

## Walterscheid named 2012 Jaycees Outstanding Citizen

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Giles Walterscheid earned the Muenster Jaycees distinguished Outstanding Citizen Award. Jaycee President Josh Walterscheid presented Giles with the award at the Jaycees Annual Installation and Awards Banquet held Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Muenster VFW Hall. In introducing Giles, Josh remarked, "The recipient of this year's Outstanding Citizen Award was born and raised in Muenster, possessing an unassuming personality and is known for his personality and approachability."

Giles and his wife and business partner Marlene have been married for more than 35 years and have three children and five grandchildren. They own Superior Machining. Josh added, "They run a good business and provide employment opportunities and benefits to his employees." Giles gives back to the community. Some causes he donates for include sponsoring uniforms for baseball and football leagues, and belt buckles and jackets for the Cooke County Livestock Show. He's provided for a scoreboard at the new base-

ball facility, and is a regular contributor to the Muenster Jaycees. He's donated materials to the Sacred Heart Robotics team and donated to rebuild the Sacred Heart field house. He also is a major supporter of CASA and Meals On Wheels in Cooke County by donating time and funds. Josh continued, "When he donates to Sacred Heart Parish for fundraising, it always seems to make a record year. Sometimes it even gets the attention of Bishop Vann." Giles received a standing ovation from the crowd.



Muenster Jaycees 2012 Outstanding Citizen of the Year Giles Walterscheid and his wife Marlene at the Annual Jaycees Banquet. Janet Felderhoff photo

## Jaycees honor members at annual installation banquet

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
A vital part of the Muenster community, the Muenster Jaycee organization shone on Saturday evening when it held its annual installation and awards banquet. The event took place in the Muenster VFW. Besides the usual recognitions presented, there was a raffle drawing and a surprise presentation to the Jaycees.



Tim Felderhoff, left, and Doug Hermes were named JCI senators by the Muenster Jaycees. They are two of 10 in Muenster's 49 year Jaycee history, Janet Felderhoff photo

Muenster Mayor Joey Anderson welcomed guests. He recalled, "From the time I first moved here about 13 years ago, the Jaycees have always stood out as an organization that has done great things for the community. I was curious, what is a Jaycee? Historically it is Junior Chamber of Commerce, but it also has an element of raising up young men into new leaders of the community. We know how important that is for our community." Anderson acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the Jaycees' part in raising money for the swimming pool and developing the City ballparks. He then referred to their efforts after last summer's damaging storm. He noted, "Our town was devastated and I know the Jaycees played a great role in restoring us back to what would become normal after that. They put in a lot of time and effort."

Darren Bindel served as master of ceremonies. Justin Hartman offered the invocation and Tony Hartman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The highest award a local Jaycee chapter can bestow is the JCI senatorship. According to Wayne Klement who is a JCI senator, the Muenster Jaycee chapter had awarded eight senatorships during its almost five decades of existence. Those eight men have given 294 years of service to their community as Jaycees, he noted.

Klement gave a brief history of how the Muenster Jaycees came to be an organization. He said that in 1963, several Nocona Jaycees came to Muenster, "with a spark of an idea that would change to a bonfire!" They suggested Muenster begin a chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce (name now changed to Jaycees). It was for young men ages 18-35 (now 18-40) who were interested in promoting and helping their communities. The idea was agreeable and 34 members chartered the club with membership growing to 58 by the end of the first year. Even after members reach the age limit, they are encouraged to continue working with the organization. "Every once in a while, the Chapter membership takes note of one of those older members and their accomplishments," Klement remarked. "Tonight it is my great privilege to award one of these senatorships."



Ben Bindel of the Muenster Youth Council, right, presents \$1,200 grant check to Josh Walterscheid for use on the Jaycees baseball and soccer fields. Janet Felderhoff photo

Tim Felderhoff joined the Jaycees in 1980, and over the years held several offices including serving as president in 1984. In 1986, he received the Outstanding Chairman Award and the Key Man Award. Klement noted that probably the hardest job associated with Germanfest is getting the bartenders and Tim took on this job and still does it today. He chaired numerous events. See JAYCEES, pg. 5

## City readies for water system and pool projects

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Things should be anything but dull this spring in Muenster as the City tackles two major projects. In an effort to avoid the problems experienced during last summer's extreme heat and drought, the water system will get a major overhaul. More than 50 years of use finally took its toll on the City's swimming pool and it will be replaced hopefully in time for swim season.

At Monday night's regular monthly meeting, the City Council proceeded with steps to begin actual work updating the City water system. City Administrator Stan Endres said that approval of bids for the storage tank, pump house, pumps, and SCADA system was needed. He explained that it takes about 15 weeks to build and prepare the tanks. Engineer John Bezner said he'd gotten three bids from the tank manufacturer and three bids from the pump house manufacturer.

The low bidding tank manufacturer was Superior Tank Company for \$83,255 with a 25% down payment. Superior noted that it could powder coat the tank for an additional \$5,600. They noted that some municipalities want the powder coating due to concern over a new microorganism in sewer plants that can eat through steel. The organism is not yet in water plants, but chlorine can't kill it and they are being cautious.

The pump house low bid was for \$108,923 from ITT Flowtronix, and the low bid on the SCADA system was for \$29,250 from Control Integrity. The Council voted unanimously to accept these bids with the powder coating added and to allow a 10% plus or minus should there be something needed that was missed in the bid.

An ordinance was read and approved authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, series

2012. The money will be borrowed from Muenster State Bank and repaid in monthly payments of \$10,153.52 over a 10 year period. An interest rate of 3.75% will be charged.

Water rates were previously raised to fund this project. Mayor Joey Anderson commented, "It seems since we raised rates that we've been generating enough cash to pay this off." Soil testing and engineering were approved for the City pool. These must be done before any work can be done on the pool. A design for a more traditional rectangular pool was submitted by Terry Hess. The price ranged from \$265,000 to \$409,000 depending on option selected. The Council did not consider selecting between the two contractors or See CITY, pg. 3

## Rabid skunk killed

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
Residents beware. Muenster Chief of Police Mark Blankenship reported that a rabid skunk was killed on Tuesday, Jan. 31 and sent off to be tested for rabies. The results came on Wednesday evening. The skunk tested positive for rabies. The skunk was killed on East Cross Street. No humans were exposed, but two

dogs were. The pets had not vaccinations and are being given rabies shots and kept quarantined. Anyone seeing an animal acting suspiciously is urged to take the appropriate action, said Chief Blankenship.

Rabies is a disease that attacks the central nervous system. It is caused by a virus. See RABIES, pg. 2

## Suggestions sought for swim pool

A meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 13 beginning at 6 p.m. The Board will receive public comments and suggestions on the proposed new pool.

All suggestions will need to be in writing and can be submitted at City Hall before the meeting or can be brought to the meeting.



## Area's recent rains raise Muenster Lake water level

Shower by shower, the Muenster Lake rises closer to the point where it will be full enough to safely open to boat traffic. Quite empty of water since the drought of summer and fall, this winter's rains have filled area ponds, creeks have some water, and the ground appears saturated. The path of the Old Picnic Grounds Road can still be distinguished on the Lake's west side. As shown in this photo, water is not high enough to launch boats from the waiting boat dock. A variety of ducks and other water fowl swim about on the Lake searching for food on which to feast.

Janet Felderhoff photo





# Cooke County working for you featuring County Judge

By Janet Felderhoff

Until 2001 in Cooke County, the County Judge served as judge for the County Court and as budget officer and was responsible for other day-to-day duties required in the County. With increasing court cases and more business to oversee, a decision was made to split those duties between a county or constitutional judge, and a court-at-law judge. This took the action of the State Legislature to accomplish.

As the constitutional judge, John Roane, now serving as County Judge, oversees Commissioners Court, acts as chief budget officer, and along with the commissioners, sets the County tax rate, and serves on various committees and boards in the county.

Those visiting the County Judge's office may be signing up to speak at Commissioners Court, to complain about something in the County, to talk about oil and gas exploration in the County, seeking information on a County project, indigent burial approval, or license for beer and wine sales among other reasons. "Just about anything that's not covered in the judicial system itself. In fact, I am surprised every day at some of the things that I find out that we do here," said Judge Roane. Commissioners appointed Roane County Judge in 2009 when Bill Freeman resigned and he was elected last year.

Rheta Gilmer, secretary to the County Judge, has many duties. She serves as the public information officer for Cooke County Emergency Management. She also serves as the Commissioners Court coordinator, helps with election things, courthouse project, indigent burials, budget, and more.

Also under the umbrella of the County Judge's office and Commissioners Court are Emergency Management, Veterans Service



Cooke County Judge John Roane and his secretary Rheta Gilmer. Janet Felderhoff photo

Office, Environmental Office, library, EMS, Court Compliance, IT, Human Resources, and maintenance.

The County Judge's office will remain on the second floor southeast corner where it was before remodeling began. Although Roane served in County government for years, he has never had an office in the Courthouse. He's excited to finally get an office inside the Courthouse.

# RABIES

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rus that lives in the saliva of a rabid animal. Rabies is usually transmitted through an animal bite. It is also possible to catch it if the animal's saliva gets into a cut on your skin or in your eyes, nose, or mouth. Anyone who is bitten or scratched by a wild animal should report it.

Rabid animals may stagger or stumble around, but not always. Other diseases or injuries can also cause this. They may become very mean and try to bite for no reason, or they may be overly friendly. Rabid animals may exhibit fear of water, but not always. Sometimes they even swim and drink. You can't tell for sure if an animal has rabies just by looking. Never try to touch or feed wild animals or stray cats and dogs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), wild animals accounted for 92% of reported cases of rabies in 2010. Raccoons continued to be the most frequently reported rabid wildlife species (36.5% of all animal cases during 2010), followed by skunks (23.5%), bats (23.2%), foxes (7.0%), and other wild animals, including rodents and lagomorphs (1.8%).

**I try to give to the poor people for love what the rich could get for money. No, I wouldn't touch a leper for a thousand pounds; yet I willingly cure him for the love of God.**  
Mother Teresa

# EXPLORING MUENSTER'S PAST

By Nicholas Taylor

Visit the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum Open Thursdays, Fridays, & Sundays 1 - 4 p.m.

## A Parish Priest: The Pastorate of Reverend Frown Koardt, O.S.B.

In March 1893, Reverend Bonaventure Binzegger, O.S.B. arrived in Muenster from Subiaco Abbey in Arkansas. Fr. Bonaventure's arrival marked the beginning of the Benedictine Fathers watching over and serving as priests at Sacred Heart Church. For over a century, the Benedictines would fulfill the role of shepherding the parishioners of Sacred Heart. Notable among the many Benedictine priests who served at Sacred Heart Church is Reverend Frown Koardt, O.S.B. Fr. Frown served as pastor of Sacred Heart for 24 years, longer than any other priest in Sacred Heart's history. Fr. Frown was a forward looking priest who took his duty to guide and shepherd the parishioners with the utmost sense of devotion.

Fr. Frown was born in Germany in 1878. He and his family came to America in 1885 and took up residence in Hartman, Arkansas. He entered Subiaco College in 1892 and was ordained a priest on June 24, 1904. He first came to Texas in 1906 serving as pastor in Windthorst. During his pastorate of Windthorst, Fr. Frown oversaw improvements to the church and rectory, the building of a fence around the cemetery, the building of a Sisters' house, and the laying of sidewalks and a water system. Upon the death of Reverend Joseph Huwyler, O.S.B. in 1918, Fr. Frown was reassigned to Muenster to serve as the pastor of Sacred Heart. As he did in Windthorst, Fr. Frown oversaw a program of building new facilities and making numerous improvements to other parish buildings.

Eulogizing the priest upon his death in 1945, a newspaper article described him as "a man who worked hard and expected others to work hard for the honor and glory of God" and as a man with "boundless energy." These traits were on display throughout the pastorate of Fr. Frown. His accomplishments as pastor included building a sidewalk from the church to the cemetery, making improvements to the parish hall, installing a lighting system, and enlarging the Sisters' home. Fr. Frown also improved the education of students at the parochial school. He oversaw the building of Sacred Heart School. Seeing the old frame building as "dilapidated," Fr. Frown began fundraising for a new school in May 1919. Construction on the red brick school was completed in 1925 at a cost of approximately \$100,000. He later oversaw the building of a separate high school. Sacred Heart saw great growth under Fr. Frown. When he arrived in Muenster in 1918, there were

178 families in the community. That year, Fr. Frown heard 8,345 confessions and distributed 17,395 Communion. As the parish continued to grow, Fr. Frown asked for an assistant. In 1927, Fr. Frown received his first assistant. By 1938, there were 240 families in the community, leading Fr. Frown and his assistant to hear 13,031 confessions and distribute 45,000 Communion.

In addition to leading a vigorous program of improvements to parish facilities, Fr. Frown was noted as "an excellent financier" with a "practice of thrifty economy." He left the parish free of debt, having completed payment of the parochial school in 1936. When he left Sacred Heart in 1942 due to poor health, several thousand dollars had been collected for the building of a new church. That new church would ultimately be completed in 1954 and continues to serve the parishioners of Sacred Heart to this day.

Fr. Frown was a priest who took his duty to shepherd his flock seriously. Joseph P. Fuhrmann, O.S.B., Ph.D., writing in 1939 stated, "Living up to his blunt remark that a parish priest must be God's watch-dog, whose duty it is to bark when an enemy puts the flock in danger, has caused him to say things from the pulpit which others would not dare preach." In his farewell letter to the parishioners of Sacred Heart, Fr. Frown urged everyone to hold fast to "the promises made in Baptism and so solemnly renewed on your first holy Communion" and instructed parents to raise "children in the fear and love of the Lord."

In May 1942, Fr. Frown suffered a hemorrhage that left him blind and unable to tend to his priestly duties. He returned to the monastery after serving as the pastor of Sacred Heart for 24 years. His health continued to decline. He died on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 1945. A newspaper article written at the time of his death noted, "Few men were more active than Fr. Frown. Fewer still are reduced to such a state of helplessness. It was wondered if he would be able to resign himself to his condition of every-increasing helplessness. He did beautifully... this was probably his greatest sermon." In memorial of Fr. Frown, the parishioners of Sacred Heart established the Fr. Frown Memorial Scholarship at Subiaco to provide for the education of future priests. During his 24 years, Sacred Heart saw numerous vocations come from the parish. Four men were ordained into the priesthood and two others began their theological studies. About 30 women entered the convents of various religious orders. Fr. Frown's service to Sacred Heart is notable not only for its length, but in how he led the parish. He oversaw a program of improving education at the parochial school, improving old facilities and building new ones, laid the groundwork for the current church to be built, and urged the parishioners to hold fast to the faith.

Sources: Thomas R. Moster, O.S.B., A Diamond Jubilee of the Sacred Heart Parish, Muenster Texas; articles from Rosa Driever Scrapbook: Clippings from 1908-1945. Both of these are in the Muenster Museum.

# Reiter elected president of nine bank branches

The First State Bank Board of Directors announced its election of Lloyd Reiter to the position of president of all nine First State Bank locations in the North Texas area. In addition to his newest responsibilities, Reiter will continue to serve as chief credit officer for the nine locations. Reiter's office will remain at the First State Bank main branch located at 801 East California Street in Gainesville where he will continue to serve on the bank's Board of Directors and as a commercial lending officer.

Reiter is a native of Cooke County, having graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Muenster, University of North Texas, and the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU. He is past president of Lindsay ISD School Board where he is serving his ninth year as a current Board member. Reiter has also been president as well as Campaign Chairman for the Cooke County United Way. He has been chairman of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and president of the Gainesville Optimist Club.

Lloyd and his wife Mary live in Lindsay and are the parents of four children,



Lloyd Reiter

Travis, Karissa, Austin, and Chisam. He is the son of Wilfred Reiter of Muenster and the late Polly Reiter.

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# DAYS GONE BY.....

## 65 YEARS AGO Feb. 7, 1947

City Council renews efforts to secure another fire truck. City will pay half of salary if Sheriff places deputy here. Former Sergeant Wilfred J. Walters-Edgett gets commendation medal for heroism. Little David Haverkamp, son of the Bill Haverkamps, is hospitalized for rheumatic fever. New Arrival: Winfred to the Reagan McElreaths. John B. Herr honored on 86th birthday. Paul Arendt breaks leg in accident resulting from defective brakes on a car that was being moved from one spot to another in the garage.

## 50 YEARS AGO Feb. 9, 1962

San Angelo crash leads to solution of local robbery; after Tom Murphy picked up a hitchhiker and allowed him to sleep on a couch at his watch repair shop, the hitchhiker stole Tom's car, cash, and other items - then was caught when he crashed

the car in San Angelo. New Arrivals: Sharon to Charlie and Virginia Haverkamp; Una to James and Birthe Hess; Marlin to Jerry and Louise Wimmer; Herbert to the Tony Hackers. Wedding: Betty Jane Eckart and Robert Simmel.

## 25 YEARS AGO Feb. 6, 1987

For the first time in Muenster basketball history, the Hornets take the District Championship. Sacred Heart Tigerettes capture District Championship. Obituary: Lambert Beyer, 63. Golden Weddings: Ed and Lucy Hess; Robert and Elizabeth Knabe. Wedding: Judy Fisher and Michael Newell. New Arrivals: Katherine to Tommy and Mary Henscheid; Carrie to Glenn and Connie Grewing; Cassey to Randy and Shannon Hess. College Graduate: Jamie Moster. James Eckart retires after 26 years as custodian at Muenster Public School.

Words cannot express how grateful I am for all the people who came to be with me as I begin my 100th year of life.

I also want to thank all the workers, Giles who takes care of me, Nancy & Claude Walter, and Anita & Dwight Felty. Also thank you for the gifts.  
Marguerite King



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Sunday, February 12, 2012	Monday, February 13, 2012	Tuesday, February 14, 2012	Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Thursday, February 16, 2012	Friday, February 17, 2012	Saturday, February 18, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	KMB mtg. 6:45 pm VFW mtg. 8 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm  National	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Rel. Ed class, 7 pm MISD Board mtg. FCCLA	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum open -1-4	Library open 10:30-2:30
Sunday, February 19, 2012	Monday, February 20, 2012	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Wednesday, February 22, 2012	Thursday, February 23, 2012	Friday, February 24, 2012	Saturday, February 25, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Presidents Day-FLY FLAGS VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm National	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Rel. Ed Mass, 7 pm ASH WEDNESDAY FFA	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 - 2:30

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**James Harrison  
1929 - 2012**

Funeral service for James Mitchell Harrison of Muenster was held at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 3 at the McCoy Funeral Chapel in Muenster. Services were officiated by Rev. James Bridges and directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Mr. Harrison died at the age of 82 at his home on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012.



**James Harrison**

James was one of the 10 children of Eugene and Willie Mitchell Harrison. He was born Aug. 9, 1929 in Bonham. The family lived on a farm near Telephone, Texas. James attended school there and helped with the farm work. After completing the 8th grade, James was taken out of school to further work on the farm. He married Gladys Nichols on Dec. 1, 1948 and continued working with his family on the farm until 1952. He and Gladys were the parents of two sons and one daughter.

They moved to Hobbs, New Mexico in 1952 and he began working as a rig operator and later as a driller for Ralph-Johnson Rig Company. They moved to Notrees, Texas in 1959 where he worked as production manager for Brown Production. In 1968, the family moved to Muenster where James worked as a pumper and driller for Brown Production. He then, in the early 1970s, was employed by the City of Muenster. James retired from the City in the late 1980s and became self-employed, doing many odd jobs for other people.

and a loving husband and father and a friend to many.

Survivors are his daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Ran Mohon of Muenster; son and daughter-in-law Roger and Doris Harrison of Denton; sister and brother-in-law Ruthelle and Johnnie Hamill; brother and sister-in-law Don Ray and Delores Harrison; grandchildren Sondra Mohon, Amy Hawkins, and Bridgett Harrison; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gladys; son Jimmie Lee Harrison; sisters Gladys McCraw, Adeline Clymore, Josephine Hoefner, and Aquilla Harrison; and brothers Pete, R.D. and Vidge Harrison.

During the service, friends and family remembered James for his special smile and laughter along with his orneriness. He enjoyed being around people and never failed to show how much he cared about others through his unselfish ways.



**Police Notes**

from Muenster Chief of Police  
**Mark Blankenship**

During the month of January, the Muenster Police Department responded to 64 CALLS FOR SERVICE, recorded 14 INCIDENT REPORTS, six persons ARRESTED AND BOOKED, and issued 58 CITATIONS. These tasks were in addition to regular routine patrol and safety and security services.

The month of January proved to be a busy month, showing a dramatic increase in criminal activity. We encourage everyone to be observant and report suspicious persons and activities. The Police Department alone can only see and hear so much, but there are hundreds of eyes and ears in our community so, help us protect you and your property. Criminals know no boundaries and we must use all available tactics to combat being victims.

If there are any questions about criminal activities in our City, the police department will happy to provide accurate information regarding such events upon request. Also, if anyone provides information about a criminal activity, that information will be held in complete confidence.

**Every beginning is a consequence - every beginning ends some thing.**  
~ Paul Valer

selecting a design. Members of the Park Board were present. They hadn't yet seen the designs by Hess. Ben Bindel of the Park Board said that fundraising is going well. "We're listening to concerns, comments, and suggestions," he remarked. "We can't build it to everyone's specs. The money is not there for everything. We hope to make it a pool that the community is going to be proud of that will serve us well for another 50 plus years. There will be a meeting next week for the Park Board to discuss pool possibilities. The public is encouraged to attend and bring their written suggestions or to drop them off at City Hall.

Muenster Police Chief Mark Blankenship gave the Department's January report which can be read on this page. He said, "Criminal activity increased, not only in the City but in the County, mainly thefts and burglaries. We did have a pretty dramatic increase in domestic disturbances, intoxicated people, and so forth."

Chief Blankenship requests that people be more observant to suspicious people and to alert the Police Department of it so that they might investigate and determine if anything is going on before it happens.

Last week, there were four suspicious individuals reported in town. Blankenship noted that they went to several businesses asking about buying equipment such as backhoes, trailers, etc. They went to The Center Restaurant to eat. While there, they gave different stories such as being from Pennsylvania and being Amish, then later being Jewish. They suddenly decided to leave without finishing their meal, perhaps after spotting Chief Blankenship. He stopped them as they headed out of town.

It was due to someone reporting their suspicious behavior that the Police Department was aware of them being in town. People are urged to report anything that seems suspicious. "If we all look out for each other, it really helps," stressed the Police Chief.

The circus is coming to town! Muenster Kiwanis are again sponsoring a circus and asked permission from the City to hold the event at the old baseball field. Mayor Anderson stated, "It is a different circus this time. It has a new tent and supposedly has elephants and the full show." Alderman Jewel Otto reported that the proceeds would go to the swimming pool fund.

An election was called for May 12. Place 1 held by Pat Stelzer, Place 2 held by Greg Bohl, and place 4 held by Jewel Otto are up for election. Those interested in

signing up for any of the positions can pick up an application at City Hall from now through March 5.

Currently, the City's contract for electricity is with Green Mountain Energy. It expires in May. Broker Artie Rox checked with several companies for the lowest rates. He reported that rates are lower now than they have been in years. Green Mountain offered a rate of \$0.04895 for 24 months and TXU proposed a rate of \$0.04921. Green Mountain may have a slightly lower rate than the one presented.

Alderman Greg Bohl suggested requesting the rate for three years rather than two since it is such a good rate. He also would like to know if FP&L will match the rate. "It's been a while since we've spoken with them, but they were anxious to get the City's business at one time because of Wolf Ridge Wind Project," he added.

The Council approved the 24 month contract unless FP&L offers a better contract or to switch to 36 months if possible.

Joe Bob Jones, supervisor with Atmos Energy, informed the Council that Atmos Energy is applying to the Public Utility Commission for an increase in the rates that they charge for natural gas. Atmos requests that all cities pass a suspension resolution to extend the deadline to allow more time for negotiations. If not suspended, rates would go up March 6. The next date for the increase would be June 4. The Council approved the request.

Administrator Endres said a citizen was very upset because he'd found a large plastic bag full of plastic jugs in the City's paper recycle container. People are reminded that the bin is only for paper and cardboard. The sign on the gate that should note this disappeared some time ago. There was one on the container, but the City sometimes get containers from other cities that do recycle everything.

Utility Service Company will be in town next week to paint the exterior of the water tower. The City pays \$4,800 a year for maintenance, inspection, and every 10 year painting.

City sales taxes were up 29.30% in January as compared to January 2011.

In other business, the City Council:

- Amended the Personnel Policy to clarify which City employees are eligible for on-call pay. The change excluded police officers.
- Reappointed Milton Knauf, Nick Walterscheid, and Tim Schneider to new two-year terms on the Muenster Water District Board.
- Approved payments of bills totaling \$113,075.56.

Miles and miles of Texas highway will soon see speed limit increases following a recent Texas Transportation Commission action approving 75 mph designations for close to 1,500 miles of interstate.

The speed limit changes span 60 Texas counties, making it the largest conversion since a new law was passed last year. The 82nd Texas Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 1353 which allows the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to establish 75 mph speed limits on Texas highways providing speed studies show it can be done safely.

Since September, the agency has been reviewing existing 70 mph speed limits across the state to determine where a 75 mph limit may be safely posted. Four Central Texas highways were the first to see higher speeds after the new law took effect. The recent Commission action brings the number of miles now zoned at 75 mph as a result of House Bill (HB) 1353 to 1,618.

Posting new speed limits on 1,500 miles of interstate highway is a major milestone in implementing the new law, said Carol Rawson,

TxDOT Traffic Operations Division director.

TxDOT recommended to the Commission that speed limits be raised on segments of I-10, I-20, I-27, I-30, I-35, I-37, I-40, I-44, and I-45.

Motorists must continue to travel at the posted speed until new signs are installed, said Rawson. "The new speed limit is not official until the signs go up," she added.

TxDOT studies of speeds on U.S. highways, state highways, farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads are still under way.

Prior to HB 1353, Texas had 1,445 miles of 75 mph speed limits and 521 miles of 80 mph speed limits on certain state highways. These speed limits were previously restricted to specific rural counties and highways located mostly in West Texas. Texas now has almost 3,600 miles zoned at 75 mph or higher.

Included in the new 75 mph speed limits approved is I-35 — 106 miles across Webb, Medina, Atascosa, Bexar, Hill and Cooke counties

Goto [http://www.txdot.gov/safety/speed\\_limit/75mph.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/safety/speed_limit/75mph.htm) for more information on the locations of the new speed limits.

**Camp offered for grieving children**

Grief is hard work for mature adults. It can be especially troubling for children. Myths abound that children don't feel a loss as keenly as adults, or that they don't understand death, that they lack the experience to process grief, or that natural resiliency will help them bounce back.

Losing a loved one can be devastating at any age. How children experience the death and their subsequent grief varies according to age, developmental stage, and their relationship to the deceased. It is estimated that one in 20 children under age 15 will suffer the loss of a parent.

Professionals at Home Hospice of Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties know that if a child is old enough to love, he or she is old enough to grieve. While there is no one right way to process the unique sadness of losing a parent or someone close, there is help at Camp Dragonfly.

Camp Dragonfly is a camp for children who have lost a parent or someone close to them within the last two years. On March 2, 3, and 4, children between the ages of eight and 12 will gather at All Saints Camp on Lake Texoma with one thing in common. They are grieving.

The three-day camp emphasizes healing through

thoughtfully designed activities that are meaningful, fun, and often, life changing.

The deadline to apply to the camp in Monday, Feb. 13. Applications are available on the Home Hospice website, [www.homehospice.org](http://www.homehospice.org) or you may pick one up at the Home Hospice office, 505 W. Center Street in Sherman or 1001 E. Broadway in Gainesville.

"The camp is more about life and living than about death and dying," said camp director Jolene Senek, LBSW, CT. "We help kids experience a healing journey and also provide tools for dealing with their loss."

When parents or guardians arrive on Sunday, they learn more about how to help their children in an informative session. It is sometimes surprising to discover that, after the death of one parent, children may become especially protective of the remaining parent. One mother, whose son attended camp, realized that she was so caught up in her own pain that she didn't give enough attention to his grieving. Many parents want to know if a child's behavior is normal.

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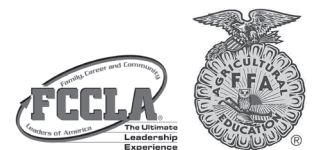
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is time to begin thinking about the Youth Fair for 2012 and how we can help the students of our community achieve success and receive the proper awards for their countless hours of hard work and dedication to their animals and projects.

Please take a moment to understand who we are and what we do. We are a group of individuals who help raise donations that go to the premium money for the projects and animals that our students, from this community, sell at the Youth Fair Premium Sale. We also help those students who do not make the sale with money to help defray the cost of their projects or animals. One hundred percent of what you donate goes directly to the youth of our community. There is a great amount of expense and effort that the students put into their projects and animals, and your donations help tremendously.

Last year we had a total of 58 entries in the sale from our Muenster community. The Friends of Muenster paid \$29,200.00 to the youth of our schools for premiums on their sale animals and projects, and also those that did not make the sale. This year we are expecting an increase in the number of entries.

The dates for the **2012 Cooke County Youth Fair** are **Feb. 28 - March 3**. The show schedule is as follows: Swine on Tues., Feb. 28 in Callisburg; Equine on Wed., Feb. 29 at NCTC Equine Arena; Sheep and Goats on Thurs., March 1 in Muenster at the FFA barn; Cattle, Rabbits and Chickens on Fri., March 2 in Valley View. All of the FCCLA fine arts, crafts, and food will be on display starting Thurs., March 1 in Gainesville at the First State Bank Conference Center. The shop and wood projects will be on display Fri., March 2 in Valley View. **The Premium Sale** will be held **Sat., March 3** in Valley View beginning at 1 p.m. Please take the time to visit these locations and show your support of the youth of our community.

Thank you, in advance, for taking this request into consideration. You may send your contributions to the above captioned address or pass them along to any of the names listed below. We look forward to seeing you there!

Respectfully:

- Darren Bindel
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- Darren Walterscheid
- Jack Flusche
- Bert Walterscheid
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## Bartels celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

On Jan. 8, friends and family gathered at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Walter and Celine Truebenbach Bartel. The Mass celebrant was Father Ken Robinson. Walter and Celine were married in the same church on Jan. 6, 1962.

The couple's grandchildren participated in the Mass by presenting the Offertory gifts with small mementos symbolizing Walter and Celine's faith and love of their family. At the end of the Mass, after receiving a special blessing from Fr. Ken, the couple was surprised and greatly honored as Fr. Ken presented them

with an Apostolic Blessing bestowed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

Joining Walter and Celine for their celebration were children and grandchildren: Floyd and Marceline Felderhoff and children Justin and Chelsea; Jeff and Lorene Dudley and children Malyn, Blair, and Tate; Tim and Staci Bartel; Terry Bartel and children ShyAnn and Dalton, and friend Pandy Jackson and daughter, Brooke; Jason and Juline Brodgon, and children Emily and Eve; Matt and Adrienne Bauer; Jessica Bartel and friend Bo Crabtree; and grandchildren Geordan and Matthew Spaeth.

A reception was hosted by

Walter and Celine's children in the VFW Hall in Muenster. The hall was beautifully decorated with gold and cream poinsettias, golden ornaments, and large vases overflowing with gold beads.

The reception included a catered meal served to more than 170 friends and relatives. Walter and Celine, along with their bridal party were served lunch on china, a gift to Celine's grandparents Wenzel and Theresia Truebenbach on their 50th wedding anniversary. The flatware used by the bridal party was an heirloom from the Bartel family.

Guests enjoyed as the couple's daughter Jessica, shared a brief history of Walter and Celine's courtship, marriage, and love story. Also presented was a video montage celebrating the couple's 50 years of marriage. A display featuring Celine's wedding ensemble

included her wedding gown, veil, and original jewelry. Also displayed were wedding photos including the couple's grandparents, parents, and children's wedding photographs. The three-tier wedding cake was an exact replica of the original served 50 years ago. Guests shared fellowship and enjoyed a four-piece acoustical band.

Honored guests were the couples' brothers and sisters: Henry and wife Cecilia Bartel; and Lillie and husband Butch Tischler; Giles Truebenbach; Laurie and husband George Gould; Andy and wife Pat Truebenbach. Unable to attend but sending their love were Roger and Jane Fleitman.

Walter and Celine's greatest joy is spending time with their children and grandchildren. Celine has devoted her time and skills to making a home for her family; she also spent countless hours through the years as



Celine and Walter Bartel

a volunteer at Sacred Heart School. The Bartels hold the remarkable record of having children enrolled in Sacred Heart School for 40 consecutive years. Walter is a retiree of the Cooke County Electric Cooperative Association. He

continues to enjoy farming and raising cattle.

For all who know them, the couple's 50 years of marriage reflect an exemplary model of how God's people are called to live out the vocation of marriage.



**Kenny and Laure Kuykendall of Valley View announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Kimberly Kay Kuykendall of Muenster to Chisam John Cain of Muenster. Chisam is the son of Chris and Jan Cain of Muenster. The couple plans to marry on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the Hopp Ranch, Muenster with Andy Cherry officiating. The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Valley View High School, and graduated from Tarleton State University in December 2007 with a degree in Animal Industries. She is employed by Alan Ritchey Inc. in Valley View in business development and is an independent sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics. The groom-to-be graduated from Muenster High School in 2002, and earned his degree in Agriculture Services and Development from Tarleton State University in 2008. He is employed as an assembly specialist at Peterbilt in Denton.**

## Garrett turns four

Garrett Joseph Hess, son of Stuart and Anne Hess of Muenster, turned four years old on Dec. 2. He celebrated with a dinosaur-themed party at his home. His cake was made by Tommie Sue Hess.

Helping him celebrate were his parents, sisters Maggie Mae, Sarah, and Jennifer, brother Joshua, grandparents Pat and Tommie Sue Hess, aunt Tate, niece Emma, nephew Case, aunt Renate Pagel, and cousins Miranda and Logan Pagel.



Garrett Hess

## Donations being accepted in Rosston

On Dec. 17, a tropical cyclone caused catastrophic damage in the Philippines. There were thousands of fatalities, with many still missing. Jinna (Mrs. Harold) Maughan's family was not physically affected, but their friends and countrymen have experienced damage that

is devastating. Jinna lived in the Philippines previously and she has family still there.

Rosston Methodist Church has started a collection so Jinna can assist in the support of those overcome by this tragedy. Money collected will be sent to officials who distribute the

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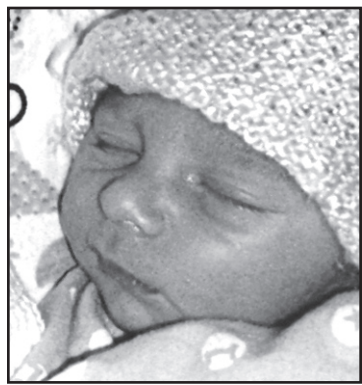
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Kay Aldridge, 768-2321, inglish@ntin.net; Linda Roller, 768-2225; or Harold Maughan, 768-2786 can also collect your donations.

## New Arrival



William Dooley

### Dooley

Bradley and Winter Doolley of Muenster announce the arrival of their first child, son William David Dooley. William was born Nov. 29, 2011 at 1 a.m. at North Texas Medical Center. He weighed 5 lb. 10 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. Grandparents are David Dittfurth and Pam Dittfurth of Muenster, Trace Dick and Christie Dick of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Carol Watkins of Gainesville, Dick and Celine Dittfurth of Muenster, and Kenneth and Wanda Hacker of Saint Jo.

## Dittfurths gather with fun and games

On Dec. 25, the Dittfurth clan was at it again. Similar to the Easter Island Adventures, the family played another round of "Survivor" very similar to the hit TV show. The game was well crafted and orchestrated by Sandy Miller and Toni Graham with photography courtesy of Shirley Knabe. The teams were carefully planned and well balanced.

The game began with a bang with the team and color assignments. Once the teams were crafted, each team received a black garbage bag that contained some necessary materials and was informed they should leave nothing behind. The first game involved two selected individuals from each team, based on team decision, to dress in dresses and accessories that must have been from the late 60s or early 70s. Seeing grown men dressed up in this attire was absolutely hilarious.

Once all dressed up, it was time for each team to throw tennis balls into tomato covers/buckets, with one person retrieving and sending the tennis balls back for other members to continue throwing. Each bucket had a different point value and the goal was to reach 100 points before moving on to the next activity.

The second activity was trying to hit an assigned target using a thin PVC pipe and beans. Each individual had to determine the most accurate amount of force and spit to put on the bean and through the PVC pipe to hit the assigned target. When all teams had proven their inability to strike the target, the game creators moved them closer, and yet even closer to speed the game along.

The next game included the PVC pipe...that no one left behind based on the original instructions. The PVC pipe was to be balanced between two people's stomachs while turning figure eights

through the clothesline.

Once this was accomplished, the members then had to see Phyllis Dittfurth for the next set of instructions. This activity required each team to correctly identify each of Santa's reindeer. From there, members had to get an orange, place it under their chin, and pass it off between other team members at established locations predetermined in the course.

The completion of this game led the members to the next challenge which was to stand back to back while a judge placed a hardboiled egg on the backs of those team members who were back to back. The goal of this game was to get the egg to the mat beneath the members without cracking the egg. This had to be done, not once, but twice. From this challenge they were sent on the infamous wild goose chase through the town to locate baggies of puzzles. They started with a picture clue that led them to the city park. From there, they were sent just south of town for the next clue then to Sisters, under the stars and the moon. The clue from Sisters led to the new baseball field where three members from each team had to run from

the Hornet and Tiger signs, through the dugout and to the 300 foot sign. To ensure fairness and equity, Pat Dittfurth was in charge of managing this activity.

Each team had one vehicle, and during this activity, there was some pretty creative parking and exiting the deranged parking to get back to the house.

Once the teams arrived at the house, they had to choose two people to be blindfolded and put a jigsaw puzzle together. Remember the rule of leaving nothing behind? Well it was necessary to have all of the baggies of puzzles collected while on the wild goose chase in the 60s clothing because all of the puzzle pieces were mixed together. Each team had the two blindfolded members who were in charge of listening to the rest of the team guide them to accurately fit the puzzle pieces into the correct puzzle. The first team to complete this task was declared the winners.

The 2011 Reindeer Game winners included: Kourtney Dittfurth, David Dittfurth, Judy Muller, Eric Knabe, and Tonya Laliberte. This version was very interesting and a lot of fun for all involved.



Winners of the 2011 Reindeer Games, from left, Tonya Laliberte, Kourtney Dittfurth, David Dittfurth, Judy Muller, Eric Knabe. Courtesy photo



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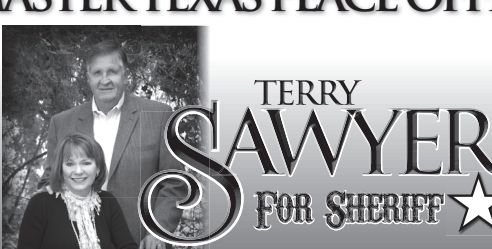
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numerous other projects. Tim also served on the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees, is an alderman on the Muenster City Council, serves as an usher at Sacred Heart Church, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He's also been a business owner for more than 30 years.

Klement then welcomed a second member to the status of JCI Senator. Doug Hermes served as a Jaycee member for more than 20 years. He was Muenster Jaycee president from 1994-95. In 1999, he received the President's Partner Award and has chaired numerous projects. "He was 5th Thursday Chairman for 10 years running and that in itself is important to the Chapter," Klement stated.

Doug serves as a trustee on the Muenster ISD Board. He's been a successful business owner for 10 plus years.

Klement concluded, "Two hundred ninety four years of service from just our senators - now we have two more! Just imagine how many years we have with our total membership!"

President Josh Walterscheid presented awards to several Jaycees. The first was the Key Man award. The award is voted on by all Jaycee members. "This award is for the person in the organization who shows consistent effort with projects that we do," explained Walterscheid. "He stands out as somebody who is always there. He's always there to make sure the job gets done. This year's Key Man is someone who is truly committed to the Jaycees and to the community." He presented the award to Jody Felderhoff.

Walterscheid then presented the Outstanding Chairman Award which is also voted on by all the Jaycees. He remarked, "The Jaycees have several events that we put on annually along with many other fundraisers that come up throughout the year. We work year round towards completion of our new baseball fields. For each of these projects, there

is always somebody that's in charge of organizing and making sure everything gets done properly. An outstanding chairman is not necessarily one who chairs the most events, but who also does a good job at chairing. This year that person and his wife have been both of those things. Tommy Huchton received the award.

President's Partner was the next award presented. This person is chosen by the President. "With a group of guys like this, it's hard to pick a single person that stands out," said Walterscheid. "Everybody is committed to what we do and everybody plays their special part in our organization. This individual has been there throughout the last year and answered all my questions. He's done an amazing part in all of our projects and helping with everything. Without him, I would have had (to take) a lot more time getting things done this year." Walterscheid named Darren Bindel as President's Partner.

JCI Senator Neal Flusche performed the swearing in of new officers. He said, "Your fellow members have expressed their confidence that you can fulfill your official duties whether your duty includes overseeing project chairmen, keeping minutes at the meetings, keeping financial records, or promoting membership, maintaining membership involvement, or even holding meetings whenever necessary. Each of you is important. Each job is vital to keep the Muenster Jaycees strong."

Accepting offices for 2012-12 are President Josh Walterscheid, First Vice-President Toby Walterscheid, Second Vice-President Brian Hermes, Secretary Patrick Lutkenhaus, Treasurer Troy Huchton, Fifth Thursday Chairmen Justin Hartman and Lucas Hartman, Directors Matt Flusche, Nolan Hartman, Gary Muller, and Tony Hartman, and State Director Jody Felderhoff.

Bindel thanked Walterscheid for taking on another term. He said, "Josh did an

excellent job last year. He's excellent at getting people up to do stuff, getting them involved, getting the projects done."

Josh expressed appreciation to the businesses and individuals of the community for support of the Jaycees and all they do. He detailed many of the projects the group took on during the past year.

"In this next year, I hope to repeat the same things that we've done in the past year," remarked Walterscheid. "We also have some new projects. I can only hope that throughout this next year we continue to be the outstanding organization that we started so many years ago. I'm very proud to be president of this organization and also very proud to be part of a community that's filled with people who are able, and more importantly, willing to support the Jaycees and all that we do."

Muenster Park Board and Muenster Youth Council President Ben Bindel thanked the Jaycees for their assistance with raising funds to build the municipal swimming pool. He explained that the members of the Park Board are also members of the Muenster Youth Council.

It is the responsibility of the Youth Council to help with the allocation of United Way funds. They collect and distribute the United Way funds for Muenster. He noted that about \$12,000 is collected in Muenster annually and all that money is spent back in Muenster.

Bindel said he applied for a grant through United Way. "This year, I would like to present \$12,000 to the Jaycees for their new baseball and soccer fields," announced Bindel.

State Director Jody Felderhoff led the Jaycee Creed to close the banquet.

Leading the effort to raise funds for a new municipal swimming pool, the Jaycees sold raffle tickets. The prizes were \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place, and \$2,000 for third place. Mayor Anderson announced holders of the winning tickets. Lee Buddy and Chris Cash won the \$5,000. Second place winner was 5H Ranch and third place was split between eight - Toby Walterscheid, Mark, Doug, Kenneth, Tony, Roy, Judy, and Kyla.

During 2011, the Muenster Jaycees donated a total of \$80,500 to the community. That included \$22,500 to various organizations, chari-



Muenster Jaycees President Josh Walterscheid gives his plans for the coming year.

Janet Felderhoff photo

ties, and schools; \$15,000 to needy families and trust funds; \$2,000 to Little League/Coach Pitch; and \$41,000 to the new ballpark. Activities included cooking breakfast for the Youth Hunt, Punt, Pass, & Kick, Little League and Coach Pitch, awarding scholarships, and supplying candy for the Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Parade. Some of the fundraisers were Germanfest, golf tournament, Hold 'Em tournament, Money Dance, New Year's Eve Dance, and Swimming Pool Raffle.



Officers for Muenster Jaycees 2012-13 are from left, front - Brian Hermes, Troy Huchton, Josh Walterscheid, Jody Felderhoff, Justin Hartman; back - Tony Hartman, Patrick Lutkenhaus, Toby Walterscheid, Gary Muller, Lucas Hartman, and Nolan Hartman.

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12 and under. Soups will include vegetable beef, broccoli cheese, chicken noodle, and others. Dessert and drinks are included with the cost of the meal.

The Forestburg Service Club's auction will include handcrafted and homemade items, services such as welding, plumbing, electrical, mowing housecleaning, and catered meals, and home baked goodies and other items. Anyone interested in

donating services or items, call Debra Dill at 940-964-2483 or take the items to the school's superintendent's office before Saturday.

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**College Honors**

**Texas State University**  
 Texas State University has released its Dean's List for the Fall 2011 semester. Included on that list were Hillary Swirczynski of Muenster and Kayla Hess of Lindsay. To be named to the Dean's List at Texas State, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

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# Youth group makes D.C. pilgrimage to March for Life

**By Janet Felderhoff**  
 There were 21 teens and three adult sponsors from Sacred Heart Parish who traveled to Washington D.C. in January for the Annual March for Life. The Muenster group met with groups from other parishes in the area to make the long bus trip.

Attending were Aaron Colmenero, Omar Colmenero, Sara Davidson, Paige Dill, Maddison Dugger, Tori Dyess, Brooke Hess, Shelby Klement, Rebecca Klinke, Lindsey Miller, Sara Miller, Alyssa Moragues, Miranda Pagel, Darian Peters, Miriah Rocha, Quinn Sicking, Abby Walterscheid, Lora Walterscheid, Alyssa White, Emily White, Michelle Zimmerer, and adults Dana Walterscheid, Jenny P. and Youth Minister Dan Aedo. There were also 20 attending from Holy Spirit in Duncanville, four from St. Peter's in Lindsay, and four from St. Michael's in Grand Prairie.

Youth Minister Aedo remarked, "I was very impressed with the number of youth from our parish that stepped up for LIFE... It was great to see our number of participants/pilgrims nearly triple from last year... we took 22 youth this year compared to eight last year... I believe they truly are a witness and voice for those babies who can't speak for themselves... I was also impressed that during both extremely long (25 hours!) bus

rides that I NEVER heard one complaint...amazing!" Quinn Sicking attended for a second time this year. He observed, "The greatest impact that I think the March has is on the people who attend it, to give them a sense of hope, hope that the battle they are fighting will one day be over and we will be victorious. We get this feeling because of the amount of people there who are marching in solidarity with us, especially the number of young people. It lets you know you are not alone. It seems like the numbers get bigger each year."

Miranda Pagel also made a return pilgrimage. She said, "This experience opens eyes, creates friendships, and is a great way for a getaway vacation that someone else will benefit from. My past two marches have been amazing."

Another second year marcher Alyssa Moragues agreed, "March for Life is a rewarding experience and I recommend it for anyone to attend." Asked what the feeling is of participants at the March, Darian Peters, attending for his first time, responded, "Overwhelmed, excited but at the same time scared for the future generation." Alyssa added, "Participants are determined, faithful, and supportive of the anti-abortion cause." Miranda said, "The feeling is not a protest,

but we are marching for what we believe in and what is right."

How did these young people feel about being part of such a public witness against abortion? Darian said, "It made me feel that I was a part of something bigger than myself and that I was going beyond just my community and making a difference in what I believe." Miranda responded, "It feels great being part of a group of thousands of people." Alyssa added, "It helps me spread the word of God throughout the community."

Do these Muenster teens feel the March for Life is making a difference? Miranda said yes. She said, "I think they open many people's eyes as to what abortion actually is and that all life is valuable." Darian and Alyssa also said it does make a difference. Darian noted, "It expands the awareness of the political leaders by seeing not only adults, but children marching in the freezing cold and rain to express what they believe in." Alyssa feels, "It helps to get the attention of political figures and some change their views and eventually more people will change their minds as well."

The strong commitment of so many young people gives hope for a future that respects and protects the sanctity of life in all forms and at all stages.



Group from Sacred Heart Parish poses for a photo during the March for Life. Courtesy photo

## NCTC issues call for entries in 2012 Community Art Show

Area painters, sculptors, photographers, and other artists are urged to prepare to submit their works for judging in this year's annual Community Art Exhibit sponsored by the Visual Arts Department of North Central Texas College.

The theme for the 2012 exhibit is "Critters," according to Jimmy Staples, Art Department coordinator. Entries are not required to reflect this theme, but Staples said that an additional award will be given to the work which best does so.

He added that artists should take note of some changes coming to the annual exhibit.

The category referred to as "Adult & College Student Division" will now be referred to as "Open Division." Entry fees will remain at \$10 per piece with a maximum of three total pieces per artist. A youth competitor may enter three pieces in the Open Division, in addition to one free piece in the Youth Division.

Other important changes that exhibitors need to be aware of include registration days and times, length of the exhibit, reception date, and procedures to pick up their artwork.

Artists are required to meet three terms of eligibility. First, the work should be fully original in concept. Secondly, all work should have been completed within the past two years. Thirdly, pieces must not have been shown in any previous NCTC art exhibits.

The Youth Division categories and entry rules remain unchanged from last year. Five youth categories according to school grade are K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12. The top entries in each category will receive awards from Gainesville Area Visual Arts, the Cooke County Arts Council, NCTC, and other

sources.

There is no entry fee, but there is a limit of three works per school per grade level, or one work per individual (home school or club) per grade level. This and other information is provided online at [www.nctc.edu/VisualArts](http://www.nctc.edu/VisualArts). Juror for the exhibit will be announced at a later date.

Entries for the Youth Division will be accepted on Thursday and Friday, April 12-13, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entries for the Open Division will be accepted on Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All exhibit events will take place in the Visual Arts Center on NCTC's Gainesville Campus. The exhibit will be open to the public Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and weekdays, April 23-May 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily in the Visual Arts Gallery.

The traditional reception and awards ceremony is for scheduled for Saturday, April 21, from 4-7 p.m.

"We invite all local and area art lovers to join us at the reception and awards ceremony," Staples said, "as we recognize this year's winners, mingle with local artists and art lovers, and enjoy refreshments and wonderful hors d'oeuvres prepared by Labeth Nall and staff of NCTC's Great Western Dining Service."

At the awards ceremony, recognition and prizes will go to top entries in each division. Special awards will be given to the artwork that best portrays the exhibit theme, in addition to a "Best of Show" award. This year,

the "People's Choice Award" will be announced on the final day of the exhibit on May 3.

Also, Staples said the NCTC Art Department is pleased to announce that Donna Howell-Sickles will be awarding an NCTC Visual Arts major with a \$500 scholarship.

Howell-Sickles is a local artist who has achieved international acclaim for her art, particularly her unique representations of the American cowgirl. In 2008, she was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth.

"Many of the works in this year's exhibit will be available for sale, so visitors can pick up a piece of art that's 'just right' for their home or office to enrich their lives." Artists may pick up their works after the exhibit on Friday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; or Monday or Tuesday, May 7-8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Art is a powerful medium and without it human beings would be incapable of balance," Staples said. "We often overlook how dependent we are on the arts to create harmony in our daily lives. From an economic standpoint, art is often seen as a luxury; however, if we had to be without art for a day, we would realize it is so much more than that."

Questions concerning the art exhibit should be directed to exhibit coordinator Karen Lampson at 940-668-7731, ext. 4504, or email: [artshow@nctc.edu](mailto:artshow@nctc.edu). Information and entry forms are available online at [www.nctc.edu/VisualArts](http://www.nctc.edu/VisualArts).

## United Way announces 2012 officers

Cooke County United Way released a list of 2012 officers and chairmen. They are President Brent Reed, Vice President/2013 Campaign Chair Laura Otts, Treasurer Laure Kuykendall, Past President Rhonda Beam;

2012 committee chairs and event coordinators - Allocation Chairs Ray Fletcher, Bylaws Chair Lois Essenburg and Debbie Hess, Campaign Chair Laura Otts, Finance Chair Mark Austin, Nominating Committee Chair Brandon Bayer, Publicity Chair Leah Boaz, Youth Board Coordinators Ruthie Chalmers and Mary Rondon, Kids Care Coordinator Ben Willingham,

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The 2012 Board of Directors include: Class of 2012 - Brandon Bayer of Muenster State Bank, Leah Boaz of Nascoga Federal Credit Union, Laure Kuykendall of First State Bank, Laura Otts of Otts Furniture, Brent Reed of Brent Reed Investments, Danny Reeves of North Texas Medical Center, Mary Rondon of Motorola Mobility, Steven Sims of Landmark Ban;

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Cooke County United Way Board members for 2012.

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## Butterfield Stage offers fun night opportunity

Butterfield Stage's Premiere Planning Committee met Tuesday, Jan. 10 to send out save-the-date cards for the opening night of the world premiere of *Rex's Exes*, a Jones Hope Wooten comedy. The VIP Opening Night is Thursday, May 10. The evening will include food, drinks, and an opportunity

to meet the playwrights. CSC members and season ticket holders will have the first opportunity to buy tickets. For information on becoming a CSC member, call the theater at 665-8152 or visit the website at [www.butterfieldstage.org](http://www.butterfieldstage.org). The play will run May 11-13 and May 17-20.

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# SCHOOL

Dan Aedo, youth minister/service coordinator (SHCS) at Sacred Heart Parish announced that the Sacred Heart Youth and Sacred Heart Catholic School collected over \$1,262 this past "Soup"er Bowl weekend! The Sacred Heart Catholic School kicked off this campaign to "Tackle Hunger" in our own community by participating in its regular First Friday food and mission collection of \$158 and canned goods. The SHY group collected at all weekend Masses which totaled over \$1,104! The SHY teens who helped collect are Billy Felderhoff, Payton Sanders, Michelle Sicking, Miranda Pagel, Jordan Bunnig, Jordan Studebaker, Shelby Klement, Austin Hennigan, Bryce Herr, Kelsie and Shelbi Sicking, and Lauren Rohmer. All \$1,262 in proceeds went to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry and Outreach. Pictured are, from left, at right - Billy Felderhoff, Payton Sanders, Miranda Pagel, Michelle Sicking; in - Sacred Heart parishioner Rosemary Becker, Shelby Klement, Austin Hennigan, and Bryce Herr. S.H. Youth Ministry photos



## Financial aid workshop offered for SHCS seniors

A financial aid workshop for Sacred Heart High School seniors and their parents will take place on Feb. 22 in the high school computer lab beginning at 6:30 p.m. Ashley Tatum, financial aid director from North Central Texas College, will conduct the meeting. She and her staff will explain changes in the application process, answer questions, and assist with the FAFSA application. Computers will be available for parents and students to

complete the application. It will be helpful if both students and parents obtain PIN numbers prior to the meeting. PIN numbers can be obtained at PIN.ed.gov. Those who wish to complete the application need to bring their 2011 income tax return to the meeting. For more information, call Sacred Heart Counselor James McDermott at 940-759-2511, ext. 22, or e-mail jmcdermott@shmuenster.com



## Lunch Menus

### WEEK OF FEB. 13 - 17 MUESTER ISD

Mon. - Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, peaches, blueberry mini muffins.  
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 Wed. - Taco soup, crackers, carrots, apples w/peanut butter, cookies, bread sticks.  
 Thur. - Sausage, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, wheat hot rolls.  
 Fri. - Hamburger w/cheese,

oven fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.  
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 Mon. - Chicken crisps, cheese sticks, pinto beans, Spanish rice, applesauce.  
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 Thur. - Lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, peaches, bread stick.  
 Fri. - Chicken on a bun

w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.  
**ERA ISD**  
 Mon. - Vegetable chili w/ground beef, cornbread, fruit, carrots.  
 Tues. - Chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, fruit, roll.  
 Wed. - Beef shepherd's pie, green beans, fruit.  
 Thur. - Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit.  
 Fri. - Sub sandwich, chips, celery w/peanut butter, fruit, ice cream.

## Scouts learn printing history



The boys Tiger Scout Alvin Hartman from Pack 664 visited the Muenster Enterprise print shop last weekend. Alvin Hartman gave the boys a tour and told stories on the history of the newspaper. Pictured are Logan Hess, Ryan Wolf, Scott Wolf, Hartman, and Travis Wolf. Courtesy photo



December "Teachers and Students of the Month" at Muenster ISD and their principals are pictured, from left, front - 2nd Grader Mason McCoy; back - Elementary Principal Lou Heers, 2nd Grade Teacher Kim Budish, Senior Lana Heers, 8th Grader Mason Davis, Junior High Math Teacher and Coach Amy Binder, and JH/HS Principal Sharon Browning. MISD photo



January Teachers and Students of the Month at Muenster ISD pictured with their principals are, from left, front - 5th Grader Garrett Bindel and 3rd Grader Preston Smith; back - Elementary Principal Lou Heers, Freshman Mikaela Lamar, High School Math Teacher Carolyn Lutkenhaus, and JH/HS Principal Sharon Browning. Not pictured is Elementary P.E. Coach Trey Gray. MISD photo



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## UIL drops Muenster football into Class A Division II

### Sacred Heart Tigers and Tigerettes advance to TAPPS playoffs brackets

The Tigerettes traveled to Denton last Friday to take on Calvary Christian in a must-win contest to force a playoff with Texoma Christian for the District's #1 seed. "We had that little slip-up last Tuesday," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur, adding that he was pleased with the way the Tigerettes battled throughout their game Fri-

day to bring home a 46-38 victory. Karli Anderle led Sacred Heart with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Kelsey Reeves added 8, Karleigh Reeves 5, Danielle Berend and Mikaela Bartush 4 each, and Kaitlin Hesse 2.

SH	9	14	11	12	46
C	12	3	8	15	38

Next action for the 28-5,

7-1 Tigerettes was Thursday, the tiebreaker game with Texoma Christian. The Tigers ended District play with a 60-36 loss to Calvary. Nick Zimmerer led the scoring with 14 points. Austin Springer and Brady Endres each added 6, with AJ Miller and Austin Aldridge both scoring 4, and Hayden Schilling 2.

SH	13	4	12	7	36
C	17	17	18	8	60

**Tiger playoffs**  
The 5-15, 2-5 Tigers earned a 1st round TAPPS playoff spot and will face Abilene Christian High School in Abilene. The date and time were unknown at press time.

The Texas high school football and basketball realignments for the next 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years were released last week. There was one major expected change for the Cooke County football teams in Class 1A when the announcement of the Universal Interscholastic League's shuffle between classifications and districts was made official. The annual Kraut Bowl between the Muenster Hornets and Lindsay Knights has been moved into the pre-district schedule.

Using the UIL enrollment formula, Muenster was eligible to drop to Division II, which includes schools with enrollment under 150.5 students. Muenster qualified with 142. Lindsay posted a 171 student count, keeping the Knights in Division

I. But all that could change when UIL will do this all over again in two years. Joining Muenster (142) in District 8 will be Petrolia (133), Electra (131), Era (126), Perrin-Whitt (123), and Munday (106). The Knights (171) remain with Valley View (188.5), Collinsville (168), and Chico (160), and pick up Blue Ridge (186) and Trenton (176) in District 7.

In UIL, there are 168 11-man football schools with enrollment of 199 and below. First day of conditioning will begin Aug. 6. First day of contact is Aug. 10, and first scrimmage is Aug. 17. Week one action will begin Sept. 7. Callisburg, District 5AA Div. I, will have both Pilot Point and Whitesboro, who dropped down from 3A, join

them. The 1A count of 199 and below has been in place since 2008. In 1980, when UIL did away with "B" schools, 134 was the high count for 1A. Student enrollments for other Cooke County and local schools are Gainesville 676, Nocona 249, Saint Jo 84, and Forestburg 46.

The largest UIL school is Plano East with 6,015.5 students. The smallest is Valentine with only nine high school students.

There are 390 Class 1A basketball schools in 32 districts under UIL. District 1 will continue with Muenster, Lindsay, Era, Valley View, and Collinsville. The 2012-13 season begins with the first day of practice on Oct. 17 for girls and Oct. 24 for boys. First games can be played Nov. 5 and Nov. 12.



Hesse hoopsters - John Paul Hesse, at left, and Kaitlin Hesse, above, give Denton Calvary a workout in Sacred Heart's final regular season basketball game. Photos by Drew Springer

### Lady Hornets win District Championship - Hornets fighting for playoff spot

The Lady Knights of Lindsay threatened the top-ranked Muenster Lady Hornets last Friday in a battle for a share of the District Championship.

"We battled for 32 minutes and never gave up," said Lindsay Coach Don Neu. Muenster had a 1 point lead going into the final quarter. "I knew then it was going to come down to the final buzzer," Neu continued. Lindsay came up 4 points shy of upsetting the Lady Hornets, 44-41.

The win clinches the fourth straight District Championship for the Lady Hornets and also was Muenster's 47th District win in a row. Demi Koelzer led all point makers with 25 points. Lana Heers added 9, Amber Walterscheid 4, Michelle Sicking 3, Emily Hellman 2, and Allison Pagel 1.

Megan Caillier scored 19 points for the Lady Knights. Jordan Fleitman added 11, Sydney Ott 7, Taylor Atkins and Hayley Skinner 2 each.

M	13	15	8	8	44
L	11	11	13	6	41

Strong 2nd and 4th quarters boosted the Hornets to a 53-44 victory over Lindsay. A Flusche vs. Fleitman battle at the boards kept the scoreboard lit up.

For the Hornets, Andy Flusche scored 23 points. Cole Walterscheid added 9, Blake Grewing 8, Tyler Anderle 7, and Austin Hennigan 6. Dean Fleitman led Lind-

say with 25 points, which included four 3-pointers. Garrett Yancey added 8, Jace Wann 5, Dawson Holt 4, and Connor Fuhrmann 2.

Muenster hit 68% of their free throws, while Lindsay connected only one of six.

M	8	17	13	15	53
L	19	5	13	7	44

On Tuesday, Muenster traveled to Poolville. The Lady Hornets finished District play with a 54-26 win over the Lady Monarchs to remain undefeated and claim the District Championship.

Koelzer was on fire as she put 31 points on the board for Muenster. Heers added 5, Hellman and Pagel 4 each, Andi Felderhoff and Paige Hennigan 3 each, and 2 apiece by Paige Herr and Walterscheid.

The Hornets fell to 9-3 in District with a 61-39 loss to Poolville. A cold shooting first half put the Hornets in a hole they couldn't get out of.

Flusche and Walterscheid led the scoring for Muenster with 8 points each. Anderle added 7, Grewing 6, Hunter Klement and Mason Binder 3 each and Brandon Hennigan and Clint Sidwell 2 apiece.

M	7	5	14	13	39
P	14	12	17	18	61



### JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

**Muenster vs Lindsay**  
The junior high girls played three games Thursday night. Muenster won 2.

The night began with the Lindsay "B" team defeating Muenster 15-2. Katlain Hogue scored the Lady Stinger points. Lindsay scorers were Ashton Polk 7, Ashley Hedrick 6, and Brianna Overholt 2.

The 7th grade Muenster team took a 27-16 win over Lindsay. Scoring for the Lady Stingers were Bailey Klement 12, Amy Luttmer 8, Haiden Shook 3, and 2 each by Morgan Eldridge and Macie Pagel. Point makers for Lindsay were Elizabeth Hellman and Campbell Williams 8 each.

A low-scoring close contest for the 8th grade teams ended with Red over Black 16-14. Natalie Fangman scored 13 points and Claire Schneider 3 for Muenster. Putting points on the board for Lindsay were Alex Harrell 4, and 2 each by Erin Early, Hope English, Ali Anzaldua, Sarah Snider, and Alison Gunderson.

In boys action, Lindsay defeated Muenster in two games. The 7th grade Hornets came up short 24-18 behind the young White team. Muenster point makers were Reed Harrison with 7, Cole Barnes 6, Yancey Otto 5, Zach Hundt 4, and Luke Metzler 2.

Lindsay's Black team defeated Muenster's 8th 54-23. Muenster point makers were unavailable. Andy Dieter and Blake Hoepfner led the scoring for Lindsay with 14 and 13 points. Garrett Martin added 9, Logan Cook 6, and 4 each by John Rohmer, Doug Case, & Rohan Patel.

**Muenster vs Valley View**  
The Muenster Junior High Lady Hornets finished the season Monday with both teams winning the District Championships. The 7th grade team finished 14-1 and the 8th grade 13-1 on the year.

The 7th grade girls took a 33-4 one-sided victory from Valley View. Nine players put points on the board, led by Bailey Klement with 9. Amy Luttmer, Macie Pagel, Katie Kresge, and Haiden Shook each scored 4. Morgan Eldridge, Katlain Hogue, Zina Haverkamp, and Katie Hutson scored 2 points each.

The 8th grade team game

### JUNIOR VARSITY ACTION

**Muenster vs Lindsay**  
The JV Lady Hornets defeated the JV Lady Knights 41-22 last Friday night. Sydney Huchton led Muenster's scoring with 12 points. Kassie Dangelmayr added 9, Adrien Rohmer 6, Kristen Reiter 5, Hannah Bayer 4, Morgan Flusche 3, and Kendi Bayer 2.

Nicole Fleitman was high scorer for Lindsay with 9. Maddy Zimmerer added 4, Courtney Neu and Shea Garner 3 apiece, and Madison Green 2.

In boys action, the Knights swatted the Hornets with a 57-32 final score. Trevor Cheaney scored 14 points for Muenster. Chance Herr added 6, Clayton Hess 4, Brandon Hennigan and Dalton Blassingame 3 each, and Trey Anderle 2.

The Knights' scores were unavailable.

**Sacred Heart vs Calvary**  
The JV Tigerettes ended the season with a 30-16 win over Denton Calvary, finishing with a 6-3 record.

Kinzie Hess was the game's high scorer with 15 points. Kylie Hess added 7, Mikayla Fleitman 4, Rebecca Klinke 2, and 1 each by Mikenzie Fleitman and Michelle Zimmerer.

**Lindsay vs Perrin**  
The JV Lady Knights finished their season with a 32-26 win over Perrin-Whitt. Lindsay was 13-15, 10-3 for the year.

Zimmerer was high scorer with 12 points. Garner added 7, Mackenzie Myrick 4, Tara Atkins 3, and 2 each by Jessica Martin, Green, and

Sarah Fuhrmann.

**Muenster vs Poolville**  
The JV Hornets scored on 13 baskets, eight 3-pointers, and five free throws to bring home a 55-45 win over Poolville Tuesday night. Anderle and Cheaney led the scoring with 16 and 15 points. Herr added 8, Hennigan 6, Hess 4, and 3 each by Austin Creswell and Blassingame.

M	18	16	12	9	55
P	12	8	11	14	45

The JV Lady Hornets finished out the season with a 46-9 win over Poolville for a 25-5, 13-1 record. K. Bayer scored 14 points for Muenster. Kassie Dangelmayr and Huchton each added 8. Abby Pagel and Flusche scored 5 apiece, Reiter 4, and Rohmer 2.

### Lindsay Powerlifting

Lindsay powerlifters competed in the Ram Invitational Tournament at S&S High School last week, competing against 2A and 3A schools.

On Thursday, Alie Fogle came away with a 7th place finish in her division.

On Saturday, Elijah Walker finished the day in 9th place in his weight class and Nick Rose 14th in his class.

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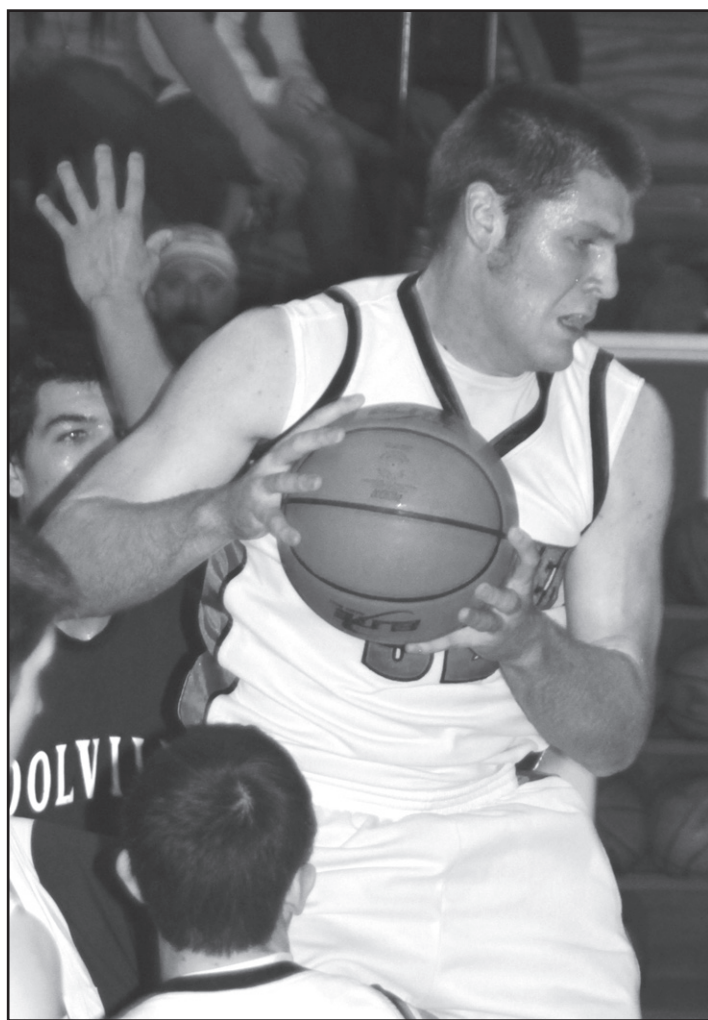
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# FARM & RANCH

## Possible case of "mistaken identity" could hamper fire ant control efforts

A deadly fly parasite reported for the first time recently in honeybees in California and South Dakota has Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologists concerned.

The discovery might hamper biological control efforts on the red imported fire ant through a case of mistaken identity or even "guilt by association," according to Dr. Paul Nester, Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomology program specialist in Houston.

Nester is part of a team of scientists at Texas A&M University, the University of Texas, the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Gainesville, Florida, and land grant university entomologists in other states that since 2000 has been working to control red imported fire ants using several species of phorid flies that specifically target that pest.

"There are over 3,000 species of described species of phorid flies found around the world and perhaps as many as 50,000 phorid species that haven't even been catalogued yet, so it wouldn't be surprising if the species reportedly now killing honeybees becomes confused by the public with the species we

are using to control fire ants," Nester said.

"The main phorid fly species, including *Pseudacteon tricuspis* and *P. curvatus*, that parasitize the fire ant are not the same species or even in the same genus as that reportedly parasitizing the bees, though their life cycle appears similar."

An online report at Physorg.com, a science, research and technology news website, <http://www.physorg.com/news/2012-01-deadly-parasite-honey-bees.html>, notes that *Apocephalus borealis*, a phorid fly native to North America, that is known to parasitize bumblebees and paper wasps, also attacks the non-native honeybee causing them to abandon their hives at night.

"Honeybees are in serious decline for no specific reason that has yet been found," Nester said. "Anything that hurts the honeybee also has the potential for damaging our food supply since these wonderful insects are our main crop pollinators."

"It's easy to see how one could jump to conclusions when the common name of 'phorid fly' comes up even though the two parasitic insect species in question are

not closely related."

Nester said Texas A&M University's fire ant work utilizes *Pseudacteon* phorid flies from South America.

"Field and lab experiences over the past 15 years have demonstrated these phorid fly species to be highly specific to red imported fire ants and not honeybees or other beneficial insects."

## DOL proposes revised regulation of child labor on farms

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has proposed revisions to its child labor laws to regulate child labor on farms. The agency announced that it has suggested parental exemptions for children whose parents are part owners or have a substantial interest in farm partnerships or corporations, according to a report by the Associated Press.

Many farm organizations, including the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), have opposed the changed regulations of child labor on farms.

"Farm and ranch families are more interested than anyone else in assuring the safety of farming operations. We have no desire at all to have young teenagers working in jobs that are inappropriate or entail too much risk. But, laws and regulations need to be sensible and within reason—not prohibiting teenagers from performing simple everyday farm functions like operating a battery-powered screwdriver," said AFBF President Bob Stallman.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has committed to

open communication between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and DOL to ensure farmers' concerns are addressed regarding child labor laws.

"We appreciate Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's diligent work on the issue and look forward to working with USDA and DOL further on establishing a rule that respects the importance of youth farm work in rural America and the importance it plays in our system of family-based agriculture," Stallman said.

## Protecting our rural way of life

By Mac Thornberry

Growing up on a family ranch in the Texas Panhandle meant that my brothers and I were expected to help out as best we could. Our father and grandfather worked long hours six days a week, yet there was never enough time to get everything done. From the time we could sit on a horse, we had to pitch in.

We rode horseback to help move cattle. We helped work cattle—branding in the Spring, shipping calves in the Fall. We built and repaired fence. We put out feed. We hoed the weeds out of the cotton field, drove the tractor, and had chores we were responsible for at the house. Much of time, I was probably more trouble than help, but with more experience and maturity, I was able to do more. All of that taught me much more than just how to do the job at hand. In the process I learned something about the value of work.

Of course, the Thornberrys are not unique. Many young men and women growing up in rural America work on farms and ranches and other businesses run by family or by neighbors. They learn how to work, and perhaps gain some useful skills, while earning some money. The farm, ranch, or business gets the benefit of their efforts. But that mutual benefit for many is threatened by—you guessed it—the federal government.

The Department of Labor proposed new regulations last year for farms and other rural businesses that could, among other things, prevent a high school freshman from earning extra money on a farm or helping a neighbor work cattle. The Administration stated that the new proposals were issued to protect teenagers from potentially hazardous work on a farm or ranch. It's true that one needs to be alert and cautious around livestock and machinery. But these regulations will do far more harm than good to rural America.

Among other things, the new rule would prohibit those under age 18 from working at certain businesses, such as grain elevators, feedlots, and livestock auctions. Those under age 16 could not operate power-driven equipment. There is a limited exemption for working on a parent's farm or ranch, but not for grandparents, uncles, neighbors, or others.

The result, of course, will be fewer opportunities for young people, less help for agricultural producers and businesses, and damage to our rural economy. Its consequences will be more than economic, they will be cultural as well. I frequently hear from businesses that move to our area how impressed they are by the work ethic of our people. Fewer opportunities to work mean fewer kids learn how to work.

Of course, I have written to the Department of Labor opposing the regulations. I have cosponsored legislation to stop them. And I will work to prevent any federal funds from being used to enforce them. There are signs recently that the Department of Labor may reconsider some elements. Hopefully, one way or another, this rule will be reversed.

But this effort to extend the federal government's control further into agriculture and rural America is yet another instance of government arrogance – the view that Washington bureaucrats know better than we do about how we should lead our lives. We have seen it in health care, in the work place – even with our shower heads and light bulbs.

It must be stopped. Or the America we have all been privileged to grow up in will be altered forever.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, represents the 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

## Protect Texas wildlife feed from feral hogs

Feral hogs in Texas contribute to \$52 million in agricultural losses each year—including rooting in Texas wildlife feeders and eating wildlife feed intended for whitetail deer and other animals. To advise landowners on how to prevent feral hogs from invading wildlife feeders, Texas AgriLife Extension Service has released a publication, *Using Fences to Exclude Feral Hogs from Wildlife Stations*.

The Texas AgriLife publication outlines recommendations for fencing to keep feral hogs from accessing Texas wildlife feeders. Photos, a list of materials, and cost estimates also are included.

"Research conducted in South Texas brush country showed that fencing around feeding stations that excludes feral hogs is an effective way to keep them from getting to and eating the corn and other supplemental feed landowners put out for wildlife," said Jared Timmons, a Texas AgriLife Extension assistant who addresses issues related to feral hogs in Texas. "And while enclosure fences are time and labor intensive, they will pay for themselves in feed savings."

The feral hog publication can be purchased at the Texas AgriLife Bookstore website, <http://agrilifebookstore.org>.

## Texas dairy farms post annual increase in milk production

Texas dairy farms posted the largest national increase in milk production from November 2010 to November 2011, according to a USDA report.

Texas dairy output is up 8.4% in the year-over-year estimate by the USDA. The report also cites a 4.8% increase or 20,000 additional Texas dairy cows.

Other states posting large milk production increases include: Florida (up 6.6%), New Mexico (up 6.3%), and Arizona (up 6%).

Total U.S. milk production increased 1.8% and cow numbers increased by 91,000 head during the year time-frame. However, national cow numbers decreased by 1,000 between October 2011 and November 2011.

## Texas Tech researchers studying salmonella in cattle

A group of Texas Tech University researchers is taking a closer look at salmonella in cattle after receiving a \$540,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant.

With the grant, the researchers from Texas Tech's International Center for Food Industry Excellence, in collaboration with scientists from USDA's Agricultural Research Services, will examine factors that contribute to salmonella possibly being carried by cattle.

Most of the basic and applied studies will be conducted over the next 18 months, through September 2014.

## TDA MARKET RECAP

For the week ending Feb. 4, feeder cattle prices at Texas Market News were steady to \$5 higher per hundredweight, with a few to \$10 higher. Texas direct feeder sales were steady to \$2 higher. Oklahoma City was mostly steady to \$2 higher on feeder cattle and \$3 to \$6 higher on calves. Heifer calves posted the biggest gains at many locations as feeder and replacement buyers competed for the limited offerings. Fed cattle cash prices were \$1 lower in moderate trade as packers continue to limit purchases and cut slaughter rates in response to stagnant beef prices and ongoing negative margins.

Corn and grain sorghum were higher amid ongoing concerns about South American crops and tight domestic supplies. Wheat prices were higher on concerns that cold weather damaged the crop in Europe and reports of possible Russian export restrictions. However, the market retreated somewhat

late in the week after Russia said it had no plans to limit exports.

As for futures markets, cotton, wheat, corn, and lumber were higher, while feeder cattle and fed cattle were lower.

The eastern half of the state and the Panhandle saw precipitation during the week, with the heaviest amounts east of a line from Laredo to Dallas. Topsoil moisture remained in short to very short supply in much of west and south Texas, while the remainder of the state was mostly short to adequate. Some areas of surplus moisture were reported, mostly in the Blacklands region and in East Texas.

Winter wheat was 97% emerged and in mostly good to poor condition. Preparations for spring planting are underway in many areas. Winter vegetable harvest is progressing. Pastures were rated in mostly fair to very poor condition, though recent rains and warm temperatures have helped winter grasses.

## Beef Checkoff launches "Cow Chow" video game

Consumers wondering what cows are eating may find the Beef Checkoff program's latest venture interesting. A new online game and video series, "Cow Chow," will feature cows wearing specially rigged cameras giving viewers a cow's-eye-view.

After watching videos, users answer questions about what cattle eat and what their nutritional needs are.

"We know people are interested in what cattle eat," said Roger Butler, a dairy producer from Lake Okechobee, Florida in a report from the Beef Checkoff. "Cow Chow shows how proper cattle diets help farmers and ranchers raise high-quality, great-tasting, and nutritious beef they can feel good about feeding their families."

The "Cow Chow: Exploring What Cattle Eat" game and videos are hosted on the Beef Checkoff's [www.ExploreBeef.org](http://www.ExploreBeef.org) website.

"By using social media outlets such as Facebook and YouTube, we're hoping to reach a new generation of beef consumers," says Butler. "Cow Chow takes people to the farm via video, showing them how and where their food is raised, and the commitment cattle farmers and ranchers have to raising safe, healthy beef."

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<b>BONELESS</b>	<b>Pork Chops</b>	I LB.	<b>\$2.79</b>
<b>FRESH</b>	<b>Pork Spare Ribs</b>	I LB.	<b>\$1.99</b>
<b>MARKET SLICED</b>	<b>Baby Swiss Cheese</b>	I LB.	<b>\$3.59</b>
<b>MARKET SLICED</b>	<b>Black Forest Ham</b>	I LB.	<b>\$3.59</b>
<b>SEA BEST, BREADED COCONUT, JUMBO, OR POPCORN</b>	<b>Shrimp</b>	9-13 OZ.	<b>\$2.69</b>
<b>SEA BEST, BREADED</b>	<b>Calamari or Clam Strips</b>	10 OZ.	<b>\$2.59</b>
<b>BAR-S</b>	<b>Bacon</b>	12 OZ.	<b>\$2.09</b>
<b>BAR-S</b>	<b>Franks</b>	12 OZ.	<b>79¢</b>
<b>OSCAR MAYER</b>	<b>Smoked Ham</b>	12 OZ.	<b>\$3.39</b>
<b>OSCAR MAYER</b>	<b>Boiled or Chopped Ham</b>	6-8 OZ.	<b>\$2.29</b>
<b>OWENS, REGULAR OR HOT</b>	<b>Breakfast Sausage</b>	I LB.	<b>\$3.09</b>
<b>PRICE'S</b>	<b>Pimento Spread</b>	12 OZ.	<b>\$2.09</b>
<b>SHUR FINE</b>	<b>Cooked Shrimp</b>	41-50 CT, I LB.	<b>\$5.99</b>

**FISCHER'S COOKED  
Bratwurst**  
I LB.

**\$3.09**

**BONELESS BEEF  
Rump Roast**  
I LB.

**\$2.99**

**SEA BEST  
Catfish Fillets**  
I LB.

**\$6.19**

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| <b>ASSORTED RICE &amp; SAUCE OR PASTA &amp; SAUCE</b> | <b>Knorr Sides</b>               | 4-5.7 OZ.    | <b>5 for \$5</b> |
| <b>ASSORTED VARIETIES 50 OZ. DETERGENT</b>            | <b>Tide 2x Liquid</b>            | 24-32 LOADS  | <b>\$6.49</b>    |
| <b>ASSORTED VARIETIES 9.75-10.5 OZ. BAG</b>           | <b>Fritos® or Cheetos®</b>       | REG. \$2.99  | <b>2 for \$4</b> |
| <b>FRITO-LAY ASSORTED VARIETIES</b>                   | <b>Canned Dips</b>               | 8.5-9 OZ.    | <b>2 for \$5</b> |
| <b>SHURFINE SELECT VARIETY</b>                        | <b>Saltine Crackers</b>          | 15-16 OZ.    | <b>\$1.29</b>    |
| <b>DEL MONTE SELECT VARIETY</b>                       | <b>Canned Vegetables</b>         | 11-15.25 OZ. | <b>5 for \$5</b> |
| <b>BETTY CROCKER ASSORTED TUNA, CHICKEN, OR</b>       | <b>Hamburger Helper</b>          | 4.7-7.9 OZ.  | <b>\$1.79</b>    |
| <b>NORTHERN REGULAR OR ULTRA DOUBLE ROLL</b>          | <b>Bathroom Tissue</b>           | 12 ROLL      | <b>\$6.99</b>    |
| <b>SHURFINE 9 INCH</b>                                | <b>Graham Cracker Crust</b>      | 6 OZ.        | <b>4 for \$5</b> |
| <b>SHURFINE VANILLA OR CHOCOLATE</b>                  | <b>Instant Pudding</b>           | 5.1-5.8 OZ.  | <b>89¢</b>       |
| <b>SHURFINE SELECT VARIETY</b>                        | <b>Breakfast Cereal</b>          | 13-24 OZ.    | <b>2 for \$5</b> |
| <b>AUNT JEMIMA ASSORTED VARIETIES</b>                 | <b>Pancake Syrup</b>             | 24 OZ.       | <b>\$3.99</b>    |
| <b>AUNT JEMIMA ASSORTED VARIETIES</b>                 | <b>Pancake Mix</b>               | 32 OZ.       | <b>2 for \$5</b> |
| <b>CLASSIC ROAST ONLY</b>                             | <b>Folgers Coffee</b>            | 22.6 OZ.     | <b>\$6.99</b>    |
| <b>NABISCO SELECT GROUP</b>                           | <b>Ritz or Wheat Thins Chips</b> | 8.1 OZ.      | <b>\$2.99</b>    |
| <b>SELECT VARIETY 20 OZ. BOTTLES</b>                  | <b>Gatorade Drinks</b>           | 8 PACK       | <b>\$5.99</b>    |
| <b>SELECT VARIETY</b>                                 | <b>Dole Fruit Cups</b>           | 4 PACK       | <b>\$1.79</b>    |
| <b>ORIGINAL, WITH JALAPEÑOS, OR WITH ONIONS</b>       | <b>Ranch Style Beans</b>         | 26 OZ.       | <b>2 for \$3</b> |
| <b>SELECT VARIETY PASTA</b>                           | <b>American Beauty</b>           | 24 OZ.       | <b>\$1.89</b>    |

**DEL MONTE ASSORTED VARIETIES**

**Pasta Sauce** 26-26.5 OZ. **99¢**

**ASSORTED VARIETIES**

**Friskies Cat Food** 5.5 OZ. **2 for \$1**

**BEEF, CHICKEN, OR LAMB HIDDEN GOODNESS**

**Alpo Dog Food** 13.2 OZ. **2 for \$1**

**WESTERN FAMILY NEOPRENE COATED MEDIUM OR LARGE**

**Heavy Duty Gloves** PAIR **2 for \$4**

**WESTERN FAMILY**

**Candle Lighter** EACH **2 for \$5**

**PILLSBURY ASSORTED VARIETIES**

**Cake Mix** 18.2-18.9 OZ. **4 for \$5**

**LOUISIANA FISH FRY HUSH PUPPY OR**

**Fry Mixes** 7.5-10 OZ. **\$1.09**

**SHURFINE MINI OR REGULAR**

**Marshmallows** 10-10.5 OZ. **99¢**

**SHURFINE SELECT VARIETY**

**Dill Pickles** 32 OZ. **\$1.99**

**SHURFINE SELECT VARIETY**

**Granola Bars** 10 CT. **2 for \$5**

**SHURFINE POT ROAST, PORK CHOP, OR CHICKEN**

**Season'n Bake** .81-1.37 OZ. **4 for \$5**

**BEEF OR MINI RAVIOLI, OR SPAGH. & MEATBALLS**

**Chef Boyardee** 39-40 OZ. **\$2.79**

**SELECT VARIETY**

**Pedialyte** 33.8 OZ. **\$4.99**



**20 PACK CANS** **Coca Cola** **\$5.79**

**24 PK CANS OR BOTTLES** **Miller Lite** **\$21.00**

**24 PK CANS OR BOTTLES** **Coors & Coors Light** **\$21.00**

## Fresh Produce

**PREMIUM CELLO WRAPPED  
Iceberg Lettuce**  
EACH

**79¢**

<b>PERSONAL SIZE</b>	<b>Watermelons</b>	EACH	<b>\$2.99</b>
<b>MEXICAN 1015 SWEET</b>	<b>Yellow Onions</b>	I LB.	<b>69¢</b>
<b>LARGE</b>	<b>Bell Peppers</b>	2 FOR	<b>\$1</b>
<b>FRESH</b>	<b>Baking Potatoes</b>	2 LBS.	<b>\$1</b>
<b>MPK FOODS</b>	<b>Potato Topping</b>	1.3 OZ.	<b>89¢</b>
<b>TANGY, JUICY</b>	<b>Lemons or Limes</b>	4 FOR	<b>\$1</b>
<b>SWEET TENDER GREENS OR 50/50 MIX</b>	<b>Fresh Express Mixes</b>	4.5-5.5 OZ.	<b>2 for \$5</b>
<b>EATSMART SELECT VARIETY</b>	<b>Vegetable Medleys</b>	12 OZ.	<b>2 for \$5</b>
	<b>Sweet Moments Bouquet</b>	EA.	<b>\$8.99</b>

## Dairy & Frozen Foods

**SELECT VARIETY  
Tony's Pizza**  
12.6-14.3 OZ.

**2 for \$4**

**SHURFINE, SMALL CURD  
Cottage Cheese**  
12 OZ. CTN.

**2 for \$3**

**TENDERS, PATTIES, OR NUGGETS**

**Banquet Chicken** 12.6-15 OZ. **2 for \$5**

**Marie Callender's** 10-16.5 OZ. **2 for \$5**

**ASSORTED VARIETIES**

**YoCrunch Yogurt** 6.3-6.5 OZ. **3 for \$2**

**SOFT**

**Imperial Spread** 45 OZ. **\$2.39**

## Health & Beauty Care

**WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED VARIETIES**

**Tussin** 4 OZ. **2 for \$6**

**COLGATE ASSORTED 360 OR 360 ACTIFLEX**

**Toothbrushes** EACH **\$2.99**

**SELECT VARIETIES SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER**

**Suave** 15 OZ. **99¢**

**ASSORTED VARIETIES**

**Vaseline Lotion** 10 OZ. **\$3.99**