

Primary elections headed to runoffs

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Election night results had many on the edge of their seats as results poured in teetering in favor of one or another candidate. Some got a definite 50% or better and secured their position as a nominee for either the Republican or Democratic Party. Some of those have no opponent in November and know that they will secure their desired office. For others, the campaign has just begun.

The County Clerk's Office reported that out of the County's 23,382 registered voters, 5,451 voted in the Primary Elections. There were 5,169 Republicans voting and 282 Democrats.

In Cooke County's local races, the only contested places were on the Republican ticket. Those were for County Judge, Court at Law Judge, Pct. 4 Justice of the Peace, and Precinct #2 Commissioner.

There were three candidates hoping to win the Republican nomination for County Judge. It was a tense evening for two of those candidates and their supporters as they watched the numbers change as various voting precinct boxes were counted and results posted. In the end, Jason Brinkley and Byron Berry will have to go another round in May as neither

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Local boards draw election contests

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Muenster Hospital District Administrator Michael Kent reported that there are four candidates for the three at-large seats on the Hospital District's Board of Directors. That election will be held on Saturday, May 10.

Danny Walterscheid did not seek another term on the Board.

Directors Don Richardson and Jon Reed filed for another term. Also seeking a seat on the Board are Paul Becker and Steven Fisher. Becker had previously served on the Board.

That will be the only local election in May. The City canceled its election at Monday's City Council meeting as there were no contested positions. Muenster ISD also has two Board of Trustees members with no opponents.

Muenster ISD has Places 3 and 4 with terms expiring in May. They are held by Ben Bindel and Doug Hermes, respectively. Both have filed seeking another term.

Also filing are Matt Sicking for Place 3 against Bindel and Brandon Walterscheid for Place 4 against Hermes.

Heed speed and one-ways in School zones

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With the opening of Muenster ISD's new elementary building, there was a need to devise some traffic changes in the school area.

North Walnut Street, on the west side of the new Elementary School, is officially a one-way street from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also Muenster Police Chief Mark Blankenship reminds drivers that the speed limit is 15 mph there and on Ninth Street from 7-8 a.m. and from 3-4 p.m.

Chief Blankenship informed the City Council at its meeting on Monday, "For the past two weeks or so, we have been monitoring both the speed limits and the one-way street and we have come in contact with almost every person in Muenster that has children in school in violation of those ordinances."

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State free throwers



Courtesy photo

Hunter Hennigan and Bailey Klement both finished as State Runner-ups in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition held in San Antonio last weekend. Hunter made 20 of 25 and Bailey 19 of 25 of their free throws.



Photo courtesy of April Walterscheid

The State-bound Muenster Hornets - from left, back - Ryan Hoepfner, Clayton Hess, Brandon Hennigan, Lyndon Cook, Cole Walterscheid, Logan Cook, Trevor Cheaney, Blake Hoepfner; front - Mathew Porter, Clint Sidwell, Chance Herr, Tavi Saldana, Trey Anderle, Bryce Herr.

Hornets hope to pick a few grapes and blow away the competition in Austin

Clay Corbett
Publisher

It has been a history-making season for the Muenster Hornets. With their win over Poolville in the Class A Division I Regional Semifinal, the Hornets (27-2) made history, advancing farther than any other Muenster team.

Their victory over Collinsville a day later put the stamp on their basketball program, qualifying them for their first trip to the State tournament.

"The kids are all excited, and I think still a little numb," Muenster Coach Lynn Cook said. "They've given total commitment this season and are excited about the opportunity."

"I'm glad we don't play till Thursday, so we can have some time to recover mentally."

District-rival Collinsville

put up a good fight, but like other teams that have kept it close this season against Muenster, they wore down in the end.

"Asking kids to beat a team three times in one season is a tall task," Cook said. "Collinsville has gotten better and better every game. We expected that, and had to re-

alize that they were fighting for a trip to Austin too."

The Regional tournament prize is a meeting with the high-flying Grapeland Sandies (33-4).

Muenster was set to battle Grapeland at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

Grapeland rolled through their Regional tournament too with an 83-49 win over Tenaha and an 85-71 victory over LaPoyner.

"They [Grapeland] are second-ranked in the State and a very high scoring team," Cook said. "They like to create turnovers and take risks"

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Parish acquires needed Permit

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At its regular meeting on Monday, March 3, Muenster City Council addressed a Specific Use Permit requested by Sacred Heart Parish. The Parish hopes to construct a Pastoral Center, but since it would be in a residential neighborhood, the Specific Use Permit was

required.

The first step was a public hearing for the office building in Block 9, the corner of Sixth and Walnut streets. Notices of the public hearing were mailed to all property owners within 200 feet of the property.

Sacred Heart Pastor Fr. Ken Robinson explained the Parish's plans. About five years ago, a master plan was devised for Sacred Heart Parish in regard to the entire facility. Priority three on that list was the construction of a new office complex with a small meeting room for 12-15 people. The original plan was to build the Pastoral Center on existing Parish grounds. Since that time, the Parish acquired more property and felt the new location would be better suited.

The Parish bought the

Koesler house across from Sacred Heart High School to use for its Outreach ministry. Later, Dave and Wanda Flusche donated property on Mesquite Street for use as the Outreach center. When Rita Becker died, the Parish bought that home for use as the convent. Fr. Ken noted that the most recent purchase is property at the corner of Walnut and Sixth owned by Bobby Hartman. That is across from Sacred Heart High School and is where they wish to build to new pastoral Center.

Fr. Ken said that the Fort Worth Diocese discouraged building it facing Sixth Street which is very busy, is a one way street, and has the school facing it already. They would have an entry on Sixth, but no exit. Walnut Street is where the main en-

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Hospice considered by Hospital Board

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Another avenue of revenue came under consideration by the Muenster Hospital Board of Directors at its regular meeting held Tuesday, Feb. 18. The Home Health consultant suggested that the Hospital District start a hospice program. The current Home Health staff would be utilized to provide the service.

According to information provided by the consultant, the main cost would be the accreditation survey and the costs associated with the patients that are taken prior to accreditation. It said that 10 hospice patients would generate as much revenue as 40 home health patients. The report noted that the agency could keep eight patients on hospice in its service area and make an additional \$200,000 in revenue.

The Board discussed the topic of a Home Hospice, but felt more information was needed before making a decision. There is already a non-profit hospice in Cooke County and the service may be offered by other agencies as well. It was noted that there is a stigma attached to hospice which makes many people hesitant to use one. The topic was tabled until more information is available.

Administrator Michael Kent spoke of the Hospital's 50th anniversary celebration and thanked all who worked on the planning and set up. He displayed the proclama-

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It was show time for kids and animals



Janie Hartman photo

Cooke County Youth Fair participants weigh in their animals and sheep show held at the Muenster ISD Ag Barn last Thursday. Watch for show results in upcoming releases.

Cooke County Republicans will be shooting for funds

"BYOG" is the call from the Cooke County Republican Party, as the organization gears up to celebrate the Second Amendment at its "Bring Your Own Gun" Sporting Clays Shoot on Saturday, April 26. The event will be held at Fossil Pointe Shooting Grounds north of Decatur, and is open to the public.

Registration is now underway. Four-person teams will compete, and the fee for shooters is \$100 per person. The fee includes the shoot, gimmes, lunch, and door prizes. Individuals who sign up without a full team will be paired with other shooters by the event director at Fossil Pointe. The cost for folks who want to come for the lunch and awards presentation is \$20 each.

BYOG 2014 is the brainchild of GOP County Chair Chuck Bartush who learned of similar events when he attended Texas Republican County Chairmen's Association meetings in Austin. Bar-

tush explained, "Our County Executive Committee really wanted to do this last year, but we ran out of time. Now we're running out of money, so, as I often say, let's go!"

Bartush hopes BYOG attracts candidates from the area and statewide who qualify for the anticipated runoff election in May. "What a great opportunity for them to meet voters from Cooke, Wise, and Montague counties," Bartush noted. "I've participated in events at Fossil Pointe. It is a first class operation that I know our shooters and supporters will thoroughly enjoy."

Details, registration form, and sponsorship form are available at www.cookegap.com.

For more information about the shoot or about how to become a sponsor or to donate a door prize or auction item, contact Chairman Chuck Bartush at 940-727-8289, or 940-759-2913, or by email bartlawc@netscape.net.



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Mark Blankenship

Officer responded to 63 CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) in February resulting in three INCIDENT/OFFENSE reports. 37 CITATIONS were issued during the month. Two TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS were investigated by officers. One person was ARRESTED/BOOKED.

Patrol vehicles were driven 3,281 miles on duty. Officers logged 624 man hours for the month.

90 DAY STATS: January - CFS 61, INCIDENTS 10, ARRESTS 2, CITATIONS 30; December - CFS 34, INCIDENTS 4, ARRESTS 2, CITATIONS 29; November - CFS 46, INCIDENTS 2, ARRESTS 2, CITATIONS 29.

Vehicle Stats: 2008 F150 - 70,870; Crown Vic #2 - 31,655; Crown Vic #3 - 43,346.

The Police Department welcomes new officer Laura Brock. Laura comes to us from Montague Co. Sheriff's Office as a deputy and a short stay at Saint Jo as Chief. She has 16 years law enforcement experience, most of which was in Hood County.

North Walnut Street is now ONE WAY (north) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The speed limit in that area including a portion of Ninth Street is 15 MPH from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Officers have patrolled that area and issued several warnings for driving violations due to the newness of the postings. Beginning MONDAY MARCH 3, CITATIONS MAY be issued for violations in that area. We ask everyone to observe and obey the traffic postings as they are intended to better protect the school children.

We encourage everyone to report any unsafe driving in our area so we may better respond and hopefully curtail anyone being injured as a result of such actions. As always, your identity will remain confidential.

REDNECKS WITH PAY CHECKS will be held this month the 13th, 14th and 15th. Please be aware of the heavy traffic in our area during that week.

Cooke County Arts Council sets Charity Night

The Cooke County Arts Council is proud to announce their upcoming Non-Profit Charity Night Event. This will be a Butterfield Stage production of *Twelve Angry Jurors* on March 13. The Arts Council gives credit to Butterfield's Benefit Performance Series which is designed to support local charities and 501c3 non-profit organizations. Butterfield Stage Players provides the entertainment and the non-profit receives all revenues from these performances.

All proceeds will help The Gainesville Swing Orchestra, The North Central Texas Chorale, GAVA, and the Gainesville Garden Club. Tickets went on sale Feb. 20, and are \$15. They may be purchased through members of the Arts Council or through Joe Conner at 940-613-6939.

Landscaping Project. Mayor Anderson said that TxDOT was now moving forward with the landscaping project proposed for the west side of the City Park. This is using funds awarded to Keep Muenster Beautiful for winning the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) in 2012.

This landscaping project proposes to build a walking trail on the west side of the City Park. After the agreement is approved and returned to TxDOT, the design plans for the project can be started. Administrator Endres said that the last he heard, construction would not begin on the project until April 2015.

The estimated cost of the project is \$108,273. Endres said that Muenster would have no cost for the project unless they should decide to add anything more to the project.

Muenster has an energy service agreement with Green Mountain Energy. The company contacted Muenster with an offer to extend its service agreement. The City currently pays 0.05089 cents per KW. That price is good until June 2015.

The new offer is for 12 months at \$0.05409, 24 months at \$0.05390, or 36 months at \$0.05355. Endres recommended the 36 month extension. He said, "The price of natural gas has been rising over the last few months and looks like it will continue to rise."

The Council agreed to renew the contract with Green Mountain for 36 months.

In other business, the City Council:

- Canceled the May 10 City Election because the filing deadline had passed and there was no opposition. Jewel Otto, Pat Stelzer, and Greg Bohl will retain their seats for another term.
- Heard monthly police report from Chief Mark Blankenship and met new Officer Laura Brock.
- Approved payment of bills totaling \$130,492.74.

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trance would be placed.

City Administrator Stan Endres reported that it would not change the zoning from residential, nor affect any property other than the Parish's. Endres said, "If we approve the permit, what it does is give them permission to build that office building. If for some reason 10 or 20 years from now, the Parish decides they don't need that office building any more, then that permit would be removed and the property would come back to be residential. If somebody else wanted to buy it, they would have to get another Special Use Permit. This permit would be strictly for the Parish."

Janet Barnhill, owner of a house on adjacent property, voiced concern over lighting in the parking lot. "If there is anything going on at night,

it would be nice to have a fence to keep the lighting out," said Barnhill.

According to Fr. Ken, the Parish plans to put a fence around the property. He inquired about City regulations in regard to a fence. He was told that there are regulations for height and type of materials. He felt that they would use a wooden fence with lighting on the fence rather than a tall pole. This suited Barnhill.

There were no other comments and Mayor Joey Anderson closed the public hearing.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the Specific Use Permit request by the Parish.

The Council unanimously approved authorizing the mayor to sign an advanced funding agreement with TxDOT for Muenster's Park

Everett Brinkley of Gainesville, and Tony Brinkley of Ardmore; sisters and brothers-in-law Sue and Marty Nelson of Rowlett, and Tina and Troy Lutkenhaus of Muenster; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father; grandparents Walter and Annie Brinkley, Cleo Brinkley, Burt Childress, Oscar and Effie Truham; and nephew Waylon Nelson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Landmark Bank in the name of Vickie Lou Brinkley.

Yosten dies

Jerry Yosten, age 65 of Muenster, died Wednesday, March 5. Services are pending with Scott Funeral Home in Muenster.

Obituary

Vickie Brinkley 1957 - 2014

Memorial services for Vickie Lou Brinkley, age 56 of Collinsville, were held Feb. 28 at First Baptist Church in Muenster with Pastor Rodney Sprayberry officiating.

Vickie died Feb. 25, 2014 in Gainesville. She was born Aug. 30, 1957 in Gainesville to Leon Everett and Bessie Marie Childress Brinkley.

Survivors are her mother; son and daughter-in-law Chad Allan and Francheska Brinkley of Universal City; daughter and son-in-law Amanda Sue and Donald Ray Dodson, Jr. of Collinsville; son and daughter-in-law Jonathan "Johnny" Ray and Rebecca Brinkley of Calisburg; nine grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law Darrell and Georgiana of Peoria, AZ, Earl and Polly Brinkley of Gainesville, Jimmy Brinkley of Gainesville,

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

March 4, 1949

Ethel Trubenbach, Sacred Heart senior, wins 2nd in National bookkeeping contest, Sr. M. Eymard, instructor, learned this week. Judy Cain is recovering from severe case of tonsillitis. New Arrival: Christopher to Oscar and Agnes Walter. Ollie S. Owens opens his Clover Leaf Store and advertises Light Crust Flour, 10 lb. for 77¢ and Armour Banner short ribs 29¢ per lb. Variety Store advertises electric floor polisher for rent 25¢ per hour, or \$1 per day. Muenster Livestock advertises "A Lotta Bull! We sold C.J. Fette's 2,395 lb. bull at \$20.60 per hundred, a total selling price of \$493.37. That's a lot of bull - and a lot of money."

50 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1964

New business coming to Muenster: Ray Swirczynski is building a drive-in grocery. State okays four lanes for Highway 82 through Muenster. Two-year-old Robert Weinzapfel, who was

run over by a car, sustained multiple fractures and is a patient at Muenster Hospital. Muenster Hospital has 52 patients in first month. New Arrivals: Linda to Clem and Rita Sandmann; a son to Bill and Betty Schneck; Donna to Henry and Alberta Schroeder. Lindsay High will have an annual this year: the price is \$4.

25 YEARS AGO

March 3, 1989

Lupe Evans honored with prestigious Silver Beaver Award by Boy Scouts of America, Longhorn Council. Lakeview Hospital opens in south wing of Muenster Hospital for the treatment of disorders of excess, including substance abuse for adolescents, young adults, and their families. Don Flusche appointed as United National representative in Muenster; the new company will do business as North Texas Sales Group. Obituary: Barbara Robison, 56. New Arrivals: Jillian to Bruce and Jenny Bezner; George to Corey and Cynthia Vrl

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Talking to others and asking the right questions about end-of-life wishes can feel awkward and uncomfortable. Questions such as what would you want in regards to being resuscitated, do you want to be an organ donor, who do you want to make your decisions for you if you cannot make them for yourself – are all questions that we as family members should know about those we love – and they should know about us.

Advance medical planning allows you, your family, and physicians to discuss your desires, direct and provide the type of care you want. Knowing what you need to do as well as having 'the conversation' with family and friends provides the most control over your own future and reduces the challenges faced in difficult times.

The Hope Center of Texoma, a community outreach of Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties, is providing information and tools for you to talk about your wishes with family, friends, and healthcare providers, and execute written advance directives (healthcare power of attorney and living will) in accordance with Texas state laws.

The public is invited to come by the following locations and talk with JoCarolyn Chambers, LCSW, social worker at the Hope Center, to receive free one-on-one support and guidance with advance medical planning: Friday, March 7 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Whitesboro Library, 308 W. Main Street in Whitesboro; Tuesday, March 18 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the TEAM Center, 806 W. 16th Street in Bonham; Friday, March 21 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Cooke County Library, 200 S. Weaver Street in Gainesville; Tuesday, March 25 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Denison Library, 300 W. Gandy Street in Denison; or Friday, March 28 from 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at the Sherman Senior Citizens Center, 1500 N. Broughton Street in Sherman.

This program will also be offered to the public at The Center for Family Medicine, 1906 W. U.S. Hwy. 82 in Sherman, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on March 17, April 7 and 21, and May 5 and 19.

"The opportunity to talk with your loved ones, whether your parents, your spouse, brother, sister, or child about their wishes, desires, and hopes provides for an immense sense of peace and comfort in the midst of some of the most difficult storms in life," said Chambers. "The knowledge that you have done what your family member or friend entrusted to you is truly a gift that you will have forever."



Gazzola

Michael and Alisha Gazzola of Katy are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Michael Robert Gazzola. He was born at 10:39 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014 at Woman's Hospital of Texas. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz., and was 21.4 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Nick and Robynn Walterscheid of Muenster and William and Gayle Fritz of Houston and the late Robert Gazzola. Great-grandparents are Rita Ritchey of Muenster and the late Wendell Richey; the late Hank and Louise Walterscheid;

Tony and Patsy Sipes of Marshall; and the late Robert and Regina Collins.



Michael Robert Gazzola

Notices

Cooke County Republican Women

The Cooke County Republican Women will meet on Thursday, March 6, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church. The guest speaker will be Mark Pulliam from TLR, Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

Pulliam will speak on lawsuit reform that has taken effect in Texas and what it has meant for the State. He will also discuss TLR's future goals. Visitors are welcome!

For additional information, contact Vice President-Programs Dianne Helms, 940-368-0007, or President Rosina Salsman, 940-727-8885.

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection

The Gainesville Christian Women's Connection (GCWC) March Guest Brunch will be Thursday, Mar. 27 at 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. Guest Brunch is a time to bring husbands, significant others, and male friends to GCWC. The event

time is 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the cost is \$8 per person. Brunch will be catered by Lone Oak Ranch and Retreat.

The keynote speakers will be David and Kay Hinds. Using a warm country style presentation, David, who is the president of Van-Tone Company, along with his actress wife, will challenge us to desire a changed life.

Music will be performed by Susan and Kevin Beall with accompaniment by Glenn Wilson.

GCWC is a non-denominational organization affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries open to women of all ages. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here a long time; come join them. For reservations call Judy DeField at (940) 612-3130 or email gcwcreervations@yahoo.com by Thursday, March 20.

"Old Timer" Raccoon to visit the County Library

Cooke County Library will have a special guest host at its March 11 storyhour. "Old Timer" Raccoon will visit and tell his story about his trip to San Antonio and all the other places he discovers on his way. This storyhour will begin at 10:30 a.m. If you have questions, call the Library at 940-668-5530.

Prevent frostbite and hypothermia

Stay informed. Pay attention to weather forecasts and wind chill readings. In very cold, windy weather, exposed skin can develop frostbite in a matter of minutes.

Layer up. Dress in several layers of loose, warm clothing. Air trapped between the layers of clothing acts as insulation against the cold. Windproof and waterproof coats and jackets can also protect against wind, snow, and rain.

Use your head. Wear a hat that fully covers your ears. Heavy woolen or windproof materials are best for cold protection.

Wear mittens instead of gloves. Mittens provide better protection for hands.

Plan ahead. When traveling in cold weather, carry emergency supplies and warm clothing in case you become stranded.

Avoid alcohol. Alcoholic beverages cause your body to lose heat faster. Sweet drinks, such as hot chocolate, will help you stay warmer.

Bernadette and Ed Otto and Phil Walterscheid, all of Muenster, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Jessica Walterscheid of Muenster to Zach Bowman of Lindsay. Zach is the son of Pat and Janet Bowman of Muenster and Kathleen Fisk of Denton. The couple chose Saturday, May 10 as their wedding day. The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Miss Walterscheid is a 2007 graduate of Muenster High School and in 2011 she graduated from Midwestern State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She is currently working for Select Energy Services with aspirations of returning to nursing. Mr. Bowman graduated from Lindsay High School in 1997 and from Texas Tech in 2003 where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. He is a Region VP for Select Energy Services. Attendants for the bride will be Iva Walterscheid, sister-in-law of the bride, as matron of honor, and bridesmaids Trisha Charles, Gina Bezner, Emerald Otto, and Randi Lewis, all bride's friends, and Jenna Felderhoff, sister-in-law to be, and Meredith Bowman, groom's sister. Groom's attendants will be best man Shelby Bezner and groomsmen Brian Hermes, Ben Bowman, Philip Dulock, Garret Hellinger, all friends of the groom, and Jeff Walterscheid and Josh Walterscheid, brothers of the bride. Following their marriage, the couple will reside temporarily in Williston, ND with plans to reside in Lindsay.

For hope is but the dream of those that wake.
Matthew Prior

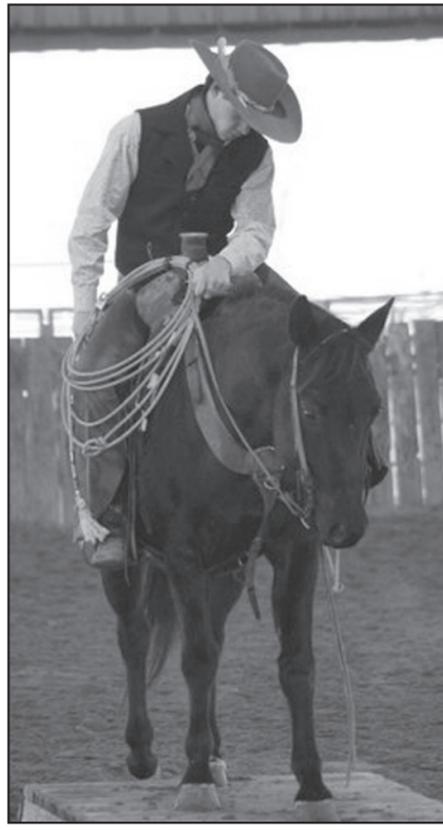
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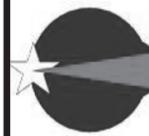
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Eli Dangelmayr (above) and Cody Dangelmayr (at right) competing at the Cooke County Youth Fair.



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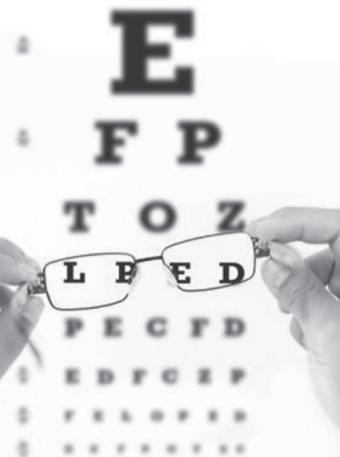


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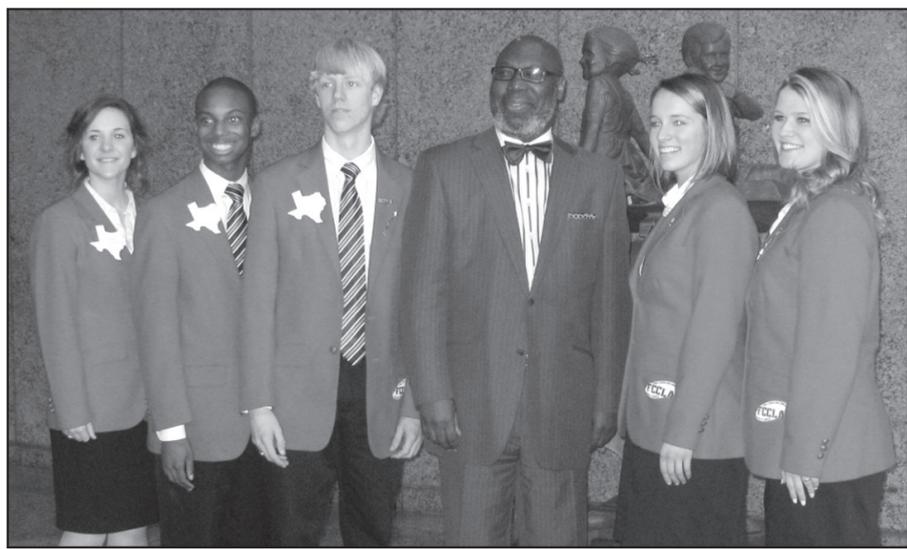
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Muenster FCCLA member Jori Magee, State VP of Peer Leadership, and four other State officers were able to meet with Texas Commissioner of Education Michael L. Williams to discuss the importance of Career and Technical Education for Texas students. The group of officers was participating in Capitol Day on Feb. 10 in Austin to help promote Career and Technical Education. Williams and the students also shared their viewpoints about the potential for improvement of student graduation rates in Texas with the implementation of H.B. 5. Pictured, from left, Jori Magee, Jacob Smith, Garrett Richards, Commissioner Williams, Kate Wellman, and Hannah McGowan.

Muenster High students attend UIL meet

Muenster High School traveled to Prosper High School for an invitational UIL meet on Saturday, Feb. 8. There were 19 schools in attendance, with Muenster being one of the only 1A schools competing. Noel Rodriguez, Alyssa Barnes, Allie Walterscheid, Morgan Eldridge, Alaina Reiter, and Bailey Klement were accompanied by Mrs. Carolyn Lutkenhaus, coach and academic coordinator.

Morgan Eldridge received 3rd in Spelling and Vocabulary and 3rd in Feature Writing. She was also named as the Top Underclassman in Spelling. Students were able to practice for the upcoming District UIL meet, with some greatly improving their scores. They all commented on the size, design, and beauty of the Prosper High School building.



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Competing in the UIL meet at Prosper were Muenster High School students, from left, front - Alyssa Barnes, Bailey Klement, Alaina Reiter; back - Allie Walterscheid, Morgan Eldridge, Noel Rodriguez.

Youth Fair FCS Judging results

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Grade 9 - Logan Cook, Morgan Eldridge.

Grade 10 - Abby Luttmir.
Grade 11 - Kevin Barnes, Kalee Hennigan.
Grade 12 - Hannah Bayer, Kendi Bayer, Austin Creswell, Jared Endres, Clayton Hess, Erin Hess, Sydney Huchton, Shelby Klement, Reagan Knightstep, Jaisal Patel, Adrien Rohmer, Shelbi Sicking.
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Grade 9 - Alyssa Barnes, Brennan Binder, Bryce Herr, Amy Luttmir, Macie Pagel, Haiden Shook, Emma Wood.
Grade 10 - Mahayla Bohl, Ashlyn Burke, Mason Davis, Chase Deeken, Dalton Hess, Trevor Lancaster, Karli Mouring, Alaina Reiter, Samuel Saucer, Claire Schneider, Kelsie Sicking, Courtney Stevens, Kimber Walterscheid, Reagan Weger.
Grade 11 - Trey Anderle, Trevor Cheaney, Lyndon Cook, Kessie Dangelmayr, Jonathan Gregg, Caroline Gressett, Tara Gunnels, Rachel Hare, Chance Herr, Tressa Jones, Mikaela Lamar, Makayla Moster, Noel Rodriguez, Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Zachary Trubench, Sophie Wachtel, Lora Walterscheid.
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The Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker
 There lives an ignoble scalawag who roams the North and South unleashing madness upon our trees, even here in North Texas. No higher in social status than a common carper bagger, this cowardly bottom-feeder is known by no other name than the infamously "Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker."

The Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker is a type of woodpecker. Creatively named for its yellow belly, and sap-sucking ways, this crabby old bird flies from tree to live tree pecking small holes in a row pattern in the bark. You may have noticed this on live oaks, cedar elms, and numerous other types of trees. Once the holes are pecked, sugary tree sap oozes out of these holes, attracting insects which come to feed on it. The sap-sucker then makes periodic returns and, with its specialized brush-shaped tongue, laps up the sap and the bugs to eat! Isn't that clever? It seems woodpeckers use their heads for more than just pecking.

Now the Sapsucker is a federally protected songbird and in actuality, is not so evil. Under typical circumstances, the damage they do to trees is tolerable and just a normal part of forest ecology. However, these birds do tend to favor some individual trees over others, and can target one tree so hard, that the damage they inflict can become a concern for the tree's health. When this tree happens to be the one in your yard, that's when it may be time to raise an angry fist and wage federal legal war on pesky sapsuckers.

Spring time is when they do their dirtiest work, and young live oaks tend to be favorite targets. Cedar elm, plum, peach, and a host of other trees get hit as well. Several deterrent options exist. "Tanglefoot," which is an aerosol spray or caulk available at your better lawn and garden stores, can be sprayed onto targets areas. Also, a homemade concoction of garlic and habanero peppers mashed, strained, and diluted into water makes a nice deterrent. It can be kept in a spray bottle, and sprayed onto targeted tree trunks once or twice a week in the spring. Just don't let the drift blow back into your eyes, or get it on your hands.

In fact, on that note, it never hurts to just call a professional "ISA certified" arborist to address any of your tree care needs, including sapsucker damage. You can go on the International Society of Arboriculture website to find a certified arborist in your area. With proper management, both your landscape trees and the infamous Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker can live in harmony, adding both beauty and interest to these great United States of America.

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SPORTS

Hornets making history

The Muenster Hornets won the Class A, Division I, Region 2 Championship at Abilene Christian University last weekend. In order to capture the crown, the Hornets had to defeat both the Poolville Monarchs and the Collinsville Pirates for a 3rd time this season. "As it has been the case the entire season, the team's defense led the way to both victories," commented Muenster Coach Lynn Cook.

On Friday afternoon, the Hornets were challenged by the Monarchs who controlled the tip but could not score in the 1st period. Hornets putting points on the board the 1st quarter included Cole Walterscheid, Chance Herr, and Lyndon Cook for a 13-0 score.

In the 2nd quarter, the Hornets continued their domination. Poolville couldn't get anything inside, shooting and missing 3-pointers.

Blake Hoepfner made two baskets and Walterscheid one before Poolville finally hit a 3 after 11 game minutes. Herr answered the 3-pointer with one of his own. The Monarchs hit a second 3-pointer followed by two baskets by Logan Cook for a 26-6 score. Ly. Cook added more points to the board for a 29-10 halftime score.

Free throws put the first points on the board the 3rd quarter, 31-13, followed by a 3-pointer each by Lo. Cook and Poolville. Walterscheid and Hoepfner stretched Muenster's lead to 40-18 with 3 minutes on the clock. Trey Anderle hit a free throw and Hoepfner a basket to end the quarter at 43-26. Both teams were in the bonus going into the final period.

Poolville popped in a 3, but Walterscheid, Ly. Cook, and Ryan Hoepfner answered with points of their own. The Monarchs then got back in the game, pulling the point spread to 13, the closest since the 1st quarter. Trevor Cheaney then scored 5 points as Walterscheid and

B. Hoepfner added to an 11 point run for a 62-38 score.

With under a minute left, the Hornets started killing the clock as Poolville walked off the court as the last seconds ticked off the clock for a Hornet victory.

Eight Muenster players put points on the board, led by Cole Walterscheid with 17 points. Blake Hoepfner dropped in 14, Lyndon Cook 10, Trevor Cheaney and Logan Cook 7 each, Chance Herr 5, and 1 apiece by Trey Anderle and Ryan Hoepfner. Ly. Cook pulled down 19 rebounds, Lo. Cook 14, and Walterscheid 12. Lo. Cook also had 14 assists. Muenster was 10 of 21 from the

to end the 1st half with the Hornets leading by 1, 27-26.

Cheaney got the first basket in the 2nd half, but another Pirate 3-pointer tied the game 29-29. Walterscheid quickly took back the lead with back-to-back baskets. Cheaney got another 2 for a 35-29 score at the 4:40 time mark. Two more Pirate 3-pointers over a Hornet free throw closed the score to 36-35. Cheaney added 2, Collinsville 2 frees, followed by Logan Cook with a basket for a 40-37 Hornet lead.

With 1:15 on the clock, Ly. Cook made one free throw, missed the second, got his own rebound, and dished the ball to B. Hoepfner for a 3-point play. Hoepfner got another basket, was fouled, and made another 3 point play for a 46-37 Hornet lead to end the 3rd quarter.

Hoepfner opened the final period with a 3-pointer to grow Muenster's lead to 12, the first double digit lead in the game.

The Pirates added two free throws, followed by two frees by Logan Cook for a 51-39 score with 5:42 remaining in the game. Collinsville scored 5 points, Ly. Cook 6, and Walterscheid 3 for a 60-44 score with 1:57 on the clock. The Pirates dropped in one more 3, Cheaney 2, and Ly. Cook the final free throw for the 63-47 final score.

The victory advances the Hornets to the Final Four State Tournament in Austin. The Semi-Final game was set for Thursday, March 6 at 8:30 a.m. against #2 ranked Grapeland (see related story).

Lyndon Cook was the game's leading scorer with 22 points. Trevor Cheaney added 14, Blake Hoepfner 10, Cole Walterscheid 9, and Logan Cook 8. The Cook brothers led the rebounding with 28.

Collinsville's leading scorers were Daily with 17 points (five 3s) and John Lewis with 12.

free throw line.

M	13	16	14	19	62
P	0	10	16	12	38

Saturday at noon, the Hornets faced District rival the Collinsville Pirates. The Pirates defeated Olney 61-50 in the Region round one game Friday. The Regional Final was the farthest either team had ever advanced.

The tip went to Muenster where Logan Cook popped in a quick 3 points. Collinsville answered back with a 3. Trevor Cheaney dropped in a 2, the Pirates 7 points, and Lyndon Cook 2 for a 10-7 Pirate lead. Baskets by Cheaney and Cole Walterscheid gave Muenster a 1 point advantage, but Collinsville added another 5 for a 15-11 Pirate lead. With 20 seconds on the clock, Blake Hoepfner closed the score to 15-13 to end the 1st period.

Ly. Cook scored Muenster's next 10 points to Collinsville's 3 for a 5 point lead. The Pirates closed the point spread to 1 with 2 minutes on the clock. Ly. Cook added 2, Collinsville 1, Cheaney 2, and the Pirates a 3-pointer



Photo courtesy of April Walterscheid

The Muenster Hornets and student fans celebrated on the court after the team defeated the Collinsville Pirates at the Regional tournament last weekend, earning the Hornets a trip to the State Final Four.



Top 10 fishing tips

You should always know the good fishing spots in your area. Visit Takemefishing.org and input your location to find the hottest fishing spots in your area.

Make sure you have a good fishing pole. It can make the difference between "the catch of your life" and "the one that got away."

If you want to catch a specific fish, ask a bait-and-tackle store employee what bait that fish likes the most.

When it comes to bait, it's in your best interest to use live bait.

Fish are much more attracted to bait wiggling around in the water than bait that doesn't move. Don't fish in waters you know or think to be polluted.

On a day-to-day basis, the best times to fish are sunrise and sunset. On a monthly basis, the best time to fish is when the moon is in between its new and full phase.

Don't ruin your fishing trip by getting sunburnt. Wear sunblock that is at least SPF 30.

If you're looking to catch bigger fish, you're going to need a boat to get out to the open water. Some of the tastiest fish, like grouper and dolphin, are caught in these waters.

Keep in mind that fish like to swim near sandbars, riverbanks, piers, and reefs, so if you fish near one of these, you should be in good shape!



Walterscheid earns Academic honor

Muenster Lady Hornet Allie Walterscheid was inadvertently left off of the District 13A Academic All-District team in last week's *Muenster Enterprise*. Walterscheid, along with nine teammates, earned the honor.

HORNETS

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with their defense."

The Sandies average 79.3 points per game and nearly 14 steals. They are led by seniors Patrick Walker and Jacolby Simpson, both averaging 20 points per contest. "We are going to have to take advantage of our inside game," Cook said. "That is our strength."

"Offensively they've taken over 600 3-pointers this season. It would take us three years to shoot that many."

Grapeland's up-tempo offense and relentless press is nothing Muenster hasn't seen before.

One of Muenster's warm-up, opponents Taylor used the same style.

"They have a similar look to what Grapeland will do," Cook explained. "Just the setting and the stage of the game will be different."

Mumford and Smyer will square off in the other State Semifinal at 10 a.m. Thursday.

The Class A Division I State Championship is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

This is the first trip for not only Muenster but for Cook too, but he's taking all the advice he can get.

"I have a lot of connections from my years in the coaching world and they have been very generous with their time and advice," Cook said.

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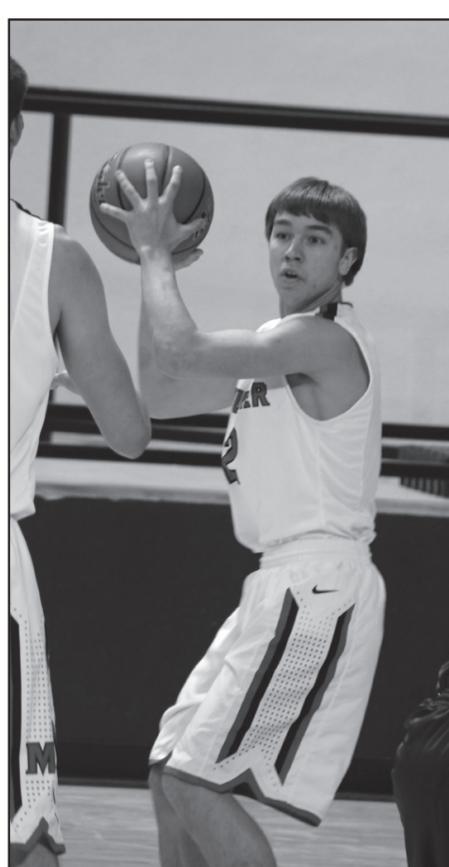
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Most peaches and other fruits trees probably not damaged by freeze

The buds of many peach and other fruit trees were not open enough to be damaged by the latest cold front that stormed through Texas, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Though he doesn't expect wholesale damage, it's still too early after the last bout of freezing weather to say for certain what the damage was, if any, said Dr. Larry Stein, AgriLife Extension horticulturist, Uvalde.

"It got a lot colder than most people thought it was going to get," Stein said. "Unfortunately, we did have trees starting to bloom. We had some peaches that were bloomed out, but most things were just starting to bloom, so we're optimistic that we had enough buds that were tight enough that they will

still develop and set a crop. Also, the bud set on most trees was excessive due to the low or no crop the year before, so some thinning was indeed needed."

The problem is not the cold weather per se, but the warm periods in between, he said. If the weather stays cool, even though fruit trees like peaches, apricots, pears, and plums have enough cold hours to bloom, they won't - unless there are at least three to five days of spring-like warm weather.

What was interesting about this cold spell was that it seemed to travel more easterly through Texas, sparing some of the more southern fruit-growing areas like the strawberries around Poteet, Stein said.

"We kind of dodged the bullet in that regards," he said.

Also, it's good news that a lot of fruit and nut crops still have tight buds, such as blackberries, pecans, and apples, so they were not likely to be damaged by the cold spell, Stein said.

"If we get another one of these in seven to 10 days, it's not going to be good," he said. "But by the same token, if it stays cool from now to another freeze, then it's going to slow down the development of buds and shoots, lessening the chance of damage."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

Fastline launches website for women in agriculture

The number of farms operated in the U.S. by women is growing, so Fastline Publications announced they are bringing pink to the farm with a new website called PinkTractor.com.

In an effort to help women in agriculture to farm strong, the website features information, equipment explanations designed for women, succession planning, tools to tell your agriculture story, and safety tips, according to AgriMarket-ing.

In addition, the new website launched this month serves as a place for women to share ideas and utilize resources to help with daily activities on, and off, the farm.

Lack of ag labor reform could lead to higher food price

American families could be hit with higher prices at the grocery store if Congress fails to pass workable immigration legislation this year. Because the majority of farm workers in the U.S. are either undocumented or illegally documented, failure to provide a usable guest-worker program for agriculture could mean thousands of acres of crops go unpicked this year, Robert Klement, Cooke County Farm Bureau president, said.

"No farmer wants to leave their crops in the field unharvested," Klement said. "It's a waste of food that families in this country so desperately need and it's a waste of the time, efforts, and investments placed into a crop by farmers. We need people who are willing to help us harvest our crops. It's very labor-intensive, and people just aren't lining up for these jobs."

Fruit and vegetable growers would especially bear the brunt of another year using the current immigration system, which is broken, but consumers will also feel the effects.

"If farmers can't harvest their crops, consumers will end up paying more in the grocery store because there will be fewer fruits, vegetables, and other crops that are hand-harvested available," Klement said.

Lawmakers in Washington, D.C. continue to debate whether or not there should be wide-spread immigration reform in this country.

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.

Proposed tax code changes could cost agriculture

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) recently urged lawmakers to continue the unrestricted use of cash accounting for farmers and ranchers who pay taxes as individuals, along with calling for comprehensive reform of the nation's tax code.

The organization addressed tax provisions critical to agriculture in comments on the Senate Finance Committee's Cost Recovery and Accounting Tax Reform discussion draft.

Farm Bureau supports the discussion draft's proposal for an increase in Section 179 Small Business Expensing, but the organization is asking lawmakers to maintain the annual expensing of preproduction expenditures, including the ability to deduct fertilizers and other soil conditioners.

Depreciation for tangible property—equipment sheds, barns, and greenhouses—is a concern. AFBF believes the committee's proposal depreciates property over a time period that is longer than the structure's useful life.

New peach varieties available for home gardens in Texas

Fourteen new varieties of peach and nectarine trees developed specifically for home gardens in Texas are now available.

In much of Texas where winters are mild, chill requirements are determining factors for whether a tree is able to grow and produce fruit, according to AgriLife Today. The new varieties have been successfully developed to fit a range of climate zones across Texas, as well as a range of taste and harvest periods.

The trees are being grown by a Texas-based wholesale grower, Tree Town USA. They will be available at more than 30 garden centers including the Dallas-Fort Worth areas.

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