

Now is the time to file for local offices

By Janet Felderhoff
The opportunity to file for any of the local positions on the boards of various entities began Feb. 9 and ends on Monday, March 10 at the close of business. Election day for contested races will be May 10.

Muenster ISD has two trustee positions with terms expiring in May. Place 3 is currently held by Jeff McAden and Place 4 by Bert Walterscheid.

Anyone interested in running for one of those positions may file by going to the MISD administration office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to pick up an application package. All paperwork must be returned by March 10 at 5 p.m. If you have questions, call the administrative office at 759-2282, Ext. 600.

Muenster Hospital District has three positions for three year terms up for election. They are now held by Paul Becker, Mary Dangelmayr, and Danny Walterscheid. These are at large positions, so should there be a contested race, the three candidates with the most votes will be elected. Applications for the Muenster Hospital Board of Directors can be obtained at the

administration office located in the Hospital's south wing.

Three places on the Muenster City Council expire in May. Holding those offices at this time are Place 1 Bob Walterscheid, Place 2 Greg Bohl, and Place 4 Jewel Otto.

To become a candidate for one of those three positions, go to Muenster City Hall to begin the application process.

Lindsay City Council has two at large alderman seats and the mayor's position up for election. Currently serving are aldermen Glen "Tic" Block and Robin Rose and Mayor Steven K. Zwinggi.

Anyone interested in filing for mayor or a city council seat may do so at Lindsay City Hall during regular business hours.

Lindsay ISD's Board of Trustees has three at large seats with expiring terms. Holding those positions are Michael Hermes, Danny Nortman, and Wayne Fleitman.

Sign up information is available at the Lindsay ISD administration office.

Most entities now elect not to hold an election in May if there are no contested races. This was made possible by state legislation to save taxpayers an unnecessary expense.

Muenster prepares for severe weather with drill

By Janet Felderhoff
Texans are asked to use the week of Feb. 24 - March 1 to prepare for severe storms. That period has been declared Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas because historically, severe weather impacts Texas in Spring months, and now is the time to prepare. Muenster and some other Cooke County towns are planning a test of their tornado warning signals on Monday, March 10 in order to prepare themselves and local citizens for severe weather.

"Severe Weather Awareness Week reminds Texans that dangerous climate conditions can develop quickly, so it's vital that we plan ahead for such threatening situations," Texas Gov. Rick Perry said. "By building a culture of preparedness, we can take steps to reduce risk, ensure safety, and ultimately save lives."

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, Texans are

advised to assemble a "readiness kit" of important emergency supplies including a first aid kit, bottled water, and nonperishable food, and are encouraged to keep a battery-operated radio or television set to receive important information during storms, designate a place to go in case of evacuation, and develop an emergency plan for communicating with relatives and friends.

Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher stressed, "Everyone should have a plan for severe weather. It doesn't take long and the whole family should be part of the process. Discuss what you will do, where will you go, and how you will stay in contact if something were to happen. The first time you think about it shouldn't be when the sirens are going off!"

Besides developing a plan and making sure the whole

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With an anticipated completion date of Oct. 1, preparation work has been progressing quickly for the Wolf Ridge Wind Project north of Muenster. This excavator operator digs dirt and rock from this hole

which will be about 11 feet deep and 55 feet wide. The hole will be filled with cement to form the base on which the huge wind generator will set. There are 75 wind turbine generator planned for the area.

Janet Felderhoff photo

Wolf Ridge Wind offers improvements and maintenance of some Pct. #4 roads

By Janet Felderhoff

At the Monday, Feb. 25 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court, David Tenan, construction manager of the Wolf Ridge Wind Project, expressed concerns on safety issues regarding some county roads in Precinct #4. Groundwork progresses swiftly towards the erection of approximately 75 wind generator turbines north of Muenster. Construction of interior roads and foundation is in full swing.

Tenan remarked, "You are aware that many of the county roads in that location are somewhat narrow. We're strongly concerned about public safety, as well as the construction traffic working out in that area. That area is not used to seeing as much traffic."

He requested the Court's permission, at Wolf Ridge Project's cost, to improve the county roads as needed

throughout the project area. Also, he offered to provide maintenance services during the project on certain roads. "We will make sure that we maintain the integrity of these roads during the construction phase of this project," he declared.

County Judge Bill Freeman questioned Tenan on the widening of roads and intersections and what he meant by that. Tenan noted that the intersections would be widened to facilitate long deliveries. "The way the project is designed, most of the delivery will be on our side roads, but we will need to widen a few of the intersections for our needs," Tenan explained. "They will be moved back to preexisting conditions once complete. We temporarily widen some of the intersections to allow delivery of the larger turbine parts."

Judge Freeman stressed that the Court could not

grant permission to get on private land. Tenan said that the majority had already been agreed upon with the landowner to widen the roads or intersections.

Some places with culverts that are shorter than the width of the road will get longer culverts at the expense of the Wolf Ridge Project. Tenan expects to replace these 16 foot culverts with 24 foot ones.

Judge Freeman said that before anything could be done, a contract would have to be signed to indemnify the County from any accidents that happen while the company is working whether it be cutting cables or a vehicle accident, or any other accident that occurs while working on or maintaining the county roads. "It's 100% your responsibility," said Freeman. A bond would also be required of the company.

To avoid going down Main

Street in Muenster, the company is looking at skirting the town by way of County Road 428 then on to FM 373. This could require a minor modification. Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith said this was being considered because it would be much safer than coming down Main Street. He said it may coincide with the Germanfest activities. Smith was acting on behalf of Precinct #4 Commissioner Virgil Hess who was ill at the time.

Tenan said that the actual weight of a cell is 125,000 pounds and it would be transported on a trailer with 17 axles to evenly distribute the weight.

Other roads slated to maintenance work for the project are CR 430, CR 425, CR 477, CR 431, CR 457, and CR 424.

Intersections to be widened are the intersections of CR 430 and CR 425, CR 477 and

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Voting locations announced for March Primaries

By Janet Felderhoff

Voters in both the local Democratic and Republican 2008 March Primary Elections will use the same polling places.

County offices with contended places in the March 4 elections are all in the Republican Primary. Those offices are 235th District Judge with incumbent Judge Janelle Haverkamp and Martin Peterson; District Attorney with District Attorney Cindy Stormer opposed by Chris Postel and Janice Warder; County Attorney with Tanya Davis, incumbent, opposed by Frieda Fiske; Sheriff with Sheriff Mike Compton opposed by Ken Fogus; Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Holwell is opposed by Wayne Dodson.

Also on the Republican ballot, but without opposition in March or November are Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith; Tax Assessor-Collector Billie Jean Knight; and Precinct #1 Constable Terry Gilbert. With no opponent in March, but with an opponent in November are Republican Dick Roth and Democrat Royce Martin for Precinct #4 Constable. Ben Thurman is running for Sheriff on the Democratic ballot and Nancy Manning is an Independent seeking election to the position of Cooke County District Attorney.

Many polling places have been combined to save expenses, and all include both Republican and Democratic ballots. Precinct locations and election judges for March 4 are as follows:

Pcts. 1 & 3 at North Central Texas College, Monica Lamb - R and Patrick Hermes - D;

Pcts. 2, 34, & 35 at First Christian Church, Dick Sparkman - R and Joyce Malinowsky - D;

Pcts. 4, 30, & 37 at Hillcrest Church of Christ, Merle Carrie - R and Farazana Ravajani - D;

Pcts. 5 & 20 at East Side Church of Nazarene, Tricia Williford - R and James Hurst - D;

Pcts. 6 & 9 at Callisburg Community Center, Elizabeth Mendenhall - R and Carolyn Hassell - D;

Pcts. 7 & 8 at Callisburg Elementary School (Rad Ware), Sharon McCormack - R and James Davis - D;

Pct. 10 at New Hope Baptist Church, Diane Helms - R and Jeanett Munn - D;

Pct. 11 at St. John's Parish Hall (Valley View), Bill Dearing - R and John Kubicek - D;

Pcts. 12 & 14 at Era Community Center, Ann Knight - R and Pat Ford - D;

Pcts. 15, 17, & 8 at Sacred Heart Community Center (Muenster), Mary Endres - R and Celine Dittfurth - D;

Pcts. 19, 21, & 33 at Conrad Hall (Lindsay), Barbara Felderhoff - R and Evelyn Fuhrmann - D;

Pct. 22 at Lake Kiowa Lodge, Sharon Acker - R and John Cooper - D.

Don't forget to Vote!

Youth Fair this weekend



Abby Walterscheid, with the help of her brother Luke, prepares to show her goat at the County 4-H Livestock Show last weekend at the Circle A Arena in Muenster. The Cooke County Youth Fair is being held at the same location with the sale starting at 1 p.m. this Saturday. Home Ec projects can be viewed at the Muenster K of C Hall. Abby and Luke are the children of Kenneth and Tina Walterscheid and members of Muenster 4-H. MISD photo

Need for burn ban continues in County

By Janet Felderhoff

Recent rain and a few warm days that have brought out a few areas of small nubs of green grass did not eliminate the need for the County Wide Disaster Declaration and County Wide Burn Ban.

Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher reported at Monday's Commissioners Court meeting that even though there was a slight greening of grasses in some areas, the abundance of fuel, such as high dead grasses, will keep danger of wildfires high.

"In fact today (Monday), we are under a critical extreme wildfire alert," noted Fletcher. Strong winds and some of the lowest humidity so far this year combined causing the issuance of this

type of alert. The winds were to be so strong that there was a grave danger of wildfires being whipped to speeds that could overtake firefighters and their equipment.

On Monday, there was more than one call heard where a fire department was called to investigate smoke coming from a fire that was started to burn debris. Some people are choosing not only to ignore the disaster declaration and burn ban, but to do so on days where common sense should dictate no burning regardless of whether the law says it is okay or not.

Lifting of the burn ban in unincorporated areas of the County will be considered at each Commissioners Court meeting until it is deemed safe to take off the ban.

AgriLIFE Extension reviews 2007 for Commissioners Court

By Janet Felderhoff
 During the Monday, Feb. 25 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court, Cooke County's three extension agents gave an hour long power point presentation on the work and progress done during 2007. The new name of the Texas Cooperative Extension is Texas AgriLIFE Extension. Their new mission statement is, "To improve the lives of people, businesses, and communities across Texas and beyond through high quality relevant education."

Wayne Becker noted that the Extension was established in Texas in 1915 by the Texas Legislature. Becker, the Ag Natural Resource agent, said that agriculture had a 92.1 million dollar impact on Cooke County in 2007. Beef production was the number one industry estimated at 40.8 million dollars.

Becker reported on many programs offered by his department. He said that there were 18,520 contacts last year.

Angel Neu, Better Living for Texans agent, highlighted services offered by her department. Programs offered included a grant program that teaches nutrition, food safety, and management to people who are on food stamps or who are eligible for them. The goal is to teach good eating habits and to better manage the money that they have to purchase food.

Better parenting and child care classes are provided by Neu's department. Education and community service are the focus of a number of clubs in the County under her care. There are 85 members total in the County.

Neu said that her department had 506 educational programs and 2,453 individual contacts that made a total of 24,000 contacts last year. Caring for young children is her focus for 2008, she said.

Phyllis Griffin, 4-H agent, introduced her County Council officers. She had them tell the story of 4-H in Cooke County. They showed pictures of the numerous activities and told of their successes including sending teams to national in some competition events.

Cooke County 4-H has 193 educational programs, 10,901 contacts by volunteers, 40,029 contact hours, 6,834 persons attending programs or meetings, and 34,621 individual written, verbal, and direct contacts by the 4-H Extension agent, making a total of 84,978 contacts by the agents and volunteers.

County Judge Bill Freeman remarked, "I think we are very fortunate in this County to be able to have three Extension agents. A lot of counties have lost one or two, and I think some counties are totally out of the Extension business. We appreciate the job that each one of you do. I'm sure your efforts will show in the years to come as these young people

grow up and become leaders for our county and our state."

The Texas Department of Public Safety has a lease agreement with the County for the use of the former First State Bank building now owned by the County. The State uses the building as its office for the Highway Patrol Department assigned to Cooke County. Judge Freeman noted it is a very nominal lease for \$600 a month which does not even cover the utility bills. He said the County furnishes utilities, telephone, and other amenities to that office. Any change in the lease requires a 90 day notice. He said now is the time to decide if there will be a change in the rent or lease. Judge Freeman charged Commissioners Al Smith and Gary Hollowell with studying the cost to the County and with reporting back to the Court with their recommendation.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Approved bond for Jim Farquhar, director of the Cooke County Juvenile Probation Department.
- Opened and approved sealed bids from Contec Construction, the only bidder, for corrugated galvanized pipe for all precincts for a period of 12 months.
- Approved request by the City of Callisburg, at its expense, to bore under Survey

Road, approximately 80 feet south of CR 157 using a two inch sleeve housing a three-quarter inch water line, located in Precinct #1. Precinct #1 Commissioner asked that since CR 157 is a gravel road, it be stressed that he would allow cutting across the road, which is less expensive.

- With no bids submitted on surplus items from the Cooke County Maintenance Department, the County will sell what is salvageable and dispose of what is not.
- Approved Sheriff's Office bonds.
- Approved clearing of fence rows on CR 156 for Jane Stout and CR 107 for Ben O'Neal, both in Precinct #1.
- Approved amended order appointing election judges for the March 2008 Primary Election.
- Approved ending of contract with Timber Creek Productions, L.L.C. for use of old jail for filming purposes.
- Ratified County Judge's signature on contract for larger dumpster for Cooke County.
- Approved copier contract with Dustin's Office Machines for the Cooke County Extension Office.
- Approved addendum #2 extending deadline for Section 125 proposals.
- Accepted check from insurance company for Sheriff's Office vehicle accident on Jan. 31.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
MEETING DATE - MARCH 3, 2008
 The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, March 3, 2008.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on February 4, 2008.
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

1. Consider and act on bids for fence on east side of City Park. Approve budget amendment to reflect this expense.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Receive Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Audit Report from Stephen Gilland. Consider and act on accepting report.
2. Consider and act on approving renewal of lease by Muenster ISD for use of Well 3.
3. Discuss 2008 paving projects. Take action as necessary.
4. Review and act on monthly bills.
5. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
6. Adjourn.

Micallee Matson, City Secretary

Public meetings scheduled for Unified Transportation Program and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct public meetings to allow public input into the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) preparation process. A list will be provided of upcoming state projects selected in the UTP and STIP. Maps and drawings will be on display.

- Meetings will be held at the following times and locations, including:
- Tuesday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the TxDOT- Wichita Falls Area Office located at 2844 E. Central Freeway in Wichita Falls;
 - Thursday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the TxDOT- Gainesville Area Office located at 2615 West Hwy. 82 in Gainesville;
 - Thursday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the TxDOT- Vernon Area Office located at 4031 Main Street in Vernon.
- The meetings will be informal, and all interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views on the programs.

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CR 431, and CR 431 and CR 457. Roads to be widened include:

- * one mile portion of CR 425 north from the intersection of CR 430 and CR 425;
- * one mile portion of CR 430 east of the intersection of CR 430 and CR 425;
- * one mile portion of CR 477 north from the intersection of CR 431 and CR 477; approximately 4,000' east of the intersection of CR 431 and CR 477 to the intersection of CR 431 and CR 457.

The approximate cost to Wolf Ridge Wind for these maintenance and improvement projects is \$250,000. All improvements will meet County road design requirements as dictated by Cooke County. At the project's completion, roads will be returned to their original state including making sure of proper drainage of the bar ditches. Tenan anticipates completion of the project by Oct. 1. He said when all the large equipment is pulled out, they do one last grading of the roads to bring them to a condition better than what they were before the project.

Commissioner Smith suggested that at the conclusion of the project, two commissioners or a commissioner and the judge make an inspection of all the affected roads to be sure they meet County requirements.

Wolf Ridge Wind Project's donation of the road maintenance and improvements was approved unanimously by a 4-0 vote of the Court.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Feb. 26, 1943

Henry Luke buys Red Chain Feed Store from Ed Rohmer. Ray Wilde makes honor roll at Saint Mary's University. Improvements to the Paul Endres home include a new bathroom and installation of running water. New Arrivals: Tim to Herman "Pip" and Faye Fette; Betty to Paul and Dorothy Fisher. Wedding: Earl Fisher and Velma Evers. Pvt. Joe Henry Walterscheid is saxophone player in the band at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Eugene Klement, AS, with the Coast Guard is assigned permanent detail as a carpenter in Florida.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 28, 1958

Main Street speed must slow down says Deputy Sheriff Buck Wilson. John and Helena Hartman mark Golden Anniversary. Joe Tra-

chta suffered considerable pain and discomfort during the weekend as the result of stepping on a nail Friday. New Arrivals: Paul to Wilfred and Polly Reiter; Peggy to Henry and Jeanette Popp; David to Richard and Edna Hermes.

25 YEARS AGO Feb. 25, 1983

Tigerettes capture State basketball title. Muenster hosts VFW District Convention. City gets \$17,134 tax check. New Arrivals: Jessica to Chuck and Doris Koesler; Justin to Bill and Mary Ann Friddell. Friday morning following the State basketball game, some of the fans drove to Laredo for shopping; these included Joe and Ruth Felderhoff, Fr. Denis Soermes, Joe Caserta, Serena Wright, Ruthie Hess and daughter Leslie, Emily Hartman, Janie Hartman, and Joanie and Alvin Hartman.

The family of Patrick Fleitman Jr. would like to thank all those who have kept us in their thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. A special thank you to Father Ken who did a wonderful graveside service, it meant so much to the family. More than words can express.

Thank you to McCoy Funeral Home for all of your help in our time of sorrow. You did a wonderful job.

Thank you to all of those who sent food to the house for the family and a thank you to all those who have sent flowers. They were all beautiful. Whatever you did to help us in our time of loss, we appreciate it. May God Bless each of you always.

Patrick Fleitman Jr. Family

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Sunday, March 2, 2008	Monday, March 3, 2008	Tuesday, March 4, 2008	Wednesday, March 5, 2008	Thursday, March 6, 2008	Friday, March 7, 2008	Saturday, March 8, 2008
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 St. Anne's Society, Lindsay, Turkey Dinner	City Council mtg., 7:30pm		Religious Ed class, 7pm TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11am, Cooke Co. Electric C of C Board mtg., 5:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Blood Drive, 12-8pm, MISD	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP Board mtg., 10am, Stanford House, Gainesville	ABBA Banquet, 6pm, Centennial Hall, Lindsay County 4-H Fashion Show
Sunday, March 9, 2008	Monday, March 10, 2008	Tuesday, March 11, 2008	Wednesday, March 12, 2008	Thursday, March 13, 2008	Friday, March 14, 2008	Saturday, March 15, 2008
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 Daylight Savings Time!! Set clocks AHEAD 1 hour.	VFW mtg. 8pm Muenster Jr. High Track meet MMH Aux. mtg. 5:30pm	Muenster ISD College Night 5-7pm. Band Hall	Religious Ed class, 7pm SHCS Alumni & Supporters mtg. 7:30pm, Comm. Center MISD Board mtg. 7:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Muenster Hornet Relays C of C Luncheon mtg. noon @ Rohmer's Restaurant TxDOT mtg. 1:30pm G-ville area office	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm AARP membership luncheon 11:30am Stanford House	
	Muenster	ISD	Elementary	Book	Fair	MISD Library

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Bart Henscheid 1970 - 2008

Mass of Christian Burial for Bart George Henscheid of Muenster was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21 at Sacred Heart Church. Fr. Ken Robinson officiated, assisted by Fr. Kyle Walterscheid. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Bart died at the age of 37 at 11:35 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 18, 2008 in Denton Regional Hospital.

Born Oct. 1, 1970 in Muenster, one of the five children of Virgil and Joaline Henscheid, Bart was a disabled person who really got around, visiting his friends while mostly "hanging out" at the Fina Station. He greatly enjoyed going to football and basketball games, mostly at Sacred Heart, and had much self pride in his coaching abilities. He also enjoyed playing his guitar and singing with the band of Billy Hogan and with "Hoss" Knabe.

Bart was a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He really loved his family and his many friends, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his mother Joaline Henscheid of Muenster; sisters Colynda Henscheid, Tammy Wimmer and husband Wayne, Tracy Allen and husband Larry, all of Muenster; brother Lonnie Henscheid and wife Valerie of Muenster; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Bart was preceded in death by his father Virgil Henscheid; grandparents Albert and Dora Henscheid, and George and Elizabeth Mollenkopf; and a niece Allison Sicking.

Assisting Fr. Ken and Fr. Kyle at the funeral Mass were altar servers Danny Walterscheid, Sylvan Walterscheid, and Alvin Hartman, all friends. Donna Biffle, friend, gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by John Nasche, friend. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Tara Swirczynski, cousin. Offertory Gifts were carried up by Ryan Bayer, friend, and Alcuin Schilling, cousin. Eucharistic ministers were Tina and Ronnie Weinzapfel, Hillary Swirczynski,

and Vicki Scott, all cousins, Valerie Henscheid, sister-in-law, Clinton Endres, Godfather, Beth Bartush, friend, and Theresa Mae Walterscheid, friend.

Music ministers were Isaac Davis, pianist, Christy Hesse, Diane Grewing, and Linda Flusche. Sacred songs included "How Great Thou Art," "Shepherd Me, O God," "Amazing Grace," "I Am the Bread of Life," "You Are Mine," "Only In God," "Songs of the Angels," and "On Eagles Wings."

Special remembrances of Bart's life were carried up by some of his good friends. They included: Coach Jon LeBrasseur, basketball; Coach Dale Schilling, football; Tom Carson, head set; Greg Knabe, Dallas Mavericks jersey; Kelly Bob Bayer, special towel embroidered "Coach Bart"; Ken Hesse, cell phone, and Roger Endres, guitar.

Remarks of remembrance were given by Lisa Schilling, friend. She said in part, "From early on, his parents knew that Bart was very special, but little did they know the impact their son's life would have on the entire community, and virtually everyone he met. Bart did not have a long life expectancy due to his medical condition... By the age of 12, they realized that Bart was a living miracle, and had his own agenda to live each day to the fullest, and lived he did!... He believed in the power of prayer and often prayed for others..."

"It was tough managing his time considering he was taking call for Cooke County Cop 24-7. You could always find him with his scanner, two way radio, and cell phone, operating out of his office at Schilling Fina with his general manager and best buddy Bucksbot at his side..."

"He enjoyed fishing with anybody that would take him, riding the river route with his mom... He loved his family and was the center of it... Bart was a master planner for social events... He could sell a football board faster than anyone... He had no problem finding a ride to the games, but he strategically planned who he was going home with depending on



Bart Henscheid

where they were stopping to eat...

"Now, Bart is celebrating the biggest party ever at the Table of Our Lord... Until we meet again Little Buddy, I will see you in the funny papers..."

Pallbearers were Doyle Hess, Kenny Hess, Tom Torcellini, Billy Hogan, Kirk Mollenkopf, Hal Mollenkopf, Melvin Schilling, and Jimmy Jack Biffle.

A rosary service was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday followed by a vigil at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, both led by Fr. Ken.

Naomi Salsman 1924 - 2008

Memorial services for Naomi Tabor Weger Salsman, age 83 of Nocona, formerly of Montague and Lewisville, were Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Saint Jo First United Methodist Church. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

Naomi died at 10:45 Thursday morning, Feb. 21, 2008.

Born June 13, 1924 in Fort Worth, Naomi was one of the 10 children of Oak and Jennie Drumm Taber. She married Orvel Weger on May 14, 1938 in Durant, Oklahoma. They were the parents of two girls and three boys. After his death in 1980, she later married Gordon Salsman. Gordon died in the late 1980s. Naomi lived most of her life in Lewisville where she was a long time member of the University Church of Christ.

She loved animals of all kinds, making many of them her pets. She enjoyed oil painting of landscapes, gardening, both flowers and vegetables, and writing poems and short stories. She loved her family and always put them first. Naomi was an extremely generous person.

Survivors are her daughters Carolyn Wainscott and husband Emmett of Wichita Falls, and Tammy Manley of Ardmore, Oklahoma; sons Larry Weger and wife Marcine of Saint Jo, Johnny Weger and wife Nita of Saint Jo, and David Weger and wife Kelly of Amarillo; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren; sister Shirley O'dell of Lake Kiowa; and brothers Robert Taber of Sherman and Oak T. Taber of Denison.

She was preceded in death by husbands Orvel Weger and Gordon Salsman; sisters Alice Brunton, Julia Scott, Pearl Reese, and Mary Marks; brothers Johnny Taber and Ben Taber.

Rev. Darius Lee McKay 1928 - 2008

Funeral service for Rev. Darius Lee McKay of Nocona will be held Saturday, March 1 at 1 p.m. in Bethel Baptist Church in Nocona. Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery in Sunset. Rev. Chuck Schubert and Rev. Dwayne McClure will officiate. The family will be at Scott Morris Funeral Home in Nocona on Friday, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Rev. McKay was born in Borge on April 30, 1928. He served as a Southern Baptist minister for 60 years and was at Trinity Baptist in Wichita Falls for 25 years. While in Wichita Falls, he had a show

on the cable channel, *Happiness is Sober*. He went for 35 years without missing Sunday School, and his devotion and love have inspired others to follow in his footsteps. Rev. McKay was also a barber, and often would go to the hospitals and cut hair for those who were not able to come to him.

Survivors include his wife Ruth McKay of Nocona; son Rev. Darius McKay, Jr. and wife Sheila of Keller; daughters Shirley Andres and husband Steven of Irving, Darese Cotton and husband Ron of Wichita Falls, and Susie Kaufman and husband John of Muenster; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; sister Orieta King of Keller; and brother Kenneth McKay of Decatur.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother J.S. McKay; granddaughter Amanda Marie McKay.

The family has requested memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of

Gainesville; sisters-in-law Louise Schmidkofer of Gainesville, Tillie Wachman of Wichita Falls, Theresa Huchton of Muenster, Rose Stoffels of Muenster, Marge Fuhrmann of Gainesville; brothers-in-law Bennie and Mickey Haverkamp of Muenster, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann of Subiaco, Arkansas, and Tony Fuhrmann of Gainesville; and 15 grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband; parents; son Norbert Fuhrmann in 2000; and brothers George and Frankie Schmidkofer. Assisting Fr. Nicholas and Fr. Ron during the funeral Mass were altar servers Travis Krahl, grandson, and Sabrina Stoffels, cousin. Linus Fuhrmann, nephew, gave the Readings. Carrying the Offertory Gifts were Marge Fuhrmann, sister-in-law, and Glenn Fuhrmann, nephew. Clara Hellinger did music. Eucharistic ministers were son-in-law Damian Krahl, sister-in-law Rosina Schmidkofer, nephew Linus

and Royce Whitman, 88 of Muenster, formerly of Garland, were held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the First Baptist Church in Muenster with Rev. Ralph Gourley officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery in Dallas at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Mr. Whitman died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008.

Born Oct. 15, 1919 in Rowlett, he was one of the four children of James Royce and Una Mae Whitman. Royce married Esther Ellard on Aug. 25, 1937 in Rowlett. They had lived most of their married life in Garland before moving to Muenster some nine years ago. In earlier life, Royce worked for Andrews County as a heavy equipment mechanic and operator. He later owned and operated Whit's Welding in Garland, which he operated some 20 years.

Royce was a member of the United Methodist Church in Rowlett. He was a Mason and a Shriner. He was in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving on a destroyer, and had earned numerous medals for his service to this country. Royce loved playing golf, fishing, and all sports. He rarely missed watching any sports game if it were available. He was a loving husband, father, and friend, and adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors are his wife Esther Whitman of Muenster; daughter Wanda Flusche of Muenster; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Billy; grandson Chad; granddaughter Missy Dangelmayr; brother Jack; and sisters Letha Rogers and Jenny Rae Gay. During the funeral service, his nephew Ronnie Rogers



Royce Whitman

gave the eulogy. Ronnie spoke of the many good times the family shared, and of the love and care Royce showed others. Ralph Gourley, Sr. provided guitar music and sang "Softly and Tenderly" and "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone." Rev. Ralph Gourley gave words of encouragement to the family and friends.

Pallbearers were David Flusche, Neal Flusche, Shawn Flusche, Reese Whitman, Eugene Fuchs, and Ritchie Rogers.

Marie Fuhrmann 1929 - 2008

Mass of Christian Burial for Marie Catherine Fuhrmann of Gainesville was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 28 at St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay with Fr. Nicholas Fuhrmann of Subiaco, Arkansas and Fr. Ron Scheible of St. Peter's as concelebrants. Interment followed in St. Peter's Cemetery. A Rosary was held at 5 p.m. Wednesday at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Arrangements were under the direction of Clement Keel Funeral Home in Gainesville.

Mrs. Fuhrmann died at the age of 78 on Monday, Feb. 25, 2008 at North Texas Medical Center.

Marie Fuhrmann was born Oct. 7, 1929 in Gainesville to John Clement and Catherine Angerer Schmidkofer. On Nov. 17, 1948 she married Joseph Paul Fuhrmann in Lindsay. He preceded her in death in 2006. Mrs. Fuhrmann was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and St. Anne's Society, of which she served as president for 10 years. She was a homemaker and enjoyed canning, and will be remembered especially for making homemade bread, and making wild grape jelly. She also enjoyed quilting and collecting quilts, embroidering, and collecting salt and pepper shakers, of which she had over 300 sets. A very patient woman, she did all the things expected of a farmer's wife, and did them well.

Survivors include her children and their spouses Paul Fuhrmann of Gainesville, Eddie Fuhrmann of Gainesville, Andy Fuhrmann of Gainesville, Pete and Marion Fuhrmann of Iowa, Albert and Lana Fuhrmann of Garland, Leonard and Tammie Fuhrmann of Decatur, Rita Lusk of Lindsay, Jane and Michael Otto of Lindsay, Alice and Chuck Schumacher of Gainesville, and Lucy and Damian Krahl of Gainesville; brothers and sisters-in-law Joe and Viola Schmidkofer of Lindsay, Herbert Schmidkofer of Gainesville, and Leroy and Rosina Schmidkofer of Gainesville; sister Rosalie Reiter of



Marie Fuhrmann

Fuhrmann, and cousins Ted Fuhrmann and Bobby Fuhrmann. Fr. Nicholas gave the eulogy.

Pallbearers were son-in-law Mike Otto, and nephews Phil Reiter, Butch Schmidkofer, Victor Schmidkofer, Leroy Schmidkofer, and Kevin Fuhrmann.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Subiaco Abbey and Academy, 405 North Subiaco Avenue, Subiaco, Arkansas 72865.

The family of Bart Henscheid would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, food, flowers, money donations, and gifts. Your generosity was overwhelming.

This whole community came together and proved how much Bart was truly loved. Each and everyone of you played an important role in Bart's life. With the love and friendship of his many, many friends, Bart was able to live a fun filled life.

We would like to thank the Catholic Daughters for preparing a wonderful meal and to the Knights of Columbus for the use of the hall. A special thanks to Fr. Ken for a beautiful service. Your words were truly inspiring.

Sincerely, Joaline

FROM THE FAMILY OF ED CLER
The family of Ed Cler would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who offered prayers, donations, and Masses, and sent cards and flowers and prepared and provided food during the loss of our father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and loving husband. The pouring out of love from this community and our extended family and friends has been overwhelming.

A special thank you to Father Ken for the services and the comforting visit to our home and to the servers and Eucharistic Ministers who gave of their time during Mass. Thank you so much to Christy Hesse, Linda Flusche and Isaac Davis for the beautiful music. Dad always enjoyed listening to Christy and Linda sing and was amazed by how well Isaac played.

Thank you to the Muenster Hospital, doctors and nurses, and special thanks to Carol Fette and Dale Reiter for their home visits and loving care they gave to Dad.

Thanks to Joanna Boaz for her time spent with Dad. "Good job." And a very special thank you to the Catholic Daughters of America for preparing a wonderful meal and to the KCs for the use of the hall.

We would also like to thank McCoy Funeral Home. And finally, we would like to thank the Muenster Enterprise for the write-up that was above and beyond anything one could hope for.

There are so many to thank, we have probably overlooked someone. Please accept our apologies and be assured we appreciate everyone of you and you will be remembered in our prayers.

The Ed Cler Family

Betty Scott 1941 - 2008

Memorial services for Betty Lou Holtman Scott, age 66 of Forestburg, are set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 2 in the Forestburg Baptist Church with Rev. Stewart Holloway and William Stoerner celebrating. Betty died at 9:37 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2008 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

Born June 17, 1941 in Winters, Texas to Wilber Ellis and Ora Mae McMinn Holtman, Betty married Billy D. Scott on June 7, 1976 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. She was a devoted and loving wife for 33 years. She and Bill enjoyed traveling and just being together. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. With them, she always brought joy and laughter, and above all, love. To the grandchildren, she was "Maw Maw Betty"; to the great-grandchildren, she was "Grandma Betty." She was very affectionate toward animals, playing mother to many cats and dogs. She was

an avid bingo player and a lady who volunteered much of her time helping others with things such as benefit drives and charitable operations. She loved Bette Boop and Elvis. She will always be remembered by her family and many friends.

Betty is survived by her husband Billy D. Scott of Forestburg; daughters and spouses Paula and Larry Craig of Forestburg, Bettye Jo and Billy Stoerner of Lake Jackson, Donna Valigura of Vernon; sons and spouses Joe Don and Autumn Latham of Joshua, and Tim and Tiffany Scott of Forestburg; 10 grandchildren and spouses; eight great-grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law Laura and George Frazier of Henderson, Nevada; brothers Frank Boyd of Kansas City, Missouri, and Lee Boyd of Bend, Oregon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son Charles Scott; great-grandson Talon Scott; two sisters and a brother.

Home Hospice support



Why is Executive Director Sherry Little of Home Hospice of Cooke County smiling so big? Could it be that she is thrilled to accept the large check that Auxiliary Treasurer Jean Hamer is handing her? The generosity of the caring people in Cooke County and other loving Home Hospice supporters made the 2007 "Light Up A Life Campaign" the most successful in the last 20 years. Money that was given is used directly for patient services. Home Hospice is a United Way Agency. Courtesy photo

God's plan will be fulfilled whether we're a part of it or not - But it's a wonderful feeling to find our place in the plan.

LIFESTYLE

Sandmann and Keith pledge vows in St. Peter's Church

Renee Sandmann, daughter of Leslie and Marilyn Sandmann of Gainesville, became the bride of Kyle Keith of Gainesville on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008. The groom is the son of Penny Keith of Gainesville and Bobby Keith of Dublin, Texas.

Grandparents of the bride are Charles and Mary Neu and Marie Sandmann. Groom's grandparents are Raymond and Cleo Smith of Lake Kiowa and Billy and Alice Keith of Dublin.

Father Ron Scheible, pastor of St. Peter's Church, and Pastor Luke Smith, groom's uncle, officiated for the double ring ceremony held in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay at 4:30 p.m.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was wearing a strapless gown with a bodice of white satin with cascading lace overlay that created a modified basque waistline. The gown had a fully gored skirt with an extra long

chapel length train edged with scalloped lace. She carried a bouquet of white calla lilies with black feather details.

Vases of white calla lilies adorned the church.

ATTENDANTS

Brianne Sandmann and Adrienne Sparkman, both of Gainesville, attended their sister as maid of honor and matron of honor. Bride's cousin Jennifer Castañeda of Gainesville was bridesmaid. The attendants wore gowns of black tissue taffeta with ball gown skirts. Each attendant had a different top - sweetheart neckline, ruched halter, and spaghetti strap. They carried bouquets of white calla lilies with black feather details.

Marcus Parkhill of Gainesville, friend of the groom, served as best man. Grooms-men were Jared Jenkins of Gainesville, groom's friend, and David Plunk of Gainesville, groom's cousin.

Jordan Sparkman, brother-in-law of the bride, and Adam Cravens, bride's cousin, ushered guests.

Kari Keith, sister of the groom, gave the reading.

Providing music for the ceremony were Isaac Davis, pianist, and vocalists Aaron Davis who sang "I Will Be Here," "Shine On Us," and "Surely the Presence," and Brianne Sandmann and Katie Plunk who sang "How Beautiful."

RECEPTION

Following the ceremony, a dinner and dance was held in the Lindsay Centennial Hall for 250 guests. Hall decorations included a black and white theme. White tablecloths covered the tables that held black feather trees, vases of single white calla lilies and black feathers, and multiple candles.

The main table, covered in white cloths, held centerpieces of candles and black feathers.

The bride's cake was a three-tiered white cake creation with black scrolls. It was topped with white calla lilies. For the groom, there was a chocolate on chocolate cake covered on top with chocolate-covered strawberries.

A 2003 graduate of Lindsay ISD, the bride graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls in 2007. She is employed as a radiologic technologist by Presbyterian Hospital in Denton. Mr. Keith graduated from Dublin High School in 1998 and attended North Central Texas College. He is employed by Enviroligox of Frisco as an HVAC technician.

After a wedding trip to San Francisco, the newlyweds are at home in Gainesville.



Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Keith
...nee Renee Sandmann ...

Kennedy Reed turns 5!

Kennedy celebrated her fifth birthday on Saturday, Feb. 9. Her actual birthday is Feb. 15.

Helping Kennedy celebrate were her daddy Jay Reed, grandparents Jerry and Joie Reed, aunt and uncle Tiffany and Jon Reed, cousin Taylor Reed, and great-grandmother Oneita Harvill and friend Quintin Conyers.

Cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all.



Kennedy Reed

Century Club to feature Davies

The Century Club of Saint Jo is hosting an open meeting featuring Howard Davies as he presents "Fruit of the Vine", on Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce building on the Hwy. 82 side of the square. Davies serves as president of the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce and is involved in volunteer efforts in the community.

Howard is part owner and production manager of Oak Creek Vineyards, founded in 1999. The original vineyard was planted in 1984, and later abandoned to weeds and briars. When obtained by the Davies, the vineyard was rescued by a lot of hard work and tender care. Initially, all grapes were sold to other wineries, individuals, and area retailers.

The 2007 harvest was landmark for the vineyard, as its first 240 gallons of wine were crushed and fermented in Oak Creek's own bonded mi-

cro-winery. All interested area residents are invited to come learn more about grapes and the wine industry in the area, and to enjoy the program and refreshments provided by Century Club hostesses.

Lindsay St. Anne's holds dinner Sunday

The St. Anne Society of St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay is having their annual turkey and dressing dinner and raffle this Sunday, March 2. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Centennial Hall. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

A 19 item raffle is also included in the fund-raiser. Main items to win include a quilt, lots of cash, and pecans. A cake walk game will also take place.

February Yard of the Month




February Keep Muenster Beautiful Yard of the Month was awarded to Ed and Bernadette Otto for their beautifully kept yard at 703 Second Street. Even with winter weather, the Ottos' yard has bright spots provided by a variety of shrubs. An attractive fountain adds to the front entry shrub bed. To nominate a yard for the Keep Muenster Beautiful honor, call the Muenster Chamber of Commerce 759-2227, Muenster Enterprise 759-4311, or inform any KMB member.

Janie Hartman photo

Happy Birthday Momma!

We Love You!



Susette and Valerie

Don't forget to VOTE Tuesday!!!

Re-Elect

Cindy Stormer

Cooke County District Attorney



- 48 % INCREASE in sentences to the penitentiary.
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We, the voters, have a very important vote to cast - that for the Texas State of Criminal Court of Appeals, Place 4, in the Republican Primary.

Judge Robert Francis, an energetic 48 year old from Coppell, Texas, is running against a two term incumbent, Judge Paul Womack, who has been described by the Dallas Morning News as a "sleepy 60 year old jurist" who reversed an earlier pledge not to seek re-election. Judge Womack made this pledge in a settlement with the Texas Ethics Commission who sanctioned him for failing to file seven campaign finance reports. Judge Womack indicated that attention deficit disorder might be at fault, which he has since said that he does not have. He also indicated that he is a procrastinator. The Ethics Commission fined Womack \$20,500. Quoting the Dallas Morning News, "Judge Womack sees no problem with taking time to teach a class at the University of Texas law school, even though he misses some oral arguments and has a relatively small number of signed opinions to his name."

Judge Robert Francis has served on a criminal district court in Dallas since 1997 and has been endorsed by the Dallas Morning News, the Fort Worth Star Telegram, Wichita Falls Times Record, San Antonio Express, Midland Reporter Telegram, Austin American Statesman, Victoria Advocate, Longview News Journal, Corpus Christi Caller-Times, Bryan College Station Eagle, just to name a few. Judge Francis has been to Cooke County several times listening to us and getting to know us.

Judge Francis says the public deserves an appeals court member who will focus entirely on the job. If you or I were appearing before that court, I would certainly want a judge who paid attention and did not procrastinate.

I urge you to vote for Judge Robert Francis for Texas Criminal Court of Appeals, Place 4.

Pat Peale, Lake Kiowa

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Rusty Ballard slated to speak to CCRW

The next meeting of the Cooke County Republican Women will be held on Thursday, March 6, at First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 401 N. Dixon St., Gainesville. The program will feature speaker Rusty Ballard, advisor to Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

Rusty is an active advocate for civil justice reform and a key supporter and spokesman for Texans for Lawsuit Reform. Rusty has a back-

ground with extensive business and legal experience, and therefore has seen first hand the effect of lawsuit abuse and also the effect of successful tort reform legislation.

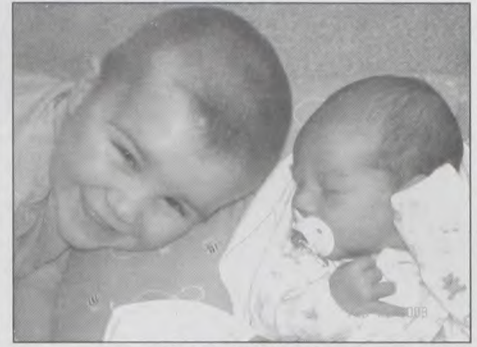
Both men and women are invited to this informative program. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. For questions, contact Sharon McCormack, vice-president of programs, at 668-6762.

NEW ARRIVAL

Peel

Hunter Peel, age 2 1/2 of Little Elm, is proud to announce the birth of his little brother Nolan Leamond Peel born on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008. Nolan was born in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton at 2:36 a.m. weighing 8 lb. 4 oz. and measuring 20.25 inches long. Proud parents are Woody and DaLana Peel. Maternal grandparents are

Jim and Shirley Endres of Muenster. Paternal grandparents are Bruce Peel of Granbury and Mae Carroll of Arlington. Maternal great-grandparents are Dorothy Swirczynski and the late Richard Swirczynski, and the late Donald and Dorothy Endres. Paternal great-grandparents are Leamond and June Peel, and Dorothy Cahill, all of Fort Worth.



Hunter and Nolan Peel

COLLEGE HONORS

Tarleton State University

Tarleton State University has released its "A" Honor Roll list for the fall 2007 semester. Students listed on the "A" Honor Roll must have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and take a

minimum of 12 credit hours. Muenster students on the "A" Honor Roll include Kristi McAden in Wildlife Management, and Michelle Pagel in Pre-Veterinary Medicine. Jalynn Wilson of Lindsay was also on the list, in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Candidates sought for 2008 Gainesville Rodeo

The Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking queen and princess candidates for the 22nd Annual Chamber Rodeo scheduled for May 1, 2, and 3, at the Gainesville Riding Club Arena.

Ticket sales, a riding competition, and a speech competition will be the primary focus of the contest this year, and each competition will be counted with equal value toward the final score. The competition is open to young ladies between the ages of 9-13 for princess and 14-18 for queen contestants. Any young lady living in Cooke County is eligible to participate.

The deadline to apply for the competition and compete for a chance to win great prizes is Friday, March 21 at 5 p.m. Please come by the Chamber Office at 101 South Culberson Street to pick up an application. For more information, contact the staff at (940) 665-2831.

When lightning roars go indoors!

Cooke County 4-H shooters make their competition marks

The 2007 Texas Postal League results have finally been posted. Cooke County Sharpshooters showed remarkable shooting skills as they brought home the plaques and awards. Postal League contests are conducted throughout the state during the year and the results are compiled and the state winners are announced by mail.

Postal League contests consist of 3P Smallbore Rifle (3P), Sporter Air Rifle (SAR), Precision Air Rifle (PAR), and Air Pistol (AP).

This year's winners in the Senior 2 Division are:

Johnathan Zimmerer 1st in 3P and 1st in PAR; Abbie Purdy 3rd in 3P and 3rd in PAR; Kara Purdy 5th in 3P and 4th in PAR; Jessica Garner 4th in 3P; Jennifer Pitzinger 10th in 3P.

The senior 1 division winners were: Alyssa Smithson 3rd in SAR, 1st in 3P, and 4th in PAR; Clayton Williams 5th in 3P; Molly Pitzinger 7th in 3P; Nathan Purdy 10th in 3P; and Alek Matson 2nd in 3P and 6th in PAR.

In the intermediate division the winners were: Benjamin Zimmerer 1st 3P, 1st PAR, and 3rd in AP; Logan

Smithson 4th in SAR, 6th in SP, and 4th in AP; Liberty Davidson 2nd in 3P; Tanner Crockett 5th in 3P; Cody Morrison 7th in 3P; Amelia Haverkamp 8th in 3P; Paige Dill 6th in SAR; Christopher Klement 7th in AP; Jason Schumaker 9th in AP.

The only junior shooter was Ben Haverkamp who placed 13th in SAR. The shooters have already begun working each week with air pistol and air rifle Postal Leagues for 2008.

All of the shooters are members of the Cooke County 4-H Sharpshooters Club.



Cooke County Sharpshooters with their awards are, from left - Cody Morrison, Nathan Purdy, Logan Smithson, Benjamin Zimmerer, Alek Matson, Kara Purdy, and Alyssa Smithson. 4-H photo



Girl Scout Troop 457 went to Build a Bear workshop to celebrate Valentine's Day. A great time was had by all, as the girls took special care in selecting a new friend to stuff with love. Each girl got to pick out a cute outfit to add the finishing touches. Pictured are, from left, front - Morgan Hennigan, Kelsey Hennigan, Harper Crisp; back - Megan Rohmer, Katy Bezner, Samantha Muller, MacKenzie Mason. Adults attending were Jennifer Bayer, leader, and Angela Hennigan. Courtesy photo

NCTC announces March 7 concert

Whether they love Broadway show tunes or cool jazz, music lovers have a special treat in store on Friday, March 7, when the North Central Texas College Music Department presents this year's edition of "Sounds of NCTC."

Both the NCTC Singers and the NCTC Jazz Band will be performing, and both have what the directors of both groups are billing as "extra special programs" this year. It's all set to get underway at 7:30 p.m. on the main stage of the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts on the Gainesville Campus.

The "Sounds" concert is the major fundraising event of the year for the NCTC Music Department, with proceeds supporting music scholarships. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. NCTC students showing their ID may attend at no charge.

"I can pretty much sum up the program our NCTC Singers will be presenting in one word," said Dr. Mike Linder,

director of choral studies, "and that word is 'Hairspray.' All the members of the group and I are so excited to be performing many of the songs from the incredibly popular Broadway musical and movie."

The NCTC Jazz Band will not only be showcasing many of the works of highly regarded jazz composer, teacher, and musician Mike Steinel, they will welcome Steinel on stage as a special guest performer, according to Marty Kobuck, director.

"This could well be the very best production we have ever done in our Broadway series over the years," Dr. Linder said. "Not only do we have an outstanding group of singers this semester, but this is also the largest group of singers I have had in my 17 years here at NCTC. They are making some unbelievable sounds, so get your ticket early."

For information, contact Dr. Mike Linder at 940-668-7731 or by email: mlinder@nctc.edu.

THE TRUTH IS SIMPLE: NO ONE IS MORE QUALIFIED THAN JUDGE JANELLE HAVERKAMP



Born and raised in Lindsay, Judge Haverkamp returned to Cooke County after graduating from Texas Tech and the SMU School of Law. She never lost a jury trial as district attorney and, as a result, she served longer than any D.A. in Cooke County history.

As a judge, she has worked hard to decide cases fairly and impartially based on the Constitution and the laws of our state. Judge Haverkamp understands that justice is about more than numbers, it's about people.

FAIR, IMPARTIAL

Every case is important to the parties involved. Litigants know that in Judge Haverkamp's court, they will be given the time to fully and adequately present their case. It may mean long hours - but it guarantees equal footing in the courtroom.

FAMILY MATTERS

More than 74% of civil cases before the district court are family matters. Knowing that her decisions change lives, Judge Haverkamp takes the time to listen to determine the best possible outcome for everyone involved.

BIGGER SENTENCES

In nearly every single case, Judge Haverkamp has given a sentence that was higher than what the district attorney offered.

SWIFT JUSTICE

In 2007, 1228 cases were added to Judge Haverkamp's docket. She disposed of 1296. She also added an additional week for trying criminal cases each month to make sure more cases could be tried.

CUTTING COSTS

Before Judge Haverkamp took office, the average cost per case for court-appointed attorneys in Cooke County was \$684.41. Operating efficiently, she has reduced the average cost to \$477.16 per case in 2007.

*** Judge Haverkamp disposed of 106% of cases in 2007. *
Judge Haverkamp saved taxpayers over \$200 per case in 2007.**

For over 20 years, Judge Janelle Haverkamp has combined her love of our community and her legal expertise to keep our neighborhoods safe. That's something we can't afford to lose.

VOTE TO RE-ELECT JUDGE HAVERKAMP IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ON MARCH 4.



Judge Haverkamp and daughter Katherine

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We have a chance to move Cooke County forward on March 4th. Little is known about the position of County Attorney but candidate Frieda Fiske has the experience and the skills to dramatically improve the position and the county. Her opponent refused to prosecute a local government employee despite a Muenster police report and confession two years ago. Mrs. Fiske will not be afraid to prosecute criminals in our county or even local government officials when they break the law. We need a County Attorney that represents all the people and not special interest. Join me on March 4th to vote for a positive change in Cooke County.

Drew Springer
Muenster TX

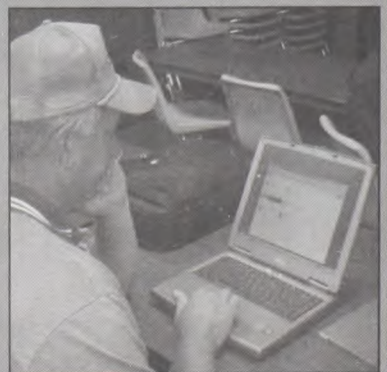
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SCHOOL



Muenster ISD 7th grade students who participated in the Junior High UIL Meet. MISD photo



Muenster ISD 8th grade students who participated in the Junior High UIL Meet. MISD photo

Native American artifacts focus of 2nd grade field trip

Sacred Heart Catholic School Second Graders recently took a field trip to the Bartush Ranch where they were the guests of Mrs. Mary Bartush and Ms. Cindy Del Olmo. The children were invited to sit on an authentic bear skin rug while they were shown many authentic Native American artifacts belonging to the Bartush family. They also observed and listened to the stories of many other artifacts on the tables, hanging on the walls, and in display cabinets in the Bartush log cabin.

At lunchtime, the children enjoyed their lunches and the beautiful view from the back porch of Mrs. Bartush's cabin. Then it was out into the fields to hunt for arrowheads, fossils, and see signs of nature, and many beautiful birds wintering in the timbers.

The children returned to school later that day with pockets and arms full of fossils they had found in the creek and many good memories.



Cindy Del Olmo shows American Indian artifacts to 2nd grade students from Sacred Heart Catholic School. At right, students include Zoe Klement, Roy Endres, and Sam Hesse. Below, getting a closer look are, from left - Tanner Eddleman, Thomas Hennigan, MacKenzie Mason, and Robert Hanson. SHCS photos

MISD Jr. High takes 2nd at UIL Meet

The District 18A West Zone UIL Academic Meet for Grades 7 and 8 was held at Era ISD Dec. 4 and 6. Schools in competition were Muenster, Collinsville, Era, Lindsay, and Valley View. Muenster had 38 students participate and placed 2nd overall with 563 points.

Muenster results were as follows:

ART

7th Grade: Brooke Walterscheid, 1; Amber Walterscheid, 2; Lauren Rohmer, 4. 1st Place Team

8th Grade: Rishi Patel, 1; Lana Heers, 4; Andi Felderhoff, 5. 2nd Place Team

CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS

7th Grade: Lauren Rohmer, 5; BriAnna Bayer, 6; Tori Dyess, 2nd Place Team

8th Grade: Landon Pressnall, 4; Andi Hess, 6; Andi Felderhoff, 2nd Place Team

DICTIONARY SKILLS

7th Grade: Payton Sanders, 1; Christina Rohmer, 2; Lauren Rohmer, 3. 1st Place Team

8th Grade: Caitlyn Beavers, 1; Emily Hellman, 2

EDITORIAL WRITING

7th Grade: Lauren Rohmer, 3; Payton Sanders, 6

8th Grade: Emily Hellman, 2; Paige Hennigan, 4; Caitlyn Beavers, 6

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

7th Grade: Kristina Lamar, 4

LISTENING SKILLS

7th Grade: Brooke Walterscheid, 1; JJ Horsman, 3; Christina Rohmer, 1st Place Team

MAPS, GRAPHS, AND CHARTS

7th Grade: Lauren Rohmer, 1; JJ Horsman, 2; BriAnna Bayer, 1st Place Team

8th Grade: Landon Pressnall, 1; Blake Voth, 3; Cole McAden, 1st Place Team

MATHEMATICS

7th Grade: Christina Rohmer, 3; Lauren Rohmer, BriAnna Bayer, 2nd Place Team

8th Grade: Andi Hess, 4

NUMBER SENSE

7th Grade: Brooke Walterscheid, 5

8th Grade: Andi Hess, 3; Lana Heers, 5; Luke Kaufman, 2nd Place Team

ORAL READING

7th Grade: Brittany Pangel, 5

8th Grade: Kalyn Dangelmayr, 2

READY WRITING

7th Grade: Brooke Walterscheid, 1; Lauren Rohmer, 3

8th Grade: Emily Hellman, 1; Cole McAden, 6

SCIENCE

7th Grade: JJ Horsman, 3; Christina Rohmer, 4

8th Grade: Landon Pressnall, 6; Emily Hellman; Andi Hess; 3rd Place Team

SOCIAL STUDIES

7th Grade: Austin Hennigan, 4

8th Grade: Jimmy Abner, 6

SPELLING

7th Grade: Brooke Walterscheid, 2; Amber Walterscheid; Hunter Klement, 2nd Place Team

8th Grade: Emily Hellman, 2; Luke Crabtree, 4; Lana Heers, 6. 2nd Place Team

Coaches for Muenster Junior High UIL included Junior High UIL Coordinator Ka'rina Bartel, Amy Binder, Becky Felderhoff, Lou Heers, Stephanie Krebs, Kathi Lamar, Lisa Walterscheid, and Darlene Williams.

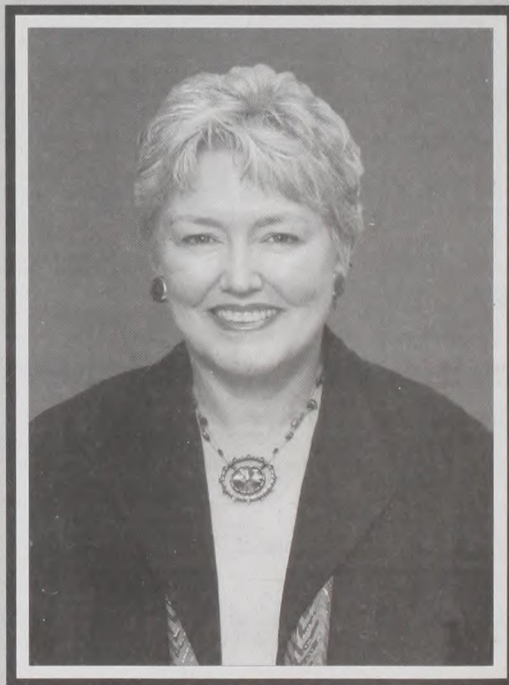
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MISD announces January honorees



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Mon. - Corny dogs, oven baked French fries, beans, apricots, muffins.

Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, oranges, cookies.

Thurs. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, cole slaw, pork and beans, applesauce.

Fri. - No school.

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Mon. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, apples.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, strawberries/bananas, garlic toast.

Wed. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, bread.

Thurs. - Ham, blackeyed peas, green salad, applesauce, wheat roll.

Fri. - Cheese pizza, celery sticks, chips, salsa, pineapple tidbits.

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Mon. - Chicken noodle soup, lettuce salad, mixed fruit, crackers.

Tues. - Barbecue on a bun,

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Wed. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pineapple.

Thurs. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

Fri. - Nachos w/cheese sauce, refried beans, fresh fruit.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, tator tots, pears.

Tues. - Lasagna, green beans, peaches, breadstick.

Wed. - Chicken fajitas, bell pepper and onions, shredded cheese, pinto beans, applesauce, cornbread.

Thurs. - Chicken/chili crispiitos, corn, sugar cookie, fruit mix.

Fri. - Fish sticks or chicken tenders, breadstick, broccoli.

Register for TWU Science Fair

Registration for the 19th annual Texas Woman's University Science Fair continues through March 22. The science fair, which is open to students in kindergarten through 9th grade, will take

MISD celebrates FCCLA Week

The Muenster Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America celebrated FCCLA Week from Feb. 11 to Feb. 15. The officers held a planning meeting to discuss the activities that would take place.

Monday the 11th was Pajama Day and everyone was allowed to wear their comfortable pjs to school. Monday was also "Ready, Set, Read" Day, which is a program that promotes literacy for the younger students. All the Family and Consumer Science classes read to the elementary students on this day.

Tuesday was Teacher Appreciation Day and Quiet Day. Desserts and refreshments were brought to the teachers' workroom to show respect to the entire faculty for their hard work. Quiet Day meant the girl FCCLA members were not allowed to talk to any boy students all day long. If a girl did talk to a boy, the boy was given the girl's heart. Prizes were given to the Quiet Day winners.

Wednesday the 13th was Twin Day; members dressed as a twin for a day. It was also Traffic Safety Day. Members passed out Smarties candies to those students who wore their seat belt to school and Dum, Dum suckers to those who did not. The elementary participated in a Traffic Safety Day poster contest to share their ideas of what traffic safety means. Major Eldridge and Colby Endres were the poster award winners.

Thursday was Pink and Red Day in honor of Valentine's Day. Students were encouraged to wear red and pink on this day. It was also Campus Clean-Up Day;

the students were asked to clean out their lockers and pick up any trash that they found on campus. The Officer and Senior Member Luncheon was held on Thursday with a Polka-Dot theme. Chicken spaghetti was served with green bean casserole and cherry cheesecake. Mrs. Sturm and the Family and

Consumer Sciences students prepared the food.

On Friday, FCCLA members wore their FCCLA t-shirts to promote the organization, elected a boy FCCLA Sweetheart, and had a secret pal reveal/social. Brandon Bindel was elected the FCCLA Sweetheart, and members who participated in the

week-long secret pal event were able to reveal their identities to whomever they may have had. Also, members were asked all week to bring baby items for ABBA. The week was a success, and the club is looking forward to promoting even more success through their FCCLA program.



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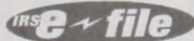


Amber Walterscheid and Trevor Hess were named the Muenster Junior High Valentine Queen and King at the Junior High Student Council dance on Feb 9. The queen and king raised over \$40 to be donated to the American Heart Association. MISD photo

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SPORTS



Playing their last high school basketball game at Regional were Senior Lady Hornets Alison Teafatiller (20), Rebecca Grewing (40), Laura Heers (33), and Lindsey Watson (14). Janie Hartman photos

Lady Hornets end season as UIL Regional II Semi-Finalist

One could say free throws gave the Goldthwaite Lady Eagles the edge they needed to beat the Muenster Lady Hornets in the Regional Semi-Final playoff game played last Friday at Wilkerson-Grines Center in Fort Worth.

Goldthwaite hit 19 of 23 free throws in the 2nd half of the ball game, 13 in the 4th quarter, giving the Lady Eagles a 56-49 win over Muenster.

The Lady Eagles got the tip, but Muenster scored first with a Rebecca Grewing basket. Goldthwaite soon took the lead, with both teams controlling the scoreboard throughout the 1st period. Samantha Endres, Alison Teafatiller, and Lindsey Watson ended the period with the Lady Hornets ahead 14-13.

The Lady Eagles soon took away the lead and held it in a low scoring 2nd quarter. Laura Heers hit a basket and Grewing a free throw for a 22-17 halftime score.

Goldthwaite had several turnovers to start the 3rd

quarter, but Muenster couldn't hit a basket until Endres popped in a 3. Grewing hit several shots, but the Lady Eagles took the lead from the free throw line. Free throws by Endres were followed by a basket by Taylor Klement at 1:03 that gave Muenster a point lead. Klement added a free point and Endres another basket for a 36-32 Lady Hornet lead going into the final period.

Lindsey Watson and Endres both scored to give the Lady Hornets an 8 point lead with 7 1/2 minutes remaining in the game. The Lady Eagles scored the next 9 points, taking back the lead with 3:39 on the clock.

Endres returned the lead to Muenster 42-41, but 10 seconds later, Goldthwaite scored. Two free throws at 2:35 put the Lady Eagles in the lead 45-42.

Teafatiller hit a free, and Endres a 3 for a 46-45 Lady Hornet lead with 2 minutes remaining in the game. Goldthwaite took back the lead, then with 1:34 on the clock,

Heers tied the game 47-47.

In the last minute and a half, a dozen free throws were shot. Goldthwaite got a 4 point lead and with under a minute to play, Muenster was forced to foul to get possession of the ball. The Lady Eagles hit three more free throws while Muenster couldn't get a basket. At 13 seconds, Heers dropped in two frees for a 54-49 score. Goldthwaite went to the line one more time and hit both for a 56-49 final score.

Leading scorer for the Lady Hornets was Samantha Endres with 23 points. Rebecca Grewing added 9. Laura Heers and Lindsey Watson 5 each, Alison Teafatiller 4, and Taylor Klement 3. The Lady Hornets hit 12 baskets, five 3-pointers, and were 10 of 17 at the free throw line. Endres and Heers led the Lady Hornets in rebounds, with Watson and Teafatiller getting the most steals.

Muenster ended the season with a 26-9 record as Regional Semi-Finalist.

M	14	3	19	13	49
G	13	9	10	24	56

Tigerettes make Final Four

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes, after an undefeated District Championship and a big 56-36 Area victory, took on the Jesus Chapel Lady Chargers of El Paso in the Regional round of the TAPPS basketball playoffs. After falling behind early in the game, the Tigerettes tied the game late in the 3rd quarter, then ended regular play 39-39 to go into overtime. Sacred Heart outscored Jesus Chapel 8-0, taking a 47-39 victory and earning a trip to the Final Four.

Jesus Chapel took an early lead in a cold shooting 1st quarter. A 3-pointer by Kristin LeBrasseur, and free throws by Kara Felderhoff, Raynee Hogan, and LeBrasseur kept the Tigerettes in the game. Sydney Hoedebeck, Felderhoff, Hogan, and LeBrasseur all scored, but Sacred Heart couldn't gain any ground, and ended the 1st half with the Lady Chargers ahead 29-20.

"Chapel came out and shot the lights out in the 2nd period and they forced us to change our defense at the half," noted Tigerette Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "The switch to the man defense was what slowed Chapel."

The Tigerettes came out the 3rd quarter scoring first. Lauren Creed then made her first basket of the game, starting and ending a 9 point run for Sacred Heart to tie

the game 31-31 with 1:29 on the clock. El Paso controlled the remainder of the period scoring two baskets for a 35-31 score.

The Lady Crusaders stretched their lead to 6 points before free throws by Creed and Felderhoff closed the score to a 2 point ball game with 4 minutes on the clock.

El Paso hit a free, then Hogan a point at the 1 minute mark. A turnover gave the Tigerettes the ball and LeBrasseur hit a basket to tie the game 39-39. An airball by El Paso allowed the Tigerettes to inbound, but Chapel's half court pressure wouldn't allow Sacred Heart to cross the line.

At 20 seconds, El Paso missed a free throw, the Tigerettes rebounded, broke the half court press, and called a time out with 12 seconds on the clock. An attempted winning shot failed and the game went into overtime.

Creed put in two baskets to give the Tigerettes a 4 point lead. Both teams missed free throws and baskets as Sacred Heart worked on the clock. A stolen ball with a minute to go resulted in a missed El Paso 3. LeBrasseur drew a foul and hit one. The Tigerettes caused a turnover then kicked the ball around, eating time off the clock.

At 15 seconds, Creed hit a free for a 45-39 score. El Paso

missed a shot, Sacred Heart rebounded and Creed was fouled. With 2 seconds on the clock, Creed put the icing on the cake, hitting both free throws for a 47-39 finish.

"Lauren did what seniors are supposed to do this time of the year as she scored 6 of our 8 points in the overtime period," said Coach LeBrasseur. "It was a great team effort and win for a squad that just went through a very emotional week."

Lauren Creed led the Tigerettes with 15 points and 23 rebounds.

Kristin LeBrasseur added 13 points with 13 rebounds. Raynee Hogan added 7, Sydney Hoedebeck 6, Kara Felderhoff 5, and Lisa Miller 1.

Leading in steals were LeBrasseur, Felderhoff, and Hogan. Miller, Felderhoff, and Hoedebeck also pulled down rebounds.

SH	5	15	11	8	8	47
JC	7	22	6	4	0	39

The Tigerettes will compete in the TAPPS 2A State Semifinal game this Friday, Feb. 29, against Tomball Rosehill Christian Lady Eagles. "They are big and physical," said Coach LeBrasseur. "We will try to do some things to spread the floor. We sure can't move them." Rosehill will start three girls over 6', led by 6'1" senior guard Amanda Haymaker, who leads the team in scoring with 768 points. "For the Tigerettes to advance, we must slow down Haymaker," added the coach. In the last two playoff games, Haymaker scored 61 points. Game time is 1 p.m. at the Paul Taylor Fieldhouse, Northside ISD at 701 Culebra Road in San Antonio.

Also in the Final Four are Marble Falls Faith Academy and Sherman Texoma Christian.

If Sacred Heart wins Friday, they will play the championship game Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Blossom Athletic Center, North East ISD, 12002 Jones Maltzberger Road in San Antonio.

Hornets fall to Hubbard in Area

The Muenster Hornets faced the Hubbard Jaguars last Saturday in the Area round of the playoffs. After four quarters of play, the Hornets ended their season with a 63-40 loss.

Muenster put the first points on the board with two baskets by Eric Hellman, Hellman, Matt Flusche, and Nick Flusche all added to the Hornet score. With 11 seconds on the clock, Hubbard tied the game 11-11 at the end of the 1st period.

N. Flusche quickly returned the lead to Muenster, but Hubbard went on an 11 point scoring run to take a 22-13 lead with 3:25 on the clock. Garrett Walterscheid hit a free throw followed by Hubbard adding 6 more before the 1st half ended 28-14.

The Jaguars continued to extend their lead in the 3rd period. M. Flusche, Tanner Herr, Levi Trubenbach, and N. Flusche put 11 points on the board, but Hubbard added 16 for a 44-25 lead going into the final quarter.

Hellman hit for 2, but Hubbard got 9 before N. Flusche hit two 3s for a 53-33 score with 3:44 on the clock. The Jaguars hit a few free throws, N. Flusche and Shane Presnall 2 apiece, with Hubbard taking a 63-37 lead with 12 seconds in the game.

Off the bench, Hornet senior Jeremy Milan hit a free throw, then added another 2 points to Muenster's final score.

Nick Flusche led the Hornets on the scoreboard with 12 points. Eric Hellman added 9, Matt Flusche 6, Tanner Herr 4, Levi Trubenbach and Jeremy Milan 3 apiece, Shane Presnall 2, and Garrett Walterscheid 1. Muenster was 12 of 28 from the free throw line.

M	11	3	11	15	40
H	11	17	16	19	63

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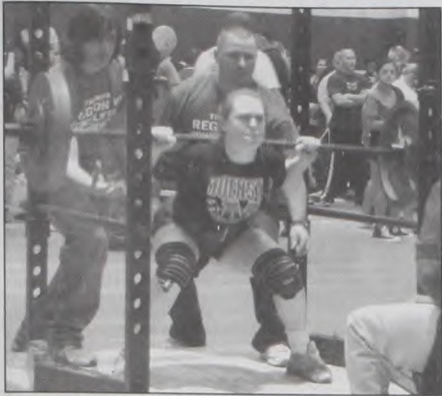
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Regional Powerlifters



Muester Lady Hornet powerlifters Jenni Luke (above) and Allie Trubenbach competed at Regional. Luke will advance to State. Information on the meet was not made available. Courtesy photos



MUESTER GOLFERS ON THE COURSE

The Muester High School golf teams opened the 2008 season at Oakmont Country Club in Denton Monday, Feb. 25. Playing at the toughest course they will ever see, against the largest field of players that can be on a golf course at one time, it seemed like a David and Goliath story. But for the Hornets and Lady Hornets it was more like the Huckabee and McCain Story! "We will never see competition like this again this year. When you get a combination of tough bunkers, lots of water, and a six and a half hour round, you know you're in trouble," noted Coach Dan Hamric.

The Lady Hornets, led by team captain Mara Erickson, finished 6th behind Coppell and Callisburg, who are both heavy favorites to win it all in their classifications this year. Jenni Luke, Brandy Dangelmayr, Erin Endres, and Hannah Weger rounded out the team. "I look for these girls, along with teammates Caitlyn Barrett and Noel Barnhill, to be very competitive by the time the District tournament rolls around. Our goal is to improve on last year's 2nd place finish and

claim the championship this year," Hamric added.

The Hornets finished the round in 14th place in a field of 20 teams. Plano West, Plano East, and Plano High made it a show by upsetting highly favored Hyland Park, Prosper, and Coppell. The Hornets, led by team captain Lee Walterscheid, bested Keller, Denton Guyer, and Trimble Tech by a wide margin. "Tanner Herr, Garrett Hennigan, and Corey Sicking played solid rounds and will improve every week. Now that spring sports are at full capacity, I think we will be very competitive and improve on last year's second place finish and could very well win the District crown," Coach Hamric said. Taylor McGrew and Jeremy Lutkenhaus round out the 2008 squad.

Next action will be March 3 at Denison Country Club with seniors only. Underclassmen will be taking the all-important TAKS test. Full teams will travel to Wolfe City March 10 and play at Webb Hill Country Club, site of the District tournament March 31.

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K of C Regional Free Throw



Four Muester youths placed at the Regional Free Throw Championship last Saturday in Denton. From left - Blake Grewing won the 14 year girls division hitting 22 of 25 free throws; Kelsey Reeves won the 14 year girls making 24 of 25; Peyton Sanders 2nd in the 12 year old scoring 17 of 25; and Jared Endres 3rd in the 11 year division making 17 of 25. Grewing and Reeves will compete in the State Championship in San Antonio on March 8. Courtesy photo

8th grade District Champs



The Muester 8th grade Lady Stingers finish the basketball season as District Champs with an undefeated District record and 14-1 on the season. Team members are, from left, back - Allison Page, Emily Hellman, Andi Felderhoff, Demi Koelzer, Paige Hennigan, Coach Amy Binder; front - Kaly Dangelmayr, Shelby Dangelmayr, Taylor Endres, Andi Hess, and Lana Heers. Courtesy photo

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Muester and Lindsay run in Junior High Pirate Relays

The following are the results from the Pirate Relays Junior High Track Meet held Monday, Feb. 25 at Collinsville.

7TH GRADE GIRLS

2400m: 2, Stewart, M, 10:58.09; 4, Holt, L, 11:22; 5, Gum, L, 11:22.57.
800m: 6, Gum, L, 3:09.95.
100m: 3, Walterscheid, M, 14.64; 4, Daymude, L, 14.87; 5, Krahl, L, 15.25.
400m Relay: 2, Muester, 1:00.81.

100m Hurdles: 2, Hess, L, 21.66; 3, Ward, L, 21.68; 4, Gonzales, L, 21.80; 5, Sicking, M, 21.83.
800m Relay: 4, Muester, 2:18.16.

400m: 5, Walterscheid, M, 1:20.37; 6, Turner, L, 1:21.53.
200m: 4, Williams, L, 33.24; 5, Walterscheid, M, 33.75.
1600m Relay: 2, Muester, 5:37; 3, Lindsay, 5:39.

300m Hurdles: 1, Ward, L, 59.77; 3, Herr, M, 1:02.66; 4, Gonzales, L, 1:02.70; 5, Hess, L, 1:05.50.
1200m: 1, Holt, L, 5:09.
Discus: 3, Walterscheid, M, 45' 4"; Neu, L, 59' 9".

Triple Jump: 5, Schumacher, L, 24' 6"; 6, Daymude, L, 23' 9".
Long Jump: 3, Stoffels, M, 12' 2.5"; 4, Gonzales, L, 12' 1.5"; 6, Herr, M, 11' 9.5".

High Jump: 2, Sicking, M, 4' 10"; 5, Sandmann, L, 4' 6".
Team Standings: 1, Gunter, 143; 2, Howe, 119; 3, Muester, 88; 4, Lindsay, 87.

8TH GRADE GIRLS

2400m: 2, Heers, M, 11:00.6; 3, Felderhoff, M, 11:33; 4, Huston, L, 11:46.
800m: 1, Caillier, L, 2:40.20; 2, Hellman, M, 2:44.61; 4, Fogle, L, 2:53.37; 6, Pagel, M, 3:09.29.

100m: 1, Reynolds, L, 13.54; 5, Woodlock, L, 14.44.
400m Relay: 3, Muester, 1:00.27.

100m Hurdles: 2, Copeland, L, 18.50; 3, Koelzer, M, 18.53; 5, Haverkamp, M, 20.35.
800m Relay: 2, Lindsay, 2:09.15; 3, Muester, 2:13.08.
400m: 1, Caillier, L, 1:10.16; 3, Conti, L, 1:16.38; 4, Fogle, L, 1:16.58; 6, Dangelmayr, M, 1:18.39.

200m: 2, Reynolds, L, 30.63; 4, Hess, L, 31.83.
1600m Relay: 1, Muester, 5:08; 3, Lindsay, 5:16.
300m Hurdles: 3, Fleitman, L, 1:00.70; 4, Atkins, L, 1:02.44; 5, Haverkamp, M, 1:02.55; 6, Koelzer, M, 1:04.53.

1200m: 1, Hellman, M, 4:35.19; 3, Felderhoff, M, 5:02.28; 5, Huston, L, 6:13.05.
Shot Put: 1, Krahl, L, 31' 4.5".
Discus: 2, Krahl, L, 68' 9"; 5, Tucker, M, 61' 8"; 6, Morrison, L, 57' 3".

Triple Jump: 1, Atkins, L, 30' 11"; 5, Caillier, L, 26' 4.5"; 6, Hennigan, M, 24' 9.5".
Long Jump: 1, Felderhoff, M, 13' 6.5"; 5, Arend, L, 12' 1.5"; 6, Dangelmayr, M, 12' 4".

High Jump: 2, Copeland, L, 4' 10"; 3, Morrison, L, 4' 10".
Team Standings: 1, Lindsay, 150.5; 2, Howe, 113.5; 3, Gunter, 88; 4, Muester, 84.

7TH GRADE BOYS

Long Jump: 4, Walker, L, 14' 6"; 6, Early, L, 14' 6".
High Jump: 2, Spencer, L, 4' 4".
800m Relay: 6, Lindsay, 2:20.22.

Triple Jump: 1, Spencer, L, 31' 10.5".
Pole Vault: 5, Walker, L, 7'.
300m Hurdles: 3, Hess, M, 56.15; 5, Styles, M, 59.30; 6, Hughes, L, 1:02.33.

1200m: 6, Hennigan, M, 5:13.72.
Shot Put: 5, Springs, M, 25' 9"; 6, Bell, L, 24' 9".

200m: 2, Early, L, 29.98.
1600m Relay: 4, Lindsay, 4:54; 6, Muester, 5:06.
Discus: 4, Dehorn, L, 58' 4"; 6, Kuhn, L, 56".
2400m: 3, Dickerson, L, 10:51.34; 5, Bell, L, 11.09.
800m: 5, Hennigan, M, 3:00.11.
400m Relay: 4, Lindsay, 54.8.

110m Hurdles: 1, Spencer, L, 19.14; 5, Hughes, L, 22.91.
400m Dash: 4, Block, L, 1:19.22.
Team Standings: 1, Howe, 132; 2, Leonard, 111; 3, Era, 86; 5, Lindsay, 82; 8, Muester, 15.

8TH GRADE BOYS
300m Hurdles: 3, Anderle, M, 51.65; 5, Koelzer, M, 52.53.
1200m: 4, McAden, M, 4:52.6; Faulkner, M, 5:10.
Shot Put: 4, Fuhrmann, L, 32' 6.5"; 5, Summerlin, L, 32' 4.5".
200m: 4, Hammer, M, 26.75; 6, Crabtree, M, 27.28.
1600m Relay: 3, Muester, 4:23.
Discus: 5, Fuhrmann, L, 86'.
Long Jump: 5, Koelzer, M, 15' 11".
High Jump: 1, Holt, L, 5'; 3, Anderle, M, 4' 8".
800m Relay: 2, Muester, 1:50.84; 6, Lindsay, 2:05.92.
Triple Jump: 5, Anderle, M, 32' 8".
Pole Vault: 5, Hunter, L, 7'.
2400m: 6, Fleitman, M, 11:08.
800m: 2, Wann, L, 2:51; 3, McAden, M, 2:52; 6, Grewing, M, 3:03.
400m Relay: 4, Muester, 59.96.
110m Hurdles: 1, Koelzer, M, 19.24; 4, Anderle, M, 20.28.
Team Standings: 1, Collinsville, 196; 2, Muester, 89; 3, Howe, 83; 8, Lindsay, 20.



Players watch as Muester Hornet Jeremy Milan (10) pops in a free throw in the Area playoff game against Hubbard. Hornets on the line include Garrett Walterscheid (4) and Kameron Klement (40). Linda Flusche photo

February 2008 had five Fridays in the month. The last time this happened was in 1980. The next time will be in 2036.

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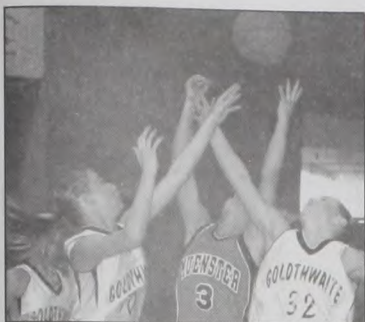
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Lindsay Lady Knights cause a Santo turnover, including Rose Hermes (11), Christina Eckart (32), Chelsea Hermes (10), Stephanie Neu (21), and Emily Fuhrmann (42). Janie Hartman photo



The Lindsay Knights ended the 2008 basketball season at the Area playoffs when they fell to the number one Class A Graford Rabbits 76-41 last Friday. Getting shots under the basket included Preston Mendez (1), Josh Heilman (10), Colton Hermes (44), and Garrett Block (14). Game results were not made available. Jay Anderle photos

Lady Knights State-bound

The Lady Knights of Lindsay battled with the Santo Lady Cats last Friday night in the Regional Semi-Final round of the 1A basketball playoffs at the Fort Worth ISD Wilkerson-Grines Center. Santo led through most of the 1st half, but the Lady Knights rallied and pulled out a 56-47 victory that allowed Lindsay to advance to the Regional Final round the next day against Goldthwaite.

The Lady Knights were first on the scoreboard and soon had a 6-2 lead. Santo took the lead 9-8 at the 3:40 mark, then added more for a 14-11 lead at the end of the 1st.

The Lady Cats took a 7 point lead before Chelsea Hermes and Katelyn Brewer took back the lead 19-18 with 4 minutes on the clock. Santo tied the game at 19, but a stolen lay-up by Hermes gave Lindsay a 21-19 lead. The Lady Cats scored the next 6 points for a 25-21 lead. A basket by Emily Fuhrmann with 2 seconds on the clock closed the score to 25-23 at halftime.

Fuhrmann got the first basket in the 3rd period, then Santo scored a 3, followed by Christina Eckart and another Santo basket for a 32-29 score at 4:08.

Rose Hermes closed the score to 1, with a C. Hermes basket on a rebound giving Lindsay a 33-32 lead. The Lady Cats hit two free throws, followed by two frees by C. Hermes and a 3-pointer by Brewer to give Lindsay a 38-34 lead at 46 seconds. Santo hit a basket. C. Hermes 2 more frees, and Brewer a 3-pointer with 3 seconds on the clock for a 43-36 score going into the final period.

Santo never regained the lead, never getting better than a 4 point spread. C. Hermes hit four free throws and a basket the first 6 minutes of the period. In the last minute and a half, R. Hermes and Stephanie Neu added 7 more points from the free throw line, building a 56-47 final against the Lady Cats.

Chelsea Hermes led the Lady Knights with 25 points, seven assists, and seven steals. Katelyn Brewer added 8 points, Rose Hermes 7, Christina Eckart and Emily Fuhrmann 6 apiece, and Stephanie Neu 4. Leading rebounders were R. Hermes, Fuhrmann, and Eckart.

L 11 12 20 13 56
S 14 11 11 11 47

The Lady Knights returned to Fort Worth Saturday afternoon to take on the Lady

Eagles of Goldthwaite in the Regional Final round of the playoffs. The Lady Eagles advanced after defeating Muenster 56-49 Friday evening. The Lady Knights took a lead into the locker room at halftime, but Goldthwaite stayed with Lindsay throughout the game as the lead zigzagged back and forth between the two teams. When the final buzzer sounded the Lady Knights had a 54-52 victory lead.

A couple of early 3s gave the Lady Eagles an early lead, but Lindsay came back to tie the game 11-11 at the end of one.

Christina Eckart and Brewer gave the Lady Knights a 5 point lead, but Goldthwaite soon closed the gap and had a 1 point lead at 4 minutes. Chelsea Hermes scored 4, then the Lady Eagles 4. C. Hermes then followed with 4 more points, to end the 1st half with Lindsay ahead 28-25.

The Lady Eagles hit only free throws while Eckart and C. Hermes dropped in points to increase the Lady Knights' lead to 6. Eckart, C. Hermes, and Hillary Hoelker each added a point. A Goldthwaite 3-pointer at the buzzer closed the score to 38-37 going into the final quarter.

Eckart, Hermes, Emily Fuhrmann, and a Katelyn Brewer 3-pointer gave Lindsay a 46-39 lead. The Lady Eagles scored the next 4 points, Fuhrmann two frees, then Goldthwaite 3 for a 48-46 score.

At the 3 minute mark, Eckart added 2 more free throws, followed by the Lady Eagles for a 50-48 score.

Lindsay worked on the clock, getting the ball to Eckart, who scored with 1:08 remaining in the game. Seven seconds later, the Lady Eagles hit a 3 for a 52-51 score.

At 40 seconds, Rose Hermes made her first basket of the game. The Lady Eagles added a point, rebounded shots twice and missed, and Lindsay took the ball with 11 seconds on the clock. A missed Lindsay free throw was rebounded by the Lady Eagles who called a time out. Goldthwaite inbounded, went the length of the court all the way to the bucket, hoping to draw a foul, missed the shot, and a jump ball was called at 2 seconds. Lindsay inbounded and the game ended with a Lady Knight 54-52 victory.

Lindsay played the last 2:30 with three starters on the bench, two due to fouls

and one with an injury. "The bench really stepped up and did a great job of finishing the game," noted Lindsay Coach Don Neu. "Rose Hermes hit the biggest shot of the game to put us up by 2 with just seconds remaining." Neu added that he couldn't be prouder of the team. "They play with so much heart and desire," Neu added.

Christina Eckart led the Lady Knights on the scoreboard with 23 points. Chelsea Hermes added 19, Katelyn Brewer 5, Emily Fuhrmann 4, Rose Hermes 2, and Hillary Hoelker 1. Eckart was also the leading rebounder and was credited for five blocked shots.

L 11 17 10 16 54
G 11 14 12 15 52

The next game for the Lady Knights is the State Final Four Tournament in Austin. Lindsay, with a 29-4 record, will face Martins Mill, 33-4, in the State Semi-Final round on Thursday at 10 a.m. Action will be at the Frank Erwin Center.

Martins Mill was the District 19A Champion. Their trip to Austin included an Area 15A-32 win over Detroit, 80-34 Regional Quarter Final over Cayuga, a 73-41 Regional Semi-Final over Martinsville, and the Regional Final win 56-48 over Lovelady.

The Lady Knights began as District 15A Champions, winning 68-23 over Wortham in Area, 45-29 over Merit Bland in the Quarter Final round, and the two Regional tournament victories last weekend.

Also in the Final Four are Thorndale, 31-3, and Sudan, 33-4. The winners of Thursday's game will play Saturday, March 1 at 8:30 a.m. for the State Championship.



Lindsay competes in five softball games

The Lady Knight softball team withstood some very cold weather last week and took home two victories in their pool play in the Alvord Tournament.

In the first game, Lindsay defeated Godley by a score of 10-4. Pitcher Alyx Ethington faced 17 batters, struck out five, walked three, and allowed two hits. Getting hits for the Lindsay Knights were Ethington, Bethani Eberhart, Kendall Neu, and Natalie Rose.

In the second game, Lindsay defeated Saint Jo 10-4. Natalie Rose was the winning pitcher, facing 15 batters, as she struck out six, walked three, and allowed one hit. Ethington, Eberhart, and Hughes all got triples, Neu a double, and Jordan Heilman

a single, and they all scored at least once.

In their final game of the day, the Lady Knights fell to Alvord in the last inning by a score of 4-2. Pitcher Ethington faced 22 batters, struck out six, walked four, and allowed two hits. Eberhart and Ethington scored.

The Lady Knights placed 2nd in their pool and played the 3rd place winner of pool B, Peaster on Saturday morning.

A strong 1st inning scoring four runs, with the strong pitching from Ethington allowed the Lady Knights to cruise to a victory, 5-2.

Ethington was one for three with three stolen bases, Heilman one for two and two steals, Neu one for two and a steal, Rose two for two and a steal, and Abby Anderle one for two.

The Lady Knights chose to bow out of the tournament to support the basketball team in the playoffs.

"I am proud of the girls. They did some good things and are starting to see the ball at the plate. Considering the weather on Thursday, they played very well," noted Coach Robin Hess.

On Monday, the Lady Knight softball team lost to Whitesboro by a score of 6-2. Several base running errors kept the Lady Knights from keeping their rallies going.

Alyx Ethington, Bethani Eberhart, Haley Hughes, and Kendall Neu all had stolen bases and hits. Taylor Loch and Jessica Thurman also had hits.

Ethington pitched to 32 batters, striking out eight, with six walks.

The JV Lady Knights also lost to Whitesboro 7-1.

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Rose Hermes (11) and Katelyn Brewer (14).



Christina Eckart (32)



Hillary Hoelker (31) and Emily Fuhrmann (42).



Hillary Hoelker (31), Rose Hermes (11), and Chelsea Hermes (10).



Christina Eckart (32), Stephanie Neu (21), and Hillary Hoelker (31).



Christina Eckart (32)



Action photos by Janie Hartman
Team picture by Jay Anderle

**Lindsay
Lady
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"No person shall be...deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Amendment V, U.S. Constitution
"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law..."

Amendment XIV, U.S. Constitution
The right to own and use private property is one of the most important human rights and the cornerstone for economic prosperity. That is why our founders guaranteed it in the Constitution and listed property in the same category as with the same prominence as life... and... liberty.

The framers of our Constitution had the foresight to comprehend there are times when private property is needed for public use, but they went to great lengths to ensure the generations who followed would understand the sanctity of the ownership and protection of private property.

It is critical we never allow an entity or government the ability to trample on this basic right to own what is below our feet. Just as we intuitively defend and protect life and liberty, we must once again prioritize the protection of private property ownership. Nowhere has the need for this elevation been manifested more than in the transportation policies of our great state.

To say Texas is growing is an understatement. We picked up two seats in Congress after the last census, and experts believe Texas will gain three or four more with the 2010 count. More people mean more roads.

As we build new highways, it is vital the needs, rights, and priorities of private property owners are at the front of the process, not at the end. Our policies must be guided by principles that say, "We the people of the State of Texas do reaffirm our commitment to life... and... liberty... and... property, and our policies and procedures will elevate these principles to their rightful status."

In recognition of this core ideology that has led us to prosperity, we hold these truths to be self-evident: Taking property from one private owner and giving it to another private owner is wrong. Taking private property for commercial purposes is wrong. Failing to provide landowners proper access is wrong. Failing to connect cities, towns, and existing roadways to new routes is wrong. Not using every effort to follow the footprint of exist-

ing roadways to minimize the disruption of farm, ranch, timber, and wildlife habitat is wrong.

Fragmenting farms, ranches, timberland, and wildlife habitat when it could be avoided is wrong.

Circumventing the input of local citizens and officials is wrong.

Removing the responsibility to negotiate in good faith is wrong.

Removing the responsibility to make a bona fide attempt to purchase property is wrong.

Texas farmers and ranchers recognize the importance of an efficient transportation system. They depend on it for their livelihood. But those who work the land know the right to own property is mandatory for the preservation of life and liberty.

After all, the grand patriots who signed the Constitution were farmers too.

Todd Staples
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

U.S. cattle on feed up 2 percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on Feb. 1. The inventory was 2% above Feb. 1, 2007 but 1% below Feb. 1, 2006. This is the second highest Feb. 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, 6% above 2007 but 19% below 2006. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 467,000, 700-799 pounds were 525,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 395,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.86 million, 1% above 2007 and 3% above 2006.

Supreme Court asked to review ruling shutting down Illinois horse processing plant

An Illinois law that closed a state horse processing plant, and the federal appeals court decision upholding the law, have effectively exempted 40,000-60,000 horses from humane slaughter.

That is a key reason why the U.S. Supreme Court should hear the appeal of the decision by the plant, Cavell International, Inc., according to an "amicus curiae" (friend of the court) brief filed on Feb. 22 by Livestock Marketing Association (LMA).

LMA filed the brief on behalf of its members. Nancy Robinson, LMA's vice president for government and industry affairs, said LMA was very grateful to its industry partners for helping fund the preparation and filing of the brief.

When the Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit upheld the Illinois law that closed the DeKalb, Illinois, plant last year, it "failed to address the adverse impact" of the law,

LMA's brief said. As a result, "tens of thousands of horses...will die each year because they are at the end of their useful lives, (and) which will now die of neglect or be killed using procedures which are outside the protection accorded by the Humane Slaughter Act."

Cavell slaughtered 40,000-60,000 horses annually, all under provisions of the Humane Slaughter Act, which only applies to U.S. plants. The court rulings "have provided an incentive for the export of horses to foreign slaughterhouses, and are contributing factors in an increase of equine neglect," the brief said, citing news accounts on this topic.

Agreeing to review the case "provides the (Supreme Court's) last and only opportunity to restore the...Slaughter Act's coverage in connection with horses."

The Appeals Court also

said it upheld the Illinois law because the law was "some-what tenuously supported by a legitimate state interest."

The amicus brief disagreed, saying "the de facto exemption" of the thousands of horses slaughtered by Cavell from provisions of the Humane Slaughter Act "more than outweighs" that somewhat "tenuous...state interest."

The horse meat processed by Cavell was exported for foreign consumption. The "speculative rationalizations" the Appeals Court used to uphold the Illinois law "are insufficient to justify any burden on either foreign...or interstate commerce," LMA's brief said.

The Illinois law in fact creates an "unconstitutional burden upon the interstate commerce conducted at livestock markets," which previously supplied horses to Cavell, according to the brief.

The Appeals Court decision is also in error because it allows state legislation "which is not directly protective of the health or safety" of Illinois citizens, to "displace the constitutional rights of citizens of other states to participate in interstate and foreign commerce..." the brief said.

At a minimum, the brief said, the Supreme Court should grant Cavell's review request to resolve a conflict between this Appeals Court decision and an earlier decision from the First Circuit Court of Appeals, which also dealt with burdens on U.S. foreign commerce.



Cooke County Youth Fair this Weekend

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

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Collect pecan graftwood now

The Texas inlay bark graft method has become the standard top working technique for pecans throughout the irrigated southwest. Collecting pecan graftwood for this method of grafting is suggested from Feb. 1 to March 15.

Strong, rapidly growing one year old wood is ideal for grafting. This is easy to find on young, fast growing trees or in the tops of trees which have just begun to bear. Old trees or slow growing trees should be avoided. If a large number of grafts will be needed, older trees can be dehorned to stimulate compensatory growth. These straight, round, one year old shoots should be perfect.

Drought, freeze, or herbicide damaged trees should not be used for graftwood. Trees which are not positively identified also should not be used. All too often, growers will think a tree is a certain variety when it is not. Variety identification is a very important part of graftwood collection. Waterproof ink and metal tags should always be used. Two year old wood can be used, but it is not as good as current season growth.

Once the wood is cut from the tree, it should be moved out of the sun to a cool, moist

location to wait for processing. The graftwood should be processed for storage the same day it is collected. Cut the graft sticks into 6", 12", or 18" lengths which will give one, two, or three grafts per stick.

Dip the freshly cut ends in orange shellac, grafting wax, paraffin, or pruning compound. Orange shellac is ideal because it never dries and new growth from the graft will move over it without delay.

Make sure the primary buds are not damaged or knocked off while processing the wood. This primary bud, or insurance bud as it is sometimes called, has the best chance for growth after the two cambium tissues connect, so caution needs to be practiced to prevent losing it.

A very small amount of moisture should be maintained near the graftwood while it is stored. Paper towels and polyethylene bags are recommended. Avoid colored plastic bags because they may not breathe. The respiration rate of the dormant grafts in refrigeration is very slow; therefore, the bags should allow carbon dioxide to exit, and oxygen to enter the bag. The paper towels used for maintaining moisture should be squeezed to near dryness. This is accomplished by soaking the towels in water,

squeezing the water out with a very strong grip of the hand, and finally stepping on the towels with your foot. Then, take the towel up, shake it out and it is ready to wrap five graft sticks. This will prevent the collection of too much water and the formation of mold on the graftwood.

Once sealed in polyethylene bags with variety and year identification using waterproof ink, the graftwood needs to be stored at 35 to 45 degrees F. until used. Make sure the graftwood does not freeze. The refrigerator needs to be monitored frequently to prevent freezing.

Take the graftwood out of refrigeration only as needed. A cool, then warm, then cool cycling of the temperature is not good. Also, move the graftwood to the orchard grafting site in a cooler with ice to keep it from getting hot. If the graftwood is collected from strong, fast growing trees and if it is processed and stored properly, grafters should obtain at least 90% survival with the Texas inlay bark graft method or the four-flap graft.

Grafting should not be attempted before the sap is moving; there are small leaves on the tree and the bark is slipping. This is usually in early April and grafting can continue until mid to late May, depending on how fast the season becomes hot.

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200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.22-1.31;
Nos. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.22; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.12-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.12; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.08-1.23; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.08; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.04-1.19; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.04; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 96-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-96; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 89-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-89.

Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1.20-2.050 lbs., 55-67;
Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 57-63; Cutter: 40-57.

Stockers (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9 year-olds - Large: Frame \$1000-\$1150, Medium: Frame \$800-\$1000.
Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large: Frame \$1050-\$1150, Medium: Frame \$750-\$1050.
Baby Calves: Holstein: \$50-\$85; Cross Breeds \$180-\$265.

Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
US #1, 230-270, 39-43;
US #2, 220-280, 32-39.
Feeders (per head):
100-175 lbs. \$30-\$65;
25-50 lbs. \$30-\$40.

Sows (per lb.)
Feeder, 400 or less: 26-28; Light wt., 400-500 NT Med. wt., 500-600 NT, Heavy wt., 600-NT.

Boars (per lb.)
300 lb up NT, 200-300 lbs. NT, Light wt.: 30-35.

Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-50 lbs., 90-1.15; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 80-1.00; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 65-85.

Ewes (per lb.)
Stocker: 42-55; Thin: NT; Fat: NT.
Bucks (per lb.)
Thin: NT; Fat: NT.
Barbados (per head)
Lambs \$20-\$60; Ewes \$30-\$70; Bucks \$65-\$150.

Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs. \$25-\$50; 35-55 lbs. \$30-\$60; 55-75 lbs. \$45-\$75.

Yearlings (per head)
75-120 lbs., \$65-\$105.
Nannies (per head)
Stocker \$35-\$85; Milk Type: \$30-\$55; Slaughter: \$60-\$75; Thin: \$15-\$40.

Billies (per head)
120 lb up
Breeders: \$95-\$110;
Slaughter: \$65-\$100.

Boer Goats (per head)
12 Nanny: NT, 24 Nanny: NT, Full Nanny: \$75-\$115/L, 2 Billy: NT, 34 Billy: NT, Full Billy: \$80-\$200.

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200-300 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.30-1.40, Med-Gd. 1.20-1.30, 300-400 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.20-1.30, Med-Gd. 1.10-1.20, 400-500 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.10-1.25, Med-Gd. 1.00-1.10, 500-600 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.00-1.15, Med-Gd. 90-1.00.

HEIFER CALVES
200-300 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.20-1.30, Med-Gd. 1.10-1.20, 300-400 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.10-1.20, Med-Gd. 1.00-1.10, 400-500 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.00-1.10, Med-Gd. 90-1.00, 500-600 lbs. Gd. Choice 1.00-1.10, Med-Gd. 90-1.00.

HOLSTEIN STEER CALVES
200-400 lbs. 70-80, 400-600 lbs. 60-70.

Who's the boss?



Emily Hellman tries to convince her show goat who's really in charge at last week's Cooke County 4-H Livestock Show held in Muenster. The 4-H'ers held their show in preparation for the County Youth Fair this weekend. MISD photo

WEATHER

family understands it, Fletcher encourages the use of another safety device. He said, "If I could recommend one thing for everyone to have in case of severe weather it would be a weather radio! It WILL wake you up at 2 a.m.! Here is a link to some information on them, <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/radio.html> and if anyone has any questions or needs help setting one up please feel free to give me a call at 668-5400. The most important thing is to make sure it has Specific Area Message Encoding S.A.M.E. technology. It should say on the box or advertisement if it does. This will allow you to narrow the warnings to just those counties you are concerned with."

While dangerous storms can strike at any time of year, March, April, and May bring the greatest potential for violent weather events in Texas, including damaging thunderstorms, hail storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding. According to the

National Weather Service, Texas leads the nation with an average of 139 tornado strikes per year and often suffers the highest resulting death toll of any other state. Additionally, Texas endures the second-highest level of lightning fatalities and often leads in the number of flash flood deaths per year. A majority of these victims suffer due to failure to take proper precautions in such emergencies.

When sirens sound

So, use this week to talk to your family and co-workers to come up with a plan in case a tornado warning is given for your area. Then when Muenster, Valley View, and Lake Kiowa have their severe weather warning test on March 10 at 6 p.m., you can go through the drill you developed so that there is less panic when and if the real warning sounds.

At 6 p.m., the tornado warning sirens will begin to sound. At that, tune in to Nortex Channel 2 for more information. The voice message will begin a few minutes after the warning sirens begin

to sound. You will be told of the siren and warning system test.

This will provide the Muenster Fire Department the opportunity to test their sirens and familiarize themselves with the drill.

During periods of possible severe weather, Muenster Volunteer Fire Department dispatches storm spotters to designated areas around Muenster. They watch the sky for any signs of approaching tornadoes and also warn when hail is headed to town. Radar is closely observed during this period also. If a tornado is spotted that could have Muenster in its path, a message is sent and the warning sirens sounded just as it will be on the 10th. The voice message will come on Channel 2 with more information and telling residents to take shelter.

The National Weather Service warns that tornadoes can destroy a building in a few seconds. Therefore it is important to know the safety rules for surviving a tornado.

In homes and small buildings, go to the basement or a

small interior room such as a closet, bathroom, or an interior hallway on the lowest level. Protect yourself from flying debris with thick blankets, sleeping bags, or mattresses.

At schools, as well as hospitals, factories, and shopping malls, go to the designated shelter areas, usually an interior hallway on the lowest floor without windows. Kneel on the floor against the wall and place your hands over your head to provide some protection for your head.

For mobile homes, portable classrooms, or vehicles, leave them and go to a strong building for shelter. If there is no shelter nearby, get into the nearest ditch or depression. Lie flat with your hands over your head.

For more information about Severe Weather Awareness Week, please visit the Governor's Division of Emergency Management Web site: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem and the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters Web site: www.srh.noaa.gov.

Tickets now on sale for Medal of Honor events

Two Medal of Honor recipients from the 1965 Battle of the Ia Drang Valley, Bruce Crandall and Joe Marm, are the special guests for this year's Medal of Honor Host City Program gathering in Gainesville, April 3-5.

Tickets are now on sale for the Medal of Honor Weekend Banquet, set for Saturday, April 5, at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver St. According to Lynette Pettigrew, social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Civic Center, or by contacting her at 940-668-4530.

Guest host for the evening is long-time Fox News commentator John Gibson, and the guest speaker is Joe Galloway, veteran war correspondent and co-author of the definitive best seller, "We Were Soldiers Once... And Young."

Thus far, possible first time recipient visitors include Marines John McGinty and Richard Pittman, and Army recipient Fred Ferguson.

Joining Marm and Crandall will be fellow Vietnam Medal of Honor recipients Drew Dix, Doc Ballard, Clarence Sasser,

Bob O'Malley, and David McNerney, James Taylor, and Korean War recipient James Stone—frequent Gainesville visitors for several years.

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