



MMH looks forward with Strategic Planning Session

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Memorial Hospital's administration, board of directors, staff, and department heads gathered for a Strategic Planning Session last weekend. It was under the direction of TORCH Management Services, Inc. and held at the Turtle Hill Conference Center north of Muenster. The public was invited to attend the Saturday session.

Larry Krupala, president and CEO of Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH), facilitated the event. He has 35 years of experience in health care administration. His expertise includes visionary planning, financial management, and developing and implementing new, successful programs.

Krupala has chaired the Texas Hospital Association, the American Hospital Association Governing Council for Rural and Small Hospitals, and was appointed by Governor Clements to serve a six-year term on the Texas Board of Health. He's also served on several advisory boards, including the Texas State University School of Health Administration.

Some attending were so inspired and enthused that instead of sleeping, they spent the night developing ideas to assist in promoting the hospital and its physicians.

A Strategic Planning Session was held two years ago. With a great deal of input from the public and hospital staff, officials, and board members, Krupala helped to develop a strategic plan for Muenster Memorial Hospital. In reviewing that plan, it was noted that many of the goals had been attained. Many projects are ongoing. They took note of what had yet to be accomplished.

There were five strategic goals and objectives developed. Those were:

- 1) Financial Performance - To Better Manage Our Financial Needs in the Hospital
- 2) Medical Staff Development - Provide and recruit adequate medical staff and encourage continuing education of existing staff
- 3) Expanded Services - Evaluate needs and available resources for expanding the services of MMHD
- 4) Community Relations - Bringing the Hospital District and the Community

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5) Facility Expansion/Renovation - To Bring the Muenster Hospital District into the 21st Century with New Equipment and Appearance.

A sixth Strategic Goal was added at Saturday's session. It dealt with expanding the market. Two ways suggested to accomplish this were exploring the feasibility of outreach clinics and utilization of specialists.

Krupala encouraged

celebrating accomplishment of physicians and staff. "The more you are in front of your public, in whatever format it's the newspaper or billboards, or getting people into your organization like with the Wellness Center, that's how you educate people," Krupala instructed.

Krupala will take all of the information gleaned from this session and update the Hospital's Strategic Plan. The new information will be made available when this is completed.

Muenster gets development grant

By Don Rohrer

Muenster is the only community of its size to be specifically included in a special Enterprise Facilitation grant awarded by the governor. The \$200,000 grant is for all of Fannin County, along with the City of Muenster and its surrounding area in Cooke County.

The "Grant Award Terms and Conditions" state that:

The Enterprise Facilitation Project (Project) is to focus on the needs of the entrepreneur in Fannin County and Muenster, Texas and will provide technical assistance to existing and/or prospective rural entrepreneurs, business owners, and managers. The Project will motivate local entrepreneurs to create and expand successful enterprises, creating jobs within each community, by capturing the passions and skills of the local people.

Enterprise Facilitation is a proven social technology developed and taught by the Sirilli Institute (sub-contractor) ... Judging from past success, this project will result in substantial job creation, entrepreneurial and personal development, increased wage base, and a revitalization of the spirit of enterprise in Texoma.

In addition to the \$200,000 grant, Workforce Texas, which administers Texas Workforce Commission programs in the Cooke-Grayson-Fannin tricity area, has budgeted \$20,000 of its own funds for the project.

The Sirilli Institute provides 30 months of training and assistance to get the project going, for a fee of \$150,000. However, if Workforce Texas is able to sign the contract before the end of the year, the institute will deduct \$15,000, reducing its fee to \$135,000.

The only ongoing expense would be for whatever salary and expense agreement can be negotiated with the person hired as the Enterprise Facilitator. The facilitator is recruited and trained by the institute for the first six months of the program, and is then hired, with the institute continuing to assist for the remaining two years of its contract.



Larry Krupala of TORCH Management Services, Inc. speaks at the MMH Strategic Planning Session last Saturday. He related successful ways to educate people on services that your facility has to offer. Janet Felderhoff photo

Dodson questions Cooke County's budget process

By Janet Felderhoff

Confusion, perplexity, disappointment, and disillusionment, seemed to be part of the Cooke County Commissioners Courtroom scene as Wayne Dodson confronted Commissioners Court during the Nov. 22 regular meeting. Dodson has been appearing at Commissioners Court meetings on a regular basis since last January. He's evidently not happy about the way things are operated in the County.

Dodson contended that the 2004-05 Budget isn't valid for a number of reasons including that the public had only seven working days to view changes in the proposed budget before Commissioners Court voted on it.

Dodson presented various figures regarding the County's tax rate and budget. He questioned the transfer of funds, wondering where that money was at, and when it would be transferred. "Your accounting don't come out," he stated. County Judge Bill Freeman tried to explain that there is a fund balance on that account.

County Auditor Gloria Parish responded, "It's the difference in the budgeted revenue and the budgeted expenditures to make it balance and it stays in the account. It does not transfer from another account, it just stays in there, and it makes the budget balance. You have to have the same amount of revenue as you do expenses to balance budget."

Dodson went over more figures. The County Auditor tried to explain what he as questioning, but Dodson said no, she wasn't right.

Judge Freeman's attempt to explain the budget process to Dodson was futile.

Dodson claimed that the people from Lake Kiowa were the most mistreated people in the County. They are in Cox's precinct. "You don't have the money to spend on what you need to down there and they're paying the most taxes," he claimed. "You've got over 900 people in your precinct (#2) over 65, you've got almost twice the valuation, I'm talking about ad valorem taxes on their homes, almost twice as many as other precincts. It's a shame we run this county like this without running it like a business."

Dodson said that in January there would be a new county auditor and new commissioners. "There's going to be some new ways of doing business starting January 1," said Dodson.

A court reporter is being paid by Dodson to keep records of what is said. "If there's not some changes made in attitudes, there will be an election," warned Dodson. Dodson contended again that the equal four-way division is not fair.

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The Sacred Heart Picnic isn't only for adults. These kids had a fun time playing too. There were also fun crafts outside despite the wicked weather. Results were not available at press time but will be published at a later date. photo by Deborah Wood

CCAD Board considers ARB and Ag Advisory Board members

By Janet Felderhoff

There are openings on the Cooke County Ag Advisory Board and the Cooke County Appraisal Review Board (ARB). Members of the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) Board of Directors are responsible for appointing members to these boards. Potential appointees were discussed at the Thursday, Nov. 18 Board meeting.

"The Ag Advisory Board is the one that helps discussion of the criteria for the use of ag and also for our schedules for ag evaluations," said Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson. "We do this through leases, cap rates, expenses, usually I use them for information for fencing expenses, and other expenses they use on day to day operations of farm and ag operation." He suggested Wayne Becker who is the County Extension Agent, for the Ag Advisory Board. J.C. Skinner served for a number of years, but he is now getting out of farm and ranching.

Those who serve on the Board are volunteers.

"I'm looking for someone to appoint with knowledge of wildlife issues," said Smithson. "We're looking for knowledge of what they deal with on the ag, wildlife questions, leases on wildlife." David Clifton suggested David Barthold who serves on the Farm Service Agency. Bob Knauf suggested one of the Bartushes for the wildlife issues. Lisa Bellows said

that she would also come up with some nominees with wildlife knowledge.

Suggested people will be contacted to see if they are willing to serve. Nominations and voting takes place at the December meeting.

Current ARB members are Parker Yarbrough, Brenda Mobley, Bill White, David Bowman, and Bill Dearing. White has served all the terms he is allowed.

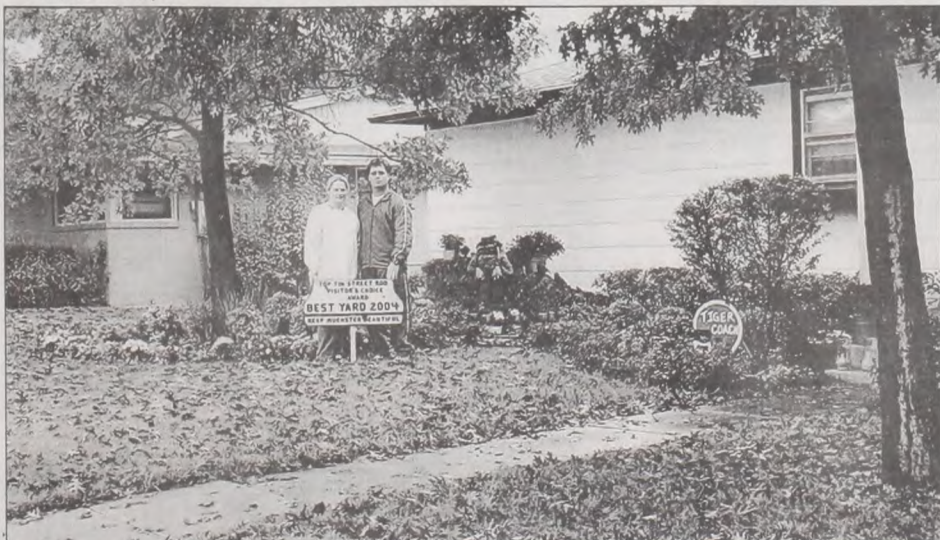
Mobley and Bowman have terms that are up, but can be re-nominated.

Names suggested included Gerald Payne, Guy George, Rod Tyler, all of Gamesville, and Lisa Kaiser of Valley View. Knauf suggested Celine Dittfurth of Muenster. She once did much of the paperwork for the City of Muenster when appraising was done by them. Since she is part of the Muenster Water Board,

Janie Hartman photo

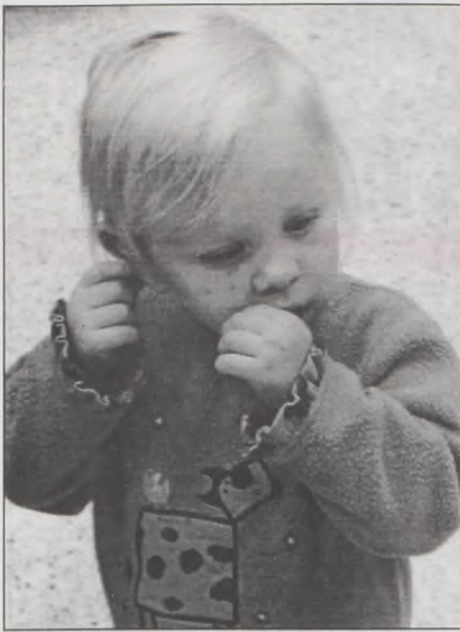
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TOP TIN STREET ROD VISITORS CHOICE - Dale and Elaine Shilling's yard at 202 North Hickory was awarded Yard of the Year by Street Rod visitors. The yard is beautifully

landscaped and well groomed. There are several points of interest including fall scenes and a wagon filled with plants. Keep Muenster Beautiful sponsored this contest.



Kelsey Hennigan falling asleep standing up at the Sacred Heart Picnic Sunday. It was so much fun she couldn't sit down!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Friends,
It has been many years since our son Dustin battled a disease caused by *E. coli* 0157:H7. He was left with damaged kidneys and high blood pressure. We were very fortunate, it could have been much worse. I have heard stories from parents who lost their child or loved one to this horrible food-borne illness. It is a horrible way to die, the suffering and pain is unbearable.

To watch a child who has suffered from this, as I have, leaves some really deep emotional scars for both parents and children who remember what they went through. Dustin was only two when he contracted *E. coli*. It caused Dustin to go into a stage of renal failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). He was taken into surgery and put on peritoneal dialysis. He had to be given many different meds through a central line to his heart.

Several times we encountered severe seizures, his heart stopped, and they had to use the heart fibrillators (electric shock) to get his heart going again. At times his fever would spike to 107. They packed him in ice, which is horrifying for a parent to watch! As our baby lay screaming and shaking from the fever and the ice, looking at us, holding his little arms out and begging us to do something, we could do nothing. It was the most helpless feeling in the world and that was just the beginning.

Dustin spent 34 days in Childrens Medical Center in Dallas. For the first week he was in ICU and then moved to IMCU for two more weeks. There were times he was sent back to ICU due to the seizures. We were not sure if Dustin would ever come off of dialysis, it was just a wait, hope, and pray situation.

After 30 days, by the grace of God, Dustin's kidneys started functioning on their own again. He had made it through what many children never do. He made such an amazing and quick recovery! The doctors were stunned at how well he was doing after such a long period without kidney function. He still had some road blocks ahead, but we would not find that out until he was 10.

At the age of 10, Dustin was taken to the doctor after getting into some poison ivy. A simple routine blood pressure check would soon send us back to Childrens Medical Center to see a nephrologist. Dustin had severe scarring of his kidneys due to the *HUS*. He will have to take blood pressure meds for the rest of his life. He had about 50-60% kidney function at this time, however we have no way of knowing if the

kidneys are deteriorating. Only time will tell. He could live the rest of his life with what he still has if they do not continue to deteriorate. But if they do, he will very likely be back on dialysis and face a kidney transplant. We continue to monitor Dustin's blood pressure and kidney functions. He will have to see nephrologists the rest of his life.

I would never want anyone to have to go through this kind of illness or any other for that matter. But there are things that we can do to prevent this from happening. Food safety is paramount! We have to educate ourselves about food-borne illnesses and how this can happen to someone you love. I never imagined it could happen to my child, but it did!

That is why I am asking you to help an organization that I truly believe in. Safe Tables Our Priority (S.T.O.P.) is working hard to educate our society about food-borne disease. They need your help to do so. So please take a few minutes to think about what a wonderful community we live in and how close we came to losing one of it's own due to food-borne illness.

We never knew exactly where Dustin consumed the food that was contaminated; it was during the holiday season, which made it very difficult to track. We had traveled to and from many extended family gatherings.

Dustin looks like the picture of good health right now. He just turned 16! He is a thriving happy teenager. We are so blessed!

Please send your donations to: S.T.O.P. Safe Tables Our Priority, P.O. Box 4352, Burlington, VT 05406-4352.

If you would like for your donation to be made in honor of Dustin, please include his name on the memo of your check and drop a little note inside with your check.

God Bless You All. We will never forget your help and prayers when Dustin was in the hospital.

The family of Dustin Curtis Hesse, Shawn & Kristi (mom) & Colton Dangelmayr, Curtis (dad), Jennifer, Kendy, Erin, & Nate Hesse

To the Editor,
Everyone has problems that affect them in different ways. We have a family in our community that has been invaded by mice. The average family will have a mouse every now and then. We are not talking about that; there are hundreds of mice.

The Outreach Group at Sacred Heart Church worked cleaning the home on Saturday. We have obtained All Seasons Pest Control from Sherman to do the exterminating. The house has received much damage and there is no insurance to cover this.

Some problems, to list a few, are wiring with the protective cover eaten off, paint eaten off the wall, furniture destroyed, as well

as a lot of the personal belongings. We are going to have many more work days.

This is going to be a community/parish project. I feel the Lord is calling each person to help with this project. You will be blessed. It is a big project that requires both donations of labor and money. Social Concerns will be collecting the money to help defray some cost. We will be looking for electricians, plumbers, painters, sanders, carpenters, cleaners, and many, many more. Come find your place. If you would like to help with donated labor, please call Kathy Vogel at 736-2215 or 902-9894.

Sincerely,
Kathy Vogel
Myra, TX 76253

From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

Tom Daschle's defeat, by the good folk of South Dakota, got me to thinking of that state, and our driving through it a few years ago. We met a lot of nice people there, and saw a great state. Vast fields of grain, mostly barley.

As we approached small towns, we usually saw large grain elevators with bright paint, and they all seemed to be well maintained. Then we noticed each one carried the colors and logo of a beer brewer.

In talking to some of the natives, we learned that the beer companies bought the fine barley to brew their products. They were very selective. They told the grower what kind of barley he was to plant, when to plant it, and the land had to be free of any other plants to help keep the barley pure.

We ate several meals there and talked to the cafe people. They were very friendly, and the food was excellent. It was well prepared and served by

people we could have known all of our lives. These folks told us where interesting things could be seen as we wended our way through the rest of their state.

We had been to South Dakota before, visiting Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, and I can't forget Crazy Horse Memorial.

Several million people, each year, come to South Dakota, vacationing, and seeing the sights.

Custer State Park is more than interesting, with the largest herd of bison left in North America. Aileen and I were hiking in the Park, trying to get close enough to a big herd of the shaggy beasts to get some good pictures, when a park ranger advised us not to go any closer, or the big bulls might come to investigate. "If they do," he said, "they will come at about 35 miles an hour, and they can turn on a dime."

Needless to say, we were soon on our way to a friendlier area.

DAYS GONE BY..... by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO
November 24, 1939
Aerial view of Muenster is eye catcher for readers of *Muenster Enterprise*. Old water tower is dominant feature on page 3. County Commissioner "Babe" Felker discloses that Muenster will soon have a first class lateral road leading from the south to connect Muenster with the newly completed Gainesville to Rosston road. Many beginning to arrive for the Golden Jubilee celebration, including John Sieger, who came to Muenster shortly after the first colonists and lived here 35 years, and who came from his home in Los Angeles, and Matt Theisen of Muskogee, Oklahoma, former agent at the local depot. Cooke County has eight cases of small-pox in one small country school.

50 YEARS AGO
November 26, 1954
Men in Service: Pvt. Gilbert Bindel sailed for Europe from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey; Pvt. Henry Weinzapfel is at Camp Gordon, Georgia; Raymond Hoenig and Alvin Fleitman are at Fort Bliss; Rupert Hoenig is in Air Force in Louisiana; Jerry Hoenig is with Marines in Korea; Jerry Fette is home after serving with Air Force, including time in Korea; Ensign and Mrs. Max Rumelhart will head to Alameda, California; Pfc. Pat Stelzer is in Japan; CPL Mitchell Wolf will soon arrive home from Germany. New Arrivals: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moster; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Coffman; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stelzer. Students home for the Thanksgiving holidays include Joe Felderhoff and Jerry Reiter. Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Luke are the Harold Lukes of Arlington, Bill Luke and Eileen Cunningham of Midland, Ray Luke of Subiaco, Arkansas, and the Alfred Kuhns of Fort Worth. Hugh Jackson attended an ex-student reunion at Azle High School. Louise Schmitz of Craig, Colorado visits

parents, the H.M. Schmitz. The Frank Walterscheids of Hereford return home after attending golden wedding of the Robert Loerwalds in Lindsay. In Muenster, they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Walterscheid. The John Rohmers and son Victor visited in Irving with daughter and son-in-law the M.L. Wrights. The John Rohmers and Tony and Miss Theresa Hesse and Jane Hesse visit with the Joe Spaeths. Leona Travuso of San Francisco, California visits the Joe Lukes. The Robert Loerwalds celebrate golden wedding.

25 YEARS AGO
November 23, 1979
Sacred Heart Tigers will play for Bi-District trophy at Shiner in State playoff for second time in three years. Elaine Walterscheid named SH Homecoming Queen. Two SH runners, Dale Schilling and Mike Dangelmayr, qualify for national finals in junior olympics cross country competition at Highstown, New Jersey. The C.F. Gobbles observe golden wedding Muenster Garden Club hears talk given by Kenneth Kaden. Eileen Luke presides for meeting. Marcy Wilde will host the December meeting. New Arrivals: Cassandra Nichole to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Darwin; Richard Dwayne to Mr. and Mrs. Richard William Evans. Shelly Zimmerer of Muenster 4-H Club is one of the top winners in Cooke County Food Show.

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Patti Bayer dies Nov. 21

Patti Bayer died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004 at 2 a.m. Her funeral was set for Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Church. The complete obituary will be in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

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How do mere laymen express gratitude with simple words, and not risk trite thoughts almost without meaning?

On Thanksgiving Day
2004

For these we are grateful....
For Divine Providence, for a nurturing heritage, health and safety.
For family and friends always in evidence.
For our business associates and our advertisers.
For the friends they are to us.... through the years.

For memories, sometimes poignant... tender, sad, happy, glorious, historical, funny, never bitter.

We are grateful just because these are memories that glow even brighter as we grow older.

The staff of the Muenster Enterprise wishes all of a Happy Thanksgiving with your family

God is great. God is good. let us thank Him for our food - Amen

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, November 28, 2004	Monday, November 29, 2004	Tuesday, November 30, 2004	Wednesday, December 1, 2004	Thursday, December 2, 2004	Friday, December 3, 2004	Saturday, December 4, 2004
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Story of the Star 7PM NCTC Planetarium	TDH Immunization Clinic @ Cooke Co. Electric 9-11AM C of C Board mtg. 5:30PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Red River Shoot Out begins Today - SHS & MISD Gyms	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Muenster District Jr. High UIL Academic meet CC Chorale Christmas Concert G-ville First Baptist Church 7PM AARP Board mtg. 10AM Stanford House G-ville Red River Shoot Out - SHS & MISD Gyms	Muenster Museum Bake Sale at Fischer's VFW & Aux Post 6205 members children's Santa Party in morning Red River Shoot Out - SHS & MISD Gyms
Cre'che Exhibit at Muenster Museum all week						
Sunday, December 5, 2004	Monday, December 6, 2004	Tuesday, December 7, 2004	Wednesday, December 8, 2004	Thursday, December 9, 2004	Friday, December 10, 2004	Saturday, December 11, 2004
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Muenster Museum Week begins	Elem. UIL meet @ Muenster MMH Aux. mtg 6 PM Wreath Raffle Drawing City Council mtg. 7:30 PM Parish Advent Penance Service 7PM SH Church Deadline to register for Muenster Youth Basketball League	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Story of the Star NCTC Planetarium 7PM	Feast of the Immaculate Conception SH Alumni & Supporters mtg. 7:30 PM SNAP room SHS - No School C of C mixer MMH Family Health Clinic 5:30PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Annual SHS Bake Sale 7:30 am - 4 pm Comm. Center AARP Luncheon mtg. 11:30 am Stanford House G-ville	
Muenster Museum Week						

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Lifestyle

Couple celebrates Golden Anniversary

Julius and Clara Hermes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 16, 2004 with a 5 p.m. Mass in Saint Peter's Catholic Church with her cousin, Monsignor Hubert Neu of Fort Worth as celebrant. A reception was held in Centennial Hall in Lindsay following the Mass. The meal at the reception was prepared and served by Rohmers' Catering.

Acolytes for the Mass were a great niece and nephew Chelsea Hermes and Colton Hermes.

Julius Hermes and Clara Flusche were married in Muenster on Oct. 12, 1954 in Sacred Heart Church with a Mass read by her cousin, Rev Hubert Neu as celebrant.

Marge Flusche Clément

and Richard Hermes, sister and brother of the couple, were maid of honor and best man. Marcella Hermes Zimmerer and Don Flusche, sister and brother of the couple, were bridesmaid and groomsmen. They all attended the 50th anniversary celebration.

Parents of the couple are Hazel Flusche and the late J.P. Flusche, and Cecelia Hermes and the late Julius Hermes, Sr.

Children of the couple are sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Janet Hermes of Muenster, Kenneth and Paula Hermes of Bolivar, and Stephen Hermes of Gainesville, and daughter Carol Hermes of Borger. Grandchildren are Scott Hermes of The Colony, Brad Hermes of Manor, Kevin

Hermes of Denton, Robyn Hermes of Lubbock, Jenna Hermes of Bolivar, and Matthew and Michael Hermes of Gainesville.

All were in attendance for the celebration.

A white wedding cake, a replica of the original, and a chocolate cake in the shape of an "H" were made and cut by Claudia Zimmerer. Servers were Kim Lynch, Gisela Herver, Loren Hargrove, Karen Flusche, Jared Flusche, Matthew Hermes, and Michael Hermes.

Sitting at the guest book were granddaughters, Robyn Hermes and Jenna Hermes.

A rolling film of the couple's life played throughout the evening.

The hall was decorated

with lots of photographs of the couple, their children, and grandchildren, and the couple's parents and brothers and sisters. The tables were adorned with gold, with votives and topiaries scattered around.

The snack, punch, and refreshment tables were attended by Andrea Luster, Melissa Fuhrmann, Jimmy Arendt, Pat Fuhrmann, and Kevin Schumacher.

Julius is retired from National Supply after 31 years and now farms. Clara is retired from U.S. Postal Service in Lindsay where she worked for 28 years, 20 of those years as Postmaster there. They lived 45 years of their married life in the home in Lindsay, where they still live today.



Clara and Julius Hermes

In the Service

Joseph Dangelmayr
Navy Seaman Apprentice Joseph Dangelmayr, son of Mary Y. and John A. Dangelmayr of Muenster, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, and Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Dangelmayr completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork, and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Dangelmayr is a 2004 graduate of Muenster High School.

Give the gift of life this holiday season

During the hectic rush of the holidays, the last thing most people want to do is add another "chore" to their "To Do" lists. However, there is one very important task that can be accomplished in less than 30 minutes that could mean the difference between life and death to another human being.

"The need for blood is not put on hold for the holidays," said Dee Dee Morehead, director of donor resources for the Texoma Regional Blood Center. "As a matter of fact, the need for blood at area hospitals traditionally increases during this time of year."

Morehead explains that with more people traveling during the Christmas season, it increases the

chance for accidents. This, in addition to elective surgeries being scheduled prior to the end of the year can create a heavy demand.

Healthy Cooke County residents can do their part by participating in a holiday blood drive planned for Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at North Texas Medical Center, 1900 Hospital Boulevard in Gainesville.

The Texoma Regional Blood Center mobile unit team will be set up for blood donations in the classrooms at NTMC. The public is invited to participate.

For more information on the blood drive, contact Gayla Blanton, Director of Community Relations at NTMC, 940-612-8373, or any Gainesville Rotary Club member.

Extension clubs wrap up year; officers elected

The Cooke Extension Education Council met Nov. 9 at Stanford House with Mary Wambaugh, chairman, presiding.

Gayle Doyle, chairman of the Education Committee, introduced guest speaker, Debbie Pounds, vice president of Institutional Advancement at North Central Texas College. She provided information on Endowed Scholarships.

Ruth Pruett gave the inspiration "Cherish Each Day." Clara Ball called the roll of clubs. Four clubs had a program on "Mexican Cuisine" and one club had the program "Are You Really a Collector?" Clubs elected new officers. Clara Ball read the minutes of the October meeting.

Harriet Scoggins gave the treasurer's report, which was filed for audit.

An update was given on the Arts & Crafts Sell-Out, which was held Nov. 12 and 13 at the Civic Center. The proceeds are used to provide 4-H scholarships and other community service.

Thirty-five attended the "Main Course Cooking" Dinner on Oct. 28 given by Sue Boyer from New Zealand.

Gayle Doyle gave the Audit Committee report. The books are in order with no problems found. She also gave the Education Committee report and recommendations regarding scholarships. These recommendations will be taken to individual clubs and final vote will be taken in December.

Sivells Bend will host the TEA Christmas party Dec. 7 at the Sivells Bend School. Deadline for reservations to Clara Ball is Nov. 28.

Club presidents were reminded to turn in their

annual reports. Members were encouraged to turn in their volunteer hours. Angel Walls, County Extension Agent, gave information regarding volunteer hours in the Procedures Notebook.

The Budget Committee was appointed. It will consist of Mary Wambaugh, Clara Ball, Ruth Pruett, Harriet Scoggins, and Lisa Zoeller.

Yearbook Committee members Wilma Richardson, Harriet Scoggins, Angel Walls, and Mary Wambaugh will meet to complete information for the yearbook.

The January Workshop will be Jan. 11, at 6 p.m. Place will be announced at the Christmas party in December.

The training meeting will be held in DeKalb on Nov. 30. Registration will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. All council officers and the Extension agent plan to attend.

Angel Walls, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, gave her report. She will be presenting a program on "Leadership Expanding Your Club" once a month for four months. She also announced a Christmas Program to be held at noon and at 6 p.m. on Dec. 2 at First Christian Church. Council members will assist with this program.

Community service projects were discussed, with recipients and amounts voted on. The recipients are: First Christian Church, Morton Museum, Red Cross, Stanford House, and VISTO.

The meeting adjourned with the Texas Extension Education Association Prayer recited. Liberty Bell's Club provided refreshments. Next meeting will be Feb. 8 at Stanford House.

Logan bounces into 2!

Logan David Struxness, son of Zak and Amy Struxness of Parker, Colorado, celebrated his second birthday on Oct. 23. The party was held in Denver at Funtastic Fun, an indoor children's amusement park. Logan and his guests had a great time riding rides, jumping in bouncers, and playing in a ball pit. Everyone enjoyed snacks, a Mickey Mouse birthday cake, ice cream, and sodas. Everyone had a great time watching Logan open his birthday gifts with the help of his friends. Big sister Erin handed out goodie bags to the young guests.

Logan's guests included his parents and sister, paternal grandparents Eric and Lynne Struxness, Derek Struxness, Mike Lundquist, Tyson, Sara, Kori, and Kole Lundquist; Amit, Dipali, and Simran Malhotra; John, Karin, and Sydney Davidson; David and Brittany Roth, Andrea Tuma, and Eric Nygren, all of the Denver area.

Unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes were maternal

grandparents Tom and Rosemary Dankesreiter; John, Dana, Anne, Sara, Abby, and Lora Walterscheid, all of Muenster; Eric, Cheramie, Benjamin, Kathryn, and Matthew Dankesreiter of Lewisville; Tommy, Sarah, and Alyson Dankesreiter of Lubbock; and Julie and Brett Barnes of Colorado Springs.

Logan's actual birthday was Oct. 20, a day he shares with his maternal great-grandmother, Theresa M. Hermes of Lindsay.



Logan Struxness

VFW Auxiliary makes their Christmas plans

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Nov. 15 in the Post Home. President Frances Bayer presided. Chaplain Hilda Sicking led opening prayer and Linda Knabe, conductress and patriotic instructor pro tem Janet Barnhill led the pledge to the flag. Roll call and minutes were read by Ida Bindel, secretary. Ethel Mae Hesse gave the treasurer's report.

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring "In Lieu of Christmas Cards" again this year. A donation will get your name in the Christmas ad in the Muenster Enterprise. Call Juanita Knabe 759-4284 or Frances Bayer 759-2784 by the deadline of Dec. 18 to be included in the ad.

Armella Cler, program participation chairman, gave her report, and members voted to contribute to the cancer aid and research fund.

Frances Bayer reported

on the District I meeting she attended in Plano, Nov. 7. The Buddy Poppy poster was entered in a contest. She is conductress of District I and did her duties conducting the colors. She attended the PAC program and the cancer awareness program.

Chaplain Hilda Sicking reported visiting a sick member and brought her a basket of goodies. Cards were signed for Claire Klement and Lou Voth.

The Veterans Kids Party for nine years or younger will be at the Post Home Dec. 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Bonnie Hess served lunch to 12 members and won the door prize.

The next meeting has been changed from the 3rd Monday to the 2nd Monday, Dec. 13. There will be separate meetings for the men and ladies followed by the Christmas party. Ladies are asked to bring a covered dish. Men will supply the chicken.

Date set for Sacred Heart School annual bake sale

It's time for the Sacred Heart School annual bake sale! This year the bake sale will be held on Friday, Dec. 10 in the foyer of the Community Center.

Parents of students at Sacred Heart School are asked to bring at least two baked items to sell. Items can be brought to the foyer of the Community Center the day before the bake sale between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. All items are greatly appreciated and cash

donations are also being accepted.

This year more homemade pies, breads, and candies are needed. There will be complimentary coffee and hot chocolate. There will be items such as cookies, cakes, strudels, cinnamon rolls, pies, brownies, and some homemade canned items.

Proceeds from the baked sale will go towards books for the students at Sacred Heart School.

"In Lieu of Christmas Cards" fundraiser announced

Muenster VFW Auxiliary #6205 is again sponsoring the "In Lieu of Christmas Cards" fundraiser for the supplementation of funds for the money programs they participate in.

The Auxiliary is hoping everyone will want to participate in this fundraiser by donating a sum of \$10 or more to have their name published on the Happy Holiday Wishes ad which will be placed in the Muenster Enterprise. In

making your donations, please keep in mind the price of stamps, cards, and the price the Auxiliary pays for the ad.

Please send your name as you wish it to appear along with the donation to: Frances Bayer, 136 S FM 373, Muenster, TX 76252, or to Juanita Knabe, P.O. Box 474, Muenster, TX 76252. The deadline is Saturday, Dec. 18. Please help them help others.

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NCTC Chorale schedules Christmas concert Dec. 3

The North Central Texas Chorale has set the date of Friday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. for its Christmas concert at First Baptist Church in Gainesville.

The concert, featuring the music of the Poulenc "Gloria" and the Saint-Saens "Christmas Oratorio", will enrich its audience with "something new" by the singers of about 50.

The Chorale is noted for its musical masterpieces in the past of Handel's "Messiah", the Beethoven "Mass in C Major", the Brahms German "Requiem", and the Rutter's arrangement of "The Magnificat".

The Chorale is capable of performing choral music of ballads, hymns and Broadway, which is sometimes on the agenda in the spring.

Dr. Michael Linder,

professor of music at North Central Texas College, is the director. He is very proud of the group.

An orchestra with harp and organ music, with John Dill as accompanist, will accompany the singers for this beautiful presentation of the holiday season. Unique soloists will also be featured.

The public is welcome to attend and tickets are available from any Chorale member or at the doors of the church on Dec. 3.

For more information, call Dr. Linder at 940-668-7731, ext. 382, during college hours.

The Chorale, an active member of the Cooke County Arts Council, is dedicated to the preservation of classical music.

Submitted by Linda Coursey



Johnny and Phyllis Tucker of Lindsay announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Kristan Ann Tucker to Christopher Scott Smeaton. He is the son of Chris and Lynette Smeaton of Flower Mound. The bride-elect will graduate with honors from West Texas A&M University in December with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications. She intends to pursue law school admittance. She was a 2002 graduate of Lindsay High School. The prospective bridegroom was a 1999 Coppell High School graduate. He is employed in a Plano technology firm. He is also employed by North Richland Hills Baptist Church. The couple plans to marry Jan. 15, 2005, at First Baptist Church of Lewisville at 7 p.m. officiating the ceremony will be Rev. John Noblitt of Gainesville. A reception will follow at the Radisson Hotel in Denton. After a honeymoon in San Francisco, the couple will reside in Plano.

"Click it or Ticket" to run Nov. 14-28

During the regional "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization Nov. 14 - 28, travelers in Texas and across the region will risk getting a ticket if they are ignoring state safety belt use laws, according to Terry Pence, traffic safety director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Observation surveys show safety belt use stands at only 83.2 percent in Texas. That means a lot of unbuckled motorists are putting themselves at high risk of injury and death in a crash that can happen anywhere anytime, impacting family and friends," he said.

NHTSA records show that well over a million pickup drivers and passengers in the five state region are still not buckling up, resulting in more than 1,000 pickup occupants dying every year in traffic crashes. In Texas, safety belt use by drivers and passengers in pickup trucks is more than 5

percentage points lower than in other passenger vehicles.

"The safety belt use law in Texas and the other states in our region applies to pickup truck passengers as well as drivers, but passengers continue to have even lower safety belt use than drivers," said South Central Region NHTSA Administrator Georgia S. Chakiris. "Wearing safety belts gives drivers and passengers the edge for survival in a crash," she said.

"Pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll over as passenger cars. Safety belt use reduces the risk of dying in pickup rollover crashes by 70 to 80 percent," she said.

"If a man you love is riding unbuckled in a car, SUV, van, or truck, do something about it. Beg, Plead. Whatever it takes. Tell him you don't want to get along without him," she said.

New Arrivals

Windthorst sets annual German Sausage Meal

Szymanski

Tony and Erica Szymanski of Allen announce the birth of their daughter, Isabel Rose. She was born Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004 at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano. She weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Sharlene and Duwayne Schilling of Muenster, and Linda Szymanski of Marathon, Wisconsin and the late Terrence Szymanski. Great-grandparents are the late Frank and Caroline Schilling, and Charlie Wimmer of Muenster and the late Isabel Wimmer, Elizabeth Szymanski of Marathon and the late Stanley Szymanski, and Dolores Blume of Marathon and the late Alphonse Blume.

The Annual German Sausage Meal sponsored by the Windthorst Knights of Columbus #1824 will be held Sunday, Dec. 5 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Windthorst. The menu consists of 100% pork sausage, spare ribs, and sauerkraut with all the trimmings, including dessert and drink. The price of the all you can eat meal is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. Serving time is from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Raw sausage will also be available at \$2.50 per pound for you to take home and enjoy. Proceeds will benefit charitable activities of the Council.

In addition to the meal, home baked goods will be available from the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

The community invites the general public to Windthorst, which is situated at the corners of Highways 281, 25, and 74 in Archer County for a meal they truly believe everyone will enjoy. For additional information call 940-423-6444 or 940-423-6635.

Budget

"Between now and the end of the year we will have the exact amount of taxes collected by precinct," said Dodson. "Taxes collected in a precinct must be spent in the precinct in which they are collected." Judge Freeman noted that all taxes are collected in Precinct #4. Dodson said that he was referring to all ad valorem taxes collected on road and bridge.

Dodson said that the equal division system won't work as the County continues to grow in population. Judge Freeman asked if he was advocating a unit road system. Dodson said no, but suggested hiring a coordinator for using road equipment, which would be shared by all four precincts.

Architect Norris Fletcher told Commissioners Court that the plans for the new Cooke County Justice Center and EMS Facility were complete as scheduled for Nov. 22. Plans were delivered to the Sheriff's Department, the County Judge's office, and the City of Gainesville.

Due to redesigning the facility's foundation, as requested by Judge Bill

Freeman, the schedule was revised. This was done to reduce the expense of the facility. Unexpected escalation in the cost of concrete and steel are expected to increase the expense of the facility.

Using information from the structural engineer and the testing lab, Fletcher revealed, "If we go with a slab on grade type of foundation with the select fill hauled by the County and placed on the site, we can save about \$7.60 a square foot for the area of the building which is 66,346 square feet." He recommended that this be done. It would add two weeks to the proposed schedule.

The professional engineer presented three options. Option #1 was to bring in select fill and pack it in on the site. Option #2 was a lime slurry treatment of the existing material on site. The third option was to do a water injection treatment of the existing material on site. They all recommended the first option.

Fletcher explained that with the structural slab there was zero movement anticipated. Under the first option, up to one inch of movement is anticipated in the slab areas.

"We don't foresee it as a problem," said Fletcher. With the movement there is a possibility of cracks in the slab, doors may stick at times, walls may get hairline cracks, but those would only be cosmetic problems, Fletcher noted.

An additional \$3,400 fee would be required by the professional engineer to redesign the foundation. Judge Freeman said that Fletcher had agreed to waive his additional fee

redesigning the foundation plans.

Commissioners voted to go with option #1; to seek separate bids for the additional bed area so that if the bids come in too high, they can build the 160 bed facility and delay the additional bed area until a later time.

Commissioner Phil Young inquired as to how much added cost there would be due to the increase in steel and concrete. Fletcher said that he anticipated about a 15% increase across the board. Steel prices have now stabilized, he said.

Kenneth Arterbury addressed the Court in regard to Commissioners agreeing to haul select fill dirt to the new jail and EMS building site. This was agreed to by commissioners to save money since steel and concrete prices had risen.

Arterbury said that there are contractors who do that type of work for a living. The commissioners should use that time to work on the County's many roads that are in need of repair. "The County should stay in the county business," declared Arterbury.

"Why don't you fix our roads up to the conditions that they need to be in, and then when the County has a project like this, you wouldn't have anybody come down here saying anything," said Arterbury. "Our money is meant to be taking care of the roads, but they're not being taken care of. It's meant for public safety for the Sheriff's Department, but the Sheriff doesn't get any more deputies. Yet we've got time to go work on the jailhouse?... Stay out of the building business. Do your

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jobs that you're hired and elected to do. Let's maintain our roads, they're being very well neglected."

In other business commissioners court:

- Opened bids on two passenger cars and two SUVs for the Cooke County Sheriff's Department. Brown Motor of Gainesville bid on the SUVs and while Klement Ford of Muenster bid on passenger cars and SUVs. Since Sheriff Mike Compton wasn't present to determine if all his bid specs had been met, a decision was tabled until the Dec. 13 meeting.

- Approved SBC's request to place a buried communication line across CR 211, beginning at the existing SBC Terminal on the northeast corner of CR 211 and CR 2134, boring south across CR 211 south for 58 feet, then burying 19 feet east, boring 60 feet across CR 211, and then burying south 4450 feet to the new terminal.

- Approved request by Mountain Springs Water Supply Corporation to install a two-inch fresh water line across Neely Trail and Bryant Road, located in Precinct #2.

- Approved request by Woodbine Water Corporation to install a fresh water line on CR 147 in three locations, approximately 360 feet west, 380 feet, and 390 feet west of the intersection of CR 147 and CR 171, located in Precinct #1.

- Approved request by Woodbine Water for Mobak directional Drilling to bore a fresh water line across CR 219 at the location of 819 CR 219, located in Precinct #2.



Isabel Rose Szymanski

Ward

Cristal and Todd Ward, along with big brother Cy, of Little Elm, proudly announce the birth of Grant Taylor Ward on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004 at 8:11 a.m. in Medical City, Dallas. He weighed 8 lb. and measured 19 inches in length. Grandparents are Hal and Judy Ward of Vega, Texas and Steve and Cathy Fisch of Iowa Park, Texas. Great-grandparents are Taylor Harle of Vega, Bonnie Skasick of Wichita Falls, and Henrietta Fisch of Muenster. Great-great-grandmother is Goldie Raney of Bebe, Arkansas.

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Machinators enjoy success at Texas BEST

The Sacred Heart Machinators returned from Southern Methodist University (SMU), site of this year's Texas BEST competition, feeling truly proud of their accomplishments and very excited about the tremendous opportunity they had all experienced.

On Friday, Nov. 12, members of the robotics team traveled to SMU to begin the BEST competition. Before a panel of three judges from the aerospace industry, the Presentation Team gave their 20-minute engineering and marketing proposal, followed by a question and answer session.

"Our presentation went very well," commented team member Brittany White, a junior. "My sister Paige was particularly good at answering the engineering questions, because she was involved from day one on the Design-Build Team. And Thomas Otto did magic with his PowerPoint equipment, because as team members were asked questions, he pulled up the historic data in photo and videography to support our answers. It was amazing to see—he recorded and was involved in every aspect of our effort this year."

While the Presentation Team was involved in their competition that morning, other Machinators were busy setting up their table display and also were afforded the opportunity to watch SMU Engineering presentations on artificial intelligence and Star Trek technologies. Tours of the campus and the Meadows Museum were also available. The Machinators' Notebook, which had been submitted for judging at the beginning of the week, was also returned to the team for display on their table.

With Friday afternoon came the opportunity of a lifetime, as students were able to take in a live demonstration of the world's first humanoid robot, named ASIMO, for Advanced Step in Innovative Mobility, created by Honda. After 18 years of trials and errors, a six-member team of engineers built the robot to possibly perform dangerous tasks and help the elderly. Only four feet tall, ASIMO can climb stairs, recognize individuals and memorize their names, speak accurately, balance on one foot, and walk on uneven surfaces.

At the demonstration, sophomore Paige White was a participant in a quiz and had the opportunity to dance with ASIMO on stage. "What a sight! ASIMO's awesome!" exclaimed Thomas Otto, senior and head engineer. "The Machinators are still filled with excitement after seeing the robot, which will someday serve as another set of eyes, ears, hands, and legs for all kinds of people in need."

That evening the Machinators had to forego a photo session and social to hurry back for an out-of-town football playoff game. The next morning, however, at 4:30 a.m. sharp, team members, including football players, were heading back to SMU to check in their robot for Saturday's game competition, which the previous evening's football game had not allowed them to do that night.

With two game fields, 60 robots, 90 rounds, and teams from five states, the Machinators' robot, "GENEIOUS DNATOR," performed with rare and impressive abilities. In the competition, which featured multiple scoring methods, GENEIOUS DNATOR was the only robot with the ability to pick up the large Hidden Gene worth 50 points (tennis balls were worth 10 points and plastic balls one point). During each round in which they played, Machinator drivers were able to stack three Hidden Genes atop the tall, center column, creating great excitement for everyone and raising the point level, as the sharing strategy used enabled all four teams in the round to each earn 150 points.

GENEIOUS DNATOR performed flawlessly throughout the competition, even holding second place after its second round. Qualifying for the semifinals as one of the top 16 robots in the competition, by the end of the day the smooth-running, precision-based robot went on to place eighth out of the 60 robots in the competition, the most successful of all the Machinators' robots at any Texas BEST.

The final rounds consisted of Marcus High School of Denton County BEST, St. Mark's School of Dallas BEST, and Wichita Home School and Ambassadors for Christ Academy, both of Kansas BEST. In accord with the BEST Award's emphasis on the category of Spirit and Sportsmanship, Machinators fans teamed up with Marcus students to help cheer them on to victory. "It was very exciting to watch as Marcus came into the finals in fourth place, pushed their way to the top, then fell to third in the last round," stated junior Nicole Bayer.

At the end of the game competition, Ambassadors of Christ took first place with 2,178 points, Wichita Home School second with 2,163, Marcus High School third with 1,929, and St. Mark's School fourth with 1,897 points.

More excitement was to come, however, as the awards ceremony was held immediately after the competition. In addition to receiving a certificate of Participation, the Machinators were most honored to be bestowed with the Second Place Founder's Award, given by the

founders of the BEST competition to the team whose robot best matched their idea of how the robot should look and perform. The Machinators also had the distinct honor of being awarded First Place Most Robust for their robot, the award given to the most smooth-running, maintenance-free robot, an award the team's engineers were most proud of indeed. "We were really pleased to have designed and built the most durable and smooth-operating robot in our club's history," commented junior David Walterscheid.

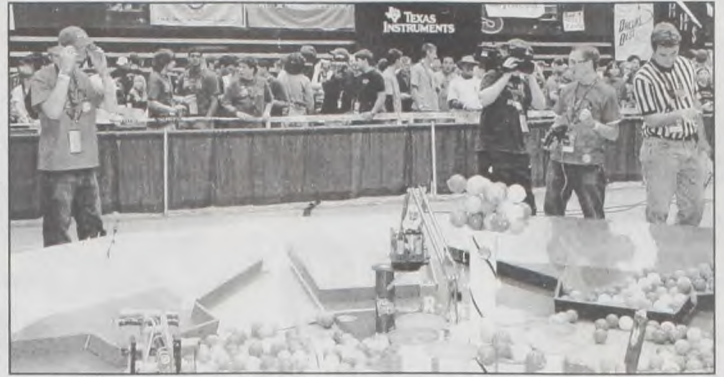
"With every new BEST competition, we build on what we know and raise our level of expectations for our team," stated senior Christine Fetsch, Machinators president and business manager. "This year we have definitely jumped a road block, advancing the team's computer knowledge with a new laptop, projector, portable screen, and CAD drawings. This new knowledge is necessary for continuing in the BEST competition and in society itself, as it too is becoming more and more advanced."

"I am just so proud of these kids," remarked Coach Darrell Walterscheid. "They did it all, from start to finish. They took such pride in their work, not satisfied until every piece was finished to perfection. Our older members really led the way, and even our newest and youngest members, the eighth graders, were so amazing. For example, Ben Walterscheid and Tad Otto were some of our best drivers, and the paint job Tad did on that robot was incredible—he had that plywood looking as smooth as metal. Judges were even hard pressed to believe a grown-up didn't do it. But just by talking to our kids, they knew they had done all the work. They knew everything about that robot and the whole process, inside and out. Everybody was coming up to them, asking them how they did things, because it was such an impressive machine."

"Everybody ended up exhausted, but with a great feeling of satisfaction. These kids, as busy as they are in so many different things, were able to accomplish so much through their talent, dedication, and hard work. People couldn't get over how small a school we are, the smallest school there they figured. Home school kids couldn't believe our team members were also football players, cheerleaders, and dance team members. I'm just so impressed with how our kids do it all, and do it all so well."

Submitted by Christine Fetsch, president

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Junior, David Walterscheid (left), and senior, Thomas Otto (right) are proud of "GENEIOUS DNATOR" (center) after a successful round.

Forestburg FFA attends National Convention

At 5 a.m. on Oct. 26, three members of the Forestburg FFA, along with FFA members from Sanger, Princeton, McKinney, and Krum, started a 14 hour bus ride to Louisville, Kentucky for the 77th annual National FFA Convention.

The Convention lasted four days and was full of fun, learning, and opportunities. Every day the Forestburg FFA and their travel companions attended sessions at the Louisville Exposition Center, which included skits, FFA talents, National officers, organizations from all states winning awards, and motivational speakers such as Joe Theismann (a former Redskins quarterback).

Upon arriving in Louisville at 11 p.m., the FFA members ate at Joe's Crab Shack on the Ohio River, then checked into the hotel. On Wednesday, the FFA members went to Churchill Downs and toured the Kentucky Derby Museum. After the session and Career Fair, Six Flags opened at night for FFA members!

On Thursday, the Forestburg FFA went to the Kentucky Horse Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Afterwards the FFA members had a dance at the Exposition Center. "The dance was a blast. I made some new friends and had a great time," said Lyric Trout, Forestburg FFA member.

On Friday the members

went to one last session and then visited the Louisville Slugger Museum before starting the long trip home. "The Museum was great. We ordered bats and I had the opportunity to watch my bat be made," said Kristy Judd, Forestburg FFA Advisor.

The Forestburg FFA returned home at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning. "The week we spent in Louisville was the most fun I have had in a long time. It was filled with events and new friends I will never forget," commented Kandi Weger, Forestburg FFA member. The Forestburg FFA plans to attend National Convention again in the future.

Submitted by Kandi Weger

Sacred Heart Middle School completes Explore-A-Course

Sacred Heart students have completed a first semester special elective course known as Explore-A-Course. This non-graded, "hands-on" approach to learning was designed to develop God given gifts and talents, and to tap into a student's natural curiosity. The course is offered in place of regular study hall. The focus this semester was on language exploration. Spanish, Language and Culture was conducted by Sandi Torcellini, and Latin, The Language of the Olympians was taught by Jenny White. Both courses proved to be very popular and were quickly filled.

Other course offerings were developed to appeal to the mechanically inclined student. In Small Engines, a class taught by Roger Taylor and Barbara Bayer, students became familiar with two stroke and four stroke engines. Class size was limited, allowing students the opportunity to assemble and disassemble a small engine. On the final class day, students traveled to Muenster Garden Center to see an engine repair shop owned and operated by Roger Taylor.

In Computer Aided Drafting, taught by Bernard Bujard, high school computer and science teacher, the basic concepts of CAD programming was introduced. Students interested in the fine arts had an option of two courses. The theatre class continues to practice for a special performance of The

Clown of God to be performed Dec. 15, during the annual Sacred Heart Elementary Christmas Program. Carmen Bonin taught an art class emphasizing textiles.

Nancy Nystrom finished out the elective courses heading ScienceWise. Science teams competed with one another in building and testing models, utilizing science knowledge and skills. This small group had the opportunity to visit the Fort Worth Museum of

Science and History.

Students look forward to next semester when a new roster for Explore-A-Course will be offered. Real world experiences are continually being sought for future programs and course offerings at Sacred Heart. Parents, members of the community, and business leaders are encouraged to contact the school concerning skills and experiences they might want to share with young people.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF NOV. 29 - DEC. 3

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Mon. - Cook's choice.
Tues. - Meatloaf, potato wedges, carrots, apricots, whole wheat rolls.
Wed. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, peaches, bread.
Thurs. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, corn, applesauce, bread.
Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream sandwich.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos w/wheat and cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, beans, pineapple, brownies w/walnuts.
Tues. - Chicken tenders, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.
Wed. - Sub sandwich (ham, turkey, cheese) lettuce and tomatoes, chips and salsa, fresh vegetables, oranges, cookies.
Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.
Fri. - Hamburger w/cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Crispiitos, cheese sticks, ranch style beans, Spanish rice, peaches, bread.
Tues. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, pears, bread.
Wed. - Beef stew, pickle wedges, mixed fruit, batterbread.
Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, peas, carrots, lettuce salad, peaches, bread.
Fri. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.
MUNSTER ISD
Mon. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, sliced pears, tossed salad, jello.
Tues. - Burrito, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, sugar cookie.
Wed. - Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit mix, tossed salad, hot roll.
Thurs. - Corn dog, green beans, tossed salad, sliced pears, Missouri cookie.
Fri. - Steak sandwich, potato wedges, trimmings, ice cream.

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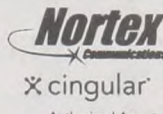
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Above, The Tigers catch an Indian for a loss. At right, Aaron Krahl dodges a defender in the Battle of the Hearts. Courtesy photos



Tigers advance to State Semi-Finals

The battle of the Sacred Hearts couldn't be a simple event Saturday afternoon at the Tigers of Muenster Sacred Heart Quarter-Final match against the Indians of Hallettsville Sacred Heart in Hallettsville.

The day started with a jinx when the fans' bus arrived after the start of the game. Then after four grinding quarters, the game went into overtime, only to have a two hour delay because of lightning and heavy rain. When the tie-breaker finally occurred, the Tigers found the end zone and took a 22-16 victory to earn a trip to the TAPPS State Semi-Finals.

"Amazing!" commented Coach Charles Boles on the Tiger victory. "It's a shame someone had to lose. It was a great effort by both teams." Boles added that he was very proud that the Tigers found a way to get it done at the end.

The Tigers now face the Carrollton American Heritage Stars this Saturday at Aubrey.

The Tigers' first drive took eight plays, including big runs by Chris Hoedebeck and Paul Bartush, to get to the two yard line. With 8:59 on the clock, Hoedebeck found paydirt around the left side of the line. Bartush kicked the extra point for a 7-0 score.

Defensive plays by Clayton Truebenbach and Josh Yosten forced an Indian punt. The Tigers got in three runs for 9 yards and punted, then allowed the Hallettsville team to gain 16 yards before Yosten dropped the Indians for a 4 yard loss, followed by an incomplete pass, and a punt.

From their 9 yard line, the Tigers made gains with Aaron Krahl and Bartush runs, and Bartush to the Theo Otto and Hoedebeck passes getting to the 34. Krahl then got to midfield, with Bartush getting into Indian territory. Another pass to Hoedebeck would have gained 13, but a hard hit caused a fumble and the Indians got the ball on their 35 yard line.

Hallettsville got in nine plays to the Tiger 18, but the drive ended when Bartush intercepted the ball on the 7, giving the Tigers possession on the Tiger 12.

The Tigers struggled, losing 8 yards. A high snap on the attempted punt caused the punter to step out of the end zone, giving the Indians 2 points on a safety.

A good return on the punt put the Indians on the Tiger 42. Seven plays later Hallettsville scored on a 28 yard pass play. The extra run was stopped by Arlie Bayer and Andy Davis for an 8-7 score with 2:51 remaining in the 1st half. The Tigers got six plays and the Indians two before the halftime break.

The 3rd quarter was scoreless. The Indians' first drive went nowhere, as the Tiger defense, led by Jon Ambrose, Tim Otto, Hoedebeck, and Krahl, forced a punt on 4th and 1.

The Tigers got a good drive going with runs by Krahl, and a Bartush to Hoedebeck pass. The drive ended with an interception near midfield. A tackle by Ambrose was followed by a fumbled pitch, covered by Davis on the Tiger 40.

A Bartush to Theo Otto pass got a 1st down for the Tigers, then the offense sputtered and punted on 4th and 10.

situation, but also leaving only seconds on the clock.

The action went to the Tigers' favor when Andy Davis blocked the Indian punt and Paul Bartush picked up the ball and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown to tie the game 16-16. The wet and muddy conditions were blamed for the missed extra kick.

Davis kept the Tiger spark alive when he covered a fumbled kick return on the Indian 33 yard line.

With 7 seconds on the clock, a pass interference flag moved the ball to the 23. "We had the shots, but couldn't get it in," said Coach Boles. As regular time ticked off the clock, with a 16-16 tied game, the officials cleared the field due

to lightening and heavy rain. Two hours and 10 minutes later, the players returned to the field.

The Tigers won the overtime toss, but chose to take defense. "You want to be in defense first," Boles noted, adding that way you know what you have to do offensively to win the game.

Clayton Truebenbach blocked a pass, but the next toss was caught for a 17 yard gain to the 8. Tackles by Krahl and Bartush, and a broken-up pass by Hoedebeck allowed no gain. A mishandled snap on an attempted field goal got the Indians caught behind the line to end the first series of plays.

From the 25, a Bartush to Colby Richey pass picked up

16 yards. The next play, Bartush, behind some good blocking, found the end zone for 6 points and the victory.

MSH 7 0 0 9 6 22
HSH 0 8 0 8 0 16

Team Stats

MSH	HSH
15	9
39/184	35/75
126	71
8/20/2	3/14/1
3/44	5/42
0/0	4/2
4/30	8/45

Individual Stats

RUSHERS: Paul Bartush, 14/92; Chris Hoedebeck, 10/51; Aaron Krahl, 14/42.

TACKLES: Andy Davis 15, Josh Yosten 9, Jon Ambrose 8, Arlie Bayer 7, Clayton Truebenbach 7, Paul Bartush 6. **TURNOVERS:** Andy Davis, Paul Bartush.

Next Action

The Tigers advance to the TAPPS Semi-Final playoffs, taking on the Stars from Carrollton American Heritage. "They are outstanding," said Coach Boles. "They have a running back that ran 507 yards in one game and has averaged 10 yards per carry the last three years." The Stars have a 10-2 record this season with losses to Saint Mark's and Tyler Street Christian. They are the District 2 runner-up, behind Tyler Street, who with Lubbock Christian and the Tigers make up the Final Four teams in Division 4.

Game time will be this Saturday at 6 p.m. at Aubrey High School.



All-District Muenster Hornets, from left: Patrick Lutkenhaus, Cole Harrison, Cain, Justin Wolf, Sean Fuhrmann, Clint Miller, Noah Barnhill. Not pictured, Matthew Yosten, Justin Ferguson, Zach Swirczynski, Derek Endres, Chase John Fredrick.

Again the Tiger defense, led by Ambrose, Davis, and Krahl, held the Indians for another punt. The Tigers quickly moved to the Hallettsville 7 yard line with a 60 yard Bartush to Hoedebeck pass play. A keeper by Bartush picked up 2 yards, but two unsuccessful runs lost 3 as the 3rd quarter ended. On 4th and 4, Paul Bartush kicked a field goal and six seconds into the final period, the Tigers took a 10-8 lead.

Truebenbach, Bayer, Theo Otto, Yosten, and Davis teamed up for tackles to make the Indians punt on 4th and 10. The Tiger offense struggled, gaining 9 yards and punting. Hallettsville, starting on their 24, picked up a quick 46 yards, then continued pounding the line to the 16 yard line. Hoedebeck dropped the Indians for a loss, followed by a flag and incomplete pass. On 4th and 14, the Indians found the end zone. The extra run gave Hallettsville a 16-10 lead with 3:11 remaining in the game.

The Tigers fought back with Bartush passes to Theo Otto and Hoedebeck, and a Krahl run getting them to the Indian 44. Three plays later, a Tiger pass was intercepted.

Davis, Bayer, and Yosten held the Indians to 7 yards, with two delay of game flags not only dropping the Indians into a punting

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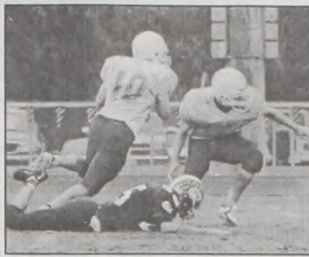
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Paul Bartush (10) picks off an Indian pass, then pulls free of the defender and returns the ball.

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Sep. 17	Lindsay	21 - 35
Sep. 24	Open	
Oct. 1	Canyon Creek	28 - 0
Oct. 8	Lubbock Christian *	13 - 41
Oct. 15	Fort Worth Calvary *	28 - 3
Oct. 22	W. Harvest *	62 - 26
Oct. 29	Open	
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Knights end season to Trojans

The Lindsay Knights traveled to Saginaw Friday night to Pioneer Stadium, Boswell High School, to take on the Windthorst Trojans in Class A Area playoff action. The defending State Champions proved to be too much for the Knights, handing Lindsay a 35-6 loss.

"A disappointing loss," said Coach John Erwin. "We felt we had a chance, but it didn't turn out that way. The score doesn't tell the story," noted the coach, adding that Lindsay had several good drives that ended short and Windthorst got the big plays.

John Mosman's game starting kick landed the Trojans on their 15 yard line. After gaining 10 yards on a pass, the Knights slowed down the Windthorst offense with tackles by Levi Hermes, Blake Beadles, Adam Kasperek, Dustin Hughes, and Alan Trammell. The 4th and 2 punt put Lindsay on their 27. Trammell surprised the Trojans with a 1st down 31 yard run. Trammell and quarterback Bradley Anderle got the ball to the Trojan 30. An Anderle to Trammell pass was good for 23 yards, but the next play lost ground, followed by an incomplete pass. Anderle then connected with Trinity Otto to the 2 yard line. On 4th and goal, a delay flag lost 5 yards. The Knight drive ended on the 13 after being caught in the backfield.

The Trojans fought back, taking 10 plays to get into the end zone on a 7 yard run. The PAT kick was good for a 7-0 score.

The Knights carried the ball into the 2nd quarter with runs by Kasperek and Derick Murray, and an Anderle pass to Josey Kyle to the Windthorst 40. A flag gave the Knights another 5 yards and Anderle gained 2 more. A fumble in the backfield, recovered by Mosman, lost 4 and forced a Lindsay punt, placing Windthorst on their 3 yard line. Five plays later, another 6 points, from a 50 yard pass play. With 8:16 remaining in the 1st half, the PAT kick gave the Trojans a 14-0 lead.

The Knights' next drive never got going, punting on 4th and 17. three plays later, 21-0.

Lindsay got in six plays, gaining 15 yards before booting the ball. The Trojans moved from their 24 to the Knight 10 yard line. Tackles by Mosman, Kasperek, and Otto returned the ball to Lindsay

Tigerettes get win #2

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes got another win in their second game of the season with a 52-34 victory over the Bonham Lady Warriors. "This was a nice early season win for us," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Our defensive play was outstanding."

Leading point-maker for Sacred Heart was Whitney Wimmer with 13 points and eight assists. Maggie Farrell added 9 while pulling down 13 rebounds. Stephanie Henscheid and Diana Knabe each added 8, with Katie Flusche scoring 4, Hannah Hess and Melissa Thomas 3 each, and 2 apiece by Nicole Bayer and Brittany White. White also had seven steals.

Lindsay loses to Prosper

The Lady Knights came up short against the Prosper girls last week, falling 56-45. Lindsay took a 2 point halftime lead, then allowed Prosper to get ahead in the 3rd, then stretch their lead in the final.

Cheryl Knabe and Brittany Anderle were Lindsay's leading scorers with 14 and 10 points. Mallory Block added 8, and Stephanie Metzler 6. Chelsea Hermes, Allison Hundt, and Tiffany Martin each added 2, with Kaileigh Hess getting 1.

Lindsay hit only nine of 18 free throws, while Prosper was 20 of 28.

L	12	11	9	13	45
P	14	7	19	16	56

on the 16 yard line with 23 seconds on the clock.

It was three up and punt for both teams as the 2nd half got underway. From their 8, the Knights moved the ball on runs by Anderle and Murray, and an Anderle to Murray pass to the Trojan 45. An interception gave Windthorst the ball on their 29 yard line. Six plays later, the Trojans were up 28-0.

The Knights' next drive took 13 plays, including runs by Trammell, Anderle, and Murray, moving from their 26 to the Trojan 27 before running out of downs. Two Trojan plays, 35-0 with six minutes remaining in the game.

After the kick, Lindsay started their next drive at their 34. Anderle got 7 yards, and 5 more from a face mask. An Anderle to Kyle pass gained 27 yards to the 26. Two more Anderle runs got the Knights to the 15. With 3:14 on the clock, Anderle found Christopher Creed in the end zone for the touchdown. The PAT pass failed for a 35-6 score.

Windthorst's next four runs lost 8 yards with tackles by Beadles, Hughes, Garrett Jones, Kasperek, Jacob Geray, and Ryan Zimmerer. The Knights ran out the remaining time as their football season ended.

L	0	0	0	6	6
W	7	14	7	7	35

Team Stats		
L		W
16	1st downs	15
45/63	Rushes/yds	29/223
99	Passing yds	217
6/16/1	Comp/att/int	11/13/0
4/32	Punts/avg.	2/43
30	Fumbles/lost	0/0
3/17	Penalties/yds	3/20

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Brad Anderle, 21/75; Alan Trammell, 10/49; Derick Murray, 11/41. **TACKLES:** Adam Kasperek 10, Levi Hermes 6, Trinity Otto 6, Dustin Hughes 5.

The Knights ended the season as Area qualifiers

and with an 8-3 record. Windthorst advances to Regional and will face Albany.

"I'm proud of the seniors and the leadership they showed," commented the Lindsay coach. "No playoff experience hurt, but we were proud to be there."



Garrett Alfrey (21) returns a kick behind teammates, including Josey Kyle (86), Cody Anderle (81), Alan Trammell (30), and Jared Schroeder (88). Photo by Janie Hartman



The Lindsay Knights huddle on the field after their loss to the defending State Champions Windthorst Trojans last Friday night at Boswell High School. The players listen to Coach John Erwin's comments as the Trojans celebrate their Area Championship. Photo by Janie Hartman



Above right, the Knight defense closes in on a Trojan, including Tanner Henry (73) and Garrett Jones (50); above, Jacob Geray (68) puts pressure on the Trojan quarterback; above right - Blake Beadles (70) chases a Trojan in the back field; at right - Josey Kyle goes down after scooping up a completed pass. Photos by Janie Hartman

Lady Hornets settle for Third

Muenster's Lady Hornets participated in the Saint Jo Tournament last week, winning two, but losing one, earning 3rd place.

Action began Thursday with a big 62-40 victory over Nocona. Twenty-seven points by Joanna Felderhoff lifted Muenster to victory. Megan Felderhoff and Sandy Endres each added 7, with Whitney Watson getting two 3s. Alison Teafatiller and Laura Heers each got 5 points, with Rebecca Grewing scoring 4, and Tara Swirczynski 1.

Muenster dropped in five 3-pointers and were 11 of 23

from the free throw line.

M	21	9	19	13	62
P	5	13	11	11	40

In round two Friday evening the Lady Hornets were handed their first defeat of the season when the Lady Dogs of Alvord won 43-31. Muenster hit only two of 10 free throws and only one 3-pointer.

M. Felderhoff put in 10 points for the Lady Hornets, with Grewing adding 8, Swirczynski 4, Heers 3, and 2 apiece from Endres, Teafatiller, and J. Felderhoff.

M	4	11	4	12	31
A	13	15	13	2	43

Saturday's game for 3rd place saw Muenster dominate a victory over Chico's Lady Dragons, 69-19.

J. Felderhoff and Teafatiller were both high scorers with 14 points each. M. Felderhoff added 8, Watson 7, and 6 apiece by Kallie Gerstberger and Kristen Hess. Heers scored 5, Danielle Bindel 4, Stevie Klement 3, and Grewing 2.

Muenster hit 14 of 19 free throws while Chico got only two of 11.

M	20	21	18	10	69
C	7	7	2	3	19



Battle of the Hearts viewed

On Wednesday, Nov. 24 the film of the Sacred Heart Tigers playing Hallettsville Sacred Heart was shown at 8 p.m. at the Tower Pizzeria. The public was welcomed to view this playoff game won by the Tigers in overtime.

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she would be ineligible to serve due to conflict of interest. Nominations and voting will be done at the December meeting. Three will be appointed or re-appointed. ARB members are paid \$50 for a half day of reviews and \$100 for a whole day. During the Chief Appraiser's report Smithson noted, "The appraisers are farther ahead as far as re-appraisals than they've ever been." For the past two weeks they've been taking schooling. Most of Gainesville has been re-appraised and Lake Kiowa is next for new construction and re-evaluation. Muenster has been re-inspected and that team is now working the Callisburg area. Another team is re-working Moss Lake and they will soon move on to

the rural area of Gainesville. Smithson said that physical re-appraisals should be done every two to three years, but depending on what the market is doing, some areas need to be re-evaluated yearly. In regard to the insurance company that held the bond on Judith Barnhill, former CCAD business manager who was convicted of theft from the CCAD, Smithson said the company is balking on paying up for the amount lost. Barnhill was not sentenced to jail, but must make restitution for the money taken. She is supposed to pay \$200 per month to CCAD until the whole \$28,000 is repaid. It was noted that so far she had repaid \$2,600 of that amount and is not always regular with her payments. Smithson would like for the insurance company to pay

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The job of the facilitator is to help entrepreneurs start businesses or expand existing businesses. He or she is to be available to anyone, but is not allowed to initiate contact. The potential entrepreneur must take the initiative. The facilitator evaluates the business plan and, if necessary, makes suggestions for improving it. When an entrepreneur has a viable business plan, the facilitator identifies any areas in which help is needed. Dr. Sirolli has observed that success in business usually requires three passions—a passion for producing a good product, a passion for marketing the product, and a passion for financial management—but no one person has all three passions. The facilitator works with a board of local citizens who have been recruited and trained by the Sirolli Institute. Board members are chosen for their knowledge of the local business environment, and they pool their knowledge to suggest people as needed to help the entrepreneur with any of the three required types of expertise. Everyone involved works in strict confidentiality. This approach seems tailor-made for Muenster, because of our community's strong entrepreneurial spirit. For example, when the Gainesville Valentine plant closed, local entrepreneurs started successful machining businesses. And don't forget

that Muenster has already given birth to some truly unique businesses. Rumber, Uniflex, and Earthpak are just a few examples. We also have businesses that draw people from many miles away to shop for meats, cheeses, and gifts, and to dine, play golf, and ride motorcycles. Our tourism business could especially benefit. With more establishments that attract visitors, we could reach a critical mass of attractions, making Muenster a weekend destination rather than a stop along the way. But the Sirolli methodology is not limited to the development of tourist-centered businesses. Its beauty is that it taps the creativity of our citizens. Given the types of businesses that have already sprung up in our community, we can be sure that we will be surprised by the variety of businesses that will sprout once they are given some encouragement. The project can begin after Workforce Texoma signs the contract with the Sirolli Institute (hopefully by the end of the year, to get the discount). To sign the contract, Workforce Texoma needs an expression of interest from our community. Obviously, they do not want to start a project that does not have enough community support to succeed. The best way to show our support is to pledge or

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