



Roland heads Hospital District

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

As of Aug. 1, Brian Roland officially became the CEO (administrator) of the Muenster Hospital District. He has been serving as the interim administrator for the past month and was hired as the administrator at the July 28 meeting.

Roland was born and raised in Wisconsin, but has been a resident of Texas since 1977. He and his wife Traci have been married for 26 years. They have a 20 year old daughter Ashley who attends UTA and is a junior.

For more than 23 years, Roland has worked in health care. Fourteen of those years were on the financial and revenue cycle side and the remainder in operations. "I've worked in hospitals as small as 14 bed and as large as Parkland and UT Southwestern," remarked Roland.

Of the 23 years in health care, 13 were in rural health care.

Asked what his goals were at MMH, Roland replied, "Obviously, the first thing is to find a permanent doctor for the Clinic to bring long-term stability to that area. The next step would be to reenergize our Home Health Department and increase that volume at the same time increasing our volume and utilization at our Clinic. I want to make sure that we're maximizing our outpatient services and at the same time, not becoming dependent on the Swing Bed Program from an inpatient standpoint. I think those are the immediate goals." He added that there are more, but feels that these need to be addressed first.

"I don't believe in asking anybody to do what I wouldn't be willing to do myself," stated MMH's new

administrator. "I want to be seen in the Hospital and the community. My goal is to be a resource to the employees and the community. At the same time, I want to make sure that I'm a good steward of the taxpayers' money and the District's money."

After working as the interim administrator for MMH,

Roland felt that the Hospital District would be a good fit for him and that he would be a good fit for the Hospital District. He said, "I feel like I could help accomplish what they are looking for right now. I also believe that I have the tools for what the Board and the employees are

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Janet Felderhoff photo

Brian Roland officially began his tenure as the administrator (CEO) of the Muenster Hospital District on Aug. 1.

Hennigan enjoys people part of job

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For the past month, the City of Muenster has a new person holding the position of city secretary. Ammie Hennigan of Muenster began learning her duties as city secretary on Monday, July 6.

Ammie and her husband Rick are the parents of three children - Cristina Hennigan, Christopher Harmon who is married to Heather Harrison, and Thomas Hennigan who is a sophomore at Sacred Heart Catholic High School. They also have two grandchildren.

As the City's secretary, Ammie will be doing monthly and quarterly taxes, payroll, preparing and sending out water bills, secretary to the City Council, making payments and

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Janet Felderhoff photo

Ammie Hennigan is busy at her new job as the City of Muenster's secretary.

Early Monday morning, high school football practice fields were filled with athletes ready to start the 2015 football season. At left, Muenster Coach Trey Gray calls the play. Below, Tiger linemen work on improving their motor skills. First scrimmages are set for Aug. 14.

Janie Hartman photos



New faces, new places to greet SHCS students

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School bells toll for Sacred Heart Catholic School students on Wednesday, Aug. 12, ringing in the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. Students will find some changes on campus. There have been a number of changes over the summer. Also, the number of students attending SHCS has grown both in the Elementary and High School.

A welcome addition for many is air conditioning in the gymnasium. This will be the first time that the gym will have AC. It was necessary because Sacred Heart High added girls volleyball to its list of sports. In order to host volleyball competitions, the gym had to be air conditioned. A new insulated roof was added over the gym. Hesse-Schniederjan installed the AC and Way-

lon Poole did the electrical work.

What was once the Home Ec room and most recently the art room has been re-purposed by dividing it into two rooms - one larger and one smaller. Improvements include new electrical, and re-textured and painted walls. The smaller room will serve as the new teacher workroom. Sacred Heart Principal Dr. Rafael Rondon noted that this new area is three to four times larger than the old teacher workroom.

In the larger of the two rooms, they have set up a new computer lab. Computers were moved from the old lab into the new lab.

Dr. Rondon noted that the room was not suited to teaching because of its shape. There was no place to put white boards and necessary teaching tools. The three old kitchens were taken out and a new kitchenette installed

in the teacher work area. Cabinets, a microwave, sink, refrigerator, and tables complete the new addition.

Room 1 had falling and slightly moldy tile that was torn down and replaced. Bert Walterscheid, Dale Klement, and crew did a wonderful job on that, said Dr. Rondon. Poole added all new electrical to the room. New lighting was also added. Walls and cabinets received fresh paint. This room is the new Math room.

Room 2, the former computer lab, now has 24 desks and will serve as a multi-purpose classroom occupied for eight periods of the day. Teachers without a home base in the high school will teach there.

During this spring's rainy months, the Elementary basement flooded and suffered much damage. Dr. Rondon noted, "The entire

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Flying High Former Muenster Hornet and current Allen Eagle coach has been a part of three straight State Championships

By Clay Corbett
Publisher

Few coaches get to enjoy the success that Cory Cain has. Last December, in his fifth season as Defensive Coordinator of the Allen Eagles, he saw his team win their third straight State Championship at the highest classification in the state.

With 43 straight wins under their belt, the former Muenster Hornet knows that he is a part of something special. "It's a dream being part of a program like this," Cain explained. "People don't want to leave the best program in the nation."

It was definitely not a place he thought he would be in 20 years ago. He played college football for Mid American Nazarene, but two seasons

and two knee surgeries later, the future coach still had no idea what he wanted to do with his life.

He thought he would go into the business world but Cain didn't really care for the business classes.

While back in Muenster, it was a conversation with a former Muenster Head Coach that changed the course of his life. "Bill Jump told me that I had to be happy going to work each day," Cain said. "That's when I decided I was going to be a coach."

He transferred to Midwestern and eventually began his career at Wichita Falls Hirschi. Two stops later, he eventually caught on at Allen, although he wasn't the first choice for the job. "I got lucky," Cain said. "I

got passed over the first time and the guy they hired had a change of heart."

Allen Head Coach Tom Westerburg offered the job to Cain in 2006 and he has been there ever since. He coached linebackers the first four years before moving to defensive coordinator in 2010.

Allen's defense has been a big part of the three state titles, but they were also helped out by their prolific quarterback Kyler Murray, who graduated this past year after never losing a high school game.

"Kyler Murray was the best high school football player in the nation," Cain said. "He definitely bailed our defense out of situations,"

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Courtesy photo

Cory Cain, Allen Eagle defensive coordinator, talks to the players during the 2014 State Championship game in AT&T Stadium.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Aug. 4, 1950

"Without intending to deprive city kids of the pleasure of squeezing fresh mud between their toes, Steve Moster this week made a special request to one and all of them to keep off the baseball field after rains." Obituary: Erwin Baumhardt, 13. Wedding: Ethel Trubenbach and William Metzler. New Arrivals: Glenn to Andrew and Tillie Schoech; Catherine to Earl and Evelyn McDaniel; a son to Raymond and Adeline Pettit. Charley Hellman advertises for information on steel posts "borrowed" from his place; no questions asked if they are returned, but plenty of questions if they are found.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 6, 1965

Tim Wimmer, former Sacred Heart Tiger, is making Little League history in Gainesville as manager of one of the teams: the team has 13 straight wins. Obituary: Arthur Luttmr, 53. New Arrivals: Ronald to

Henry and Annette Fleitman; Stephanie to Wendall and Rita Richey; Gregory to Jim and Mary Schwartz. Herman and Rose Zimmerer celebrate Golden Wedding. Weddings: Joyce Rumley and Richard Herr; Joyce Reiter and Donald Reed; Joy Aytes and Billy Pace. College student Bobby Pels is working at Muenster Pharmacy for his pharmacy training program.

25 YEARS AGO Aug. 3, 1990

Daryl Ferber announces opening of Der Treasureshaus. Hennigan's Auto to observe 30th anniversary. Wanda Flusche along with her Tender Loving Care Day Care Center staff Nancy Paynter, Tammy Henscheid, Amy Bonner, Leann Mollenkopf, and Tammy Hess graduate from college training program in childcare. New Arrivals: Tyler to Lyle and Margie Klement; Brandon to Ben and Tina Bindel. State Twin advertises *Jetsons the Movie*, \$4 adults and \$2.50 children.

MMH approves equipment purchase, contracts

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Muenster Hospital's Board of Directors met on Tuesday, July 28. Conducting his first meeting as the District's interim CEO was Brian Roland.

There were requests for the purchase of some equipment and contracts. All were found to be needed and all were unanimously approved.

The IT Department is using a seven-year-old Windows server as the primary file server. The operating hardware is no longer supported and they can no longer update. Cost to replace the server is \$15,000. With the new system, they will create a two server system with back-up and redundancy. This was a budgeted item.

The District is in the process of working on the requirement for stage 2 meaningful use attestation. Roland explained that there are pieces that cannot be completed with the District's current staff or system. He

requested \$15,000 to help pay for a contract with 3cords Consultants, a company that will come in and assist in the building and set up of the public health interphases, which is all the data that must be set up as part of stage 2. They also will help with the reporting and various other tasks required for stage 2 meaningful use.

In 2014, the Hospital purchased an Olympus endoscopy machine. It is no longer under warranty. To purchase a three year warranty now is \$16,185 and can be broken into payments. The service agreement covers all required preventive maintenance, unlimited repairs, and expedited response for field service.

Administrator Roland provided a one page snapshot of the Hospital District's financial situation. He said he plans to do this on a monthly basis.

For June, the patient revenues were \$916,529.76 that came from Hospital \$847,469.54, Clinic \$41,906.54, and HomeHealth \$27,153.68. Other revenues were \$268,730.10 for those three plus the Pharmacy. Adjustments to the revenues equaled \$338,228.39 for a net revenue of \$847,031.47. June's operating expenses were \$928,442.58 resulting in a net loss of \$81,411.11. Non-operating revenue was

\$3,780.95 for a net loss of \$77,630.16 for June.

Year-to-date after tax money, the District has a net loss of \$323,166.31.

Average daily census for June was 9.5 compared to 16.2 last June for a 41% drop. Year-to-date average daily census was 9.4 for 2015 and 8.4 for 2014 for a 12% increase.

Roland noted that over the last three months, Home Health revenue dipped and expenses have increased. Over the last three months, the Clinic gross revenue dropped each month not trending with visits. "Those are two things that I've got to figure out how we reverse that," said Roland.

Roland reported that July 29 was Dr. George Zgourides' last day in the Family Health Clinic. Beginning on Aug. 3, Dr. Peter Eaton will be working with Dr. Edd Advincula in the Clinic until a physician can be found to set up practice in Muenster. Dr. Edd will serve as the interim medical director for the Clinic.

According to Roland, they are working on a permanent plan. He has been contacted by several doctors interested in the possibility of coming to work in Muenster.

ER coverage is another area being addressed by Administrator Roland. There are four different ideas being

considered. He is working with some of the doctors who currently cover the MMH ER to see if they would like to cover it as a group, creating their own group. That would mean the same doctors coming in all the time versus Southwest and whomever it sends. "We would get a little bit better continuity of care and they would also help with the hospital side to where at night and on ER, they would take care of the hospital patients at the same time," explained Roland. There is also the option of having a company come in and manage the whole process. What they are doing now which is to use Southwest or whomever, or fourth would be to hire physicians for the ER who would also see Clinic patients. He said that is only an option if a physician cannot be found to come to Muenster.

In conjunction with the upcoming Rednecks With Paychecks weekend, MMH will be doing an emergency preparedness drill. Roland noted, "We can document all the pieces of what we are doing as part of our emergency preparedness and kind of kill two birds with one stone. We have to do emergency preparedness drills as part of our trauma and part of our Critical Hospital Access Designation. We are supposed to do those drills on an annual basis."

Following an executive session, the Board unanimously voted to offer a contract for CEO (Administrator) position to the current interim CEO, Brian Roland, effective Aug. 1.

The August Board meeting has been moved to Tuesday, Aug. 25 due to a conference conflict.

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deposits, and assisting people with their various needs and problems. Asked what her favorite part of the job is so far, Ammie said, "I like the daily part of it, balancing the deposits and everything, seeing the people come in the door. I like it. The accounts payable side is really fun and I like accounts receivable, too."

Prior positions held by Ammie include many years for Dr. Schilling at Smiles By German Design where she was a financial coordinator and a registered dental assistant and for Nortex at its cellphone store in Gainesville.

Volunteering is something that Ammie especially takes pleasure in. "I love going to all of Sacred Heart's sports," Ammie beamed. "I like to work in the yard, but I'm not very good at it. I pick out flowers and my husband takes care of them. My father-in-law tells me that I can look at them, but I'm not allowed to touch plants! We love the outside. Love being around people." And, Ammie volunteers as a Eucharistic minister at Sacred Heart Church and really enjoys doing that. She is also the food coordinator for Sacred Heart's concession stand.

Ammie stated that she hopes to hold the city secretary job for many years and looks forward to the day that City Hall gets a new building.

The MMH Family Health Clinic Welcomes Peter W. Eaton, D.O. to the Medical Staff



Doctor Eaton will join Edd Advincula, M.D., Yvonne Ambrose, NP, and Melissa Trubenbach, NP, in providing quality healthcare to our community.

Doctor Eaton is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice



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looking for in an administrator."

Roland added with a chuckle, "Everyone kind of had that 'try it before you buy it' for that 3 1/2 weeks. It was like a 3 1/2 week interview!"

In his free time, Brian enjoys hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. He also is a fan of NASCAR. He enjoys running and admits to losing a great deal of weight.

Administrator Roland stressed that whether you are an employee at the Hospital or are from the community, he has an open-door policy. "I believe in transparency," he stated. "I believe in an honest, straight-forward approach. Health care is an ever-changing environment and just trying to keep up with the changes is a task in itself."

If a man wishes to be sure of the road he treads on, he must close his eyes and walk in the dark.
- St. John of the Cross

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Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm SHCS Montessori orientation 6 pm KMB Mtg. 6:30 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Sacred Heart 1st Day of School	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30 Kiwanis Swim Night 7-9 pm MISD Blood Drive 1 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm AARP lunch mtg. 11:30 V J Day Football Scrimmages	Library open 10-2:30
Sunday, August 16, 2015 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm 	Monday, August 17, 2015 VFW mtg. 7 pm	Tuesday, August 18, 2015 Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Wednesday, August 19, 2015 Library open 10-6:30 MISD Jr Hi orientation 5 pm Howdy Night - PK-6th 6 pm School Board mtg. 7:30 pm SH Alumni & Supp mtg. 7:30 pm MISD in-service begins	Thursday, August 20, 2015 Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30 Hornet football scrimmage	Friday, August 21, 2015 Muenster Museum OPEN 1-4 MISD teacher work day Tiger football scrimmage	Saturday, August 22, 2015 Library open 10-2:30

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Obituaries

Dorothy Fisher 1918 - 2015

Mass of Christian Burial for Dorothy Catherine Kathman Fisher, age 97 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 29 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Kyle Walterscheid officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Rosary and Vigil were held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 28 at the church. Dorothy died Friday, July 24, 2015.

Born June 11, 1918 in Muenster to Frank and Dora Ellis Kathman, Dorothy married Paul Fisher on Oct. 26, 1938 in Muenster.

Dorothy was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church all her life. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters, Home Demonstration Club, 4-H Club, Hospital Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary #6205, and headed the funeral dinners for many years. She was a nurse's aide at Muenster Memorial Hospital and the family caregiver. She loved to sew and quilt.

Survivors are her daughters and their spouses Helen and Jerry Hughes of Lindsay, Lillian and Paul Hess of Lindsay, Betty and Mike Kleiss of Spring Branch, Rita Fisher of Muenster, and Linda Lev of Little Rock, AR; sons and their spouses Willie and Janet Fisher, Donnie and Ina Fisher, David and Helen Fisher, and Herbie and Sue Fisher, all of Muenster; sister Thelma Hawthorne of White Oak; and 31 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Franklin Fisher; her parents; son-in-law Steven Lev; sister Bernice Morris; and brother Frank Kathman.

Pallbearers were Paul Hughes, Coy Fisher, Jimmy Fisher, Bradley Fisher, Bryan Kleiss, Lambert Hess, Brandon Lev, and Bobby Fisher.

Honorary pallbearers were grandsons Eddie Hughes, Fred Hughes, and Greg Fisher.

During the funeral Mass, Melissa Fisher gave the First Reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Dyan Huchton and Michelle Kleiss. Brad Hughes and Avery Hughes carried up the Offertory Gifts. Serving as Eucharistic ministers were Theresa Walterscheid, Roger Taylor, JoAnn Pagel, Nancie Lippe, and Angie Temple. Mass servers were Butch Fisher and Chuck Bartush.

Music ministers were Doug Yosten, Christi Klement, and Linda Flusche. Songs included "Amazing Grace," "And I Will Follow," "How Great Thou Art," "Just A Closer Walk," "On Eagle's Wings," "Here I Am, Lord," "Songs of the Angels," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "I'll Fly Away."

Lanette Frost spoke as members of the Fisher family carried up mementoes of Dorothy's life. A special poem "So God Made Grandma" was read by Shelby Hess. Amy Huchton read "Epithet of a Tired Woman."

Jeff Fisher gave the eulogy. He remembered his grandmother as "the cornerstone to the Fisher family. Her family could depend on her wisdom and compassion. She always helped without hesitation... she instilled in all of us her deep values for humility, for caring, for God, and for family... Grandma Dorothy led a life of charity and giving at home and in her community... She remained very active in the church and in her volunteer work for as long as she could..."

"She was a fantastic cook... Her homemade pies, cookies, and cakes could not be matched even in expensive restaurants. Grandma possessed that ability to lighten the burden of others and make our world a better place..."



Dorothy Fisher

Theodore "Tee" Voth 1919 - 2015

Mass of Christian Burial for Theodore "Tee" Conrad Voth of Muenster was held at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 3 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Phil Petta officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home in Muenster. Rosary led by Jerome Voth was held at 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2 at the funeral home.

Tee died at the age of 96 on July 31, 2015 at his home of more than 50 years outside of Muenster. He was born June 21, 1919 and was the 13th of 15 children born to Bernard and Mary Voth.

Survivors are Emilia Voth, his wife of 64 years; children Gene, Dave and wife Sharon, Sandy and husband Scott Felderhoff, and Tim and wife Debbie; grandchildren Kaitlyn and Ryan Felderhoff, Christy and Chris Murphy, Jennifer and Danny Williams; and great-grandchildren Matthew and Mason Williams and Ian, Lia, and Ali Murphy.

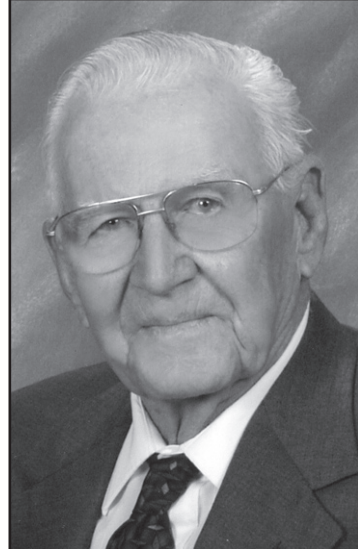
He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Henry, Ben, Leo, Joe, Ray, and John; and sisters Theresa Vogel, Frances Voth, Marie Kappas, Lena Zimmerer, Rita Dixon, Bertie Lawing, Catherine Kubis, and Sr. Agnes Voth.

Tee was born, raised, and lived his entire life in and around Muenster. From 1942-1945, he served his country during WWII in the Army Infantry and saw active combat in the Pacific campaign. While in the Army, Tee was stationed in Hawaii, Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. After his discharge from the service in 1945, Tee spent time working in the drilling industry and in 1955, he and his brother Ray purchased the farm south of Muenster where he worked and eventually lived for the next 60 years.

Tee was a life-long member of Sacred Heart Parish and for many years, served as an usher.

Tee enjoyed hunting and fishing, the Texas Rangers, and Dallas Cowboys. He was also an avid traveler, having visited most of the 50 states, as well as cruising the Caribbean and several tours of Europe. Tee's family and friends cherish memories of his sense of humor, love of family and friends, and strong German work ethic.

Pallbearers were Ryan Felderhoff, Matthew Williams, Danny Williams, Danny Voth, Greg Haverkamp, and John Corcoran. Honorary pallbearers were Mason Williams, Ian Murphy, Lia



Tee Voth

Murphy, Ali Murphy, and Kaitlyn Felderhoff.

During the funeral Mass, Kaitlyn Felderhoff gave the First Reading, the Second Reading, and the Prayers of the Faithful. Lia and Ali Murphy carried up the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Janet Voth, Brenda Fuhrmann, Joanie Wyrick, Carol Klement, and Claudia Zimmerer. Altar servers were Sylvan Walterscheid and Alvin Hartman.

Music ministers were Doug Yosten, Jim Endres, Christi Klement, Diane Grewing, and Linda Flusche. Music included "Pilgrim Song," "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," "Seek Ye First," "How Beautiful," "As the Deer Longs," "O Lord I Am Not Worthy," "Edelweiss Blessing," and "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory."

Tim Voth gave his father's eulogy. He told of Tee's love of family, hunting, fishing, traveling, his ingenuity on the farm, and his generous nature. Tee "had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh... was polite and always a gentleman..."

"Too often, when you think of 'great' people, you think of leaders, or inventors, or humanitarians. By that definition, I suppose that Tee Voth was not a great man. He was by all accounts an ordinary man. But to so many of us... he was absolutely an extraordinary ordinary man. Never loud or boisterous, never one who had to be heard or to receive credit for his many good deeds, but simply a very good husband, father, and friend..."

The family requests memorials be made to Cooke County Home Hospice.

Flora Mae Knabe 1946 - 2015

Mass of Christian Burial for Flora Mae Sims Knabe, age 68 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Friday, July 24 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Rosary and Vigil were held at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 23 at the funeral home. Mrs. Knabe died Monday, July 20, 2015 at her home.

Flora Mae was born Dec. 14, 1946 in Gainesville to Cecil and Gertrude Wolf Sims. She married Charles "Charlie" Knabe on Nov. 9, 1968 in Muenster.

Flora Mae was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church all her life. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, graduating in 1964. She worked at Russell-Newman Lingerie Factory in Saint Jo as a seamstress for nine years and then worked at Muenster Memorial Hospital in medical records and retired after 35 years. She enjoyed traveling with family and friends, working in her flower beds, and watching the hummingbirds. She was also a member of the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary # 6205.

Flora Mae is survived by her husband of 46 years, Charlie Knabe of Muenster; half-sister Joyce Rogers of Tyler; sisters-in-law Frances Bayer, Kathleen Hamilton,



Flora Mae Knabe

Mary DeBerry, and Barbara Hacker; brother-in-law, Robert "Sonny" Knabe; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; mother-in-law and father-in-law Robert and Elizabeth Knabe; sister-in-law Ethel Bayer; and Anthony "Tony" Knabe and half-brother James Cecil Sims.

Pallbearers were Michael Knabe, Shane Huchton, Paul Bayer, Roger Endres, Nathan Bayer, Glen Hacker, and Bobby Hess. Honorary pallbearers were Ernest Wolf, Lenny Vogel, Mitchell Wolf, and Roger Wolf.

The family requests memorials be made to: Sacred Heart School ~ Benedictine Sisters Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Dr. James Graham 1934 - 2015

Funeral for Dr. James Vernon Graham "Doc," age 80 of Gainesville, was Thursday Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. at Geo. J. Carroll and Son Chapel. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. James died Aug. 3, 2015 in Denton.

Born Aug. 5, 1934 in Gainesville to Albert and Nancy Penton Graham, Doc graduated from Gainesville High School, Cooke County Junior College, University of Texas, and University of Texas School of Dentistry. He served in the U.S. Army. James married Karen Tompkins on May 15, 1982. He was a member of First United Methodist of Gainesville, lifetime member of the Masonic Temple of Gainesville, lifetime member of the

Gainesville Optimist Club, and loved playing cards with his mother-in-law and sister-in-law.

Survivors are his wife Karen Graham; daughter Jackie Lane; four grandchildren; brother-in-law Don Carter; mother-in-law Wanda Coker; and sister-in-law Jean Coker.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother Flora Marie Graham; son Jason Tompkins; one brother; and four sisters.

Pallbearers were Robert Boone, Steve Boone, Dale Gray, Billy Hudspeth, Gary Dodson, and Van Knight.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Central Texas Scholarship Fund.

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Cyril Hermes 1937 - 2015

Cyril C. Hermes, age 78 of Lake Dallas, died Aug. 2, 2015 in at 4:03 a.m. at Kindred Hospital in Dallas. He was born Jan. 15, 1937 in Lindsay to Tony and Theresa Hermes. Cyril attended San Jacinto Community College, University of Texas at Arlington, and then earned his Doctorate of Chiropractic Degree from Texas Chiropractic College in Houston.

He married Lynette "Lory" Sicking on June 22, 1963 in Lindsay. Together, they opened a chiropractic office in Lake Dallas. Cyril was a chiropractor for 36 years. He was very involved in the Catholic Church. He loved to go to the horse races and

Ranger baseball games.

He is survived by his daughter Gina Lynn Robinson of Dallas; brothers Cecil Hermes (twin brother), Mark Hermes, Ralph Hermes, Francis Hermes, and Randy Hermes; sister Rosemary Dankesreiter; and two grandchildren.

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

The family received friends at DeBerry Funeral Directors on Thursday, Aug. 6 from 6-7 p.m., with a Rosary being said from 7-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial is set for Friday, Aug. 7 at the Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Swisher Cemetery in Lake Dallas.

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Campaign begins for United Way

They're off and running! The Cooke County United Way - 2016 Campaign Pacesetter companies have started their company campaigns and are heading to the end of August finish line. Campaign Pacesetter companies conduct their workplace campaign in August prior to the beginning of the community campaign that kicks off with a luncheon on Sept. 3 at the Gainesville Civic Center (advance tickets required). The 11 Pacesetter companies will announce their totals at the luncheon, thus "setting the pace" for the community businesses and residents as they encourage others to participate and support the campaign.

This year's Pacesetter companies include: Callisburg I.S.D., City of Gainesville, Cooke County Electric Coop, First State Bank, Gainesville I.S.D., Muenster State Bank, Nortex Communications, North Central Texas College, North Texas Medical Center, Wal-Mart Supercenter, and welcoming the newest Pacesetter - Molded Fiberglass Co. These workplaces are joining in the United Way mission to bring neighbors and resources together to improve the lives

of so many here in Cooke County.

"We are so thankful for these 11 outstanding companies who set the pace for the community," said 2016 Campaign Chair Dr. Billy Roessler. "They help us to meet our goal of \$400,000, but more importantly, they help us meet the NEEDS of so many individuals. At the end of the campaign, the money raised will make a difference to the people you walk by every day. One main thing to remember is that your gift to the United Way stays in this county!"

United Way campaign materials, banners, and yard signs will start showing up all over Cooke County as the agency conducts its three month campaign. "United Way believes in what we are doing. We exist to help and to improve the lives of our neighbors. That could mean putting funds into programs that already exist or creating new ones to help meet our community's needs," states Cooke County United Way President Cheryl Gomez. This year's theme is centered around the word *Aspire*. Honorary Campaign Chair Johnny Leftwich notes the "United Way aspires to

help people live the best life possible! This year, we will be asking people to share with us what they aspire for our community!"

For more information regarding United Way and/or its agencies, please call the office at 940-665-1793, email them at info@cookeuw.org, go to FACEBOOK page, or website at www.cookeuw.org.

None injured in Hwy. 82 crash

On Wednesday, July 29, Department of Public Safety troopers were called to investigate a crash in Lindsay at approximately 4 p.m. Daniel Holland, age 30 of Gainesville, was southbound, crossing U.S. 82 in a white GMC SUV. As Holland crossed U.S. 82, he struck an eastbound vehicle driven by Madison Hesse, age 18 of Muenster, causing it to slide into the south ditch.

Trooper Mark Tackett of the Texas Highway Patrol in Gainesville said that no injuries were reported.

Dr. Eaton to work at MMH

MMH is proud to announce the affiliation of Peter Eaton, D.O. Dr. Eaton will be joining Edd Avincola, M.D., Yvonne Ambrose, FNP-C and Melissa Trubenbach, FNP-C at the Family Health Clinic, as well as providing support for other areas of the Hospital. Dr. Eaton was raised in the South, is a lifelong Catholic, and retired from the military as a Navy captain after 30 years of service.

He enjoys traveling, photography, and being a family doc. He is a newlywed, recently married to Nancy, an attorney. He currently resides on a small ranch in Salado.

Dr. Eaton will be at the clinic through February, as MMH administration continues its search for a permanent staff physician.



Dr. Peter Eaton

When you use a manual push mower, you're "cutting" down on pollution and the only thing in danger of running out of gas is you!

~ Grey Livingston

County arrests two for drugs, cockfighting

On Friday, July 31, investigators with the Cooke County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Unit (CCSO-DEU) assisted by the Patrol Division, and the Humane Society of North Texas based out of Fort Worth executed search and arrest warrants in the 900 block of North Interstate 35 in Cooke County in conclusion of an ongoing drug trafficking investigation. The CCSO DEU had received intelligence information indicating that individuals at this location were trafficking methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, and prescription pills. Through the course of the investigation, investigators learned that individuals at

this location were also involved in an underground cockfighting network, and were actively training fighting roosters on the premises.

A quantity of methamphetamine along with digital scales, assorted drug paraphernalia items, and a shotgun were seized. Additionally, 27 roosters and hens, along with one emaciated suckling calf, and two pit bulldogs, were taken into the care and custody of the Humane Society.

Upon execution of the warrants, investigators arrested Jorge Alejandro Puga-Sanchez, age 30, and Hector Puga-Sanchez, age 24, for Engaging in Organized

Criminal Activity and Cockfighting. Both were booked into the Cooke County Jail where JP Dorothy Lewis placed a total of \$45,000 bond on each individual.

Sheriff Terry Gilbert stated, "The Cooke County Sheriff's Office will continue our endeavors to combat illegal drugs and criminal activity in hopes of making our County a safer place to live."

The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

- Oliver W Holmes

Obituaries

Patricia Barnes 1943 - 2015

Patricia Jeanette Barnes, 71, died Monday, July 27, 2015 at Denton Presbyterian Hospital. She was born Nov. 19, 1943 in Muenster to Starling and Regina Lutkenhaus Lawson. Patricia worked as a telephone operator for AT&T and was a homemaker.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 31 at Meador Funeral Home Chapel, Gainesville with Rev. Eddie Johnson, pastor of Central Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in New Resthaven Cemetery, Gaines-

ville. Visitation was Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Survivors include husband Ronnie Barnes of Gainesville; son Paul Evans and wife Evelyn of Tyler; daughters Karla Anderson and husband Richard of Apple Valley, CA and Wendy Barnes of Gainesville; two grandchildren; brothers, Donnie Lawson of Lindsay and Jerry Lawson of Gainesville; and sister Mary Lee Hennigan of Muenster.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



Patricia Barnes

Ida Ruth Bengfort 1935 - 2015

Ida Ruth Bengfort, age 80 of Farmington, NM died Saturday, July 25, 2015. Ruth was born Feb. 26, 1935 in Osborne, KS to Henry Hake and Claudia Hinkle.

Ruth moved to Farmington in 1954 where she worked as an LPN. It was there that she met and eventually married her beloved husband Ed Bengfort. They married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Farmington in 1955 and had five children. Ruth worked as an LPN nurse for many years while Ed worked at Halliburton. While working, Ruth enjoyed caring for the elderly and often brought elderly residents from work home for holiday dinners. She enjoyed sew-

ing, quilting, and baking; as she created the most amazing wedding cakes for family and friends.

She and Ed enjoyed hosting dinners for seniors at St. Mary's Church. Ruth was a servant for God, for family, for friends, and people whose names she didn't know. She always provided a "Happy Place" for all the children in her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ed; parents; brother Fred Hake; sisters Silvia Gumm, Janet McCulloch, and Sharon Hake.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Chris and Yvonne Bengfort, Tim Bengfort, and John and Lori Bengfort; daughters



Ida Bengfort

and sons-in-law Kathy and Tommy Green and Jeanne and Steve Vitzthum; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Rosary was recited Thursday, July 30 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Farmington. Funeral Mass was held Friday July 31 at St. Mary's Church.

Mary Elaine Davidson 1961 - 2015

Mary Elaine Davidson, 54 of Greenwood, AR and formerly of Subiaco, AR, died Saturday, July 25, 2015. She was born April 15, 1961, in Paris, AR to Gene and Louise Schneider Eckart. Mary was a graduate of the Class of 1979 at Paris High School. After graduation, she worked at Farm Credit Services in Paris for 33 years. She married Charles Michael Davidson on Sept. 8, 1984 at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Subiaco. She was a member of St. Sabina Catholic Church in Jenny Lind.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, and her son Ryan Michael Davidson.

Survivors include her husband Mike Davidson of Greenwood; daughters and

son-in-law Jennifer Davidson of Greenwood, Laura and Jared Elmquist of Conway, AR, and Angela Davidson of Greenwood; her mother Louise Eckart of Subiaco; sisters and brother-in-law Lou and Mark Trusty of Subiaco and Rita Eckart of Subiaco; brothers and sisters-in-law Tony and Sharon Eckart of Alexander, AR, Frank and Van Eckart of Paris, Raymond Eckart of Subiaco, and Chris and Julie Eckart of Russellville, AR; numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. She was also the daughter-in-law of Alice Davidson, sister-in-law of Becky Felderhoff, and niece of Ginny Schneider.

Rosary was held July 28 at St. Benedict Catholic

Church in Subiaco. Funeral Mass was held July 29 with Fr. Jerome Kodell, Fr. Henry Mischkowowski, and Rev. Craig Russell officiating. Burial was in St. Benedict Cemetery under the direction of Roller Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Nick Eckart, Andy Trusty, Danny Felderhoff, Brian Hoffman, Marcus Wewers, and Michael Ward.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142, St. Sabina Catholic Church, 1301 Frank Street, Barling, AR 72923, or St. Benedict Catholic Church, 405 North Subiaco Ave, Subiaco, AR 72865.

Martha Jo Dale 1923 - 2015

Funeral for Martha Jo Wilson Orr Dale, age 92 of Gainesville, was July 16 at Scott Funeral Home in Saint Jo. Burial was at Mountain Park Cemetery in Saint Jo. Jo died July 12, 2015.

Born March 4, 1923 in Hardy to Charles Lee and Mary Josephine Mitchell Wilson, Jo was raised in Saint Jo.

Heim services set

Rosary and Vigil for Alfred "Al" Heim of Saint Jo will be held Friday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. in Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Mass will be held Saturday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Al died at the age of 81 on Monday, Aug. 3, 2015.

She was married to Bruce E. Orr from 1942 to 1976. Moving to Dallas in 1950, they raised three children. Jo was a consummate cook and creative seamstress.

In 1988, Jo married Edward Dale and lived in Rosston until his death in 1992. In her later years, she lived in Saint Jo, Muenster, and Gainesville.

Survivors are daughters and spouses Dedra and Paul Diehl of Iowa City, IA and Carla Orr and Terry Fender of Saint Jo; son Eric Orr of Lewisville; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Charlene Marie Hunt Perryman and Samantha Alireza; and

brother David Lee Wilson.

The family requests memorials be made to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C., 20090-6011, or www.alz.org.

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Megan Grewing enters Novitiate

Aug. 2, 2015, was a day of joy for the Sisters of Divine Providence of San Antonio. Megan Grewing from Muenster, who has been an Affiliate and Pre-Novice, entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

During the special prayer ritual, Sr. Ann Petrus, Superior General, accepted her request and asked the community present to foster and support this new member. Sr. Ann spoke of the gift Sr. Megan is to the community and to the larger church community.

Sr. Megan received a copy of the CDP Constitution and a medal of the Founder, Fr. John Martin Moye. She also received a special blessing, a passage from Ephesians 3:16-21, that is sung by the community in many special gatherings. The song was composed by Sr. Amy McFrederick, OP, as a gift to the CDP community.

After the prayer ritual, Sr. Megan's family joined the community in the Eucharistic Liturgy. Her Dad carried the processional cross, and her sister-in-law and five-year-old nephew carried up the gifts during the Offertory procession.

After the Eucharistic Liturgy, all present enjoyed a festive dinner. The dining room was full, and the walls seemed to shake with such energy and new life.

Prior to entering, Sr. Megan completed her hours for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor. There are many reasons to celebrate with Megan as she begins Novitiate.

The CDP constitution states the following about the Novitiate Phase of Formation: The purpose of novitiate is to initiate the individual into a form of life leading to a more intensive awareness of her call and response as a Sister of Divine Providence. Central to this initiation is the development of the novice's relationship with Jesus as His disciple. It is a time to discern her potential for living the charism and spirit of the Congregation.

The novitiate phase consists of alternating periods of reflection, study, and apostolic activity. The time of novitiate is at least 12 months, but usually will extend to two years in order to include extended times of apostolic activity.

The Sisters of Divine Providence ask your prayers for Sr. Megan as she enters this important phase of formation.



Sr. Megan Grewing

New Arrival

Taylor

Nicholas and Jaime Taylor of Muenster joyfully announce the arrival of their first child, son Joseph Clint Taylor. Joseph was born Sunday, July 5, 2015 at 6:44 p.m. in Denton Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches in length. His grandparents are Steve and Doreen Taylor of Muenster and Rick and Linda Carey of Celina. Great-grandparents are Regina Pels of Muenster and Clint Carey, Jr. of Celina.



Joseph Taylor

Neu family gathers for reunion

Grandchildren of Joseph Frank Neu and Elizabeth Reinart Neu gathered for a reunion Saturday, June 25 at the Smokehouse in Lindsay.

Of the 37 grandchildren, 21 attended. Cynthia Bindel Tousek, granddaughter of Joe J. Neu and Ida Flusche Neu and daughter of Ida Mae Neu Bindel and Wilfred Bindel, displayed an ancestry chart tracing five generations. She also took pictures of everyone present and her husband Ray Tousek took videos of the event and interviewed individuals about their families.

The six families of Joseph F. Neu and Elizabeth Reinart Neu were well represented and all enjoyed the meal and visiting. Those who came the farthest were from California.

County Library announces new online magazine service

Starting Aug. 1, Cooke County Library in partnership with RBDigital from Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), is pleased to offer Zinio for Libraries. Awarded Best New Database of 2012 by *Library Journal*, Zinio is the world's largest newsstand, offering multi-user access to popular publications.

This database allows patrons to have access to and download 50 popular magazine titles. This new online service is part of a new Library project, "Your Life, Your Library @ Your Fingertips." This new Cooke County Library project is possible because of an Operation Round Up grant from the Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation. Zinio is one part of the project, the other includes updating.

Through <http://cookecountylibrary.org/books-more/zinio/>, patrons of Cooke County Library have unlimited multi-user access to complete digital magazines, which can easily be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices inside or outside of the Library. Zinio's unique technology digitally recreates a magazine page for page, including full color pictures, intuitive navigation, key word article search, and interactive elements such as audio and video. *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Newsweek*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Vanity Fair*, are just a few of the popular titles available.

"I'm very excited to be able to offer our library patrons this new service," says Jennifer Johnson-Spence, Library Director. "In the last couple of months we've had patrons ask to check out magazine issues and now they'll be able to do that electronically. The library is very grateful for the

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TCC Outpatient Substance Abuse program helps to change lives

The Texoma Community Center's Outpatient Substance Abuse program is operating midway through its second year and is already making a difference in many lives. Residents of the service area of Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties may self-refer to the program and services are offered based on need, regardless of income, insurance, and/or ability to pay. The SA program offers individual and group sessions plus opportunities for participation in sober social activities to promote support networks and holistic recovery efforts. Clients choose appropriate groups based on need inclusive of: the traditional 12 step or SMART Recovery programs, Relapse Prevention, Anger Management, and Sober Living Skills. Family sessions are

available to promote recovery, education, and restoration for the entire family system.

Several clients of the program have gained sobriety in the last few months and want to encourage others to become part of the program and get their lives back on track. One woman has been sober for almost 11 months. She began using prescription pain medication in 2013 due to physical injuries she suffered as a result of being in an abusive relationship. Her self-worth had plummeted to the bottom. She always had low self-esteem from childhood, but after the abuse, she had started cutting to help relieve her physical and emotional pain. One day she was pulled over by police and arrested. She received a DWI and was sen-

tenced by the court to attend out-patient substance abuse treatment. "When I first came to the SA program, I was an angry person, and I hated myself. I hated myself so much that I thought I would be better off dead. But this program has helped me see who I am, and now I love myself and am gaining self-confidence every day. I have a future. I have worked hard at becoming sober and staying that way. I attend every meeting I can and do more than is required. I have a wonderful support system here and great counselors to help me. My life has meaning now. I am trying to make amends for everything I caused. I was hurting not only myself, but other people in my family," she said.

Information on the SA program can be obtained by call-

ing Jessica Phillips, program counselor, @ 903-957-4851 or Kristi Gourd, program manager, @ 903-957-4743. Department of State Health Services certified Drug Offenders Education Program classes are offered on a bi-monthly basis. Contact the program for more information.

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grant we received from the Cooke County Electric Charitable Foundation. Without that grant, we wouldn't have been able to have Zinio."

Please see a library staff member at Cooke County Library for more information on how to access this service, or go to www.cookecountylibrary.org. If you have any questions about Zinio, give us a call at 940-668-5530.

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basement has been re-done from top to bottom, floors to ceilings. Everything has been cleaned and painted, sealed and polished. That had to be done mainly due to the water damage that occurred due to the rains that we had. We had water down there for a very long time. We couldn't get it up fast enough. It ruined quite a bit, but the community came together. Many people helped and the Parish provided the raw materials and also most of the labor." He said Ernie Martin coordinated most of the activities.

Dr. Rondon said that Donna Biffle, Stacie Miller, Sandra Walterscheid, and Dan and Chris Fuhrmann put in many hours, sometimes 40 to 50 hours a week, to get the basement and other campus projects done.

The large room on the basement's east side will continue to be the music room. The middle room is the new art room. "It really is wonderful because you get a nice light coming in from the north and the south which is perfect, I think, for the activities that will be taking place," remarked Principal Rondon. The west room will continue to be used as the Elementary's computer lab.

Dr. Rondon acknowledged the Ed and Louise Knauf Trust for replacing all computers in that room over the last two years. That Trust also this year, purchased 15 lap tops for use by the teachers.

Outside work included digging up all the gardens surrounding the Elementary School and putting in new soil and new plantings. Debra Fox headed up this project. Leonard Vogel did a lot of work on the project and members of the freshman and sophomore classes provided much of the student labor for the flower beds. Dr. Robert Hanson was credited with contributing much of the funding for this project.

In front of the High School, Amie and Aaron Hess and family dug up the triangular flower beds. Donna Biffle, Sandra Reeves, Leonard Vogel, and some others laid down landscape paper and lava rocks, and brought in two large pots and planted flowers in them. They trimmed trees and leveled the ground around the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue.

More honors courses have been added this year along with more dual credit courses

from North Central Texas College.

New teachers at Sacred Heart are Brian Rozell and Jaime Taylor in the High School, and Laine Wolf. Wolf will teach 5th grade and Janet Gaston has moved from 5th Grade to 3rd Grade taking over for Martha Sicking. Sicking will teach Art and Religion for 1st and 2nd grades. Art teacher Laura Marshall retired.

"We have a lot more students this year than in previous years," said Principal Rondon. "We are starting off with approximately 40 more students than we had last year. We have 18 more high schoolers and 22 more Elementary and Preschool students. Part of that is due to a bus service that we started this year. We are running a daily bus from Immaculate Conception, to St. Mary's, to St. Peter's, to here. Then at 5:30 when all activities are over, we are turning the bus back. That has brought us another 10-12 students initially. We anticipate that we will have a full bus before too long."

Dr. Rondon expressed gratitude to SH Pastor Fr. Ken Robinson for saying yes to all the improvements and for saying yes to bringing more Catholic children in from other areas.

"Everybody is excited and we are looking forward to a great year," concluded Principal Rondon.

Teachers and Staff Prek through 5th Grade

Annette Bayer - Religion (3-8), Religion coordinator, 8th Grade Homeroom.

Sr. Jeanette Bayer - Elementary Resource.

Barbara Davidson - Primary Montessori, Kindergarten Homeroom.

Janet Gaston - 3rd Grade, 3rd Grade Homeroom, Volleyball faculty sponsor.

Christy Hesse - Primary Montessori, PreK-K Homeroom.

Michele Knauf - 4th Grade, 4th Grade Homeroom.

Katherine Putnam - 1st Grade, 1st Grade Home.

Martha Sicking - Art (PreK-12), Religion (1 & 2).

Rhonda Walterscheid - 2nd Grade, 2nd Grade Homeroom.

Laine Wolf - 5th Grade, 5th Grade Homeroom.

Grades 6th - 12th

Beth Bartush - Dean of Students, Counselor, cheerleading/Dance Team sponsor, MS Girls Basketball Head Coach, Freshman Class sponsor.

Kris Creed - 6th and 7th Grade Social Science, Word Geography, Government/Economics, Elementary PE (4 & 5), Assistant Coach HS Girls Basketball, HS Boys Basketball, and Football, and Track HS/

MS Girls Head Coach.

Dolores Hofbauer - Librarian, National Honor Society sponsor, Yearbook Coordinator.

Marilen Juntado - Biology, Honors Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Statistics, Honors Chemistry, MS Science Club.

Clint Kelley - Choir (9-12), Elementary Rotation Music., MS Rotation, Speech, TAPPS Music coordinator.

Christina Kelley - Trainer, 1-3 PE.

John Kintz - Honors English, English 1, 2, 3, and 4, Creative Writing, Senior Class sponsor, TAPPS Academic coordinator, One Act Play.

Barbara LaChance - 6th Grade Math, PreAlgebra 1 and 2, Algebra 1, Honors Algebra, MS Math Club, TAPPS Academic assistant.

Jon LeBrasseur - World History, Montessori PE, PE, MS and HS Physical Education, TAPPS coordinator, Athletic Director, HS Golf Head Coach, HS Boys and Girls Basketball Head Coach.

Glenda Mitchell - 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade English, 8th Grade Social Science, MS Writing, 6th Grade Homeroom, NTL Coordinator.

Angela Proto - Spanish 1, 2, and 3, Cheerleading/Dance Team Sponsor.

Rafael Rondon - Principal, Critical Thinking, Introduction of Philosophy, Calculus, Chess Club sponsor.

Brian Rozell - Science 6th, 7th, and 8th, Physics, Physics Honors, Environmental Science.

Dale Schilling - Health, MS and HS Physical Education, Junior Class sponsor, Football and Track Head Coach.

Ryan Starrett - Religion 1, 2, 3, and 4, Debate, U.S. History.

Jamie Taylor - Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors, Precalculus, Math Club sponsor.

Support Staff

Cafeteria - Janet Barnhill, Jennifer Flusche.

Janitorial - Lorena Hernandez (Elementary), Karl Koessler (High School), Linda Pels (Montessori).

Maintenance - Ernie Martin, Paul Fleitman.

Administration

Administrative Assistant - Mary Bayer.

Principal - Dr. Rafael Rondon.

Pastor - Fr. Ken Robinson.



Janie Hartman photo

Campus improvements continue at Sacred Heart in preparation of the upcoming school year. Workers were on the gym roof earlier this week.

10th Annual Toast to Teachers Luncheon set

Toast to Teachers Luncheon time is sooner than you might have been thinking—can you believe it will become a 10 year tradition on Aug. 20 from 12-1:30 in the afternoon in the Saint Jo I.S.D. cafeteria!

This unique Saint Jo celebration offers all concerned citizens the opportunity to get acquainted with new staff members and demonstrate support for the returning staff. Toasting this "last few minutes before school starts" allows them to treat these special people who make education happen in Saint Jo with a token of appreciation, good food shared with good friends. Your presence will demonstrate concern for, "The education of our children, which is a vital part of our country's dynamic democratic society." Teachers as well as community share that responsibility.

A few meals will be available on a walk-in basis, but as you mark your calendar, please assure your plans by calling 636-236-9044 in advance. This locally and professionally catered meal

will cost \$10 for each person who is not a teacher, staff, or school board member. Mail your check, made out to Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce (put Toast To Teachers in the memo area on your check), and addressed to: "Toast to Teachers", PO Box 8, Saint Jo, TX, 76265.

Toast to Teachers is sponsored financially by the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce, planned and supported by members of the Chamber, Saint Jo Parent Teachers Organization, Century Club, Garden Club, and local members of Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Preventing MRSA infections

Antibiotic-resistant staph infections, usually involving the skin, are showing up more often among healthy people. Here are some prevention tips:

- Wash hands thoroughly and often with soap and water.
- Keep cuts and abrasions clean and covered with a bandage until healed.
- Avoid contact with other people's wounds or material contaminated by wounds.
- Do not share items such as razors, soap, ointments and balms, towels or wash cloths, clothing or uniforms.
- If participating in contact sports, cover cuts, scrapes, and other wounds with a bandage.
- Shower with soap immediately after each practice or game.
- Wipe down all nonwashable equipment (mats, head protectors, gymnastics equipment, etc.) with alcohol or antibiotic solution after each person uses it.
- If caring for someone with an infection at home, wash hands with soap after each physical contact and before going outside. Only use towels for drying hands once. Change and launder linens frequently, right away if they are soiled.
- When contact with body fluids is expected, wear disposable gloves and wash hands after removing them.
- See a physician promptly if you have a suspicious skin sore or boil.



Janie Hartman photo

Young want-to-be cheerleader campers take a discussion break during last week's Hornet Mini Cheer Camp. Sessions were held in the Muenster ISD air conditioned gyms this year after years of cheering in the City Park.

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SPORTS



Janie Hartman photos

Above and below - Coach Brady Carney and the Muenster Hornets at Monday's workout.



Janie Hartman photos

Above and at right - Coach Dale Schilling and the Sacred Heart Tigers on the first day of practice.

2015 football season is officially underway

CAIN continued from page 1

especially last year.”
Cain was at the helm of one of the most inexperienced defenses in the state last season and with Murray gone to Texas A&M, Allen will now lean on that defense to win some games this season. Ten starters return on the defensive side of the ball for the Eagles.

Allen is also looking for a quarterback too, with Oregon commit Seth Green leading the way, in what will be a three man race for the starting job.

Numbers will never be a problem for the largest high school in the nation, with an enrollment right around 6,000. Cain says the varsity will carry 90 to 92 players.

“If you come out for football, you’re on the team,” Cain points out. “We are a no cut sport.”

If a player doesn't see the varsity, the JV is cut up into two teams of 100 kids on each team. The 250 freshmen will be split up into three different teams.

Cain and the rest of the staff will also have the luxury of getting back in their new stadium in Allen after a crack in the foundation forced them to play 16 road games last season. They had to bus over to the freshman campus for practice. They will benefit with eight home games in 2015.

Although it seems like a night and day difference, Cain says there are some similarities between Allen and his former hometown.

“Thirty years ago, Allen was just like Muenster,” Cain said. “It has similar roots where the town revolves around the schools.”

He still keeps up with the Hornets and has numerous friends on the current Muenster staff. He has been by to view the new weight room and practice gym.

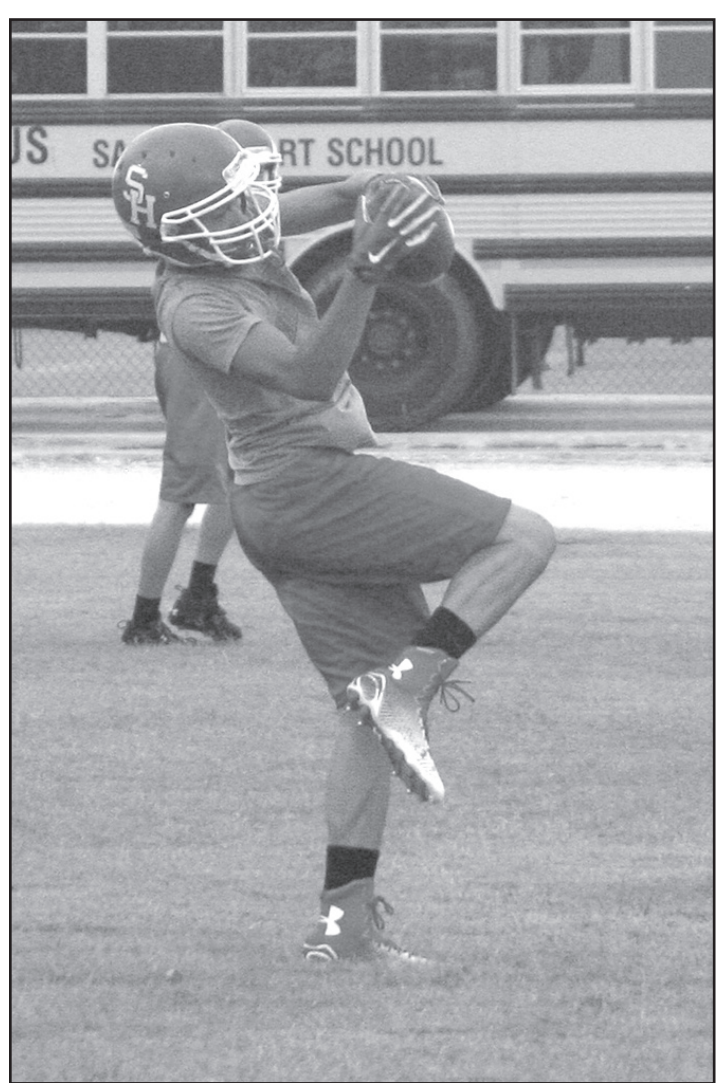
After 14 years in the business, and after all his success, one may wonder if Cain has any head coach aspirations.

“I do — one day,” Cain said. “I’m fortunate here where all I have to do is coach football along with being the Athletic Academic Coordinator.

“The grass isn’t always greener, I’m in no hurry to leave.”

Cain resides in Allen with his wife Stephanie and their two sons.

Allen will try to make it 44 wins in a row when they open the season Aug. 28 at home against Denton Guyer.



At right - Cory and Stephanie Cain with sons after a State Championship game in AT&T Stadium.

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FARM & RANCH

A super-wet WINTER in store?

Many parts of Texas may see a rain-drenched winter due to a super-strong El Niño brewing in the tropical Pacific.

But Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist, College Station, doesn't expect that a repeat of the 2015 wet spring will necessarily follow.

The El Niño of 2014-15 was only moderately strong, but the rain it brought, followed by a very wet spring, effectively ended the Texas drought. Meanwhile, the 2015-16 El Niño is shaping up to be a record-breaker, said Nielsen-Gammon, who is also a Regents Professor

of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

"So far, it is the strongest ever for this time of year," he said. "The (climate) models that have gotten it right so far, are forecasting it to continue to intensify. So it seems like it could be among the five strongest ever going into this upcoming winter."

However, a much stronger-than-normal El Niño does not necessarily mean the rain it brings will be proportionally more. There have been strong El Niños in the recent past that did not drench the state.

"The El Niños of 1982-83

and 1997-98 were the really strong ones, and nothing really special happened in those years, except for above-normal rainfall and cooler temperatures, which is what usually happens November through March, as long as there's at least a moderate El Niño," he said.

But it's almost a certainty that Texas will have another winter of above-average rainfall.

"There's only about a 10% chance, according to the Climate Prediction Center, that the current El Niño could weaken enough that we won't have El Niño conditions this winter," Nielsen-Gammon said. "This is about as solid a bet as you can get for a six-month forecast."

However, he added, the El Niño won't bring any relief during this summer from the dry conditions much of Texas has had for the past month and a half.

Ranchers should watch for Bermuda grass stem maggot

After a year of low activity, the Bermuda grass stem maggot has returned and is spreading quickly across lush pastures in Texas.

"Since 2013, this pest has rapidly expanded its range in Texas and is now found throughout much of East, Central, and South Texas, and as far west as Abilene and San Antonio," said Dr. Allen Knutson, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension entomologist in Dallas.

As the pest is relatively new to Texas, most farmers and ranchers may not recognize the early signs of damage.

Damage is first evident as the top two or three leaves turn white or brown, but the remainder of the plant remains green," Knutson said. "The top dead leaves are easily pulled from the stem. Infested fields may appear 'frosted.'"

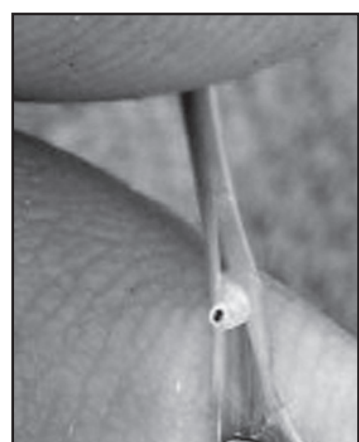
Management recommendations developed in Georgia and Alabama suggest that if damage is found, the best course of action is to harvest

the crop as soon as possible, AgriLife Extension Forage Specialist Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson said.

"Once the damage becomes apparent, the crop is unlikely to add a significant amount of yield if left to further de-



Close-up of maggot fly



Infested grass stem

velop," Corriher-Olson said. "The damaged crop should be cut and baled and removed from the field as soon as weather conditions allow. Leaving the damaged crop in the field will only compete with any attempts by the plant to regrow and decrease the opportunity that the next cutting will have time to accumulate dry matter."

Knutson said maggots feeding within the stem will die once the crop is cut and dried for harvest.

However, without treatment, flies will emerge from pupae in the soil and re-infest the field, he said. "To protect the regrowth from infestation, apply a pyrethroid insecticide about seven days after cutting hay to kill adult flies. A single application is usually sufficient. There are yet no effective methods for sampling Bermuda grass stem maggot fly or larvae or guidelines for when an insecticide treatment is needed."

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

Last Friday, July 31, a somewhat rare occurrence happened, a Blue Moon, which had nothing to do with the moon's color, but is when there are two full moons in one month. A lunar month (full moon to full moon) averages 29.530589 days, which is shorter than every calendar month in the year



except February. Those one-half or one-and-one-half days accumulate over the year, causing some years to have 13 full moons rather than 12. A Blue Moon occurs roughly once every 2.7 years. The full moon on July 31 occurred at exactly 5:43 a.m.



Organic's Colossal Hoax

Organic agriculture is booming. It must be, because even Walmart has ventured into the organic market to swipe some of Whole Foods market share. (Warning, sarcasm ahead). Why, organic farming nearly tripled in the 10 years from 2002 to 2012! Yep, organic corn production now accounts for 0.0029% of America's 80 million acres of corn, which is up from 0.0012% in 2002. (Yawn.)

Sales of organic foods are increasing sharply, but that's relative to their low starting point, and farmers are finding claims of improved profitability just ain't so. There may be 16,000 organic farmers in the U.S., but that's less than 1% of the total number of farmers and 30% of them sell less than \$25,000 a year. Increasingly, however, we're seeing support for agriculture that utilizes the science-based efficiencies that made America the world's leading food producer.

The latest is "The Colossal Hoax Of Organic Agriculture," published by Forbes, that dispels many of the myths organic food marketers rely on to boost sales. For instance, author Henry I Miller writes, "Consumers who buy organic to avoid pesticide exposure are focusing their attention on just one-hundredth of 1% of the pesticides they consume."

July 30, 2015

Rattlesnake Roulette

Warning: graphic description of stupidity ahead. When a San Diego man stumbled upon a rattlesnake in the brush, he did what most Americans are trained to do in the digital age. He whipped out his smartphone and positioned himself to take a selfie—which also happened to be just the right distance for the rattlesnake to send an instant message. The bite sent the man on a long and painful recovery, but a tweeted copy of his \$153,000 hospital bill put the story in the national media. The sticker shock is due to the cost of antivenin, which costs about \$5,000 a vial and the average bite requires about 12 vials.

August 3, 2015

Red River farmer regains land awarded to BLM

By Jessica Domel
Texas Farm Bureau
Field Editor

The day Clay County farmer Tommy Henderson feared would never arrive is finally here. Thirty years, a court battle, and many meetings later, the Byers resident has regained 94 acres he lost to the federal government in a judgment in the 1980s.

"We believe this sets a precedent for other farmers in the area whose property is in dispute," Texas Farm Bureau

President Russell W. Boening said. "We hope other members and landowners will see resolution soon as well."

Henderson expressed deep satisfaction with the decision.

"It just gives you a good feeling all over that people have worked together to do the right thing," Henderson said. "It's such a relief."

The 90-plus acre parcel of Henderson's land was awarded to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in a dispute between Tommy

and an Oklahoma neighbor. The case revolved around the changes in the Red River and its boundaries. On July 30, his hopes became reality when Steve Tryon, field agent for BLM, returned 94 acres of land to Henderson on the steps of the Clay County Courthouse in Henrietta.

"We've been working on this thing for a long time, and you brought it to our attention again last year," Tryon said. "We're very pleased that the process has been able to work for you and your private

land is coming back to you. I present you with a patent on behalf of the United States government."

Henderson got his land back through what's called "the color of title." Land and tax payments he's made in the past were counted in the calculations to determine how much it would cost for Henderson to buy back the disputed land.

"It's been a long, time-consuming process, but the last year and a half has been rapid and fast. I really appreciate Steve Tryon and Texas Farm Bureau and all the work they've done to make it right, and I feel like they have," Henderson said.

Henderson isn't the only Texan with land in question. Others along the Red River have similar stories they're hoping will soon see an ending like this.

Henderson encourages fellow landowners who can to also work with the BLM to resolve clouded title issues.

"It's taken a while, but we know the process now," Henderson said. "I feel like it will go smoother and easier from this point on."

In the meantime, Henderson's newly private land will be put to good use.

And with that land back in Henderson's hands, the farmer is proud knowing his family's legacy has finally been restored.

Do you need to inspect your trailer?

Are you still wondering if you need to inspect your trailer?

We are now several months into the new system for inspecting and registering trailers used on the farm. The process change requires trailers that must be inspected to go through the inspection prior to registration. But not all trailers are required to go through the inspection process. The rules require all commercial trailers with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 4,500 pounds and over to be safety inspected prior to receiving an annual registration.

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An owner is not required to register a farm trailer or farm semi-trailer that has a gross weight of 4,000 pounds or less.

Pork production passes beef for first time in history

For the first time in 75 years, the red meat industry is expected to produce more pork than beef in the second quarter, according to *Brownfield Ag News*.

Commercial beef in 2015 is expected at 23.8 billion pounds with pork set to reach 24.5 billion pounds, according to USDA's Economic Research Service. The estimate for beef is 185 million pounds below its June estimates.

The report says second-quarter total red meat and poultry production are below earlier estimates "because lower beef and turkey production will likely offset higher broiler and pork production."

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Above - at the First Baptist Vacation Bible School this week, students learned to "rock" for Jesus. Learning the dance moves included, from left - Presley Abbott, Caroline Charles, James Fleitman, and Avynn Budish.



City urges - dispose of brush properly *Janie Hartman photo*

At the Aug. 3 City Council meeting, the disposal of brush was discussed. Following recent storms, people were allowed to bring the brush to the Muenster Jaycee Ballpark. This site is no longer available for dumping brush. The City advises residents that tree limbs, etc. **must not** be brought to the ballpark. They should be cut into four foot sections, bundled, and placed curbside on days that the trash is being picked up.

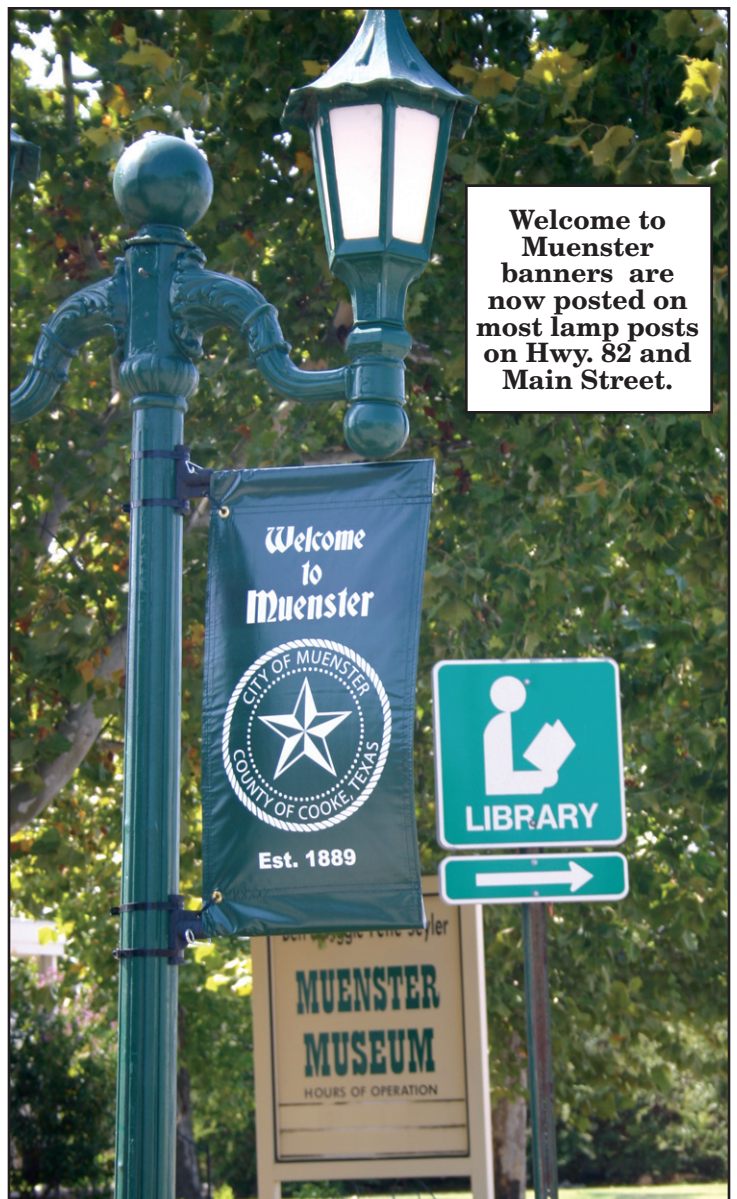
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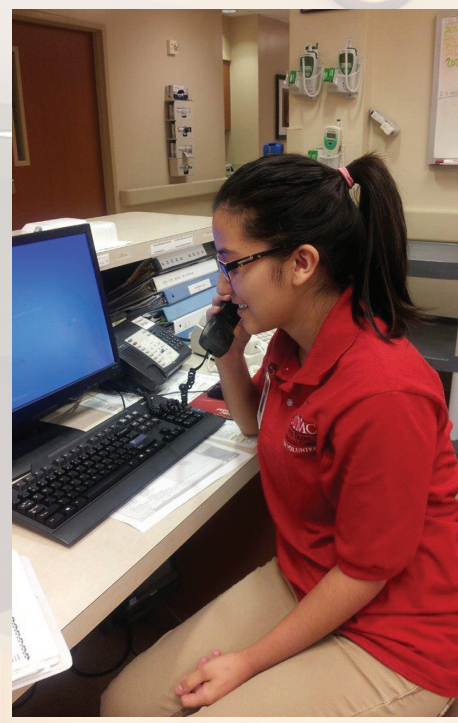
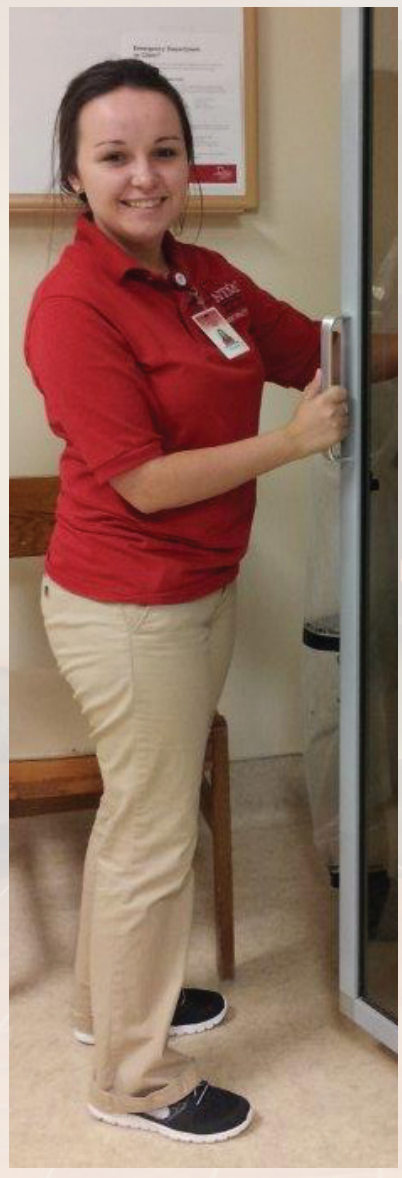


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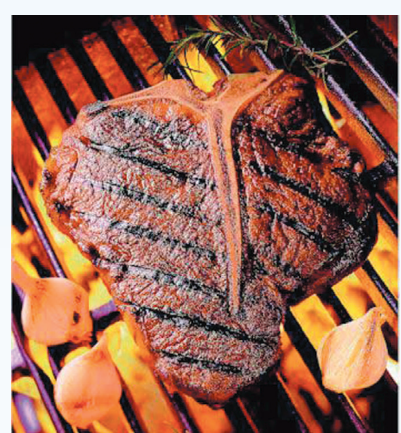


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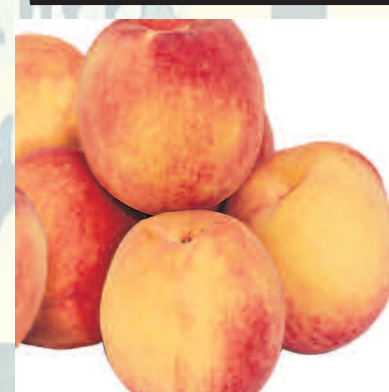
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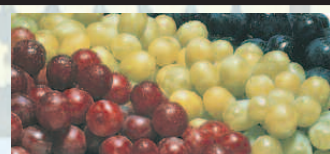
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Muenster VFD continues to protect area citizens

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

As the calendar pages turn from July to August, there are several things that people look forward to - the start of football season, the start of school, and the annual Muenster VFD BBQ and Auction. The MVFD BBQ and Auction provides an opportunity for area residents to enjoy a social evening with family and friends that includes a tasty meal and interesting items offered at both a live and silent auction. But, most of all, it is a great opportunity for the community to show its appreciation for the Muenster Fire Department and all the volunteer hours the firefighters put in to keep residents and their possessions safe.

The duties of the Muenster VFD encompass much more than extinguishing fires. They educate young children on what to do in case of fires by visiting with them at their school or hosting field trips at the fire station. During these education periods, the children learn that the firefighters are their friends and can be trusted in times of crisis.

When severe weather threatens,

you will see the fire trucks out with firefighters on all four directions keeping a vigilant eye on the sky, ready to sound the warning siren should tornadic activity or hail threaten the community. They also keep in contact with other storm spotters across Cooke County which aids in keeping the whole County informed on weather situations. The Fire Department was called on to help numerous times this spring as flash floods threatened and at times to perform rescues of people whose vehicles were washed into creeks.

So, remember when you are safe inside at home, work, or school and storm clouds begin to gather with tornado watches posted, there will be Muenster VFD members watching on high points surrounding Muenster at the ready to report any situation that might be a threat.

This on-ground observation assists the Fort Worth meteorologists with their severe weather warnings.

Muenster VFD has an excellent response time. Most of the time, a truck leaves the fire station within three and a half minutes of receiving a call. This is something that

should be appreciated by anyone who calls them. When you need them, minutes can seem like hours until they arrive to help. Time seems to crawl as those in need of help wait for the welcome sound of fire sirens announcing that help is on the way.

Serving as Muenster VFD fire chief from Jan. 1, 2014 until July 24 was Bert Walterscheid. He resigned from that position at the July 24 meeting. Taking on the duties of fire chief is Mitch Creed. Elected to take Creed's assistant chief position is Bert Walterscheid. Taking over for Creed as training officer is Ben Bindel. Other officers are assistant training officers Jeff Maas and John Knabe; safety officers Neal Flusche and Henry Knabe; trustees Jake Hess, Ronnie Walterscheid, and Shaw Henscheid.

Fire Chief Creed outlined the uses of money raised at this year's BBQ. He said, "First, we will do maintenance of our trucks and stuff, anything that needs replaced. We still have some gear left that we will have to replace. After we do that and we make sure that we have enough to last us the year to

run the Department correctly, hopefully, we can put some of it towards the new building."

Last year, a new fire station was only a dream for the future. Now it is much closer to becoming a reality. They purchased land west of City Hall for the purpose of building a new fire station. The plans have been drawn for the new facility and will be available for all to see at the BBQ. The plan is also posted on a sign on the new property on Main Street.

"It is nothing too big, but it will definitely fit us for the future. Every truck that we get is going to be bigger," Creed noted. "They don't make small fire trucks anymore. The room is what we need."

According to Chief Creed, the plan includes two meeting rooms that can be used as one big meeting room when needed. "That way, we can have our meetings and when we have drills, we can keep it closed and concentrate on what we are doing without any distractions in one room. Then when we need both rooms and we open it up, we've got two rooms (space)."

They have two offices in the plans.

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Fire fascinates many children

Children playing with fire cause hundreds of deaths and injuries each year. Preschoolers and kindergartners are most likely to start these fires, typically by playing with matches and lighters, and are most likely to die in them.

Young children and fire are a deadly combination. Some children play with fire out of curiosity, not realizing its danger. Troubled children may set a fire as a way of acting out their anger, disappointment, or frustration.

If you suspect your child is intentionally setting fires or unusually fascinated with fire, get help. Your local fire department, school, or community counseling agency can put you in touch with trained experts who know how to teach children about fire in an appropriate way.

Firesetters

- Children experience fire interest. They may ask questions such as how hot is fire or show an interest in fire through playing with fire trucks or cooking on a play stove. This is healthy, and it is time to begin educating about fire.

- Firestarting happens when children begin to experiment with fire using matches and lighters. Many fires happen when young children are left alone, even for a short period of time, and have access to




matches and lighters. Parents must have clear rules and consequences about fire misuse.

- Grown-ups can help keep fire out of the hands of children.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, up high, preferably in a locked cabinet or container. Never leave matches or lighters place where children may go without supervision.
- Teach young children and school-age children to tell a grown-up if they see matches or lighters. Children need to understand that fire is difficult to control, it is fast, and can hurt as soon as it touches you.
- A child with an interest in fire can lead to fire starting and result in repeated firesetting behavior.
- It is important for grown-ups to discourage unsupervised fire starts.
- Never use lighters or matches as a source of amusement for children; they may imitate you.
- Never assign a young child any tasks that involve the use of a lighter or matches (lighting candles, bringing a lighter to an adult to light a cigarette or the fireplace, etc.)
- If your child expresses curiosity about fire or has been playing with fire, calmly but firmly explain that matches and lighters are tools for adults only.
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What do you miss about being a kid - No bills and no worries. Justin has been inspired by his father Bert. He said, "He has been involved in the community since I was little, whether it was City Council, School Board, or Fire Department."



Ronnie Walterscheid

In August 2006, Ronnie Walterscheid joined the Muenster VFD. He noted that he wanted to, "Help others and better serve my community." Ronnie and his wife Celeste have two sons Daniel and Samuel. He is employed by Tony's Seed & Feed. In his free time, Ronnie enjoys hunting, vacationing with his

family camping, and being with his friends and family. Favorite meal - Fried gizzards, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Favorite dessert - Strawberry pie. Very favorite song - "In Color" by Jamey Johnson.

First job - Fischer's What do you miss about being a kid - The innocence of no stress and no worry. Ronnie said he is inspired by his wife, "Because she inspired me to have a family."

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"We're having to do more and more paperwork these days for the government. We needed a place to do the paperwork and store it," Creed explained.

An equipment storage room will hold the old equipment. They are required to replace equipment more frequently now. And they plan to store the old equipment to use in a pinch or for new members until they can purchase new gear for them. Storage upstairs will concentrate their storage space. "That way we don't have to rent so many storage places around town. We can keep everything in one location," remarked Chief Creed.

There will also be a room designated for the storage of foam, diesel, gas, etc. This will provide for storage of all chemicals in one contained spot instead of sitting on shelves out in the open, said Creed.

The big double bays are pull through bays which allow plenty of space for the trucks and will take away the problem of having to back into traffic. "Right now, there's about 12 inches of space between the backs of the big trucks and our gear lockers. This will give us a much better path to get our gear on," Creed commented. It is not possible to do maintenance inside the current fire station and the new facility will provide the needed space for maintenance or to tear a truck down.

"It will be the pride of the City," stated Chief Creed. "The City's the

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Creed said there is not a date set to start construction of the new building. He said, "We are trying to keep off the taxpayers' backs so we would like to do it all through donations. We are going to try to just do it on donations because when you go the grant route, it changes everything. We'd lose ownership of it kind of. They tell us what we have to do instead of us building what is

best for us."

Creed spoke of the escalating cost of funding a fire department. He said that community support is vital to keep a volunteer fire department operating properly. "There have been local departments around that couldn't get support because they didn't get enough from the town," he said. "Without the support, we cannot do it. It's a good thing. It will be a sad day if and when all the volunteer departments are gone and you are paying a bigger city to



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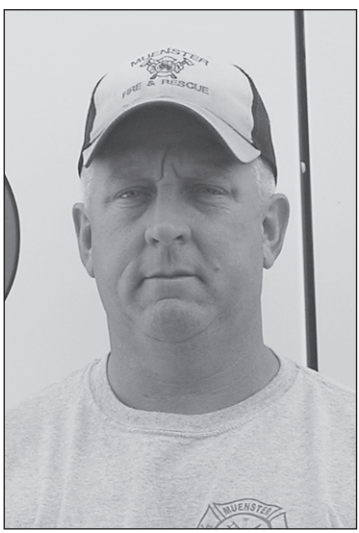
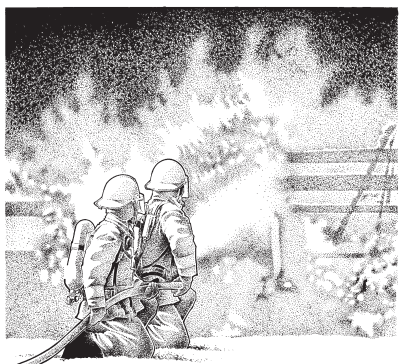
Jeff Arendt

Cooke County EMS employs Jeff Arendt as a paramedic. He joined the Muenster VFD in 2013. He said, "I joined because I thought I could be an asset to the Department with paramedic experience and 13 years on another volunteer fire department."

Hobbies enjoyed by Jeff include camping, hunting, and fishing.

Favorite meal - Steak and potatoes.

What do you miss about being a kid - No responsibilities.



Deano Bayer

Deano Bayer is married to Jeannene and they have three children - Dillen, Kendi, and Nolan. He is employed by Nortex Communications as an outside plant supervisor.

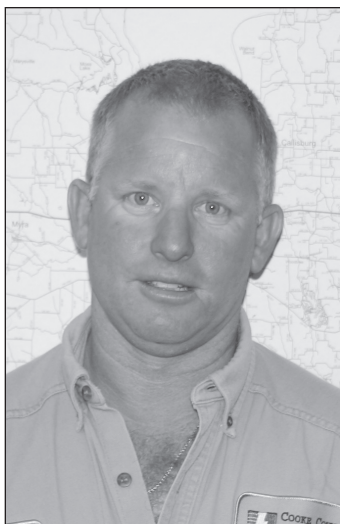
In August of 2006, Deano joined the Muenster VFD because, "I believed it was the best way I could serve my community."

When he's not working or serving as a volunteer firefighter, Deano enjoys spending time with his kids hunting, fishing, and camping.

A memory as a firefighter that stands out for Deano is, "How good a bologna and cheese sandwich with a gatoraide tastes when you've been fighting a grass fire for hours. Mostly thanks to all the people who bring us those things during those long days."

An inspiration to Deano is, "My two uncles who've been on the fire department for seems like forever and still are as dedicated as ever -

Herbie and Henry Knabe." Deano adds, "Again, thanks to all the people who keep us going physically, mentally, and financially."



Ryan Bayer

Ryan Bayer is married to Sharen and their children are Hannah, Justin, Krystal, and Cathy. He is employed by Cooke County Electric and is a co-owner of Bayer Roofing.

In August of 1993, Ryan joined the Muenster VFD because he wanted to give back to the community.

Hobbies that Ryan enjoys include hunting and fishing.

First job - Hauling hay and milking cows.

Ryan said that he was inspired, "By my parents by the way they raised me."



Ben Bindel

Ben Bindel and his wife Tina have three children Danielle, Brandan, and Briana, and a granddaughter Kylie Jo. He is a fleet manager/sales consultant at Cole McNatt in Gainesville.

In December 1984, Ben joined the Muenster VFD because, "I wanted to give back to the community and help others in need." His hobbies include golf and collecting antiques.

Being a firefighter involves danger and risking one's life. Ben recalls an incident, "During a structure fire (fully involved), I took a team of firefighters inside to search for victims. After entering the second room, the sub-floor burned through and I fell through the floor. With the help of my fellow firemen, I made it out."

An inspiration to Ben were his parents. He explained, "They always had my best interest in check. They would always be there for me."

Favorite meal - Steak and baked
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Bert Walterscheid

In 1985, Bert Walterscheid became a member of the Muenster VFD. He joined, "To help the community." He is an owner of D&B Construction. Bert enjoys working in his shop, camping, and hunting.

Bert's children are Gayle, Justin, Emily, and Kendra.

Favorite meal - Soups, salads.

Favorite dessert - Brownies.

Very favorite song - "1959" by John Anderson.

First job - Working as a carpenter.

What do you miss about being a kid - I wish I could stay 28 forever.

Bert said that he is inspired by, "My fellow firemen."



Chad Walterscheid

One of the newest member of the Muenster VFD is Chad Walterscheid. He joined this March. He said, "I enjoy helping people out."

Chad is the son of Donna and Roger Endres and the late Craig Walterscheid. He is employed at Universal Machining and John Anderle Welding. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and golfing.

"On my very first call, it was raining outside and I slipped running into the fire station and took out a fellow firefighter," shared Chad.

Favorite meal - Steak and potatoes.

Favorite dessert - Strawberry cheesecake.

First job - Weedeating at the golf

course.

What do you miss about being a kid - Everything was so simple and easy.

Chad remarked that he is inspired by, "All of the other firemen because of the way they help others."



Erik Walterscheid

Erik Walterscheid is married to Jayna. They have three children - Bella, Barrett, and Blaise.

NextEra Energy employs Erik as a wind tech. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

In July 2008, Erik joined the Muenster VFD. He did so, "Because I want to help out my community."

Favorite meal - Steak.

Very favorite song - "Diamonds and Gasoline" by Turnpike Troubadours.

First job - Lifeguard at the Muenster swimming pool.

What do you miss about being a kid - Everything.

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The problem:
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It is unsafe to store 9-volt batteries in a drawer near paper clips, coins, pens, or other batteries. Do not store common household items such as steel wool, aluminum foil, and keys near 9-volt batteries. If these items touch the two posts, there is a greater risk of a fire starting.

• Weak batteries may have enough charge to cause a fire. Some fires have started in trash when 9-volt batteries were thrown away with other metal items.

Storing 9-volt batteries:
• Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.

• Keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around.

• Store batteries standing up.

• 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer.

• Do not store them in containers with other batteries.

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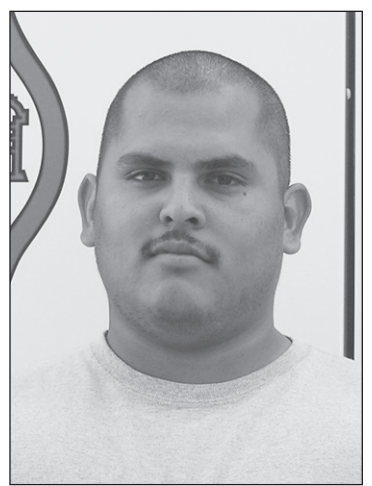
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Brandon Ryder.
 First job - Milking cows and working on my parents' dairy.
 What do you miss about being a kid - The freedom of no worries and no bills and riding dirt bikes.
 Mark commented, "My Dad has inspired me. He taught me how to respect others, work for what I want, and taught me good work ethics."



Charlie Schilling
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Cody Rico

Cody Rico joined the Muenster VFD in July 2014. He is married to Jessica. They have one child Kyler. Cody's parents are Mona and Darryl Bowman.
 The City of Muenster is Cody's employer.



Drew Springer

Muenster VFD member Drew Springer joined the Department to "Give back to the community and help those in trouble."
 Drew and his wife Lydia are the parents of three children, Austin, Grant, and Kate. He is serving as



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State Representative of District 68 and is self employed in financial planning.
 When he is not on the job, Drew enjoys watching kids play high school sports, hunting, and jeeping.
 A fire story Drew recalls is, "Being at the Ringgold fire all day with Jimmy Green and Shawn Flusche. There was fire everywhere and it felt like we would never stop it. Several times, there was fire all around us, but late in the evening the winds finally lightened and we were able to put it out."
 "On a lighter note, it's always fun to see Ben Bindel's expression after his boots have been filled with water."
 Favorite food - Pizza.
 Favorite dessert - Key lime pie.
 Very favorite song - "Amazing Grace."
 First job - Mowing lawns.
 What do you miss about being a kid - Skinny and naps.

Vehicle fire safety

What to do if your vehicle is on fire:

- Pull over as quickly as it is safe to do so. Be sure to use your signal as you make your way to a safe location such as the breakdown lane or rest stop.
- Once you have stopped, TURN OFF the engine.
- GET everyone out of the vehicle. Never return to a burning vehicle for anything.
- MOVE everyone to at least 100 feet from the burning vehicle and well away from traffic.
- CALL 9-1-1.

How to prevent a car fire:

- Have your car serviced regularly by a professionally trained mechanic. If you spot leaks, your car is not running properly, get it checked. A well-maintained car is less likely to have a fire.
- If you must transport gasoline, transport only a small amount in a certified gas can that is sealed. Keep a window open for ventilation.
- Gas cans and propane cylinders should never be transported in the passenger compartment.
- Never park a car where flammables, such as grass, are touching the catalytic converter.
- Drive safely to avoid an accident.

Know the danger signs:

- Cracked or loose wiring or electrical problems, including a fuse that blows more than once.
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 potato.
 Favorite dessert - Cherry pie.
 Very favorite song - "God Bless America."
 First job - Helping my Dad do carpenter work.
 What do you miss about being a kid - Being carefree to just being a kid.
 Ben said, "The Fire Department is the best group of guys to be a part of. Muenster is a great community to live in. Thank you for all your support for the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department."



Mitch Creed

Mitch Creed's parents are Kevin and Kathy Creed. He and his wife Kami have two children, Karli Jo and Tressa. Cooke County Electric is Mitch's employer. He joined the Muenster VFD in January 2009 because he wanted to be a fireman.
 Hobbies that Mitch enjoys include hunting, sports, and fishing. He said he is, "Still waiting on Shawn

Flusche to get stuck again."
 Favorite meal - Burgers.
 Favorite dessert - Peach cobbler.
 Very favorite song - "Enter Sandman" - Metallica.
 First job - David Hermes Construction.
 What do you miss about being a kid - No job.
 Mitch remarked that he has been inspired by, "My old man. I try to model my life after him. He seems to have it going on."
 Comments - "We have a great Department and we appreciate our city."



Greyson Evans

Greyson Evans is newly married to Hayley. His parents are Hal Evans and Lee Gabriel. He works for Nortex Communications.
 In March 2014, Greyson became a member of the Muenster VFD. He said he joined, "To help out the community."
 The hobbies that Greyson most enjoys are hunting, fishing, and golfing.

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Favorite meal - Cheeseburger and fries.
 Favorite dessert - Blue Bell ice cream.
 First job - Schilling Fina.
 What you miss most about being a kid - Not having to go to work.



Doug Fleitman

Doug Fleitman has been a member of the Muenster VFD since May 9, 1991. He joined because, "It looked like a lot of fun and to be able to help others."
 He is the owner of Fleitman Backhoe Co. In his free time, Doug enjoys traveling and racing 4-wheelers with his family.
 Doug and his wife Vickie are the parents of three children Mikayla, Mikenzie, and Michael. His parents are Patsy and John Dave Fleitman.
 Favorite song - Almost any Rolling Stones song.
 First job - Family farm.
 Doug said that he has been

inspired by his parents, "For all the encouragement and help over the years."
 Doug remarked, "Thanks to all the people that help the Department be the best it can be."



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Shawn Flusche

Shawn Flusche is married to Terri. Their children are Steven Flusche, Morgan Flusche, Seth Flusche, Kyle Klement, Kolby Klement, and Whitley Klement. He works at Structures, Inc.

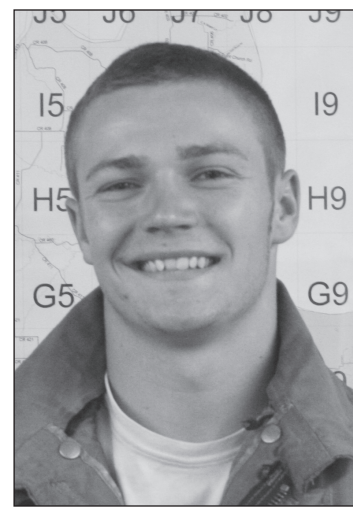
In 1999, Shawn joined the Fire Department to help the community. His hobby is watching children play ball.

Shawn shared a Fire Department memory, "Getting stuck in #121 waiting six hours to get pulled out. I was driving."

Favorite meal - Steak.

Favorite dessert - German chocolate cake.

First job - Working for Flusche Enterprises.



Steven Flusche

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Neal Flusche

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Michael Gehrig

Michael Gehrig and his wife Kelly have four children - Joseph, Luke, Sarah, and Rachel. Jim and Cindy Gehrig are his parents. He is an engineer/geo physicist at Gehrig, Inc.

It was in 2009 that Michael became a member of the Muenster VFD. He did so to help the community. He enjoys fishing, camping, and hiking.

Favorite meal - Ribeye.

Favorite dessert - Vanilla ice cream.

First job - Picking sticks out of a farm field.

What do you miss about being a kid - Living carefree.

Michael's parents were an inspiration to him. He said, "My

parents brought me up in the Catholic faith. Couldn't imagine having a better childhood because of them."
Comments - Thank you for your support.



Jon Forshee

Jon Forshee joined the Muenster VFD in December 2004. He said, "I joined the MVFD to serve my community and be a part of a great team."

In his free time, Jon likes to go rock crawling, and hunting. He is an owner of Phil's Collision.

Jon is married to Stacie. Their children are daughters Morgan and Makenna and son Parker.



John Knabe

John is married to Ashley. They are the parents of a new son Henry. John works at Hess Meat Co. His hobbies include golf, fishing, hunting, and now being a new dad.

He joined Muenster VFD in 2004 because he, "Wanted to better the town and surrounding areas if I had a chance to."

John shared that he is, "Always waiting on the next guy to get a truck stuck."

Favorite meal - Porterhouse steak. "I'm a butcher I know just because," shared John.

Favorite dessert - Cherry cheesecake.

Very favorite song - "When I Say I Do."

First job - Clean up at H&W Meat.

What do you miss about being about kid - Being a kid.

John noted that he is inspired by his father, "Best person I have ever known."



Jim Koelzer

Muenster firefighter Smoke Koelzer and his wife Carol are the parents of Wesley, Jacé, Demi, and Dalton. His hobbies are his kids, garden, and watching westerns. He is employed by Muenster ISD.

Smoke joined the Muenster VFD in November 1986, "Because I loved a challenge," he stated.

Asked to share a story about something that happened as a firefighter, Smoke said, "Everything about the Fire Department is a story and there is not enough time or paper to tell you."

Favorite meal - Meat, taters, beans.

Favorite dessert - Carol's Magic Cookie Bars.

Very favorite song - "Lord's Prayer."

First job - Working for Uncle Curley.

What do you miss about being a kid - My Grandma.

Smoke said he is inspired by, "My wife and kids. They are why I

was put on this earth."

Comments - We're all headed to the same place, so let's all get along.

cancer when he was 19. He taught me how to live life to the fullest and he made me into the person I am today."



Jeff Maas

In October 2011, Jeff Maas made the commitment to become a Muenster VFD member. He said, "I like to volunteer for the community and I like to play with fire. So, this was a no-brainer."

Jeff and his wife Stevie are the parents of a daughter Mikaela. Cooke County Electric Co-op employs Jeff. His hobbies include golfing, fishing, camping, anything outdoors.

Favorite meal - Tacos.

Favorite dessert - Brownies.

First job - Pulling thistles out of a field.

What do you miss about being a kid - Everything.

Asked who inspired him, Jeff answered, "My brother Ryan. Ryan was mentally challenged and died of



Mark Neu

Mark Neu is married to Lacy. They are the parents of three sons - Deegan, Hudson, and Bennett. A member of the Muenster VFD since 2007, Mark joined, "to give back to the community and help others."

Pond King, Inc. employs Mark as their production manager. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with family.

Favorite meal - Deer sausage with a side of bacon wrapped duck.

Favorite dessert - Mom's cookies.

Very favorite song - Our wedding song. "Freeze Frame Time" by

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Jake Hess

Jake is the son of the late Howard Hess and Darlene Tischler. In 2011, Jake became a firefighter with the Muenster VFD. He said his reason for joining was, "To help the community and be a part of a great organization." Endres Water Well Service is Jake's employer. He likes to spend his free time engaging in the sports of hunting, fishing, and camping. Favorite meal - Lasagna. Favorite dessert - Coconut cream pie. First job - Hauling hay.



Henry Knabe

In 1972, Henry Knabe joined the Muenster VFD to help protect and serve the community. Henry's wife is Florentine "Babe." Hess Meat Market employs Henry. Hobbies enjoyed by Henry include hunting, fishing, and taking puppies for a ride. Favorite food - Ribeye steak, grilled with sides. Favorite dessert - Ice cream. Very favorite song - "Silver Wings." First job - Milking cows. Misses about being a kid - Missed opportunities. Henry said he is most inspired by, "My wife, she supports me in all ways."



Herbie Knabe

Former Fire Chief Herbie Knabe and his wife Edna have grown children Bert, Tim, Stan, Dawn, Alicia, and Alison. Herbie is self-employed. Hobbies that he enjoys are old cars and knife making. In 1965, Herbie was asked to join the Fire Department. He recalled, "After some thought, I remembered in my childhood several fires in the 1940s and 1950s. Firemen were pretty scarce. I thought maybe I could help." Herbie remembered, "In the late 1970s or early 1980s, we got a call of a grass fire on the Andy Wimmer

farm. Brother Henry and I were the only firemen to respond. Andy was on the truck with us and we thought the fire was completely out. Then we could see heat waves going over the top of a rock hill. It was a flame. We took off after it and ran over a little washboard at the top of the hill that caused the truck to bounce a little. Andy started hollering, 'Stop! Stop! Let me off, you crazy guys!'" Favorite meal - Roast beef. Favorite dessert - No sugar. First job - Milking cows as early as 4:30 a.m.

What do you miss about being a kid - Not a dang thing. Herbie noted that he was most inspired by Joe or John Fisher. He said, "We lived along the railroad and a train started a fire. The Fire Department was called and one of them came on an old Army truck. (I was about nine years old and Mother had three kids younger than me in the house.) The fireman asked, 'Can you drive?' I said, 'No, but my mother can.' He said to go get her. She drove the truck and he shot the water. They put the fire out."

Herbie also commented, "Early in life, I've learned that something people want and need is help when they make the call. One of my goals has been to do whatever I could do to get them the help as soon as possible."



Jimmy Green

Jimmy Green and his wife Brenda have three children - Blake Green of Nocona, Tiffany Crouch of Lakeway, and Colby Richey of San Antonio.

Gary's parents are Kenneth Hacker and Wanda Hacker. His children are Mandy, Makayla, and Douglas. He is employed by the City of Muenster. Hobbies enjoyed by Gary include hunting, fishing, and catching critters. Fried chicken is his favorite food with no bake cookies for dessert.



Nolan Hartman

Nolan Hartman joined the Muenster VFD in July 2008. His parents are Kenny and Rhonda Hartman. Nortex Communications is Nolan's employer. His hobbies include hunting, golfing, and jeeping.



Doug Hennigan

In 2003, Doug Hennigan became a member of the Muenster VFD. He said he joined, "To help serve my community."

Doug's wife is Nicole and their children are Austin, Lydia, Hunter, Zach, Claudia, Caroline, and newborn Emma. Hobbies enjoyed by Doug include hunting, fishing, and gardening. He is employed at Fischer's Meat Market.

Favorite Meal - Tacos. Favorite dessert - Chocolate Delight. Very favorite song - "Kashmir" by Led Zeppelin. First job - Chopping weeds. What do you miss about being a kid - No worries. Doug said that he is most



Shaw Henscheid

Shaw Henscheid became a member of the Muenster VFD in August 1980. He is married to Kyla and their children are son Jordan and daughter Stephanie and her husband Daniel McGrew and their child Landry.

Superior Machining employs Shaw in Shipping and Receiving. Hobbies enjoyed by Shaw include jeepin', gardening, and guitar pickin'. Favorite meal - KFC (Kyla Fried Chicken). Favorite dessert - Any.

Practice fire safety

Home fires can start and spread quickly, which is why we all need to be careful and educated when it comes to fire safety. Just a little bit of planning can make a big difference for your family.

Working smoke alarms reduce the chances of dying in a fire by nearly 50%. They are a critical first step for staying safe, but in order to be effective, they have to be working properly. For the best protection, install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping area.

Teach kids never to play with matches and lighters. Make a habit of plac-

Top Tips

ing these items up and away from young children.

Create and practice a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room in case of a fire. Get a stopwatch and time how fast your family can escape. The kids will love it.

Children should know how to respond to the sound of a smoke alarm. Teach them to get low and get out when they hear it. A child who is coached properly ahead of time will have a better chance to be safe.

Use common sense in the kitchen. Limit distractions when cooking and don't leave a hot oven or stovetop unattended.

Blow out candles before you leave the room or before you go to sleep.

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