

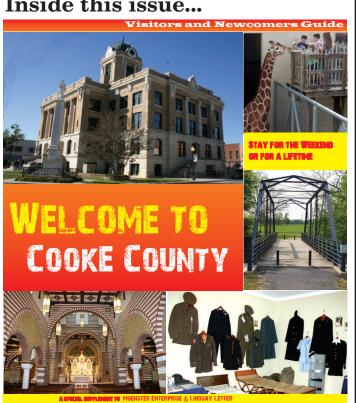




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Bayer dies in crash

According to a report He drifted off the road and nine miles west of Vernon. in Vernon.

released by the Texas De- into the ditch where the partment of Public Safety, vehicle struck a concrete at about 3:15 a.m. on Mon-culvert. Bayer was proday, April 2, Arlie Bayer, nounced dead at the scene age 24 of Muenster, was by Justice of the Peace driving a 2011 Chevy pick-Gene Morton and taken to up west on U.S. 287 about Sullivan's Funeral Home

College Board seeks new regent

Regents of the North meeting. entral Texas Community The Board had the choice Central Texas Community of appointing a replacement during a special meeting Friday, March 30

Williams announced his intent to resign from the Board at the March 26 regu-He was present at Friday's

College District reluctantly of appointing a replacement accepted the resignation of or calling a special election Regent Lynn Williams and to find someone to serve the voted to begin the process remainder of Williams' term, which expires in May 2013. By a unanimous vote, regents chose to appoint a replacement.

The Board then adopted Board procedures for filling lar meeting. He will remain the unexpired term of a vaa member of the Board un- cancy on the Board by aptil a replacement is found. pointment. The procedures

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Hospital orders director election

By Janet Felderhoff

An election was ordered at the March 27 meeting by the Muenster Hospital Board for May 12 to fill the three positions with terms expiring in May. Kenny Klement, Ronnie Weinzapfel, and Aaron Hess currently hold those seats. There are six candidates running for the three at-large positions. Besides the three incumbents, Bob Ambrose, Steven Fisher, and Mary Del Olmo seek election to the Board. Yvonne Ambrose had filed, but has since withdrawn her name.

The Board approved poll-

ing places for the election as follows:

Precincts 17, 18, 19, 21, and 33 at the Muenster Junior High School;

Precincts 12, 14, and 15 at the Era Community Center. Celine Dittfurth and Paula Lewis were appointed as election judges for the Muenster and Era locations respectively.

Beginning on Monday, April 30 and ending Tuesday, May 8, early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Vot-

North Maple to cast their early votes. Tiffany Reed was appointed as early voting judge.

mail should be mailed to Tiffany Reed, 605 N. Maple, Muenster, TX 76252. They must be received no later than close of business on Friday, May 4.

Applications for ballot by

Following an executive session, the Board voted unanimously to create a new COO position and to hire Richard Hoeth to fill it.

Revenues and expenses ers should go to the Board were reviewed for Febru-

room of the Hospital at 605 ary. Net operating revenue was \$496,532 and operating expenses totaled \$616,170 for a net operating revenue of negative \$119,638. Other revenue (such as ad valorem taxes) totaled \$254,069, bringing February's excess of revenues over expenses to \$134,431.

A new kitchen fan and hood system for the Hospi-tal kitchen gained Board approval. Administrator Kent explained that it was discovered that the current vent system is made of wood and is covered with grease and has no fire suppression in the system. To replace the vent, fan, and to install the fire suppression system will cost \$11,800. That cost doesn't include on-site connection of alarms and cable to automatic gas valve or roofing repairs to maintain roof warranty.

MMH received the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program or SHIP Grant in the amount of \$8,386.60 for FY2012. Kent said that in the past, the grant money was used to purchase new computers. Due to changes by the federal government, the grant money can no longer be used for that pur-

Kent requested Board approval to use the grant money to fund participation in hospital compare reporting. Currently, Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) are not required to participate in this program, but changes are being made on the federal level that will require them to do so in the near future. At this time, the Hospital

sends out surveys from inhouse and reports quarterly to the Board. NRC Picker is a company that would send out surveys, collect data, generate reports, and send the results to hospitalcompare.com. Cost for the first year would be \$2,008.40 after the grant money. The Board accepted the contract with NRC Picker to participate in the HCAHPS Program using

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Charlie and Smokey travel through Texas



Last Thursday, March 29, Charlie Hill and his five-year-old donkey Smokey. pictured above, were seen passing through Muenster. They have been on the road for the last 14 months, taking in the sights in east and west Texas. They came from Mineral Wells and were on their way to Wichita Falls. As they travel, Charlie picks up aluminum cans and that is what he uses to live on. He enjoys meeting people and says that he sees many things he wouldn't see if he was traveling by automobile. People are good to him and give him meals and some even give food to Smokey. Before he began his travels with Smokey, he spent seven years traveling by bicycle. When people donate money to him, he sends it to his favorite charity, the Diamond J Youth Ranch in Gustine, a working ranch that helps young men with no father figure or who live in an unhealthy home environment. Linda Flusche photo

City bans parking along portion of South Ash Street

A recent event held at the lanes for traffic flow. "It cre-side of Ash Street." new Muenster VFW Hall ates a hazard for police or had more guests than the firementhat respond to a call gested parking be allowed parking lot could accommodate. The overflow vehicles were parked on both sides of or Joey Anderson. "There's a South Ash Street. This left suggestion that we make a

a single lane instead of two no parking zone on the west

City Administrator sugon the east side to accommodate those who attend the Germanfest Barbecue Cook Off and park their vehicles on that side of the street. He noted that Ash gets wider past Cross Street and it is not a problem there.

Alderman Pat Stelzer said he was contacted by a VFW member who said they are aware of the problem and asked for another month to obtain additional property to enlarge the parking area. He suggested forbearance in giving them the additional month. Endres said they had no choice but to act now with Germanfest coming.

The Council unanimously voted to prohibit parking on the west side of South Ash between Hwy. 82 and Cross As recommended by the

City Park Board, the City Council voted to hire Chad Henscheid as pool manager. There were two other applicants - Shirley Hess and Courtney Christenson. Endres said he'd visited

with Henscheid and explained that this would be a new season, new pool, new rules and guidelines, and that a lot more would be expected of him. "Even last year, he put in considerably more hours than any of the other lifeguards or the pool manager. He worked a lot, so he's experienced."

included the police vehicles being driven 2,295 miles and the Police Department logging 556 man hours for the month.

Chief Blankenship said that after some bidding problems, the Department's its anticipated arrival time partment's schedule for Ger-

kenship presented his month new portable dash cam system to the Council. This tem is installed in one of the includes six officers on duty, patrol vehicles. Also, a front two in each vehicle. Four push bumper was donated most of the time and some-by Westover Hills Police Detimes all six." That includes partment in the Fort Worth the three Muenster officers area. It has been installed on and three from other agenone of the patrol cars by the City maintenance crew.

Blankenship reported that off-duty officer pay, he said. body armor was ordered and he completed the Police De-

Police Chief Mark Blan- is four to six weeks. The manfest and submitted it to cies. It added up to about 109 hours of overtime and

> "I think that is much bet-See CITY, pg. 5

Team medals in CX Debate



State CX Debate Bronze medalists Brooke Walter scheid and Austin Creswell. See story on page 6. **MISD** photo

NCTC honors Kristen Weinzapfel



Kristen Weinzapfel (center) was presented with the Excellence in Teaching award by NCTC Vice-President of Instruction Dr. Brent Wallace (left) and NCTC President Dr. Eddie Hadlock at the "Gems of NCTC" banquet on March NCTC photo 30 in Gainesville. See story on page 4.

Back on top after rain delays



Work continues inside the fenced off area of the used-to-be Hornet Stadium parking lot, as the outside walls of the new practice gym building near com-Janie Hartman photo

GRANT

the SHIP Grant funds.

In his CEO report, Administrator Kent encouraged Board members to attend the Texas Healthcare Trustee conference in July. He noted that equipment for performing minor procedures at the Clinic has been ordered. They have already begun to do some minor procedures at the Clinic.

Kent reported that the CT unit has been removed and remodeling begun on the room to accommodate the new CT unit. It should be operational in mid April.

DVDs on Open Records and Open Meetings training were given to each Board member. They were instructed to watch the two hour video, follow the instructions at the end, and return the completed work before the next Board meeting. Recently, the Hospital

District changed credit card merchants. The new company provides an opportunity to set up reoccurring payments for the patients.

Compliance Officer Diane Neu reported to the Board that the Hospital had a Level IV Trauma Survey scheduled for Sunday, April 29 and Monday, April 30. The survey is conducted every three years and is done to maintain the Hospital's Level IV Trauma Designation. "We get reimbursed roughly \$28,000 per year when we have that designation."

Neu explained that there are four trauma designations. "We are the lowest level," she commented. "Gainesville is a Level IV also. Right only one in Denton County that is a higher level and they are a Level III. Level Is are only Parkland and JPS. One is the best.

Donald Simmons Dr. added, "Level IV is a basic trauma center. We can handle trauma and ship it upwards.'

Discussion centered on changes in Medicaid and the way that reimbursements

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will be handled by the State. To continue receiving funding, MMH will need to join a Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP). The state released preliminary RHP maps seeking feedback. It places MMH in an RHP with nine counties. Negotiation is ongoing as counties try to select their partner counties.

During public comments, Bob Ambrose questioned the creation of another management position for the Hospital. You've got an 18 bed hospital here and I think you've got six or seven people in administration. I don't know what your average daily census is, but if it is six or seven, you've got pretty much one administrator per patient."

He also inquired about the investigation brought up at the last meeting and the issue with the treatment room in the Family Health Clinic that was discussed at that meeting.
Board President Kenny

Klement informed Ambrose that the Board could not discuss items not on the agenda and suggested that he get on the next month's agenda. Ambrose could not make the April meeting, but scheduled In other business, the

Board of Directors:

 Approved request by Scholarship Committee to match \$4,040.57 to make around \$8,000 available in scholarship distributions.

 Approved Bad Debt write offs for the Hospital and Family Health Clinic totaling \$55,062.89.

• Approved up to \$32,000 now Denton Regional is the for electric code violations repairs to be conducted at the same time with the electrical panels for installation of the new generator by Austin Generator.

• Approved courtesy medical staff privileges to Ananthakrishna Chiluhuri, M.D. and Corwin D. Martin, M.D.

Approved Employee Manual update.

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.



Cooke County working for you featuring

Environmental **Health Office**

By Janet Felderhoff

Cooke County Environ-Officer Laura J. Blanton wears several hats in performing her duties for the citizens of this County. As the designated repre-

sentative of the Cooke Coun-Environmental Health Office and for the City of Gainesville, Laura oversees all of Cooke County and the City of Gainesville except municipalities with a TCEQ sanctioned wastewater treatment plant. She must be sure that the statutes as stated in the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 366 and the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 285 are properly implemented and adhered to. Chapter 285 concerns reviewing the permit, conducting inspections, monitoring maintenance contracts, and issuing citations to on-site sewage facilities.

Laura is the subdivision coordinator for the County. She oversees all of the County except municipalities and their extraterritorial jurisdictions (ETJ). Responsibilities for this position include assisting residents, builders, and developers with performance standards in the subdivision platting process. Items of concern are lot size and building setbacks, adequate entrance and exit of streets, constructions standards and plans, drainage and topography, and water and septic system require-

ments. She works with those Flood Insurance Program involved to ensure that all is properly designed prior to submitting the subdivision plat to Commissioners Court for approval.

When serving as the County's floodplain administrator, Laura's jurisdiction covers all of the County with the exception of the areas that are city municipalities. Duties include administering and implementing the provisions of the National



Blanton the Cooke County **Environmental** Health office.

Janet Felderhoff photo

regulations pertaining to floodplain management and to review, approve, or deny all applications for development permits to ensure that proposed building site projects will be reasonably safe from flooding. Another position that Lau-

ra holds is compliance officer for the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission. She assists with compliance and enforcement in establishing zoning districts, regulating the height and size of buildings and other structures, and percentage of the lot that may be occupied and for what purpose, the location and uses of buildings, structures, and land for trade, industry, commerce, residence, or other purposes, and the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, or use of buildings within the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Jurisdiction.

Laura remarked, "It has been my pleasure to have served the citizens of Cooke County for 15 years and I look forward to continuing that service. She began her employment with Cooke County as secretary to the Commissioners.

The Environmental Office is located in the basement of the Courthouse and shares space with the Commissioners Office.

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Ledbetter pointed out that

REGENTS

call for the Board chair to appoint a committee of the Board to contact Cooke County citizens to determine their willingness and eligibility to serve. The candidates will then be presented to the Board for consideration during an executive session of either a regular or special meeting. If they select a candidate for appointment following the executive session, the Board will then vote to appoint the candidate by

Board Chairman Bill Ledappointed regents

Richard Haayen, Patsy Wilson, and Karla Metzler to serve on the search committee and bring back names of potential candidates at their regular April meeting.

The only other business at Friday's meeting included a discussion of facility needs for the Corinth campus.

Haayen reported that he and Metzler, along with NCTC President Dr. Eddie Hadlock, recently visited the Corinth campus and noted the overcrowding problems due to an ever-expanding student population in Denton County.

Hadlock gave the Board a over 90% of tuition paid by uick history of discussions that have taken place between college staff and governmental officials in Denton County regarding not only the Corinth campus, but also the Flower Mound campus and other satellite campuses in the county.

NCTC students system-wide comes from students outside of Cooke County.

Regents agreed to discuss the matter further at their regular April meeting.

Submitted by Darin Allred, NCTC Media/Communications



We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who called, came by, sent cards, sent flowers, brought food or gave money for food, came to visitation, came to the service, or made a donation to the MISD Library Memorial Fund.

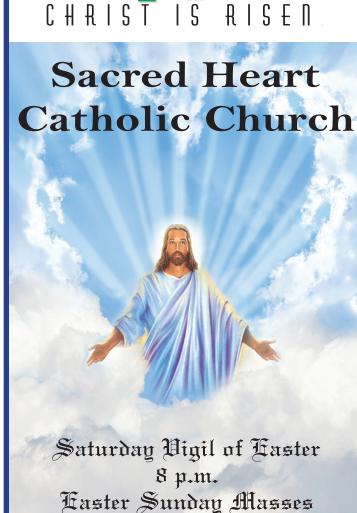
We also enjoyed every story that was shared. Those stories really meant a lot to us.

Special thanks go to Paster Gourley and his wife Sandy, First Baptist Church for the use of the sanctuary, MISD for the use of the cafetorium, and Andy Serna for the wonderful music.



All of you helped us through a very hard time in our lives and we will never forget you.

Judy, Meredith, and Brad



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Obituaries

Arlie Bayer 1987 - 2012

Mass of Christian Burial for Arlie John Bayer, age 24 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 4 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson and Fr. Ray McDaniel officiating. A Rosary/Vigil led by Fr. Ken was held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, also in church. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were directed by Mc-Coy Funeral Home of Muenster. Arlie died early Monday morning as the result of an auto accident near Vernon.

Born Oct. 27, 1987 in Gainesville, Arlie was one of the four children of Paul and Donna Knabe Bayer. He was raised on a dairy farm north of Muenster and attended Sacred Heart Catholic School. He was an outstanding athlete and was active in football, basketball, track, and golf and was a member of the State Champion football team his sophomore year. He also enjoyed showing cattle.

Arlie was employed by Quasar Energy Service of Gainesville, serving in a supervisory capacity.

Known as a "kid at heart," he enjoyed having fun with his family just being with them, riding around with them over the country roads in his jeep. He was very close with his brothers and sister, parents, and all relatives. He enjoyed collecting rocks and was somewhat of an inventor and artist. Everything he did seemed to be done with family and friends in mind. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He will be especially missed by his best friend and love of his life, Kelly Laux of Lindsay. They were to be married in May.

Survivors include his parents Paul and Donna Bayer of Muenster; sister Sunni Jo Bayer of Muenster; brothers Jeremy and wife Diana Bayer of Lindsay and Jordan and wife Jeane Bayer of Gainesville; his paternal grandparents Alfred and Anna Ma-



and Kariann Bayer.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Norbert and Juanita

During the funeral Mass, niece Koralee Bayer carried a basket of flowers, leading the procession into church. Arlie's dog Willy was carried in the procession by Tim Sicking, Arlie's employer. Diana Bayer gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Bernadette Otto. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Jessica Walterscheid. Claude and Mary Bayer, BriAnna Bayer, and Brenton Wilson carried up the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were John and Amy Anderle, Anna Bayer, Nicole Bayer, Annette Bayer, Monica Laux, Mary Bayer, and Michael Greco.

Music ministers were Mary Del Olmo, singer, and Isaac Davis, pianist. Songs included "On Eagle's Wings," "Be Not Afraid," "Gift of Finest Wheat," "Ave Maria," and "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Remarks of remembrance were given by Josh Walter-

Pallbearers were Josh Walterscheid, Jeff Walterscheid, John Knabe, Daniel Hacker, rie Bayer of Muenster; and Jake Hess, Drew Hammer, nieces BriAnna, Koralee, and Adam Dangelmayr.

Feast of Divine Mercy

Ruth Penton 1914 - 2012

Graveside services for Ruth Hannah Penton of Rosston were held Saturday, March 31 at the Rosston Cemetery with the family officiating under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home. Mrs. Penton died at the age of 97 on March 27, 2012 in Sherman.

Ruth was born May 5, 1914 in Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin to John Carl Adolph and Ida Josephine Anderson Johnson. Ruth attended and was a graduate of North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota and graduated with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from University of Wisconsin. She married James Louis Penton who preceded her in death in 2005. Ruth served in Sunday School and Home Missionary work with the Assemblies of God from 1934 until 1950. She taught school from 1949 until 1972 and was certified in five states. Ruth also served as a CMA certified medical aide in rest homes from 1976 until 1990. She was a member of the Rosston Methodist Church.

Survivors are son and daughter-in-law James and Rose Penton of Sherman; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sisters Dr. F. Deborah Eid of San Francisco, California and Edith Johnson of Superior Wisconsin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Charles Tucker 1946 - 2012

A memorial service for Charles "Charlie" W. Tucker of Saint Jo will be held at his home at 502 N. Singletary Street in Saint Jo from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, April 7. It will be a celebration of Charlie's life with stories, laughter, and food. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations please be made in Charlie's name to the Saint Jo Fire Department (PO Box 638, Saint Jo, TX 76265) and/or Saint Jo Public Library (PO Box 517, Saint Jo, TX 76265). Charlie died after a lengthy illness on March 29, 2012.

Born in McGregor, Texas, on Oct. 28, 1946, Charlie spent most of his 65 years as a truck driver.

He is survived by his wife Teresa Tucker of Saint Jo; son Charles T. and daughter-in-law Rochelle Tucker of Rowlett; daughter Kimberly Young of Saint Jo; three grandchildren; brother Jerry and sister-in-law Barbara Tucker of North Richland Hills; sister Margie Rackley of Houston; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Georgia Tucker; brothers Bill, Milton, and Danny Tucker; and by his beloved first wife of 26 years Teena Tucker.

J. D. Lunsford 1952 - 2012

Graveside services for J.D. Lunsford, 60, of Whitesboro were held, April, 5 at Oakwood Cemetery in Whites-

J.D. was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on March 27, 1952 to J.C. and Dollie Ann Rodgers Lunsford. He died April 2012 in Sherman.

Survivors are his wife orothy of Whitesboro; Dorothy

daughters and son-in-law Jacqueline and Don Toney of Whitesboro and Jennifer Lunsford of Greenville; two grandchildren; mother Dollie Lunsford of Whitesboro; brothers and sister-in-law Gary and Chris Lunsford of Whitesboro, Mark Lunsford of Denton, and Michael Lunsford of Sherman; and numerous nieces and neph-

by his father and a sister-inlaw Susan Lunsford.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO April 4, 1947

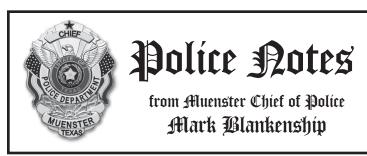
Coralee Fuhrmann is Muenster duchess and Clyde Fisher her escort for the Gainesville Community Circus. Johnny Fisher and Michael Driever both sustain sprained fingers in softball game at school. New Arrival: Raymond to Lawrence and Irene Wimmer. Patsy Bengfort has appendix removed. Rita Hermes has tonsillectomy. Advertisement posts: School Land for Sale - Sealed bids will be accepted on the land owned by Muenster ISD in Hays Community.

50 YEARS AGO **April 6, 1962**

J.M. Weinzapfel and J.P. Flusche represent Muenster in meeting over interest in bridge over the Red River near Bulcher. William Walterscheid and Richard Grewing elected on City Council. Arnold Henscheid begins working in the meat department at Hofbauer's. Dale Klement has Grand Champ hog at 4-H Stock Show. New Arrivals: Beverly to Loyd and Gwen Trubenbach; Mary to James and Marlene Bass; Stephen to Julius and Clara Hermes. Crutches for foot trouble are getting to be routine for the Norbert Rohmer family - no sooner was daughter Betty Mae off crutches after a right foot injury when Mr. Rohmer hurt his left foot in an oil field accident.

25 YEARS AGO **April 3, 1987**

Lloyd Reiter is promoted to vice-president at Gainesville National Bank. Robert McDaniel to present "Slavery in Cooke County" at Morton Museum. Pat Fisher honored on 80th birthday. Mass of Thanksgiving is offered at Sacred Heart Church by newly-ordained Father Gary Swirczynski. New Arrivals: Katie to David and Laurie Flusche; Stephen to David and Barbara Nortman.



During the month of March, the Muenster Police Department responded to 47 CALLS FOR SERVICE, recorded five INCIDENT REPORTS, issued 66 CITATIONS, investigated one MOTOR VEHICLÉ ACCIDENT, and ARRESTED AND BOOKED two persons.

With BASEBALL season here, we want to remind everyone about the NO PARKING area at the Jaycees Ball Park. This is important due to lane blockage issues. Citations will be issued for violations. Also marked for NO PARKING is the West side of South Ash Street between Cross Street and Hwy. 82 across from the VFW Center.

As the spring weather nears, it brings sometimes unstable conditions. Please, be aware of these conditions if they should arise. The warm spring conditions also brings out our joggers, morning and evening walkers, and bike riders, so PAY ATTENTION when you drive.

The sign up for the CITIZEN RIDE ALONG program has ended with a meeting to be scheduled in the next few days for those interested persons.

Just a Thought

"No" is one of the few He was preceded in death words that can never be misunderstood.

Jesus is a friend who walks in when the world has walked out.

Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks up.



will be celebrated

April 15 • 3 pm St. Peter's Church

424 W. Main Lindsay, Texas

Confessions, 2-2:45 pm No Mass at service

A special Blessed Image of Jesus, The Lord of Divine Mercy, and First Class relic of Saint Faustina (a piece of bone) will be present for veneration.

"Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature 'Jesus I trust in You.'" (Diary, 327)

The feast day is a celebration of the message of mercy revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska, a young polish nun with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland.

On February 22, 1931 St. Faustina began to receive, through divine revelation, numerous prayers and messages regarding the unlimited mercy of Jesus and the need for trust in Him. According to the writings of St. Faustina, Jesus called for a feast of the Divine Mercy to be celebrated by the whole Church. In her vision, Jesus told her, "I want this image (of Divine Mercy) to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the feast of Mercy." At the canonization of St. Faustina April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II announced that the Sunday after Easter would be called Divine Mercy Sunday.

One of the promises given to St. Faustina by Jesus included His words, 'On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon these souls who approach the fount of My mercy." In 2003, the Pope granted a plenary indulgence, which shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, to all who observe the feast of Divine Mercy.

To receive the indulgence, the faithful are required to go to confession a few days before or after, receive the Holy Eucharist on that Sunday, and offer prayers for the intentions of the pope. In preparation for the Divine Mercy feast day, Catholics are also encouraged to pray a novena and to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for nine days preceding the feast, beginning on Good Friday." Novena booklets may be obtained at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay. For more information or ways to obtain novenas, call Linda at 940-759-2870.



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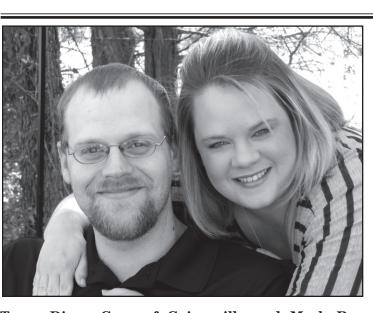
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LIFESTYLE



Trena Diane Gray of Gainesville and Mark Ray Schreiber of Lindsay plan to wed on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Family Life Church in Gainesville. A reception will follow the ceremony. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dale and Tammy Gray of Lake Kiowa. She has a son Patrick Kai Burleson, a student at Lindsay ISD. Trena is a 1999 graduate of Callisburg High School and is employed at Landmark Bank in Lindsay as branch manager. The future groom is the son of Peggy and Michael Roberts of Sanger and Dan Schreiber of Wichita Falls. Mark is a 2004 graduate of Lindsay High School and is employed at Universal Machining Industries, Inc. in Muenster.

Catholic Daughters plan **Spring** Luncheon

The Catholic Daughters have become known for hosting a first class luncheon. This year's 6th Annual Spring Luncheon will take place at 11 a.m. on April 14 at the home of Trisha and Darrell Charles.

In addition to the meal, special guest speaker Ashley Hartman will give a presentation on xeriscape gardening. With water conservation and recent restrictions, this is a timely topic.

Call Crystal Vogel for reservations at 736-6770 or



Catholic Daughters hosted their Spring Luncheon at the Alford castle last year. Enjoying the event were mothers and daughters, from left, J.J. Johnson and Norma Jean Hofbauer and Aileen Cler and Sandra Fuhrmann.

Crabtree will study **Veterinary Medicine**

accepted to the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine, where he will begin classes this fall.

Paul is currently a senior

Animal Science major at Texas Tech University where he was recently named "Outstanding Senior" for the College of Animal Science and Natural Resources. While attending Texas Tech, he has been named to the President's List for the past four semesters as a result of his 4.0 GPA. He is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Gamma Beta Phi Honor So-Bill and Ellen Crabtree.

Paul Crabtree has been ciety. He currently serves as secretary for the Pre-Vet Society and is a member of Habitat for Humanity. Paul currently works for Dr. Louis Farr at South Plains Veterinary Clinic in Slaton, Texas.

> Paul plans to focus his studies at Texas A&M on large animal and equine medicine. He is a 2009 graduate of Muenster High School. Paul is the son of Doug and Allison Crabtree of Muenster and the grandson of Gloria Saylor of Port Lavaca, Texas and the late Lyman Saylor, and the late



Paul Crabtree

College honors employees at "Gems of NCTC" banquet

The event included special awards for faculty and staff, as well as recognition and awarding of service pins to employees.

award was presented to Dona Taylor.

Taylor is an assistant in the Department of English, Speech and Foreign Language. According to excerpts from the nominations for Taylor, "her work is always of the highest quality and she pays special attention to details," "she personifies professionalism and maintains a professional attitude with students, staff and faculty alike," and "her concern for her NCTC family illustrates her compassion and dedica-

The Excellence in Teaching award was presented to Kristen Weinzapfel.

Weinzapfel is an English instructor on the Bowie campus. The award recognizes full-time faculty who have made significant contribu-tions to student learning, innovative teaching, course with service to the college, Readiness Symposium. and charity community.

The Dr. gan Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award was presented were recognized for their

tral Texas College were hon-recognizes part-time faculty ored at the annual "Gems of members who have made NCTC" banquet March 30 significant contributions to at Lions Field House on the Gainesville campus. student learning, participation, and skill acquisition through active-learning strategies and the creation of a dynamic learning environment.

mployees. The Lifelong Learning The Employee of the Year Instructor of the Year was presented to Nora Cabrera, who teaches classes in ESL, Citizenship, Spanish II, and Spanish III.

A special award called "The Lion ROARS" was presented to NCTC President Dr. Eddie Hadlock. ROARS stands for Recognizing Outstanding and Remarkable Staff.

Two staff members were honored for completing degrees in the past year. Jim Innis completed his Master of Science degree from Texas A&M-Commerce, while Barbara Simpson completed her Associate of Science degree from NCTC.

Several faculty members were honored with Innovations in Teaching awards. The "Go For It" award was presented to Gabrielle Fletcher and Thom Talbott for Twain: Research, Scholarships & Performance and development, and profes- to Elizabeth Howell for cresional development, along ation of the College Math

Dr. Mike Robertson also rick Maguire (19 years). activities and service to the received recognition from the Consortium Leadership Gordon Year- and Renewal Academy.

Several NCTC employees

years of service with the College and were presented with special service pins.

Ruby pins were presented to 5-year honorees including Jerry Barrow, Cheryl Capuchina, Taylor Christian, Desire DeMange, Theresa Edwards, Tracey Fleniken, Elizabeth Howell, Michael Jacob, Ermi Kemp, John Kidd, Stephanie Martin, Jack O'Connor, Tammy Pinon, Kate Richardson, Diane Roether, Dax Stokes, Tiffani Walker, and Kristen Wein-

zapfel. Emerald pins were presented to 10-year honorees including Keith Bailey, Christine Bishop, Kim Brown, Kevin Davis, Cliff Downey, Doris Floyd, Linda Fuqua, Janie Grimes, Cheryl McDonald, Dee Ann Mc-Farlin, Beverly Snow, and

Stanja Zylowski. Sapphire pins were presented to 15-year honorees including Donna Hooper and Rita Lusk.

A single diamond pin was presented to 20-year honoree Dona Taylor, while an outstanding diamond pin was presented to 35-year honoree Estelle Gilpin.

Several retirees were also honored including Rodger Boyce (36 years of service), Gary Sorrell (32 years), Dr. Mike Linder (21 years), Ron Cowart (19 years) and Pat-

There were 422 total years of service to the college by honored employees.

Ladies Auxiliary meets March 19

Regular business was attended to at the meeting of Post #6205 on Monday, March 19 at the Post Home. President Frances Bayer

The opening prayer was ous meeting were read by led by Chaplain Mary Lee Ida Mae Bindel, secretary. the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Hennigan. Assisting her was Conductress Linda Knabe and Patriotic Instructor Eleanor Felderhoff. Roll call and minutes of the previ-

Lucille Hesse gave her treasurer's report. It was discussed that

Frances Bayer will send in the Campbell labels and the Swanson chicken broth labels collected by the Auxiliary for the National Home of Veterans Children. Labels will be accepted at any time to be sent there. Another topic of discussions was Memorial Day and buddy poppies, upcoming projects in May.

Members signed cards for professional, two members. Then mem-

bers were treated to refreshments by Eleanor Felder-



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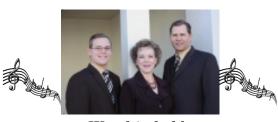
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Dominic loves the outdoors, which inspired a camping theme. Tableware and napkins depicted a campsite, which included a yellow tent, a campfire, trees, and mountains. Cutouts of roasting marshmallows, owls, picnic tables, and camping road signs were displayed throughout the party room. A white cake with lemon icing replicated an ac-

Dominic Xavier Nervo in- tual campsite. A banner stating, "Campsite for Dominic's Birthday" hung behind the main table flanked by camping balloons.

Dominic has camping adventure for 12th

A lemon pepper baked chicken supper was served to the guests. Cake and ice cream followed for dessert.

That night, Dominic enjoyed using one of his birthday gifts, a new tent. He camped out with his brothers and friends in the back vard. Special guests included

Dominic's older brother Alexander, younger brother Zachary, grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster.



Dominic Nervo

tween a squall line and a super-

air, and often they occur before also produce torrential rainfall, sippi River."

explains. "A squall line can be fairly large – from 10 to 30 miles wide and as long as 500 miles or more. They can produce large usually just one isolated storm, strong winds, and even tornadoes. Supercells are the largest

tornadoes." Q: Where are they most likely

A: Supercells can occur anywhere in the world under the right conditions, but in the U.S., they are most often found in the Great Plains and from the form where there is unstable cell thunderstorms. They can Rocky Mountains to the Missis-

Q: What's the difference be- a cold front is approaching," he strong winds, and one or more

A: A squall line is an organized line of severe thunderstorms, while a supercell is hail, lightning, heavy rain, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Squall lines and most severe class of single-

ter coverage than you've had they would like to have was audit firm. Steve Gilland has the opinion of most of the Council and Police Chief.

> "I know the citizens ask for more than we're giving, said Blankenship. Endres noted, "If we have

> to hire another officer, you are probably looking at \$50,000 a year, time you pay his salary and benefits and things." Although the City is not

going to hold an election for City Council, there is an election on May 12 in regard to the legalization of selling alcoholic beverages in the newly annexed areas of the City, including the new Germanfest grounds. It will be held at Muenster Junior High from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Council appointed City

Secretary Brenda Simpson as election judge. She will find her helpers. Early voting dates were set as April 30-May 8 at City Hall during regular business hours.

The City Administrator report updated the Council on progress of the water systems improvements. City workers are preparing the main station to pump water directly into the main station storage tank. This will allow the tank to be filled with water from wells other than just from #4.

It was voted to have well #4 evaluated by dropping a camera in to check water

Street repairs must be addressed soon. There is about \$175,000 remaining in the budget for street repairs. Endres anticipates the cost to be higher than last year due to the high price of oil.

Endres asked the aldermen to think about which streets need repairs and then let himself, Leo, or Street Commissioner Greg Bohl know their decisions before the next meeting.

Endres suggested requesting proposals from another

.....continued from pg. 1

been doing the City's audit for many years. They agreed he does a good job, but most entities change auditors from time to time as a good practice. He will advertise for bids from audit firms.

The City had a large increase in the sales tax received in March. The \$141.763.13 was high because a local business paid a one time payment of \$118,000, which was its entire tax bill for 2011. They were not aware at first that they had taxable items and so collected when they became aware that it should be done. Endres said that if the company's sales continue at the same rate, the City should receive \$9,500 a month in additional sales tax. The Muenster Industrial Development Corporation gets one third of all sales tax

collected. Alderman Jack Flusche said that the dumpster at the City Park was being abused by someone who filled it with what appeared to be large construction materials such as railroad ties. The dumpsters are for use by people using the Park, not for anything else. The Police Department and others will

be on the alert to catch the offenders. In other business conducted at the April 2 meeting,

the City Council: Canceled the May 12 election for City Council seats since there was no opposition. All incumbents re-

tain their positions. Approved request by Muenster Chamber of Commerce to close South Maple

Street during Germanfest. Approved Chamber's request to sell alcoholic beverages in the City Park during

Germanfest. • Approved payment of bills totaling \$138,512.07.

Weather Whys

before," added Chief Blankenship. "I think you've had four officers before. This time, we'll have six. I think we'll have better coverage and it's about a third less

Four people signed up for the Citizen Ride Along Program. A meeting will be scheduled with those persons for a briefing. The search for reserve

officers has thus far been fruitless. Muenster's search continues. The search for part-time officers has not been successful either. Administrator Endres ex-

plained, "The reason this is needed is because you've got three officers and they all get two days a week off. It's leaving us a lot of time that we do not have anybody that's on duty."

Blankenship said he tries to keep the officers' comp time to below 10 hours. He had been absorbing much of the overtime himself. "I'm not sure I can hang on much longer doing that. I've got 400 hours (comp time) now in seven months. I wasn't expecting it to be that much. I expected to see 125.

Support coverage from the County Sheriff's Department was discussed. Muenster does not get the support that

Zachary Lutkenhaus

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Birthday

Reese Jezek

Man wants to continue passion of work

problem was that he could

not read and did not know

which chemicals needed to

be used for certain jobs. He

still cannot read, but he rec-

ognizes the labels and the

lids of products and knows

jobs. His present manager

says he is extremely care-

At first he tried his clean-

ing skills at a couple of local

lodging facilities. He cleaned the lobbies and bathrooms.

He did well and wanted to

continue, so he was placed at

the day habilitation program

worker program. Because of

his success, another building was added to his schedule.

He worked for several years

and was extremely happy

Almost four years ago,

he began a janitorial job at

Goodwill working five hours

a day. In 2009, he was re-

warded for his hard work

and received the Goodwill

Placement Person of the

Year Award. His Goodwill

manager Laura Price said,

ebrated his second birthday

on Sunday, March 18. His

actual birthday is March 19.

Toy Story.

the Ranger.

Reese Jezek celebrates 2nd

The theme of the party was

The party began with opening gifts. Then, every-

one enjoyed cake and ice

cream followed by a ride on

Zachary's cake was made

going to work every day.

knows how to store them.

Alternate Living Facility #1 has been Lee's home for

the past 17 years. His room

is a haven for him and is

decorated with his favorite

things. He beams with pride

over his room. There is the

latest picture of him and his

long-time girlfriend of 25

years at the recent Valen-

tine's dance. Other pictures

of friends and family are

arranged where he can eas-

ily view them. He keeps his

room clean and everything in

its place. He is at home with

his room and enjoys his time

there. His room is shared

with a roommate, and they

Lee was born 58 years ago

and was a healthy baby with

no problems. Then sometime

in his early months or years,

he contracted meningitis.

One of the effects meningitis

has on the body is inflam-

mation or infection of the

membranes of the brain and

spinal cord. The illness left

Lee with intellectual dis-

For many years, he has

received services through Texoma Community Center

(formerly known as Mental

Health Mental Retardation

Services of Texoma). Lee

worked in the vocational training center doing piece mill work for local industry.

He was not happy with only

doing the contract labor, he

wanted to do more. He de-

cided he had "cleaning in his

blood" and wanted to learn to

be a janitor. His mother had

taught him to clean while he

lived at home. He shared his

dream with his trainer who

made a referral for job train-

A job coach was assigned

to him and the training be-

Reese Addison Jezek of

Denton observed her second

birthday on March 19. A cel-

ebration was held Saturday,

March 17 at the home of her

parents Benjamin and Leigh

Present at the party were Reese's older sister Ryleigh

and a number of relatives

and friends. A "monkey girl"

theme was used due to Re-

ese's love for her stuffed

Reese is the granddaugh-

ter of Ronnie and Jane Zim-

merer of Lindsay and Dailene of Tioga and the late

ng as a janitor.

get along well.

gan. Lee knew that his major "Lee wants a bigger build-

as the janitor in the client DADS Waiver Programs

Zachary observes 2nd

Zachary Lutkenhaus cel- Bayer. The party ended with

by his grandmother Annette and Brandi Cook, Will and

ful with the chemicals and no plans to retire.

ing to clean and more hours

he would like to accomplish.

He dreams of having his own

like to have a garden of flow-

caring for flowers. Lee wants

to continue his job and has

oma Community Center for

Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin

counties are Consumer Ben-

efits, Continuity of Services,

Intake/Eligibility/Diagnostic

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tion, Service Coordination,

(HCS and TXHML), DADS

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ning, Adult Day Habilita-

tion/Client Worker Training

Program, Behavioral Sup-

port Services, Community

Support Services, Respite

Services, Supported Home Living Services, and After

School/Summer Children's

a wonderful dinner at Ser-

ed Zachary's parents Jason

and Michelle, his siblings

Bradley, Alyssa, and Jayden;

Lutkenhaus; grandparents Bobby and Linda Lutken-

haus and Bill and Annette

Bayer; aunts and uncles Jeff

Crystal Seyler, Jeremy Lut-

kenhaus, Neil Bayer, and

Nicole Bayer; and cousins Nathan and Natalie Cook

Guests at the party includ-

na's Mexican restaurant.

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and Cade Seyler.

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SCHOOL

CX Debate Team earns State **Bronze medal for Muenster High**

and Austin Creswell were awarded a Bronze medal at the State CX Debate Tournament in the Texas State Capitol Auditorium on March 13. While most Muenster ISD students were enjoying their Spring Break, varsity CX debate team Brooke and Austin took a working trip to Austin along with 62 other teams from across the state.

After debating four two- CX Debate medal. hour rounds on Monday, they broke into finals and were able to continue Tues- member Caroline Gressett, day morning. Winning their octafinal and quarterfinal scheid. rounds at the University of Texas, they continued on at the UIL Academic State to the semifinal round held in the Texas State Capitol building.

Walterscheid's third State ships.

Accompanying the team were junior varsity team

participation Through Meet in the final rounds, Brooke and Austin qualify for Texas Interscholastic This was junior Brooke League Foundation scholar-

Lindsay Honor Roll

4th Six Weeks "A"

12th Grade - Lucinda Krahl, Caitlin Huston, McKenzie Neu, Drew Cooney, Valerie Nystrom, Rebekah Manon, Connor Fuhrmann, Alicia Hellinger.

11th Grade - Megan Schumacher, Chisam Reiter, Shannah Daymude, Kassidy Gum, Darryl Block, Jay Porter, Dylan Hughes.

Kendall 10th Grade -McLeod, Nicole Popp, Shea Garner, Sabrina Stoffels, Savanna Hall, Anna Rose Rohmer, Briley Fleitman, Travis Krahl, Elizabeth Zwinggi, Madison Green, Zach Mlinar.

9th Grade - Emily Otto, Lyndon Cook, Sarah Dieter, Jessica Martin, Matthew Block, Nicole Fleitman, Rachael Dieter, Brandon Worth, Mackenzie Myrick. 8th Grade - Douglas Case, Caitlin Corcoran, Paisley Cor-

7th Grade - Logan Cook, John Michael Fuhrmann, Bob Gomulak, Zach Hundt, Ćaden Maydew, Roshan Patel.

6th Grade - Mia Burrows, Sarah Corcoran, Brandon Craigie, William Inglish, Parker Jones, Hayley Marion, Luke Meece, Bhavin Patel, Cameron

5th Grade - Brianna Craigie, Emily Davis, Alaina Dennison, Kirsten Dennison, Makenzie Fleitman, Olivia Hertel, Jillian Martin, Colby Metzler, Hannah Metzler, Kyle Popp.

4th Grade - Daniel Bell, Kloe Copeland, John Gomulak, Cade Hellman, Matthew Hellman, Kade Hermes, Mia Hweidi, Kate Jones, Maggie Krahl, Logan Martin, Makia McGuire, Elizabeth Ott, Terah Skipworth.

3rd Grade - Gage Bezner, Lauren Colwell, Lily Dieter, Nash Dieter, Kylee Fleitman, George Gomulak, Allison Hedrick, Shelby Lawson, Rachel Metzler, Jack Popp.

2nd Grade - Alexis Butcher, Chad Corbell, Jacob Dulock, Anna Fleitman, Loren Freeman, Molly Fuhrmann, Stephen Fuhrmann, Andrew Goldsmith, Tyler Grewing, Makenna Hermes, Sofia McFadden, Reece Mills, Kirtan Patel, Diesel Perryman, Colton Popp, Jessalyn Reiter, Madison Reiter, Matthew Sebade, Sierah Skipworth, Story Tatum, Henry Thurman, Trinity Williamson. 1st Grade - Ryder Bezner,

Trenton Blount, Kalie Brandle, Cole Branson, Kade Branson, Ashlyn Brooks, Audrey Colwell, Ella Dieter, Emma Dieter, Mary Doughty, Rory Dulock, Hayden Ellender, Tatum Fleitman, Caden Forson, Macey Hawkins, Abigail Hellman, Ryan Hell-

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man, Nathan Huchton, Ella Schully, Logan Wann. Klement, Corey Metzler, Dayne Meurer, Yash Patel, Kortnie Reiter, Corinn Schully, Cassidy Tackett, Kyla Taylor, Kane Wolf, Travis Wolf.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

12th Grade - Katie Arendt, DJ Buffington, Caroline Dieter, Max Eberhart, Jordan Fleitman, Amelia Haverkamp, Amber Hess, Mandy Hess, Cole Hunter, Cole Kirk, Taylor Krebs, Taylor Pelzel, Tyler Schofield, Taylor Stringfellow, Jace Wann, Ben Zimmerer, Hannah Zim-

11th Grade - Emily Ambuehl, Chris Bell, Travis Block, Trevor DeBord, John Eastman, Bryan Fortune, Rachel Fuhrmann, Megan Holt, Jacob Kessler, Emily Krahl, Katelyn Neu, Neely Rose, Brianne Sandmann, Emily Tamplin, Claire Williams, Rose Wyrick.

10th Grade - Jalyn Anderle, Sara Clark, Kyleigh Duke, Lauren Gibbs, Clayton Gunderson, John Haverkamp, Chandler Herr, Matthew Huston, Gus Martin, Dalton Metzler, Kimberly Page, Conner Polk, John Price, Caleb Rains, Philicia Vogel, Elizabeth Wallace.

9th Grade - Caleb Anderle, Tara Atkins, Brad Bezner, James Fuller, Ryan Hoepfner, Kailei Klement, Elle Lurry, Aaron Martindale, Camdon Maydew, Mason Morrow, Courtney Neu, Keleigh Pearson, Connor Pelzel, Maddie Zimmerer.

8th Grade - Erika Davis, Hannah Davis, Andy Dieter, Erin Early, Kaleigh Eason, Nicholas Fleitman, Leah Fuhrmann, Zach Green, Alison Gunderson, Alex Harrell, Hope Inglish, Sydney McCage, Jessica Metzler, Mariah Noggler, Colton Rains, Scout Tatum.

7th Grade - Cole Barnes, Jonathon Bell, Tanner DeBord, Brenna Fleitman, Lindsey Gibbs, Reed Harrison, Abby Haverkamp, Ashley Hedrick, Elizabeth Hellman, Cohen Hunter, Logan King, Louis Krahl, Rebecca Laster, Luke Metzler, Sarah Otto, Ashtyn Jenna Parkhill. Polk, John Rohmer, Austin

6th Grade - Grace Dieter, Nathan Dieter, Stetson Duke, Dawson Fogle, Bolton Fortune, Willie Fuhrmann, Jocelyn Grewing, Michael Hellman, Kate Henley, Kody Hermes, Cameron Hughes, Caleb Inglish, Alaina Klement, Caleb Martin, Garrett Morrow, Patricia Neusch, Alyssa Noggler, Chase Otto, Kayln Pulte, Matthew Riley, Jake Swarner, Jenna Tharp, Josh Wallace, Laura

5th Grade - Preston Brewer, James Dennison, Aaron Fleitman, Ashley Fleitman, Jacob Hellman, Katelynn Huchton, Emilee Krahl, Autumn Lutkenhaus, Madeline Myrick, Macie Neu, Skyler Neu, Kyle Ott, Merrick Parkhill, Forrest Russell, Alex Sims, Trevor Sims, Karsyn Taylor, Kyle Zwinggi.

4th Grade - Amanda Almon, Emma Bounds, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Rose Butcher, Kaylee Colwell. Jonathon Dowell, Alyssa Eason, Nicholas Fisher, Cassidy Grewing, Lauren Henley, Madison Huchton, Alex Ibarra, Lily Jones, Madison McCage, Jake Metzler, Ryan Neu, Payton Orr, Grace Otto, Kaitlyn Popp, Caden Rains, Casey Schumacher, Skylar Tatum, Aryan Vig, Clint Wallace, Hunter Wolf, Mary Worth.

3rd Grade - Riley Anderle, Braxton Craigie, Anthony Ellender, Heidi Fleitman, Mackenzie Hess, Parker Hillis, Avery Hughes, Alexandria Hunter, Marshall Jones, Lindsey King, Mya Meece, Macey Ott, Derek Parsons, Andrew Schully, Dylan Sprouse, Tyler Yancey, Damian

2nd Grade -Bell, Samantha Fisher, Clay Fuhrmann, Elizabeth Hacker, Payton Harris, Natalie Hellman, Emily Hunter, Victoria Martinson, Jesse Medina, Ivan Reyes, Kyleigh Sandmann, Landon Williams.

1st Grade - Logan Brooks, Claire Davy, Coltan Hanks, Ava Horner, Christopher Jackson,

We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked, and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty. Mother Teresa



Fifth grade students from Sacred Heart Catholic School pose for a photo with Fr. Kyle Walterscheid during Vocation Day. They are, from left, front - Ian Kintz, Jeron Juntado, Collin Knabe, Stephanie Koesler, Danielle Hess; back - Michael McCoy, Jackson Carr, Ethan Muller, Shane Sicking, Fr. Kyle, Ben Ganzon, Isaiah

SHCS 5th Grade attends Vocation Day

along with 5th graders from all local area Catholic schools, attended a Vocation Day presented by the Diocese of Fort Worth on held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Worth.

Those attending celebrated a Liturgy with Bishop Kevin Vann, and

listened to presentations on religious life by priests (including Fr. Kyle Walterscsisters.

Chaperones for the event were Čindy Koesler, Allison Canterbury, Michael Becker, 5th Grade Teacher Barbara LaChance. Michael Becker served as bus driver. St. Mary's 5th Grade shared a bus with Sacred Heart.

Students from Sacred Heart shared the following comments:

"I liked it because we got to go to Mass with a bishop and learned all sorts of things from a priest, a brother, and a bishop." – Jeron Juntado

"I enjoyed Vocation Day because it was interesting listening to Brother Thomas and Fr. Kyle Walterscheid." Collin Knabe

"I had fun. I think it was a great opportunity to talk

Catholic School's 5th grade, joyed the bishop's talk. I also was awesome and the church enjoyed the school; it was was very pretty." – Stephavery nice." – Danielle Hess nie Koesler

"I think it was neat to see the bishop and get a picture a great time. I think others with Fr. Kyle Walterscheid, should go." – Ian Kintz Wednesday, March 28. It was and hearing a brother talk about his vocation." - Shane Sicking "Vocation day was pretty

cool. We learned about how to become a priest or bishop, and we talked to a brother. Jackson Carr

"I loved Vocation Day! heid), brothers, deacons, and It was an opportunity to meet deacons, sisters, nuns,

Students in Sacred Heart to all the sisters. I really en- priests, and Bishop Vann. It nie Koesler

"I liked the talks and had

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Lunch Menus

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Tues. - Burritos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches, muffins.

Wed. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, wheat hot rolls. Thurs. - Hamburgers w/ cheese, lettuce, tomatoes,

pickles, oven fries, pork and beans, honey grahams, applesauce, ice cream. Fri. - Cook's choice

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Beef tips over rice, green beans, peaches, batter

- Pepperoni pizza strips w/marinara, fresh carrots, oranges.

Wed. - Italian meat ball sub sandwich, pickle wedges, chips, grapes.

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, pineapple, bread.

Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream. **ERA ISD**

Mon. - No school.

Tues. - Popcorn chicken, dipping sauces, mac and cheese, salad, fruit. Wed. - Crispitos, cheese

sauce, broccoli w/ranch, salad, fruit.

Thurs. - Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, salad.

Fri. - Hamburgers, cheese, trimmings, chips, fruit, ice

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Veterans with a service- qualify. connected disability are encouraged to file an exemption form to have their 2012 property taxes lowered. Some veterans may even qualify for a 100% exemption of their taxes under the

The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans, and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability.

A veteran's percentage of service-connected disability determines the amount of the exemption — from a \$5,000 to a \$12,000 deduction from the veteran's property value.

Any eligible person who has not received this exemption should apply before May 1, 2012. An applicant may claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on Jan.

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A disabled veteran who receives 100% disability compensation due to a serviceconnected disability and a rating of 100% disabled or of individual unemployability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the appraised value of the years) winners were: veteran's residence home- 1st - The Rowdy stead. Beginning this year, this benefit has been extended to the surviving spouse upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions.
The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

more information about the property tax exemption for disabled veterans or to file an exemption, contact the Cooke County Appraisal District at 940-665-7651. More information is also available from the Drebus. state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu, and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team or visit the Comptroller's 1, 2012. The applicant must website at www.window. also be a Texas resident to state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

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Kaley Berkley and Kyle Dangelmayr

18th Annual Sacred Heart Ranch Rodeo held April I

Held at the newly renovat- 3rd grade, and 3rd prize ice ed Muenster Arena owned by Margaret Sterle, DVM, 55 Buckaroo Rodeo teams competed in four different age appropriate obstacle course competitions. Hand-crafted belt buckles, T-shirts, and cash prizes were awarded to the winners, while all participants received a goody bag.

The toddler division (0-5 1st - The Rowdy Riders,

Clayton and Clint Bezner; 2nd - The Scavengers, Kameron and Cason Knabe;

3rd - H&H Cowboys, Jake Hess and Sawyer Huchton. Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

1st - Lone Star Rancher, Kaley Berkley and Kyle Dangelmayr;

2nd - Double Trouble, No-lan Vogel and Kaley Berk-3rd - The Wranglers, Kevin Dangelmayr and Preston

Adult/Child winners:

1st - The Bezner Bandits, Dan and Keith Bezner;

2nd - Kracker Cattle Co., Tyler Terry and Kevin Dangelmayr;

3rd - The Hess Gang, Aaron and Cole Hess.

Hands winners:

1st - Aggressive Bulls, Ian Kintz and Michael McCoy; 2nd - Purple Bandit, MacKenzie Mason and Sophia Jones;

3rd - The Blonde Bucka-roos, Kate Springer and Danielle Hess.

There was a ticket pre-sale contest at school two weeks prior to the rodeo. The class competition winner was the 6th grade who won a trip to the Hopp Ranch. The 2nd prize pizza party went to the Morton.

cream party went to the 4th grade.

Two calf scrambles were held during the rodeo. The 0-3rd grade winner was Kyle Dangelmayr from Muenster. The 4-8th grade winner was Parker Wimmer from Gainesville.

Twenty-four four member teams competed in the Ranch Rodeo. Över-all winners were awarded handcrafted belt buckles and cash prizes. Winners were:

1st place – Bonds Ranch (Colby Hunt, Jared Sikes, Wade McClusky, Todd Cook)

2nd – Double D Cattle Co. (Tom Dangelmayr, Shawn Dangelmayr, Tyler Terry, Rick Sanders) 3:32.62;

3rd - Broken Arrow (Henry Renick, Jerry Renick, Jay Ready, Dale Martin) 3:37.32;

4th - Bryson Cattle Co. (Matt Bryson, Tim Estridge, Casey York, Mozan McKiben) 3:41.31.

Event winners were:

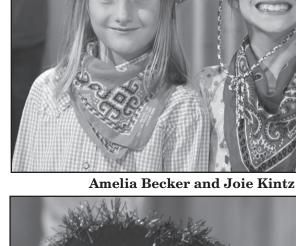
Team Mugging - Moon Cabbage (Colt Looper, Cody Anthony, Blake Stocker, Danny Lynn) :29.41;

n and Cole Hess. Team Sorting - Tom Bates 4-6th Grade Jr. Ranch Cattle Co. (Tom Bates, Rick Sanders, Jay Ready, Tyler Terry):51.53.

Un-decorating Cabbage (:20.46); Team Roping - Broken Ar-

Recognition was given to Margaret Sterle, DVM, Clint Sicking, Curt Bayer, and Sam Hess for their assis-

tance, and to sponsors, supporters, volunteers, judges Billy Poyner and Harold Owen, and announcer Wes





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Sacred Heart students do soil and water experiments

School Fourth Grade students have been busy studying and experimenting with water and soil. First, they studied the different types of water and soil. They experimented with brackish water to see how fresh water and salt water mix. At the same time, they designed two water treatment systems to see which would create better results. They also studied watersheds, basins, reservoirs, and the many uses of water whether it is to irrigate crops, generate electricity, transport goods, or to simply use for recreation and personal use.

While studying soil, the

Sacred Heart Catholic and the clay soils. Sandy soils lose their moisture very quickly compared to silty soils, and clay soils hold onto water much too long. Therefore, they found that crops grown in silty soil have an easier time growing and producing a yield.

> Next, they learned about soil horizons and found that humus and nutrients are found in the topsoil along with decomposers such as earthworms. They found that the next layer called the subsoil is lighter and harder than the topsoil but contains bits of clay and minerals that trickle down from the topsoil. The last layer is the bedrock which is made of up weathered bedrock. Most important of all, the students found out that soils are different from place to place because many of them picked up soil samples across the state while they were on

In my garden there is a large place for sentiment. My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams. The thoughts grow as freely as the flowers, and the dreams are as beautiful.



Testing soil

Pictured from l-r, above - Keith Bezner, Jacob Walterscheid, Koby Hogan, Logan Muller, Jared Walterscheid, Cole Hess, and Maddie Ladzinski; above right - Meredith Knabe, Jr. Walterscheid, Hogan, Ladzinski, Bezner, Erik Bayer, Muller, Brenton Wilson, and Jb. Walterscheid; at right - Hess, Muller, Bezner, Wilson, Lazinsk8, Jb. Walterscheid, Jr. Walterscheid, and Knabe.

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NCTC'S dual credit program gives high school students head start

Imagine graduating from high school and already having enough college credits to be classified as a sophomore. This is reality for many Cooke County students thanks to North Central Texas College's dual-credit

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able to make substantial prog- ition at NCTC. The cost savings ress toward their college degree is even more evident when combefore finishing high school. Students who begin taking courses in their junior year can earn 30 or more college credits by the time they graduate from high school.

Courses can be taken at any 'core" classes such as English, Government, Eco-

NCTC has been participating in dual credit with area high schools since the late 1980s. Today, a total of 33 high schools in five counties participate in dual credit with NCTC including all high schools in Cooke and Mon-

The other big benefit for students and their parents is the cost savings associated with dual credit courses. On average, course in tuition for dual credit courses compared to regular tu-

pared to four-year universities. An in-district dual-credit student can expect to pay around \$105 for a course, while the same course at UNT will cost

free or reduced lunch program at the high school will receive free tuition at NCTC. Also, scholarships are available through the NCTC Foundation.

costs of college and budgetary but it also makes sense on an Credit Coordinator Debbie Endres said. "College can be scary for some students. This is especially true for first generation families. Dual credit provides an opportunity for students to experience all aspects of college, making college a little less

"Dual credit courses also provide an opportunity for students to 'try it on for size' to see what will be expected in future college courses. Students who experience success in dual credit courses are better able to move into adult roles of responsibility and service, a basic goal of all

In the fall of 2011, there were

1,525 students enrolled in dual- transferable to public colleges credit courses at NCTC. This spring, there are 1,460 students

Muenster High School senior Chloe Schneider is one of many students taking advantage of NCTC's dual credit offerings.

"Dual credit classes have given me a head start in my college education," she said. "I will have 18 hours of college classes when I graduate, so that decreases the number of classes I have to take when I get to Texas Tech, which will save me money.²

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and universities in Texas.

For more information, contact Debbie Endres at (940) 668-7731 Ext. 5204 or by email at dendres@nctc.edu.



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there is a cost savings of \$38 per

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Successful completion college-level courses helps students with a successful transition to a college campus later. Students acquire the confidence to succeed academically and personally in college.

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Muenster High School students, from left, Chloe Schneider, Olivia Haverkamp, and Paige Morgan get ready to head to their Speech class at NCTC. The students are earning both high school and college credits through NCTC's dual credit program.

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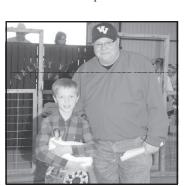
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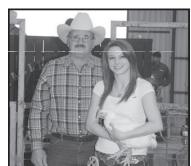
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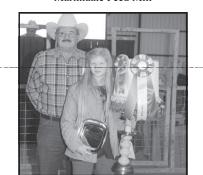
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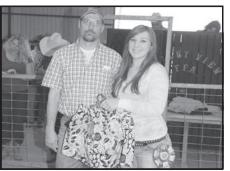
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SPORTS

Sacred Heart hosts District golf

Heart the TAPPS District 1 Golf Monday Championships at Turtle Hill Golf Course. Abilene Christian won the Boys Championship with a score of 370. Amarillo Holy Cross followed with 401, Sacred Heart 404, and Watauga Harvest Christian 407.

Tigers and their scores were Austin Springer 90, AJ Miller 94, Michael Davis 108, Cooper Eddleman 112, and Isaac Barnhill 112.

The Tigers qualified as a team to advance to next week's Regional Championships in Allen. The top four teams and top 10 individuals

am excited we will have the opportunity to continue our season. Some of our individuals will challenge for spots to represent the Tigers next week in Allen. The competi- Dugger 132. tion this week will no doubt make us stronger next week as we look to advance to

Individual Tigers competing included Brady Endres their top 10 places. "I am 101, Keith Metzler 101, and James Cochran.

was Drew Wickersham of Denton Calvary who carded

In the Girls division, Amarillo Holy Cross took 1st place als," Coach Jon added.

Coach Jon commented, "I with a score of 419. Abilene Christian 2nd at 454.

The Tigerettes had three golfers participating. Devan Henry scored a 99, Elizabeth Turner 111, and Madison

Individual medalist was Gabby Smith of Abilene Christian with 97.

Henry and Turner will advance to Regionals with excited for Devan and Elizabeth. Devan was just a few Boys medalist Champion shots out of being the medalist and Elizabeth's game continues to improve and I look forward to their competition next week at Region-



Muenster Hornet pitcher Blayne Styles.

Janie Hartman photo

Muenster golfers play Bowie course

The Hornet golf teams from Muenster High School made their first trip to Top O' The Lake Country Club in Bowie a memorable one. For starters, since no one had ever played the course before, the group made it to the lake okay (Amon G. Carter Lake) but found themselves on the wrong side of the lake! Thirty minutes later, both boys and girls teams were warming up for a long but rewarding

The Hornets, led by senior Blake Grewing, posted their best outing in two years as they finished in fourth place in a field of 12 teams behind Holiday, Olney, and Boyd. With perfect weather and a course very similar to their home course, Turtle Hill, seven of the eight members

trict win #3 last week over

Valley View by a score of 16-

Copeland, Lucinda Krahl,

Tara Atkins, Taylor Atkins,

Liz Wallace, Megan Caillier,

Kassidy Gum, Hayley Skin-

Getting the runs were Erin

Austin Creswell playing in even par 70 for low individual his first tournament carded of the tournament. Other a 124. The varsity members, with a team score of 372, were Grewing 90, Landon Presnall 93, Clayton Rohmer 94, Sean Pagel 104, and BriAnna Bay-Chism 95, Cole McAden 96, Darrell Hermes 97, and Rishi

In girls action, the Lady Hornets kept their slate clean by posting their 5th straight win of the year. With a team score of 374, the girls claimed a 65 stroke advantage over Ponder, with Paradise finishing third posting a 452. "With 145 kids on the golf course, I was proud that the girls, and also the boys, could keep their focus for a six hour round. Needless to say, it was a long day!"

The team was once again led by sophomore stand-out broke the 100 barrier. Rookie Erin Hess, who carded an

pionship on the line, but rain

In the Texas Girls Coaches

Association Softball Poll for

April 3, the Lady Knights are tied for 25th place with

seven other teams, including

JV SOFTBALL

brought home a 14-6 win over Nocona last week. Scor-

ment, Shea Garner, Nicole

ie Schofield, Chloie Tackett,

Maddie Zimmerer, and Bri-

On Friday, Lindsay trav-

eled to Sherman, battling

back for a 6-5 non-district

win. Runners were Clark,

and Klement. Klement from

the circle, faced 19 batters,

allowed 5 hits, struck out 3,

Herr,

Tackett, Fleitman,

The JV Lady Knights

postponed the contest.

Windthorst.

ley Fleitman.

and walked 1.

Payton Sanders 102, Kassie Dangelmayr 103, Miranda

Next action for both squads will be the District Championship to be held in Bonham at Legacy Ridge Country Club. The Lady Hornets will be defending their title as the 2011 champs, while the Hornets will try to take down Bland and Blue Ridge in order to advance to the Regional Tournament in Nacogdoches in mid April.

scores were Andi Hess 99,

Muenster Hornets #1

According to the March 30 Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association 2012 Polls, the Muenster Hornets are the #1 Class 1A Baseball team in the state of Texas.

Undefeated in District (5-0) and recording a 13-4 for the season, the Hornets out-rated Douglass High School, who dropped into the #2 spot on the Polls.

Port Aransas takes 3rd, Archer City 4th, and Trenton 5th. Rounding out the top 10 are Cayuga, Miles, Carlisle, D'Hanis, and Stamford.

All teams with the exception of Archer City are undefeated in district play. Only Stamford is undefeated on the season, but they've only played six games to date (March 30).

Tigers win over Harvest

The Sacred Heart Tiger baseball team won a big District game over the previously undefeated Harvest Christian, 10-6, at the Jaycee field in Muenster Monday. It was the Tigers' first win of the season with an impressive performance by freshman Brady Endres who came in relief to pitch five shut-out innings while striking out 10 batters. The offense was supplied by Austin Aldriedge with two doubles. Michael Weinzapfel and Justin Brown also hit safely. Isac Walterscheid caught a gem behind the plate, while Hayden Schilling was a defensive wall at first.

Coach Dan Aedo stated how proud he is of his very young team (six starting freshmen) to have come together after two tough losses last week. "The whole team showed a lot of heart! We came back against a very tough team and were able to close it out with a real fine pitching performance by a gritty freshman (Brady Endres) who had just golfed 18 holes in a District tournament earlier in the day... now

Last week, the Tigers lost two tough home games: 5-1 to Fellowship Christian and a real tough loss to Texoma Christian 3-2 in which Justin Brown threw a 1-hit complete

Finding public hunting access

Public hunting access may be one of the best kept secrets of Texas hunting. Spring is a great time to learn more, so you can plan your days in the field for the new season. The Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit (\$48) provides nearly year-round hunting on almost one million acres of land.

The APH permit (valid from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31 of the following year) allows an adult access to designated public hunting lands without having to pay daily permit fees and usually without having to be selected in

With the appropriate Texas hunting licenses and stamps, holders of an APH Permit may take children under age 17 hunting free of charge on these public hunting lands.

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Updated maps and drawn hunt dates for Sept. 1, 2012 through Aug. 31, 2013 will be available in the summer.

ner, and Katelyn Neu. Petrolia is in 6th place, The Lady Knights took on Blue Ridge 13, and Chico 15 from the area.

Lindsay softhall

The Lady Knights got Dis- ons with the District Cham-

the Lady Cats last Friday in Sherman and were given the short end of the game, losing 5-0. The non-conference game came as the Lady Knights prepare to enter the 2nd half of District play.

Caillier, Liz Zwinggi, and Krahl each hit singles. Taylor Atkins faced 31 batters, allowing 6 hits, striking out 4, and walking 3.

On Tuesday, Lindsay was to host the Chico Lady Drag-

Just Golfing

#1 "Why don't you play golf with George any more?"
#2 "Would you play with

a fellow who puts down the wrong score and moves the ball when you aren't watching?" I certainly

#1 "No, wouldn't." #2 "Neither will George."

A golfer trying to get out of a trap said to a fellow player "The traps on this course are very annoying, aren't they?"

The 2nd golfer trying to putt answered "They are indeed, so would you please close yours?'

ing runs were Kailei Kle- game gem. Popp, Chandler Herr, Sarah Clark Philicia Vogel. StormLindsay Golfers at Saint Jo

competed in the Saint Jo Invitational Tournament on Wednesday, March 28. The Lady Knights finished in 4th place with a total score of 447. Sarah Dieter and Rachael Dieter medaled as top 15 individualists. Taryn Stringfellow and Jes-

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PRACTICE

The Lindsay golf teams sica Martin rounded out the

The Knight team finished in 6th place with a score of 403. Neely Rose and Taylor Krebs medaled. Cody Thurman, Chisam Reiter, and Lyndon Cook also played on the team.

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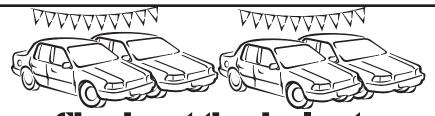
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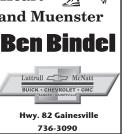


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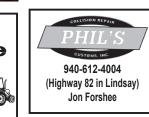
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AgriLife to lead statewide cattle herd rebuilding education initiative

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"For the past two decades, we have seen a continual decline in cattle numbers within the state," said Dr. Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist and associate department head for animal science at Texas A&M University in College

"The historic drought of 2011 dramatically accentuated that trend. The state's cattle industry and affiliated trade and service companies are the second largest economic driver in the state. bringing in billions of dollars to the state economy. With the cowherd at such a critically low level, Texas will start to lose infrastructure if cow numbers do not increase

A series of in-depth, educational programs will be held across the state throughout the month of April and throughout the year, Gill said. Kickoff programs are scheduled for Midland, Yoakum, Alice, Graham, Abilene and Athens. For complete schedules and online registration, visit http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu (Enter the keyword: beef)

Program topics include: changes in lending policies that will impact availability of capital to reinvest in cattle; balancing forage recovery

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with cattle inventory recov- also discuss additional uncerery; systematic approach to evaluating options for securing replacement females: and developing a logical and systematic system to evaluate the worth of available

The program sessions will also include discussions on such issues as herd health, biosecurity, and building strategic inventory flexibility

concern is generational turnover, Gill said. The ongoing drought has been so severe that many producers have decided to not go back into

"It's important to long-term sustainability of the beef industry that we do not keep this range/pasture land out of cattle production," he said. One special session will be devoted to the topic of how to develop a long-term relationship between landowners and

Gill said there are a large number of young men and women who want to go into ranching, but who do not have the capital or, in some

"Developing partnerships ranchers to emerge during said. "We will address this issue and the challenges that

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tainty with both weather patterns and intentions of state beef producers following the devastating 2011 drought, Gill said.

"Recent surveys indicate that as many as 25% of producers who have sold cattle due to drought do not intend to go back into beef production and another 10% to 15% indicate they may seek alternative livestock enterprises if they do go back into production.

Gill said whether this property is taken out and put into real estate development, or sits idle, it "will have long-term implications on the future of the Texas beef cattle industry.

Other factors such as cometing land use, economics, drought, and availability of financing have all contributed to the decline in livestock inventories, he said.

"However, the Texas livestock industry is not solely dependent upon the livestock produced within the state. Gill said. "The stocker and finishing phases depend upon inventory that comes from a large geographical area."

In particular, Gill said the supply of calves from the southeastern states and Mexico are critical to supplying inventory to support the grazing of warm season forages during spring and summer programs and winter annuals during the fall and winter grazing cycle.

These cattle, along with the calves they produce within the state, supply the cattle feeding and packing industry primarily in the High Plains and South Texas regions,'

Further erosion in cattle inventories will result in loss of infrastructure within all of these sectors, he said.

"As world demand for proteins continues to increase, the need is for more beef cattle numbers and increasing supply of high-quality protein to meet the increasing demand.'

Gill said it's important that as herds are rebuilt, producers take into account the value and need for environmental adaptability of cows used to rebuild the cowherd. The educational programs offered will address this issue.

Research information from the past on cow longevity, retained heterosis, and ongoing work on cow efficiency will be invaluable to producers as cowherds are rebuilt," he said. "This type of information will be shared in the programs offered across the state."

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Another critical area of

the cattle industry, he said.

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The program sessions will

TDA Market Recap

For the week ending March 31, feeder cattle price trends at Texas auctions covered by USDA Market News were mostly steady to \$3 lower per hundredweight (cwt), though some early week sales were steady to \$3 higher. Texas feeder cattle sales direct to feedlots were steady to \$3 lower with limited numbers for immediate delivery. Oklahoma City was steady to \$3 higher on feeder cattle and \$4 to \$10 higher on calves. Fed cattle cash prices were \$1 lower per cwt from the previous week following continued declines in beef values.

Corn and grain sorghum prices declined following the lowest weekly export sales since June 2010 and expectations for higher planted acres. Markets recovered somewhat later in the week after USDA reported lower than expected

As for futures markets, cotton, wheat, and lumber were higher, but feeder cattle, fed cattle, and corn were lower.

Winter wheat remained in mostly good to fair condition, though some acreage on the High Plains needs additional moisture. The crop is maturing early in some areas. Corn was 48% planted, compared to 50% on average for this date, and 30% was emerged. Grain sorghum was 40% planted, compared to 43% on average. Cotton planting was 12% complete, ahead of the normal 7%. Pastures have benefitted from recent rains and warmer temperatures. but many still need additional moisture, especially in the Panhandle and West Texas. Overall, pastures statewide were rated in mostly good to fair condition.

USDA gears up for Ag Census

Surveys are now arriving in mailboxes around the nation to help identify all active

farms in the United States. The National Agricultural Classification Survey (NACS), which asks landowners whether or not they are farming and for basic farm information, is one of the most important early steps used to determine who should receive a 2012 Census of Agriculture report form. The Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them.

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Cankerworms are slender with a light green stripe down their sides, and walk with a looping gait. Larvae hatch from egg masses laid by a dull colored moth in the spring when trees are putting out their first foliage. They typically feed for three to four weeks before dropping to the ground to pupate. Because there is only one generation a year, after a short period of destruction they will no longer be a concern. This species along with its cousin the fall cankerworm, feeds on broadleaf trees including oaks and elms, and does not pose a threat to other garden

Most trees need no special protection from cankerworms. Large, healthy trees can usually withstand total defoliation without significant damage. Trees that lose their leaves to cankerworms early in the season will re-leaf

and show no signs of damage

later in the season. If you are particularly worried about the loss of leaves on your favorite trees, control of the cankerworm can be achieved through chemical control measure is Bacillus thuringiensis, or Bt. Bt sprays should be applied early, before the caterpillars reach their full size. If you not to treat at all. Other insecticides, such as carbaryl permethrin, cyfluthrin, and other residual sprays will also kill small caterpillars.

For more information about these and other insect pests, visit the Entomology Department homepage at insects.tamu.edu.

April 10 - Marketing Club Meeting; Gainesville Farm Bureau Building, 7 p.m.

Dates to remember



By Nathan Smith Two-stepping our way out of a drought?

AG TALK

It's two steps forward and one step back. Or is it one step forward and two steps back?

I was never much of a dancer, but with rain falling in some parts of Texas, cattlemen have to feel like they are in some kind of twisted two-step with Mother Nature.

Right now there are more questions than answers. First step forward: Rain is falling in parts of the state.

But will it last? Will we see another summer like 2011? The U.S. Drought Monitor still has much of Texas underneath a "severe drought" category. Some climatologists say we are only at the front end of a drought and the rain could be Second step forward: Cattle prices are still rising, but when

will the price outrun demand? When that happens, how far will the market drop? Cattle were literally bursting out of sale barn pens last summer. Now most auctions wrap up in One step back: Texas saw more than 600,000 head of cattle

leave the state for slaughter plants or other states with more grazing. Experts say those cattle are gone for good. Countries like Japan and China want our beef. That's a good thing, but where will it come from? The national herd—just like the one in Texas—is shrinking. Spinning in circles: Feed and fertilizer prices are follow-

ing higher cattle prices, and that means more risk with the same profit. Hay is still expensive. Will fuel hit \$5/ gallon Dance with the one that brought you: So the question is, why

do they do it? Most ranchers in the state grew up on the back of a horse, feeding hay in the winter, caring for calves in the summer. They were taught by their fathers and grandfathers. It's nothing unusual to hear of sixth or seventh generation ranchers in Texas. It's in their blood.

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