

City signs agreement with Conservation District

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel was authorized 4-1 by the City Council Monday night to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement with the Upper Elm Red Soil Conservation District. City Attorney Chuck Bartush drafted the document. Alderman Jack Flusche cast the dissenting vote.

The agreement was drawn up because the City is considering opening up Second Street between Maple Street and Ash Street. The Soil Conservation District has a water-detention structure and spillway easement located in a portion of the Second Street right-of-way.

By signing the agreement, the City agrees to be responsible for and otherwise release and indemnify the District for any injuries that a third party may receive while traveling that portion of Second Street. The City also agrees to either repair or pay the District for the repair costs that might be necessary due to any damage the Easement berm, auxiliary dam, or spillway might receive during the construction or future maintenance of Second Street.

The signed agreement will be sent to the Soil Conservation District. Should the Conservation District approve it, the City will have to decide what to do. City Manager Stan

Endres noted that the Conservation District might make some changes or put some restrictions in place.

"This is all just the very preliminary stages of the thing," said Endres. "The City hasn't given permission or been given permission to open up the road, and we haven't officially decided to open it up. Once we do know we have their permission to do it, we'll have to go down in there and determine what it will cost."

Endres said that some of the advantages to opening up the road, as with any street in the City, would be that it would open up the possibility to more development. The more lots sold and houses built, the more property taxes that could be collected. It would also be a convenience for the citizens.

"It's nothing that the City absolutely needs or has to have, but if it works out where it is practical to do it, we'll do it. It is a long way from happening."

It was agreed to purchase Muenster Marks equivalent to \$30 for each City employee as a holiday bonus.

Approval was granted to purchase software upgrade service for utility billing. This purchase was budgeted planned for in the year's budget.

The payment of bills totaling \$86,136.28 was approved.



Saint Jo ISD's old gym in ruins after fire destroyed it Monday. Superintendent Rick Moss, left, surveys the damage, which included the loss of uniforms and sports equipment that were stored there. INSET - flames and smoke were still visible at midmorning Monday.
Deborah Wood photo

Time again to start thinking about Christmas ads. They will be published in the Dec. 24th issue of the Muenster Enterprise along with letters to Santa.

Fire destroys Saint Jo's old gym

By Janet Felderhoff
Flames lit up the sky for miles around early Monday morning as flames engulfed Saint Jo's old gymnasium. Firefighters from multiple area departments assisted Saint Jo Volunteer Fire Department as they battled the blaze to keep it from spreading to the rest of the school campus. The new gym and cafeteria, located just yards from the burning structure were most in danger.

Saint Jo Mayor Jim Dennis, who is also a volunteer fireman, remarked, "The ladder truck from the Gainesville Fire Department made the difference in (saving) the new gym and cafeteria." Muenster Volunteer Fire Department Chief Herbie Knabe agreed. He said that

by using their ladder truck, Gainesville was able to spray water down on the fire and that made a difference. Knabe speculated that there is less than 15 feet between the old and new gyms. The departments struggled to keep enough water going on the buildings as heat impinged on the new gym and cafeteria.

"We never went in the building, it was all defensive," Knabe noted. Mayor Dennis said that the cause of the fire is unknown at this time and is still under investigation. According to Dennis, classes were canceled on Monday and Tuesday. Students returned to school on Wednesday morning. The cancellation was due to the need to isolate gas and electricity from the burned

building and ensure the safety of those at school.

The fire was reported about 12:30 a.m. Monday morning. Assisting fire departments were on the scene until after 4 a.m. Saint Jo remained throughout the day Monday as the fire continued to smolder.

Dennis said that he has heard that the Saint Jo ISD plans to rebuild the gym.

Departments responding included Saint Jo, Muenster VFD, Gainesville Fire Department, Nocona VFD, Montague, VFD, Bowie Fire Department, Nocona Hills, Forestburg VFD, and Sunset VFD. Nocona EMS also responded to the call. MVFD Chief Knabe said that Muenster had 20 men and five trucks at the scene and all were needed.

Reception at MMH to honor Richard Arnold on Dec. 12

By Janet Felderhoff
Richard Arnold went to bat for the Muenster Memorial Hospital District on May 1, 2002 when he became the administrator of Muenster Memorial Hospital. This December is his last month with the Muenster Hospital.

To show appreciation for all he has done for the hospital and community, a reception in his honor will be held Sunday, Dec. 12. The come and go event is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. in the administration area of the hospital (south wing). The Muenster Hospital Auxiliary will serve refreshments. The public is encouraged to attend. Lynn Heller, MMH's CFO (chief financial officer) will be introduced to those who have not yet had the opportunity to meet him.

"My reasons for leaving include the accomplishment of many of the goals established in 2002, coupled with my need to be with my family more and to do those things with our place in east Texas that must be done on a regular basis," explained Arnold.

Prior to coming to Muenster, Arnold actively participated in the establishment of three Regional Advisory Councils (RAC) dealing with the development of regional trauma systems; participated in the

development of telemedicine systems, recruited physicians in Rural Health Clinic's, ERs, and other clinics.

Arnold brought with him more than 25 years experience as a hospital administrator. His first position was in 1975 with Blackwell Hospital, South Eastland County Hospital District. Prior to signing with Muenster Memorial Hospital, Arnold was administrator of Linden Municipal Hospital in Linden.

According to Arnold, in the summer of 2002 the Hospital Board, administration, and staff held a strategic planning session to plan for the immediate and long term future of MMH. He said, "Out of those sessions it was decided to establish MMH as a Critical Access Hospital, to recruit additional physicians for the community who want to practice the kind of medicine that is needed most by all of the residents of the hospital district, and to develop the infrastructure of the hospital to meet the health and wellness needs of the community (personnel, facilities, equipment, finance, etc.)."

They are currently in the process of evaluating that strategic plan and developing the plan for the future.

"I have enjoyed the challenge and also the degree of success that we have been able to accomplish," remarked Arnold of his time at MMH. "With the expanded strategic plan currently being developed, MMH should be able to continue to survive and indeed to thrive in the near and long term future."

"I will be available from time to time if needed and feel that MMH will continue to be one of the best small rural hospitals in Texas."

By Janet Felderhoff

Four local homes will be open to visitors holding Muenster Historical Commission tickets for the Annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 12. The event is scheduled between 5 and 8 p.m. Those who have not gotten tickets in advance will be able to purchase the \$5 pass at the Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler Muenster Museum at 420 Main Street. Tickets have a map to all Tour locations.

Visitors will be treated to a tour of the Museum. Currently being featured there is the Christmas Crèche Exhibit. A wide variety of Nativity sets are being displayed, along with the many treasured pieces from Muenster's history.

Refreshments will be served at the Museum by members of the Muenster Historical Commission.

The two historic homes on this year's tour are the Knabe Heritage Farm at 1643 County Road 423 and the Fleitman Farm at 816 North Mesquite.

LaVerna and Angelo Nasche now own Knabe Heritage Farm. LaVerna is the great-granddaughter of the home's original owners, Albert and Elizabeth Nabors Washburn Knabe. The Knabes built and moved into the home in

1896. It is located north of Muenster.

Elizabeth died in 1898, leaving Albert with nine children to raise. Albert occupied the home until 1927, when he moved to Windthorst with his son John and wife Katie Gremminger Knabe.

Adolph and Marie Walterscheid rented the place from 1927 to 1929. Their son Denis was born there.

In 1933 John and Ollie Otto Klement lived at the Knabe place. The following year John and Katie left Windthorst bringing their children and Albert to the home farm in Muenster to live.

Their daughter Caroline married Gary Hess in May of 1936 and the residence was the scene of an all day wedding celebration.

John and Katie purchased the farm from the Albert Knabe Estate in 1945. They lived out the remainder of the lives on the farm. Their son Johnny lived there until 1974, when Gary and Caroline Hess and Angelo and LaVerna Nasche bought the place. A major remodeling was done that year and the Nasche family took up residence in August.

While leaving the original two-story structure of the home intact, the kitchen, dining room, living room,

bath and south porch that had been added through the years were removed. It was replaced with a more modern version. The Nasches bought Gary and Caroline's share in 1981. In 1987 the home was remodeled to include dormers added to the original part of the house, the south and east porches were joined, and a bath and double garage were added.

The farm received a Texas Heritage Family Farm designation in 2000. This award is given to Texas farms that have remained

in the same family and continuously operated for 100 or more years.

Jerry and Billie Fleitman also live in a remodeled home that has been in the family for many years. Jerry's great-grandfather Herman Hessel settled the original 50-acre farm. The farm was handed down to his daughter Mary and her husband Henry Fleitman in April of 1890. That same year they built the original house. The couple raised a large family there. Numbered among the
See CHRISTMAS TOUR pg. 2

Social Concerns requests your holiday donations

The Social Concerns Committee that serves the Muenster area is requesting donations for the holiday season. These funds will be used to provide for those residents who are in need. Love funds have been set up at Muenster State Bank, First National Bank, and Guaranty National Bank, all located in Muenster.

The Social Concerns Committee is a joint effort involving the Muenster Community through the efforts of the Muenster Baptist Church and the Sacred Heart Church as an

outreach to assist those in need. The goal of this committee is to help those who need temporary assistance by paying bills and providing food and clothing and shelter. It is the policy of Social Concerns to avoid giving cash.

Your monetary gifts will be used as needed this season. Any surplus that remains is used throughout the year. You can be assured that your past gifts and any future gifts will be distributed with discretion and will be welcomed and appreciated.

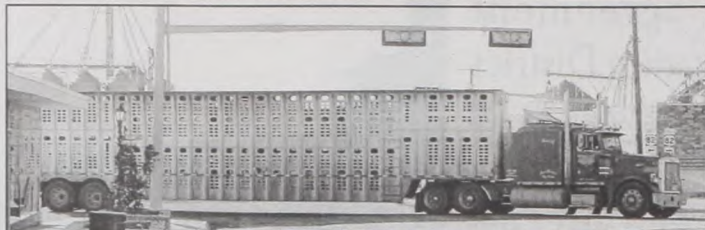


This Snowman family is ready to greet visitors to the John Henschel home, one of five stops in the Muenster Museum's Christmas Tour of Homes. See page 5 for more on this Sunday's event.
Janie Hartman photo

Attempted break-in reported to police

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall is asking Muenster residents to be on the look out. There have been several attempted break-ins since Nov. 30. He asks that residents report immediately any attempted break-in or if they see or hear something suspicious. Break-ins should be reported to 911 immediately.
A forced home entry was attempted in the 700 block

of North Elm. Someone kicked in a door, but was scared away by a person in the home. This occurred in the evening.
Chief Stovall is in the process of investigating two more attempted break-ins. Both occurred in the 1000 block of North Cedar Street. Someone was prowling around doors trying to get in the homes. One was a rear door and the other the front. Those who don't lock up should begin to do so.



TRUCKS COLLIDE - The truck shown above was attempting to turn onto Main Street from Hwy. 82 last Thursday and turned in front of a small pickup. Traffic was blocked. At left - A semi-truck, in the center turn lane of Hwy. 82, was turning into the Sonic Drive-In last Friday. Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall reported that the U.S. Food Service truck was hit from behind by a 1987 Ford pickup driven by Joshua Jones of Muenster. There were no injuries in either accident.
Deborah Wood and Janie Hartman photos

Christmas tour from page 1

children was Bruno, Jerry's father. Henry and Mary lived there until they retired and moved to town.
Bruno was farming the home place, which was offered for sale. In 1938 Joseph Dangelmayr bought the farm and gave it to his daughter Bertha and her fiancé Bruno Fleitman as a wedding gift.
The couple decided to tear down the original home, but to salvage everything possible for use in building a new house. This process was started in November 1941. On Dec. 7, 1941 Bruno went to town to buy materials and to find help in building their new home. He was told that Japan had just bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States was going to war. Despite the war, the new home was completed in the spring of 1942.
Jerry and his wife Billie bought the house from Bruno and Bertha in 1989 and remodeled it. Their family is the fifth generation of Fleitmans on the farm.
Billie has bedecked the home with Christmas décor creating a very festive air. Items of interest include an old toy collection sure to bring back childhood memories for some.
Cecelia Wimmer's home at 641 Weinzapfel Street was built when Cecelia decided to move from the family farm into town. She decorates it every year inside and out in preparation of celebrating Christmas with her large family.
The Christmas tree is adorned with treasured

ornaments collected over the last 57 years. Dolls from around the world are on display.
In the dining room a tea party is underway. Cecelia's table is set with her best china. Guests are a variety of "stuffed" friends who are gathered for a holiday feast.
Rose and John Henscheid built their home at 226 West Eddy in 1999. The Henscheid family especially enjoys the location because it has all the pleasures of country living with the convenience of being near town. Rose said that deer, turkey, bobcats, blue jays, and red birds frequent their yard.
The home is two stories, featuring a pool with rock waterfalls in the backyard. She plans to have this lit up with Christmas lights for the home tour. Windows on the east side of the home offer a beautiful view of the backyard, bringing the outdoors in. There are four bedrooms, two and one half baths, a formal dining room, a kitchen with a breakfast nook, and a game room with pool table.
A hand-painted back splash in the kitchen features a fruit basket with roses. Sinks in the bathroom are also decorated with hand painted roses.
Christmas decorations in the home include two trees. One is decorated Victorian style and the other is laden with keepsake ornaments collected by the Henscheid children through the years.

DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO December 8, 1939

Local parish of Sacred Heart ends jubilee year with three-day retreat, turning from the festive to the solemn spirit. The Muenster Concert Band, directed by Leo Henscheid, took part in the annual Santa Claus parade in Gainesville. Muenster City Council authorizes its officers to use their own judgment when indiscriminate shooting of firecrackers is regarded as a public nuisance. No objection was voiced concerning controlled and sensible use of fireworks, so long as such action does not endanger property or shatter people's nerves. Obituary: Louis Mosser, former Lindsay resident, is victim of accident, when he was struck by a car. Robbery at Shamburger Lumber Yard occurs, but bungling burglars lose loot and abandon their car, in hasty get-away. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Luke and four daughters of Dawn, Texas returned home after a visit here with relatives. Richard Trachta of Stamford spent Thanksgiving here with his parents, the Henry Trachtas. Dora Weinzapfel, Mary Elizabeth Endres, and Dorothy Mae Luke return to classes at Holy Angels Academy in Jonesboro, Arkansas after vacation visit at home. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Luke took them by car.

50 YEARS AGO December 15, 1954

North Texas Producers Association Plant adds powdered milk to list of products. Burns received in butane blaze are fatal to Mrs. Jake G. Biffle Sr. age 63. Muenster Telephone Co. starts building a line to Forestburg. Men In Service: Mike Luke, Rupert Hoinig, Teddy Gremminger all receive service discharges; Staff Sgt. Ernest Sicking is at Carswell AFB after being hospitalized at Lackland AFB for a back injury; Pvt. Eddie Fette is at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; PFC Roger Wolf is at Fort Hood; Master Sgt. Walter Huchton is in Orlando Florida. Families observe St. Nick's Day for visits and treats, sweets, and little gifts in age-old custom, on Dec. 6. Jeanette Walter to study course in psychiatry in New Orleans for three months as part of nurse's training. Ronald Herr of Texas Tech, and Glenn Hellman of ETSC spent the weekend at home. Harry Fisher is back in Muenster

after seven months in the harvest fields of California, Washington, and Canada. New Arrivals: Joe for Bernard and Dolores Swirczynski; a daughter for the Doyle Hoods.
**25 YEARS AGO
December 7, 1979**
Six Tigers of SHH named on District Dream Team. SHH Tigers lose State Semi-Final to Victoria 43-13. Rene Stelzer, daughter of Pat and Sis Stelzer, wins first in voice competition in Music Teachers National Association on Dec. 1. Golden Weddings: Pete and Gertrude Koelzer; Clive and Willie Gobble. Wedding: Linda Knabe and Gene Yosten. Returning from a trip to California are Walter and Eleonore Klement.

Holiday safety tips - Christmas trees
Be sure your tree has a constant supply of water - check the water level daily.
Courtesy of Muenster VFD and Chief Herbie Knabe

Stay "In Touch" with you older family members

The Eldercare Locator, a nationwide service funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging that links older consumers and their families to local aging services, has released an action plan, "IN TOUCH", to help families establish a strategy to assist older relatives in emergency situations.
For a copy of the "IN TOUCH" plan and to connect with the State or Area Agency on Aging that serves your community, contact the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116, or www.eldercare.gov. The Eldercare Locator is a public service of the Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and is administered by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the National Association of State Units on Aging.

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COME & GO RECEPTION

Honoring MMH Administrator
Richard Arnold
who is leaving this month

The Reception will be held in the Administration Building (south wing of the Hospital) on Sunday, December 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Refreshments will be served by the MMH Auxiliary. This will also be an opportunity to meet Lynn Heller, CFO.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!						
Sunday, December 12, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM Muenster Museum Tour of Homes 5-8PM SHS Annual Shopping Spree Raffle & Dinner Muenster Hornet Band Concert 3PM SH Church Farewell reception for MMH Admin. Richard Arnold 2-4PM in Admin. Office Christmas for the kids with Santa 5:30PM at KC Hall	Monday, December 13, 2004 VFW mtg. 8 PM VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 PM Joint Christmas Party follows	Tuesday, December 14, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Elem. Christmas musical 7PM MHS Auditorium MMH Board mtg. 7 PM Marketing Club mtg. 7 PM at Farm Bureau Santa will be at the Muenster Public Library at 6 PM	Wednesday, December 15, 2004 MISD Board mtg. 7:30 PM SH Elementary Christmas Program 7 PM	Thursday, December 16, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Christian Women's Club mtg. 11:30 AM Roadhouse Rest.	Friday, December 17, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHS Christmas holidays begin 12:08 PM	Saturday, December 18, 2004 Muenster KC Christmas Party & 4-Wheeler raffle Annual SHS Exes Basketball Championship, SHS gym, Ladies, 5:30 PM, Men 7 PM In Lieu of Christmas Cards deadline
Sunday, December 19, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM	Monday, December 20, 2004	Tuesday, December 21, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Deadline for applications to be received for Muenster Marketing Program	Wednesday, December 22, 2004	Thursday, December 23, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, December 24, 2004 Muenster Museum CLOSED	Saturday, December 25, 2004 Celebrate The Birth Of Christ
Muenster ISD & SH Christmas Holiday						

Obituaries

Clarence H. "Pete" Dunn 1931-2004

The death of Clarence H. "Pete" Dunn occurred on Thursday morning, Dec. 2, 2004 in Nocona at age 73. A native of Montague County, he was born on Aug. 9, 1931 to Clarence Harve and Ezzie Oleta Young Dunn and was raised and attended school in the Dye Mound and Saint Jo areas.

Pete Dunn entered the Army in 1950 and was discharged in 1954. There he completed high school, and then two years of college. He worked in many different occupations, including custom farming/franchising, oil field work, and working with the production of wild flowers. His favorite occupation was working with the Thompson Foundation raising and caring for wild flowers. The Foundation was visited by numerous people, nationwide, turning to him to host tours there, which he enjoyed. He worked there for more than 20 years.

One of his favorite pastimes was playing cards with his group of friends in Muenster, and having coffee daily with the Saint Jo Dairy Queen round table group.

Pete Dunn is survived by his wife Betty Gay Dunn of the home; two sons Clarence Harley and Gerald Loyd Dunn of Saint Jo; a daughter Tina Marie Laws of Saint Jo; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a great number of friends, both in Muenster and in Saint Jo.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers Bobbie and Cletus Dunn; and a sister Mary Dunn.

A visitation was held Friday, Dec. 3 at Mc Coy Funeral Home in Saint Jo from 7 to 8 p.m. The funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 4 at McCoy Funeral Home in Saint Jo, officiated by C.E. Cole at 10 a.m. Burial in Dye Mound Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were David Gaston, Doug Gaston, Wendell Thompson, Don Sheen, Bob Sheen, and Paul Sampson. Honorary pallbearers were Dick Barnett, Jerral Don Goff, August Felderhoff, The Dairy Queen round table bunch, and the Muenster card playing friends.

Robert Lyndon Gililand 1964-2004

Major Robert Lyndon Gililand, age 40, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 in Bexar County, Texas. Funeral services, directed by McCoy Funeral Home, were set for Friday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Saint Jo Church of Christ, officiated by Don Box and John Bob Cody. Burial was set to follow at Dye Mound Cemetery, where burial will take place by his grandparents, the late L.A. and Elizabeth Gililand.

Robert was born May 8, 1964 in Lubbock. He graduated from Denton High School in 1982, and from Texas A&M in 1986. He served as an Electronic Warfare Officer in Operation Enduring Freedom, in combat service for about three months. He was a member of the Air Force Reserve 93rd Bomb Squadron stationed at Barksdale A.F.B. in Louisiana.

Robert was a highly decorated airman, receiving: Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, AF Training Ribbon, AF Longevity Service Award with Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Readiness Medal, Humanitarian Service, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with Bronze Service Star, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster.

He is survived by his parents Lyndel and Ramona Gililand of Smithville, Texas; a sister Lisa Gililand Allen and husband Harry of Weatherford; grandparents Don and Mattie Box of Rusk; and numerous loving nephews,

aunts, uncles, and cousins; and fiancée Becki Roberts of Monroe, Louisiana.

Honorary pallbearers are Mike "Vern" Efferson, Larry "Whip" Wisdom, Gary Parkey, Jeff Gray, Scott Carlisle, and the 93rd Bomb Squadron.

Dear Editor,

Muenster's annual Christmas Parade was a great success Saturday due to the participation of so many people. Our thanks go to all of you who helped in any way. To the Jaycees for Santa's visit and candy, the firemen, the Chamber, to the Muenster Enterprise for the coverage, and to all who gave of themselves to put the wonderful parade entries together.

We appreciate the businesses and so many individuals who unselfishly

To the Editor:

I was at the College board meeting 11,29,04. When our Machine Shop class was being discussed I noticed a lot of prejudice against our Machine Shop course. The statement about manufacturing jobs leaving the country was greatly over blown. There are a lot of manufacturing work being done in our country.

Manufacturing is not the only work that a Machine Shop does. A big part of machine shop work is where somebody needs a part made for a machine. If there is enough left of the worn or broken part to get accurate design and dimension, the new replacement part can be made.

I am having a large gear made for my hay cutter. Manufacturer's price is about \$900.00. The machine shop where the work is being done estimates they can build it for about \$330.00.

Due to the fact that my hay cutter will not be used until next spring, my gear job is waiting, as they have a lot of other work to do. So I know first hand that business is good. Construction, agriculture, nearly any vocation that uses machinery can benefit from having a machine shop near by. Also machine shops bring money in to our area.

If you have watched a machinist at work it is easy to see that they are highly trained and skilled.

One thing to consider when a student takes a shop class to get a degree, they are also buying books and tuition for English, math, etc. class to fulfill the requirement for their degree. So the brilliant idea

donated to the fund used for the drawing and other expenses incurred.

We also give thanks to the good Lord for decent weather again!

We hope all parents, grandparents, and visitors enjoyed the day. By the look on the children's faces, we know they did! Our hope is that many good memories were made for our community.

With sincere gratitude,
Rick Walterscheid,
Leon Klement,
Co-chairmen

of closing down our machine shop, wood working, auto body, automotive and diesel courses have had success at costing our college money.

In our college machine shop we have several vertical milling machines, electric heat treating furnace, a large surface grinder, E.D.M. electrical discharge machine that makes precision cuts in metal. It can be used in making molds or stamping dies. These machines are about 10 years old. We have one new South Bend lathe that was bought with grant money. They were going to get another new lathe with that grant money the next year, but that money was diverted from the machine shop program. We have about dozen older South Bend lathes that are in good shape but need some parts replaced, mainly bearings and bushings. We have a great shop and we are fortunate to have two excellent teachers that make a great drawing card to attract new students.

It would have been great if the board members would have come and have visited the shop and met the students, witness their enthusiasm, see the high quality of their projects, and learn that most of our students are employed as machinists.

We have graduated more students than the state requires. There are corporations that donate equipment and tools to schools, there are gov. grants, and there is a person at the college that knows how to go after grants. There are numerous ways to recruit students. Why are our votech being destroyed instead of being promoted and expanded? With the majority of the jobs being mind and hands, I do not see any reason to close our shop classes.

What I feel that is most needed is some more new administration with a attitude to work, promote and build our shop classes instead of closing our shop classes.

Thank You,
Stephen Harlow
1465 FM 1306
Gainesville, TX

To the Editor:

Dear Carl and MaryLee,
I read with horror about the harassment that you have experienced, in the Muenster Enterprise. I was shocked, but not surprised by the action of obviously some small minded people who live around here.

I am a native Muensterite and I still find my mouth gapping open at some of the things "these wonderful, warm, caring" people do and say.

Not everyone is like that here, believe me. Please don't get discouraged by the actions of a few. As a local, these incidents are completely embarrassing to me.

I think it is such a shame that two intelligent, hardworking, and obviously civic-minded people like yourselves, move into a

community into which you give so much of your time, talent, and treasure, and have something like this be done to you.

Please be assured there are many people who appreciate Keep Muenster Beautiful and the physical improvements made possible by KMB awards given to Muenster.

Muenster people should be outraged and outspoken against this kind of action by anyone.

I can almost excuse the actions of a few kids doing something like this (but they had to learn this kind of hate from their parents).

Terrorism doesn't occur solely in Iraq. Stamp out terrorism in your community.

Yvonne Ambrose
3089 S.FM 373
Muenster, TX 76252

Dear Editor,

You should take great pride in Ms. Janet Felderhoff for her honest and factual reporting on the Cooke County Commissioner Court meetings that she continues to cover twice a month. Thru her and the Muenster Enterprise, the citizens of Cooke County are gaining the true facts about how the Commissioners, County Judge, and County Auditor "spend or don't spend" the collected tax dollars, for Road & Bridge, that are paid by the citizens from their hard earned dollars.

There have been rumors that I (Wayne Dodson) am trying to take away funds from Pct. 4, which is not true. All I am trying to accomplish is to have the dollars that are budgeted for Road & Bridge in Pct. 4, spent on what it is budgeted for, during the budget year and not held over only to be

placed in a saving, earning 1 to 2%, especially when the roads are in grave need of repair. I'm asking that they fix the potholes, chip & seal, asphalt, clean out ditches, cut brush from the side of roads, repair or replace bridges and culverts, replace stolen or damaged stop signs and road number signs.

I want to know why Commissioner 4 did not spend \$621,000.00 in his Pct. when the roads are in need of repair, and carried it over to the budget years of 2004-2005. He ask for and got another \$892,621.00 for Road & Bridge for the new year of 2004-2005 and now has \$1,513,621.00 to spend on Road & Bridge during this budget year.

Our Commissioners make a PLEDGE to us, when they spend their budget, that they will spend those dollars as represented in their approved budget. They are not doing that and that is what the voters of that Pct. should be asking him to do.

Respectfully,
Wayne Dodson
2095 Cr. 114
Whitesboro, TX 76271

Correction

The Muenster 4-H float was mis-identified in last week's issue of the Muenster Enterprise as the Muenster Elementary float. We know all the kids and parents worked hard and should be recognized properly.

Blake Voth in last week's paper should have read Blake Grewing. Sorry Blake

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Christian Women's Club plans meetings

As the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is rapidly approaching, it is time to remember the "Reason for the Season". Everyone is cordially invited to the Christmas luncheon of the Christian Women's Club at the Roadhouse Restaurant in Lindsay on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 11:30 a.m.

Kiowa's own Mrs. Santa Claus and resident decorator, Nancy Spencer, will demonstrate how to create a beautiful holiday wreath with greenery and silks. Susan Bateman, who has lived in Whitesboro most of her life, will present special music. She is attending TWU, pursuing a middle school teaching degree, but her special love is singing in her church choir, at weddings, and other special events.

The speaker, Carol Harris, is a former flight attendant from Granbury. This charming and lovely mother of three and grandmother of nine, collects antique dolls and is a genealogy enthusiast. Her theme is "A Wandering Heart".

This luncheon is a special time for fellowship and enjoyment of the delicious buffet. There are no dues or requirements, but please make a reservation by calling Shirley at 665-6399.

A great way to begin the New Year is to attend a Friendship Bible Coffee at the home of Juanita Bright in Muenster on Monday, Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. The theme of the study is "Great Adventure". Call Juanita for more information on this exciting study.



Jim and Shirley Endres of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Allison Endres to Darren Hennigan, son of Tom and Lora Hennigan of Muenster. The couple has chosen Jan. 8, 2005 as their wedding day. The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster with Father John Ohner, O.S.A. officiating. Both are students at Texas A&M University and will graduate Dec. 17, 2004. The bride-elect will graduate with a BBA and MS degree in Accounting. She is employed with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Dallas. The prospective groom will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and is employed by Peterbilt in Denton.

Jacob Hesse races into 4!

Jacob Hesse celebrated his fourth birthday at his home with his family and friends on Saturday, Nov. 13. The race car theme birthday was hosted by his parents, Mike and Kim Hesse. Guests were served a hamburger supper along with a cake and ice cream. The green race car cake was made and decorated by his mother and great-aunt Doris Koessler.



Jacob Hesse

Sabrina Truebenbach, Shirley Stewart, and Kody Truebenbach.

Jacob's actual birthday was Nov. 16. He celebrated that day at his preschool Celebration of Life, and at Pizza Hut with his mom and dad.

Those present were: Jacob's grandparents Tom and Lucille Hesse, Laura and George Gould, Rick and Darlene Stewart; great-grandmother Evie Koessler; aunts and uncles, Rhonda and Randy Rhoades, Ray Stewart, Will and Noelle Henry, Curtis and Jennifer Hesse, Chuck and Doris Koessler. All of Jacob's cousins were there too.

Unable to attend, but sending their wishes were

and uncles Lanette and Reuben Frost, Coy Fisher, and Bethany Cheshier.

New Arrival

Cheshier

Melissa and Cecil Cheshier of Plano joyfully announce the birth of their daughter on Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 at 10:24 p.m. in Medical Center of Plano. She weighed 6 lb. 8 oz. and measured 19 inches in length. They have named her Ava Kathryn Cheshier. Ava is the first grandchild for Janet and Willie Fisher of Muenster and Rhonda and Donald Cheshier of Nocona.

Great-grandparents are Tony and Sis Klement and Dorothy Fisher of Muenster, Ann and Gerald Ogle and Gary and Pat Prater of Bowie. Also welcoming the new baby are first-time aunts

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Knights of Columbus set Christmas events

The Knights of Columbus are having their kids Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The party will include singing of Christmas songs, a visit from Santa Claus, and a goodie bag.

The Knights of Columbus 4-wheeler raffle will be held Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The party will begin at 6

p.m. with a trip to St. Richard's Villa to sing and visit the residents there. Afterwards, party-goers will return to the KC Hall for the party and drawing.

All Knights, spouses, and ticket holders are encouraged to attend. Come by the Hall and see the renovation work that is being done and what is already finished.

The art of growing things

GOT LEAVES?

By Pat Almond,

Cooke County Master Gardener

This is your golden, red, orange, yellow, green, okay, brown opportunity. Fall is in the air and the leaves are falling. Rake those leaves! You have the opportunity to turn the areas under your shrubs into a humus rich forest floor. When leaves fall in the woods they decompose and return nutrients to the soil. They provide natural fertilizers to the trees that created them, and mulch the forest floor helping to retain precious moisture, suppress weeds and moderate temperatures. Great life cycle isn't it? We can do this for our gardens.

Why rake leaves? When left on a perennial bed, a deep layer of leaves can cause plants to rot. Clear away the leaves and allow the plants to adjust to winter temperatures naturally. If you let a deep layer of leaves lie on the lawn during winter, they will smother and kill the turf grass. All of this depends on the number and size of the trees in your landscape. If the number of trees is not too great or the size too large, the leaf-drop can be easily managed.

The easiest way to dispose of the leaves as they begin to fall is to mow them. If you mow every 7 to 10 days, chopping them into small pieces, they won't create a smothering cover over the lawn. These small pieces provide nutrients and organic matter to the soil and lawn more quickly. Mowing on a weekly basis distributes the leaves as they fall, so the task is more manageable than waiting until they all have fallen. You haven't winterized your mower yet anyway and the grass is still growing slowly.

If you have a heavily wooded lot, the leaf drop may get beyond the capacity of the mower. It may become necessary to rake and bag "BAG????!!!" the excess leaves. Rake the leaves into layers you can still mow. Remove any branches or twigs before you mow and dispose of them. They are probably harboring twig girdlers that will hatch in the ground in the spring, climb back into the trees, and prune them just where you don't want to prune. And the branches aren't good for the mower anyway. Use the bag attachment on the mower, or rake the mowed pieces onto a tarp or old bed sheet and head for the shrubs, perennials, veggie gardens, and the compost pile. Use about a 2-inch layer of leaf pieces around the shrubs and perennials. Add several inches to the veggie garden and till into the soil in the spring or sooner if the ground is workable.

Autumn leaves * either whole or shredded * provide the carbon essential to making wonderful compost. Layering leaves with grass clippings, weeds, and other yard and kitchen waste also speeds the decomposition process. Turning the compost pile weekly will also hasten the process and it could be ready by spring.

If you still have more leaves than you can use, call a gardening friend. They will probably even help you rake just to get the leaves. As a last resort, label the bag you set out on trash day as "leaves". Gardeners have been known to patrol before the garbage trucks can get there and remove bags of leaves from curbside. Gives a whole new meaning to "rustling leaves". Bagging leaves or grass clippings is not only a waste of quality organic matter, it is needlessly adding to landfills. By using a mulching mower on grass and leaves you will increase the organic matter in the soil. This increases the water holding capacity and creates more air space in the soil so plant roots have a better environment. We have a better environment because we reduce the need for chemical fertilizers, excess water for lawns and gardens, and contribute less to landfills. Perfect opportunity to go organic and to be environmentally responsible!

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For information resulting in the arrest and conviction of the culprit leaving animal skeletons on a private drive on S. 373. Report your information to the Cooke County Sheriff's office.

November has now taken its place in the record books as the wettest November in Texas since comprehensive record keeping began in 1895 -- and 2004 may also turn out to be the state's wettest year. According to preliminary data from the NOAA National Weather Service (NWS) Southern Region Climate Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November averaged 6.08 inches of precipitation across the state (previous record - 5.71 inches in 1902).

Major cities throughout the state also accumulated record November rainfall totals that ranged from three and a half to nearly 10 times the norm (based on 30 year rainfall averages). According to data compiled by NWS Southern Region Weather Forecast Offices, the following Texas cities set new records for the month of November:

Austin - 14.10" (previous record: 10 inches in 2001) or 526% of the norm
San Antonio - 9.46" (previous record: 9.16" in 1874) or 366% of the norm
Lubbock - 6.65" (previous record: 3.45" in 2001) or 937% of the norm
Midland - 5.42" (previous record: 2.32" in 1968) or 834% of the norm
Lufkin - 17.11" (previous record: 15.97" in 2000) or 377% of the norm
Victoria - 16.14" (previous record: 10.11" in 1998) or 611% of the norm
Childress - 6.73" (previous record: 4.29" in 1992) or 635% of the norm
Del Rio - 4.71" (previous record: 4.54" in 1913) or 490% of the norm

NWS Southern Region Climate Services Program Manager Victor Murphy attributes the record rainfall to two persistent weather patterns. "A moist southeast flow from the Gulf of Mexico at the lower levels of the atmosphere has been combining with a southwest flow aloft that has been pumping in moisture from the Pacific Ocean," he said. "These larger scale features, combined with surface cold fronts and surface troughs, triggered the record precipitation."

As to the future, Murphy says a developing weak to moderate El Niño pattern in the central Pacific Ocean should signal a greater than normal chance of above average rainfall across Texas during the winter and spring months.

Gary Woodall, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the NWS, Forecast Office in Fort Worth, concurred with Murphy's points. "This summer, our typical hot and dry pattern never really got established over the central United States. June was busy for us, not only in terms of rain and flooding, but also in terms of severe thunderstorms," Woodall stated. "The El Niño tends to have its biggest influence on us during the cool time of year. In an El Niño winter, we typically have an active southern portion of the jet stream. This tends to place north and north-central Texas in an unsettled weather pattern, with chances for precipitation every several days."

To date, preliminary data shows Texas as a whole has accumulated in excess of 39 inches of precipitation. That makes 2004 the state's third wettest year on record and a contender to break the current annual record of 41.93 inches set in 1919.

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Above, Cecelia Wimmer's worldwide doll collection is just part of this year's Tour of Homes. At left, Cecelia (reflected in the mirror) describes her Twelve Days of Christmas tree; below, just one decorated table.

Janie Hartman photos



The home of John and Rose Henscheid is decorated and ready to be part of the Muenster Museum Christmas Tour of Homes. Below right, outside decorations grace the entrance and yard area around the house.

Janie Hartman photos

Christmas Tour of Homes, this Sunday, December 12



New support group for women with depression

This group consists of women who suffer from depression. The objective is to empower women to recognize their strengths and offer choices on how to cope with depression and anxiety. The group will meet every Monday at 1:30 to 3 p.m. The group will meet at the Texoma Room located at Texoma Council of Governments, 1117 Gallagher, Sherman and is sponsored by the Texoma Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities.

Each session will consist of group discussion and education. The discussion and education will involve using skills to enhance communication skills,

problem solving, decision-making, setting goals, assertiveness, handling conflict, increasing self-esteem, reducing stress, and symptom management. The December sessions will deal with holiday stress and anxiety.

The criteria for women to attend this support group are the following: Possess the motivation for change; Commitment to attend and participate; Respect for the group process and confidentiality.

This group is free, but will have limited enrollment. For more information, contact Shirley Morris at 903-813-3549.

More flu shots offered by Muenster Hospital

Muenster Memorial Hospital has acquired the vaccine to administer 40 additional flu shots to high-risk patients. This is at the request of the Texas Department of Health.

Anyone meeting the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) description of high risk can get their shot at the Muenster Home Health Clinic between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Those falling under the CDC criteria are:

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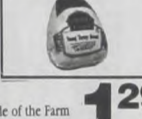
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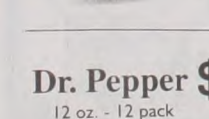
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Melinda Walterscheid

in May 2004 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

Muenster High School had one 2004 graduate qualify for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholar is Rachel Clark, daughter of John and Tina Clark of Saint Jo. Rachel is currently attending NCTC and majoring in science.

Also, MHS had one 2004 graduate qualify for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. This student is Melinda

Walterscheid, daughter of Glenn and Jean Walterscheid of Muenster. Melinda is attending Baylor University in Waco and majoring in Pre-Medicine.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. Thirty-four AP Exams are offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork).



Rachel Clark

Some common reasons why physicians use Obstetric Ultrasound

Obstetric ultrasound is one of the important steps to good mother and baby well-being.

The use of ultrasound was introduced in the late 1950s as a useful diagnostic tool in obstetrics. Ultrasound scanners use very high frequency sound waves emitted from a transducer that is placed in contact with the abdomen, and the reflections from the waves are recombined back into a picture on the monitor screen. These pictures are recorded and/or printed. Location, movements, and measurements can then be done on the fetus, which assess the placement, gestational age, size, and growth of the fetus.

The main uses of ultrasonography in pregnancy are in the following areas:

- 1) Diagnosis and confirmation of early pregnancy. The gestational sac can be visualized as early as four or five weeks. Ultrasound can also very importantly confirm the site of the pregnancy is within the cavity of the uterus.
- 2) Vaginal bleeding in

early pregnancy. The viability of the fetus can be documented in the presence of vaginal bleeding in early pregnancy. A visible heartbeat could be seen by about six weeks. Normal heart rate at six weeks is around 90-110 beats per minute.

3) Determination of gestational age and assessment of fetal size. Fetal body measurements reflect the gestational age of the fetus. In patients with uncertain last menstrual periods, such measurements must be made as early as possible in pregnancy to arrive at the correct dating for the patient. In the later part of pregnancy measuring body parameters will allow assessment of the size and growth of the fetus.

4) Diagnosis of fetal malformation. Many structural abnormalities in the fetus can be reliably diagnosed by an ultrasound scan. These are usually made before 20 weeks. Many abnormalities can be diagnosed and treated before delivery or preparation for treatment after delivery can be made.

5) Multiple pregnancies. In this situation, ultrasonography is invaluable in determining the number of fetuses, fetal presentations, and growth.

The Ultrasound Schedule: There is no hard and fast rule as to the number of scans a woman should have during her pregnancy. A scan is ordered when an abnormality is suspected on clinical grounds. Otherwise a scan is generally booked at about seven weeks to confirm pregnancy, fetal location, and size for correct dating. A second scan is performed at 18-20 weeks to check for malformations, multiple pregnancies, and to verify dates and growth. A third scan may sometimes be done at around 34 weeks to evaluate fetal size, assess fetal growth, and determine placental position.

Safety: Ultrasound has been in-use for over 40 years in obstetrics. Unlike X-rays, radiation is not present. Therefore, safety considerations should not be an issue to prevent its prudent use.



As part of the Muenster 4-H Club's Adopt-A-Nursing Home project, Hannah Bayer presented St. Richard's Villa resident Marie Kappas with a gift of lotion.

November proves busy for 4-H club

This past month the Muenster 4-H Club has been quite busy. First, they made a float for the annual Christmas parade in Muenster. It was decorated with gingerbread men and a gingerbread house, with the 4-H members riding. Next, they participated in donating teddy bears for children affected by illness through Vista Care's services.

Also, at their November meeting the members participated in making and decorating doorknob hangers for the local nursing home. After receiving donations of bottles of lotion, they went and delivered both gifts to the residents at St. Richard's Villa on Dec. 5 for their Adopt-A-Nursing-Home project.

A dream come true

To dance the roll of "Clara" in *The Nutcracker Ballet* is the dream of many young dancers, and this year that dream came true for 15 year old Audrey Broyles. Audrey, a Gainesville resident, is the daughter of John and Tamera Broyles, and is a home schooled sophomore.

Audrey is but one of Cooke County Ballet Academy's (CCBA) students who auditioned and made it into *The Nutcracker Ballet*. For some, it has become an annual tradition, and for

others this is their beginning year. Other CCBA students from the Muenster, Lindsay, Gainesville, Callisburg, Whitesboro, Valley View, and Denton area are: Shelby Anderson, Alexandra Broyles, Kim Dobson, Lauren Gibbs, Lindsey Gibbs, Christen Gleaton, Kaycia Gleaton, Grace Hadel, Hope English, KaEllen Kennedy, Alaina Klement, Kaileigh Klement, Alex Knight, Cabie Lamb, Laura Pitzinger, Lexie Scorsone, Sabrina Stoffels, Sarah Stoffels, Savannah Stoffels, Whitney Taylor, Katelyn Weber, and Emily White.

Performances of Festival Ballet's *The Nutcracker Ballet* will be held at the Margo Jones Auditorium on the TWU campus in Denton, on Dec. 17 (7:30 p.m.), Dec. 18 (2:30 & 7:30 p.m.), and Dec. 19 (2:30 p.m.). For more ticket info you can call Cooke County Ballet Academy at (940) 668-1344 or Denton Ballet Academy at (940) 484-5138. (Teachers receive a \$5 discount.)

Holiday safety tips party

Supervise children and keep them away from matches, lighters, and candles.

Courtesy of Muenster VFD and Chief Herbie Knabe

Holiday safety tips - Home decorating

Never put candles in windows or near exits. Place candles securely in non-tip candleholders. Don't leave candles burning unattended and blow them out before you go to sleep.

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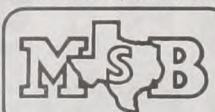


l-r Judy McDaniel, Joe Paul Walterscheid, Theresa & James Walterscheid

Walterscheid's Appliance opened for business as Muenster Butane Company in 1953 with Paul Walterscheid and John Weiler as partners. The business moved to it's current location at 801 E. Division in 1959 when John Weiler sold his interest in the business.

The business currently offers sales of several major brands of appliances, televisions, and satellite systems. The service department offers factory authorized service on most brands no matter where they were purchased. They also do custom home satellite, antenna and sound distribution systems.

Walterscheid's is owned and operated by James and Theresa Walterscheid. Employees are Judy, McDaniel, Marilyn Bierschen, Joe Paul Walterscheid and Val Fuhrmann.



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Forestburg FFA sponsors food drive

The Forestburg FFA will be holding a canned food drive that will be benefiting the Bowie Mission. There will be a contest between the classes. The classes with the most items win!

A box decorating contest was held Dec. 3 and the cans will be tallied on Dec. 14. The winning class will receive a popcorn/ movie party. If you would like to help or would like more information please contact Ms. Judd.

Submitted by Lyric Trout

Holiday party safety tips

After a party, check cushions and furniture for smoldering cigarette butts. Courtesy of Muenster VFD and Chief Herbie Knabe



Sacred Heart School Second Grade students measure an old oak tree at the Heard Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney. Pictured are, from left, Isac Walterscheid, Elizabeth Weinzapfel, Aaron Davis, Eli Dangelmayr, Brady Endres, and James Dangelmayr. Courtesy photo



Second Grade students from Sacred Heart seek signs of fall, animal life, water erosion, land formations, water availability for plant life, etc. while on a guided tour at the Heard Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney. ABOVE - Pictured are James Gleason, Brady Endres, Mark Krahl, Darian Peters, Hayden Schilling, Aaron Davis, James Dangelmayr, and Eli Dangelmayr. BELOW - Students are looking for rock formations and searching for fossils. Shown in the foreground are Elizabeth Weinzapfel, Mark and Madison Hesse, Mark Krahl, Brady Endres, James Dangelmayr, and Eli Dangelmayr. Courtesy photos

Muenster FCCLA keeps rockin' with new activities

Hey everyone, it's your Muenster FCCLA reporter again! Man, our FCCLA chapter is rocking along this year with new and exciting activities. As the semester is ending, Muenster FCCLA is keeping very busy.

On Nov. 15, 81 members attended the annual field trip along with bus drivers Barbie Barnhill and Eddie Green, and sponsor Joni Sturm to Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. The Scottish Rite Hospital has been a helping hand for children for more than 80 years. It helps children in many ways, but orthotics and prosthetics is the specialization. Did you know that the hospital cares for more than 14,000 children per year totally through

donations? The hospital is dedicated to the health and happiness of children!

To incorporate our ongoing State Project, "Ready, Set, Read!" for promotion of literacy in children, our chapter delivered books from a book drive contest as a donation to the hospital. The book drive contest turned out to be a fun activity for

students in grades 7 through 12. A total of 576 new and used children's books were donated. The classes competed for a chance for a monster cookie party. When the books were counted, the winning class was the freshmen with 256 books. Second place was the seniors with 109 books.

Submitted by: Meredith Painter
Muenster FCCLA Reporter

Tree pruning thoughts

"Proper pruning is vital to the health of trees and plants, in part because it helps relieve stress on trees and keeps them growing," said Jim Skiera, executive director of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). "Just be aware that each tree is different, and pruning at the wrong time or the wrong way can injure a tree or make it susceptible to disease."



Holiday safety tips - Christmas trees

Never use candles to decorate a tree. Courtesy of Muenster VFD and Chief Herbie Knabe

Forestburg ISD Board to hold community forum

The Forestburg Independent School District will hold a community board forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 in the school cafeteria. The purpose of the forum is to receive information from parents, staff, and community members regarding school improvement. Copies of the fall survey completed by Forestburg ISD stakeholders, including students, will be distributed, and the tabulations will be reviewed by the Board. The Forestburg ISD trustees, staff, and administration

recognize the importance of community participation in discussions prior to long- and short-term goal setting meetings.

In other Board business, June Deaton, Montague County chief tax appraiser, will be present to respond to questions pertinent to her office. Steve Sandusky will be sworn in to serve until the next Board election in May and a report will be submitted regarding the organization of the Forestburg Education Foundation. The business meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the school.



Muenster FCCLA attends field trip to Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

Courtesy photo

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF DEC. 13 - 17 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Grilled cheese sandwich, taco soup, peaches, crackers.

Tues. - Salisbury steak, potatoes, brown gravy, carrots, apricots, bread.

Wed. - Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, onions, pickles, celery sticks, strawberries/bananas.

Thurs. - Crisпитos, ranch style beans, Spanish rice, chips, salsa, fruit salad, bread.

Fri. - No lunch served.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Chicken petty sandwich, macaroni and cheese, beans, pears, brownies w/walnuts.

Tues. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad w/dressing, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Pizza, lettuce salad w/dressing, fresh

vegetables, oranges, cookies. Thurs. - Popcorn chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, French fries, pickles, onions, beans, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Beef tips w/rice, broccoli and cauliflower in cheese sauce, corn, pears, batterbread.

Tues. - Frito chili pie, ranch style beans, pickle wedges, fresh fruit, bread.

Wed. - Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, applesauce, chocolate cake, bread.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, peaches, garlic bread.

Fri. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.



Muenster ISD FCCLA students bake cut-out cookies with the Kindergartners. ABOVE, left to right, Bradley Henschel, Cassie Wright, Emily Bayer, Matthew Smith, Billy Felderhoff - hat, Bailey Klement, Katie Bell, with high school students Kelly Endres, Michael Faries, Danielle Bindel. BELOW: Treston Lutkenhaus, Sawyer Sanders, Zina Haverkamp, Anthony Bayer, with high school students Tara Swirczynski, Matthew Abney, Shasta Ward. Courtesy photos



Tree pruning thoughts

Winter may not be prime time to dabble in the garden. But it is a good time to prune your trees - especially those that flower in the summer. Not only are trees dormant in the winter, but it is also easier to see a tree's structure when no leaves are on the branches.

Area Event

Saint Jo Tour of Homes and Parade is Saturday

Don't forget the Saint Jo Tour of Homes and Parade this Saturday, Dec. 11. The Tour of Homes is from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A "Christmas on the Square" follows the tour, including a parade and Santa Claus, with live entertainment and refreshments.

Santa to make stop at Muenster Public Library

Santa Claus is coming to town! He will be appearing at the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.

Santa will be there to listen to kids' Christmas lists. And he'll be giving out toys.

Holiday safety tips - Heating hazards

Have all furnaces and chimneys inspected once a year and cleaned as appropriate or whenever you suspect a problem.

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Sports

Tigers go to State

The Sacred Heart Tigers made a return trip to the TAPPS State Final football championship game last Saturday at Baylor University in Waco.

After three hard fighting quarters, the Tigers saw their chances of a victory slip away, as the Lubbock Christian Eagles took a 54-31 win.

"The boys played very, very hard and played very well," said Tiger Coach Charles Boles. "I am proud of their effort, but we had a hard time stopping them." Coach Boles noted that the Tigers matched Lubbock score per score, for three quarters. "We had a great season," the coach concluded.

The Tigers took the opening kick, starting their first drive on their 24 yard line. Eight mixed runs by Paul Bartush, Chris Hoedebeck, and Aaron Krahl moved Sacred Heart to the 7 yard line. With 8:24 on the 1st quarter clock, Hoedebeck scored. Bartush added the PAT for a 7-0 score. Five plays later Lubbock found the end zone on a 21 yard run. The extra kick tied the game 7-7 with 6:09 on the clock.

A holding flag forced a Sacred Heart punt on 4th and 2 at midfield. Two flags slowed down the Eagles, but only temporarily. As they gained more yardage including a 1st down, on a 4th and 9, an Eagle pass was picked off by Tim Otto, giving the Tigers possession on their 9 yard line. Runs by Krahl and Bartush carried the ball into the 2nd quarter, but three plays then lost ground and the Tigers punted.

From midfield, the Eagles took only two plays to find pay dirt on a 42 yard run. The PAT put Lubbock in the lead 14-7, with 10:58 remaining in the 1st half.

From their 28 yard line, two Hoedebeck runs quickly moved the Tigers to the Eagle 29. A fumbled ball after a long run was recovered by Stephen LaChance and saved Sacred Heart's drive. Bartush and Krahl got the ball to the 11, where Hoedebeck carried it across the goal line. Bartush's kick tied the score 14-14 with 8:27 still on the clock.

Defensive plays by Otto, Andy Davis, Krahl, and Josh Yosten made the Eagles fight for every yard as they pounded out the yards to the 4 yard line. With 1:34 on the clock, the Eagles scored. The PAT failed for a 20-14 score.

A 21 yard return by Krahl got the Tigers' next drive started on their 33. Krahl gained 13, then a Bartush to Hoedebeck pass picked up another 9, followed by a Bartush keeper to the Eagle 19. Runs by Hoedebeck, Bartush, and Krahl moved the Tigers to the 6 yard line. Three incomplete passes were followed by a 23 yard field goal by Bartush. With 17.7 on the clock the Tigers trailed 20-17.

The 3rd quarter started in favor of the Tigers, as the first snap was fumbled and Yosten covered the ball on the Lubbock 25. The next play Hoedebeck scored. Bartush's kick gave Sacred Heart a 24-20 lead just seconds into the 2nd half.

The Tigers' celebration quickly was silenced when Lubbock returned the kick 90 yards for 6 points. The kick was good for a 27-24 score with 11:24 still on the clock.

Hoedebeck got in a 27 yard run before Lubbock shut down the Tiger running game, forcing a punt. From their 12, the Eagles pounded the Tiger defense for 15 plays. Getting tackles were Arlie Bayer, Krahl, Davis, Yosten, David Walterscheid, Clayton Truebenbach, Bartush, and Hoedebeck. With 1:04 on the clock, Lubbock extended their lead to 34-24.

A Bartush pitch to Hoedebeck gained 12 as the Tigers began their next drive on their 30. Runs by Hoedebeck and Bartush moved the ball into the 4th quarter. Hoedebeck gained another 14 and Bartush 23 to get to the Eagle 11 yard line. Hoedebeck picked up 6 more, Krahl 2, then Hoedebeck the final 3 yards into the end zone. Bartush's kick cleared the uprights for a 34-31 score with 10:15 remaining on the clock.

Again Lubbock came right back at the Tigers, taking two plays, scoring on a 45 yard run. With 9:29 on the clock, the Eagles took back their 10 point lead, 41-31.

The Hornets got a big win to improve their record to 6-2. Muenster took an early lead and never looked back, dropping in 85 points to the visitors' 59.

Sean Fuhrmann scored 36 points, including 10 of 14 free throws, to lead all scorers. Justin Wolf and Russell Endres each dropped in a dozen. Derek Endres added 9, Derek Felderhoff and John Fredrick 6 apiece, and Chase Cain 4. The Hornets were 64% at the free throw line.

Three Sacred Heart Tigers will be competing in the TAPPS All-Star game this Saturday. Chris Hoedebeck, Paul Bartush, and Clayton Truebenbach have been asked to participate.

The game will be at Jesuit High School Stadium in Dallas at 1 p.m.

The Tigers could gain only 5 yards and punted. Five plays later, 48-31. Losing 6 yards their next drive, Sacred Heart again was forced to punt. Three Lubbock runs, 54-31. Pressure by Stephen LaChance made a short extra kick attempt.

With 1:42 remaining in the game, the Tigers got in four runs before the game ended.

SH	7	10	7	7	31
LC	7	13	14	20	54

Team Stats		Team Stats	
SH	LC	SH	LC
20	22	1st downs	22
48/362	43/374	Rushes/yds	43/374
11	59	Passing yds	59
1/7/0	2/4/1	Comp/at/int	2/4/1
5/33	0/0	Punts/avg	0/0
2/0	3/1	Fumbles/lost	3/1
3/20	3/25	Penalties/yds	3/25

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Chris Hoedebeck, 20/12; Paul Bartush, 12/72; Aaron Krahl, 16/65. **TACKLES:** Andy Davis 13, Aaron Krahl 12, Josh Yosten 9, Arlie Bayer 6, Clayton Truebenbach 5, Tim Otto 5, Jon Ambrose 3.

TURNOVERS: Tim Otto, Josh Yosten.

ALL STAR GAME

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M	10	17	8	8	43
H	11	10	7	6	34

M	24	18	17	26	85
H	18	9	14	18	59

Game Warden Field Notes

A Franklin County game warden and a Hopkins County game warden arrested a subject on Lake Cypress Springs for BWI. The subject's speech was so slurred the wardens first thought he was speaking a different language but then observed his several attempts to stand up. The subject was taken into custody and charged with BWI.

And More Illegal Baiting - State and Federal Game Wardens made a sweep recently on a baited dove field in Western Coryell County. The landowner had spread out 5,000 pounds of milo for his guests. There were 17 state violations for which citations were issued. In addition, the landowner was filed on by the federal officials for putting bait out for the hunters.



The Sacred Heart Tigers gathered on the field for one last huddle after their state championship loss to Lubbock Christian last Saturday in Waco. Scott Wood Photo

Junior Varsity Action

Muenster 58 Henrietta 25
 Eight Hornets contributed points to this JV victory, three scoring double digits. Brad Endres led with 13 points, Micah Flusche added 11, and Jordan Walterscheid 10. Eric Johnson and Michael Faries each scored 6, Ryan Hennigan 5, Zach Swirczynski 4, and Dustin Wimmer 3.

M	14	15	15	14	58
H	10	6	2	7	25

Lindsay 42 S&S 22
 Lauren Creed put 26 points on the board to lead the Lady Knights to victory Tuesday night. Christina Eckart added 8, Emily Fuhrmann 4, and 2 apiece from Stephanie Neu and Katelyn Brewer.

L	14	4	10	14	42
SS	4	6	4	8	22

Muenster 49 Callisburg 42
 Monday night the "Sophomore" Hornets took a come-from-behind victory over the Cats. Adam Fredrick and Evan Koehler were high scorers with 12 and 10 points. Nick Flusche added 8, Bret Walterscheid 7, Chad Endres 5, Bill Haverkamp 4, Matt Beaver 2, and Colton Steelman 1.

M	9	9	15	16	49
C	11	10	13	8	42

Sacred Heart 51 Era 21

The Tigerettes got a big win Tuesday night. Lauren Krahl was high scorer with 19 points. Taylor Torcellini added 13, Kara Felderhoff 8, Jessica Schilling 5, and 2 apiece by Kristina Koehler, Paige White, and Lauren Sepanski. Next action will be Dec. 14 at Valley View.

Muenster 19 Alford 82
 In the first round of the Slidell Tournament, the Muenster JV Lady Hornets couldn't match up to the Alford varsity Lady Dogs. Hillary Swirczynski scored 7 points, with Jenna Felderhoff getting 4, Alison Miller 3, Lindsey Watson 2, Kelly Endres 2, and Jacé Koehler 1. Muenster was nine of 19 from the free throw line.

M	6	6	4	3	19
A	21	17	20	24	82

Tigerettes win over Hornets

It was a game of turnovers, with Sacred Heart having a season high of 19 in Tuesday's Tigerette 49-35 win over Era. "We have some things we need to improve on and we hope to have them ironed out by district time," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Stephanie Henscheid led the team with 14 points, and six steals. Whitney Wimmer added 12, Stephanie Krawietz 10, Nicole Bayer 5, Shannon Hartman 3, Hannah Hess and Katie Flusche 2 apiece, and Paige White 1. Flusche also pulled down nine rebounds.

SH	8	16	13	12	49
E	11	2	12	10	35

Slidell hosts Lindsay in Tournament

The Knights improved their season record Thursday with a 62-50 victory over Bellevue in round one of the Slidell Tournament.

Trinity Otto and Brandon Huckaby led the Knights on the scoreboard with 13 and 11 points. Dustin Hughes added 9, with Levi Hermes scoring 8, and Josey Kyle and Kristopher Creed each putting in 6. Cody Anderle dropped in 4 points, Bradley Anderle 3, and Jacob Fuhrmann 2.

L	18	17	16	11	62
B	6	12	14	18	50

Lindsay takes two from S&S Rams

The Lindsay Lady Knights and Knights sent the S&S Rams packing Tuesday night after the Lindsay teams took victories on the Knight Court.

In girls action, the Lady Knight scoring was divided among seven players. Mallory Block and Cheryl Knabe put in 13 and 12 points in Lindsay's 44-26 victory. Brittany Anderle added 8, Stephanie Metzler and Chelsea Hermes 4 each, Christy Hess 2, and Allison Hundt 1. Knabe hit 100% of her free throws, while the team connected five of eight.

L	13	10	6	15	44
SS	7	3	3	13	26

The Knights defeated the Rams 80-28 in a lopsided game that saw 10 Lindsay players put points on the board.

Kristopher Creed was high pointmaker in the game with 20 points. Cody Anderle added 11, with Brandon Huckaby, Josey Kyle, and Levi Hermes each scoring 9. Bradley Anderle and Trinity Otto both scored 6, Jacob Fuhrmann and Dustin Hughes 4 points each, and Michael Eckart 2.

L	27	12	25	16	80
SS	6	16	4	2	28

Sacred Heart Alumni plans Holiday Basketball

The annual Sacred Heart Exes Basketball Game will be played on Saturday, Dec. 18. The ladies will begin at 5 p.m. and the men will begin immediately following the ladies game (approximately 6:30 p.m.). All alumni and anyone who currently has children in Sacred Heart School are invited to attend.

The participation fee is \$5 to cover the cost of the officials. A social will immediately follow at the home of Doug and Vickie Fleitman. Hope to see you there. Contact Vickie (736-1041) or Neil Hesse (736-4764) for more information.

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Josh Yosten (16) gets the tackle. Also pictured are Andy Davis (50), Chris Hodebeck (2), Jon Ambrose (55), and Aaron Krahl (22).

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Chris Hoedebeck (2) takes advantage of a big hole in the Tigers' offensive line to find the end zone. Pictured also are Tim Otto (8) and Clayton Truebenbach (72).

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Local teams excel in KC Red River Shoot-out

The annual Knights of Columbus Red River Shoot-out basketball tournament, co-sponsored by the Muenster and Sacred Heart athletic departments, was held last weekend at the local schools.

The three-day tournament ended Saturday with the Muenster Lady Hornets and Fort Worth Trinity Valley taking home the championships. The Muenster Hornets and Carrollton Christian Academy girls settled for 2nd place, with the Sacred Heart Tigerettes and Aubrey Chaps finishing in third, and Henrietta Lady Cats and Ovilla Christian boys settling for the consolation prize.

Muenster 53 Tom Bean 41

In game one of the Shoot-Out Thursday afternoon, the Lady Hornets took their 7th win of the season. Joanna Felderhoff was high scorer with 27 points. Laura Heers added 7, Megan Felderhoff 6, Whitney Watson 4, Rebecca Grewing 4, Kallie Gerstberger 3, and Kristen Hess 2.

Muenster hit 60% of their free throws.

M 10 15 10 18 53
TB 6 13 12 10 41

Muenster JV 57 Henrietta 61

The Junior Varsity Hornets out-scored Henrietta's varsity team 21-9 the 1st quarter, but let the Cats back into the game the 2nd half, falling by 4 points.

Three Hornets scored double digits, Dustin Wimmer 16, Zach Swirczynski 14, and Jordan Walterscheid 11. Eric Johnson and Micah Flusche each added 6, with Ryan Hennigan scoring 4.

Muenster was 17 of 38 in free throws.

M 21 12 10 14 57
H 9 11 21 20 61

Trinity Valley 68 Chico 27

(GIRLS)

Muenster 69 Paradise 20
The luck of the draw on the bracket gave the Lady Hornets a 2nd game Thursday evening. Two games, three hours apart, didn't slow down Muenster as they easily controlled the Lady Panthers.

Felderhoff and Watson were leading scorers with 13 and 12 points. Gerstberger, Allison Teafatiller, and Megan Felderhoff each added 8 points, with Heers getting 7, Sandy Endres 6, Rebecca Grewing 5, and Tara Swirczynski 2.

Muenster got two 3-pointers and 17 of 33 free throws.

M 15 15 19 20 69
P 4 7 7 2 20

Sacred Heart 60 DH-Jarvis 39

The Tigerettes' opening game Thursday gave them another win as they manhandled the Diamond Hill-Jarvis Lady Eagles. Maggie Farrell led Sacred Heart with 11 points. Nicole Bayer added 9, with Hannah Hess and Whitney Wimmer each scoring

8. Stephanie Henscheid and Shannon Hartman both scored 5, as Diana Knabe, Katie Flusche, and Stephanie Krawietz dropped in 4 points apiece. Melissa Thomas rounded out the score with 2.

Flusche was the leading rebounder with nine, and Wimmer got seven steals and five assists.

SH 13 13 21 13 60
DH 11 12 5 11 39

Muenster 96 Paradise 49

The Muenster Hornets jumped into an early lead, putting quick points on the board in their first game of the tournament.

Russell Endres hit 10 baskets and was five of five at the free throw line to score 25 points. Sean Fuhrmann dropped in 12 and Derek Felderhoff 11. Derek Endres added 9, Chase Cain 8, Dustin Felderhoff 7, John Fredrick 6, Justin Wolf 5, and Clint Miller 3. The Hornets hit four 3-pointers, three by D. Endres, and were 12 of 22 from the charity stripe.

M 22 35 19 10 86
P 10 17 9 13 49

Muenster 61 Trinity Valley 32

In game three, the Lady Hornets took a big win over Trinity Valley. J. Felderhoff and Teafatiller were high scorers with 19 and 18 points.

M. Felderhoff put in 7, Gerstberger and Watson 5 apiece, Grewing 4, and Heers 3. The win gave Muenster a 9-1 record for the season.

M 20 15 16 10 61
TV 13 6 8 5 32

Sacred Heart 52 Carrollton Christian 59

The Tigerettes were handed their first loss of the season Friday night against the team from Carrollton Christian. Carrollton took a quick lead the 1st quarter, holding it throughout the game. Down 23 points, the Tigerettes cut the lead to 3 with under a minute, but couldn't pull out a win.

Wimmer was high scorer with 15 points. Krawietz added 10, Farrell 8, Flusche 6, Bayer 5, Hartman and Henscheid 3 apiece, and White 2. Krawietz also pulled down 15 rebounds.

SH 6 11 21 14 52
CC 24 16 8 11 59

Muenster 76 Henrietta 27

The Hornets got a big win in game two with S. Fuhrmann dropping in 21 points. Wolf and R. Endres each added 12 points, with D. Endres, Cain, and De. Felderhoff all scoring 8. Du. Felderhoff put in 4, Miller 2, and Fredrick 1 to round out the scoring.

M 14 27 20 15 76
H 14 4 5 4 27

Sacred Heart 57 Trinity Valley 43

S. Henscheid scored 20 points to lead the Tigerettes to victory for a 3rd place finish in the tournament.

Krawietz added 12, Wimmer 10, Farrell 6, Hartman 3, and 2 each by Knabe, Flusche, and Bayer. Flusche also led the Tigerette defense with nine rebounds and five steals.

SH 11 16 17 13 57
TV 7 9 12 15 43

Muenster 38 Carrollton Christian 33

The Lady Hornets claimed the tournament championship after defeating Carrollton Christian in the Muenster girls fourth game in the Shoot-out.

J. Felderhoff led all scorers with 15 points. Gerstberger added 7, M. Felderhoff, Heers, and Kristen Hess each scored 4, with Teafatiller and Sandy Endres each getting 2.

The Lady Hornets hit nine of 14 free throws.

M 10 8 4 16 38
CC 8 10 7 8 33

Muenster 52 Trinity Valley 57

The boys championship game Saturday night was a barn burner as the battle went into double overtime. The Hornets had a good lead going into the 4th quarter, but 22 points to Muenster's 8 in the 4th, tied

the game 49-49. After a scoreless first overtime, the Fort Worth team out-scored Muenster 8-3 to take the championship. The Hornets settled for 2nd place.

R. Endres was high scorer with 17 points. Cain added 9, Fredrick 7, Fuhrmann and Wolf 6 each, D. Endres 4, De. Felderhoff 2, and Du. Felderhoff 1.

Trinity Valley was led by Eli Ringel, who scored 32 points. Muenster hit 11 of 23 free throws.

M 14 14 13 8 0 3 52
TV 13 5 9 22 0 8 57

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

Named to the KC Red River Shoot-out All Tournament Teams were:

GIRLS: Muenster - Joanna Felderhoff, MVP; Allison Teafatiller, and Kallie Gerstberger; Sacred Heart - Maggie Farrell; Henrietta - Sharon Schaffner; CCA - Dee Dee Alexander and Anika Arevalo.

BOYS: Trinity Valley - Eli Ringel, MVP; Marco Cuevas and Ryan Ringald; Muenster - Sean Fuhrmann and Russell Endres; Ovilla Christian - Andrew Garrett; Aubrey - Cole Taylor.



JoAnna Felderhoff (21) gets the steal from a Lady Cat in the Lady Hornets victory over Paradise in the Shoot Out Tournament last weekend. Also pictured is Whitney Watson (14).

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Sacred Heart Tigerette Whitney Wimmer (21) battles for a rebound against a Diamond Hill-Jarvis player. Sacred Heart won their opening match in the Shoot Out. Also pictured are Katie Flusche (31) and Stephanie Krawietz.

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Junior High Action

Muenster 38 Bowie 10

The Muenster "A" Stingers won their opening game last Thursday against the Bowie "B" team. Tanner Herr was high scorer with 18 points. Corey Reynolds added 16, with Eric Hellman and Brandon Bindel each scoring 2.

M 5 9 11 13 38
B 8 4 10 11 33

Muenster 31 Graham 33

Only two Hornets scored in game two of the tournament. Reynolds dropped in 16 points and Herr 15. The Hornets were seven of eight at the free throw line.

M 11 2 8 10 31
G 8 4 10 11 33

Muenster 26 Jacksboro 14

Corey Reynolds scored 20 points to lead the Hornets in Muenster's final game of the tournament. Herr added 6. Muenster hit only two of 13 free throws.

M 5 6 12 3 26
J 6 2 5 1 14

Muenster 27 Era 22

The "A" Stingers traveled to Era Monday night and brought home a district victory. Tanner Herr was high scorer for Muenster with 10 points. Corey Reynolds added 8, Levi Trubench and Eric Hellman 4 points each, and T.J. Acuna 1. Muenster dropped in three of 12 free throws.

M 6 4 6 11 27
E 3 6 8 5 22

Lindsay 48 Collinsville 23

The Lindsay 7th Grade Lady Squires took a district victory Monday night behind the hot hand shooting of Katie Dieter, who scored 22 of Lindsay's points. Kristin Martin added 12 points, Cammi Neu 8, Haley Hughes 4, and Shirley Hess 2. The team hit 100% of their free throws.

L 16 16 8 8 48
C 8 5 6 4 23

Lindsay 36 Collinsville 29

The 8th Grade Lady Squires added a notch under the win column Monday at Collinsville. Seven players put points on the board. Natalie Rose scored 14 points. Beverly Knabe added 6, Liz Martin, Kayla Hess, and Khyannon Robinson each getting 4. Amber Nortman and Rose Hermes each got 2.

L 8 8 6 14 36
C 3 12 6 8 29

Lindsay 43 Collinsville 15

The 7th Grade Squires got a big district win Monday at home. Nine players put points on the scoreboard, led by Colton Hermes with 12 points. Dax Fleitman scored 9 points, Ross Jones, and Clay Mueller 5 apiece, and James

Kelly 4, Matt Dieter, Austin Reiter, Ryan Haverkamp, and Greg Luttmere each got 2.

L 14 12 12 5 43
C 2 7 2 4 15

Lindsay 31 Collinsville 38

The young Pirates were a challenge for the 8th Grade Squires Monday. Five Lindsay guys put points on the board. Nick Beazer led with 12. Jon Sweeney added 10, Sam Sparkman 5, and 2 each by Derek Hundt and Corey Shauf.

L 6 4 12 9 31
C 10 8 10 10 38

Sacred Heart 12 TCS 21

The 6th Grade Cubs played a two half game (instead of 4 quarters) Monday at Texoma Christian School. Zach White scored 4 points, Calvin Wimmer 3, Jordan Henscheid and Ryan Felderhoff 2 each, Chad Walterscheid 1 point, and defensive play from Matt Hesse.

SH 7 5 12
TC 14 7 21 51

Sacred Heart 17 TCS 51

The Lady Cubs "B" team lost their first game Monday. Laura Sweeney put in 8 points, with Rebekah Hesse adding 4, Sydney Hoedbeck 3, and Jessica Krahl 2.

SH 5 2 12 9 17
TC 17 7 21 6 51

Sacred Heart 30 TCS 38

After a scoreless 1st quarter, the 7th Grade Cubs fought back to a 4 point difference at halftime, but could not pull out a win. Kyle Knabe led the Cubs with 10 points. Garrett Berend and John Krawietz each added 6, Ian Barnhill 4, and 2 apiece by Aaron Flusche and Jake Bayer.

SH 0 14 9 7 30
TC 10 8 10 10 38

Sacred Heart 34 TCS 30

A battle to the end, 10 free throw points, helped win the game for the "A" team Lady Cubs. Sam Wimmer led all scorers with 13 points. Kristin LeBrasseur added 7, Kalyssa Pollard 6, Natalie Endres 3, 2 each by Ramey Hagan and Kaitlyn Felderhoff, and 1 for Lia Miller.

SH 11 6 9 8 34
TC 4 9 8 9 30

Sacred Heart 17 TCS 68

Texoma Christian had a hot shooting game Monday night, handing the 8th Grade Cubs a big loss. Matt Flusche led the Cubs with 7 points, all from the free throw line. Ben Walterscheid added 6, with Kirk Felderhoff and Dylan Flusche each adding 2.

SH 4 3 3 7 17
TC 19 23 8 8 68

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CCYC 6th Grade boys defeated Saint Jo 38-23 on Saturday, Dec. 4. Leading scorer for Muenster was Garrett Walterscheid with 20 points. Shane Prensall and Blake Grewing had 6 points each, with Tanner Silmon, Landon Prensall, and Spencer Nielsen each scoring 2. The team is coached by Dale Reiter.

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Junior High Action

Muenster 25 Era 17

The "B" team Lady Stingers improved their record to 3-0 Monday night with a win over the Era 7th grade. Jenni Luke led all pointmakers with 14. Jordanne Hellman added 6, Erin Endres 3, and Shelby Hess 2.

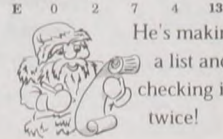
M 9 5 0 11 25
E 2 2 9 4 17

Muenster 42 Era 13

There was no battle of the Lady Stingers Monday as Muenster's "A" team dominated Era's 8th grade girls. Sam Endres was high scorer with 10 points. Leah Smith added 8, Jackie Klement 7, Tori Wright and Amanda Dangelaymayr 1. The Muenster "A" Lady Hornets are undefeated with a 3-0 record to date.

M 17 12 4 9 42
E 0 2 7 4 13

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A new study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety on vehicle-animal crashes shows 60% of the people killed riding in vehicles weren't using safety belts and 65% of those killed riding on motorcycles weren't wearing helmets.

"The study shows that the initial impact with animals is not the direct cause of death in many of these mishaps," says Mark Hanna, a spokesman for the Insurance Council of Texas.

"The study revealed that a third of these crashes involved a secondary collision with a fixed object or overturning, which caused the traffic fatality."

Texas recorded 161 fatalities in the 12-year study compared to the next most hazardous state, Pennsylvania, which had 85 fatalities during the same time period. The study also showed that the number of vehicle-animal collisions is rising. Hanna said this was

a direct result of more traffic on Texas rural roads and the State's abundant wildlife.

The Institute's study showed motorcycles were involved in a third of the fatal collisions, even though other vehicles on the road outnumber motorcycles 40 to 1.

"Motorcyclists should think twice before venturing out on a highway, especially after dark, where deer are known to be prevalent," said Hanna. Deer were struck in three out of every four crashes in the study that examined vehicle-animal collisions involving a human fatality. The study closely examined crashes in nine states between 1992 and 2003.

More than 1 million deer-vehicle crashes occur each year in the United States resulting in more than \$1 billion in vehicle damage. Many animal-vehicle collisions are unavoidable, but recognizing the danger and being prepared can save lives.

Crashes with deer occur most frequently in rural areas, on roads with 55 mph or higher speed limits and in darkness or at dusk or dawn.

Motorists should slow down and be more alert in areas where deer are most likely to appear.

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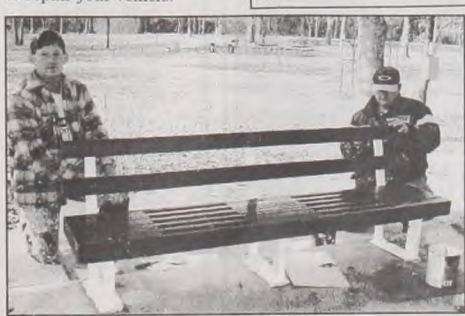
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Cooke County Master Gardener

Now is the time to shop for container grown shrubs and trees. The nurseries are clearing their lots for Christmas trees and are having some great sales. The same shrubs will cost more in the spring because they will have to be re-potted into bigger containers. Just think, you get the biggest shrubs or trees, for the least price, at the best time of year to plant them. It just doesn't get any better!

One of the joys of the winter season is the wildlife in the home landscape. Birds add motion, color, and beauty to the winter garden. Squirrels supply animated antics and then there are the nighttime visits from possums and raccoons, which like small fruits like Mexican plum. Hopefully, not too many nocturnal visits. We don't want to provide a sushi bar at your water feature.

To get birds to take up residence in your garden, you will need to plant some evergreen trees and shrubs in your landscape. The dense foliage offers refuge from predators, including the cat, and bad weather. They will need a source of clean water and food.

Mockingbirds, brown thrashers, bluebirds, robins, cedar waxwings and warblers feed primarily on fruit in winter. Many plants produce berries that enhance the winter landscape as well as attract birds. The mockingbirds and robins are especially fond of the red berries produced on hollies. Cedar waxwings thrive on the little powder blue berries of the Eastern red cedar. Only the female trees produce these berries, so make sure the tree you select now has the berries. This is also true for the hollies. If color of the berry is important to you, make your selections at this time of year.



Muenster City Park pavilion receives its first paint job in 18 years. Kay Broyles, president of Keep Muenster Beautiful (KMB), presented Mayor Henry Weinzapfel with a check for \$1250 towards painting the City's pavilion. Money was raised through membership dues and fundraisers by KMB (\$1000) and the Kiwanis (\$250). City Council allotted additional funds; and promptly hired A One Painting Company to accomplish the project. Ray Gene and Danny Silmon are shown putting some of the finishing touches on the pavilion benches.

MHMRST notes their new location changes

Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma has moved five programs to 315 West McLain, Sherman. The new central telephone number is 903-957-4700. Anyone needing services in Grayson County may call the number. The crisis number is 903-957-4701.

The programs that moved into the building are:

- Grayson Mental Health Center: 903-957-4701
- Mental Health Community Support Services: 903-957-4731
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: 903-957-4820
- Early Childhood Intervention: 903-957-4810
- Administrative Offices: 903-957-4700
- Central number for all locations Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Human Resources: 903-957-4870.

The following locations have not changed their locations. The telephone numbers are:

- Bonham Mental Health Center: 903-583-8583 or 903-957-4751
- Cooke Mental Health Center: 940-665-3962 or 903-957-4766
- Mental Retardation Community Support Services: 903-957-4831
- Mental Retardation Services: 903-957-4795.



Seven voting delegates from Cooke County Farm Bureau attended the 71st annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention last weekend in San Antonio, along with more than 1,200 delegates from 207 organized Farm Bureaus. Members were, from left, back, Rudy Schumacher, Edmond Knight, Tim Hartman, and Taylor Vestal; front, Robert Klement, Gloria Klement, Janie Hartman.

County Agent's Report **Wayne Becker** CEA - AGNR

How Well Is Your Water

If you are using water from a private well, testing the water is the only way to find out if it is free from contaminants. As the owner of the well, you are the person responsible for testing the water.

It is recommended that private, single family wells be checked for coliform bacteria at least once a year. Remember that the results of this test only give a picture of what the water was like on the day of testing. You should also consider testing anytime the water changes in taste, odor, or appearance.

Reasons to Test Your Water (Conditions or Nearby Activities - Test for):

*Recurring gastro-intestinal illness - Coliform

bacteria;
*Household plumbing contains lead - pH, lead, copper;
*Radon in indoor air or region is radon rich - Radon;
*Corrosion of pipes, plumbing - Corrosion, pH, lead;
*Nearby areas of intensive agriculture - Nitrate, pesticides, coliform bacteria;

*Coal or other mining operations nearby - Metals, pH, corrosion;
*Gas drilling operations nearby - Chloride, sodium, barium, strontium;
*Dump, junkyard, landfill, factory, gas station, or dry-cleaning operation nearby - Volatile organic compounds, total dissolved solids, pH, sulfate, chloride, metals;

*Odor of gasoline or fuel oil, and near gas station buried fuel tanks - Volatile organic compounds;
*Objectionable taste or smell - Hydrogen sulfide, corrosion, metals;
*Stained plumbing fixtures, laundry - Iron, copper, manganese;
*Salty taste at seawater, or a heavily salted roadway nearby - Chloride, total dissolved solids, sodium;
*Scaly residues, soap don't lather - Hardness;
*Rapid wear of water treatment equipment - pH, corrosion;
*Water softener needed to treat hardness - Manganese, iron;
*Water appears cloudy, frothy, or colored - Color, detergents.

The problems listed above are not the only ones possible. Other impurities such as nitrates, fluoride, arsenic, chloride, detergents, and organic materials may contaminate water with or without visible symptoms. If there is reason to believe your water may have been contaminated and dangerous or if impurities are simply a nuisance, have the water analyzed, read the report carefully, and take appropriate action as indicated above.

Dates to Remember:
Dec. 14 * Marketing Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Gainesville Farm Bureau Building.
Dec. 21 * Deadline to sign up for the Mast Marketing Series, begins Jan. 5.
Dec. 28 * Marketing Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Gainesville Farm Bureau Building.
Jan. 7 * Landowners "Tax Issues and Best Management Practices", 1 p.m., NCTC Little Theatre. 1.5 CEUs offered.

Premises Identification Program ready:

Field trial for Animal Identification launched

Ranchers and other livestock facility owners from every facet of the Texas livestock and poultry industry can now sign up for a unique, premises identification number, for their livestock facilities. The premises identification number will identify the location of livestock operations in the state. It is the first step in implementing a national system for quickly tracing livestock and poultry for disease investigations or during a disease outbreak or animal health emergency. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) also is launching a year-long pilot project with a number of ranches, feedlots, livestock markets, slaughter plants, and other facilities to test the durability and reliability of electronic ear tags, related equipment, and databases for identifying and tracking individual animals.

"The national premises and animal identification system has been under development for several years, with input and ideas from nearly 70 federal and state animal health agencies and livestock industry associations," said Dr. Bob Hillman, a member of the Secretary's Advisory Subcommittee on the National Animal Identification System. He serves as Texas' state veterinarian and heads the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"The U.S. must have a reliable and efficient method for tracking and finding livestock and poultry during an animal disease investigation or when an animal health emergency occurs," Dr.

Hillman said. He noted that producers and organizations have discussed at great length, the need for information to remain confidential. To protect data in regards to premises and animal identification, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, state-level agencies, such as the TAHC, and livestock organizations and associations are seeking national and state legislation to protect the data from public release or access.

"Regulatory agencies do not need or want access to production data, but specific information, such as the age and class of animal, as well as movement information, is critical for finding potentially infected or exposed animals during a disease situation," he said.

Today, it can take days to track the movement of livestock, to ensure that all exposed or diseased animals have been detected, Dr. Hillman pointed out. He predicted that by 2008, when the national system is fully implemented and mandatory, tracking livestock movements could be streamlined, greatly enhancing disease eradication efforts. He stressed that the ability to rapidly identify animals and trace livestock or poultry movements is crucial to an effective animal disease response.

Dr. Hillman explained that the national animal identification system, also called NAIS, has two major components. The first, he said, is the unique premises - or facility - identification, which identifies the location of livestock operations. This seven-character alphabetic and numerical address, is to

be assigned to ranches and other sites where livestock or poultry are maintained or moved. Premises information will reside on a database, managed by each state and accessible only by animal health officials. Dr. Hillman said facility owners can obtain a premises identification number now by calling the TAHC headquarters in Austin at 1-800-550-8242. By late Jan., ranchers and facility owners in Texas also may register online through the TAHC's web page at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/>

"The second component of the national system, animal identification, is ready for field-testing. This involves the unique identification of each head of livestock moved from its original herd. For cattle, sheep, goats, cervidae (deer), and some other species of livestock, the identification device will be an electronic ear tag, also called a radio frequency (RFID) identification device. For other species, such as swine and poultry, the number can be applied to groups of animals, if they spend their entire production life together as a group or unit," he said.

Dr. Hillman explained that the TAHC, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; and the Osage Nation in Oklahoma are working cooperatively on a year-long pilot project, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to test various aspects of the premises and animal identification. Field tests also are being conducted in at least two other states, to ensure the system will function well when it is fully implemented, said Dr.

Hillman. "In Texas, we will work with specified ranches and livestock facilities, equipment suppliers, and computer data service providers to test the effectiveness, durability, and compatibility of equipment and databases for identifying and tracking individual animals," said Dr. Hillman.

"As many as 80,000 individually numbered electronic tags will be used by the pilot project participants, so cattle, sheep, goats, or domestic deer can be identified prior to change of ownership or commingling with animals owned by other ranchers or farmers. The tags may be applied to animals before they leave the farm and ranch, or upon arrival at feedlots or order buyers, facilities, at livestock markets, or other livestock sites. This will give facility owners and managers an opportunity to evaluate the system and calculate the costs and time involved with tagging animals, and collecting and reporting animal movement data. Implantable electronic devices will be used for identifying and tracking horses.

Unless a tag is broken or lost, an animal is to receive only one during its lifetime. The unique 15-digit number on each electronic ear tag or implantable device can be read and recorded, with a hand-held or stationary tag reader. Ear tags also are imprinted with the number, so the information can be accessed, even if readers are unavailable or out of service.

When identified animals are sold, moved, or harvested, project participants will report the event to third-party data service providers by computer, fax, or mail, Dr. Hillman explained. Animal tag numbers will be correlated in the database to premises identification addresses.

A major aspect of the project will involve determining problems that occur when integrating information from several data collection systems into a central or common database. Ultimately, when an animal's number is

queried, a report should list all the premise numbers where the animal had been maintained. Likewise, when a premise number is queried, the list of related animal identification numbers should appear. When an animal is harvested, its number will be retired.

"With the roll-out, for the premises identification system, and field trials underway for animal identification, we are much closer to the goal of fighting disease more efficiently and effectively," said Dr. Hillman. "Once the field trials are completed across the U.S., improvements can be made before the animal identification system is launched nationally."

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.52; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.25;
300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.52; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.25;
400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.20-1.45; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.20;
500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.10;
600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 82-1.01;
700-800 lbs. No. 1, 95-1.04; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-95;
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.20-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.05-1.20;
300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.14-1.28; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.14;
400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.19; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.10;
500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.01;
600-700 lbs. No. 1, 92-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-92;
700-800 lbs. No. 1, 84-93; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-84;
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter Bulls, Yield Grade 1-2, 1.20-2.05 (80 lbs.); 61-69 Slaughter Cows; #1-3, 50-58; Cutter, 28-50.
Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$800-\$900; Medium Frame, \$550-\$800;
Cow/Calf Pairs weaves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1100; Medium Frame: \$750-\$1000;
Holding Baby Calves: \$35-\$75; Crossbreds: \$165-\$280.
Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
US #1, 230-270: 60-65; US #2, 220-280: 55-60;
Feeders (per head):
100-175 lbs. \$45-\$90;
25-90 lbs. \$15-\$35;
Sows (per lb.)
Feeder, 400 or less: 30-50; Light wt. 400-500: 38-45; Med. wt. 500-600: 40-42; Heavy wt. 600+: 40-42;
Boars (per lb.)
300 lb. up: 750;
200-300 lbs.: 20-25;
Light wt.: 35-50;
Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder Lambs, 40-60 lbs.: 1.40-1.50; Light lambs, 60-90 lbs.: 1.15-1.25; Fat lambs, 90-120 lbs.: 95-1.15;
Ewes (per lb.)
Stocker: 60-75; Thin: 35-55; Fat: 60-70;
Rucks (per lb.)
Thin NT, Fat: 55-65;
Barbados (per head)
Lambs: \$110-\$150; Ewes: \$35-\$65; Bucks: \$75-\$180;
Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$20-\$45; 35-55 lbs.: \$30-\$65; 55-75 lbs.: \$45-\$80;
Yearlings (per head)
75-120 lbs.: \$90-\$135;
Nannies (per head)
Stocker: \$55-\$85; Milk Type: \$60-\$90; Slaughter: \$65-\$95; Thin: \$35-\$50; Fat: \$75-\$110;
Billies (per head)
120 lbs. up: 75-120;
Breeders: \$75-\$150;
Slaughter: \$75-\$125;
Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Nanny: \$75-\$100;
3/4 Nanny: \$85-\$110;
Full Nanny: \$110-\$155;
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