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City suspends green program to save some green

By Janet Felderhoff

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Those who have gotten accustomed to recycling will
again have to find another
source for their recyclables or
suspend the practice. At the
Monday, Jan. 4 City Council
meeting, by a unanimous
vote, the Council decided to
suspend the service until the
market for recycled products
goes up.

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Currently, the City is paying \$428 every two weeks to have the recycling container emptied.
The City published survey questions in the newspaper

The City published survey questions in the newspaper for two weeks in hope that the public would make their wishes known regarding the recycling program. There were 19 who responded. Of that number, eight or 43% were for suspending it for now, 30% agreed to raise the price to cover curb side recycling, and 27% said to leave it like it is. According to City Administrator Stan Endres, "The majority then are saying that they would rather suspend it until the market increases."

increases."
Endres noted that when IESI conducted a survey last year, questionnaires were mailed to every residence in town (around 600). There were about 100 replies.
Endres suggested moving the container to an area where it would be locked up except for certain times such as Saturday mornings. He felt that would cut back on the amount put in it and also help cut back on out-of-town people using it.

Mayor John Pagel asked what was the purpose or objective of doing the recycling.

Alderman Greg Bohl replied, "The public relations positive is that we're continuing a recycling program for Keep Muenster Beautiful and not killing it." Endres said that IESI assured him that the items do get recycled, and they should begin to get a small amount back.

To do curb side recycling would cost \$6 per month per residence. Pagel estimated the cost of the current recycling method is about \$1.50 per resident water meter. That amount could be added to the water-sewer meter to cover the cost.

Endres added, "If you do it, like Joey said, you're making Muenster look green or try-

Endres added, If you do it, like Joey said, you're making Muenster look green or trying to help the environment. Whether it's worth the cost or not, I don't know. I really think that we are getting a bunch of stuff from out of town."

town."
Endres suggested suspending the program and wait to see if there is an out-

wait to see if there is an outcry.

Mayor Pagel suggested they might add the \$1.50 to each meter bill. Aldermen Jewel Otto and Jack Flusche said that meant the City would still be paying for somebody else's use. Pagel said he didn't care about that. Flusche said he did. Flusche made a motion to suspend the recycling container to a later date to see if the market comes back

the motion.
Muenster Police Chief Bob
Stovall gave the quarterly

and control it better in the future if needed. Alderman Pat Stelzer made the second. Otto, Bohl, and Joey Anderson joined them in voting for the motion.

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burglars had been jailed in the past week. One is in the Denison Jail and the others are in the Cooke County Jail.

The Council proclaimed Jan. 16 as Muenster Knights
of Columbus Day. Mayor

Pagel read a proclamation congratulating Muenster Knights of Columbus Council #1459 on 100 years of inspiring spirit, dedicated works, and overwhelming generosity in Muenster. He urged See CITY pg. 3

There's a big, new fire truck in town



Muenster Volunteer Fire Department members were excited this week to finally see their new fire truck in Muenster. They purchased a 7500, SBA, 6x4, International Truck last summer and sent it to Waco to have a 2500 gallon tank with a 1250 gallon per minute pump built onto it. The finished truck is now being equipped with hoses and other necessities. It should be ready for use in a few weeks. Fireman Neal Flusche is pictured. He is a member of the MVFD Fire truck Committee.

Janie Hartman photo



Blowing snow collected on roadways across Cooke County on Christmas Eve, causing problems for those needing to travel. Top photo shows a county road before it was cleared for travel. Those who tried found snowdrifts too deep to get through with a vehicle. A single lane was opened later on Christmas morning, allowing some vehicles to get through. Janet Felderhoff photo. The photo below was taken by Precinct #4 Road Foreman Billy Poyner after the Precinct's crew pushed snow to create a path for vehicles to safely pass through. Without the sacrifice of County employees working over the holiday and weekend and neighbors with heavy equipment giving their time, many roads would have been impassable until sometime Monday. Also, all County volunteer fire departments were busy rescuing stranded travelers on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.



County Primary candidates announced

There will be several contested positions for the March Primaries this year. The deadline to file for a position was Monday, Jan. 4.

The list of candidates is as follows:

County Judge - John O. Roane, incumbent, Republi-

Hughes, Republican (District Clerk Pat Payne did not file for re-election);

file for re-election);
County Clerk - Rebecca
Lawson, incumbent, Republican and Rheta Gilmore,
Republican;
County Treasurer - Judy

Hunter,

can;
County Court At Law
Judge - John H. Morris, incumbent, Republican;
District Clerk - Susan
B.C. Lemons, Republican;

County Commissioner recinct #4 - Leon Klerecinct #4 - Leon Kle-nent, incumbent, Repub-ican and Jimmy Mosman, Republican

lican and Jimmy Mosman,
Republican;
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 1 - Dorthy Lewis,
incumbent, Republican;
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 4 Jason Brinkley,
incumbent, Republican;
County Surveyor - Delbert West, incumbent, Democrat.

Snowstorm blasts area on night of Christmas Eve

Mother Nature took a notion to decorate for Christmas this year, and she chose snow as the theme. Snowflakes began falling on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. By evening, winds had whipped snowdrifts into swirled mounds, frosted windows with white glaze, sprayed trees white, and created a winter wonderland. That was the positive side. Also, blowing snow created drifts on roads so high that vehicles could not get through and caused hazardous driving on some roadways, impeding travel to and from Christmas celebrations or church services. Visibility for driving was also poor during the worst hours of the storm.

In Cooke County, Precincts #4 and #3 took the brunt of the snowstorm. Reports were of four to eight inches of snow. Montague County and west received more snow and had much more difficulty with road conditions.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement reported that his crew wasn't called out on Christmas Day and on Saturday. Precinct #4 has four pieces of equipment capable of moving snow - two rubber tire loaders, a snow plow, and a dozer. Four people worked

running the four pieces of equipment.

"We called a lot of people on Friday and Saturday to find out where the real bad spots were," noted Klement. "They were north of Lindsay, north of Muenster, some bad ones north of Marysville towards Sivells Bend." He said the worst they saw were north and northwest of Muenster.

"We had a lot of folks who took their tractors and stuff out and helped people out," remarked Klement. "We had several farmers who were out blading their own roads and other people's roads before we could get to them. One gentleman took his dozer out and worked all day in an open dozer on Christmas Day. He didn't have a cab or anything. He was out there in the freezing cold all day long just pushing roads open for people.

"As far as our hands are concerned, we didn't have any trouble. We just have four pieces of equipment that we could push snow with, so we had four people each day and didn't have any trouble. The hands were more than happy to help out. They gave up their Christmas and the day after.

"The next bad thing is the roads are going to be just devastated when this is over

Search continues for MISD superintendent

Muenster ISD continues to operate under the leadership of Interim Superintendent Steve Cooper. The search progresses for a superintendent to fill the position left vacant by John Kaufman. The Muenster School Board, as of the Dec. 16 meeting, had 18 applications for the job. The Board did approve extra days as needed for the interim, at the same daily rate of \$370.

In other business, the Board approved personnel stipends for the Exemplary ratings the District received.

Certified teachers (professional personnel) received \$300 for each Exemplary rating, All support staff receiving \$250 for any Exemplary rating.

Other actions items:

Purchase of new Suburban tabled to next meeting.

Approved resignation of John Kaufman.

Purchase of 60 lockers for field house tabled until next meeting.

Certified teachers (professional personnel) received \$300 for each Exemplary rating (\$300 for district rating, plus \$300 for campus rating). All support staff received \$125 for each Exemplary rating, with the

Approval of District and Campus Improvement Plans for 2009-10.
 Approved transfer of \$10,863.00 to cover drainage work done in September and October.

Lefemotion, itoms, dis-

Information items dis-cussed by the Board includ-ed:

• A Nocona person is inter-ested in listing old cafeteria equipment for sale on eBay,

equipment for sale on edge, for a percentage.

• Proposed changes for 2010-11 school year to move designated course work from high school to junior high

See MISD pg. 4

Juanita Stevens Bengfort 1930 - 2009

Funeral Mass for Juanita
Stevens Bengfort, age 79
of Lindsay, was held at 10
a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at St.
Mary's Catholic Church with
Fr. Ken Robinson officiating.
Burial was in St. Peter's
Cemetery in Lindsay. A rosary, followed by a visitation,
was held Monday, Jan. 4 at
Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Mrs. Bengfort died
Dec. 31, 2009 at Denton Regional Medical Center.

Juanita was born Aug. 10,
1930 to Daughtry and Mae
Summers Stevens in Denton
County. After raising eight
children, Juanita had not
tired of giving, which led her
to devote a large part of her
life to numerous volunteer
and charitable organizations
including the American Cancer Society, Church Women
United, St. Anne Society,
AARP, Habitat for Humanity, and Home Hospice of

Marie E. Zimmerer 1921 - 2009



She worked as a cook and manager at Lindsay ISD for many years. She was an ac-tive member of St. Peter's Parish, St. Anne's Society, AARP Chapter of Gaines-ville, and participated in all kinds of activities.

Mina Scribner 1921 - 2010

Mina Belle Scribner of Muenster died at the age of 89 at Whitesboro Health and Rehab on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010. Services will be held at a later date.

Born Aug. 6, 1921 in Eldorado, Kansas to Virgil and Sena Randall Doornbos, Mina married Forest "Bus" Scribner on April 26, 1941 in Wichita, Kansas. She was a

Glen L. Cathey 1926 - 2009

Glen Cathey of Simonton died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009. to Interment will be held in Lindsay at a later date and time to be announced. Glen was born March 19, 1926 in Ada, Oklahoma to Pat and Leona Cathey. He entered WWII at the age of 17, serving in the Pacific. Glen married Ginger "Myrtle" Friske. They moved to Los Angeles, California, After his retirement from Sinclair Oil Co., he moved to Muenster and married Rosa-





Margaret Koerner 1911 - 2009

Mass of Christian Burial for Margaret Zimmerer Koerner of Lindsay was held Monday, Dec. 28 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay with Fr. Raymond McDaniel officiating. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery. Mrs. Koerner died at age 98 on Dec. 23, 2009 at her home in Lindsay. A lifelong resident of Lindsay and member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, she was born July 21, 1911 to John and Katie Kemp Zimmerer, the fourth of eight children. She was a member of St. Anne's Society and a cook at Lindsay ISD for many years. On March 26, 1940, she married Joe Koerner in St. Peter's Church. Margaret and Joe did not have children, but their nieces and nephews were like their own children.

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Margaret was known all over Lindsay for her tatting and quilts. Many of these are now treasures of her nieces and nephews.

Margaret's baby sister Marie and her husband Julius lovingly took care of her for 28 years. After Julius passed, Marie and Margaret became two loving souls caring for each other.

Survivors are her sister Marie Sandmann of Lindsay and numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-greatnieces and nephews, and great-greatnieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joe, her parents, and by her riblings Lizzie Moster, Andrew, Norbert, Joe, Louise, and Raymond.

The evening preceding the day of the funeral, a Rosary and vigil led by Fr. McDaniel was held at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. A family Rosary and Divine Mercy

Sacristan was Skipper Bezner.

The First and Second Readings and the Prayers of the Faithful were read by Willard Zimmerer, a nephew. Offertory gifts of the precious bread and wine and a rosary were presented by her Godchildren Leroy Sandmann, Arnold Zimmerer, and Jolene Zimmerer. Eucharistic minister was nephew Larry Sandmann.

Music was provided by the Saint Ceclia Choir of St. Peter's Church. Songs included "Softly and Tenderly," "On Eagles Wings," "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," and "Amazing Grace."

The eulogy was presented by Willard Zimmerer who said, in part... "Margaret was a very loving 'and kind lady. She was very dedicated to the Rosary. She would always welcome you into her home with open arms, and you never left her home without her beautiful tatting, cookies, and sometimes homemade quilts. She let you know also that she said a Rosary for you that day. We will miss her deeply, especially her loving sister and caregiver Marie, and her mieces and nephews. Merry Christmas Aunt Margaret!"

Burial in St Peter's Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Leslie Sandmann, Ronald Zimmerer, Ray Zimmerer, and Rick Sandmann.

Michael Hogan 1953 - 2009

Funeral Services for Michael Jay Hogan, age 56 of Gainesville, were held Saturday, Dec. 26 at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Muenster. Burial was in Hardy Cemetery in the Hardy Community in Montague County. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Mr. Hogan died at 5:55 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009 in Springfield, Missouri.

Visitation was held Friday, Dec. 25 at the funeral home. Michael was born Jan. 1, 1953 in Muenster, one of the four children of Jack and Tommie Mitchell Hogan and a twin brother of Patricia. The family resided in Saint Jo where Michael grew up and graduated high school in 1972. He then attended a local college for awhile before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1974. He served in the Navy six years, a part of which was during the Vietnam War. While in school, Mike played drums with the family band at the age of nine. They often played at home together and the band played for many dances and family gatherings. Mike really enjoyed music (as did the whole family) almost his entire life, only quitting because of failing health. He was most noted for drum playing, but could, and did, play almost any instrument. He loved

Laura Bryant 1917 - 2009

Funeral services for Laura Bryant, 92, were held Thurs-day, Dec. 31, at Clement-Keel Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Glenn Kersey, pastor of First Baptist Church Valley View officiating. Visitation was Wednesday evening at the funeral home. Mrs. Bry-

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ant died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009 at her residence in Valley View.

Laura was born in Terrell to John and Flora (West) Bryant on Nov. 24, 1917. She was a member of First Baptist Church Valley View where she served as a nursery worker for 38 years. She was employed by Valley View ISD for 33 years in the school cafeteria before retiring.

Survivors are sisters Betty Calhoun of Greenwood and Dorothy Hughes of Fort Worth; nieces Lana Wolf of Muenster and Katie Stevens of Decatur; nephews Larry Bryant and Donald Bryant, both of Valley View, James Calhoun of Krum, and Jimmy Lynn Bryant of Forestburg.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents and

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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	VFW mtg 7:30 pm	MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 pm SH Alumni & Supporters mtg. 8 pm SNAP room Religious Ed class 7pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center, speaker - Brenda Thompson, Weinhoff Winery	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Historical Commission Mtg. 8 am, Rohmer's	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Library open 10:30 am-2;30 pm Muenster K of C Cenntenial Celebration
Sunday, January 17, 2010	Monday, January 18, 2010	Tuesday, January 19, 2010	Wednesday, January 20, 2010	Thursday, January 21, 2010	Friday, January 22, 2010	Saturday, January 23, 2010
	VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm SHCS NO classes-teacher work day	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 1;30 -5;30 pm Religious Ed Mass 7 pm Kiwanis Mtg. noon, Center, speaker-Sheriff Mike Compton	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Library open 10:30 am-2:30 pm

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Obituaries

Lorraine Mitchell 1912 - 2010

Lorraine Keltner Mitchell was born to Howard Lee and Ora Nelson Keltner on the family farm in Sivells Bend on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1912, the seventh of 13 siblings. The first of her family to graduate high school, she then became a nanny for a local family before marrying Fred L. Mitchell on Dec. 25, 1934 in a double wedding with her sister Clara.

Active in Grand Avenue Baptist Church for many years, the couple moved their membership to First Baptist Church in the early 1970s. Lorraine attended every week and was active in her Sunday School Class. While she was able, Lorraine visited the sick and shurin members of her class along with other friends.

Lorraine loved family gatherings and to have her family around her. Awonderful cook, she was best known for her homemade biscuits, hot rolls, cornbread, and chocolate pie.

In 1959, Lorraine achieved her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. Beginning her nursing career at the dold Gainesville Sanitarium, she then did private duty nursing before finishing up her nursing career at the tenn o'Neal Street. Not satisfied with retirement, she worked in the garden department at WalMart for several years.

Lorraine was a faithful

Flower Mound; sister Nina Tamplin of Gainesville; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

grandchildren.
Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers Guy, Ilus, Estel, Roy, John, LeMoyne, and Baby T.J. Keltner; her sisters Mary Hurt, Lee Beaver, Clara Coulter, and Inez Dvorack; granddaughter Vanessa Mott Swain; and daughter-in-law Jackie Yates Mitchell.
Services were Wednes-

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 6 at First Baptist Church. If desired, donations may be made to Good Samaritan Denton Village or American Hospice of Denton.

DAYS GONE BY

Jan. 5, 1945

Fines will be imposed on those who carelessly use fireworks; as occurred during the holiday season. William, little son of the Al Walterscheids, breaks arm at the elbow in fall on New Year's Day. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher and daughters have returned to Muenster to reside after living in Valley View for the past several years. A recent addition to the local fire department is 300 feet of new hose.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 8, 1960
Pagel's Store completes 50

25 YEARS AGO Jan. 4, 1985 Lindsay native Janelle

Haverkamp is the new County Attorney. Chas Bayer home wins Knights of Columbus Keeping Christ in Christmas contest; 2nd place goes to Harvey Schmitt and 3rd place goes to Ray Wilde. Obituaries: Genevieve Schilling, 101, Muenster's oldest resident; Jake Horn, 73; Larry Jones, 45. Leonard "Spike" Yosten honored with retirement party after 47 years with Trumter Petroleum. Weddings: Carolyn Luke and Michael Powell; Susan Felderhoff and Andrew Bezner. New Arrival: Patrick to Rudy and Claudia Zimmerer.

all citizens to celebrate with them on Jan. 16.

City businessman Roger Taylor addressed the Council regarding the comments he made at the December meeting in regard to lack of enforcement of the traffic law in Muenster. He said that there was a letter to the editor in the Muenster paper that really got him to thinking. The person asked why he bothered.

Taylor commented that he'd read a book, Do the Right Thing that said each of us, whatever our position in life, if we did the right thing there would be less need for government.

Taylor noted that he placed the blame on Chief Stovall because the buck stops with him because he knows the

ster. If we don't do the right things ourselves, if we don't expect the right things, then how can we expect you to do the right thing or how can we expect him to do the right thing?

"I'm trying to make it clear that this is not a vendetta against Bob Stovall."

He concluded that he was asking the Council and the Police Chief to do the right thing even if it meant that he would get a ticket.

Administrator Endres reported that the city crews have been working indoors

doing maintenance as much as possible with the ice and snow. They have been called on to repair water leaks and had to read water meters in the snow.

He said servicing equipment is something that Leo Lutkenhaus, public works director, has been making a good effort at and he expects to see expenses kept down with the greasing, oiling, and servicing of equipment.

After meeting in executive session, the Council voted to continue to pursue the

.cont. from pg. 1 purchase of eight plus acres west of the City Park.

Council:

* Approved payment of bills totaling \$107,157.75.

* Reappointed John Pagel, Henry Weinzapfel, and Stan Endres to two year terms on the Muenster Industrial Development Board. Other members now serving include Jack Flusche, Clinton Endres, Ben Bindel, and Troy Sicking. This Board oversees dispersion of the funds from the 4B Sales Tax.

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the recent loss of our beloved sister and aunt, Margaret Zimmerer Koerner. We sincerely appreciate the cards, flowers, and Mass

offerings, the food and kind words, and charitable contributions Thank you to Father McDaniel and the Saint Cecilia Choir of

Lindsay, and for the wonderful meal prepared by the Saint Anne's

A special thank you to the Lindsay Rock Youth group, who came by to Christmas carol the evening before Aunt Margaret's death. Thank you for lifting her spirits!! What a special ministry these youth do fo the elderly. You made her last evening here on earth so very special. May God reward you for your kindness. Thanks to all for remembering Margaret

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isischer's employees Breanna Fleitman, back, and Stephanie Hoenig, front, stock shelves Wednesday norning before the predicted Arctic Freeze hits Texas with its shivering temperatures that may drop nto the single digits. TxDOT planned to run courtesy patrols on Jan. 6, 7, and 8 from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. on maintenance sections along US 287, 1-44, and 1-35. Patrols will check on stranded motorists and offer siststance. Patrols are initiated once temperatures are forecast to drop into the teens. Patrols will be ispatched out of Vernon, Electra, Wichita Falls, Henrietta, Bowie, Nocona, and Gainesville.

Janie Hartman photo

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school level and approve dual credit course work on high school level.

• Informed Board that January is School Board Recognition Month.

• Update on construction items - curb is complete east and north of cafetorium. Needs grass in back fill area. Cages are painted and culverts complete. Basketball goals need finished on play-

ground, and field house estimates are needed for completion.

Administration reports were given and delinquent tax collection for November totaled \$2,661.36.

Before the business session, the Board recognized the Lady Hornets Cross Country Team and the Hornet Football Team. Thirteen athletes were present.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 11 - 15 MUENSTER ISD

Moenster isD Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili and cheese, macaroni and neese, pinto beans, pears,

cheese, pinto beans, pears, muffins.

Tues. - Salisbury steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, crackers, apples, cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, mixed fruit, hot rolls.

Fri. - Pizza hot pockets, lettuce salad w/dressing, carrots, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.

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SACRED HEART

Mon. - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, peaches, wheat crackers.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, carrots, pears, bread.

Wed. - Beef spaghetti, green beans, apricots, garlic bread.

Thurs. - Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, hot apple slices, bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, oven fries, cherry cobbler. hri. mings, oven cobbler. LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken crispitos wicheese sticks, pinto beans, Spanish rice, applesauce.

Tues. - Chicken noodle soup, lettuce salad, strawberries, chocolate cake.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich witrimmings, potato chips, fresh fruit, Sunkist fruit snacks.

Thurs. - Lasagna, green beans, lettuce salad, peaches, breadstick.

Fri. - Hamburgers witrimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Hamburgers sliced cheese, fruit mix, trimmings, tator tots.

Tues. - Chicken tacos, corn, mandarin oranges, sopapillas.

Wed. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, corn, pears, cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken fajitas, bell pepper and onion, pinto beans, cornbread, pineapple.

Fri. - Bacon cheeseburgers, potato wedges, strawberries, ice cream.

Winter
Make sure that water pipes near outside walls are well insulated. Repair any leaks which may expose pipes to cold air. Place insulating covers over exterior faucets.

National Weather Service.

Gehrig, Roane featured speakers

at December Kiwanis meetings

Members of the Muenster Kiwanis organization meet each Wednesday at noon in The Center Restaurant. They often have guest speakers. On Dec. 23, Michael Gehrig, P.G., P.E., a licensed geophysicist and engineer with the State of Texas, gave a presentation on local geologic conditions. He explored the Muenster Arch and its relevance to oil and gas exploration for Muenster as compared to the Barnett Shale and that area. Gehrig, Inc. uses the latest hardware and software technologies including seismic profiling, geo-electrical imaging, ground penetrat-

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All-Saints Medical Center in
Fort Worth. He weighed 8
lb., 8 oz. and was 20 inches
long. Paternal grandparents
are Rick and Sue Tuggle of
Saint Jo. Maternal grandparents are Kathy Dennis of
Saint Jo. and Doug and Sharon Roof of Springtown. Paternal great-grandparents
are Pearl Tuggle of Saint Jo.
and the late Jack Tuggle and
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and the late Virgil Welch.

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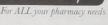
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SPORTS

Sacred Heart & Lindsay split the court - again

a loss.

The Tigerettes came up short against the Lady Knights, the second time in less than two weeks, losing 44-32.

"We showed some signs of improvement," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur, noting a good effort by Kaitlin Hesse. The Tigerettes turned the ball over 23 times.

The Tigerettes started slow, but picked up the pace the 2nd quarter to get back into the game in the 65-53 win over the Knights.

"Coach Short had his idids ready. That is the most points we have given up in a half all season," commented Coach Jon.

Kevin Kulle led the Tigers with 33 points and seven with 33 points and seven

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Scoring for Sacred Heart
was Raynee Hogan with 8
points. Kristin LeBrasseur
added 7, Karli Anderle 5,
Kaitlin Hesse and Rebekah
Hesse 3 apiece, and 2 each
by Mikaela Bartush, Sydney Hoedebeck, and Kelsey

half all season," commented Coach Jon.
Kevin Kulle led the Tigers with 33 points and seven rebounds. John Krawietz added 12, Patrick Mojica 10, Kyle Knabe 8, and Jae Im 2. Mojica also had nine assists and six steals.

SH 12 25 11 17 65 L 21 14 10 8 53



A good defensive play by Tiger Kyle Knabe (40) was whistled a foul, allowing Knight Ryan Haverkamp (5) two free shots. Janie Hartman photo

January 2010 continues Muenster basketball action

On Dec. 29, the Lady Hornets of Muenster defeated the Prairiland girls 56-34 to improve their record to 13-6. Muenster took a commanding 36-14 lead at halftime.

Shaina Felderhoff and Taylor Klement were high scorers with 11 points each. Demi Koelzer added 10, Lia Heers 8, Lana Heers 6, Leaha Smith 4, and 2 apiece by Allison Pagel, Emily Hellman, and Jackie Klement.

M 19 17 7 13 56 P 7 7 10 10 34

The Hornets were handed a 45-37 loss by Nocona on Jan. 2, to drop their record to 11-5. Jason Luke led the scoring with 10. Josiah Flaming added 6, Scott Porter 5, Tyler Anderle and Eric Hellman 4 each, Shane Presnall 3, Andy Flusche and Garrett Walterscheid 2 apiece, and Aaron Flusche 1 point.

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N 11 14 9 11 45

11 6 7 13 37 11 14 9 11 45

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, the Hornets hosted the #3 ranked 1A team, the Poolville Monarchs, in a close battle. The Hornets pulled off an upset with a 39-35 winning score. Flaming came up big, hitting a 3 point basket with 35 seconds left in the game, to put the Hornets up by 1. Walterscheid and Aaron Flusche each hit big free throws in the remaining seconds for the final score.

Scoring for Muenster were Porter 10, Hellman 7, Luke 6, Presnall and Walterscheid 5 each, Flaming 3, Anderle 2, and Flusche 1.

M 11 9 5 14 39
P 12 8 9 6 35
On Tuesday, the Lady Hornets traveled south and brought home a 67-37 win over Dallas Gateway Charter Academy. T. Klement led the point making with 18. Felderhoff added 10, Koelzer 8, J. Klement 7, Lia Heers and Pagel 5 each, Lana Heers and Smith 4 apiece, and 2 each by Hellman, Delana Rohmer, and Bianca Velasquez.

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Delana Ro... Velasquez. M 18 11 13 25 67 C 8 11 9 9 37

Sacred Heart teams part of Classic

The Sacred Heart varsity basketball teams competed in the NCTC Holiday Classic last week along with 14 other teams from eight schools. The Callisburg boys and Howe girls took home the Championship trophies. The Tigers of Sacred Heart finished in 3rd place, while the Tigerettes settled for 4th.

Action began Monday, Dec. 28 with the Tigerettes taking a big 61-47 win from the Lady Rams of S&S. "We got to shake some rust off after the long lay-off," noted Coach Jon on the Tigerettes' 59-52 loss. "When your opponent makes more free throws than you do, in most situations, the rigerettes taking a big 61-47 win from the Lady Rams of S&S. "We got to shake some rust off after the long lay-off," noted Coach Jon on the Tigerettes' 59-52 loss. "When your opponent makes more free throws than you do, in most situations, the vice with 12 points. Anderle and Hoedebeck each added 8, R. Hesse and LeBrasseur 7 each, Kaitlin Hesse 6, and Mikaela Bartush 4.

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after the long lay-off," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur.
Scoring double digits were Karli Anderle, Kristin LeBrasseur, and Sydney Hoedebeck with 17, 15, and 14 points. Rebekah Hesse added 6, Kelsey Reeves 5, and Raney Hogan 4.

SH 19 14 12 16 61
SS 6 10 14 17 47
Some good minutes from Garrett Berend and JaeKook Im and some good defensive play from Ian Barnhill and Matt Hesse were positive things towards the Tigers' 64-35 win over the Rams.
Kevin Kulle led the scoring with 15 points. Im added 10, with John Krawietz and Patrick Mojica each adding 9. Berend dropped in 8, Kyle Knabe 6, Barnhill 5, and Greyson Evans 2 for the Tigers.
SH 8 24 20 12 64

outcome is not in your lavor."

Hogan was high scorer with 12 points. Anderle and Hoedebeck each added 8, R. Hesse and LeBrasseur 7 each, Kaitlin Hesse 6, and Mikaela Bartush 4.

SH 13 10 17 12 52 C 12 17 14 16 59 "It's frustrating when you play outstanding defense for 7 minutes of the period, and then give up three lay-ups in the final minute," noted Coach LeBrasseur in the Tigers' 61-58 loss to the Wildcats.

Kulle dropped in 29 points

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SH 8 24 20 12 64
SS 4 11 8 12 35
On Tuesday, both Sacred Heart teams were defeated

improvement," said the Tiger coach.

Kulle led the team with 33 points and 14 rebounds. Krawietz added 18 points, Knabe 6, Barnhill 5, and 2 apiece by Mojica and Evans.

SH 16 16 14 20 66

L 11 21 8 10 50

Karli Anderle and Kevin Kulle were named to the All-Tournament Team.

All-Academic All-Stars from Sacred Heart were Ian Barnhill, Chad Henscheid, JaeKook Im, John Krawietz, Kevin Kulle, Kristin LeBrasseur, and David Miller.

Hornets in Jacksboro round robin tournament

The Muenster Hornets competed in the Jacksboro Tournament over the holiday break, winning three of

Tournament over the holiday break, winning three of four games.

In game one, the Hornets took a commanding lead to start the game at 17-3 over Henrietta, who could not overcome Eric Hellman, who had a game leading 24 points in Muenster's 51-34 win.

Jason Luke added 8, with Scott Porter, Tyler Anderle, and Andy Flusche each adding 4. Josiah Flaming scored 3, with Garrett Walterscheid and Shane Presnall each getting 2.

M 15 11 7 18 51

M 15 11 7 18 **51 H** 3 13 11 10 **37**

The Hornets played the Quanah Indians in round two, taking an early lead and never looking back. Porter and Flusche had their best scoring games of the season with 14 and 7 points. Coach Courtney Christenson noted that Hellman was solid inside all game long, and Flaming came up big from the outside. Hellman scored 14, Flaming 8. Also putting winning points on the board were Walterscheid with 10, Luke 5, and 2 apiece by Presnall and Anderle.

M 17 17 15 13 62
Q 8 7 13 10 38

On Wednesday, the Hornets faced Jacksboro and Wichita Fall City View. Game results were not available.

Sacred Heart gets two District wins

The Tigers and Tigerettes opened District play last Saturday with wins over Denton

Lady Hornets

portant District is and they both had nice games."

Kristin LeBrasseur scored 37 points with nine steals, and Raney Hogan. 16 points and 11 rebounds. Sydney Hoedebeck added 10, Karli Anderle 7, Mikaela Bartush 6, and Kaitlyn Hesse 3. Rebekah Hesse had 10 assists.

SH 19 24 18 18 79
DC 10 11 6 11 38
The Tigers took a commanding 77-29 win over the team from Denton. "We were not very sharp offensively, but our defense continues to play well," LeBrasseur commented.

Nine Tigers put points on the board, led by John Krawietz with 15. Greyson Evans and Kevin Kulle each added 10, David Miller 9, Kyle Knabe and Patrick Mojica 8 each, Ian Barnhill 7, Garrett Berend 6, and Matt Hesse 4.

SH 25 22 12 18 77
DC 1 4 10 14 29

Hornets take big win over Graford.

The Muenster offense controlled the boards, while the defense held Graford to single digit quarter scores in the Lady Hornet's Dec. 22 72-23 victory over Graford.

Ten Muenster girls scored of with 15 points. Taylor Klement and Jackie Klement each added 11, with Lana Heers and Deni Koelzer both scoring 10. Lia Heers put in 6 points, Leaha Smith 4, 2 apiece by Emily Hellman and Delana Rohmer, and 1 point by Allison Pagel.

SH 25 22 12 18 77
DC 1 4 10 14 29

Hornets split pre-Christmas games

The varsity Hornets of Muenster lost one, won one before the Christmas break. On Dec. 21, Muenster lost to Ector in the last quarter to a 62-54 final score.

Garrett Walterscheid and Jason Luke, each scored 11 points, with Eric Hellman adding 10, Josiah Flaming 9, Shane Presnall 7, Tyler Anderle 5, and Aaron Flusche 1.

M 14 14 14 12 54 E 11 11 14 26 62 The next afternoon, the Hornets hosted Graford, taking a 45-37 win from the visitors.

visitors.

Hellman led Muenster's scoring with 14. Walterscheid and Luke each added 9. Presnall scored 4, and Flaming 3, with Porter, Anderle, and Flusche each adding 2.

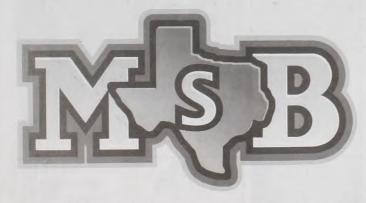
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Lady **Knights** earn All-State volleyball honors

Three Lindsay Lady Knight Volleyball Team members were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association 2009 All-State Volleyball Team. Making First Team were Brenna Minar, setter, and Kaylee Murphree, middle blocker/outside hitter, earned a place on the Second Team.

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Muenster vs Ector
On Dec. 21, the JV Hornets pulled out a 55-50 win over Ector. A 20-9 final quarter gave Muenster the victory. Blake Grewing hit six 3s and was four of five from the free throw line to lead the Hornets with 28 points. Landon Presnall added 12, Hunter Klement 9, Trevor Hess 3, Andy Flusche 2, and JJ Horsman 1.

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Muenster vs Graford
The young Hornets took
a 52-26 victory from Graford on Dec. 22. Grewing
again led the scoring with 24
points, again dropping in six

3-pointers. Horsman added 9, Presnall 5, Hess 4, Klement and Hunter Hennigan 3 apiece, and 2 each by Tyler Nelson and Blayne Styles. M 9 19 8 16 52 G 5 10 7 4 26 Sacred Heart vs Calvary

The JV Tigers took a 42-28 victory from Denton Calvary on Saturday, Jan. 2. Ryan Felderhoff was high scorer with 19 points. Chad Walterscheid added 8, John Paul Hesse 6, Austin Aldriedge 4, Austin Springer 3, and AJ Miller 2.

SH 20 15 5 2 42
C 3 9 11 5 28
Lindsay vs Bowie
The JV Lindsay Lady

Canyon Creek earns **National Championship**

Richardson Canyon Creek Christian Academy, the team that knocked the Sacred Heart Tigers out of the playoffs and won the TAPPS Division IV State football title, was named a National Champion, according to an article in the Dec. 22 Dallas Morning News.

The Cougars were voted the National Private School Athletic Association's top football team.

Canyon Creek won the State title for the second straight year, finishing with an undefeated 13-0 record.

Knights took on the Lady Rabbits of Bowie and came away with a 38-27 win. Ka-tie Arendt was the leading scorer for the Lady Knights with 15 points. Lucinda Krahl added 8, with Jordan Fleitman and Taylor Atkins each scoring 7, and Megan Schumacher 1.

each scoring 1, and Megan Schumacher 1.

Muenster vs Gateway
The JV Lady Hornets had
10 players put points on the
board in Muenster's 69-31
win over Dallas Gateway.
Lauren Rohmer led the scoring with 11. Paige Herr added 9, Amber Walterscheid
and Michelle Sicking 8 each,
Olivia Haverkamp 7, Kalyn
Dangelmayr, Andi Felderhoff, and Brooke Walterscheid 6 each, and 4 each by
Paige Hennigan and Shelby
Dangelmayr.

M 19 17 18 15 69
G 8 8 5 10 31
Sacred Heart vs Lindsay

G 8 8 5 10 31 Sacred Heart vs Lindsay

Sacred Heart vs Lindsay
The JV Tigers came up
short against Lindsay Tuesday 23-15. Scoring for Sacred
Heart were Ryan Felderhoff
with 5 points, Austin Springer 4, Chad Walterscheid 3,
Michael Weinzapfel 2, and
Josh Biffle 1.
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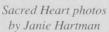
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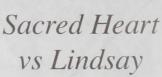
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By Janet Felderhoff

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Cooke County employees and their families will receive the benefit of another year in the CareFlite membership program. The cost is \$10 per employee per year, and for that cost, employee's household is also enrolled as members. There are 233 full and part-time employees of the County. According to James Swartz of CareFlite, when family is added in, the total number covered is 712. Enrollment is covered by the Employee Recognition Fund.
Commissioners Court agreed to renew the CareFlite EMS membership at its regular meeting om Monday, Dec. 28.
In 2009, the Cooke County mileage reimbursement rate was 55¢ per mile. It is determined by the rate set by the IRS. According to County Auditor Shelly Atteberry, the IRS rate for 2010 is dropping to 50¢ per mile. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the current IRS rate.
In other business conducted at the Dec. 28 meeting, Commissioners Court:

• Approved a contract with

Total Exploration, Inc. allowing them to conduct 3-D seismic field operations on CR 2845, 362, 345, and 347, located in Precinct #3.

• Approved an agreement between the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Data Exchange (TDEx), and Cooke County for the purpose of sharing information on the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) service.

• Approved IT Director Dana Sans to apply for E-Rate funding for the Cooke County Library.

• Approved indigent burial of Illeen C. O'Haver.

• Approved Dora Ward of Cooke County Library.

• Approved Library to apply for the Tocker Foundation 2010 TLA travel stipend to attend the Texas Library Association Conference.

• Approved Library Director Jennifer Johnson-Spence to apply for the Portal to Texas History grant.

• Approved professional services agreement between Cooke County and CHA of Sanger for construction materials testing of Morrow Road.

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viduals. It was a tremendous help."

Asked if he had to rescue a jolly man in a red suit, Al responded with a twinkle in his eyes, "I did see where the sleigh had landed two or three places, giving just a glancing blow. I even thought maybe once I saw it over around Walter Knight's house by the big radio tower."

Most of the drifts across roads in Precinct #3 ranged from three to four and a half or five feet deep, said Commissioner Smith. He said the deepest drifts were north of Muenster on CR 424, formerly known as Copperswitch, CR 355, and CR 426. "We didn't get those roads passable until late Saturday and then they were just passable by a lane because that's all we could do," he said.

Precinct #3 had crews out on Christmas Eve night, Christmas Day, and the day after. "We got most of the people who were totally snowbound where they could get out," Smith said. "Several people were snowed in. The worst of the storm was north and west of 1198. There were some homes that were totally snowed in on the east side, but the deeper snow was a wet, cold snow and to some made it a dream-come-true Christmas with everything cloaked in a white blanket.

Smith said, "Everybody just worked together - the fire departments, the citizens, the County. It was a beautiful thing actually."

County Judge John Roane observed, "There were at least five places hetween."

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County Judge John Roane observed,
"There were at least five places between
Gainesville and Valley View where people
went into that barrier there. So you can
imagine potentially how many really bad
accidents were averted by that barrier."

Snow fell on the area twice more before
the close of 2009 - on Tuesday, Dec. 29 and
Thursday, Dec. 31. Neither was heavy or of
the hindrance that came with the Christmas Eve blizzard.

Certainly, the snow brought back memories for many who had not seen such deep
snowdrifts in quite a few years. For the
younger generation, it was a glimpse of
what it really looked like when their parents or grandparents tell stories of snow
blizzards and bad weather years. Tuesday



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County Agent's Report

Laws and regulations reminder for TDA pesticide license holders
Around the first of every year, I begin to get quite a few questions concerning the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Private Applicator Pesticide license requirements. TDA requires private pesticide applicators to earn 15 hours of continuing education units every five years to maintain their licenses, including two hours of Laws & Regulations. Commercial and noncommercial licensees must obtain five hours each year including one hour from two of the three following categories: Laws & Regulations, Drift Minimization, or Integrated Pest Management.
License renewal dates
Many licenses expire in the end of February. This is because prior to Sept. 1, 2005, each commercial or noncommercial applicator's license expired at that time. Now, TDA has amended the rules to state that Private Applicator's licenses expire on the fifth anniversary of the date on which the license was issued or renewed. Commercial and noncommercial applicators licenses expire on the anniversary date every year.

No CEU carryover
Continuing Education

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Units (CEUs) must be acquired prior to renewal.

Extra CEU credit obtained in one renewal cycle cannot be forwarded and used in the next renewal cycle. If your license expires without your receiving the required CEUs, it is illegal to purchase or use restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides until you have become current on your education requirements.

CEU opportunities
Two educational programs

education requirements.

CEU opportunities

Two educational programs are planned for the month of February which will enable pesticide applicators to obtain CEUs. The first is on Feb. 2, offering three CEUs, and the second is on Feb. 18, with five CEUs being offered.

Red River Farm Co-op has planned and is hosting the program on Feb 2. It will be held at the Dutchman Banquet Room in Lindsay from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Speakers and topics include: Dr. Jack LeClair, DuPont Regional Rep., "Weed and Brush Species" (1 General CEU); Robert Cossar, Croplan Genetics Regional Agronomist, "Spray Drift Demonstration" (1 Drift CEU); Dale Strickler, Croplan Forage Product Specialist, "Sorghum Forages" (0.5 IPM CEU); and

Chris Hargrove, Croplan Seed Representative, "Variety Discussion" (0.5 IPM CEU). There will be a meal served and thus a Feb. 25 HARD DEADLINE for RSVP to (940) 665-4338.

Feb. 18 is the 7th Annual Tri-County Farmer and Rancher Symposium at NCTC Little Theater. This program is a combined effort of Montague, Grayson, and Cooke County Texas AgriLife Extension Services. The program will begin at 8:15 a.m. with registration and last until 3 p.m.

Speakers and topics will include: Dr. Jack LeClair, from DuPont with "the Pesticide Labeling Process" (1 Laws & Regs CEU); Ducks Unlimited Representative with "Agricultural Land and Wildlife" (1 General CEU); Dr. Karl Steddom, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Pathologist with "Fungal Diseases" (1 General CEU); Dr. Charles Allen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

entomologist, with "Insect Issues and Control" (1 IPM CEU); and David Annis, Samuel Roberts Nobel Foun-dation soil specialist, with "Feeding Your Pasture" (1 General CEU). Lunch will be served and there will be a \$10 fee payable at the door. Please RSVP for meal: (940) 668-5412. Dates to remember

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Dates to remember
Jan. 12 — Marketing Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Gainesville Farm Bureau Building.
Feb. 2 — Three hour CEU Program Sponsored by Red River Farm Co-op; Dutchman in Lindsay, 10-2:00 RSVP!
Feb. 9 — Foaling Seminar; Whitesboro — Details TBA.
Feb. 10 — Private Applicator License Training and Testing; Cooke County Library, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Feb. 18 — five hour CEU Program — TriCounty Farmer and Rancher Symposium, NCTC Little Theater, 8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m. - RSVP.

New laws to improve appraisal process went into effect Jan. 1

Gov. Rick Perry recently highlighted several new laws that went into effect Jan. 1, which institute important reforms to the appraisal process to help property taxpayers.

"In addition to cutting taxes for 40,000 small businesses and leaving billions of dollars in our Rainy Day Fund this last session, we also implemented measures that will provide greater protection for property owners by adding transparency and fairness to the appraisal process," Perry said.

HB 8 and 3612 by Rep. John Otto and SB 771 by Sen. Tommy Williams are among several bills that will improve the appraisal process, and include provisions that impose limits on what is considered a comparable sale for appraisal purposes; create an expedited arbitration process; and require substantial evidence to increase an appraisal after a successful appeal.

These changes will improve the fairness and accu-

racy of the appraisal process and increase the oversight of appraisal districts to ensure they are following uniform appraisal practices and pro-cedures.

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HB 1038 by Rep. Ken Paxton ensures appraisers continue to consider all comparable properties when appraising a home, including those recently sold at foreclosure or that have decreased in value.

Additional measures to strengthen the appraisal process include the passage of Propositions 2 and 3 by

Texas voters in November. Proposition 2 will ensure that residential property is appraised only based on its use as a homestead (instead of being appraised based on a hypothetical alternate use). Proposition 3 will allow the Legislature to adopt uniform statewide appraisal standards in the future. Both of these measures will increase transparency and accountability in the appraisal process.

TDA market recap

For the week ending Jan. 2, fed cattle prices were \$2 higher per hundredweight in light holiday-week trade. Higher beef prices contributed to the increase.

Corn and grain sorghum prices were higher amid ongoing concerns about the impact that Midwest storms have had on the corn acreage that remains to be harvested.

As for futures markets, feed cattle, Fed cattle, wheat, and corn ended the week higher, while lumber was lower.

Winter wheat was reported in mostly fair to good condition with 89% of the acreage emerged and 5% headed. Pastures were reported to be in mostly fair to poor condition with supplemental feed and protein needed in most areas.



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