

County shines in FY 2011 S&P bond rating

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County officials gave themselves a pat on the back at the Monday, Feb. 13 Commissioners Court meeting. What pleased them was Cooke County's S&P bond rating for fiscal year (FY) 2011, which they unanimously approved.

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith expressed pleasure with the rating. He explained, "When you look at the Standard & Poor's (S&P) rating, you have a AA rating with a stable outlook on Cooke County, Texas' general obligation debts. The rating reflects their opinion of Cooke County. Good income, we've got low unemployment, very strong finances, and limited additional debt fees.

"I think what we are really brought here to do is to retain this rate and to manage our business in a fashion that retains this rate. This actually is better dialogue of our rating than we've ever received, in my opinion."

County Auditor Shelly Atteberry agreed, "I'm very proud of us. I was concerned after they lowered the United States government rating, that they were going to come in and lower everybody's. I was ecstatic when we got this. They maintained ours based on our good financial position and the economic stability in growth and low unemployment here in Cooke County. It speaks very well to your budgeting, and concerns and management of the money that we have."

Commissioner Gary Hollowell quipped, "Does this suggest that our job consists of more than road maintenance?"

The U.S. government's

S&P rating was AA negative.

In 1900, a piece of property located in Precinct #3 was deeded to the County. It is in the middle of the Barnett Shale surrounded by properties leased by EOG. EOG would like to lease the County's property also and has brought a contract for that purpose.

The contract would be signed by the County Judge and County Auditor. Judge Roane asked that the County hire a mineral, oil, and gas attorney to advise them about what the County needs to do in the matter. Commissioners approved the request.

Approved by the Court was the FY 2011 Arbitrage Rebate Summary. Auditor Atteberry explained, "Basically what this says is that based on the interest we're earning and amount that we have left on the bond, we do not owe the IRS any of the interest that we earned. You can't sell a bond, make money off of it." Arbitrage is the IRS's way of taking anything that you've earned above what the bond allows. Cooke County was \$315,000 short of that.

To allow for renovation of the County Courthouse, the County Tax Assessor Collector's Office was moved to a location at 212 East California where they remain today. There wasn't enough room to keep that office in the Courthouse. The County is paying rent on the California Street facility and hopes to relocate that office to a building that the County already owns.

A committee was appointed earlier to study the situation and report back to the Court. Two locations are be-

ing considered. One is the Annex building across from the Courthouse where the District Court was held and County and District Attorney Offices occupied during the renovation. The other at 112 South Dixon houses the Juvenile Probation Office.

After a very lengthy discussion that included timing, customer convenience, parking, and more, no motion was made for a decision. Judge Roane appointed a second committee with Commissioners Leon Klement and B. C. Lemons and Tax Assessor Collector Billie Jean Knight to further study the situation.

Rev. Ralph Gourley of Muenster First Baptist Church led the opening prayer.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Approved request by ETC Texas Pipeline to construct a natural gas pipeline that will cross County Roads 438, 409, 407, and 418 in Precinct #4 and cross County Roads 398, 333, 338, and 327 in Precinct #3.
- Approved the resignation of Todd Stevens (Place 3) and Jerri Hassell (Place 8) from the Cooke County

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I-35 ramp to close

A southbound exit ramp on I-35 for Gainesville is being closed as part of the I-35/US 82 improvement project. The exit for FM 51/California Street will be permanently closed on Thursday, Feb. 23. Instead, motorists wishing to exit for California Street will need to take the exit prior.

This will be their permanent exit for California. New signs will be installed that will reflect the changes to the California Street exit. Until installed, a temporary message board will reflect the new exit change.

The site of the old exit ramp for California will actually be replaced with an On-Ramp for I-35.

Welcoming a new physician and family



Last Wednesday, Muenster Memorial Hospital and MMH Auxiliary hosted a reception at the Hospital for Muenster's newest physician Dr. Donald Simmons. He is shown at left visiting with Henry Weinzapfel. Seated are, from left, Janie Weinzapfel, the doctor's wife Ann Marie Simmons and uncle John Kerley. Other relatives attending were Dr. Simmons parents Jim and Frances Simmons, daughter Samantha, and aunt Marilyn Kerley. Janet Felderhoff photo

Amnesty period offered on outstanding County warrants

Saturday, Feb. 25, Law Enforcement across the state will be actively hunting individuals with outstanding traffic violations and putting them in jail. They will seek individuals out at home, work, school, or any place they may be found.

Cooke County is offering an amnesty period from Feb.

13 through Feb. 24. During this time, defendants will be eligible for the warrant fee to be removed.

Participating agencies in Cooke County are: Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, 940-668-5463; Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, 940-726-3539; Gainesville Municipal Court, 940-668-4750; Lindsay Municipal Court, 940-

665-4455; Muenster Municipal Court, 940-759-2236; Oak Ridge Municipal Court, 940-665-8474; and Valley View Municipal Court, 940-726-3740. JP office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday through Feb. 24. Anyone who thinks they may have a warrant is encouraged to call the different agencies.

Dr. D'Ambrosio to speak at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay will host renowned speaker Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio on Sunday and Monday, March 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall. Dr. D'Ambrosio, known to many from his appearances on EWTN, will offer talks on "Making the Most out of Lent."

The talks seek to provide a deeper and richer understanding of Lent, with practical tips for a whole new way to experience the season and featuring a renewed appreciation of the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Debate set for Texas Representative Candidates

The Cooke County Young Republicans invite you to a debate between the GOP candidates for Texas State House Representative for District 68. The debate will occur on Feb. 25 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the State Theater in Gainesville, 200 East California Street. Candidates will answer questions regarding Education, Jobs\Small Business, Water, and State Finances. Audience questions will

not be taken at the debate, but your question may be included if it is submitted in writing to webmaster@cookegop.com no later than Feb. 22.

The following candidates will be participating:

- Paul Braswell (<http://txansforbraswell.com/>);
- David Isbell (<http://www.isbellfortexas.com/>);
- Trent McKnight (<http://trentmcknight.com/>);
- Drew Springer (<http://votedrewspringer.com/>).

The debate will be moderated by Justice of the Peace for Pct. 4, Judge Jason Brinkley.

District 68 includes Cooke County as well as Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Hall, Hardeeman, Haskell, Jack, Kent, King, Montague, Motley, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wheeler, Wilbarger, and Young counties.



Memories stirred by Country magazine article

By Janet Felderhoff
Former Muenster resident Wilda Worth of Colorado Springs, Colorado wrote an article "The Honeymoon Cottage" which was published in the February/March 2012 issue of Country magazine. It seems that Wilda and her husband Gene Nelson lived in a small four-room home in Muenster after their marriage in January 1954.

The small home was dubbed the Honeymoon Cottage because many newly married couples started their lives together there. Among those couples were long-time Muenster residents Urban and Jane Endres.

Jane remembers how small the home was. "It was tiny and especially when we had a baby while we were living there," she said.

According to Urban, Adolph "Shorty" Herr was the Ford dealer back in the early '40s. The Herrs lived at 222 North Pecan. There was a chicken house behind their home. "They fixed up

that chicken house during the War to rent out," recalled Urban. Jane said there was hardly any place to live at the time. "People didn't have places to rent out," she added. "Everybody was trying to do something to rent out to the soldiers and their wives who were out at Camp Howze." The soldiers with families would stay at Camp Howze during the week and spend the weekend with their family if they were fortunate enough to locate a place to live. Some families even rented out rooms to help out.

Urban and Jane were married April 2, 1945. When they returned from their honeymoon, they lived with Mrs. Henry Walterscheid in a single room of her home for about two weeks until a home became available. That happened to be the Honeymoon Cottage. They lived in the Honeymoon Cottage from 1945 to 1946, for almost a year and a half, while they built a new home

on Sycamore Street.

The couple's daughter Eileen was born while they lived in the four-room home. Space was cramped. "There was only room for a bassinet," Jane commented. "You couldn't put a baby bed in there. That bedroom was barely big enough for a bed!"

Furnishings in the home included an ice box, not a refrigerator, that Jane said would not even make jello. They filled it with a block ice to keep things cool.

When Urban read the article, he decided to place a call to Wanda to learn what he could about the time they spent in Muenster. He learned Wanda and Gene met while they were college students at East Texas College in Commerce. Gene accepted a position as the Ag teacher at Muenster ISD in the fall of 1953. After Wanda's graduation and their marriage in January 1954, the couple took the only furnished lodging available.

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Letter to the Editor

To whom this may concern!

I hope you are able to sleep tonight knowing you killed my sister's pet. What if it had been a small child? It seems you would still go your merry way.

The speed limit signs were put up to insure the safety of everyone. They didn't last as long as it took to put them up. Is everyone still going to use 302 for a race track? The next time, it might not be a small dog who is the fatality. You could have stopped to at least show your face. Thank you -

A sister who is hurting for her sister,
Dorothy Fisher
Muenster

Correction

There was a typo in last week's paper in the outline of Ben Bindel presenting a grant check to the Muenster Jaycees at their Installation Banquet. The amount presented was \$12,000 as reported in the story, not \$1,200 as noted in the cutline.

Officers elected for Muenster VFD

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department recently held elections for officers whose terms expired at the end of 2011. The following are two-year terms and are elected positions. Herbie Knabe was reelected chief; John Yosten was reelected as secretary. Ben Bindel was reelected as certifying training officer and this position is a one-year term. Mitch Creed was elected to be training assistant. It is noted that Muenster Volunteer Fire Department reports to the state each year on the training status of each fireman. One trustee position was up

and Mark Neu was elected. He will hold this position for three years.

Assistant chief position is held by Bert Walterscheid and treasurer's position by Michael Gehrig. Their terms expire at the end of 2012.

Doug Hennigan has one year left and Jim Gehrig has two years remaining on the Board of Trustees. There are three positions on the Board of Trustees and each serves a term of three years. One new person is elected each year. Safety officers are Neal Flusche and Henry Knabe.

Since the Fireman's BBQ,

there was enough funds to replace the 2,500 gallon tanker now used by the Department. The reason to replace the truck is 455,000 miles on it and the need for a more reliable truck. The new truck chassis has been built and is waiting for the apparatus builder to complete the tank and pump. This truck is the same size as the old, but with a 3,000 gallon tank. Delivery date is sometime this summer.

There were 1,527 training hours logged for the year 2011. Presently, 30 members serve on the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department.

Ham radio class set to train operators

The Cooke County Office of Emergency Management and the North Texas Section of the American Radio Relay League will be hosting an Amateur Radio Technician License Class on Feb. 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 26 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The class will be held at 301 S. Chestnut Street in Gainesville. The cost of the class is \$15.

Ray Fletcher, Cooke County emergency manager, said, "We are looking to expanding the emergency communications capability in Cooke County by offering this class. Ham operators are especially needed when we lose the other forms of communication we take for granted.

When a wind storm, flood, or other natural disaster takes out our internet, cell phone, and possibly even land line phones, radios will be all we have left to get vital information into and out of the County."

Fletcher also said, "Having ham radio operators

throughout the County will also enhance our already robust weather spotting efforts by increasing the area covered by trained spotters and getting their reports directly to the Emergency Operations Center and on to the National Weather Service."

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Child Welfare Board.

- Approved the Cooke County Library being closed on Feb. 22-24 for continuing collection inventory.
- Approved Ray Fletcher to apply for Wal-Mart grant for CERT Team.
- Approved official bond for jailor Christopher Keeland.
- Accepted the auction pro-

ceeds from sale of the building maintenance vehicle.

- Approved items for surplus from Cooke County Jail storage and EMS.
- Approved part-time person for scanning probate records and corresponding budget amendments. The cost approved is for 256 hours \$2,117.12 and FICA of \$161.96.

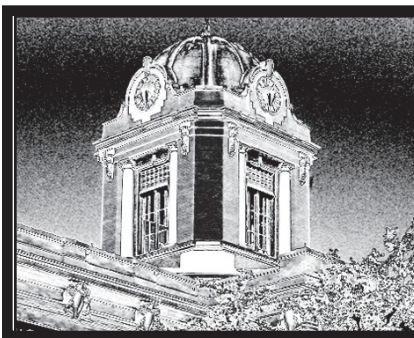
Area Events

Chili Cook-Off

Muenster Health and Rehab is hosting a chili cook-off. The public is invited to "bring your favorite pot of chili and be ready for a fabulous time!!" It will begin at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Gainesville is hosting their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. It will be held in St. Paul's Parish Hall located at the Jefferson Street entrance. The meal will include pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice.



Cooke County working for you featuring County Auditor

By Janet Felderhoff

The County Attorney's office prosecutes adult criminal misdemeanors, all juvenile crimes, handles the dockets from the Justice of the Peace Courts, represent the state in mental commitments, and advises Commissioners Court and elected officials in legal matters when requested to do so.

Most often when someone from the public visits the County Attorney's office it is to pay hot checks. "We handle those in a process where we try to collect on them before we have to file on them criminally," noted County Attorney Tanya Davis. "We send out a letter to them telling them that a check has arrived in this office and they need to contact us to take care of it."

Those coming to the County Attorney's office who are victims of an offense or think an offense has occurred are referred to the police agency that covers their jurisdiction. The County Attorney's office has no investigator.

Their office is now in the southeast corner of the basement where DPS and then the Extension offices were once located.

County Attorneys are Nancy Manning and Nancy Carlton, and the legal assis-



Staff for the Cooke County Auditor's Office include, from left, front - County Auditor Tanya Davis; middle - Kim Ward and Callie Paxton; back - Traci King and Cathy Burrows. Not pictured are Nancy Manning and Nancy Carlton. Janet Felderhoff photo

stants are Kim Ward, Callie Paxton, Cathy Burrows, and Traci King.

Davis remarked of returning to the Courthouse, "We're excited about getting back over here and getting everybody back in the same general area. We've been

spread out like this for over three years. Our Courthouse camaraderie has suffered a little bit from that. We didn't see the same people all the time and were so spread out that were anxious to get back here and see people again on a daily basis."



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Sunday, February 19, 2012	Monday, February 20, 2012	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Wednesday, February 22, 2012	Thursday, February 23, 2012	Friday, February 24, 2012	Saturday, February 25, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Muenster KC Breakfast 8-10am	Presidents Day-FLY FLAGS VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Rel. Ed Mass, 7 pm ASH WEDNESDAY	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 Muenster KC Fish Fry	Library open 10:30-2:30 Gainesville Bass Club Tourm. 7am-4pm High Port, Lake Texoma
		National	FFA	Week		
Sunday, February 26, 2012	Monday, February 27, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012	Thursday, March 1, 2012	Friday, March 2, 2012	Saturday, March 3, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Bass Club Tournament continues, Lake Texoma		Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Rel. Ed class, 7 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Library open 10:30 - 2:30 Youth Fair Premium Sale 1pm VV Ag Barn
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Obituaries

Ivan Koelzer 1935 - 2012

Mass of Christian Burial for Ivan Lewis Koelzer of Muenster was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Ivan died at the age of 76 at 7:10 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 at Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Born Aug. 25, 1935 in Muenster, Ivan was one of the four children of George and Antonia Schilling Koelzer. He was raised on a farm near Muenster and attended school in Muenster. He received his high school GED diploma while serving in the U.S. Navy. After leaving school, Ivan worked with his father, mostly in the oilfield. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1960, served four years mostly with duties on the USS Enterprise, and was discharged in 1964.

He then worked about four years with Bayer Brothers Cement Company. His next job was working on a pulling unit with Norman Koelzer for some four years. Then he began "rough necking" with Grewing Brothers Drilling and then began pumping an oil lease. Shortly prior to retirement, Ivan worked about two years with Muenster Building Center, and finally returned to pump for Grewing Brothers. In general, Ivan worked throughout his life in the oil field.

Ivan married Irma Vogel at Sacred Heart Church on Oct. 29, 1966. They lived just outside Muenster. His favor-

ite thing was working in his shop. There, he would repair anything that needed help. He was very mechanically inclined. He also really enjoyed his goats, naming his place "The Cozy Goat Farm." Ivan and Irma enjoyed working together raising a good garden.

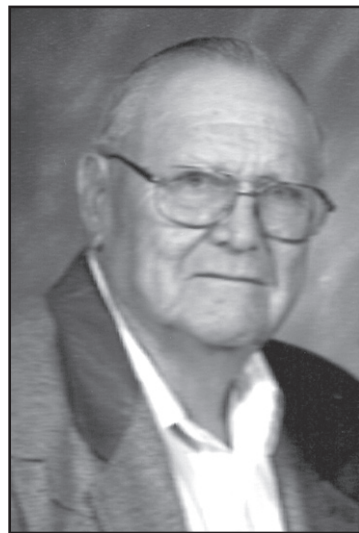
Survivors are his wife Irma Vogel Koelzer; sister Celine Dittfurth; and sister-in-law Beatrice Koelzer, all of Muenster; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers Urban and Earl Koelzer.

Assisting during the funeral Mass were altar servers Willie Fisher, Alvin Hartman, and Sylvan Walterscheid. Laura Fuhrmann gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Molly Sicking. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Carolyn Maynard. David and Linda Vogel brought up the Offertory Gifts. Serving as Eucharistic ministers were Kathy Vogel, Robert Miller, Christel Vogel, Viola Rohmer, and Theresa Mae Walterscheid.

Music ministers were Diane Grewing, Doug Yosten, Jim Endres, Linda Flusche, and Isaac Davis. Sacred songs included "Amazing Grace," "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," "Wherever You Go," "Prayer of Saint Francis," "Songs of the Angels," and "I'll Fly Away."

James Broussard gave the eulogy. James said, in part, "Cotton Top," as he was called in younger years, had



Ivan Koelzer

a huge interest in cars, especially fast ones... Many are the stories about his work as a pumper... He loved to make things out of metal, usually for friends and relatives. He became a collector of things that might have use later. A museum could easily come from his 'shop or office'...

"Some interesting things surprised some of us about Ivan: 1) he loved to jitterbug, 2) he was interested in new things, 3) he loved the computer, especially the Internet, daily jokes sent to him, and games, 4) he was ready to try new ventures..."

"Somewhat ornery and always a teaser... one seldom knew when to take him seriously..."

Pallbearers were Jimmy Koelzer, Earl Koelzer, Jr., Hermie Grewing, Ben Hesse, Jimmy Grewing, and Wilfred Koelzer.

On Tuesday, Rosary led by Mary Lin Knabe was held at 4 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home in Muenster. Vigil was held at 7 p.m. at the funeral home led by Fr. Ken.



Heavy equipment can finally get into the construction site of the Abigail's Family Crisis Shelter after several heavy rains have hit the area. The shelter will be the first of its kind in Cooke County and will house up to 44 women and children victimized by domestic violence. Located just north of Highway 82 on Aspen Road in Gainesville, it is anticipated the shelter will open this year.

Courtesy photo

Meeting Notices

Diabetes Support Group

There will be a meeting of the Diabetes Support Group in the North Texas Medical Center Board Room on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 7 - 8 p.m.

Topics of discussion are diabetes foot care and treatment of foot ulcers. Don R. Dolezalek Jr., DPM, local podiatrist, will present the program.

Individuals with diabetes

Services set for Arendt

Mass of Christian Burial for Johnnie Arendt, age 85 of Lindsay, is set for 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. Rosary was held at 7 p.m. at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb. 16. The complete obituary will be in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

and family members are encouraged to attend this free program.

Call (940) 768-8120 for more information.

Gainesville Christian Women Connection

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection will hold its February luncheon meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. The special event time is 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the catered lunch is \$12. For

reservations, call Carol at (940)368-4950 or e-mail her at cijacobsen@hotmail.com by Monday, Feb. 20.

Keynote speaker will be Kali Schnieders and her theme will be "Truffles from Heaven" ...Discovering the Sweet Gift of Grace. Special feature will be a Red Style Show. Music will be provided by Mary Fay Jackson. She is the host of *Texas Country Gospel* TV show.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

Feb. 14, 1947

The Muenster Manufacturing Company (a mower manufacturer) completes building and begins setting up machines. Richard, Mary Lou, and Melvin Schumacher are unhurt when a passenger train hits their pick-up at the California Street crossing in Gainesville. Little Thomas Moster, son of Mrs. Leo Moster, has appendectomy. Obituary: Frank J. Popp, 53. Weddings: Mary Fisch and Dan Beggins; Nina Owen and Raymond Laux. State reports 1,750 cases of mumps since Jan. 1. New Arrivals: Alma to John and Ursula Herr; Donald to Charley and Alvina Hellman; Patricia to Mrs. Buddy Fette; Carolyn to the Paul Claytons; Norma to Gus and Armella Lutkenhaus; Ronald to Norbert and Marie Zimmerman.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 16, 1962

VFW Post offers flag service for Muenster firms. Too much rock causes change in Hospital plans; instead of having a basement for housing medical equipment, additional space will be built at ground level. New Arrival: Lou to Edgar and Carol Dyer. Five-year-old Terry Hess has

eight stitches in his leg after falling on glass. Paulette Walterscheid of Muenster Public School and Carol Ann Wimmer of Sacred Heart are local winners in 1962 Betty Crocker Search for the Homemaker of Tomorrow. Catching her first fish was a new experience and an exciting event for Mrs. Ernest Medders, recently of Memphis, Tennessee and a Muensterite since last December. City library adds filing cabinet. Wedding: Dolores Hess and Leroy Neu.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 13, 1987

Young Children's Learning Center Open House features Thailand students. Burglary occurs at the home of Bishop Augustine Danglmayr. Obituary: Clem Hofbauer, 82. Ron L. Page has been commissioned Ensign. Dora Henschel has 85th birthday celebration. Joe Paul Fuhrmann honored on 65th birthday. New Arrival: Christy to Doug and Natalie Hess.

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Guy Lester Prelip 1924 - 2012

Funeral for Guy Lester Prelip of Carrollton was held Monday, Feb. 13 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville.

Guy was born Jan. 31, 1924 in Kanawha, Iowa to Frank A. and Julie Andreasen Prelip. He died at the age of 88 on Feb. 8, 2012 in Plano.

Guy married MayBelle Samek on July 3, 1949 in Gainesville.

He is survived by his wife MayBelle of Carrollton; daughters and sons-in-law Vicki and Doyle Smith of Forestburg and Gloria and

Bill Hoselton of Brentwood, Tennessee; son and daughter-in-law Frank Prelip and Linda Deloof of Arlington; son-in-law Larry Hammonds of Bedford; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother Leo Prelip; and sisters Frances Wilson, and Nelda Prelip.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Diane Hammonds in July 2011; infant son John David Prelip; four brothers and four sisters.

Pallbearers were Stephen Hammonds, Duke Smith, Doug Hammonds, Lucas Hammonds, Derek Hoselton, and Chad Gregg.

Helen Schnitker 1923 - 2012

Funeral Mass for Helen Pearl Schnitker of Denison was held Monday, Jan. 30 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Denison. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Denison. Helen died at the age of 88 on Jan. 26, 2012 at Texoma Medical Center.

Born Oct. 22, 1923 in Pottsboro to August and Ruth Davis Finke, Helen married Joseph E. Schnitker on June 16, 1943 in Denison. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, and was a past president of the Altar Society and of the Catholic Daughters. She also was treasurer of St. Vincent De Paul Society. She was employed by Civil Service at Kelly AFB in San Antonio, Perrin Field in Denison, and Carswell AFB in Fort Worth. Helen loved to watch her

grandchildren show their animals, enjoyed working in her church, and loved to travel.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Bob and JoAnn Schnitker of Dorchester, Texas; brother and sister-in-law Ralph and Elizabeth Finke of Pottsboro; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981, infant son August, parents, brothers Henry and Carl Finke, and sister Pauline Heitman.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, Meals On Wheels, 531 W. Chestnut, Denison, TX 75020 or the charity of your choice.

Alma Nelson Hill 1933 - 2012

Alma's first teaching position was in Argyle. In Houston, she taught at Spring Branch Elementary where she touched children's lives for over 35 years, including substituting after retirement. She earned the designation of Master Teacher and received numerous awards and recognitions, including Teacher of the Year and lifetime membership awarded by the PTA.

Alma devoted countless hours of service to many organizations, including the Lottie Moon Chapter of Eastern Star in Gainesville, a Chapter Mom of her son's

DeMolay chapter in Houston, Rebecca Crockett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a long time Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church of Spring Branch.

Alma is survived by daughter Cathy Hill Gabriel with son-in-law Larry Gabriel, and son Michael Nelson Hill with daughter-in-law Janice Petty Hill; three grandchildren and one great-grandson; and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and brothers Robert, James, and Carroll.

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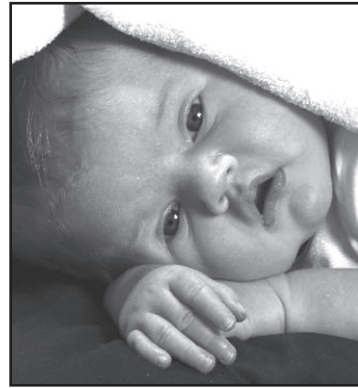
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New Arrival

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Randy and Diane Growing of Muenster are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Liv Reese Growing. Born Jan. 10, 2012 at 6:54 p.m. in Denton Regional Medical Center, Liv weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and measured 21 inches long. She is welcomed to the family by her twin brothers Peyton and Collin, age two. Grandparents are Alan and Norma Britain of Forestburg and Jim and Diane Growing of Muenster. Her great-grandparents are Jimmie Britain of Forestburg and the late Johnny Britain, Spike Yosten of

Muenster and the late Frances Yosten, and Judy Growing of Muenster and the late Steve Growing.



Liv Growing

SIGN OF THE TIMES



Just a note on a piece of paper taped to the "old" VFW Club door last week informed any visitors that Post 6205 officially moved into their new building. Janie Hartman photo



It isn't hard to catch Marcy Mullins of North Texas Medical Center (pictured second from left) in the act of caring for people. That is why her selection as the February recipient of the "Caught You Caring" award was a surprise to no one, except Marcy! Marcy, an 11-year employee of the hospital and a resident of Muenster, was honored for the warm, caring attitude she exhibits when receiving patients in the Medical Imaging Department. A letter written to Marcy by a patient sums up how much an attitude like Marcy's can mean: "You impressed me with your smile and kindness. You were so nice to everyone that came up to you. That means so much to people, especially when they have a serious problem, and to us who are there for a routine check-up." Pictured are, from left, James Hennigan, director of Medical Imaging; Marcy Mullins; Tonya Price, chief nursing officer; and Teresa Westover, director of Human Resources. NTMC photo

There is always the danger that we may just do the work for the sake of the work. This is where the respect and the love and the devotion come in - that we do it to God, to Christ, and that's why we try to do it as beautifully as possible. Mother Teresa

Library accepts donation from Muenster State Bank



Robert Weinzapfel (holding check) presented a donation of \$1,500 to the Muenster Public Library during last week's Friends of the Library Board meeting. Pictured from left are - Jewel Otto, Kay Hickey, Terri Barrett, Nancy Walter, JoAnn Pagel, Weinzapfel, Cliff Sicking, Stephanie Wright, and John Becker. Janie Hartman photo

COTTAGE

Their rent was \$30 a month and included utilities.

Urban was told by Wanda that she plans to visit Muenster this spring. She spoke with Johnny Pagel on the phone. When the Nelsons lived there, Jerome Pagel owned the house. The Herrs had moved to Oklahoma and sold the property to Pagel.

After a year or two in Muenster, the Nelsons moved to Sanderson, Texas where Gene and Wanda both taught school. She hadn't gotten a job in Muenster. The Nelsons' marriage didn't last. They divorced and she married a man named Worth. They had three children. Urban said her husband died in a car wreck and she raised the three children as a single mother. She taught school, worked for the government, and, after being laid off, began a career writing for magazines and such.

Wanda describes her first introduction to their new home, "A path led to the front door of the cottage, which was surrounded by a scrunched wire fence lying on the ground among overgrown weeds and grasses. I entered my new home with a mixture of surprise and dismay."

What Wanda saw was a 12' x 18' chicken coop that had been divided into a living room, bathroom, bedroom, and kitchen. The ceilings were 6' 4", a problem for the Nelsons since Gene stood 6' 2" and Wanda was 5' 9" tall. She said they regularly knocked out ceiling lightbulbs and often bruised hands and knuckles when getting dressed.

"The house was filled with hand-me-down furniture and garish floral linoleums and curtains that conflicted with each other," she wrote. "The only heat was a kerosene heater in the living room."

Wanda recalled that too much furniture was crammed into the small space. "The most memorable piece of furniture in the house was an iron bedstead with wood slats holding up the mattress. The slats had a habit of slipping off the bed rails in the middle of the night, dumping the mattress, and

us, on the floor," she wrote.

She said that the roof was tin and the walls had little or no insulation. Winter was spent huddled near the heater for warmth. They opened all of the windows in the summer hoping to catch a cooling breeze. Also, the former chicken coop still carried the aroma of its original feathered tenants when it heated up in the summer.

Urban agreed with the smell of chickens which he said smelled bad in damp or rainy weather.

Wanda said she spent the first six months in the cottage learning to cook, keep house, and garden. She planted a garden behind the house in the spring, working up and preparing the soil before planting a variety of vegetables.

The article concluded, "As a first home, the Honeymoon Cottage was truly unique and original. And though it's no longer a rental; the cottage still stands as an unlikely tribute to the hopes, dreams, and determination of small-town America."

What Wanda learned when she spoke with Urban is that the Honeymoon Cottage was recently torn down. Its last owners Albert and Wilda Stoffels died and the estate was sold. The new owners Wade Walterscheid and Elaine Schilling had it torn down when making improvements to their newly acquired property. Elaine noted that after they acquired the property, a lot of people contacted them to say they'd spent some time there and wanted to see it again. "We first wanted to salvage it because there were so many memories there and it was so much a part of Muenster's

history," explained Elaine. "But it was so damaged that it was beyond repair."

They did salvage some items including old Ball jars and a standard porcelain sink from the 1940s.

One of the people with fond memories of that small home is Glenda Russell. She lived there with her parents Maurice and Geneva Pagel and siblings Dwayne and J.T. while a home large enough to house the expanding family was being constructed. Her mother was pregnant with twins Marlene and Sharlene at the time.

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Elaine remarked that Glenda had many happy memories of the tiny home and the time their family spent there. Because of this, Elaine gifted the porcelain sink to Glenda since she felt that she would treasure it most.

It seems that the little chicken coop turned into a home had many happy memories created within its sometimes not so pleasant smelling walls. As Elaine noted, "It just goes to show that you don't have to have a big home to have happy memories."



Dr. Donald Simmons, center, was introduced to the community at a reception last Wednesday at Muenster Hospital. He introduces his father Jim Simmons, right, to MMH Board President Kenny Klement. Janet Felderhoff photo



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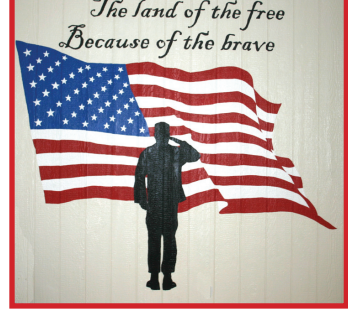


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SPORTS

Hornets finish District with wins - advance to Bi-District playoffs

The Muenster Hornets shot down the Eagles of Valley View last Friday night in District action, 62-20. The Hornet defense held the Eagles to single digit scores for three quarters and no points in the 3rd period.

Cole Walterscheid led the scoring for Muenster with 17 points. Andy Flusche and Blake Grewing each added 9. Clint Sidwell scored 8, Dalton Koelzer, Landon Presnall, and Tyler Anderle 4 each, Mason Binder 3, and Austin Hennigan and Hunter Klement 2 apiece.

The Hornets dropped in 20 baskets, six 3-pointers, and four of 14 free throws.

M 12 20 18 12 **62**
VV 6 7 0 7 **20**

On Tuesday, Muenster finished District play hosting Era in the second round of the Battle of the Hornets. It was Red over Gold 66-39. The Red team now holds a 15-11, 11-3 playoff-bound record as the District 13A Runner-up behind Poolville.

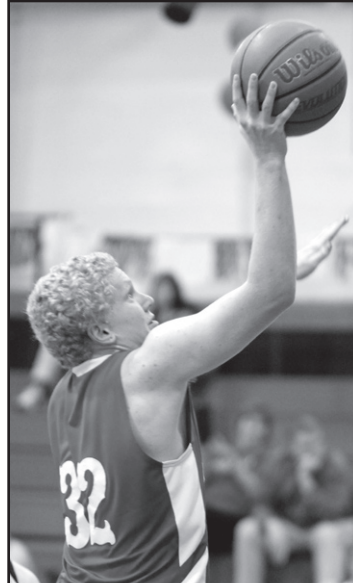
The next action for the Muenster boys will be the Bi-District round in the Class A playoffs. The Hor-

nets will be challenged by Dallas Faith Academy of Oak Cliff. The game will be Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Denton Guyer High School. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m.

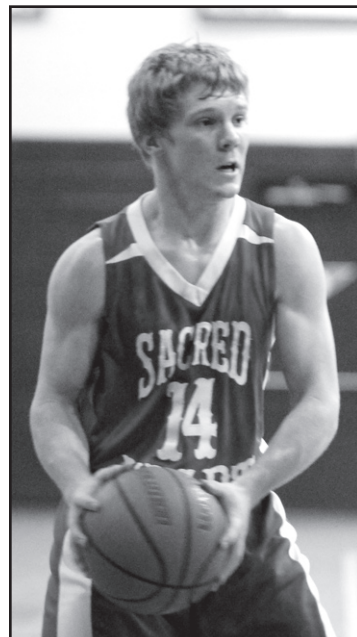
Against Era, Grewing hit seven 3-pointers for 21 points to lead Muenster on the scoreboard. Walterscheid added 14, Anderle and Koelzer 8 each, Flusche 6, Sidwell 5, and 2 apiece by Klement and Hennigan.

Muenster was 16 of 30 at the free throw line.

M 24 17 17 8 **66**
E 13 8 8 10 **39**



Clockwise-
#32 Hayden Aldridge;
#22 Austin Aldridge;
#34 Nick Zimmerer;
#42 Austin Springer;
#14 John Paul Hesse;
#12 Austin Miller.
Photos courtesy of Lydia Springer



Sacred Heart Tigers' last game of the season - in playoff action against Abilene Christian Tuesday night.



SUB VARSITY ACTION

Muenster vs Valley View

The JV Muenster Hornets brought home a 45-28 win last Friday night, out-flying the Eagles of Valley View. Muenster took an early lead, then let the Eagles into the game before taking care of business and shutting off the scoring by Valley View in the 4th period. Trevor Cheaney and Brandon Hennigan led the scoring with 12 and 10 points. Chance Herr added 8, Clayton Hess 6, Trey Anderle 4, Austin Creswell 3, and Dalton Blassingame 2.

M 16 8 8 13 **45**
VV 8 10 10 0 **28**

Muenster vs Era

The JV Muenster Hornets ended the basketball season Tuesday night with a 49-21 victory over Era for a 13-7, 11-3 record. Herr and Cheaney led the point making with 13 points each. Anderle, Blassingame, and Hess each added 5. Hennigan scored 4, with Zach Trubenbach and Creswell getting 2 apiece. Muenster dropped in seven 3-pointers, but hit only four of nine free throws.

M 12 16 13 8 **49**
E 2 2 7 10 **21**

Lady Hornets to play Chilton at Area Friday

District 13A Champion Muenster Lady Hornets will begin playoff action this Friday. After earning a Bi-District bye, the Lady Hornets will face the Chilton Lady Pirates, District 16A Runner-up, in the Area round of the playoffs. Chilton defeated Itasca to advance to the second round.

The Area game will be played at Weatherford High School this Friday, Feb. 17. Action begins at 7:30 p.m.

Last Saturday, the Lady Hornets had a warm-up game with the Gunter Lady Tigers, District 11AA Champions.

After four tough quarters, the Muenster girls were handed their fifth loss of the season, coming up short 44-41.

Demi Koelzer and Allison Pagel led the scoring with 12 and 10 points. Michelle Sicking added 9, Lana Heers and Amber Walterscheid 3, and 2 each by Emily Hellman and Kalyn Dangelmayr.

The loss gives Muenster a 29-5 record going into the playoffs.

Lady Knights win round one

The Lady Knights will advance to the Area round of the Class A basketball playoffs after defeating the Rice Lady Bulldogs 44-26 in Bi-District Tuesday night. Rice was the 3rd seed out of District 14.

"I am very proud of these young ladies," commented Coach Don Neu. "We played a little sloppy at times. That will have to be cleaned up, but it can be fixed the next two days of practice."

Hayley Skinner and Megan Caillier were high scorers with 12 and 10 points. Jordan Fleitman and Sydney Ott both added 8, with Hannah Zimmerer and Jalyn Anderle scoring 3 apiece.

The Area game matches Lindsay against another Bulldog team, Wortham's Lady Dogs, District 16 champions. Action will begin at 7:30 p.m. this Friday at Mansfield Legacy High School.

Texas Game Warden Reports

Hole in more than one at the golf course

Montgomery County Game Warden Brannon Meinkowsky apprehended two subjects on Nov. 4 after they had shot a doe at night on a local golf course. In addition to the doe they killed, the men were also in possession of an untagged 8-point buck. During the investigation, the subjects also admitted to killing two deer at night and two

deer during the day on the golf course last year. Multiple cases pending.

Busted by his cell phone

Montgomery County Warden Brannon Meinkowsky was patrolling for illegal night hunting on Nov. 4 when he noticed a truck driving unusually slow through a subdivision known to have a lot of deer. The vehicle was occupied by two males and one female armed with a .17

caliber rifle, a compound bow, and three flashlights. During the investigation, the warden found cell phone photos of one of the men holding buck heads. The pictures had all been taken at night and before deer season opened. The subject confessed to killing one of the deer and provided information about the other deer killed out of season. Multiple cases filed. Additional charges pending.

Tigerettes earn #1 seed

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes took care of business last Thursday night as they broke the tie with the Texoma Christian Lady Eagles in a big win to earn the District Championship, the #1 playoff seed, a first round bye, and playoff home court advantage.

"The girls were able to control the tempo of the game and in the fourth period, we found out what possession basketball can do," commented Sacred Heart Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

The score remained close the first three quarters, with the Tigerettes having the lead most of the time. A 14-4 final period score gave Sacred Heart a 53-37 final victory.

Coach LeBrasseur was very pleased with the defensive effort given by Kelsey Reeves, Karli Anderle, Kaitlin Hesse, Mikaela Bartush, and Danielle Berend, and great bench play from Bailey Walterscheid, Peyton Reiter, Karleigh Reeves, Devan Henry, and Kylie Hess.

Hesse led the scoring with 13 points, Ke. Reeves added 10, Anderle 9, Berend 6, Walterscheid and Bartush

5 each, Ka. Reeves 3, and Henry 2.

The Tigerettes will enter the TAPPS playoffs with a 7-1 District record and 29-5 for the season.

SH 10 15 14 14 **53**
TC 7 12 14 4 **37**

After a bye earlier in the week, the Tigerettes will host Dallas Covenant this Saturday afternoon. Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Sacred Heart gym.

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Please take a moment to understand who we are and what we do. We are a group of individuals who help raise donations that go to the premium money for the projects and animals that our students, from this community, sell at the Youth Fair Premium Sale. We also help those students who do not make the sale with money to help defray the cost of their projects or animals. One hundred percent of what you donate goes directly to the youth of our community. There is a great amount of expense and effort that the students put into their projects and animals, and your donations help tremendously.

Last year we had a total of 58 entries in the sale from our Muenster community. The Friends of Muenster paid \$29,200.00 to the youth of our schools for premiums on their sale animals and projects, and also those that did not make the sale. This year we are expecting an increase in the number of entries.

The dates for the **2012 Cooke County Youth Fair** are **Feb. 28 - March 3**. The show schedule is as follows: Swine on Tues., Feb. 28 in Callisburg; Equine on Wed., Feb. 29 at NCTC Equine Arena; Sheep and Goats on Thurs., March 1 in Muenster at the FFA barn; Cattle, Rabbits and Chickens on Fri., March 2 in Valley View. All of the FCCLA fine arts, crafts, and food will be on display starting Thurs., March 1 in Gainesville at the First State Bank Conference Center. The shop and wood projects will be on display Fri., March 2 in Valley View. **The Premium Sale** will be held **Sat., March 3** in Valley View beginning at 1 p.m. Please take the time to visit these locations and show your support of the youth of our community.

Thank you, in advance, for taking this request into consideration. You may send your contributions to the above captioned address or pass them along to any of the names listed below. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Elizabeth Turner recognized for volunteer service

Elizabeth Turner, age 16 of Muenster, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. She is the daughter of daughter of Rich and Karen Turner.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama. Elizabeth participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Sacred Heart Catholic School in Muenster where she is a student.

Elizabeth earned many hours of service at the Muenster Public Library.

Sacred Heart Principal Dr. Rafael Rondon commented on this honor for Elizabeth, "I am very proud of Elizabeth. Her service to the community is a great example for us all."

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Elizabeth Turner

munity volunteerism is an important part of life," said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. "These honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate."

Program applications were distributed last September through all public and private middle level and high schools, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and affiliates of HandsOn Network. After local honorees were named, state-level judges selected State Honorees, Distinguished Finalists, and Certificate of Excellence recipients. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth.

Parent nominations sought for Muenster Elementary Gifted and Talented Program

It is time for parent nominations for the Muenster Elementary Gifted and Talented program (Grades K-5). A gifted student is one who demonstrates excellence in intellectual ability, creativity, academic aptitude, innovative thinking, leadership, and/or individual responsibility in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment. If you feel like your child exhibits any of these qualities, you may nominate him/her to go through the identification process. Please remember,

a nomination does not automatically provide for placement in the program. It is the first step in the identification process.

Gifted students need to be challenged beyond what the regular classroom instruction can provide. Many people believe the myth that gifted students are given more work. A Gifted and Talented program would not be successful if that were true. The challenges should be represented by advanced coursework, independent studies, and/or student prod-

ucts. If you would like to make a nomination, call the elementary office or contact your child's teacher to obtain the necessary recommendation forms. Forms must be returned by Friday, March 2.

Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason, mastery demands all of a person. Albert Einstein



Cooke County Spelling Bee Runner-Up Davidson

Davidson takes 2nd at County Spelling Bee

Students from Gainesville, Muenster, and Sacred Heart Schools gathered to watch the Cooke County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the Muenster ISD cafeterium. With the increased competition for the first time in many years, these schools brought their best spellers including: Colby Brasher, a 3rd grader at Chalmers Elementary School; Katie Davidson, an 8th grader at Sacred Heart School; Major Eldridge, a 4th grader at Muenster Elementary; Jocelyn Sanchez, a 6th grader at Gainesville Middle School; and Mays Stradley, a 5th grader at Robert E. Lee

Intermediate School. This competition left Sanchez the Cooke County Spelling Bee winner with the championship word brochure. Davidson came in second and is the Cooke County Spelling Bee Runner-up. Sanchez will compete in The Dallas Morning News Regional Spelling Bee competition on March 24. It will air on television station WFAA, Channel 8. The winner of the regional competition will then advance to Washington, D.C., where he or she will compete in the Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in May.

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Fri. - Cheese pizza stix w/ pizza sauce, corn on the cob, lettuce salad w/dressing, carrots, applesauce, ice cream.

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Mon. - Chili dog, new potatoes, mixed fruit, chocolate pudding.

Tues. - Sloppy Joe on a bun, pickles, chips, applesauce, peanut butter brownie.

Wed. - Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, coleslaw, peaches.

Thur. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream

Fri. - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, corn pears.

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Mon. - Chicken noodle soup, crackers, carrots, grilled cheese, fruit.

Tues. - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, roll, fruit.

Wed. - Pizza sticks, marinara sauce, tossed salad, carrots, fruit.

Thur. - Taco pie, pinto beans, corn, fruit, Missouri cookie.

Fri. - No school.



Sacred Heart Catholic School Fourth Grade students display cages they made for crickets as part of a reading project. Pictured are, from left, Brent Logan Muller, Jared Walterscheid, Cole Hess, Jacob Walterscheid, Keith Bezner; back - Brenton Wilson, Koby Hogan, Madison Ladzinski, and Eric Bayer. SHCS photo

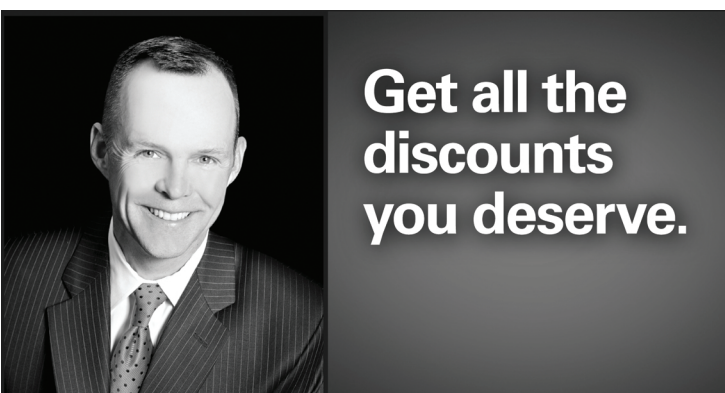
Fourth Grade enjoys a fantasy

Sacred Heart Catholic School Fourth Graders have just completed reading *The Cricket in Times Square*, a fantasy, by George Selden. In this story, Mario Bellini finds Chester Cricket buried under some leaves in the Times Square Subway Station where the Bellini family owns a newsstand. Chester Cricket has just arrived in New York City after being

trapped in a picnic basket under some sandwiches. A family from New York City had taken a day trip to the meadows in Connecticut where Chester had lived. Chester found his way into their picnic basket following the aroma of liverwurst, one of his favorite foods. Now Chester finds himself in the middle of a huge, busy city. Mario discovers Chester

when Chester nervously starts chirping because of his dilemma. Soon Mario talks his parents into letting him keep Chester as a pet. Since every pet needs a home, Mario goes to Chinatown and finds Chester a pagoda style cricket cage.

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According to county agents, the exceptions were western counties of the Rolling Plains district and large parts of the Panhandle, where soil moisture levels remained mostly short to very short. Far West Texas received some rain, but not nearly enough to improve drought- and fire-damaged pastures. Most areas were still providing supplemental feed to livestock.

The question is, should producers, particularly livestock producers, be optimistic? "I think they have reason to be optimistic, but it's dangerous to be overly optimistic," said Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, College Station. "Yes, we have improvement in soil moisture, but the problem we haven't gotten over is the deterioration in pasture and range conditions we experienced last summer and fall."

Even with a wet spring, it's likely to be a long time before pastures and rangeland show full recovery, Gill said. Recovery of introduced warm-season pastures will depend upon many things besides just rainfall. The extent of the drought or wildfire damage, the cost of fertilizer, and stocking rates, both past and present, are all factors, according to Gill.

Another factor has to do with how the pastures and rangeland were managed. Many pastures were stocked to capacity, and producers had to cut back on fertilizer use prior to the drought because of cost. Because prices for cattle were so high, many people tried to not downsize their herds, which led to further deterioration of forage conditions, he said.

"If people can afford to apply adequate fertilizer, the

pastures will recover fairly early this spring," Gill said. "If we continue to get rain, and they don't fertilize, and are still overstocked, then they'll continue to deteriorate forage conditions."

Gill said there's been a lot of conjecture about what the proper land-management strategy is at this time, but most producers are being cautious, knowing that their pastures are knocked back and worried about the cost of replacements.

"I haven't seen many people jumping out there and trying to restock yet," he said. "Unless they de-stocked early in the process and conserved some forage, and managed their pastures right — then they may have the ability to start adding cattle back pretty quickly."

Even then, if they jump back into production, and the rainfall patterns don't hold,

they could find themselves stuck with some high-priced replacement cattle needing costly hay.

"The situation warrants being careful at this time," he said.

North District report: Mild weather following recent rains improved small grains and winter annual pastures. Many farmers and ranchers were debating whether to apply fertilizer. Topsoil moisture was good. Corn producers were readying to prepare fields for planting later this month and into March. Most stock tanks were recharged to good levels by the recent rains. Producers were optimistic about the chances of more rain. Some producers who had moved cattle to out-of-state grazing, brought them home this week. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Hogs continued to be a problem.

Texas Beef Checkoff celebrates 25 years

This year, the Texas Beef Council will join the Cattlemen's Beef Board in celebrating 25 years of the Beef Checkoff program. Established on Oct. 16, 1985, by the 1985 Farm Bill, beef producers reserve \$1-per-head on the sale of cattle in order to fund research, promotion, and education efforts to benefit the beef industry.

"The whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts, and the Beef Checkoff allows us to do things collectively that we would not be able to accomplish individually," said Roger Clift, Texas Beef Council chair and a cattleman from Spearman. "As we look back on the past 25 years, Texas farmers and ranchers should feel good about their program and the many successes it's experienced. The Beef Checkoff can return more than \$5 for every \$1-per-head investment."

In Texas, the Texas Beef Council oversees the state's portion of the Beef Checkoff. Each state retains control of 50 cents per dollar, and the other half is utilized for the national program. Specifically, Beef Checkoff funds can be used for promotion, research, consumer information, industry information, foreign marketing, and producer information.

"During its 25 year history, the Beef Checkoff program has had many successes, and I envision it will continue to serve as a catalyst to build beef demand both in the domestic and international markets," said Richard Wortham, Texas Beef Council executive vice president. "The Checkoff has turned the \$1-per-head assessment into opportunities for our industry to build demand and enhance producer profitability."

For more information about the Texas Beef Council or the Beef Checkoff, visit www.texasbeef.org.

County Agent's Report

Handle vaccines with care

If vaccination products are not properly handled, little or no immunity will result. In addition to being costly, the false sense of security gained by the producer could result in severe losses before the actual cause of the disease is discovered. This is according to T. R. Thedford, DVM, Extension veterinarian, in Oklahoma.

Vaccines are used to produce immunity to livestock diseases. The immunity that is produced will vary in its protective ability due to the type of vaccine used, the organism (bacteria or virus) the immunity is to protect against, and the degree of challenge the animal receives from the virulent (infecting) organism. Stress and environmental conditions, as well as handling of the vaccine and equipment used for the process, will affect the production and duration of immunity in the animal.

Dr. Thedford advises producers to use extreme care in purchasing and caring for your immunizing products. Do not use chemical disinfectants. Keep them cool, out of the sun, and don't save parts of unused or mixed bottles. Do not mix products unless specifically recommended by the manufacturer. Do not use outdated material, and follow the manufacturer's recommendation on dosage and route of administration. Consult your local practicing veterinarian on what products are recommended in your area and on effectiveness of the various vaccines. Above all, do not be in a hurry or be sloppy with your procedures. The idea of using immunizing agents is an aid in the prevention of diseases. Don't waste your time, money, and effort by being in a hurry.

Rain gardens

Home gardens and landscapes can contribute substantially to water pollution in our streams and lakes. Runoff from developed areas increases flooding and carries pollutants from streets, parking lots, and even lawns into local streams and lakes. Establishing rain gardens within an urbanized area is one method used to reduce the effects of storm water runoff.

Rain gardens are a rela-

tively new concept. These gardens are designed to soak up rain water, mainly from the roof and parking lot or driveway of a house or other building. These specially designed gardens are designed to capture rainfall flowing through your yard, store that water to nurture its plants, and cleanse runoff, thus removing the pollutants it carries with it. The garden fills with a few inches of water and allows the water to slowly filter into the ground rather than running into storm drains. Compared to a conventional lawn, a rain garden allows about 30% more water to soak into the ground. Rain gardens are fairly easy and inexpensive to create, having a defined structure made up of only five basic components.

For more information or specific design plans, contact us at the office or visit: <http://agrilifebookstore.org/> and type "raingardens" in the search line.

Fertilizer basics

When purchasing fertilizer for your lawn or ornamental beds, you probably noticed that there's three numbers on the fertilizer bag.

These three numbers represent the three primary nutrients that plants need: nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium. They're listed as a percentage of those nutrients and always in that order.

For example, an 8-2-4 fertilizer contains 8%, by weight, nitrogen, 2% phosphorous, and 4% potassium. A fertilizer that's 9-1-1 would contain 9% nitrogen, 1% phosphorous, and 1% potassium.

These can occur in different combinations and different ratios, but they all represent how strong or how concentrated a fertilizer is. So a 16-4-8 would be twice as concentrated as an 8-2-4, for example.

What do these numbers mean and what do the nutrients do? Well, nitrogen is very important in plants having good vigor and a good dark green color. The middle number phosphorous is important for rooting and also for blooming. The third number, potassium, on the other hand, is important with cold hardiness and also plays a role in fruiting and blooming for our plants.

In order to avoid problems and to save money, it's important to start with a soil test. If you begin with a soil test, you know what your plants potentially need in the way of a fertilizer and you can purchase a product accordingly. What type of soil you have to begin with and what plant you are trying to grow will affect the amounts and type of fertilizer you will need to add.

Under-fertilization creates obvious problems of minimal production and or plant growth. Lack of nitrogen causes pale colored plants. Under fertilization of phosphorous and/or potassium will lead to reduced plant vigor, minimal flowering and fruiting, or poor root development. Plants that are properly fertilized will thrive and out-compete many weeds and insect pests.

However, it is often detrimental to our goals (and pocket-books) to apply too much nitrogen to a crop. An example of this is applying too much nitrogen on a vegetable garden. This practice will encourage excessive foliage production and minimizing fruiting production, resulting in few or even no tomatoes, beans, etc. Even grasses, such as our lawns or hay pastures, may develop some problems, being more prone to certain diseases, when nitrogen is applied too heavily.

Over-fertilization with phosphorous is a huge environmental problem. One of the main concerns for management of streams and lakes is controlling the nutrient load that comes from urban and agricultural run-off. Phosphorous is the main culprit in excessive nutrients which cause algae blooms in these bodies of water. Nitrogen run-off, to a slightly lesser degree, is also an environmental concern.

Using soil samples and common sense will help you make fertilizer decisions that will encourage plant health, promote a healthy environment, and save you money.

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GREAT TEXAS WARRANT ROUND-UP

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS THE COOKE COUNTY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE PCT. 1 AND PCT. 4, AND AREA CITY MUNICIPAL COURTS ARE OFFERING AN AMNESTY PERIOD BEGINNING FEBRUARY 13, 2012, UNTIL FEBRUARY 24, 2012 FOR ANYONE HAVING WARRANTS.

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Pancho Villa Baked Tilapia By: SURFWENCH

Prep Time: 15 Min Cook Time: 20 Min Ready In: 35 Min Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 (4 ounce) filets tilapia
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers
- 1 lime, juiced
- 4 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 1 lime, thinly sliced

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Coat one side of 4 (8x10 inch) pieces of aluminum foil with olive oil.
- Center each fillet on a foil square. Spoon a generous amount of diced tomatoes with juices over fish. Sprinkle with lime juice and cilantro.
- Position 2 slices of lime on top of each fillet. Close and seal foil packets, and place on a baking tray.
- Bake in preheated oven for approximately 20 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Nutritional Information
Amount Per Serving Calories: 163 | Total Fat: 5g | Cholesterol: 41mg

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