

Drew Springer sworn in as District 68 Representative



Rep. Drew Springer, center, is pictured with his wife Lydia, at right, and daughter Kate during the ceremony where he was sworn in as the House District 68 State Representative. Courtesy photo

Last Tuesday, Rep. Drew Springer was sworn in as the State Representative for House District 68.

"It is an honor and a privilege to officially represent the citizens of District 68," said Springer. "It is a responsibility I do not take lightly, and I intend on proving a strong voice for the needs of rural Texas."

At the swearing-in ceremony, Rep. Springer was joined by his wife Lydia, children Austin, Grant, and Kate, mother Pat Springer, and constituents Doug and Vickie Fleitman, Floyd and Tammy Truebenbach, and Will and Noelle Henry from Muenster. After taking his oath of office, Springer was chosen by Speaker of the House Joe Straus to be part of the welcoming committee that brought the Governor into the House.

Legislators will have 140 days to propose vote, and pass legislation before the House adjourns on the last day of May. During that time, they will have to pass a budget for the biennium and deal with massive issues such as the State Water Plan.

On Wednesday, the House voted on the rules that would be in effect for the next two years in the Chamber. The body debated a variety of items, including a measure that would reallocate money from the Speaker's office in Austin back towards each member's office. This extra money will allow Springer to have a greater presence in the District, so he can better deal with the diverse needs of his constituents.

This week, representatives will send their top choices to the House Speaker, who will determine what committees each legislator will get placed on. Springer has lobbied to be placed on the Agriculture Committee and the Natural Resources Committee, both of which will have a large impact on rural matters for the state.

If you have any issues or suggestions for the session, feel free to contact Rep. Springer's Capitol office by phone (512) 463-0526 or by email Drew.Springer@house.state.tx.us. Springer's District Director Jennifer Vogel will be headquartered out of Gainesville. It will take a month for the state to set up Springer's District office. Until then, constituents may reach her by contacting the Austin office.

Court commends achievement of the Cooke County Clerk's Office

By Janet Felderhoff

Cooke County is very efficient in regard to the filing of birth and death records. The County Clerk's office received recognition at the Monday, Jan. 14 Commissioners Court meeting for winning the 2012 Exemplary Five Star Award at the Department of State Health Services Annual Conference in December.

This is the fourth year that Cooke County earned the Exemplary Award. The award is given to entities that exemplify in the area of Vital Statistics.

Criteria that must be met during the year includes filing death certificates in a timely manner (average no more than 20 days for all death registrations). The Cooke County Clerk's Office averaged 6.07 days, achieving the best score out of more than 400 entities in the State of Texas. It also requires registration of 85% of birth records within one business day. Cooke County Clerk's average was 99.7%, again achieving the best average in the State. They are also required to send letters to all medical certifiers within the County informing them of current registration laws. A copy of that letter and a list of all medical certifiers must be forwarded to DSHS Vital Statistics Department.

In August 2012, the Department State Health Services Vital Statistics Department came to Cooke County and assessed all of its vital records and procedures. No discrepancies were found and the office was found to be in compliance with all rules and statutes set out by the State.

Out of the 400 plus entities eligible for this award, only 10 county offices and 11 city offices earned this prestigious award.

County Clerk Rebecca Lawson remarked, "Cindy Walterscheid is my Vitals clerk, so all of the praise goes to her because she is the one who has earned this award over the years that she has been in my office. I want to compliment her and extend the congratulations to Cindy."

Commissioners honored Precinct #3 Road and Bridge employee Glenn Cler on his retirement after 21 years of service to the County. Jan. 14 was declared as Glenn Cler Day in Cooke County.

The Court passed a proclamation that read in part, "The job of road maintenance technician and heavy equipment operator requires hard work, personal sacrifice, dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm. Glenn Cler has loyally served the citizens of Cooke County and exhibited all the characteris-

tics of a professional in the performance of his duties. Glenn Cler has always been an asset to Cooke County Road and Bridge, Precinct #3 and the citizens of Cooke County."

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith commented that Cler declined to attend the meeting for the presentation of the proclamation because if he did somebody would take his picture and put it in the paper and that's not what he wanted. He will be honored with a dinner at the Precinct barn where Smith will make the presentation.

L.D. Clark spoke during public comments asking the Court to consider authorizing the installation of a stone monument on the Courthouse square honoring the memory of the 42 Unionists hanged in an incident 150 years ago. He told the story as he had read it of what is now known as the Great Hanging at Gainesville, and described what the monument would look like. He was asked to work with his Commissioner B.C. Lemons to have the item placed on the next agenda for consideration.

Change orders were approved for the Cooke County Annex project. Commissioner Gary Hollowell explained that there were five change orders. They used some of the doors from the last renovation and so received a credit of \$69,075.52. Moving of plumbing associated with refrigeration with a water fountain was \$1,306.50. Change order #9 dealt with wall plugs in a storage area, \$2,175. Making an entry ADA compliant, \$880, and #11 was enclosing the top of the elevator shaft, \$11,096. A swinging petition to keep the public from entering the service area behind the counter, \$1,039. Hollowell said that left about a \$379 credit.

Reappointed for two-year terms were Cooke County Historical Commission members Chairman Ron Melugin, Kit Chase, Bill Cox, Sandy Idom, Frank Moore, Mary McCain, Larry Corbitt, Norman Newton, Shanna and John Powell, Ona B. Reed, Barbara Pybas, Milton Stanley, Raymond Vestal, Daniel Knight, Tom Carson, Colleen Clark Kerry, Kim Leach, Marcia Porter, and L.E. Martin.

Following an executive session, the Court voted to approve the redistribution of State supplement funds in the County Attorney's Office as requested by County Attorney Ed Zielinski. They also approved the reclassification of a position in that office. There will now be two attorneys and an investigator rather than three attorneys.

In other business, Com-

missioners Court:

- Appointed County Treasurer Patty Brennan as Cooke County investment officer.
- Approved bond for Assistant Treasurer Donna Felker.
- Approved contract with Bluelinegeo to conduct seismic field operations on CR 345, CR 326, CR 330, and CR 325.
- Appointed Chad Archer as deputy constable, Pct. 4.
- Approved out-of-state travel for Library Director Jennifer Johnson-Spense to attend the Computers in Libraries Conference in Washington, D.C. from April 6-11.
- Approved use of land adjacent to Cooke County Justice Center for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on April 20.
- Approved the Cooke County Library to apply for the Library Mobile Project Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and to apply for the Walmart Community Grant.
- Approved setting the mileage reimbursement rate for 2013.
- Approved increase in the Cooke County Library's change fund.
- Approved cell phone allowance for Chris Watson, constable Pct. 1; James "Russ" Harper, constable Pct. 4; David Scott, chief deputy; and Sharon Baughman and

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Cooke County Judge John Roane congratulates Vital Statistics Clerk Cindy Walterscheid, center, and County Clerk Rebecca Lawson on earning the 2012 Exemplary Five Star Award. Janet Felderhoff photo

Coby Parsons dies in crash

By Janet Felderhoff

Colby Parsons, age 22 of Iowa Park, was killed as a result of a one vehicle accident on FM 2450 in Denton County. According to a report by the Texas Department of Safety, DPS troopers were called to investigate a crash on FM 2450 at about 2:46

a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13.

The report indicated Parsons was driving a 2005 Chevrolet pickup north on FM 2450. He entered a left turn on FM 2450 and lost control of his vehicle. The pickup struck a drainage culvert causing it to turn over.

There were three pas-

sengers with Parsons. They were Justin Coats, age 23 of Saint Jo, and Kassie Horner and Ashlynn Bell, both age 22 and residents of Saint Jo.

Parsons died at the scene and was pronounced by Justice of the Peace Julie Carriker. According to DPS

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SHCS's new addition nears completion



Sacred Heart Catholic School will soon get to enjoy the new concession stand which is part of the construction that began last summer. There is also weight and locker rooms to replace the fieldhouse destroyed in the June 2011 storm, and restrooms, coaches office, and storage. They anticipate that the addition should be finished in about two weeks. Shown studying the plans are Darell Walterscheid, left, and Janie Hartman photo

2012 proves wetter year than 2011

Although rain has been scarce in the latter half of 2012, the total has improved from 2011's total of 25.80. This year, the moisture recorded totaled 33.91 inches. The total for the last three months of 2012 was 4.56 inches. Muenster's official record keeper of falling moisture is Carol Vogel. During December, she recorded 1.40 inches of rain, 0.77 inches of frozen precipitation, and a snow depth of two inches. There was also some sleet noted.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
'50	2.25	2.45	.09	2.53	7.64	5.51	7.71	10.47	4.74	.02	.09	.03	43.53
'60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	.29	3.54	31.70
'70	.36	3.83	2.57	4.83	4.05	1.09	1.09	.13	11.61	1.56	.52	.57	32.21
'80	1.58	1.71	.56	1.72	2.19	1.61	.26	.12	8.94	5.42	1.30	1.73	27.14
1946 to 1955													
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
1956 to 1965													
10-yr. avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
1966 to 1975													
10-yr. avg.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985													
10-yr. avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995													
10-yr. avg.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
1996 to 2005													
10 yr. avg.	1.82	3.07	3.26	3.07	3.42	4.63	2.20	1.88	2.67	3.94	2.92	2.28	35.17
'90	3.30	3.55	6.63	11.79	6.46	3.45	2.46	3.25	2.31	1.97	3.97	1.38	50.52
'91	2.45	.89	1.99	1.29	4.36	2.54	1.87	3.21	5.30	7.16	1.47	7.36	39.89
'92	3.16	1.65	2.07	1.23	5.35	4.18	.77	.81	5.80	.70	4.45	4.25	34.48
'93	1.98	3.94	3.30	3.35	5.43	3.67	.05	2.11	6.12	7.14	.96	2.84	40.89
'94	1.20	3.49	3.63	5.77	3.59	1.06	4.02	1.10	5.49	5.65	5.20	2.17	42.37
'95	1.48	0.42	3.34	3.34	5.88	3.92	2.89	3.72	0.00	1.42	1.15	2.31	33.94
'96	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	.18	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	.18	36.25
'97	.49	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	.52	1.47	.97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.15
'98	4.15	1.89	5.44	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2.67	30.55
'99	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2.49	
26.62π													
'00	1.75	0.70	2.93	2.80	1.00	4.66	2.69	0.00	2.07	7.92	7.12	3.50	37.14
'01	3.78	7.93	4.32	2.15	4.41	1.75	2.23	0.69	3.98	1.61	1.34	2.95	37.14
'02	1.11	3.63	6.43	4.94	2.50	4.42	5.10	0.89	2.06	8.44	1.54	4.07	45.13
'03	.05	3.24	1.07	1.33	4.05	3.07	0.15	1.97	5.31	0.08	2.29	1.11	23.72
'04	1.77	3.87	2.13	5.51	3.16	12.15	5.30	1.85	1.51	6.34	6.82	.71	51.12
'05	1.92	1.79	0.70	0.33	2.48	2.86	3.54	5.53	.23	2.88	.42	.20	22.88
'06	1.41	2.22	3.90	4.98	2.42	1.36	0.48	3.79	3.27	2.75	.96	4.68	32.22
'07	2.86	0.59	5.57	0.80	9.37	13.27	6.98	2.06	4.84	1.96	1.13	1.65	51.08
'08	0.26	1.71	7.49	3.13	3.20	1.72	1.78	5.61	2.19	1.51	0.63	0.19	29.42
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'11	1.04	0.84	0.25	4.59	5.03	1.08	0.00	0.89	0.58	5.13	3.85	2.52	25.80
'12	4.12	1.83	5.84	.79	4.42	3.97	0.43	6.20	1.75	1.99	0.40	2.17	33.91

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Shane Norie, investigators.

- Approved maintenance agreement between Dustin's Office Machines and the District Attorney's office.
- Extended vending contract with Dr Pepper for a one year term.
- Proclaimed Jan. 21 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Cooke County.
- Approved Indian Creek VFD utilizing Cooke County EMS's old extrication tools.
- Set speed limit of 35 mph on CR 109.
- Approved contract with the City of Gainesville for the installation of a waterline on CR 451.
- Approved contract with Grayson Petroleum Company for the installation of a temporary saltwater line on CR 2117.
- Renewed contract with Denton Regional Medical Center for the medical care of inmates.

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Trooper Mark Tackett, the two women were transported to Presbyterian Hospital of Denton with non life threatening injuries and Coats was sent to Denton Regional Medical Center with serious injuries.

Parsons and Coats were not wearing seatbelts. Both female passengers had their seatbelts on at the time of the crash.

The accident is currently under investigation.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
Jan. 16, 1948
Cheese volume at FMA Plant reaches new peak in 1947 - grand total of 1,750,000 compared with 1,360,000 the preceding year. Joe Knabe succeeds Jimmy Lehnertz as Muenster fire chief. New Arrivals: Angeline to Albert and Agnes Hess; Linda to Henry and Amelia Krebs; William "Bill" to Leo and Lillian Appel; Pauline to Ben and Josephine Fleitman; Cynthia to Herman and Alma Stoffels; Diane to Joe and Stella Zimmerer. Muenster Hatchery is under new ownership of Jack Barnhart. Arthur Felderhoff and Ed Rohmer form partnership at Muenster Milling Company. Florine Arendt and Harold Nortman are selected as Cooke County 4-H's Gold Star Girl and Gold Star Boy. Obituary: Mrs. Millie Sapp, 85. Andy Hofbauer named assistant scoutmaster. Wedding: Jennie Hogan and Leonard Schmitz.

Obituary: W.T. Richter, 84. Muenster's first baby of 1963 is Glenn, son of Earl and Velma Fisher; followed by Monte, son of Ed and Clara Endres. Judy Walter and Dennis J. Hess are named Miss and Mr. Sacred Heart High. Wedding: Pamela Russell and Curtis Wells. John and Anna Henscheid celebrate 50th.

25 YEARS AGO
Jan. 15, 1988
Ice storm grips community. Surprise family gathering honors Joe and Vina Voth on Golden Wedding. New Arrivals: Kelly to Phil and Marlene Endres; Adam to Kenneth and Debbie Koelker; Jeffrey to Sara and Ray Long; Mecham to Sue and Glenn Banks.

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Nortex launches new high-tech services

Nortex Communications announced recently that it has launched new high-tech security services, wireless Internet services to remote areas, and new Smart DVR services with TiVo® Premiere.

Nortex has upgraded its security systems to not only be an alarm system, but also a home or business management system. Honeywell's LYNX Touch self-contained security system includes two alarm industry firsts that will allow Nortex to more easily provide local and remote services, which are increasingly popular among homeowners who want to control their security using smartphones. The LYNX Touch 5100 is the first technology of its kind to offer Wi-Fi, as well as an alarm radio that can communicate via 4G network. It fully integrates with Z-Wave®-enabled thermostats, locks, and lighting systems to create home automation capabilities at an affordable price. The best part? With a small up-charge, the system cannot be disarmed when using Advanced Protection Logic (APL). The minute the system is tampered with, it sends a signal via Wi-Fi or 4G to the police, keeping your family safe no matter what.

Nortex now offers high speed Internet service using licensed wireless spectrum. SkyFi is the latest 4G LTE wireless broadband technology capable of up to 10Mbps and more. SkyFi reaches local area residents who are beyond the range of DSL or cable modems in the following areas: Era, Gainesville, Callisburg, Moss Lake, and Nocona, and rural areas throughout Cooke and Montague counties. A great feature of SkyFi service is that it is a "licensed" service that has exclusive rights to its own spectrum. Therefore, Nortex customers enjoy a private network clear of interference issues that is not shared with other service providers.

In areas where Cable TV is offered, Nortex has brought a new DVR feature to Cooke County. TiVo® Premiere brings you all your shows, web videos, and music, whenever you want them. It's hot on-demand movies from Amazon Instant Video, millions of videos from YouTube, and personalized radio from Pandora. Record up to 45 hours of HD programming, schedule remotely from your smartphone or tablet, and get combined search results from your TV and the web. TiVo is a smart DVR system that watches what you record, and records other shows that it thinks you might enjoy. It's not just smart, it's brilliant!

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WED. - Chili dog or Frito Pie, 20 oz. fountain drink - \$2.77 +tax
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FRI. - Hamburger, 20 oz. fountain drink - \$3.69 +tax

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Sunday, January 20, 2013	Monday, January 21, 2013	Tuesday, January 22, 2013	Wednesday, January 23, 2013	Thursday, January 24, 2013	Friday, January 25, 2013	Saturday, January 26, 2013
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 SH Alumni Shopping Spree	SHCS - NO school VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Religious Ed Mass 7 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4	Library open 10:00-2:30
Sunday, January 27, 2013	Monday, January 28, 2013	Tuesday, January 29, 2013	Wednesday, January 30, 2013	Thursday, January 31, 2013	Friday, February 1, 2013	Saturday, February 2, 2013
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 KC Free Throw Contest - SH gym		Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 Religious Ed class 7 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10:00-2:30 Cub Scouts Pack 664 Scouting for Food 9 a.m Muenster C of C Banquet 6 p.m VFW Hall

Vincent "Doc" Reinart 1924 - 2013

Mass of Christian Burial for Vincent "Doc" Reinart, age 88 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. A Rosary/vigil service was held at 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13 at McCoy Funeral Home. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were officiated by Rev. Ken Robinson and directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Mr. Reinart died at 2:05 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 at Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 3, 1924 in Lindsay, Vincent was one of seven children of Nicholas and Catherine Friedman Reinart. He grew up in the Lindsay area and attended school there. Doc and Lillian "Billie" Otto were married in Sacred Heart Catholic Church on June 16, 1972.

Doc was a master carpenter for over 30 years. He worked all over the United States, primarily in high-rise construction. He retired in 1987.

Doc has been a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church since he and Billie were married, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 60 years. His favorite past times were fishing and restoring his 1949 and 1955 Chevys. He really enjoyed being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Billie of Muenster; daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and John Felderhoff of Garland;

son and daughter-in-law Doug and Helen Otto of Arlington; three grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Calvin Otto; sisters Louise Morisak, Teresa Reinart, Susie Perry, and Elizabeth Reinart; and brothers Henry "Hank" Reinart and William Reinart.

During the funeral Mass, the First Reading was given by granddaughter Leslie Dominic. The Second Reading and the Petitions were read by granddaughter-in-law Elizabeth Felderhoff. Carrying up the Offertory Gifts were great-grandchildren Joseph, Bridget, Katie, and Emily Felderhoff and Addy Dominic, Leslie Dominic, and Elizabeth Felderhoff. Ramona Felderhoff was Eucharistic minister. Altar servers were Sylvan Walter-scheid and Chuck Bartush.

Music ministers were Diane Grewing, Linda Flusche, Christi Klement, and Doug Yosten. Songs included "The Summons," "On Eagles Wings," "Shepherd Me, O God," "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling," "Here I Am, Lord," "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," "Edelweiss Blessing," and "How Great Thou Art."

The eulogy was given by son-in-law John Felderhoff, who spoke of Doc's career in construction, working on the dam in Del Rio, the Hemisphere in San Antonio, the Coliseum in Denton, and adding eight stories to the



Vincent "Doc" Reinart

World Trade Center in Dallas, among other projects.

He also told of Doc's love for Billie, "They have been such an inspiration to all of us - showed what marriage is supposed to be. Once they were married, Doc just wrapped his arms around all of us and took care of us. That was job one for him, making sure Billie and the family were taken care of..."

"Grandkids came along and he doted on them. Many a Saturday lunch was spent at the kitchen table eating 'grandpa burgers' and 'sodee slop.'"

He concluded by saying "The two most important men in my life have been my Dad and Doc. They both taught me how to be a man of faith, a husband, a father, and a grandpa."

Pallbearers were Dusty Dominic, Ray Felderhoff, Mitch Rains, Jeff Baggett, Chris Shoemaker, and Kevin Shoemaker.

The family requests memorials be made to Muenster Home Health.

Colby Parsons 1990 - 2013

Goodbye was said to beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew, and friend, Colby Parsons, on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013.

Services for Colby were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Larry Eberhart officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

At 22 years old, Colby's life came to an end as a result of a vehicle accident. The youngest of five children, Colby was born April 23, 1990 to Robert and Sharon Parsons. He attended J.M. Lindsay Elementary School until 1999 when he transferred to Muenster ISD, where he graduated in 2008.

He was employed at Muenster Milling and Doc's Bar and Grill in Muenster. In 2010, Colby was employed with Halliburton.

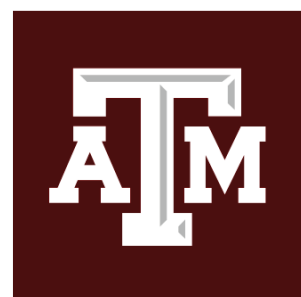
Survivors include his mother Sharon Parsons Hess of Gainesville; brothers and sisters-in-law Kevin and Shonna Parsons of Whitesboro, Jeff Parsons of Whitesboro, and Matt and Terria Parsons of Gainesville; sister and brother-in-law Kimberly and Samuel York of Myra; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Colby was preceded in death by his father, and nephew Jonathan S. Parsons.

Pallbearers were close friends.

Endres dies

Marie Walter Endres died at the age of 92 on Jan. 10, 2013. Vigil will be held Sunday, Jan. 20 at 5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21 in Sacred Heart Church.



Weather Whys

Q: How fast can the temperature drop when a cold front arrives?

A: Sometimes amazingly fast, McRoberts adds. It is not uncommon for the temperature to drop 15° or more in just one hour after a cold front arrives. "There are some incredible stories about temperature changes, with one in particular that stands out," he adds. "On Jan. 22, 1943, the town of Spearfish, South Dakota was sitting on the edge of an arctic air mass and recorded a temperature of -4° at 7:30 in the morning. Within two minutes, the thermometer shot up to 45° because of strong 'Chinook' winds descending down a nearby mountain peak. By 9 a.m. the temperature was up to 54°, but as the winds died down and the cold air mass settled in, the temperature fell to -4° within 27 minutes, a 58-degree temperature drop that is still believed to be a record."

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Lula "Skippi" Cox 1923 - 2013

Funeral for Lula "Skippi" Cox, age 89 of Gainesville, was held Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was held before the services.

Lula was born in Royce City on Dec. 13, 1923 to Lee and Ethel Jenkins Gilbert. She died Friday, Jan. 11, 2013 at NTMC in Gainesville.

Skippi married Edwin R. Cox on Dec. 13, 1945 in Gainesville. She was a member of the former Broadway Church of Christ and the Hillcrest Church of Christ.

Survivors are sons and daughters-in-law Gerald "Wally" and Janet Cox of Wallyville and Kelvin and Darlene Cox of Moore, Oklahoma; daughter and

son-in-law Judy and Jason Pritchard of Blue Ridge; daughter-in-law Tina Cox of Muenster; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by very dear friends Lloyd and Janis Bewley, Verna Williams, and Jean Bloodworth.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Edwin in June 1997; son Clifford Cox in February 2010; brothers Claude Gilbert and Robert Gilbert; and sisters Lorene Walling and Mary Ruth Anderson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Coats for Kids through the First Christian Church in Gainesville, Visto food bank, or a local charity of your choice.

Creative Writing Contest accepting entries

An annual event that showcases the talents of area writers and poets is now accepting entries. North Central Texas College is once again hosting the NCTC Creative Writing Contest.

The NCTC writing contests offer aspiring amateur writers of all ages in Texas and Oklahoma the chance to have their work critiqued by professionals, to have it published, and possibly earn them special recognition and cash prizes.

Sponsored by the NCTC English, Speech and Foreign Language Department, the popular contest usually draws up to 400 or more entries from throughout the region.

"We just keep getting more and more entries from a wider area," Contest Director

and NCTC English Instructor Gabrielle Fletcher said. "It used to be mostly Cooke County and Denton County, but now we are starting to move out a little further and more schools are starting to participate."

Fletcher said the competition comprises four main divisions for amateur writers ranging from middle school age through adults. Each division features subcategories for poetry, short stories, and essays. Cash prizes are awarded for first, second, and third place in each division.

Deadline for entries is noon on Feb. 27.

The 2013 Awards Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., on April 12 at the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts on the NCTC Gainesville campus.

Copies of the 2012 edition of *The April Perennial*, featuring winning entries from last year, will also be distributed at the awards ceremony.

Alan Birkelbach, the 2005

Poet Laureate of Texas, will be this year's guest speaker at the awards ceremony.

His work has appeared in journals and anthologies such as *Grasslands Review*, *Borderlands*, *The Langdon Review*, and *Concho River Review*. He has received a Fellowship Grant from the Writer's League of Texas, been named as one of the Distinguished Poets of Dallas, was nominated for a Wrangler, Spur and Pushcart Prizes, and is a member of The Academy of American Poets.

He is serving as the editor for the Texas Poet Laureate Series published by TCU Press. His current project is acting as the editor for a volume of poetry by Robert E. Howard (the creator of Conan). He is also working on his first novel.

For more information, contact Fletcher by email at gletcher@nctc.edu. Information can also be found at the NCTC website by visiting www.nctc.edu/CreativeWriting/NCTCcreativewriting.

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Wandering cow to select Sweetsteaks winners

How well do you know bovine behavior? That knowledge might be beneficial to participants in the 2nd Sacred Heart Gridiron Sweetsteaks! The event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

The cow will be allowed to wander among 256 10 foot squares on the Tiger practice field. It will be simulcast to the Community Center where guests can enjoy the contest. Participants can enhance the chance that the cow will stop on their square when a winner is chosen by purchasing a cup of sweet feed to be placed in the center of his or her square. That can be done up until three minutes before the buzzer is set to go off. Winners will be picked every 30 minutes.

Thousands of dollars worth of prizes will be given away. Top prizes are an iPad, laptop, fitness package (six month membership to Fit Center and Academy gift

card), hunting package (hog and doe hunt for two with overnight stay at the Bartush lodge), 600 pound calf, hotel and spa package, fishing package (guided crappie fishing for four with Rob Joliff in Waco area), Ancient Ovens for 12 includes beer and wine. Smaller prizes include golf packages to Turtle Hill and WinStar plus much more.

Squares are available for \$50 to \$500 with price based on the location of the square. A \$50 square admits one person with many chances to win plus food and beverages. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are available at the door.

For more information, contact SHCS office at (940) 759-2511, ext. 22, Vickie Fleitman (940) 736-1041, John Bartush 736-3633, or come by the school, Vickie's Cut-n-Up, or Muenster Farm Bureau.

All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Childbirth classes to begin

North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville will kick off its 2013 offering of free childbirth education classes with a session scheduled Saturday, Jan. 19.

Other class dates for 2013 are: March 9, May 11, July 13, Sept. 21, and Nov. 9.

It is recommended that mothers participate in childbirth classes at 32 weeks of pregnancy, so expectant moms are encouraged to plan ahead and register for the class scheduled closest to that time.

Leah Fuhrmann, MSN, RN, clinical education specialist for Norman Regional Health System, is instructor for the class. Leah is a Cooke County native who worked as a nurse at NTMC and a clinical instructor at North Central Texas College before returning to school to obtain her Master's degree in nurse education and moving to Norman.

The classes utilize a streamlined, one-day instructional format, which allows for greater flexibility for expectant parents. Interactive video and personal one-on-one instructor time make for a complete experience without the time involved in multi-session courses.

Class is held on designated

Saturdays, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing through 4 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Topics to be discussed include: Labor Management; Understanding Labor and Delivery - Anatomy and Physiology, Signs of Active Labor, True Labor vs. False Labor, Pain Management; Delivery - First Look, Cesarean Birth, Post Delivery Changes. A tour of the Women's Center is also featured.

Classes will be held in the Board Room at North Texas Medical Center, 1900 Hospital Boulevard in Gainesville. Attire should be comfortable and allow ease of movement. The classes are offered at no charge but pre-registration is required. Come by the NTMC cashier office prior to the selected date or call 940-612-8669. Classes are not restricted to those delivering at NTMC; however, priority will be given to those utilizing the local facility.

For additional information, contact the NTMC Women's Center at 940-612-8400.

I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, He can work through anyone.
St. Francis of Assisi

Baptism

Brannan

Leah Ann Brannan received the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. in St. Albert the Great Catholic Church of Austin, with Fr. Vincent Thanh Nguyen officiating. She is the daughter of Lesley and Ed Brannan of Austin. Her baptismal ensemble represented both sides of her parents' families. She wore an heirloom handmade camisole from her mother's family, worn by generations of Wiesman and Yosten babies; and atop the camisole was an antique lace overlay, handmade in Italy, from the Brannan family. Leah's Godparents are her Uncle Brett Bullion of Austin and Aunt Courtney Crane of Seattle, Washington.

Also attending the Baptism and festivities afterward were Chris Bullion, Shane Bullion, Holly Bennett, Stuart and Debbie Yosten Bradford, and grandparents David and Susie Yosten



Leah Ann Brannan

Bullion, all of Austin, and Lauren and Forest Faske of San Antonio.

Unable to attend but sending best wishes were great-aunt Diane Yosten Grewing and family and great-grandfather Leonard "Spike" Yosten of Muenster, and grandmother Carol Brannan of Port Townsend, Washington.

Huttash, stained glass artist, to demonstrate for Gava

Robin Huttash, owner of A Creative Art STUDIO located in Denton, has worked with glass for about 30 years. She originally worked from her home studio and exhibited her work in local galleries or at art festivals. With the purchase of a studio space in the square of Denton, she changed her whole art experience, which is now shared with other artists and customers who often become her students, creating what

was a solitary experience for Robin into a social one.

For years, Robin has been passionate about glass. She studied at University of North Texas under professor Harlan Butt. Celtic Culture and nature have provided Robin with themes on which she bases her work and she teaches in both the Tiffany and Leaded Glass styles.

Robin will be demonstrating her glass artwork at the Gainesville Area Visual Arts Group meeting on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at the North Central Texas College campus in the Visual Arts Building. Guests are welcome to attend this meeting and also may sign up for a workshop on stained glass, for a \$30 fee, which will be taught by Robin. This workshop will be held at the North Central Texas College, Visual Arts Building ceramics lab on Jan. 26.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Gerri Williams at (940) 372-8176.

New Arrival

Sharp

David and Gina Sharp of Lindsay proudly announce the birth of their first child, son Ryan David Sharp. Ryan was born Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 at 2:59 a.m. in Denton Presbyterian Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. and measured 21 3/4 inches in length. Grandparents are Julius and Elsie Hess of Lindsay and Pat and Patricia Sharp of Gainesville.

Bullion graduates at UT

Shane Dakota Bullion of Austin, graduated from the University of Texas at Austin on Dec. 15, 2012. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Biology, with an emphasis in cellular and molecular biology.

Shane's future plans include pursuing his Master's degree and working in public health. He is the son of David and Susie Bullion of Austin, and the grandson of Leonard "Spike" Yosten of Muenster and the late Frances "Girlye" Yosten.



Shane Bullion

Meeting Notices

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection will hold its January brunch on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Stanford House, 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. The event time is 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$6. The brunch will be catered by Lone Oak Ranch & Retreat.

Keynote speaker is Jan Preston, account manager of Darphin Haute Couture Skin Care from Paris, France and former marketing coordinator for LaPrairie, Switzerland. She also is the mother of two grown children.

The special feature will be Teresa Cole, owner of the Empty Nest Gift Shop. Music will be provided by

Shawn Grubb and her three daughters of the Full Quiver Family Bluegrass Band of Collinsville.

Are you new to this area and looking for friends? Then come for this special occasion. You will be welcomed with open arms.

For reservations, call Carol at (940) 368-4950 or e-mail at cijacobsen@hotmail.com by Monday, Jan. 21.

Brown Bag Book Review

The February Brown Bag Book Review will take place at the Morton Museum on Thursday, Feb. 7 at noon. "Traveling History of Bonnie and Clyde" will be reviewed by the author Robin Cole-Jett.

Area Events

Winter Hamburger Cook-out

Plans are being made by Marysville Baptist Church to host a winter hamburger cook-out. The cook-out will take place on Sunday, Jan. 27. Sunday school and bible study will begin at 10 a.m. followed by church services at 11 a.m. The cook-out will start at noon. Pastor Daniel Jones invites all to come and enjoy this wonderful day of fellowship.

Souper Bowl of Caring

The First Christian

Church of Gainesville is hosting their annual Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb. 3. The soup luncheon begins at 11:15 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Attendance from all churches is welcome. So as long as the soup holds out, it will be served up to 1 p.m. Hosted by the deacons of First Christian, over eight soups will be served along with breads and dessert. The luncheon is free, but donations will be welcome and will go to VISTO, Cooke County's local food bank.

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Afghan basket - Sharlene Schilling

SCHOOL

Hess wins SHCS Geography Bee

Sixth grade student Danielle Hess took championship honors for the 2013 Sacred Heart Catholic School National Geographic Bee. The event was held on Monday, Jan. 7 in the Community Center.



Geography Bee Champion Danielle Hess and Runner-up Nick Turner. SHCS photo

Students in grades 4 – 8 competed. Second Place winner was 8th grade student Nick Turner. Top 10 finalists out of 30 contestants were 4th Grade - Kaley Berkley; 5th Grade - Jacob Walterscheid; 6th Grade - Danielle Hess, Ben Ganzon, Jackson Carr; 7th Grade - Robert Hannon, Sophia Jones; 8th Grade - Nick Turner, Tyler Walterscheid, and Devin Sicking.

Danielle will go on to take a written test to try to qualify for the State Bee.

Angela Proto served as emcee for the Bee. Teachers Glenda Mitchell, Annette Bayer, Michele Knauf, Dolores Hofbauer, and Barbara LaChance judged during the Bee and the Geography Bee coordinator was Barbara LaChance.



The 10 finalists in the Sacred Heart Catholic School National Geography Bee, from left, back - Robert Hannon, Devin Sicking, Ben Ganzon, Tyler Walterscheid; front - Sophia Jones, Jacob Walterscheid, Kaley Berkley, and Dani Hess. SHCS photo

MUENSTER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS FOR THE 3rd SIX WEEKS below, from left, front - Faith Sicking, Ella Walterscheid, Kaly Walterscheid; row 2 - Keith Huchton, Isaac Wolf, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Rosemary Hartman, Von Tai; row 3 - Cole McMinn, Cade Stevens, Kennedy Schroeder, Lilly Muller; row 4 - Cole Kubis, Kenadie Hess, Ryan Huchton, and Eve Brogdon.



MUENSTER ELEMENTARY "CAUGHT WITH GOOD CHARACTER" WINNERS FOR THE 3rd SIX WEEKS, from left, front - Raegan Wolf, Lillian Wimmer, Brady Walterscheid; row 2 - Gabby Fleitman, Jimmy Ates, Lainey Grewing, Marcus Anderle; row 3 - Wade Trubenbach, Bryce Hacker, Mariella Rodriguez, Nathan Hartman, Whitley Klement; row 4 - Nathan Hacker, Kyle Wolf, Brett Hammer, and Major Eldridge. MISD photo



November "Teachers and Students of the Month" at Muenster ISD were announced. They are pictured with their principals, from left, front - Pre-K teacher Collin Walker, 1st Grader Emily Muller, 6th Grader MacKenzie Sicking; back - Elementary Principal Lou Heers, JH/HS English/History/Speech teacher KaTina Johnson, Junior Sydney Huchton, and JH/HS Principal Sharon Browning. MISD photo



MUENSTER ELEMENTARY TERRIFIC KIDS FOR THE 3rd SIX WEEKS sponsored by Muenster Kiwanis Club are: PreK - Megan Hess, Raven Giles, Anna Warren, Preston Robillard, Paityn Price, Rynder Gann; K - Marlee Walterscheid, Austin Spaeth, Carter Klement, Jasmine Hacker, Landon Hacker, Karissa Harrison, Della Hartman, Ayden Gray; 1st - Luke Anderson, Braeden Hacker, Gage Eberhart, Reece Acayan, Daultyn Dunn, Abigail Hendley; 2nd - Samantha Lockhart, Collin Lovett, Bradley Lutkenhaus, Owen Bayer, Kaci Ford, Meadow Walterscheid; 3rd - A.J. Christopher, Alex Hacker, Ty Sanders, Haley Flusche, Yadira Ibarra; 4th - Sarah Monday, Jada Binder, Erin Hesse, Ty Trubenbach, Samantha Simmons, Daniel Rodriguez, Marienne Tai, Bayley Otto; 5th - Major Eldridge, Chase McMinn, Johnathan Zielinski, Anthony Rodriguez, Jenna Hudspeth, Danny Luttmer, Riley Stewart, Lane Trubenbach; 6th - Merrett Jones, Chris Kresge, Hayden Otto, Garrett Bindel, Nolan Bayer, Rut Rodriguez, and Blair Waneck. MISD photo

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 21 - 25 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs, oven fries, pinto beans, carrots, peach cups, brownies.

Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fresh fruit and vegetables, pineapple, wheat roll.

Wed. - Turkey and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, baked chips, broccoli salad, bananas, teddy grahams.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, pears,

fresh fruit and vegetables, bread sticks.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, pork and beans, fresh fruit and vegetables, applesauce.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Italian meatball sub sandwich, chips, pickles, broccoli, carrots, fruit, marinara (9-12).

Tues. - Pizza, corn, lettuce salad, fruit, fresh carrots.

Wed. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Beef stew, cornbread, salad, fruit, cookie (9-12).

Fri. - Breaded chicken sandwich w/trimmings, tator tots, ranch style beans, fruit, ice cream.

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SPORTS

Tigerettes start District with wins and a loss

The Tigerettes of Sacred Heart opened District play Tuesday, Jan. 8 with a disappointing 32-27 loss at Texoma Christian. "The girls played hard. I am pleased with the effort. We just need to shoot the ball better," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "You're just not going to be very successful when you only connect on two of 33 in the 1st half."

Kaitlin Hesse scored 11 points for the Tigerettes. Danielle Berend added 5, Mikaela Bartush 4, Bailey Walterscheid 3, and 2 apiece by Kylie Hess and Peyton Reiter.

SH	3	5	7	12	27
TC	2	9	10	11	32

On Friday, the Tigerettes improved to 1-1 with a 57-28 District victory over the Watauga Saints. After a slow, low-scoring 1st period, Sacred Heart out-scored the Saints 50-26 to take the win.

Walterscheid and Hesse led the point making with 18 and 17. Bartush added 10, with Devan Henry and Michelle Zimmerer each adding 6.

The Tigerettes hit 21 of 71 shots attempted from the field and 5 of 7 free throws.

SH	7	20	18	12	57
W	2	5	10	11	28

With a 30-4 1st quarter lead, the Tigerettes cruised to a 63-19 District win over the Fellowship Lady Mustangs of Arlington Tuesday night.

Walterscheid led the scoring with 14 points, which included four 3-pointers. Henry added 9 points, Karleigh Reeves 7, Hesse and

Ky. Hess 6 each, Kinzie Hess 5, Berend, Bartush, and Reiter 4 each, and 2 apiece from Zimmerer and Mikenzie Fleitman.

The Tigerettes hit 12 3-pointers and shot 75% from the free throw line.

SH	30	14	14	5	63
F	4	0	4	11	19



Tigerette Bailey Walterscheid (20) lays one in against Harvest last Friday.
Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Red rolls over the green and the gold

The Muenster Lady Hornets added another District victory and the Hornets opened District with a win last Friday night over the Valley View varsity teams.

In the girls game, Muenster dominated, sending the Lady Eagles home defeated 79-18. Six Lady Hornets scored double digit points. Michelle Sicking led with 15 points. Amber Walterscheid and Kristen Reiter popped in 12 apiece, and 11 each by Cedy Burnett, Sydney Huchton, and Lauren Rohmer.

Kendi Bayer scored 3, with Kassie Dangelmayr and Paige Herr 2 each.

The Hornets started the game strong and shot down the Eagles 70-27. Austin Hennigan led the scoring with 19 points. Cole Walterscheid added 16, Trevor Hess 11, Trevor Cheaney 9, Andy Flusche 7, Brandon Hennigan 4, and 2 each by Clint Sidwell and Hunter Klement. The Hornets were 18 of 33 from the free throw line.

M	21	12	23	14	70
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VV	8	3	8	8	27
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Muenster traveled to Era Tuesday night as District play continued. Both Muenster varsity teams remain undefeated, with the Red Hornet teams winning over the Era Gold.

Michelle Sicking and Paige Herr each scored 14 points in the Lady Hornets' 68-35 win. Amber Walterscheid added 10, Cedy Burnett 9, Lauren Rohmer 8, Sydney Huchton 6, Kassie Dangelmayr 3, and 2 each by Kristen Reiter and Hannah Bayer.

The win improves Muenster's record to 23-4, 4-0.

A stronger 4th quarter gave the Muenster Hornets a 46-34 win over Era and improved their record to 10-3, 2-0.

Cole Walterscheid scored 18 points to lead Muenster's point making. Austin Hennigan added 11, Hunter Klement 8, Trevor Hess 5, and Andy Flusche 4. Muenster had four 3-pointers and were 12 of 22 from the charity stripe.

M	9	14	9	14	46
E	4	14	11	5	34

TGCA Basketball Poll

As of Jan. 14, Muenster's Lady Hornets were ranked #11 in the Texas Girls Coaches Association Basketball Poll. Martin's Mill takes the top place in Class 1A, Division 1, followed by Slocum, Martinsville, Plains, and Triple A Academy.

In the area, Celina is #3, Krum #6, and Argyle #14 in Class 3A, while in 2A, Brock is #2 and Alvord #13.



Lady Hornet Lauren Rohmer (32) works around Lady Eagle Lauren Bierschen (10) in District action last week.
Janie Hartman photo

JUNIOR VARSITY ACTION

Muenster vs Valley View
The JV Hornets added to the clean sweep of victories over Valley View last Friday night. The Lady Hornets pulled out a 39-20 win and the Hornets a 43-35 District opener victory.

Abby Pagel was high scorer for Muenster with 12 points. Claire Schneider and Morgan Flusche each added 8, Katie Pagel 5, Nicole Rains 4, and Adrien Rohmer 2.

High point maker for the Hornets was Trey Anderle with 16. Grant Simpson added 8, Clayton Hess 7, Trace Klement and Tavi Saldana 5 each, and Zach Trubenbach 2.

M	9	10	11	13	43
VV	10	7	5	13	35

Lindsay vs Collinsville
The JV Lady Knights defeated Collinsville last week in a low-scoring 17-15 game. Sarah Snider put 9 points on the boards. Allison Gunderson added 4, with Scout Tatum and Katherine Haverkamp getting 2 apiece.

Muenster vs Era
The JV Hornets, led by Anderle's 13 points and Brandon Hennigan's 11, brought home a 40-18 win over the yellow Hornets. Also adding to the winning score were Simpson with 9 points, Hess 5, and Klement 2.

The Lady Hornets got their fourth straight District win, a 35-28 victory over Era. Natalie Fangman put in 12 points, with Flusche and K. Pagel each adding 6. Schneider and Madison Burnett scored 3 apiece, Allie Walterscheid and Rohmer 2 each, and Abby Pagel 1.

Lindsay Basketball

The Lindsay Knights started the new year on the road, facing Poolville last Friday. The Knights were defeated 67-47.

Zach Mlinar and Lyndon Cook led the scoring for Lindsay with 12 and 10 points. Andy Dieter added 6, Garrett Cooper 5, Justin Ott and Kedrick Boaz 4 each, and 3 apiece by Ryan Hoepfner and Travis Krahl.

L	16	6	14	11	47
P	19	17	14	17	67

The Knights hosted Gateway Charter Academy on Jan. 8. The past two nights, Gateway ended the Knights' basketball season, but they lost that record when Lindsay won 64-38.

Four Knights scored double digit points. Dieter led with 15. Cook and Mlinar each added 14, and Hoepfner 11. Also adding to the win were scorers Krahl with 5, Ott 3, and Dalton Metzler 2.

L	26	16	9	13	64
G	5	7	14	12	38

The Lindsay Lady Knights improved their District record to 1-2 last Friday night with a 49-38 victory over the

Lady Pirates of Collinsville.

Sydney Ott kept Lindsay in the game with 24 points. Hayley Skinner added 7, Maddie Zimmerer 6, Nicole Fleitman and Jalyn Anderle 4 each, and 2 apiece by Sarah Fuhrmann and Kailei Klement.

"Poor shooting and too many turnovers haunted the Knights the entire game," noted Coach Lynn Cook on Lindsay's 42-36 District opener loss to the Pirates.

Lyndon Cook led Lindsay in points with 18. Kedrick Boaz added 5, Andy Dieter and Garrett Cooper 4 each, Ryan Hoepfner 3, and Travis Krahl 2.

L	12	3	6	15	36
C	5	9	14	14	42

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Muenster vs Collinsville

The Lady Stingers earned three victories over the young Lady Pirates last Thursday.

The "B" team took a 26-7 win, with Courtney Wilson scoring 10, Rylie Cain 8, and 2 points each by Alyssa Barnes, Emma Wood, Madison Walterscheid, and Ashley Hacker.

Erin Schniederjan and Alaina Kubis each scored 8 points in the 7th grade's 30-19 victory. Natalie Dangelmayr added 7, Megan Rohmer 4, Jenna Sicking 2, and Sterling Walterscheid 1.

In the 8th grade game, Bailey Klement put up 19 points in the 43-20 win over Collinsville. Macie Pagel added 9, Morgan Eldridge 8, Haiden Shook 5, and Amy Luttmer 2.

Lindsay vs Era

The young Knights swatted the Era Bees in both contests last Thursday.

The 7th grade won 34-19.

Bolton Fortune and Bhavin Patel each scored 8, Andy Boles and Brandon Craigie added 6 apiece, Jake Swarner 4, and Josh Wallace 2.

Blake Hoepfner scored 13 and Cole Barnes 11 to lead Lindsay to a 45-16 win over Era in 8th grade action. Reed Harrison added 8, Logan Cook 4, Jonathan Bell, John Rohmer, Luke Metzler, and Yancey Otto each scored 2, and Roshan Patel 1.

Lindsay junior high girls lost two to Era last Thursday.

In the 7th grade 29-17 loss, Alaina Klement scored 5, Jenna Tharp 4, and 2 each by Haley Marion, Kalyn Pulte, and Jocelyn Grewing.

The 8th grade Lady Knights fell 37-16. Ashley Hedrick 3, and 2 each by Sarah Otto, Abby Haverkamp, and Brianna Overholt.

COOKE COUNTY SHOOT-OUT Muenster

The Muenster 7th grade Lady Stingers won last Saturday's Cooke County Shoot-out and the 8th grade team took 2nd place.

The 7th grade team started with a one-sided 42-8 victory over Valley View. Natalie Dangelmayr led all scorers with 12 points. Megan Rohmer added 10, Alaina Kubis 6, Sterling Walterscheid and Erin Schniederjan 4 apiece, and 2 each by Rylee Cain, Bailey Anderle, and Natalie Chisam.

Game 2 was a 40-28 win over Lindsay. Rohmer scored 15, Dangelmayr 10, Kubis 5, Walterscheid and Schniederjan 4 each, and Paige Saucer 2.

In the championship game, Muenster took a 29-21 victory over Era. Dangelmayr put 9 points on the board, Schniederjan 6, Rohmer 5,

Kubis 4, Jenna Sicking 3, and Walterscheid 2.

The 8th grade team opened with a 34-15 win over Valley View. Morgan Eldridge led the scoring with 12. Macie Pagel dropped in 9, Bailey Klement 4, Haiden Shook 3, and 2 apiece by Allison Haubold, Katie Kresge, and Katie Hutson.

Game two was a close-fought match with Lindsay, with the Lady Stingers pulling out a 22-21 win. Klement scored 10 points, Eldridge and Pagel 5 each, Shook 3, and Amy Luttmer 1.

In the final game, Muenster could not pull out a win, falling to Era 29-21. Eldridge scored 8 points, Klement 7, Shook 4, and Pagel 2.

Lindsay
The Lady Knight team both won one and lost one in last weekend's tournament. The 7th grade team started with a 21-17 win over St. Mary's. Alaina Klement scored 9, Kalyn Pulte 6, Jenna Tharp 4, and Sarah Turner 2.

Game two was a 40-28 loss to Muenster. Tharp put 12 points on the board, Klement 9, Pulte 4, Sarah Corcoran 2, and Haley Marion 1.

The 8th grade Lady Knights opened with a 27-23 win over Callisburg. Sarah Otto scored 11, Elizabeth Hellman 8, Molly Myrick 6, and Brianna Overholt 2.

In the championship round, Lindsay lost to Muenster 22-21. Hellman again scored 8 points, Otto and Myrick 4 apiece, 2 each from Abby Haverkamp and Brenna Fleitman, and Overholt 1.

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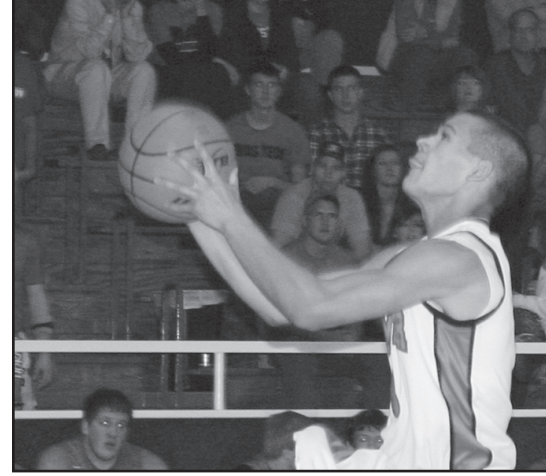
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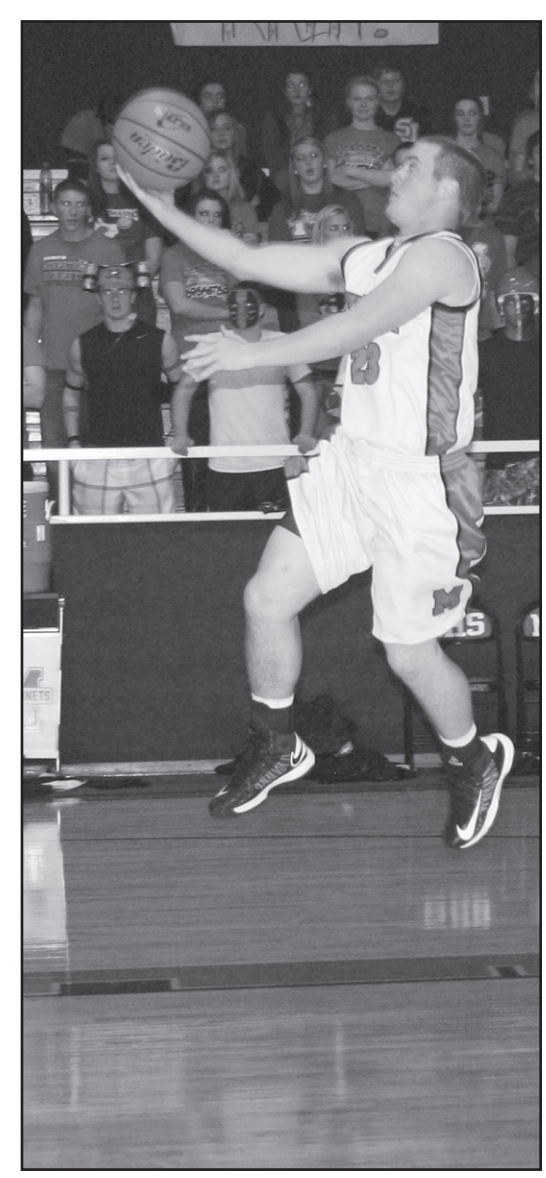
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How likely is a nationwide cow herd expansion in 2013?

By University News Release

USDA estimated that there were 29,833 million beef cows in the country on Jan. 1. The USDA's annual cattle inventory report, to be released on Feb. 1, will provide this year's first official count of the herd, but based on beef cow slaughter and expected heifer retention last year, beef cow numbers were likely 1% to 1.5% lower on Jan. 1, says Darrell R. Mark, adjunct professor of Economics at South Dakota State University.

"There will be much discussion throughout the year about the possibility of the beef cow herd beginning expansion from its 50-year low," Mark said. "While expected record cattle prices point to growth in beef cow numbers, the individual choice for a producer to expand cow numbers is a complex, multi-year decision made difficult by high and volatile input prices."

Mark says a number of factors will influence cow-calf producers' decisions regarding herd expansion in 2013: availability of pasture, range, and other feedstuffs; land values and rental rates; expected cattle prices for 2013 and beyond; herd productivity; and lifestyle choices.

"Ultimately, the decision to expand this year will be based on the expected returns available this year," he said. "While there are a number of ways to increase cow herd numbers, including retaining additional heifers from the 2013 calf crop or breeding retained heifers from last year's calf crop, at this point in the yearly production cycle, I think most producers would concentrate on buying bred stock so that a calf is available to be sold in 2013."

Mark says it is critical for producers to develop an enterprise budget for their cow-calf operations based on projected cattle prices and expenses for 2013. Whether or not to grow a herd this year will be determined by the potential returns available this year. Mark adds that expenses vary considerably across different geographic areas and amongst producers, but he provided some average costs in a recent iGrow.org article; visit iGrow.org/beef to review his budget example.

"Interestingly, even in a year like 2013 when we expect near-record high feeder cattle prices, my pro-forma cow-calf budget generated a sizeable loss when including all fixed costs and opportunity costs for labor and other non-cash variable expenses.

However, there was more than a \$50 per head return over cash costs including pasture," Mark said. "So, some producers may expand their herds in 2013 based on covering their cash costs."

Mark adds that his projections suggest a limited number of producers will find a profitable opportunity to expand - and even then they have to have access to productive pasture and other feedstuffs and capital."

"But, the historically tight supply of cattle suggests feeder cattle prices should remain high for years to come, and suggest a profit opportunity may exist over the next several years for those that can make the investment to grow their herd," he said. "In all likelihood, any expansion plans this year will be governed by the drought and when/if it ends."

U.S. meat production forecast lower

Officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture say they've lowered the U.S. meat production forecast this month compared to last.

Broiler production for 2013 is forecast down 1.3%, although there has been a strong pace of slaughter for 2012 in recent weeks.

The pork production forecast is also down. For 2012-13, pork production was forecast at 23.18 billion pounds. The forecast for 2013 is 22.78 billion pounds.

U.S. beef production has increased for 2012-13 by 65 million pounds according to Bange. He says the increase is reflective of an increase in slaughter weights.

For more information, visit USDA.gov.

Report indicates American agriculture is still on top, but cites concerns

While the United States is the world leader in agricultural production, a recent report by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology indicates that there are several concerns weighing on the minds of American farmers and ranchers.

Among those concerns are the need to "manage new pests, pathogens, and invasive plants; increase the efficiency of water use; reduce the environmental footprint of agriculture; adapt to a changing climate; and accommodate demands for bio-energy."

The report, according to Western Farm Press, also indicates that the U.S. economy has gained at least \$10 in benefits for every \$1 invested in agricultural research. It also cites two major shortcomings in U.S. agricultural research. The first is that the proportion of federal funding is below the proportion for other fields of research and the second is that the ag research portfolio overlaps too much with private-sector activities while underfunding areas that are not addressed through private efforts.

The report recommends that the U.S. increase its investment in ag research by \$700 million per year to nurture a new innovation ecosystem. Where new funding is not feasible, the report recommends rebalancing the funds that are allocated to ag research.

The report also calls for public-private partnerships to support the creation of six multi-disciplinary innovation institutes focused on emerging challenges to agriculture.

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According to the Natural Resource Conservation Service, soil has both inherent and dynamic qualities. Inherent soil quality is a soil's natural ability to function. For example, sandy soil drains faster than clayey soil. Deep soil has more room for roots than soils with bedrock near the surface. These characteristics do not change easily. Dynamic soil quality is how soil changes depending on how it is managed. Management choices affect the amount of soil organic matter, soil structure, soil depth, and water and nutrient holding capacity. One goal of soil quality research is to learn how to manage soil in a way that improves soil function.

'12 drought may be worse than 1988

As the 2012 drought continues into 2013, experts at USDA continue to assess the situation. To some extent, the drought of 2012 may have been a little worse than the drought the country experienced in 1988.

For one, the drought of 2012 came on quickly and has continued into 2013. The 1988 drought didn't have a lingering effect like the country is experiencing now.

Most farmers and ranchers are looking to the spring now with "bated breaths."

Soils respond differently to management depending on the inherent properties of the soil and the surrounding landscape.

There is an ever-increasing recognition that soil is a basic non-renewable resource of critical importance to the economy and well being of society. Components of soil quality management include: enhancing organic matter, avoiding excess tillage, managing pests and nutrients efficiently, preventing soil compaction, keeping the ground covered, and diversifying cropping systems.

To explore these concepts, Texas AgriLife Extension Service and North Central Texas College have prepared a program on Feb. 11, 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the NCTC Little Theater in Gainesville. This program is designed to be of interest to people wanting to grow healthy plants and livestock. Topics will include soil types and textures, soil formation, soil's role in water recapture and clean water, soil life, soil sampling, understanding soil analysis, soil health, and web-based tools for producers and homeowners. There will be a fee of \$20, a meal will be included, and three General CEUs will be offered for TDA Pesticide Applicators. Please RSVP to Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Cooke County (940-668-5412)

Dates to remember

Jan. 22 - Cooke County Marketing Club Meeting, Cooke County Farm Bureau Building, 7 p.m.

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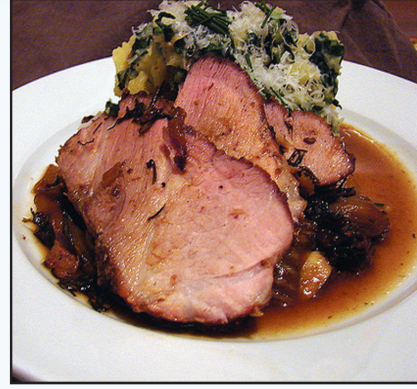
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PREFERRED TRIM
BONELESS BEEF
**New York
Loin Strip Steak**

\$4.99
LB.



WHOLE IN-THE-BAG

**'Boston Butt'
Pork Shoulder**

\$13.99
LB.



FISCHER'S
MARKET SLICED
**Meat
Bologna**

\$2.19
LB.

- BETTY CROCKER ASSTD. VARIETIES
Helper Dinners 4.7-7.9 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**
- ASSORTED, WITH OR WITHOUT BEANS
Wolf Brand Chili 15 OZ. **99¢**
- ULTRA SOFT OR ULTRA STRONG
Charmin Bathroom Tissue 12 ROLL **\$5.99**
- PRINT PAPER TOWELS
Bounty Basic 8 ROLL **\$5.99**
- TORTILLA CHIPS, 11-12 OZ.
Doritos BUY ONE GET ONE **Free**
- KRAFT DINNER
Macaroni & Cheese 7.25 OZ. **99¢**
- DEL MONTE ASSORTED VARIETIES
Pasta Sauce 26-26.5 OZ. **99¢**
- OLD EL PASO ASSORTED VARIETIES
Echilada Sauce 2 FOR **\$3**
- OLD EL PASO
Taco Seasoning Mix 1 OZ. **89¢**
- OLD EL PASO TOSTADA OR ASSORTED
Taco Shells 10-12 CT. **2 FOR \$3**
- BETTY CROCKER/GENERAL MILLS ASSTD.
Fruit Snacks 4.5-8 OZ. **3 FOR \$5**
- SWISS MISS REG. OR WITH MARSHMALLOWS
Hot Cocoa Mix 10 CT. **\$1.49**
- DEL MONTE ASSORTED VARIETIES
Canned Fruit 15-15.2 OZ. **3 FOR \$5**

- ORIGINAL OR LITE MIXED VEGETABLES
Veg-All 15 OZ. **89¢**
- CAMPBELL'S ASSORTED VARIETIES
Soup on the Go 10.75 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**
- GOLDEN NUGGETS OR MINI CHUNKS
Nunn-Better Dog Food 16 LB. **\$6.99**
- NUNN-BETTER ORIGINAL
Cat Food 16 LB. **\$8.99**
- SELECT VARIETIES
Claude's Marinades 16 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- FRUIT JUICY RED
Hawaiian Punch 64 OZ. **\$1.69**
- DINTY MOORE BEEF STEW OR SELECT VARIETY
Hormel Compleats 10 OZ. **\$2.49**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES BABY FOOD
Gerber 2nd Foods 2 PACK **4 FOR \$5**
- 20 PK. CANS, ASSORTED VARIETIES
Coca Cola 20 PK. **\$5.99**

**Come in Store
and check out
our Wide Selections
of Shurfine and
Western Family
Products!**

- MARKET SLICED RED RINED
Cheddar Cheese LB. **\$3.59**
- HICKORY, MAPLE, OR PEPPER STACK PACK
Wright Brand Bacon 1.5 LBS **\$5.99**
- SHURFINE
Original or Hot Sausage LB **\$1.89**
- SHURFINE
Jumbo Meat Franks 16 OZ **\$1.09**
- ECKRICH
Ham and Cheese Loaf 14 OZ. **\$2.39**
- SARA LEE HONEY HAM OR
Smoked Turkey 10 OZ. **\$2.89**
- OSCAR MAYER
Turkey Bologna 8 OZ. **\$1.59**
- OSCAR MAYER
Chopped Ham 8 OZ. **\$2.39**

- OSCAR MAYER
Boiled Ham 6 OZ. **\$2.19**
- OSCAR MAYER
Pickle and Pimiento Loaf 8 OZ. **\$3.19**
- SEA BEST
Tilapia Fillets 1 LB. **\$3.29**
- SHURFINE BONELESS, SKINLESS BREAST OR
Breast Tenders 2.5 LB. **\$4.99**
- FRYER CHICKEN
Leg Quarters 10 LB. BAG **\$5.99**
- MARKET SLICED FISCHER'S
Beef Hard Salami LB. **\$4.79**
- FRESH GROUND BEEF
Chili Meat LB. **\$3.09**

Fresh Produce



RED RIPE
**Cluster
Tomatoes**
\$1.00
LB.

- FANCY
Navel Oranges 10 FOR **\$1**
- U.S. NO. 1
Russet Potatoes 10 LB. **\$1.99**
- TEXAS
Grapefruit 2 FOR **\$1**
- LARGE GREEN
Bell Peppers 2 FOR **\$1**
- LARGE RED
Bell Peppers EACH **69¢**

- ORANGE OR YELLOW HOTHOUSE
Bell Peppers 2 FOR **\$3**
- BAGGED FRESH
Mixed Fruit 3 LB. **\$3.99**
- FRESH SPICY PEPPERS
Jalapeños LB. **99¢**
- FRESH GOLDEN
Pineapple EACH **\$3.99**

6 PK BOTTLES
Pabst Blue Ribbon
\$3.99



24 PK CANS OR BOTTLES
Miller Lite
\$21.00



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

Dairy & Frozen Foods



ASSORTED VARIETIES
**New York
Garlic Breads**
7.3-12 OZ. PKG.
2 for \$5



SHURFINE LARGE OR
SMALL CURD
**Cottage
Cheese**
24 OZ. CTN.
\$2.79

Health & Beauty Care



SELECT VARIETIES
**Crest
Toothpaste**
6.4 OZ. TUBE
\$1.29

- ORIGINAL MINT
Scope 8.4 OZ. **\$2.29**
- ASSTD. VARIETIES DEODORANT STICK
Old Spice Anti-Perspirant 3-3.25 OZ. **\$2.19**
- ASSTD. VARIETIES DEODORANT STICK
Secret Anti-Perspirant 2.6-2.7 OZ. **\$2.19**

- ASSORTED VARIETIES ENTRÉES
Lean Cuisine 7.5-11.5 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- ASSORTED ASIAN ENTRÉES
Tai Pei 12-14.2 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**
- ASSORTED CLASSIC CRUST PIZZA
Red Baron 20-22.6 OZ. **3 FOR \$10**
- ORI-IDA ASSTD. VARIETIES FROZEN
Potatoes or Onion Rings 16-32 OZ. **\$2.89**

- SHURFINE
Sour Cream 16 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**
- ASSORTED LOW FAT OR NON-FAT
Shurfine Yogurt 6 OZ. **3 FOR \$1**
- ASSTD. VARIETIES COFFEE CREAMER
International Delight 16 OZ. **\$1.89**