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## Muenster Jaycees name Edgar Dyer as Outstanding Citizen

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Members of the Muenster Jaycees held their 43rd Annual Installation Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 26. Officially changing officers is the first order of business. At this time the organization also takes the opportunity to honor someone from the local community whom they feel has gone "above and beyond" in every day life.

The Jaycees chose Edgar Dyer for Outstanding Citizen this year. Jaycee Senator Wayne Klement introduced him. "Little acts of kindness, volunteering, helping a neighbor, friendly smile, lending an ear when needed—these describe our Outstanding Citizen," Klement reflected.

Klement noted that Dyer had guided and trained students in programs and projects in the Muenster High FFA Chapter and that many of the active farmers and ranchers in this area were in his classes. "This individual didn't just instruct how to treat animals and crops—he taught us how to treat our fellow man," said Klement.

"He is greatly respected by his past co-workers, past students, and present friends. 'What's said in Ag stays in Ag' will echo in this community for years to come!"

Dyer was born and raised in Honey Grove, Texas. He graduated from high school there in 1949. He farmed until January 1954 when he entered the Army. In January 1956 he began classes at East Texas State College in Commerce. He earned a degree with a major in vocational agriculture in 1959 and worked towards his Master's degree, which he received in August 1960.

In June 1959 Dyer was hired by Superintendent L.B. Bruns to teach vo-ag at Muenster High School. Muenster is where he and his wife, Carol, made their home and raised their three children, Lenzy, Lou, and Lyle. Edgar retired from Muenster ISD in May 1988. The couple now has five granddaughters.

Some other honors accrued by Dyer are being named Conservation Teacher of North Central Texas in 1968 by the Fort Worth Press and receiving the Muenster Knights of Columbus Good Neighbor Award in 1969.

Dyer is an avid sports fan, a gardener, and lawn-keeper.

Officers installed for 2005 are Chris Klement, president; Darren Bindel, first vice-president; Lucas Hartman, second vice-president; Justin Hartman, secretary; Tony Hartman, treasurer; Doug Hermes and Dave Flusche, fifth Thursday chairmen; directors Neal Flusche, Shawn Flusche, Mark Klement, John Bartush, and Adam Deweber; and Jody Felderhoff, state director. All officers, except the president, were installed by Wayne Klement. He then called his son, Chris, forward to be installed as president. "I'm very proud that my son saw the pride that I had in this organization," said Klement.

Before installing Chris, Wayne reminded him of all the activities and responsibilities he would be leading the Jaycees through in the coming year. "You'll also be working with a budget that makes our own state organization jealous—thanks to our community backing." Jaycee Senator Willie Fisher served as master of



An emotional Edgar Dyer accepts the 2005 Jaycee Outstanding Citizen Award. Janet Felderhoff photo

ceremonies for the evening's event. Justin Hartman offered the invocation and Darren Bindel led the pledge. Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel welcomed guests. He recalled the early days of the Muenster Jaycee organization and expressed pride that the group was still actively serving the community. He noted that much of what they do is without publicity.

Outgoing President Steven Knabe announced the winners of several awards. The Key Man and Outstanding Chairman awards are voted on by secret ballot of the Jaycee members. As president, Knabe selected the President's Partner recipient.

Darren Bindel accepted the Key Man Award. This honor is given to a member who is able to keep a meeting in

order, has the knowledge to complete many projects, is able to advise younger members on projects that they might want to undertake, listens to everyone, and is looked upon with respect by his fellow Jaycees.

Chris Klement was named Outstanding Chairman. This award is presented to someone who is able to take on a project and make it work, be successful with a project due to his leadership, and take pride in the project and work diligently with it. Among the projects chaired by Klement this past year was the Halloween Dance.

Knabe then revealed that he'd selected Chris Klement as his President's Partner. This award is given to the person the president feels has been most helpful to him during the year.

Steven Knabe was stepping down after two years of service as the Jaycee president. In his remarks, Knabe noted how quickly the past two years seem to have flown. "Seems that was because of being busy," he said. "We had a lot going on last year and our numbers show it. We gave away around

\$63,000 to various organizations, individuals, schools, etc. That doesn't even count the \$60,000 that we put into the baseball park." He added that they expect the additions to the baseball park to be ready for use this summer.

Knabe attributed the successful year to a number of factors. "We had a few new members join, we had existing members step up and take on more responsibility, we had good numbers at all our meetings which helped with ideas and spread out the work a little more," Knabe remarked. "All of this created record numbers in a couple of projects like the rifle raffle and golf tournament. All of this is a reflection of what kind of people we have in this organization and in our community."

Chris Klement spoke of some of his goals for the coming year. He hopes to bring in new members to increase the membership.

Lucas Hartman concluded the evening by leading the crowd in the recitation of the Jaycee Creed. The Jaycee motto is, "Service to humanity is the best work of life."

## Commissioners Court opposes lowering cap on property appraisals

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Cooke County Commissioners Court took a stand and expressed opposition to efforts by the Texas Legislature to limit local control and urged the 79th Legislature to reduce the school property tax burden by again assuming the state's historic share of support for public education. They adopted a resolution at the Monday, Feb. 28 meeting expressing their opinion.

Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman said that the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) is opposing and requested commissioners courts around the state to pass a resolution stating their opposition. "That's reducing the existing cap of 10% on homesteads to 3% on all properties," he explained. "That's on rent property, business property, any kind."

The resolution states that 60% of the average taxpayer's property tax burden is due to school taxes, while only 14% is due to county taxes. That while Texas home owners and businesses need meaningful property tax relief, the Governor's proposal to lower the existing cap from 10% to 3% on all property appraisals is not a true solution to the school property tax problem. Appraisal caps would diminish local control and tie the hands of county officials and limit their ability to provide essential services to address the needs and emergencies of their citizens. It further noted that artificial appraisal caps result in a shift of taxes from rapidly appreciating properties to those remaining relatively stable in value and reducing appraisal caps will not necessarily result in a reduction of property taxes, but will result in severe impacts on county services. It could result in a distorted, inequitable taxation scheme under which identical homes could be taxed vastly different amounts.

"It would have the tax structure so messed up so quick that it would take forever to fix it," Judge Freeman said. "It's something that should pass, it's not fair to the citizens across the board. It would give some of them a break and it would really penalize other ones. It would severely hamper the counties' abilities to provide the services that are required by its citizens."

Cooke County, along with the rest of the state, will observe the week of March 6-

12 as Severe Weather Awareness Week. Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher said that severe weather season is approaching and the goal is to make residents aware of it, what to look for, and what to do to be safe. Commissioners Court approved adopting a proclamation supporting the encouragement of residents to participate in Severe Weather preparedness activities.

Janelle Haverkamp, 235th District Judge, serves on the Cooke County Technology Committee. She said that the Committee approved her office's request for a copier to be used in the court reporter's office. "She's the only staff personnel in the District Judge's office and when she's over in the District Clerk's office copying documents, there is no one to answer the phone," Judge Haverkamp explained. "It would be more convenient for the Court to have one there. There are times during the week when the phones in our office are not being answered because she's over there copying the dockets."

The Technology Committee approved the purchase of a copier for \$4,431 with a service contract at \$250 per month. Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell also requested a laptop computer to be utilized in the Commissioner's office and at the County barn. "It'll be used to do research through the Internet and to track various projects we have going on the roads, statistical type stuff," Hollowell noted. The Technology Committee also approved this request.

Commissioners Court approved both of these recommendations of the Technology Committee.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved the Racial Profiling Report from the Cooke County Sheriff's office. Anticipated cost is \$300 plus fuel.

- Approved out of state travel for Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher to attend the National Weather Service Workshop to be held in Midwest City, Oklahoma Mar. 2-5.

- Approved indigent burial of infant Marco Edward Bueno.

- Approved purchase of a 2000 Ford Expedition for Terry Gilbert, Cooke County constable, Precinct #1.



Symbolic turning of the earth marked the beginning of the construction phase for the new Cooke County Justice Center. Officials wielding the gold groundbreaking shovels are, from left, County Judge Bill Freeman, Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell, Precinct #2 Commissioner

Bill Cox, Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith, Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess, Gainesville Mayor Glen Locke, Sheriff Mike Compton, Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jim Carter, Jail Administrator Dave Province, and Architect Norris Fletcher. Janet Felderhoff photo

## County breaks ground for new jail

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
A momentous occasion occurred Monday afternoon for Cooke County. After

months of preparation, the groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new Cooke County Justice Center. It will

be located east of the County Fair Ground Road and south of CR 451.

"We originally started this project as a Cooke County Justice Center and EMS Facility, but it's quickly evolving into the Cooke County Justice Center," County Judge Bill Freeman explained. "Probably the EMS will be located in another spot. At the rate we're housing prisoners in Cooke County at this time, this jail will be full as it was originally laid out, by the time we get it built. We're housing about 120 prisoners a day on the average right now. This jail is being built for 144 prisoners. Crime continues to thrive and enforcement continues to get better and more people are winding up in jail in Cooke County."

Judge Freeman said that the Commissioners have decided, in part, to expand this facility to a 200 bed facility which should take care of Cooke County for the next few years and give us a few beds that we can sell back to other counties in the state or maybe to the state itself and bring a little money into Cooke County instead of sending it in the other direction." At this time the County is spending about \$2,000 per day to house prisoners outside of Cooke County.

A decision on expanding the

jail will not be made officially until the next regular Commissioners Court meeting.

Gainesville Mayor Glen Locke addressed the crowd. He said that the new jail was definitely needed in the County. He referred to the Drug Task Force formed to work toward decreasing drug use in Cooke County. "I think we've been quite successful with the cooperation between the Sheriff's Department and our own City Police Force. They've been working hand-in-hand. Because of their efforts we've put a dent in the drug scene here in Cooke County."

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton remarked, "Only a police officer perhaps appreciates this, but about the best sound that he could hear is the closing of a jail door on an old crook. Well, this is going to give us more doors to close and that's just going to make us that much happier." Sheriff Compton thanked the citizens of the County for voting for the new facility.

In May 2004, the voters of Cooke County approved a bond not to exceed \$10,500,000 to build a new jail.

The County is paying large sums of money to house prisoners outside of the County as its jail population continues to increase.

## Tiger takes the gold



Tiger Shark Neil Bayer brought home the gold, winning the TAPPS state diving competition in Austin. Bayer set a new school and state record in the diving event. Courtesy photo

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From My Side Of The Fence  
BY Ed Clegg

One quiet, sunny day on my way by horseback to check the cattle for screw worms, and to count them, I was riding south along the creek, when suddenly old Billy threw up his ears, and nicked a bit, and I knew he either smelled something or sensed something I couldn't yet hear or smell. But I soon heard a hissing sound and glimpsed somebody or something running through the trees and brush as if they were looking for a place to hide.

Well, I lost all interest in them cause I was completely engrossed in a contraction that was hissing and blowing out a little steam. There were buckets and fruit jars here and there. Also a barrel or two. As I sat on my horse staring at this strange set-up, an old neighbor to the north place and another man I knew, walked up and wanted to know if I was one of "Charlie's boys".

When they found who I was and that I was just looking after the cattle, they were at ease and began to look after their "whiskey still".

They had talked to my dad, and had his permission to cook a few batches in the brush along the creek, but they cautioned me not to tell anyone of what I had seen, but I told Dad and he also told me not to tell of what I had seen.

I suppose they moved to another location because I never saw them on the place again.

## Haverkamp attends College for New Judges

Janelle M. Haverkamp of Gainesville received instruction and insight into the new role as a judge at the College for New Judges. Haverkamp, recently installed Judge of the 235th District Court, attended the College in Austin.

The Texas Center for the Judiciary, an Austin-based non-profit judicial education group, developed the conference. The educational program gives new judges the opportunity to analyze the role and responsibilities of being a judge and allows them to develop the skills necessary to be effective in this position.

All newly-elected judges and those appointed within the past year are invited to attend the College, which provides continuing education hours and valuable information.

The conference featured an

intense four-day education program that covered such topics as *Role of the Judge; Who's in Charge of the Courtroom?; Pro Se; Evidence; Media; Ethics In & Out of the Courtroom; Law & Literature; Ex Parte, So You Think You Can't Be Sued; Docket & Trial Management; and Listening*. An appellate track covered topics such as *Collegiality and Opinion Writing*. The classes provided information and training to assist new judges in making the transition from an advocate in the court to that of a fair and impartial administrator of justice.

Judge Stephen B. Ables of Kerrville, Dean of the 2004 College for New Judges, was joined by a diverse faculty of the state's most experienced professionals to educate the class members of the College.

## Jaycee Officers and Directors chosen



Above, Muenster Jaycee officers for 2005, from left, Doug Hermes, Dave Flusche, Darren Bindel, Tony Hartman, Chris Klement, Lucas Hartman, and Justin Hartman.



At left, Jaycee Directors for 2005 are, from left, Shawn Flusche, Mark Klement, State Director Jody Felderhoff, John Bartush, and Neal Flusche. Not pictured is Adam Deweber.

Janet Felderhoff photos

## DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

### 65 YEARS AGO

Obituaries: Mrs. J. H. Theisen, 79; Mrs. B.J. Lutkenhaus, 90. The C.J. Kaisers spent Tuesday in Fort Worth. The Charles Meurers of Windthorst are guests of his brother J.W. Meurer. The Joe Schroeders of Windthorst visit her parents the John Knabes. John Lehnertz and his nephew Jimmy Lehnertz visit in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fisch. The Jake Horns and her brother Pat Schmitz visit in Dallas with the Al Swirczynski. The Al Yostens visit in Celina and McKinney with her parents and her sister, Mrs. Justin Jezek. The Walter Richters are back in Muenster where he is in charge of the Address lease. New Arrival: Patricia to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bayer.

### 50 YEARS AGO

March 4, 1955  
Peggy Hudspeth, MHS Band drum major, gets No. 1 rating and a gold medal in Denison. During February, Muenster's only moisture was from snow which fell twice. Men In Service: PFC Mike Driever is in Germany; Richard Hellingier is in Colorado; Delbert and Wilmer Walterscheid have enlisted in Air Force. Mrs. Frank Seyler visits with her daughter and family, the John Mosmans. Student nurses Anselma Felderhoff, Jeanette Fisher, Anna Grace Fette, Marian Berend, Mildred Fisher, Margie Lambright, and Anselma Kathman visit in Muenster. Mrs. Alvin Hartman is employed at the Variety Store, replacing Mrs. Buddy Yosten who resigned. Genevieve Noggler is employed at Main Cafe, replacing Mrs. Harry Otto, who resigned. New Arrivals: Paula to Paul and Bernice Sicking; Glenda to Gene and Gladys Gieb; Bobby to Bob and Betty Reiter; a son for Mr.

### 25 YEARS AGO

February 29, 1980  
Newest product at Bayer's Kolonialwaren is a donut factory just installed by Charles and Carolyn Bayer at their store. Kathy Luke, a senior Food and Nutrition major at TWU achieves high scholastic honors for fall semester. Obituaries: Bill Haverkamp, 78; Roy Towersley, 81; Awilda Huchton, 72.

## Mail dispatch times to change

The Fort Worth District Office has advised the Muenster Post Office that effective Saturday, Mar. 5, the dispatch times for mail going out of town will be as follows:  
Drive through box - Saturday, 2:45 PM, Monday - Friday, 2:45 PM, and 4:30 PM.  
Lobby drop - Saturday, 9:30 AM; Monday - Friday, 4:30 PM.

## MISD 1st graders visit with Auntie Litter



Kim Fleming's Muenster 1st graders went to the Muenster Public Library and met with Auntie Litter. Those pictured are, from left, Dalton Bartel, Zachary Klement, Maggie Riley, Trevor Lancaster, Tiffany Rains, Alaina Reiter, Colton Morris, Katie Pagel, Allie Walterscheid, Kimber Walterscheid, Kelsie Sicking, Devon Hacker, Natalie Walterscheid, Reagan Weager, and up front is Trace Klement. Courtesy photo

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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE - MARCH 7, 2005  
The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, March 7, 2005.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on February 7, 2005, and special meeting on February 9, 2005.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Audit Report from Stephen Gilliland. Consider and act on acceptance report.
2. Consider and act on acceptance of two street lights on E. Fourth Street. Lights will be installed by subcontractor, Jerry Zickman.
3. Consider and act on approval of construction of speed bump on North Mesquite Street.
4. Discuss updating building and fire codes. Consider and act on action as necessary.
5. Consider and act on approving property tax refund for tax years 2002, 2003, and 2004 for property tax assessment correction entered by Cooke County Appraisal District.
6. Receive Budget Summary report for fiscal year 04-05. Consider and act on approval of budget amendment for fiscal year 04-05.
7. Review and act on monthly bills.
8. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
9. Adjourn.

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

Sunday, March 6, 2005	Monday, March 7, 2005	Tuesday, March 8, 2005	Wednesday, March 9, 2005	Thursday, March 10, 2005	Friday, March 11, 2005	Saturday, March 12, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	City Council mtg. 7:30 PM CDA mtg. 7:30 PM KC Hall 5 PM Deadline to file as candidate in local elections Grief Support mtg. Home Hospice office 6 PM Severe Weather Awareness Week Muenster ISD Book Fair Week TEXAS	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD "Gear-up" program 6-7 gr. 6 PM AND MISD Open House - 6:30 - 8 PM LISD pre-K/Kindergarten registration 8:30-4 PM in Elem. office Scholastic Book Fair Family Night 6-8 pm MISD Library	C of C Breakfast mtg. 7:30 AM Rohmer's Rest. MISD Board mtg. 7:30 PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Historical Com. mtg. 8 AM Museum	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP luncheon mtg. 11:30 AM Stanford House NO SCHOOL - Sacred Heart	
			PUBLIC	SCHOOLS	WEEK	
Sunday, March 13, 2005	Monday, March 14, 2005	Tuesday, March 15, 2005	Wednesday, March 16, 2005	Thursday, March 17, 2005	Friday, March 18, 2005	Saturday, March 19, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	VFW mtg. 8 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board mtg. 7:30 PM Admin. office Diabetes Support Group mtg. NTMC classrooms 7-8 PM		Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Muenster Historical Commission Bake Sale 8 AM - 7 PM at Fischer's Market
	SPRING		BREAK	St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green	WEEK	

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# Obituaries

## Val Fuhrmann 1918 - 2005

By Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Valentine Leo "Val" Fuhrmann in Sacred Heart Church on Friday, Feb. 25, 2005 at 10 a.m. officiated by Father John Ohner OSA.

Val Fuhrmann died Feb. 22, 2005 at his residence, at age 86. He was born on March 8, 1918 in Lindsay to the Michael and Mary Moser Fuhrmann and grew up and attended school in Lindsay. On Nov. 17, 1942, he married Mary Elizabeth "Girle" Endres in Sacred Heart Church. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII where he was the recipient of several medals. He and Girle lived in Fort Ord, California until his transfer to Alaska. Following the end of the war, Val and Girle returned to Muenster where they raised a family of two daughters and four sons.

Val, early in his career, did masonry work, and then worked for Muenster Butane Company for the rest of his life. He prided himself in his ability to repair lawnmowers, washing machines, and dryers. He was very clever at inventing new uses for many things. He also entertained himself with his bird slapper and bird whacker, to keep unwanted species away from his favorite bird feeders.

Val Fuhrmann was a member of Sacred Heart Church and Parish. He was a man of deep faith, always faithful at attending frequent Rosary services, with a special devotion to the Rosary.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Men's Choir for more than 40 years. He was a member of the VFW Post #6205. He also enjoyed gardening and had a show-place garden,



Val Fuhrmann

eager to share some of it with friends and neighbors. He loved his family, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was a friend to many, to neighbors and neighborhood children. He loved dancing, especially to "There's a Tear in My Beer", one of his favorite songs.

Survivors are two daughters, Margie Fisher of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Nanci Dye and her husband John of Carrollton; four sons, Jim Fuhrmann and his wife Carol of Gilmer, Texas, Tom Fuhrmann and his wife Gloria of Lindale, Texas, Fred Fuhrmann and his wife Denise of Tyler, Bruce Fuhrmann and his wife Vianney of Fullerton, California. Also 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and one brother Erwin Fuhrmann of Lindsay.

Preceding him in death were his wife who died on May 9, 1982; his parents; five sisters Sister Michael Marie, Sister Henrianna, Veronica Klement, Anna Hartman, and Regina Lewis. Also five brothers Henry, Aloys, Johnny, Arnold, and Fr. Aloys Fuhrmann.

The afternoon before the day of the funeral, a Rosary service was held in McCoy Funeral Chapel, led by Imelda Rohmer. Vigil, led by Father John, was held in the chapel at 8 p.m.

Participating in the liturgy for the Mass of Christian Burial with Father John were altar servers Butch Fisher, Alvin Hartman, and Sylvan Walterscheid.

First Reading was given by Nathan Fisher, Second Reading was given by Valerie Warner, and Prayers of the Faithful were read by Fr. John. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by Dana Bielinski, Nichole Fuhrmann, and Byran Fuhrmann.

Eucharistic ministers were Barbara Rohmer, Jennifer Fuhrmann, Diane Hermes, Leon Fuhrmann, and Sister Mary Helen Fuhrmann.

Music ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, Christy Hesse, and Emily Klement. Sacred songs included "On Eagles Wings", "Ave Maria", "Edelweiss Blessing", "Eat This Bread, Drink This Wine", and "Amazing Grace".

After the Meditation, "Remarks of Remembrance of Grandpa" were given by Jennifer Carter and L. Cpl. Brian Lautenslager.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were grandsons Scott Fuhrmann, Greg Fuhrmann, Brad Fuhrmann, and Byran Fuhrmann, and Lance Cpl. Brian Lautenslager, and Nathan Fisher.

## Steven Reed dies

Mass of Christian Burial for Steven Raymond Reed, age 34 of Dallas, is set for Friday, Mar. 4 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, with burial to follow in Saint Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay. A Rosary was held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 3, followed by a Vigil at 7 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home. He is the son of Joyce Reiter Reed of Texarkana and the grandson of Margaret Reiter Schmitt of Muenster. Complete obituary will be in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

## City continues working on streets



Muenster City employees have been busy patching streets around town in a constant battle against pot holes and damaged pavement. The city's two year plan developed for street improvements has begun with the patch work. Janie Hartman photo

## Rural hospitals have their day in Austin

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, hospital representatives from across rural Texas converged on the State Capitol for Rural Hospital Advocacy Day.

This biennial event was organized by the staff of the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals (TORCH) in Austin. TORCH was created in 1990 to address the unique concerns of the small hospital market. The group was also recognized at the Tuesday, Feb. 8 THA press conference featuring Dr. M. Ray Perryman, founder and president of The Perryman Group headquartered in Waco.

TORCH's mission is to preserve access to care and protect rural hospitals. The advocacy priorities that rural hospitals identify most with this Legislative Session are:

- Minimizing budget cuts and preserving access to state healthcare programs;
- Limiting the negative effects of the Medicaid managed care expansion;
- Building on medical liability reform legislation in 2003;
- Enacting meaningful worker's compensation reform legislation;
- Expanding the pool of qualified healthcare

professionals;

- Improving the stability of emergency and trauma care;
- By developing meaningful data reporting initiatives;
- Supporting the agencies that support rural communities.

This year 36 different facilities were represented. Muenster Memorial Hospital was one of those in attendance. Angelo Nasche spent time with both the Honorable Rick Hardcastle and the Honorable Craig Estes discussing the needs of the local hospital, the community and the effects of pending healthcare legislation. According to Nasche, "Keeping elected officials abreast of the hospital's current situation helps maximize our effectiveness in Austin."

"There are many issues of great concern to healthcare providers this legislative session," said John Boff, president/CEO of TORCH. "Each community has a responsibility to make sure their voice is heard. Rural Hospital Advocacy Day provides a forum, an organized way for administrators and trustees to share the news about th

hospital and the fine work that goes on each and every day in hundreds of our small communities statewide."

TORCH is the largest rural hospital association in the country with over 155 hospital members, and is recognized throughout the state and nation for its advocacy on behalf of rural hospitals and rural community healthcare needs. TORCH focuses on issues that are specific to general acute care hospitals of fewer than 150 beds. The services provided by TORCH include a wide range of programs specifically designed to assist hospital administrators, staff, and trustees of rural and community hospitals

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Twenty-six (26) counties, cities and college districts have already enacted the property tax freeze: Wise and Gillespie Counties, the City of Arlington, the City of Fredricksburg, the City of Callisburg, and Cooke County's North Central Texas College. Only the City of Callisburg and NCTC voluntarily granted the tax freeze. Tax freezes by the other named taxing entities were won only through the efforts of taxpayers petitioning for an election.

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AT THE FEBRUARY 14, 2005 COOKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING, the Court was asked to grant to Cooke County residential property owners the freeze authorized by Proposition 13. The court voted unanimously to table the tax freeze issue rather than make a commitment during the meeting.

Because the Commissioners Court's decision is uncertain - and since the Texas Election Code places time restrictions upon the petitioning process - **beginning in March, 2005 Cooke County property owners will be asked to sign a petition to give Cooke County voters an opportunity to vote FOR the county tax freeze that Proposition 13 (HJR16) authorized.**

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# LIFESTYLE

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Tarleton State University

Tarleton State University has announced their A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the Fall 2004 semester. Two area students were named to the Distinguished Students list. They are Kristi McAden of Muenster and Jason Clark of Lindsay. Those designated as Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C who are in good standing.

### Texas Woman's University

Robin Elizabeth Neu, daughter of Ronnie and Becky Neu of Lindsay, is named as a Dean's List Student at Texas Woman's University of Denton for the

Fall 2004 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and carry a minimum of 12 hours. Robin is a 2002 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 2004 graduate of NCTC. She is majoring in Elementary Education.

### Texas A&M

Whitney Brooke Neu, daughter of Ronnie and Becky Neu of Lindsay, is named to the Fall 2004 Dean's List at Texas A&M at College Station. This is an academic distinction achieved by only a select number of students, according to the release from Texas A&M. Those named to the Dean's List have a 3.5 or higher grade point average and a minimum of 12 hours. Whitney is a 2004 graduate of Lindsay High School.

## Easter basket donated by C & W Cabinets

Early Childhood Intervention of Texoma (ECI) is raffling off a giant Easter basket on Monday, Mar. 21. The basket was donated by C & W Cabinets, Muenster, and is filled with a ceramic teapot, salt and pepper shakers, cookie jar, bowl, bunny figurines, decorative bunny jars, plush stuffed bunny, and candy. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are being sold by ECI staff or call 903-957-4810 - Grayson County, 940-665-1464 - Cooke County, 903-957-4763 - Fannin County.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit ECI in helping families with medical expenses, other emergency family expenses, and activities to assist families in gaining access to

the program or meeting other families of children who have special needs.

ECI Texoma is a program of the Early Childhood Intervention Division of the Department of Rehabilitative and Assitive Services (DARS). ECI serves children from birth to three years of age who have developmental delays or disabilities, have a diagnosed medical condition likely to result in developmental delays or disabilities, or who manifest atypical development as determined by a team of qualified professionals. ECI Texoma serves six counties (Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Delta, and Hopkins) and is currently serving approximately 250 children and families.

## Former professor's novel suggests how history should be taught

Motivated by a long-held complaint that many of society's ills are caused by the poor teaching of history, Dr. Gomer Pound, a retired music professor from the University of Southern Mississippi, has written a novel, *THE GREAT PENDULUM*, that embodies some of his ideas on how history should be viewed.

Pound says that professors too often espouse their ideas in academic terms to other academics, thereby losing the very audiences they should be addressing, so he deliberately wrapped his ideas in a novel that embodies politics, an illicit love affair, and murders, and can be read solely for entertainment.

The plot of *THE GREAT PENDULUM* deals with a professor whose "pendulum

principle" of history takes him out of the university and into politics. As a result, he faces the consequences of a love affair with the wife of a powerful party member.

Dr. Pound will speak to the Gainesville Lions Club about writing and publishing on Wednesday, Mar. 9. Following his talk he will be at StarrBooks at 103 Commerce in Gainesville from 2-5 p.m. for a book signing. For more information or to reserve a copy call (940) 612-0202.



Auntie Litter (Kay Broyles) presented a program to the kids at the Muenster Public Library last Thursday. Auntie read books, played games, and told stories, all relating to Keep Muenster Beautiful, Keep Texas Beautiful and recycling, as demonstrated with her clothing. Courtesy photo

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## MEETING NOTICE

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A meeting of the Compassion & Support: General Grief Support Group will be held on Monday, Mar. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Home Hospice Office, 1001 E. Broadway in Gainesville. For more information call Kelly at 940-665-9891.

### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

The Diabetes Support Group will meet in the North Texas Medical Center

classrooms on Tuesday, Mar. 15 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The topic, a simple start™ Managing Your Diabetes/around meals will be presented by guest speaker Jeanne Bair, LifeScan professional sales specialist. Individuals with diabetes and family members are encouraged to attend this free program. Door prizes and refreshments will be available. For more information call 940-612-8377.

## Sarah Hess interns at the Massage School of East Texas in Longview

Sarah Hess, daughter of Bob and Janette Hess of Muenster, is in Longview where she has been attending LeTourneau University. She will graduate this May with a BS in Kinesiology (with a concentration in Exercise Science) and a Minor in English. For approximately the next nine weeks, she is also doing her internship at the Massage School of East Texas.

To graduate Sarah needs to get 50 hours of giving massages. There is a \$25 charge for the one-hour massage. This money goes to the college.

With many local residents visiting the boats in Louisiana, it is suggested that those who do, consider stopping by to see Sarah for a relaxing full body

massage. She may be contacted by calling 940-736-0503. See ad for more info.

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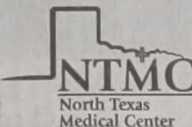
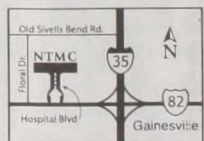
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**NEW ARRIVAL**

**Flusche**

Mark and Jennifer Flusche of College Station are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Elise Rose Flusche. She was born Tuesday, Mar. 1, 2005 at 7:50 a.m., weighing 8 lb. 3 oz. in College Station Medical Center. Welcoming Elise is her sister Emily, age 13 months. Grandparents are Vernon and Connie Dittrich of Houston and Harold and Jeannette Flusche of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Hazel Flusche and Rose Hofbauer of Muenster, and Helen Dittrich.



Elise Flusche

**Fleitman**

Kenny and Jennifer Fleitman of Lindsay are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Tatum Marie Fleitman on Feb. 9, 2005 at 7:39 p.m. at Denton Community Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 0 oz. and was 19 inches long. Tatum is welcomed by her two sisters Makenzie, 3 1/2, and Kylee, 23 months. Grandparents are Annette Fleitman of Lindsay and the late Henry Fleitman, and Lynn Magee of Longview and David Magee of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Lorraine Sunski of Longview and Nita Magee of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**VFW Auxiliary hears report on District I meeting**

During their February meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 heard a report on the District I meeting held in Sherman on Feb. 5-6 at VFW Post #2772. Among highlights was Tara Swirczynski's Voice of Democracy audio-essay which won 3rd place in District I competition. Frances Bayer is conductress of District I and participated at the meeting. A Buddy Poppy basket filled with bluebonnets and made by Sandra Hennigan was on display. Valentine cards were sent to Bonham veterans at the VA Hospital and also to some local veterans. Armella Cler served lunch to members and Ida Bindel won the door prize. The next meeting will be March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

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**CCBPW learns about using organic gardening to promote life, stay healthy**

Cooke County Business & Professional Women (CCBPW) had the pleasure of hearing Ashley Hartman at their last program meeting at the Wooden Spoon in Lindsay. Hartman, who has a Master's degree from Texas A&M, is a horticulture instructor at North Central Texas College.



CCBPW President Kim Walterscheid, (from left) guest speaker Ashley Hartman, Kay Alderidge, and Pam Cooper.

Courtesy photo

Hartman provided some helpful tips and information on the benefits of organic gardening to the group. She suggested letting nature "do its thing", allowing natural deposits and decomposition to occur. She suggested the chemicals used both by farming and industry and by us at home are harmful to our health, and we do not yet know the extent of the damage of long-term exposure.

Hartman identified the process of mulching and composting to improve soil structure and composition. She said that if your soil is healthy, you will have healthy plants. She said that doing things like leaving your leaves and grass cuttings to decompose is very beneficial for the natural process. She said that the synthetic fertilizers

actually hurt the soil structure. For destroying weeds, she suggested covering them with cardboard or newspaper.

Kay Aldridge, CCBPW member, said that she has been gardening organically for 15 years. She began for personal health reasons, but continued with it after she had grandchildren and began to worry about what they put their mouths.

Aldridge said, "It's a whole new way of thinking - you have to think about organic gardening as promoting life, not that the alternative is killing things.

Also, you learn about what insects are beneficial, and then how to control them." In Hartman's classes, in addition to traditional students, many of the students are non-traditional, hobby gardeners enrolled to enhance their skills. Classes she teaches include Floral Design, Landscape Design, Horticulture, Naturalistic Gardening, and Interior Plants.

For more information on the Horticulture Department, call NCTC at 668-7731.

**CORRECTION**

A piano student, reported in last week's Muenster Enterprise, earning UIL medals, was incorrectly identified under the picture. Sara Walterscheid competed, not her sister Anne.

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The participants attending the seminar and participating in either the Free Enterprise Speech or Essay Contest conducted after the seminar, will qualify for state scholarship money. The entrants will be eligible for the district contest. The Free Enterprise Speech contest scholarships money at the state level include \$4,000 for the winner and an expense paid trip to Washington D.C. during the summer of 2006, \$2,500 for the runner-up with an expense paid trip to Washington D.C. during the summer of 2006, \$1,500 each for four finalists with an expense paid trip to Washington D.C. during the summer of 2006, \$1,000 each for 13 district winners

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eligible to participate. A student does not have to be a Farm Bureau member to attend the seminar.

The topics of free enterprise, constitutional government, leadership, goal setting, positive family relations, self-awareness, and others will be explored and discussed during the week long seminar. The ultimate goal is to help these young adults incorporate the above-mentioned traits in their daily living and for them to share this information with others.

Please mail applications to: Cooke County Farm Bureau, PO Box 1035, Gainesville, TX 76241.

## Muenster High School Student Artwork exhibited at MSU

Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, recently hosted an art competition for high school students in the region. The University received over 300 pieces of artwork from various schools as far away as Vernon and Flower Mound. They chose 150 pieces to be exhibited in the Fain Fine Arts Center from Feb. 19 to Mar. 4. Cash awards were given for first through third place in seven

categories, as well as honorable mention ribbons in those same categories.

Four pieces were selected from Muenster High School. James Fanning, Brianna Fleitman, Lydia Bezner, and Cassie Hale all have a colored pencil drawing in the exhibit. James Fanning received an honorable mention ribbon for his drawing category.

## Muenster ISD to host book fair

The Muenster ISD School Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair Mar. 7 - 11, a fun-filled book sale and literacy event geared to excite children about reading and learning. The Scholastic Book Fair will offer the most popular books and educational products for all ages, including the newest titles, award-winners, classics, and interactive products from more than 150 publishers. Parents, children, teachers, and the entire community are invited to "Read a Great Tale", the theme of the Fair. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open each day from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Tuesday, Mar. 8 from 6 - 8 p.m., the Book Fair will feature a special Family Event with special

activities, refreshments, and door prizes.

One of the Book Fair's primary goals is to help teachers build classroom libraries. Visitors to the Fair can check each teacher's Classroom Wish List, then purchase and

donate a requested book, helping teachers develop a rich array of learning resources for community children. In addition, funds raised at the Book Fair will be used to purchase resources for the school library.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

**WEEK OF MAR. 7-11**  
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Wed. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, green peas, bread.  
Thurs. - Beef spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast sticks.

Fri. - No school.  
**MUESTER ISD**  
Mon. - Corny dogs, macaroni and cheese, beans, peaches, pineapple cake.  
Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.  
Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, nachos, fresh vegetables, bananas, cookies.  
Thurs. - Chicken tenders,

creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, peas, hot rolls.  
Fri. - Fish sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, beans, fresh vegetables, applesauce, ice cream.

**LINDSAY ISD**  
Mon. - Soft tacos w/trimmings, refried beans, Spanish rice, peaches.  
Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, peas, carrots, pineapple, bread.  
Wed. - Baked ham, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, apricot cobbler, bread.  
Thurs. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.  
Fri. - Cheese pizza, corn, lettuce salad, pears, bread.

**ERA ISD**  
Mon. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, sliced pears, tossed salad, pudding.  
Tues. - Burrito, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit mix, cornbread, sugar cookie.  
Wed. - Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, hot roll.  
Thurs. - Corn dog, broccoli and cheese, tossed salad, sliced peaches, Missouri cookie.  
Fri. - Pepperoni or cheese pizza, corn, fresh apples, ice cream.

Each six weeks Lindsay Elementary recognizes students as recipients of the Royal Knighthood Excellence Award. The Award is given to students in each class who show improvement or excellence in any school area. Students selected receive a certificate and their names are posted on bulletin boards. In addition, each student receives a coupon from either Cici's Pizza or Harper's Restaurant. Recipients this semester are, from left, back - Cole Hunter, Kelsey Hermes, Kristin Stamos, Stephanie Zwinggi, Hannah Burt, Cassidy Gum; middle - Jalyln Anderle, Abbey Jaroma, Emily Otto, Sarah Fuhrmann, Chance Shauf, Jonathan Bell, Campbell Williams, Camdon Maydew; front - Nicholas Flettman, Ashley Hedrick. Courtesy photo



Muenster FCCLA students attending the Region II meeting were, from left, back - Kelsie Orsburn, Danielle Bindel, Stephanie Buhrman, and Leah Vinson; front - Lydia Bezner, Tiffanie Klement, and Haylee Hess. Janie Hartman photo

## Muenster FCCLA attends Region II meeting

Muenster FCCLA was recently represented with seven students and their sponsor at the Region II Leadership Meeting in Abilene, Feb. 25-26. One team and one individual entered the Star Events competitions and will advance to the State Meeting competitions in Corpus Christi, April 7-9.

Competing in the Chapter Showcase Event were Danielle Bindel, Leah Vinson, Stephanie Buhrman, and alternate Haylee Hess. The Chapter Showcase featured all of the projects that Muenster FCCLA has participated in this year since August along with an oral presentation. Their efforts resulted in 5th

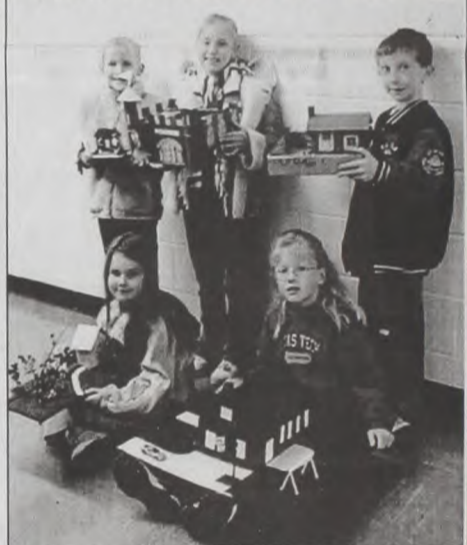
place. Kelsie Orsburn competed individually in the Applied Technology event, resulting in 4th place. Her oral presentation included a power point slide show that she created about anorexia. The top six events in each Star Event category will compete with students from the remaining four regions of Texas FCCLA.

Participating in the House of Delegates session on Friday afternoon were Tiffanie Klement as officer candidate and Haylee Hess as voting delegate. Tiffanie Klement was accepted as an eligible candidate Dec. 1. She was chosen to serve as Vice President of Projects and Community Service, which is a combination of

two offices. She will officially begin her duties in June when she will attend training in Austin. Lydia Bezner attended the Leadership Tracks sessions as the other members participated in Star Events and House of Delegates.

The final session was held at Abilene Cooper High School Auditorium where the Muenster chapter was recognized with a plaque for top honors in the Ready, Set, Read project. Star Event winners were presented with plaques and medals. Tiffanie Klement participated on stage in the formal installation ceremony of the 2005-06 Region II officers.

## Houses around the world



First grade students at Muenster Elementary display homes they created to finish their multi-cultural unit entitled "People Around the World." Standing are Allie Walterscheid, Natalie Walterscheid, and Zachary Klement. Seated are Maggie Riley and Alaina Reiter. Courtesy photo

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# SPORTS

## Tiger Sharks compete at State

## The Muenster Lady Hornets win, then fall in Semi-State Final to Moulton Bobkittens

The Muenster Lady Hornets traveled to Georgetown last weekend to take part in the Semi-State, Semi-Final 1A Division I basketball playoffs.

After winning District, the Muenster Lady Hornets went on to defeat Bland 52-36 in Bi-District, North Hopkins 52-45 in Area, Zavalla 42-39 in Regional Semi-Final, and Slocum 44-29 last Friday in the Semi-State Semi-Final. Saturday's Semi-State Final playoff round with the Moulton Bobkittens ended the Lady Hornet streak and the season, when Moulton handed Muenster a 49-34 loss. The Lady Hornets settled for a State 3rd place tie with Windthorst, while Moulton faces Seagraves for the State Championship.

In round one Friday night, the Lady Mustangs of Slocum opened with a box and one defense, which kept the Lady Hornets from getting the shots. Both teams were cold and tight with the 1st quarter ending 6-2, which was four Muenster free throws and a field goal from each team.

Muenster had a run the first three minutes of the 2nd period to take a 12-2 lead. With 3:21 on the clock, the Lady Hornets stretched their lead to 21-8, then slowed down the pace for a 23-9 halftime score.

Two minutes into the 3rd period Kallie Gerstberger hit a basket from the left wing. Muenster went on to take a 20 point lead before the Lady Mustangs hit a basket. It took the Lady Hornets five minutes between baskets, with Sandy Endres dropping in 2 points at 13 seconds to end the quarter 31-16.

Muenster's next points were a 3-pointer by Laura Heers from the left baseline with 2:35 remaining in the game for a 34-18 score. Slocum hit a couple of free throws followed by an inside

"The Lady Hornets showed everyone what a great team they were in this big win over Slocum. I was so proud of how well we executed our 'box and one' offense. Slocum thought if they shut down Jo, then they would shut down the Lady Hornets. But our team proved them wrong," noted Coach Jeff Presnall. "Laura Heers did a great job running our special offense and getting the ball to Megan, Sandy, and Kallie. Megan dominated the paint and made great hi-lo passes to Sandy. Kallie stepped up big again in the playoffs and is definitely our 'Miss February' for her outstanding plays in big games! JoAnna proved what a team leader she was by playing great defense and passing the ball to her open teammates."

Megan Felderhoff and Kallie Gerstberger were high scorers for Muenster with 15 and 12 points. Sandy Endres added 8, Laura Heers 7, and Whitney Watson 2. Muenster hit 13 of 19 free throws.

Julie Bowman led the Lady Mustangs with 16 points. Elkhart Slocum, the District 24A Champions, were 12 of 18 from the line and ended the season with a 26-8 record.

M	6	17	8	13	44
S	2	7	7	13	29

Last year the Lady Hornets battled with the Moulton Bobkittens at the Semi-State Final contest, winning by three points and advancing to the State Final Saturday afternoon, the Kittens got their revenge. "Moulton's pressure defense took us completely out of our game. We finally settled down in the 2nd quarter, but the damage was already done. We held our own in the 3rd quarter, but then had to foul to try to catch up in the 4th," noted Muenster's Coach Presnall.

Muenster opened the 3rd quarter with turnovers in their first two possessions. Moulton hit 3, Kallie Gerstberger 2, then another 3 for the Kittens before Gerstberger got another basket to close the score to 31-20 with 5:20 on the clock.

After turnovers by both sides, Sandy Endres dropped in a falling down shot, but pressure by Moulton's defense continued to hurt the Lady Hornets. The Kittens hit some free throws, but J. Felderhoff got a 3 and Gerstberger a basket at 1:45 for a 35-27 score. After having problems with the clock, the quarter ended 35-27.

Turnovers continued as the Lady Hornets seemed to be losing steam and became rattled by the pressure of the game. Moulton scored the first points of the quarter at 4:50, and M. Felderhoff a basket at four minutes for a 43-29 score. A couple of steals, then Laura Heers went to the line, hitting one, 43-30. At 3:15 the Kittens got a point, then Whitney Watson 2 on a lay-up. Moulton got the next 5 points for a 49-32 score. With 17.35 seconds remaining in the game, Moulton pulled their starters and J. Felderhoff got one last basket for a 49-34 final.

"I was proud of our girls for attacking their press and taking it to the basket, but we constantly shot ourselves in the foot by either traveling or missing free throws," said Presnall. "Getting beat by a traditional playoff team like Moulton in the State Semi-Finals is nothing to be ashamed of."

JoAnna Felderhoff led Muenster scorers with 9 points. Megan Felderhoff added 8, Kallie Gerstberger 6, Laura Heers 5, and 2 apiece from Sandy Endres, Whitney Watson, and Kristen Hess. Muenster hit

The Sacred Heart Tiger Sharks swim teams competed in the TAPPS 1A-3A State Swim Meet at Austin, with the Tigers finishing 5th overall and the Tigerettes 8th.

The highlight of the Meet was Neil Bayer in the 1 meter diving competition. Bayer not only took 1st place, but also set a new school record and a new State Division III record.

The Tiger relay team of Jordan Smith, Travis Hess, Jon Ambrose, and Mark Gehrig placed 4th in the 200 medley relay and 4th in the 200 freestyle relay. Times were 2:15.87 and 1:53.58.

Hess also finished 7th in the 100 yard freestyle, clocking in at 1:01.25. Mark Fleitman settled for an 8th place in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:35.55.

In relay competition, the Tigerette team of Brittany White, Joelle Fuhrmann, Paige White, and Shannon Hartman finished with a total time of 2:39.92 in the 200 medley relay for a placing of 6th.

The 200 freestyle relay also came in 6th with B. White, Hartman, P. White, and Lauren Krahl finishing at 2:19.20.

Individually, P. White freestyle, clocking in at placed 7th in the 200 yard 3:27.76.



Brittany White



Mark Fleitman



Jon Ambrose

## Muenster tracksters bring home medals

On Thursday, Feb. 24, two varsity tracksters from Muenster competed at the Chaparral Relays in Aubrey.

Jacé Koelzer set two meet records, breaking her own records set last year, in the two hurdle events. Bringing home gold medals in the 100m hurdles and 300m high hurdles, Koelzer clocked in at 15.91 and 47.8. Jacé also medaled in the long jump at 16'3" and got 4th in the 100m finishing at 12.94.

Justin Ferguson also brought home medals, finishing 1st in the 400m with a time of 51.65 and 2nd in the 100m at 11.24.

Two members of the Junior Varsity Hornets participated in the Bridgeport Double B Relays last Saturday in the JV division of the meet.

Michael Faries earned three medals, finishing 2nd in the 100m and 200m races, clocking in at 11.93 and 23.92. Faries' long jump of 18'11 1/2" was good for a 3rd place.

Cole Harrison was 4th in shot put with 36'11".

Muenster will send a partial team to compete in the Archer City Relays this Saturday. A late basketball season is delaying the beginning of track.

## Hornets begin golf season

On Feb. 28, the 2005 Hornet golf team traveled across the Red River to participate in their opening tournament of the new season. Only the varsity team made this tournament.

The team posted a 422 and placed about in the middle of the pack, with many 2A and 3A teams present. There was much water on the course due to a very rainy month, but the boys

were glad to get the season underway, according to golf coach, Eddie Green.

The scoring was as follows: Lee Walterscheid, 103; Zach Swirczynski, 104; Jordan Walterscheid, 106; Derek Endres, 109; and Noah Barnhill, 110.

The Hornets will travel to Decatur Country Club on Monday Mar. 7. The Lady Hornet golfers begin their season Wednesday, Mar. 9.



The Lady Hornets received a send-off last week from school as they left for Georgetown to take part in the semi final basketball playoffs. Janie Hartman photo

shot by Megan Felderhoff, two more Slocum free throws, and a basket by the Lady Mustangs for a 36-24 score with a minute remaining.

After getting fouled hard several times, Muenster finally got into the bonus and Gerstberger hit two with 53.41 on the clock for a 38-24 score. Slocum hit two free shots, then Gerstberger four of six to stretch the score to 42-26. A rebound by JoAnna Felderhoff set up a basket by M. Felderhoff with 10 seconds on the clock. The Lady Mustangs hit a 3-pointer at 3 seconds for the final 44-29 score.

Muenster got the opening tip, but the Kittens got a quick steal and 2 points. Laura Heers answered back with a 3-pointer, but then Moulton went on a 10 point run. With 40 seconds on the 1st period clock, JoAnna Felderhoff dropped the ball in the basket for a 14-5 1st quarter score.

Buckets by J. Felderhoff and Megan Felderhoff and two free throws by M. Felderhoff closed the score to 16-14 with 3:20 remaining in the 1st half, but the Kittens outscored the Lady Hornets 9-2 the remaining time to take a 25-16 halftime lead.

only four of 15 free throws, ending the season with a 28-6 record.

Leading Moulton on the boards were Dana Pustka and Sarah Kristynik with 14 and 13 points. The Kittens were 18 of 23 from the line and advance to the State Final with a 33-5 record.

"The Muenster Lady Hornets had another dream season, especially considering all the obstacles they had to overcome this year. I thought I would never have the opportunity to coach such a great team like last year's State Finalist, but I was most definitely wrong!" concluded Coach Presnall.

Mu	5	11	11	7	34
Mo	14	11	10	14	49



Coach Jeff Presnall takes a time out with the Lady Hornets to discuss their game plan. Scott Wood photo

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# Lady Hornets Semi-Final Action



Sandy Endres gets fouled while going up for two in the Lady Hornets 44-29 victory over Slocum.

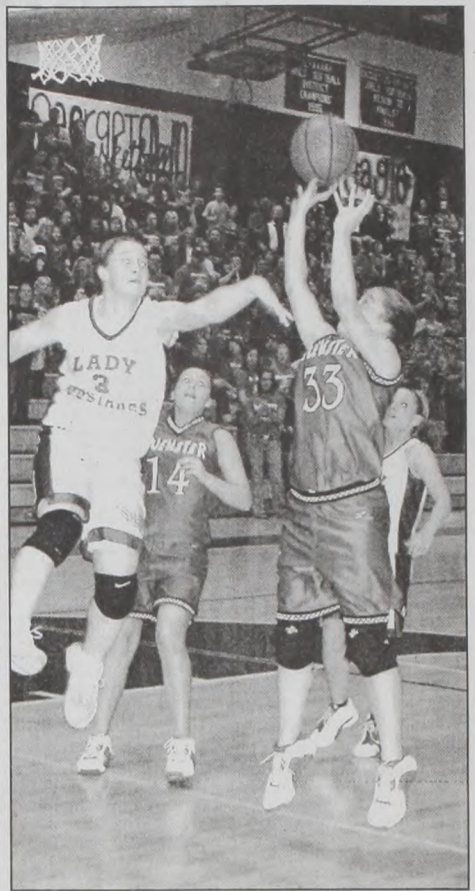


Whitney Watson scores two for Muenster.



Sandy Endres fights for a loose ball in Fridays Semi-State victory over the Slocum Lady Mustangs.

Photos by  
Scott Wood



Laura Heers scores two against Slocum Friday night as Whitney Watson comes up to assist.



Kallie Gertsberger fakes a 3-point attempt before driving to the bucket. Gertsberger scored 12 points in the win against Slocum.



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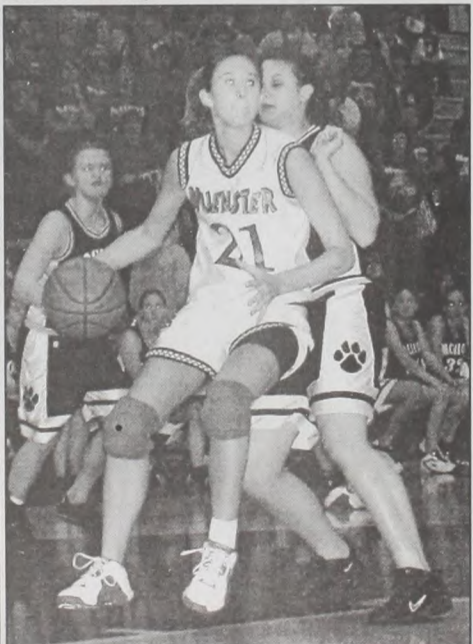
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Kristen Hess chases a loose ball during the Lady Hornets loss to Moulton Saturday.



JoAnna Felderhoff drives the baseline for two points in the Lady Hornets loss to Moulton. Felderhoff led Muenster with 9 points.



Megan Felderhoff goes up strong inside for two points as Muenster beat Slocum in the Semi-State Semi-Final in Georgetown.

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## Knights advance after Area win; fall at Regional

The Lindsay Knights took a 58-43 Area Championship win last Friday night over the North Hopkins Panthers, District 19A winners. The victory advanced the Knights to the Regional Semi-Final round of the basketball playoffs Tuesday against Broadus.

North Hopkins and Lindsay had a tight 1st half at Bonham, with the Knights leading by 5 at the break. Lindsay increased their lead to 11 going into the final quarter, then hit a dozen free throws for the 15 point victory.

Brandon Huckaby was high scorer for the Knights with 21 points. Bradley Anderle and Cody Anderle each added 10, Trinity Otto 7, Josey Kyle 5, Levi Hermes 3, and Jacob Fuhrmann 2. The Knights were 14 of 25 from the line and dropped in four 3-pointers.

North Hopkins went to the free throw line only four times, hitting four of six tries. They got seven 3s and were led in scoring by Zack Horne with 23.

Tuesday night the Lindsay boys traveled to Athens to take on the number one Class 1A team

in Texas at Trinity Valley Community College. The Regional Semi-Final match with the Broadus Rebels was the last game of the season for the Knights, as they fell 72-52.

After an even scoring 1st period, the Rebels pulled out a 4 point lead at halftime. The 3rd quarter was a nightmare for Lindsay as they were out-scored 22-6. The final quarter was another even points.

Eight Knights put points on the board, with Josey Kyle and Cody Anderle taking the lead with 12 and 10. Brandon Huckaby added 8, Kristopher Creed 7, Levi Hermes 6, Trinity Otto 5, and 2 apiece from Bradley Anderle and Dustin Hughes. The Knights dropped in five 3-pointers and hit 11 of 14 free throws.

The Rebels were led by Travis Elixalde who hit seven 3s, was seven of seven from the line, and scored 34 points. Broadus was 16 of 22 at the free throw line.

L 9 13 6 24 52  
B 9 17 22 24 72

### Only in America...

Only in America...do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.



Levi Hermes looks for a teammate after pulling down a rebound. Photo courtesy of Anitra Anderle

## Davidson grandson signs with University of Kansas



Russell Brorsen of Stillwater, Oklahoma recently signed to play football for the University of Kansas. The 6'4", 235 lb., three year defensive end starter for the Stillwater Pioneers, earned many athletic honors the past years. He also competes in wrestling, and is currently the 9th ranked high school heavyweight in the nation. Russell is the son of Wade and Kathy Brorsen (seated) and the grandson of Charles and Alice Davidson of Muenster. Also pictured are his coach, Kirk Fridrich, and his sister Rose. Courtesy photo

## District 17A basketball honors announced

**District 17A Girls Basketball**  
2005 All-District MVP, Cheryl Knabe, L; Offensive MVP, Stevie Shelton, C; Defensive MVP, Kallie Gerstberger, M; Newcomer of the Year, Hannah McKinney, C; Sixth Player Award, Laura Heers, M.

**1st Team:** JoAnna Felderhoff, M; Brittany Anderle and Mallory Block, L; Katie Barthold, VV; Katie Metzler, E.

**2nd Team:** Sandy Endres, Megan Felderhoff, Alison Teafattler, M; Chelsea Hermes, L, Amelia Corbett, C; Anasia Johnson, VV; Kelly Schumacher, E.

**Coaches of the Year:** Jeff Pressnall, M; Don Neu, L.

**Honorable Mention:** Whitney Watson, M; Kaileigh Hess and Stephanie Metzler, L.

**Academic All-District:** Laura Heers, Kristen Hess, Alison Teafattler, Whitney Watson, M; Brittany Anderle, Mallory Block, Chelsea Hermes, Amanda Hese, Kaileigh Hess, Allison

Hundt, Cheryl Knabe, Stephanie Metzler, L.

**District 17A Boys Basketball**  
2005 All-District MVP, Cody Anderle, L; Offensive Player of the Year, Russell Endres, M; Defensive Player of the Year, Clint Miller, M; 6th Man Award, Justin Wolf, M, and Kristopher Creed, L; Newcomer of the Year, Levi Hermes, L.

**1st Team:** Sean Fuhrmann, M; Josey Kyle and Brandon Huckaby, L; Amos Davidson, VV; Kyle Howard, E; Kelly Ford, C.

**2nd Team:** Chase Cain, M; Trinity Otto and Bradley Anderle, L; Matt Collette, VV; Michael Hunter, E; Trey Ross, C.

**Coach of the Year:** Alan Gustine, L.

**Honorable Mention:** John Fredrick, M; Dustin Hughes, L.

**Academic All-District:** Chase Cain, Derek Felderhoff, Sean Fuhrmann, Clint Miller, Justin Wolf, M; Bradley Anderle, Cody Anderle, Levi Hermes, L.



Champs! Muenster 3rd and 4th graders win Gainesville CCYC Basketball League with a 9-1 record. Coach Mel Walterscheid. Players, from left, back - Mason Binder, Hunter Klement, Cole Walterscheid, Clint Sidwell, Jared Endres; front - Trevor Hess, Dylan Clure, Eddie Sweeney. Courtesy photo

## Sign up for Hornet Camp '05

The Hornet Basketball Camp for 2005 will be May 30 - June 3, and is open to anyone in next year's 3rd through 9th grades. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will have morning sessions, with grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 in the afternoon.

"It is once again time to start making summer plans, and I hope you make Hornet Camp part of them. It is easy to see from the success of the boys and girls teams this year that an early start is important," noted Coach Kenny Mann, camp coordinator. "Every player on the girls and boys teams this year are former campers. They got started learning the game at a young age, and it paid off. Success is a team effort. We need you to make sure that your child gets a head start on the competition." Cost for the camp is \$45 per player, \$60 after May 6,

and includes a camp t-shirt. The camp will focus on fundamentals such as shooting, passing, dribbling, and teaching the game. Former basketball players will be joining the campers to help motivate.

"I promise you that your child will leave camp more skilled, and they will have a better knowledge of basketball than they had before camp," Coach Mann added.

Registration forms are available from Coach Mann.

## Track begins!

Lindsay ISD sponsored the first local track meet Monday evening. The junior high meet included seven teams, with Melissa winning both girls divisions, Lindsay taking the 7th grade boys division, and Valley View winning the 8th grade boys division. Other teams participating were Muenster, Sacred Heart, Era, and Saint Jo.

Results for Sacred Heart, Muenster, and Lindsay participants included:

**7TH GRADE BOYS**  
2400m: 1, Matt Dieter, L, 9:34.77; 2, Mitch Dieter, L, 9:38.76; 4, Chad Walterscheid, SH, 10:11.12; 5, Ryan Kendall, L, 10:19.82; 6, Josh Womble, M, 10:28.62.

**4x100m Relay:** 1, Lindsay, 55.34; 4, SH, Jon Krawietz, Ian Barnhill, Jake Bayer, Isaac Davis, 58.50; 5, M, Corey Sicking, Steven Valliere, T.J. Acuna, Alan Fette, 59.82.

**800m:** 1, Dax Fleitman, L, 2:47.04; 3, Eric Hellman, M, 2:55.91; 5, Andrew Koessler, M, 2:59.43.

**110m Hurdles:** 1, Ryan Haverkamp, L, 20.55; 2, James Kelley, L, 22.36; 4, Christopher Valliere, M, 23.66; 5, Dax Fleitman, L, 23.69; 6, Jose Nieto, SH, 24.04.

**100m:** 4, John Block, L, 14.13; 5, Mueller, L, 14.20.

**4x200m Relay:** 1, Lindsay, 2:02.46; 2, SH, Jon Krawietz, Isaac Davis, Jake Bayer, Ian Barnhill, 2:04.96; 3, M, Steven Valliere, Corey Sicking, Alan Fette, T.J. Acuna, 2:06.75.

**400m:** 3, Eric Hellman, M, 71.02; 4, Colton Hermes, L, 71.34; 5, Austin Reiter, L, 71.92; 6, Ross Jones, L, 71.94.

**300m Hurdles:** 1, Isaac Davis, SH, 57.0; 3, Dax Fleitman, L, 59.02; 5, Matt Dieter, L, 59.70.

**200m:** 2, Josh Mueller, L, 27.68; 3, T.J. Acuna, M, 29.02.

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# HOLIDAY CHEVROLET

## Muenster Booster Club to meet

Muenster ISD Booster Club will meet Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in the girls locker room. The lineup for upcoming track meets and the golf tournament will be discussed. All interested people are urged to attend.

**That's why they call it a heater.** Don't use portable heaters for "creative" purposes such as drying clothing or thawing pipes.

### Lindsay Kindergarten Registration

Lindsay ISD will have kindergarten registration on Tuesday, March 8th, 2005 from 8:30AM-4:00PM in the elementary office. Please bring a copy of your child's social security card, birth certificate (original, not hospital), and immunization records. Immunization requirements are:

- 5 doses of DTaP/DTP unless 4th dose given on or after 4th birthday;
- 4 doses of polio vaccine unless the 3rd was on or after 4th birthday;
- 2 doses of MMR, with the 1st dose on or after 1st birthday, second dose by age 5
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B;
- 1 dose of Varicella vaccine on or after 1st birthday

Students who do not live in the Lindsay ISD and want to transfer into the district to attend kindergarten need to contact the Superintendent's office as soon as possible. Lindsay ISD is considering applications for transfer students.

### Lindsay Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Applications for the Pre-Kindergarten program for four-year olds will be accepted in the elementary building on March 8th, 2005 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Students must be four years old by September 1st. The program is to be provided for four-year-olds that do not speak and comprehend the English language or for students who qualify for reduced or free lunches under the national school lunch program.

In order for Lindsay ISD to offer the Pre-Kindergarten program, the district must identify 15 eligible students. Parents or guardians must furnish a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card, and immunization records. A child must have received the following:

- Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten Children*
- One dose MMR vaccine received on or after the first birthday or 2 measles/1 mumps and rubella.
  - Three doses HepB
  - Three doses polio vaccine
  - Four doses DPT/DTaP
  - One dose of varicella vaccine received on or after first birthday.

### Registación Pre-Escolar de Lindsay

Se aceptarán solicitudes para el programa de pre-escolar en la oficina de la escuela primaria el martes, el 8 de marzo, a las 8:30 de la mañana. Este programa es para niños de cuatro años quienes no pueden hablar ni comprender el inglés y quienes recibirán lonche gratis o de precio reducido.

Para ofrecer un programa pre-escolar en Lindsay ISD es necesario indentificar por lo menos 15 estudiantes. Los padres deben traer la partida de nacimiento, la carta de seguro social, y los certificados de vacuna de su niño/a a la oficina.

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# FARM & RANCH

## COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

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### Youth Fair now in progress

On Wednesday, approximately 100 equine entries invaded the Cooke County Fair Grounds to begin the Cooke County Youth Fair for 2005. New classes this year will be Jr. and Sr. Horsemanship and Jr. and Sr. Trail. Class winners will be awarded Montana Silver Belt buckles.

The home economics entries were entered Wednesday and Thursday with close to 500 entries scheduled in the Photography, Foods, Clothing and Creative Arts Division. Coordinating this will be area school FCCLA instructors and Extension agents.

The show Thursday began with judging of Broilers followed by Dairy Cattle, Breeding Sheep and Market Lambs. Breeding Beef and Steer showing began at 5 p.m.

Friday's schedule will be Dairy Goats at 9:30 a.m. followed by Meat Goats At 12:30 p.m. Breeding Rabbits

will begin, followed by Breeding Swine at 3 p.m.

"With close to 1500 entries expected" states Superintendent Kenny Kuykendall, "this will be an exciting weekend at the Fair Grounds. There will be animals showing, home ec exhibits to view, and lots of families will be cheering for their children as they strut their stuff."

On Saturday, the Premium Sale will begin at 1p.m. with the sale of Champions.

Everyone is invited out to the Fair Grounds to see the FCCLA, FFA, and 4-H exhibitors with their projects.

#### TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

Texas winter wheat's quick growth can be too much of a good thing. Excess consumption of newly emerged wheat can cause bloating in cattle. Quick growth caused the forage to be high in protein but low in fiber, which can cause bloat. It occurs when the animal cannot rid itself of gas.

Foamy bloat occurs when cattle consume feeds that are readily digestible. Once consumed, these feeds provide readily available nutrients that are immediately utilized by ruminal microbes, leading to a very rapid production of gas in the rumen. In the case of foamy, or frothy bloat, these gasses are then trapped in a thick, pertinacious foam. The presence of the thick foam prevents the animal from expelling the gas, leading to excessive pressure and creating the characteristic distended abdomen. If severe cases are left untreated, pressure can continue to build, resulting in severe discomfort and eventual death. Call a veterinarian if bloat is suspected. Supplementing

your herd's diet with hay is one way to try to reduce the instances of bloat. Other management practices that can help are feeding poloxalene (bloat guard) or an inophore, such as Rumensin or Bovatech.

#### Scalping Your Lawn Should You Do It?

There are usually pros and cons to every decision you make in life, even scalping your lawn. Scalping is defined as the removal of an excessive quantity of leaf tissue at any one mowing, resulting in a stubby brown appearance due to exposed stems, stolons, crowns, dead leaves, and even bare soil. While scalping is not normally recommended for the warm season turfgrasses during the active growing season or prior to winter dormancy, it can be a beneficial cultural practice in late winter to early spring. Benefits from early season scalping prior to green-up include: earlier spring green-up, control of some winter annual broadleaf weeds, and removal of some debris that could contribute to thatch accumulation. Scalping during the growing season will cause undue stress or potential injury to the turfgrass plants.

A more appropriate time to scalp warm season grass lawns is just prior to spring green-up. Drop your mower cutting height down to 1 inch and begin mowing. It is an excellent practice to remove old, dead plant material and to expose the soil to sunlight to warm the soil for quicker lawn green-up. Scalping too early may injure the turfgrasses by exposing plant parts such as

stolons and crowns to frost or extremely low temperatures. If delayed until the grass is actively growing, scalping will result in turf stress and shock the grass plant to the point that it slows growth until it can recover. Take caution to not overdo scalping on lawns with heavy thatch especially on St. Augustine grass. If the active stolons (runners) are located in the upper portion of the thatch, scalping may cause a tremendous amount of damage to these vital plant parts and result in turf injury and even death.

Scalping creates a good bit of debris so it will be necessary to haul off all the old, dead plant material that is removed during the scalping process. However, do not bag this material and send it to the landfill. Landfills are not appropriate sites for disposing of yard waste. Instead, use the debris in your own compost pile or send it to a city or commercially owned compost site.

Scalping is a great cultural practice to help produce a strong, healthier stand of turfgrass when done correctly. However, use caution when scalping your lawn so as not to cause any injury or stress to the lawn.

#### Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 2-5: Cooke County Youth Fair.
- Mar. 8: Marketing Club Meeting, Gainesville Farm Bureau Building, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 23: Spring CEU Program, Gainesville Civic Center, 6 p.m. analyzing (RSVP to 940/668-5412; Fee for meal will be collected at door).

## It's A STAT!

MONTHLY REPORT  
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#### CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.72 million head on Feb. 1, down 2% from a year ago. Texas commercial feeders marketed 395,000 head during January, down 8% from last year and down 6% from the December 2004 total.

#### MILK PRODUCTION

Texas milk production totaled 526 million pounds during January. The number of milk cows averaged 318 head. Production per cow averaged 1,655 pounds.

## March Agricultural Survey

In 2004 Texas producers planted 5.85 million acres of cotton, 2.21 million acres of sorghum, and 1.83 million acres of corn. Texas producers also harvested 3.50 million acres of wheat, and 5.35 million acres of all hay. How much will be planted and harvested in 2005, and how will it compare to last year's acreage?

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service is preparing to gather

information on crop intentions for the 2005 crop season. The upcoming March Agricultural Survey will collect crop acreage planted and to be planted, and the quantity of grains stored on farms.

About 6,000 Texas farmers are being asked to take part in this survey. Selected farmers will be called or personally visited by an interviewer from Feb. 26 to Mar. 14. State and National survey results will be available in the '2005 Prospective Plantings' report from Washington, D.C. on Mar. 31 at 7:30 a.m. All reports are available on the Internet within minutes of the scheduled release time at <http://www.usda.gov/nass>.

The results will also be printed in the "Texas Agricultural Facts" publication. If you have any questions, call Cynthia Price or Jerry Ramirez at 1-800-626-3142.

**EQIP sign-up period ends March 18** Ranchers and farmers who want to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program must sign up by the close of business on Friday, March 18. The voluntary conservation program offers financial and technical support to help eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land. In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in ground and surface water EQIP funds. Complete details for each county are available at local NRCS offices or online at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/)

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Muenster Friends of FFA, FCCLA, 4-H, & Sacred Heart Homemaking would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the Cooke County Youth Fair to be held on March 2 through March 5, 2005, in Gainesville, Texas.

Our organization is a volunteer group that collects money to be paid to the students as premiums on their projects at the Youth Fair. One hundred percent of what you donate goes directly to the students. The students put forth a great amount of effort and, at times, expense in readying their projects. This is our way of helping to recognize their hard work.

Please help with a donation of \$500, \$250, \$100, or an amount of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Last year a total of \$15,183.00 was paid out to 50 students who participated in the Youth Fair. This year, approximately 56 students are scheduled to be a part of this event.

Thank you, in advance, for taking this into consideration. You may send your contribution to Friends of Muenster FFA, FCCLA, 4-H, & Sacred Heart Homemaking, P.O. Box 691, Muenster, TX 76252, or pass it on to any of the names listed below. We look forward to seeing you at the Cooke County Youth Fair this year!

#### Respectfully:

- Lee Ratliff, FFA
- Joni Sturm, FCCLA
- Katherine Putnam, Sacred Heart Home Economics
- Donna Bayer, 4-H
- Tommy Felderhoff, Jr., Woodshop

#### Volunteers:

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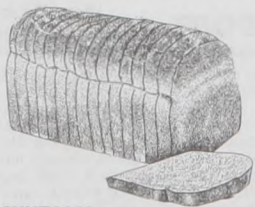
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<b>Feeder Steers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.42-1.51; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.20-1.42; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.37-1.48; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.37; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.22-1.39; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.22; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.23; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-115; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.11-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-111; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-100.	<b>Stocker Cows (per head)</b> Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$900-\$1090; Medium Frame: \$550-\$990; Cow/Cal Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1190; Medium Frame: \$700-\$1000; Holstein Baby Calves: NT, Crossbreds: \$150-\$220.	<b>Ewes (per lb.)</b> Stocker: 65-75; Thin: 35-50; Fat: 55-75. Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 50-60; Fat: 65-85. Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$25-\$60; Ewes: \$30-\$75; Bucks: \$50-\$165.
<b>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.22-1.40; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.22; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.18-1.29; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.18; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.17-1.29; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-117; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.11-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-111; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 99-108; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-99; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 87-97; Nos. 2 & 3, 69-83.	<b>Barrows &amp; Gilts (per lb.)</b> US #1, 230-270; 47-50; US #2, 220-280; 42-47.	<b>Billsies (per head)</b> Stocker: \$85-\$130; Milk Type: \$40-\$85; Slaughter: \$75-\$115; Thin: \$35-\$50; Fat: \$75-\$115.
<b>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)</b> Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1,700-2,050 lbs.: \$1.10-1.20; Fat lbs.: 61-74; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 48-55\$0; Cutter: #1-3, 48-55\$0.	<b>Sows (per lb.)</b> Feeder, 400 or less: 33-42; Light wt., 400-500; 41-44; Med. wt., 500-600; 41-44; Heavy wt., 600+; 41-44.	<b>Bredders 990-\$115; Slaughter: \$65-\$110; Boer Goats (per head)</b> LLZ, Nanny: \$115-\$120; Full Nanny: \$100-\$310; Boer Goats (per head) LLZ, Bull: NT, 3/4 Bull: NT; Full Bull: \$150-\$220.

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