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Dr. Edd returns to patient care

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News Editor

After 50 years of practicing medicine, Dr. Edd Advincula retired on June 1, 2010. His full-time retirement became part-time as of Tuesday, Feb. 4 when he came back on staff at the MMH Family Health Clinic.

"I miss people, the challenge and I enjoy being a doctor and I missed it," remarked Dr. Edd when asked his reason for resuming his medical practice. "I guess after doing it for 50 years, it's very hard to just forget all about it. Once a priest, always a priest. Once a doctor always a doctor."

He added with a chuckle, "There is a saying, 'Age is mind over matter and if you don't mind it, it doesn't matter.'"

Dr. Edd began his practice in Muenster on Feb. 14, 1995. He visited Muenster three times in 1994 to see if the community had what he and his wife Erlinda "Linda" were hoping to find. He liked what he saw and the couple made the move from Kingston, Ontario in Canada. He had practiced medicine there for 25 years.

Although he is an internal medicine specialist, Dr. Edd is doing primary care of patients at the Clinic and Muenster Hospital. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine in Canada and the U.S.A. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Royal Society of Medicine in England, as well as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Edd is originally from Manila, Philippines. That is where he studied medicine, earning his MD degree from the University of Santo Thomas in Manila. After graduation, Dr. Edd then completed an internship at Perth Amboy General Hospital in New Jersey. He then completed an Internal Medicine residency in the combined residency program at the University of Kansas Medical Center, St. Francis Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wichita and Kansas City, Kansas.

After completing his residency, Dr. Edd accepted a clinical and research fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

He said of his reasons for choosing Muenster, "I like the people. They are friendly, homey, and they're family-oriented."

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County takes final steps for road grant

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Cooke County Commissioners Court took another step forward in the process of applying for State grant funds designated to county road repairs. Cooke County's share, should it qualify, would be \$1,259,387. The County could receive more if other counties in the State opt out of the grant. It is felt that some will since their share would be too small to make it worth taking all the necessary steps to qualify. The Texas Legislature allocated \$225 million for county transportation projects. Unclaimed shares will be divided among those who apply and qualify.

At the Monday, Feb. 24 meeting, Cooke County Commissioners Court approved its list of roads for the SB 1747 Prioritized Project List for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program.

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith noted, "We have submitted requests for roads of \$6,054,497, which grossly exceeds the grant, but we anticipate that there will be some counties that do not participate in the grant. There will be a second round that will come and perhaps more money available to the counties."

To qualify for the funds, the County was required to create a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ) and appoint an Advisory Board whose members will serve two-year terms. The Advisory Board will review all project plans for the zone and provide comment and recommendations to the Commissioners Court regarding the development of all plans and expenditure of funds from the Tax Increment Account established to benefit Transportation Infrastructure Projects within the County to be funded by the zone created.

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Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 candidates voice views

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News Editor

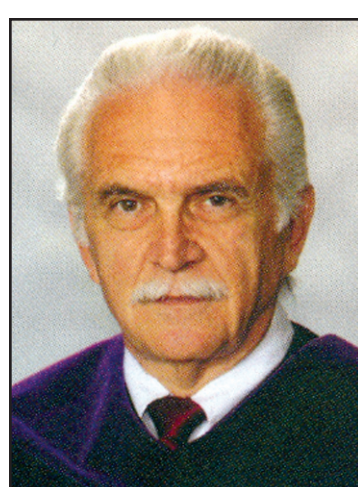
Current Pct. #4 Justice of the Peace Jason Brinkley chose not to seek another term for that office, but instead is running for the office of County Judge for Cooke County. There are two candidates seeking the Republican nomination for Justice of Peace for Pct. #4 and no candidate for that office on the Democratic ballot. Candidates are Neil Trice and Carroll Johnson.

Johnson lives in the Mountain Springs area of Cooke County with his wife Nell Reta. They have three children and eight grandchildren. Johnson is a graduate of Sunset High School in Dallas and of the Dallas County

Municipal Police Academy. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Texas and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. He holds various Federal Aviation Administration flight and maintenance certificates. Johnson's occupation is attorney at law in Gainesville.

Trice and his wife Donna reside south of the City of Valley View. They have a son Jedd and daughter Laci. Their grandchildren are Josie, Jacie, Payton, and one on the way. The new arrival is due on the 28th and Trice said they don't know if it is a boy or a girl, but just pray that the baby is healthy and

the mother does well. Trice is a contract auctioneer to large industrial, oilfield, construction, and insurance companies. He received his



Carroll Johnson

education from Brooke Haven College in Dallas where he focused on real estate contracts and negotiations. At the same time, he took



Neil Trice

60 hours for his auctioneer license and he has taken CE, continuing education every year to date.

Each candidate was presented with a set of identical questions. The questions and their responses follow.

Describe what you see as the duties of a justice of the peace.

Johnson - The Justice of the Peace is primarily a judicial position handling civil and criminal cases. This court may rule by bench decision or jury trials on disputes up to \$10,000. Examples of civil cases are contract disputes, collection cases, landlord/tenant disputes, including evictions, and cases involving deed restrictions on land or subdivisions. This judge acts as medical examiner

and holds inquests to determine cause of death. This court handles occupational driver's licenses.

Additionally, this judge hears criminal cases which are Class C misdemeanors of all types. The Justice of Peace is a magistrate that sets bonds for people arrested for all levels of crimes and issues warrants for search or arrest by police agencies. This judge must be an attorney to issue blood warrants for cases involving alcohol related incidents or accidents.

Also, the Justice of the Peace is responsible for the budgetary and business functions of his office.

Trice - The duties as the JP court: The duties as the law
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Janet Felderhoff photo

Dr. Edd Advincula is now seeing patients in the MMH Family Health Clinic two days a week.

KMB earns KAB national award

Keep Muenster Beautiful received Keep America Beautiful's 2014 National Conference, which recently took place in Charlotte, N.C. The President's Circle Award recognizes exemplary performance made by certified affiliates of the national nonprofit in building and sustaining vibrant communities.

In qualifying for a President's Circle Award, Keep Muenster Beautiful met Keep America Beautiful's standards of merit by conducting community trash pick-up events, calculating the affiliate's cost/benefit ratio, and administering activities in the areas of litter prevention, recycling, and waste reduction, and beautification and community greening.

"One of Keep America Beautiful's most effective tools is the work of our grassroots network of affiliate organizations, which has an impact on millions of Americans each year," said Keep America Beautiful President and CEO Jennifer Jehn. "Our affiliates are providing real solutions to local problems caused by litter, graffiti, illegal dumping, and other community blight by engaging volunteers of all ages in its effort to create a vibrant community."

Community Trash Pick-up Events: While Keep Muenster Beautiful
 See **AWARD**, pg. 2

Muenster ISD schedules open house



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster ISD is preparing for its open house on March 4. Included in the evening's events is a Scholastic Book Fair in the new Elementary Library. Shown are, from left, students Audrey Kubis, Trent Anderle, and Dylan Huchton assisting Librarian Vicki Eldridge with setting up books for the Book Fair.

Muenster Public School invites parents, grandparents, and the community to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week by attending an open house from 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, March 4.

The open house will give parents, grandparents, and community members the opportunity to get a first-hand look at how the students are being inspired to become future leaders. Parents have an opportunity to visit each child's classroom to enjoy their work.

There will be an Arts and Crafts show in the Hornet competition gym. Everyone will have a chance to attend family night at the Scholastic Book Fair in the MISD Elementary Library from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. that same evening.

For more information about the open house or other Texas Public Schools Week activities, call MISD Superintendent Clay Richerson at 759-2281.

Contracts extended by Muenster ISD

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Following an executive session during the Wednesday, Feb. 12 regular meeting, the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees approved several contract extensions. Considered were those for the two principals and the athletic director.

Muenster Elementary Principal Lou Heers had a two-year, term contract approved. It begins on July 1, 2014 and ends on June 30, 2016.

Muenster Junior High/High School Principal Jason Atcheson was given a two-year, term contract at \$62,000 per year. It begins on July 1, 2014 and ends on June 30, 2016. Atcheson moved from his position as assistant principal, to principal when Principal Sharon Browning retired in December.

A two-year, term contract was approved for Brady Carney as athletic director/teacher/coach. It begins on July 1, 2014 and ends on June 30, 2016.

Superintendent Clay Richerson had a two-year, term contract approved following an executive session at the Jan. 15 regular Board meeting. It also begins on July 1, 2014 and ends on June 30, 2016.

The Board called an election for the expiring terms of Place 3 held by Ben Bindel and Place 4 held by Doug Hermes. Their terms end in May.

Carol Klement was approved as the early voting election judge for the May 10 Board election. Jeanette Re-

iter was appointed early voting clerk. Phyllis Dittfurth will serve as election judge and the Board approved two clerks that she may select.

Dr. Clyde Steelman, Jr. informed the Board that the Region XI Education Service Center would soon be moved to a renovated building near the Ridgemar Mall in south Fort Worth. This is the third largest of 20 service centers in Texas. Funding has been cut and Steelman encouraged support to keep the service centers of Texas. Last year,

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Cooke County Polling Locations for the March 4, 2014 Primary Election

Precinct	Location	Address	City
1 3 5 31	North Central Texas College	1525 W. California Street	Gainesville
2 30 34 35	First Christian Church	401 N. Dixon Street	Gainesville
4 26 37	Hillcrest Church of Christ	1712 E. O'Neal Street	Gainesville
6 9	Callisburg Community Center	92 McDaniel Street	Callisburg/Whitesboro
7 28	Tabernacle Baptist Church	305 CR 194	Gainesville
8	Callisburg Elementary	648 FM 3164	Woodbine
10	Mt. Springs Community Center	173 Mt. Springs Lane	Valley View/Mt. Springs
11	Valley View Baptist Church	504 North Lee	Valley View
12 14	Era Community Center	102 Malone Street	Era
15	Myra Baptist Church	218 Bradford Street	Myra
17	Muenster VFW	136 Ash St.	Muenster
18	First Baptist Church	121 North Pecan Street	Muenster
19 21	Conrad Hall	431 Ash Street	Lindsay
20 24 25 27	East Side Church of Nazarene	1415 S. Radio Hill Road	Gainesville
22	Lake Kiowa Lodge	905 West Kiowa Drive	Lake Kiowa
33	Moss Lake Fire Station	160 Spur 1201	Gainesville

You must have proper photo ID to vote.
Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

AWARD

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 Muenster Beautiful organizes the semi-annual community trash pick-up event, it is the community volunteers who make these events a success. Steve Broyles commented that KMB Board of Directors appreciate all who participate in the clean-ups, recycle materials, and report their achievements, number of participants, and hours; he noted that without this commitment from the community and the information provided, KMB would not be able to compete at the national level. The next community trash pick-up event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 5. Also KMB Board member Gary Fisher reminds everyone who wishes to help, that Saturday, April 12 is the day that KMB will hold its an-

nual planting of flowerbeds. Cost/Benefit Analysis: This measurement tool enables Keep America Beautiful affiliates to demonstrate their ability to leverage community resources by determining the dollar value returned to the community for every dollar invested by government. Keep America Beautiful is the nation's leading nonprofit that brings people together to build and sustain vibrant communities. With a strong national network of 1,200 affiliates and partners including state recycling organizations, they work with millions of volunteers who take action in their communities. Keep America Beautiful offers programs and engages in public-private partnerships that help create clean, beautiful public places, re-

duce waste, and increase recycling while educating generations of environmental stewards. Through their actions, they help create communities that are socially connected, environmentally healthy, and economically sound. For more information, visit kab.org.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
Feb. 25, 1949
 Larry Yosten falls from milk truck while working at cheese plant; will have both arms in casts for about three weeks. Bertha (Mrs. Ervin) Hamric heads '49 Red Cross drive; goal is \$475. Obituary:

DOCTOR

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 ed, frank, and honest.” Dr. Edd commented, “People like Shirley (Endres), the nurses, nurse's aides, the Hospital people and nurses, housekeeping, they are very nice people, friendly. It makes your day short when you are working.” Muenster Hospital Administrator Michael Kent remarked, “It is a great pleasure to have Dr. Advincula rejoin the Muenster Hospital Family. We have missed him during his retirement and are excited to have him back seeing patients and doing what he loves.” Dr. Edd will see patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Clinic. His hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m.

The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising, and never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before.
 - Vita Sackville-West

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
 Recently, on a shopping trip to Gainesville Walmart... an adult female and a child passed me in an aisle. The little girl looked at me and said “Hello.” I responded with, “Hello, and how are you today?” The little girl smiled and said “Fine” and the adult and child went on their way. I overheard the adult say to the child... “I have told you **not to talk to strangers!**” The little girl replied, “That’s not a stranger. That’s the library lady.” This is only one of the perks of being a library volunteer. The children like you and remember you. Currently, the Muenster Public Library is in need of volunteers for the Tuesday morning children’s hour. It is one hour each week from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The duties are easy. Reading books to children; the craft portion can be as simple as a sheet of paper and a crayon. If we have four volunteers, the requirement for each volunteer would be one Tuesday per month for an hour. If interested, call the librarian (Stephanie Wright) at 759-4291.
 Ida Porter
 Muenster, TX

Dear Editor,
 On March Fourth, we as Americans will have the opportunity to partake in one of the most fundamental responsibilities we have. **THE RIGHT TO VOTE!** I visited Washington D.C. two weeks ago and one thing is evident Washington and our Government is **BROKE!** Financially, morally, and in the ability to make a coherent decision. It seems most decisions are based on how it will help the politicians in their re-election on or getting appointed to a certain committee. We as voters are not holding our elected officials accountable for their actions. Now is the time. We have the chance to clean house and replace the ineffective Congress person and Senate members. A wise man once said “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.” There are a lot of members in the House and Senate that have been serving in Congress for as long as 40 years. They are part of the Good Ol’ Boy Club! It is insane to put them back in office to serve and expect any change. Now is the time for **CHANGE!!**
 Thank you,
 Ronnie Felderhoff
 Muenster, TX

Render taxable property

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income in Cooke County, you must file a rendition with the Cooke County Appraisal District by April 15. A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer’s equipment used for farming. “The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values,” said Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson. You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of your property. “For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood, or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The Appraisal District will look at your property before assigning a value in 2014,” said Smithson. The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15. If a rendition is filed late, incomplete, or not at all, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline. For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties, and rendition forms, go to Cooke County Appraisal District’s website www.cookecad.org and select Forms/Renditions and follow the links or contact Cooke County Appraisal District, 201 North Dixon, Gainesville TX 76240.

AGENDA MEETING DATE - March 3, 2014
 The following is the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, March 3, 2014.
 1. Call meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
 2. Opening prayer.
 3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on February 3, 2014.
 4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
OLD BUSINESS:
 1. n/a
NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Hold Public Hearing in response to Sacred Heart Catholic Church’s request to be issued a Specific Use Permit for an office building in Block 9 (Walnut & 6th Streets).
 2. Consider approving the Specific Use Permit discussed in public hearing.
 3. Discuss and possibly approve extension of Energy Service Agreement with Green Mountain Energy Company.
 4. Cancel City Election that was to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014.
 5. Receive monthly update on Police Department from Chief Blankenship.
 6. Receive status report on City Projects and Activities. Take any needed action.
 7. Review and act on monthly bills.
 8. Adjourn.
 Brenda Simpson, City Secretary


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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, March 2, 2014	Monday, March 3 2014	Tuesday, March 4, 2014	Wednesday, March 5, 2014	Thursday, March 6, 2014	Friday, March 7, 2014	Saturday, March 8, 2014
Muenster Museum open 1-4pm 	City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MISD OPEN HOUSE Arts & Crafts Show 6:30-8:30 PUBLIC	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Rel. Ed. Mass 7 pm Ash Wed. MISD PK-6 picture day SCHOOL	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 WEEK	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP Board mtg. 10 am	Library open 10 am - 2:30 pm
Sunday, March 9, 2014	Monday, March 10, 2014	Tuesday, March 11, 2014	Wednesday, March 12, 2014	Thursday, March 13, 2014	Friday, March 14, 2014	Saturday, March 15 2014
Museum open 1-4 pm 	Muenster 4-H mtg 3:30 pm MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm KMB mtg. 6:45 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MISD PTO mtg. 7 pm SPRING BREAK	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm NO Religious Ed MISD School Board 6:30 pm SH Alumni & Support 7:30 pm MISD	Muenster Museum 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30 M Historical Comm mtg 8 am	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP luncheon 11:30 am	Library open 10 am - 2:30 pm

**John Fredrick, Jr.
1960 - 2014**

Funeral services for John Spencer Fredrick, Jr., 53, of Muenster, are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 at Friendship Church in Saint Jo with Curt Simmons officiating. Interment will follow in Coker Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Fredrick joined his Heavenly Father on Monday evening, Feb. 24, 2014 in Muenster surrounded by his loved ones.

Mr. Fredrick was born May 22, 1960 in Oklahoma City, OK. He was raised in Irving and attended Abilene Christian University. In addition to a career in banking and commercial real estate, John was the manager of his family's ranch, Fredrick Family Ranch, as well as vineyard manager and part owner of the family's Blue Ostrich Winery and Vineyard. He was an avid Cowboys fan, attending nearly every home game for the

past 35 years. One of his favorite pastimes was watching his children; he loved attending Muenster Hornet football games to watch his youngest son play and enjoyed attending live performances of the local band The Bois D'Arcs, of which his eldest son is a member. John Jr. adored his family and challenged himself to be the best husband, father, grandfather, and son that his family could ask for.

Survivors include his beloved wife Danna Lu Fredrick of Muenster; sons John Spencer Fredrick, III of Muenster, Adam Clark Fredrick of Flower Mound, Jordan Thomas Fredrick of Muenster, Jace Chandler Fredrick of Muenster; grandson John Spencer Fredrick, IV "Little John"; parents John Spencer Fredrick, Sr. and Peggy Sue Fredrick of Irving; paternal grandmother Dorothy Fredrick of Irving; sister Sueda Brewer and spouse Dennis



John Fredrick, Jr.

Brewer of Irving; sister Valorie Montgomery of Irving; sister Melanie Bargas and spouse Jeff Bargas of Dallas; parents-in-law Dan and Lula Johnson of Gainesville; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Vance and Donna Wells of Gainesville; and countless aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Serving as pallbearers are Patrick Whitehead, Vance Wells, Rick Montgomery, Stan Fredrick, Jr., Landen Fredrick, Michael Terilli, Jesus Luna, and Alex Moreno.

**David Clifton
1943 -2014**

Services for David Sherman Clifton, 71, are set for 3 p.m., Saturday, March 1 at Valley View United Methodist Church. Burial will follow.

David Clifton died Feb. 26, 2014 at Denton Regional Hospital with his family at his side. He was born Feb. 15, 1943 in Gainesville to General Sherman and Wanda Clifton. He graduated as the valedictorian from Valley View High School in 1961. Hemarried Marcia Clifton.

David worked for General Dynamics, Compass, PxQ (owner), Lloyd's Rental (owner), Litton, and EDS. For the past 17 years, David worked for Alan Ritchey Inc.. A faithful Christian, he was active in the Valley View United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marcia.

He is survived by children David Ashley Clifton and wife Elizabeth and Dabney Ann Clifton Swaidner and husband Scott; and two grandchildren.

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MISD saw a \$104,688.53 savings for contracts for services that the Service Center provided.

REPORTS

Superintendent Clay Richerson gave enrollment figures for the month as 280 in PreK through 6th grade, 67 in 7th and 8th grades, and 130 in grades 9th through 12th, for a total of 477. He reported on the yearly Board calendar and the District Annual Performance Report.

Elementary Principal Lou Heers told of student participation in No Name-Calling Week. She credited Character Ed Teacher Holly Mullins with organizing the event which was held Jan. 20-24. They also had a Speak No Evil Day to focus attention on the negative comments and actions one makes toward others and as a reminder to act in a way that is respectful to one another.

Kelly Fiore-Watson of Abigail's Arms gave presentations on self-awareness and anti-bullying to students in K-6th grades. Counselor Kristi Schneider was credited with organizing it.

There will be an Open House on March 4 from 6:30-8 p.m. The Annual Arts and Crafts Show will be in the Hornet Competition Gym that evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. That is Texas Public Schools Week.

JH/HS Principal Jason Atcheson noted that the UIL high school Academic District competition will be held on March 29 at Tarrant County Community College in Fort Worth. The One Act Play Zone competition is Tuesday, March 18 with District on Monday, March 24.

Atcheson said that due to a generous anonymous donation, the Theater Department has been able to purchase some instruments to aid the tech division. That

includes a new portable sound system complete with a wireless microphone and USB recording capabilities that works with the new iPod. An LED lighting system is coming. It will allow the use of red, blue, green, and amber coloring on stage, along with strobe effects and gobo projection images. All high school theater students will attend training on this equipment at Norcosco in Dallas. They also purchased an airbrush makeup machine to take makeup application to the next level.

Atcheson said that he and Muenster Police Chief Mark Blankenship accompanied a drug dog on a sweep of Muenster High School. The dog hit on a locker. No drugs were found, but two lighters were confiscated.

Technology Director Jeff Presnall said the District's telecommunication network is back up to about 98% functioning after the recent demolition project caused some temporary interruption of services. All buildings with the exception of the Ag building have telephone and internet service. The Ag building's point-to-point connection was damaged during the asbestos abatement.

According to Presnall's report, MISD is currently utilizing 160 desktop/laptop computers (wired devices), 206 iPads/Chromebooks (wireless devices), for a total of 366 internet-connected devices. Most of these wired devices have been in use for a minimum of four years and will be phased out and replaced with wireless devices in the near future.

AD Brady Carney has 15-17 boys signed up to play baseball and 15-16 girls signed up for softball. Track and Field began Feb. 24 for Junior High. High School will had its first meet on Feb. 27. There are 12 boys and six girls signed up to play golf.

**Bob Davis
1926 - 2014**

Memorial services for Robert A. "Bob" Davis, Jr., age 87 of Gainesville, are scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, March 1 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home with Mike Haverland officiating.

Mr. Davis died Feb. 4, 2014 in Gainesville. He was born Oct. 6, 1926 in Summerville, GA. After graduating from TCU in 1950, Bob

joined his father's business, The Southland Naval Store, which later became Southland Paint.

Survivors include children Page Maddox and Robert Brian Davis; and spouse Sally Page.

Memorials may be made to Abigail's Arms, Home Hospice, The Salvation Army, or to Texas Christian University.

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Results given for County 4-H Livestock Show

Cooke County 4-H held their annual Livestock Show on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the County Show Barn. Top placers, champions, reserve champions and showmanship, were as follows.

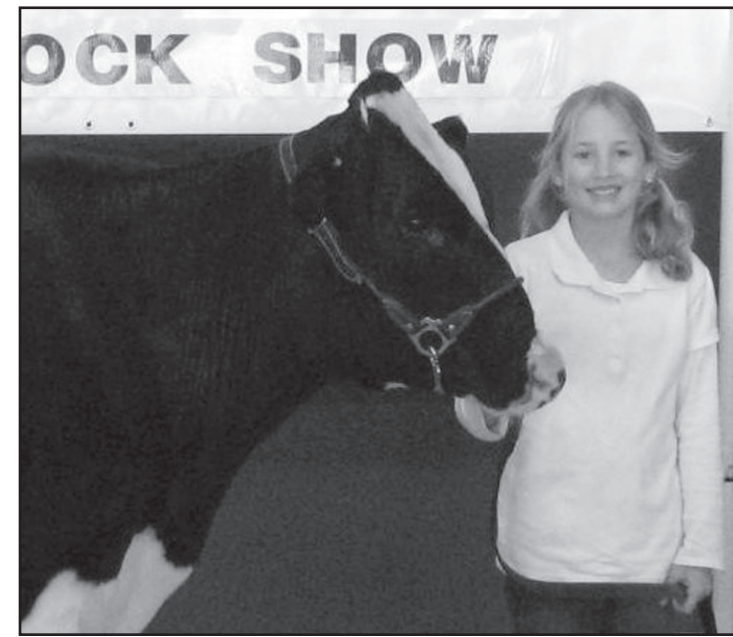
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Showmanship
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Reserve
Payton Dill
Lindsay 4-H
Market Champion
Jayme Lawson
Era 4-H
Reserve
Sawyer Sanders
Muenster 4-H
Senior Showmanship
Sawyer Sanders
Muenster 4-H
Sheep
Breeding Champion
Brooke Rollins
Valley View 4-H
Reserve
Lenzie Rollins
Valley View 4-H
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Reserve
Casey Ritchey
Valley View 4-H
Jr. Showmanship
Brooke Rollins
Valley View 4-H
Sr. Showmanship
Kendall Pearse
Era 4-H
Goat
Breeding Grand & Reserve
Caroline Darbro
4-H Livestock Club
Market Grand & Reserve
Sydney Reynolds
Valley View 4-H
Jr. Showmanship

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4-H Livestock Club
Swine
Breeding Champion
Wheeler Pethtel
4-H Livestock Club
Reserve
Caleb Sandmann
Valley View 4-H
Market Champion
Wheeler Pethtel
4-H Livestock Club
Reserve
Caleb Sandmann
Valley View 4-H
Jr. Showmanship
Kolton Rohrbough
4-H Livestock Club
Sr. Showmanship
Wheeler Pethtel
4-H Livestock Club
Poultry
Market Champion
Theresa Wyrick
Lindsay 4-H
Reserve
Nathan Huchton
Lindsay 4-H
Jr. Showmanship
Tony Wilson
Red River 4-H
Sr. Showmanship
Grant Wilson
Sharpshooters 4-H Club
Rabbits
Breeding
Best of Show
Tanner Corcoran
Lindsay 4-H
Runner Up Best of Show
Davis Grant
Reckless Rabbits 4-H Club
Market Meat Pen
Champion
Nathan Huchton
Lindsay 4-H
Reserve
Zachary Downe
Reckless Rabbits 4-H Club
Jr. Showmanship
Caitlyn Taylor
Red River 4-H
Sr. Showmanship
Davis Grant
Reckless Rabbits 4-H Club

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Napoleon Hill



Amelia Becker, above, with her Grand Champion Dairy Cow at the Cooke County 4-H Livestock Show and, below, her sister Anna Marie Becker with her animal that won Reserve in the Dairy Cattle division.



Area notices

Pancake Supper
St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held at St. Paul's Parish Hall located on Jefferson Street across from the Turner Apartments parking lot in Gainesville on Tuesday, March 4. The supper includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice, and will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person.

Brown Bag Book Review
The March Brown Bag Book Review will be held on Thursday, March 6, at noon in the North Central Texas College Library Lyceum. The topic is *Sara's Quilt* by Nancy Turner to be reviewed by Gabrielle Fletcher. All are invited to join them and bring a friend.

Muenster Library

Books at a bargain
Looking for a bargain? Muenster Public Library has a great selection of current bestsellers for sale for \$1 each. Most of the books are hardbound, and in good shape, and at \$1 a book, are a bargain!

Memorial bricks offered
Now is the time to honor a loved one with a memory brick. Muenster Public Library's memory brick order is almost full, and they will be ordering a shipment in the next few weeks. Memory bricks are \$100 engraved with your custom

information. Come by the Library at 418 N. Elm St. to pick up an order form, or call 759-4291 for more information.

Story Hour helpers
Muenster Public Library would like to start a Story Hour volunteer pool for its Tuesday morning Story Hour, which meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The ideal candidates should love children, and reading to children. If they have four volunteers, the requirement for each volunteer would be one Tuesday per month for one hour. If interested, call the Library at 759-4291.

Women of Faith in Service schedule March meeting

Women of Faith in Service will hold their first event of 2014 on Friday, March 7 at noon in Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 214 S. Denton Street, Gainesville. Lunch will be provided by the women of FUMC celebrating World Day of Prayer. Rev. Erin Taylor, Brite Divinity/TCU seminarian and Youth Minister at First Christian Church, will be guest speaker presenting "Prayer in World Religions."

The lunch is free of charge but annual dues of \$20 per congregation will be accepted at this meeting.

Women of Faith in Service, formerly Church Women United of Cooke County,

is an ecumenical body of women of all faiths in service and fellowship. The goal of the group is to serve God and those in need in Cooke County. The group stresses ecumenism, service, fellowship, and prayer. Events are planned around universal outreach and awareness movements such as World Day of Prayer, Fellowship of the Least Coin, May Friendship Day, and World Community Day, the latter being the largest celebration of the year highlighted by the Woman of Faith in Service award and officer elections.

For information, contact Patti Wallace at 940.736.3181 or Lucy Sutton at 940.665.9707.

Century Club to host March book review

The Century Club of Saint Jo reminds members and prospective members to attend our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Chamber of Commerce Building on the south side of the Square.

Patsy Wilson will be presenting one of her acclaimed book reviews for your enjoyment. Plan to join them for an evening's entertainment as we all anticipate the arrival of spring, i.e. no more ice!

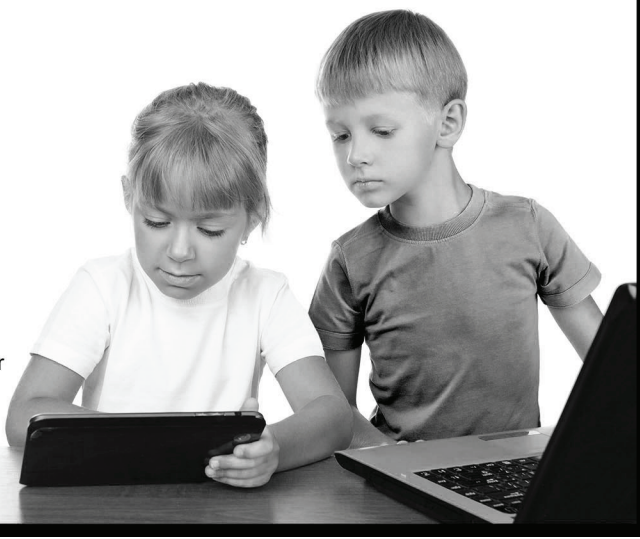
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Greer, Miller exchange wedding vows in Arlington

Sandra Faye Greer of Fort Worth and Mark Don Miller of Arlington were married at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 by Reverend Randy Dicken.

The bride's parents are Richard Greer of Clarkston, WA, and Carolyn Hamilton of Fort Worth. Parents of the groom are the late Bill and Terese Miller.

College friend Heather Day was the maid of honor. Michael Kottwitz, the groom's fraternity brother, was the best man. Flower girl and ring bearer were

Sydney and Dalton Miller, great-niece and great-nephew of the groom. Ushers were childhood friend Alfred Hennigan and fraternity brother Ross Lucas.

For "something borrowed," the bride wore the groom's mother's wedding band. For "something old," the bride's bouquet was wrapped with the bride's great-grandmother's handkerchief.

The reception was held at Cacharel Grand Ballroom in Arlington, where Julie Miller, niece of the groom, was the guestbook attendant.

The couple was escorted to and from their wedding

reception in a blue 1966 Pontiac Tempest, originally purchased by the groom's oldest brother, Robert Miller, in 1967 and restored in the 1990s by his late brother Terry Miller. The driver was the groom's nephew Shawn Miller.

A rehearsal dinner, catered by Mercado Juarez, was hosted at the groom's home on Friday evening, Nov. 15.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA and a Master of Science in Social Work from The University

of Texas at Arlington. She is a social worker for Lake Worth ISD.

The groom graduated from Sacred Heart High School, earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from The University of Texas at Arlington, and Master of Business Administration from Texas Christian University. He is employed as Vice President of Procurement and Packaging Services for McKesson Pharmaceuticals.

Following their wedding trip to Charleston, SC, the happy couple is at home in southwest Arlington.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Miller ... 'nee Sandra Greer ...

New Arrival

Corbett

John and Donetta Corbett of Ventura, CA are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Nicholas Joseph. Nicholas arrived Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014 weighing 8 lb. 12 oz. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Corbett of Henderson, NV and Don and Martha Hess of Muenster. Leona "Bonnie" Hess of Muenster is a great-grandparent.



Nicholas Corbett

VFW Auxiliary shows appreciation to nurses

Muenster Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary to Post 6205 recently honored the nursing staff of Muenster Memorial Hospital by presenting them with a goodie basket in honor of the Hospital's 50th anniversary.

The box, filled with a variety of snacks and fruit, was presented by Auxiliary Conductress Linda Knabe.

She told the group, "We are proud of you for the remarkable dedication, love, compassion, and caring that you daily demonstrate to and for our community and surrounding areas. We are all better because of the decisions you made to enter this profession and we couldn't be happier for your choice." She concluded with, "We love you!"



Courtesy photo

A goodie basket from the VFW Auxiliary in honor of the Hospital's 50 years of service was accepted by nurses at MMH. Pictured are, from left, Brandi Conyers, Kenneth Grewing, Sandy Hall, Auxiliary Conductress Linda Knabe who made the presentation, and Renee Connor.

VFW Auxiliary holds February meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Monday, Feb. 17 in the Post Home with President Frances Bayer presiding. The opening ritual was given by Conductress Linda Knabe, Chaplain Rosemary Dankesreiter pro tem, and Patriotic Instructor Linda Knabe pro tem. Reading of roll call and minutes of previous meeting was read by Secretary Sandra Hennigan pro tem.

President Bayer and Commander David Fisher plan to set a date to deliver the U.S. flags to school. President Bayer delivered flowers and valentines to nine Veterans and ladies.

Thank you notes from Ida Mae Bindel and the Louise Bayer family were read. Lu-

cille Hesse gave her treasurer's report.

The ladies heard that the District I meeting would be held in Lewisville.

The Senior Vice of District I has advised of big changes coming to the VFW Auxiliary. There will be a change in uniforms and the group is going green - no paper reports, all electronic.

The group plans to put a reminder on cable TV reminding everyone to vote. Armella Cler read the March activities. Members signed a card to be added to the gift basket delivered to the Hospital nurses's station. One sympathy card was signed for one member.

Linda Knabe served refreshments to those attending.

Cooke County Library to host special storyhour

Cooke County Library will host a special storyhour on Wednesday, March 5 as part of a global literacy campaign founded by LitWorld.

LitWorld's program, World Read Aloud Day, is about taking action to show the children of the world that we support their future. This special day is a celebration of the power of words and creates a community of readers who advocate for children's rights to a safe education and access to books and technology.

On March 5, millions of adults and children across the world will raise their

voices in support by reading.

If you cannot make it to this special storyhour, you can still join LitWorld's World Read Aloud Day program by visiting <http://lit-world.org/worldreadaloud-day> and signing up!

The Library's special storyhour will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be held at the Cooke County Library at 200 S. Weaver Street.

Don't forget to make your 2013 IRA contribution.



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SCHOOL

Sacred Heart High students place in academic meet

Thirty-three Sacred Heart High School students competed in the TAPPS Academic competition held on Feb. 10. Their results are as follows:

Duet Acting: 3rd, Alana Endres/Samantha Palmer; 5th, Leah Knabe/Avery Truebenbach.

Original Oratory: 2nd, Jacob Miller; 5th Grant Springer.

Persuasive Speaking:

4th, Garrett Truebenbach; 5th, Garrett Wheeler.

Poetry Interpretation: 6th, Sarah Davidson; 7th, Hannah Cornelison; 8th, Nick Turner.

Prose Interpretation: 6th, Anthony Bayer; 7th, Alane Bartush; 8th, Brooke Devers.

Spanish: 1st, Rogelio Orocio; 3rd, Aaron Colmenero; 6th, Juan Orocio.

Spelling: 1st, Chris Bar-

tush; 2nd, Joe Bartush.

Advanced Math: 1st, Madison Hesse; 3rd, James Cochran; 5th, Elizabeth Weinzapfel.

Mathematics: 5th, Katie Davidson; 7th, Devin Sicking; Avery Truebenbach.

Calculator: 3rd, Bailey Walterscheid; 5th Garrett Wheeler.

Science: 3rd, Elizabeth Weinzapfel; 6th, James Dangelmayr; 7th, Madison

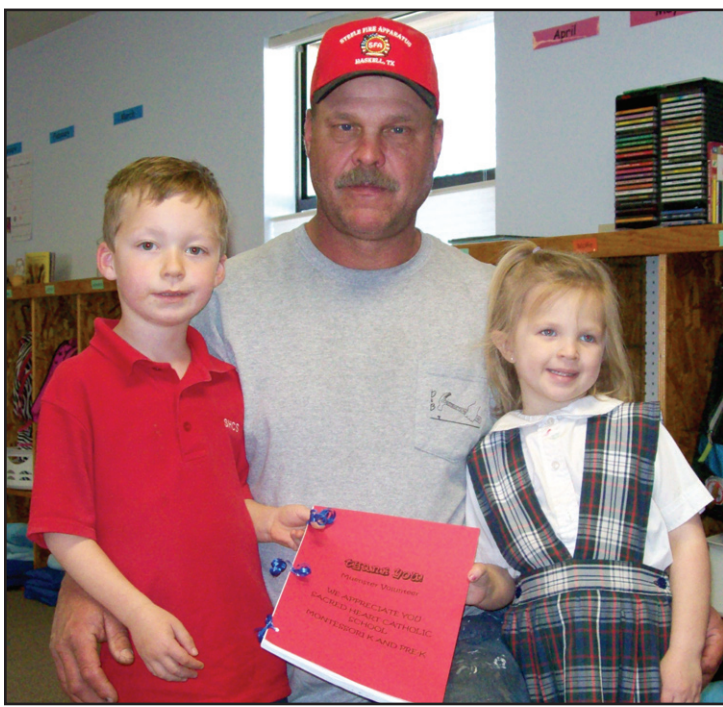
Hesse.

Social Studies: 1st, Katie Davidson; 2nd, Nick Turner; 5th, Jason Knabe.

Current Events: 3rd, James Dangelmayr; 4th, Tyler Walterscheid; 6th, Garrett Trubenbach.

Number Sense: 1st, Aaron Davis; 2nd, Mark Davis; 5th, Ethan Henry.

Ready Writing: 6th, Katie Davidson; 7th, Marleigh Sprouse.



SHCS photos

Sacred Heart Montessori students, above, Timothy Flusche, left, and Ava Hillis present Fire Chief Bert Walterscheid with a book written and illustrated by the students. The book was written by the students to show their appreciation to the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department as a part of their Catholic Schools Week celebration. Below - Dr. Dana Fuhrmann and Ammie Hennigan of SMILES BY GERMAN DESIGN with Sacred Heart Catholic School Montessori students Landry Schilling, left, and Jake Hess. The Montessori students celebrated Dental Health Month with a presentation by Dr. Fuhrmann and Ammie. Students were given pictures of snacks and had to decide if they were good or bad snacks. They especially enjoyed being the teeth as Dr. Fuhrmann and Ammie flossed them. The students were given goodie bags that included a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. The presentation concluded with a healthy and delicious snack.

Menus

WEEK OF MAR. 3 - 7 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Classic Italian Lasagna, green peas, sweet corn, fresh apple. AM - Bologna and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit. AM - Turkey and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Wed. - Crispy beef tacos, Mexican style beans, lettuce topping, fresh orange. AM - Ham and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Thurs. - Cheeseburger, glazed carrots, lettuce topping, pineapple tidbits. AM - Tuna sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Fri. - Pepperoni pizza, sweet tator tots, pork and beans, fresh grapes. AM - Po boy combo, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken fajita salad, cheese, pinto beans, chips, salsa, Spanish rice, fruit.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn fruit, bread.

Wed. - Popcorn shrimp, black-eyed peas, cole slaw, fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Cheeseburger w/ trimmings, French fries, fruit, ice cream.

Fri. - Cheese pizza, cooked carrots, lettuce salad, fruit.



MISD photo

Students and teachers for the month of January were announced at Muenster ISD. They are pictured with their principals, from left, front - 3rd Grader Meadow Walterscheid, 5th Grader Samantha Simmons; back - Elementary Principal Lou Heers, Freshman Bryce Herr, Elementary Special Education Teacher Kara Richerson, JH/HS Principal Jason Atcheson, and HS Math Teacher/TMSCA Sponsor Danna Hess.

MISD Honor Rolls

4th Six Weeks

ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

1st grade - Krista Bayer, Benjamin Cox, Logan Flusche, Gregory Giles, Ayden Gray, Jasmine Hacker, Della Hartman, Ava Henley, Brisan Hermes, Caden Klement, Carter Klement, William Rocha, Carter Sicking, Zachary Smith, Von Khemer Tai, Emma Walterscheid, Marlee Walterscheid, Kelan Williams.

2nd Grade - Reece Acayan, Lainey Grewing, Rosemary Hartman, Abigail Hendley, Macy Hess, Maggie Hess, Jakson Hofbauer, Preston Kubis, Emily Muller, Whitney Newton, Stormi Richardson, Lenzie Sandmann, Jonathen Smith, Dawson Voth, Lexie Walter.

3rd Grade - Althea Acayan, Marcus Anderle, Michael Berkley, Devon Bindel, Derek Cox, Erica Endres, Madeleine Fisher, Josey Grewing, Rebecca Klement, Whitney Klement, Samantha Lockhart, Hunter Peel, Connor Walterscheid, Meadow Walterscheid.

4th Grade - Andrew Christopher, Andrew Fleming, Haley Flusche, Chanel Frohman, Martie McCoy, Logan Stewart, Luke Wal-

terscheid.

5th Grade - Trent Anderle, Mikaley Berkley, Jada Binder, Sarah Davis, Mary Fisher, Chloe Hacker, Kelsey Hennigan, Erin Hesse, Alyssa Huchton, Paden Jarosz, Bayley Otto, Samantha Simmons, Lance Smith, Wade Trubenbach.

6th Grade - Savannah Bohl, Major Eldridge, Colby Endres, Hannah Lamar, Daniel Luttmier, Zachary Sanders, Riley Stewart, Abby Walterscheid.

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

1st grade - Addison Aldriedge, Jimmy Ates, Kaydence Boaz, Annalee Budish, Carson Crawford, Elena David, Gavin Doughty, Landon Hacker, Daegan Harris, Karissa Harrison, Owen Hofbauer, Caleb Korte, Cason Morgan, Leslie Olvera, Faith Sicking, Emily West, Raegan Wolf.

2nd Grade - Luke Anderson, Mary Ashcraft, Daultyn Dunn, Gage Eberhart, James Harris Halle Hess, Alexs Hofbauer, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Trevor Rains, Taylor Reed, Andie Schroeder, Jackson Sicking, Owen Walterscheid, Sonny

Wilson.

3rd Grade - Brittany Bateman, Elijah Bayer, Annaliese Cisneros, Kaci Ford, Gabriel Grewing, Debra Huchton, Keith Huchton, Bradley Lutkenhaus, Natalie McMinn, Caleb Newton, Victoria Rodriguez, Isaac Wolf.

4th Grade - Gracyn Fields, Emily Harrison, Nathan Hartman, Nate Hesse, Hillary Klement, Timothy Luttmier, Lilly Muller, Landri Richardson, Ty Sanders, Eli Saucer, Landon Williams.

5th Grade - Annie Anderle, Alec Becker, Shae Budish, Abigail Cox, Kyler Fields, Makenna Forshee, Bryce Hacker, Dylan Huchton, Kennedy Jones, Katherine Klement, Matthew Klement, Audrey Kubis, Sarah Monday, Cade Stevens, Rallen Marie Tai, Ty Trubenbach, Jason Trubenbach, Alexa Wanek.

6th Grade - Celene Burke, Stephen Dangelmayr, Ashleigh Deweber, Brett Hammer, Brooke Hammer, Hunter Haverkamp, Kaitlin Hennigan, Jenna Hudspeth, Daphne Korte, Anna Proffer, Lane Trubenbach, Brenton Wilson.



Weather Whys - Health

Q: Can the weather affect how you feel?

A: For certain people, the answer is definitely yes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Many people have said they can tell a change in the weather is about to happen because their joints or muscles start to ache,"

says McRoberts. "This is likely due to a change in the barometric pressure, which often happens before a thunderstorm or in advance of a cold front. Damp weather is often associated with a low pressure system. A decrease in the air pressure decreases the tension in some large blood vessels, meaning they tend to

expand. When this happens, it tends to lead to increased discomfort in joints and muscles. Also, we know that very rapid changes in temperature and humidity can make some people say they feel 'stiff and achy.' Many people who have arthritis say their joints are definitely affected by weather changes."



Some of you may have noticed a folded flag is shown just behind me in one of my pictures. If you or a loved one has served in the military you know its meaning. For those who haven't, I would ask that you read the essay my daughter Ashleigh wrote as an 11 year old.

Our young men and women in the military protect our right to vote.

I ask that you exercise this right March 4th.

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My Daddy's Flag

In my daddy's office there is an American flag folded into a triangle with a blue background and white stars showing. Sometimes it makes my daddy cry.

My Grandpa, Lieutenant Colonel Joe Frank Berry died before I could remember him. I am told that at his funeral a flag was taken from his casket, folded into a triangle, and given to his mother. My dad says it is not right that a mother should have to bury her son, but that's one price of war.

Before she died she gave the flag to my daddy, the Lieutenant Colonel's oldest son. This is the flag that makes my daddy sad. I don't think he misses his dad because his dad was always in war and he never really knew his dad. Like my daddy always says, "You can't miss what you never had."

I wonder how many kids have those blue triangles with white stars in their house? My dad says there's probably a lot but that's another price of war and sometimes that's just the deal.

I pledge allegiance to the flag five days of the week. I help my daddy pick up and put out flags on certain holidays during the year. Before sporting events I sing the National Anthem to the flag. On Veterans Day my school meets at the flag to remember those who fought, bled, sacrificed, and died for our country and everybody in it.

But some flags are folded into a triangle, put up on a shelf for everyone to see, instead of a wife having a husband, or a mother having a son, or a child having a dad. Most kids don't have to go through that so when they see a flag all they think of is the pledge or maybe even freedom and liberty. I am one of those kids, but some other kids aren't so fortunate. When they see a flag they think of someone missing.

So to me the flag means honoring the nation it stands for. The flag means a reminder that the price of war isn't just money it's a life cut short and this "deal" my daddy talks about isn't very fair.

The flag means being proud of someone you never knew or remembering someone you lost.

The flag also means that my daddy is sometimes sad.

Ashleigh Berry

Summer Agricultural Institute set

Texas Farm Bureau has slated its Summer Agricultural Institute 2014 for June 9 - 13 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. The week offers elementary teachers many learning opportunities including hands-on, science-focused workshops, field trips and tours, lesson ideas and activities for the classroom, resource material about agriculture, three hours of graduate credit, 45 clock hours of continuing professional education, and lesson plans correlated to TEKS and STAAR.

For more information or application, contact your local County Farm Bureau, or call 254-751-2258, or email summeraginstitute@txfb.org. Scholarships are available.



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MUEENSTER ELEMENTARY TERRIFIC KIDS FOR THE 4th SIX WEEKS sponsored by the Muenster Kiwanis Club are: PreK - Nevaeh Fleitman, Emalynn Morgan, Collin Otto, Hayden Sicking, Kylie Bailey, Cooper Hartman; K - Ryder Gann, Sarah Wood, Seger Richardson, Danni Paulin, Ethan Bevers, Emma Grewing, Lillian Wimmer, Emma Krebs; 1st - Della Hartman, Caden Klement, Zach Smith, Carter Sicking, Carson Crawford, Caleb Korte, Leslie Olvera, Addison Aldridge; 2nd - Whitney Newton, Lenzie Sandmann, Jaren Reinecker, Andie Schroeder, Rosemary Hartman, Abigail Hendley, Jakson Hoffbauer, Stormi Richardson; 3rd - Owen Bayer, Kaci Ford, Annaliese Cisneros, Madeleine Fisher, Wyatt Moster; 4th - Luke Walterscheid, Landon Williams, Martie McCoy, Gavin Pagel, Ty Sanders; 5th - Katherine Klement, Kennedy Jones, Sarah Davis, Erin Hesse, Jada Binder, Mary Fisher, Sarah Monday, Cade Stevens; 6th - Jenna Hudspeth, Anna Proffer, Tanner Corcoran, Abby Walterscheid, Cydney Cromer, Hannah Lamar, and Lane Trubenbach.



MISD photo

MUEENSTER ELEMENTARY "110% AWARD" WINNERS FOR THE 4th SIX WEEKS are, from left, front - Brady Walterscheid, Dane Gobble, Spencer Jarosz, Lucy Klement; row 2 - Reece Acayan, Preston Kubis, Annsley Budish, Carter Klement; row 3 - Kayla Deweber, Mariela Rodriguez, Cassy Acayan, Connor Walterscheid; row 4 - Wade Trubenbach, Eve Brogdon, Brooke Hammer, and Marianne Tai.



MISD photo

MUEENSTER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS FOR THE 4th SIX WEEKS are, from left, row 1 - Anna Warren, Kandyce Freeman, Addison Snuggs, Tyler Smith; row 2 - Ty Hess, Gage Eberhart, Cason Morgan, Taylor Reed; row 3 - Kohl Taylor, Makayla Hacker, Samantha Lockhart, Haley Flusche; row 4 - Major Eldridge, Riley Stewart, Kaley Berkley, and Trent Anderle.



MISD photo

MUEENSTER ELEMENTARY "CAUGHT WITH GOOD CHARACTER" WINNERS FOR THE 4th SIX WEEKS are, from left, front - Eleanor Hartman, Jesus Samperio, Shelby Hofbauer; row 2 - Rhett Walterscheid, Emily Muller, Marlee Walterscheid, Raegan Wolf; row 3 - Lenzie Sandmann, Victoria Rodriguez, Landri Richardson, Alexa Waneck; row 4 - Eli Saucer, Rebecca Klement, Katherine Klement, and Kaitlin Hennigan. Not pictured are Anthony Rodriguez and Gavin Grewing.



I'm one of you!

My wife and I were both born and raised here in Cooke County and are multi-generation natives of the county. We live in Lindsay and are graduates of Calisburg High School and the University of North Texas. We have 4 children: Scout, Skylar, Story, and Slate. I am a graduate of Texas Wesleyan School of Law (now Texas A&M School of Law) and I am licensed to practice law in Texas, Oklahoma, and the Eastern Federal District of Texas. I am actively involved with our youth here in Cooke County, coaching little league softball and baseball for many years. I grew up on a farm/ranch and worked in farming and ranching for a large portion of my life. I know what it means to work hard. I have proven throughout my life that with integrity, I will do whatever is needed to make sure the job gets done.

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SPORTS

Hornets headed to Regional

The Muenster Hornets are headed to the Regional Tournament in Abilene! The Hornets defeated the Trenton Tigers 72-50 in the Regional Quarterfinals Tuesday night in Little Elm.

The Hornets came out on fire on the offensive end and carried that momen-

tum through for the victory. "I thought it was the most complete game we have played in quite some time," noted Coach Lynn Cook. "Defensively, we did a good job of making Trenton work for what they got, and offensively, we did a great job of converting scoring op-

portunities into points. The team really stepped up their intensity and execution for this game."

Logan Cook was the leading point maker for Muenster with 24. Lyndon Cook added 19, Cole Walterscheid 13, Trevor Cheaney 8, and 4 apiece by Ryan Hoepfner and Chance Herr.

Lyndon Cook pulled down 21 rebounds. The Hornets made 10 of 19 free throws and six 3-pointers in the game.

Logan Cook had four 3-pointers, four 2s, and four free throws before fouling out in the 4th quarter.

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The Hornets will play the Poolville Monarchs for the third time this season on Friday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. at Abilene Christian University (ACU). Poolville, the District 11A Champs defeated Windthorst 66-49 and Stamford 60-57 to earn a trip to Abilene. Muenster defeated the Monarchs early in the season 53-37 and 57-52.

The winner will play the winner of the Collinsville vs. Olney game on Saturday, March 1 at noon at ACU. The Pirates, District 13A Runner-up defeated North Hopkins 77-63 and Blue Ridge 63-55 in the playoffs.



Muenster Hornets after Area Championship victory.

Courtesy photo



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Lady Hornets All-District - from left - Kristen Reiter, Kassie Dangelmayr, Sydney Huchton, Katie Pagel, Hannah Bayer, Claire Schneider, Allie Walterscheid, Morgan Flusche, Mady Burnett, Kendi Bayer.

State Bound!



Courtesy photo

Muenster has two Knights of Columbus free throwers heading to the upcoming State contest in San Antonio. Hunter Hennigan (11 year old division) and Bailey Klement (14 year old division) both took 1st place locally, at District, then again at the Diocesan level to advance to State. Hunter won his round hitting 22 of 25 free throws and Bailey 18 of 25 at the last contest. They are sponsored by KC Council 1459 and are the children of Doug and Nicole Hennigan and Mark and Carol Klement.

Ten Lady Hornets named to All-District Team

2013-14 District 13A Girls All-District Basketball

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Kristen Reiter - Muenster
Sydney Beuthien - Era

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Sydney Huchton - Muenster

CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Hannah Bayer - Muenster
Erika Sappington - V. View

6TH MAN OF THE YEAR
Landis Walther - Era

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Elizabeth Hellman - Lindsay

COACH OF THE YEAR
Leigh Vickery - Valley View

FIRST TEAM
Allie Walterscheid - M
Mady Burnett - M
Hayley Skinner - L
Hayley Knabe - E
Logan Knabe - E
Hannah Erwin - E
Savanna Schniederjan - VV
Brooke Johnson - C

SECOND TEAM
Kassie Dangelmayr - M
Katie Pagel - M
Maddy Zimmerer - L
Lauren Bierschenk - VV
Jordan Dowd - VV
Morgan Irelan - C

HONORABLE MENTION
Claire Schneider - M
Morgan Flusche - M
Kendi Bayer - M
Kailei Klement - L
Sarah Fuhrmann - L
Taryn Stringfellow - L
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Tigers fall to Vikings

Up against a State top-ranking team, the Tigers came up short in the TAPPS AA Area playoff game last Friday in Waco. The Vanguard Prep Vikings handed Sacred Heart a 64-53 loss.

"A great effort by the boys," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We cut the lead to 5 with 3 minutes to go and were called for back-to-back charges. If the calls go our way we are in the lead."

Kason Reeves led the Tigers on the scoreboard with

18 points, with Brady Endres adding 16. Hayden Schilling followed with 9, Isac Walterscheid 4, and Zach Flusche and Keith Metzler 3 apiece.

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"These young men really improved this season and perhaps played their best game of the season, just to fall a little short," Coach LeBrasseur added. "Keith Metzler is our lone senior and he had a great season as our defensive stopper."



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Isac Walterscheid (10) attempts to get the ball around a defending Viking.

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The Tigerettes gather at mid-court before the playoff game in DeSoto.

Tigerettes stopped by Lady Cougars

"We just could not find the basket," noted Sacred Heart Coach Jon LeBrasseur on the Tigerettes' TAPPS AA Area playoff loss. "Anytime you put up 86 shots you should win the game, but we only connected on 16 field goal attempts."

The Tigerettes faced the Lady Cougars of DeSoto Canterbury in DeSoto Saturday afternoon and were handed a 57-49 loss. "The girls really worked

the offensive glass. We just were unable to convert," Coach continued. "They fought till the end, as we had three open 3s and a missed lay-up inside the 2 minute mark which could have tied the game, and then we were forced to foul."

Bailey Walterscheid was high scorer for Sacred Heart with 13 points. Karleigh Reeves added 9, Peyton Reiter 7, Alane Bartush 6, Kinzie

Hess and Kylie Hess 5 each, and Michelle Zimmerman 4.

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The Tigerettes end the season with a 21-9 record.

"I am disappointed for our seniors - Michelle, Bailey, Karleigh, Kylie, Peyton, and Mikenzie (Fleitman). We had a nice four years and we expected a long playoff run, but sometimes things just don't work out.," LeBrasseur concluded.



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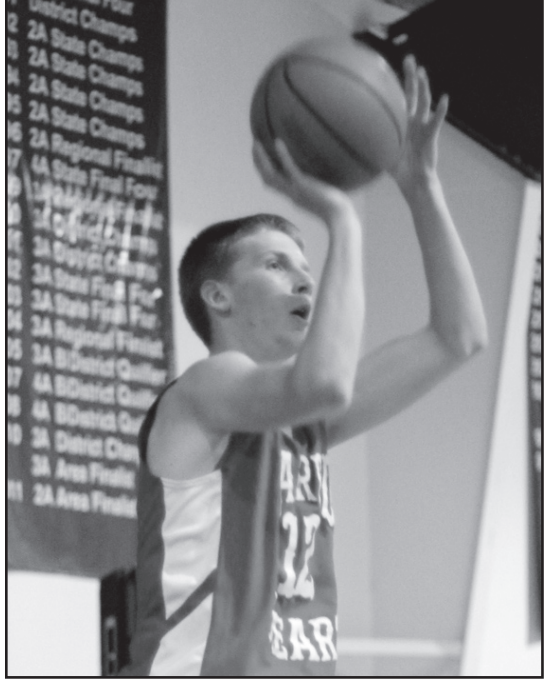
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Hornets win Area

The Muenster Hornets won the Area round of the UIL Boys State Basketball Championships, Class 1ADI, Region 2 last Friday night in Anna, bringing home a 67-46 victory over the Bland Tigers.

After a slow and scary start, the Hornets came back from a halftime deficit to pull away with the win. The commanding 26-7 4th quarter locked the cage on the Tigers to give the Hornets a flight to the next level on the playoff bracket.

"We were nervous and tentative in the 1st half and Bland took advantage of it," noted Hornet Coach Lynn Cook. "Early foul trouble on several of our starters also put us in a bind the 1st half. I thought the team did a good job of gathering themselves at halftime and coming out in the 2nd half with a renewed sense of purpose and urgency."

Three Hornets hit the double digit points. Cole

Walterscheid led with 22 points, Lyndon Cook 14, and Logan Cook 11. Trevor Cheaney added 7, Chance Herr 6, Ryan Hoepfner 3, and 2 apiece from Brandon Hennigan and Clayton Hess. Ly. Cook and Walterscheid led the rebounding with 14 and 10.

M	9	16	16	26	67
B	16	11	12	7	46

The Hornets took on the Trenton Tigers Tuesday night (see related story). Trenton, District 15 Champions, defeated Italy last week 75-57. Italy earlier beat Valley View 54-47 in the first round of the playoffs. The winner of the Muenster - Trenton game will advance to the Regional tournament in Abilene.

Golfers compete at Guyer

The Muenster golf teams played at the Denton Guyer tournament on Monday held at the Oakmont Country Club in Denton, competing mostly with 3A-5A teams.

Allen, Bridgeport, and Lewisville girls took the top three teams placement, while Argyle, Bridgeport, and Prosper led the boys divisions. The Muenster Lady Hornets took 4th place, only 1 point behind the 3rd place team.

Erin Hess led the Muenster girls, shooting an 84. Kassie Dangelmayr scored a 102, Kimber Walterscheid 114, Claire Schneider 121, and Emma Wood 122.

Darrell Hermes was top scorer for the Hornets with 91. Jared Endres followed with 110, Jeremy Hess 115, and Lawrence Haverkamp 125.

Looking for trouble

A Montgomery County game warden responded to a call in Walden on Lake Conroe. County deputies stopped a suspicious vehicle that was suspected of stealing copper from houses in the neighborhood. While searching the vehicle, the deputies found a loaded rifle equipped with laser sights, a bow equipped with a flashlight, and a flashlight in the truck. Both subjects were interviewed by the game warden and said they were driving around the subdivision looking for a deer to shoot. The next day, the warden followed up on the call by searching the original location where the subjects were seen and getting a statement from the reporting caller. While searching the lot, the warden found an arrow matching those that were found in the truck. Both subjects were arrested.

Drive-by

A Montgomery County game warden received an Operation Game Thief call about four high school-age males road hunting in a neighborhood with a bow. The caller gave a good description, but the violators were gone before she arrived. The next night, with the help of another game warden, the wardens patrolled the neighborhoods where the subjects were last seen and noticed a truck turning around and shining a light on several deer. The wardens stopped the surprised violator who had a bow in his lap, window down, and an LED nock of his arrow lit up. The subject confessed to trying to get a better look at the nearby buck to see if its rack was wider than 13-inches because he didn't want to break the antler restriction law. He also confessed to road hunting with three friends in the same area the night before. The suspect identified the men he was with the previous night, along with providing a detailed list of their poaching

activities.

Scouting for a thief

A Montgomery County game warden received a call from the manager of a Boy Scout camp in Conroe. They'd had several items stolen over the last few months, including gas from their bulk tanks. The warden was able to set up a department-issued camera that immediately sends photographic evidence to his cell phone when photos are taken. A few nights later, photographs of a suspect pumping gas into his truck and gas cans in the truck bed began pouring in. Wardens and other officers responded immediately and apprehended the suspect. The suspect was arrested for theft and for felony tampering with physical evidence after deleting photos of Craigslist ads he had posted of stolen equipment. Additional photos were recovered that showed items he had previously stolen from the Boy Scout camp.

Another day at the office

Game wardens from Dimmit and Zavala counties, along with Border Patrol agents and Dimmit County Sheriff's deputies, retrieved 11 individuals by TPWD boat from a fishing camp that had been flooded by a fast rise on the Nueces River. The occupants of the camp, including three elderly individuals, lost eight vehicles to the flooding. Everyone and four dogs were transported to a shelter.

A costly dove hunt

A Webb County game warden on patrol heard shots coming from a ranch. After locating the hunter, the warden noticed a line of cracked corn and milo around a tank where four individuals were dove hunting. After checking the first two hunters, the warden made his way to the last two hunters who had left the spot where they were hunting. These two hunters told the warden they had their limit and were through hunting. After inspecting further, the warden found an

additional 15 doves hidden in the brush. All hunters were cited for hunting dove over bait, and two individuals were cited for hunting over the daily bag limit. A total of 73 doves were seized from the hunters. The following week, the hunters paid a total of \$1,590 in fines to the court.

Fishing for trouble

Two Willacy County game wardens were patrolling in the Port Mansfield area and inspected a local fishing tournament. Wardens found that approximately 25% of the fish guides in this tournament did not possess their all-water fish guide license. After further investigation, and with the assistance of two Cameron County wardens, they found that most of the fish guides also did not possess their current Coast Guard license and requirements. Fish guides were cited for no fish guide license. The wardens continued to follow up on license status on guides still guiding in the Port Mansfield area and found violations still occurring. Citations were again issued and turned over to USCG.

Barking up the wrong tree

A Briscoe County game warden was contacted by a local landowner concerning people trespassing on his property. A few minutes later, the landowner called again and said the subjects were speeding away in their vehicle. The rancher followed the vehicle long enough to tell the warden which direction they were headed. Luckily for the warden, the subjects were headed down the highway toward his position. After stopping the vehicle, the warden found five individuals from New Mexico with large knives and a truck bed full of dogs. The rancher arrived soon after the stop, and once the sheriff's department got there, the warden gained the facts from the landowner. The five were hunting hogs with dogs on the landowner's property without permission.

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states is to preside over justice court, small claims court, and civil matters where the monetary amount does not exceed \$10,000. The JP can issue arrest and search warrants, preside over hearings and inquests, hearings pertaining to the suspension of drivers license, and a JP can marry people. A JP may need to attend fatality scenes or natural death scenes to declare time of death or cause. One needs a compassionate heart at these times. I know personally, my mom was killed by a drunk driver in March of 1983. I am not a fan of driving impaired in anyway. I would assist law enforcement in removing impaired drivers off the roads.

What is your philosophy of the law?

Johnson - A society is measured by the laws it enacts and enforces. It tells you what is important to that society. Citizens elect legislators to create law which is enforced through the court system. There is a natural check and balance system in place. The process is: elected legislators create laws; police agencies make immediate enforcement of the law by citation or arrest; courts rule on cases brought before it; appellate courts check the lower courts. The system breaks down if any party in the system acts out of the bounds of its authority. Specifically, judges should rule by applying common sense to the intent of the law as written by legislators and not legislate from the bench. A judge does not have the authority to enforce only the laws with which he personally agrees. Judges must make rulings treating everyone equally that appears before the court.

Trice - That question could be viewed in many ways, such as: am I hard core to the letter of the law? What if it's a law made by a rogue president? Such as banning guns? Or banning 10-round clips for guns? Or banning 16 oz. sugary drinks? Or banning praying in a public place? Or saying a prayer at a football game? How about we use some common sense in making laws first! My personal belief is in God's laws, the 10 Commandments, then man's law, The Constitution of the United States, inspired by a belief in God's commands. The problems we have now with unjust laws is because men have strayed from these principle laws. I do not believe we should give up our rights of liberty and the pursuit of happiness because some liberals

make laws to control every aspect of our lives. On a different note, the laws of the road are for our safety and should be enforced. Any laws pertaining to the safety of the common wealth should be enforced as well. Let's put common sense and decency back in play.

What do you feel best qualifies you for this position?

Johnson - My life's work has required that I have good communication skills with individuals and groups. In every aspect of my work, I've been required to use sound judgment and make important and critical decisions. In the past, I worked as a police patrol officer in two Metroplex cities and as a contract flight instructor to the USAF teaching a complex subject in a concise manner. I was the owner of an aviation related business which required good technical, management, and business skills. Five years ago, after graduating from law school, I established a private law practice and am currently a practicing attorney in the Gainesville and Cooke County area.

I've gained valuable experience by serving my community on various boards of directors throughout the years. I currently serve as a board member of the Gainesville Municipal Airport, the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission, and am on the Board of Directors for Sanger Bank, Sanger.

Trice - I have been in business for 37 years, in negotiations with large and small companies working out equitable terms for both sides in disputes over large and small sums of money, for both buyers and sellers. You have to be fair and honest in order to stay in one business that long. Repeat customers only come back because they feel they can get a fair shake. With respect, and feel they have been dealt with fairly.

What goals or changes do you have for this office should you be elected?

Johnson - As an attorney, I have represented clients in the Justice of The Peace Court Precinct 4 many times. The court is well run and efficiently organized by a competent judge and staff. A person elected to the court would be well advised to take counsel from those presently in office. I would take a look, listen, and learn approach before making changes. My intent is to take a properly functioning system, analyze it, and make changes to better serve the citizens

if necessary. Naturally, a new judge's personality and judicial temperament will play a significant role in any changes made.

My goal is to understand that I am a servant of the citizens and thus to maintain an open door policy to anyone in need of help. The exception is that the canons of ethics prohibits a judge from discussing out of court a case presently before or likely to come before that court.

Trice - This court is the people's court, it does not require a law degree for a reason. It's the last bastion between the people, us commoners, and the establishment. I want the people to know that they have a just person to hear their case, they won't need to be intimidated by lawyer speak. They can know I will hear their case as a common man, with good common sense, and we will work things out fairly and honestly. If I am elected, I will take all the required training for JP court. I will not change the current staff, they have lots of experience and are an asset to the court.

Brief comment:

Johnson - On a personal note, my wife, Nell Reta Clark Johnson, and I are long-time residents of Cooke County and the Mountain Springs area with our families settling in the area around the time of the Civil War. Reta has recently retired from the Lindsay I.S.D. where she taught for 25 years. We have three grown children. Our son recently retired from the United States Air Force after serving 20 years in the USA and abroad. He and his family are residents of Lake Kiowa. Both of our daughters and their families live in the Metroplex area with careers in Real Estate Sales for DR Horton and as a speech therapist for Children's Medical Center, Dallas. We have eight wonderful grandchildren of whom we are especially proud.

Trice - If you elect me as your Justice of the Peace, you can expect a fair and balanced approach to the cases brought before me. I will work hard for the truth to be brought forth in every judgment I make. We must have the truth "first" before we can work out a proper ruling. I hope you vote for me as a conservative Christian Republican, who understands the platform of the conservative party. We must each do our small part to hold on to the America we love. I ask for your vote March 4.



Courtesy photo

Craig Sessions, M.D., center, with his wife Loretta, front center, and children Dylan, left, and Alexandra. Not pictured are children Briley and Jordan.

Orthopedic surgeon joins NTMC Specialty Clinic

An East Texas boy has moved north to take advantage of a great practice opportunity in Cooke County, while filling a vital medical need for area residents.

Orthopedic surgeon Craig Sessions, M.D., began seeing patients just last week in his office located at the North Texas Medical Center Specialty Clinic on West Hwy. 82 in Gainesville.

Dr. Sessions comes to Cooke County following 15 years of private practice in the East Texas communities of Henderson, Palestine, and his hometown of Nacogdoches.

Born in Midland, the son of an oilfield geologist, Dr. Sessions earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Stephen F. Austin University in 1990 where he graduated Cum Laude. From there, he took the Red Raider path and earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Medicine, Lubbock in 1994. He did his internship in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Texas Tech School of Medicine from July 1994 to June of 1995, and completed his residency in June 1999.

Sessions joined his brother Roger, also an orthopedic surgeon, in practice at Dogwood Orthopaedics in Henderson from July 1999 to August 2006, before moving into private practice at Palestine where he stayed until 2008. During his time in Henderson, Sessions served as Chief of Staff of Henderson Memorial Hospital and held a seat on the hospital's Board of Directors.

In September 2008, Dr. Sessions made the move "back home" to Nacogdoches, where his parents now lived and he had grown up. He opened his practice, joined the staff at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, and became a stockholder in The Surgery Center of Nacogdoches. He even took time out to serve as team physician for the United States Martial Arts Team in 2009-10.

Dr. Sessions' move to Gainesville was something he says he sought in the face of increasing regulation from the government. "In private practice, you always have to worry about running an office - overhead, billing, and collections - and with the current state of health-care - Obamacare coming in - it is becoming more and more complicated to stay in private practice. I think the employment model offered by North Texas Medical Center will take a lot of stress off the day-to-day practice

of medicine so I can concentrate more on giving good, quality orthopedic care to my patients and not have to worry about the daily activities of running an office."

And for the surgeon, it is all about the bones, muscles, ligaments, and tendons that keep our bodies upright and functioning. "I do surgery on almost everything from the neck down," he said. "Except the back - I don't do any spine work." Sessions explained that work on the spine has become almost a specialty unto itself, shared by neurosurgeons or orthopedic surgeons who limit their practice to the spine.

Dr. Sessions enjoys working on knees and hips, as well as shoulders. He does joint replacement and repair, fractures, dislocations, trauma, and hand surgery, including carpal tunnel. He will do pediatric trauma but leaves congenital bone defects to surgeons who specialize in that field.

Sessions is aware that the fact that Gainesville has not had a steady orthopedic surgeon here for some time has eroded the local market, sending orthopedic patients to Denton and Sherman/Denison. "That is certainly inconvenient for them. We would like to provide the service and be available - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - to meet the needs of Cooke County residents," Sessions said.

"Gainesville is a busy place," Dr. Sessions noted.

"You guys have more going on than Nacogdoches and they have 30,000 people there." Sessions observed that the community was industrious and that there seemed to be plenty of activities to partake in. "I certainly would like to fit into the community and be able to feel like I am a North Texas person now."

Dr. Sessions is married to Loretta Sessions, his wife of 15 years. The couple has children, Briley, Jordan, Dylan, and Alexandra. Alexandra is a sixth grade student and is involved in competitive cheerleading. The other children reside outside the home.

Sessions owned cattle and horses at his ranch in Nacogdoches and he enjoys country living, including fishing and hunting. He is looking for a home with acreage for his three dogs and wouldn't pass up the opportunity for a deer lease. He is of the Baptist faith, loves time spent with family, and in activities promoting such. He also enjoys softball, but admits that his 50+-year-old knees make that difficult at times.

Dr. Sessions enjoys working with athletes and hopes to team up with pain management/sports medicine physicians Ramin Roufeh and David Ko to build the sports medicine program in the County.

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TFB president testifies on EPA overreach

EPA proposes new safety measures to protect farm workers from pesticide exposure

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced proposed revisions to the Worker Protection Standard in order to protect the nation's two million farm workers and their families from pesticide exposure.

"This marks an important milestone for the farm workers who plant, tend, and harvest the food that we put on our tables each day," said Gina McCarthy, EPA administrator. "EPA's revised Worker Protection Standard will afford farm workers similar health protections to those already enjoyed by workers

in other jobs. Protecting our nation's farm workers from pesticide exposure is at the core of EPA's work to ensure environmental justice."

EPA is proposing significant improvements to worker training regarding the safe use of pesticides, including how to prevent and effectively treat pesticide exposure. Increased training and signage will inform farm workers about the protections they are afforded under the law and will help them protect themselves and their families from pesticide exposure.

Workers and others near

treated fields will now be protected from pesticide overspray and fumes. In addition, EPA has proposed that children under 16 be legally barred from handling all pesticides, with an exemption for family farms. These revisions protect workers while ensuring agricultural productivity and preserving the traditions of family farms.

This proposal represents more than a decade of extensive stakeholder input by federal and state partners and from across the agricultural community including farm workers, farmers, and industry on the current EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for Agricultural Pesticides first established in 1992.

For more information on the EPA's Proposed Worker Protection Standard: <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/workers/proposed/index.html>

A potential rule on creeks and streams could—under the Clean Water Act (CWA)—require farmers to obtain permits necessary to continue to operate. Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke expressed concern before the House Science, Space and Technology Committee that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is overreaching its authority and impacting Texas farmers.

The EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently proposed a rule that defined the waters the groups intend to regulate under the CWA. Through this proposal, the agency implies that nearly all water is connected and EPA has authority to regulate those navigable waters.

"We believe the draft rule fails to comply with important regulatory safeguards and is based on a scientific report that has not had sufficient peer review," Dierschke said. "The impact of this broad interpretation, if rolled into federal regulation, will mean more permits, additional permit requirements, and government and environmental group scrutiny of the things we do in agriculture, and the threat of additional litigation against farmers and ranchers."

Texas Farm Bureau said effective environmental policies

balance scientific, economic, social, and environmental outcomes.

"Such policies create opportunity for farmers to improve net income, enhance the nation's economic opportunities, and preserve property rights while enabling farmers and ranchers to produce an abundant and affordable supply of food, fiber and energy," Dierschke said.



Farming and ranching is no easy task, just ask any of us. But it's especially tough for the younger generation who is trying to make a living off the land.

My fiancé and I are getting ready to take the plunge—our first land purchase, that is—to plant our roots in Texas agriculture. But it seems we encounter obstacles at every turn. And we're not alone.

Recently, the annual Texas Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) Leadership Conference was held in Frisco. We had the chance to sit down and talk with other young men and women across the Lone Star State who have faced, or are facing, similar challenges.

Below is a list of some of the challenges that were shared by all.

10. Living in a rural setting means we don't experience the conveniences of urban America. Trips to the grocery store take extensive planning because the store isn't right around the corner.

9. Establishing a farm or ranch takes longer than an eight hour work day. Add in extra time for us to play an active role in agricultural organizations, along with family duties, and 24 hours isn't enough time to accomplish everything.

8. Increased regulations add burden to an inherently difficult job.

7. Lack of a skilled workforce decreases productivity and efficiency.

6. Ever-changing consumer demand keeps farmers guessing.

5. Financing both your way of life and your business adds significant stress.

4. Risk is a part of any business, but you can guarantee Mother Nature will always throw you a curve ball.

3. Lack of land is an all too real challenge farmers and ranchers face, while subdivisions and shopping malls are abundant.

2. The land that is available is expensive, and so is the equipment needed to work the land.

1. It's a tough lifestyle with long hours and inconsistent income that very few want to take on.

But we—the younger generation—are willing to face these challenges, and many more, to grow our food, fuel, and fiber.

It's not an easy lifestyle, but it's one that we are passionate about and it's the way of life that raised us. We wouldn't have it any other way.



"Cowgirl Up" - Ranch girl wins Gold

Kaitlyn Farrington upset three Olympic champions to claim the gold medal in the women's snowboard halfpipe competition in Sochi. She gave a shout out to her parents and her ranch background for aiding her success. "Growing up in Idaho and growing up on a ranch made me the person I am today. It definitely made me a tough girl," she said. "As my parents have been saying, this whole journey is 'cowgirl up,' as that's kind of what I've got to do." The result maintained the U.S. domination of snowboarding at these Games, where they have won three of the four gold medals.

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Beef: it's what's fueling these Olympians

A speed skater, snowboarder and a skeleton racer at this year's Winter Olympics in Sochi all have ties to America's cattle industry. Katie Uhlaender, a member of the U.S. skeleton team, lives on a ranch near Atwood in northwest Kansas. Kaitlyn Farrington, competing in the halfpipe, grew up on a ranch in Idaho. And Olympic speed skater Emily Scott, Springfield, Mo., is the 2014 Olympic Beef Ambassador of Missouri. Emily was chosen as this year's first-ever Beef Ambassador for the Missouri Beef Industry Council because of her strong advocacy as using beef as her main source of protein and the importance it plays in her everyday training regimen.

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Washington's cat management plan

If you were a homeless cat and you could choose anywhere in America to be homeless, Washington, D.C., might be the best place to roam. There're plenty of rats in Washington, to be sure, but homeless cats in our nation's capital are also offered unique care and support that lawmakers often deny the city's less fortunate citizens. The Washington Humane Society (WHS) has started an ambitious plan to end cat euthanasia by capturing cats, neutering them, and then releasing them back into the wild, as it were. WHS says it relies on volunteers to trap the cats, bring them to a monthly spay-and-neuter clinic, then release them-vaccinated and unable to breed. Last year, WHS performed 1,651 free surgeries, estimated to cost \$38,800, or about \$24 per cat. If this trapping-vaccinating-neutering plan works, we think it's worth a try on lawmakers, too.

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Hiz Honor lacks horse sense

As the new mayor of New York, one might think Bill de Blasio has plenty of important stuff on his to-do list. That's why we're scratching our heads over his vow to eliminate carriage horses from Central Park. He says the carriage rides "are not humane." Of course, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is absolutely giddy with the prospect of eliminating the horses from New York and the fact that the new top-dog in New York City government has so little horse sense. Here's a dose of reality for hiz honor the mayor from a carriage operator: "What would be abuse is if we go out of business—we can't keep these horses," says Ed Hemingway, standing next to a massive Belgian draft horse named Duke. "I guarantee you—we go out of business, they'd be in a bag of dog food in a month." And that thought doesn't consider the jobs lost if the carriage rides are eliminated. We think hiz honor would be better served to focus on eliminating some real abuse in the Big Apple, like the kind you get when you slide into a New York taxi.

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U.S. beef exports rose to a record in 2013, pork sales fell

U.S. beef exports rose nearly 13% last year to a record \$6.157 billion, while overseas pork sales fell, according to the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF).

Led by strong sales to Japan, which were up 54% in volume (234,615 tons) and 35% (\$1.389 billion) in value, beef sales increased to 1.17 million metric tons. Beef exports to Hong Kong set a new annual record, with volume doubling to 130,017 tons and value rising 142% to \$823.3 million. Exports to Central and South America also were the highest on record at 42,104 tons valued at \$156.4 million.

Pork exports totaled \$6.05 billion, exceeding \$6 billion for the third consecutive year, but declined 5% in volume and 4% in value from 2012's record pace. Pork sales to Japan fell 7% in volume to 424,858 tons and 5% in value to \$1.89 billion.

Livestock disaster assistance program to accept applications soon

Applications for the livestock disaster assistance program in the new farm bill will be accepted beginning April 14, as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) expedites implementations of the program.

"By cutting through some red tape, we were able to expedite this support, so our ranchers have access to the disaster relief we fought so hard to include in the farm bill," said Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.), who is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

The program is retroactive, allowing ranchers to receive indemnities for losses sustained in 2012 and 2013. According to Agri-Pulse, the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will disburse payments on a rolling basis until the backlog of claims is processed.

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