

Lots of news in "The Grove" this week. We are finally seeing some warmer temperatures and I think we are all thankful for that. This has been one of the worst winters I can remember — and it's not over yet.

Now, for some belated Miller Grove news. Miller Grove High School held their annual Science Fair on Jan. 23. Mrs. Callie Glover and Miss Ashley Hayden were kind enough to share the following names of winners and their projects.

- High School: first place, Nathan George and Patrick Covington, "Vortex Principles"; second place, Derek McCreight and Tiffany McManus, "The Eccentricity of Electricity"; third place, Mark Allen, "The Effectiveness of Video Games in Relieving Pain"; and fourth place, Aleigh Bessonett, "Well vs. Lake: Who's the Softest?"
- Junior High: first place, Chason Williams, "Which Gum Lasts Longer?"; second place, Elizabeth Jimenez, "Which Brand of Bubble Gum Flavor Lasts the Longest?"; third place, Kaleigh Poteet, "Salt vs. Sugar"; and fourth place, Rosa Schones, "The M & M Test."

I'm happy to say that the Miller Grove Lady Hornets Basketball team was on a winning streak last week. The game that was scheduled for Tuesday night was rescheduled for Wednesday night and our girls walked away with the title of bi-district champs.

Their next game, for area title, was played Friday night at Van Alstyne with St. Jo as our opponent. Our Lady Hornets did a great job and put the sting on the St. Jo panthers.

Their final playoff game was held in North Hopkins last night against the Yantis owls. I entered the gym a few minutes after the game had started and things were already started off with a bang. Our ladies looked alert and confident on the court dressed in their yellow and green uniforms. We were neck-and-neck with Yantis until the third quarter of the game. That is when one of Yantis' team members made a three-point shot; it was a turning point in the game. After that score and a foul by a MG player Coach Gary Billingsley broke one of his clip boards in half.

Throughout the fourth quarter our girls trailed Yantis but could never overcome their 12-point lead. But, as I see it, our students have nothing to regret.

They all played well throughout the season and did exceptionally well this year being named Regional Quarter Finalists. Congratulations ladies and keep up the good work next year!

The Miller Grove boys will play Friday night. I do not have the details on where or when that game will be played.

Saturday was the big Miller Grove International Livestock Show at the roping arena. It was good to see the students, parents and community members who came out to watch the FFA students show. The weather was nice and lunch was provided for everyone. As I pulled up at the arena I saw famous stew maker, Lewis Russell, with his ladle in hand. We visited for a while as he stirred the stew pot and added his ingredients. Everyone at the school is always proud for him to volunteer to make the stew for all of the local events.

The show went very well. I think Miss Stephanie Lynch did a nice job choreographing her first MG International Show. Toward the end of the show, Richard Watson (MGISD retired Ag Teacher) stopped by for a visit and bowl of stew. It was nice to get to see him. Winners for the day are as follows (what a coincidence that they are all female):

- Chickens: showmanship, Candace Earp; reserve grand champion, Brandie McLane; and grand champion, Haley Dyer.
- Goats: showmanship, Aleigh and Jorja Bessonett; reserve grand champion, Aleigh Bessonett; and grand champion, Jorja Bessonett.
- Lambs: showmanship, Hannah Caudle; reserve grand champion, Pauline Rubarts; and grand champion, Hannah Caudle.
- Hogs: showmanship, Lacey Taylor; reserve grand champion, Shelbi Potts; and grand champion, Candace Earp.

My condolences to the Armstrong family this week. James Edward "Jim" Armstrong was born July 12, 1943, to James Oscar Armstrong and Evelyn Laverne (Heflin) Armstrong.

He married Bonnie Sue Durman. Mr. Armstrong passed away Feb. 12, 2014.

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Services were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Bull Creek Cowboy Church in Lone Oak.

Interment followed in Miller Grove Cemetery.

Visitation was scheduled prior the services.

He is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren and many other family members.

The Armstrongs lived in the Donelton community just over the Hunt County line and attended church at Miller Grove Methodist Church for a time. Coker-Mathews Funeral Home of Greenville was in charge of arrangements.

Happy birthday this week to Ed Basye on Feb. 16, Duane Garrett and Davy Moseley on Feb. 17, Tanya (Middleton) Potts on Feb. 19 and Kelly Mabe on Feb. 22.

Happy 55th anniversary to William and Bertha (Davis) Sparks on Feb. 21.

As you travel the highways and byways don't forget that all roads lead back home and back to Miller Grove. Please send me any newsworthy information. My email address is

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