating the SEC Championship meet to be hosted by Texas A&M in three weeks.

Ryan is the son of Debi and Bert Miller of Boerne. His grandparents are Herbert Miller of Muenster and the late Dolores Miller, and Carl and Norma Anderson of San Antonio. Supportive and cheering family from Muenster include uncles and aunts Glenn and Stacie Miller and Kathy and Dave Berres, and Gayle and Sean Burke (A&M alumni) of Coppell.



Aggie Ryan Miller

and cross country team in 2010. The Aggie track team has claimed NCAA Outdoor National Championships in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2013. The excitement of running at some of the great track venues across the country has been a great experience as Ryan has raced at the Armory in New York City, Hayward Field at the University of Oregon in Eugene, OR, the USC Trojan Invitational in Los Angeles, CA, and the Thomas Zimmer Championship Cross Country Course in Madison, WI.

In addition to excelling on the track, Ryan has done well in the classroom. He

Sacred Heart teams ready for tiebreakers

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes and Tigers had tiebreaker games Thursday night to determine their place in the District. The Tigerettes faced Texoma Christian for the championship and the Tigers took on Calvary to decide 2nd place in the standings. Game stories will be in next week's paper.

Saturday, the Sacred Heart teams traveled to Abilene in their final regular District game. The girls improved their record to 20-7, 9-1, while the boys came up short in overtime for a 13-6, 6-4 regular season record.

The Tigerettes took control of the game early, finishing with a 66-25 win. "This was a nice effort by

the girls," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur, noting that the girls placed themselves into a position for the tiebreaker game.

Four Tigerettes hit the double digits in scoring. Peyton Reiter and Karleigh Reeves each scored 12, Michelle Zimmerer 11, and Kylie Hess 10. Alane Bartush added 8, Bailey Walterscheid 6, Kinzie Hess 4, Mikenzie Fleitman 2, and Leah Knabe 1. Zimmerer pulled down 16 rebounds and Reeves 10, Ky. Hess had 7 assists.

SH 18 20 14 14 66
AC 9 9 5 2 25

"We dug ourselves a hole early, but fought out of it to take the lead," LeBrasseur noted of the Tiger game. "A 2-point lead with 5.2 sec-

onds remaining and to have Abilene get three shots up is amazing."

With the game tied 71-71 after four quarters, in the 5th period, the Tigers were out-scored 10-6 to fall 81-77. "This team is starting to jell and we are so close to being a contender."

Brady Endres led the scoring with 23 points. Hayden Schilling added 20, Kason Reeves 18, Isac Walterscheid 13, and Keith Metzler 3.

Reeves also had 13 rebounds, 9 assists, and 9 steals. Endres got 10 rebounds and Walterscheid 9 assists.

SH 8 22 20 21 6 77
AC 23 15 16 17 10 81

Tiebreaker games were held Thursday at the NCTC Lion Fieldhouse.

Muenster Hornets win District battles over Pirates and Knights

The Muenster Hornets won the District 13-A Championship last Friday night with a 63-36 win over the Collinsville Pirates.

The game was close the 1st half, 22-18, but Muenster pulled away the 2nd half for a big win. "Collinsville did a great job of taking away Lyndon Cook, as they double and triple teamed him at times," noted Coach Lynn Cook. "However, with so much attention being paid to Lyndon, Collinsville had no one to slow Cole Walterscheid down." Coach added that if a team tries to take away Lyndon or Cole, the other is ready and able to

step up and make them pay.

"I thought the team did a great job in our half court defense the entire game," the Coach added.

Walterscheid burned the boards with 34 points and pulled down 18 rebounds. Blake Hoepfner added 8, Logan Cook 7, Lyndon Cook 6, Trey Anderle and Chance Herr 3 each, and Ryan Hoepfner 2.

M 11 11 20 21 63
C 9 9 7 11 36

The Hornets wrapped up the regular season hosting Lindsay Monday night, defeating the Knights 66-41. The Hornets finish with a 23-1 overall record and an

8-0 District mark.

Muenster had fairly even scoring each quarter, while the Knights had two low periods.

Walterscheid again led the scoring with 27 points. B. Hoepfner added 10, Tavi Saldana and Ly. Cook 8 apiece, Lo. Cook 5, Clayton Hess and R. Hoepfner 3 each, and Anderle 2. Ly. Cook pulled down 15 rebounds.

M 18 17 15 16 66
L 6 17 7 11 41

Muenster will play in the Whataburger Playoff Preview this weekend, with the opponent, site, and time to be determined.

Lady Hornets stung by Dodd City

The Muenster Lady Hornets had a playoff warm-up practice game with the Dodd City Lady Hornets Tuesday night in the NCTC Lions Fieldhouse. After leading most of the 1st half, Muenster allowed Dodd City to out-score them 30 - 20 the second half for a 47-44 loss

to the Blue Hornets.

Sydney Huchton led the scoring for Muenster with 12 points. Claire Schneider and Mady Burnett each added 7, Kendi Bayer ad Kassie Dangelmayr 6 each, Morgan Flusche 4, and Allie Wlaterscheid 2. Muenster scored on only 5 of 16 free throws.

M 11 13 12 8 44
DC 7 10 19 11 47

The Lady Hornets begin playoff action this Friday night at Bonham High School against the Avery Lady Bulldogs. The Area game tip-off time is 7:30 p.m.

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Tigerette Peyton Reiter scored her 1000th point during Sacred Heart's game at Denton Calvary on Feb. 4. "This is a great honor for Peyton and I am proud of her," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Not many players score 1000 points in their high school career and she joins an elite list of Tigerettes to hit the 1000 Point Club."



Janie Hartman photo

Defending the basket includes Junior Varsity Hornets Blayne Jones, Mathew Porter, and Brennan Binder.

Game Warden Field Notes

Hanging evidence

A Pecos County game warden received a call about two mule deer killed on a local ranch enrolled in the Managed Lands Deer Permit program. Since there are several white-tailed deer hunters on the ranch, a Jeff Davis County game warden met up with the game warden and they inspected the place, including a walk-in cooler, while the hunters were out for an afternoon hunt. Inside the cooler, the wardens found two illegal mule deer does. In all, 15 hunters were checked, three citations were issued, and two mule deer does were seized.

Smoked out

A game warden patrolling Coleman County came across a van with no lights on pulling a trailer. He stopped the vehicle and could smell a strong odor of marijuana. The warden asked the driver and passengers to get out and was surprised to see seven adult males emerge. When the warden asked the passengers where they were coming from, they said Denver and headed to Austin. When asked if they had been smoking marijuana, they said yes but that it was not illegal in Colorado. After gaining consent to search the vehicle, the warden found a pipe and several baggies of marijuana. Tickets for possession of drug paraphernalia were filed on the violators. Cases pending.

Lost and found

A Burtleson County game warden received a call from parents who told the operator that their son was missing and has been known to wander into the neighboring 2,000-acre ranch. The warden and local first responders searched the area and the boy was located about six hours later in a restaurant four miles from his house.

Excuses, excuses...

A Houston County game warden went into a camp where a doe had been harvested and quartered. The deer had been tagged properly and the harvest log was filled out. The warden asked the hunter if he had shot it with a crossbow, but the subject said the deer was shot with a regular bow. After observing the bow, the warden noticed a broken, bloody arrow in the quiver. Everything looked okay until the warden examined the meat. There was a broadhead puncture wound and exit wound that the subject kept pointing to. After observing it further, the warden found a small bullet hole in the meat. He asked the hunter if he had any shotguns, rifles, or pistols in his truck, and the subject said no. After the man gave permission to search the truck, the warden found a shotgun hidden behind the backseat. He asked the hunter why he didn't tell the truth about the shotgun, and the subject said he thought he had only asked about pistols. The warden asked the hunter where the gut pile and hide was, and was led to a spot behind the camp, but the warden saw no hide. The subject told the warden that a coyote must have drug it off. After circling the camp, the warden found the hide. When the warden spread out the hide, he noted a buckshot hole. Seeing that, the subject put his hands in the air and asked, "How much is the ticket?" Case and civil restitution pending.

Recipe for a citation

Two Nacogdoches County game wardens were checking bowhunters when they noticed heavy traffic going through a gate. The wardens entered the property and contacted an individual cooking deer meat in a camp over an open fire. The subject claimed they were only hunting hogs and that no deer had been harvested. Two more hunters arrived in camp with the same story. After the wardens located a skinning rack with deer hair, fresh blood, and a backstrap of a deer in a plastic bag, they investigated the camp further and found a hidden deer head from a buck with a 5 to 6-inch spread. The deer was harvested illegally with a bolt-action rifle during archery-only season. Multiple citations issued. Cases pending.

JUNIOR VARSITY ACTION

Muenster vs Lindsay

The JV Hornets ended their season with a 39-34 loss to Lindsay Monday night Blayne Jones led Muenster on the scoreboard with 14 points. Mathew Porter added 9, Brennan Binder 6, Bryce Herr 3, and Chase Deeken 2.

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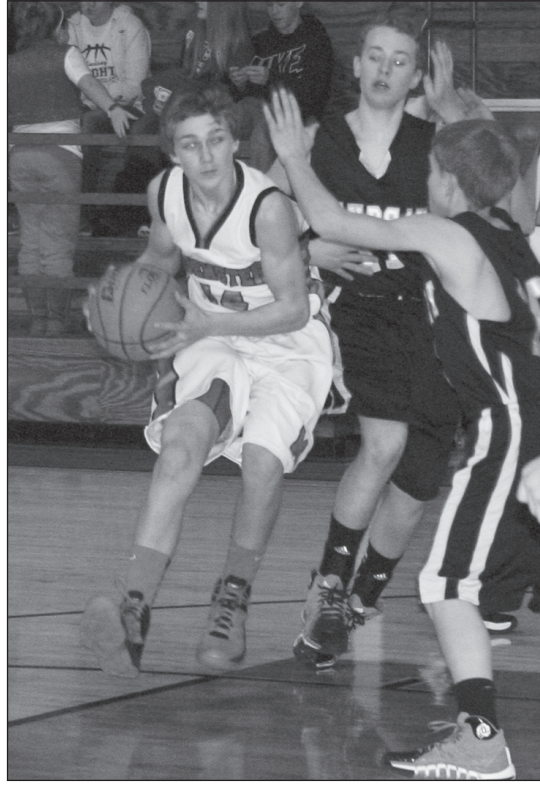
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The biggest issue facing agriculture in my district and throughout most of Texas is the drought. I appreciate the permanent livestock disaster program in this bill, which livestock producers of all sizes throughout our region of the country will readily welcome.

I believe that the reforms made to commodity programs are sorely needed and will strengthen the political viability of these programs into the future. Having additional risk management tools available to producers who are increasingly competing in a global market should be quite helpful as well.

At the same time, I am profoundly disappointed that the bill does not take the opportunity to resolve some very important issues affecting livestock. The country of original labeling (COOL) rule proposed by the Administration is unworkable and puts our livestock industry at a significant disadvantage. That requirement should have been repealed, and we should continue to work to repeal it.

Similarly, Congress has regularly prevented the implementation of the controversial provisions of the GIPSA marketing rule through the appropriation process. I assume we will continue to do so, but it would have been better to remove that threat permanently.

There was also a missed opportunity to resolve the issue related to horse processing, and so the needless suffering of old and unwanted horses will continue, as will the effects on the value of horses across the country.

Finally, I would strongly prefer to make greater reforms in food stamps and other nutrition programs, such as those contained in the House-passed version. But, given the realities of the political situation in Washington, I believe that the savings and reforms in this bill are a step, at least, in the right direction."

Farm Policy Reforms

The Agricultural Act of 2014 includes the most significant reduction to farm policy spending in history by improving agricultural programs.

Repeals Direct Payments and limits producers to risk management tools that offer protection when they suffer

significant losses.

Limits on payments are reduced, eligibility rules are tightened, and means tests are streamlined to make farm programs more accountable.

Strengthens crop insurance, a successful public/private partnership that ensures farmers invest in their own risk management.

Provides historic reforms to dairy policy by repealing outdated and ineffective dairy programs. Offers producers a new, voluntary, margin protection program without imposing government-mandated supply controls.

Supports small businesses and beginning farmers and ranchers with training and access to capital.

Food Stamp Reforms

The Agricultural Act of 2014 makes the first reforms to the food stamp program since the welfare reforms of 1996 while maintaining critical food assistance to families in need.

Closes the "heat-and-eat" loophole that artificially increases benefit levels when states provide nominal LI-HEAP assistance.

Establishes a 10-state pilot to empower states to engage able-bodied adults in mandatory work programs.

Prohibits USDA from engaging in SNAP recruitment activities, and advertising SNAP on TV, radio, billboards, and through foreign governments.

Ensures illegal immigrants, lottery winners, traditional college students, and the deceased do not receive benefits.

Ensures SNAP recipients are not receiving benefits in multiple states.

Prevents abuses such as water dumping to exchange bottles for cash.

Demands outcomes from existing employment and training programs.

Prohibits states from manipulating SNAP benefit levels by eliminating medical marijuana as an allowable medical expense.

Allows states to pursue retailer fraud through a pilot investigation program and crack down on trafficking through data mining, terminal ID, and other measures.

Increases assistance for food banks.

Additional Reforms & Regulatory Relief

The Agricultural Act of 2014 includes multiple regulatory relief provisions benefiting agricultural and forestry industries.

Consolidates 23 duplicative and overlapping conservation programs into 13.

Provides one year of full funding for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which provides funding for vital services in communities containing federal lands.

Provides certainty to the forest products industry by clarifying that forest roads and related silvicultural activities should not be treated as a point source under the Clean Water Act.

Creates a permanent subcommittee within the EPA Science Advisory Board to conduct peer review of EPA actions that would negatively impact agriculture.

Enhances coordination between USDA, EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) regarding the conflict between laws governing pesticide use and the Endangered Species Act.

Enhances coordination between USDA and the U.S. FWS regarding actions taken to manage the lesser prairie chicken.

Eliminates duplicative reporting requirements for seed importers; requires improved economic analysis of FDA regulations.

Cover Crop and Soil Health Forum

There will be a FREE, live broadcast of a SARE-sponsored *National Conference on Cover Crops and Soil Health*. Join the nationwide conversation at North Central Texas College on Feb. 18, hosted by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Cooperative Extension offices.

There is no cost to participate, but please contact Nancy Posvar at 254-742-9880 to confirm other program details.

The forum will feature a live-streamed video broadcast of the opening sessions in Omaha, Neb. Following the Broadcast, discuss with fellow forum participants how cover cropping can build soil health, improve yields, curb erosion, manage pests, and build resilience into the farming system.

The forums are open to anyone who would like to hear about and discuss the prospects for cover crops and soil health improvements.

The broadcast will begin at 9 a.m.



Agriculture census data to be released Feb. 20

The 2012 Census of Agriculture results related to the number of farms, acreage, market value of agricultural products sold, and state and national demographics will be released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Feb. 20.

The census, which has been conducted since 1840, is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them, according to USDA.

"The Census of Agriculture is a key resource used in evaluating and implementing policies and programs to help the U.S. agriculture economy, invest in rural America, and support the next generation of farmers," said USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack.

As the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) continues to analyze data to the county level, changes in the initial preliminary report may change. The full census results will be released later in the spring.

For more information about the census, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.

Just a thought

Dirty doormats are a sign of hospitality.

National Beef to close California plant

Citing dwindling cattle supplies, National Beef Packing Co. plans to close its beef processing plant in Brawley, CA., on April 4. The U.S. slaughter capacity has seen a 6% reduction in the last 12 months, with the closure of Cargill's Texas plant and the planned closure of the California plant.

Drought and the declining U.S. cattle herd led to the decision by National Beef.

According to *Reuters*, some California ranchers are exploring options of sending cattle to the Texas Panhandle for processing.

Agriculture Market Summary



For the week ending Feb. 8, Texas feeder cattle auctions reported prices \$4 lower to \$7 higher per hundredweight (cwt). Many locations had very light receipts due to cold temperatures and icy roads that limited cattle movement. Texas direct feeder cattle prices were \$2 to \$4 lower. Fed cattle cash prices declined \$3.60 per cwt in very light trade, with only 228 head confirmed by USDA at \$141.

Wholesale beef values were sharply lower, with Choice-grade offerings down \$22.72 (10%) for the week as retailers caught up on purchases and returned to more normal buying patterns. Those lower prices also pulled fed cattle and feeders lower. However, prices across the cattle sector remain at historically high levels as tight supplies continue to support the market. Weekly beef export sales totaling 8,100 metric tons (MT) were down 19% from a week ago and 21% below the prior four-week average. Hong Kong, Japan, and Taiwan were the leading

buyers. Shipments of 12,300 MT were up 1% from a week earlier and up 9% from the average.

Corn and grain sorghum prices were higher because of hot, dry conditions in South America and support from higher soybean prices. Corn export sales totaled 1.7 million MT, down 8% from the previous week, but nearly double the prior four-week average. Japan, Spain, and Vietnam were the leading buyers. Exports of 747,300 MT were down 26% from a week earlier and 3% lower than the average.

Wheat prices were higher due to a decline in crop conditions and concerns about possible winter-kill on the U.S. Plains and in the Black Sea region. Wheat export sales totaled 733,600 MT for the week, down 15% from the previous week, but up 62% from the average. Guatemala, Japan, and Brazil were the leading buyers. Shipments of 367,900 MT were 2% lower than a week earlier, and 18% below the prior four-week average.



U.S. cattle herd smallest since 1951

At 87.7 million head, the U.S. cattle herd—as of Jan. 1, is the smallest since 1951, according to a report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The inventory was 2% below the previous year, marking the seventh straight year of decline.

The report also showed that beef cows, at 29 million, were down 1% from a year earlier. At 9.2 million, milk cows remain unchanged from 2013. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 38.3 million, were down 1% from Jan. 1, 2013 and the lowest number for that category since the 36.8 million in 1941.

The 2013 calf crop was estimated at 33.9 million head, down 1% from 2012. This is the smallest calf crop since the 33.7 million born during 1949.

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- ALL VARIETIES Tostitos® Salsa 15.5 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- KELLOGG'S ASSORTED VARIETIES Pop-tarts 10.5-14.7 **2 FOR \$4**
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- ASSORTED VARIETIES Gatorade Drinks 32 OZ. **4 FOR \$5**
- DEL MONTE SELECT VARIETIES Vegetables 11-15.25 OZ. **5 FOR \$5**
- MINUTE LONG GRAIN White Rice 42 OZ. **\$4.99**

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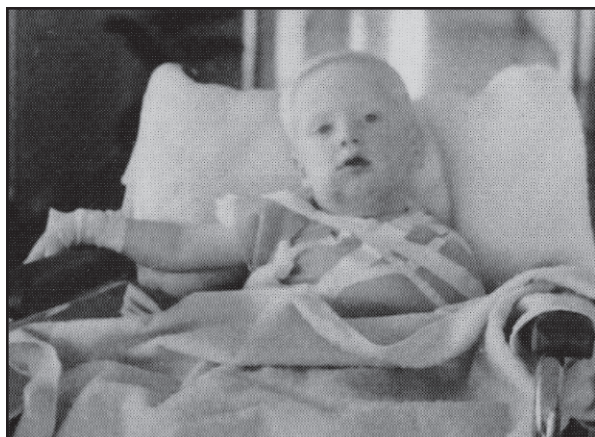


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Muenster Memorial Hospital - 50 years and growing

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

For decades, residents of the Muenster community nurtured a dream of the town having its own hospital. Resident John Kreitz died and left a fund for that or another charitable purpose. This inspired the Muenster City Council to create the Muenster Hospital Authority in 1958. For two years, no action was taken. The Hospital Authority found an architect and the long, tedious process of drawing and approving plans and procuring funding began.

The plan was to build a \$500,000 facility with \$50,000 in reserve to begin operations. The goal was to raise \$250,000 through donations and to obtain the remainder through a grant. Construction of the facility began on Aug. 15, 1962.

During the construction period, the Hospital Authority realized that local contributions would not keep up with the need for funds and proceeded to get more money by a bond issue through First of Texas Corporation of San Antonio.

More changes and additions increased the price and the final price of the building and equipment was about \$750,000.

About \$200,000 of that amount was in donations and the Hill-Burton grant share was \$300,000 leaving a debt of \$300,000 on the bonds.

On Jan. 19, 1964, an open house was held and an estimated 3,000 people came to tour the facility.

In his weekly column that week, *Muenster Enterprise* Publisher R.N. Fette wrote, "Community pride soared in Muenster last Sunday as our wonderful new hospital was dedicated and shown to the public. The largest crowd ever assembled in our town was unanimous in describing the building and facilities as magnificent, a great achievement in community spirit. Home folks glowed with satisfaction. Visitors marveled and admired."

A dream had come to fruition. The Hospital opened its doors for patients on Feb. 3, 1964. Benedictine nuns from Jonesboro were instrumental in setting up the hospital and its staff. Sr. Mildred Felderhoff served as the first administrator. Sr. Romaine Schneider was director of nursing and Sr. Karen headed Central Supply.

Members of the Muenster Hospital Authority at completion of the building were J.H. Bayer, Arthur Hess, J.J. Wieler, Ray Voth, J.W. Fisher, Alphonse Felderhoff, R.N. Fette, Leo J. Haverkamp, Mrs. John Mosman, Mrs. T.S. Myrick, and J.M. Weinzapfel. The latter seven were charter members of the Board. Other charter members were Earl Fisher, Richard Grewing, Mrs. R. J. Hellman, and Mrs. Frank Schilling.

In the beginning, there were 11 doctors with staff privileges at the Muenster Hospital. They were Dr. Laughlin (named chief of staff) and Dr. Kenneth P. Dobbs, two Gainesville physicians, two radiologists from Denton, and five urologists from Wichita Falls.

Keeping physicians on staff seemed to be a problem at first. Dr. Laughlin left in June to continue his medical studies. In July, Dr. Selwyn Willis, who had just moved to the area, agreed to work part-time between Muenster and his Saint Jo office.

The Muenster Hospital Auxiliary formed, holding its first meeting on May

21, 1964. The group elected Bertha Hamric as president of the organization. The group has raised funds and purchased many items for the hospital over the years.

On Aug. 15, 1964, MMH was blessed to have a highly skilled surgeon, Dr. B.F. Hejduk, move his practice to Muenster. He was joined by Dr. Martin Kralicke that December. Dr. Kralicke and his family settled into the community and he dedicated himself to the medical needs of many the community until he retired. Dr. Hejduk died on May 29, 1967 from carbon monoxide gas.

Another problem was that it was difficult to meet bond indebtedness as a hospital authority which operated on a revenue base. This was remedied by becoming a hospital district and operating on a tax base. With the support of the community, this change took place in September 1965.

Sr. Mildred turned over the duties of hospital administrator to David M. Bright in October 1967.

Dr. Alfredo Antonetti joined the medical staff of MMH in March 1968. He had come to the U.S. from Cuba where he and his family built the Antonetti Clinic and Hospital in Havana. Dr. Antonetti treated the medical needs of people in the community with skill and compassion for many years. He closed his office in 1985, but continued to see patients at St. Richard's Villa and to assist with some surgeries. Dr. Antonetti continued to make weekly visits to his friends at Muenster Memorial Hospital as long as he lived in Muenster.

Dr. Enrique Juarez joined Drs. Kralicke and Antonetti in March 1976. He continued to serve the medical needs of his patients at MMH until his retirement.

The spotlight shone on the Muenster Hospital when Dr. Marvin Knight added his name to the staff of MMH in January 1972. He was a well-known physician for the Dallas Cowboys football team. With his office setup in the Hospital, Muenster residents would often see members of the Dallas Cowboys team in the halls of the hospital. Dr. Knight had a busy practice, seeing patients on certain days of the week and doing surgeries on the others. Dr. Knight also served on the Hospital Board of Directors. He closed his office in Muenster in December 1988.

Originally, the hospital district was the same as the Muenster school district and a portion the Saint Jo school district which was located in Cooke County. That expanded in 1975 to take in areas around Myra, Hood, Era, and Ross-ton.

May 1978 was a time for rejoicing as the last bond payment was made. This was accomplished 13 years early, which saved a great deal of money that would have been owed as interest.

Governments began imposing more regulations on the medical world, and the way hospitals and doctors functioned in regard to patient care was beginning to change. Eventually, surgery patients who spent several days to two weeks in a hospital would be sent home the next day or even the same day as their surgery. Nurses and doctors were spending more and more time documenting records. Things continue to change and the medical world must keep changing to stay up with them.

Malpractice insurance for doctors who delivered babies was escalating. Also many patients were opting to go to specialists to have their babies. This meant

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CHOICE medical equipment

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fewer patients to help offset the cost of the insurance. By 1989, MMH had only one family doctor who delivered babies there. That was Dr. Juarez. In January 1989, he delivered Jessika, daughter of Tim and Janie Hartman. She was the last baby to be delivered there for a number of years since Dr. Juarez opted to no longer deliver babies due to the high cost. Only emergency births would be taken.

That was until the Hospital Board realized that it was losing families by not offering the community full services. Women would return to the physicians who delivered their babies and take their children to the pediatrician who treated them at birth.

The Board was seeking a solution and OB/GYN Thomas Currier wanted to set up his practice in Muenster. He opened his office in Muenster on Nov. 15, 1993. Pediatrician Dr. Diana Arnuk joined the MMH staff in August 1995.

Fundraising and plans began for an addition to the Hospital - an OB/nursery unit. The project's planning stage began in January 1994. It took the support of the whole community to accomplish, but was deemed well worth the effort by Hospital Administrator Jack Endres. An open house took place on March 31, 1996 and Endres said he was very pleased with the turnout for the event and the enthusiasm the community showed for the new birthing rooms.

Two semi-private rooms on the north end of the Hospital were turned into private birthing rooms. Mothers went through labor, birth, recovery, and postpartum care in the same room. They were encouraged to keep their infant in the room with them. The two birthing rooms were beautifully decorated to have a homelike atmosphere.

It was in 1995 that Dr. Edd Advincula joined the Hospitals staff. He saw to the medical needs of people in the MMH District until 2010 when he retired. With two family nurse practitioners and only one physician seeing patients in the Family Health Clinic, Dr. Edd decided that he would come out of retirement and see patients on a part-time basis beginning Feb. 11, 2014.

Financially, the Hospital was struggling. The Board was looking for ways to improve the situation. Some feared losing medical service in the community. Gainesville's Hospital District wanted to build a new hospital. It was decided to

see if Muenster would consider joining the Gainesville Hospital District. Muenster's Hospital would be closed, but doctors' offices would be kept here.

Not everyone in the Muenster community agreed with this. The debates began splitting the community. Finally, On Aug. 11, 2001, an election was held to decide whether to merge the two districts. A total of 1,537 people voted in Muenster's election. There were 761 votes cast to merge, 773 against a merger, and three undecided. The merger failed by 12 votes.

Still the Hospital District faced the problem of how to become more financially viable. Seeking Critical Access designation (CAH) had been considered previously as one possibility. It was decided to pursue this avenue.

Then Administrator Jack Endres resigned. The Board hired Richard Arnold for the position. Arnold had experience with Critical Access hospitals and was hired specifically for his expertise. This was in 2002.

The Hospital had been struggling. Its average daily census was two patients per day. The CAH designation was received and that opened the door to offering a Swing Bed program. This is sometimes referred to as skilled nursing. It is a program for small hospitals that allows a patient to recover from an accident, illness, or surgery in a facility close to home. With the Swing Bed program, inpatient numbers began to creep up.

The Hospital Board had the facility evaluated and a three-stage program for improvements was suggested. The need for therapy for the Swing Bed patients became a priority and the Hospital Board decided to concentrate on that. Plans were drawn up and the MMH FIT Center was built. A dedication for the new fitness and therapy center took place in December 2010. With the opening of the FIT Center, the public had the opportunity to become a member and use the equipment also. Promoting the well-being of people in the Hospital District is one of the missions of the Hospital and this fits well with that goal.

Lynn Heller resigned as MMH administrator in late 2010 and Michael Kent was appointed to the position. Kent still serves as the administrator today.

Improvements continue with the Hospital as the aging building requires upgrades and other changes. As the field of medicine changes and government regulations change, the Hospital continues to adjust.

There have been too many people to mention who have played important roles in the Hospital's history. Doctors, nurses, medical staff, Board members, etc. It has had seven administrators - Sr. Mildred Felderhoff, David Bright, Herman Carroll, Jack Endres, Richard Arnold, Lynn Heller, and Michael Kent.

Although some of the services offered at MMH have changed, the Hospital remains an asset to the community and something that those who first dreamt of its existence would be proud of having.

Employees listed on the payroll on opening day of Muenster Memorial Hospital, Feb. 3, 1964

Sr. Mildred Felderhoff, OSB, Administrator

Sr. Romaine Schneider, OSB, Director of Nursing

Sr. M. Karen, OSB, Central Supply

Miriam Caplinger, Business Office Manager

J.D. Caplinger, Orderly

Colette Biffle, RRT

Anna Clara Fleitman, Dietary

Mary E. Fuhrmann, NA

Dorothy Hartman, NA

Emily Hartman, RN, Surgery

Cecilia Ann Haverkamp, LVN

Emma Lou Hess, RN

Thomas Hesse, Maintenance

Hazel Lyman, CRNA

Anna Mae Stoffels, Housekeeping

Clara Streng, Bookkeeping

Hazel Swirczynski, NA

Lorena Taylor, NA

Cecilia Trubenbach, Dietary, Head Cook

Ann Walterscheid, RN

Joan Kupper, RN

Agatha Wolf, NA



Mickey Haverkamp started working at Muenster Memorial Hospital, February 1964 as an LVN. She is seen here in 1990 working in the Hospital Pharmacy. Mickey retired in 2009.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Business Begins Monday Morning At the Hospital



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Hospital Begins With a Staff of Sixteen Employees

A sizeable business operation will get underway when Muenster Memorial Hospital is opened to patients shortly after next Sunday's dedication and open house.

Sister Mildred, administrator, said that it will start with a staff of 16 persons and a monthly payroll of about \$5,000, and that more will be hired when the number of patients becomes large enough to require the additions.

Heading the staff are Sister Mildred in charge of over-all operation and Sister Romaine in charge of nursing. Assisting Sister Romaine will be two registered nurses, two practical nurses, and three nurse's aids. Both of the sisters will also double as nurses whenever the help is needed. Another member assigned to the care of patients is a laboratory and X-ray technician.

Other personnel are two in the business department, two in the kitchen, one orderly, and one mechanical maintenance man.

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Muenster Memorial Hospital is in business since Monday morning and has admitted five bed patients up to Wednesday afternoon.

The distinction of being the first patient there, though not a bed patient, goes to Mrs. J.M. Weinzapfel. She had an X-ray and change of cast on her broken ankle shortly after the hospital opened at 7 a.m.

The first bed patient is Mrs. Joe Smiddy, who was transferred here Monday afternoon. Also admitted Monday was Leellen Goehring, infant daughter of the Howard Goehring of Perryton. She was dismissed after minor surgery Tuesday.

Admitted Tuesday were Clyde J. Matherly of Gainesville, Al Walter, and Mrs. Leo Hesse. Walter had surgery Wednesday. Mrs. Hesse's baby daughter, born 4:20 a.m. Wednesday, is the hospital's first baby.

The hospital opens with a staff of 22 workers. Heading the group are Sister Mildred, administrator, Sister Romaine, head nurse, and Sister Karen, head of supply. Others are Robert B. Love, lab technician; Mrs. Jimmy Biffle, X-ray technician; Hazel Hyman, anesthetist; Joan Kupper, Mrs. Arthur Hess, Mrs. Otto Walterscheid, and Mrs. Leonard Hartman, registered nurses; Dorothy Hartman, practical nurse; Cecilia Haverkamp, licensed vocational nurse; Mrs. George Swirczynski, Mrs. B.J. Wolf, and Mrs. Val Fuhrman, nurses' aides; Mrs. Joe Trubenbach and Mrs. John Fleitman, kitchen personnel; Clara Streng and Mrs. J.D. Caplinger, office personnel; Mrs. Meinrad Stoffels, housekeeper; J.D. Caplinger, orderly; Thomas Hesse maintenance.

Visiting Hours

The hospital's visiting hours, Sister Mildred announced, are 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Parents are asked not to bring children under 12 as visitors.

For Night Service

Patients seeking entrance to the hospital at night may not find an attendant at the front of the building. For their information Sister Mildred discloses that push buttons are installed at the front entrance, the emergency entrance, and the service entrance. Any of these buttons can be pushed for service.

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Eleven Doctors On Medical Staff

At its opening the Muenster hospital will have 11 doctors on its staff. Two are from Muenster, two from Gainesville, two from Denton, and five from Wichita Falls. Those members in their original meeting elected Dr. L. O. Laughlin as chief of staff.

Listed as the Muenster members are Dr. Laughlin and Dr. Kenneth P. Dobbs.

Gainesville members are Doctors James W. Atchison and John D. Shea.

Denton members are Doctors Alex M. Finley and Robert M. Lockwood, both radiologists.

The five from Wichita Falls are members of the Reagan Urology Group, specialists, serving hospitals in a wide area of North Texas. They are Doctors John R. Reagan, William Menzies, Fred W. Taylor, Robert E. Higgs, and Charles B. Dryden.

Also accepted on the staff was Dr. James Cole of Gainesville. He recently moved to San Antonio.

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At left - Doctor Antonetti and Pat Wimmer in ER.

Above - Pat Wimmer, Theresa Muller, and Shirley Endres wheel in a patient.

Right - Linda Grewing and Mary Ann Koesler.



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Chapel Adorned by Wood Carvings Made in Muenster

Local art, created in the Bavarian Wood Carving Studio, predominates both outside and inside of the Muenster hospital chapel.

Biggest and most imposing of the collection is a plaque about 6 feet wide and 4 feet high in the lobby on the chapel's outside wall. Symbolizing Faith, Hope, and Charity, it pictures the Roman centurion at the left, the Nativity in the center, and the Good Samaritan at the right. Each scene has a scriptural identification.

In the chapel above the altar is a group of three plaques symbolizing Christ as healer and teacher. To the right and above is another plaque symbolizing the Holy Spirit. And on the chapel's right wall are small plaques of the 14 stations in the Way of the Cross arranged in a manner suggestive of the Savior's way to Calvary.

Carvings on the altar include the tabernacle with a crucifix above it and six candle holders. Suspended on the two chains below the altar and reaching almost to the floor is a large PX symbol of Peace.

Other woodcarvings in the hospital are 22 crucifixes in the patient rooms.



Wood carving in front lobby of Hospital

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"A fine tribute to our pioneers whose founders built Muenster with visions of a thriving community."

Hospital quotes rates for rooms

Room charges at the Muenster hospital have been listed as follows per day: Private room with bath - \$18; Private room - \$16; Semi private room - \$13; Additional for phone - .50; Additional for TV - \$2.

Each of the rooms has its lavatory and commode.

The additional charges for phone and TV normally are not payable on insurance policies.

Concurring with the custom in most other hospitals, an initial deposit of \$40 will be expected of patients entering the hospital.

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Project launched in 1958, Total Cost is \$750,000

Actual construction of Muenster Memorial Hospital took about 16 months, but dreaming and planning goes back much farther.

There were dreams for years before a first effort was made in the early forties. Some money was raised then but the venture was abandoned as impractical, and contributions were returned.

The next effort, resulting in today's finished project, originated when John Kreitz at his death left a fund for that or other charitable use. Inspired by his start, the Muenster city council created the Muenster Hospital Authority in 1958. Little more was done until about two years later, when the authority started serious work. Headed by J.M. Weinzapfel as president, the group engaged J. R. Killebrew & Associates of Wichita Falls as architect and began considering ways and means. The decision was to aim at a \$500,000 project and have \$50,000 in reserve to begin operation. The finance plan was to raise half the construction fund locally and to get the balance through a Hill-Burton federal grant.

Late in 1960 the local hospital drive was organized. It moved slowly but after several months sufficient funds

were on hand to qualify for the federal grant application. Then there were more delays in drawing preliminary plans and getting approval of state and federal agencies before the Hill-Burton appropriation was finally approved.

Thereafter came more waiting as working plans were made and revised and re-approved. Meanwhile application was made for additional appropriation as changes indicated a probable cost increase to \$600,000. That addition was granted and the Hill-Burton fund was increased to \$300,000.

Finally bidding time arrived and the contract was awarded on June 28, 1962 to A.P. Kasch and Sons of Big Spring on a low bid of \$539,000. Additional costs for equipment were expected to bring the total to about \$660,000. A request for \$30,000 of additional funds was submitted to the Hill-Burton agency but has not been approved to this date.

Construction started August 15, 1962 and has continued until now. During that time the hospital authority realized that local contributions would not keep up with the need for funds and proceeded to get more money by a bond issue through First of Texas Corporation of San Antonio. The issue of

\$300,000 arrived just in time to permit continued work.

Also during construction more changes and additions increased the price still more. The final price of the building and equipment is about \$750,000. Adding another \$50,000 for beginning of operation the total comes to \$800,000.

As pointed out by Mr. Weinzapfel, about \$200,000 of that amount has been received in donations and the Hill-Burton share is \$300,000. That leaves a debt of \$300,000 on the bonds. If the additional request for \$30,000 is approved the local debt will be reduced to \$270,000.

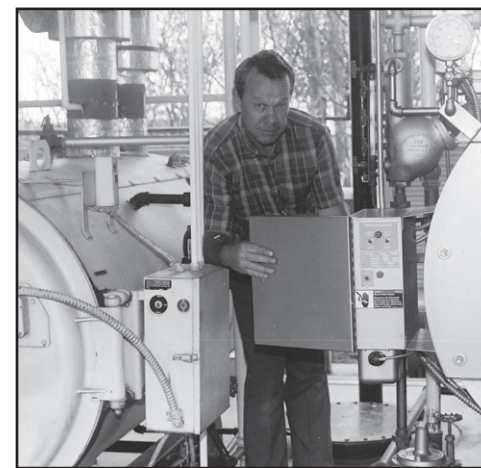
To get the bond approved the authority agreed to retire its debt out of hospital income. However, it intends to stand by the original agreement with the Benedictine sisters not to burden them with a debt. The intention is to continue soliciting funds to pay off the bonds.

Principal firms that had a part in supplying the hospital are American Hospital Supply Corp. of Dallas, American Sterilizer Co. of Erie, Pa., Daniel Enterprises of Wichita Falls, National Cash Register (Wichita Falls office), and West Texas Cafe Equipment of

Abilene.

Members of the Muenster Hospital Authority at completion of the building are J.H. Bayer, Arthur Hess, J.J. Wieler, Ray Voth, J.W. Fisher, Alphonse Felderhoff, R.N. Fette, Leo J. Haverkamp, Mrs. John Mosman, Mrs. T.S. Myrick, and J.M. Weinzapfel. The latter seven are charter members of the board. Other charter members are Earl Fisher, Richard Grewing, Mrs. R. J. Hellman, and Mrs. Frank Schilling.

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maintenance - 1990**

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Patients' Rooms Planned For Comfort and Service

Modern features in abundance, all designed for the efficient care and comfort of patients, are combined in each of the 22 patient rooms of Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Pleasant and convenient surroundings are intended to make a person's stay there as delightful as possible. And special facilities seldom found in small hospitals are intended for prompt and efficient use if and when they become necessary.

In this latter category is an oxygen connection in every room. If the use of oxygen should suddenly become necessary there will be no agonizing delay due to bringing a tank from another part of the building. The oxygen is there, under pressure in a pipe. And a mask or tent is easily available. It is a matter of moments to make a connection and open a valve. Also, while oxygen is in use there is no clutter of cumbersome equipment, just a tube.

Another feature of convenience and efficiency is an intercommunication connection in every room. A patient pressing the service button lights the light above the door, sounds a buzzer and lights a panel light at the nurse's station, and also engages the intercom for direct communication with the nurse's station. The arrangement helps both the patient and the nurse.

Toilet facilities in every room likewise are important to patient comfort and convenience. A small room adjoining each has a commode and lavatory. And four of the rooms also have private showers. Bathing facilities for patients of the other rooms are available in two general baths, one a tub, the other a shower.

Rooms are private and semi private. Under its rating as a 30 bed hospital, that means eight of the 22 rooms will have two beds and the other 14 will have one bed. In emergency however, the hospital can have as many as 44 beds. All rooms are built to the generous dimension of 12x20 feet, providing ample space for the two beds and complementing furnishings. A cubicle drape can be left at the wall or extended between beds as the patients desire.

Beauty is another outstanding feature of the rooms. Most of them are at the west side of the corridor and have a lake view. Those east of the corridor will have a view of a landscaped courtyard with the chapel and sisters' quarters beyond.

The outside wall of each room has a full width picture window three feet deep with a row of four ventilating windows one foot deep immediately below.

In front of the window is a full length drape to be adjusted to the patient's wish. That item itself is one of the outstanding beauties of the room. It's made of fiberglass in a shade of gold harmonizing with the rest of the room. A heavy lining of beige cotton prolongs the drape's life, increases opacity, and helps insulate against outside heat or cold coming through the glass. And there is no glare when drapes are open. Generous overhang of the roof shades windows most of the day. Shade screen does the job while the sun is lower.

In front of the window at either side of a temperature control unit is a bench to accommodate visitors. Additional seating for visitors is provided by chairs - two in a private room, three in a semi-private room.

Telephone and TV connections provide additional comfort, or entertainment. Outlets for both are in each room. The telephone operates through an automatic switch board which enables a patient to dial direct to any phone on the local telephone exchange. However incoming local calls, or long distance calls in or out, will require help at the switchboard.

Other built-in features of the room are white acoustical ceiling, mottled grey vinyl floor tile, one painted plaster wall facing the patient and vinyl covered walls behind the patient and at the toilet. Three color schemes are used: beige with off-white, salmon with off white, and gold with gray.

Toilet floors are tile and walls are tile at the lower level with painted plaster above. Furnishings beside commode and lavatory are a mirror and fluorescent light. A mixer faucet controls temperature of lavatory and shower water. A spray attachment at the commode is provided for rinsing bed pans, wash basins, etc.

Each room has four doors, mahogany stained to match the furniture. The entrance door is wide with space to spare for moving beds, and has a bracket at the top to set it at any desired position between closed and wide open. The toilet door opens out, cannot be blocked by a patient fainting inside. The other two doors are on the closets.

More distinctive built-ins are fluorescent lights on the wall at the head of each bed. Built into the same fixtures are night lights with a wall control for any degree of dimness. And between the lights is the patient's signal unit with intercom and a control cord leading to each bed. The oxygen outlet is built into that unit.

Room furnishings likewise feature beauty and convenience, completing an over-all cheerful atmosphere. Two beds have electrical controls for adjustment of both contour and height. The others have four manual cranks, one to adjust



height and the others to adjust contour. Each bed also has rails, out of the way when not in use and easily raised into position when needed.

Beside each bed is an over-bed table with formica top, vanity, and adjusting crank; a floor lamp with adjustable height; a bedside cabinet with textolite top and sides, a drawer and a door. Each private room has an arm chair and a side chair. Each semi private room has an arm chair and two side chairs. The chairs are naugahyde upholstered.

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David Bright, Agatha Wolf, Alois Trueebenbach
A special presentation to Agatha who from the Hospital, after working there since its opening. Muenster Hospital Christmas Party, December 16, 1978.

At left - J.M. Weinzapfel, whose dedication, leadership, and hard work were the vital factors in the original financing and construction of Muenster Memorial Hospital, burns two of the paid bonds at the Dec. 1978 Hospital Christmas Party.

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Gertrude Sims receives pin from Al Felderhoff - 1978

Muenster Memorial Hospital - 2014



Clinic - Shirley Endres, Seleah Park, Stevie Maas, Yvonne Ambrose, Dr. Don Simmons, Melissa Trubenbach, and Kenda Parker.



Maintenance - Chris Styles, Bill Moster, Ethan Holman

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Swing bed - Adelia Wilson with Evelyn and Arthur Felderhoff



Fit Center - Tim Pembroke, Sean Quinlan, Ken Murrell, Mark Basco, Christy Bezner, Leslie Schilling, and Jennifer Smith



Medical Records - Duana Johns & Kathy McColly

Radiology - Michelle Bayer, Linda Biddenstadt, Julie Ness



At the Nurses Station - Ashley Knabe, Sarah Thacker, Carolyn Brown, Charity Davis, and Tiffany Lutkenhaus



Administration - Michael Kent, administrator, Tiffany Reed, Debbie Neu, Steve Fowler, Adelia Wilson, and Jennifer Studebaker



Lab - Aileen Acayan, Richard Acayan, and Rosemarie Tai



In-Hospital Pharmacy - Kim Gobble and Chelsie Switzer



Muenster Pharmacy - Mary Dunn, Howard Kirk, and Tammy Garden



Velta Gray



Housekeeping - Johnnie Bohannon



At left - **Dietary**
Charla Taylor, Stella Hess, Cindi McPherson, Anna McCourry

Below - **the Front Office** - Carol Winchester, Bethany O'Connor, Ileta Rhodes, Lillian Barker, Timi Walk, Vanese Alguire

At left - **Nurses** - Diane Neu, CNO and Linda Walterscheid



Home Care - Kenya Endres, Tamatha Brito, Karen Hacker, Rita Blakely, Linda Holcomb, Darla Styles, Dale Reiter, and Gary McAlister





Preparing for surgery

Above - Linda Vogel in 1990.

At left - the sterilization room in 1964.



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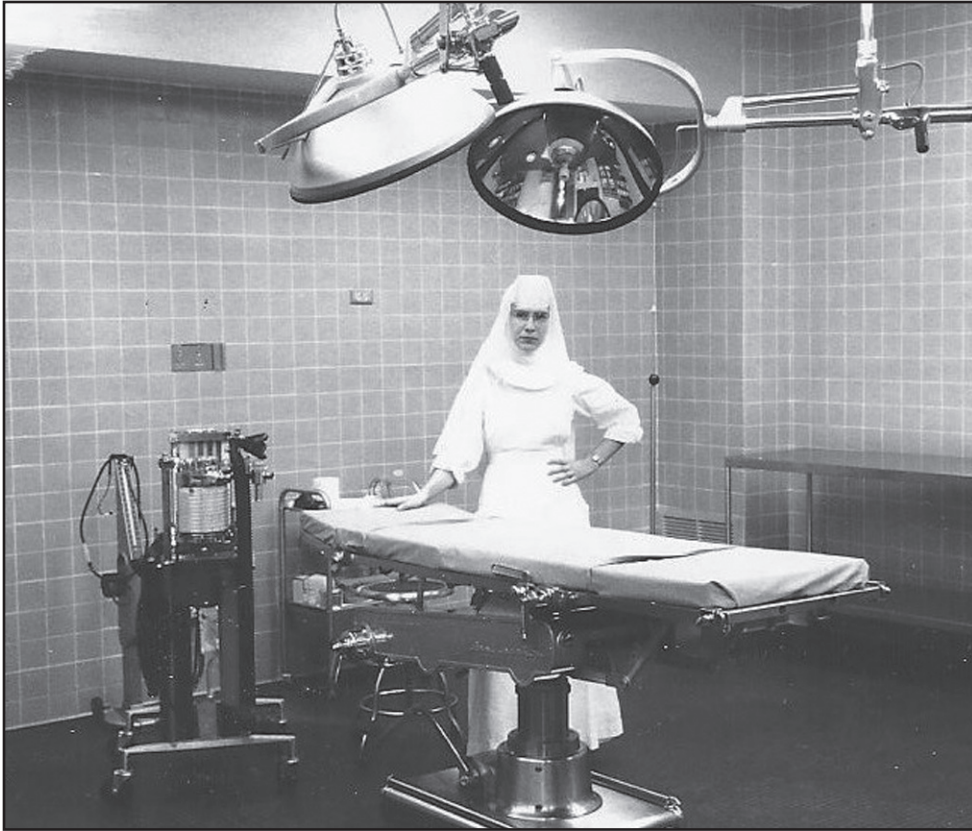
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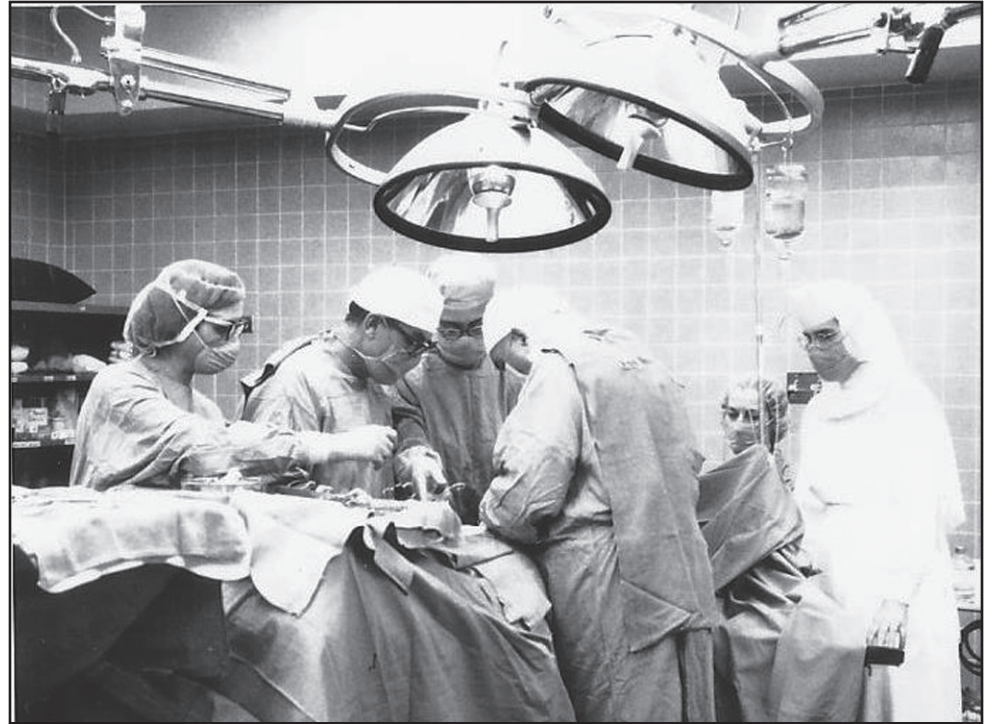


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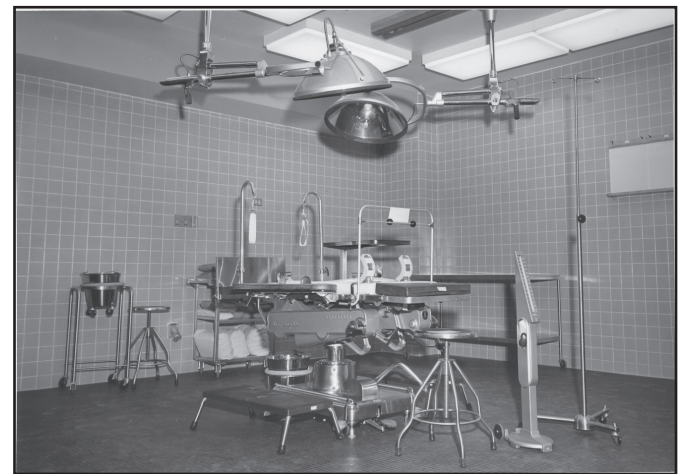
Sister Romaine



OPERATION

Above - Early surgery - Emily Hartman, Saint Jo Doctor, Dorothy Hartman, Doctor Hejduk, unknown.

At left - 1990 - JD Caplinger, Joan Walterscheid, Herman Carroll, Doctor Juarez, Judy Flusche; below - the surgery room ready for the opening in 1964.



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February 3, 1965

Thirty of the forty-five mothers with babies born during Muenster Memorial Hospital's first year attended a kiddies party in the front lobby of the hospital. The three in the nursery did not attend the first anniversary celebration.



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New Gadget Will Assure Hot Meals

Meals in Muenster Hospital will be served hot and stay hot. In fact the plate will still be hot after a meal is finished.

That added accommodation for patients is made possible by the use of a hot pack server, which has been adopted as the hospital's standard method of serving meals.

The gadget that does the trick is a special insulated container with a pre heated clay disk at the bottom. The plate of food is on that hot disk and, if desired it can be kept there while the meal is eaten. When brought to the patient it is covered by a dome, also insulated, to help hold the heat inside.

When servings are dished in the kitchen, the disk, pre-heated in the oven, is placed in the base of the container. Then the plate of food is put on the hot plate and covered by the dome.

And that's not all. Drinks are kept hot or cold by insulated beverage servers and there are insulated bowls for soups and cereals.

Originally the hospital planned to assure hot meals by serving from a



Aletha Brawner and Betty Miller

Photo by Janie Hartman

steam cart in each patient's room. The other method was adopted because it also keeps food warm during the meal.

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Mindy Klement, DDS

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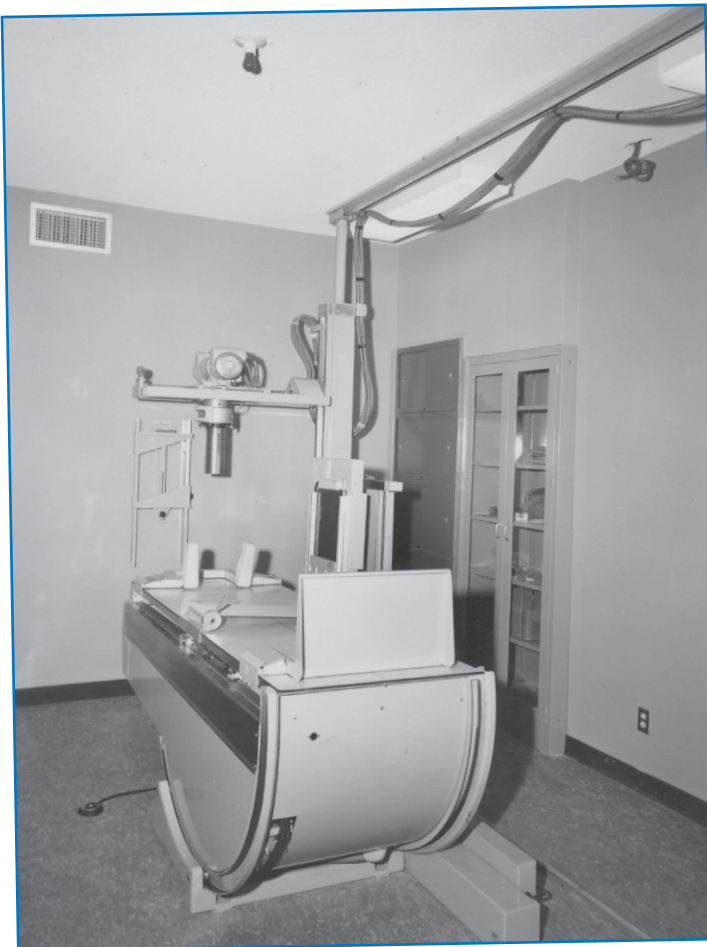
Eleanor Felderhoff and Miriam Capalinger



Glenda Russell and Anne Perkins



Dolores Lippe, Flora Mae Knabe, Alma Wolf



X-RAY

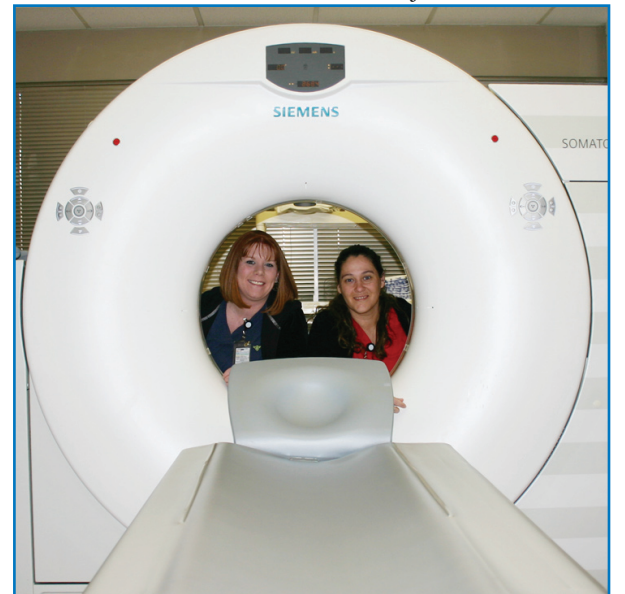
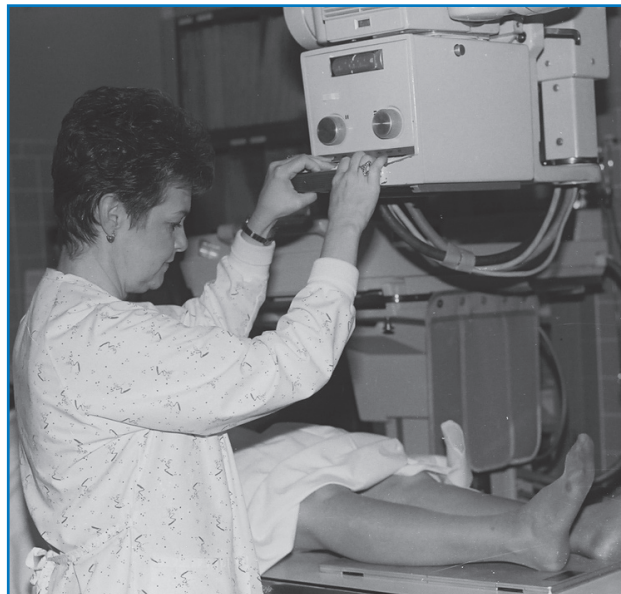


Far left - The X-Ray room in 1964.

Below center- Kay Bynum with patient - 1990.

Below right - Michelle Bayer and Julie Ness.

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**Congratulations
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Dr. Knight hangs up surgeon's hat... Cowboys' physician closes local office

by Jean Pagel

When Dr. Marvin Knight closed his orthopedic office in Muenster on Dec. 31, 1988, he entered retirement - for the second time.

"I didn't intend to open an office when I moved to Muenster," Knight said. "And I don't know how I'll make out on this one (retirement). I've been busy so far."

Knight, who left his practice at a Dallas clinic in 1972 to work with Herford cattle on his ranch near Rosston, said he'll continue treating several patients he's been seeing. But his office adjoining Muenster Memorial Hospital was emptied last month, and now he's ready to devote time to his ranch and other activities.

"I've always enjoyed life, and doing what I was doing," Knight smiled. "It doesn't seem like I've been here that long at all."

Perhaps best known for his long association with the Dallas Cowboys, serving as a team orthopedic surgeon and physician since 1960, Knight, with his white western hat, has been a familiar sight on sidelines of games.

But he shuns celebrity status. Knight doesn't let things like Super Bowl rings, being featured in a commercial for ritzy hotels, or probably being the first surgeon to have performed an artificial hip surgery, go to his head.

He simply shrugs. "I've been president of this and on that board. But I never take advantage of it," he said. "I've chewed out some of the best."

Knight, the second of seven children was born in a tent in Halls Valley, Texas. His father was in the construction business, he said, and was helping build a railroad at the time. Knight started school when he was 8 years old, skipped a couple of grades as his family moved around following construction jobs; he managed to graduate in 1927 from Moran High School.

"Ever since I can remember I wanted to be a doctor. I had a great-uncle who was a doctor," he explained. "I knew all along that's what I wanted to do if I could."

Once out of high school, Knight was on his own. Jobs were hard to find, and he felt fortunate to help build a hotel.

But Knight did make it to college - Howard Payne University. There he studied in the pre-med program while supporting himself working two, sometimes three, jobs at one time. One of these jobs was an editor of the college's

newspaper, **The Yellow Jacket**.

Out of Baylor Medical School in 1935, Knight served a one-year internship at Gallinger Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was paid \$15 a month.

He started general practice in Kermit, Texas, where the oil boom was in full swing. There, amid "trailer houses, tents, honky tonks and no streets," Knight did everything from deliver babies to treat workers injured in oil field accidents. He was the county's health officer in 1937, before moving to the University of Iowa where he began to specialize in orthopedics.

"I thought I had a knack for it," he said simply. Orthopedics is the study and treatment of the skeletal system, muscles and joints.

Knight then worked at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, during the Huey Long era.

"Many a night the only sleep I got was on patient carriages, especially during Mardi Gras."

In 1941 came World War II, with Knight serving assignments at hospitals in Washington, D.C., Cleveland and in the South Pacific. It was in Cleveland - where he administered to as many as 1,700 patients at one time - that he designed a hip prosthesis. He also performed what was probably the first artificial hip transplant in the country while he was there.

"Cleveland is an industrial city. You can have anything in the world made in Cleveland," Knight reflected. "But I never did patent any of that stuff. Never wanted to," he said of the orthopedic instruments he designed.

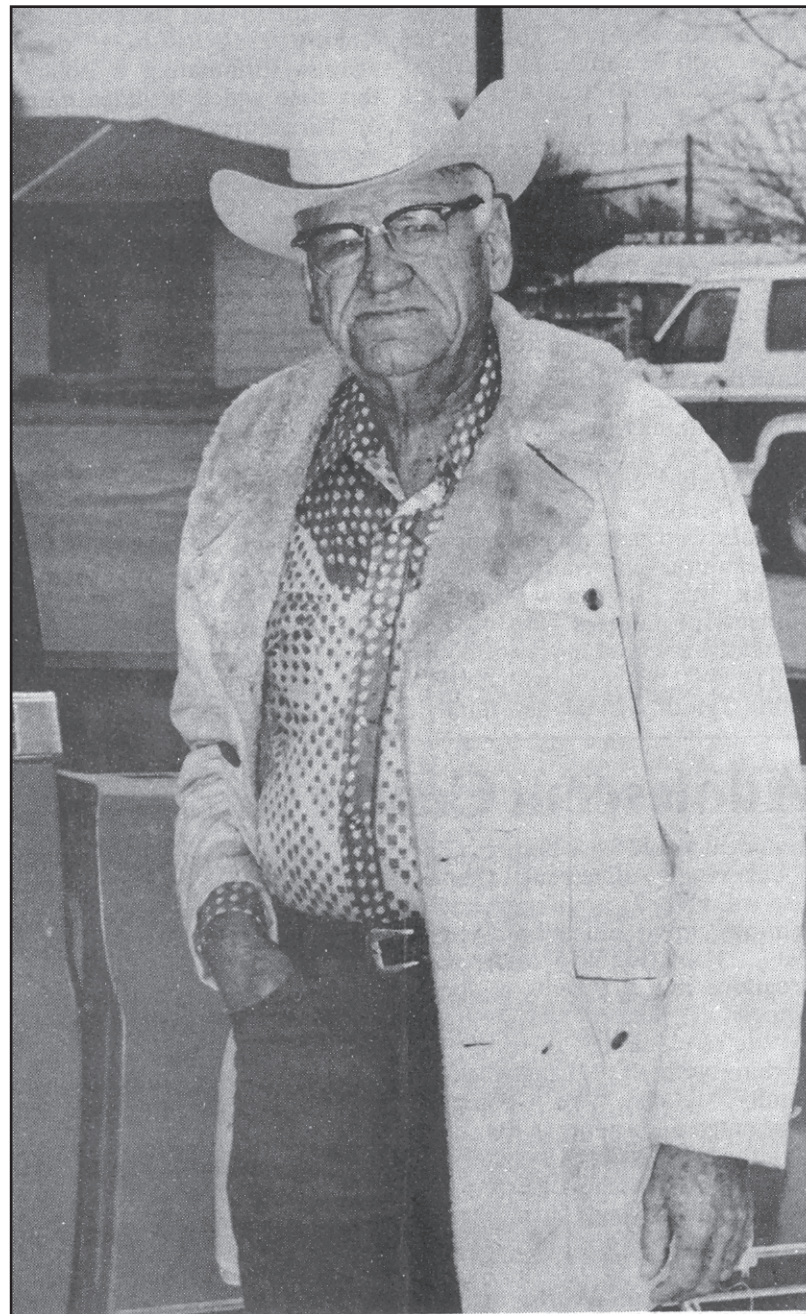
In Spring 1946, Knight opened an orthopedic office in Dallas. Later, he built a clinic that he eventually shared with four other surgeons.

"I told these doctors, 'Don't pay attention to the bills. Worry about the people, and they'll take care of you.' And it's true," he said.

Knight's reputation in orthopedics spread throughout the city, and in 1960 a man named Tex Schramm called to ask if he'd be interested in working as a physician for Dallas's new National Football League team. Knight accepted the offer and began what came to be an almost 30-year stint as the most well-recognized doctor of the Dallas Cowboys.

"I attended practices, traveled with the team," he said. "I didn't miss a game in Dallas for 15 or 20 years."

But in 1972, Knight left the big city



**Doctor Marvin Knight
1989**

for a ranch south of Muenster that he had bought 20 years earlier. "I came up here to retire. What happened?," he laughed. "I didn't retire."

Knight said he's not sure when he opened his Muenster office; "it just sort of happened" as he was frequently called on in emergencies. Pat Bell was his receptionist for about one year, and Loree Bruns took the job ever since.

And with his local office, Muenster Memorial Hospital came to be the city's claim to fame in professional football as injured Cowboy players were treated here.

"They liked Muenster and Muenster Memorial Hospital," Knight said. "It was an asset, rather than reporters coming in and worrying them. They liked the quiet. The nurses took care of them, and that's it."

Knight is still a medical consultant

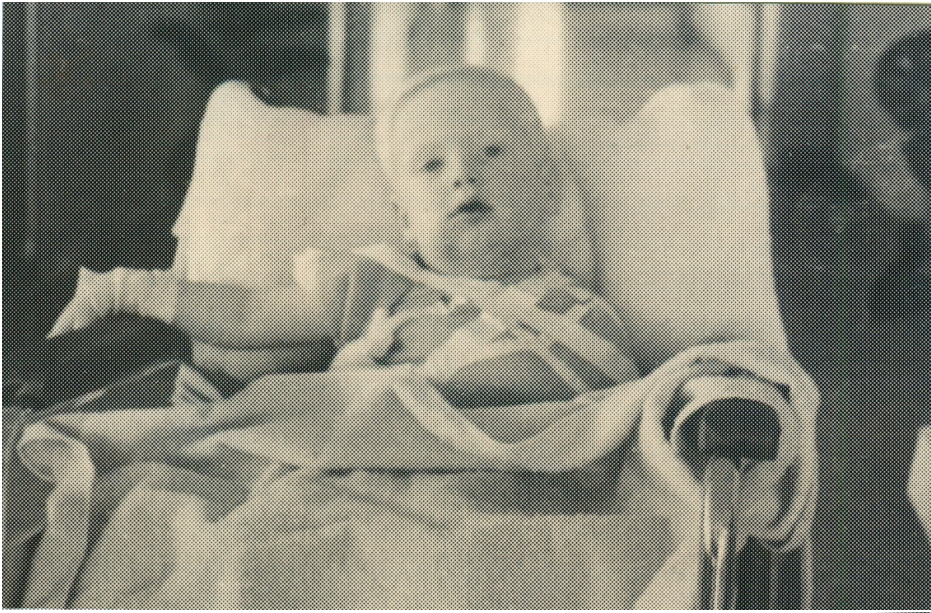
to the team, although he didn't attend many games this year.

"It makes me feel bad to see them lose," he said. "I've always tried to win myself - I don't care if it's playing checkers or what."

Knight recently was featured in a television commercial for Lincoln Hotels. But not awed by the film industry, he's ready to simply spend more time at his ranch and with family: wife, Josephine; sons, Dr. Marvin Knight Jr. of Gainesville and Dr. Walter Knight of Dallas; daughter, Mrs. Betty Pearl Taylor of Dallas; and four grandchildren.

It remains to be seen whether this country boy can stick to his retirement.

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March 1, 1964, thirty-seven years ago, this two year old was the first emergency patient at Muenster Memorial Hospital. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and his parents were helping the Garden Club plant trees and shrubs by the hospital. This toddler was following along behind some older children as they crossed the parking lot. A car backed out of its parking space and ran over him. The car went forward and ran over him again. As his father shouted for the driver to stop, she took her foot off the brake and the wheel rolled back over him a third time. His father carried him into the hospital, hoping he was alive. With the immediate and excellent care administered by Dr. Laughlin and the rest of the hospital emergency care staff, he survived. He had broken jaws, two broken collar bones, broken ribs and a broken arm. After several months he fully recovered. That first emergency patient at the Muenster Hospital was Robert Weinzapfel. The first medical patient at the hospital was Mrs. (Julia) JM Weinzapfel, Robert's grandmother.

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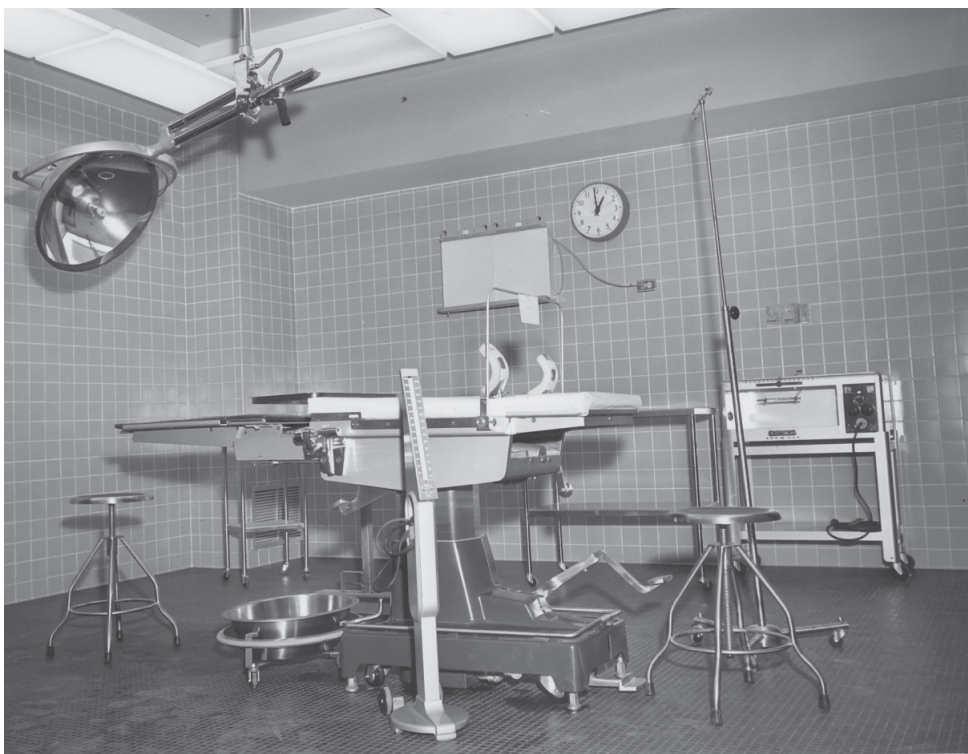


Doctor Alfredo Antonetti assisted by Mary Ann Hess

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Doctor Martin Kralicke and Linda Walterscheid examine patient



Emergency Room - 1964

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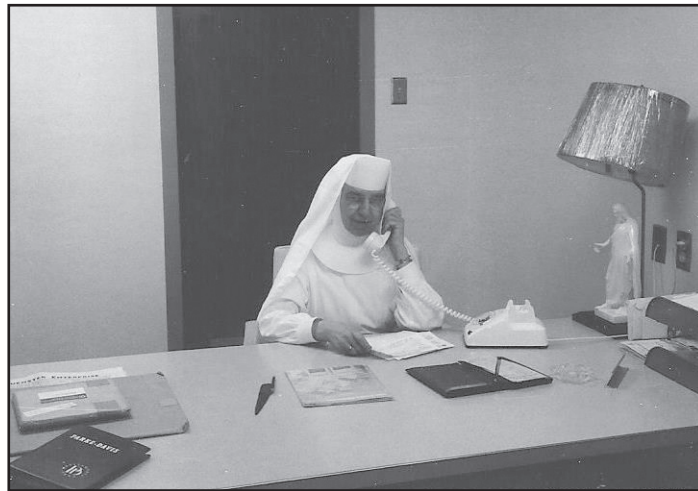
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Claudia Endres, Sister Karen, Mickey Haverkamp, Florence Fisher



Agatha Wolf, Sister Diann, Mickey Haverkamp, Joan Kupper



Sister Mildred



Aileen Cler, Sister Romaine, Joan Haverkamp, Cindy Wimmer



Front - Agatha Wolf, Florence Williams, Lorena Taylor, Wilda Stoffels, Ida Hoenig; back - Augusta Walterscheid, Aileen Cler, Sister Romaine, Monica Hess, Lu Lu Hess



Front - Dorothy Hartman, Joan Walterscheid, Sandra Cler, Frances Yosten; back - Lena Mae Trubenbach, Florence Rohmer, Sister Romaine, Dr. Martin Kralicke, Ann Walterscheid

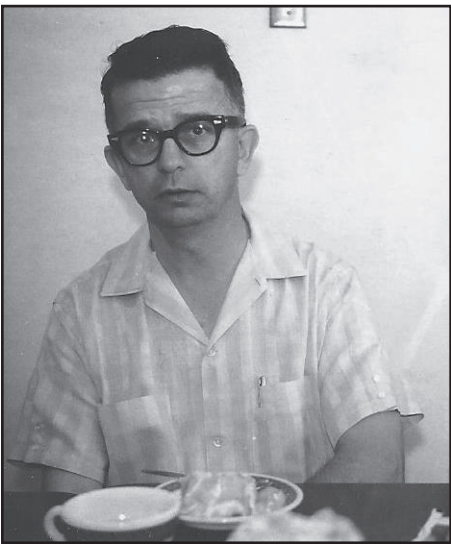


In the Lab



J.D. Caplinger, Hazel Lyman, Colette Biffle

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Dr. Martin Kralicke



Nurse Dorothy Hartman



Cecilia Trubenbach, Hazel Lyman, Isabell Fette

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by when we need you!
Thanks**



**Congratulations
Thank You for 50 years**

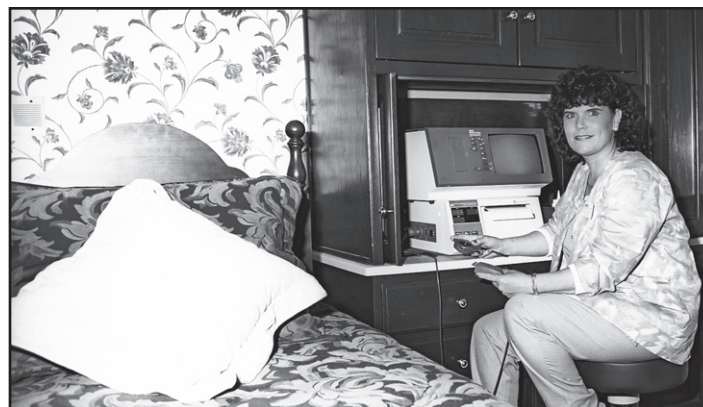




Jenny Bezner

**Muenster Memorial Hospital
Birthing Center/Nursery
1996**

**Shelbi Sicking - first Muenster baby
born in new Center**



Darlene Stewart



Hayle Danglemayr



Molly, Wesley, and Shelbi Sicking



Joyce Abney

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Doctor Thomas Currier and first delivery

***Thank you for
50 years of service***

Walterscheid Appliance

James, Theresa, & Judy

Happy 50th Anniversary!

**Thanks for being there
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Dr. Enrique Juarez, Kirk, Janie, Jessika, Tim, and Kristine Hartman

**Jessika Franziska Hartman, born January 26, 1989
claimed three distinctions - Muenster Centennial Baby,
New Year baby, and
last baby born in Muenster Hospital at the time.**



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