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New County Judge presides at Commissioners Court

Janet Felderhoff News Editor

Cooke County Commissioners Court has a new leader. Jason Brinkley was sworn in as the County Judge on Jan. 1. County Judge John Roane opted for retirement rather than seek-

Judge Brinkley opened the Jan. 12 meeting of Commissioners Court with a few announcements. He noted that the look of the agenda had been changed a bit and some of the rules that had been approved by Commissioners Court in the early 2000s and were still in effect would be

ing another term of office.

Brinkley said, "Typically when we have a County employee or elected official who has served this County for a number of years, we do a proclamation or some type of presentation for that individual. When John Roane retired, he asked that we not do that. We are going to honor his wishes and not do that, but I would like to, and I know I speak on behalf of the entire Court, and thank him for his services to this County. I believe he served 17 1/2 years for Cooke Coun-



Janet Felderhoff photo

Jason Brinkley officiated over his first Commissioners Court meeting as Cooke County Judge on Monday, Jan. 12. He was sworn in to a four-year term as County Judge on Thursday, Jan. 1.

ty. He spent 20 years in the that Regional meetings are they expect to complete pre-Air Force. On behalf of the coming up to rewrite the liminary work by the end of whole Court, we do wish him resource management plan. this month and to bid the the best of luck in retirement Klement noted, "We need and any future endeavors."

Several months ago, Comaware that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was laying claim to land along the Red River near Vernon. Cooke County was invited to be a participating member in a group dealrepresentative and send an approved memorandum of understanding to the group. reason never sent. He was Hollowell as the alternate. recently made aware that it had not been received.

to be part of it. Wichita said it's very important to all the missioners Court became counties along the Red River to part of this planning session."

The Court again approved the memorandum of understanding between Cooke County and the Bureau of Land Management Oklaing with that topic. Cooke homa Field Office and the would hope to be able to fi-County was to appoint a Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office Southern Plains Regional Office. Commissioner Commissioner Leon Klement Klement was designated as said that the memorandum the County's representative was approved, but for some and Commissioner Gary

Nathan Vajdos, developer Klement stayed in touch an update to the Court re-Wichita County and learned farm near Muenster. He said

project next month.

"The deal is picking up certainty as you can tell," remarked Vajdos. "We are spending money as if the project will get done, but there is still a long way to go. Natural gas prices continue to not be as favorable as we'd like."

Vajdos said that they nancially post on the project by the second or third quarter. "There's a lot of moving parts to this," he noted. "A lot of things continue to evolve and we are encouraged by some and discouraged by others."

Vajdos presented a graphfor OwnEnergy, presented ic which mapped out Cooke County in the area proposed with the County Judge from garding a proposed wind for the wind farm. It had tur-

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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS MUENSTER, TEXAS

Muenster Ferry - a short-lived dream

Janet Felderhoff News Editor

(This is the first in a year-long collection of photos and stories of Muenster's past commemorating the town's past 125 years.)

er on the road to the Shiloh Baptist Church at a place where the river was about 500 feet wide during normal

According to information in the Muenster Centenniel Book and several 1951 issues of the Muenster Enterprise, the purpose of the ferry was to provide a river crossing and road which would connect Muenster with Jimtown, OK and Leon, OK, making Muenster their near-

Photos courtesy of the Muenster

The Muenster Ferry was located along the Red River to give passage from the Muenster area into Oklahoma and open a pathway for Oklahomans to trade in Muenster. Pictured are Richard Cain, left, and J.M. Weinzapfel aboard the ferry.

versa. This 50 miles route and Weinzapfel directors. shorter route to send milk to the Muenster cheese plant.

It was also hoped that a ferry might draw enough traffic to eventually lead to 50 by 14 feet and was built a bridge being constructed

After the project was considered for a number were caulked for water of years, J.M. Weinzapfel proofing and then the whole became one of the driving structure coated with tar as forces who made it happen. an additional precaution. Weinzapfel along with 13 When completed, it weighed stockholders financed the 25,000 pounds and had a \$5,000 project. The Muen-

est market. By ferry, these ster Corporation Ferry was communities were about 20 formed with board directors miles apart. Before the fer- being Ben Seyler president, ry, people traveled 50 miles J.P. Flusche vice-president, from the Texas community Herbert Meurer secretary/ to Leon or Jimtown and vice treasurer, and Jerome Pagel

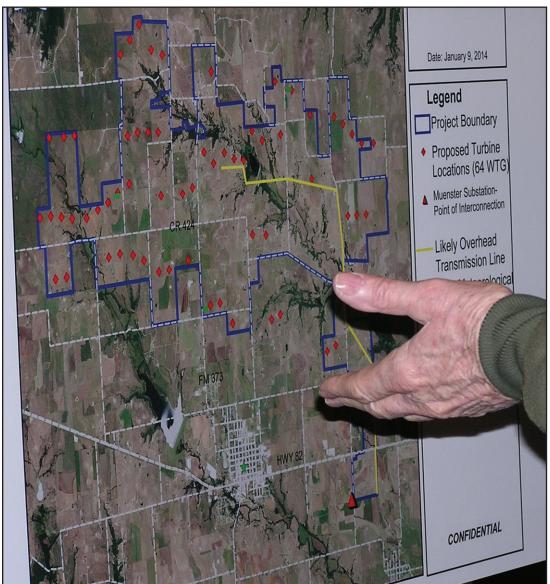
Did you know that Muen- was used often by ranchers Construction on the bridge ster once had a ferry? It was wishing to bring their cattle began in mid July 1951 with completed on Aug. 1, 1951 to the Muenster Livestock the work being done by Comand located on the Red Riv- Auction. Some wished for a munity Lumber Company. Workers included C.J. Fette, Rody Klement, and Harold Knabe.

The structure measured of two inch lumber over a framework of heavy timber braced by iron rods. Joints

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A graph presented at Cooke County Commissioners Court on Monday by Nathan Vajdos of OwnEnergy shows the expected line of wind turbines on a wind farm proposed for the Muenster area. Vajdos noted that these are approximate locations and could change.

New structured United Way sets celebration luncheon

Janet Felderhoff News Editor

Fiesta is the theme of the 2015 Cooke County United Way's (CCUW) Annual Celebration Luncheon. The event will be held in the Gainesville Civic Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Reservations are recommended since seating is limited. Reservations should be made no later than Monday, Jan. 19 by calling (940) 665-1793. Checks may be mailed to Cooke County United Way, P.O. Box 208, Gainesville, TX 76241.

The Celebration Luncheon is being held in January this time instead of November. Cooke County United Way Executive Director Angie Hare explained the reasons for this change. She said, "CCUW has implemented a structural change which included changes to our program time lines. That also included the need to move our Celebration Luncheon to January. We have a couple

of local employee campaigns

that typically do not con- ered for agency allocations. clude prior to our November date, as well as we also typically receive funds in January from outside our county, such as Peterbilt, UNT, etc. This change allows other pledge the funds to the agenpledges to be counted at the

Celebration! line change will allow our 2016 allocation process (the process in which United Wav interviews and determines its partner agencies and amounts awarded to each) to align with the amount raised announced at our Celebration date. Moving the date goal ever. As of press time, allows the possibility of a that goal had not been atlarger amount to be consid-

"Another key factor is that our previous practice awarded (or pledged) the money BEFORE the campaign even starts. Now, we will award/ cies AFTER the public campaign. United Way will have "Additionally, the time a firm amount to base allocations instead of an estimated amount! Our United Way has been working on this change for about three years. This was the year of implementation!"

CCUW's 2015 goal of \$435,000 is their largest

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Police apprehend noisy thieves

On Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 1:30 a.m., Muenster Police Officer Madaline Chance responded to a report of noises around a closed business. Officer Chance located a truck loaded with stolen structural iron.

Patrick Schultz, age 49, and Velvette Skaggs, age 34, were arrested for Theft and booked into the Cooke County Jail. Both are from Comanche, OK.

Letter to the Editor

Cathy Krahl

Staff Writer

Hellman is the only positive

that young person's life make

this true is bad enough.

What makes it worse is that

Hellman is seeing them as

juvenile offenders, already

caught up in the juvenile

That the circumstances in

thing in a child's life.

justice system.

Letter to the Editor

City Administrator Stan Endres cracks me up. In the Jan. 9 *Muenster Enterprise* he notes that "he has not heard complaints from anybody" since the parking stripes were painted on Main Street. He said basically the same thing about the stop signs along 2nd street after they were installed. Seriously?!

As if complaining to City Hall has ever done any good. They do what they want. They don't care what you or I

But since he brought it up, I will give my two cents worth: We didn't need the stripes. What a waste of money. He mentions elsewhere in the article about Gainesville doing "all the growing they've done over there" as if he'd like to see us doing that--growing. Well, I LOVE being Smalltown USA, and I'd like to keep it this way. Stop chipping away at what makes us special!

Sometimes I have a trailer on my truck, too. So what if I park crosswise along the curb! I LIKE our farming-look to

But my main point is that the stripes are too vertical; not slanted enough. I've noticed before how people don't park as slanted as they used to, and the new striping just follows along with that new thinking. Well, I drive a long-wheel base truck, and if I don't slant it enough, the back-end is sticking out into the street. It's bad enough having to find parking spots when we're in bigger cities, where all the stripes were painted for compact cars, now I have to have that ugliness in my own hometown. I vote that the next time we retop Main Street that the stripes are all covered over and never painted again. Thanks.

Janette Hess Muenster

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of our elected officials mak-

ing policy in Texas and at

the Capitol ensuring that

they realize the concerns our

of families, youth, single par-

ents, and elderly residents

further into the community

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load capacity in excess of

60,000 pounds. It could car-

ry a large trailer truck, two

smaller trucks, or four pas-

The barge was anchored

to either shore by a cable

and powered by a motor boat

Roads were constructed on

both sides of the Red River to

M.P. Trammell was hired

to operate the ferry for \$50 a

month. Charges for crossing

were car or pickup \$1, farm

truck \$1.50, loaded trailer

truck \$3, and extra heavy

The ferry was not very

busy and only operated

about one year. It was lost

Sunday, January 18, 2015

provide access to the ferry.

senger cars or pickups.

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load \$5.

downstream.

tained, but there are a cou- and allow United Way to find

ple of employee campaigns resources to support unmet that are not yet finalized. needs, underserved needs, Hare said that they hope to and gaps in services. It is a have reached the goal by the process and will not happen date of the Celebration Lunovernight." CCUW's first step will Hare bursts with excitebe Listening Sessions. The

Community Impact Task ment when asked about the Force will be coming into changes coming to CCUS. Asked why, she replied, the different communities "Wow!!! Where do I start! listening to elected officials, This year marks our 60th police/fire/emergency, anniversary. Instead of becators, health care workers, ing the same ole same ole, corporate and small busiwe are sky rocketing with ness, agencies/organizations exciting new programs! the list is quite lengthy.

"We have always been a "It is similar but different Community Partner workthan a needs assessment," explained Hare. "We are ing closely with elected oflaunching 'Get Connected' ficials, school principals and superintendents, businesses, an online volunteer dataetc. consulting and rolling base that will be hosted on our website and highlight our sleeves up to collaborate on community issues. The our partner agencies. One public really does not know can 'get connected' with our what all we do in the backagencies. We plan to launch ground and that is about to this program this Spring. change! We will be launch-As you see, we are growing ing our new Public Policy and with that growth, I will program keeping the needs be hiring a Finance Associof Cooke County out in front ate the first of this year."

> There are many ways that individuals can assist with highways in that area. "We the CCUW cause. The following are some things that any roads," he added. Hare said people can do.

non profit agencies serving Consider how you can give Volunteer Fire Department, as the IRS. Cooke County. Our new Com- to your community. Maybe said that since Oak Ridge munity Impact program will it is paying it forward or in Fire Department closed its crete as the vendor to connow expand our reach even remembrance.

Speak out and advocate for a cause. If you are passionate about a cause or issue, stand up and let your already been allocated by voice be heard! We can give financially or give of our time - both are equally valuable. Consider how you might be able to volunteer your precious time. There are so agencies/churches many that need volunteer time for a few hours or longer. If you need any suggestions, call Cooke County United Way 940-665-1793 or visit website www.cookeuw.org.

Hare concluded, "We are so very grateful for the years of trust and generous gifts given to your United Way. Your gifts have been critical in allowing us the honor of meeting the most critical needs of your community. If you wish to receive our monthly Constant Contact when a flood sent it crashing newsletter, please call to add your address to the listing.'

Monday, January 19, 2015

venile Probation Officer of There are times when Toni Cooke County. "Sometimes we are the

Hellman helps kids in role as probation officer

only positive influence in the child's life that day," Hellman said. "We are the voice of reason, the voice of normalcy, and help them to see the humanity in every-

Most kids today are at the probation office because of



Cathy Krahl photo

Toni Hellman of Lindsay sits in her office at the Juvenile Probation Office doing her best to set kids on the right path and away from a life of crime.

Hellman's job is Chief Ju- organized retail theft. According to Hellman, the kids don't think it is wrong to steal from such a large store like Wal-Mart.

"We have to work things around," Hellman explained. "If they steal from Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart has to turn around and raise prices. So they may not get hurt by what they did, but their grandma may have to pay more for milk."

The laws have changed recently. To be charged with organized retail theft, it used to be \$50 or more. Now it is \$1 stolen for the juvenile to be charged with a Class B misdemeanor. Hellman recalled her first

client was a young lady who picked up some popcorn chicken at the deli and a cola from the refrigerated display case at checkout. She ate and drank them in the store and then tried to leave. But Wal-Mart employees had been watching and charged her for stealing about \$5 worth of food. She received six months of deferred supervision - meaning if she showed up and proved she could follow orders for six months, she wouldn't go to

The iuvenile justice system deals with youth 10 to 17 years of age. If the child is nine or younger, the Child Protective Services handles them. If they are 18 or older, they go into the adult court

In the past, the probation office, both for adults and juveniles, shared a building.

The state granted the office funding for them to separate. Now the Juvenile Probation Office is in the old building on Commerce Street in Gainesville.

"It is not a good idea to have juvenile offenders and adults on probation in the

same room," Hellman said.

The separation of juveniles and adults is not the only thing the state has done. There is even a separate language for the juvenile system. They are not arrested, but detained; not convicted, but adjudicated; not jailed, but sent to a detention center, and not found guilty, but found true. They do not plead guilty or not guilty in court, but say the charges are true or not true, accord-

"This is to keep the taint of criminality out of the juvenile court," she said.

ing to Hellman.

The juvenile justice system works with the Cooke County Attorney's office where Ed Zielinski presides. Their court is the Cooke County Court at Law where John Morris is judge.

"The juvenile court is not a criminal court, it is a civil court," Hellman noted. "That is to separate juvenile procedures from adult court."

But if a juvenile was certified as an adult, the youth would go wholly into the adult system at that point. And the District Attorney's office would take care of it in the District Court.

'That is a pretty unusual See HELLMAN, pg. 5

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noted that it was not specific to the landowners, but did give an outline of the path. He stressed that it could also change, but felt it would be similar to the map.

Vajdos told the Court that he wished to meet with Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement whose precinct the proposed project is in, and County Judge Brinkley to talk about cost agreements in regard to county roads. Should the project go in, OwnEnergy would be utilizing county roads and state would respect and restore

During public comments, Give....Advocate....Vol- Mike Mussek, captain and doors, the Callisburg VFD took over coverage of a large area previously covered by Oak Ridge VFD. Money had the County to provide support for Oak Ridge. Mussek asked that the Court consider splitting appropriately between the three departments now covering for Oak Ridge the funds it had allocated for Oak Ridge VFD.

bine sites shown, but Vajdos He noted that it would help offset some of the added expenses incurred by taking on the additional area.

> Judge Brinkley mented that since it was a non agenda item, the Court could not act on it. He said it would be addressed at a future Court meeting.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

· Approved a proclamation honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

 Heard notification from County Auditor Shelly Atteberry that the IRS has changed its mileage reimbursement rate from 56¢ a mile to 57.5¢ effective Jan. 1. Several years ago, Commissioners Court voted to as well as the needs for our unteer - LIVE UNITED!!! treasurer of the Callisburg adopt the same mileage rate and Bridge Pct. 1 and North Cooke County Justice Cen-

> • Approved Brinlee Conat a cost of \$29,130 to include dirt work. This is being done to comply with an ordinance by the City of Gainesville.

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 to the Sick Leave Pool Committee.

• Accepting an insurance settlement on a Cooke Coun-Expedition that was dam- IH-35.

aged during a pursuit on Dec. 8, 2014.

• Accepting a Citibank rebate check in the amount of \$48.12 • Interlocal agreements

between Cooke County and North Shore Volunteer Fire Department and between Cooke County and Myra Volunteer Fire Department for fire services. • Donation of a used light

bar and siren from the Cooke County Fire Marshal to the Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

 Indigent cremations of George Hall and Jerry Cook.

• Annual renewal of the interlocal agreement for road maintenance services between Cooke County Road Central Texas College for a ter.

struct the EMS parking lot Bridge Pct. 1 to clean and 1G1AK15F777209084 reshape the fence row on CR 155 for Lafitte G P, LLC. • Transfer of two portable

generators (Coleman Pow-Consent Agenda items ap- ermate S/n 74111791 and proved by the Court includ- Honda 9.0 GX270 Model 165911G S/N 05997581) • County Judge's appoint- from Sheriff's Office swat ment of Carroll Johnson, trailer to the County Maintenance Department.

• Right of Entry Agreement between Cooke County and the Texas Department of Transportation for an envity Sheriff's Office 2011 Ford ronmental assessment along

Auto Repair

and Service

Phyllis Griffin, Extension agent, so that she may attend the Joint Council of Extension Professionals, JCEP, Leadership Conference, in

Las Vegas, NV from 2/10/15-

Out-of-state travel for

2/12/15 (No cost to county). Add-on agreement between Cooke County and Global Software for the remote implementation for the 911 interface at the Cooke County Justice Center.

 Annual agreement between Cooke County Justice Center and GeoMed Waste for medical waste disposal.

 Agreement between Cooke County and Notification Systems of America, Inc. for installation of new digital video systems at the

 Surplus by auction • Allowing Road and of a 2007 Chevy Cobalt awarded by seizure and advertisement for the same.

 Surplus by auction of a 2011 Chevy Silverado 1GCRKSE30BZ179011 that was awarded by seizure and

advertisement for the same. Reallocation of state supplement for the Cooke

County Attorney's Office Investigator. · Receive and file for record the certificate of course

completion for the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act for Jason Brinkley, County Judge. Changing the Autho-

rized Official for the Victims Coordinator Grant through the Texas Attorney General's Office from John O. Roane to Jason Brinkley, County Judge. Transfer of tire chains

from the Cooke County Fire Marshal to Cooke County Constable Pct. 4.

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P.O Box 190, Muenster, Texas 76252 ISSN:0883-2544 To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Museum open 1-4 pm Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10 - 2:30 SHCS - NO SCHOOL Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum Library open 10-6:30 Library open 10-6:30 MISD report cards MISD - Teachers Work Day Rel. Ed Mass 7 pm Confirmation - 10 am SH Church Open 1-4 pm SH Alumni Supporter mtg. VFW Aux mtg. 7 pm 7:30 pm Tuesday, January 27, 2015 Thursday, January 29, 2015 Friday, January 30, 2015 Saturday, January 31, 2015 Sunday, January 25, 2015 Monday, January 26, 2015 Wednesday, January 28, 2015 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Museum open 1 - 4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10-2:30 Library open 10- 6:30 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Rel. Ed. class 6:45 pm MUENSTER CHAMBER OF **MUENSTER JAYCEES** COMMERCE BANQUET **FREE THROW** CHAMPIONSHIP **BANQUET** Catholic Schools Week



1:30 pm MISD gym



Julius C. Stelzer 1928 - 2015

Mass for Julius C. Stelzer, age 86 of Post, was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 12 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Fr. Malcolm Neyland officiating. Burial in Terrace was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

J.C. died Jan. 8, 2015 at his home in Post. He was born Feb. 5, 1928 in Muenster to Matt and Helen O'Conner Stelzer. He married Isabelle Eberhart on Sept. 28, 1948 in Muenster. She preceded him in death on Nov. 29, 2011. He served in the Merchant Marines at the age of 16 until he was old enough to enlist in the Marine Corp. during WWII. Julius moved to Post where he was involved in oil production and ranching.

Survivors include daughter Brenda and husband Harol Barner of Post; sons Chris and wife JoAnn Stelzer of Post, Junior and wife Diane Stelzer of Post, and Donny and wife Donna Stelzer of Lubbock; brothers G. A. Stelzer of Buena Park, CA and Maurice Stelzer of Hobbs, NM; five grandchil-



Julius Stelzer

dren and six great-grand-

Rosary was held Sunday at Hudman Funeral Home.

Pelzel dies

Eleanora Hoenig Pelzel of Ennis died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015. Services are pending.

New Year's resolution become a CASA volunteer

As you gear up for another great year and resolve to lose weight, travel more, complain less, and finish projects, don't forget to add become a CASA volunteer advocate to your list. What better way to start your year off right than to help an abused or neglected child in need to navigate the foster care system?

The numbers show that the children of North Texas need us now as much as ever. Since the start of CASA of North Texas 15 years ago, the numbers have grown from 34 children served by 12 volunteers to 149 children served by 59 volunteers. Sadly, the number of children who need our help

still continues to climb. "One of my favorite things about being a CASA volunteer advocate is seeing the children that I work with thrive and do well in their new environments. Now. every time I go to see them, they are excited and run to give me a hug, and that just makes me feel good," said CASA Marilyn Board.

Fortunately, $_{
m the}$ CASA College for volunteer advocates of the year starts this month on Jan. 26. Requirements for becoming a volunteer advocate include being 18 or older, passing a background check, completing the training course, and having 10-15 hours a month to devote to your case. So, get the year started off right by doing something to help children in need and call 940-665-2244 to sign up for training today.

And remember, "No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees." - Amelia Earhart

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Trained professionals standing by to connect people with longterm care services

The Texas Department of their needs and put them in Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is launching ers in their area," said Jon a toll-free number to help qualifying Texans connect with long-term care servic-

Its telephone number is 1-855-937-2372 and has been set up to help older adults (60 and up) who currently receive Medicaid and/ or Medicare, people of all ages with disabilities, and

The growing population of aging Texans, in addition to the approximately four in 10 Texans who have some type of disability, has created demand for the new number. According to the 2010 census, Texas has the third largest aging population (65 and older) in the United States. More than three million Texans are over the age of 65, and that number is expected to more than double to 7.5 million by 2040.

The new number streamlines the process for those seeking information about long-term care services, which include personal care, nursing care, help around the house, and help for care-

"Texans who take advantage of the new number will speak with a trained professional who can help identify

touch with service provid-Weizenbaum, DADS commissioner. "We think this approach will help Texans receive the services they are eligible for much more effi-

When Texans call the number, they will be routed to a representative at the nearest Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) based on the ZIP code they enter. ADRCs provide information and help connect individuals to state and federal benefits. They are linked to hundreds of service providers statewide and can help Texans enroll for services if requested. ADRC representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and this service is free.

Additionally, the new number will help existing Medicare/Medicaid recipients ensure they are receiving all the long-term care services they are eligible for.

Unlike the Texas 2-1-1 number. which provides broad referral services for all Texans seeking assistance, this new toll-free number is dedicated to older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers who need longterm care services.

Cook book in Cooke County raises funds

Betty Rose Walterscheid of ing families in crisis." Muenster donated proceeds from the sale of her cook book The Joy of Cooking. The cook for her continued support of books were placed in several local gift shops, Fischer's Meat Market, and sold by local community organizations throughout the 2014 year. A donation of \$300 was given to Kim Cook, executive director of Abigail's Arms Cooke County Crisis Center, over the 2014 holidays. Cook stated, "This is a perfect way of showing how this community has stepped up in help-

Edward Jones

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Abigail's Arms expressed appreciation to Betty Rose

Notice

Brown Bag Book Review

The February Brown Bag Book Review will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Morton Museum at noon.

Bonnie Slack will review Words from the White House by Paul Dickson.

Come and invite a friend!

I see in my neighbor the Person of Jesus Christ. *- St. Gerard Majella*

65 YEARS AGO Jan. 13, 1950

Muenster volunteer firemen elect Herman Fette as new fire chief. James Hess breaks collar bone in a fall on the ice. Donald Walterscheid sprains wrist in a tussle with a cow. Obituary: Linda Sparkman, seven week old daughter of the Sam Sparkmans. Mary Ann Felderhoff is elected president of the Sacred Heart 4-H Club. New Arrival: Stephen to Urban and Jane Endres; Melanie to the Johnny Mosters; Karen to Joe and Frances Vogel; Linda to Joe and Loretta Spaeth; Larry to the Willie Fuhrmans. Wedding: Veronica Fuhrmann and Albert

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 15, 1965 Mrs. J.M. (Julia) Wein-

zapfel resigns as librarian of the City Library. New Arrivals: Shawna to C.J. and Alice Hellman; Jill to Jim and Jane Myrick; Shelly to Albert and Imogene Zimmerer. Appendectomy: Tommy Walterscheid. Gene Hoenig has joined the personnel at Wilde Chevrolet. Eileen Knauf is new employee at Muenster State Bank.

25 YEARS AGO Jan. 12, 1990

Restored pump organ is loaned to the Muenster Museum by Mrs. Clifford Otto. Fire damages the James Harrison home. Obituaries: Gerald Knabe, 60; C.J. "Bud" Blankenship, 64; Ewing Shotwell, Jr., 61. Joe Hoenig is honored on his 86th birthday. College Graduate: Dana Hermes, Texas Chiropractic

80s themed event to kick off 2015 Relay For Life

Relay For Life of Cooke County is kicking off the 2015 Season with an 80s themed fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 6 p.m.-12 a.m. The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus (KC) Hall at 1725 N. I-35 in Gainesville and is open to the public. Throughout the evening, there will be a BBQ dinner and live music featuring Southtown Rewound as well as 80s dance music. There will also be entertainment, fun, 50/50 raffle, and a cash bar.

The Relay For Life theme is "The 80s: The Decade That Made Us." The 80s are a fun tribute to the Relay For Life founder Gordy Klatt who founded Relay for Life in 1985. 80s attire is welcome but NOT required.

Relay For Life is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, and the largest non-profit fundraiser in the world. The overall goal of Relay For Life is to raise awareness and funding for cancer research and to work toward eradicating the disease in the future. In addition to research, the American Cancer Society funds a variety of free programs and services to local cancer patients.

The 2014 Relay For Life of Cooke County raised a record setting and award winning \$202,000. There were 475 registered participants, 180 survivors and well over 700 community members attending the event.

"We are hoping to exceed those numbers this year and the

continued support of our entire community is vital. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the 2015 Relay For Life Kickoff Fundraiser whether they have been involved in Relay before or not. Most everyone knows someone who has fought cancer, and this is a way to honor or remember them, fight back, and make a difference against cancer, while enjoying a fun and family-friendly event which is truly a celebration of life," said Tamara Sieger, marketing lead.

"We invite everyone to our 80s themed dinner and dance on Jan. 24 as we begin an unforgettable Relay For Life campaign. Tickets at \$15 each may be purchased by calling Chris Hamilton at 940-634-4081 or Lisa Dieter at 940-736-6031. Tickets are also available at the door.

For more information on the Relay For Life of Cooke County, visit website: www.relayforlife.org/CookeCoTx or Facebook.com/RFLCooke. To learn more about the American Cancer Society or to request help for a cancer patient, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.



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Bob and Diann Hultstrand of Frisco are pleased to tions regarding this free tax announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Whitney Joy Hultstrand to Library at 940-668-5530. Mr. Derek Clay Sellers. The groom is the son of Aunie and Cheryl Sellers of Ralls, TX. The bride-elect is a graduate of Baylor University. She specializes in digital marketing. The prospective groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is a civil engineer employed by Freese and Nichols in Lubbock. The couple plans to marry on March 7, 2015 at Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano. Whitney is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Felderhoff of Muenster and the late Wally and Dolores Hultstrand. The open at 10 a.m., Tuesday, groom's grandparents are Clayton Sellers of Ralls Jan. 20 with regular hours. and the late Virgie Sellers and the late Truett and Patsy Hannabas.



Courtesy photo

Cindy McPherson had a garden cart full of gifts to take home this Christmas. She was the winner of the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary's Little Bit of Everything Raffle. The drawing took place on Monday, Dec. 22. things that we could diabetes and cardiovascular disease. diabetes and cardiovascular and situations that can important antibiotics, pressure relief, pair, delay, or otherwise advanced topical wound Proceeds from the Auxiliary fundraisers go towards projects such as purchasing comfortable chairs for the patient rooms.

County Library News

AARP tax assistance

Starting on Tuesday, Jan. 27, free tax assistance will be offered at Cooke County Library. This service will be offered weekly on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. from January to April 14.

There will be three AARP Tax-Aides to help provide free help with preparing tax returns, answering tax questions, and providing electronic tax return filing for low to moderate income taxpayers. No appointment is necessary. Senior citizens will have priority, but all taxpayers are welcome to seek help.

For any general quesservice, call Cooke County The library is located at 200 South Weaver Street in Gainesville.

MLK Day

The Cooke County Library will be closed Monday, Jan. 19 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. It will

Just because they're closed doesn't mean you don't have access to library services. You can still access their eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, and music. You can find all of these great products by visiting the Cooke County Library website (http://cookecountylibrary.org/), click the "Books & More" tab, and then click on the eBooks, Downloadable Audiobooks, and Music headers to learn more details on each of these services.

There must be a reason why some people can afford to live well. They must have worked for it. I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see

Mother Teresa



A gift basket was presented to the nursing staff of MMH on behalf of the Muenster VFW Auxiliary by Auxiliary Conductress Linda Knabe. Accepting it are MMH nurses, from left, Donna Bench, Barbara Collin-Cox, Tiffany Lutkenhaus, Linda Walterscheid, Sara Thacker, Crystal Tuggle, and Jessy Sampson.

Nursing staff honored by VFW Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary

Muenster Memorial Hos- of Muenster Memorial even holidays to ensure pital was honored recently Hospital to know that they the well being and safety by the Muenster Ladies are deeply appreciated. of those they care for be-Auxiliary to Veterans of Their tremendous caring cause of their dedication to Foreign Wars Post #6205 and dedication to this com- their profession. The Auxin observance of Nurses munity and surrounding iliary wanted to let them Appreciation Month. areas is outstanding. know, "We're so glad you're

The nurses work long here.'

The nursing staff of wanted the excellent staff and countless hours and



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PREPARED FOR WOUNDS - Casey Braswell, RN, left, and Carmen Hoffmeyer, RN, right, assist George Zgourides, M.D., in preparing a treatment for a wound patient. Casey and Carmen are employed with Wound Care Specialists, which partners with Muenster Memorial Hospital in its wound care program. Dr. Zgourides is Chief of Staff at MMH and practices in the MMH Family Health Clinic.

MMH provides wound care management service

Statistics show that eight surrounding areas. million people suffer from chronic wounds and sadly, due to a rapidly aging poppeople throwing away ulation and increases in are a variety of conditions and protein supplements,

For the majority of us, wounds come and go – cuts heal, blisters dry up, and ulcerated skin is a rare occurrence.

But for those with diabetes, immune or vascular disorders, or nutritional challenges, a simple cut, pressure sore, or ulcer can turn into an ordeal like none

heal on its own, it opens the door to skin, or even limb, death, gangrene, and other infections, which can become life threatening. Limb death can lead to amputa-

That is when the services of a professional wound management program become essential, and Muen-ster Memorial Hospital has partnered with Wound Care Specialists, the largest operator of outpatient wound care programs in the United States, to provide the service to Cooke County and

disease, but rather a sympthat number is climbing tom of a disease, deficiency, ailment, or infection. There clude the use of vitamin affect the skin's ability to heal.

> Some leading causes of chronic wounds:

 Chronic diseases - Many chronic diseases, in particular diabetes, impact the wound healing process.

• Vascular insufficiencies - Decreased blood supply to lower legs.

When a wound doesn't more likely to deteriorate as elasticity decreases with

• Obese or frail body type Long-term pressure applied to the body, pressure ulcers or bedsores.

If you have a wound that signs of healing after two weeks or one that does not heal within six weeks, you may have a chronic wound that requires treatment.

An important part of the wound treatment process involves a thorough evaluation, including physical assessment, medical history, patient interview, and comprehensive assessment of the wound, which may include a nutrition assessment, lab tests to identify deficiencies, Doppler and ankle brachial index to establish blood flow, and tissue cultures.

"The ultimate goal is resolving the wound permanently," noted Keith McClane, Community Educator for Wound Specialists. We need to find and correct the cause of the problem, so that it does not recur."

With the results of the brochure

A chronic wound is not a treatment plan is designed

Treatment plans can inproducts and compression therapy. A staple to most plans is wound debridement, which is performed by a physician.

"Debridement allows us to remove dead or dying tissue, allowing new tissue to generate," explained Mc-

Currently, the wound clin- Old age - Aged skin is ic at MMH is held weekly. Treatment time ranges from 30 minutes to an hour.

The staff sees patients referred from physician practices, nursing home patients, and even patients from short-term to longterm acute facilities," said has not shown significant McClane. "We try to make wound treatment as easy as we can on regular caregivers, keeping dressing changes to a minimum.'

Education is an important component in the wound care process. "We wound care process. place a major emphasis on education – teaching the patient and family how to care for the injury to enhance the healing process," Mc-Clane said. Information is given on wound prevention, nutrition, and hygiene.

Patients who complete the wound care protocol have a 92-97% healing rate, significantly higher than the national average.

For more information on the wound care program at Muenster Memorial Hospital or to schedule an appointment, call 877-295-2273, toll free, or visit MMH and ask for a wound care

Neu and AgriLife Extension foster parent team receive Superior Service Award

The Mini-Pride Foster Sciences agent in Denton tal needs, addressing their Parent Education Program County; Angel Neu, Fam- developmental delays, and team, comprised of nine members, has received a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Superior Service Award in the team category.

The award was presented Jan. 6 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Conference held at Texas A&M University in College Station. Six of the team members are based in AgriLife Extension offices in five north central counties, one at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Dallas, and two in College Station.

Superior Service Awards recognize AgriLife Extension faculty and staff members who provide outstanding performance in Extension education or other outstanding service to the organization and to Texans.

The team members are: Tanica Bell, administrative assistant, Tarrant County; Collin County; Margaret Jo-

ily and Consumer Sciences supporting Joyce White, Family and Consumer Sciences agent in Grayson County; and Patti Wunneburger, administrative assistant in College Sta-

By filling an "urgent need" for qualified staff to teach parenting education classes, the Mini-Pride Parent Education Project Team has aided the Texas Department of Family Protective Services to serve a growing population of children placed in courtordered protective custody of relatives, according to the award documentation.

The Mini-Pride program Carrie Brazeal, Family and trains foster families "in the Consumer Sciences agent in importance of protecting and nurturing children, meetver, Family and Consumer ing children's developmen-

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agent in Cooke County; Jeff between children and their Owens, maintenance worker families." The documentaat the Dallas center; Dr. Rick tion states "Having reached Peterson, AgriLife Extension a diverse audience that had parenting specialist, College not been exposed to AgriL-Station; Marian Ross, Fam- ife Extension programs, the ily and Consumer Sciences team members work hard to agent in Tarrant County; show respect for each participant's unique situation and beliefs."

> Since its inception in 2010, the Mini-Pride program has educated 908 caregivers benefiting more than 1,700 children.

Notice

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group will meet at the North Texas Medical Center Classrooms on Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 7 to 8 p.m. Joan Walterscheid, RN, CDE (Certified Diabetes Educator) will present "Diabetes Is A Balancing Act." Her program will include: the ABCs of staying heart healthy; the importance of staying healthy with diabetes; target levels for lipids, blood glucose, and blood pressure; and complications of diabetes; sick day management; and more.

For more information about this free program, call Joan

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Clockwise from above, Pre-Kstudents use iPads to reinforce their concepts; First Grade students use the Smartboard to practice math; High School students use Chromebooks to aide in class discussions.



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Technology in action at Muenster ISD

him for a lifetime.'

The teachers and administrators at Muenster ISD are teaching their students how to "fish," but they are not using fishing poles, they are using Chromebooks, Google Classroom, iPads, Smart Boards, Remind101, distance learning, and many other technology tools. These tools are in daily use at Muenster ISD. The teachers have been encouraged to integrate technology into their classrooms, but it doesn't take much convincing to get teachers to use technology. The teachers know that the devices motivate and engage students. By using the devices in the classroom for assignments and teaching, the students are learning to "fish" so that when they have an assignment or a project, the students are able to apply their new knowledge of

college classes. Classroom have redefined classroom use of technology especially at the upper levels at Muenster ISD. Students as young as 4th grade are using Google Classroom to turn in electronic assignments. These electronic assignments are Cloud-based and can be accessed at school, home, or anywhere a student has internet access. Even the teachers are turning in lesson plans and forms to their administrators through Google Classroom. It helps to organize and encourages a paperless environment. Since Google Classroom is free and integrates online classrooms, Gmail, Drive, and Docs together, student, teachers, and administrators love it!

The iPads are being used

is, "Give a man a fish and classroom. Many teachers online learning without havyou feed him for a day; teach have an iPad Center in their ing to leave the classroom to and students are always a man to fish and you feed room for students to practice go to the computer lab. Many students have "iPad Friday" week. Fifth and Sixth grade students create projects on the iPads during their Library time. Some of these tors installed in the classprojects have used apps and rooms also bring collaborawebsite such as ThingLink, tive learning to a new level. Aurasma, and several others. Some of the products of these assignments will be on learning with the tools availdisplay during the annual able online and developed to Open House.

used in all grade levels to class has a computer, increate projects. Mrs. Sturm's ternet, and all its resources Junior High and High School at their fingertips. Smartclasses have created presen- Boards and mounted projectations using Prezi. These tors are installed in all Elpresentations combine im- ementary classrooms. These ages, text, and audio. These will also be installed in the projects allow the students new Junior High classrooms to display their creativ- and a number of the High the technology tools such as ity and apply their learned extracurricular activities or knowledge in a variety of I prefer winter and fall, ways. Sixth grade students Chromebooks and Google used the website Pixton to when you feel the bone develop comic strips online reinforcing the learned concepts in their Language Arts class. Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth grade classes of winter. Something have created slideshows using Google Docs to extend on their Social Studies concepts. The High School and Show. Junior High classes use their class sets of Chromebooks to

An old proverbial saying in nearly every elementary research and have access to School classrooms. with apps pertaining to their of the textbooks are online subject matter. Kindergarten and have learning extension resources online for the when they use the class set student to access. By having of iPads to reinforce the condevices already in the classcepts such as math and read-room, this creates a much ing they have covered that more efficient classroom, and learning can continue in the same environment.

SmartBoards and projec-Students and teachers are able to interact and engage work with the adopted text-Chromebooks are also books. It's as if the whole

> structure of the landscape - the loneliness of it, the dead feeling waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't

> > - Andrew Wyeth

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happening," Hellman said of doing a smaller crime, that a juvenile being tried as an is sometimes considered a

Once detained, the youth is photographed and fingerprinted. But once the teen turns 17, in the State of not referred to as juveniles Texas their records can go on restricted access if they have not been in trouble since the when a former 'kid' graduatfirst detention. Only law en- ed from college. She couldn't forcement and court personnel can access it then.

This allows those juveniles who commit an offense when voung and turn their lives around to truly get away from their past.

"If asked on a job or college application if they had ever been convicted, we tell them they can legally and lawfully say no because they were not convicted but adjudicated," Hellman reported. "Also, when asked if ever arrested, they can also answer no because they were detained."

The juvenile justice system is all about rehabilitation. They don't distinguish if some are Class B organized crime detainees or charged with juvenile assault.

"We are all about helping them figure out why they did what they did," Hellman said. "There are so many reasons why kids do something."

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integrate and use technol-

ogy. Many teachers, coaches,

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easier with these tools.

They also help parents realize why their child did it and if changes can be made in the home environment to address it in hope to turn things around.

In the juvenile department, success is subjected. I've had to adjust expectations when thinking of what different kids are capable of," Hellman said. "All kids are different."

If a teen went on to graduate from high school and get a job, that is a good thing. If they stay out of trouble for five years, that is a great thing. And obviously, if they go off to college, that is a great success. But at times, if a juvenile first comes to them after committing a large crime, then later gets caught

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small success as the teen has changed from large to small

In the office, the youth are or probationers but as kids. Hellman recounted a time resist sharing her joy with that person's success, so she told friends one of her kids graduated from college. They gave her a funny look.

"I guess to outsiders, they must think I have 25 kids," Hellman laughed. "We are very invested in these kids. And at times, we are the best thing to happen to them."

So how did Hellman get started in juvenile justice?

"Mom is a nurse and suggested I try that," Hellman recalled. "The first anatomy class we dissected a cat. And I felt, no, this is not for me!" Then a friend in criminal justice class invited me to see what was going on.

"I was hooked from my first class. I knew that I had to pursue this," Hellman said. "That first class had me completely interested."

Today, she knows that for many kids, that except for circumstances they are in, would be totally different, keeps her going.

"We are that one positive in their life, we know we can make it worthwhile," Hellman said. "We can make a difference."

Christ said, "I am the Truth;" He did not say "I am the custom." - St. Toribio



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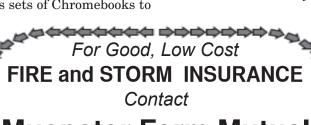
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Muenster stays #1 in District

hosted Lindsay on the basketball court in a battle for varsity teams started the night with undefeated District records. When the last buzzer sounded, the Muen-Muenster Hornets were both victorious, both claiming the \mathbf{M} 22 10 10 16 $\mathbf{58}$ \mathbf{M} 22 20 14 $\mathbf{\#1}$ position in District stand- \mathbf{L} 12 13 15 $\mathbf{5}$ $\mathbf{45}$ \mathbf{L} $\mathbf{5}$ $\mathbf{6}$ 4

4th quarter District win, 58-45, from the Lady Knights. A strong 1st quarter 22-12 was closed slowly the next two periods for a 42-40 score going into the final quarter. Lindsay lost their fight and

Basketball

Rankings

The Texas Association of

Basketball Coaches High School Basketball Rankings

for Jan. 12 have been re-

In the boys 2A classifica-

tion, Muenster (18-2) is still

ranked in 2nd place behind

Big Sandy (21-3). Martin's

Mill is 3rd (16-4), and Dis-

trict member Poolville (12-9)

In small private schools,

the Tigers of Sacred (13-1)

made the top 25 list at #24.

Cedar Hill (21-1), Houston

St. Thomas (14-11), and

Waco Vanguard (18-1) take

In girls Class 2A, Muen-

ster (15-6) is ranked 17, fol-

lowed by Lindsay (17-5) at

18. Plains (21-1), Wellington

(17-0), Christoval (22-0) are

Sacred Heart (10-8) is in

16th, with Houston Luther-

an (26-1), Marble Falls Faith

(22-3), and Beaumont Lega-

cy (19-6) leading the small

the top three places.

the top three teams.

private school class.

leased.

is 15th.

final 13 point win.

the District lead. All four Dangelmayr, and Mady Bur- Logan Cook put in 14 and nett all hit the double digit Trevor Cheaney 11. Blayne points, scoring 16, 13, and 11 Jones added 8, Ryan Hoepoints. Kristen Reiter added 7, Morgan Eldridge 5, Claire and Chance Herr 3 apiece, ster Lady Hornets and the Schneider 3, Katie Pagel 2, and Courtney Stevens 1.

The Knights were no The Lady Hornets took a match for the Hornets, as a Friday night to continue 22-5 1st quarter score gave District play, with the Lady a hint to who would finish Hornets 17-6 overall and on top. Muenster extended 4-0 in District and the Hortheir lead to 42-11 at halftime before slowing down the 2nd half.

Nine Hornets put points Championship.

Tuesday night, Muenster was out-scored 16-5 for the on the boards, three hitting the double digits. Lyndon Bailey Klement, Kassie Cook led with 16 points. pfner 5, Brandon Hennigan Trey Anderle 2, and Nate Walterscheid 1.

6 4 14 **29**

Muenster travels to Era nets 19-2 overall and 4-0 in District, both working toward an undefeated District



The Muenster Clay Commanders, a Youth Target Foundation (YTF) shotgun shooting team, participated in the YTF Central Regional trap shoot in San Antonio on Jan. 10. Pictured from left, Josh Brinkley, Devon Brinkley, Stone Lamar, Owen Tolar, and coach Stick Lamar. All four boys shot career high scores including perfect rounds for Devon and Stone. Stone took first place against 33 other shooters in the JV division, breaking 95 out of 100 birds.



Kassie Dangelmayr (20) reaches for a rebound. Also pictured are Bailey Klement and Kristen Reiter (24).



All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2015 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Muenster Council #1459 will hold its competition on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 1:30 p.m. at the Muenster ISD High School Gym. Registration begins at 12:30.

All contestants on the local level will be allowed 15 freethrow attempts. Ties will be settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerges.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Participants can download entry forms at www.muensterisd.net and for additional information contact Coach Jeff Presnall at jpresnall@ muensterisd.net.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through the local, district, and state competition. Since its beginning in 1972, over 2.5 million youths have participated in the contest. Last year, more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members in 15,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and \$167.5 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, and youth.

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Hornet Trevor Cheaney goes over Lindsay's Connor Pelzel for 2 points in Muenster's big win over the

Sacred Heart to begin District at Calvary

from the competition court. Sacred Heart hosted cancelled last weekend's exciting games.

The Sacred Heart Tigers games in Abilene due to and Tigerettes will begin weather. They had no con-District play this Friday test scheduled for earlier Dangelmayr 8, Claire Schnight after a 10 day break this week, adding to the no- neider 7, Courtney Stevens game stretch.

Gainesville girls and Red Fort Worth Calvary Acade- and Sarah Binford.

CC Academic All-State team

Three Lady Hornets have been selected to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State Team in Cross Country in Conference 2A. Athletes must be seniors, have a grade point average of 94 or above, and must be a team member in good standing.

Making the team were Muenster seniors Rachel Hare, Mikaela Lamar, and Kristen Reiter. Jessica Martin of Lindsay also made the

Dragons feel **Hornets'** sting

Muenster traveled to Chico on Friday, Jan. 9 to continue District play. The Hornet defense held the Dragons to four single-digit quarters to claim a 47-11 victory.

"We played excellent defense the entire game," noted Muenster Coach Lynn Cook. "But we struggled with consistency on offense

at times." Nine Muenster players put points on the boards, led by Lyndon Cook and Blake Hoepfner with 12 and 11 points. Brandon Hennigan and Logan Cook each added 5, with Blayne Jones and Trevor Cheaney scoring 4 apiece. Trey Anderle put in 3 points, Ryan Hoepfner 2, and Nate Walterscheid 1.

9 12 47 14 12 4 11 The Lady Hornet defense

held Chico to low-scoring quarters in their 65-32 victory over the Lady Dragons. Twenty-three points in the 2nd quarter blew Chico back so far they never got close to threatening Muenster.

Mady Burnett was the game's high scorer with 17 points. Bailey Klement added 11, Katie Pagel 9, Kassie 5, Morgan Eldridge 4, and 2 Action Friday will be at apiece from Kristen Reiter

16 23

On Dec. 19, the Lady Hornets dominated the boards, pounding Poolville to only 14 points. Macie Pagel and Alaina Kubis were high scor- **M** ers with 12 points each. Me- A gan Rohmer added 10, Sterling Walterscheid 7, Bailey Anderle 4, and 2 apiece from Savannah Hermes and Natalie Chism.

 \mathbf{M} 13 19 11 5 **14**

Muenster 44 Alvord 37 The Lady Hornets started 2015 with a victory over the Puppies from Alvord. The game remained close M throughout, with Muenster C gaining the most in the 2nd Muenster 31 Lindsay 29 period. All eight Muenster

Muenster 49 Poolville 14 14 points. Rohmer added 10, with Jenna Sicking and Pagel each scoring 5, Walterscheid 4, Anderle 3, Chism 2, and Hermes 1.

8 16 15 8 10 13 Muenster 55 Collinsville 23

The JV Lady Hornets got District win #3 on Jan. 6 with a victory over the Lady Pirates. Three Muenster girls scored double digits, with Kubis scoring 16, Walterscheid 13, and Pagel 10. Anderle and Rohmer each added 7 and Hermes 2.

The Lady Hornets pulled players put points on the out a 2 point victory over boards, led by Kubis with Lindsay Tuesday night.

Natalie Dangelmayr put 9 points on the boards and Pagel 8. Rohmer added 6, with Anderle, Hermes, Sicking, and Walterscheid each scor-

The win puts Muenster in the District lead with a 5-0 record to date.

11 Muenster 46 Lindsay 20

The Muenster JV boys remain undefeated in District (13-2) (4-0) after their 46 -20 victory over the Lindsay JV Knights. Leading the scoring for Muenster was Cal York with 11 and Clay Stevens with 9. John Weger popped in 7, Billy Felderhoff 6, Trace Klement and Bryce Herr 4 each, Michael Mose-

ley 3, and Max Herr 2.

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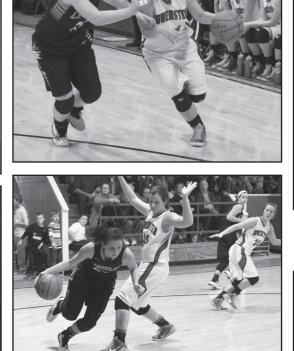
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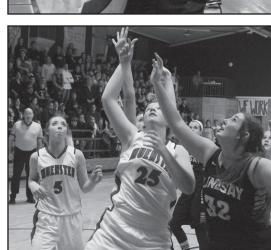






























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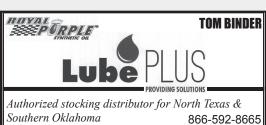
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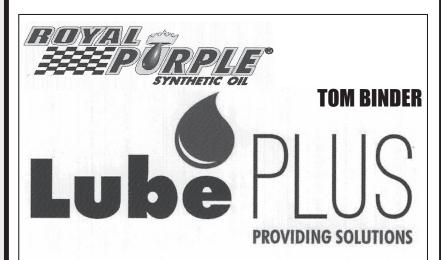






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Beef imports outlook up for 2014

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 $Drovers\ Cattle Network.$

The report revealed demand for imported process-

for dairies, according to Ag Web.

have a big job ahead, and there

To start with, it's a legislative

year. As a farmer, I know about

taking care of the land and pre-

paring the ground for a new crop.

In only a few days, our elected

representatives will return to

Austin. That in itself is challeng-

ing, and we have to be ready. We

will study the issues and develop

relationships with state officials.

Many of them have never been

part of state government before.

Others are now in a completely

folks you sent to the capitol.

different role.

are many challenges.

watering livestock.

TEXAS

Texas Panhandle dairies

continue to grow

Texas is responsible for nearly 5% of U.S. milk production,

Eight of the top 10 dairy counties in Texas are now in the

Panhandle. Dry climate, cheaper land, and communities sup-

portive to animal agriculture make the area an ideal location

Dairies and feedlots bring infrastructure to the High

Plains of Texas. Their success can be attributed to the Ogal-

lala Aquifer that supplies ground water for irrigation and

Time to step up political activism

Farm Bureau by the voting delegates at our Corpus Christi

convention. As that all sinks in, I'm eager to get started. We

Inexperience is part of this complex situation in Austin

and it makes our role as active Farm Bureau members even

more important. It's vital that you communicate with the

Voter Voice, built into our Texas Farm Bureau website, is

a very easy and effective way to communicate. Our Govern-

ment Affairs staff will at times ask you to use Voter Voice to

send messages to your elected officials. But you don't have to wait. You can send emails and make calls as a constitu-

ent to your state senators and state representatives. We've

talked about using social media. Legislators use these tools

For Texas Farm Bureau, one of the most exciting things

about 2014 was the emergence of some outstanding lead-

ers from our organization. People like DeWayne Burns of

Johnson County and Andy Murr of Kimble County stepped

This is going to be one of my top goals as president. I want

to step up our political activism. We must be more involved

in the political process than ever. Our AGFUND PAC must be strong and well-financed. We must communicate with our

leaders and many of us should give careful consideration to

The organization will do its part. We need you as we step

out to achieve positive change for Texas Farm Bureau and

agriculture. I will visit with you often on these pages. You can also follow me on Twitter—@RBoening. I'll be telling you

what I'm doing. Contact me through the state office in Waco

There are major issues, important debates, and hard

work ahead of us. There are exciting prospects full of great

and we have to think about using them, too.

forward to take their places in Austin.

running for public office.

or on social media.

It is my great honor to be selected president of Texas

AG TAL

By Russell Boening

TFB President

an increase of 1.5% from 1999. That increase can be attrib-

uted to one geographic region—the Panhandle.

2014 due to lower domestic to 2.525 billion pounds due

USDA is forecasting 2015 beef imports at 2.7 billion

Total beef exports for 2014 are forecast at 2.599 billion pounds, marginally higher than 2013. In 2015, beef ing beef has expanded in exports are forecast to fall

to expected lower U.S. beef production and the strengthening U.S. dollar.

Ardmore man convicted of cattle theft

after knowingly concealing stolen property (cattle) in Jefferson County. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special

returned to the victim.

"This case highlights that branding livestock is an invaluable tool for law enforcement to quickly locate, identify, and recover stolen

Blalock pled guilty to a five year suspended sentence along with a \$500 fine and \$1,000 in restitution. Blalock is also required to complete than the previous week and 100 hours of community

AGRICULTURE MARKET SUMMARY For the week ending Jan. Texas corn cash prices also were almost exclusively east 10, Texas auctions quoted were lower after the holifeeder cattle prices mostly days, down about 14 cents. steady to \$10 higher, with However, corn futures prices one sale location reporting experienced a four cent gain an increase as high as \$30 to end the week. Corn export in comparison to pre-holiday sales also were at a marketprices. Texas direct feeder

cattle sales were \$2 to \$9

higher. Fed cattle weekly

cash sales were slow later

in the week, though prices

were quoted at \$170 per hun-

dredweight (cwt) last Thurs-

day, up about 5% from last

week. Wholesale beef values

continued their increase to

close at \$256.79 per cwt for

Choice Grade cut-out and

\$248.23 per cwt for Select

Grade. Weekly export sales

beginning Jan. 1 totaled

6,000 metric tons (MT), with

Japan, Chile and Mexico as

the top buyers. Export ship-

ments of 7,700 MT went pri-

marily to Japan, Hong Kong

and South Korea. Accumu-

lated exports of 680,200 MT

for 2014 were down two per-

cent from the previous year.

as are down 67 cents after

the holidays, and futures ex-

perienced a 16 cent decrease

since last week. Net export

sales for wheat were at a

marketing-year low, down

57% from the prior week and

61% from the four-week av-

erage. However, shipments

were three times higher

43%t higher than the weekly

Wheat cash prices in Tex-

Much of the state recorded precipitation over the last week, with the exception of the Texas Panhandle. Re-

ing-year low, down 57% from

the previous week and 63%

from the four-week average.

Export shipments were 24%

lower than the prior week

and 28% lower than the av-

of I-35. Last week's U.S. Drought Monitor for Texas showed 61% of the state was experiencing some form of drought conditions. Twentyfour percent of the state continues to experience severe drought conditions. On the national level, almost 44% of the U.S. is experiencing abnormal dryness or some degree of drought, down about two and a half percent from last week.

In other news, crude oil prices fell below \$50 a barrel last week, its lowest settleports of a half inch or more ment price since April 2009.

USDA releases 2013 PDP annual summary

was recently posted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). The report confirms that pesticide residues do not pose a safety concern for U.S. food; showing that over 99% of the

The 2013 Pesticide Data Program (PDP) Annual Summary

products sampled through PDP had residues below the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tolerances, according Each year, USDA and EPA work together to identify foods to be tested on a rotating basis. In 2013, surveys were con-

ducted on a variety of foods including fresh and processed fruits and vegetables, infant formula, butter, salmon, groundwater, and drinking water.

The PDP report findings can be downloaded at www.ams. usda.gov/pdp.

Hog numbers show increase

The U.S. hog and pig inventory is up 2% from last year, totaling 66.1 million head as of Dec. 1, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) quarterly report.

The increase in inventory may reflect a sow herd that has gained some immunity from Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv), Agri-Pulse reports.

The report also showed market hogs totaled 60.1 million head as of Dec. 1, up 2% from 2013. The Dec. 1 breeding hog inventory was at 5.97 million head, up 4% from last year.

U.S. hog farmers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the December-February 2015 quarter, which is up 4% from the actual farrowings during the same period in

The longest days are those you start with a grouch.

An Ardmore, OK., man was convicted on Dec. 16 Ranger Bart Perrier led the investigation.

Cody Wayne Blalock, 28, was convicted after he sold two steers, in the summer of 2014, to subjects who resided in Jefferson County. The steers in question were stolen from the Speake Ranch, located near Ardmore. Both of the steers were branded with the victim's state registered brand, which aided in the quick identification and recovery of the cattle. The stolen steers have been

livestock," said Perrier.



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By Jessica Domel

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