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## MMH Board opts for early line of credit repayment

By Janet Felderhoff

After a round of the pros and cons to paying off the money borrowed against its line of credit at Muenster State Bank (MSB), Muenster Memorial Hospital's Board of Directors decided it was most advantageous to pay it off. The payment is not actually required until the last day of February. MMH Administrator/CEO Lynn Heller pointed out that interest (now 5.5%) is being paid on what is owed.

It was noted that there was \$299,000 in the tax escrow account and more taxes due to be paid, and \$535,000 in the Hospital's Bank account as of the meeting day, Tuesday, Jan. 18. Money from the line of credit is to be used only for day-to-day operations, not for capital expenditures.

Board President Kenny Klement warned that care should be taken to assure enough cash is available to pay for any unexpected large expense such as replacement of expensive equipment. Board member Dr. Walter Knight said, "Do you have an expenditure in mind that tops \$200,000 right now? You're talking about \$200,000 in a line of credit. So you would have to have an expenditure in mind that's more than \$200,000 as a capital expenditure that would take place some time in the next two months for us to need that."

"I want everybody to understand that you are going to have to maintain that someplace," Klement stressed. Klement said he'd pay it off, but down the road they had to be careful to keep some cash in the account.

Dr. Knight said optimistically, "If we keep making money, we won't even have to borrow any more." The Board was unanimous, 8-0, in its decision to pay off the line of credit.

Heller remarked, "Robert (Weinzapfel) did remind me the other day at the Bank that it is a revolving line of credit and if we want to pay it down and borrow it back and pay it down, we are free to do that."

Dr. Knight said that since the Hospital has several hundred thousand dollars in the Bank, the Bank probably wonders why they don't pay the loan down. Board member James Walterscheid said that if you pay it down, it makes it easier to go back and borrow later. "They like to see the balance go up and down," he said.

Hospital and Medical Staff By-laws in effect at MMH may be somewhat antiquated. They have not been updated since 1989. According to Heller, Jack Endres, former administrator, had made a deal in 1999 with Kevin Reeves of an Austin law firm to update them. "I've got a copy in the files, there is a set of by-laws, but they were not implemented."

Heller explained, "I'm asking that both the Hospital and the Medical Staff By-Laws be sent off and updated, especially in light of the two major things that have happened to this Hospital in the last two to three years. One, the Critical Access, there may be by-law changes that need to be implemented to put that in sync with regulations. And HIPPA, I think that there will be substantial conditions to the by-laws that will have to be put in place to be in compliance with HIPPA." He said that the Medical Staff By-Laws would be the priority to update. "You want to be in compliance with your state regulations and your federal regulations and your standards of care," said Heller. "The rule of thumb is to try to do it every five years." The Board unanimously approved Heller pursuing the updates.

Total operating revenue after expenses for everybody - Hospital, Family Health Clinic, St. Richard's Villa, and Home Health - for the month of December was \$15,862. Total tax collected in December was \$91,121. The Hospital District paid \$3,090 to the Cooke County Appraisal District for appraisal and collection of taxes. That left a total of \$88,031 for net non-operating revenues. The District's profit for December was \$103,893. "A good part of that is our taxes, but it is good to have an operating profit as well," remarked Administrator Heller.

December's Hospital statistics showed days of care 86 acute inpatients versus 57 in November; average daily census 2.77; average length of stay was 3.31; swing bed admissions of six; swing bed days of care were up 164 versus 127 (Nov.); average length of stay was 27.33. There were 436 Home Health visits in December compared to 483 in November. Total Therapy visits were 436 in December compared to November's 460. That includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.

Family Health Clinic statistics showed that Dr. Edd Advincula's patient visits were up seven percent; Dr. Karla Cox's were up 12%; Dr. Bonnie Carter's were up 90%; and Melissa Trubenbach, FNP's were up 13%. Total visits were 718 in December. There were 84 new patients seen at MMH Family Health Clinic in December.

"It looks good; let's keep it up," said Danny Walterscheid on the District's financial reports and statistics.

Heller said that earlier in the day there was a Department Managers' Meeting. At it he distributed forms titled Choices. "The point I was trying to make with them is just to try to understand

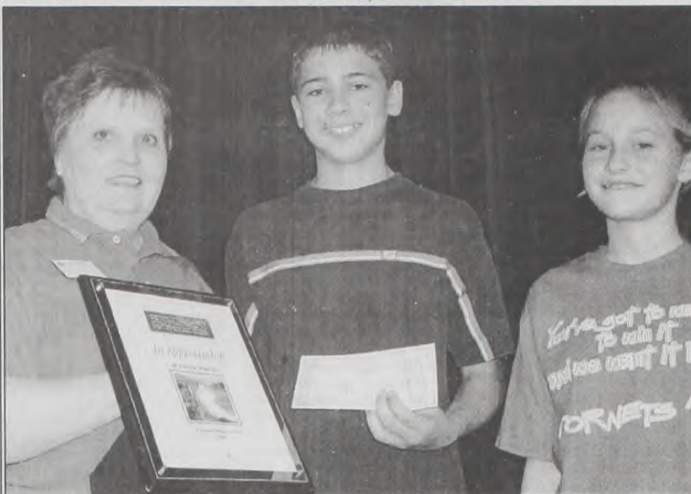
what a little bit of savings does over time," Heller explained. "We're notorious around here for using the regular standard Hospital letterhead to send notes and stuff to each other within the Hospital. That one little deal over using that, adds up to about \$200 a year and \$4,000 over 20 years." He also related that to number of employees, overtime, etc. "The little things that we do make a huge difference over time."

In other Business the MMH Board:

- Approved a resolution supporting an application for a Rural Health Technology Investment Grant through ORCA to help purchase a computer radiology system. It is for a \$40,000 grant that would be used to purchase Computer Radiology equipment. This would, over a three year period, bring the Hospital into a complete filmless radiology department.

- Approved a resolution to apply for a grant for Uncompensated Trauma Care. This money would probably also be used for the Computer Radiology equipment.

## Muenster's kids raise \$4,255.85 for Red Cross



The Muenster Pre-K through sixth grade raised a total of \$3,191.86 along with \$1,063.99 the Camp Fire Trailblazers and some Sacred Heart students raised by going door to door. Shown holding a special recognition plaque for the kids is Sharon Watson, Executive Director of the Texoma Area Red Cross. Student Council President Garrett Walterscheid and chairperson Cathy Aston hold the check for \$4,255.85 to be presented. See more page 6. Photo by Deborah Wood

## 2005 USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive program to emphasize grass planting in Cooke County

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is the primary conservation program for the Natural Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS). Assistance is made available for a variety of practices with cost-share set at 50% of an established average cost. Applications may be made at any time. This year the EQIP program is being fully administered by NRCS.

Local workgroup (LWG) meetings have been held in each county to determine the greatest resource concern. Last year the focus was primarily on establishing a permanent grass stand on cropland. This year the emphasis includes grass planting on cropland as well as grass establishment on abandoned cropland and on degraded pastureland. Other practices that can be applied for include waterways, terraces, buffers, and livestock watering facilities.

Those interested in applying for this year's EQIP program will have to meet certain eligibility requirements. First, the person has to be an agricultural producer. The producer must have owned

the land a minimum of two years and have gross Ag income of at least \$1,000.00 for two of the last five years. Those owning land but only having it for wildlife benefits will not be eligible to apply.

Specific requirements for the various practices are as follows: Abandoned cropland is defined as cropland that was not cultivated during the last planting season, but has been cropped once during the past five years. The requirement on degraded pastureland is that 25% or less of the desirable species is present on introduced pasture. On native rangeland, the requirement is 15% or less of the desirable species is present. Livestock watering facilities will include both ponds and wells and must be the first livestock watering facility in a pasture.

Those wishing to apply should contact the NRCS office in Gainesville. The phone number is 940-668-7794 ext. 3.

## Walter Cronkite narrates Texas water documentary airing Feb. 3 on public TV

Walter Cronkite has narrated a one-hour video documentary about Texas water resources, which will air Feb. 3 on all Texas public television stations. "Texas: the State of Water - Finding a Balance" explores what's at stake in the struggle to provide enough clean water for wildlife and the environment, cities, industry, and agriculture.

"I'm afraid that many Texans presume that there will always be plenty of water for all of our needs, but it's important for all of us to take a closer look now," said Robert L. Cook, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which is producing the documentary.

"Even if you're not an angler or boater or have no connection with water resource development, this issue affects every single Texan," Cook said. "There is still time to plan for a future with enough water for people and fish and wildlife. But we need to act responsibly now."

Cronkite, 88, was born in Missouri but moved to Texas as a boy and grew up in the Houston area. He still has family in the Austin area and returns to visit frequently.

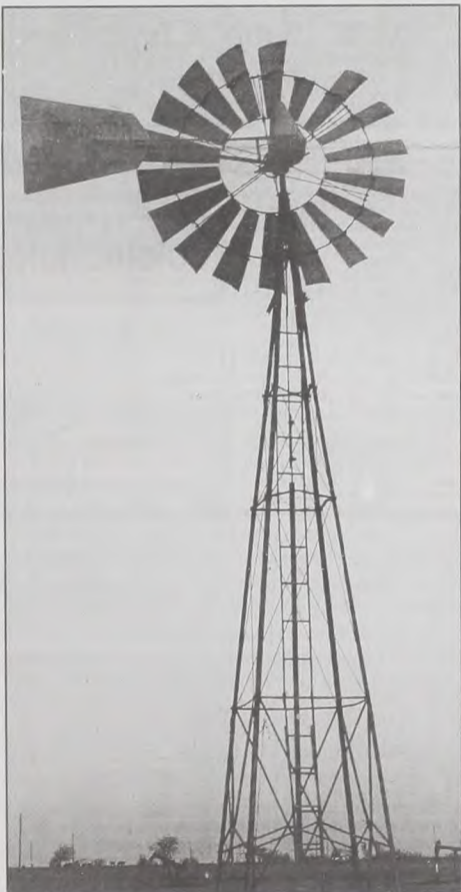
He was anchorman and managing editor of the CBS Evening News for 19 years,

until 1981. He is still a special correspondent for CBS News, but now also co-owns the Cronkite Ward Company in New York, which produces documentary programs for The Discovery Channel, PBS, and other outlets.

Topics explored in the documentary include the controversial "rule of capture," an overview of agencies and laws that regulate surface water and groundwater, river instream flows, water lawsuits, controversies involving environmental river flow permits, how water use affects endangered species and other aquatic life, water rights permitting, proposed reservoirs, water as a commodity, interbasin water transfers from one river basin to another, and how river inflows affect the ecological health of bays and estuaries.

The documentary concludes with what people can do to help, including ways to conserve water, enhance groundwater recharge and retention, improve housing developments, and get involved as volunteers.

The KERA station, channel 13 will broadcast "Texas: the State of Water - Finding a Balance" Feb. 3, from 8-9 p.m.



Everyone has enjoyed a full moon this week. This old windmill, located north of Muenster, shows the moon still visible after daylight Wednesday morning. Janie Hartman photo



Kallie Gerstberger (5) brings the ball down court after making a steal in Muenster's Lady Hornets district victory over Lindsay last Friday. Also pictured is JoAnna Felderhoff (21),

Meagan Felderhoff (22), Alison Teafatiller (20), and Lady Knights Tiffany Martin (21) and Chelsea Hermes (10). See more on the games on pages 7 and 8. Janie Hartman photo

# Obituaries

## Dorothy Endres 1933 - 2005

**By Elfreda Fette**  
Mass of Christian Burial was held for Dorothy Theresa Walterscheid Endres in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. with Father John Ohner, OSA officiating.

Dorothy Endres died on Monday, Jan. 17, 2005 at age 71 in Parkland Hospital of Dallas at 8:56 a.m., quite suddenly.

Survivors are daughters and sons-in-law Donna and Dan Schmitt of Prosser, Washington, and Linda and Bobby Lutkenhaus of Muenster; and sons and daughters-in-law Jim and Shirley Endres, and Bob and Kenya Endres, all of Muenster. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law Ginny and Ed Schneider, a brother and sister-in-law Willie and Queenie Walterscheid, and sister-in-law Pat Walterscheid, all of Muenster, and brother-in-law Walt Acker of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Preceding her in death were her husband Donald Endres, who died on Oct. 29, 1995; parents, Alois and Catherine Walterscheid; a sister Mary Catherine Acker; and a brother Carl "Boobie" Walterscheid.

A native of Muenster, Dorothy was born on May 29, 1933. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1951. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. On Nov. 19, 1951 she married Donald J. Endres in Sacred Heart Church.

As a child, she had attended Sacred Heart School, where she was a cheerleader and involved in extra curricular activities. As a teenager she worked at the Relax Theater, and was employed as a waitress at "The Office" restaurant by Steve Fette. After marriage, she and Don moved to Hereford, but returned to Muenster in 1953 to make their home, and she and Don ran a family dairy. She also worked for The Charm Shop in Muenster, Reliable Power Tongs in Gainesville, and the Turtle Hill Golf Course, and did substitute teaching at Muenster ISD.

Rosary Service at McCoy Funeral Home at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19 was led by David Endres. Wake service at 7 p.m. was led by Fr. John.

Participating in the special liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial with Father John, were altar servers Bret Walterscheid, Garrett Walterscheid, and Jackie Klement.

DaLana Peel gave the First Reading and Mindy Tooley gave the Second Reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Allison Hennigan.

Amber Gibbons, Brandi Cook, and Crystal Lutkenhaus presented Offertory gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Betty and Jerry Walterscheid, Clinton and Debbie Endres, Paulette Swirczynski, Kristi Schneider, and Agnes Rohmer.

Music ministers were Diane Grewing, Christi Klement, Doug Yosten, and Linda Flusche. Songs included "I Am the Resurrection", "Psalm of the Good Shepherd", "More Precious Than Silver", "Exalt Thee", "Songs of the Angels", "How Great Thou Art", "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling", and "I'll Fly



Dorothy Endres

Remarks of Remembrance were given by Bro. Bill Ledbetter. He stated, in part, "... Her childhood nickname was Dodo (I called her Dot), which was given to her by her father. She grew up in the rock house built by her father on Hwy. 82, which later became the location of Rohmer's Restaurant..."

"Dorothy had many talents. She was an avid golfer, enjoyed gardening, quilting, crocheting, and being with her family and friends... She never missed any of her grandchildren's sporting activities, and was always their number one fan. She had a special designated seat in the high school gym as well as the football stadium. In the stands, Dorothy had a very unique way of letting the referees know what a good job they were doing.

"NeNee, as she is affectionately known by all her family as well as extended family of children and teachers at school, was known as a caring and lovingly opinionated person whom you could count on to be there for you in every way. One of the things I love about Dot is the fact that you always knew where you stood with her, she spoke her mind..."

"Dot was careful to always ask whether or not we would say the Lord's Prayer before every home game because she didn't like the fact that our government had banned prayer in Jesus' name at football games... When we talked about the Lord, Dot would get such a sweet look on her face and hold her head in such a unique way that conveyed to me the fact that she loved Jesus..."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were grandsons Corey Schmitt, Mitchell Endres, Kyle Endres, Derek Endres, Brad Endres, Chad Endres, Jason Lutkenhaus, and Jeremy Lutkenhaus.

## Lillie Tuggle 1908 - 2005

Services for Lillie Henry Tuggle, 96, were set for Friday at 2 p.m. at Clement-Keel Chapel, with burial following in New Hope Cemetery. Mrs. Tuggle died Jan. 25, 2005.

Born Oct. 17, 1908 in Lovice, Tennessee, she married Forest Henry in 1927, then William Tuggle in 1964.

Survivors include her stepson Leo Tuggle of Nevada, daughters and son-in-law Betty and James Harlan of Gainesville, and Maurine Tuggle of Muenster.

## Mark Wayne Sicking 1958 - 2005

Mark Wayne "Curly" Sicking, age 46 of Lee's Summit, Missouri, died Jan. 22, 2005 at Truman Medical Center in Lee's Summit. Rosary Service will be held at Saint Mary's Catholic Church on Friday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. The funeral will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

Mark was born Dec. 23, 1958 and graduated from Muenster High School in 1977. He attended Richland College. Mark's fondest memories included being a member of the 1976 football team that went to the State Quarter-Finals, his Muenster ISD classmates, and the Community of Muenster. Mark is the current 100 and 200 meter record holder at Muenster High. Help was provided to Mark by Deb Felderhoff, Barbara Menson, and Charles Smith in his time of need. Mark died of cardiac complications and he was an organ donor.

Survivors include: his mother Mary Krahl Sicking of Gainesville; sister and brother-in-law Joan and James Lutkenhaus of Bedford; brother and sister-in-law Cliff and Kathy



Mark Wayne Sicking

Sicking of Muenster; sister and brother-in-law Joyce and Paul Dostart of La Jolla, California; sister and brother-in-law Virginia and Hank Arendt of Dallas; sister Deb Felderhoff of Lee's Summit; sister Lois Sicking of Upland, California; sister and brother-in-law Julie and Terry Huchton of The Woodlands; sister and brother-in-law Laura and Greg Hamilton of Fair View, Oregon; and brothers Bryan and Bill both of Myra.

He was preceded in death by his father Emmet Sicking.

## Hallie Berry 1903 - 2005

Hallie Viola Berry, 101 years young, died Jan. 25, 2005. Services will be Saturday, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, with burial at Rosston Cemetery.

Mrs. Berry was born Apr. 15, 1903 in Greenfield, Illinois and was the oldest of eight children. Her family

moved to Cooke County in 1918.

She married Lon Hix Berry in 1925 and lived in Rosston and Forestburg before moving to Gainesville in 1957.

Visitation will be from 7 - 8 p.m. Friday at Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

## V. W. "Jabb" Clayton 1917 - 2005

V.W. "Jabb" Clayton of Saint Jo died at age 87 on Jan. 23, 2005. Services were held in First Baptist Church in Saint Jo on Tuesday, Jan. 25, with burial following in Rest Haven Memorial Park in Gainesville.

Mr. Clayton was born Feb. 24, 1917 to Charlie Green and Eunice Ward Clayton. On June 10, 1952 he married Anna Louise Sims in Saint Jo. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church in Saint Jo. He was also a retired mechanic from Clayton Brothers Garage in Saint Jo.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law Austin and Peggy Clayton of Jacksboro; brothers Paul

and Charlie Clayton; and three grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and brother Vernon Clayton.

### CORRECTION

In last week's Lindsay School Board meeting story, Carol Luttmner was mistakenly identified as questioning the Board. Teacher and parent Sheila Jones made the comment, wondering if her job was in jeopardy since the UIL team she coached hadn't placed first.

Words cannot express the appreciation and gratitude we have for so many who helped our family. What we thought was an impossible endeavor was accomplished by Kathy Vogel, Chairwoman of the Outreach & Evangelization Committee; our Sacred Heart Parish family; Social Concerns; Muenster Jaycees; the Muenster community and people of Cooke County.

Thank you also to Father John Ohner for the powerful blessing of our beautiful remodeled home. There were too many people involved in this project to mention them all individually but if you donated money, time, talent, supplies, home furnishings, food, yourself, and your prayers, we say **THANK YOU!**

Our family has been forever touched and blessed by the support and kindness shown by all involved in this project. May God bless you all for your sincere kindness!

Linda Pels & Gina, Wendy, Jon, and Chris

## DAYS GONE BY..... by Elfreda Fette

### 65 YEARS AGO

#### January 26, 1940

Persistent and intensive cold grips Muenster. Temperature below freezing for five days. Basketball: Muenster's "Has-Been" team (Bud Hoehn, Pat Stelzer, Norman Luke, Eugene Lehnertz, Earl Lehnertz, Walter Becker, and Herman Fette) beats Era, Henry Hennigan and son Pat attend Automotive Show at Fair Park. The Ben Voths and Mary Rohmer visit Mary Voth in Wichita Falls. The Joe Schnitkers of Denison visit the John Herrs and Mrs. Henry Schnitker. New Arrivals: Phyllis Jean to the Eddie Schmitts; Marjette Agnes to the Alois (Lee) Haverkamp.

### 50 YEARS AGO

#### January 28, 1955

Muenster Polio Fund reaches \$100; more is being raised. Men in the Service: Master Sgt. Harold Trachta prepares to go to Greenland. The Robert Mayers of Pilot Point and the Robert Howells of Fort Worth visit the Tony Gremmings. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lehnertz of Adams, Minnesota visit the Joe Lehnertz and the Jimmy Lehnertz families.

Bill Luke of Midland visits the Ben Lukes, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Albers of Dallas visit Fred Herr and family. Roger Wolf and Larry Walterscheid of Fort Hood visit relatives. The Joe Vogels host Norma Vogel of Fort Worth. Mrs. Henry Fette and Mrs. Joe Voth attend funeral of Mrs. Agnes Finn in Denison. Reynold Reiter enrolls in Texas Tech as petroleum engineering student. Wedding: Mary Simmel and Charles Neu. Jerry Fuhrman and Larry Hofbauer, students in San Antonio, visit here. The Jim Raines of Houston visit the Julian Walterscheids. Guests of the Joe Hoenigs were Mrs. Kenneth Cottle and Diana, and the Tip Selfs, all of Dallas.

### 25 YEARS AGO

#### January 25, 1980

Obituary: Donna K. Fisher, age 18, of gunshot wound. New Arrivals: Jennifer Ranette to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mackey; Jacob Marshall to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hofbauer. Honor Students: The Dean's List at SOSU includes Judy Krahl and Christopher Schilling.

## From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

Now I'll say a few words about our neighboring town to the west, Saint Jo, or at least about its beginning. Originally it was called "Head of the Elm" after what is now known as "The Big Elm", one of the three main tributaries to the Trinity River.

They tell me there were springs that made a good place for the herd to quench their thirst, while the cowhands took care of theirs at the Stonewall Saloon, located at the north corner

of the town. The man who laid out the town, Joe Howell, was solidly opposed to sale of liquor in the new town, and both he and the town were given the name of Saint Jo.

Now Mr. Howell could have had a few while he laid out the town. It sits cock-eyed, the corner where 82 leaves the square is a lot more west than north.

Well, this is about the beginning of a town, and the end of this tale.

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

Sunday, January 30, 2005	Monday, January 31, 2005	Tuesday, February 1, 2005	Wednesday, February 2, 2005	Thursday, February 3, 2005	Friday, February 4, 2005	Saturday, February 5, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Sacred Heart Parish Confirmation at 10:30 AM Mass		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Auxiliary meeting, 7 PM, Installation of Officers, Administration Building	Immunization Clinic, 9-11 am, Cooke County Electric Co-op SHS 4th Annual Science Fair & Rube Goldberg's Alley, 7:30-8:45PM, SH Community Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Cooke County Republican Women meeting, 7 PM, Gainesville C of C	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	
<b>C A T H O L I C S C H O O L S W E E K</b>						
Sunday, February 6, 2005	Monday, February 7, 2005	Tuesday, February 8, 2005	Wednesday, February 9, 2005	Thursday, February 10, 2005	Friday, February 11, 2005	Saturday, February 12, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Myra Post Office - Valentine cancellation	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Lindsay VFD Truck Dance, 6 PM, Centennial Hall

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## Computer tutor available at Muenster Public Library

On the first two Wednesdays of February from 9 a.m. to noon, local computer whiz, Connie Kelts, will be at the Muenster Public Library, 418 N. Elm Street, to offer free computer tutoring to anyone with questions about computer use.

In addition to tutoring first time computer users, Ms. Kelts, a local photographer, is very experienced with digital photography, and will answer questions in that area.

Library Director, Jody Thomas, will also be available to help interested

folks learn basic library computer use and internet database searching. She stated, "The Texas State Library offers free access to some 60 databases, including medical information, homework help, and genealogical searching through a program called TexShare in public libraries. We look forward to showing folks how to search these authenticated internet databases, and we are happy to demonstrate how to use the library's computers. Come on by on one of those Wednesday mornings."



**Keep Lindsay Beautiful**  
Lindsay Knights of Columbus members are pictured (top) tearing down the old kitchen (left) in the Lindsay Park. This building was built by volunteers in the 1970s in two Saturdays. The new kitchen will be finished in time for the Lindsay Homecoming Picnic in June 2005. The new kitchen will have hot running water, indoor toilets, and the kitchen will attach to the existing pavilion. Anyone wishing to book the park and kitchen may call Lindsay City Hall at 665-4455.

Courtesy Photo

## In The Service

Marine Corps Pfc. Philip W. Fleitman, son of Susan and Kenneth Fleitman of Lindsay, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Fleitman and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Fleitman spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Fleitman and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Fleitman and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Fleitman is a 2001 graduate of Lindsay High School.

## Kyle turns 7

Kyle James Klement, son of Kevin and Terri Klement, celebrated his seventh birthday on Jan. 13 at Chuck E. Cheese's in Sherman with his grandfather Jim Whitley, siblings Kolby and Whitley, and his parents. Kyle also shared cookies with his first grade (Mrs. Miller's) class on his birthday.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, Kyle had an Incredibles party at his home. Those attending were his parents and his siblings; grandparents Helen and David Fisher, and Tony and Sis Klement; Godparents aunt Joyce Bayer and uncle Robert Klement; uncle Roy

Klement and aunt Carol Klement; cousins Bubba, Melinda, Brianna, and Zachary Klement; Craig, Connie, Emily, Sadie, and Andrew Stoffels; Glenn, Tracey, Caleb, and Cameron Skrivaneck; Judy, Alley, Zach, and Carson Trubenbach; Rhonda and Natalie Fangman; Kristi and Claire Schneider; Laura and Katie Pagel; Dalton Hess and Devon Hacker.

A pizza and lasagna lunch was served with salad and garlic bread. The Incredibles cake was made by Stephanie Heady. Cake and ice cream was served, and presents were opened.



Kyle Klement



Mary Arendt (second from left) displays a certificate she received when she graduated from physical, occupational, and speech therapies at Renaissance Care Center. She was able to return home. Kevin Davis, PTA (far left), Emily Burrows (second from right), Mark Shasteen, PT (far right) were some of the staff who assisted in her recovery.

Courtesy photo

## AREA EVENTS

### Blood Drive

The Texoma Regional Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at North Texas Medical Center on Friday, Feb. 4, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 940-612-8373.

### Cooke County Republican Women

The Cooke County Republican Women will meet on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce

Building. All women or men interested in the Republican philosophy are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

**Child Care Conference**  
Area child care providers can learn more about licensing, discipline strategies, and more as Texas Woman's University hosts the second annual Child Care Providers Conference Saturday, Feb. 12. For more information, call 1-800-250-7808 or 940-898-3408.

### Two Tenors: A Concert in White Tie and Jeans

One of them wears a tuxedo, is a seasoned operatic tenor, and regularly performs in famous concert halls around the world. The other, while much younger, dresses casually and is a talented new artist with amazing versatility. On Sunday, Feb. 6, the Two Tenors will bring their unique concert to Forestburg Baptist Church, 17065 FM 455

## District I Ladies Auxiliary is number one in paid membership

The Muenster Ladies Auxiliary held their regular meeting Monday, Jan. 17 in the Post Home. A letter from District I President May Carpenter was read. She related that District I is number one in paid up membership. The Muenster Auxiliary is at 95% and only needs four more memberships to be renewed or new members.

Members at the meeting signed cards for three members and several cards for veterans at Bonham for Valentine's Day. Rose Marie Sicking and Hilda Sicking brought Christmas Cheer bags to five homes.

Members voted to give a donation to the State

Nursing Scholarship program and to the State President's Special Cancer program.

Agnes Hesse provided lunch for nine members, and Jake Schilling won the door prize.

## News of the Sick

Jody Felderhoff, who has received a kidney and liver transplant, is recovering well. Cards and letters can reach him at 449 CR 427, Muenster, TX 76252.

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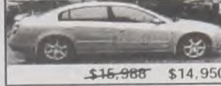
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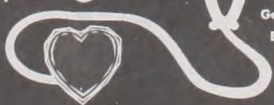
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# School

## S H School to celebrate Catholic Schools Week

The annual Catholic Schools Week is set for Jan. 29 through Feb. 4. It will kick off with a special tour of the schools after all of the weekend Masses. This will be an opportunity for members of the parish to visit and view the renovations that have been done to the historic red building and the high school. It will also be a great time for all the parishioners to see the additions made to the school such as a Multimedia Library, jungle gym, and the Heritage Foyer. The tours will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Catholic Schools Week would be nothing if it weren't for the activities of

the students. This year, all five days have a special appreciative theme in which their activities are based upon. Starting Monday is Community Service Day which will involve a lot of volunteer work all throughout Cooke County. Tuesday is Student Appreciation Day, which includes a college sweatshirt day for all students. A faculty/student softball game will also be held.

Wednesday is a very full day for Catholic Schools Week. It is National Appreciation Day and on this day a door competition will be held, where each class can decorate their doors. The junior high will be attending a production titled "Choices and Consequences" put on by St.

Mary's in Gainesville. Also the annual science fair will be held in the evening. There is an open invitation for children to come and experience "hands-on" science.

On Thursday "thank you" letters will be presented to the religious clergy as part of Vocation Religious and Clergy Appreciation Day. Also on Thursday, an all school Mass will be held for the feast of Saint Blaze where a blessing will be received.

The week will conclude with Friday's Faculty and Volunteer Appreciation Day. On this day, there will be a luncheon for all faculty and staff members. All these activities indicate a successful Catholic Schools Week in 2005!

## Klement's fourth graders are tops!



Muenster ISD recently held a contest to see which class Pre-K thru 6th grade could raise the most money for the Tsunami victims. Deb Klement's fourth grade class won by raising \$333.20. They are pictured front row (l-r): Brook Hess, Austin Schroeder, Tommy Harrison, Jack Hogan, Tori Dyess, and BriAnna Bayer; second row (l-r): Michelle Sicking, Steven Flusche, Lauren Rohmer, Trevor Hess, Amber Walterscheid, Paige Herr, and Abby Walterscheid; third row (l-r): Rosalee Bayer, Ryan Los, Hunter Klement, Sean Chism, Deb Klement, and Daniel Lutkenhaus. Not pictured is Clayton Fangman.

Photo by Deborah Wood



Top 6 in 4th grade are (l-r): Andy Flusche, 1st place; Morgan Swank, 6th; Emily Krahl, 5th; Kaitlin Hesse, 4th; John Hesse, 3rd; and Isaac



Top 6 in 5th grade are (l-r): Michael Davis, 1st place; Austin Springer, 6th; Bob Bartush, 3rd; Amanda Knabe, 4th; Austin Miller, 5th; and Andy Ware, 6th place.



Top 6 in 6th grade are (l-r): Rebekah Hesse, 1st place; Matt Hesse, 6th; Zach White, 5th; Jessica Krahl, 4th; Ryan Felderhoff, 3rd; and Jordan Henscheid, 2nd place.



Top 6 in 7th grade are (l-r): Jon Nystrom, 2nd; Samantha Barnett, 3rd; Garrett Berend, 4th; Aaron Flusche, 5th; Zachary Moritz, 6th; and Isaac Davis, 1st place.

## Geography Bee 2005 Winners



Top 6 in 8th grade are (l-r): Lisa Miller, 3rd; Ben Walterscheid, 4th; Samantha Wimmer, 6th; Joe Hesse, 5th; Matt Flusche, 2nd; and Richie Sweeney, 1st place.

## Geography Bee held at S H School

Using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society, Sacred Heart students from 4th through 8th grades recently participated in the annual Geography Bee. For the first time in the 16 year history of the Bee at Sacred Heart, 5th graders took the top two spots: Michael Davis was the Champion, followed by Austin Springer as the Runner-up.

Other winners include: 3, Isaac Davis, (7th); 4, Bob Bartush, (5th); 5, Richie Sweeney, (8th); 6, Lisa Miller, (8th); 7, Matt

Flusche, (8th); 8, Amanda Knabe, (5th); 9, Rebekah Hesse, (6th); 10, Austin Miller, (5th).

Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee. The contest is designed to encourage

teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography.

FRONT (L-R): Michael Davis, Amanda Knabe, Austin Miller, Bob Bartush, BACK (L-R): Austin Springer, Lisa Miller, Rebekah Hesse, Matt Flusche, Richie Sweeney, Isaac Davis. Courtesy Photo

## Lunch Menus

### WEEK OF JAN. 31 - FEB. 4

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Mon. - Fajita tacos (chicken), Spanish rice, beans, peaches, brownie w/walnuts.

Tues. - Chicken tenders, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Chicken patty sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, chips and salsa, fresh vegetables, oranges, cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburger w/cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, applesauce, ice cream.

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Wed. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, pudding cups, bread.

Thurs. - Turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet peas, cranberry sauce, strawberries/bananas (Parents and grandparents invited).

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream, fruit trail mix.

#### LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Corn dog, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks, jello, fresh fruit.

Tues. - Frito chili pie, ranch-style beans, pickle wedges, applesauce.

Wed. - Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, mixed fruit, cranberries, bread, pumpkin dessert.

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# Sports

## Lady Hornets and Knights lead District

The Muenster Lady Hornets remain in the District 17-A driver's seat after pulling out a 36-34 victory over the Lady Knights in Lindsay last Friday night. The over-packed gym rumbled and roared as Muenster and Lindsay fans came out in full force to support their teams.

After a 10-10 tie the 1st quarter, Lindsay dominated the next period, taking a 10 point lead into the locker room. Muenster closed Lindsay's lead to 3 by the end of the 3rd quarter and was down 29-28 with three minutes remaining in the game.

A free throw by Megan Felderhoff at 2:56 tied the game 29-29. Nine seconds later, Felderhoff scored a basket to give the Lady Hornets a 31-29 lead.

With 1:21 remaining on the clock, JoAnna Felderhoff fouled out. Lindsay inbounded the ball, Alison Teafatiller got a steal, and Kallie Gerstberger was fouled. Gerstberger made both free throws to extend Muenster's lead to 33-29 with a minute four on the clock.

Sandy Endres got called for a foul, her fifth, but the Lady Knights missed the free throw. Kristen Hess rebounded, and with 49 seconds on the clock Laura Heers went to the line. The first fell incomplete, but the second was good for a 34-29 score.

Cheryl Knabe made a basket at 37 seconds for a 34-31 score. Muenster inbounded and Teafatiller was fouled. The first free throw was good for a 35-31 score at 23 seconds. Lindsay rebounded the second and took it down court where Allison Hundt was fouled at 15 seconds. Lindsay got the rebound on the missed shot and Knabe was fouled at 14 seconds. Knabe made both shots to close the score to 35-33.

Muenster inbounded and Teafatiller was fouled with 10 seconds remaining in the game. Her first shot was good, 36-33, and the second was rebounded by Lindsay.

A whistle on a short 3-point attempt by Chelsea Hermes sent Gerstberger to the bench and Hermes to the line with 5 seconds on the clock. Hermes made the

first throw, then missed the next two for a 36-34 score. The rebound attempt went out on Lindsay. Muenster's attempt to inbound was knocked out by Lindsay, leaving two seconds on the clock. Another whistle called Muenster on the line, giving the Lady Knights one more shot. The inbounded ball was up, but missed the basket and the Lady Hornets claimed a 36-34 victory.

Alison Teafatiller led the Lady Hornets on the scoreboard with 12 points. Megan Felderhoff added 7, with Sandy Endres and JoAnna Felderhoff each scoring 6. Kallie Gerstberger put in 4 points, and Laura Heers 1. Muenster was eight of 18 from the free throw line.

Cheryl Knabe was the game's high scorer with 16 points. Brittany Anderle added 9, Chelsea Hermes 4, Christy Hess 3, and Stephanie Metzler 2. The Lady Knights hit seven of 18 free throws.

The game gave Muenster a 21-4, 4-0 record, and Lindsay 16-6, 2-2.

M	10	4	12	10	36
L	10	14	5	5	34

In boys action, the Knights had a 9 point lead after the 1st period of play, but Muenster closed to within 3 before the 26-21 halftime score. Lindsay gained 5 more points in the 3rd, before taking control of the contest in the final quarter for a 64-41 score.

Derek Endres was high scorer for the Hornets with 12 points. Russell Endres added 10, Derek Felderhoff 5, Justin Wolf and Sean Fuhrmann 4 apiece, Chase Cain 3, Clint Miller 2, and Dustin Felderhoff 1. The Hornets hit four 3s and were seven of 17 at the line.

Four Knights scored in the double digits. Levi Hermes led with 15, Brandon Huckaby 12, Kristopher Creed 11, and Cody Anderle 10. Josey Kyle added 8, Trinity Otto 5, Dustin Hughes 2, and Jacob Fuhrmann 1. Lindsay dropped in four 3s and hit 18 of 34 free throws.

The Knights take over as undefeated District leaders, with the Hornets following in second.

M	9	12	11	9	41
L	18	8	16	22	64



Muenster Hornet Dustin Felderhoff (32) keeps Lindsay's Kristopher Creed (10) from making the shot. Also pictured are John Fredrick and Chase Cain (23). Janie Hartman photo



Brittany Anderle (32) gets her hand on the ball, shot by Megan Felderhoff (22). Also in action is Kallie Gerstberger (5). Janie Hartman photo

## Sacred Heart splits wins with Calvary

The Tigerettes improved their record to 14-6, 2-1 Friday night with a one-sided District win over Denton Calvary. A 24-3 1st quarter score set the tempo of the game, ending with a 67-16 Sacred Heart victory.

Ten Tigerettes scored points toward the win. Maggie Farrell led with 15. Katie Flusche and Shannon Hartman each added 9. Nicole Bayer put in 8, Whitney Wimmer 7, Diana Knabe 6, Brittany White, Melissa Thomas, and Stephanie Krawietz each scored 4, and Hannah Hess 1.

SH	24	12	14	17	67
DC	3	4	3	6	16

Clayton Truebenbach dropped in 21 points for the Tigers, but the team came up short, losing to Calvary 52-48. The scoring was close, with the leading team zig-zagging between the two throughout the game.

Other Sacred Heart players putting points on the board were Tim Otto 10, Andy Davis 8, Chris Hoedebeck 5, and 2 apiece by Thomas Otto and Mark Fleitman.

SH	10	16	13	9	48
DC	12	11	19	10	52

## Sacred Heart teams fall to Notre Dame

Round one of District play concluded Tuesday night at Wichita Falls for the Sacred Heart teams, as the Lady Knights and Knights both took District wins from the Tiger teams. "Another tough loss," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We were off to a great start and let the Lady Knights climb back into the game towards the end of the 1st half. We became a little lazy on defense."

The Tigerettes had a 14 point lead in the 1st quarter and led 31-19 at halftime, before scoring only 5 points the 2nd half. "The 2nd half we had too many turnovers," added Coach Jon.

Stephanie Henscheid and Maggie Farrell led the Tigerettes on the scoreboard with 10 points each. Whitney Wimmer added 9, Diana Knabe 4, Stephanie Krawietz 2, and Shannon Hartman 1.

"We are in a tough spot. It's not over by any means, and I am confident we can regroup and make the playoffs."

SH	22	9	2	3	36
ND	8	11	12	10	41

The Tigers were also handed a loss, falling 55-45 to the Knights. Sacred Heart took an early lead with a 7 point advantage at halftime. A 34-17 point difference the 2nd half dropped the Tigers to a defeat.

Chris Hoedebeck and Clayton Truebenbach were high scorers for the Tigers with 18 and 15 points. Theo Otto added 4, with Paul Bartush and Mark Gehrig getting 3 apiece, and Mitch Sellers 2.

Sacred Heart hits the road next week, heading to Aledo on Tuesday and Abilene on Saturday.

## Muenster wins over Valley View

The Muenster basketball teams traveled to Valley View Tuesday night, bringing home District victories.

The Lady Hornets pulled out a 58-41 win behind the shooting of the Felderhoff sisters. JoAnna and Megan Felderhoff were high scorers in the game with 24 and 17 points. The victory improves

Muenster's record to 22-4, with an undefeated District record of 5-0.

Whitney Watson added 5 points, Kallie Gerstberger and Alison Teafatiller 4 apiece, and 2 each by Sandy Endres and Laura Heers. Muenster hit six of 11 free throws.

M	15	12	20	11	58
VV	5	6	10	20	41

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## Tiger Sharks snare 2nd place at Regional meet

Neil Bayer's 1st place win in the diving competition led the Sacred Heart Tiger Sharks, in their 11th season of swimming, to an overall 2nd place finish at the TAPPS Regional competition held at the Frisco ISD Natatorium on Jan. 22.

To qualify for State competition in an event, a participant needed to not only be among the top eight finishers in that event, but also had to beat a given qualifying time for that event. Each member of the Tiger Sharks boys and girls swim teams qualified for State in at least one event.

Participants in the girls' events qualifying for State are freshmen Lauren Krahl, winning 2nd place in both the 200 freestyle relay and 100 freestyle; Kristina Koesler, with 6th place in the 50 freestyle; and Lauren Sepanski, with 7th place in the 100 breaststroke. Sophomore Paige White qualified with 2nd place in the 200 freestyle and the 200 medley relay.

Junior girls qualifying were Shannon Hartman, with a 2nd place 200 medley relay, 2nd place 200 freestyle relay, 7th place 100 freestyle, and 3rd place 50 freestyle; Joelle Fuhrmann with a 4th place in the 100 breaststroke and a 2nd place 200 medley relay; and Brittany White with a 2nd place in the 200 medley relay and a 2nd place 200 freestyle.

On the boys team, sophomore Mark Fleitman qualified with a 2nd place in the 100 breaststroke. Also qualifying were juniors Mark Gehrig, with 2nd place in the 200 freestyle relay, 2nd place in the 200 medley relay, a 3rd place in the 50 freestyle, and

a 5th place in the 100 freestyle; Neil Bayer, with the Tiger Sharks' only 1st place win in diving; and Jon Ambrose with a 2nd place 200 freestyle relay, 2nd place 200 medley relay, and a 2nd place in the 50 freestyle.

Senior boys qualifying were Jordan Smith with a 2nd place 200 freestyle relay and a 2nd place in the 200 medley relay; and Travis Hess with a 3rd place 100 freestyle, 2nd place 200 freestyle relay, and a 2nd place in the 200 medley relay.

In preparing for the upcoming State competition, Coach Campbell comments, "We will spend the next three weeks doing heavy workouts. Though most team members are concurrently playing other sports, the level of conditioning needed for swimmers to excel is much higher than for other sports. We want to convert some of those 2nd place finishes to 1sts. Hopefully each member of the squad will peak at State. It was very frustrating for some Tiger Sharks to miss, 1st place by 0.008 second."

Asked why he comes from Dallas to coach the squad, Campbell explains, "Sacred Heart gave me a great education. It's my way of giving back."

The Tiger Sharks will be competing in the TAPPS State Swim and Diving Competition at the University of Texas Natatorium in Austin on Feb. 18 and 19. All are welcome.



Sacred Heart coaches, managers, and Tiger Sharks with Regional awards include: back row (L-R) Michael Flusche, Jordan Smith, John Ambrose, Mark Fleitman, Travis Hess, Lauren Sepanski, Kristina Koesler, Shirley Hess; 2nd row (L-R) Mark Gehrig, Joelle Fuhrmann, Brittany White, Lauren Krahl; Front row (L-R) Neil Bayer, Shannon Hartman, Paige White, Dainah Hartman, Sunni Bayer. Courtesy photo

## KC's crown Free Throw Champions



Ten boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, were named "local champions" of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to move on to the District level competition. Muenster Council 1459 sponsored the local contest where over 60 youngsters were found "shooting it out" this last Sunday at the MHS gym. Lana Heers (12/15) was

the 10-year-old girls' champion and Landon Presnall (13/15) was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division. In the 11-year-old bracket, Taylor Klement (12/15) was her division's champion for the second year in a row and Jason Luke (11/15) repeated as the boys' champion.

Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Shaina Felderhoff (12/15) and William Phillips (15/15) of Saint Jo. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Jackie Klement (8/15) and the boys' division was won by Coby Fleitman (9/15) of Saint Jo. Laura Heers (13/15) was the 14-year-old girls' champion, winning her division for the fourth straight year. Brandon

Bindel (12/15), also a repeat champion, won the boys 14-year-old division.

Each of these winners will compete in the District competition to be held on Sunday, Feb. 13 at St. Mary's gymnasium in Gainesville with an eye toward moving on to the regional, state and international levels.

## MUENSTER YOUTH BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. the 1st and 2nd grade Green and Black teams played each other in an exciting game. The Green team came out ahead 16-2. Scorers for the Green team were Trey Anderle with 10 points, followed by Brady Endres with 6. Scoring 2 points for the Black team was Natalie

## Muenster Powerlifters compete

Muenster powerlifters took part in the Nocona powerlifting match held Saturday, Jan. 22. Nathan Privett brought home a 2nd place, lifting a total of 1040 pounds in the 165 weight class. Privett squat lifted 420, dead lifted 420, and bench pressed 200 pounds.

Cole Harrison took 6th in the 220 pound division. Harrison squat lifted 315, dead lifted 375, and benched 235.

In the super heavy weight division, Noah Barnhill scored a 920 for a 7th place finish. He benched 220, dead lifted 335, and squat lifted 365.

Patrick Lutkenhaus competed in the 181 class, lifting a total of 885 pounds. On the bench he lifted 210, squat lifted 345, and dead lifted 330 for an 8th place finish.

In girls competition, Cassie Hale lifted a 315 pound total to finish in 9th place in the 105 weight class. She benched 65, had a 130 pound squat, and dead lifted 120 pounds.

The next meet for Muenster will be Feb. 3 at S&S. Girls competition begins at 1 p.m., with boys lifting at 8:30 a.m.



Lauren Krahl, Kristina Koesler, Lauren Sepanski and Joelle Fuhrmann, relay team members.



Mark Gehrig



Travis Hess



Shannon Hartman



Paige White



Knight Cody Anderle (20) pulls down a rebound, defended by Hornets Dustin Felderhoff (32), Clint Miller, and Sean Fuhrmann (12). Also pictured is Trinity Otto (44). Janie Hartman photo



Lady Hornets celebrate after victory over Lindsay. Janie Hartman photo



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## Trans-Texas Corridor to be discussed at TSCRA convention

The impact of the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor on private property owners will be examined during Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's annual convention March 18-21 in Fort Worth.

Plans for the megahighway system include six lanes for cars, four lanes for trucks, six rail tracks, utilities, pipelines, and state concessions on 4,000 miles of toll roads up to a quarter-mile across.

Current estimates that the corridor will consume more than a half million acres of private property have a lot of people worried. Ranchers and farmers fear their land may be lost or split up through eminent domain.

Cities and towns are concerned about the loss of business if the corridor diverts traffic around them or the loss of revenue if the corridor goes through and takes land off of the local tax rolls.

Commuters are dismayed that plans for financing include user tolls, not only for the corridor, but for all new highway projects.

The \$175 billion TTC project was proposed by Gov. Rick Perry in 2002 to handle the expected increase in traffic to and from Mexico created by the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Completion is expected to take 50 years, but some observers say the corridor has been put on the fast track by HB 3588, enabling

legislation passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Perry in 2003.

Contract negotiations are already under way for the Oklahoma-to-Mexico portion of the corridor. On Dec. 16, the Texas Transportation Commission selected a proposal by a Spanish company, Cintra, Concesiones de Infraestructuras, de Transporte, S.A.

Cintra proposes to invest \$6 billion in a toll road between Dallas and San Antonio, roughly paralleling I-35, by 2010.

TSCRA leaders have already met with Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to express concerns about condemnation powers, acquisition of land and access to private property.

This will be the focus of discussions during TSCRA's convention. Members are urged to contact their representatives in Austin with opinions or questions on the proposal.

### Agriculture and the Environment

A 2003 survey of America's young farmers and ranchers revealed that 60.9 percent use conservation (or no-till) tillage while 47.7 percent regularly test the soil or crop tissue prior to the application of nutrients and pesticides.



A cow and her calf are fenced in, not only by wire, but also by young trees growing within the fencerow. Area livestock, along with farmers and ranchers have been enjoying the recent mild, dry days, which give the feelings of spring. Janie Hartman photo

## Aussie beef gets 50 percent market share in Japan

Australian beef overtook Japanese domestic beef in terms of market share in 2004, making up 50 percent of total market volume. The Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry announced that 290,000 tons of Australian beef was supplied to Japanese consumers between January and September 2004. Japanese domestic beef, which has historically held the largest share of the market, made

up 260,000 tons, or 44 percent of total beef in 2004. In 2003, 37 percent of the market share was accounted for by domestic beef, 32 percent by Australian beef, and 30 percent by U.S. beef. Trade

restrictions on U.S. beef, and the subsequent rise in prices, has seen Australian beef emerge as the leading supplier for both Japanese retailers and food service. *Meat & Livestock Australia*

### Understanding Soil Physical Properties

Understanding the physical properties of soil is very important for anyone working with plants and soils in Texas. Soils vary throughout our State. You may be working with clays, silts, sands, or even a mixture of these three. In addition, the behaviors differ based on the composition and the interrelation among the soil components.

Remember that soil is also made up of air, water, and organic matter.

Air is important for the infiltration of water and to allow room for the plant's roots to grow. The amount of water the soil can hold is directly related to the size of the soil particle. If all the particles in a 10 gram sample were 1 mm sand particles, there would be 7,207 particles. The same weight of soil would require approximately 7.2 million silt sized particles or 7.2 trillion clay particles. The more particles of soil in a given area, the greater the ability of the soil to hold water. Finally, organic matter is important to the soil because of its ability to help buffer the soil and its ability to hold positively charged micronutrient particles and make them available to the plant.

How well your plants will grow certainly depends on the type of soil that you have. Water and nutrient management will differ among soils.

Rooting depth and compaction will differ, as well. So, to provide the best environment for your plants, make sure you know the type of soil you are working with. Take the time to understand the pros

and cons of your soil and manage it appropriately.

For more detailed information on "Soil Physical Properties", go to the Aggie-Turf web site at <http://aggie-turf.tamu.edu> and click on "Turf Tips".

### Suggestions from the Texas Animal Health Commission

Texas state veterinarian Bob Hillman offers a list of resolutions for livestock and poultry producers that can be adopted anytime:

1. Fence out disease;
2. Never settle for "almost" in disease eradication;
3. Volunteer your herd for a cattle tuberculosis (TB) test;
4. Control flies and ticks;
5. Maintain a good relationship with your private veterinary practitioner;
6. Don't stall; call to report unusual signs of disease or pests in livestock;
7. Register for a new "address" (Premises ID).

Hillman says, "Consider having your heifers vaccinated with the RB-51 vaccine, which provides protection against brucellosis but doesn't create confusion on blood tests," he suggested. "At the livestock market, breeding cattle 18 months or older are routinely tested for brucellosis; remember that this requirement also extends to private treaty sales, unless cattle originate from a certified, brucellosis-free herd that's tested yearly. Hauling new cattle home? Isolate them for 30 days and consider having them retested for brucellosis prior to joining the herd.

"Herd tests assure owners and our trading partners—that disease hasn't been introduced or hasn't spread among herds," he said.

"Right now, 2,000 beef herd owners need to volunteer their animals for a cattle tuberculosis (TB)

test, to help the state regain its TB-free status, lost in 2002. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has granted an extension for paying private veterinary practitioners to conduct the testing," said Dr. Hillman.

"The beef and dairy industry partnered on a plan for regaining the USDA's TB-free status recognition and freedom to move breeding cattle without TB tests," he said. "A major aspect of the plan involved TB testing all Texas dairies and approximately 2,400 purebred or beef breeding herds.

"In 2004, the dairy industry fulfilled its testing obligation. One infected dairy, in Mills County, was found and depopulated. Texas still needs about 2,000 beef herd tests, as only 458 herds have been tested so far. Of these herds, all were negative for cattle TB. Every herd test counts, as this obligation is fulfilled to assure the USDA and our trading partners of adequate disease surveillance," he said.

"It doesn't matter which species or how many head of livestock or poultry you own," said Dr. Hillman. "Resolve to keep disease out, control pests, stay alert and report unusual signs of disease. Stay in touch with your private veterinary practitioner and you'll have met important resolutions this year, and every year. These could be your most cost efficient and beneficial livestock managing decisions."

**Dates to Remember:**  
Feb. 14 & 15 - Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Seminar, Denton.  
Feb. 16 - CCBCIA Meeting, Cooke County Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 24 - Tri-County Farm Symposium, NCTC Little Theatre, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 6 CEUs (Pending TDA Approval).

## Witt joins TDA as new general counsel

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that Ellen Witt has joined the Texas Department of Agriculture as the agency's new general counsel.

Before joining TDA, Witt was an attorney with the law firm of Vinson & Elkins in Austin, where she practiced health law and corporate law. While at V&E, she advised health-related entities on regulatory compliance and represented developing companies in capital-raising and corporate governance.

"In her position as TDA's general counsel, Ellen's broad legal background and expertise will be tremendous assets to this agency and the state's agricultural industry," Combs said.

Witt replaces Kathryn Reed, who will retire Dec. 31 after almost 29 years of service to the state. Since 1999, she has represented agriculture and rural interests while working at TDA.

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500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.02-1.19; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.02;  
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Stocker: 60-75; Thin: 35-55; Fat: 60-75;  
**Bucks (per lb.)**  
Thin: NT; Fat: 50-65;  
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