

How could this happen? - Shattered Dreams

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

It seemed like a regular event as students from Muenster and Sacred Heart High Schools gathered in the Sacred Heart Community Center Tuesday morning. They were listening to a program being presented by DPS Trooper Mark Tackett when a pager sounded announcing a major accident at the intersection of Seventh and Pecan Streets.

Sirens pierced the air as students were escorted to that location for a Shattered Dreams presentation. The scene portrayed six teens involved in a two-vehicle accident with alcohol involved.

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, Muenster Police Department, and Cooke County EMS worked with "victims" at the scene. The nightmarish scene progressed just as if there had actually been a crash. Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Jason Brinkley was called to the scene to pronounce the death of one teen played by Austin Hennigan. His mother Cristen Cain played the role for which no parent ever wants to be called. She had to identify her son's body. Sacred Heart Pastor Fr. Ken Robinson arrived to give last rites to the victim and console his mother.

CareFlite was called to transport a teen from the accident. EMS took three others to the hospital and the fourth was questioned by police officers, hand-cuffed, and booked into jail for driving while intoxicated. Had this been reality, he would face

serious charges for drunk driving vehicular homicide.

With images of the accident still fresh in their minds, the teens went back to the Community Center where the remainder of the program took place.

Trooper Tackett gave statistics on fatality crashes in Texas. In 2010, there were 3,023 deaths in vehicle accidents. In 2012, there were 3,015. He said, "Every year

for the last 10 years, we've come down in fatal crashes. But, there is an issue with that. Even though all over Texas we are coming down, 1,075 of those in 2010 were caused by DWI drivers. That's over 35%. Over a third of all the fatalities (vehicle) in Texas were caused by drunks. That's one person killed every two hours and 54 minutes." These are stats for public reported crashes,

not including those on private property.

Tackett said that the number of crashes involving teens is going up. Ten percent of all fatal crashes in the State of Texas are caused by 16-18 year olds. That does not include 19 to 99 year olds.

Also, over half of those fatal crashes are in rural areas of Texas, noted Tackett.

Trooper Tackett shared the story of somebody he went to

school with. In their senior year, that classmate chose to drive drunk and had an accident that resulted in the death of another classmate and an underclassman. The driver was seriously injured and spent the remainder of his senior year in the hospital. He did not graduate with his class and to this day walks with leg braces.

When this person attended the 10-year class reunion,

he looked at the pictures of the classmates who had died and then proceeded to try to visit with the others there. "About 95% of us told him that he needed to leave," recalled Tackett. He told the students of DWI accidents, "You don't want to be the person who is involved in that."

He said that if you have a beer or something alcoholic to drink, do not drive. Stay where you are, walk home, or have somebody who did not drink drive you. "This is not about underage drinking. This is about drinking and driving. If you are going to drink, don't drive while you are doing it."

A moving video was shown while the song "How Could This Happen To Me?" was played. It showed how an alcohol-related fatality crash affects not just the driver, passenger, but the whole family and a wide range of people.

Tackett told of several accidents involving young people and drinking fatalities. "What you do does not just affect you. I understand you are in high school. The weather is fixing to get nice. Prom is coming up and graduation. This is the best time of your life, but make sure it is not the last time of your life. Make sure that what you do now, you don't have to pay for."

Shattered Dreams Program Coordinator Ben Bindel of the Muenster VFD noted, "This is as realistic as it can get without being the real thing. As Mark (Tackett)

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EMS Wes Reed and Muenster VFD firemen Ryan Bayer give "medical attention" to Shattered Dreams accident victims Miranda Pagel and John Paul Hesse following a mock, alcohol-related two-vehicle accident Tuesday morning. Ready to assist are Muenster firemen Erik Walterscheid, Jimmy Green, and Ronnie Maas.

County to settle with EOG regarding TCEQ permit

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Following an executive session at the April 8 meeting, Cooke County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to approve a settlement agreement with EOG Resources, Inc. relating to the Commissioners Court protest of proposed TCEQ air quality permit no. 95412.

The terms of the settlement cannot be made public until EOG signs the agreement. This is about a

sand mine plant proposed to open in northwestern Cooke County. Several hearings took place in 2011 and there are Court dates scheduled for this month, some in Austin and some in Cooke County.

The Court issued a proclamation declaring April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the County. The proclamation said in part, "Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, loving, permanent home where his or her physical, emotional, and educational

needs are fully met thereby giving the child an opportunity to realize his or her full potential;

"Preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends upon education and involvement among people throughout every sector of the community;

"A child's journey in the child protection system can be an extremely frightening, confusing, and traumatic experience for a child who has been removed from his or her home and placed with strangers, often in a different county away from his or her school, friends, place of worship, and only life they have ever known; the impact of abuse and neglect has long-term personal, economic, and social costs;

"Court Appointed Special Advocates® - CASA Volunteers - are assigned by the court to speak up for a child's best interest and be a voice for that child in the courts."

The proclamation concludes with:

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CASA decorated 112 pink yard flamingos symbolizing the 112 children in Cooke County who were placed in foster care because of neglect or abuse in 2012. The flamingos were placed in front of the Courthouse on April 8, demonstrating that no matter how one might dress things up, child abuse and neglect are ugly realities which should not be ignored.

Spring planting day set

Anyone wishing to help beautify Muenster is invited to help on Saturday, April 20 as Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB) makes one last push before Germanfest. All interested parties should meet at the KMB headquarters in the Muenster City Park at 9 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring garden tools such as trowels, rakes, plastic trash bags, pruning shears, and trash cans.

Due to drought conditions and some owners not willing to care for the flowers, the beds will only be weeded and bark mulched only. Owners who wish to demonstrate pride are encouraged to plant flowers on their own and care for the beds.

Submitted by Gary Fisher, KMB

Be aware of child abuse

Reality check: Each and every eight minutes that pass daily, an innocent child in Texas is abused or neglected.

While the average person can use eight minutes out of their day to get dressed,

drive to work, pack a lunch, run a mile, read a newspaper article, or do whatever they may please, a child who suffers from neglect or abuse becomes a powerless victim to their situation.

April is Child Abuse

Awareness and Prevention Month, a time to focus on the safety and care of our most vulnerable and valuable resources - our children.

According to national research, in 2011, 3.6 million

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Trash Pick-up volunteers help Keep Muenster Beautiful



Janie Hartman photos

Keep Muenster Beautiful held their annual Trash Pick-up last Saturday morning. Sixty-five volunteers registered, dividing up into groups to pick up trash along the highways and exterior streets that surround Muenster. Above left - the ditch along Mesquite Street always collects a lot of litter. At right - crews spread out along Hwy. 82 west of town.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO April 9, 1948

Cheese Plant's next improvement is new whey condenser. Ethel Mae Knabe, 8 years old, has tonsils removed. Obituary: H.D. Field, 87. Ray Wilde is serving on the federal jury in Sherman. Wedding: Tonie Mae Friske and Ray Lueb. New Arrival: Andrew to Andrew and Mary Ann Arendt. The Relax Theatre advertises *The Fugitive* starring Henry Fonda and Dolores Del Rio.

50 YEARS AGO April 12, 1963

Sacred Heart Parish will have annual picnic on Easter Monday. Arthur Bayer elected as new commander for

Muenster VFW Post 6205. New Arrivals: Wylie Junior to Wylie and Magdalen Lewis; a son to the Wilfred Klements; Tracy Lee to the Bill McCollums. Obituary: Anton Arendt, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arendt, Jr.

25 YEARS AGO April 8, 1988

Steve Fette and Bill Reiter have winning snake in Jaycees Rattlesnake Roundup; it measured 69 inches. Muenster Chamber of Commerce receives tourism ad excellence award. Obituaries: Maurice Milner, 85; Joseph Gehring, 73. New Arrivals: Matthew to Monte and Vickie Brouse; Cristina to Ricky and Carla Hennigan.

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cases of child abuse or neglect were reported in the United States, involving approximately 6 million children. Out of these, 690,658 children were confirmed victims of abuse or neglect. Still further, 1,570 of these children died in the United States in 2011 as a result of child abuse or neglect.

Perhaps hitting even closer to home is the startling statistic that in 2012, the state of Texas alone had 64,366 confirmed child victims of child abuse or neglect, 47,137 of which were placed in the foster care system. Sixty percent of these children were under six years old, and 122 lived right here in Cooke County.

But yet it doesn't stop there. In 2012, there were 212 child fatalities caused from abuse or neglect in Texas. As distressing as this number is, it is an improvement from last year's 243 abuse related child fatalities. On average, every 41 hours, a child dies from child abuse or neglect.

To draw attention to this alarming matter, every April, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of North Texas sets up a display on the Courthouse lawn indicating the number of Cooke County children who have been taken into foster care because of abuse or neglect.

This year, CASA decorated 112 pink yard flamingos symbolizing the 112 children in Cooke County who were placed in foster care because of neglect or abuse in 2012.

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cluded that Commissioners "commend all organizations, including Child Protective Services, CASA of North Texas, and CASA Volunteers for their commitment and dedication to preventing abuse and mitigating the devastating effect of abuse and neglect by serving children who have been victimized."

Saturday, April 20 was declared Cooke County United Way Fourth Annual Day of Caring with a proclamation.

It noted that Cooke County United Way challenges the community to live united by joining efforts to participate in the Day of Caring event which is a one-day event that will mobilize volunteers from industry, business, private, churches, civic organizations and agencies to assist with meeting various needs of the community.

This year's event will benefit several households of elderly and handicapped County residents as volunteers assist with yard clean-up projects.

Commissioners considered new terms that the Texas Department of Public Safety requested be added to its lease agreement for the County-owned building located across from the Courthouse. The requests dealt with janitorial service and upkeep of the building.

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith favored complying with DPS's requests. He noted that the County has never made money off of leasing that space, but feels having DPS troopers there is valuable to the County. He commented, "It gives us additional security protection downtown. We have great cooperation from DPS in the number of troopers in Cooke County. I think we should do what we can to keep the troopers here and to keep them this close to the Courthouse."

There was no action taken, but the Court instructed the Judge's secretary Rheta Gilmer to clarify what was actually being asked for in the contract.

In other business, commissioners Court:

- Re-appointed Kenny Klement and Ronny Young to the North Texas Ground-

water Conservation District for a four-year term beginning June 1, 2013 and ending June 1, 2017.

- Appointed Ronald L. Martin and Jane Hickerson Martin to the Cooke County Child Welfare Board.

- Approved sending a letter of support for Senate Bill 1554 increasing funding for rural community and economic development block grants that is being considered by the Texas Legislature.

- Appointed Robert Adams to the TCOG Governing Board for a one-year term beginning June 1, 2013.

- Approved renewal and extension of the Cooke County Depository contract with Landmark Bank for an additional two years.

- Approved the surplus and auction or salvage of a 1981 GMC water truck, two Ingram rubber tire packers, 1995 Volvo truck, 1993 CPS belly dump trailer, Excell power washer, Campbell Hausfeld air compressor, chip spreader, and large shop fan.

- Approved a contract with Woodbine Water Supply Corp. for the installation of a waterline on CR 107 and at the intersection of CR 223 and 232.

- Approved a contract with KB Sycamore Ranch LP for the installation of an irrigation line on CR 100.

- Approved a contract with Pinnacle Health Technologies for new hire physicals and drug screens, and for post-accident drug screens.

- Approved the Cooke County EMS director to submit State Medicaid reports for additional 1115A monies in the amount of \$239,504.

- Approved a voting machine rental agreement with Gainesville Hospital District and with Lindsay Independent School District for the May 2013 elections.

- Approved a \$10 donation to the Cooke County Library for research from Touchstone, Bernays, Johnston, Beall, Smith, and Stoltenwreck Law Firm.

- Approved out-of-state travel for Jennifer Johnson-Spence, library director, to attend the Association of Small and Rural Libraries Conference in Omaha, Nebraska from Sept. 24 - 28.

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The fight is on

Remember in 2011 when we were experiencing the terrible drought and EOG was developing a sand mine in Bulcher? Local residents, upon discovering their plan, rallied to put a stop to its completion. It seemed obvious that this facility could impact our quality of life, especially our clean air and our water availability. There was a public hearing held in Muenster which was attended by well over 500 concerned citizens. Our state agency, the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality sent representatives from Austin to 'hear' the issues. Many of us left that meeting really "put out" as the TCEQ said they did not/would not address any water issues, but only those dealing with air quality.

Well this situation is not over. The fight is still on, thanks to the Red River Motorcycle Park. There will be a portion of the Contested Case Hearing to be held in Gainesville on April 22 and 23 at 9 a.m. It is very important that local citizens attend, showing their continued concerns by their presence in the room. While we cannot speak at this event, a large crowd of citizens will serve to reflect our support to halt the installation of this facility. Lawyers representing Red River Motorcycle Park will be challenging EOG Resources's permit request. We need to impress those conducting the hearing that we do not want trucks running day and night up our roads, our country air displaced by potentially dangerous silica sand, nor large amounts of water sucked from our endangered Trinity Aquifer.

The meeting will be held in Gainesville on April 22 and 23 at 9 a.m. in the Civic Center (across from the library). These hearings are not run by the TCEQ, but rather a different agency (hopefully more neutral). The judges could very well rule in favor of the motorcycle park thus stopping the opening of the sand mine. Show your support...plan to attend...this is our last chance to make a difference for now and for the future.

Janis Sneed
Saint Jo

Dear Editor,

"What you do speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say."

I first heard those words when I was nine years old. I was doing my best to convince my mother that I valued being neat and tidy. She let me go on and on and then marched me down the hall to my room. She pushed open the door and the unmade bed and pile of dirty clothes on the floor brought my song and dance to a screeching halt. And so it was I learned that a person is most sharply revealed by what they do, not by what they say.

It's not that words are unimportant. Many members of our community spoke at the Public Meeting in Muenster regarding EOG's proposed sand mine. Our words revealed a deep concern about the hazards of mining frack sand and the impact the plant could have on our lives, our livelihoods, and our property values.

In the months following the Public Meeting, we have continued to talk. We talk about the threat to our health from the pollution that could be released into the air for many years. We wonder if the fine particles of silica sand known to cause cancer will do so in our lungs.

We talk about the TCEQ conducting a technical review of EOG's permit application and then recommending EOG should be given the permit even though the TCEQ admits "there is no specific documented guidance on how to conduct a technical review of a bulk sand handling plant." We wonder how it is possible to know the pollution from this type of facility will be within the guidelines when there are no guidelines.

We talk about the trucks that will pass through our small towns at all hours of the day and night, the potential damage those trucks could inflict on narrow country roads never meant for such heavy traffic, and the injustice of having to pay more than our fair share to repair the damages. We wonder about the noise from those trucks and from the operations of a plant that would be allowed to run 24/7/365.

We talk about water. We want to know what will happen if any mining procedure goes awry and contaminates Mountain Creek, the Red River, or the Trinity Aquifer, the main source of water for many Texans and the only source for the city of Saint Jo. We want to know how EOG believes there is enough water to run the plant even though it can't or won't say how much water is needed and EOG's consultant claims he has still not completed a study of the available water supply.

Part of the contested case hearing will take place at the Civic Center at 311 S. Weaver in Gainesville on April 22-23, 2013. The public is not allowed to speak at the hearing so our presence must now do our talking.

Attend the hearing and show everyone watching - the oil and gas industry, the TCEQ, the SOAH judges, and the people we elected to represent us, Rep. Drew Springer and Sen. Craig Estes - that Cooke and Montague residents want our small town, rural way of life protected.

What you do speaks so loudly...

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Sunday, April 14 2013	Monday, April 15, 2013	Tuesday, April 16, 2013	Wednesday, April 17, 2013	Thursday, April 18, 2013	Friday, April 19, 2013	Saturday, April 20, 2013
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	MISD Flex Day VFW Aux mtg. 7:30 p.m.	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 Religious Ed class 7pm MISD Board mtg. 7:30 pm	Museum open -1-4 Library open 10 am-6:30 pm MMH Aux Spring Fling Hamburger Supper Farm City Week @ NCTC	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10:00-2:30 Relay for Life Benefit Events: Garage Sale - FSB Conference Center, Gainesville 7 am - noon Missy's Pals Crawfish Boil, G'ville KC Hall 5-10
	 Week	of the Young Child			
Sunday, April 21, 2013	Monday, April 22, 2013	Tuesday, April 23, 2013	Wednesday, April 24, 2013	Thursday, April 25, 2013	Friday, April 26, 2013	Saturday, April 27, 2013
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Home Hospice Golf Tournament		Library open 10 am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm Muenster Seniors Social, SHCC 6 pm ProLife T-shirt Day	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Religious Ed class 7 p.m.	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Blood Drive in "Blood Mobile," MISD gym	Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10:00-2:30

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William Hermes 1928 - 2013

Mass of Christian Burial for Clement William Hermes, age 85 of the Hood Community, was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 9 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Rosary/Vigil was held Monday, April 8 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were officiated by Rev. Ken Robinson and directed by MCoJoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Mr. Hermes died at 8:55 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2013 at Muenster Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born Feb. 13, 1928 in Lindsay, William was one of eight children of Julius and Cecilia Flusche Hermes. He attended Lindsay High School, graduating in 1945. He and Mary Evelyn Hofbauer were married Feb. 13, 1952 at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. William was in the U.S. Army at that time, stationed in Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. They lived in Fort Smith, Arkansas for a year. After being honorably discharged, William and Mary Evelyn moved to the Hood Community to a farm owned by his parents. In 1972, they purchased the farm where they lived, farmed, ranched, and raised a large family of nine children.

William was active in both St. Peter's Church in Lindsay and Sacred Heart in Muenster, serving as usher and was a member of Sacred Heart since 1959. He served nine years on a three-man board in the Cooke County ASCS office and 14 years on the Muenster Hospital Board. A member of the NRCS Board that served Cooke, Montague, and Grayson counties, he also was a member of the Cooke County Electric Co-op nominating committee.

William received the Outstanding Farmer Award for 1984 from the Soil Conservation Service. For many years, he was president of the Hood Community Improvement Club.

William (and also Mary Evelyn) were extremely busy in serving his family, his church, and the communities of Hood and Muenster, along with farming and ranching. He was a loving family man and friend to many.

Survivors are his wife Mary Evelyn of the Hood Community; daughters and spouses Debbie Bradshaw of Gainesville, Alyce and Charles Cler of Lindsay, Cheryl and Royce Martin of Gainesville, Denise West of Muenster, Laurie Rohmer of Muenster, and Pam and Kenneth Sidwell of Muenster; sons and spouses Gary Hermes of Roanoke, Tim Hermes of Keller, Glenn and Misty Hermes of Keller; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; sisters and spouses Marcella and Billy Zimmerer of Lindsay, Patsy and John Dave Fleitman of Muenster, Mary Ann Hess of Muenster; brothers and spouses Julius Hermes, Jr. and Clara of Lindsay, Richard Hermes and Edna of Lindsay, Walter Hermes and JoAnn of Gainesville, Patrick Hermes and Carol of Gainesville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons-in-law Billy Rohmer, Dwayne Pagel, and Robert Wayne West; and brother-in-law Earl Hess.

During the funeral Mass, Amanda Rohmer gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Elizabeth Huchton. Carrie Martin read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory Gifts were brought up by Nicole Pagel, Brittany Rosene, Jennifer Hermes, and Cassie Bradshaw. Eucharistic ministers were Dolores Hofbauer, Chuck Bartush, and Carolyn Bayer. Altar servers were Alvin Hartman, Willie Fisher, and Sylvan Walterscheid.

Music ministers were Christy Hesse, Doug Yosten, Linda Flusche, Jim Endres, and Christi Klement. Songs included "On Eagles Wings,"



William Hermes

"I Lift Up My Soul," "Only In God," "Lord, You Are More Precious," "Be Not Afraid," "Edelweiss Blessing," and "I'll Fly Away."

Grandson Les Cler gave the eulogy. He remembered William as "a devoted, dependable husband. I personally cannot recall many instances of seeing one of my grandparents without the other... He cared deeply about his community... He was an instantly likable person, the sort of man who people will say never met a stranger."

"My grandfather thrived on hard work. He loved farming... His family will remember all those holidays with this patriarchal figure and all his family about him, which for many of us defined what holidays were... he was so proud of his family..."

Following the eulogy, daughter Cheryl Martin shared treasured family memories with those present.

Pallbearers were Byron Hermes, Jon Martin, Kailin Hermes, Andrew Hermes, Alex Hermes, Adam Hermes, Daniel Rohmer, and Clint Sidwell. Honorary pallbearers were Justin Rosene and Fred Guglielmelli.

Shirley Burks 1944 - 2013

Funeral for Shirley Ann Turnham Burks, age 68 of Gainesville, were held Thursday, April 11 at First Christian Church in Gainesville. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Shirley was born on Dec. 1, 1944 in Gainesville to Oscar and Effie Mabe Turnham. She died April 6, 2013 in Denison.

Shirley graduated from Gainesville High School in 1962. On Sept. 4, 1964, she married Charles Gaylon Burks. She started her career in 1960 at Watts Bros Pharmacy until 1969. She was employed by Gainesville National Bank in 1969 until her retirement in 2006. She then went to work at First State Bank in 2007 and was currently employed there. She also worked at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home beginning in 2007 and was currently employed there as well.

Survivors are brother Oscar Turnham, Jr., sister Bessie Childress Brinkley, and brother George Childress, all of Gainesville and brother Burton Eugene Wright of Las Vegas, Nevada; several nieces and nephews; and special friends Lucy Tatom, Charles Clement, Betty Garrett, Frankie Barnes, Mary Wallace, Dora Ward, Jo Clark, Mary Jean Lewis,

and numerous other special friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Charles in 2006, and brother Charles in 2006.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church Building Fund, Noah's Ark, or the Frank Buck Zoo.

Pallbearers were Robin Brown, Larry Kremling, Scott Flanagan, Robby Ayers, Blair Brown, and J. T. Carter.

Elizabeth Schully 1918 - 2013

Funeral for Elizabeth Schully, age 94 of Gainesville, was held Monday, April 8 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Chapel with Rev. Hubert Wright officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. The family received friends on Sunday at the funeral home.

Elizabeth was born July 25, 1918 to William S. and Lillian Amelia Hughes, Sr. in Brookfield, Missouri. She died April 4, 2013 in Gainesville.

Survivors include son Dan

Schully and wife Fran of Lindsay; daughters Susan Menzie and Jodi Schully, both of Gainesville; three grandsons and their wives; seven great-grandchildren; sister Betty Goodman of College Station; sister-in-law Gloria Hughes of Los Altos, California; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband Joe Schully; brother William S. Hughes, Jr.; sister Thelma Gray; and granddaughter Melissa Schully.

James Banks II 1982 - 2013

Services for James Preston Banks II, 30, fourth generation hayman, were held Monday, April 8 at Lacy Funeral Home in Stephenville with Rev. Ben Macklin officiating. Burial was at West End Cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday, April 7 at the Lacy Funeral Home.

James died April 4, 2013 in Stephenville.

James was born in Fort Worth on July 12, 1982 to Glenn and Monica Banks. He married Courtney Mankin on June 5, 2010 in Mankin.

Survivors include his wife Courtney of Stephenville; father Glenn Banks of Dublin, Texas; daughter Hallie and son Samson of Stephenville; sisters Kendra Macon of Destin, Florida, Kristi Allison of Lampasas, Misty Macon of Sweeney, Megan Banks of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Michelle Banks of Arlington; brother Chad Ramsey of Gainesville; father and mother-in-law Mike and Tracy Mankin of Comanche; brother-in-law Shan-

non Mankin of Comanche; and aunts and uncles Nick and Bonnie Stoffels of Moss Lake, Mike Stoffels of Muenster, Darla and David Hash of Springdale, Arkansas, and Sarah Woodmanse of Gainesville.

He was preceded in death by his mother Monica Banks on Oct. 20, 2010; and uncles Donnie Stoffels and Dougie Stoffels.

Pallbearers were Todd Reeves, Shannon Mankin, Jeff Long, Eric Glass, Nathan Bryant, Anthony Long, and Rob Lowrimore.

Music at the service included "Go Rest High On That Mountain" and "I Hope You Dance."

Lillian Boles 1931 - 2013

Graveside services for Lillian Murphy Boles, age 81 of Lake Kiowa, were set for noon on Friday, April 12 at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park in Colleyville. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boles died April 6, 2013 at her home, surrounded by her loving husband and children. Lillian was born April 26, 1931 in Macon, Illinois to Chester F. and Emma I. Workman Cunningham.

Mrs. Boles moved to Bedford in 1991 to be close to her children. It was then that she met and eventually married her husband, Bob, in 1995 in Fort Worth. They moved to Lake Kiowa in 1996 after retiring from Abbott Labs in

TxDOT's Travel Information Centers participate in safety

Last year, 134 people lost their lives in Work Zones just in the state of Texas. So, with the 2013 National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) being April 15-19, TxDOT's Texas Travel Information Centers are raising awareness about safety for workers and motorists in work zones.

One fatality happened in the Wichita Falls District in 2012. Many more were seriously injured in the 86 car crashes in work zones in our nine counties.

TxDOT maintains more than 80,000 miles of highway and oversees more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects at any given time. With so much construction, motorists frequently encounter work zones.

Texas Travel Information Center Events:

- Gainesville (I-35 @ SB Exit 502 or NB Exit at 504, U-turn to SB) Safety Reception on April 17 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Display, literature, and refreshments available.

- Wichita Falls (I-44 @ N. 8th St Exit #1C) on April 19, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Display and literature available on Highway Safety.

Irving. Mrs. Boles was active in line dancing, Kiowa Women's Club, and KWC Book Review until her illness.

Survivors are husband Bob of Lake Kiowa; daughter Jackie Hedenberg of Bedford; son Ron Murphy and wife Vicky of Hurst; son Barry Sapp and wife Marcia of Bedford; stepson Marc Boles of New York City; stepson Alan Boles of Odessa, Florida; stepdaughter Vickie Swing of Westfield, Indiana; stepdaughter, Gayle Smith of Kokomo, Indiana; four grandchildren and one great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter Jamie; and grandson Eric.

Weather Whys - Storms

Q: What's the best thing to do if you're caught in a severe storm?

A: Some thunderstorm safety tips could save your life, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The National Weather Service estimates there are about 100,000 thunderstorms a year in the U.S., but only about 10% of those are classified as severe. But the severe storms can cause amazing damage and even loss of life," he explains. A severe thunderstorm, he said, is one defined by winds of at least 58 miles per hour, hail at least three-fourths of an inch, and the storm has produced a tornado. "If you're outdoors, find sturdy shelter, either in a building or a car - preferably not a convertible," he notes. "If you can hear thunder, that means you're

close enough to be struck by lightning. Generally speaking, enclosed vehicles provide good shelter from lightning. If outdoors, you should avoid high places, open fields, isolated trees, picnic shelters, gazebos, baseball dugouts, and anything metal such as flagpoles, light poles, and fences. If you cannot find a place of shelter and are caught out in an isolated area, squat down low so as to create the least surface area as possible. This will reduce the risk of being struck. Water is a great conductor of electricity, so avoid water if at all possible. Golfers can especially be at risk and they should leave the course immediately and if possible, avoid golf carts. Boaters and swimmers should get to land immediately."

Oma Enke 1919 - 2013

Oma Lee Enke, age 94 of Gainesville, died Friday, April 5, 2013 in Gainesville. She was born Jan. 14, 1919 in Collinsville to David A. and Laura Burgin Gilmore. No services are planned.

See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

Matthew 18:10

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Meeting Notices

Diabetes Support Group

The next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group will be held at the North Texas Medical Center Board Room on Tuesday, April 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. Joan Walterscheid, RN, CDE (Certified Diabetes Educator) will present "What You Can Do To Stop The Blood Sugar Rollercoaster." At the meeting, you can also learn about some of the newest meters, including meters for iPhone and iPod.

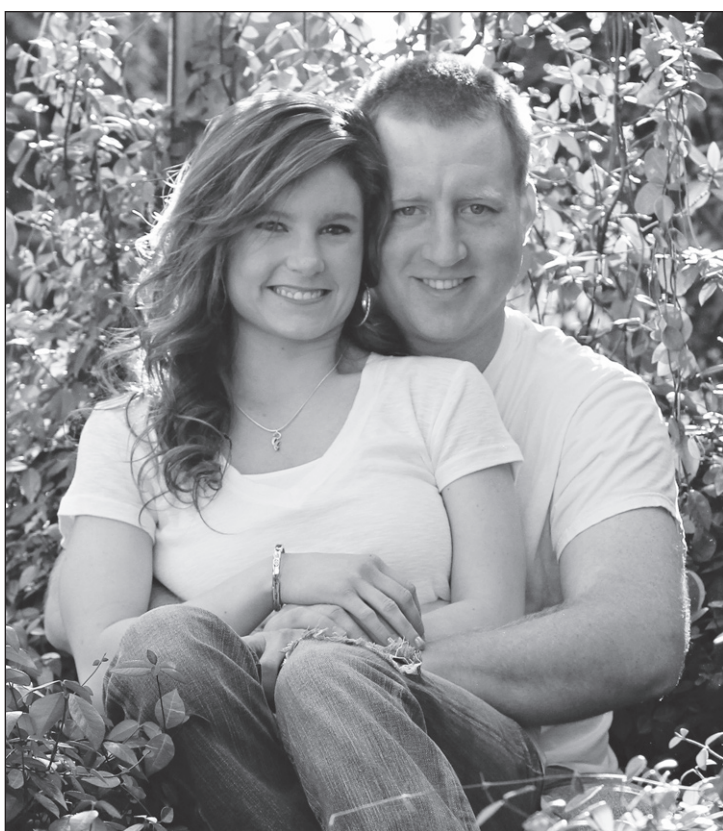
Drawing for door prizes will include meters, cookbook, and Metersync Cable for iPhone.

Individuals with diabetes and family members are encouraged to attend this free program. For more information, call 940-768-8120.

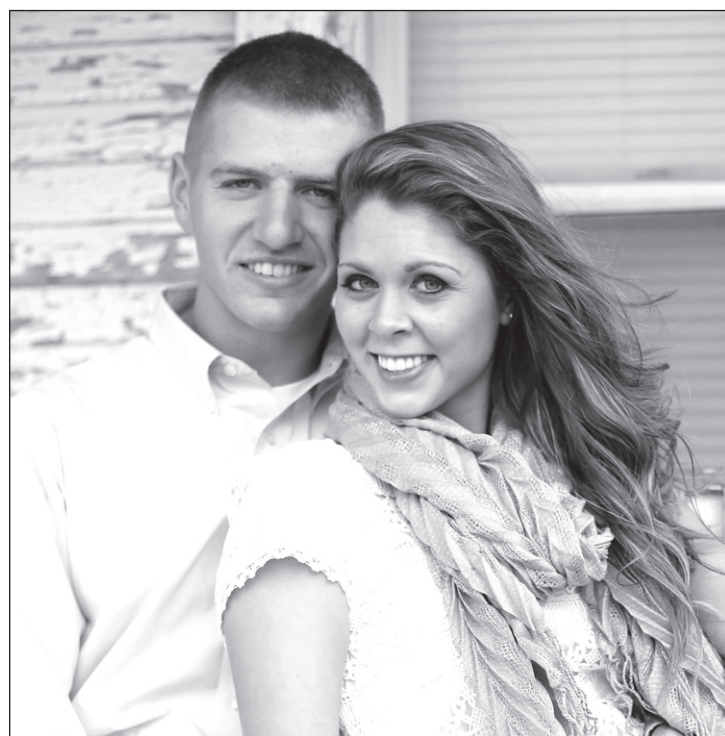
Informational meeting for American Heritage Girls

Do you have a girl between the ages of five and 18? Come to an information meeting for American Heritage Girls, Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at New Life Bible Church, 3901 E. Broadway, Gainesville. Call 940-736-8137 for more information.

"American Heritage Girls is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country." <http://www.ahgonline.org>



Lou and Sharon Finger of Tomball are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Caitlin Finger of Tomball to Dustin Felderhoff of Muenster. The couple has chosen Saturday, June 22, 2013 for their wedding day. They will exchange vows at 2:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. Dustin is the son of Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff of Muenster. Caitlin is a graduate of Tomball High School in Tomball and a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. She is presently employed at Texan Eye Care in Austin. Dustin is a graduate of Muenster High School and a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. He is currently employed at Cadre Proppants in Voca. Following their marriage, Dustin and Caitlin will reside in Marble Falls.



The engagement and approaching marriage of Kayla Michelle Hess of San Marcos and Travis Joseph Felderhoff of Quantico, Virginia is announced by her parents Rickey and Donna Hess of Lindsay. Tim and Ramona Felderhoff of Muenster are parents of the future-groom. The couple plans to be married on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay with Fr. Raymond McDaniel officiating. Miss Hess earned her degree in Family & Child Development at Texas State University - San Marcos. She is an intern at New Life Children's Treatment Center. Felderhoff earned his degree in AeroSpace Administration & Operations Pro Pilot from Oklahoma State. He is a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Following their marriage, the couple will reside in Pensacola, Florida.

60+ social announced

As social is planned for Muenster seniors over age 60 for Tuesday, April 23 in the Sacred Heart Community Center. Serving will be at 6 p.m. with music provided by Bonny Prescher.

The only requirement to attend will be a reservation made by April 21. To do so, call Della at 759-2950 or 736-5161 or Bernice at 736-2217 or (940) 902-3327.

Glaucoma proves a stealthy opponent

Glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness and visual impairment, affecting as many as 2.2 million people in the U.S. The condition has no warning signs, so many people do not realize they have it.

Ophthalmologists encourage people at risk—those older than 40, with a family history of glaucoma, or of African-American or Hispanic heritage—to be tested. Using drops in the eyes that dilate a patient's pupils, eye care professionals can check for signs of glaucoma.

"With early detection and treatment, vision loss can

often be prevented," said Dr. Jess Whitson, an ophthalmologist at UT Southwestern. He recommends having a dilated eye exam every one to two years.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the optic nerve in the eye. In its most common form, fluid builds up in the front chamber of the eye, and resulting eye pressure damages the optic nerve.

As the disease progresses, people with glaucoma may notice their side vision gradually failing. Left untreated, glaucoma can lead to serious vision loss or blindness as the field of vision narrows.



Jeffrey Neil Carpenter of Grand Prairie and Cheri Ann Carpenter of North Richland Hills announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Stevie Lee Carpenter of Muenster to Christopher Paul Marshall of Muenster. Christopher is the son of Michael Jack and Laura Louise Marshall of Muenster. The couple will marry at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at Little Chapel In The Woods at Texas Woman's University. Kayla Freeman will officiate their vows. Stevie is attending North Central Texas College and works as a stock supervisor at GAP. Christopher earned his Associate Degree from North Central Texas College. He is a kitchen supervisor at Ancient Ovens. The couple will live in Muenster after their marriage.

In the end, it's not going to matter how many breaths you took, but how many moments took your breath away.
- Shing Xiong

Justin Brown accepts merit-based scholarship to ECU

Sacred Heart High School graduate Justin Ryan Brown of Gainesville has accepted a ECU Merit Scholarship at Eastern Kentucky University. Hundreds of additional incoming freshmen and transfer students have accepted merit-based scholarships to attend ECU.

"These students have found programs here at ECU that meet their needs academically, therefore Eastern is doing all it can to help them achieve their dreams financially through our merit-based scholarship program," said Brett Morris, director of admissions at the university. "The process is much easier now because students are granted these scholarships automatically if

they qualify. There's no need for a separate application."

The Excellence Award, Founders Award, Regents Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, and Merit Scholarship are for incoming high school freshmen. The Colonel, Colonel Plus, Maroon, and Maroon Plus scholarships are for incoming transfer students.

Do not worry if you have built your castles in the air. They are where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.

- Henry David Thoreau



Courtesy photo

Muenster Boy Scouts recently attended a workshop at the Muenster Volunteer Fire Station. The workshop is one of the steps required to obtain the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge on their way to becoming Eagle Scouts. Pictured are, from left, Muenster VFD Chief Herbie Knabe, Ethan Hellman, Jon Hess, Andrew Stoffels, Stetson McGrew, Tyler Walterscheid, Nick Turner, Stone Lamar, and Michael McCoy.

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said, your decisions affect many, many people." He told of the volunteer firefighters, police officers, EMS, and others who respond to the accidents.

"It affects the whole community, so please, we ask you to think before you drink and drive, and please don't let your friends drink and drive. We care deeply for you. That's why we take time to put this program on. This program works. I've been on this Department for 30 years. I've pulled enough dead kids out of cars. I'm tired of it. I don't want it to be you. I want you to grow old."

Muenster VFD Chief Herbie Knabe spoke of the many accidents the volunteer firefighters have worked. He said, "The trauma that falls on the family. The affect it has on them for the rest of their lives. Some of you can see and witness the emotional affect the story out here had on you. Just the way the mother reacted to a son dying in that crash brought me to tears.

"When we are working those scenes, we have to do what it takes to get that person or that body out of that mangled, twisted mess." He told of an accident in which two teens died and the huge emotional impact that had on every fireman involved. They spent the entire night at the fire station talking about it and wishing they could have done something to save those who died. "Think about your

actions and what you do," he advised them.

Justice of the Peace Jason Brinkley responds to many accidents to pronounce death. He said he remembers watching a Shattered Dreams Program in high school and thinking, "That can't happen here. It can't happen in Cooke County. It can't happen to my friends. It doesn't happen. It took me a few years to realize, but it does happen here. You are not invincible. Bad things are not going to avoid you just because you live in a small town. They do happen here and as a JP, I've seen numerous occasions of drinking and driving and fatalities."

Judge Brinkley added, "I wish that I could get to every one of you and tell you how stupid it is to drink and drive. I hope that some of you will take this to heart. We are here to help you realize that what you do today, and the bad decisions when it comes to this scale, that you made, not just affects you, but affects everybody that you care about. Think about that next time you make a decision on whether you should have that beer or get behind the wheel. Think about all the lives that you are affecting."

Delanne Walterscheid related her personal story of being a victim of drunk driving 30 years ago. She is in a wheelchair as a result of that accident. It happened when

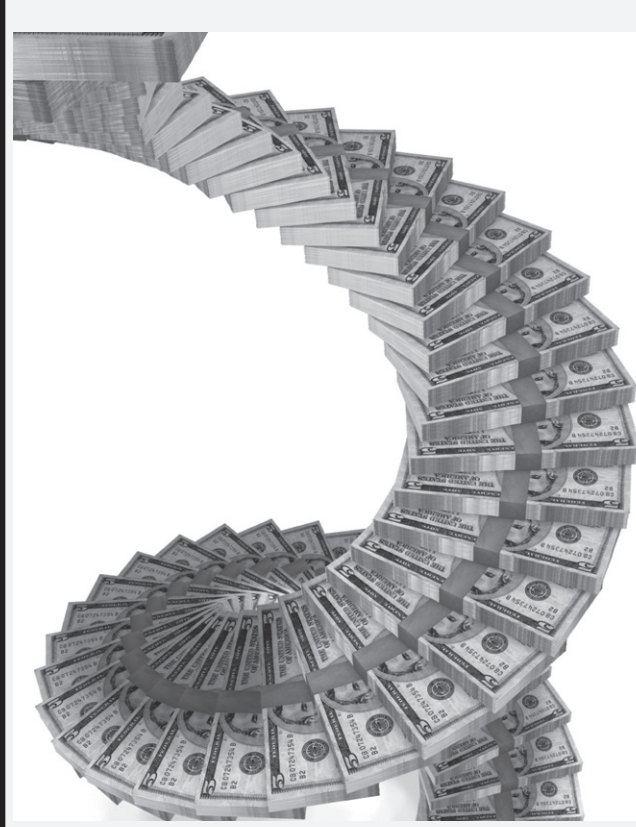
she was 17 and a senior in high school. "I don't want to see any of you go through what I've gone through for the last 30 years," she stated. "I spent the rest of my senior year in the hospital. Six months in the hospital because of stupid decisions that were made that year. I don't want you kids to have to go through that. I don't want you to put your parents through it, your families, your community. It destroys a lot of lives. Whatever you do, please, do not drink and drive."

Those who participated in the mock accident were introduced. They are Austin Hennigan, Omar Colmenero, John Paul Hesse, Kaitlin Hesse, Miranda Pagel, and Payton Sanders and Cristin Cain as the mother.

Muenster High Principal Sharon Browning remarked, "I think this is a valuable service provided to the students on behalf of many community entities working together. As an administrator, I am overwhelmed by the generosity and compassion that is provided to the schools to help the students have an experience that will help them make better choices and stay safe." She added her appreciation of all who participated or donated time or items to make Shattered Dreams 2013 a huge success.

Each student was given a card to sign pledging to not drink and drive.

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Clockwise, above left - in preparing the accident scene, more "blood" is added to a victim; Dreams coordinator Ben Bindel with actors Miranda Pagel, Austin Hennigan, and Omar Colmenero; Officer Tom Barr places "drunk driver" under arrest; EMS Adam Arendt removes Payton Sanders from the vehicle assisted by Neal Flusche, Ben Bindel, and Mitch Creed; Kaitlin Hesse before the "accident"; Shaw Henscheid uses the JAWS; Fr. Ken Robinson and Cristin Cain wait to identify the body; grieving mother is comforted by Officer Dan Lintner.



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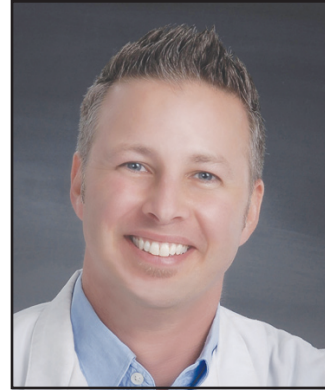
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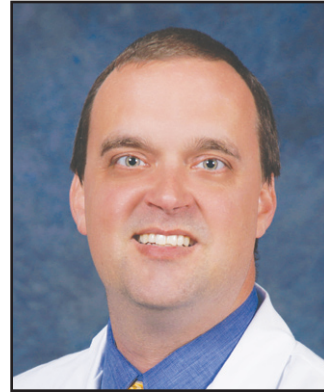
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Muenster OAP takes alternate at Area level

After many hours of rehearsals, the Muenster High School One Act Play advanced to the Area Competition. The students brought their production of *The Giver*, by Eric Coble, to Zone Competition on Tuesday, March 19 at Krum High School. Along with advancing, many individual awards were presented. Georgia Taylor Saavedra received the Tech Award, Karli Mouring won Honorable Mention All Star Cast, Eland Green and Caroline Gressett were given All Star Cast, and Reagan Weger and Austin Creswell received Best Actress and Best Actor, respectively. The District Competition was held Friday,

March 22 also at Krum High School. Individual awards consisted of Tech Award to Payton Sanders, Honorable Mention All Star Cast to Kimber Walterscheid and Mahayla Bohl, and All Star Cast to Caroline Gressett, Reagan Weger, and Austin Creswell.

The play then competed at the Area level on April 8 in Fort Worth. Muenster was in competition with six other schools and took Alternate place.

Earning All Star Cast honors at Area competition were Mahayla Bohl, Reagan Weger, and Caroline Gressett. Austin Creswell earned Honorable Mention All Star Cast.



MISD photo

Pictured are Muenster High School One Act Play participants and directors, from left, top row - Gynell Oppermann, director, Reagan Weger, Eland Green, Audrey Taylor Saavedra, Karli Mouring, Shelby Klement, Payton Sanders, Kimber Walterscheid, and Austin Creswell; bottom row - Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Mahayla Bohl, McKenna Proffer, Allie Walterscheid, Caroline Gressett, Natalie Walterscheid, and Dana Klement, director.



MISD photo

District UIL participants, from left, back row - Tara Gunnels, Kristen Reiter, Shelbi Sicking, Claire Schneider, Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Payton Sanders, Mason Binder, Austin Creswell, Hunter Klement, Lauren Rohmer, Brooke Walterscheid, Reagan Weger; middle row - Noel Rodriguez, Kelsie Sicking, Shelby Klement, Karli Mouring, Makayla Moster, Lawrence Haverkamp, Zach Trubenbach, Kimber Walterscheid, Sydney Huchton, ShyAnn Bartel, Mikaela Lamar, Jay Patel; front row - Liam Warren, Jared Endres, Adrien Rohmer, Caroline Gressett, Austin Hennigan, Hannah Bayer, Chase Deeken, Mason Davis, Alaina Reiter, Rachel Hare. Not pictured - Mahayla Bohl and Clayton Hess.

Muenster High takes second in UIL Academic competition

Muenster High School competed in District UIL Academics on March 23 at Tarrant County College. As a school, they brought home 2nd place. In addition, 14 students will advance to Regional competition on April 20 in Abilene.

District results are as follows:

Accounting: 2nd, Lauren Rohmer; 4th, Shelby Klement; 2nd place team consisting of L. Rohmer, S. Klement, and Austin Hennigan.
Calculator Applications: 3rd, Lauren Rohmer; 5th, Sydney Huchton.

Headline Writing: 3rd, Reagan Weger; 5th, Tara Gunnels.
News Writing: 3rd, Payton Sanders.

Computer Applications: 1st, Lauren Rohmer; 4th, Alaina Reiter.
Computer Science: 3rd, Mason Binder.

Journalism Team: 2nd place.
Editorial Writing: 1st, Lauren Rohmer; 4th, Kimber Walterscheid.

Feature Writing: 3rd, Payton Sanders; 5th, Sydney Huchton.

Lincoln Douglass Debate: 4th, Zachary Trubenbach.

Prose Interpretation: 3rd, Austin Creswell.
Mathematics: 3rd, Hunter Klement; 6th, Lauren Rohmer; 2nd place team consisting of H. Klement, L. Rohmer, Mason Binder, and Clayton Hess.

Number Sense: 3rd, Hunter Klement; 5th, Mason Binder; 6th, Clayton Hess; 2nd place team consisting of H. Klement, M. Binder, C. Hess, and Lauren Rohmer.

Ready Writing: 3rd, Georgia Taylor Saavedra.

Social Studies: 1st, Noel Rodriguez.

Spelling: 3rd, Tara Gunnels; 4th, Shelbi Sicking; 1st place team consisting of T. Gunnels, S. Sicking, Kristen Reiter, and Claire Schneider.

To advance to Regional competition, students must individually place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. First place teams automatically advance, and 2nd place teams have the chance to advance as "wild cards."

Both the Math and Number

Sense teams advanced as wild cards this year, in addition to the 1st place Spelling team.

Students who will be traveling to Abilene Christian University on April 20 to compete are: Lauren Rohmer, Mason Binder, Payton Sanders, Reagan Weger, Brooke Walterscheid, Hunter Klement, Clayton Hess, Austin Creswell, Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Noel Rodriguez, Tara Gunnels, Shelbi Sicking, Kristen Reiter, and Claire Schneider.

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School transfer students welcomed

Cathy Krahl
Lindsay News

April is transfer month for area school districts. So students, and their parents, who are interested in changing schools need to apply to the district of their choice during the month of April. Current transfer students also need to reapply each April.

Even though all schools in the county accept transfer students, most have strict criteria required to accept students who do not live in their district. So one shouldn't expect an easy time as acceptance is no sure thing.

When evaluating transfer applications, the largest concern for the districts is classroom space. If the class is full, no new transfer students are accepted. Other facts to be considered are individual academic progress, attendance, discipline, if there are siblings already in attendance, and if the parent(s) are employed by the district.

Muenster ISD

Muenster ISD has 58 transfer students this year. According to Clay Richerson, Muenster's superintendent, transfer applications are screened by a committee of teachers -- elementary students are evaluated by elementary teachers and high school applicants are reviewed by secondary teachers -- before going to the School Board for approval.

Criteria they look at is if the students have had problems in the past, if their academic record is poor, and if their discipline records are poor.

Lindsay ISD

In Lindsay schools, 116 students transferred from other districts. That breaks down to 53 in kindergarten through sixth grade and 63 in seventh through twelfth grades.

According to Nora Curry, Lindsay ISD superintendent, the District uses all of the above criteria plus the student must be known for exhibiting school pride and spirit.

"Applications are individually reviewed by the administration and recommendations for acceptance are presented to the school board for approval," Curry stated.

Callisburg ISD

"We look on a transfer student as a guest in school," Steve Clugston, superintendent of Callisburg ISD, said. If they don't act like a guest in their behavior, they won't be accepted. If already transferred, they can be denied transfer status for the next year.

Callisburg ISD has about 100 transfer students plus the employees' children. It only makes sense to accept transfer students, Clugston explained. Receiving more than \$5,000 per student from the state, transfer students help pay the salaries of extra teachers and other needs for the school.

With the 22 students to one teacher rule in Texas, if a class has 18 students, it pays to accept two transfer students.

"You would have to have the classroom and teacher, regardless," said Clugston. "So if we maximize staff and there is no harm to the teacher to add two kids, why not take advantage of it and gain \$10,000."

He believes the transfer situation is beneficial to the school. "The mind set has changed for the better as we compete for the best students," Clugston stated. "We are doing a good job, as it makes us more competitive."

Valley View ISD

Valley View ISD evaluates their current transfer students each year. They check attendance records, behavior and academic performances, and conduct.

"If a student is not performing well, we probably won't accept them here," William Stokes, Valley View superintendent said.

At this time of year, the Valley View district projects where the school will be and where they've been. If a particular area or class is full, potential transfer students will be put on a waiting list. Sometimes they must wait until right before school starts to know if they are accepted.

For the 2012-13 school year, Valley View has 135 transfers. "That generates about \$850,000 a year for us," Stokes reported. "It would be tough for us if we didn't have these kids."

Era ISD

About 47% of those attending

Era ISD are transfer students.

"It is helpful to have additional funding for students in this economic time," Jeremy Thompson, Era ISD superintendent stated. "Transfer students make it possible to fill up classrooms we do have."

The Era administration uses much of the same criteria that other schools have. They also like to know what circumstances bring the student to Era, and why they are transferring.

Gainesville ISD

The process for accepting transfer students is slightly different at Gainesville ISD.

According to the superintendent's office, the prospective students and their parents have an interview with the campus principal, where they turn in their application. The principal then meets with the superintendent to evaluate the application. He alone makes the decision whether or not to accept the student.

For the 2012-13 school year, Gainesville has 25 transfer students.

Sivells Bend ISD

Population around the Sivells Bend area has dwindled so that the Sivells Bend School District wouldn't exist if not for transfer students.

"We actively advertise for transfer students each year," said Phil Newton, who serves as Sivells Bend's superintendent and principal. There, all employees wear many hats at this school which is kindergarten through eighth grade.

The majority of Sivells Bend's students are transfers from other districts.

"If we wouldn't have transfers, we wouldn't have a school," Newton explained.

Walnut Bend ISD

The situation isn't nearly as dire at Walnut Bend ISD. Even though 75% of the students at Walnut Bend are transfers, "It would be difficult to stay open based on funding, if not for transfer students," Matt Davenport, superintendent and principal at Walnut Bend, said.

"We don't need vouchers to increase choice," Davenport said. "We have plenty of free choice right here."



NCTC photo

Tracey Fleniken, North Central Texas College's Director of Counseling, Advising and Testing, spoke with Muenster High School seniors Tuesday. Fleniken provided information on services offered to students at NCTC and gave them tips on registering for classes.

Lindsay wins sweepstakes at TMSCA

On Saturday, April 6, the Lindsay Middle School Math and Science students competed in the TMSCA Championship meet in San Antonio. They did an outstanding job as they won 1st place in the sweepstakes and also took various team honors as well. Results are:

- Number Sense - 1st team**
8th grade: John Michael Fuhrmann 1st, Caden Maydew 2nd, Zach Hundt 3rd;
- 7th grade: Brandon Craigie 1st, Cameron Worth 2nd, Luke Meece 11th,
- 6th grade: Kyle Popp 5th, Justin Fuhrmann 9th.
- Calculator - 2nd team**
8th grade: John Michael Fuhrmann 1st, Caden Maydew 3rd, Brenna Fleitman 13th;
- 7th grade: Brandon Craigie 3rd, Cameron Worth 8th;
- 6th grade: Brianna Craigie 7th - tie, Makenzie Fleitman-7th-tie, Justin Fuhrmann 9th.
- Mathematics - 1st team**
8th grade: Caden Maydew 1st, John Michael Fuhrmann 2nd, Zach Hundt

- Stetson Duke 18th;
- 6th grade: Kyle Popp 5th, Justin Fuhrmann 9th.
- Science - 2nd**
8th grade: John Michael Fuhrmann 1st, Caden Maydew 14th;
- 7th grade: Brandon Craigie 7th - tie, Makenzie Fleitman-7th-tie, Justin Fuhrmann 9th.
- 6th grade: Brianna Craigie 7th - tie, Makenzie Fleitman-7th-tie, Justin Fuhrmann 9th.
- 8th grade: Caden Maydew 1st, John Michael Fuhrmann 2nd, Zach Hundt

- 10th, John Rohmer 18th;
- 7th grade: Brandon Craigie 2nd, Cameron Worth 5th, Luke Meece 7th;
- 6th grade: Makenzie Fleitman 7th, Skylar Neu 17th.

- Science - 2nd**
8th grade: Cohen Hunter 8th, Zach Hundt 10th, John Michael Fuhrmann 12th, Caden Maydew 14th;
- 7th grade: Brandon Craigie 1st, Parker Jones 4th, Luke Meece 6th, Cade Bird 17th;
- 6th grade: Hannah Metzler 9th.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF APRIL 15 - 19 MUEENSTER ISD

Mon. - Italian beefy macaroni, glazed carrots, sweet corn, fresh grapes. A.M.: Bologna and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, majestic pears. A.M.: Turkey and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Wed. - Soft beef taco, Mexican style beans, lettuce topping, fresh orange. A.M.: Ham and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Thurs. - Ball Park hot dog, mashed potatoes, "sour green" applesauce, peach slices. A.M.: Tuna salad, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Fri. - Tony's pepperoni pizza, tator tots, pork and beans, fresh grapes. A.M.: Po-boy combo, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - BBQ on a bun, carrots, corn on the cob, pickles, applesauce.

Tues. - Pizza, broccoli, lettuce salad, fruit.

Wed. - Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, carrots, fruit, bread (9-12), rice krispie treat.

Thurs. - Beef and cheese nachos, refried beans, corn, rice (9-12), fruit.

Fri. - No School.

ERA ISD

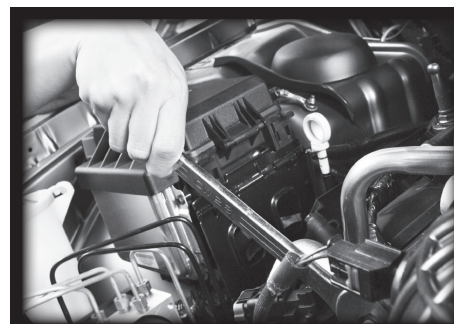
Mon. - Corn dogs, carrots w/ranch, salad (ms/hs), chips, grapes.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, green peas, breadstick, salad (ms/hs), apples.

Wed. - Crisпитos w/cheese sauce, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, peaches.

Thurs. - Twisted chicken Alfredo, garlic breadstick, salad, mixed fruit.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/cheese, trimmings, chips, salad (ms/hs), applesauce.



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SPORTS

Sacred Heart Tigers take Lindsay Relay Championship

Lindsay hosted the Knight Relays Thursday afternoon, Apr. 4. Due to the very wet conditions, no field events were held. Competition began with the 3200m run, followed by all running events.

There were three divisions in the meet with eight schools participating. The Lady Knights of Lindsay took the Girls Championship with 123 points. Muenster followed with 90 and Sacred Heart in 8th place with 13.

The Tigers of Sacred Heart were Meet Champions in the battle for 1st place, waiting till the last race to declare a winner. The Tigers scored 76, followed by Valley View with 74 and Lindsay 73. Muenster Varsity finished in 5th place with 54 points.

The Collinsville Pirates won the JV Division with 95. Lindsay followed with 82 and Muenster 67, with Sacred Heart earning 48 points for 6th place.

Also running in the meet were Era, Krum, Valley View, Saint Jo, and Northpoint.

VARSITY GIRLS

3200m: 1, Holt, L, 11:42. **400m Relay:** 1, Lindsay, 52.49; 2, Muenster, 52.59.

800m: 1, Gibbs, L, 2:21.01; 6, Fleitman, SH, 2:43.99.

100m Hurdles: 1, Sickling, M, 16.70; 2, Noggler, L, 16.93; 4, Walterscheid, M, 18.37; 5, Schneider, M, 18.51; 6, Myrick, L, 19.00.

100m: 4, Bayer, M, 13.15; 5, Atkins, L, 13.16.

800m Relay: 1, Muenster, 1:51.00; 2, Lindsay, 1:52.16.

400m: 2, Herr, M, 1:05.20; 4, Davidson, SH, 1:05.82; 6, Eason, L, 1:08.14.

300m Hurdles: 1, Noggler, L, 49.22; 2, Walterscheid, M, 49.63; 3, Sickling, M, 51.74; 5, Walterscheid, SH, 53.70; 6, Garner, L, 53.85.

200m: 3, Atkins, L, 28.22.

1600m: 1, Gibbs, L, 5:27.10; 2, Holt, L, 5:36.13; 5, Fleitman, SH, 6:06.32.

1600m Relay: 1, Lindsay, 4:14.90; 3, Muenster, 4:19.92; 5, Sacred Heart, 4:35.86.

VARSITY BOYS

3200m: 4, Block, L, 11:09.75; 5, Proctor, SH,

11:41.94.

400m Relay: 2, Lindsay, 45.01; 3, Sacred Heart, 45.36; 4, Muenster, 45.80.

800m: 1, Hesse, SH, 2:00.37; 4, Price, L, 2:10.65.

110m Hurdles: 2, Bird, L, 15.67; 3, Walterscheid, M, 15.85; 4, Cheaney, M, 16.55; 6, Davis, SH, 18.41.

100m: 3, Flusche, M, 11.71; 4, Lang, M, 11.83; 5, Flusche, SH, 11.84; 6, Bartel, M, 12.00.

800m Relay: 1, Lindsay, 1:34.44; 4, Muenster, 1:36.03; 5, Sacred Heart, 1:37.35.

400m: 1, Hesse, SH, 53.69; 6, Flusche, SH, 55.68.

300m Hurdles: 2, Cheaney, M, 43.90; 3, Davis, SH, 45.05.

200m: 2, Brown, SH, 23.33; 3, Walker, L, 24.29; 6, Flusche, M, 24.32.

1600m Relay: 1, Sacred Heart, 3:34.36; 2, Lindsay, 3:34.71; 4, Muenster, 3:39.96.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

3200m: 3, Martinson, L, 12:15.17; 4, Clark, L, 12:40.92.

400m Relay: 3, Muenster, 48.46; 4, Lindsay, 48.47; 6, Sacred Heart, 49.59.

800m: 3, Fleitman, SH,

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Region-bound



MISD photo

Muenster Lady Hornets Amber Walterscheid (left) and Michelle Sickling will advance to the Regional Tennis Meet in Abilene April 17-18. They beat a team from Era 6-2, 7-6 to advance to the championship round where they were out scored 0-6, 1-6. Zach Trubenbach and Sadie Stoffels played mixed doubles, losing to Italy in the quarter final round.

Sacred Heart Tigerettes and Tigers advance to TAPPS Regional Golf Tournament

The TAPPS District 1 AA Golf Championships were held at Turtle Hill Golf Course on Monday, April 9. Competitors saw mostly cloudy skies with winds at 25 to 35 mph and temperatures into the 70s.

In the Girls Division, Amarillo Holy Cross took the Championship with 429. The Sacred Heart Tigerettes were the Runner-ups.

Tigerette Devan Henry was 2nd in the competition with 98, followed by Elizabeth Turner tied for 3rd with 101. Tigerette Madison Dugger came in at 111 tied for 9th, followed by Lindsay Miller 128 and Sarah Miller 134, for a team total of 438. Kylie Hess shot 120 as an individual.

In the Boys Division, Watauga Harvest Christian took the Championship with 401.

The Sacred Heart Tigers came in 4th. Brady Endres shot a 104 to tie for 8th. Cooper Eddleman shot a 108, Isaac Barnhill 109, Grant Springer 110, Keith Metzler 119, and Aaron Davis 120.

Both the Tigerettes and Tigers will advance to Regional competition next Monday in Dallas.



Thomas Otto photo

Sacred Heart Coach Dale Schilling congratulates Tiger John Paul Hesse for his gold medal finish in the 800m run. The Tigers went on to win the Lindsay Relay Meet.

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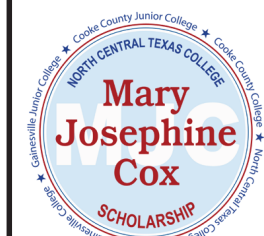
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Results from Sacred Heart Junior High Meet Texas Game Warden Field Notes

Sacred Heart hosted a track meet on March 25. Seven schools battled the cold, windy conditions, running only the track events.

The Muenster 7th grade boys won the Championship with 136 points followed by Sacred Heart with 108. Collinsville's and Muenster's 7th grade girls both scored 135 points, followed by Sacred Heart with 56.

In the 8th grade divisions, St. Mary's girls took 1st place with 77 points. Sacred Heart finished 4th with 58 and Muenster 6th with 40. The Collinsville boys won the 8th grade division with 119 points. Muenster finished 3rd with 51 and Sacred Heart 5th with 40.

Also participating were Denton Calvary, Immaculate Conception, and Walnut Bend.

Sacred Heart and Muenster placers are as follows:

7TH GRADE GIRLS

2400m: 1, Anderle, M, 10:32.05.

400m Relay: 2, Muenster, 1:02.54.

800m: 1, Dangelmayr, M, 2:59.95; 2, Springer, SH, 3:02.68; 3, Cain, M, 3:12.68.

100m Hurdles: 2, Sicking, M, 20.94; 3, Chism, M, 21.74; 5, Hermes, M, 22.89.

100m: 2, Klement, M, 15.01; 3, Muller, SH, 15.11; 4, Jones, SH, 15.27.

800m Relay: 2, Sacred Heart, 2:18.73; 3, Muenster, 2:19.83.

400m: 1, Springer, SH, 1:20.22; 4, Hess, SH, 1:24.43.

300m Hurdles: 1, Kubis, M, 1:02.7; 4, Hermes, M, 1:12.1; 5, Chism, M, 1:14.6.

200m: 2, Muller, SH, 32.47.

1200m: 1, Anderle, M, 4:55.39; 3, Cain, M, 5:24.33.

1600m Relay: 2, Muenster, 5:25.42.

7TH GRADE BOYS

2400m: 1, Endres, SH, 9:43; 3, Lamar, M, 9:54; 5, Hellman, M, 10:385; 6, Hess, SH, 10:46.

400m Relay: 2, Sacred Heart, 52.35; 3, Muenster, 53.07.

800m: 1, Dangelmayr, M, 2:29.69; 2, Hanson, SH, 2:37.43; 3, Stoffels, M, 2:48.06; 4, Ganzon, SH, 2:53.86.

110m Hurdles: 1, Herr, M, 19.68; 2, Flaming, M, 21.88.

100m: 1, Hennigan, SH, 12.75; 2, Truebenbach, M, 13.35; 4, Cheaney, M, 14.49; 5, Juntado, SH, 14.60; 6, Flusche, M, 14.73.

800m Relay: 2, Sacred Heart, 1:55.26; 3, Muenster, 2:01.93.

400m: 1, Stevens, M, 1:08.17; 5, McCoy, SH, 1:20.56; 6, Eddleman, SH, 1:23.60.

300m Hurdles: 1, Herr, M, 52.5; 3, Flaming, M, 1:02.1.

200m: 1, Hennigan, SH, 26.12; 4, Cheaney, M, 29.90; 6, Juntado, SH, 30.40.

1200m: 1, Dangelmayr, M, 3:59; 2, Hanson, SH, 4:20.3; Stoffels, M, 4:29; 5, Endres, SH, 4:36; 6, Lamar, M, 4:51.

1600m Relay: 2, Sacred Heart, 4:17.59; 3, Muenster, 4:22.50.

8TH GRADE GIRLS

400m Relay: 1, Sacred Heart, 58.54; 4, Muenster, 1:02.49.

800m: 1, Bartush, SH, 2:50.74; 3, Klement, M, 3:15.96; 4, Swindel, M, 3:27.02.

100m Hurdles: 1, Snook, M, 19.29.

100m: 1, Knabe, SH, 13.70.

800m Relay: 2, Sacred Heart, 2:07.42.

300m Hurdles: 2, Shook, M, 1:01.4.

200m: 5, Aldriedge, SH, 31.69.

1200m: 2, Klement, M, 5:26.

8TH GRADE BOYS

400m Relay: 2, Sacred Heart, 56.62.

800m: 1, Herr, M, 2:47.03; 3, Porter, M, 2:50.54; 6, Brinkley, M, 3:07.75.

110m Hurdles: 1, Jones, M, 17.96; 5, Felderhoff, M, 23.67.

100m: 2, Walterscheid, SH, 12.85; 5, Binder, M, 13.41.

400m: 3, Turner, SH, 1:06.50.

300m Hurdles: 1, Jones, M, 48.4; 4, Binder, M, 53.1.

200m: 1, Walterscheid, SH, 27.54.

1200m: 3, Herr, M, 4:30.02.

Deer in the headlights

Two Tom Green County game wardens saw a vehicle attempt to run down deer in an open field. The game wardens stopped the vehicle and could smell a strong odor of alcohol on the lone subject. Sobriety tests were administered and the subject was arrested for DWI, driving with a suspended license, two local warrants, and hunting with illegal means and methods.

Hunters Ed would have helped

A Presidio County game warden responded to a nonfatal hunting accident at Penitas Ranch. When he arrived, the game warden learned that the hunter was trying to cross over a fence when his loaded shotgun fell from its rest and discharged, resulting in the injury. Upon further investigation, the game warden discovered that the 21-year-old victim had not taken a hunter's education course, and would have benefited from the course because this very scenario is covered.

Vodka, you are my only friend

During routine patrol, a game warden happened across a pickup parked in the paved shoulder of a main highway just inside the Lynn County line. After passing the vehicle, the warden noticed a man slumped over asleep in the driver's seat. Turning around to make a welfare check, the warden approached the driver side door and attempted to knock on the window to get the man's attention. After several attempts of hard knocking on the window and saying, "game warden" even louder, the man remained passed out.

Fearing for the individual's

safety, the game warden began rocking the truck side to side. After several more efforts, the man finally came to. He admitted to driving all night from New Mexico with a cup of vodka and soda to keep him company. With the assistance of the Department of Public Safety, a sobriety test was given, and the sub-



warden received a call from a landowner who said a neighbor contacted him and said he saw someone with a flashlight on his property. When the warden arrived, two other landowners had the suspect blocked on a county road. The 25-year-old suspect had shot a deer on property that bordered the landowner's

property, and the deer ran onto the landowner's land. The suspect then proceeded to track the deer approximately 400 yards into the landowner's property, where he found the wounded deer and again shot it.

Venison violator

A Garza/Lynn County game warden was called by a Garza County ranch foreman regarding a headless white-tailed buck that had been dumped alongside a two-track road inside the ranch. As the warden was responding to the area, the foreman called again and said that he believed it to have been shot by one of the hunting lease holders and that the carcass was no longer at the initial site. The warden arrived on the ranch, and after a short search, found the

initial dump site and carcass at a second location. After loading the deer, the warden drove the ranch in search of the hunter, and later found him. The warden spoke with the man, a previous wildlife violator, at the back of the man's truck. A severed deer head was in the bed of the truck with an incompletely-filled out tag on its antlers. The man was then led to the back of the truck, lowered his tailgate, and revealed a wasted carcass. Without provocation, "Unless you're making hamburger, do you realize how hard it is to cut up all that meat," the man asked.

Overkill

A Taylor County game

warden seized two mule deer does that had been harvested the previous day in Scurry County by a Lubbock area man. Mule deer season had ended in Scurry County, and even then, mule deer does could have only been harvested under permit. The warden met with the hunter who admitted not knowing that mule deer inhabited Scurry County.

Did I do that?

A Garza/Lynn County game warden

subject, who had one previous DWI conviction, was booked into the Lynn County Jail.

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2:20.63; 4, O'Shell, L, 2:22.85; 6, Hesse, SH, 2:27.14.

110m Hurdles: 1, Deeken, M, 17.39; 3, Fleitman, L, 17.93; 4, Block, L, 18.42; 6, Klement, M, 20.00.

100m: 1, Flusche, SH, 11.83; 2, Binder, M, 12.09; 3, Henry, SH, 12.27; 5, Sidwell, M, 12.34.

800m Relay: 3, Lindsay, 1:41.76; 5, Muenster, 1:44.03.

400m: 1, Flusche, SH,

57.03; 3, Herr, M, 58.00; 4, Richards, L, 59.49.

300m Hurdles: 1, Deeken, M, 45.59; 2, Fleitman, L, 46.09; 4, Cook, L, 47.87; 5, Klement, M, 48.77.

200m: 3, Henry, SH, 25.55.

1600m: 2, Fleitman, SH, 5:23.01; 5, O'Shell, L, 5:37.73; 6, Hesse, SH, 5:38.20.

1600m Relay: 1, Lindsay, 3:50.09; 3, Muenster, 3:55.55.

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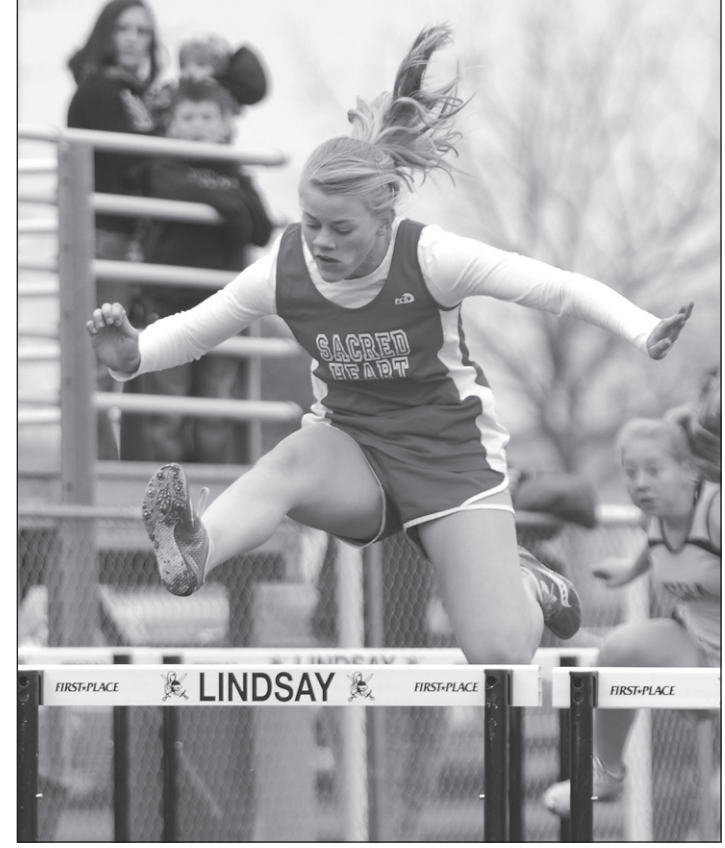
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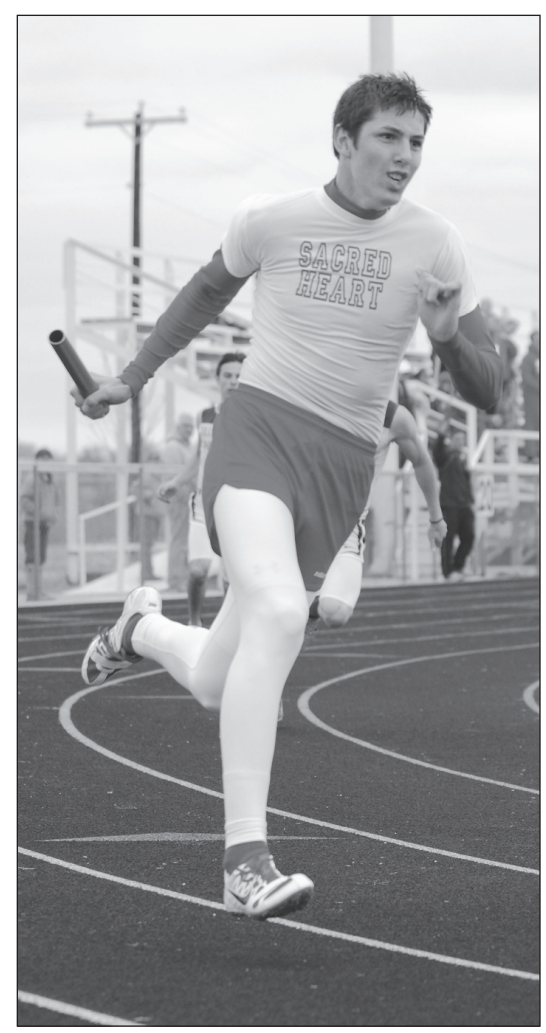
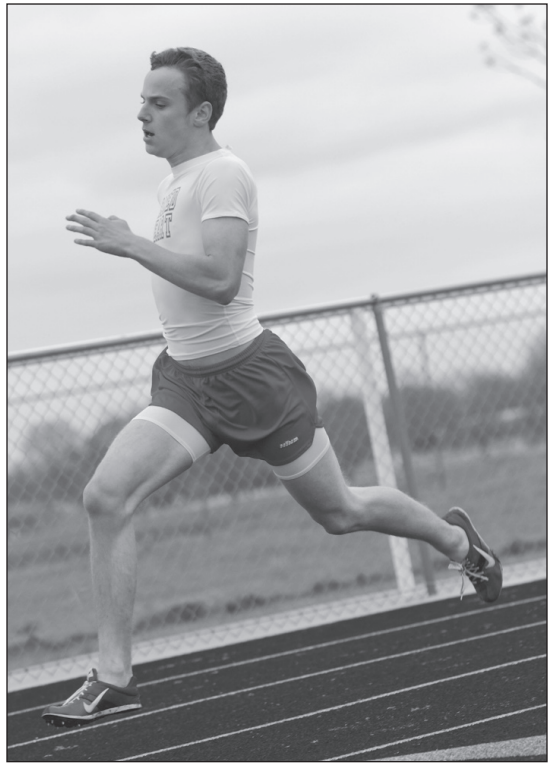
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USDA: No marketing quota required for 2014 wheat crop

The nation's wheat growers will not have to comply with a marketing quota for the 2014 wheat crop, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

On March 26, the USDA announced that due to projected supply and demand for the 2014 growing season, a wheat quota will not be required.

The wheat marketing quota was a possibility due to the expiration of the 2008 Farm Bill. According to the

USDA, the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 authorized commodity crop programs for crop years 2008-2012. The one-year farm bill extension, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, extended those programs to the 2013 crop year.

Without a new farm bill or another extension, any actions taken by the USDA regarding the 2013 wheat crop must abide by 1938 legislation, which requires the imposition of quotas, acre-

age allotments, marketing certificates, and parity price support programs.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack had until April 15 to decide whether or not there would be a marketing quota for wheat if the total supply of the crop is going to be excessive without a quota.

Freeze slightly damages Panhandle wheat

A recent freeze in the Texas Panhandle may have slightly damaged some wheat in that area, according to experts with Texas AgriLife Research. Dr. Jackie Rudd, a wheat breeder in Amarillo with Texas AgriLife Research, said while there is leaf burn showing in the wheat plants, the majority of the wheat hit by freezing temperatures March 24-25 was not advanced enough to do major damage.

Although there was no major damage, Rudd reports that if the wheat already was under stress, or is further stressed, the damage could be exacerbated. Damage to wheat is said to vary by field as there may have been pockets of colder temperatures, according to Rudd.

The extent of the damage is yet to be determined. Approximately 80% of the wheat grown in Texas is in the High Plains and Rolling Plains regions.

Trade agreements to boost U.S. ag exports

Efforts by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) are expected to help increase the exports of U.S. cattle, poultry products, and pears by more than \$85 million a year.

According to the USDA, the efforts have led to the opening of a market for day-old chicks and hatching eggs in Belarus, Russia, and Kazakhstan, which is expected to be significant to U.S. poultry exporters.

The agreement between the U.S. and the three countries is said to be the first of 40 similar agreements following the 2010 creation of a Customs Union.

An additional agreement between the U.S. and Iraq allows for the Middle Eastern country to import U.S. dairy cattle. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said the Middle East is an emerging market for U.S. cattle exporters with the annual market value expected to be over \$60 million.

For the first time ever, U.S. pears now are available in China. A new agreement allows for the country to import Anjou pears. The USDA estimates that within the next few years, China will become one of the top five importers of U.S.-grown pears.

Officials criticize Texas-Mexico water situation

At least two public officials are publically criticizing the U.S. State Department's response to the water situation in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Freshman U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela reportedly told *The Brownsville Herald* that the U.S. State Department and International Boundary and Water Commission "don't give a damn about South Texas." The comment was made in response to a letter Vela received April 1 from the federal agencies saying they worked with other agencies to discuss Mexico's failure to deliver water from the Rio Grande River to farmers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley for irrigation purposes. Water delivery between the two countries is dictated by a 1944 treaty.

Vela responded that the letter was not helpful in that it didn't provide a date when South Texas farmers would receive the much-needed irrigation waters. He wasn't alone in his criticism of the agencies.

Carlos Rubenstein, commissioner for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, called the U.S. State Department's attitude "lackadaisical" and said it needs to change to prevent serious subeconomic impacts to the region.

Under the 1944 treaty between the U.S. and Mexico, Mexico is to deliver a minimum annual average of 350,000 acre-feet of water over a five-year cycle except for in the case of extraordinary drought.

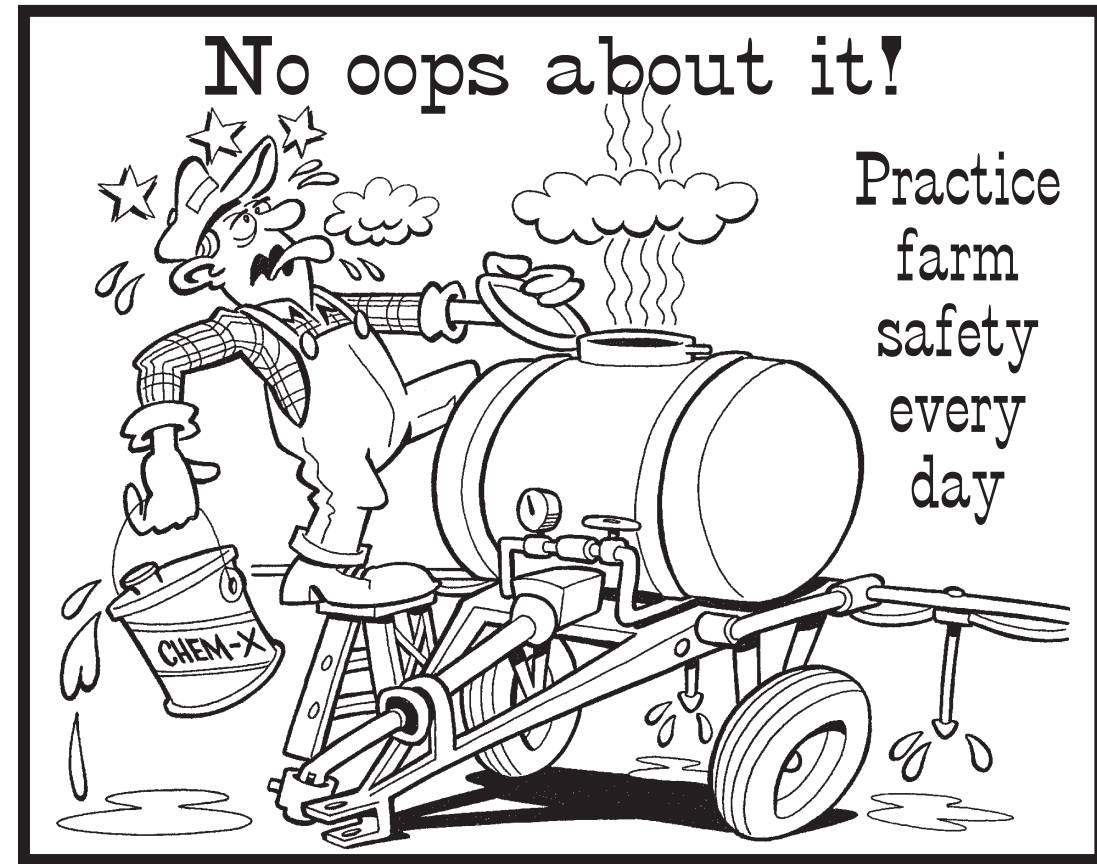
NOAA: Drought to persist, intensify in much of Texas

The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts that drought conditions will persist or intensify for much of the Lone Star State over the next few weeks.

Drought conditions are expected to develop in an area near Fort Stockton and in the central portion of the Lower Rio Grande Valley while the rest of the state will see a continuation of dry weather.

Conditions are expected to ease for areas north and east of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. No drought is predicted for far East Texas near the Texas-Louisiana border.

The outlook spans from April 3 through June 30.



Forest service encourages fire prevention

The Texas A&M Forest Service is encouraging all Texans to take the necessary precautions to prevent fires.

According to the Forest Service, approximately 90% of wildfires in the Lone Star State could be prevented. The most common causes of wildfires are people burning debris, outdoor campfires, and welding.

To prevent wildfires, the Forest Service asks people to do things like monitoring

barbecue grills when they're in use. Citizens also are encouraged to clear away grass, leaves, and other debris from any burn pile, camp fire, or welding site.

Homeowners should clear vegetation from around their homes, mow lawns and remove leaves from their roofs and gutters.

Additional fire safety tips are available online at www.TexasFireWise.org.

CDC statistics indicate safer American food

Recent figures released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reveal that American food seems to be getting safer.

According to the American Farm Bureau Federation's *Newswire*, foodborne illness outbreaks decreased by 32% from 2009-10. Dr. Richard Raymond, former undersecretary for Food Safety at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), attributes the drop to a dramatic increase in the amount of food testing.

However, an editorial note on the CDC figures urges people to use extreme caution when citing the decrease in the number of foodborne illness outbreaks as different techniques were used to record the data. Raymond said if the number is going down despite the recording technique, he feels as though it's an indication that our food is getting safer.

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**DOUBLE
COUPONS
EVERY DAY**

**AF AFFILIATED
FOODS INC.** ALL ITEMS NOT
AVAILABLE AT ALL
AFFILIATED STORES
THRIFTWAY

Senior Citizens:

No amount of Purchase Necessary
on Limited Sale Items!

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PRICES EFFECTIVE

APRIL 15 - APRIL 21, 2013

Weekly Grocery Specials

Spring Savings Spree



TOWN TALK
SANDWICH OR LARGE
**White
Bread**

24 OZ. LOAF
79¢



BLUE BUNNY
ASSORTED FLAVORS
**Ice
Cream**

144 OZ. FAMILY SIZE
\$7.99



SHURFINE/SHUR SAVING
WHOLE, SKIM,
1% OR 2% LOWFAT
Milk

GALLON
2 for \$5



TOTINO'S CRISP CRUST
ASSORTED VARIETIES
**Party
Pizza**

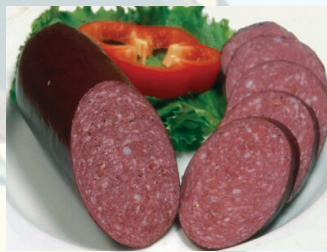
9-10.9 OZ. PKG.
4 for \$5

Fischer's Quality Meats

PREFERRED TRIM
BONELESS BEEF
Top

\$4.59

**Sirloin LB.
Steak**



FISCHER'S JALAPEÑO
AND CHEESE

**Summer
Sausage**

LB. **\$3.99**

PILGRIM'S CHICKEN
DRUMSTICKS OR
Thighs

89¢ LB.



PACKER TRIM 2PC. PKG.
BOSTON BUTT

Pork Shoulder

99¢ LB.

KRAFT ASSORTED VARIETIES
Salad Dressing.....16 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**

REG. \$4.29, 11-12 OZ. PKG.
Doritos® Tortilla Chips.....2 FOR **\$5**

FRITO-LAY® MULTI-PACKS
Snack Chips.....20 CT. **\$6.99**

GENERAL MILLS SELECT VARIETIES
Breakfast Cereals 9-14 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

SHURFINE SALTED OR UNSALTED
Saltine Crackers.....16 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**

ON THE BORDER ASSORTED VARIETIES
Tortilla Chips.....7.5-12 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

ON THE BORDER MEDIUM OR HOT
Salsa.....16 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

SELECT VARIETIES WITH OR WITHOUT BEANS
Wolf Brand Chili.....15 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**

6 DOUBLE ROLLS, 12 REGULAR ROLLS
BATHROOM TISSUE
Angel Soft.....YOUR CHOICE **2 FOR \$7**

PILLSBURY ASSORTED VARIETIES
Cake Mixes.....15.25 OZ. **4 FOR \$5**

PILLSBURY ASSORTED VARIETIES
Cake Frosting.....15.6-16 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**

KELLOGG'S ASSORTED VARIETIES
Pop-tarts.....13.5-14.7 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

ORIGINAL OR PERFECT BALANCE
Hills Bros. Coffee.....27.8-33.9 OZ. **\$7.99**

SELECT VARIETIES
Shurfine Pasta.....12-24 OZ. **99¢**

DEL MONTE ASSORTED VARIETIES
Pasta Sauce.....26-26.5 OZ. **99¢**

ASSORTED VARIETIES
SPAM Luncheon Meat.....12 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

CHICKEN OF THE SEA, NO DRAIN
Solid White Tuna.....4 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

GERBER BABY FOOD SELECT VARIETIES
1st Foods.....2 PACK **99¢**

SPRING CLEANING

ASSORTED CONCENTRATED
Clorox Bleach.....55-64 OZ. **\$1.99**

SHURFINE SELECT VARIETIES
PRE-PRICED \$2.99
Fabric Softener.....64 OZ. **\$2.49**

WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED VARIETIES
Scrubber Sponges.....2-3 CT. **\$1.49**

CLOROX ASSORTED VARIETIES
Disinfecting Wipes 35 CT. **\$2.49**

GLASS, TUB'N SHOWER, OR TOILET BOWL
the Works Cleaners 24-32 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**

WESTERN FAMILY SMALL ANGLE BROOM,
OR SNAP ON MOP
Cleaning Tools.....EACH **\$4.49**

SHURFINE PURE OR LIGHT
Olive Oil.....17 OZ. **\$3.99**

LAWRY'S ASSORTED VARIETIES
Marinades.....12 OZ. **\$2.79**

DEL MONTE ASSORTED VARIETIES
Fruit Cups.....4 PACK **\$2.49**

INSTANT BROWN OR WHITE
Minute Rice.....14 OZ. **\$1.89**

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Chef Boyardee.....14.75-15.5 OZ. **\$1.09**

FRESH STEP
Cat Litter.....7 LB. **\$2.99**

PORK
Shoulder Steak.....LB. **\$1.29**

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF
Rump Roast.....LB. **\$2.99**

MARKET SLICED FRIED
Turkey Breast.....LB. **\$3.79**

MARKET SLICED CHEESE
Sharp Cheddar.....LB. **\$3.49**

BAR-S
Meat Franks.....12 OZ. **5 FOR \$4**

OWENS REGULAR OR
Hot Sausage.....1 LB. **2 FOR \$5**

ARMOUR
Sliced Bacon.....12 OZ. **2 FOR \$3**

ECKRICH
Li'l Smokies.....14 OZ. **\$2.19**

ECKRICH
Bologna.....LB. **\$1.89**

OSCAR MAYER
Boiled Ham.....6 OZ. **\$2.19**

OSCAR MAYER LIGHT
Beef Bologna.....8 OZ. **\$2.79**

STATE FAIR ORIGINAL OR BEEF
Corn Dogs.....13.35-16 OZ. **\$2.89**

SEA BEST BREADED POPCORN, COCONUT OR
Butterfly Shrimp.....9-13 OZ. **\$2.79**

Fresh Produce



FRESH
Cantaloupe

2 for \$3

HARVEST CLASSIC CELLO PACK
Red Ripe Tomatoes 4 CT. **99¢**

LARGE
Avocados.....EACH **89¢**

MPK FOODS SPICY OR MILD
Guacamole Mix.....1 OZ. **79¢**

GOLDEN
Pineapple.....EACH **\$2.99**

FRESH
Honeydew Melon.....LB. **99¢**

TEXAS
Grapefruit.....2 FOR **\$1**

PREMIUM GARDEN DOUBLE CARROT,
PREMIUM ROMAINE, OR LETTUCE TRIO
Fresh Express Salad 9-12 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

BRAEBURN, OR GALA
Premium Apples.....LB. **\$1.29**

FRESH
D'Anjou Pears.....LB. **\$1.29**

CELLO PACK SLICED
Mushrooms.....8 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

FRESH CRISP
Celery.....EACH **99¢**

JUMBO
Vidalia Onions.....LB. **99¢**

FRESH BULK
Garlic.....4 FOR **\$1**

RED, YELLOW, AND GREEN
Mixed Bell Peppers...3 CT. **\$2.99**

Dairy & Frozen Foods



SHURFINE LARGE
OR SMALL CURD
**Cottage
Cheese**

24 OZ. CTN.
\$2.69



BROWN OR GOLD RIM
**Blue Bell
Ice Cream**

1/2 GALLON
2 for \$9

SELECT VARIETIES
Stouffer's Skillets 23-25 OZ. **\$4.99**

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Hot Pockets Products 7.5-9 OZ. **2 FOR \$4**

FRENCH FRIES OR CRINKLES
Shurfine Potatoes 32 OZ. **2 FOR \$5**

ASSORTED ORIGINAL, LIGHT, OR WHIPS
Yoplait Yogurt.....4-6 OZ. **2 FOR \$1**

BORDEN ASSORTED VAR. SHINGLE
Cheese Slices.....6 OZ. **\$1.79**

SELECT VARIETIES SOFT SPREAD OR SPRAY
I Can't Believe It's Not Butter 8-15 OZ. **\$2.79**

Health & Beauty Care



SELECT VARIETIES
**Crest
Toothpaste**

6.4 OZ. TUBE
99¢

WESTERN FAMILY NON-COATED
Aspirin.....250 CT. **\$1.99**

WESTERN FAMILY - TABLETS
Complete Allergy.....100 CT. **\$4.99**

8 OZ. REG. STRENGTH, OR 4 OZ. MAX. STRENGTH
ORIGINAL OR CHERRY FLAVOR
Pepto-Bismol.....EACH **\$2.99**