

Muenster relishes good sales tax report

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Muenster had a good year for sales tax in 2014. City Administrator Stan Endres told the Council that Muenster collected \$412,248.55 in sales tax during 2014, an increase of 4.72% from 2013. "That \$412,000 is the second highest that the City has ever collected in sales tax," Endres added. "It's about a \$20,000 increase over last year. I'm kind of surprised that our sales taxes are staying up with all the businesses that are closing."

Muenster VFD Chief Bert Walterscheid updated the City Council on recent happenings with the Fire Department. He said that John Yosten retired at the last drill. Yosten joined the Fire Department in 1964 when he was 19 years old. That was 50 years of service as a firefighter given to the Muenster area.

"He's going to be missed," stated Chief Walterscheid. "He was always the one who calmed everybody down. He was real good about that." Former Fire Chief Herbie Knabe agreed.

Mayor Joey Anderson said, "That's a lot of calls out over that time I'm sure. That's a long time. We appreciate John's service."

The Council reappointed Ben Bindel, John Pagel, and Stan Endres to the Muenster Industrial Development Corporation. Their terms were expiring and all three agreed to serve another term.

City Administrator Stan Endres explained that the Muenster Industrial Development Corporation gets its money from the 4B sales tax. A third of the money collected by the City in sales tax goes to that corporation. The money is then used for projects in the community. These include paying part of the cost of building the

water tower and remodeling the sewer plant. The Corporation is currently paying off a loan taken to expand the water and sewer system out to Superior Machining and Heritage Park.

The outstanding loan balance is \$231,391.37. The Board has about \$131,000 in its bank account. Endres said that he expects them to make a payment on that note later this month. "Hopefully by the same time next year, they will be able to pay this thing off," noted Endres. "Then the money could be used for some other worthy project."

When the 4B law (now called Type B) was passed by the Texas Legislature, the money was intended to be used for the purpose of bringing industry to the town. Over time, more things were approved for the money's use.

Endres said that a third of what the sales taxes are is the maximum that can be put towards that cause. He added, "We could say that we are going to put half of that toward street repairs in the town. You can do that, but you have to have an election to change your corporation. There is potential for other things. That's why Gainesville has done all the growing that they've done over there. Over the last five years, they've collected so much in sales tax and a third of it goes to their industrial development corporation. It's a good thing really, because a lot of it is collected from people who are passing through."

Following the monthly Police Activity Report by Police Chief Tom Barr, Alderman Jack Flusche inquired about why the County Sheriff's Department has been in town quite a bit over the past month and a half. Chief Barr said that they came to back up the Muenster Police Department on some

things.

Also, there was a lot of activity recently when there were some guys trying to steal things out of the wind mills. Chief Barr said that there were several County units over here looking for them. They were found and taken into custody just north of town.

In his Administrator's report, Endres told the Council of more problems with the hand-held meter reader device used by the City to read water meters. It is possible that repair work could keep it in operation a bit longer. Meantime, City Secretary Johnna McQuillan is working on getting a proposal for a new machine.

Paperwork is not yet complete on the grant for sewer repairs around the Weinzapfel dam.

Work has begun on a new grant application. Endres said that Bob Fisher, Regional Manager with KSA Engineers of McKinney, was in town in early December to look at ideas for the proposed grant project. The engineers are working on preliminary plans and cost estimates.

Parking stripes are painted on Main Street. The contractor who was to do it farmed it out to another contractor from Whitesboro. Endres noted that he has not heard complaints from anybody since the work was finished.

An executive session followed the regular meeting, but drew no action.

In other business, the City Council:

- Approved a \$50 a month salary increase for Randy Proffer for obtaining his wastewater license. This is the custom when any City employee receives either a water or sewer license.
- Approved payment of bills totaling \$146,639.22.

Aldermen Greg Bohl and Pat Stelzer were not at the meeting.

Rep. Drew Springer earns William B. Travis Award

The Texas Citizens Coalition (TCC) has named State Rep. Drew Springer from Muenster to the William B. Travis Award Watch List, it was announced last week.

"Rep. Drew Springer has proven to be a capable and respected Republican leader in the Texas House of Representatives," the announcement stated. "His tireless work and effort, coupled with his commitment to our shared beliefs, has earned him a spot on our coveted William B. Travis Award Watch List."

As the state approaches the start of the 84th Legislature, the Texas Citizens Coalition believes that Springer possesses tremendous potential to effect change in a way that promotes their core beliefs.

Those beliefs are:

- A smaller role for government at all levels.
- The elimination of over-reach and reduced regulation.
- A pro-business, pro-capitalism environment.
- Personal responsibility.

The award gets its name from the battle of the Alamo. In March of 1836, in present-day San Antonio, Mexico Army General Santa Anna, having surrounded the Texas Alamo, sent a messenger with a warning that Texans must immediately subject themselves to surrender. In response to this ultimatum, Colonel William B. Travis drew his sword, marked a line in the



Texas State Rep. Drew Springer

sand, and asked for volunteers to cross the line and join him in battle.

"This symbolic act has come to represent the true spirit of Texans everywhere – a commitment to stand and fight for what we believe in, regardless of the difficulty of

the path," the Texas Citizens Coalition said. "As a recognition of this spirit among our state's leaders, TCC has created the annual William B. Travis Award to recognize exceptional service and courageous leadership."

Statue welcomes visitors to SHCS Sports Complex



Janie Hartman photo

Jesus and the Children, a new statue at Sacred Heart School, completes the recent renovations and improvements to Sacred Heart Catholic School Sports Complex. The Facilities Committee sought an appropriate way to welcome people to the new complex. This statue was suggested by Darell Walterscheid who felt it would also serve as a reminder of what Sacred Heart School is about. The statue is five feet tall, weighs 3,100 pounds, and is carved from solid granite. The Muenster Knights of Columbus donated the statue to the School. Red lava rock and lighting are to be added soon. A dedication and blessing are being planned.

Sales tax for Cooke County cities December 2014

County/City	Current Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	2014 Payments To Date	2013 Payments To Date	% Change
Cooke							
Gainesville	1.500%	880,692.40	524,358.93	67.95%	8,967,605.18	7,065,998.07	26.91%
Lindsay	1.500%	9,799.34	7,840.14	24.98%	111,559.28	103,378.19	7.91%
Muenster	1.500%	37,508.54	32,688.90	14.74%	412,248.55	393,650.00	4.72%
Oak Ridge	1.500%	6,631.88	6,155.94	7.73%	83,840.08	81,876.54	2.39%
Valley View	1.500%	16,426.90	16,052.43	2.33%	151,642.74	155,034.76	-2.18%
County Total		951,059.06	587,096.34	61.99%	9,726,895.83	7,799,937.56	24.70%

MISD Blood drive set for Jan. 15

A Blood Drive sponsored by Muenster High School for the Texoma Regional Blood Center will be held on Thursday,

Jan. 15 from 1-7 p.m. at Muenster High. Look for the Bloodmobile bus.

Remember to bring a photo ID such as a driv-

er's license. This ID is now required to be presented prior to donation by anyone wishing to give blood.

Development at Heritage Park progresses with dirt work



Janie Hartman photo

Dirt work continues at Heritage Park with the major project of straightening out "the creek" through the south side of the grounds nears. Re-routing the waterway forced the removal of the trees that once graced the winding ditch.



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Tom Barr

December 2014 Activity

Calls for Service (CFS) - 88; Incident/Offense reports generated - 4; Arrests - 4; Accidents investigated - 3; Citations issued for the month - 58. Officers worked 742 hours on duty.

Patrol vehicles logged 4,444 miles for the month.

90 day stats: September - CFS 92, Incidents 5, Arrests 2, Citations 66; October - CFS 99, Incidents 12, Arrests 2, Citations 45; November - CFS 49, Incidents 4, Arrests 1, Citations 47. Vehicle Stats - '14 Ford F150 - 4,489, #2 2011 Crown Vic - 50,574, #3 2010 Crown Vic - 52,316.

We were pleased to see no major incidents during December. As we start a New Year, and get into the heart of winter, the Police Department reminds everyone to drive with caution, buckle up, and slow down on slick roads.

It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.
- St. Francis Xavier

Tips for parents helping with college applications

By Barbara Dianis, MA ED

Your teen is used to writing papers and doing homework, but many teens can panic when confronted with the monumental task of applying for college. Here are some helpful tips to help you and your teen as your navigate the application process:

Parents often make the mistake of not reminding their son or daughter to include all of the extracurricular activities as far back as the summer prior to their student entering ninth grade. It is important to include all aspects of your son or daughter's high school career to ensure that the college can see the full scope of what they've done.

Parents may make the mistake of not providing their son or daughter opportunities for community outreach, mission trips, community service, or helping those in need through a reputable group. Colleges always keep an eye out for students who are active in their communities.

Parents should read their son or daughter's essay with them to determine if it can stand out and be memorable in a stack of other applicants' essays.

Be sure to check for spelling and grammar mistakes

within the essay and within the application in general! A typo can be a glaring error in the eyes of an admissions committee.

Always check for scholarship opportunities available in general and within each college. Students may need help researching all of the potential scholarships available on websites such as CollegeXpress.com

Students can apply for the colleges and universities of their choice as early as the end of the tenth grade year. They can forward their entrance exam scores, grades, GPA, and class rank later.

Parents and students should determine if the college or university fits their academic criteria as well as their social criteria. Not all schools are a social fit for the student, despite the academics being sufficient.

Students should always apply for the highest possible academically respected institution they qualify for. Recognizable institutions can give college graduates an advantage in finding their career of choice.

Parents should encourage students to take college level courses at a junior college during the second semester of their senior's year, making sure the credits will transfer. This is an ideal way to help

students transition to collegiate level studies.

Parents should encourage their son or daughter to make an appointment with the college or university admissions counselor at the collegiate institutions they are applying for. This can help students determine if the school and the programs fit the student's needs.

Barbara Dianis, MA ED, overcame dyslexia in her own life using self-taught strategies and techniques. She went on to earn a BA Degree in Education and Special Education, as well as a Master's Degree in Education, Special Education Pre-K-12th, Language Learning Disabilities, and Psychometry. As CEO and Founder of Dianis Educational Systems, LLC, she has influenced society to view students with various learning issues as capable students who can overcome their learning issues if they are taught properly.

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Drug busts continue in Cooke County

On Monday, Jan. 5, the Cooke County Sheriff Office (CCSO) Drug Enforcement Unit assisted by CCSO CID and CCSO Patrol Divisions pursuant to an ongoing marijuana distribution investigation executed a search warrant in the 1300 block of Belmont in Gainesville. Deputies seized approximately 2.5 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$1,650, ½ gram of cocaine valued at \$50, along with \$600 in U.S. currency. A Hyundai passenger vehicle was also seized.

A drug endangered youth was removed from the residence by Child Protective Services.

Kimberly Michele Mitchell, a 29 year old female, was arrested and booked into the Cooke County Jail charged with Endangering a Child, Possession of Marijuana, more than (4) ounces but less than (5) pounds, and Possession of a Controlled Substance PG less than (1) gram. Justin Craig Peters, a 28 year old male, was arrested and booked for Possession of Marijuana, more than (4) ounces but less than (5) pounds.

The bond was set at \$10,000 for each charge with a total of \$30,000 on Mitchell and \$10,000 on Peters.

Cooke County Sheriff Terry Gilbert remarked, "The Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement will continue our fight against drugs and we appreciate the input from our citizens that further our efforts."

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Jan. 6, 1950

Mercury plunges as Blue Norther hits community. Clyde Fisher is accompanied by his parents for dental surgery in Wichita Falls. Wedding: Norbert Wilde and Mary Walsh. New cars in the community this week are Ed Pels' Chrysler sedan and Alvin Hartman's Plymouth sedan. New Arrivals: Donna to Herman and Alma Stoffels; Deborah to Ed and Aileen Cler; David to the M.A. Thedfords; Rita to Emmett and Marie Fette; Charlotte to Julius and Marie Sandmann; Ralph to Tony and Theresa Hermes.

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 8, 1965

Matt and Angeline Muller observe Golden Wedding. TP&L announces 3% reduction of rate in Muenster. Obituaries: C.W. Wilson, 83; Frank Martin, 80. New

Arrivals: Danya to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris; Bridget to Winston and Rosemary Fangman; Stephen to Chris and Lou Rena Hammond. Wedding: LaVerne Flusche and Tony Kollmansberger. A dance in the VFW Hall will feature music by Tommy Harkness and His Stardusters.

25 YEARS AGO Jan. 5, 1990

Muenster area affected by statewide flu epidemic. AMPI honors employees, notes increased volume. Obituary: John A. Otto, 69. College Graduates: Diane Marie Sicking, University of North Texas; Kyle Walterscheid, University of Arlington; Alan Miller, Cooke County College. New Arrivals: Emily to Jack and Mary Endres; Sarah to Matt and Jana Yosten; Anne to John and Dana Walterscheid.

2014 falls short on rain

When it comes to rain, 2014 will not go down on record as one of the better years. The total moisture recorded by Muenster's official record keeper Carol Vogel is 27.62 inches. That is several inches below the average rainfall for this area. Although there has not been an abundance of moisture, the rains often came at just the right time to benefit crops and to grow grass for cattle. The first week of January brought nice rain showers, some accompanied by rolling waves of thunder. With an El Nino in the Pacific, some forecast more favorable weather for much of Texas in 2015.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
'50	2.25	2.45	.09	2.53	7.64	5.51	7.71	10.47	4.74	.02	.09	.03	43.53
'60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	.29	3.54	31.70
'70	.36	3.83	2.57	4.83	4.05	1.09	1.09	.13	11.61	1.56	.52	.57	32.21
'80	1.58	1.71	.56	1.72	2.19	1.61	.26	.12	8.94	5.42	1.30	1.73	27.14
1946 to 1955													
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
1956 to 1965													
10-yr. avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
1966 to 1975													
10-yr. avg.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985													
10-yr. avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995													
10-yr. avg.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
1996 to 2005													
10-yr. avg.	1.82	3.07	3.26	3.07	3.42	4.63	2.20	1.88	2.67	3.94	2.92	2.28	35.17
'90	3.30	3.55	6.63	11.79	6.46	3.45	2.46	3.25	2.31	1.97	3.97	1.38	50.52
'91	2.45	.89	1.99	1.29	4.36	2.54	1.87	3.21	5.30	7.16	1.47	7.36	39.89
'92	3.16	1.65	2.07	1.23	5.35	4.18	.77	.81	5.80	.70	4.45	4.25	34.42
'93	1.98	3.94	3.30	3.35	5.43	3.67	.05	2.11	6.12	7.14	.96	2.84	40.89
'94	1.20	3.49	3.63	5.77	3.59	1.06	4.02	1.10	5.49	5.65	5.20	2.17	42.37
'95	1.48	0.42	3.34	3.34	5.88	3.92	2.89	3.72	0.00	1.42	1.15	2.31	33.94
'96	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	.18	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	.18	36.25
'97	.49	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	.52	1.47	.97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.15
'98	4.15	1.89	5.44	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2.67	30.55
'99	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2.49	26.62
'00	1.75	0.70	2.93	2.80	1.00	4.66	2.69	0.00	2.07	7.92	7.12	3.50	37.14
'01	3.78	7.93	4.32	2.15	4.41	1.75	2.23	0.69	3.98	1.61	1.34	2.95	37.14
'02	1.11	3.63	6.43	4.94	2.50	4.42	5.10	0.89	2.06	8.44	1.54	4.07	45.13
'03	.05	3.24	1.07	1.33	4.05	3.07	0.15	1.97	5.31	0.08	2.29	1.11	23.72
'04	1.77	3.87	2.13	5.51	3.16	12.15	5.30	1.85	1.51	6.34	6.82	.71	51.12
'05	1.92	1.79	0.70	0.33	2.48	2.86	3.54	5.53	.23	2.88	.42	.20	22.88
'06	1.41	2.22	3.90	4.98	2.42	1.36	0.48	3.79	3.27	2.75	.96	4.68	32.22
'07	2.86	0.59	5.57	0.80	9.37	13.27	6.98	2.06	4.84	1.96	1.13	1.65	51.08
'08	0.26	1.71	7.49	3.13	3.20	1.72	1.78	5.61	2.19	1.51	0.63	0.19	29.42
'09	0.46	1.05	2.24	10.24	3.07	1.36	3.94	1.32	6.56	8.79	0.31	2.72	42.06
'10	2.26	3.89	3.16	3.60	2.97	4.90	3.28	2.99	7.15	2.66	.77	2.88	40.51
'11	1.04	0.84	0.25	4.59	5.03	1.08	0.00	0.89	0.58	5.13	3.85	2.52	25.80
'12	4.12	1.83	5.84	.79	4.42	3.97	0.43	6.20	1.75	1.99	0.40	2.17	33.91
'13	1.62	2.50	2.88	2.64	4.49	2.89	3.99	.51	2.70	4.91	3.44	2.74	35.31
'14	.31	.80	1.43	2.27	1.45	4.12	7.07	1.77	.97	3.08	3.06	1.29	27.62

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Sunday, January 11, 2015	Monday, January 12, 2015	Tuesday, January 13, 2015	Wednesday, January 14, 2015	Thursday, January 15, 2015	Friday, January 16, 2015	Saturday, January 17, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	M 4-H mtg. 3:30 pm MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Rel. Ed. class 6:45 pm MISD Board mtg. 6:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30 MISD early release - 12:30 BLOOD DRIVE - MISD 1-7 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm MISD early release - 12:30 MISD - end of 3rd 6 weeks	Library open 10-2:30
Sunday, January 18, 2015	Monday, January 19, 2015	Tuesday, January 20, 2015	Wednesday, January 21, 2015	Thursday, January 22, 2015	Friday, January 23, 2015	Saturday, January 24, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	SHCS - NO SCHOOL MISD - Teachers Work Day VFW Aux mtg. 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10-6:30 Rel. Ed Mass 7 pm SH Alumni Supporter mtg. 7:30 pm	Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10- 6:30	Museum open 1 - 4 pm MISD report cards	Library open 10 - 2:30 Confirmation - 10 am SH Church

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Louis Wiesman 1930 - 2014

Louis Valentine Wiesman, age 84 of Odessa, died Dec. 30, 2014. He was born Sept. 30, 1930 in Muenster to Anthony William Wiesman and Angeline Leona Yosten. He married Dorothy Eleanor Moster on May 6, 1952 in Gainesville. They shared a loving life of 49 years before Dorothy died Oct. 30, 2001.

Louis worked in the oil fields in New Mexico and Texas beginning as a roughneck, then a driller, and then as tool pusher. He settled in Kermit, TX in 1963, working for Leatherwood Drilling Company, and then went to work for Sharp Drilling Company until he retired in 1985. He was respected by his peers for his oil field and drilling knowledge and integrity. Louis started Midland Safety and Health, Inc. in March 1984.

After retiring he moved to Odessa where he was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and a member of the 3rd and 4th degree Knights of Columbus. He also spent several years volunteering at Medical Center Hospi-

tal. He loved nothing better than to go fishing.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Dorothy.

He is survived by daughters Marilyn Wachsmann and husband A.J. of Midland, Karen Cleere and husband Freddy of Odessa, and Cynthia Campbell and husband Bart of Odessa; sons Bobby Wiesman and wife Bea of Carrizo Springs, TX, and Darrel Wiesman and wife Annabel of Midland; brother Donald Wiesman and wife Shirley; sister Gladys Gordan; and nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The family received friends on Sunday, Jan. 4, at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors with a rosary following. Funeral Mass was held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church on Monday, Jan. 5. Interment was at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Catholic Charities Center, 2500 Andrews Hwy., Odessa, TX 79761.

Mindy Brimer 1979 - 2015

Services for Mindy Sue Brimer, age 35 of Saint Jo, were held Monday, Jan. 5 at Dunbar Union Church in Emory, TX with burial at Dunbar Cemetery in Emory. Visitation was Sunday, Jan. 5 at Scott Funeral Home of Saint Jo. A second visitation was held Monday at the Dunbar Union Church Emory. Mindy died Jan. 1, 2015.

Mindy will be remembered as a sweet, kind soul who gave a lot of love and only wanted to be shown love back.

Mindy was born Aug. 8, 1979 in Gainesville. She attended elementary through junior high at Saint Jo then high school graduating with the Class of 1998 Rains High School in Emory. She finished Greenville Beauty School but never got her license due to family illnesses.

She loved photography and scrapbooking, looking forward to the Rains County Fair photography contest for many years, always winning blue ribbons. She also loved giving and sending cards to others for all occasions, making flower arrangements, getting tea from the DQ, finding new recipes and trying to cook, and swimming. Her favorite time was Christmas, then Halloween. She loved scary movies and watching them with her nieces and nephews whom she loved so dearly. They were her life.

She loved music. Her motto song was "Living on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi. She loved animals, especially her trusty companion of six years, her Maltese named Rusty Buttons. When she lost her only child she could ever have, son Jessie James Brimer, he became her world - her little BooBoo. With her severe hearing loss, he was her watch dog and protector.

Having had kidney illness with a transplant in 1989 that she maintained for 20

years and being back on dialysis for the last six years while being on the transplant list for four years, she was a big supporter of the National Kidney Foundation, Kidney Fund, and organ donation supporter for several organizations.

Most important was her belief in angels, spirits, and her faith in God. She was a Christian and baptized at Lake Fork Baptist Church near Emory. She struggled from her first breath until her last, but never lost the faith that God would make it better soon and that He had a reason for all He does. Even losing her only child, she came to understand it was His plan.

She now knows no pain, no medications, no heartbreak or tears, no loneliness, or everyday struggles. Her angels came for her just as she said. She is now with her son and other loved ones she missed so dearly. She told her parents on Christmas Day she would be always be around when she was gone by visiting as a red bird or a golden butterfly.

Survivors are her parents Marvin and Sandra Brimer of Saint Jo; sisters Sonya Kay Brimer-Miller and husband Alan Miller of Saint Jo, Marla Lee Brimer and husband Dorsey Dean of Saint Jo; several nephews and nieces; a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins; family-to-be Danielle West and Mikayla Fleitman; and her beloved dog Rusty Buttons.

She was preceded in death by her son Jessie; grandparents Davis and Marie Dennis and Bill and Jessie Brimer; and beloved aunts Sue Brimer and her namesake Viola Busby.

Pallbearers were Shawn Cannon, Nathan Cannon, Cody Brimer, Zack 'Red Jack' Shelton, Bobby Lee Brimer, Brutus Busby, and Chris Dennis. Honorary pallbearers were Josh Hunt and Colby Brewer.

Matt Elizabeth Sewell 1931 - 2014

Funeral for Matt Elizabeth Barnes Sewell, age 83 of Saint Jo, was held Saturday, Jan. 3 at First United Methodist Church in Saint Jo. Burial was in Illinois Bend Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Visitation was held Friday evening at Scott Funeral Home in Saint Jo. Mrs. Sewell died Dec. 31, 2014 in Gainesville.

Matt was born March 14, 1931 in Saint Jo to Erm James and Metta Moore Barnes. She was one of three children and lived in Saint Jo all her life. She married Marvin Eugene "Cowboy" Sewell on Nov. 8, 1948 in Gainesville and they became the proud parents of eight children.

Matt is survived by her daughters Lillie Sewell of Saint Jo, and Martha and husband Andrew Roy of Prattville, AL; sons and spouses Lonnie and Gail Sewell of Argyle, Roy and Lennie Sewell of Gainesville, Johnny Sewell of Saint Jo, Harold and Sharon Sewell of Saint Jo; son-in-law Bob Roberts of Saint Jo; daughter-in-law Jeanette Hayden of Waxahatchee; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marvin "Cowboy"; daughter Sharon Roberts; son Rev. Raymond "Ray" Sewell; grandson William Sewell; sister Cynthia Hendrix; brother Floyd Miller; and her parents.

Pallbearers were Ray Durham, Brad Coffman, J.M. Gaston, Mike Turner, Justin Turner, Bill Lawler, Dalton Lyons, and Robert Cross. Honorary Pallbearers were Randy Dunbar and the Men of First Assembly of God Church, Nocona.



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Alvina "Vicki" Crow 1932 - 2014

Alvina "Vicki" Crow, age 82 of Archer City, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 in Hospice of Wichita Falls.

A vigil service and rosary were held Sunday, Jan. 4 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Windthorst. Mass was celebrated Monday, Jan. 5 at St. Mary's. Interment followed in Archer City Cemetery. The family received friends Saturday afternoon, Jan. 3 at Aulds Funeral Home.

Vicki was born Oct. 14, 1932 in Tishomingo, OK to William Joseph and Elizabeth Catherine Bindel Derichsweiler. Vicki and William J. "Bill" Crow were married Sept. 15, 1951 in Windthorst. He preceded her in death on May 1, 2006.

Vicki was employed by Archer City Independent School District from 1972 until 2000 when she retired. She was very active with her children and grandchildren in their school and sports activities. She was an avid Wildcat and Trojan fan! Vicki loved to sew and cook. She also was an active member of St. Mary's Catho-

lic Church and the Catholic Daughters of America.

Survivors include son Bill Crow and wife Robie of Wichita Falls; daughter Beverly Crow of Windthorst; son-in-law David Schreiber of Windthorst; sisters Della Knabe of Argyle, Delores Zimmerer and husband Richard of Muenster, and Cathy Hess and Roger Ramsey of Lewisville; sister-in-law Jane Crow of Iowa Park; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill; daughter Becky Schreiber on July 8, 2011; two brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers were Jack Knabe, Clint Leggett, Jake Lewis, Blake Morrison, Andrew Schreiber, and Todd Schreiber.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson Road, Wichita Falls, TX 76310; the Archer Public Library, P.O. Box 1574, Archer City, TX 76351; or the Archer City Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 198, Archer City, TX.

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December "Rising Star" lives her passion

For Muenster Memorial Hospital's latest "Rising Star," nursing is a passion that was nurtured from a young age.

"I had always wanted to be a nurse," said Randi Lewis, a member of the nursing team at MMH and the December

recipient of the Hospital's employee recognition honor.

Randi started working at Muenster Memorial Hospital in February of 2012 as a nurse's aide and shortly thereafter was accepted into nursing school at North Central Texas College.

In May 2014, she graduated the nursing program and returned to Muenster Memorial as a registered nurse.

"I really do enjoy nursing, but I also really love where I practice nursing," Randi said. "Muenster is a very tight, close-knit town and it is an honor to work where you feel welcome."

Randi was nominated as the December "Rising Star" for the exceptional care and compassion she provides to her patients at MMH. She was applauded for her excellent nursing skills, her polite, gentle, and caring manner, and her ability to calm and comfort anxious patients and loved ones.

"My passion is caring for others and doing it in a way that they will always remember me," said Randi. "I do for my patients as I would want someone to do for me." A new resident of the

Lindsay community, Randi and her boyfriend have two dogs. When not at work, she is biking, relaxing, remodeling her new home, or spending time with family.

The "Rising Star" program at Muenster Memorial Hospital recognizes employees who go above and beyond in their duties at Muenster Hospital. The program started in September 2014 and Randi is the fourth recipient.

"Receiving this award is a great feeling," Randi noted. "It is wonderful knowing that my care and passion is making a difference for those I care for."

Nominations for the "Rising Star" Award can be made at the front desk of MMH and placed in the box located next to the chapel. The next "Rising Star" will be named in January.



MMH photo

MMH Rising Star Randi Lewis.

College Honors

North Central Texas College

North Central Texas College announced its official listing of students recognized for outstanding academic achievement during the 2014 Fall Semester.

Students named to the NCTC President's Honor List are those who achieve a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours. Those students included Morgan Herr and Trevor Muller of Muenster and Ashley Hammer and Jerico Thompson of Myra.

The Dean's Honor List includes those students earning a GPA of 3.5-3.99 while taking 12 or more hours. Included on the Dean's List were Terri Barrett, Dylan Clure, and Kalyn Rohmer of Muenster and Philicia Vogel of Myra.

Lindsay announces Chile Challenge and Benefit

The Lindsay Youth Supporters invite all to attend the 2015 Chili Challenge and Benefit Auction on Saturday, Jan. 17 in support of 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA exhibitors at the upcoming Cooke County Youth Fair.

Doors at Lindsay's Centennial Hall will open at 6 p.m. where guests will enjoy many varieties of chili, cornbread, delicious toppings, homemade desserts, and beverages. Any free-will donation at the door will be appreciated.

Lindsay 4-H will provide entertainment at 7 p.m. followed by awards for the winning chilies.

Drawings for a Remington 870 12 gauge shotgun and a Yeti cooler will be offered. A silent auction will operate from 6-8 p.m., and the live auction, featuring auctioneer Corgie Fisher of Whitesboro, will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

For more information or to enter the contest, call or text LYS President Doug Anderle at (940) 736-5234.

Memorial services set

Home Hospice is offering two opportunities for the public to participate in memorial services in January. The first service is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 12 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Muenster State Bank, 1601 US Hwy. 82 in Gainesville. The second service is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 19 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Home Hospice of Grayson County office, 505 W. Center Street in Sherman.

Home Hospice Bereavement Coordinator Jolene Senek, LBSW, CT, GC-C, says "Please join us as we celebrate the lives of those with whom you have walked—your loved ones, family, and friends. If you like, you may bring a favorite picture or memento of your loved one to display."

The memorial service is held for family members, volunteers, staff, as well as all in the public who wish to participate. A tribute is given to all those to be remembered.

This event is open to all persons regardless of whether they had a loved one on service with Home Hospice.

For information about, contact Senek at 903.868.9315 or email jolene.senek@homehospice.org.



MMH photo

THE ESSENCE OF HEALING - Muenster Memorial Hospital offers the only therapy pool in Cooke and Montague counties. Aquatic therapy provides patients a way to achieve goals that may not be possible using traditional land-based therapies.

MMH offers services unique in Cooke County

Water possesses unique properties that make it crucial to the healing arts. Its ability to render a body weightless, while providing gentle natural resistance, makes water an excellent tool in a wide range of therapy options.

When Muenster Memorial Hospital built its new therapy and rehab center in 2010, a therapy pool was included in the design. Although a costly addition, it was felt that many in the area could benefit from aquatic therapy.

Today, the 112-square-foot pool serves a variety of patients - from those recovering from joint replacement to those whose bodies are so constricted from disease or injury that motion is not attainable through traditional measures.

"We have seen remarkable improvement in patients with osteoarthritis and cerebral palsy," stated Mark Basco, a physical therapist who works with the aquatic therapy program. "The warmth of the water can significantly increase range of motion in muscles and joints."

The therapy pool at MMH features an underwater treadmill that gives patients with recent joint replacement or other surgeries a weightless option to regain strength and function through exercise. The depth of the pool is adjustable in order to allow staff to set the desired level of weight bearing.

Patients can also walk or swim against the resistance generated by adjustable jets in the pool.

Video cameras provide therapists the ability to evaluate exercise technique while in the water and measure patient progress.

A patient lift can assist patients who are not able to walk a way to get into the warm waters of the pool. The lift can hold over 500 pounds, and is also helpful for bariatric patients following weight loss or other surgeries.

Those suffering from fibromyalgia and painful arthritis often avoid traditional therapies because of the pain. Aquatic therapy allows these patients to move with reduced stress on the joints, building strength and endurance.

A complete massage system allows therapists to adjust the flow to trigger a deep penetrating massage on arthritic joints or light massage to ease aching and sore muscles.

Accelerated rehabilitation is another benefit of aquatic therapy, especially for those recovering from a sports injury. "The water allows patients to start therapy earlier, because it offers a truly non-weight bearing opportunity for them," said Basco. "Athletes can maintain their conditioning, while rehabilitating the injury."

Patients utilizing the pool are offered full privacy with a private dressing room and entry into the pool area.

"Aquatic therapy has combined the healing properties of water with powerful therapy jets, an underwater tread-

mill, and massage system to lessen arthritic pain, chronic pain, fibromyalgia; enhance post-surgery recovery; and bring relief for other health conditions," Basco noted. "Research shows that patients utilizing aquatic therapy have faster rehab outcomes with less pain."

To see if aquatic therapy can help you meet your physical goals, contact the MMH Rehabilitation Center staff at (940) 759-6198.

National Weather Service language

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Muenster wins 4th straight Elementary UIL District Meet

The tradition of success continues at Muenster Elementary as students captured another District UIL Academic championship on Dec. 11 at Muenster ISD. This championship win brings Muenster's streak to four years in a row, winning the last nine out of 11 years. Muenster brought home the first place trophy with an unprecedented 915.8 points. Other schools that followed Muenster in the District included Lindsay with 518.3 points, Era 437.1, Alvord 242.3, Poolville 223, Collinsville 208, Chico 180, and Valley View 107.3

Teachers at MISD praised all the UIL competitors for their outstanding efforts. "Our students did a great job representing Muenster and we are proud of them all," stated UIL Coordinator Dianne Endres.

Eighty students from Muenster in grades 2nd through 6th competed. Muenster individual results were as follows:

2nd Grade

Creative Writing: Emma Walterscheid 1st, Zach Smith 2nd, Logan Flusche 3rd; Storytelling: Carter Sicking 1st, Faith Sicking 5th; Chess: Zach Smith 1st, Gregory Giles tied for 4th, Carter Sicking 6th; Team 1st.

3rd Grade

Music Memory: Dawson Voth tied for 1st; Team 2nd (Dawson Voth, Reece Acayan, and Lexie Walter); Ready Writing: Rosemary Hartman 4th; Spelling: Reece Acayan 1st, Lainey Grewing tied for 3rd; Team 1st (Reece Acayan, Lainey Grewing, and Dawson Voth); Storytelling: Stormi Richardson 4th, Rosemary Hartman 5th, Taylor Reed 6th.

4th Grade

Art: Josey Grewing 1st, Meadow Walterscheid 2nd, Cassidy Acayan 5th; Team 1st; Music Memory: Samantha Lockhart tie for 1st, Keith Huchton tie for 1st, Sean Sicking 5th; Team 1st; Num-

ber Sense: Connor Walterscheid 1st; Team 2nd (Connor Walterscheid, Devon Bindel, and Hunter Pechel); Oral Reading: Keith Huchton 4th, Kylie Clure 5th; Ready Writing: Cassidy Acayan 1st, Erica Endres 2nd, Meadow Walterscheid 3rd; Spelling: Meadow Walterscheid 2nd, Erica Endres 3rd, Cassidy Acayan 4th; Team 1st; Chess: Braden Berkely tie for 4th.

5th Grade

Art: Martie McCoy 1st, Landri Richardson 2nd; Team 1st (Martie McCoy, Landri Richardson, and Chanel Groham); Listening Skills: Landri Richardson 1st; Team 2nd (Landri Richardson, Martie McCoy, Luke Walterscheid); Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Hillary Klement 3rd; Team 2nd (Hillary Klement, Brianna Keeling, and Emily Harrison); Music Memory: Logan Stewart 4th, Lilly Muller 5th, Landri Richardson 6th; Team 2nd; Number Sense: Haley Flusche tie for 2nd, Martie McCoy tie for 2nd, AJ Christopher tie for 4th, Luke Walterscheid 6th; Team 1st; Oral Reading: Ty Sanders 1st; Ready Writing: Martie McCoy 2nd, Haley Flusche 6th; Social Studies: Timothy Luttmer 5th; Team 2nd (Timothy Luttmer, Martie McCoy, and Andrew Flaming); Spelling: Haley Flusche 2nd, Luke Walterscheid 4th, Martie McCoy 5th; Team 2nd.

6th Grade

Art: Preston Smith 1st, Mary Fisher tie for 3rd, Erin Hesse 6th; Team 1st (Chloe

Hacker, Mary Fisher, Preston Smith, and Erin Hesse); Calculator Applications: Sarah Davis 3rd; Team 3rd (Sarah Davis, Chloe Hacker, and Kelsey Hennigan); Dictionary Skills: Alyssa Huchton tie for 3rd, Sarah Monday tie for 5th; Team 3rd (Alyssa Huchton, Sarah Monday, and Audrey Kubis); Listening Skills: Mary Fisher 5th; Team 3rd (Mary Fisher, Alyssa Huchton, and Sarah Monday); Maps, Graphs & Charts: Kaley Berkley 1st, Mary Fisher 3rd, Libby Duncan 4th, Kelsey Hennigan 6th; Team 1st; Math: Wade Trubenbach 5th; Team 3rd (Wade Trubenbach, Cade Stevens, and Sarah Monday); Music Memory: Shae Budish 1st, Alexa Waneck 3rd, Mary Fisher tie for 5th; Team 2nd (Shae Budish, Alexa Waneck, Mary Fisher, and Katherine Klement); Number Sense: Jada Binder 5th; Team 2nd (Jada Binder, Sarah Davis, and Matthew Klement); Oral Reading: Sarah Davis 1st, Alyssa Huchton 3rd, Kaley Berkley 5th; Ready Writing: Chloe Hacker 1st, Alyssa Huchton 2nd; Social Studies: Preston Smith 5th; Team 2nd (Preston Smith, Kelsey Hennigan, and Erin Hesse); Spelling: Erin Hesse 1st, Matthew Klement tie for 4th, MaKenna Aldridge tie for 4th; Team 1st; Editorial Writing: Alyssa Huchton 4th; Impromptu Speaking: Sarah Davis 2nd, Jada Binder 5th; Modern Oratory: MaKenna Forshee 1st, Chloe Hacker 3rd.



MISD photos

Second and Third Graders: from left, back - Lexie Walter, Maggie Hess, Halle Hess, Dawson Voth, Lainey Grewing, Stormi Richardson, Rosemary Hartman, front - Zach Smith, Gregory Giles, Logan Flusche, Carter Sicking, Faith Sicking, Ava Hendley, Mary Ashcraft, Taylor Reed, Emma Walterscheid.



Fourth Graders, from left, back - Samantha Lockhart, Meadow Walterscheid, Sean Sicking, Whitney Klement, Braden Berkley, Cassidy Acayan, Connor Walterscheid; middle row - Bradley Lutchenhaus, Josey Grewing, Devon Bindel, Kylie Clure; front - Brooklyn Duncan, Erica Endres, Hunter Peel, and Keith Huchton.



Fifth Graders: from left, back - Nate Hesse, Makayla Hacker, Timothy Luttmer, Martie McCoy, Brianna Keeling, Emily Harrison; third row - Luke Walterscheid, AJ Christopher, Cade Huchton, Gracyn Fields, Chanel Grohman, Kennedy Schroeder; second row - Levi Griffith, Hillary Klement, Ty Sanders, Eli Saucer, Logan Stewart; front - Landri Richardson, Haley Flusche, Lilly Muller, Clayton Spaeth, Andrew Flaming.



Sixth Graders: from left, back - Alyssa Huchton, Katherine Klement, Sarah Monday, Audrey Kubis, Mary Fisher, Erin Hesse, Wade Trubenbach; third row - Shae Budish, Makenna Aldridge, Erin Hesse, Kaley Berkley, Cade Stevens, Matthew Klement; second row - Marianne Tai, Bayley Otto, Jada Binder, Cade Stevens, Annie Anderle; front - Libby Duncan, MaKenna Forshee, Chloe Hacker, Alexa Waneck, Kelsey Hennigan.

Student Council helps local Food Pantry

The Muenster Elementary Student Council (MESC) held its annual canned food drive to benefit the Sacred Heart Food Pantry during the month of November to give to families in need during this holiday season. It was a huge success, with over 550 pounds of food being collected from Elementary students.

MESC sponsors Marlene Fisher and Cicily Waneck both remarked that they were amazed at the generosity of Muenster Elementary students. MESC expressed appreciation to Elementary students and parents for helping their school and community by donating canned goods.

By Alyssa Huchton, MESC reporter



MISD photos

Muenster Elementary Student Council members, above, empty school bus filled with donated canned goods; below - the Muenster Pantry deliver donations to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry.



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Muenster Hornets - Whataburger Tournament runner-up.

Sacred Heart Tigers - NCTC Holiday Classic 3rd place team.

Hornets in Whataburger Buzzer

The Muenster Hornets spent the second half of the holidays in Fort Worth competing in the Whataburger Tournament Dec. 29 through New Year's Eve.

Their opening game was against the #9 ranked 4A team Abilene Wylie. The Hornets were handed their second loss of the season at the buzzer, 38-36.

In the low scoring defensive battle, Lyndon Cook scored 14 points. Trevor Cheaney and Logan Cook each added 6. Blake Hoepfner scored 5, Trey Anderle 3, and Brandon Hennigan 2.

M 14 11 3 8
AW 10 12 7 9 38

On Tuesday, game times began at 9 a.m., with Muenster defeating the Sanger Indians 55-50.

Ly. Cook led the scoring with 20 points. B. Hoepfner added 15, Cheaney 9, Lo. Cook 5, with Hennigan and Anderle each scoring 3.

M 17 14 9 15 55
S 3 20 15 12 50

Game two Tuesday was against Liberty Christian from Argyle. After a tight 1st half, Muenster fought back for a 53-47 victory.

Leading pointmakers were Ly. Cook with 21 points and Lo. Cook with 12. B. Hoepfner added 8, Ryan Hoepfner and Cheaney 3 each, and 2 apiece by Anderle, Hennigan, and Blayne Jones.

M 12 8 16 17 53

L 10 14 14 9 47

The two wins put the Hornets in the consolation bracket competition against Wall on New Year's Eve. Coach Lynn Cook explained the way the tournament worked: "16 teams played to determine placement into a bracket. The eight teams that won went to the 'championship' bracket. The eight teams that lost went to the 'consolation' bracket. Both brackets were played like a regular eight team, double-

Lady Hornets in Pilot Point Tournament

The Muenster Lady Hornets competed in the Pilot Point Tournament last week, earning wins over Gunter and Waskom, but coming up short against Van Alstyne and in the final championship game against a team from Australia.

"We played the tournament missing three starters," commented Muenster Coach Griffin Fields. "Our kids took on the next man approach and played well. It was good for us coming off the break to get some game situations in and our legs back under us."

In game one, the Lady Hornets dropped in nine 3-pointers in their 49-30 victory over Gunter. The Lady

elimination tournament. We lost our first game, so we were placed in the 'consolation' bracket. Once bracket play started, we did not lose a game. We won the 'consolation' championship."

Muenster took a 58-44 win over the Hawks with the Cooks again leading the scoring with 21 and 12 points. Cheaney added 9, B. Hoepfner 8, Chance Herr 5, and R. Hoepfner 3.

M 15 16 10 17 58
W 12 5 14 13 44

Tigers won the 1st half, but a 32-10 2nd put Muenster in the win.

Kristen Reiter was high scorer in the game with 14 points followed by Claire Schneider with 11 points. Morgan Eldridge added 9, Bailey Klement and Kassie Dangelmayr 5 each, Natalie Dangelmayr 3, and Courtney Stevens 2.

M 8 9 20 12 49
G 11 9 4 6 30

Game two was a hard-fought match and loss to Van Alstyne, 51-47. Muenster fell behind early in the game, closing the 1st half 29-24 and a 2 point spread going into the final quarter, but could not put enough points on the board for the win.

Reiter led the Lady Hor-

The Tigers and Tigerettes participated in this year's NCTC Holiday Classic last week in Gainesville along with teams from Anna, Valley View, Aubrey, Covenant, Callisburg, Gainesville, Ponder, Trinity Valley, Era, Bonham, Collinsville, and Pilot Point.

In the girls bracket, the Gainesville Lady Leopards defeated Anna 64-20 to win the championship. Aubrey took 3rd and Ponder consolation.

nets in point making with 16. Klement followed with 13. Schneider added 6, N. Dangelmayr and Eldridge 4 each, and 2 apiece by K. Dangelmayr and Stevens.

M 9 15 11 12 47
VA 19 10 8 14 51

The Lady Hornets dominated their next opponent, out-scoring Waskom 61-14.

Three Muenster players lit up the scoreboard with double digit points: Klement 16, Eldridge 13, and N. Dangelmayr 11. K. Dangelmayr added 7, Schneider 6, Stevens 5, and Reiter 3. Muenster was cold shooting from the free throw line, hitting only eight of 20.

M 26 9 11 15 61
W 3 7 2 12 14

In the championship game, the Lady Hornets got to play a team from Australia. Muenster had the lead in the 1st quarter, but trailed by 1 point at halftime. The visitors gained a little each quarter, taking a 48-40 victory from Muenster.

Seven Lady Hornets put points on the board - Klement and Reiter 9 points each, N. Dangelmayr 7, Schneider 6, K. Dangelmayr 5, Binford 3, and Eldridge 1.

M 10 13 10 7 40
A 8 16 11 13 48

the Lady Leopards on Jan. 6, and were handed a loss. Jessica Kemna scored 10 for Sacred Heart, with Guadalupe Salinas adding 6 and Sophia Jones 4.

Muenster 43 Collinsville 17

Nine JV Hornets put points on the boards in Tuesday's victory over the Pirates. Klement led the scoring with 12 points. Bryce Herr and Weger each added 7, M. Herr 5, Moseley and Clay Stevens 3 apiece, and 2 each by Felderhoff, Sicking, and York.

SH 8 5 9 10 32
G 17 13 13 12 55

Brady Endres scored 29 points in the Tigers' 62-48 win over Red River. Zach Flusche added 13, Kason Reeves 8, Hayden Schilling 7, Isac Walterscheid 4, and Tyler Spruill 1.

SH 19 10 19 14 62
RR 8 15 13 12 48

JV BASKETBALL

Muenster 65 Alvord 7

The JV Hornets began District competition last Friday night with a big win over Alvord 65-7. Four Muenster players scored double digit points: John Weger 13, Cal York 12, Billy Felderhoff 11, and Michael Moseley 11. Bryce Herr added 6, Trace Klement 5, Brandon Sicking 3, and 2 apiece by Max Herr and Clay Stevens.

Sacred Heart 20 Gainesville 33
The JV Tigerettes took on

Pilot Point won the boys championship with a 34-26 victory over Era. Sacred Heart was 3rd, with Bonham taking home consolation.

Avery Trubenbach was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Tigerettes' first game was a 40-35 win over the Lady Wildcats from Callisburg. Avery Trubenbach and Kinzie Hess led the scoring with 11 and 10 points. Alane Bartush and Leah Knabe each added 6 to the victory. Rylee Reiter scored 5 and Amanda Aldridge 2 to round out the scoring. Hess also had 11 rebounds and five assists, with Trubenbach getting four steals.

SH 14 10 2 14 40
C 9 5 7 14 35

Round two saw the Tigerettes fall to the Lady Leopards 65-32. Trubenbach scored 13 points and pulled down 17 rebounds. Hess and Knabe each added 8 points and Bartush 3.

The final game for the Tigerettes was a 45-26 loss to Aubrey. Scoring was spread out among six players. Bar-

tush led with 8 points, Truebenbach added 7, Aldridge 5, and 2 apiece by Hess, Reiter, and Knabe.

The Tigers started with a big win over the Collinsville Pirates 55-40. Brady Endres led the team with 24 points and three steals. Zach Flusche added 12 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Hayden Schilling added 9 points, Kason Reeves 7, and Tyler Spruill 3.

Game two was a tight battle with the 'Cats from Pilot Point, with Sacred Heart coming up short 40-34. Isac Walterscheid led the Tigers with 9 points, four assists, and nine steals. Reeves also scored 9. Endres added 7 points, Schilling 5 with eight rebounds, Flusche 3, and Spruill 1.

In the battle for 3rd place, the Tigers defeated Trinity Valley 48-37. Reeves led with 17 points. Walterscheid and Schilling each added 10 points, Endres 9, and Spruill 2. Reeves and Schilling each grabbed eight rebounds, with Walterscheid having eight assists and three steals.

Muenster wins District battles

Hornets open District with win

Muenster hosted the Alvord Bulldogs last week Friday in the Hornets' opening District contest. With five Hornets dropping double digit points through the hoops, Muenster pounded the Bulldogs 84-46 to improve their overall record to 16-2.

Trevor Cheaney led the point making with 21. Lyndon Cook added 17, Blake Hoepfner 14, Logan Cook 12, and Blayne Jones 11. Nate Walterscheid and Brandon Hennigan each added 4, with Trey Anderle rounding out the score with 1.

M 25 18 20 21 84
A 5 17 11 13 46

Lady Hornets pull out 1 point victory

The Lady Hornets remained undefeated in District play last Friday night with a 47-46 victory over the Alvord Lady Bulldogs. "Big District game for us," noted Muenster Coach Griffin Fields. "Great game that our kids had to fight tooth and nail to win."

Muenster went into halftime with a 5 point lead. Cold shooting in the 3rd extended the lead to 7 points, but Alvord fought the final period to close the gap, but didn't earn the win.

Bailey Klement and Mady Burnett led the scoring with 13 and 12 points. Claire Schneider added 7, Kassie Dangelmayr and Kristen Reiter 5 each, Sarah Binford a 3-pointer, and Courtney Stevens 2.

Alvord's Cietta Rangel scored 24 points. Muenster hit only half of their free throws, while Alvord was 10 of 13.

M 14 16 6 11 47
A 13 12 4 17 46

Muenster wins big over Collinsville

The Muenster Hornets took a big District victory from the Pirates of Collinsville Tuesday night with a 73-16 domination. The Pirates were held to single digit scores every quarter.

Blayne Jones led the scoring with 15 points. Logan Cook, Lyndon Cook, and Blake Hoepfner each added 10. Chance Herr and Trevor Cheaney dropped in 8 apiece, Ryan Hoepfner 6, Trey Anderle 4, and Brandon Hennigan 2. Ly. Cook also pulled down 11 rebounds and had nine assists. Nate Walterscheid had four rebounds, two assists, and one steal.

M 22 20 16 15 73
C 2 7 2 5 16

The Lady Hornets also claimed another District victory, handing the Lady Pirates a 62 - 36 loss.

After a tight 1st half, Muenster took control of the game, out-scoring their visitors 35-12 the 2nd half.

Morgan Eldridge and Kristen Reiter led the scoring with 13 each. Mady Burnett added 12, Katie Pagel 10, Sarah Binford 7, Bailey Klement 4, and Claire Schneider 3. Muenster hit 14 of 24 free throws in the game.

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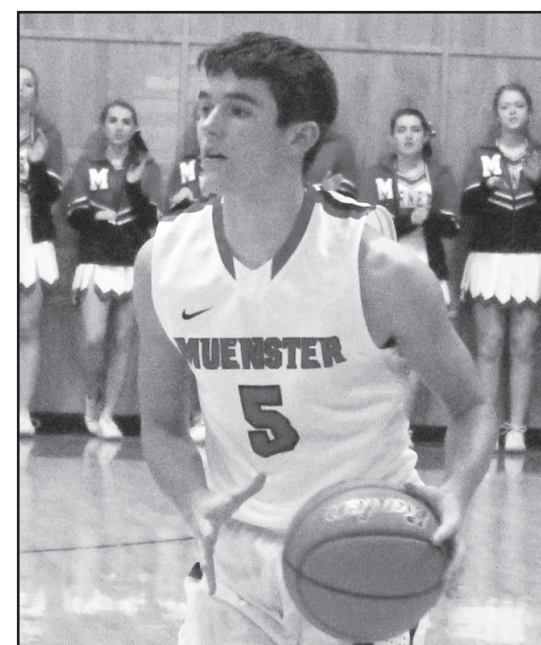
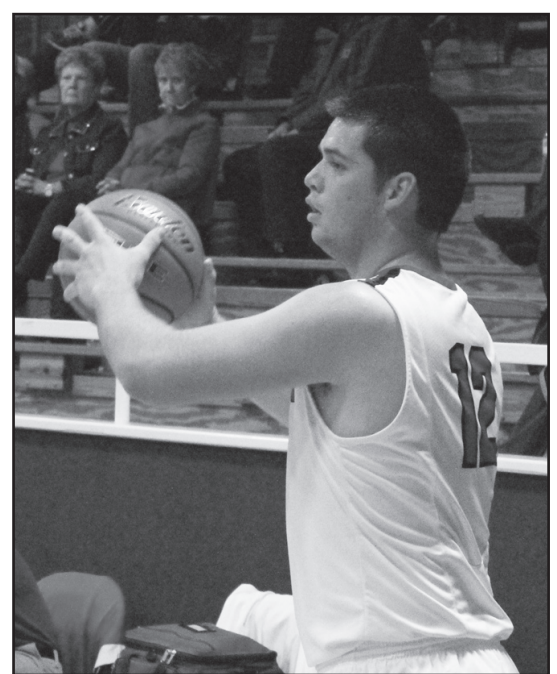
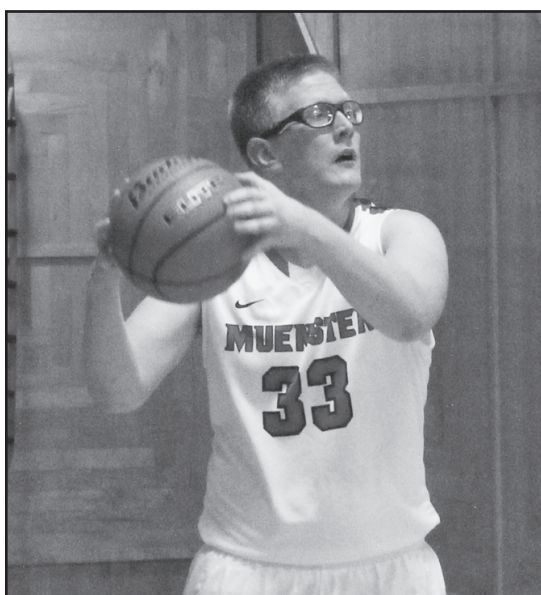
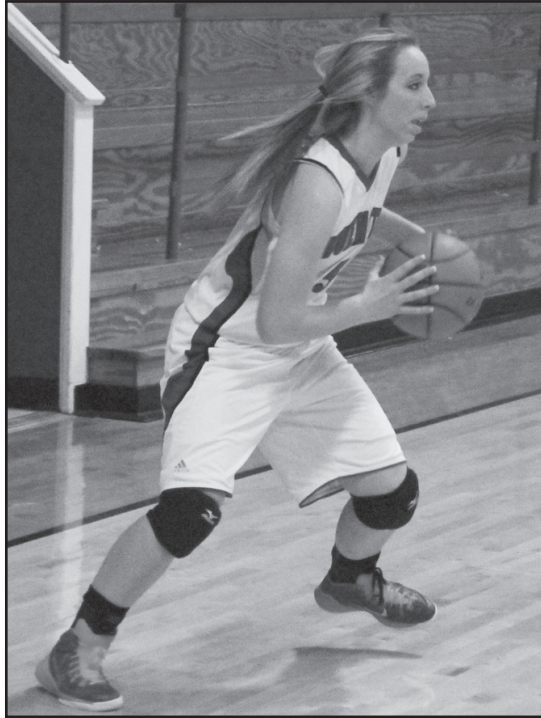
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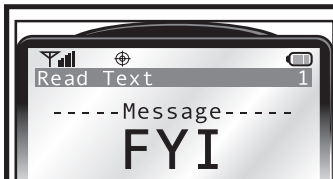
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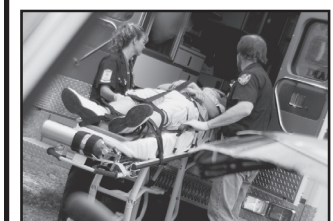
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Report shows no threat from pesticide residue on foods

Pesticide chemical levels found on scores of foods tested during 2013 are at levels that do not pose a threat to human health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said. Samples were collected and analyzed in California, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin as part of the USDA's Agricultural

Marketing Service's annual Pesticide Data Program. The surveys were conducted on a variety of foods, including butter, salmon, infant formula, and fresh and processed fruits and vegetables. Over 99% of the products sampled had residues below the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) standards, according to *Agri-Pulse*. Resi-

dues exceeding the tolerance were detected in 0.23% of the samples tested.

"The Pesticide Data Program provides reliable data through rigorous sampling that helps assure consumers that the produce they feed their families is safe," USDA said. "This report confirms again that pesticide residues are below levels deemed safe."

Meat industry prevails on Congress to roll back origin labeling rule

Siemens Says

The language is tucked into a paragraph on page 13 of Division A of the 1,600-page Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, better known as the federal budget.

It requires the secretary of agriculture to change a United States meat labeling rule to comply with a World Trade Organization (WTO) decision that brands the rule unfair. The paragraph would eliminate the need for meat producers, packers, and distributors to show where the animals used in their products are born, raised, and slaughtered.

The paragraph's inclusion in the budget is a testament to the lobbying power of the biggest players in the American meat industry, including Minnesota-based Cargill Inc. and Hormel Foods Corp. Both companies have battled in the courts and Congress against country-of-origin labeling, which both call onerous and ineffective.



Beef industry faces higher prices, lower margins, and shrinking demand

Siemens Says

The cattle markets are set to ring up another record year for producers and packers even with tightening supplies expected to continue through 2019.

Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension Livestock Marketing specialist, said retail beef prices are up 15% to 20%, following a 5% to 6% gain in 2013. Boxed beef wholesale values are up about 25% from one year ago, over the 4 to 8% increase in 2013.

Fed cattle prices are up 28% after a 5% increase in 2013. Feeder cattle (750-800 lb. steer) prices are roughly 43% higher than one year ago after climbing 13% in 2013. Most dramatic of all, (450-500 lb. steer) calf prices are up 53% this year on top of a 30% increase in 2013.

"Market conditions will be generally the same in 2015 with tight supplies continuing to be the major driver of cattle and beef markets. Beef production will decrease again in 2015 but considerably less than the 6% year over year decrease in 2014," Peel said.

New survey shows consumer preferences

A new survey conducted by Oklahoma State University measured consumers' preferences on meat consumption and labeling requirements. The November Food Demand Survey (FoodS) shows consumers favor chicken over beef purchases.

Taste, safety, and price—in that order—are consumers' most important values when purchasing foods. Convenience, environmental issues, country of origin, and animal welfare fell lower on the list of important traits, according to *Beef Producer*.

Consumers still expressed a willingness to pay more for U.S.-produced meats, even though country of origin fell relatively low on their purchasing decision traits. This shows consumers remain confused about country of origin labeling (COOL) and other meat labeling requirements.

Consumers reported their biggest challenge is finding affordable foods that are within their budget. But the survey, which measures "willingness to pay," found consumers are willing to pay more for all food products, except beef steak for which willingness to pay remained unchanged.

Russia restricts wheat exports

The Russian government recently announced a resolution to restrict wheat exports starting Feb. 1, 2015.

According to *Agri-Pulse*, the export duty will be 15% of the customs price, plus 7.5 euros, but not less than 35 euros per tonne.

Russia hopes to stabilize its domestic grain market by introducing the duty. And it could create new opportunities for U.S. wheat.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Wheat Association said the U.S. will be able to supply the world with any deficit Russia's government intervention creates.



AG TALK

By Mike Barnett
Publication director

Fearless ag predictions for 2015

By Mike Barnett

Time. Where did it go? Seems like yesterday I made my fearless ag predictions for 2014. I wasn't exactly on target on all of them. But that doesn't deter me from trying again this year.

Here's what's going to happen in 2015. At least in my warped view of the world...

January. "Howdy y'all" becomes the official greeting in Washington, D.C. as members of the Texas delegation assume leadership of six of the 21 House committees, including the House Agriculture Committee.

February. Farmers continue to try to figure out the new farm bill, struggle with ARC and PLC decisions, and finally say the heck with it and go with EIEIO.

March. The Texas Department of Agriculture defines sustainability by adding to the list of 4,800 families in Texas who successfully farmed or ranched the same land for over 100 consecutive years.

April. Farmers and ranchers take a moment to celebrate Earth Day, tip their caps in salute to the good earth, and continue to grow the food that sustains us all.

May. Farm Bureau's "Ditch the Rule" campaign revives as EPA tries to extend Clean Water Act regulations to cover the songs "Blue Bayou" and "Green River."

June. Chipotle Mexican Grill goes bankrupt as farmers bite back and quit supplying the overpriced burrito king after it renews its Farmed and Dangerous online miniseries.

July. Cattle prices and demand continue to reach record highs. Daily. Consumers discover they can't do without the great taste of beef.

August. Texas farmers officially listed as "endangered" when spurious listings under the Endangered Species Act gobble thousands of acres of crop and ranch land.

September. Scandal erupts as paparazzi photograph vegetarians/country singers Carrie Underwood and Kellie Pickler sharing a bucket of fried yard bird at KFC.

October. Oil prices continue slide to \$40 a barrel, which is good news for agriculture, unless royalty checks support your farming habit.

November. Food labeling activists suffer setbacks as Congress decrees labels be accurate and helpful, not misleading and confusing.

December. National Agricultural Statistics Service reports record yields and high prices on all crops grown in Texas during 2015.

Happy New Year!

Beef imports outlook up for 2014

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Outlook report for December raises U.S. beef imports to 2.848 billion pounds in 2014, reports *Drovers CattleNetwork*.

The report revealed demand for imported processing beef has expanded in 2014 due to lower domestic supplies.

USDA is forecasting 2015 beef imports at 2.7 billion pounds.

Total beef exports for 2014 are forecast at 2.599 billion pounds, marginally higher than 2013. In 2015, beef exports are forecast to fall to 2.525 billion pounds due to expected lower U.S. beef production and the strengthening U.S. dollar.

Corn, soybean prices at lowest levels since 2006

Siemens Says

An eight-year run of mostly rising corn and soybean prices appeared to come to an end in 2014.

Two reports released recently said the lowest prices since 2006 also could affect farmer income, land prices, planting costs, and marketing strategies for years to come.

A report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Springfield

said corn in Illinois at \$3.70 a bushel for December was down 19.2% from December 2013.

Soybeans sold at \$10.20 per bushel for December, down nearly 23% from a year ago.

Nationwide, corn at \$4.41 per bushel was down nearly 19% from December 2013, and soybean prices were down 21.5% at \$10.20 per bushel.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated nation-

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OSCAR MAYER GRILLED OR SOUTHWESTERN
Chicken Breast Strips... 6 OZ. **3 for \$9**
COUNTRY CREEK
Pork Cracklins..... 8 OZ. **2 for \$6**

HUNTS ASSORTED FLAVORS
GEL OR PUDDING CUPS
**Snack
Pack**
4 CT. PKG.
5 for \$5



ASSORTED FLAVORS
CapriSun Drinks..... 10 PACK **2 for \$4**
NABISCO MINIS, ORIG., OR UNSALTED
Premium Saltines..... 11-16 OZ. **\$2.49**
SELECT VARIETIES
Progresso Soups 18.3-19 OZ. **2 for \$3**
ASSORTED RICE OR PASTA
Knorr Sides..... 4-5.7 OZ. **5 for \$5**
ASSTD. HAMBURGER, CHICKEN, OR TUNA
Helper Dinners..... 4.7-8.7 OZ. **4 for \$5**
HUNT'S ASSORTED VARIETIES
Pasta Sauce..... 24 OZ. **98¢**
ULTRA STRONG OR ULTRA SOFT
Charmin Bathroom Tissue .12 ROLLS **\$6.99**
WHITE-REGULAR OR SELECT-A-SIZE
Bounty Towels..... 8 ROLLS **\$7.99**
REGULAR \$4.29 SIZE
Lay's®/Wavy Lay's® 9.5-10 OZ. **2 for \$5**
LAY'S® 18-20 OZ. **\$6.99**
Multi-Pack Chips..... 20 CT. **\$6.99**
16 OZ. CHIPS OR 15.5 OZ. QUESO DIP
On the Border..... 2 for **\$5**
SHURFINE ASSORTED FLAVORS
Sodas or Mixers..... 2 LITER **79¢**
MILD, MEDIUM, OR HOT
Pace Picante Sauce 16 OZ. **3 for \$5**
SEL. VAR. NATURE VALLEY OR FIBER ONE
Granola Bars/Streusel 5.52-8.9 OZ. **2 for \$5**
VAN CAMP'S
Pork and Beans..... 15 OZ. **89¢**

HUNT'S
Tomato Sauce..... 15 OZ. **99¢**
ASSORTED FLAVORS ORIENTAL NOODLES
Top Ramen..... 3 OZ. **5 for \$1**
SHURFINE
Long Grain Rice..... 28 OZ. **89¢**
WESTERN FAMILY ULTRA SOFT
Facial Tissue..... 230 CT. **\$1.49**
REGULAR SCENT BLEACH
Clorox Concentrate .64 OZ. **3 for \$5**
ORIG. OR LAVENDER DISHWASHING
Gain Liquid..... 24 OZ. **\$1.99**
WHERE AVAILABLE: LA COSTEÑA
Whole Jalapeños..... 26 OZ. **99¢**
ASSTD. FLAVORS
Jumex Nectar..... 11.3 OZ. **2 for 88¢**
SHURFINE SELECT VARIETIES
Brownie Mix..... 19.8-21.5 OZ. **\$1.49**
BETTY CROCKER, MOTT'S, GENERAL MILLS ASSTD.
Fruit Snacks..... 4.5-8 OZ. **3 for \$5**
SELECT VARIETIES MICROWAVE POPCORN
Pop-Secret..... 3 CT. **\$2.49**
ORIGINAL, LOW SODIUM, OR SPICY
V8 Vegetable Juice Cocktail .46 OZ. **\$2.49**
SHURFINE
Tall Kitchen Bags..... 15 CT. **\$1.49**



**Bud &
Bud Light**
\$2.11

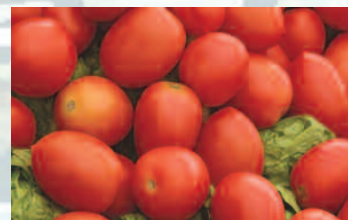
Fresh Produce



RED OR GREEN
**Seedless
Grapes**

2 lbs. \$4

LARGE
Roma Tomatoes
8 for \$1



GREEN OR ROMAINE
Leaf Lettuce..... EACH **99¢**
JUICY
Honeydew Melons..... 2 LBS. **\$3**
PEELED
Baby Carrots..... 2 LB. **\$1.99**
SUPER SELECT
Cucumbers..... 2 FOR **\$1**
FRESH CRISP
Celery..... EACH **99¢**
FRESH
Green Beans..... 2 LBS. **\$3**
FANCY
Lemons..... 3 FOR **\$1**
TANGY
Limes..... 4 FOR **\$1**
NORTHWEST
Red or Bosc Pears..... 2 LBS. **\$3**
SPICY HOT
Jalapeño Peppers..... LB. **79¢**
ORGANIC JUMBO
Yellow Onions..... LB. **89¢**

Dairy & Frozen Foods



ASSORTED VARIETIES
SOY-, ALMOND-, OR COCONUTMILK
**Silk
Milk**
64 OZ. CTN.
\$3.29

SHURFINE ASSORTED FLAVORS
Frozen Waffles..... 10 CT. **\$1.89**
TENDERS, PATTIES, OR NUGGETS
Banquet Chicken 12.6-15 OZ. **2 for \$5**

ASSORTED VARIETIES
Hot Pocket Products .9 OZ. **2 for \$4**
YOPLAIT ASSORTED REG. OR PROTEIN
GoGurt..... 8 PACK **2 for \$4**

Health & Beauty Care

WESTERN FAMILY SELECT VARIETIES
Cough or Throat Drops 25-40 CT. **5 for \$5**
WESTERN FAMILY 70%
Isopropyl Alcohol..... 16 OZ. **99¢**