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#### Muenster girls win State



Payton Sanders (left) and Karli Anderle had a quick, successful trip to San Antonio two weekends ago. They both competed in the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Contest. Payton and Karli won first at the local level then at both the District and Regional level. The State level competition took place Saturday, March 7 at Antonian College Prep High School. Karli won first place in the 14 year old girls' division, making 21 of 25 free throw shots. Payton won first place in the 13 year old girls' division, also making 21 of 25 attempts. Both girls brought home a trophy and a Knights of Columbus basketball. While this was Karli's last year to be eligible for the competition, Payton will have another shot next year.

## Consequences ripple on to others

By Janet Felderhoff
It was windy, cold, and wet as the Shattered Dreams scene unfolded on the street between the campuses of Muenster ISD and Sacred Heart Catholic School. Such bleak weather might have been a portent of years to come for some involved had the event been a reality.

Students of Muenster High lined the streets watching as first responders and police officers worked a mock accident scene. The event took two years of planning to bring to fruition.

At the scene, eight high school students, Jadi Abner, Noel Barnhill, Allen Fette, Kyle Knabe, Eryn Moody, Sarah Ratliff, Ben Walterscheid, and Sara Walterscheid, acted out various parts. Beer cans and a half empty bottle of liquor thrown into the

at what led to the accident. Terrified accident victims screamed and wept, sirens pierced the air. Taking part in the "rescue" action were Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall and Officer James Elliott, DPS Troopers Mitch Westervelt and Robert Fuller, Cooke County EMS personnel, Care Flite, and McCoy Funeral Home.

In the portrayal, one teen died at the scene, one was left paralyzed, others were injured and traumatized.

A video, shown in the MISD cafetorium to the students following the street

The intoxicated manslaughter charge is a second degree felony. With a conviction, one can spend from up to 20 years, but not less than two

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years.

In the scene of the wake
for "victim" Sara at McCoy Funeral Home, Sacred
Heart Pastor Fr. Ken Robinson reflects on how such
an "accident" changes lives.
"We can never be the same
again," he said. "This tragic
accident has brought pain
and sorrow to all of us. Some
will never get beyond this
pain and this sorrow....It is
our responsibility to remember the tragic consequences
of drinking and driving and
to pass that information on
so accidents like this never
happen again.

"This tragic decision sends
ripples through our community. It is like a stone tossed

See DREAMS, pg. 6

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#### Muenster ISD rehires 42 to staff

By Janie Hartman

The Muenster ISD Board renewed 42 staff contracts and accepted three resignations at the March 11 meeting. Leaving the District will be J. Kip Holloway, Bradley Giles, and Felicia Bells.

Allen Cross had his athletic director contract renewed as did the following members of the staff: KaTina Bartel, Becky Felderhoff, Danna Hess, Stephanie Krebs, Carolyn Lutkenhaus, Gynell Oppermann, Carmen Reiter, Molly Sicking, Lisa Walterscheid Darlene Williams, Sabrina Truebenbach, Jill Reiter, Beth Saucer, Kim Budish, Lisa Pagel, Amy Anderle, Dianne Endres, Deb Klement, Cheryl Presnall, Bernadette Otto, Debra Sicking, Carol Cross, Cicily Waneck, Jennifer Walterscheid, Deanna Hellman, Kay Hickey, Vicki Eldridge, Martha Koesler, Nancy Perryman, Joni Sturm, Daniel Waneck, Kristi Schneider, Marlene Fisher, Deanna Miller, Rhonda Boelen, Amy Huchton, Fred Staugh, JB. Gray III, Jeff Presnall, Jason Atcheson, Amy Binder.

The Board approved the school calendar for the 2009-10 school year. The first day of classes will be Aug. 24, with graduation scheduled for May 28. Holidays include Labor Day, Sept. 7; Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 and 27; Christmas, Dec. 21 through Jan. 1; and Spring Break, March 15 through 19. There are two bad weather days - April 2 and May 14.

An election for May 9 was called for places 5, 6, and 7, now held by Jim Endres, Ronnie Felderhoff, and Steve Trubenbach (see related story in last week's Muenster Enterprise).

No action was taken to renew the contract with Sivells Bend ISD. Delinquent tax collection for February was not available.

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An updated report on construction was given. The cafetorium has passed all inspections, and once all the utensils, tables, and chairs arrive, the new building will be occupied. The District is waiting on an estimate to cover the remaining walkways, and the Ag Center is complete.

Reports:

Elementary - Students in Grades K-6 raised \$7,222 for the American Heart Association in the "Jump Rope for Heart Day." Eighth grader Brooke Walterscheid will compete March 21 in the Dallas Morning News Spelling Bee. Pre-K registration week is April 6-10. Kindergarten registration will be April 8. Seventy-eight percent of the elementary students were on the six weeks honor rolls.

Junior High/High School - "I was very impressed with our See MISD, pg 3

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## ABBA holds annual fundraiser

By Janie Hartman

An estimated 400 people attended the ABBA (All Babies Born Alive) Women's Center's Annual Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction last Saturday, March 14 in Centennial Hall in Lindsay. Master of ceremonies was Bill Black, ABBA Board Chairman.

A moving moment in the program was a client testimony by Katie Moore, mother of "ABBA baby" Austin. Katie told her story of a young pregnant girl, afraid to talk to her parents. She went to ABBA, and after her first visit knew abortion was not an option. "ABBA made me feel so loved. It was really nice what they did for me," Katie told the crowd. Her parents Tim and Robbie Moore and her grandparents George and Novella Rosson were there to support her. Austin's great-grandmother Novella added that she went to ABBA to thank them for the support given to her family and to make a donation to the Second Chance Store of clothing she no longer needed since she recently retired. "I walked out with a volunteer pack and they never got those clothes. I'm wearing them at my new job at ABBA," Novella commented. Katie was presented a dozen red roses to celebrate the gift of life. The rose is a national Pro-Life symbol.

Fr. Ken Robinson, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic

Church, was the guest speaker, noting that a spark of the divine lives in all of us. "You can't just be opposed to something, but be for something. Never be simply anti-abortion, but be in favor of life." He added, "There are those willing to stand with those who are in need. That's what this group (ABBA) does."

Eddie Ramsey, pastor of Myras First Baptist Church, gave the invocation, and Pastor Ralph Gourley of Muenster First Baptist Church, gave the benediction. A barbecue dinner was served by Miss Olivia's Catering, assisted by Rita McCreary, hospitality coordinator, County Extension Agent Phyllis Griffin, and Cooke County 4-H Club members who assisted in serving. The Copper Canyon Blue Grass Band from Lewisville provided music entertainment to finish up the meal.

A silent auction of over 100 items added to the fundraiser, along with 13 door prizes given away.

Sandee Feyereisen, ABBA executive director, added a few statistics about the Women's Center. She noted that client visits rose from 869 in 2005, to 4,552 in 2008. "This was an especially blessed year because we are not aware of an ABBA client's baby who was aborted this year. Eighteen scheduled abortion babies were saved this past year."

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Known at the Women's Center as one of their ABBA babies, Austin Moore joined his family at the annual ABBA Women's Center fundraiser. Katie (Austin's mother) told her story how the Center gave her support and guidance through tough times. Also pictured are great-grandmother Novella Rosson (left) and grandmother Rob-ble Moore.



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#### **Obituaries**

#### **Conrad Walterscheid** 1943 - 2009

Mass of Christian Burial for Conrad Francis Walterscheid of Muenster was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 12 at Sacred Heart Church with Fr. Ken Robinson celebrating the Mass. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Conrad died at the age of 65 at 2:40 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2009 at Presbyterian Hospital in Denton.

Denton.

Born Aug. 15, 1943 in Muenster to Conrad and Rosie Kleiss Walterscheid, Conrad grew up there and attended Muenster Public School. He worked for National Supply in Gainesville on the assembly line prior to his employment with Cooke County Precinct #4. He had many different tasks while with the County, including road grading, truck driving, and equipment operation in general. He became disabled in 2001 while working with the County.

Conrad had spent some time in the nursing home and different hospitals since becoming disabled. He loved his family, enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and the outdoors in general.

Survivors include his daughter Tracey Skrivanek and husband Glen of Ennis; sons Aaron Walterscheid of Denton and Nathan Walterscheid of Aubrey; sister Mildred Lawson of Gainesville; brother Bobby Walterscheid of Muenster; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Paula Walterscheid, sister Bernice Mollenkopf, and brothers Earl, Ervin, Donny, Tommy, and Herbie Walterscheid.

Pallbearers were Mark Mollenkopf, Mike Walterscheid, Plamian Walterscheid, Jimmy Lawson, and Joey Walterscheid.

Honorary pallbearers were Chris Hammons, Ran-lal Hammons, and Michael Hammons

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Assisting Fr. Ken during the funeral Mass were altar servers Kendi Bayer, Claire Schneider, and Hayden Schilling. Donna Endres gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Connie Grewing. Terri Klement read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory Gifts were brought up by Mildred

ENTERPRISE SUBSCRIPTION RATES



Conrad Walter

Lawson and Bobby Walterscheid. Eucharistic ministers were Kristi Schneider, Jeannine Bayer, Willie Fisher, Annette Anderle, and Charlotte Klement.

Music ministers were Christy Hesse and Linda Flusche. Sacred songs included "On Eagles Wings," "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," "You Are Mine," "We Remember." "Songs of the Angels." and "Amazing Grace."

Kim Felderhoff gave the remarks of remembrance. She said, in part, "...As a child he worked on the family farm. Living in the country is what made him so fond of outdoor life... The joys of fatherhood were evident in the time he and Tracey spent together. She enjoyed fishing trips, time at the garden, and just hinging out with her dad. Aaron was his little shadow. Everywhere he was, Aaron wasn't far behind. He was a great father to him... Sunday morning church service and occasional trips to Muenster were some things Nate looked forward to doing with Jr...

"Every chance he had he could be found with a fishing pole in his hand, a water hose in his garden, or just sitting in the backyard... He was a joyful person. He always could be found with a grin on his face... He would always go out of his way to help people and make them feel loved..."

A Rosary/Vigil was held Wednesday, March 11 at the funeral home, led by Fr. Ken.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Love Fund at Muenster State Bank. Prosperity Bank, and First State Bank.

#### Letters to the Editor

If Americans remain silent
By Sheila Cox
"IT' is a tury word that totes a tremendous impact. Any selected action will produce consequences will either work for, or against, our best interests.

If the slippery slope into the abyss of American commic problems is not remedied soon, then we may not be able to extricate ourselves. The oppressive weight of the Stimulus Debt that our elected officials in Washington have already placed our shoulders is also shaced to the shoulders of our children, their children, and their children's children. In warnings issued by may of a surface the shoulders of our children's children. In warnings issued by may offer they show the states of the control of the stimulus pebt that bets our recovery in the shoulders of our children's children. In warnings issued by may offer they show the states of the existing debt estimate of \$80,000 per each American household that will have to be repaid through taxes paid by taxpayers. China, the primary lender for most of our country's debt, is beginning to voice concern that we are now too deep in debt, and officials in China have been reported to call Americans "dead-beat" debtors. More than name calling, lender attitude is the larger problem. If our fingers pont to call the states, "If misbehaving children do not hear from home, then they tend to not turn away from their wayward path. Much like unruly children do not hear from home, then they tend to not turn away from their wayward path. Much like unruly children do not hear from home, then they tend to not turn away from their wayward path, and a control the states of the states

governmental control. Our elected officials in Washington need to hear from those of us here at home. We need to thank those who are serving us honorably, but on the other hand, to the others we need to let them know that we are aware of unacceptable behavior. We need to remind them all that any adding of debt while we are so deep in financial crisis will not only hinder financial recovery, it may even make our recovery impossible. We need to remind them of the oath of office they took with their hand on the Holy Bible while they swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

If we honor God's principles in the manner that our founding fathers did, then He will be faithful to extend His blessings on America and He will guide us safely through this economic crisis. In fact, God has already outlined His plan for a "Stimulus Package" for us to follow and that plan is found in 2nd Chronicles, Chapter 7, and Verse 14 which states, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will leat their land."

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#### DAYS GONE BY .....

So YEARS AGO
March 20, 1959
Scoutmaster Nick Miller named Man of the Year at Lions Club banquet. Henry Pels, Jr. appointed to rural carrier job. Muenster State Bank led the County in growth during the past year. Linda Rohmer has appendectomy. Jerry Wimmer

joins Wolf Barber Shop. CDA revives library project and names Mrs. J.M. Weinzapfel as librarian in her home.

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25 YEARS AGO
March 16, 1984
Steven Vogel wins Grand
Champion trophy at local
FFA/4-H livestock show;
Deano Bayer get Reserve
Champion. King Koch elected president of the International Mobile Air Conditioning Association. Obituary:
William "Buck" Knabe, 77.
Thomas Bright earns Military Ski Badge in Norway.
Eight pound bass caught
by John Tamplen north of
Muenster. Linus Fuhrmann
places Grand Champion at
Lindsay FFA livestock show.
Endres Ford featured in
business article.

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By Janet Felderhoff
Commissioners Court officially rescinded the ban on outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of Cooke County. This action was taken at a special called meeting on Feb. 17. Due to a short wet period the week before Feb. 17. Due to a short wet period the week before Feb. 17. He Court took the burn ban off to allow burning of accumulated thrash. Prior to that week, the burn ban had been in effect since November.

Caution when burning is still urged. Rain and warmer days have brought on growth of green grass, but tall dead grass could still be a problem if care is not taken when burning.

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#### Congressman Mac Thornberry

will have a member of his staff available in Muenster to assist area residents with questions or concerns related to federal issues.



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Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.		Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m 6:30 p.m. MMH Board Mtg 7p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1:30 p.m 5:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class 7 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10 a.m 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 29, 2009	Monday, Mar. 30, 2009	Tuesday, Mar. 31, 2009	Wednesday, Apr. 1, 2009	Thursday, Apr. 2, 2009	Friday, Apr. 3, 2009	Saturday, Apr. 4, 2009
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.		10 a.m 6:30 p.m.	Muenster Public Library open 1;30 p.m 5:30 p.m. TDH Immunization Clinic, Cooke Co. Electric 9-11 a.m. Hamburger Drive thru Fundraiser, Cooke Co. Fairgrounds 11:30-1,15 Religious Ed Class 7 p.m.		Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m. AARP Board Mtg. 10 a.m. Stanford House	Muenster Public Library open 10:30 a.m 2:30 p.m.

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## LIFESTYLE

## Abigail's Arms to hold annual raffle fundraiser

Every community has violent crime. Yet it is not the crime that defines a community but rather the community but rather the community's response that affords it characterization. A study made by the League of Women Voters, Gainesville Chapter, in 1981, pointed to a need in Cooke County to help victims of violent crimes through utilizing a crisis hotline. On June 20, 1983, the telephone line was activated. In April 1988, a second telephone line was installed.

From this initial project has grown Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center. On June 28, 2008 the organization known as Cooke County Friends of the Family merged with Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Friends of the Family merged with Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Friends of the Family merged with Abigail's Arms - Cooke County

Cooke County Friends of the Family merged with Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center. While Cooke County Friends of the Family was the surviving party in the merger, the organization took over the new name to better capture their mission, as well as future development. Abigail's development. Abigail's presently provides

free, confidential services to residents of Cooke County, receives referrals from Montague County, and works collaboratively with Grayson and Denton counties.

Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center served more than 600 victims last year, an increase of more than 13% over previous years. As a non-profit organization, Abigail's Arms must raise funds in order to provide services to victims.

provide services to victims. To do this they hold and annual sale of raffle tickets. Raffle tickets for this year are now on sale - 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20, and 20 for \$100. Prizes are:

3 for \$20, Prizes are:

• 7 Night Eastern Ca-ribbean Cruise, including roundtrip airfare, for two;

• 32" Flat Panel Televi-

32" Flat Panel Television;
 \$500 Gift Card donated by First State Bank;
 Apple I Phone;
 \$100 Gift Card donated by Muenster State Bank.
 The drawing for prizes will be held at noon on May 2 at the Spring Fling and

To purchase tickets or get more information on programs and services contact Abigail's Arms staff at 940-665-2873.

The primary types of victimizations dealt with include but are not limited to: sexual assault, family violence, and aggravated assaults. The goal of this crisis advocacy is to provide victims and their significant others with emotional support and information that aids in reducing trauma in both internal and external conflicts. They do not set value standards for victims.

A supportive foundation

value standards for victims.

A supportive foundation is prepared in order to allow them to make their own decisions. Each person is positively supported and if they choose, the individual will be assisted in reporting the victimization to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The name, Abigail's Arms, is taken from the story of Abigail in the Bible, 1 Samuel 25. Abigail's story showed her to be a wise woman of courage who felt called upon to risk her life in the defense and support of those who

depended upon her in their vulnerability.
While not called upon to risk their lives, Abigail's Arms is called upon to speak out against injustice and intercede for the oppressed. Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center currently has a professional fulltime staff of seven, one part-time professional counselor, and over 30 active volunteers. The Board of Directors is comprised of 21 members providing leadership in executive management and community capacity building. Together this team provides on-going support, information and referrals, as well as guidance through the difficult times incurred after victimizations.

Their mission is to assist

Their mission is to assist Their mission is to assist survivors of sexual assault, family violence, child abuse, elder abuse, stalking, DWI/DVI assaults, and surviving family members of homicide victims through educational and support services. The goals are to:

• Empower the survivor.

goals are to:

• Empower the survivor;

• Help the survivor reclaim their life;

• Help the survivor build

self-esteem;
• Help break the cycle of

• Help ureas violence. Victims are encouraged to know their rights and voice their feelings and opinions. Abigail's Arms offers a 24-hour crisis hotline, victim advocacy, support counsel-and groups, protective advocacy, support counseling and groups, protective order screening, victim impact statements, assistance with victim's compensation applications, police/hospital

accompaniment, temporary shelter, information and referral, victim transportation, volunteer training, public education training and presentations, victim's liaison with local law enforcement, court system, and district attorney's office. All services are free and confidential without regard to gender, sexual orientation, age, race, excual orientation, age, race, creed, national origin, or religious preference.

#### **VFW Auxiliary** makes donations

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post. #6205 members voted for their March meeting in place of lunch, to send a donation to PAC (Political Action Committee) and to the March of Dimes. A donation to Youth Activities, the Junior Girl Scholarship was also given. The meeting was held Monday, March 16 in the Post Home.

Love gifts were sent to Department President Debbie Daniel, District I President Cheryl Owen, and District I Commander John Owen. A "thank you" from the De-The Ladies Auxiliary VFW

partment of Veterans Affairs

partment of Veterans Affairs was read for the special Valentine cards that were sent to the Bonham VA patients. April 12 through 18 is National Volunteer Week. Members were asked to turn in their volunteer hours. Ninety-two Campbell labels were sent to the National Home.

The election of officers will be held next month. Mary Lee Hennigan will be the April 20 hostess for the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Post Home.

#### **New Arrivals**



Kimber Yosten

#### Yosten

Yosten

Jeff and Valerie Yosten of Gainesville are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Kimber Lane Yosten. Kimber was born Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7:16 a.m. in Worth Texas Medical Center. She weighed 7 lb. 1.5 oz. and measured 19.5 inches in length. Welcoming their little sister to the family are Ava Brooke, age six years, and Bruce Sawyer, age 2 years. Grandparents are George and Maurine Erwin and Gene and Linda Yosten, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Buddy and Dorothy Yosten of Muenster.

Bartush
John Daniel and Malony
Bartush of Muenster joyfully
announce the birth of their
first child, a son. John Gary
Bartush was born on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, at 3:59 p.m.
in Presbyterian Hospital of
Denton. He weighed 6 lb. 9.6
oz. and measured 18 inches
in length. Grandparents
are John Stephen and Aloz. and measured 18 inches in length. Grandparents are John Stephen and Alane Bartush and Gary Gieb, all of Muenster, and Donna Gieb of Gainesville. Greatgrandparents are Helen Yosten of Muenster and the late Roman Larry Yosten, Gladys Gieb of Muenster and the late Gene Gieb, the late Charles and Mary Bartush, and the late Lawrence and Violet Moster.



#### Dominic celebrates ninth

Dominic Xavier Nervo celebrated his ninth birthday with a party on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008 in Arlington. Neighbors, classmates, and relatives gathered in the home of Dominic's parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo. A rainbow tropical fish theme captured everyone's

A rainbow tropical fish theme captured everyone's attention. A red fish net was draped from the ceiling and had orange and yellow and blue fish hanging from it. A colorful fringed "Happy Birthday" banner was displayed behind the party table. A yellow birthday cake with vanilla icing served as the main table's centerpiece. It was decorated with lettered candles of "Happy Birthday," surrounded by

#### When you worry... I can't do it

I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers



seashell, and seahorse fish

fish, seashell, and seahorse candles.

About 50 guests enjoyed a hot dog lunch with po-tato chips. Afterwards, they played backyard games in-cluding bingo and a fish pi-

Special guests the strength ching through o empowers

Philippians 4:13

Special guests besides Dominic's parents included his older brother Alexander and younger brother Zachary, and maternal grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster.

# MISD ......continued from pg. 1 student participation at the County Show," noted Principal Brandon Peavey. FC-CLA had 118 entries, 19 Class Champions, and 18 entries, 19 Class Champions, and 13 Class Champions, a Reserve Grand Champions. The National Honor Society is planning to host the City Easter Egg Hunt. Two junior high and 11 high school TMSCA members have qualified for State. Technology - The new Dell desktop computers are ready to move to the new FPL Computer Lab, but still waiting for the network installation in the new building. Updating the new technology plan for the next school year is

Dominic Nervo

#### **New at Muenster Public Library**

New at Muenster Public Library

Non-fiction titles

Fort Worth Stockyards by J'Nell Pate, Old Friend from Far Away by Natalie Goldberg, Dewey: the Small Town Library Cat by Vicki Myron, Weight Watchers in 20 Minutes, Uncommon: Finding Your Path to Significance by Tony Dungy, 10 Things Every Child with Autism Wishes You Knew by Ellen Notbohm, Multiple Blessings by Jon Gosselin, Mended and Broken Heart by Wendy Murray.

Fiction titles

Ghosts at Work by Carolyn Hart, Good Woman by Danielle Steel, Just after Sunset by Stephen King, Leaving Whiskey Bend by Dorothy Garlock, Murder Inside the Bellway by Margaret Truman, Rogue by Danielle Steel, Salvation in Death by J D Robb, Santa Clawed by Rita Mae Brown, Scarpetta by Patricia Cornwell, True Colors by Kristin Hannah, Very Valentine by Adriana Trigiani, We'll Always Have Paris by Ray Bradbury, Archbishop in Andalusia by Andrew Greeley, Arctic Drift by Clive Cussler Black Ops by W.E. Griffin, Bodies Left Behind by Jeffrey Deaver, Dragonheart by Todd McCaffrey, The Associate by John Grisham, Darker Place by Jack Higgins, Just Breathe by Susan Wiggs, Kingsbury Collection by Karen Kingsbury, School of Essential Ingredients by Erica Bauermeister, Lost Recipe for Happiness by Barbara O'Neal, Night and Day by Robert Parker, Run for Your Life by James Patterson, Terminal Freeze by Lincoln Child.

Junior fiction/non-fiction

Tales of Beedle the Bard by J.K. Rowling, Hard Gold: the Colorado Gold Rush by Avi, Just Grace Goes Green by Charise Happer, Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan, Things that Are by Andrew Clements, Under the Jolly Roger by L.A. Meyer, We the, People by Lynne Cheney, King with Horse's Ears by Batt Burns, True Adventures of Charley Darwin by Carolyn Meyer, Econ: Dragoneye Reborn by Alison Goodman, Firebirds soaring anthology, Anne Frank Case by Susan Rubin.

Easy fiction/non-fiction

Where is Home, Little Pip by Karma Wilson, God's Dream by Desmond Tutu, Barack by Jonah Winter, I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean by Kevin Sherry, Let Me Hold You Longer by Karen K

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#### Cooke County Arts Council meets

The Cooke County Arts Council met Thursday, Feb. 19 with Janet Morris presiding. In attendance were Margie Askew, Pat Boyd, Sharon Chapman, Linda Coursey, Jan Fox, Patty Haayen, Juanita Leach, Phil Schenk, and Dean Patterson.

A special meeting was held Jan. 26 to review the bylaws of the Arts Council, pertaining to the allocation of funds. Officers elected to the Council are: Janet Morris, president; Dean Patterson, vice president; Sharon Chapman, treasurer; position of secretary, open. Linda Coursey volunteered as reporter.

Please vote for

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Kim McKee and Ken Willson

#### 3rd grader declares: "Backpack **Buddy Program is best thing that's** happened to me since 1st Grade"

gram serves 660 kids in 11 schools.

VISTO also sponsored a contest in participating schools for children to finish the sentence "VISTO's Backpack Buddy program is...", hence the heartbreaking title of this article.

Michelle Baldwin, executive director of VISTO, says, "Nationally, one in five children live in poverty. In the city of Gainesville, it is one

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"We are neighbors helping neighbors. Because of the expanded growth of the Center over the past year, the Center will need more financial support than in years past. We depend on the generosity of our community to keep us moving strong. Additional assistance will be needed to help the Center expand to a full-time schedule to help meet the growing need in our community," said Feyereisen.

"The silent auction proceeds were comparable to last year's efforts, but the Center income is slightly lagging behind due to our increased annual growth rate, including 180% growth the past year alone. However, in the past four years, we've grown 524%. As we face a tough economical horizon, it stands to reason that many more young women and families will need assistance in the months to come and the need will continue to increase," she said.

#### Reunion

Fleitman
A reunion of the Henry and Mary Fleitman family will be held on Sunday, June 14 beginning at noon in Muenster City Park. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and drinks for their family. Also, bring lawn chairs!

#### Shower honors **Ashley Hess**

Ashley Hess, bride-elect of Mitchell Endres, was given a bridal shower on Sunday, March 8. It was held at Sara's On the Square in Gainesville.

Guests were family and friends. Special guests were mothers of the couple, Mary Hess and Kenya Endres and grandmothers of the couple, Mary Hess and Kenya Endres and grandmothers of the couple Elsie Hoedebeck and Bobbie Hale. They were treated to a brunch of pick-up foods and desserts. Fresh flowers and photos of the couple graced each table.

Bill Black closed the evening with, "Words mean something, but deeds mean more. Try to find ways to help those around us."

## German heritage program

Juanita Weinzapfel Bright, a third generation native of Muenster, will present "German Heritage in Northwest Cooke County." The program will give insight on how as a young girl she learned to enjoy both the security and challenges of a loving home and sibling rivalry.

Juanita is active in the civil and religious endeavors in the Muenster area. Her program will show how staunch German Catholic pioneers banded together to establish colonies, build churches and schools so that their families

might be brought up in the same faith, and preserve the same cathur, and preserve the same faith, and preserve the same cathura, and preserve the same faith, and preserve the same cathura, customs, and catholic traditions which they treasured. "What was! What is! And how do we preserve our German Heritage?" The Morton Museum welcomes all to this delightful presentation on Tuesday, March 24, at 2 p.m. German cuisine refreshments will be served. Cost to attend is \$5 for CCHS members, and \$7 for non-members. Call the Morton Museum to reserve seating at 940-668-8900.

#### Area Event

Juanita Bright to present

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Cooke Extension Education Association present "Craft Day." There is not a cost to attend. This fun and educational day will be held Thursday, March 26 at the First State Bank Conference Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There

#### Fair Association sets chairs! For more information, call Hamburger Drive Thru (940)759-2773.

The Cooke County Fair Association (CCFA) invites everyone to come out and see the new CCFA facility at the County Fairgrounds. Hamburgers with fixings, a drink, a cookie, and chips will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1 - no fooling! Drive up, order your number of the control of the control of the new Justice Center, north off of West Hwy.



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Muenster FCCLA broke a chapter record with 19 Class and one Reserve Class Champion rosettes in all four divisions (Clothing, Foods, Creative Arts and Visual Art). The overall Visual Art Champion with silver tray is Amanda Dangelmayr. Students, from left, front - Amanda Dangelmayr, Brittany Pagel, Emily Stoffels, Jessica Porter, Delana Rohmer; back row - Hannah Weger, Sadie Stoffels, Brooke Walterscheid, Kalyn Dangelmayr, Brandy Dangelmayr, Tori Wright, Briana Bindel, Amber Walterscheid, Lauren Rohmer.

#### 2nd grade field trip focuses on rock, soil, water, and wildlife

A field trip to the Lee Fikes Ranch and Wildlife Preserve provided Sacred Heart Sec-ond Grade students a hands on opportunity to study dif-ferent types of soil and rock. The 3,500 acre ranch is lo-cated near the Red River in Montague County.

The children spent Tuesday, Feb. 24 studying different types of soil and rock. They looked at examples of soil erosion and studied rock by walking the dried up creek. Their search for unusual rocks and fossils yielded many treasures. They also found an area where they were able to see the beautiful "cake layers" of rock, minerals, and soil in the exposed

hillside. The layers of yellow, green, red, and black minerals and soil were beautifully exposed and readily seen.

Ranch foreman/caretakers
Debra Fox and Scott Carr hosted the second grade class. They took them to the most scenic areas of the ranch, explained the process of how the ranch became a wildlife preserve, and described what their jobs entail.

tail.

After a grilled hot dogs lunch, the children looked for signs of wildlife in and around the lake. They found signs of wild hogs on one side of the lake. They saw catfish of all sizes, frogs, dragonfly larvae, and other small water creatures. There was a

bat house, which houses up to 600 Mexican Freetail bats in season. Presently the bats have migrated south for the winter and won't be back until April. The children also saw an armadillo while on their hike. Of course with so many children and so much noise, most wildlife was in hiding and nowhere to be seen.

seen.
At the end of the perfectly wonderful day, the class enjoyed a Mardi Gras celebration with beads and two King Cakes. The children learned the story behind the French tradition, and shared their cakes with all the field trip helpers. Thomas David got the baby in his piece of cake and gets to buy the King

#### Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Ham sandwich w/ trimmings, potato wedges, peach cups.
Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, strawberries, garlie head

garlic bread

garlic bread.

Wed. - Pork roast, potatoes, gravy, peas, applesauce, bread.

Thurs. - Fiesta salad w/trimmings, pinto beans, corn chips, salsa, mixed fruit.

Fri. - Catfish strips, tartar sauce, pinto beans, coleslaw, numpkin bread.

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MUENSTER ISD

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

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

Wed. - Barbecue sandwich, chips, pork and beans, oranges, cookies.

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

Fri. - Tuna or peanut butter sandwich, nachos, lettuce salad w/dressing, pork and

beans, carrot sticks, cheese sticks.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apricot cobler.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, peaches, bread sticks.

Wed. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, pineapple, bread.

Thurs. - Hamburgers w/ trimmings, oven fries, ice

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Fri. - Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, applesauce, cornbread.

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- Chicken fried reamed potatoes w/ green beans, pears, ies pork and beans, cookies.

- Barbecue sandips, pork and beans, cookies.
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#### Superintendent's Corner

with John Kaufman



It was great to see the community support on March 10th when we had our open house/student council chili supper. Everyone that attended the supper and visited their child's classroom made it a special evening. We could not have pulled off such a successful event without all the work put in by the student council and their sponsors. Both events were a great success? It's nice to see parents who are actively involved in their children's education. These new buildings are a welcomed addition to Muenster ISD. Within the next month or two we will be having our official grand opening of the new building. Please make plans to attend!

Through my discussions with board members, I would like to clear up some confusion about a courtesy inspection we had in our kitchen area. It is my understanding that there is a belief that we failed our kitchen inspection. This is not true; in fact, there was not a pass/fail rating on this inspection. This inspection was conducted at my request, to identify any areas of concern the inspector may have in the future. I felt it would be beneficial to conduct this visit while we had our contractor readily available. Although we did have 5 areas of concern, none were considered major issues. Through my discussions with the contractor, one of these issues has been corrected while the remaining four will be completed by March 26th. The following is a list of the discrepancies: pinholes in the grout – areas have been re-grouted, this is complete; large drain in the kitchen area is not flush with the floor - a cover is being fabricated to place over the drain so it will be flush with the floor; need to have foot or knee operated hand wash sinks - foot pedals have been ordered and will be installed; some drains are not level with the floor drain covers will be removed and filed down to be flush with the floor; and finally, there isn't a drain in the bathroom - the architect and inspector are working on this issue. All other areas were fine. I am anxiously waiting to move into our new cafeteria an

SHCS 2nd grade students enjoy exploring nature at Lee Fikes Ranch and Wildlife Preserve during a recent fieldtrip. SHCS photos







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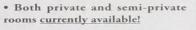
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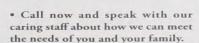
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into a pond that spreads ever outward. Some who are affected, never even met."

During the segment in the cafetorium, Muenster Fireman and Shattered Dreams Coordinator Ben Bindel said, "This is real life. We do this more than we care to do it. We pull out a lot of your classmates from wrecked cars and the results are very similar to what we did today. There is usually someone being CareFlited. Someone who doesn't make it. A lot of you are hurt. Your cammunity is hurt and your firemen are hurt. We are hoping that we send a message today that you all will make the right decision about drinking and driving. I pray that this does not ever happen to anyone because the choices you make affect more than just you."

Justice of the Peace John

anyone because the choices you make affect more than just you."

Justice of the Peace John Roane addressed the students. He told a story for the benefit of those over 21 who were present. It was a true story that occurred near here several years ago. Some well-intended adults held a party for students at the end of the school year. They had a location where the kids were to stay, took away car keys, and had a party for them with alcohol. Two of the students who had too much to drink got away and wondered around county roads until in their inebriated conditions decided to lay down and go to sleep in the middle of the road. Someone on his way to work thought he saw garbage bags in the middle of the road. He missed one, but hit the other, killing that student.

"That would not have happened if more diligence had been paid for the law and things that should be," reflected Judge Roane. He urged the minors not to try to get someone to buy alcohol for them. To the adults he said, "Think of the civil li-

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.cont. from pg. 1 three and four times a week. It changes the way that they interact with their own families at home. They take the patients to hospitals in the Metroplex, and the trauma surgeons and trauma nurses have to try to put the pieces back together and they take it home. It affects the way that they interact with their families.

that they interact with their families.

"Just because you decided on a good weekend night to get out drink and miss the curb. It's not six or seven guys who have to come pick you up. By the time they're done putting you back together, if they are able to do it, you have affected 100-125 people. You may stop somebody's career just because of your decision. So, if you are contemplating trying this, remember it is not just you,

not just your mom and dad, not just your buddies, not just your aunts and uncles, it's people you've never met and never seen that have to go home and look at their children the same age as you and try to figure out why somebody would do something like that."

Tony Dresser, a Gaines-wille fireman and film student, is credited with filming and editing the video. Bindel said it took 14 hours of filming on Feb. 25 and involved many people. A video of the entire event will be produced and shown to the public hopefully prior to graduation in May.

Pledge cards were made available to every student. It stated, "By signing I pledge to:

• never drive under the influence

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influence
• never let any of my
friends get behind the wheel
impaired
• never ride with an impaired person." Any student
who turned in a pledge card
received a free t-shirt.







Photos by Janie Hartman

### **Comments shared on Shattered Dreams Program**

Some of the adults who took part in the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department sponsored Shattered Dreams Program on Wednesday, March 11 shared their thoughts on the Program.

Sacred Heart Principal Chad Riley remarked, "The Shattered Dreams program emphasizes that we all need to make good choices. Both teenagers and adults have a responsibility not only not responsibility not only a responsibility not only a

on even one teenager/parent, it was well worth it."

Beth Bartush from Sacred Heart High commented, "We were all very excited about the way the program turned out. It was truly a joint effort of many different people, groups, and organizations. As I watched this whole thing develop, what really impressed me was that all of these people had the same goal in mind. I hope their efforts will be rewarded by seeing that this program can and has made a difference in the decisions our youth as well as our adults make. What a wonderful community we live in!!!!"

Sponsors assisting the production of the event in various ways included Muenster ISD, Sacred Heart Catholic School, Firestorm Productions - Tony Dresser, Universal Machining - Steve Trubenbach, Knight of Columbus Council 1459, Tender Loving Care Day Care, Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept., Texas State Trooper Assoc., TX Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Justice of the Peace John Roane, City of Muenster, Brown Motor Company, Muenster Memorial Hospital, Cooke County EMS, McCoy Funeral Home, Lora's Flowers & Gifts, Bob Sepanski, Texoma Alcohol Awareness, Fr. Ken Robinson, Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher, Cooke County Sherif's Office, North Central Texas College, Brad Mitchell, CareFlite, North Texas Dental Specialists, M&W Oil Field Supply, Muenster Police Dept., Hess Towing & Recovery, Joe and Annette Schmitz, Richard and Shelly Trubenbach, Klement Ford of Muenster, Muenster Enterprise, and Gainesville Daily Reg-ister.



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## **SPORTS**

#### Sacred Heart hosts golf tournament

The sky cleared, the sun popped out, and the temperature rose for a beautiful day to be out on the golf course. The Sacred Heart Invitational Golf Tournament was held Monday at Turtle Hill Golf Course.

The Sacred Heart Tigers and Muenster Lady Hornets took 1st place in their divisions. The Tigerettes finished in 2nd place, and the Hornets, short four varsity players to baseball, finished in 6th place.

In the boys division, Sacred Heart scored a 384, followed by Whitewright 387, Alvord 388, Our Lady of Grace 419, Whitewright B 422, and Muenster 425.

#### Lady Knights defeat Gainesville

The Lindsay Lady Knights improved their record to 12-4-1 by defeating the Lady Leopards from Gainesville March 10 at the ball field in Lindsay. The score was 11-1. "We started out slow offensively, but we finally got the bats going," commented Coach Robin Hess. "We pounded out 12 hits. Defensively we were solid, except for 2 errors allowing a run to score. I am proud of the girls. I thought they played well." Scoring were Rose Hermes, Bethani Eberhart, Haley Hughes, Alyx Ethington, Natalie Rose, Kayla Hess, Megan Caillier, and Jessica Thurman. Taylor Atkins faced 20 batters, striking out 10, walking 1, and allowing no hits.

#### MINOR SPORTS

Mary Lou Retton was the first female to appear on the front of a Wheaties cereal box. In the first Super Bowl, the Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10.

The first baseball player to have his uniform number retired was Lou Gehrig (#4).

Individual scorers for the Tigers were Kevin Kulle, #2 medalist with 84, Austin Springer #7 with 97, Nick Popovich #10 with 99, Kirk Felderhoff 101, John Krawietz 102, and Ben Walterscheid 106.

Muenster JV scorers were Devon Kubis 101, Blake Grewing 105, Andrew Koesler 108, Cole McAden 111, and Dalton Koelzer 114.

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Muenster girls led the
tournament with a 415
score. Sacred Heart followed
at 425.

The Lady Hornets were led by Jenni Luke, gold medalist with a score of 91. Hannah Weger was 3rd individual score with a 98, Chloe Schneider #5 at 112, and Noel Barnhill #7 at 114. Andi Hess scored a 119.

The Tigerettes were led by #2 medalist Raynee Hogan who scored a 96. Sarah Ratliff was 4th place finisher with a 100 score. Alexandra Popovich was #7 at 114, Shelby Ratliff #9 with a 115, and Shelbye Hess #10 at 117.



Sacred Heart Tiger Ben Walterscheid prepares to pop the ball onto the green at a tournament at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Janie Hartman photo

#### Meals on Wheels golf tournament

Cooke County Meals on Wheels, a nonprofit organization which provides food each day to senior citizens, home-bound seniors, and disabled individuals in the County, is sponsoring their 4th Annual Golf Tournament at Turtle Hill Golf Course on Friday, April 24. All proceeds will help the centers in Muenster, Gainesville, Valley View, and Callisburg.

The four person scramble, men and/or women, is limited to 30 teams. Cost is \$60 per person, which includes fees, golf cart, hot dog luncheon, and barbecue dinner during the awards presentation. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in three flights.

An additional hole-in-one contest on #11 will award \$1,000.

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All-District basketball Hornets, from left - Levi Trubenbach, Eric Hellman, Shane Presnall, Matt Flusche Garrett Walterscheid, and Brandan Bindel. Not pictured - Tanner Herr.



Lindsay Knights named to the All-District Basketball Team were, from left - Colton Hermes, Nick Bezner, Ross Jones, and Ryan Haver LISD photo

#### Hornets take gold!



Blake Grewing and Landon Presnall (at left) finished first in the JV Doubles, and Brandan Bindel and Shane Presnall took first in the on in the Invitational Tennis Tournament Varsity divisi Holliday ISD

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## Hornets. **Knights** named to All-District

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2nd Team: Garrett Walterscheid (M), Ross Jones (L), Ty Campbell, Trey Dunn, Jan Severa, Zac Hise, Justin Miller, Landon Wesley.

Honorable Mention: Muenster - Tanner Herr, Matt Flusche, Levi Trubenbach, Shane Presnall, Brandan Bindel; Lindsay - Nick Bezner.

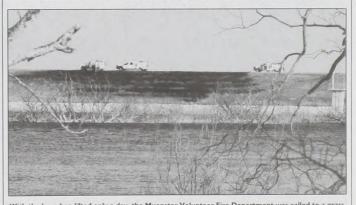
Bezner.

Note: Schools of other All-District Team members were not made available.

#### MINOR SPORTS

Both the Texas Rangers and Minnesota Twins were formerly the Washington Senators.

#### Dam fire at Muenster Lake



With the burn ban lifted only a day, the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department was called to a grass fire at the Lake Tuesday afternoon. The fire started at the middle of the dam, on the lake side. Cause of ignition is unknown.

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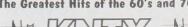
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#### Summer burning may be option for pasture maintenance

The greater duration of heat in a summer-prescribed burn provides more effective management of encroaching woody or cactus species on rangeland, a Texas AgriL-ife Research scientist said. ife Research scientist said. Controlling encroachments of prickly pear, mesquite, juniper, and other rangeland plants that compete with grass can be pretty expensive without the use of fire in controlled burn situations, said Dr. Jim Ansley, Agrilife Research range management expert.

"The longer period of high temperature in a summer burn is what helps control the prickly pear the best," Ansley said.

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Summer burns are normally scheduled in August and September, just before the rainy season.

"Use of summer burning as a management tool is still something being explored and is on the edge of being an accepted practice," Ansley said. "The question is whether we can adopt it as a safe and manageable practice."

Summer fires are not necessarily hotter than winter burns, but they produce a much longer duration of high heat, he said, so if they get out of control, it can be very hard on fire-fighting crews. Also, the fatigue factor is much higher for the fire fighters working in the heat of the summer.

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Once a prickly pear motte (collection of pads) grows to

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four to five feet in diameter, the inner core will have no grass at all, he said. This not only creates a void in the pasture for grazing animals, but it also leaves less grass fuel that is needed to carry a controlled fire.

"There is nothing to ignite and kill the interior pads," Ansley said. "You can get to the point where you can't get enough heat from a winter fire to penetrate those

get enough neat from a win-ter fire to penetrate those mottes. But a summer fire can overcome this because the preheating and dura-tion of high heat is so much greater."

He said some prickly pear is valuable in a pasture it

He said some prickly pear is valuable in a pasture; it serves as a protective area for quail nesting and other wildlife. But for livestock managers, it has mostly negative effects. For example, a 30% canopy cover of prickly pear basically removes that ground area from grass growth, leaving only 70% of the land where grass even has a chance to grow.

Ansley and other researchers are conducting a study on the R.A. Brown Ranch near Throckmorton where they

the K.A. Brown Ranch near Throckmorton where they are chaining the pasture first to knock down the mesquite and cactus and following up with a summer fire.

While he hasn't looked at the economics, Ansley said they can already see a much more productive stand of grass on the chained/fire treatment than the burn-on-ly treatment or the untreat-

by the mesquite, he said. Chaining in February and March followed by a fire

Chaining in February and March followed by a fire within a year is recommended in most cases, with the exception of heavy junipercovered areas.

The juniper would be too volatile and combustible immediately after chaining, Ansley said. About four years are needed for the juniper leaves to fall off the branches and make the fire controllable.

"Chaining followed by fire appears to be extremely effective," he said. "If you've chained an area that has a lot of prickly pear, you need to have burning in your long-term plan. Otherwise the pads are spread and will put down roots and establish more mottes."

Mottes grow rapidly, Ansley said. A motte about two square feet expanded to about 10 square feet in only three years.

"That's a frightening rate of growth for those small mottes, especially if you've

"That's a frightening rate of growth for those small mottes, especially if you've chained and spread the pads. It could take over a pasture very quickly," he said.

"We found that the growth rate will slow after a motte gets larger. Medium mottes, about 15 square feet to start grew to 30 square feet in the same three-year period, and large mottes, about 100 square feet, did not get much bigger."

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Studies so far have found that summer fire usually de-lays grass regrowth, taking about a year or two to get back to pre-burn levels, he

said.
With a winter fire, grass returns to pre-burn levels by the end of the first growing season in August.
Ansley said planning is a must with prescribed burns, and there are several things to keep in mind when considering a summer considering a summer considering a summer controlled burn. The first caveat he gave was that no inexperienced person should try a summer prescribed burn first. a summe. first.
"First start with winter

burns working with some experienced people and then work up to a small-scale summer burn," he said.

Also, having pre-burned black lines on downwind sides of the pasture is a must for summer fires, Ansley said. Any grass that comes back during that time should be green and won't fuel the fire.

Another important concept is that summer fires may be applied on smaller burn units, in the hundreds of acres instead of the thousands of acres, just to increase the safety and control, Ansley said.

"We are beginning to gather evidence that there are a lot of ecological benefits to summer fire, but it is still in the experimental stage," Ansley said.

For more information on fire effects on prickly pear, go

Ansley said.

For more information on fire effects on prickly pear, go to Ansley's Web site at http://vernon.tamu.edu/brush and click on publications.

#### Did you say "LUNCH!?"



Always ready for a meal, calves stay close to their mothers to snitch snacks all day long. Janie Hartman photo

#### TDA market recap

For the week ending March 14, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were down less than 50 cents per hundred-weight from a week ago. Higher prices on Monday and Friday nearly offset mid-week declines.

Grain prices were pushed higher by gains on the stock markets, with corn getting an added boost from early projections for fewer planted acres in 2009.

The rains provided temporary relief to some of the driest areas of Texas but toosoil moisture remains in very short.

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Texas cattle trichomonia-

sis program adopted
News from the Texas Animal Health Commission
(TAHC) informs us of a producer requested cattle trichomaniasis program beginmaniasis program beginning April 1. Breeding bulls entering Texas from any other state must be either 24 months of age or younger and certified as a virgin, or be tested negative for cattle trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry.

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The entry requirements are part of a regulatory package adopted by the commissioners for the TAHC Feb. 24 to address trichomoniasis, a venereal disease of cattle that causes infertility and abortions, resulting in extended breeding seasons and diminished calf crops, costing livestock producers valuable income. Cattle trichomoniasis is not a human health issue.

The second phase of the program, which will address in-state movement of Texas breeding bulls, will go into effect Jan. 1, 2010. At least 15 other states in the western half of the United States have developed similar trichomoniasis programs to

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Non-virgin breeding bulls or bulls older than 24 months of age entering Texas on and

after April 1 must be tested negative for trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry. During the test period and prior to shipment, the bulls must have no contact with female cattle. Like virgin bulls, the non-virgin bulls must be officially identified with a breed registry tattoo or brand, a USDA metal ear tag, official RFID tag, official trichomoniasis ear tag from the state of origin, or other official identification. The animal must be accompanied by a completed trichomoniasis test document, certificate of veterinary inspection, and other routine health documents.

Regulatory components of the Texas' Cattle Trichomoniasis Program will focus only on breeding bulls, which, even when infected, continue to appear and act normally. There is no effective treatment or vaccine for bulls, and as they age, they become more prone to infecten.

The cow can also become infected during breeding causing them to abort their fetus, but the cow herd is not included in the regulations. The majority of infected cows to help control the disease in the cow herd.

Producers with infected herds should consult with their veterinarian to deter-

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mine the most appropriate measures to employ to elimi-nate the disease from their

nate the disease from their herds.

The second phase of the program will require that Texas breeding bulls offered for sale, lease, exchange or otherwise change possession for breeding within the state be certified as virgin bulls or be tested negative prior to selling, loaning, exchanging, giving, or otherwise changing the possession of a breeding bull. (No test or certification is required for bulls shipped or sold directly to slaughter.)

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March 24 - Marketing

Club Meetings Generalle

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March 24 - Marketing
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March 27 - USDA FSA
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Producer Meeting" 1:30 p.m.

April 1 - Hamburger Drive
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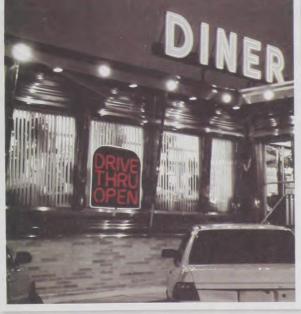
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