

## Barr signs on with Muenster P.D.

By Janet Felderhoff

Muenster's Police force is back up to par in numbers with the addition of Tom Barr. The resignation of Eric Trout in August left the three-man force one short.

On Sept. 2, Officer Barr was sworn in as an officer of the Muenster Police Department. "Tom has over 20 years of law enforcement experience he brings and will be an asset to the Department," remarked Chief of Police Mark Blankenship. "Tom has worked in North Texas for many years and has the personality needed for our area. Please welcome Tom to our community."

When in college, Barr came from his home state of Iowa to Texas with hopes of play-

ing college football. He said when that did not work out, he enrolled in Cooke County College, now North Central Texas College. When Barr first entered college, becoming a police officer was not his goal. He explained, "I intended to go into more of the game warden wildlife biology line of work. Then I started taking some Criminal Justice classes in college and I gravitated towards that line. I thought it was an opportunity to help the people and make a difference."

After earning his degree in law enforcement, Barr went to work for the City of Denison. His next position was with Cockerell Hill, in South Dallas. He then worked for

the Ellis County Sheriff's Office in Waxahachie. For the past 13 years, Barr served as patrol supervisor for the Lamar County Sheriff's Office.

On his philosophy of law enforcement Barr commented, "We find ways to resolve problems. If people have the need or a problem that they can't resolve, or need help, that's where we step in and try to find a solution to the problem."

Barr is married to the Cooke County area's game warden Darla Barr. She was transferred to Cooke County which is where she was raised and has family. The couple moved back to this area and Tom was looking for job opportunities in his

field of expertise. "I heard there was an opening here in Muenster and I've always liked Muenster. We've done business at the sale barn when it was going, and come up here and have meat processed. The opportunity came up and I was fortunate enough to get the spot."

Hobbies enjoyed by Barr are shooting in archery competitions, and teaching hunter education and archery bow hunter education. Also, he is a hunter. Barr raises cattle which helps to keep him busy.

Barr remarked on his new job, "In the short time I've been here, everybody seems to be really nice and friendly. I believe that I'm going to fit in very well."



Officer Tom Barr, the most recent addition to the Muenster Police Department, started on Sept. 2. Chief of Police Mark Blankenship has his two officers out patrolling frequently to make a more visible presence in Muenster. Janet Felderhoff photo

## Muenster ISD Homecoming spirit prevails despite rainy night



Few complained about the much-needed rain at Friday's Muenster ISD Homecoming festivities. Lana Heers is shown beaming with excitement as she learned that she is 2011 Homecoming Queen. Her escort, Dillon Bayer, holds an umbrella trying to protect her from cold, blowing rain. Melvin Luke photo

## Workshop set with author Matthew Kelly

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster, and St. Thomas Aquinas in Pilot Point joined forces to invite *New York Times* best-selling author Matthew Kelly to facilitate a half-day workshop in North Texas. Matthew, along with worship leader and musician Eliot Morris, will present a unique message inspired by God and the teachings of the Catholic church.

Topics include: how to take a good look at where you are in your life - personally and spiritually; different forms of prayer; how to study scripture; an overview of Catholicism to enable individuals to better love and live their faith and evangelize; as well as how to apply faith to every

aspect of their lives - work, finances, marriage, health and well being, and community involvement.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this special event and gain insight on how to live more fully the life God has created for you on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the First Christian Church Life Center located at 401 N. Dixon in Gainesville. Doors open at 8 a.m. for check-in and seating. Workshop will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$39 per person and include workshop materials. To purchase tickets, call Christine Weinzapfel 940/736-5405, Ben Bindel 940/736-3090, or Anna Braziel 940/841-2067.

## Muenster ISD Board approves 2012 tax rate of \$1.27

By Janet Felderhoff

Muenster ISD Board of Trustees chose a special meeting held on Aug. 24 to take action on contracts regarding the new buildings and to set the tax rate.

The effective tax rate is \$1.1410. That is the tax rate that would be required to collect the same tax dollars as last year. For 2012, the rollback rate is \$1.04. The Board of Trustees adopted a tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 property valuation for Maintenance and Operation (M&O) and an Interest & Sinking (I&S) rate of \$0.23 for a total tax rate of \$1.27 per \$100 valuation. The I&S fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both that were approved by voters.

Last year's total M&O rate was \$1.04 and the I&S was \$0.835. Last year, the average market value of residences in the Muenster Independent School District was \$100,453 and this year, it is \$101,228. Last year's total tax rate of \$1.1235 cost the average resident \$960 in taxes. This year's rate is expected to cost the average taxpayer \$1095 or an increase on average of \$135.

Compass Builders received the Board's go ahead to seek bids on the new practice gym.

Other business conducted at the Aug. 24 meeting included approving a one year, 10 month-10 day probationary dual assignment contract with Stephen Blassingame as coach/teacher for 2011-12.

The Cooke County Appraisal District Budget was accepted as presented.

Another called meeting took place on Aug. 31. At that meeting, the Board accepted the contract as presented from W.C. Ferrell, Jr. for architectural services on the MISD building projects. They also authorized the Superintendent to negotiate the terms and conditions of

the contract and to execute the contract with Compass Builders, Inc. as construction manager agent on building projects.

The regular meeting of the MISD Board took place on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

With the District earning an Exemplary designation, the Board approved to pay a stipend that is the same rate as last year to the personnel.

Reports presented to the Board included:

### Superintendent

Superintendent Clay Richerson reminded the Board that Board training is scheduled on Oct. 7-8 at Turtle Hill Conference Center. It is sponsored by Saint Jo ISD.

The TASB Policy Audit is set for Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Muenster ISD.

Wind damage repair for a temporary roof for the 300 building was \$3,800. A small electrical fire caused by faulty wiring took place in the bus barn. The wiring was repaired and wiring was done for more outlets to plug in buses.

Energy Services (FPL) conducted an energy upgrade audit at a cost of \$37,985. The Superintendent applied for a Cool Schools Grant for \$204,188 to pay for energy upgrades.

Mr. Richerson reported that \$1.2 million will have to be paid back to the TEA from the \$1.3 million that MISD received in error from the TEA. He also reported that MISD's budget would receive \$230,000 less in the 2012-13 school year than was received from the TEA this year. He said MISD was cut \$360,000 this year. Wolfe Ridge Wind Energy requested a property tax credit so TEA would reimburse MISD.

As directed by the Board, Mr. Richerson will put out an administrative directive that no organization is allowed to order black apparel that is purchased with school funds.

### Elementary Principal

Lou Heers, Elementary principal, told of a profusion of activities that mark the beginning of a new school year. This included Howdy Night on Aug. 17. Of the 267 students enrolled in grades Pre-K through 6th, 250 or 94% attended the event.

On Aug. 26, an Elementary orientation assembly took place. Its purpose was to familiarize students with the various UIL events in which they can participate. UIL practice has begun, with many students trying out.

In honor of Grandparent's Day, which was Sept. 11 this year, grandparents of Elementary students were invited to have lunch with their grandchildren between Sept. 6-9.

Bus evacuation drills are planned for this month. The Cognitive Abilities Test is being administered the week of Sept. 19-23 to 3rd and 6th graders. Students in grades 1st, 2nd, and 4th will take an achievement test, Iowa Test of Basic Skills, that same week. It compares them with students of their age nationwide. On Wednesday, Sept., 21, School/Yearbook pictures were taken.

### Jr. High/High School Principal

Principal Sharon Brownning gave attendance totals for Junior High of 61 and High School of 140. Students are busy with classes and extracurricular activities. Roof repair is being completed on the Ag classrooms.

CX Debate has started practice competitions. District competition is Feb. 2. National Honor Society induction invitations have been given to qualifying students.

### Technology Director

Jeff Presnall, technology director, reported that MISD's E-rate funding was approved by the Schools & Libraries Division of United Service Administrative Company. The District will

receive \$8,140 in telecommunications discounts for the 2011-12 school year.

There are 76 tech work orders from staff members being processed. SchoolMessenger is active for the Elementary campus, but they are working on issues with the high school cam-

pus. Parent Portal is operational. A computerized scoring program was used for the School's Cross Country Meet. Film editing software and projectors were installed for football.

CCAD had an overage of \$3,226.32 from Muenster ISD. Other entities also had

overages and each voted to either have it returned to them or allow CCAD to keep it in an emergency account. Muenster ISD's Board voted to have it returned to the District.

Delinquent taxes collected in August for MISD totaled \$7,189.29.

## Engaged in a day of carefree play



What better way to spend the day than sliding and tumbling down a huge air-filled slide with friends and family? Dayton Gressett took great pleasure in trying his acrobatic skills on one of two super slides at the 6th Annual Family Day in the Park Sunday afternoon. Rain changed the location from a muddy park to the Community Center, but did not detract from the outdoor fun. See page 4 for more photos. Janet Felderhoff photo

# Obituaries

## Paul Yosten 1916 - 2011

Funeral Mass for Paul Yosten of River Oaks was held Thursday, Sept. 22 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Interment followed in Greenwood Memorial Park. Vigil was held Wednesday evening at Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

Paul J. Yosten died at the age of 95 on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

Born to Robert and Agnes Swirczynski Yosten on Feb. 12, 1916, in Muenster, Paul served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He married Bernice Miller in 1942. He was part of one of the founding families of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in River Oaks. Paul retired from Bill McDavid Pontiac after 35 years of service. He was a longtime resident of River Oaks and was an avid gardener, fisherman, and sheephead card player. Paul will be remembered as a very kind and gentle man who enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his wife Bernice in 2000.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law Sharon and Clyde Walterscheid, Barbara and David



Paul Yosten

Burns, Trish and Tommy Baker, and Paulette and Tim Sepulvado; sons and daughters-in-law Mike and Paula Yosten, and Joel and Teresa Yosten; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers and sister-in-law Buddy Yosten and Spike and Frances Yosten; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Herbie Miller, Barbara and Tommy Felderhoff, Marilyn and Randy Bayer, Carol and Ervin Henscheid, and Ted and Cindy Miller; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

## Services set for Schmitz

Mass of Christian Burial for Lorene Schmitz of Muenster is set for 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Friday, Sept. 23, with burial to follow in Reed Cemetery north of Saint Jo. Rosary/vigil was held at 6 p.m. Thursday at McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Lorene died at the age of 80 on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

## Don't drive into smoke on the road

Wind driven wildfire can move as fast as 60 miles per hour. When you see thick smoke across a highway, do not drive into it. Slow down. Prepare to stop and turn around. Activate your emergency flashers to warn vehicles following you. Check for oncoming traffic. Make sure you can turn around safely. Remember, when there is dense smoke on the road; do not drive into it.

Without inspiration the best powers of the mind remain dormant. There is a fuel in us which needs to be ignited with sparks.

Johann Gottfried Von Herder



St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay held a special Mass last Wednesday to mark the completion of the restoration of St. Peter's Church. Mass was held in Centennial Hall and the school cafeteria during the long work period. Pictured during Mass Wednesday were Most Rev. Bishop Kevin Vann of the Fort Worth Diocese, center, Pastor Fr. Raymond McDaniel, second from the right, and some of the other religious in attendance.

## DAYS GONE BY.....

### 65 YEARS AGO Sept. 20, 1946

Combined enrollment of both parochial and public schools is 513. Myra cotton gin destroyed by fire. Miss Jewel Hoffman joined the REA office personnel Monday. Obituary: Joseph Krebs, 81. Little Jerry Fuhrmann received bruises and lost two teeth in an accident while working in the fields with his father H.J. Fuhrmann. Albert Zimmerer has recovered from bruises received in a fall from the roof of the family garage; the accident occurred during a game of hide and seek. Wedding: Thecla Popp and Milton Gossett.

### 50 YEARS AGO Sept. 22, 1961

Progress noted on dial centering system; dial telephone can be expected here about January 1963. Peggy Hoedebek can wear shoes again since she had five stitches removed from a healed gash on her right foot. New Arrivals: Virgil to Vincent and Irma Forrester; a daughter to Billy Joe and Gladys Mayer; Carla to Johnny and Tillie Otto; Donna to Rudy and Anna Belle Dieter. Weddings: Linda Scott and R.B. Stallcup; Betty Jean Sicking and Bill Schneek. The Center advertises wonderful dining and dancing.

### 25 YEARS AGO Sept. 19, 1986

Muenster Jaycees dedicate memorial in city park to the seven astronauts who died in the Challenger Space Shuttle tragedy. Fine for littering in Muenster city limits is \$100 plus \$13.50 court costs. Money from Red River Liquor Store robbery remains un-found. Elwyn and Rachel Hope celebrate 50th anniversary. New Arrivals: Joni to John and Dora Erwin; Lindsay to Joe and Jana Bengfort; Stephanie to William and Sharon Hoenig; Ray to Ray and Sara "Puppet" Long; Kevin to David and Debbie Lain.



## Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police  
Mark Blankenship

Between Sept. 1 and Sept. 15, the Department responded to 24 CALLS FOR SERVICE, entered 3 INCIDENT reports, issued 13 CITATIONS, and made 3 on-scene ARRESTS. Along with these items, the Officers performed routine patrol of neighborhoods and security checks of local business.

We hope that our higher degree of visibility is and will be a deterrent to unwanted activities and traffic violations in our community. A more proactive department is our goal. We will continue to enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner.

It has been observed that there are numerous parking violations in our neighborhoods, most of these being, *parking on the wrong side of the street*, or facing the wrong direction. This may seem harmless, however if the parked vehicle were to be involved in an accident while parked improperly, the owner could have some liability along with a parking violation citation. It's just easier and safer to park properly to begin with.

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How do you begin to thank everyone for their kindness, thoughtfulness, and more importantly their prayers. Words cannot express the gratitude my children and I feel toward all the people who do their job without question. I thank God every day for these people. The funeral service and music will never be forgotten. A special thank you to Fathers Ken and Kyle who were there for us at our most heartbroken time.

Thanks to the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus for their time and talent

The family of Billy Rohmer



## Muenster Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation



Leslie Schilling OTR, CHT

Muenster Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation is offering a new service - hand therapy, with certified hand therapist Leslie Schilling. Hand therapy benefits the upper limb, which includes the hand, wrist, elbow, and shoulder girdle, to enhance an individual's ability to perform daily tasks.

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(940) 759-6198

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

Sunday, September 25 2011	Monday, September 26, 2011	Tuesday, September 27, 2011	Wednesday, September 28, 2011	Thursday, September 29, 2011	Friday, September 30, 2011	Saturday, October 1, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm St. Mary's Fall Festival		Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon. Center Co-ed V.ball 7:30 MISD old gym Rel. Ed class 7 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m.  Tigers @ Lutheran Hornets open date	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Sunday, October 2, 2011	Monday, October 3, 2011	Tuesday, October 4, 2011	Wednesday, October 5, 2011	Thursday, October 6, 2011	Friday, October 7, 2011	Saturday, October 8, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm C of C Golf Tournament Life Chain 1:30 - 3 pm City Park Lindsay Oktoberfest Lindsay Park	CDA mtg. 7:30 KC Hall	Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Co-ed V'ball M old gym 7:30 Rel. Ed Class 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm United Way Muenster Community Blitz Day 9-12 MSB	Muenster Museum open - 1-4  Hornets @ Petrolia Tigers vs Amarillo  Muenster Memorial Hospital Health Fair 7-9 am	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm KMB Fall Planting Pay meet 9 am KMB Haus

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# LIFESTYLE

## 65th wedding anniversary celebrated by Ray and Marcy Wilde

Ray and Marcy Wilde were honored on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 23, the actual anniversary date. Children of the couple hosted the event at the home of Mike and Joni Sturm.

Ray Wilde and Marcella Schmitz were married in St. Peter's Catholic Church at Lindsay in a 9 a.m. ceremony officiated by Rev. Conrad Herda.

Ray is the son of the late Loretta Eberhardt Wilde and Joseph Bernard Wilde then of Muenster. Marcy is the daughter of the late Mary Bezner Schmitz and John William Schmitz then of Lindsay. Children and grandchildren of the couple are Dan and Nancy Wilde of Bowie and children Scott and Lisa Wilde of Lake Dallas, Melanie and Rodney Mitchell of Denton, Josh Wilde of Sanford, Florida; Jan and

Chris Cain of Muenster and Christin and Jason Abbot of Muenster, Cory and Stephanie Cain of Allen, Chisam Cain, Chase Cain of Muenster; Joni and Mike Sturm of Muenster, Amy and Yancy Culp, Kimberly and Chip Bubela all of Leander, and John Sturm of Muenster; Tina and Donnie Womack of Nocona, Chelsea Womack, Brad Womack of Dallas and Hailey Womack of Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Gregg and Shirley Wilde of Leander, Jeff and Kendra Wilde of Austin, Matt and Alex Wilde of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Kaitlin Wilde of Fort Worth; Renee and Tom Martin and Carly of San Diego, California, Meagan Martin and Steven Martin, students at University California Santa Barbara. Great-grandchildren are Hayden Mitchell, Reid Wilde, Austin Hennigan,

Riley Cain, Presley Abbot, Jackson and Jett Cain, Lily and Scout Culp, Ava Bubela, Carter and Wyatt Wilde, and Jamison Wilde.

Family members enjoyed an afternoon of visiting and viewing a DVD of wedding photos created by granddaughter Chelsea Womack. The wedding portrait and Marcy's wedding gown, which was created by her sister, the late Sally Theimer, were displayed. A refreshment table carried out a sky blue and ivory color scheme with a decorated cake, fresh flowers, and a crocheted tablecloth made and given to the bride as a wedding gift from her mother.

Guests included two of the wedding attendants, Laurie Wilde Bezner of Hurst, sister of Ray, and Freddie Schmitz, brother of Marcy, accompanied by his wife Oleta. Other special guests were Lee

Roy Schmitz of Valley View and Mrs. Leonard Schmitz of Dallas. The late Johnny Schmitz, brother of Marcy and the late Gladys Wilde Bezner, sister of Ray, were also wedding attendants.

Ray and Marcy lived in Muenster all 65 years. Ray worked with his father J.B. Wilde in the Chevrolet dealership, later succeeding him as dealer. Marcy was a homemaker and later worked in the family business managing the office.

They enjoy spending time with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, attending events when able. Marcy also enjoys meeting with longtime friends for a game of bridge, and volunteers at Muenster Memorial Hospital as a greeter. Ray continues his interest with computers, keeping up with friends on the internet.



Marcy and Ray Wilde on their wedding day, July 23, 1946

## New materials at the Muenster Public Library

**August/September 2011 Fiction/Non-Fiction**  
**Fiction/Non-Fiction**  
*Acceptable Loss* by Anne Perry, *Only Time Will Tell* by Jeffrey Archer, *Home Improvement* by Charlaine Harris, *Feast for Clowns* by George R.R. Martin, *Dance with Dragons* by George R.R. Martin, *Portrait of a Spy* by Daniel Silva, *Happy Birthday* and *Fire* by Ursula Hegi, *Merciless* by Diana Galmer, *Ideal Man* by Julie Parwood, *Stealing Mona Lisa* by Carson Morton, *Burnt Mountain* by Anne Rivers Siddons, *Courageous* by Randy Alcorn, *Full Black* by Brad Thor, *Learning* by Karen Kingsbury, *Original Argument* by Glenn Beck, *Quinn* by Iris Johansen, *Split Second* by Catherine Coulter, *Then Came You* by Jennifer Weiner, *Angel in the Rubble* by Genelle Guzman-McMillan, *Flash and Bones* by Kathy Reichs, *Good Poems American Places* by Garrison Keillor.

**Junior Fiction/Non-Fiction**  
*Power of Six* by Pittacus Lore, *Beautiful Darkness* by Kami Garcia, *Fairy's Mistake* by Gail Carson Levine, *Dragon's Heart* by Jane Yolen, *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm, *Tale of Two Castles* by Gail Carson Levine, *Addie on the Inside*

by James Howe, *Never Have I Ever* by Sara Shepard, *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater.

**Easy Picture Books**  
*Llama Llama Home with Mama* by Anna Dewnd, *Betsy Red Hoodie* by Gail Carson, *Levine Max's Bunny Business* by Rosemary Wells, *Yoko Writes Her Name* by Rosemary Wells, *Should I Share My Ice Cream* by Mo Willems.

**CD Books**  
*Learning* by Karen Kingsbury, *Courageous* by Randy Alcorn, *Kill Me If You Can* by James Patterson.

### NTMC Auxiliary nut sale set for Sept. 23

If you missed the first offering of the North Texas Medical Center Auxiliary's wonderful Durham-Ellis nuts and nut mixes, here is another chance to stock up!

The Auxiliary will be offering a wide variety of nuts and nut mixes to the public in a sale slated for Friday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the front lobby at North Texas Medical Center, 1900 Hospital Boulevard in Gainesville.

Those interested in pre-viewing a list of available items, contact Parrish, 665-5152, or the Hospital at 612-8607.

## Meeting Notices

### Cooke County Retired School Personnel

The first meeting of the Cooke County Retired School Personnel (local affiliate of the Texas Retired Teachers' Association) for 2011-12 is Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. at the Stanford House in Gainesville.

A representative from the Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) will present a brief informative program. A short business meeting and leisurely social time with refreshments will follow.

Patrick Hermes, CCRSP president, reminds retired school personnel that it's not too late to join the organization for this 2011-12.

He also pointed out that this year's officers have fun programs and events planned as well as a few surprises. The organization will continue its participation in Books for Schools, Walking for Health, and Volunteer Service.

### Charter celebration planned for Cooke County Toastmasters

The officers and members of Cooke County Area Toastmasters invite the community as their guests for their official Charter Celebration on Monday, Sept. 26. The event will be held at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Distinguished guests will include Diana Patton, DTM District 25 governor, and David Martin, DTM Immediate Past District 25 governor.

For more information, Contact Kay Kinser, VP Public Relations at 469-757-4343 or visit [www.ccatoast.org](http://www.ccatoast.org)

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## SNAP Menu

### WEEK OF SEPT. 27 - 29

Tues. - Chicken and dumplings, mixed veggies, beets, rosy apples.

Wed. - Meat loaf w/creole sauce, parslid potatoes, cabbage, wheat bread, red gelatin.

Thurs. - Ham and macaroni casserole, cauliflower w/red peppers, green bean and tomato salad, peach cobbler.



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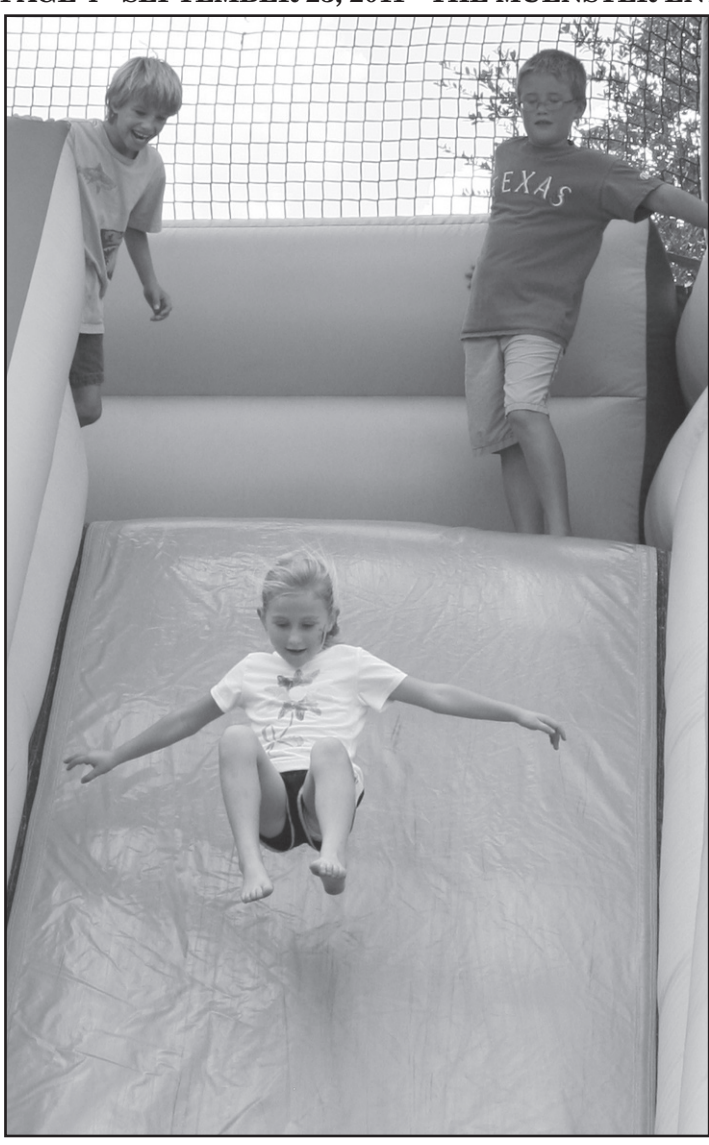
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Janet Felderhoff photos



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# SCHOOL

## SHCS kicks off 2011 Robotics season with a look at the past

The Sacred Heart Robotics team is kicking off another season of competition under the BEST Robotics Program with its sights once again pointed to the State competition. This year's theme for the competition is "Bugs!" The goal for the 2011 competition is to catch an escaped group of genetically engineered "bugs" and to put them into their respective collection bins.

Once again confronted with a challenge, the Sacred Heart Robotics team is looking to the designs of past years' robots to help them deal with the challenges of this year.

Having a collection of robots that look back over a whole decade of BEST Robotics competition, four of which have competed at the State level, the SHCS Robotics team hopes to build upon the tried and true methods of

earlier teams in order to give them an edge over its competitors. This year's team, consisting of 21 members, hopes to compete in both the robot competition and the BEST competition, which judges not only engineering skills, but also business and marketing skills. Blessed with the adequate manpower to achieve both goals, the team looks forward to a promising year with hopes of a State title.



Above - Sacred Heart Catholic School Robotics team members look over their collection of past BEST competition robots. At left - Austin Springer and Catherine Fleitman examine a past robot. SHCS photos

## Asperger's syndrome affects many

One out of every 300 children suffers from Asperger's syndrome. The syndrome was identified in 1944 by Hans Asperger, an Austrian physician. Some define Asperger's as being mild or high functioning autism. The syndrome may be inherited and is due to the malfunctioning of some of the regions of the brain.

Four times more boys than girls have Asperger's. They are often diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), because it is difficult to diagnose. It often is accompanied by other problems such as ADHD, pervasive developmental disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, generalized anxiety disorders, depression, and bipolar disorder.

One of the first behavioral aspects seen in children with Asperger's is social interaction. A child with Asperger's does not pick up on non-verbal clues and will not respond correctly in a social situation as other children. These children have difficulty in making friends and

may be described as loners. Individuals with this syndrome find it impossible to conform to certain social norms such as pleasantries exchanges, eye contact, facial expressions, proper body language, and have a hard time expressing their feelings.

They prefer retreating into their own world of isolation and feel insecure with certain social barriers. An individual may have a compulsive behavior such as counting certain items all day. A child with this syndrome may be interested in a specific subject and will learn as much as he can about that subject. Then he will talk endlessly about his interests no matter how uninterested someone else is in the subject.

Environmental factors such as extreme heat or cold and noisy atmospheres can make these individuals have hypersensitive reactions. They may also have sensitivity to touch or the feeling of clothing. Other signs are slow to begin talking, odd speech or very proper speech, anger, aggressiveness, hitting others, craving routine,

flopping hands, and motor skill problems.

According to Dr. Paulette Pitt, psychologist for Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma, "We provide services for these individuals who are physically normal, but lack proper social behavior. These individuals lack insight into their feelings. They desire to have relationships; they just do not know how to go about forming a relationship. They do not know what they are feeling emotionally and cannot express their emotions. Some of these persons have a high IQ, but they cannot keep a job because of their social behavior. In fact, some are highly educated who have held highly skilled occupations like accountants and engineers."

"This population has many needs. One of the most important is working on self-awareness and functional independent living skills. This is a step-by-step process and labor intensive. Parents can do some of this training, but the intensity is hard for the parent to take. A small child will need 40 hours a week of this intense training. They learn by repetition and more repetition.

"Coordination of services includes school and academic supports, environmental supports, community supports, and job training and placement.

There is no cure for Asperger's, but good results are experienced with individual psychotherapy, parent education and training, social skills training, and education intervention. Information on services provided by MHMR for persons with intellectual and developmental delays is available by calling 903-957-4795. LIFE FILLER



## Weather whys

Q: Can pollution affect the weather?

A: It can and often does in several ways, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. One of the most obvious ways is in the form of smog, which occurs when a layer of cold air traps a layer of warmer air underneath. "If there is any pollution in the area, it will get trapped too," McRoberts explains. "When heavy smog develops, many people can suffer breathing problems. There is also growing evidence that pollution affects the monsoon rains in Southeast Asia. Many scientists believe heavy pollution in the area has weakened the intense rains that occur in monsoon-prone regions, such as India and Indonesia."

Q: What other ways does pollution affect the weather?

A: We know beyond question that pollution can cause acid rain, which happens when pollutants in the air mix with rainfall, McRoberts adds. "Acid rain can be caused by the burning coal or other industrial products, vehicle exhaust, or power generating plants. Some types of acid rain occur naturally, such as dust emitted from volcanic eruptions, while most is man-made. Acid rain can affect vegetation, especially trees, and can cause large fish kills in lakes. In general, the most pol-

luted cities in the world are Beijing, Shanghai, Calcutta, and Mexico City, while in the United States, Los Angeles, Houston, Atlanta, and the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore areas are heavy regions of pollution."

*Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.*

## Lunch Menus

### WEEK OF SEPT. 26 - 30 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Cheese and bean burrito, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple flavored bread sticks, peaches.

Tues. - Chicken strips, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, wheat rolls.

Wed. - Pork rib patty sandwich w/barbecue sauce, chips and salsa, carrots, oranges, animal cookies.

Thurs. - Flame broiled beef patty, creamed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, pineapple, wheat hot rolls.

Fri. - Chicken patty sandwich, lettuce and tomatoes, oven fries, applesauce, carrots, ice cream.

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Tues. - Chicken crisritos,

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Wed. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, pineapple, bread.

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

Fri. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

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Mon. - Chicken dumplings, green beans, breadstick, peaches.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, applesauce.

Wed. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, corn, fruit mix.

Thurs. - Taco pie, shredded cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, pineapple.

Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, tator tots, fruit mix, ice cream.

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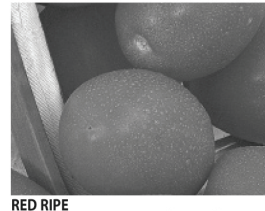
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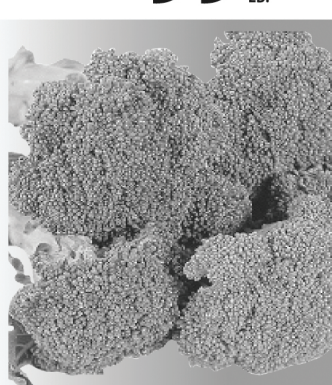
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# SPORTS

## Tigers take 25-0 win from Era



Muenster quarterback Tyler Anderle (3) zips past an S&S defender as Clayton Rohmer (72), Paul Mouring (55) and Andy Flusche (44) open up the field. Melvin Luke photo

The Sacred Heart Tiger defense controlled the field last Friday in Era, as the Hornets had no yards passing, only 88 on 35 rushes, and four 1st downs. The Tiger offense had 212 yards on the ground and 192 in the air to bring home a 25-0 victory. Three touchdowns in the 1st quarter gave Sacred Heart the boost to keep control of the game.

"I was real pleased with the way we played at a high level at the start of the game," commented Sacred Heart Coach Dale Schilling. "We played very fast and physical."

The Tigers scored on their first three drives of the game. After holding Era to a negative 3 yards, Sacred Heart took the punt on their 45 yard line. Two snaps later, a Josh Biffle to Keith Metzler pass play put 6 points on the board. Austin Aldridge added the extra point for a 7-0 score with 9:20 on the clock. Era was forced to punt again on 4th and 4. Two plays later, another Biffle to Metzler play covered 71 yards to the end zone. The PAT failed and the Tigers led 13-0 at the 6:08 mark.

Tackles by Mark Bartush, Benjamin Yosten, Biffle, and Michael Davis forced another punt. Sacred Heart took six plays to cover 65 yards, the final 22 a touchdown by Metzler after catching a pass

from Biffle. The PAT failed for a 19-0 score with just over 2 minutes remaining in the 1st quarter.

Era got in three runs, but tackles by Bartush, Davis, John Paul Hesse, and Austin Springer started the 2nd quarter with a punt. An injury to Biffle put Hesse in as quarterback.

The Hornets got in three of their four 1st downs in their next drive, that ended when Davis tipped a pass and Hesse picked it off. The Tigers then moved the ball inside the Hornet 10, but could not score, ending the 1st half.

The 3rd quarter started with both teams having three plays and punting. The Tigers' second drive began on their 27 yard line. A holding flag was followed by a Hesse run and a Hesse pass to Justin Brown to the Hornet 47. A 15 yard personal foul lost yards, but Hesse got it back. On 4th and 5, an offside flag kept the Tiger drive alive. Hesse gained 11, Bartush 8, and Hesse 7 to the 11 yard line. Metzler took the ball the last yards into the end zone. A fumbled snap on the PAT gave a 25-0 score.

Era earned another 1st down before Michael Davis intercepted an Era pass allowing the Tigers to carry the ball into the final quarter. Runs by Bartush, Metzler, and Brown, and a Hesse

to Metzler pass put Sacred Heart on the Era 8 yard line. Four plays later and Era had the ball on their own 10 yard line.

The teams exchanged punts as time ticked off the clock.

SH	19	0	6	0	25
E	0	0	0	0	0

### Team Stats

SH	E
17	4
38/212	35/88
19/2	0
5/13/0	0/3/2
5/18	6/33
2/0	2/0
6/60	3/15

### Individual Stats

RUSHERS: Josh Biffle, 5/52; John Paul Hesse, 9/77; Mark Bartush, 14/35; Keith Metzler, 6/34; Justin Brown, 4/14. RECEIVER: Keith Metzler, 4/184. TACKLES: Michael Davis, Justin Brown, Austin Springer, Quinn Sicking, John Paul Hesse. INTERCEPTIONS: Michael Davis, John Paul Hesse.

### Next Action

The Tigers will host Wichita Falls City View this Friday in front of the Homecoming crowd. "The key to this game will be to stop their running attack led by D.J. Brown," Coach Schilling said. "They have tremendous speed and are 4-0 for the first time in school history."

The Mustangs, with a school enrollment of 258, are out of UIL District 3-2A DII.

## Hornets ram S&S for Homecoming victory

The Muenster Hornets shut out the S&S Rams last Friday night before a large Homecoming crowd, despite the welcome rainy conditions. The Rams were held to less than 100 total yards while the Hornets earned a total of 447 yards on their way to a 43-0 victory, their fourth straight win over 2A teams.

"We had a great defensive performance," noted Coach Brady Carney. "Any time you hold a team under 100 total offensive yards, that's impressive."

Carney added that the offense was a mirror image of the week before. "We shot ourselves in the foot, then got rolling in the 2nd quarter to come out with another victory. The younger kids got in lots of play time and that will help the Hornets down the road."

The Hornets started cold. Their first drive ended with an interception, their second a missed field goal.

The Hornet defense meanwhile held the Rams to -6 yards their first two drives, with Trevor Hess getting an interception on S&S's third possession, placing Muenster 9 yards from the end zone. Chase Hammer scored 8 yards, with Hess gaining from the 1. Hunter Klement added the PAT for a 7-0 score with 2:57 on the clock.

The Rams carried the ball into the 2nd period, but the drive ended when Dalton Koelzer covered a fumbled ball. After exchanging punts, the Hornets had three consecutive big plays - a 20 yard run by Hess, a Tyler Anderle pass to Koelzer for 39 yards, and an Anderle to Hammer 30 yard touchdown pass play. Anderle ran in the PAT to put the Hornets up 15-0 with 7:30 on the clock.

A Ram punt was returned 33 yards by Clint Sidwell. The next play, Anderle completed a pass to Hess for a 22 yard scoring play with 5:52 remaining in the 1st half. Klement added the PAT for a 22-0 score.

Muenster's defense continued to dominate the field, forcing another Ram punt. Starting on the S&S 43, Hammer picked up 16 yards, and Anderle 14 to the 13 yard line. An Anderle to Koelzer pass found the end

zone. Klement added the point after for a 29-0 score with 3:42 on the clock.

Unable to get 10 yards, the Rams punted. The next play, Anderle and Koelzer connected for a 40 yard touchdown. Klement's PAT kick gave the Hornets a 36-0 halftime lead.

Muenster's offense opened the 2nd half with a three-play touchdown drive which included a 41 yard gain by Hess, topped with a 14 yard Hammer TD. Klement added another PAT for a 43-0 score just a minute and a half into the 3rd quarter.

S&S fumbled the kick return, covered by Cole Walterscheid, but two plays later, Muenster lost a fumble. The Rams got in nine plays before punting.

The Hornet offense saw players off the bench take to the field, with Clint Sidwell, Steven Flusche, Klement, Austin Hennigan, Mason Binder, Mark Jones, and Luke Crabtree getting in runs as Muenster played out the remaining 3rd quarter and final period.

M	7	29	7	0	43
S&S	0	0	0	0	0

### Team Stats

M	S&S
19	4
38/283	30/63
164	31
7/11	3/16
2/20.5	10/29
2/1	3/2
4/30	4/35

### Individual Stats

RUSHERS: Trevor Hess, 6/83; Dalton Koelzer, 1/42; Chase Hammer, 6/42; Mark Jones, 3/38; Steven Flusche, 5/35; Mason Binder, 6/25; Clint Sidwell, 5/18; Tyler Anderle, 3/10. RECEIVERS: Dalton Koelzer, 3/92; Trevor Hess, 2/27; Chase Hammer, 1/30; Andy Flusche, 1/15. TACKLES: Andy Flusche, Steven Flusche, Chase Hammer, Colton Lang, Luke Crabtree, Mason Binder, Hunter Klement. FUMBLES RECOVERED: Dalton Koelzer, Cole Walterscheid. INTERCEPTIONS: Trevor Hess.

### Next Action

The Hornets travel to Wolfe City this Friday night to take on a team with a new coach, the third week in a row.

"Wolfe City is coming off a good win over Howe. They seem to be getting better

each week," Coach Carney said. "They have some good players in the backfield."

The Wolves struggled last year in District 6A, D I, but have good front lines and three in the backfield playing again this season.



Austin Aldridge (27) boots an extra point for the Tigers in last week's victory over Era. Tiger blockers include Benjamin Yosten (65), Nick Zimmerer (55), Mark Bartush (2), and Keith Metzler (20). Holding the ball was Brady Endres (17). Pat Springer photo

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## Texas dove season opens with low numbers

Much of Texas is still in an extreme drought and those conditions are playing havoc on the dove population.

Texas dove season opened the first of the month with mixed reviews, but most hunters reported much lower numbers of birds than previous years.

In a Fort Worth Star Telegram report, Steve Hoelscher of San Angelo said he saw the rough season coming months ago.

"It is all about food and water," Hoelscher said in the article. "For a while, we had some sorghum fields with plants that were short but had small heads on them that provided food for the doves when they ripened and fell to the ground. Then, amid all this drought, we had a quick rain on that field and all of a sudden it and any other field in the area that had seeds on the ground sprouted out with

green growth. The result: no more seed on the ground for the doves. The mourning doves left."

Fewer doves mean fewer hunters, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) officials.

"When the hunting is good, you can't drive them away," said Doug Seamands, TPWD game warden. "But when they know it likely isn't going to be up to par, many of them will call and say they are coming but will be late."

Grain crops like milo, corn, and wheat have struggled through the drought and record heat of the summer, leaving little to no food sources for the migrating birds. Water tanks and ponds with shade near a cultivated field are yielding the best results from recent reports.

"It's all about water this year," said Jeff Stanfield, hunting guide in Knox County. "There is little food for the birds because of the dry weather, but we always have had a good number of birds raised here each year. We had 40 hunters here on opening morning and all but eight limited out and those eight who didn't get their limits that morning finished out getting their limits that afternoon. We hunted strictly over water at three ponds close to our lodge."

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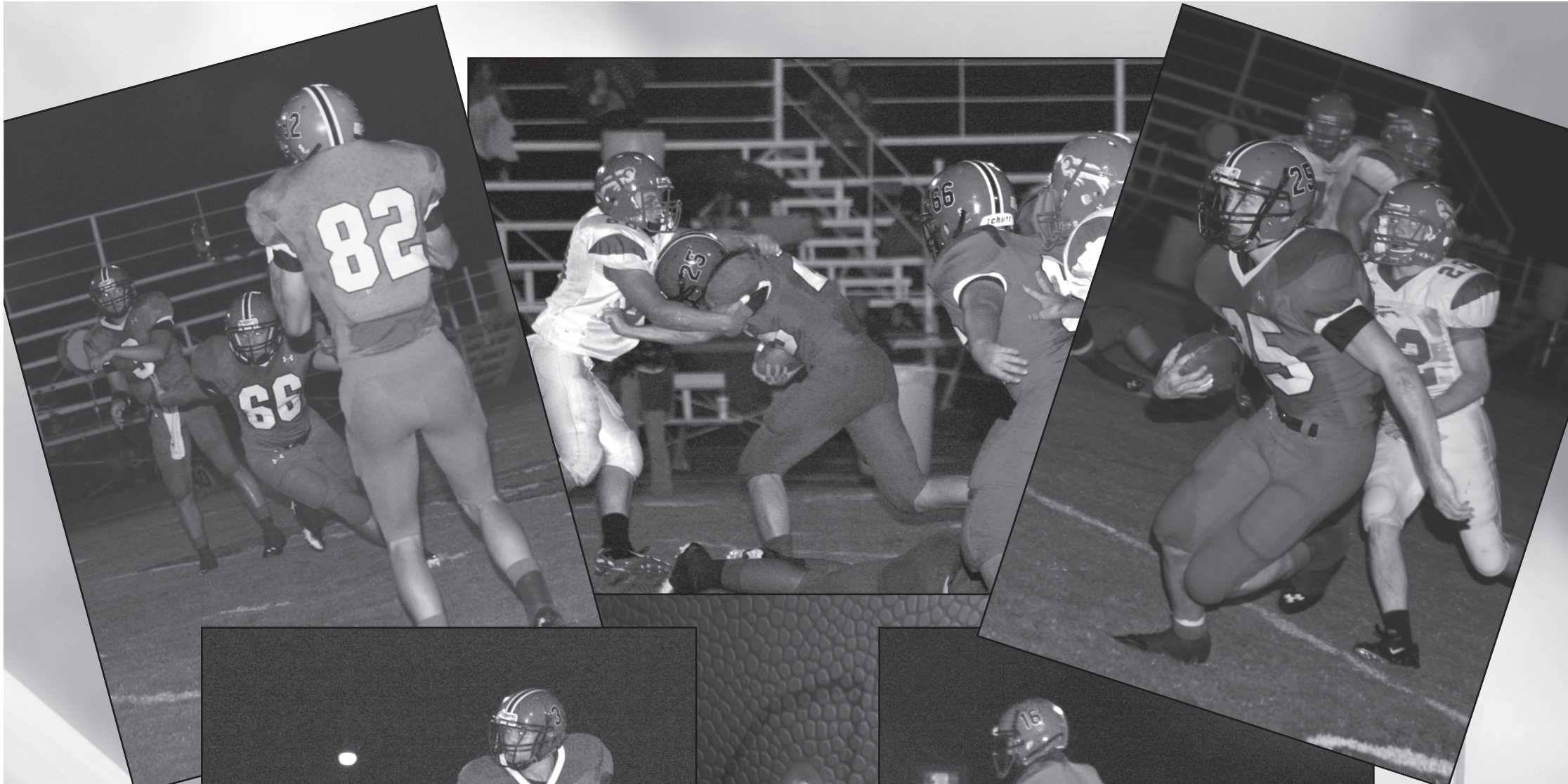
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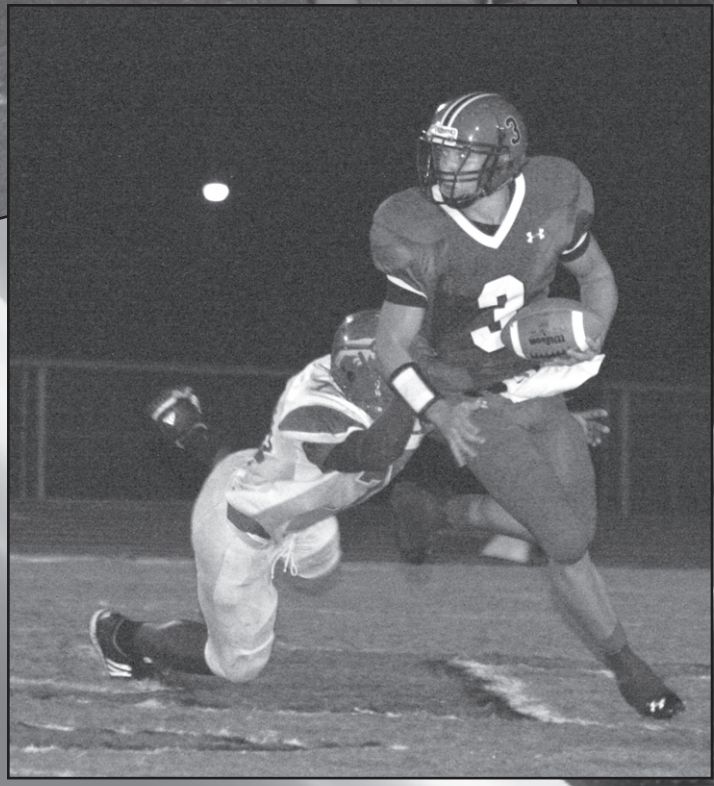
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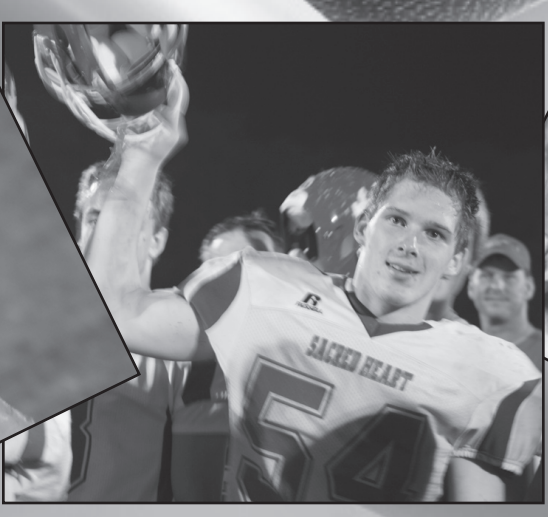
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## Hot news briefs

### Texas summer heat wave hottest on record

Wildfires and a devastating drought have plagued much of Texas since January, but this year's summer heat wave has been the hottest ever recorded.

"This is a record we're more than happy to let Texas have," Gary McManus, associate state climatologist in Oklahoma, said in an Associated Press report.

Both states and others in the nation's southern tier have baked in triple-digit heat this summer. Texas had its hottest June on record, the fifth warmest month overall, and July was the warmest month ever, according to the article.

The heat has been deadly. Seventeen people have died in Dallas County and six in Tarrant County, home to Fort Worth. One person has died in Harris County, where Houston is located.

The combined number of at least 100-degree days in the state's four largest cities—Houston, San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Austin—is 246. That tally is likely to climb as forecasts call for more triple-digit heat through the end of September.

### Drought driving peanut butter prices upward

In tough economic times, many turn to peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, but thanks to scorching heat and drought in Texas and Georgia, the price of a PB&J may go up.

Drought and record heat conditions during critical points for the Texas and Georgia peanut crop have worked together to devastate supplies and likely will cause an uptick in the price consumers pay at the store for peanut products, according to a recent Department of Agriculture (USDA) report.

USDA is predicting this year's peanut crop could be about 3.61 billion pounds, 13% smaller than last year's 4.16 billion pounds. A 30% increase on a \$3.19 jar of Jif would make that 18-ounce jar cost \$4.15.

Shelly Nutt, executive director of the Texas Peanut Producers Board in Lubbock, said although the bulk of this year's crop won't be harvested for another month, farmers who've already pulled up their peanut plants have found very few peanuts.

### La Niña advisory could extend Texas drought

La Niña, a weather pattern that stirred the 2011 Texas drought, has reemerged in the Pacific Ocean, and experts predict it may mean a prolonged drought through next year.

Since La Niña has resurfaced, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center has upgraded the La Niña Watch to a La Niña Advisory.

"This means drought is likely to continue in the drought-stricken states of Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico," said Mike Halpert, deputy director of the NOAA Climate Prediction Center. "La Niña also often brings colder winters to the Pacific Northwest and the northern Plains, and warmer temperatures to the southern states."

The La Niña pattern emerges every three to five years, and back-to-back patterns are 50% likely. The La Niña Advisory issued by the NOAA Climate Prediction Center comes on the heels of the June 2010-May 2011 La Niña episode, according to NOAA officials.

The current Texas drought has been devastating for Texas farmers and ranchers, generating a total of \$5.2 billion in agricultural losses as of August of this year.

# JV Tigers swat Era

The Junior Varsity Sacred Heart Tigers hosted the Era Hornets last week Thursday and after four quarters of play, sent Era home in defeat, 36-0.

Era got in one good run their first drive of the game. Tackles by Garrett Wheeler, Luke Cochran, Kevin Flusche, Omar Colmenero, Aaron Davis, and Isaac Walterscheid held the Hornets, forcing a punt.

A pass play from Brady Endres to Colmenero got the Cubs out of the hole and to midfield. Runs by Walterscheid and Dylan Clure were followed by an Endres to Colmenero pass play for 6 points. Clure ran in the extra points to give Sacred Heart an 8-0 lead.

The teams exchanged possessions a couple of times. With 4 minutes remaining in the 2nd quarter, the Tigers started their next scoring drive. Two runs by Clure and an Endres to Colmenero pass placed the Tigers on the Hornet 26. Clure then scored to give Sacred Heart a 14-0 lead.

The 4th quarter started with a Tiger touchdown, a 2 yard run by Clure. An Endres to Saldana pass gave the Tigers a 22-0 lead.

Less than 5 minutes later, Sacred Heart scored again on a 64 yard run by Colmenero. Clure ran in the PAT for a 30-0 score.

Tackles by Flusche and Wheeler kept Era from any gain. A fumbled snap on 4th and 9 gave Sacred Heart the ball on the Era 6 yard line. Three plays later, Saldana scored with 1:08 remaining in the game. The PAT failed for the final 36-0 Sacred Heart victory.



A JV Tiger hold on to the ball in action with the Era Hornets. Pat Springer photo

## Luttrull-McNatt Chevrolet hits home run for area youth baseball

Luttrull-McNatt Chevrolet is one of 34 Chevrolet dealers from the Dallas-Fort Worth area that partnered with local youth baseball leagues for the 2011 baseball season. In addition the dealership donated more than \$1,700 in cash and sports equipment to boys baseball of Cooke County, gave them an opportunity to raise (and keep) up to \$10,000 through a unique fundraiser, and to participate in a baseball clinic led by Texas Rangers.

"Chevrolet has a long history with baseball and we're glad we were able to bring that commitment to our youth leagues in Cooke County," said Ben Bindel, fleet sales director for Luttrull-McNatt Chevrolet. "The instructional clinic held at The Ballpark in Arlington was the highlight of the season for many of the kids. They had a blast - and, frankly, we did too."

Luttrull-McNatt partnered with the Muenster Jaycees the boys baseball programs because of the league's proximity to the dealership. Equipment donated included equipment bags, ball buckets, dugout managers, and t-shirts.

"We are delighted to be involved with the American tradition of youth baseball," said Bindel. "Sponsoring boys baseball gave us the opportunity to illustrate our commitment to the youth and families in Cooke County and we're glad to have achieved such positive outcome for the community."

In 2011, more than 1,200 Chevrolet dealers participated in Chevy Youth Baseball. Now in its sixth year, more than \$14 million has been contributed to youth baseball in the communities where Chevrolet's customers live, work, and play.

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# Cubs over Era 8-6

The Cub defense kept the Era Bees out of the end zone early and late in the game when Era threatened to score and stopped an extra points attempt to get an 8-6 win over the young Hornets last week at Tiger Field.

Era took the opening kick and drove 81 yards in 10 plays. The Bees had to work hard for the last seven plays, with Daniel Hesse, Kason Reeves, Tyler Spruill, and Ethan Henry getting in tackles to stop Era at the 2 yard line.

The Cubs made a yard and punted. Again, Sacred Heart's defense, led by Spruill, Grant Springer, Henry, and Zach Flusche stopped the Bees going into the 2nd quarter.

From their own 29, two short runs by Spruill were followed by Reeves taking the ball to midfield. Two plays later, Spruill scored on a 50 yard run. He then ran in the extra points to give the Cubs an 8-0 lead with 5 minutes remaining in the 1st half.

The young Hornets once again punted their possession away. Reeves ran 75 yards to the end zone only to have the play called back due to a holding call before the quarter ended.

After exchanging possessions, a fumbled Cub snap set up Era's touchdown, a 3 yard run with 46 seconds on the clock. The extra run was stopped by the Cubs for an 8-6 score.

The Cubs carried the ball into the final period, but fumbled the ball back to Era. The Bees carried the ball inside the Cub 15, but a 4th down play was intercepted by Reeves on the 1 yard line. With 55 seconds on the game clock, Reeves got the Cubs out of the hole with a 39 yard run before taking a knee to end the game.

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# LINDSAY SPORTS

## Knights defeat Leonard

By Pat Springer

The Lindsay Knights marched into Leonard stadium Friday night with a 1-2 pre-district record and left even at 2-2.

Rainy conditions called for adjustments to Lindsay's game plan. For the majority of the night, they kept the ball on the ground, racking up 394 yards rushing.

The Knights' first strike came on their first possession of the game, as junior Hud Harrison took the ball 54 yards to set up a Blake Walker touchdown. Garrett Yancey's PAT was good and the Knights were quickly up 7-0.

On Leonard's second possession of the game, the Knights' senior defensive back Jace Wann intercepted a Tiger pass to put them back in offensive possession. Harrison again ran the ball for a big gain, this time taking it all the way into the end zone for a TD and a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Lindsay's defense was strong, holding the Tigers back until late in the quarter when quarterback Justin Bennett connected with a Tiger receiver. At the end of the first half the Knights were up 14-7.

The Knights came out in the second half fired up. The defense held the Tigers, forcing them to punt. Lindsay's offense took over and drove the ball steadily down the field to add a third TD for the night on a Walker run with only seconds left in the third quarter.

Unable to move offensively, Leonard again punted. The fourth quarter became error ridden for both teams. Walker intercepted a pass for the Knights and the Tigers recovered a Knight fumble. Yancey got the ball back for Lindsay when he hauled in a pass intended for one of the Leonard Tigers. "Leonard got behind and had to start throwing the ball, that helped us," Coach Cody Bounds said.

Walker scampered nearly 80 yards for what would have been a sure touchdown, but the score was called back for unsportsmanlike conduct when Walker turned toward the TD to make the final score 28-7.

"This was a very emotional game and I think the refs let it get a little out of hand. We had a serious heart to heart with the boys on how we represent LINDSAY and how we should do that. They're young and it's a learning experience for them. It wasn't just Blake (Walker), there was a lot of talking going on out on the field. They did some extra running this week to make up for their mistakes," Bounds said.

The Knights had 394 yards on 39 carries, four TDs, and two fumbles for the night. Quarterback John Haverkamp went two for three to add an additional 10 yards offensively. Blake Walker made both receptions. Garrett Yancey was perfect for the night, going four for four PATs. The team made 15 first downs but racking up nine penalties for 90 yards.

The Knights are nursing a number of injuries, with five or six players out this week.

"We're lucky in that we've been able to play 20—22 different players every week. We don't have any super stars; they all work and play hard. We have kids ready to take over where we have players out," Bounds said.

Rushing: Blake Walker 17 - 246; Hud Harrison 10 -184; John Haverkamp 4-11; Garrett Yancey 3 -19.

Leading tacklers: Hud Harrison, Elijah Walker, Blake Walker, Jace Wann, Tyler Dennington, Garrett Yancey, Connor Fuhrmann, John Haverkamp.

### Next action

The Lindsay Knights will travel the short distance to Era Friday to take on the Hornets this week. The young Hornet team is struggling (1-3) after the loss of several graduating seniors last year and the season ending injury to their starting quarterback Caleb Comer.

"Era is a fundamentally sound football team," Bounds said. "They will play us hard." Kickoff is at 7:30 at Hornet Stadium.



**Knights Connor Fuhrmann (78) brings down a Leonard runner as Drew Cooney (66) moves in to finish Austin Lewter photo**

### Just a thought

*Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there.*

## Lady Knights begin District play

The Lindsay Lady Knights opened District 11A play with a win over Gold-Burg on Thursday, Sept. 15. Scores were 25-4, 25-10, 25-16.

Stats were: Tara Atkins, 5 aces (AC), 12 assists (A); Jalynd Anderle, 9 AC, 2 kills (K); Taylor Atkins, 8 AC; Nicole Fleitman, 2 AC, 5 K, 3 blocks (B), 3 digs (D); Katie Arendt, 5 AC, 5 D; Jordan Fleitman, 10 K, 2 B; Rebekah Manon, 2 A.

On Friday, Sept. 16, the Lady Knights defeated the Collinsville Lady Pirates to move to 2-0 in District. Scores were 25-15, 25-23, 25-16.

Stats were: Tara Atkins, 3 D, 23 A; Anderle, 5 AC, 9 K, 5 B, 4 D; Taylor Atkins, 2 AC, 6 K, 4 D; N. Fleitman, 2 AC, 4 K, 3 D; Arendt, 5 AC, 8 D; J. Fleitman, 11 K, 8 B, 2 D; Manon, 3 K, 2 D.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, the Lady Knights moved to 3-0 in District play by defeating the Forestburg Lady Horns by scores of 25-10, 25-9, 25-11.

Stats were: Tara Atkins, 2 AC, 4 D, 22 A; Anderle, 4 AC, 6 K, 3 B, 6 D; Taylor Atkins, 6 AC, 7 K; N. Fleitman, 2 AC, 6 K, 4 D; Arendt, 5 D; J. Fleitman, 7 K, 3 B, 2 D; Manon, 2 K; Lucinda Krahl, 5 D.

## Lindsay runs at Ken Garland Meet

The Lindsay Cross Country teams competed at the Ken Garland Meet last weekend in Denton. The Lady Knights ran very well despite the fact that they are still without a top runner who is out with an injury. The Lady Knights placed 4th out of 16 teams. The Knights were plagued with cramps and injuries and placed 16th in their division.

The top four girls results are as follows: 1, Forney, 30; 2, Krum, 47; 3, Gunter, 69; 4, Lindsay, 141.

Lindsay varsity girls individual results: 4, Megan Holt, 12:36; 19, Megan Caillier, 13:49; 26, Rebecca Metzler, 14:05; 37, Jessica Martin, 14:25; 63, Courtney Neu, 15:13; 98, Brianna Sandmann, 16:41.

Lindsay varsity boys individual results: 47, Travis Block, 19:45; 51, Dakota Ellender, 19:51; 74, John Price, 20:38; 108, Jeff Hellman, 22:59; 111, Conner Polk, 23:31; 115, Chance O'Shel, 23:58.

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## Sub-varsity Volleyball

### FRESHMEN

The freshmen moved their record to 19-3 on the season on Friday, Sept. 9 with a win over Bridgeport in three games: 25-3, 21-25, 27-25.

"Game three was very exciting and came down to the wire. The girls battled hard to come out on top," said Coach Neu.

They also participated in the Lindsay tournament on Saturday, Sept. 10 going 2-1.

In the first match, they defeated Prairie Valley in two, 25-10, 25-4. In the second match, they defeated Paradise 25-22, 25-14. In the championship match, the girls came up short, losing to Krum in three: 22-25, 25-22, 19-25. Lindsay finished second in the tournament. All three losses they have on the season have come at the hands of Krum.

The Freshmen Lady Knights beat Prairie Valley on Sept. 13, 25-23, 25-10, improving to 20-3 on the season. "The girls played sloppy in game one, but came out and played much better

in game two," commented Coach Neu.

The freshman girls fell to 20-4 on the season after losing to Krum 19-25 and 15-25 on Friday, Sept. 16. All four losses have come from the Krum Lady Cats. "The girls didn't play with the confidence that they have been playing with. And really could never get into any rhythm," noted Coach Neu.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the freshmen took a win over Red River Home School 25-10, 25-5. Coach Neu said, "The girls bounced back well after their tough game on Friday against Krum. We played more aggressive and served well. I was very proud of their efforts."

### JUNIOR VARSITY

The Lindsay JV Lady Knights improved to 16-5 on the year by defeating the team from Collinsville by scores of 25-10, 25-8. Stats are as follows: Kimberly Page, 3 assists (A), 3 aces (AC); Megan Schumacher, 2 AC, 4 kills (K); Madison Green, 3 A.

## Junior High Volleyball

Last week, Lindsay's junior high volleyball teams had three matches against Collinsville. The "B" team lost to Collinsville in two, 18-25, 13-25, with the 7th "A" team also losing, 9-25, 27-29. The Lindsay 8th "A" team won two of three, 25-13, 18-25, 15-13.

"All three losses stemmed from their first game. Serving is getting better and they are beginning to feel a little more comfortable with the rotation," commented Coach Don Neu.

In more action, one of the junior high "B" teams lost in three to Prairie Valley, 23-25, 25-18, 17-25 Monday night in Lindsay.

The junior high "B" team that went to Chico won 25-22, 25-20. According to Coach Neu, the girls "served the ball a little better, which was the difference in the match."

The 7th grade lost to Chico 22-25, 16-25. "The girls continue to improve, but must play with more confidence and be more aggressive," commented the coach.

The 8th grade beat Chico 25-14, 25-10. The girls had several pass set and hits in the match. Coach Neu said, "The 8th grade played very well and served the ball well. They hustled and played a lot more aggressively."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments  
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### Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

### Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

### Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

### Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

### Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

### Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

### Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

### Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

### Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

### Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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## Cattle Raisers' survey shows extent of drought impact on Texas ranchers

The worst one-year drought on record is affecting ranchers in the Southwest, however a recent survey conducted by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) shows TSCRA members are actively implementing a variety of strategies to adapt to the current climate.

According to TSCRA's Drought Impact Survey, 84% of respondents indicate they

have reduced their herd size from their three-year average. Herds were reduced by an average 38%.

But those numbers don't reflect a 38% decrease in the overall size of the herd in Texas. While a lot of those cattle have changed hands, says Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president, relatively few have moved out of state.

The survey indicates that

individual herds were reduced through livestock market sales, early placement into feedyards, moving cattle to unused pastures or dry lots, or sending older cows to harvest.

"These numbers indicate that the drought is certainly taking its toll on ranchers, but they also indicate that the industry is adapting to the weather," said Parker. "If there is a silver lining to the drought, it may be that this has allowed us to see just how diverse the beef industry truly is."

According to the survey, 8% of respondents indicate they will no longer own cattle in 2012, though many indicate this is only a temporary measure. No respondents indicated they plan to permanently exit the cattle business.

"Ranchers are committed to providing Americans with safe and healthy beef, and we will continue to do so come rain or shine," said Parker. "We've lived through droughts before and no doubt we will face them again. Rain will come and when it does, you can bet ranchers will rebuild their herds and the industry will come back stronger than ever."

## Feeding value of wet sorghum distillers grains for beef cattle

Ethanol production from cereal grains can generate a variety of potential cattle feeds, depending on the presence of kernel fractionation that may occur before starch digestion by yeast. The most common feeds produced include the flowable liquid known as condensed distillers solubles and wet or dry distillers grains. The vast majority of grain-derived ethanol is produced from corn, but sorghum grain is commonly either blended with corn before use or used as the sole grain for ethanol production in the southern High Plains.

Wet distillers grains represent a unique feed ingredient for cattle feedlots in the southern High Plains that possesses novel chemical and physical attributes, compared to other feed ingredients historically used in the region. Precise estimates of the nutritive value and practical implications of feeding corn and sorghum wet distillers grains to growing and finishing cattle in the southern High Plains are needed to allow cattle feeders to accurately assess the economic implications of feeding wet distillers grains.

Two experiments have been conducted involving 800 cattle in 80 pens. Yearling heifers and steer calves fed 15% of ration dry matter as

wet sorghum distillers grains had similar feed conversion efficiency as cattle not fed sorghum distillers grains.

The net energy value of wet sorghum distillers grains based on cattle performance was approximately equal to that of dry-rolled sorghum grain.

Replacing steam-flaked corn with wet sorghum distillers grains was projected to result in needing to transport 23% more feed to cattle due to changes in ration moisture and feed consumption.

## New legislation to prevent EPA regulations on farm dust

Recently proposed legislation would limit the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) power to regulate naturally occurring farm dust.

U.S. Sen. Mike Johanns (R-Neb.) introduced the legislation that aims to prevent further EPA regulations on air and farm dust. Supporters call current standards adequate.

"Regulation of farm dust by EPA could severely hamper the ability of farmers and ranchers to meet the world's food needs," said American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) President Bob Stallman in an organization news release.

The EPA currently is reviewing standards for regulating particulate matter, including dust that occurs naturally on farms and ranches.

"Increased regulation of farm dust could result in decreased productivity and higher food prices, coupled with lost jobs in the rural economy," Stallman added. "Moreover, the scientific basis for establishing such regulation has been called into question, and it has not been demonstrated that the benefits of EPA regulation would outweigh the costs."

## USDA cuts 2011 corn crop estimates again

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has once again cut its projection for the 2011 corn crop, naming dry weather and extreme heat as the major culprits.

Corn farmers are now expected to produce just 12.497 billion bushels of corn, a 417 million-bushel drop from what USDA was forecasting less than a month ago.

Texas corn producers saw some of the harshest weather this summer with some areas receiving no measurable rain during critical growing months and dealing with consecutive weeks of 100-plus degree temperatures.

"Unusually hot weather persisted across the central Plains, Midwest, and Southeast during the first week of August, promoting rapid crop development while negatively impacting crop conditions," the USDA said in its Crop Production report released this week. "Beneficial rains were reported in the extreme northern corn-producing areas, while most of the Midwest received little or no rainfall."

The production cut will come as no surprise to market analysts who have been predicting corn yields would be sharply reduced.

The USDA lowered its forecast for the average corn yield to 148.1 bushels per acre, down from the August prediction of 153 bushels per acre.

The USDA said it expects 940 million bushels of wheat to go to U.S. food production this year—a five million-bushel decrease from a month ago—and exports to total 1.025 billion bushels, down from 1.1 billion bushels. The USDA made no changes to the wheat production forecast at 2.077 billion bushels, but raised its prediction for soybean production by 29 million bushels.

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## County Agent's Report

Cooke County Marketing Club year begins Sept. 27

The fall meetings of the Marketing Club of Cooke County will begin the fourth Tuesday of Sept., the 27th. It will continue every second and fourth Tuesdays of the month(s) thereafter. The Club meets at the Farm Bureau building on Hwy. 82 in Gainesville. They discuss marketing opportunities of commodities produced in the area. Other discussion factors often involve the effects of politics on agriculture or current and emerging agriculture issues.

The Cooke County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a meal to begin the marketing club year, hoping to attract both new and old members. Please RSVP to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Cooke County if you plan to attend (940) 668-5412.

### Blue green algae may harm livestock

If you are noticing a blue green sheen on top of your pond, it could be blue green algae. Blue green algae are a problem that is associated with drought, water nutrient loads, and diminishing water in ponds. Livestock producers need to be aware of this potentially lethal concern. Across the state of Texas, many ponds have been infected, and there have been a few livestock fatalities. The toxins produced by the algae affect the animal's liver and central nervous system. Animals that do not die may become unthrifty and be poor performers.

According to Dr. Tam Garland, toxicologist a Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab (TVMDL), if a livestock producer suspects blue green algae, the first priority should be to remove the possibility of cattle watering from the suspect pond. This may mean removing the animals from the pasture, fencing off the pond and providing another water source. Next producers should have the pond water analyzed. TVMDL does conduct this test and recommends the following:

- Collect at least 8 oz water in a clean container.
- Take sample from the down-wind side of the pond (algae accumulates on the side the wind moves it toward).
- Pack the sample with an ice pack and overnight it to the lab – request blue green algae test
- Contact your local Extension office to make certain you submit the sample with the proper form and address.
- Results will be available within 24 hours of the lab receiving the sample.

Unfortunately, there is not protocol for removing the blue green algae. What is known is that typically algal blooms dissipate in three to five days. However, it is very important to note that they may last much longer. One nearby example of this is the algal blooms which have been identified in Lake Texoma this year. The duration of the problem is contingent on the micronutrient load in the pond, temperature, rainfall, and other complex factors. It is strongly suggested that the pond be re-tested prior to allowing cattle to once again begin watering from contaminated areas.

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Sold at Friday's sale SEPT. 16 there were 4131 cattle sold, compared to 3969 the previous week. Sold at Tuesday's sale SEPT. 20 were 289 Goats, 102 Sheep, and 117 Hogs. The numbers from last week were 327 Goats, 51 Sheep, and 81 Hogs. Good calves would be steady to 2 higher. Problems states such as fat bull calves and fleshy heifers would be cheaper. Good stock cows steady to 50 higher. Packer cows 2 lower due to extreme numbers. The numbers don't show to be slowing down any time. 1 expect cow numbers to keep rising like this week having 2100 cows.

<p><b>Feeder Steers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.50-1.75; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.15-1.35; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.40-1.50; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.15-1.20; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.25-1.41; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.10-1.15; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.36; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.00-1.10; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.34; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, .95-1.05; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.32; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, .90-1.00.</p> <p><b>Feeder Heifers (per lb.)</b> 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.30-1.60; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.20-1.30; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.45; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.10-1.20; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.39; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.00-1.15; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.15-1.25; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.00-1.10; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.26; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 1.00-1.10; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.20; Nos. 2 &amp; 3, 0.90-1.05.</p> <p><b>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)</b> Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., .65-.80; Slaughter Cows: #1&amp;3, .55-.70; Cut-ter: 35-.48.</p>	<p><b>Stocker Cows (per head)</b> Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$850-\$1075; Medium Frame: \$700-\$850.</p> <p><b>Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame:</b> \$1000-\$1250; Medium Frame: \$800-\$1000.</p> <p><b>Baby Calves: Holstein:</b> \$20-\$50; Cross Breeds: \$100-\$175.</p> <p><b>Barrows &amp; Gilts (per lb.)</b> US #1, 230-270: .72-.78; US #2, 220-280: .65-.72</p> <p><b>Feeders (per head):</b> 100-175 lbs.: .80-1.35; 25-90 lbs.: .20-.70</p> <p><b>Sows (per lb.)</b> Feeder, 400 or less: .50-.70; Light wt., 400-500: .50-.60; Med. wt., 500-600: .50-.60; Heavy wt., 600+: .50-.60</p> <p><b>Boars (per lb.)</b> 300 lb. up: .3-.8; 200-300 lbs.: NT Light wt.: .35-.54</p> <p><b>Sheep (per lb.)</b> Feeder lambs: 1.10-1.55; Light lambs: 1.40-1.55; Fat lambs: .90-1.40</p> <p><b>Ewes (per lb.)</b> Stocker: .33-.45 Thin: NT; Fat: NT.</p>	<p><b>Bucks (per lb)</b> Thin: NT; Fat: N.T. <b>Barbardo (per head)</b> Lambs: 20-65; Ewes: 30-.85; Bucks: 1.00-1.50.</p> <p><b>Goats (per head)</b> Kids: 20-40 lbs., \$20-\$45; 30-65 lbs., \$30-\$65; 55-75 lbs., \$50-.85.</p> <p><b>Yearlings (per head)</b> 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$120.</p> <p><b>Nannies (per head)</b> Stocker: \$50-\$80; Milk Type: \$50-\$75; Slaughter: \$50-\$80; Thin: \$20-\$45</p> <p><b>Billies (per head)</b> 120 lbs-up Breeders: \$130-\$165; Slaughter: \$90-\$130.</p> <p><b>Boer Goats (per head)</b> 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: NT; 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: NT.</p>
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