

## Muenster Chamber of Commerce gears up for 2010



Andy Klement, left, stole the show for a few minutes at the Chamber Banquet Saturday night. He yodeled a tune at the invitation of entertainers Billy Cate and friends. Deborah Wood photo

By Janet Felderhoff

Muenster Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual banquet on Saturday, Jan. 30 in the Sacred Heart Community Center. With the theme "Moving Muenster Forward" We have come a long way since 1889, the event celebrated the accomplishments of the past year and also saw a slate of officers installed. Entertainer Billy Cate and two of his entertainer friends Ron McRuiz and Bobby Stephens had the crowd tapping to the beat of their music. They inspired the crowd with their mellow country sounds, traditional cowboy favorites, and Cate's skilled yodeling. Cate got an audience member involved when he called on local resident Andy Klement to demonstrate his yodeling. The entertainers remarked that they had gotten acquainted with the Muenster Chamber while in this area dedicating Chisholm Trail markers. Tables were decorated by

various local businesses and organizations. Guests were invited to cast their votes for their three favorite tables. Votes were tallied and winners announced. Town and Country took first place, Arché second, and Sassafras fourth. Muenster Marks were their prizes.

A Chamber Membership Drive was held. The winners were: Chuck Bartush - laptop; Cindy Bartush of The Bird Nest, Kathryn Koch Hicks with Koch Sales, Larry and Brenda Thompson with Weinhof Winery - bottle of wine and Country Korner; Mike and Katrinka Bartush with Bartush Land & Cattle Co. - \$150 in Muenster Marks; Sue Fisher of First State Bank - \$100 in Muenster Marks; Gary Fisher with FMW Insurance - \$75 in Muenster Marks; Johnny Leftwich with Dustin Office Supply - two Golf Passes to Turtle Hill; Denis and Susan Moody of Ancient Oven - 30

lb. pork special from Fischer's Market.

Judges Choice winners were also selected by a panel of judges, with the winners receiving Muenster Marks. Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary won first, Town and Country second, and Muenster Drilling third.

Door prizes were drawn from those purchasing tickets. Winners were \$500 in Muenster Marks - Andrea Bartush, KMB bird feeders made with gourds and coffee cans - Penny Fisher, Donna Klement, Candy Raney, Wayne Klement, Stanley Hess, and Steven Fisher. Fischer's meat baskets - Rebecca Lawson and Jewel Otto.

Matt Sicking assumes the duties of Chamber president for 2010. Kirk Klement served as president for 2009. Officers continuing in their duties from 2009 are Carolyn McPherson, vice-president, Debbie Hess, secretary, and

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## SHCS selects Imelda Rohmer as Catholic School honoree

Article courtesy of Sacred Heart Alumni Newsletter

Chosen as Sacred Heart's 2010 Catholic School Honoree, Imelda Felderhoff Rohmer was honored by the Diocese of Fort Worth at its 23rd Annual Catholic Schools Celebration held on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Fort Worth Convention Center Ballroom. Hosted by Bishop Kevin Vann, who was joined by supporters of Catholic Schools from across the Diocese, the event honored outstanding individuals from the 20 schools in the Diocese whose contributions have furthered the mission of Catholic schools.

Whereas Imelda would never see herself as one to receive the Diocese's Outstanding Service Award, stating, "Oh, what I do is nothing. There are so many wonderful people who do so much more and whose work is much more important than the piddly things I do," Sacred Heart Principal Raphael Rondón, Ph.D., views her selection quite differently:

"Mrs. Imelda Rohmer has been serving the school community for over 50 years. In that time, she has developed

a well-deserved reputation as a humble and loving person. She has made an incredible difference in the life of the school, and in her own way has moved many of us closer to Jesus.

"Perhaps, and most importantly, her life is a witness to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. From her, we have learned that ordinary and simple lives can be lived in extraordinary and heroic ways. Her nurturing care of the school's gardens, and the words of wisdom reflected in her recollections of her history at Sacred Heart Catholic School, manifest the awesome power of a soul shaped by years of dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In more ways than can be fathomed, her generation of Sacred Heart graduates and alumni have lived their faith guided by and exemplifying the authentically Catholic spirituality that thrives in our school."

This year's honoree has always placed a high value

on her faith-filled education, noting, "I feel very blessed that we had the opportunity to go to Sacred Heart School. I remember sitting in the first or second grade, hearing the Scripture readings, and to me they were better than fairy tales—they were real! Through the years, I can remember different things the nuns would read to the class, things they would bring up and tell us about—it wasn't necessarily always religious, but it was always something to build us up—and how the nuns worked."

When it came to the education of their six children, Don, Linda, Donna, Mary, Christi, and Julie, Imelda and her late husband, Arnold, wanted a faith-filled education for them as well. Imelda recalls: "I was watching a piece of art in progress. If a potter is working with clay to make something beautiful and it doesn't go right, it's back to the beginning. As I watched, I real-

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Sacred Heart Catholic School honoree Imelda Rohmer accepts her award from Most Rev. Bishop Kevin Vann at the 23rd Annual Catholic Schools Banquet Saturday evening. Courtesy photo

## Face lift for Muenster begins



Work began this week on the latest Keep Muenster Beautiful landscape project, funded by the last Governor's Community Achievement Award earned by KMB. The concrete sidewalk, with brick pattern trim, will begin at the northeast corner of Division and Mesquite Streets, following Highway 82 west in front of the Telephone Museum, Nortex yard, The Center, and into First State Bank's frontage. KMB hopes to continue the project with future award money. Janie Hartman photo

## KMB appeals City to bring back recycling

By Janet Felderhoff

Keep Muenster Beautiful members Steve and Kay Broyles attended the City Council meeting Monday night seeking a change of heart in the decision to discontinue recycling in the City. At their regular January meeting, the City Council decided that the roll off recycling bin being used in the City was too expensive and decided to discontinue it until the price of recycled goods made it more cost effective. It was costing about \$428 every two weeks to have the container emptied.

Steve reminded the Council that this KMB is eligible to compete for GCAA, which has been increased from \$65,000 to \$90,000. He en-

couraged them to reconsider recycling at some point soon because it is 16% of the GCAA application. "Without it, it's going to have an impact," he noted on the chance of winning.

Mayor John Pagel said that the Council reluctantly did what they did in regard to recycling and are always open to suggestions. He asked what KMB suggested be done. Broyles said that they didn't have any ready solutions, but would get with KMB to see what they come up with.

Kay reported that KMB had a volunteer who would man the recycling container if the City was willing to put up a fence.

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## 'Scouting for Food' this Saturday

In the Law of the Pack, a Cub Scout gives good will. By participating in the Scouting for Food event, Scouts come a step closer to fulfilling these words.

How can you help? The Muenster Cub Scouts will be collecting donated non-perishables and canned goods for the community food banks. The collection will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6. Items collected will be divided between the First Baptist Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church food banks.

After meeting at the Sacred Heart Community parking lot, the Scouts will be given a section of town and then they will knock door-to-door asking for donations. All Scouts will be in uniform and supervised by their den leaders.

After the collection is complete, the items will then be gathered and brought to the VFW Hall. The collection will be on display there for the following day's ceremonial Blue and Gold.

The community is asked to be ready when the Scouts are out. Let's all share the good will.

If you have questions about the food drive, call 940-736-5162.

## Three terms up on the City Council

By Janet Felderhoff

Muenster City Council met Feb. 1 and ordered an election for Saturday, May 8. There are three Places with terms that expire in May. They are Place 1 held by Pat Stelzer, Place 2 held by Greg Bohl, and Place 4 held by Jewel Otto. Anyone wishing to file for a position on the City Council may do so from Feb. 8 until 5 p.m. March 8. Filing should be done at City Hall during regular business hours.

Alvin Fuhrman of Germanfest, Inc. requested that the Council consider annexing property purchased near Ash Street and Hwy. 82. Endres said that the In-

dustrial Park requested that their acreage be included in the proposed annexation. Endres said that he already has the City attorney working on it.

Mayor John Pagel remarked, "Without annexation, you're stifled right there. I don't foresee any real problem with getting it taken into the City." The Council voted to proceed with the annexation of the 92 acres. A public hearing takes place prior to a vote on the actual annexation.

Fuhrman asked that the City open Second Street from Maple to Ash. Mayor Pagel said that there might

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# Muenster VFD reports Engine #123 now ready for service



Muenster Volunteer Fire Department Chief Herbie Knabe shows off some of the Department's massive new fire engine's accessories including firehoses, at left, and control panels, below. Engine #123, above, has compartments to hold fire equipment including air tanks. The 33' long fire engine is equipped and ready to service the fire fighting needs of the Muenster area. Janie Hartman photo



About five years ago, the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) took on a major project. Our goal was to replace an aging, 25 year old, 60,000 mile engine. This truck makes all fires both in the city and in the rural area. This truck is also used as mutual aid to other area fire departments.

The current main engine, #120, remains in the city limits at all times. It was purchased in 1987 at a cost of \$110,000.00, of which the MVFD paid one half.

This unit will remain under its current status.

The ISO (Insurance Service Organization) rating determines our community insurance rate. The presence of certified equipment can lower this rate for fire insurance.

The MVFD has applied for numerous grants to purchase a new engine. No grants have been received for this purpose, so the Department decided to move forward on its own. We have been putting money aside from our annual fund raisers and from other donations. Through tremendous support from the people in our area, a great deal of money has accumulated. The many hours of labor spent maintaining and repairing our

equipment, by the MVFD, has also saved a lot of dollars.

About a year ago, the MVFD placed an order for a new chassis cab truck and contracted the apparatus body. The new engine will carry 2500 gallons of water, 1000 feet of 5" hose, 400 feet of 2 1/2" hose, and 600 feet of 1 3/4" hose. It will also carry a generator, flood light, and many more pieces of equipment.

At a cost of \$276,000.00, it exhausted our savings and then some. Being over budget, the 2009 Barbecue fund

raiser had to be a BIG success, and it was.

Due to great community support, we were able to pay it off in full.

The 28 volunteers of the MVFD contain some rookies as well as some seasoned veterans. Combined, this represents hundreds of years of experience in fire and rescue. It is an honor and privilege to serve such a great group of people.

Please come by and see the new engine that we are so proud of.

Submitted by Muenster Volunteer Fire Department

## MVFD elects officers

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department recently elected officers for 2010. Elected to serve two-year terms are Chief Herbie Knabe, Assistant Chief Bert Walterscheid, Secretary John Yosten, and Treasurer Doug Fleitman.

Elected to serve one-year terms are Training Officer Ben Bindel who holds a

State certification, Assistant Training Officer Charlie Schilling, and Safety Officers Henry Knabe and Jon Forshee.

Ronnie Walterscheid was elected to a three-year term as trustee. Trustees Deano Bayer and Doug Hennigan have one year and two years, respectively, remaining on their terms.

## Bid period extended for St. Richard's Villa

By Janet Felderhoff  
Muenster Memorial Hospital's Executive Committee Board met at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 to open bids for St. Richard's Villa. The deadline to submit bids was 5 p.m. the previous day.

St. Richard's is owned by the Hospital District, but had been leased. Travis Heights Healthcare, Inc. operated St. Richard's Villa, but ended its lease on Dec. 31. The Hospital District

began operating the facility on Jan. 1, but hopes to find a suitable buyer.

According to MMH Administrator Lynn Heller, only one bid was received. It was for \$210,500. The Executive Committee voted to reject all bids and to extend the bidding period to Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. They will meet on Feb. 12 to open bids. A recommendation will be made to the Board during its regular meeting on Feb. 16.

It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent him a sentence to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate in all times and situations. They presented him the words: "And this, too, shall pass away."

Abraham Lincoln

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be some issues with that request. He inquired, "Are you aware that that goes right across the spillway?" The Soil Conservation District would have to give its approval.

Alderman Greg Bohl noted that the land is in a flood plane and FEMA would have to grant permission before altering the land in any way.

Also discussed, but not determined, was who would be responsible for the expense of building the road.

Street Commissioner Greg Bohl commented, "I think the Germanfest Board can do all this research and dig into it and find out what these things are and bring it to the Council and show the studies and here is where we've determined we're going from here." It is Bohl's opinion that it should cost the City nothing since they are not in the business of putting in roads.

Fuhrman said, "For the safety of everyone involved, we need to keep traffic off of 82. We need to get that (Second Street) open so there is another way to get over there. It would make it a lot closer to Main Street also."

Pagel asked if they were looking for a full-blown 80 foot easement street or a walking/bike trail. Fuhrman replied that they would start seeking the street and see what they end up with.

Mayor Pagel assigned Bohl to work with City Administrator Stan Endres and Germanfest, Inc. to contact all who needed to be contacted in regard to opening Second Street.

The Council again addressed the sale of portions of Willow and Fourth Streets. Bill Williams of Gainesville did an appraisal of both streets and suggested values of \$1200 for Fourth Street and \$1632 for Willow Street. Should the City agree to sell the street property, adjacent property owners would have the opportunity to purchase the land that touches their property. They would also have to pay their share of the \$500 appraisal fee and Chuck Bartush's attorney fee. The three property owners involved are Henry Wein-

zapfel, Muenster Hospital District, and Neal Bowie.

A complete description of the property wasn't available at the meeting and neither City Councilmen or property owners had an opportunity to study the appraisal prior to the meeting. The item was table until the next meeting to allow time to study it.

Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe told the Council that the MVFD's new truck is ready for service. He said it is paid for with the exception of \$12,000 that will be paid as soon as the remainder of the equipment is received. Knabe said that they are working to get more firemen trained to drive the large truck. The truck is 33 feet long and takes skill in knowing when to turn.

Administrator Endres reported that employee Billy Hennigan was injured while loading heavy equipment. He dropped a heavy item on his toe and broke it in three places. It will some time before he is back on the job.

The wastewater plant has problems with the recent heavy snow and rains. Sludge is taking a long time to dry and can't be hauled off until it does dry. They have been over their limit the last three months and TCEQ usually steps in at that time saying to fix the problem.

Endres said they are looking for a solution and will need to take some action.

Endres said that the grant application for Park improvements was mailed. The Water District mailed its application for a grant to fund picnic tables and barbecue

pits. Endres said it will be August before they know if they will receive any grant funding.

The Water District opened bids last Friday for a boat ramp and parking lot at Muenster Lake. The bid will be awarded this Friday. The lowest bid was \$233,000, which, according to Endres, is well under what they were expecting.

"The City is officially the owner of the land (eight acres) west of the Park now," Endres reported. "We paid them and Johnny signed the paperwork. As of last Friday,

.....continued from pg. 1 it is the City's property."

In other business, the City Council:

- Re-appointed Milton Knauf, Dwayne Rohmer, and Nick Walterscheid to two-year terms on the Muenster Water District Board. The new term begins on March 1, 2010.

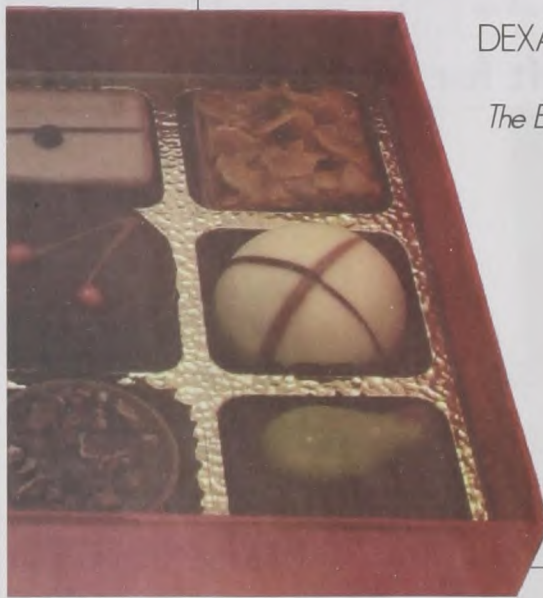
- Approved a Municipal Maintenance agreement and ordinance with TxDOT. The speed limits, stop signs, and red lights as well as repair of Main Street are part of TxDOT's responsibilities.

- Approved payment of bills totaling \$199,429.01.

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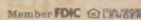
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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Muenster 4-H mtg. 5 pm MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm KMB mtg. 7 pm VFW mtg. 8 pm	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm Foaling Seminar, 1st State Bank Center, 6:30 pm	Religious Ed class 7pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center, speaker: Jimmy Mosman Private App. Lic. Training, CC Library 8am-4pm Weather spotter training 7-9pm G'ville Civic Center SH Alumni & Supp. mtg. 8 pm SNAP room	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Library open 10 am-6:30 pm M. Hist. Mtg. Rohmer's 8am CoFC lunch mtg. noon, Rohmer's	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. SHCS noon dismissal AARP lunch mtg. 11:30 am Stanford House	Library open 10:30 am-2:30 pm County 4-H Livestock Show - MISD Ag Center
Sunday, February 14, 2010	Monday, February 15, 2010	Tuesday, February 16, 2010	Wednesday, February 17, 2010	Thursday, February 18, 2010	Friday, February 19, 2010	Saturday, February 20, 2010
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Valentine's Day	Presidents' Day - FLY FLAGS SHCS NO classes VFW Aux. Mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Board Mtg. 7 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Religious Ed Mass 7 pm Kiwanis Mtg. noon, Center, speaker: Leon Klement Ash Wednesday	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. Tri-County Farm & Ranch Symposium-NCTC 8:15-3	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Library open 10:30 am-2:30 pm

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# Dieter delivers disaster relief



1st Lt. Dustin M. Dieter (left side of photo) and other U.S. Army soldiers with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, load up cases of water before heading downtown to deliver earthquake relief (food and water) to the local Haitians on Jan. 22, in Port au Prince, Haiti for Operation Unified Response. The soldiers delivered 300 Humanitarian Daily Rations and 600 bottles of water on this trip. A devastating earthquake hit the region on Jan. 12. Lt. Dieter is the son of Jeff and Melinda Dieter of Lindsay. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jeremy Lock

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Mayor Pagel said, "The Council is always receptive to changing what they've done. If we can come up with another viable solution or another alternative, or something, I think there's always an open door."

"I think there are plenty of viable options and we don't care really which option you pick. We just say, 'Please do something,'" concluded Kay. They promised to return with some options.

In his City Administrator report, Endres said that the recycling container had been gone about two weeks. He had been worried that trash might be dumped where it had set, but that was not been a problem. He also reported that KMB President Dr. Elaine Schilling has come by and discussed recycling with him. "Keep Muenster Beautiful is definitely willing to work with the City to come up with some kind of solution on being able to get that recycling back," he said.

Endres also said that the district manager of this area for IESI was working to get a recycling program going with Lindsay, Muenster, Saint Jo, and Nocona. If all would agree to recycle, a route could be run at a more reasonable cost.

KMB is looking into parking a container and paying to have it hauled off.

For those who really want to recycle now, Endres said that Gainesville has a recycling program. It is located off the I-35 service road behind Rumpy's convenience store. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is open to anyone, but the items must be separated according to glass, plastic, paper, newspaper, etc.

Mayor John Pagel remarked that the Council probably didn't give much consideration to the KMB award when they made the decision to discontinue recycling. Alderman Jack Flusche wondered why people weren't at the meeting when it was discussed. Endres said that there were several calls over the last week supporting recycling. Mayor Pagel added, "My daughter in Tulsa wrote me a letter chastising me. She said she was disappointed in the Muenster Council."

## DAYS GONE BY.....

### 65 YEARS AGO

Feb. 2, 1945

Four Tuggle brothers, Hugh, Aubrey, Robert, and Joe, answer Uncle Sam's call. The birth of quadruplet lambs is reported by Henry Fette. Obituaries: J.S. Russell, 63; Stella Schmitz Claybrook, 27. New Arrivals: Joan to C.J. and Theresa Kaiser; Sharon to Paul and Bernice Yosten; Annette to Joe and Marie Knauf; Dennis to Al and Antonia Hess. Wedding: Harriette Schoech and S. Sgt. Ferd Yosten.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1960

Community hit by flu, virus, and mumps. Two-year old Connie Yosten has 10 stitches on her forehead from an accident while at play. New Arrivals: Karen to Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann; Gayle to the Marvin Rauschubers; Rene to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bordeaux. Pagel's Store advertises a pound of carrots for 5¢ and salad dressing 39¢ for a quart; Hofbauer's has 4

oz. bottle of Pepto Bismol for 39¢ and 50 count Bayer aspirin for 29¢; Fischer's has 14 oz. castup, 2 for 39¢, and 46 oz. tomato juice, 2 for 59¢. Mrs. John Kathman is new parish housekeeper and has moved to the rectory.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 1, 1985

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes and the Muenster Hornets both make it to the playoffs. The bitter cold of last week led to an all-time winter record for electricity use in the TP&L system. Kathleen Rohmer earns Master of Education degree at TWU. Wedding: Mary Short and Daryl Wiesman. Dolores Swirczynski is accredited by the National Council of Garden Clubs. New Arrivals: Blake to Mr and Mrs. Kevin Swirczynski; Robert to Bob and Mary Ellen Baumer; Christin to Chris and Janet Bayer. Julius Hermes, Sr. honored on 85th birthday. A.F. Luke Enterprises, Inc. buys store in Nocona.

## Obituaries

### Bessie Huggins 1917 - 2010



Bessie Huggins

Funeral services for Bessie L. Yancey Huggins, age 92 of Muenster, were held Tuesday, Feb. 2 at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Muenster. C.E. Cole officiated. Burial was in Coker Cemetery in Cooke County, under direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. Bessie died late Friday evening, Jan. 29, 2010 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

Born Dec. 27, 1917 in Davis, Oklahoma, one of the six children of Bartlett and Lucinda Yancey, Bessie was raised in Oklahoma where she attended school. She married Ernest Huggins on Sept. 30, 1933 in Waurika, Oklahoma. They soon moved to the Muenster area where they lived until Ernest's death Sept. 1, 2000. Bessie continued living there until her death. She and Ernest were the proud parents of a daughter, Georgia.

Bessie was primarily a homemaker. She worked for the sewing factory in Muenster some 13 years, but her main interest was centered around caring for her family. She was well known for the beautiful quilts she made and her excellent crochet efforts. She was always a busy lady, sewing, quilting, crocheting, gardening, caring for her family, and just being a mother, grandmother, and a real family lady. She was a Christian and a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are her daughter Georgia Louise and husband John Doughty of Muenster; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren; and sister Ada Griffin of Summerville, Texas.

Preceding her in death were her husband; sisters Laura Sparks, Lizzy Oliphant, and Iva Culberth; and brothers Elbert and William Yancey.

### Amelia Haugh 1925 - 2010

Amelia F. "Mimi" Haugh of Gainesville died Jan. 27, 2010 Denton at the age of 84. There will be no visitation or service.

Mimi Haugh was born Sept. 2, 1925 in Clarksburg, West Virginia to Hunter L. and Amelia Martin Fisher. She married Harry T. "Bud" Haugh on June 4, 1948 in Clarksburg. Mimi attended Clarksburg schools and graduated from Washington Irving High School in 1943. She attended nurses training in Baltimore, Maryland for a year before changing her vocation to education. She graduated from Fairmont State College in 1948. Mimi and Bud both started teaching in small, rural West Virginia schools.

Bud started a 32 year ca-

reer with Continental Em-sco, which moved them to many states, and Mimi became a stay-at-home mom. In 1984, they retired and moved to Lake Kiowa.

Mimi enjoyed golf, bridge, cooking, and entertaining family and friends. She was passionate about knitting, quilting, and needlework, and most of all her husband of 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother.

Survivors are daughter Sharon Haugh of Gainesville; son Jan Haugh and daughter-in-law Jana of Fort Worth; three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

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## NCTC issues call for creative writing contest entries

North Central Texas College has issued the call for entries for this year's annual Creative Writing Awards contest, which offers aspiring amateur writers of all ages in Texas and Oklahoma the chance to have their work critiqued by professionals, to have it published, and possibly to earn them special recognition and cash prizes.

Sponsored by the NCTC English, Speech, and Foreign Language (ESFL) Department, the popular contest usually draws up to 500 or more entries from

throughout the region.

According to contest director Gabrielle Fletcher of the NCTC English faculty, the competition comprises four main divisions for amateur writers ranging from middle school age through adults. Each division features sub-categories for poetry, short stories, and essays.

Deadline for submitting entries in all categories and divisions is noon on March 8. Writers may submit one entry in each category for which they are eligible.

"This contest has a great

history and tradition," Prof. Fletcher said, "dating back as far as 1966 according to library archives, which features winners in the college literary magazine then called *Visions*."

The *April Perennial* is now the title of that publication, and winning entries from this year's contest will be published in the 2011 edition.

The competition, Prof. Fletcher noted, will feature both expert judges and cash prizes for first, second, and third place in each division. Winners will be honored during a special awards ceremony at 11 a.m. on April 23 in the NCTC Little Theater on the Gainesville Campus.

"The ceremony will be a little different this year," Prof. Fletcher said, "with an introductory performance piece celebrating writing. Another exciting addition will be Karla Morton, the 2010 Texas Poet Laureate, who will be the guest speaker."

Copies of the 2010 edition of *The April Perennial*, featuring winning entries from last year, will also be distributed at the awards ceremony.

Middle-school students in grades 6, 7, and 8 may submit entries to the Jerry Simpson Memorial Poetry and Short Story Contests, while high-school students

in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 may enter their work in the Brad Dill Memorial Poetry and Short Story Contests.

The Regional Creative Writing Contest for poetry and short fiction is open to all non-student amateur writers residing in Texas or Oklahoma.

Contests for NCTC students include the Inspired Essayist Contest, the Aspiring Poet Contest, and the Gerald McDaniel Memorial Short Story Contest.

Handouts detailing the guidelines and format requirements for each contest will be available in the libraries on all NCTC campuses. In addition, entry forms and format requirements for electronic or paper submissions can be found online. Go to <http://www.nctc.edu/creativewriting> and click on the link to Contest Rules & Entry Forms.

Entries may be submitted by e-mail or sent by regular mail to Prof. Fletcher at 1525 W. California Street, Gainesville, TX, 76240-4699, or entries may be left at the ESFL office on the NCTC Gainesville campus, room 120. All entries must be received by the stated deadline, along with the required entry form.

For more information, call the ESFL office at (940) 668-7731, or e-mail [gletcher@nctc.edu](mailto:gletcher@nctc.edu).



Wes and Sherri Gideon of Sanger are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Brandi Jean Gideon of Dallas to Daniel Thomas Felderhoff of Muenster, son of Tom and Becky Felderhoff of Muenster. The couple plans to marry at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Lone Oak Ranch & Retreat in Gainesville. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jim and Laurel Gideon of Sanger and Robert and Jean Collier of Denton. She is a 2008 graduate of the University of North Texas and is currently pursuing her Master's in Social Work from Texas A&M University - Commerce. She is employed at The Senior Source in Dallas. Grandparents of the future-groom are Thomas and Barbara Felderhoff and Charles and Alice Davidson, all of Muenster. He is a graduate of Navarro College and is employed at Community Lumber in Muenster. After their marriage, the couple plans to reside in Muenster.

## Kiwanis News

## Sheriff Mike Compton

Members of the Muenster Kiwanis meet each Wednesday at noon at the Center Restaurant.

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton stated that drugs impact everybody in the County in some way. Whether it is a missing lawn mower from a garage, breaking and entering to steal your personal belongings, or stealing your vehicle.

The real problem today in the war on drugs is methamphetamine. They are made from a combination of cold tablets, denatured alcohol, lithium from batteries, anhydrous ammonia, ether, lighter fluid, and rock salt, which are all available over the counter. In the right amounts and in the right sequence they produce a drug with a colossal first high that is so good that the user continues to chase that high, to reproduce it, but never achieves it.

It becomes their Holy Grail, their reason for existence i.e.: "One hit and your hooked." It wastes their lives, it destroys their bodies, they can't hold a job, it becomes their reason for existence. As they cannot hold a job, they steal to get some money. This affects all of us.

Today, there is a really cheap supply coming over the border from Mexico. Sheriff Compton stated if we catch them with the drugs we can

put them away, as here in Cooke County we have good judges and good juries who understand the problems associated with this epidemic.

The Sheriff mentioned, in answer to a question about staffing, that the drug problem along with all the other crime is stretching the office thin, even with 71 total people. However, he appreciates and knows that the Commissioners are doing everything possible to aid them in the funds allocation department.

## Rebecca Lawson

Incumbent Cooke County Clerk Rebecca Lawson stressed her long tenure of 15 years in the office with two consecutive terms in the County Clerk position. She explained that you have to work in the office to know the office, thus she has the experience and needs to be re-elected. Having worked under Frank Scoggins and then Evelyn Walterscheid, she brought the experience of both with her when she was elected to the position in 2003.

Since being elected, Lawson was instrumental in updating the office with computers and special deed scanners so that documents can be easily accessed from the computers.

The County Clerk's office is located 216 W. Pecan, Gainesville.

Submitted by Kiwanis reporter Bob Bauer

## College Honors

## University of Texas San Antonio

Kristen Miller, a Junior at the University of Texas, San Antonio, has been named to the Dean's List for her 4.0 GPA for the Fall 2009 semester. She is a Chemistry major and was awarded a two semester full scholarship.

Lisa Miller, a Freshman at the University of Texas, San Antonio, has also been named to the Dean's List with a 4.0 GPA for the 2009 Fall semester. Lisa is majoring in Pre-Biology.

Kristen and Lisa are the daughters of Glenn and Stacie Miller of Muenster.

## Benedictine College

Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas has recognized those students who have distinguished them-

selves academically during the last semester. Nicole Bayer was named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester of 2009. To be named to the Dean's List, students must be full time with a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9. Nicole is the daughter of Bill and Annette Bayer of Muenster.

## Angelo State University

The Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester has been announced Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Megan Grewing was included on that list. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Megan is the daughter of Glenn and Connie Grewing of Muenster.

## New Arrival

## Fleitman

A new brother, Camden John Fleitman, born Sept. 9, 2009, is abundantly welcomed to the family by big brothers Daylen, Taylor, and Cooper Fleitman, sons of Jannet and Samuel Fleitman of Oak Point. Camden was born at Baylor Medical Center in Frisco weighing 8 lb. 3 oz. and measuring 19.25 inches. Grandparents are C.G. Reeves of Marysville and the late Bobbie Reeves, and J.D. and Patsy Fleitman of Muenster.



Camden Fleitman

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The walkabout-style wedding show provides a wonderful opportunity to visit each shop and meet personally with the merchants while discovering the eclectic collection of specialty stores and eateries located in Historic Downtown Gainesville. For more information about the wedding Walkabout, contact Vine & Branches at 940-612-1829 or Chapman's at 940-665-4971 or you can go to [www.shophistoricgainesville.com](http://www.shophistoricgainesville.com) to find out about this or other events planned for downtown Gainesville.

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## County United Way accepting applications

The Cooke County United Way is now considering applications from qualified agencies for 2011 Campaign allocations. New agencies wishing to be considered for the 2011 program may make their request by letter which must be received by Cooke County United Way office no later than Feb. 12, 2010. Allocation application packets will be mailed out to all qualified new and current member agencies no later than Feb. 19, 2010.

These agencies wishing to be considered for 2011 Campaign allocations must return the application packets by March 19, 2010. Requests for information may be sent to P. O. Box 208, Gainesville, Texas 76241, and/or by calling the Cooke County United Way office at 940-665-1793.

A qualified agency must be established as a tax-exempt organization under the IRS Code Section 501(c)3. The allocation packet requests agency information in the areas of constitution and by-laws, management, financial reports, statement of cooperation, and statement of non-

discrimination. The agency must additionally meet the funding criteria, financial accountability, community needs, program priorities, and program effectiveness.

The Cooke County United Way and its member agencies share two common goals in the allocation process relative to the overall mission: 1) To fund real community needs as fully as possible; and 2) To allocate available funds for optimum effect among these needs. Whereas, each agency views community needs from its own specific viewpoint, the United Way must look at agencies and needs from the view of the total community.

Local volunteers serving on the Citizens Review Panel and the volunteer members of the Cooke County United Way Board of Directors determine where the funds will be invested. These volunteers reflect a cross-section of the community. Cooke County United Way is celebrating its 55th anniversary in 2010 and is one of 1,400 local, independent United Ways across the country.

## Cooke County tackles hunger with "Souper" Bowl Sunday

"National in scope, yet local in impact, the Souper Bowl of Caring works toward making the weekend of the big game an unprecedented time of giving and serving in this country." (HYPERLINK "http://www.souperbowl.org" www.souperbowl.org).

Local churches and businesses have been participating in this national effort for almost a decade by passing a bowl or a basket on Souper Bowl Sunday to donate to Cooke County's emergency food bank, VISTO (Volunteers in Service to Others).

VISTO will once again offer the popular Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon. It will be held Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Whaley United Methodist Church, 701 Rosedale Drive in Gainesville. A variety of soups prepared by the VISTO Board of Directors is on the menu. It is donation only, \$5 suggested per bowl. And you get to keep the bowl to remind you there are still empty bowls in Cooke County. Lake Kiowa Chapel is preparing and donating the desserts.

"It is important for the community to be aware that VISTO is only allowed to have three fundraisers per year. Every cent raised at this event stays in Cooke County," said Michelle Baldwin, executive director of VISTO. "The money will go to help buy food for the

emergency food bank and the Back Pack Buddy program.

"We can buy food for significantly less than the public can. For example, I just bought five cases of chickens for \$7.50 per case, and peanut butter for 18¢ a jar."

The Back Pack Buddy program helps make sure some Cooke County school children and their siblings don't go hungry over the weekend during the school year. "We're in almost every school in the County providing supplemental nutrition assistance to over 700 children a week," says Ms. Baldwin.

This year, there will be themed Party Baskets for sale at the event, including baskets containing everything you need for your Super Bowl party, for your Valentine's Day sweetheart, a movie night, and many others. These baskets are generously donated by local businesses and organizations. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the luncheon or to make donations.

VISTO also announced that its third annual "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader" fundraiser scheduled for Monday, April 12. The event will again be held at North Central Texas College at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information, call 668-6403.



CASA Board member and flapper for the event, Rosie White, hangs it up with Cooke County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Coberly. Celebrity servers for "Justice will be Served" include law enforcement officers, judges, and local elected officials. Tickets for the event are available at the CASA office (665-2244). Courtesy photo

## Justice to be served - flapper style for CASA

CASA is feverishly preparing for this year's "Justice is Served" dinner scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6. This is the fifth year that CASA will be serving up the finest of fare with the help of very important people, CASA's "celebrity servers" who include the District Judge and other very important and influential officials who are a part of the local justice system.

This year's theme is "flap-pin" back to the 20's" and will take those who attend back to the jazz era of the speak-easy and bathtub gin. "We've had a lot of fun putting this one together," said Vicki Robertson, CASA's executive director. "We're looking forward to an evening with a great dinner served up by our own local officials, who care

enough about CASA's children to roll up their sleeves and come help us raise money to keep our work for the little ones going."

There are a few tickets for the event remaining. Tickets are \$55 per person and include dinner, drinks, live entertainment, and a raffle ticket for the luxury weekend at the Adolphus that CASA is giving away at the event. For tickets or more information, call 665-2244.

CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, is a non-profit organization that recruits volunteers to represent the interests of children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect.

The ideals which have lighted me on my way and time after time given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. . . The ordinary objects of human endeavour -- property, outward success, luxury -- have always seemed to me contemptible. Albert Einstein

## Replica of coffin used to show President Lincoln brings history to Cooke County

A replica of the coffin in which President Abraham Lincoln is buried will be on display at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. It is one of five replicas made 10 years ago by the Batesville Casket Company of Indiana. The coffin was built on the only known surviving 1865 photograph of the one in which President Lincoln is shown lying in state.

Four of the five coffin replicas travel the nation for display at funeral homes, and the fifth remains as part of the permanent collection at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois.

President Lincoln's coffin was the most elaborate of that time. It was constructed of solid walnut, lined with lead, and completely covered in expensive black cloth. It was six feet, six inches long and was decorated with sterling silver handles and sterling silver studs extending the entire length of its sides. Though the coffin appears austere compared to modern caskets, the original was custom made for the president and featured a removable two-part top and a lead lining. The replica does not contain lead. The distinction between a coffin and a casket is that a coffin has six sides (diamond shaped) and a casket has four sides.

The coffin played prominently in a plot by thieves to steal the President's body. In 1876, when a counterfeiting ring's top engraver was imprisoned, his gang decided to break into the tomb and

steal the body. They planned to hold Lincoln for a ransom of \$200,000 in gold and the freedom of the engraver. As the coffin was being removed from the tomb, the plot was foiled when lawmen made their move.

In 1900, President Lincoln's son Robert was afraid that more attempts to steal the President's body would be made. He decided that the new burial chamber was inadequate and plans were made to permanently protect the President from any future attempts to enter the grave. It was during this time of construction that the coffin of President Lincoln was opened. A select few had the opportunity to view the body of President Lincoln one last time. The reasoning for this was to ensure that previous attempts to steal the body of the President were not successful. It was determined that the body in the coffin was indeed that of the President. His appearance had not changed much since that of his original burial in 1865.

On Sept. 26, 1901, President Lincoln was then permanently buried. The coffin was placed in a cage 10 feet deep and encased in 4,000 pounds of concrete. At last, President Lincoln was at rest.

It is estimated that one million people viewed President Lincoln's body from the time of his death until his burial in Springfield. He also had the distinction of having the largest funeral throughout the world, until President John F. Kennedy's death in 1963.

It could be said that Lincoln's death triggered the beginning of the modern day funeral service. President Lincoln was the first public figure to be embalmed and put on view for almost three weeks. The embalming technique used on President Lincoln was primarily used on soldiers who died during the Civil War and needed to be transported home for burial. Being able to view the body for extended periods of time without being iced was the precursor for the modern day funeral service. People at that time thought embalming was a barbaric violation of the body, but Lincoln's funeral had changed that perception.

The replica of Lincoln's coffin is at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home, and will be on display Feb. 16 to 23. There is no admission fee. Groups of 10 or more require an appointment by calling 940-665-3455.

## Scotland KCs to hold annual German Sausage Meal

The Scotland Knights of Columbus, Council #1715 will hold their annual German Sausage Meal on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Scotland Knights of Columbus Hall located 15 miles South of Wichita Falls on U.S. Highway 281.

The sausage meal is an all-you-can-eat dinner that includes homemade German sausage, sauerkraut with sparerib meat, and all the trimmings, plus coffee or tea and a homemade dessert. Adult tickets are \$10 and children under 12 are \$5.

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# CHAMBER

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Matt Sicking takes over duties of Chamber president. Deborah Wood photo

Harold Flusche, treasurer. Kirk Klement was presented a plaque for his leadership as president of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce for 2008 and 2009. It was presented by Vice President Carolyn McPherson.

Wayne Klement was master of ceremonies for the evening. Sacred Heart Pastor Fr. Ken Robinson gave the invocation. Guests were welcomed by Muenster Mayor John Pagel.

Outgoing President Kirk Klement reviewed new businesses and other happenings in 2009. They included: Dr. Stephen Jones opening a family practice in Muenster; Walterscheid Meat (now Muenster Meat) selling to Alexis Naranjo; Nortex

Communications celebrated 100 years; Randy and Danny Proffer opened Proffer Auto; Universal Machining completed 17,500 sq. ft. building; Germanfest broke 2008 record; Cooke County Electric Co-op begins 44,500 sq. ft. building for offices and warehouse storage; Muenster PC Repair opened by Michael Beaubien; Rodney Knabe Auto Repair opened; Amy Hess and Kelly Green open All Things Beautiful; Knabe Tire purchased by Joel and Jon Schilling; Keep Muenster Beautiful received Gold Sustained Excellence for 2009 and is eligible for the \$90,000 2011 Governor's Achievement Award; Michael Gehrig opened Gehrig, Inc.; new cafetorium com-

pleted by Muenster ISD; Solaris Home Health opened office in Muenster; Nortex finished fiber optics to Muenster homes; Jerry Hess Operating completed new office and is working on new shop; City drilled new water well; MMH Home Health moved to office on Division Street; David Jones opened West Texas IT Service in Old Theater Mall; Muenster Water District received grant to build boat ramp and parking area; Jami Flusche and Shelly Trubenbach open Sassafras; Muenster Industrial Foundation purchased 28 acres for Industrial Park; Red River Rumble, Community Garage Sale, Open Car Show, and Gold Tournament all set new records for en-

tries. Businesses and organizations decorating a table were Arché Wines, Ancient Ovens, Chamber of Commerce, Cooke County Electric, Cooke County United Way, First State Bank/Muenster, Fischer's Market, Girlfriends, Keep Muenster Beautiful, Klement Ford, Muenster Antique Mall, Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Muenster Historical Commission, Muenster State Bank, Nortex Communications, Prosperity Bank, Sassafras, Town and Country, Turtle Hill Golf Course, and Weinhof Winery. Harold and Jeannine Flusche served as banquet chairmen. Rohmer's Restaurant catered the event.



Muenster Chamber Vice-President Carolyn McPherson presents outgoing Chamber President Kirk Klement with a plaque of appreciation at the Chamber Banquet. Deborah Wood photo

# ROHMER

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ized that I am not an artist. I thought of how my children are the ones I have to form to be beautiful in God's sight. But unlike the potter, I dare not fail—my children will exist forever and ever through all eternity. 'Help me, God. I need all the help I can get,' was my thought. When I come before St. Peter, I want to be able to say, 'I tried my best.'

During the 35 continuous years she had children attending Sacred Heart, Imelda was always ready to address any need she might see or answer any call. Although Imelda does not recollect having done anything out of the ordinary during her record-setting years as a Sacred Heart School parent, the true extent of her service is suggested by words written by then Sacred Heart Home & School Society secretary, Peggy Sicking Sparkman, in *Muenster, Texas: A Centennial History*:

"Imelda Rohmer was given an award at the last meeting of the year for the 1987-88 Sacred Heart Home and School Society in recognition of her support through the years. She has been a member since its inception in 1956 and had been an active Room Mother for three years prior to that.

"In reviewing the minutes of all meetings of the past, it becomes obvious that if serving the society had been a paying job, Imelda Rohmer

would probably have qualified for Social Security on those hours alone."

Today, 29 years later, Imelda is still devoted to the welfare of Sacred Heart Catholic School. Some days might find her preparing student lectors to proclaim God's Word. For sure, each and every day, the school, its teachers, and its students are blessed with her prayers. The most vivid demonstration of her dedication, of course, are the untold hours she devotes to the school's flowerbeds, an especially demanding task in the hot, dry summer months.

Although she does not recall how many years ago she first took on this labor of love, Imelda does remember the beds filled with weeds a foot tall. She relates: "I thought to myself, 'This looks so bad! It just can't be this way,' and I had to do something. This was a little thing I am able to do to help out those who are teaching and working here."

Besides her work at school, Imelda shares her time and energy for the benefit of others in untold ways. A former member of the Stewardship Committee and longtime Eucharistic

minister, she continues her service as a lector, greeter, and member of the Liturgy Committee, for which she is responsible for the ministry of lecturing. In addition, she serves as president of the St. Ann's Society, scheduler and a leader for Monday evening Marian devotions, treasurer for Muenster's Social Concerns Committee, and supporter of Keep Muenster Beautiful. Hers is also a long history of care giving, ever selflessly tending to a family member, neighbor, or friend in need. In 2008, the Muenster Jaycees recognized her life's work of service to her community by honoring her with its Outstanding Citizen award.

With her many involvements, why does this lady, at 83 years of age, still devote so much time and energy to Sacred Heart Catholic School? Her answer: "I feel we have been so blessed by God to have been able to have our school for over a hundred years. From all that God has done for and through the school throughout its history, I think that God wants us to keep it."

"Then too, when we think about our country, how do we know what's ahead? Will

we always be able to speak about God, our beliefs, values, and morals as we want to? I think and pray, too, about our kids today going out into the world, how they need to be prepared with religious training in so many areas, to know what their Catholic faith and life is all about, because there is so much in the world against it."

While watering, weeding, or planting flowers at school, or even praying in church, Imelda has frequently been the first person to offer a bright smile and welcoming words to new families visiting Sacred Heart School, something they always remember.

While there are few things Imelda enjoys more than flowers and beautifying God's good earth, she does regret she no longer has the strength or the resources to give the beds the overhaul they need. She is most appreciative of the generosity of people such as Helen Whitecotton of Whitecotton Nurseries, who has donated so many flowers, and other adults and students who have donated their time and energy and do the most strenuous gardening tasks.



Muenster Drilling's table, above, won Judge's Choice 3rd place and Sassafras' table, below, won People's Choice 4th place. Deborah Wood photos



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## Walterscheid wins MISD Spelling Bee

On Thursday, Jan. 21, Muenster ISD students from fourth through eighth grades participated in the school Spelling Bee. The local contest was held in the MISD Cafetorium full of spectators. A tough competition left Kimber Walterscheid, a 6th grader, to win with the championship word infatuation. In a tight second was 6th grader Claire Schneider, and close behind was 2nd

runner-up Morgan Eldridge, 5th grader.

Also receiving recognition were the "Top Spellers." These included the top three: Walterscheid, Schneider, and Eldridge, as well as Brennan Binder, Mason Davis, Eland Green, Reid Gilbert, Darrell Hermes, Reagan Weger, Macie Pagel, and Sterling Walterscheid.

Kimber will compete in

the County competition on Feb. 16 in the Muenster ISD Cafetorium at 2:30 p.m. The Cooke County champion will participate in the Regional competition, sponsored by *The Dallas Morning News*, on March 20. The winner of the Regional competition will then advance to Washington, D.C., where he or she will compete in the 82nd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in May.

## Bartush wins SHCS Spelling Bee

Students in grades four through eight competed in the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Sacred Heart School champion was Chris Bartush, eighth grade son of Paul and Beth Bartush. Chris correctly spelled the word "infatuation" in the final round of competition.

Two students remained in the semi-final round. Sara Davidson, eighth grade daughter of Barbara Davidson, missed the spelling of "fallacy," while sixth-grader Ethan Henry, son of Will and Noelle Henry, incorrectly spelled the word "rutabaga."

Chris will advance to the County Championship to be held at Muenster Public School on Feb. 16. The winner of this competition will represent Cooke County in the Scripps National Spelling Bee to be televised on Saturday, March 20.



Taking top honors in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Spelling Bee were, from left, Sara Davidson, Champion Chris Bartush, and Ethan Henry. SHCS photo

## Lunch Menus

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Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/white gravy, corn, peaches.

Wed. - Chicken noodle soup, ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, oranges, crackers, cookies.

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

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, applesauce, ice cream.

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Mon. - Chicken fajita hoagies w/trimmings, potato wedges, apples.

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

Wed. - Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, bread.

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

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trim-

ming, oven fries, oranges.

LINDSAY ISD  
Mon. - Chicken crispsitos w/cheese sticks, pinto beans, Spanish rice, mixed fruit.

Tues. - Barbecue on a bun, pickle wedges, potato chips, fresh fruit.

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

Thurs. - Nachos supreme w/taco meat, refried beans, peaches.

Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

ERA ISD  
Mon. - Sloppy joes, potato wedges, pickles, fruit mix, chocolate chip cookie.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, roll, applesauce.

Wed. - Pizza sticks, marinara sauce, corn, tossed salad, pears.

Thurs. - Oven baked breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, applesauce.

Fri. - Beef stroganoff, green beans, breadstick, peaches, ice cream.

## Celebrating Catholic Schools Week



On Tuesday, Feb. 2, Sacred Heart Catholic School students invited their parents and grandparents to share lunch with them. This is part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration this week. Pictured clockwise from left, above - Connor Vogel, Janet Vogel, Nolan Vogel, Emma Bayer, Regina Pels, and Linda Becker; below - Darren Bindel, Bailey Walterscheid, Morgan Hesse, Mackenzie Mason, and Merrett Jones. Janet Felderhoff photo



## Naval academy accepts applications for STEM program

Applications are being accepted Feb. 1 through April 1 for the United States Naval Academy (USNA) Summer STEM Program 2010. STEM is held in three sessions: June 7-12, June 14-19, and June 21-26.

The Academy's Summer STEM Program is an overnight academic camp designed for rising 8th-11th grade students in good academic standing who have an interest in math and science.

The STEM Program gives students the opportunity to experience real-life applications of math and science principles through hands-on practical learning. Students will learn from distinguished Naval Academy professors in world-class lab facilities

See STEM at far right

## Era ISD kicks off Hornets for Haiti fundraiser

Students at Era ISD have committed to raising \$15,000 to aid in the relief effort in Haiti. One hundred percent of the money collected will be given to the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund. Students are asking friends, neighbors, and relatives to help contribute. They are digging into their own piggy banks. They are planning bake sales, walks, and other events to help raise the funds. Red collection boxes have been placed in several areas around campus and at local restaurants, gas stations, and other locations. Donations are also being mailed to the school.

"We keep hearing all these stories about people giving money to Haiti and we just wanted to do our part to help," said Junior and Yearbook Editor-in-Chief Emily Eckles. "We are asking the whole community to get involved. We have already raised over \$1,000, but this is just the beginning," said Senior and FCCLA President Erin LaMere. "And we want

to challenge businesses and other schools to do the same thing."

Superintendent Jeremy Thompson said, "Our students and our community have always been very giving and service-oriented. This fundraiser project with its lofty goal is a pretty natural result of the attitude of our students."

When Autry Hardy, Era Elementary principal, and Jereme Dietz, Era Secondary principal, got wind of the idea they were thrilled. "I think the students and staff are very excited about this project. It is opportunities like this that allow our kids to grow by giving and learn by helping," said Hardy.

"I couldn't be more proud of the students and teachers of Era High School for organizing this fundraiser. The students here never cease to amaze me with their compassion for fellow human beings; whether they are students walking the same halls of the high school, or people they have never met

halfway around the world," Mr. Dietz said.

Please mail donations to Era ISD, ATTN: Hornets for Haiti, FM 922 Hornet Drive, PO Box 98, Era, TX 76238.

## STEM .cont. from left

that provide a unique learning environment outside the traditional classroom. The Academy's current students, known as midshipmen, help run the Summer STEM Program and act as camp counselors and tutors to students.

Students and parents with questions about the Summer STEM Program and the application process should call (410)293-1858 or visit [www.usna.edu/admissions](http://www.usna.edu/admissions). The deadline for applications is April 1.

Applicants will be notified of their application status in the month of May.

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# SPORTS

## Muenster, Lindsay, and Collinsville football district joined by Valley View, Chico, and Petrolia

The Texas Universal Interscholastic League (UIL) has announced the new realignments for Texas high school athletic competition. UIL adjusts the state's some 1300 school districts every two years, shuffling teams to new districts and some into new classes.

Taking school districts enrollments in October, the UIL begins to align the districts by population. The count for 2010-12 was: Class 5A - 2,065 and up; 4A - 990 to 2,064; 3A - 430 to 989; 2A, 200 to 429; 1A - 199 and below; 6-man football - 99.9 and below.

For the record, in 1976, Class B enrollment was set at 124 and under. Class A rose to 134 in 1986, 149 in 1996, and 194 in 2006.

New this session was a

complete Division split in Class A and AA to separate small and large schools for more equal competition. In 1A 11-man football, the division is 150.5.

Muenster, Lindsay, and Collinsville remain together in Division I Region II District 5. They are joined by Petrolia, and Chico and Valley View, who both dropped down from 2A.

Blue Ridge was placed in District 6 which includes Wolfe City and Celeste, while Era moved into Region III, Division II, District 11 along with Savoy, Cumby, Dallas Gateway, and Detroit. Also dropping into small Region II, District 8 is Archer City, Windthorst, Electra, Perrin, Whitt, and Munday.

In the state of Texas, 16 1A schools moved up to 2A,

while 14 2A districts dropped to 1A. In 1A, there are 382 basketball schools, 167 11-man football teams, and 130 6-man football teams.

Local teams, for the 2010 season, can begin conditioning on Aug. 2, with the first day of contact Aug. 6, first scrimmage Aug. 14, and first play date Aug. 26. The schools have 11 weeks to play 10 games.

In basket ball, girls practice can begin Oct. 20, boys Oct. 27. First games can start Nov. 8 and Nov. 15.

Other Cooke County schools and placements are: Callisburg in Class 2A, Division I with Boyd, Howe, Paradise, Ponder, and Pottsboro; Gainesville in Class 3A, District 9 with Pilot Point, Sanger, Whitesboro, Aubrey, and Argyle.



Tigerette Karli Anderle (33) gains control of a loose ball in Sacred Heart's District win over Harvest Tuesday night. Janie Hartman photo

## Muenster adds wins to District record; Lady Hornets clinch Championship

The battle of the Hornets took place last Friday night in Muenster. Despite the freezing weather and snowfall, fans packed the gym to support their Hornet teams. The games started early, with the JV games cancelled because of the weather.

The Red and White Lady Hornets of Muenster improved their record to 7-0 in District with a 60-43 win over the Black and Gold.

Taylor Klement was high scorer for Muenster with 22 points. Demi Koelzer added 13, Lia Heers 8, Lana Heers 7, Shaina Felderhoff 6, Allison Pagel 3, and Emily Hellman 1.

The Muenster Hornets, in their first District match with the Era Hornets, came out on top with a 55-36 victory.

Eric Hellman led all scorers with 23 points. Scott Porter added 13, Garrett Walterscheid 8, Jason Luke 6, Josiah Flaming 3, and Tyler Anderle 2. The win improved Muenster's District record to 3-2.

**M** 16 19 14 11 60  
**E** 11 14 8 10 43

On Tuesday, Muenster traveled to Lindsay to continue District competition, with both Muenster varsity teams coming home victorious. The win for the Lady Hornets clinched the District Championship with an 8-0 record. The girls still face Petrolia and Archer City to finish conference play before advancing to the playoffs.

At Lindsay, the Lady Hornets won 51-42, with a stronger 2nd half than the 1st.

T. Klement led the point

making with 18. Felderhoff added 8, Koelzer 7, Lana Heers 6, Jackie Klement 5, Pagel 4, and Lia Heers 3.

Scoring for the Lady Knights were Kristen Martin and Jessica Block with 10 points each. Cammi Neu added 7, Bethani Eberhart 6, Katie Nortman, Katie Dieter, and Allison Metzler 3 apiece.

"It was a very physical game. I could not be more proud of the girls, they fought until the very end. They definitely showed a lot of heart and a lot of pride," noted Lindsay Coach Don Neu. "We still have two games remaining and I know they will play

hard until it is over."

**M** 8 12 19 12 51  
**L** 10 12 14 6 42

After a cold shooting 1st period, the Hornets picked up the pace to tie the game at half, then out-score the Knights 5 points for the 42-37 Muenster victory.

Hellman and Luke each scored 15 points for the Hornets. Porter added 7, Anderle 3, and Walterscheid 2.

Lindsay's scoring was led by Thomas Rohmer with 15. Dax Fleitman added 10, Colton Hermes 7, Madison Parkhill 3, and Justin Anderle 2.

**M** 4 14 11 13 42  
**L** 9 9 5 14 37



Lady Hornet Lana Heers (12) dishes the ball to a teammate for a 2 point play against Lindsay Tuesday night. The victory clinched the District Championship for the Muenster girls, District Champs two years straight. Scott Wood photo

## Sacred Heart takes District wins over Calvary and Harvest; Tigers clinch District Championship

On Friday, the Sacred Heart varsity basketball teams traveled to Denton for District play against Calvary. Both teams brought home one-sided victories.

The Tigerettes jumped into an early lead and never looked back, taking a 50-27 win, but lost Raynee Hogan and Rebekah Hesse to injuries. "We're not sure as to when they will return," Coach Jon LeBrasseur commented.

Kristin LeBrasseur was high scorer in the game with 17 points and six assists. Karli Anderle added 11, with

five steals. Sydney Hoedebeck and Kelsey Reeves both scored 8, with Hoedebeck pulling down nine rebounds. Madeline Hanson and Taylor Reiter rounded out the score with 3 points each.

**SH** 18 12 17 3 50  
**DC** 4 7 10 6 27

The Tigers started their game with Calvary scoring 38 points the 1st half, while allowing their host only 2 on their way to a 72-24 win.

"Plenty of bench play in this one," said Coach Jon. "We are almost back to full strength."

John Krawietz led the Tigers on the scoreboard with 15 points. Kyle Knabe and Kevin Kulle each added 11. David Miller scored 9, JaeKook Im 8, Garrett Berend and Matt Hesse 6 each, Patrick Mojica 4, and Greyson Evans 2.

Berend also had 10 rebounds, Mojica six steals, and Evans and Kulle 7 assists each.

On the down side, Chad Henscheid tore his ACL and will miss the remainder of the season.

**SH** 26 12 12 22 72  
**DC** 2 0 14 8 24

"We played the best half of basketball we have played all season," noted Coach Jon on the Tigerette 72-39 victory over Harvest Tuesday night. "Our defense was outstanding and offensively we crashed the boards and moved the ball."

LeBrasseur burned the boards with 26 points. Reeves added 12 points with seven assists and six steals. Anderle added 10 with 10 rebounds. Hoedebeck and Devan Henry each scored 9 and Kaitlin Hesse 6.

**SH** 25 20 20 7 72  
**H** 4 7 12 16 39

An 80-44 win over Harvest clinched the District Championship for the Tigers. "We are almost back to full strength," said Coach Jon.

Leading the scoring in the game were Kulle and Krawietz with 24 and 22 points. Knabe added 13, Mojica 12 (with nine assists), Berend 4, Miller 3, and Im 2.

Defensively, Im had four steals, while Knabe and Kulle together pulled down 25 rebounds.

**SH** 23 26 16 15 80  
**H** 13 10 8 13 44

This Friday in the Tiger Den, the Sacred Heart squads will host Abilene Christian. The Tigers (7-0) have claim to the District title, and the Tigerettes (5-0) are looking to take the title with a win over Abilene. It will be "Jam the Gym Night" and all fans are asked to wear red. Girls tip at 6, followed by the boys at 7:30.

### TABC BASKETBALL RANKING

**GIRLS**  
The Lady Hornets of Muenster are back on the top 10 1A, Division I girls basketball teams of the state listed as #9. Wellington tops the list, followed by Sudan, Anton, and Gruver.  
The Sacred Heart Tigerettes are ranked 5th in the private small schools division.

**BOYS**  
The Sacred Heart Tigers moved up to #7 in the small private schools division.  
The Panthers of Saint Jo are on the list as #22 in 1A Division II.

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Muenster KC Free Throw Champions - from left, front - Kason Reeves, Alana Endres, Amanda Aldridge, Roy Endres, Bailey Klement; back - Mason Binder, Kevin Flusche, Karleigh Reeves, Payton Sanders, Brandon Hennigan. Courtesy photo

## KC FREE THROW CHAMPIONS

Five boys and five girls from Muenster, ages 10 to 14, were named local champions of the 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level. Muenster Council 1459 sponsored the competition at the Muenster ISD gymnasium Sunday, Jan. 31. All youngsters ages 10 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Bailey Klement was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Roy Endres was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division. In the 11-year-olds' bracket, Amanda Aldridge was the girls' champion and Kason Reeves was the boys' champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Alana Endres and Brandon Hennigan. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Karleigh Reeves and the boys' by Kevin Flusche.

Fourteen-year-old champions were Payton Sanders in the girls' bracket and Mason Binder in the boys'. Each of these winners will compete in the district competition to be held on Sunday, Feb. 7 at Muenster High School with an eye toward moving on to the regional and state levels. Doors will open for registration at 12 noon and the competition will begin at 1 p.m.

## JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

**Lindsay vs Archer City**  
The JV Lady Knights defeated the Lady Cats last Saturday by a score of 50-20. Katie Arendt was Lindsay's leading scorer with 14 points. Taylor Atkins added 12, Lucinda Krahl 10, Jordan Fleitman 8, and Brianne Sandmann 4.

**Muenster vs Lindsay**  
The JV Lady Hornets came up short Tuesday night in Lindsay, giving the Lady Knights a 42-33 victory. Andi Felderhoff led Muenster with 15 points. Michelle Sicking added 5, with Kaly Dangelmayr and Lauren Rohmer each scoring 4. Paige Herr and Shelby Dangelmayr dropped in 2 apiece and Paige Hennigan 1.

Knights were Taylor Atkins 15, Katie Arendt 9, and 6 each by Lucinda Krahl, Mandy Hess, and Jordan Fleitman.  
M 8 5 8 12 33  
L 9 5 11 17 42

In boys action at Lindsay, the JV Hornets pulled out a 36-30 win after out-scoring the Knights 15-5 in the 4th quarter. Blake Grewing led the Hornets with 15 points. Hunter Klement added 7, Landon Presnall 6, Trevor Hess 5, and JJ Horsman 3. Lindsay point makers were led by Connor Fuhrmann with 10 points. Dean Fleitman added 7, Drew Cooney 6, Tanner Kuhn 3, and 2 each by Jace Wann and Dawson Holt.

M 8 7 6 15 36  
L 6 11 8 5 30  
**Sacred Heart vs Harvest**  
The JV Tigers (7-3) ended their season with a 62-39 victory over Harvest Christian Tuesday. "This was the JV's best effort of the season," bragged Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Their effort on the floor was outstanding." Ten Tigers scored points toward the win, led by Josh Biffle with 24. Ryan Felderhoff added 11, John Paul Hesse 7, A.J. Miller, Austin Springer, and Chad Walterscheid 4 apiece, and 2 each by Oman Colemanaro, Austin Aldridge, Michael Weinzapfel, and Isaac Barnhill.  
SH 21 16 12 13 62  
H 2 10 14 13 39

## JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

**Sacred Heart vs Immaculate Conception**  
The "B" Cubs fell to Immaculate Conception School 12-4 on Jan. 25. Ethan Henry and Jason Knabe each scored 2.  
SH 0 4 0 0 4  
IC 4 0 4 4 12

The "A" Cubs pulled out a 28-26 win over ICS. Kason Reeves put 7 points on the board. Hayden Schilling added 6, with Kevin Flusche, Brady Endres, and Isaac Walterscheid each scoring 4, and Tavi Saldana 3.  
SH 9 5 6 8 28  
IC 12 4 4 6 26

The "B" team Lady Cubs brought home a 19-4 victory over the Lady Mustangs Monday. Maddie Green led the scoring with 10 points. Kinzie Hess and Katie Davidson each added 4, and Hannah Hess 1.  
SH 8 2 0 9 19  
SM 1 1 2 0 4

The "A" Cubs couldn't stop the wild Mendez Mustang (29 points), falling to St. Mary's 54-30. Scoring for Sacred Heart were Endres 8, Flusche, Saldana, and Reeves 6 each, and 4 by Schilling.  
SH 7 9 6 8 30  
SM 12 20 4 18 54

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## Junior High District Tournaments this weekend

District 10A Junior High District basketball tournaments began Thursday, Feb. 4 and will conclude Saturday, Feb. 6. It is a single elimination meet. The girls are scheduled to play in Muenster, while the boys compete in Windthorst, with the exception of local teams playing their first round locally.

In the 7th grade girls division, District leaders Lindsay and Windthorst get a bye. Muenster plays Era in round one Thursday.

**Lady Knights are #6 in pre-season poll**  
The Texas Girls Coaches Association has released its pre-season top 10 softball poll. The Lady Knights of Lindsay were placed as the #6 Class 1A team. Leading over Lindsay were Grapeland, Forsan, Colmesneil, Alto, and Iola.

In 7th grade boys, Archer City and Era get the byes, with Muenster facing Lindsay. Muenster and Windthorst girls 8th grade teams get

the first game given to them, while Lindsay faces Era. Muenster and Lindsay 8th grade boys teams earn round one victories. In Saturday's action, all girls games are in Muenster, while the boys travel to Windthorst.

### Lindsay splits games with Era

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, the Lindsay Lady Knights fell for the second time to the Era Lady Hornets by a score of 58-54. "The loss puts us in a tough spot, but I do know that these girls will continue to work and they will keep competing," commented Lindsay Coach Don Neu. Cammi Neu led the team with 16 points, 10 rebounds, and 4 steals. Megan Caillier added 13 points, with Jessica Block scoring 11 including six for six from the line. Katie Dieter dropped in 8 points, Allison Metzler 4, and Kristin Martin 2 along with 10 rebounds. The Knights picked up their first District win by defeating the Hornets 50-41. Game stats were not made available. On Saturday, Lindsay hosted Archer City after Friday's ice storm closed Archer City school and the game was rescheduled. Results from the District contest were not submitted.



District action from the Lindsay vs Archer City games last Saturday, shows above, Lady Knight Cammi Neu (33) turning down court after getting the rebound; and at right - Madison Parkhill (33) getting the shot. Jay Anderle photos



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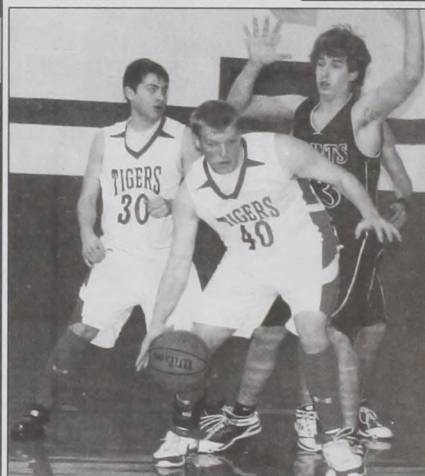




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 c/o: BELVIN R. HARRIS, Attorney at Law, 109 W. California Street, P. O. Box 279, Gainesville, Texas 76240  
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 /s/ BELVIN R. HARRIS  
 Attorney for Christine Louise Mozingo  
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### BIDS

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 Muenster Hospital District ("Seller") will be conducting a sealed bid sale of the real estate and improvements located at 711 West Division, Muenster, Texas ("Property"). This property is the nursing home building and campus known as the Saint Richards Villa. The date the bids will be opened has been extended until Friday, February 12, 2010 in the Administrative offices of Muenster Hospital District; at 12:30 pm. Muenster Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
 This property will be conveyed on an "AS IS" basis; with any and all latent and patent defects and that there is no warranty by Seller that the Property is fit for a particular purpose. Bidders acknowledge that they are not relying upon any representation, statement or other assertion by Seller with respect to the Property condition, but are relying upon their own, independent examination of the Property. The successful bidder shall take the Property under the express understanding that there are no express or implied warranties (except for limited warranties of title which shall be set forth in the closing documents).  
 Interested bidders should contact the Administrative offices of Muenster Hospital District for a bid package which specifies in further detail the required pre-qualifications of bidders and further information regarding the Property. Seller has placed certain deed restrictions on the use of the land by means of the granting of a determinable estate to the winning bidder. These restrictions along with required bidder qualifications will be identified in the bid documents available for review at the Administrative offices of Muenster Hospital District. Sealed bids submitted after 5:00 pm on February 11, 2010 will not be considered.

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Owen Tolar, member of the Muenster FFA, exhibited a first place heifer in the Red Angus Junior Heifer Show at the 2010 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on Jan. 24. Courtesy photo

## Cap & Trade - All pain, no gain for Texas agriculture

Okay, all of you get it by now. I'm not in favor of the cap and trade climate legislation that passed the U.S. House and stalled in the Senate, despite enthusiastic support from the Obama administration. Please let it stall forever. This is more than opposition to a minor inconvenience. This thing, folks, is a pending disaster. Wall Street loves it because it would give them a new market to manipulate, but our current economic situation is no time to impose the largest tax increase in the history of the planet. But while they happily trade carbon credits, the rest of us—including Texas consumers and Texas farmers and ranchers, are going to suffer.

Cap and trade would effectively kill off many industries, including Texas agriculture, the one nearest and dearest to me. Global warming fanatics preach about how climate change will doom agriculture. Don't worry. Cap and trade would kill it off long before high temperatures could do the job. Let's be clear. We could even be talking about losing YOUR job here.

The public is clearly not clamoring for cap and trade

with pitchforks at the gates of the Capitol. According to data compiled by the Pew Research Center, global warming ranks dead last on a list of issues compiled for research. See this link <http://people-press.org/report/584/policy-priorities-2010>

Is global warming a threat? Maybe. Yes or no, I think it makes sense to discharge as little carbon into the atmosphere as we can manage. Why though, can't we do it with tax credits and other incentives? There is exciting new research on clean ethanol—algae, cellulose (wood), and others. Some leaders in the environmental movement are talking again about non-carbon emitting nuclear power. We can even clean up coal power if we fund the research.

Instead, EPA is now telling us that they want to do this by draconian regulatory fiat, imposing the same scary limits, unless we take the bitter medicine of a cap and trade bill.

Well, at least we'll be lowering world temperatures, right? That's the thing. No one who favors cap and trade is even willing to claim that. It will not lower temperatures by even a tenth

of a degree. That's because the world's really big carbon emitters are claiming third world status, arguing that they should not be required to participate in economic suicide. I don't really blame them, but do we trust the Chinese that much? I think it's much more likely that they will burn even more fossil fuels to claim the markets that we surrendered without a fight.

I think it's time this proposal from the lunatic fringe of the environmental movement to die a quick and merciful death. Even if you believe in manmade climate change, let's focus on something that will work. That something is market based solutions with tax incentives and return on investment. Let's reward entrepreneurs and turn them loose to solve whatever problem exists. Sell the solution in markets around the world.

I think the public has this one right. I can hear them yawning whenever it's brought up. Go ahead and drive up the cost of their fuel, food, and nearly everything they buy. I think they might wake up and force those that dreamed this up to pay a heavy political price.

Gene Hall  
Texas Farm Bureau

## January 1 cattle inventory down 1%

All cattle and calves in the United States as of Jan. 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1% below the 94.5 million on Jan. 1, 2009.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1% from the 41.0 million on Jan. 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1% and milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 3%.

- Other class estimates on Jan. 1, 2010, and the change from Jan. 1, 2009, are as follows:
  - All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up slightly.
  - Beef replacement heifers, 5.4 million, down 2%.
  - Milk replacement heifers, 4.5 million, up 2%.
  - Other heifers, 9.7 mil-

lion, up 1%.

- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 2%.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, up slightly.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 14.9 million, up slightly.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.6 million, down 2%.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, down slightly.

**Calf crop down 1%**  
The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1% from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at

26.0 million, down 1% from 2008.

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2008, Jan. 1, 2009, and July 1, 2009 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than 1/2% were made to previously released inventory estimates by class and calf crop.

State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory and calf crop estimates to the U.S. total.

Released Jan. 29, 2010, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, USDA

## Cattle feeding: profitable forage management strategies

It's okay if your cost of production goes up, claims Texas AgriLife Extension Forage Specialist Larry Redmon, as long as your profit margin increases accordingly. However, too many producers are seeing their profits decline or disappear.

At a 2010 Cattle Industry Convention Cattlemen's College® session, Redmon said a primary reason for reduced profitability is that many ranches are overstocked.

"If a rancher is feeding hay in July, it's not a good sign. But I see that happening, particularly in drought-stricken areas," Redmon said. "I would argue that the most important aspect of a forage-based livestock operation is stocking rate."

According to Redmon, one of the reasons that a ranch might be overstocked is increased cattle size. A rancher might be grazing the same number of cattle that Granddad grazed on the same place, but today's cattle are bigger and require more forage than smaller cattle of the past.

Another reason could be that the ranch may be producing less forage due to a lack of soil fertility. This is often true for "improved" grass pastures, Redmon explained. Bermuda grass, for example, was developed to produce a significant volume of forage in response to adequate fertilization. However, as a result of higher fertilizer costs, producers might be using less fertilizer or foregoing fertilization altogether.

"A soil test will tell you what you need. Without a soil test, you may under-apply nutrients that are lacking, or you may over-apply nutrients and waste money," Redmon stated. "And always weigh the cost and benefit. Make sure fertilization will pay."

Redmon said producers may want to consider seeding pastures to alternative forage species that don't require high levels of fertilization. They may not produce the same volume of forage, but input costs will be much lower. Another option for some producers may be to return pastures to native grasses that don't require any fertilization after establishment.

Another reason why ranches may be overstocked is that less grazeable forage is available due to encroachment of weeds and brush. Redmon advised producers to implement control programs noting that such programs still are affordable and cost-effective.

Reminding producers of the adverse effects of overstocking, Redmon said brush and unpalatable species will increase, dominating the plant community, while desirable forage plants decline. Environmental quality is

adversely affected, too, as a result of increased rain runoff from severely overgrazed and denuded pastures. Overstocking also reduces drought resistance of range and pasture plants.

"If you stock your ranch according to the amount of forage produced from average precipitation, you will be overstocked," Redmon stated. "If you stock at 75% of average carrying capacity and graze 40% to 50% of standing forage, you can withstand fluctuations in annual precipitation—except during periods of prolonged drought."

"When that happens, it's often wise to consider selling some cattle or moving cattle to someplace where there is adequate grazing. Otherwise, you end up hurting future forage production, and animal performance is adversely affected unless you provide costly supplemental feed."

Source: American Angus Association

## TDA market recap

For the week ending Jan. 30, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions were mixed, with sales early in the week mostly steady to \$2 per hundredweight higher and later sales steady to \$3 lower. Wet conditions in some areas, wintry weather on the High Plains, lower grain prices, and lower stock markets all impacted the feeder cattle market. Fed cattle prices were near unchanged in spite of lower beef values for the week.

Grain prices were again lower amid ample global supplies and a stronger dollar, which makes U.S. goods more expensive for foreign buyers. Lower crude oil prices and declining stock markets added to the decrease.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle were higher, while fed cattle, cotton, wheat, corn, and lumber were lower. Most of the state received one to five inches of rain during the week, with lighter amounts in south Texas and heavy drifting snow on the High Plains. Topsoil moisture was rated mostly adequate to surplus, though very short conditions remain on the Northern High Plains and Edwards Plateau.

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<b>Feeder Steers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.19-1.32; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.09-1.19; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.11-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.11; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.06-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.06; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-1.05; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 91-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-91; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 88-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 69-88.	<b>Stocker Cows (per head)</b> Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$750-\$970; Medium Frame: \$450-\$750. <b>Cow/Cal Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame:</b> \$950-\$1260; Medium Frame: \$650-\$950. <b>Baby Calves:</b> Holstein: \$35-\$60; Cross Breeds: \$105-\$265.	<b>Ewes (per lb.)</b> Stocker: NT, Thin: NT, Fat: NT. <b>Bucks (per lb.)</b> Thin: NT, Fat: NT. <b>Barbardo (per head)</b> Lambs: \$20-\$40; Ewes: \$50-\$75; Bucks: \$65-\$165. <b>Goats (per head)</b> Kids: 20-35 lbs. \$25-\$50; 35-55 lbs. \$35-\$65; 55-75 lbs. \$50-\$80. <b>Yearlings (per head)</b> 75-120 lbs. \$80-\$120.
<b>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 89-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-89; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.00-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.00; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 92-1.01; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-92; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 89-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-89; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 87-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-87; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 76-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-76.	<b>Barrows &amp; Gilts (per lb.)</b> US #1: 220-270 40-46; US #2: 220-280 35-40. <b>Feeder (per head):</b> 100-175 lbs. 35-75; 25-90 lbs. 25-45. <b>Sows (per lb.)</b> Feeder: 400 or less: 20-40; Light wt.: 400-500 33-40; Med. wt.: 500-600 35-38; Heavy wt.: 600+ 35-38. <b>Boars (per lb.)</b> 300 lb. up 96-97; 200-300 lbs. NT; Light wt. NT.	<b>120 lbs-up</b> Breeders: \$120-\$150; Slaughter: \$90-\$115. <b>Boer Goats (per head)</b> 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: NT; 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: \$100-\$150.

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**FEBRUARY 8 - 14, 2010**

## Weekly Grocery Specials



REG. \$2.99 SIZE <b>Fritos® or Cheetos®</b> 9.25 OZ. <b>2\$4 for</b>	ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Hawaiian Punch</b> GALLON <b>2\$4 for</b>	BLUE BUNNY ASSORTED FLAVORS <b>Ice Cream</b> 56 OZ. SQUARE <b>2\$6 for</b>	ASSORTED FLAVORS BETTY CROCKER <b>Cake Mix</b> 18-18.25 OZ. <b>99¢</b>
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SHURFINE WHOLE <b>Asparagus Spears</b> ..... 15 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$3</b>	SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Skillet Meals</b> ..... 5.6-7.6 OZ. <b>5 FOR \$5</b>
SHURFINE SELECTED VARIETIES CANNED <b>Vegetables</b> ..... 11-15.25 OZ. <b>2 FOR 89¢</b>	LIBBY'S REGULAR OR CHICKEN <b>Vienna Sausage</b> ..... 5 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$1</b>
PICK-A-SIZE <b>Brawny Paper Towels</b> ... 3 ROLL <b>\$2.99</b>	SHURFINE <b>Sugar</b> ..... 4 LB. <b>\$2.00</b>
FRITO-LAY <b>Canned Dips</b> ..... 9 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$4</b>	SHUR SAVING <b>Flour</b> ..... 5 LB. <b>\$1.39</b>
HERSHEY'S ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Valentine Candy</b> ..... 10-11 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$6</b>	SHURFINE ASSORTED <b>Chocolate Chips</b> ..... 11.5 OZ. <b>\$1.50</b>
BETTY CROCKER ASSORTED FLAVORS <b>Cake Frosting</b> ..... 12-16 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$3</b>	IMPERIAL <b>Powdered Sugar</b> ..... 32 OZ. <b>\$1.79</b>
SHURFINE ASSORTED <b>Premium Chocolates</b> ..... 10-12 OZ. <b>\$2.99</b>	SHURFINE <b>Brown Sugar</b> ..... 32 OZ. <b>\$1.50</b>
SHURFINE CLASSIC OR CHEWY <b>Brownie Mix</b> ..... 19.8-21.5 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$3</b>	ASSORTED CHILI, TACO, & FAJITA <b>Shurfine Seasonings</b> ..... 1.25 OZ. <b>4 FOR \$1</b>
ASSORTED VARIETIES VALUE BAG <b>Malt-O-Meal Cereals</b> 15.5-22 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$5</b>	DELMONTE <b>Ketchup</b> ..... 24 OZ. <b>89¢</b>
WELCH'S <b>Grape Jelly</b> ..... 32 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$4</b>	CAMPBELL'S SOUP <b>Cream of Mushroom</b> ..... 10.5 OZ. <b>79¢</b>
SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Popcorn</b> ..... 3 CT. <b>5 FOR \$5</b>	SHUR SAVING <b>Tomato Sauce</b> ..... 8 OZ. <b>4 FOR \$1</b>
DEL MONTE ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Pineapple</b> ..... 15-15.5 OZ. <b>89¢</b>	SHURFINE ASSORTED <b>Cherry Pie Filling</b> ..... 20 OZ. <b>\$1.89</b>
BANQUET ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Homestyle Bakes</b> ..... 22.4-36.8 OZ. <b>\$3.49</b>	DOUBLE ROLLS <b>Cottonelle Tissue</b> ..... 12 ROLLS <b>\$5.99</b>
HUNT'S ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Manwich Sauce</b> ..... 15.5 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$3</b>	SHURFINE <b>Mandarin Oranges</b> ..... 11 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$1</b>
ASSORTED VARIETIES BOTTLES <b>Coca-Cola Products</b> ..... 6 PACK <b>4 FOR \$10</b>	24 PACK <b>Sparklett's Water</b> ..... <b>\$2.99</b>
KELLOGG'S ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Pop-tarts</b> ..... 14-14.7 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$4</b>	MIXED CHUNK <b>Valley Fresh Chicken</b> ..... 10 OZ. <b>\$2.75</b>
SHURFINE AU GRATIN OR SCALLOPED <b>Potato Sides</b> ..... 5.25 OZ. <b>5 FOR \$5</b>	ASSORTED <b>Wishbone Dressing</b> ..... 16 OZ. <b>\$1.99</b>
SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>Stuffing Mix</b> ..... 6 OZ. <b>5 FOR \$5</b>	24 PACK, 12 OZ.



20 PACK, 12 OZ.  
**Coca-Cola**  
**\$4.99**



**Coors or  
Coors Light**  
**\$20.99**

## Fischer's Quality Meats



MARKET CUT  
**Sirloin Steaks** **\$3.99** LB.



PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS  
CENTER CUT  
**Pork Chops** **\$2.79** LB.



FISCHER'S  
**Hot Links** **\$2.59** LB.



PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF <b>Chuck Roast</b> ..... LB. <b>\$2.29</b>	MARKET CUT WISCONSIN <b>Colby Cheese</b> ..... LB. <b>\$2.79</b>
BONELESS, SKINLESS, PREVIOUSLY FROZEN <b>Chicken Breast</b> ..... LB. <b>\$1.99</b>	SHURFINE BONELESS, SKINLESS <b>Chicken Breast</b> ..... 2.5 LB. <b>\$4.99</b>
FISCHER'S <b>Hot Links</b> ..... LB. <b>\$2.59</b>	OWENS REGULAR <b>Sausage Biscuits</b> ..... 12 OZ. <b>\$2.49</b>
FISCHER'S <b>Summer Sausage</b> ..... LB. <b>\$2.79</b>	OWENS <b>Sausage Gravy &amp; Biscuits</b> 13.5 OZ. <b>\$2.39</b>
ALL VARIETIES <b>Owens Sausage</b> ..... 1 LB. <b>\$2.19</b>	POTATO OR MACARONI <b>Reser's Salads</b> ..... 1 LB. <b>\$1.19</b>
SHANK PORTION BONE IN <b>Cook's Ham</b> ..... LB. <b>\$1.39</b>	MARKET SLICED VIRGINIA OR <b>Honey Ham</b> ..... LB. <b>\$3.09</b>
BUTT PORTION BONE IN <b>Cook's Ham</b> ..... LB. <b>\$1.59</b>	PEYTON'S <b>Chorizo Links</b> ..... 1 LB. <b>\$2.89</b>
LAND'O FROST PREMIUM SLICED <b>Luncheon Meats</b> ..... 1 LB. <b>\$2.99</b>	CACIQUE <b>Beef Chorizo</b> ..... 10 OZ. <b>99¢</b>

## Fresh Produce

RED RIPE  
**Strawberries**  
1 LB. PKG.

**\$2.88**



U.S. NO. 1 <b>Russet Potatoes</b> ..... 10 LB. <b>2 FOR \$3</b>	FRESH <b>New Red Potatoes</b> ..... 2 LBS. <b>\$1</b>
LARGE SIZE <b>Roma Tomatoes</b> ..... 8 FOR <b>\$1</b>	FRESH NO. 1 <b>Sweet Potatoes</b> ..... LB. <b>79¢</b>
AMERICAN, EUROPEAN, ITALIAN, OR FIELD GREENS <b>Dole Salad Blends</b> ..... 8-10 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$3</b>	FRESH <b>Baking Potatoes</b> ..... 3 LBS. <b>\$1</b>
FRESH GREEN <b>Asparagus</b> ..... LB. <b>\$1.99</b>	FRESH BUNCH <b>Green Onions</b> ..... 2 FOR <b>\$1</b>
FRESH <b>Green Beans</b> ..... LB. <b>\$1.99</b>	LARGE RED <b>Bell Peppers</b> ..... EACH <b>99¢</b>

## Dairy & Frozen Foods

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
**Birds Eye  
Voila!**  
22-23 OZ. PKG.

**\$3.99**



ASSORTED VARIETIES  
**Minute Maid  
Orange Juice**  
64 OZ.

**2\$5**



HUNGRY-MAN ASSORTED VARIETIES <b>XXL Sandwiches</b> ..... 8 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$5</b>	PILLSBURY CHOC. CHIP OR SUGAR <b>Cookie Dough Rolls</b> ..... 16.5 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$5</b>
GREEN GIANT NIBBLERS <b>Corn on the Cob</b> ..... 6 CT. <b>2 FOR \$3</b>	PILLSBURY REGULAR OR BUTTERFLAKE <b>Crescent Rolls</b> ..... 8 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$4</b>
ASSORTED VARIETIES NON-DAIRY CREAMER <b>International Delight</b> ..... 16 OZ. <b>2 FOR \$3</b>	ASSORTED FLAVORS <b>Shurfine Yogurt</b> ..... 6 OZ. <b>5 FOR \$2</b>

## Health & Beauty Care

SELECTED VARIETIES GEL,  
MOUSSE, OR HAIR SPRAY  
**Suave  
Styling Products**  
9-11 OZ.

**2\$5**



WESTERN FAMILY ASSTD. VARIETIES ANTISEPTIC  
**Mouth Rinse** ..... 33.8 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**

WESTERN FAMILY PEPPERMINT  
**Mouthwash & Gargle** 33.8 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**

WESTERN FAMILY DM

**Tussin** ..... 8 OZ. **2 FOR \$7**

COLGATE SELECTED VARIETIES WAY OR TOTAL

**Toothbrush** ..... 1 CT. **2 FOR \$4**

SELECTED VARIETIES GEL OR INVISIBLE SOLID

**Right Guard Antiperspirant** 2.8-3 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

SELECTED VARIETIES  
**AXE Body Spray** ..... 4 OZ. **\$4.99**

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
**Suave Lotion** ..... 18 OZ. **2 FOR \$6**