

Muenster Chamber of Commerce revives annual banquet

By Janet Felderhoff
It was an eventful evening Saturday, Jan. 31 for the Muenster Chamber of Commerce. Local businesses and organizations lent a festive touch with table decorations, several Chamber members were recognized, a TV was given away, and all present learned the basics of organic gardening and landscaping. Master of Ceremonies Wayne Klement opened the banquet with remarks in-

cluding a humorous story of his first work experiences in Muenster. Father Ken Robinson offered a prayer, and Muenster Mayor John Pagel welcomed guests. Tables representing various businesses and organizations vied for the attention of guests with decorations that ranged from simple to elaborate and sentimental to very elegant. Most included favors for guests. Judges for the tables were

Evelyn Szatkowski of Lake Kiowa and Debra Yardley. They chose Hess Furniture for first place; Cooke County Electric Co-op for second; and Cooke County Autism Group for third. Prizes were Muenster Marks with \$100 going to first place, \$50 to second, and \$25 to third. Those attending voted for their top three tables favorites. The table receiving the most votes was named People's Choice. Sisters' table

captured that honor. Chamber of Commerce President Kirk Klement presented a number of awards. The first was a plaque given to retiring Board member John Pollard. He served on the Board for a total of 10 years with his last term being from 2003 to 2008. He was Chamber president for three years. Kirk noted that Pollard made all of the wooden business-for-sponsor holes used during the Cham-

ber's annual golf tournament. A Male and a Female Volunteer of the Year were selected from Chamber members who were devoted volunteers to the Chamber and the community. Each recipient was presented with an engraved plaque. Jewel Otto received the Female Volunteer award. Klement cited her many volunteers hours during Germanfest, her assistance

at the Chamber office and at Chamber functions. She also serves as treasurer for the Muenster Historical Commission and Muenster Hospital Auxiliary, is on the Muenster Library Board, City Park Board, and Muenster City Council, and is very active with Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB). Gary Fisher earned the Male Volunteer award through his many years of volunteer work for Germanfest and Chamber functions. Klement said, "he never fails to stop at the Chamber booth to see if there is anything he can help with. He has helped move the Chamber office on every occasion. ... You can call him on short notice and he will drop what he is doing to come help out with whatever needs to be done." Fisher is also active with KMB, and spent many hours planting trees and cleaning at the new Muenster Lake.

According to Klement, "A 'Good Samaritan' is one who volunteers to perform a deed to benefit those in need. That deed could be in the form of monetary or physical support." He said that there was a Good Samaritan among them who exemplifies the term. The Good Samaritan Award was presented to Alvin Fuhrman in appreciation for his support and numerous donations to the Chamber of Commerce.

Some of the things the Chamber attributed to Fuhrman included always being willing to step up to the plate to help when the need arose; helping in the mid-seventies to organize an event to preserve German Heritage - the Germanfest now in existence for 34 years; supporting the Germanfest by serving on various committees and providing PA systems, lights, and volunteers to help prepare for Germanfest. Fuhrman also helps bring the Froshinn Singing Society to each Germanfest, was MC for the event for 25 years, and is now leading the committee in land development for the Germanfest and other events.

Fuhrman most recently made it possible for the Chamber to have its own home on East Hwy. 82 and Hickory. "This person goes above and beyond the duties of a good citizen for Muenster," Klement remarked. Matt Sicking was acknowledged with a plaque for the many volunteer hours and use of equipment to improve the Barbecue Cook-off in 2008. Doyle Hess was unable to attend, but was also to be recognized with a plaque for his volunteer hours and use of his equipment to improve the Barbecue Cook-off in 2008.

Wayne Klement introduced the guest speaker Howard Garrett who is known for his role in the natural organic market. He

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Gary Fisher



Jewel Otto



Alvin Fuhrman



Above, The Dirt Doctor, Howard Garrett, guest speaker at the Chamber Banquet; at right - Chamber President Kirk Klement and Office Manager Margie Starke. Janet Felderhoff photos



City agrees to variance if Patel builds motel in Muenster

By Janet Felderhoff
Real estate agent Don Flusche and property owner Urban Endres attended the Feb. 2 City Council meeting seeking a possible variance on property in Hillcrest Center. Sudha Patel is considering the purchase of property near Prosperity Bank for the purpose of building a motel. City Administrator Stan Endres explained that to build the motel, Patel would need a six inch water line and a six inch sewer line to her property line. He estimated that it would take 340 feet of six inch water line and 160 feet of six inch sewer line. The cost of the material was estimated at \$5,000 plus labor, truck, and backhoe. Test holes were dug by the City. According to Endres it didn't appear to be a problem with rock in the back of the property. Endres said

that the current policy is for the City to pay the first 100 feet for the water and sewer lines and the developer or the landowner would have to pay the rest. Flusche requested that the City extend the lines all the way to the property line. The cost to do 100 foot is about \$2,000 Endres said. "It is probably good to do anything you can to help a new business out. It's good for the City, but you don't want to just go giving away City money if you don't have to," Endres remarked. He suggested making the extension of the lines only on the condition that she does build the motel there. If approved, it would only take effect when she applies for the building permit. Councilman Greg Bohl wondered what had usually been done in the past regard-

ing the 100 foot rule. Endres said there hadn't been many cases. The only time he could recall was when the Sicking's put in their property development north of town. The City agreed to pay for the material to extend the water and sewer lines to that location. Sicking's paid for the labor, etc. It cost the City much more than \$5,000 for that project, said Endres. According to Flusche, Patel said that the City extending the lines would make it feasible for her to continue with the proposal to build the motel in the City. "If the City agrees to this, I'm sure you'd get your money back in tax money probably within the first year or so," Flusche speculated. "Motels do create a lot of tax money and you get your hotel-motel tax." See CITY, pg. 3

Water of all kinds slated to be valuable asset to Groundwater Conservation Districts

By Janet Felderhoff
Two Cooke County commissioners and AgriLife Extension Agent Wayne Becker attended the Feb. 2 meeting of Muenster City Council to seek their opinions on a Groundwater Conservation District. The Council was charged with selecting from four options, and asked to rank the options by preference. Mayor John Pagel remarked, "I do know that this particular kind of legislation may impact all of us in a big way, which at this point we may not even realize how much it might impact. There's not a lot of information being printed out." Cooke County Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith explained that the groundwater conservation districts is an idea that came about after the creation of an organization the state of Texas called the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee. It was formed in 1988. He said some Cooke County citizens were involved in some of the first meetings of that Groundwater Protection group. It was to look at the

state's aquifers and to determine what the current condition was of those aquifers, and to determine what the future condition of the aquifers should be. Ground aquifers are where well water comes from. Smith noted, "Texas uses today about 16 million acre feet of water a year. Nine million acre feet of that water comes from water wells or groundwater sources. Of the cities in the state of Texas, 36-37% of them are on well water. What this Committee has found out and has reported is that the Trinity aquifer here and heading south is being overdrawn, and four years ago passed the quantity of water that's being pumped out of it versus what is being recharged into it. This deficit will ultimately cause towns to run out of water." The Trinity aquifer, which the City of Muenster is part of, is in Montague County. Smith said because of the Muenster Arch much of the water doesn't flow across Cooke County, but turns south and runs down to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. See WATER, pg. 13

Obituaries

Clifton Jack Keener 1959 - 2009

Clifton Jack Keener of Muenster died at the age of 49 on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 in Muenster. Funeral service was held at Missionary Baptist Church in Saint Jo at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 30. Burial followed in Mountain Park Cemetery in Saint Jo, under the direction of Scott-Morris Funeral Home of Nacoma.

Clifton was born to Clifton Clifton "Bud" and Shirley Holt Keener on Aug. 5, 1959 in Linden, Texas.

Survivors include his mother; children Jacklyn Keener and Clifton Robert

Keener; sisters and brothers-in-law Lavonna and Joe Gilbert and Sheila and Thomas Holloway; one granddaughter; and nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father; two brothers Mary Wayne and Robert Earl Keener; and a nephew Mark Wayne Keener, Jr.

Pallbearers were Thomas Holloway, Marty Reeves, Ricky Morgan, and Rodney Cottrich.

Memorials may be made to Feed The Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma, City, OK 73101.



Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman, left, presents \$500 check to Milton Knauf of the Muenster Water Board. Courtesy photo

Muenster Water Board receives a \$500 grant

Chisholm Trail Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Board Member and Cooke County Judge Bill Freeman presented Muenster Water District (MWD) Chairman Milton Knauf with a \$500 check at the Feb. 2 MWD Board meeting. This presentation acknowledged MWD's completion of the requirements of Chisholm Trail RC&D's Community Improvement Grant program.

As a sponsor of Chisholm Trail RC&D, the Muenster Water District was eligible to apply for the Community Improvement Grant which requires at least a \$1,000 cash match to Chisholm Trail's \$500. These funds were applied to construction

of a gate, walkthrough area, and fencing around a newly installed parking lot on Muenster Lake located just off of County Road 426.

Also announced at MWD's Board meeting was the Texas Parks and Wildlife Boating Access Grant award for \$443,880. Chisholm Trail RC&D assisted with the preparation and coordination of the grant application packet.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Feb. 4, 1944

Lt. Joe Zwingski, age 29, loses life in glider crash at Bowman Field, Kentucky. The State Theatre advertises *Lassie Come Home* starring Roddy McDowell and Donald Crisp. The Texas Theatre in Saint Jo advertises *Thundering Trails* with 3 Mesquiteers. Martin Becker loses tip of finger in sledge hammer accident.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 6, 1959

Improved switchboard will provide better service while community awaits dial phones, according to Muenster Telephone Co. Joe Fisher, Sr. claims the distinction of buying the first car

license plates sold in Cooke County this year. Wedding: Birthe Nielson and James Hess. New Arrivals: Rickety to Wilfred and Virginia Hess; Robert to Walter and Carol Grewing; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolf; Brent to Arthur and LuLu Hess. Obituary: Michael Knabe, three-month-old son of the Fred Knabes.

25 YEARS AGO Feb. 3, 1984

Sacred Heart Tigerettes are TCIL District Champs. Wedding: Craig Sangster and Rhonda Estes. New Arrivals: Kevin to Robert and Janet Hermes. Obituary: Mrs. Apollonia Knabe, 65. Sr. Roberta Hesse returns to African Mission.

Roy Lee Hale 1955 - 2009

Funeral services for Roy Lee Hale, age 53 of Waldo, Arkansas, were held Saturday, Jan. 31, at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Saint Jo with his uncle Archie Hale officiating. Burial was in Mountain Park Cemetery in Saint Jo under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home. Roy Lee died on Jan. 26, 2009 in Magnolia Hospital in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Roy Lee was born July 14, 1955 in Bowie to Billy Bert and Mavis Goodspeed Hale. He was some-what disabled throughout life, and lived with his parents. After his father's death in 1998, he continued living with his mother. He attended school through the 11th grade in

Seattle, Washington and Saint Jo, Texas. The family lived in Saint Jo some 14 years before moving to Arkansas.

Roy Lee was a member of the Assembly of God Church. He enjoyed playing games and watching TV, and he really loved people in general.

Survivors include his mother Mavis Hale of Waldo; sister Barbara Hale of Waldo; brothers Larry Hale and Ricky Hale, both of Waldo; eight nieces and nephews; two great-nephews; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Billy Bert Hale and a nephew Mike Hale.

State Comptroller delivers first local sales tax allocations of 2009

Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the state collected \$1.86 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 2% compared to December 2007.

"State sales tax collections have grown 3.9% for the first four months of state fiscal year 2009," Combs said. "Growth in overall collections has slowed compared to recent years, while remittances from key sectors such as construction and retail trade have declined."

Cities, counties, transit systems, and special purpose taxing districts received their first sales tax allocations of 2009 — \$459.2 million, up 2.4% compared to January 2008.

January sales tax allocations of \$309.9 million were sent to Texas cities, up 2.2% compared to January 2008.

In Cooke County, Muenster, Gainesville, and Valley View experienced increases when compared to January 2008. Lindsay and Oak Ridge had slight decreases.

Muenster received \$27,017.77, a 0.93% increase this January compared to January 2008's \$26,767.43. Lindsay received \$7,027.17 in January 2009, a decrease of 0.21% from the \$7,042.48 in January 2008. Gainesville received \$601,219.25 this January, an increase of 22.93% from the \$489,051.02 received in January 2008. This January, Oak Ridge's check was for \$5,955.68, a decrease of 0.02%, and Valley View received \$9,282.52,

an increase of 2.90%.

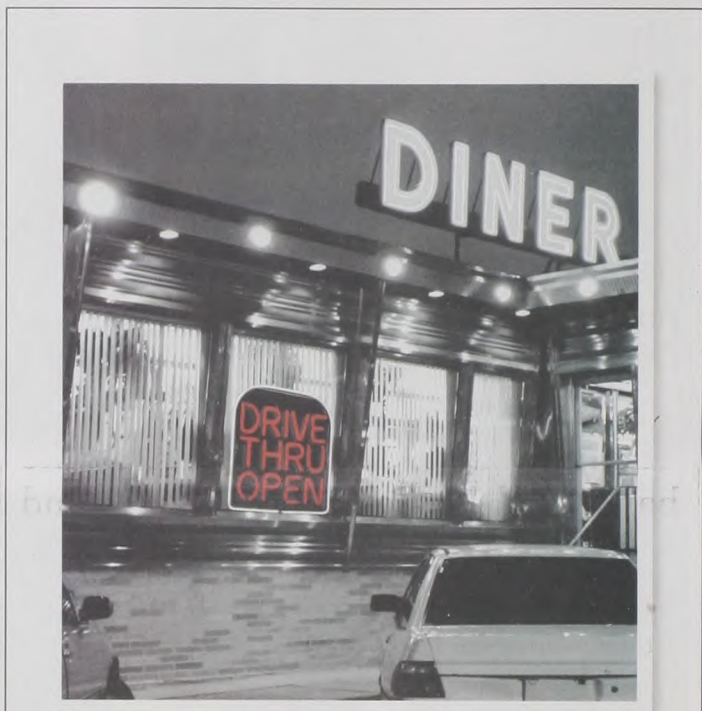
Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$29 million, up 8.2% compared to last January. Cooke County received \$231,297.69 this January, an increase of 19.80% from January 2008.

In addition, \$18.3 million went to 148 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 23.5% compared to last January. Ten local transit systems received \$101.9 million in sales tax allocations, down 1.4% compared to a year ago.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November.

I am beginning to learn that it is the sweet simple things in life which are the real ones after all.

Laura Ingalls Wilder



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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	MMH Aux Mtg - 5:30 p.m. Muenster 4-H Mtg. - 6 p.m. VFW Mtg. - 7:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. SH Alumni & Supporters Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. SNAP Room Religious Ed Class - 7 p.m. MISD Board Mtg.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. C of C Luncheon - Noon - Rohmer's Muenster Historical Commission Mtg. - 8 a.m. - Rohmer's	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP Membership Mtg. - 11:30 a.m. Stanford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lindsay VFD Truck Dance County 4-H Show - Muenster Ag Barn
<i>FCCLA Week</i>						
Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009	Monday, Feb. 16, 2009	Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009	Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009	Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009	Friday, Feb. 20, 2009	Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	VFW Aux. Mtg. 7:30p.m. <i>Fly Flags - Presidents' Day</i>	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. MMH Board Mtg. 7p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class - 7 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Councilman Jack Flusche asked that they stipulate a 50-50 cost share if an air hammer is needed to get through rocky areas. The Council unanimously voted to install 340 foot of six inch water line and 160 foot of six inch sewer line to that property with the sole cost to the City, and to pay half the cost of hiring an air hammer if

needed. In his City Administrator report, Endres explained that the lagoon was now officially closed and Becker did a real good job. Engineer Morris will now make a report of its closing to the TCEQ. The audit of the City done by Gilland is now complete. A report is expected at the March meeting.

Patching of streets will begin with good weather. Councilman Jack Flusche remarked that there is another container in place for recycling. The one with seven foot windows was filled within days of being brought into town. "People in Muenster seem really committed to recycling," he said. The new container is smaller and more easily accessed than the one it replaces.

In other business, the City Council:

- Reappointed Gene Walter and Henry Weinzapfel to Muenster Water District Board.
- Called election for May 9 for position of mayor now held by John Pagel, Place 3 now held by Ronnie "Jack" Flusche, and Place 5 now held by Joey Anderson. Dates to place names on the ballot are Feb. 7 through March 9.
- Approved fiscal year 2008-09 budget amendments.
- Approved payment of bills totalling \$95,917.94.

Muenster receives patrol boat



The Muenster Police Department recently received a boat for use on Muenster Lake from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The boat, a 16 foot alumaweld boat, will be used by the Muenster Police and the Muenster VFD for Lake patrol and waterborne search and rescue. It was previously used by TPWD game wardens. Courtesy photo

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The first day to file for a place on the ballot will be February 9, 2009 and will continue through March 9, 2009. If you are interested in filing for a place on the ballot for any of these positions, please come by to pick up your application packet at the Muenster ISD administrative office, located at 135 East Seventh Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions please call the administrative office at 759-2282 ext. 600.

CHAMBER

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is a nationally syndicated radio talk show host, author of 14 books, columnist, certified arborist, and consultant to several large companies.

Garrett told of how watching his young daughter Logan place things in her mouth while playing outdoors prompted him to seek organic methods of gardening and landscaping. By 1988, he had committed his career to the research, education, and promotion of organic products and practices.

To begin using organic methods, Garrett suggests to stop using all synthetic fertilizers, toxic pesticides, and other chemicals that

harm living organisms. All high-nitrogen products are bad and nitrogen-only products are the worst. Next, build soil health with aeration and natural organic fertilizers and amendments. Use native plants and well-adapted introductions, water carefully, and make wise decisions.

To amend your soil, apply compost, rock materials such as lava sand, granite, basalt, and other paramagnetic materials, and dry molasses to all planting areas. Use products that introduce and/or stimulate beneficial microbes in the soil.

Garrett explained that as you bring your soil to the

natural organic state, more insects, birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and other beneficial creatures will visit causing less problems from bothersome insects such as mosquitoes. Also, plant roots grow healthier and use less water. One golf course that he assisted with going organic, documented its water use before and after going organic. It now saves hundreds of thousands of gallons of water daily simply because the roots of grasses grown there are healthier and absorb water more efficiently.

The audience received an opportunity to ask the Dirt Doctor questions after his informative talk.

A drawing for a 42" HDTV took place, Carl Alford was the lucky winner.

Officers for 2009 are Kirk Klement, president; Carolyn McPherson, vice-president; Debbie Hess, secretary; Harold Flusche, treasurer. This same slate of officers served in 2008. Other members of the Chamber's Board of Directors are Cindy Del Olmo, Matt Sicking, Stanley Hess, and Danny Walterscheid.

Jeannine Flusche served as the chairperson for the banquet. Rohmer's Restaurant catered the meal.

Businesses and organizations decorating a table were The Bird Nest, First State Bank/Muenster, Fischer's Market, FMW Insurance, Hess Furniture, Keep Muenster Beautiful, Klement Ford, Town and Country, Turtle Hill Golf Course, Muenster Antique Mall, Muenster Memorial Hospital and MMH Auxiliary, Muenster Museum, Nortex Communications, North Texas Autism Association, Sisters, Cooke County Electric Co-op, and Weinhof Winery.

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Last year a total of \$21,316.00 was paid in premiums to the students of our community, with \$12,575.00 being paid by The Friends of Muenster organization. We would like to compensate every youngster, even those who do not make the sale, for their hard work in preparing their projects. This is why we are asking for your help.

One hundred percent of what you donate goes directly toward paying the premiums to the students of our community. The students put forth a great amount of effort and expense toward preparing their projects for the Youth Fair. Please help them out with a donation of \$1000, \$500, \$250, or an amount of your choice. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The dates for the Youth Fair are February 25-28, 2009, with the premium sale being held on Saturday, February 28th, at 1:00 pm. Please take some time to visit the Youth Fair and show your support of our youth.

Thank you, in advance, for taking this request into consideration. You may send your contribution to the below captioned address or pass it along to any of the names listed below. We look forward to seeing you at the Youth Fair this year!

Respectfully:

Jack Flusche	Darren Bindel	Bert Walterscheid
Daman Hellman	Mary Dangelmayr	Richard Dangelmayr
Jeff McAfee	John Dangelmayr	Ronnie Felderhoff
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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Local Cub Scouts will be coming by Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9 am to 12 pm to collect canned goods or non perishable food items for the local food pantries located at Sacred Heart Parish and First Baptist Church.

Your support is GREATLY appreciated.



LIFESTYLE

NEW ITEMS AT MUENSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY 2009

Non-fiction Titles

Southern Living 2008 Annual Recipes, College Board Scholarship Handbook 2009, House of Abraham by Stephen Berry, *Superparenting for ADD* by Edward Hallowell, *Drillmaster of Valley Forge* by Paul Lockhart, *Outliers: the story of success* by Malcolm Gladwell, *I am Potential: 8 lessons* by Patrick Henry Hughes, *Southern-Style Christmas* by Lucinda McDowell.

Fiction Titles (Adult)

Shadow Country by Peter Matthiessen 2008 National Book Award winner, *Irish Country Doctor* by Patrick Taylor, *Fire and Ice* by Julie Garwood, *On the Grind* by Stephen Cannell, *Plum Spooky* by Janet Evanovich, *Texas Lucky* by Sandra Brown, *Treasure* by Iris Johansen, *Knit Two* by Kate Jacobs, *Cross Country* by James Patterson, *Face* by Angela Hunt, *Crossroads* by Belva Plain, *Born to Run* by James Grippando, *Centurion's Wife* by T. Davis Bunn, *Light from Heaven* by Jan Karon, *Sing Softly* to me by Dorothy Garlock.

Junior/Teen Fiction Titles

What I saw and how I lied by Judy Blundell 2008 National Book Award winner, *3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows* by Ann Brashers, *Chains* by Laurie Hale Anderson, *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau, *Giant Problem* by Holly Black, *Penultimate Peril* by Lemony Snicket, *Grim Grotto* by Lemony Snicket, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Last Straw* by Jeff Kinney.

Easy Fiction Titles

Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy by Jane O'Connor, *Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words* by Jane O'Connor, *A Very Marley Christmas* by John Grogan.

VFW Auxiliary meets

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Monday, Jan. 19 in the Post Home with President Frances Bayer presiding. Chaplain Rose Marie Sicking led the opening prayer assisted by Hilda Sicking conductress pro tem and Eleanor Felderhoff with the pledge to the flag. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were read by Ida Bindel, secretary.

A report was given by Frances Bayer on delivering four sweat suits to the Bonham VA Hospital. Ethel Bayer accompanied her and they both volunteered several hours while there. A letter of thanks from Bonham VA was read. Notes of thanks for phone cards received from the Auxiliary by Grant Hartman and Russell Fette were read.

It was announced that Sarah Miller won 1st place in District I Patriot's Pen

contest and was awarded a savings bond.

Members voted to send a donation to the State Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The charter was draped in memory of Mary Mosler. A donation was sent to the National Veterans Children's Home in memory of Mary Mosler and Betty Dangelmayr.

Members attended the wake service for Mary Mosler, and then attended the peace prayer service, community-wide service at the Community Center before Monday night's meeting.

Agnes Hesse, trustee, reported that the books were in order. She also gave the treasurer's report for Lucille Hesse.

Juanita Knabe served refreshments to 10 members.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 16 in the Post Home.



Key and Vicki Runge of Friendswood, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Ashley Nicole to Christopher John Muller, son of Weldon Chris and Doris Muller of Muenster. Ashley is a 2002 graduate of Friendswood High School. She graduated 2006 Cum Laude from Texas State University with a Bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science. In December 2008, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Texas Tech University. Chris is a 1996 graduate of Muenster ISD. He joined the Marines in 1997. Chris was stationed in San Diego, California at MCAS Miramar for five years. He served a tour of duty aboard the USS John Stennis and tour of duty to Afghanistan following 9-11. He received an honorable discharge on July 2, 2002. The wedding and reception will be held at Heaven on Earth in Missouri City, Texas on March 7, 2009.

Jake celebrates first

Jake Paul Fisher, son of Bobby Fisher and Lisa Hatten of Muenster, celebrated his first birthday on Sunday, Jan. 18. Jake's actual birth date is Jan. 14.

A party was held at Jake's home with a "lil cowboy buckaroo" theme. Refresh-

ments of cowboy cake with ice cream were served to guests.

Those attending included Jake's parents; Clifford and Teresa Hatten; Herbie and Sue Fisher; Casey, Chasity, and Caden Forson; Cliff Hatten and Sarah Carpenter; Amy, Ryan, Alyssa, and Keith Huchton; Travis, Amanda, and Hunter Tracht; Lyndsie Eggenburg and Brycen Glazner; Kyla Frost; Jon, Tiffany, Taylor, and Skylar Reed; and Mark and Lacy Neu.



Jake Fisher

When I worry

I am not able

Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn. -

Harriet Beecher Stowe

Heidi turns two

Heidi Genevieve Becker, daughter of Michael and Billie Becker, turned two years old on Dec. 29. She celebrated her birthday with a party on Friday, Jan. 2. The theme of the party was "Elmo." Guests enjoyed hitting a piñata and playing games. Pizza and veggies were served.

Those attending were: sisters Amelia, Anna Marie, and Rita Becker; grandparents Linda and Werner Becker and Connie White; Godmother Jennifer Fuhrmann; Wayne, Melissa, and Alison Becker; Stephen Becker; Werner, Vickie, Ryan, Seth, and Avery Becker; and friends Beth Barkush, the Dulock family, the Hedrick family, Anne Poole, and the Wright family.



Heidi Becker

Cooke County to hold 4-H Livestock Show

On Saturday, Feb. 14 while many will be celebrating Valentine's Day, the Martin Trubenbach MISD Ag Center in Muenster will be the scene of the 2009 County 4-H Livestock Show. The Center and Muenster Ag Department will welcome 4-H members from all 4-H clubs in Cooke County with species of poultry, dairy cattle, dairy goats, beef cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, and goats.

"We are expecting a large turnout for this event," states Phyllis Griffin, 4-H extension agent. "The Muenster Ag Center is a new facility and we are very fortunate to be able to host our show there this year."

Weigh in for the show begins at 7 a.m. for species and show time is 9 a.m. with dairy cattle and poultry and others to follow. The 4-H program will be awarding medals and belt buckles.

The 4-H members and adults will be manning the

concession stand with homemade goodies and breakfast and lunch items available for purchase. Monies raised go to support the Cooke County 4-H Program.

Everyone is invited out for the show and to see the animal projects the 4-H members have clipped, walked, attended clinics with, and fed for the last four months.

For more information please call 940.668-5416.



Muenster Public Library has recently been given a genealogy book entitled *Theodore Johann Weismann Lineage* by Elmer I. Weisman of Southlake. This book will interest many in the Muenster community, tracing the family history of Theodore Weismann, one of the first pioneers in Muenster in 1889. The book includes many rare photographs of family members, and photographs of the family farm in Muenster and the farm in Westphalia, Germany. Pictured is Theodore Weismann.

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Severe ice storm west Texas 9th-13th. In metropolises, up to one inch of ice made streets and sidewalks slippery and dangerous. At Dallas on the 25th, five inches of rain caused a moderate flood on the Trinity. At Fort Worth, 72 hours of below freezing temperatures coupled with freezing rain, sleet, and snow made it one of the most damaging ice storms on record. Jan. 28-Feb. 1, three inches of snow and record cold caused many pipes to burst.

Thank you to all who made my 97th birthday on Tuesday so special! I enjoyed the day, which was made memorable by the visits of many friends and relatives who came from various places including Dallas, Bowie, Wichita Falls, Iowa Park, Saint Jo, and Gainesville. The flower arrangements and three cakes were wonderful. I will always treasure the many cards and good wishes.

Thank you
Marguerite King

The family of Daniel Heim would like to express our gratitude for donations, for Mass offerings, memorial cards, flowers, food, and donations to the Sacred Heart Trust Fund.

Also thank you to McCoy Funeral Home, KC's for the use of the hall, Catholic Daughters for the lunch. Thank you to the Altar Servers, musicians, and Eucharistic Ministers. Special thanks to Fr. Ken, who was there for us during this sad time.

We are relatively new to this community, but thanks to each one of you who were there for us.

Our family is very fortunate to be considered a member of Sacred Heart Community.

May God bless every one of you.

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Parent nominations sought for Muenster Elementary Gifted and Talented Program

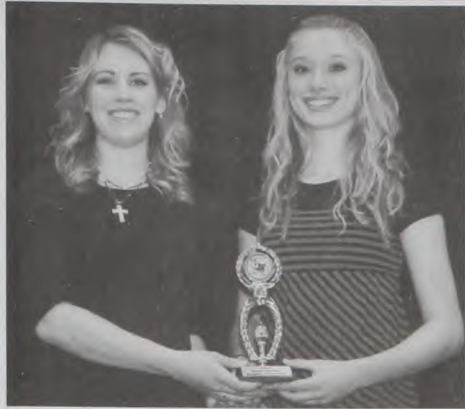
It is time for parent nominations for the Muenster Elementary Gifted and Talented program (Grades K-5). A gifted student is one who demonstrates excellence in intellectual ability, creativity, academic aptitude, innovative thinking, leadership, and/or individual responsibility in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment. If you feel like your child exhibits any of these qualities, you may nominate him/her to go through the identification process. Please remember, a nomination does not automatically provide for placement in the program. It is the first step in the identification process.

Gifted students need to be challenged beyond what the regular classroom instruction can provide. Many people believe the myth that gifted students are given more work. A Gifted and Talented program would not be successful if that were true. The challenges should be represented by advanced coursework, independent studies, and/or student products.

If you would like to make a nomination, please call the elementary office or contact your child's teacher to obtain the necessary recommendation forms. These forms must be returned by Friday, Feb. 13.



Sacred Heart Spelling Bee Runner-Up John Hesse and Champ Morgan Swank SHCS photo



Debra Sicking, left, presents MISD Spelling Champ Brooke Walterscheid her trophy. MISD photo

Brooke Walterscheid takes top spelling honors at MISD

On Thursday, Jan. 22, Muenster ISD students from 4th through 8th grade participated in the local Spelling Bee. The contest was held in the MISD Auditorium, which was filled with spectators. A tough competition left 8th grader Brooke Walterscheid the champion of the Bee. She won with the word mariachi. Runner-up was 6th grader Trey Anderle and close behind in third was 5th grader Mason Davis.

Also receiving recognition were the "Top Spellers." Besides the top three those recognized were Craig Bengfort, Reid Gilbert, and Reagan Weger.

Walterscheid will compete in the County competition on Feb. 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Muenster ISD Auditorium. The County champion will participate in the Regional competition sponsored by the Dallas Morning News on Mar. 21.

Cooke County Farm Bureau supports local youth with scholarship money

Texas Farm Bureau invests large amounts of money and time in developing youth leadership. Each year, more than \$80,000 in scholarships are awarded to young people from across the state of Texas. These Scholarships are awarded through participation in a variety of contests, seminars, and by applications.

The Cooke County Farm Bureau would like to announce the upcoming scholarships which are offered to all college-bound high school seniors. Applications for each of these programs are available through the area high school counselors' offices (Cooke County) and the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau 1212 W Highway 82. All applications are available online at www.txfb.org <http://www.txfb.org> by clicking on "Youth Activities." All scholarships must be post-marked no later than March 20, 2009. If you have any questions please call 940-665-1763.

* The Young Farmer and Rancher - Each year, proceeds from Young Farm Bureau & Rancher activities are used to award scholarships to high school seniors who intend to pursue a college degree in agriculture. There will be one \$1,000 scholarship. The Scholarship will be awarded \$500 per semester for two semesters. To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be a member of a Farm Bureau family and a graduating high school senior.

* Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship - This Scholarship, started in 1991, is in memory of former field representative and Field Service Director Dick Mitchell. The recipient must be from a Farm Bureau member-family and must have attended the Youth Leadership Conference.

* Texas Farm Bureau Agriculture Research and Education Foundation - In May 2009, the Texas Farm Bureau Agriculture Research and Education Foundation will award two (2) scholarships to a student graduating from high school in Spring 2009 and entering college in Fall 2009, whose parents have been members of the Farm Bureau since March 14, 2007. This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of grades/GPA, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, family financial needs, and potential to succeed to post secondary educational goals.

* The Young Farmer & Rancher Scholarship - For enrolled College Agriculture students who are pursuing a degree in agriculture and who have completed a minimum of 45 hours of college. There will be two \$1,000 scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded \$500 per semester for two semesters.

Morgan Swank wins Sacred Heart Spelling Bee

Forty-eight students from Sacred Heart Catholic School participated in Scripps National Spelling Bee on Monday, Feb. 2. The Bee challenges spellers from fourth through eighth grades. Champion was Morgan Swank, daughter of Jon and Stacie Forshee. Runner-up was John Hesse, son of Bert and Christy Hesse. The championship word was "silicon," spelled correctly by Morgan. John Hesse incorrectly spelled "gnash," leaving out the silent "g."

The following are class awards listed from first to fourth:
8th Grade: Morgan Swank, John Hesse, Andy Flusche,

Isaac Barnhill;
7th Grade: Sara Davidson, Morgan Hesse, Joe Bartush, Bailey Walterscheid;
6th Grade: Hayden Schilling, Kenzie Hess, Brady Endres, James Dangelmayr;
5th Grade: Kason Reeves, Zachary Flusche, Alana Endres, Ethan Henry;
4th Grade: Amanda Aldridge, Nicholas Turner, Alane Bartush, Leah Knabe.

Judges were Jennifer Fuhrmann, Barbara LaChance, and Debbie Endres. Pronouncer was Angela Proto.

Morgan will compete in the County Bee to be held Feb. 16 at Muenster Public School.

Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Corny dogs, oven baked French fries, ranch style beans, peaches, brownies.

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

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

Thurs. - Lasagna, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Chicken and cheese crisps, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, carrot sticks, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Hot dogs, ranch style beans, carrot sticks, mixed fruit.

Tues. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, corn, apricots, bread.

Wed. - Ham, black-eyed peas, cornbread, green salad, applesauce.

Thurs. - Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, green peas, pears, bread.

Fri. - Ham and turkey sandwich w/trimmings, po-

tato wedges, chocolate pudding.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, corn, lettuce salad, pears.

Tues. - Soft tacos w/trimmings, refried beans, Spanish rice, apple crisp.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich w/trimmings, potato chips, fresh fruit, Welch's fruit snack.

Thurs. - Beef tips over rice, green beans, mixed fruit, batter bread.

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

ERA ISD

Mon. - Sloppy joes, tator tots, pickle spears, fruit mix.

Tues. - Shepherd's pie or chicken nuggets, carrots, applesauce, breadstick.

Wed. - Baked potato w/ground beef, toppings, shredded cheese, pears.

Thurs. - Oven roasted breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot roll.

Fri. - Chicken spaghetti or fish sticks, green beans, breadstick, peaches, ice cream.

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Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in the U.S., claiming nearly twice as many lives as all forms of cancer.

"There are many theories as to why women have a higher mortality rate from heart disease," said Dr. Elizabeth Holper, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Research has demonstrated that patients who know the status of their risk factors, including cholesterol levels and blood pressure, and who control these risks, do better in the long term."

Other ways women can reduce their risk of heart dis-

ease include quitting smoking, lowering the amount of saturated fat in their diets, and exercising - even as little as 30 minutes a day.

"Most of all, talk with your doctor about your risk," said Dr. Holper, an interventional cardiologist. "It should be a top priority."

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- * Keep fire fighting tools handy, such as: ladder long enough to reach the roof, shovel, rake, and buckets.
- * Place connected garden hoses on all sides of the house for emergency use.
- * Know all emergency exits from your house.
- * Learn all routes leading out of your neighborhood.
- As fires actually approach, take the following actions:
 - * Park your car facing the direction of escape.
 - * Shut off gas at the meter. Only a qualified professional can safely turn the gas back on.

- * Turn off propane tanks.
- * Place combustible patio furniture inside.
- * Seal vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- * Wet down or remove shrubs within 15 feet of your residence.
- * Place lawn sprinklers on roof and wet above-ground fuel tanks. Wet down the roof.
- * Close windows, vents,

doors, blinds, and non-combustible window coverings. Remove flammable drapes and curtains.

* Close interior doors and windows to prevent drafts. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Choose a route away from the fire hazard and be alert to changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.

Trendy colon cleaners may do harm

Think special diets, pills, powders, or enemas are needed to rid the body and colon of toxins? UT Southwestern Medical Center experts say think again. "The lining of the gut regenerates about every seven days, so you probably don't need colon cleansers," said Dr. Anne Larson, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern. Not only are colon cleansers unnecessary, they could imbalance the body's fluids and lead to dehydration, salt depletion, and low blood pressure. Long-term dangers include anemia, malnutrition, heart failure, and damaging the colon wall. Using unclean enema equipment could lead to infection. So what is one to do if worried about a buildup of toxins because of constipation? "Stick with what's proven to be safe," Dr. Larson said. "Drink plenty of water and eat food high in fiber such as fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains."

100 cans for 100 school days



The Kindergarten classes at Muenster Elementary held a can drive to help them celebrate the 100th day of school on Jan. 30. The goal was to collect 100 canned goods to donate to local food banks. They exceeded their goal by collecting 126 items. MISD photo

Back Then ...

August 1989



Muenster Troop 664 Scouts Scott Poole, Brandon Waterscheid, Michael Gehrig and Eric Waterscheid help move the scout meeting place to the "Tin University." Their previous meeting place for five years was purchased by Frybrandt. From the Enterprise archives

DPS offers winter weather driving tips

Treacherous winter conditions can make travel along Texas roads a dangerous proposition. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to pay attention to changing weather conditions and prepare for the winter driving season. "We urge motorists to use extreme caution when driving under winter weather conditions. Slow down," said Col. Stan Clark, interim director of DPS. "Wear your seatbelts and drive carefully. When it's snowy or icy, it's always best to avoid travel if at all possible."

Stranded motorists can call the DPS helpline at 1-800-525-5555 for assistance from a DPS trooper or appropriate emergency service. Customers of participating wireless companies--ALLTEL, Nextel and Verizon Wireless--can dial *DPS (*377) free of air-time charges anywhere in Texas.

For current road conditions, it's best to watch your

local news reports, or check the Texas Department of Public Transportation's website at http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/road_conditions.htm.

Winter driving tips include:

- Wear your seat belt, and make sure all passengers—including children—are buckled up.
- Remember that ice forms first on bridges, overpasses, and shady areas. If you hit a patch of ice, stay off your brakes and decelerate slowly, holding the car steady as you go over the ice.
- Speed is the main problem with driving on ice. Adjust your speed to fit the weather conditions. Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you.
- If your car goes into a skid, take your foot off the gas pedal, but don't hit the brake. Steer gently in the direction you want the front of the car to go. As the car straightens out, you will be

able to regain traction and control.

- Check your car battery before cold weather sets in. Battery power dips in cold weather.

- Keep blankets, a first-aid kit, flares, jumper cables, tire chains, a flashlight, ice scraper, and gloves in your car. Take a food supply of candy bars or dried fruit in case you become stranded.

- Keep the gasoline level as high as possible to prevent water condensation in the tank.

- Check the automobile's motor oil, transmission fluid, ignition system, lights, heater, cooling system, and wipers.

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SPORTS

Red over Black - Muenster wins

The Muenster varsity basketball teams hosted the Lindsay teams Tuesday night as District 10-A competition continued. When the last second ticked off the clock, the Hornet teams swept the Knights out of the hive.

In the Lady Hornet game, Muenster took a low scoring 48-25 win over the Lady Knights. Samantha Endres and Taylor Klement were high scorers with 15 and 10 points. Shaina Felderhoff added 9, Lia Heers 7, Allison Pagel 5, and Jenni Luke 2.

Six Lady Knights put points on the board, with Kristin Martin and Beverly Knabe each scoring 6. Cammi Neu and Elizabeth Martin put in 5 each, Rose Hermes 2, and Bethani Eberhart 1.

"We need to move on from this game and prepare for a big game against Windthorst on Friday," Coach Don Neu noted.

M	17	8	12	11	48
L	7	10	2	6	25

The Hornets evened their District record to 3-3 with a big 40-36 win over Lindsay. Having a 9 point lead at halftime, Muenster scored only 3 points in the 3rd, allowing the Knights to close the point spread to 1 going into the final period.

Levi Trubenbach was high point maker in the game with 11. Eric Hellman added 9, Matt Flusche 8, and Tanner Herr and Garrett Walterscheid 6 each. Muenster hit 56% of their free throws.

Ross Jones led Lindsay with 10 points. Dax Fleitman added 8, Colton Hermes 7, Ryan Haverkamp 4, Travis Skinner and Nick Bezner 3 each, and Austin Reiter 1. The Knights hit nine of 10 free throws.

L	7	7	11	11	36
M	11	12	3	14	40

Muenster varsity teams victorious over Windthorst and Era

Both the Hornets and Lady Hornets got District wins last week with victories over Windthorst and Era. Last Tuesday's iced-out games with Windthorst were played Thursday night in the Hornets' hive.

After a tight 1st quarter, the Lady Hornets took an 8 point lead into the locker room at halftime, then continued to stretch their lead to a 64-44 final score.

Samantha Endres and Taylor Klement were high scorers with 19 and 17 points. Jenni Luke added 10, Shaina Felderhoff 8, Lia Heers 5, and 2 each by Lana Heers and Amanda Dangelmayr.

M	13	19	12	20	64
W	12	12	7	13	44

The Hornets got their first District win, squeezing past the Trojans 44-42 in a 4th quarter rally. Eric Hellman led Muenster on the scoreboard with 14 points. Levi Trubenbach added 9, Shane Presnall 6, Brandon Bindel 5, Garrett Walterscheid 4, and Tanner Herr and Matt Flusche 3 each.

The Hornets hit only one 3, and nine of 20 free throws in the game.

M	13	13	6	12	44
W	13	14	6	9	42

Friday night, Muenster invaded the Era gym in the battle of the Hornets and swarmed away with two District wins.

After falling behind the 1st period, the Muenster girls out-scored Era 30-18 before

entering the final period, taking a 55-46 victory to remain on top of the District.

Klement put 21 points on the boards for Muenster. Lia Heers and Luke each added 8, with Lana Heers scoring 7. Felderhoff scored 4, Endres 3, with Allison Pagel and Jackie Klement each getting 2.

M	13	15	15	12	55
E	14	6	12	14	46

The Muenster Hornets gained another District win Friday with a close 50-48 victory over Era.

Hellman once more led Muenster in scoring with 27 points. Flusche added 9, Herr 5, Walterscheid 3, and 2 each by Presnall, Trubenbach, and Bindel.

Muenster hit 53% of their free throws and had 20 team fouls.

R.J. Metzler scored 19 points for Era. Both teams are 2-3 in District standings.

M	9	14	14	13	50
E	16	14	9	9	48

Muenster will host Petrolia this Friday night.

Tigerettes continue with wins

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes added two more victories to the season last weekend with wins over Denton Calvary and Irving Highlands. Friday's game in Denton improved the Tigerette District record to 4-0 with a 59-27 win.

Kristin LeBrasseur led with 14 points. Karli Anderle added 12, with seven rebounds and seven steals. Sydney Hoedebeck and Raynee Hogan each added 8 points, with Hogan also pulling down seven rebounds. Samantha Wimmer scored 6, Kelsey Reeves 5, and 2 apiece by Amanda Knabe, Kalyssa Pollard, and Taylor Reiter.

SH	23	22	11	3	59
DC	3	6	10	8	27

Saturday, the Tigerettes traveled to the Metroplex in a non conference match with The Highlands of Irving. Sacred Heart was victorious 58-18 to improve to 24-3 on the season.

"We are improving in some areas and in neutral in others," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We got a big week ahead of us that will decide the District Championship."

Hogan and LeBrasseur were high scorers with 12 points each. Wimmer and Reeves each added 11. Hoedebeck scored 7, Rebekah Hesse and Reiter 2 each, and Lisa Miller 1.

Wimmer also had seven assists, nine rebounds, and five steals.

SH	14	15	15	14	58
H	3	0	6	9	18

Tuesday night, the Tigerettes were on the road again, taking on Watauga Harvest Christian. "We had a nice 1st period and then coasted," commented the Coach. "Our ball movement was excellent along with good defensive ball pressure."

All 10 Tigerettes scored points. Wimmer had 10, Hogan and LeBrasseur 8 each, Anderle and Reeves 7 apiece, Hoedebeck and Pollard each added 5, Miller 4, and 2 apiece by Reiter and Hesse. Hoedebeck and Reiter each pulled down seven rebounds.

SH	26	10	13	9	58
H	6	5	6	5	22

The Tigerettes, undefeated in District play, travel to Abilene Saturday to finish out the regular season.

Tigers stay on top of District race

Last Saturday, the Sacred Heart Tigers took on The Highlands squad. "Two good teams on the floor. They are 24-3 and with D-1 prospect Pride, they have a nice squad," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur on The Highlands high scoring standout. "We all received a great treat today as Charlie Pride sang the National Anthem and handed out autographs and spoke with the players and fans."

The Tigers came up short 67-65 in an exciting match down to the last second of the game. "I was proud of our effort and we had some good looks to win it. We just came up short," Coach Jon added.

Kevin Kulle led the Tigers with 26 points and nine rebounds. Nick Popovich added 13 points, Sam Sparkman 9, John Krawietz and Patrick Mojica 6 points each, and Kyle Knabe 5. Mojica also had 12 assists and four steals.

SH	9	19	23	14	65
H	12	23	19	13	67

Tuesday, the Tigers continued District play at Watauga with an 80-45 win over Harvest Christian. "Our backcourt of Sparkkman and Mojica was outstanding," said LeBrasseur. "This was a great team effort tonight."

Popovich, Kulle, Krawietz, and Sparkman all had double digit points - 17, 16, 14, and 13. Mojica and Knabe each added 6. Dave Miller and Ben Walterscheid each scored 3. Mojica also had 14 assists and four steals. Walterscheid was the Tigers leading rebounder with 12.

SH	28	25	19	8	80
H	8	12	13	12	45

The Tigers, undefeated in District play, travel to Abilene Saturday in a battle to clinch the District Championship.

Muenster athletic award winners



Receiving special recognition at the Muenster High Fall Sports Awards Banquet included, from left - Matt Flusche, Corey Sicking, Jared Flusche, Shelby Holloway, Emily Hellman, Paul Crabtree, and Eric Hellman. Not pictured are Levi Trubenbach and Tanner Silmon. See last week's story on the awards these students received. Janie Hartman photo

Correction
Muenster Senior Paul Crabtree received the Hornet Football Most Valuable Player Award at the recent awards banquet. His name was left out of last week's story.

SUB-VARSITY ACTION

LINDSAY

The JV Lady Knights improved their District record to 6-1 by defeating Archer City 40-15 last Friday night. "We started out slow, but in the 2nd quarter we held them to only 2 points," noted Coach Robin Hesse.

Allison Metzler was leading scorer for Lindsay with 10 points, pulling down 10 rebounds. Lucinda Krahl added 8 with eight rebounds. Taylor Atkins scored 6, Megan Caillier 5, Katie Northman 4, Jordan Fleitman 3, and 2 apiece by Emily Conaway and Taylor Pelzel. Caillier also got 11 steals.

MUESTER

Last Thursday, the JV Hornets took a 55-35 win over Windthorst. Scott Porter led the scoring with 19. Tyler Anderle added 14, Dalton Koelzer 12, Blake Grewing 4, and 2 each by Blake Voth, Chase Hammer, and Tyler Nelson.

M	12	11	17	15	55
W	8	15	8	4	35

The Lady Hornets took a 36-23 win over the Lady Trojans. Demi Koelzer and Michelle Henscheid were high scorers with 13 and 11. Andi Felderhoff added 6, Kalya Dangelmayr 3, Andi Hess 2, and Delana Rohmer 1.

Friday, Muenster fell to Era 52-49. The Red team hit only 33% of their free throws. Grewing and Porter were high scorers with 13 and 12 points. Tanner Silmon added 9, Hammer 8, Anderle 5, and Koelzer 2.

M	10	19	12	8	49
E	13	14	6	19	52

SACRED HEART

The JV Tigers completed

their season 7-4 Tuesday

night with a 43-36 win over Watauga Harvest Christian. Garrett Berend scored 10 points, Greyson Evans 9, Jae Im 8, Calvin Wimmer and Ryan Felderhoff 5 each, Josh Biffle 4, and Chad Henscheid 2. Im also had 12 rebounds and Berend five steals.

SH	11	10	6	16	43
H	5	12	8	11	36

MUESTER/LINDSAY

The Lindsay JV Lady Knights were defeated by the Lady Hornets of Muenster Tuesday by a score of 35-26.

Scoring for Muenster was Demi Koelzer with 9 points, Emily Hellman added 7, Shelby Dangelmayr 5, Andi Felderhoff 4, Delana Rohmer and Paige Hennigan 3 each, and 2 apiece by Andi Hess and Michelle Henscheid.

Jordan Fleitman led Lindsay with 10 points. Megan Caillier added 5, Katie Northman 4, 2 each by Taylor Atkins, Allison Metzler, and Lucinda Krahl, and a free throw by Katie Arendt. "Cold shooting in the 3rd quarter was the difference in the game," commented Coach Robin Hesse.

M	5	12	8	8	35
L	10	6	0	10	26

The JV Hornets defeated Lindsay 40-29 Tuesday night. Tanner Silmon was high scorer with 10 points. Landon Presnall and Chase Hammer each added 7. Blake Grewing hit 6, Scott Porter 5, Luke Kaufman 3, and Dalton Koelzer 2.

M	15	6	16	3	40
L	13	6	5	5	29

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Gold
This past weekend, the 3rd and 4th grade boys Gold team won two games, and lost one in tournament play.

In game one, the Green team started the game on fire with an early 12-2 lead, but the Gold fought back for an 18-12 win. Scoring for the Golds were Tannice Fuller and Ian Enderby 8 points each and Adam Wolf 2.

Sawyer Sanders led the Greens with 6. Brandon Sicking, Roy Endres, and Tyler Walterscheid each added 2.

Round two was a 23-11 win over the Black team. Fuller, Wolf, and Enderby scored for the Gold. Bryce Herr, Stetson McGrew, and Travis Dangelmayr scored for the Black team.

The Red team gave the Gold team a 31-9 loss to make a three way tie for 1st place. Wolf, Fuller, and Enderby scored for the Gold team of Era.

Blayne Jones was high scorer with 14 points for the Red team. Bradley Henscheid added 6, Billy Felderhoff 5, and 2 apiece by Carson Trubenbach, Brennan Binder, and Christopher Patten.

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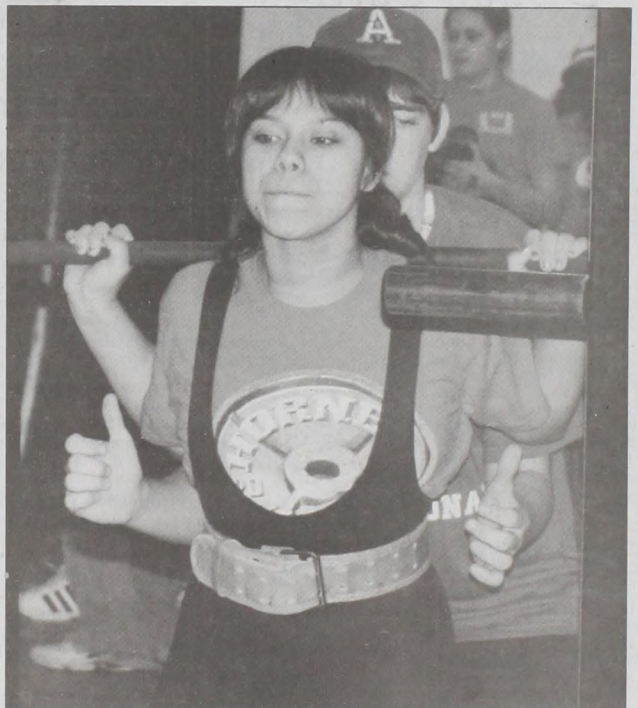
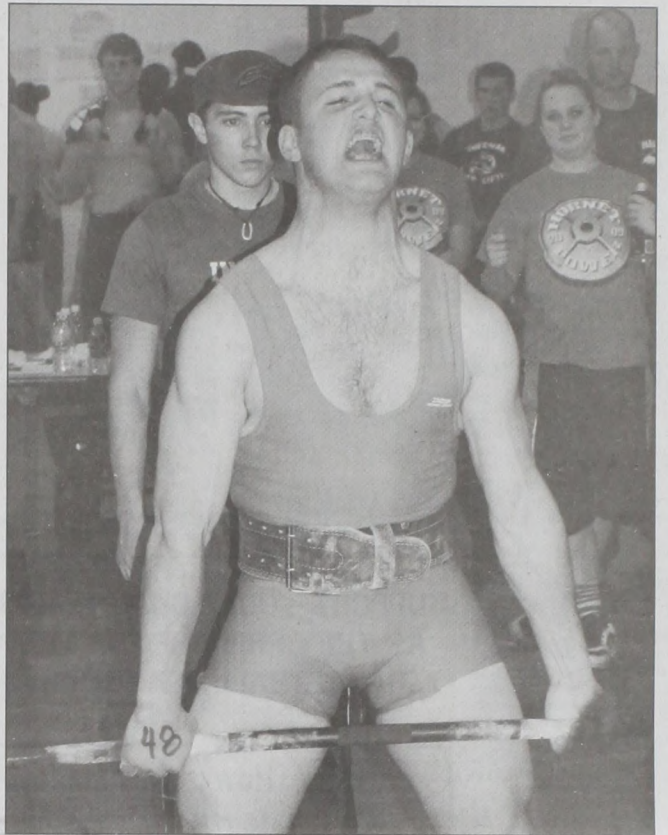
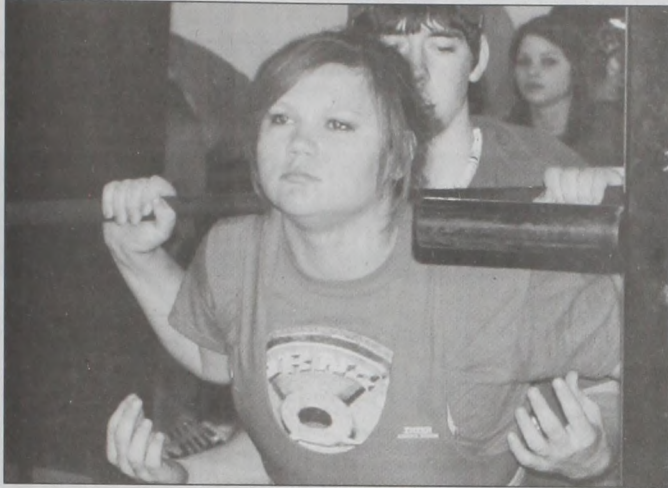
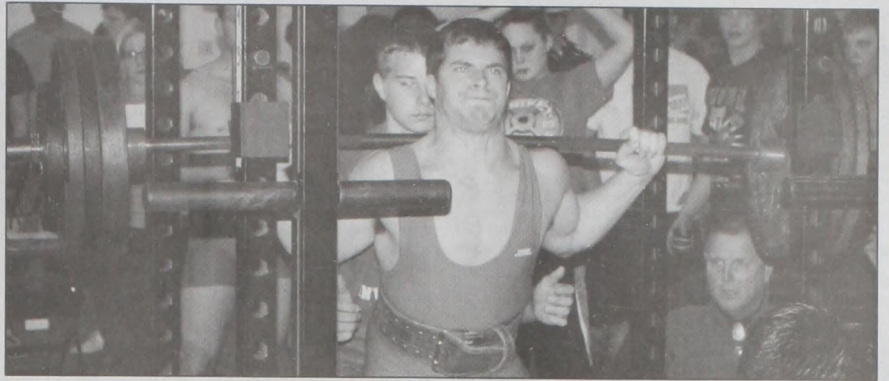
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JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Lindsay
The 8th Grade Lady Squires were defeated by Archer City last week by a score of 27-23. Scoring for Lindsay were Brianna Sandmann 8, Megan Schumacher 7, Shannah Daymude 4, and 2 each by Makayla Ward and Emily Ambuehl.

The 7th grade was victorious, taking a 44-22 win over the Kittens. Eight Lindsay ladies put points on the board, led by JalyN Anderle with 14. Elizabeth Wallace added 10, Elizabeth Zwinggi and Sara Clark 6 each, and 2 apiece by Philicia Vogel, Briley Fleitman, Lauren Gibbs, and Madison Green.

Sacred Heart
On Jan. 15, the Lady Cubs traveled to Sherman in matches against Texoma Christian. The "B" team girls came up short, 23-18 against TCS. Bailey Walterscheid led with 10 points. Kinzie Hess, Brooke Henry, Lindsay Miller, and Mikenzie Fleitman each added 2.

SH 0 6 8 4 18
TC 6 11 4 2 23
The "A" Lady Cubs pulled out a 28-23 win over TCS. Kaitlin Hesse scored 7 points, Peyton Reiter 6, Morgan Swank 5, Danielle Berend 4, and 3 apiece by Mikaela Bartush and Devan Henry.

SH 8 7 10 3 28
TC 4 8 4 7 23
Junior high action continued on Jan. 22 when the Lady Cubs "B" team dominated the court with a 30-5 win over Walnut Bend. Walterscheid was the game's high scorer with 11 points. Kylie Hess added 6, Morgan Hesse 4, Miller 3, and 2 each by Madison Hesse, Henry, and Viviana Iglesias.

SH 5 4 12 9 30
WB 0 2 0 3 5

Last Friday, Sacred Heart hosted Texoma Christian with both Lady Cub teams coming up short on the scoreboard. The "B" team was defeated 26-14. Walterscheid scored 8 points, with Miller, Kylie Hess, and Mikayla Fleitman each adding 2.

SH 4 8 2 0 14
TC 9 0 11 6 26
TCS pulled out a 25-22 4th quarter win over the Sacred Heart "A" team. Berend put 9 points on the board, Karleigh Reeves and Hesse 4, Reiter 3, and Henry 2.

SH 7 6 3 6 22
TC 3 6 6 10 25
The "B" Cubs had difficulty finding the basket, allowing Texoma Christian to take a 30-10 win from Sacred Heart. Hayden Schilling and Brady Endres each scored 3 points, while Kevin Flusche and Isaac Walterscheid added 2 points apiece.

SH 0 2 6 2 10
TC 12 8 6 4 30
The "A" Cubs had a scoring frenzy with three players hitting double digits for a 62-31 win over TCS. Andy Flusche was high scorer in the game with 21 points. Clay Hogan added 17, and John Hesse 13. John Popovich put 4 points on the board, Isaac Barnhill 3, and 2 each by Michael Weinzapfel and Austin Aldredge.

SH 16 12 19 15 62
TC 4 7 10 10 31
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Sacred Heart
Sacred Heart junior high basketball teams participated in the North Texas Independent League Tournament last Saturday in Tioga.

The Lady Cubs defeated St. Mary's and Tioga to take the League Championship. In game one, high scoring 1st and 3rd quarters put the Sacred Heart girls enough ahead that St. Mary's couldn't catch up in a 55-36 finish.

Peyton Reiter put 21 points in the book for the Lady Cubs. Kaitlin Hesse added 15, Karleigh Reeves 6, Mikaela Bartush 5, Devan Henry 4, and 2 each by Danielle Berend and Bailey Walterscheid. The Lady Cubs were 11 of 18 from the free throw line.

SH 17 4 20 14 55
SM 7 6 10 13 36
In game two, the Lady Cubs handed Tioga a 31-21 loss. Hesse was high scorer with 17 points. Reiter added 8, with Berend, Morgan Swank, and Bartush each scoring 2.

SH 10 7 7 7 31
T 6 1 9 5 21
In boys action, the Sacred Heart Cubs settled for 2nd place after defeating Denton ICS, then losing to St. Mary's in the championship round.

In game one, the Cubs pulled out into a 15 point lead to end the 1st quar-

ter, then went on to win the game 46-32. Clay Hogan, Andy Flusche, and John Popovich were high scorers with 14, 13, and 11 points. John Hesse added 5, Hayden Schilling 2, and a free throw by Michael Weinzapfel and Austin Aldredge. The Cubs shot 32 free throws, completing only 13.

SH 18 7 7 14 46
D 3 13 12 4 32
In the championship game, the Cubs were overrun by the Mustangs of St. Mary's 73-41. Flusche scored 15, Popovich 9, Hesse 8, Hogan 4, Isaac Walterscheid 3, and Aldredge 2.

SH 11 10 15 5 41
SM 19 21 14 19 73
Sacred Heart
Monday, the Sacred Heart Junior High basketball teams completed their season hosting Denton Calvary in non-district matches. The "B" Cubs finished short on the scoreboard with a 33-21 loss. Four young Tigers made points: Brady Endres 8, Hayden Schilling 7, Isaac Walterscheid 4, and Jason Knabe 2 points.

SH 5 5 3 8 21
DC 6 15 6 6 33
The "A" boys sent Denton home in defeat, winning 47-34. Andy Flusche was the game's high point maker with 16. Austin Aldredge added 11, John Popovich 10, Clay Hogan 6, and John Hesse 4.

SH 16 12 5 14 47
DC 8 3 8 15 34
It wasn't until the last second ticked off the clock that the Sacred Heart "B" Lady Cubs could claim a 19-18 vic-

tory over Calvary. Bailey Walterscheid made 13 points toward the home team win. Mikenzie Fleitman added 4, with Mikayla Fleitman and Kylie Hess each getting a free throw.

SH 4 9 2 4 19
DC 2 8 6 2 18
The "A" Lady Cubs controlled the game early on to finish the season with a big 33-10 win over Calvary. Seven Sacred Heart team members put points on the board. Kaitlin Hesse was high scorer with 10. Karleigh Reeves added 7, with Peyton Reiter, Morgan Swank, and Mikaela Bartush each scoring 4. Madeline Hanson and Devan Henry finished with 2 points apiece.

SH 13 7 5 8 33
DC 2 2 2 4 10

Lindsay
The junior high Knights took two wins from Archer City. The 7th grade boys finished regular District play undefeated and will be the #1 seed in the District tournament. They won 22-15 over the Kittens. Scoring for Lindsay were John Haverkamp, Zach Minar, Max Beebe, and Travis Krahl.

The 8th grade team beat Archer City 37-20, after a fast 22-0 1st quarter lead. Nine Knights put points on the board. Blake Walker, Andrew Dickerson, and Cade Hess each scored 6 points. Dylan Hughes, Darryl Block, and Tanner Kuhn all added 4, with Trey Boaz, Chisam Reiter, and Hud Harrison scoring 2 apiece.

The team finished the regular District as the #2 seed.

Lindsay wins, loses in District play

The Lindsay varsity girls improved their basketball record last Thursday with a 56-32 win over Era, then lost to Archer City in overtime Friday, 45-41.

"The girls played a solid game, only turning the ball over seven times," commented Coach Don Neu on the Lady Knights' victory over Era. "It was a good win." Coach Neu credits Rose Hermes for a good game. "When your point guard ends the game with no turnovers, that is usually a pretty good sign."

Beverly Knabe and Bethani Eberhart each scored 11 points, with Katie Dieter adding 10, Kristin Martin 7, Rose Hermes 6, Elizabeth Martin and Cammi Neu 4 apiece, and Kaylee Murphree 3. Knabe and K. Martin pulled down 14 and 11 rebounds.

The Knights were handed their first District loss, fall-

ing to the Hornets 60-45. Colton Hermes led Lindsay's scoring with 20 points. Dax Fleitman added 9, Ryan Haverkamp and Ross Jones 7 each, and Madison Parkhill 2.

Starting Friday night in a tie for 2nd place, the Lady Knights dropped to 4-3 in District play in a 45-41 overtime loss to the Lady 'Cats of Archer City.

"The girls played a very hard-fought game against a very good defensive team," noted Coach Neu. "We played them much better than we did the first time we played." In the first round, the Lady Knights lost by 12.

Hermes was high scorer with 12 points. E. Martin added 8, Dieter and Neu 6 each, Eberhart 4, Knabe 3, and K. Martin 2. Hermes and E. Martin each pulled down six rebounds.

The Knights pulled out a 51-49 victory on Friday, overtaking the Archer Wildcats.

Hermes shot 65% from the floor with 23 points, 16 rebounds, and three blocked shots. Haverkamp and Jones added 10 and 9 points, Fleitman 5, and Nick Bezner and Justin Anderle 2 apiece. Jones also had 10 rebounds, three assists, and five blocks.

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In the cattle markets: USDA inventory at 50 year low

On Feb. 30, the USDA released its semi-annual cattle inventory report. Most analysts and traders expected declines in most inventory categories of about 1%. USDA's reported numbers last week were generally below pre-release estimates, and were much lower than expected given downward revisions in last year's inventory numbers.

USDA estimated the total number of cattle and calves in the U.S. on Jan. 1 was 94.491 million head, 1.6% lower than Jan. 1, 2008 (which was revised downward by 634,000 head to 96.035 million head). Thus, total inventory was down 2.2% compared to last year's reported number. The number of all cattle and calves has not been this small since 1959.

This inventory estimate also confirmed that the liquidation phase of the relatively short current cattle cycle (which began in 2004) is accelerating. During 2007, the first year of liquidation, total inventories dropped by less than 1%, but last year's decline of 1.6% seems to confirm that the industry is contracting.

The decrease in inventory numbers was led by drops in beef cow, calf, and cattle on feed numbers while dairy inventory numbers were up slightly.

At 31.671 million head, the beef cow inventory on Jan. 1 was down 2.4% from last year (which was revised downward by 118,000 head

and the smallest beef cow herd since 1963. Beef heifer retention was estimated at 5.526 million head, 2.2% less than the previous year.

Of the ten states with the largest beef cow herds, only four saw increased heifer retention compared to last year (Florida +3.7%, Missouri +6.6%, Nebraska +6.6%, and Texas +5.3%).

While slower than last year's beef heifer retention rate, the decline in heifers held back during 2008 points to smaller calf crops over the next few years. USDA's estimate of the 2008 calf crop at 36.113 was 1.8% smaller than 2007 (which was revised down by 760,000 head, so the calf crop was nearly 4% smaller than the previously reported estimate for 2007). This yearly calf crop is the smallest since 1951. From the supply side (i.e., ignoring demand issues), this should be supportive to calf prices for the next several years.

USDA's semi-annual cattle inventory report provides an estimate of all cattle on feed (regardless of feedyard size) to augment its monthly cattle on feed report that surveys only feedyards with more than 1,000 head capacities. USDA reported that there were 13.851 million head of cattle on feed in all feedyards on Jan. 1, 2009, 6.6% less than one year ago.

In the January cattle on feed report released the previous week, USDA reported the number of cattle on feed in feedyards with more than

1,000 head capacities was down 7.1% at 11.234 million head. Thus, the estimated number of cattle being fed by smaller-sized feedyards declined only about 4%.

This is the second year in a row where the number of cattle on feed in small feedyards either declined less or grew more than that of the 1,000+ head capacity feedyards. Perhaps this points to growth in the number of smaller-sized feedyards (information that will be available in the February 2009 Cattle on Feed report) as cattle feeding has shifted somewhat towards the Northern Plains in recent years as a result of high corn prices and co-product availability.

Overall, the Cattle Inventory Report should be viewed fairly bullish - in the short run because declines were larger than expected and in the long run because inventory levels are very tight (smallest in recent history). The big challenge for the cattle and beef markets will be on the demand side as the U.S. and global economic worries and recession continue.

Gov. Perry urges legislature to strengthen private property rights against abuse

Gov. Rick Perry has urged lawmakers to add an amendment to the state constitution to fortify property owners' rights against abuses of eminent domain. The governor spoke at a press conference with the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

"Through Senate Bill 7, we made it clear that Texans will not tolerate taking land for economic development or giving it to a private developer," Gov. Perry said. "Unless we take action on these protections, private property rights in Texas will begin to erode and undermine the very character of our state."

Senate Bill 7 was passed in 2005 during a special session of the 79th Legislature, after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Kelo v. New London* ruled that government entities could use eminent domain authority for economic development projects rather than traditional public uses. The bill prohibits acquisition of land for non public purposes, such as commercial economic development or private use.

The governor was joined by state Sen. Robert Duncan and Rep. Rob Orr who will propose legislation to fortify property rights, and Susette Kelo, plaintiff in the *Kelo v. New London* case. Sen. Duncan will also propose a constitutional amendment

to prevent private property from being taken for economic or private development purposes.

Gov. Perry also cautioned against use of the Texas Supreme Court's decision in *Hubenak v. San Jacinto Gas Transmission Co.*, which allows government entities to make an unreasonably low offer on a person's property, and then respond to an owner's refusal by taking the land.

The governor also commended Rep. Jim Jackson for sponsoring the constitu-

tional amendment adopted by voters in 2007, allowing landowners to buy back land at the price the government paid for it if it is not used for the project it was taken for.

"Government shouldn't use eminent domain to take someone's land without trying to buy it from them first," Gov. Perry said. "It is wrong for any government to make a lowball offer, then respond to an owner's righteous refusal by taking the land. The government owes land owners a genuine good-faith negotiation, not a land grab."

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Some areas of Northeast Texas received up to four inches of rain during the week, while most of the state recorded a half an inch or less. The wheat crop improved where the rains fell, but overall it remains in mostly very poor to poor condition.

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COUNTY AGENT REPORT

Country of Origin Update

As detailed in Texas A&M University Beef Cattle Browsing Newsletter, edited by Dr. Steve Hammack, Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) marches on, but to a slightly different drummer.

The new COOL Rules (actually mCOOL, mandatory Country of Origin Labeling, will go into effect March 16. For producers, things appear to be even simpler than first thought. The interim rules stated that producer affidavits would suffice to document country of origin. And nothing beyond records kept "in the normal course of business" could be required for a producer to back up affidavits.

Now the final mCOOL provisions, as listed on page 2707 in the *U. S. Federal Register*, Jan. 15, state as follows: "In the case of cattle, producer affidavits may be based on a visual inspection of the animal to verify its origin. If no markings are found that would indicate that the animal is of foreign origin (i.e., "CAN" or "M"), the animal may be considered to be of U.S. origin."

This is essentially what some producers wanted in the beginning of COOL, that is, if it's not imported then it's U.S. So, it's as simple as that, maybe. There is some thinking that lack of markings could be used only in

support of records. However, the Federal Register says nothing about support. This will probably be clarified before March 16.

As for labeling in retail stores, muscle cuts (steaks, roasts, etc.) commingled during a production day from Category A (animals born, raised, and slaughtered in the U.S.) and Category B (born elsewhere but raised and slaughtered here) can be labeled as product of the U.S. plus other country or countries of birth. The same goes for cuts commingled in a day from Category B and Category C (animals imported for immediate slaughter). So, you see a lot of beef labeled "Product of U.S., Canada, Mexico" (countries can be listed in any order). However, some people, including elected officials, are unhappy with the latter process and want product of strictly U.S. origin segregated and labeled accordingly. Stay tuned.

Dates to remember

Feb 10 - Cooke County Marketing Club Meeting; Cooke County Farm Bureau Building - 7 p.m.

Feb 10 - Horse Foaling Program; 1st State Bank Community Room, Details TBA

Feb 18 - Tri-County Farmer and Rancher Symposium (5 CEUs); NCTC Little Theater - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Feb 27 - Private Applicator Training and Testing; Call to register - (940) 668-5412.

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Dated this 22nd day of December, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Russell Duncan, P. C.
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NO. 16426

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

Meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

• Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gainesville Area Office located at 2615 West Hwy 82 in Gainesville, Texas

• Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Graham Area Office located at 848 US 380 West in Graham, Texas

• Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Vernon Area Office located at 4031 Main Street in Vernon, Texas.

• Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wichita Falls Area Office located at 2844 E. Central Freeway in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The meeting will be informal, and all interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views on the programs.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services, such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille are requested to contact Tammy Marlow at (940) 720-7741 two (2) weeks prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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WATER

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The state is committed to making Priority Groundwater Management Areas (PGMA), in areas where water is being overdrafted by water producers who are sucking more water out of the aquifer than the aquifer could sustain over a period of time, were given two years to create and get the County into some kind of groundwater conservation district.

"That district then would be charged with the responsibility of evaluating the aquifer, setting what the future aquifer should be at, protecting the aquifer from contamination, and doing what they could to promote conservation," said Smith. "You will find in this upcoming legislation an increasing effort for things that you wouldn't think of as being used in a groundwater conservation district such as the identification of old abandoned water wells in the area

and paying the landowners to plug, cap, or fill them in; finding the recharge areas and where there is brush on top of them, pay the landowner to eliminate the brush to allow more water to be poured into the recharge area to improve the recharge of the aquifer; modify farming practices where necessary where there are test sites; the identification of all of the brackish water aquifers - those aquifers that are not available for drinking at this time because there is too much salt." There are about three billion acre feet of brackish groundwater that lies under the state of Texas. North Texas has much of it according to Smith. Programs are underway to find ways to make that water drinkable or drinkable after mixing it with other water.

It is all tied into the overall state plan that demands that the Trinity River flow

a certain quantity of water, said Smith. He noted that today about 30% of the water that gets down the Trinity River comes out of groundwater. "It is important for us in these programs to capture and keep pure the saltwater aquifers that we have, so that can be used for future generations," commented Smith.

Smith said that the County hired a lawyer to represent and advise them as to what to do as all of this came along. A committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Becker to study the situation in Cooke County and advise Commissioners Court as to what was best for Cooke County in regard to a Groundwater Conservation District. Pat Stelzer, who is on the Muenster City Council, served on that committee. The committee said that single county district would be best for Cooke County. If that wasn't possible, going west where the recharge zone is would be the next best step. (The PGMA to the west turned Cooke County down, but could reconsider.)

There was an administrative hearing on the feasibility of creating a PGMA. Smith said that testimony was established that said there is some uniqueness to Cooke County such as being a rural area without a massive water system. People rely on their wells to survive because the infrastructure doesn't exist to put in pipe-

lines. This left the option of making a strong case for a single county district and why Cooke County should go west.

On Feb. 11, it is on the TCEQ calendar to vote whether Cooke County will have a PGMA or whether to table that report. "In the next 110 days we will either have to introduce legislation either to be a single county district or something different," said Smith. "Commissioners Court has not yet met and decided which direction they are for, although you may know that many of us are for a single county district or going west as the original report said. We have some water providers who are concerned about Cooke County being a groundwater district by itself. They reportedly are concerned about the cost and how much control locals might have over what they want to do as a water provider."

Smith explained that if we become a groundwater district, there are two options as far as financing. It can be earned by fees out of municipalities or an ad valorem option. He noted that ad valorem options have never passed throughout the state and might not pass here. Fees would be 20 to 22 cents per thousand gallons produced by cities or other providers. In Cooke County, Smith said that would produce around \$200,000, which would cover the expense of funding the groundwater conservation

district. Once the groundwater district is established, Commissioners Court will have nothing to do with running it. "It is a real concern that we approach this with any kind of apathy that turns our back on the opportunity to set our boundaries where we would like them to be," Smith said. "Many of you watched your forefathers lose the right of surface water in Cooke County. Dallas owns it. It is difficult that Dallas owns all the water. I don't want to see us give away the groundwater to Grayson County and where the control of the votes in Grayson County are over our water district. Where they decide which wells get plugged and which ones don't. What the well spacing is going to be. Whether you can import or export water. Which one of the brackish aquifers gets plugged. Whether or not the value of pumping that aquifer gets spread to the cities or the landowner or what happens."

People will no longer be able to decide when and where to drill and how much water to pump. This will be decided and monitored by the PGMA. This will be done by real time monitoring that will allow them to know what is happening in the area. An entity could be told they have to stop pumping. Gainesville, Woodbine, and Grayson County are working to form a three county PGMA with Cooke,

Grayson, and Fannin counties. "The mayor of Sherman said to me, 'We are the big dogs here. We are going to control this.' And I thought I don't think so. That's not a good approach." The plan was to give Grayson County five votes, Cooke three votes, and Fannin County two. Smith said it only works well when the votes are even.

Smith said it was too early in the game of groundwater conservation to give too much away. "On day one, I'm not ready to give away my vote, to give my boundaries, nothing. Cooke County is too valuable. We sit here right at the head of all the water that's flowing towards Houston. There are computer models that know what that water is worth as it goes through each one. When you move water from groundwater into sewage water and put it into the Trinity, it has a per gallon value to the people downstream."

City Manager Stan Endres noted that the City releases around 200,000 gallons a day back into the Trinity.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement noted that there is an assumption that people will not tax themselves to pay for their water. "The most expensive water district around is a fee-based one because you have to have extra people running around collecting fees and doing work, whereas an ad valorem one would be cheaper. They don't bother to tell anyone that," he remarked. "I've been told by people who want to go to the three county thing. You'll never educate people enough to get them to go with it. I think we are smarter than that. There are some interesting things going around. They're beating the drum hard. The people in Austin say they haven't heard from us. All they've heard from are the people who want to go multi-county."

Klement said that not only do you lose control, you will have to get permission to drill a well. So if you go multi county it will not be your neighbor deciding that, but someone in another county who doesn't know the needs of Cooke County.

City Alderman Greg Bohl, who now serves on the Cooke County Groundwater Committee, said that people who are talking against a single county district say it will be impossible to raise the \$200,000 needed to start up a PGMA. "That is a slight of hand," Bohl explained. "It is based on fees versus ad valorem tax. If you go the tax route, it is easy to raise that amount of money from the citizens of Cooke County." He said they were trying to drive people to a three county district by saying that.

It was explained that even with fees, as the water level goes down and less water is pumped from underground sources, that revenue would go down. Eventually they would have to go back to the legislature and request a tax anyway.

Becker said, "That initial board has a lot of power. That initial boundary setting is going to make a lot of difference."

Mayor Pagel remarked, "I think very strongly that if we don't control our own responsibility of who's going to do the governing of this district, we are just going to be sitting on the back seat in the back and taking what is spoon fed us, and that's the only choice we'll have."

Smith requested that the Council and all citizens contact their legislators such as Hardcastle and Estes to make their feelings known. He added, "We need to do what the real will of the people is and if this side of the County wants to do something different, we have to begin to let Hardcastle and Estes and these people at the TCEQ know this is what our desire is." He said that letter writing and calls carry the most weight.

Klement said that it would be best to be sure that you have representation on the board that will serve your population.

The Council was the asked to rank the four choices in order of preference. They voted for choices B first and C second. B is a single county district and C is to join with Denton County. Bohl, as the City's representative will attend the upcoming meeting of the County's Groundwater Committee and make the City's wishes known.

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'03 HONDA ACCORD EX-L
60K MILES
STK# 17481
\$11,988

'03 JEEP CR. CHEROKEE LTD
60K MILES
STK# 543873
\$11,686

'00 FORD RANGER R/C
AUTO
STK# 824785
\$4,995

'05 HONDA CR-V EX AWD
76K MILES, SUNROOF
STK# 307347
\$14,797

'07 DODGE 2500 SLT Q/C
4WD, MANUAL, 55K MILES
STK# 748144
\$25,787

'05 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT
75K MILES
STK# 243314
\$10,547

'07 FORD MUSTANG CONV.
AUTO, 31K MILES
STK# 351960
\$15,688

'06 FORD F150 XLT
SUPER CAB, 50K MILES
STK# A59315
\$16,487

'07 NISSAN ALTIMA S
51K, AUTO!
STK# 146511
\$15,340

'04 FORD F150 LARIAT
4WD, CREW CAB, 47K MILES
STK# C22878
\$18,550

'05 FORD FOCUS ZX5 SE
61K MILES
STK# 439248
\$9,876

'08 NISSAN VERSA S
23K MILES
STK# 428926
\$14,488

'08 MAZDA CX7 SPORT
28K MILES
STK# 175843
\$15,955

'05 NISSAN MURANO SL
NAVIGATION, 48K MILES
STK# 426187
\$18,712

'07 TOYOTA TACOMA PRERUNNER SR5
14K MILES, V6
STK# A69489
\$18,887

'06 NISSAN SENTRA 1.8 S
79K MILES
STK# 522851
\$8,575

'04 GMC YUKON SLT
71K MILES
STK# 243314
\$14,220

'03 CADILLAC DEVILLE
73K MILES
STK# 291393
\$9,877

'07 LINCOLN TOWN CAR SIG.
WHITE PEARL, 25K MILES
STK# 630740
\$20,788

'05 FORD RANGER XLT
V6, SUPER CAB, 66K MILES
STK# A69489
\$11,379

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Doritos ASSORTED TORTILLA CHIPS REG. \$3.99 2\$5 for	Betty Crocker ASSTD. FLAVORS Frosting 12-16 OZ. TUB 2\$3 FOR	Del Monte SELECTED VARIETIES Fruit Cocktail 15-15.25 OZ. CAN 5\$5 for	Del Monte SELECTED VARIETIES Canned Vegetables 14.5-15.25 OZ. CAN 3\$2 for
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TOWN TALK White Bread 24 OZ. \$1.09	WESTERN FAMILY Utility Lighter EACH \$2.99
THRIFTWAY 16 OZ. BOTTLES Drinking Water 24 PACK \$3.99	M&M/MARS SELECTED VARIETIES Candies SINGLES 3 FOR \$2
PICK-A-SIZE Brawny Towels 3 ROLLS \$3.99	PETER PAN ASSORTED VARIETIES Peanut Butter 17.6-18 OZ. 2 FOR \$5
ASSORTED 12 OZ. CANS Coca-Cola Products 12 PACKS 3 FOR \$12	SELECTED VARIETIES Nestlé Hot Cocoa Mix 10 CT. 2 FOR \$3
ASSORTED Coca-Cola Products 2 LITER 3 FOR \$4	GEBHARDT ORIGINAL OR WITH JALAPEÑOS Refried Beans 15.5-16 OZ. 4 FOR \$3
SELECTED VARIETIES Hershey's Valentine Candy 10-14 OZ. 2 FOR \$5	WOLF BRAND Chili No Beans 19 OZ. 2 FOR \$4
SELECTED VARIETIES Valentine Peeps 6-9 CT. 10 FOR \$10	SHURFINE Foam Plates 100 CT. \$1.79
SHURFINE SWEETENED Condensed Milk 14 OZ. 3 FOR \$4	ASSORTED Shurfine Pineapple 15.5 OZ. 89¢
HUNT'S SELECTED VARIETIES Tomato Sauce 8 OZ. 2 FOR 89¢	CAMPBELL'S Cream of Mushroom Soup 10.5 OZ. 79¢
CHICKEN NOODLE OR TOMATO Campbell's Soup 10.75 OZ. 5 FOR \$5	SWANSON Chicken Broth 14.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$1
LIBBY'S Potted Meat 3 OZ. 2 FOR 89¢	SHURFINE Tomato Sauce 8 OZ. 4 FOR \$1
LIBBY'S ORIGINAL OR CHICKEN Vienna Sausage 5 OZ. 2 FOR \$1	ASSORTED Shurfine Tomatoes 15.5 OZ. 2 FOR \$1
HUNT'S ORIGINAL, BBQ, OR BOLD Manwich Sauce 15.5-16 OZ. 2 FOR \$3	COUNTRY KITCHEN Syrup 24 OZ. \$2.09
WESTERN FAMILY PREMIUM BIG ROLL Bathroom Tissue 6 ROLL \$2.99	VAN CAMP Pork & Beans 15.5 OZ. 2 FOR 89¢
SELECTED VARIETIES 50 OZ. All 2X Liquid Detergent 32 LOAD \$4.99	15.5 OZ. CANS Ranch Style Beans 2 FOR \$1
NON-CONCENTRATE FABRIC SOFTENER Snuggle 64 OZ. \$3.29	KRAFT Macaroni & Cheese 4 PK. \$1.99
PRODUCTOS CALIENTES: SELECTED VARIETIES La Moderna Pasta 6.3-7 OZ. 3 FOR \$1	HUNGRY JACK ASSORTED Pancake Mix 32 OZ. \$1.99
WESTERN FAMILY LIGHT DUTY CORN BROOM OR SPONGE MOP Cleaning Tools YOUR CHOICE \$6.99	2-Alarm Chili Mix \$1.69
WESTERN FAMILY CLEAR COLORS, WITH FLASH Disposable Camera 27 EXP. \$4.99	SANTA FE Bean Dip 9 OZ. \$1.69

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PREFERRED TRIM, BONE-IN BEEF

Ribeye Steaks **\$4.99** LB.

BONELESS BUTTERFLY
Pork Chops
\$2.19 LB.

Fischer's Bratwurst
\$2.39 LB.

PREPACKED, UNTRIMMED Beef Eye of Round LB. \$2.59	ASIAN GOLD WITH COCKTAIL SAUCE Shrimp Ring \$3.79
FISCHER'S REGULAR OR HOT Breakfast Sausage LB. \$1.89	SEA BEST COCONUT OR Breaded Shrimp \$2.79
MARKET SLICED Pickle Loaf LB. \$2.89	ALL VARIETIES Owens Sausage 1 LB. \$2.49
MARKET SLICED Swiss Cheese LB. \$4.79	SHURFINE MEAT Jumbo Wieners 1 LB. \$1.29
MARKET SLICED Pepper Loaf LB. \$3.99	SHURFINE Cooked Ham 6 OZ. \$1.69
FISCHER'S SLICED Corned Beef \$4.09	SHURFINE Chopped Ham 6 OZ. \$1.29
SHANK PORTION, BONE IN Cook's Ham LB. 99¢	BEACON LIGHT TILAPIA OR FLOUNDER Breaded Fillets 12 OZ. \$3.99
BUTT PORTION, BONE IN Cook's Ham LB. \$1.19	COUNTRY CREEK REGULAR OR HOT Pork Cracklins 8 OZ. \$2.99
LAND O FROST PREMIUM SLICED Lunch Meat 1 LB. \$3.49	SHURFINE Corn Dogs 1 LB. \$2.19
PEL FREEZ Rabbit LB. \$5.09	ARMOUR ALL VARIETIES FUN KIT LunchMakers 10.6-11.6 OZ. 2 FOR \$4
4 PACK, NATURAL, FARM RAISED Whole Quail LB. \$8.29	PRICE'S Pimiento Cheese Spread 12 OZ. 2 FOR \$5
Tilapia LB. \$3.69	POTATO OR MACARONI Reser's Salad 1 LB. \$1.19
Whole Catfish LB. \$2.89	

Fresh Produce

RED RIPE Strawberries 1 LB. PKG. 2 FOR \$5	FRESH New Red Potatoes LB. 69¢
LARGE Navel Oranges LB. 69¢	CELLO PACK WHOLE Mushrooms 8 OZ. 2 FOR \$3
FRESH GREEN Broccoli Crowns 2 LBS. \$3	DOLE FIELD GREENS Salad Blend 8 OZ. 2 FOR \$5
RED OR GOLDEN DELICIOUS Fresh Apples LB. 79¢	FRESH Zucchini Squash LB. 99¢
FRESH FIRM HEADS Green Cabbage 3 LBS. \$1	BREAKFAST SIZE Grapefruit 3 FOR \$1
FRESH Green Beans 2 LBS. \$3	

Dairy & Frozen Foods

ASSORTED VARIETIES Banquet Meals 6.7-12 OZ. PKG. 5\$5 FOR	ASSORTED FLAVORS Blue Bunny Ice Cream 56 OZ. SQUARES 2\$7 FOR
JUMBO , CAKE, COLOR, OR SUGAR Joy Cones 12-24 CT. 2 FOR \$3	SELECTED VARIETIES Patio Burritos 5 OZ. 2 FOR 89¢
BLUE BUNNY VANILLA, NEAPOLITAN, OR MISSISSIPPI MUD Ice Cream Sandwiches 10-12 CT. \$3.99	PLAIN Sour Cream 8 OZ. 5 FOR \$5
SHURFINE ORIGINAL, LIGHT, OR EX. CREAMY Whipped Topping 8 OZ. 99¢	REDUCED FAT Plains Buttermilk HALF GAL. 2 FOR \$4
SHURFINE SLICED Strawberries 16 OZ. 2 FOR \$4	PILLSBURY FILL AND BAKE Pie Crusts 15 OZ. 2 FOR \$5
ORIGINAL, CHERRY, OR STRAWBERRY Sara Lee Cheesecake 17-19 OZ. 2 FOR \$8	IMPERIAL Spread Quarters 16 OZ. 5 FOR \$5



Health & Beauty Care

DAYTIME OR NIGHTTIME Zicam Multi-Symptom 8 OZ. \$4.49	WESTERN FAMILY ANTISEPTIC Mouth Wash 33.8 OZ. \$1.19
6 OZ. CHERRY OR MENTHOL, 1 OZ. MAX Chloraseptic Throat Spray EACH \$3.99	ASSORTED SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER White Rain 14 OZ. 89¢
SELECTED VARIETIES Clear Eyes Eye Drops 5 OZ. \$2.99	WESTERN FAMILY ASSTD. PANTLINERS, SHIELDS OR Maxi Pads 14-44 CT. 2 FOR \$4