

In the spirit of Christmas ... you can give all year long



Margie Wimmer (left) and Kathy Vogel pack items at the Sacred Heart Outreach pantry to be delivered to needy families. Christmas giving has been good, with presently no empty shelves, but before the holidays are over, some shelves will once more be bare. Vogel noted items always in short supply include peanut butter, jelly, juice, flour, sugar, laundry soap, and shampoo. Thanks to a recent school "paper drive," paper goods are presently in ample supply. The Muenster Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive (see ad on page 8) and the Muenster Jaycees a dance (see ad on page 12) in support of Outreach. Donations are accepted at all times.

Janie Hartman photo

Proposed business sparks enthusiasm at City Council meeting

By Janet Felderhoff

Business owner Giles Walterscheid of Superior Machining and Fabrication and Muenster Industrial Foundation member Chas Bayer received an enthusiastic response at Monday's City Council meeting. Walterscheid hopes to purchase land along Hwy. 82 to centrally locate his business.

Bayer said the Industrial Foundation has 28 acres west of town available for sale to industrial development. Walterscheid noted that Superior is presently operating out of four locations. "We're out of room and need to add on, so at this time we would like to consolidate to one centrally located place," noted Walterscheid. "We have a lot of new business coming up this quarter and we are basically out of room. We have to do something long-term to get things worked out." It would involve about 110 employees in the beginning.

Mayor John Pagel commented, "It's an industrial development that creates jobs that people can make a living. It's not a type of industry that pays a minimum wage, brings in low income type labor. It's a good industry. It's a clean industry and one that we need to promote people who are from within our community who are trying to do well. It's something that I would hope that the Industrial Foundation and the City and the business owners can work together and make this thing happen."

Pagel said that the property is in the City limits, but does not have City services such as water or sewer. A grant route was questioned by Bayer and Walterscheid. Pagel said that they are available but come with many strings and time restraints, and after going through the process, there is no guarantee that one will get a grant. He hoped that if everyone is committed, it could be done without a grant process.

Germanfest, Inc. also plans to develop land in the area of the Industrial Park. Pagel suggested that the City, Germanfest, Inc.,

and Walterscheid work together to bring in the City services. Walterscheid said he hopes to move quickly on the project.

Alderman Greg Bohl inquired about using funds from the 4B sales tax to assist with bringing in the City services. "The 4B sales tax purpose is to attract new businesses," he noted.

City Manager Stan Endres estimated that it would take 5,000 feet each of water line and sewer line. A creek will have to be crossed or bored under to put in the systems. He anticipates a cost of \$200,000 for the whole project.

Walterscheid said he would like to apply for a tax abatement with the City. He will be bringing at least 50 employee positions from Montague County to Cooke County.

Alderman Pat Stelzer said, "I think it will be a real asset to the community too because of the jobs and to the City."

Pagel added, "We spend so much time and effort thinking about we need to go outside the community and find some industry to bring in, but what we need to think about is how do we help those who are already here. I think that is more important than going out and looking for it."

Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe remarked, "It's been a long time since I sat in a City Council meeting and got excited. Listening to Giles and Chas talk about what they're proposing - I'm ecstatic about what they're wanting to do and I hope you guys will move forward with the greatest diligence to make this thing happen. It's going to be really good for us."

The only action taken was to schedule a meeting at City Hall with Mayor Pagel, Endres, Muenster Development Corporation, Walterscheid, and Bayer.

During the budget workshop, the Council provided for the purchase of a new service truck for use in the Street and Water and Sewer departments. A cost of \$25,636 came from Klement Ford in Muenster and included a utility bed and ladder rack. Either the

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Proposed Road mapping alarms some citizens

By Janet Felderhoff

A few citizens in Cooke County feel that the proposed mapping of county roads will be a problem rather than solve a problem. They addressed their concerns to Commissioners Court at the Nov. 22 Court meeting. Others, after reading the info on Chapter 258, note that it is accepting the metes and bounds of existing roads and are not concerned.

Road mapping became necessary because in 1981 the Texas Legislature divided counties into two brackets based on population. Counties with populations under 50,000, such as Cooke County, are not allowed to acquire new county roads by prescriptive easement (recognizing that use by assuming the obligation of maintaining the public roadway) for purposes of public access. Counties with population over 50,000 are still allowed prescriptive easement.

After the change in legislation, an east Texas property owner fenced to the center of the road. That county ripped the fence out and he sued the county and won.

The Legislature seeing the problem with its legislation, passed House Bill 1117 providing a tool for smaller counties to protect the legal status of their county roads. To comply, a county must publish a county road map that identifies those roads the county claims as county roads by historical maintenance or prescriptive right. The map will depict those roads the county maintains at taxpayer expense.

That opportunity ended in May 2003 about Cooke County and about 40 other counties taking advantage of it. It has been extended

again and Cooke County hopes to take action before the window of opportunity passes again.

Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement noted, "The State of Texas is strongly recommending that all adopted this map so that we have the legal right to maintain the county roads."

They have set a public hearing for Tuesday, Jan. 4 when anyone with concerns can bring them before Commissioners Court. A map of the public roads to be adopted is posted in the Cooke County Commissioners' office in Gainesville. If there are any errors or contested roads on that map, they will go before a jury of view consisting of five impartial property owners.

Klement explained, "All the roads will be measured and the average width of what is the existing road is what we are going to adopt. No more, no less. There will be no expansion."

Klement stated, "This is as much for the protection of the landowner, the tax paying public, the taxpayer, the people who conduct business throughout the County on these roads."

According to Precinct #1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell, a previous effort to adopt the County road map was initiated and the same attorney firm Allison, Bass & Associates retained. "I perceive the process wasn't communicated correctly and became a political challenge, that took some previous Court members beyond their comfort level. Many counties have completed this effort; only a few haven't. The extension wasn't done for Cooke County alone," he said.

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Below is information on local sales tax rebates for the month of November as paid to cities in Cooke County.

City	Current Rate	Net payment this period	Comparable payment prior year	% change	2010 Payments to date	2009 Payments to date	% change
Gainesville	1.500%	546,531.29	417,978.35	30.75%	4,407,131.24	4,917,612.66	-10.38%
Lindsay	1.500%	10,871.53	10,094.85	7.69%	96,135.80	92,873.96	3.51%
Muenster	1.500%	37,710.18	30,666.85	22.96%	311,008.02	312,820.93	-0.57%
Oak Ridge	1.500%	5,760.46	6,137.60	-6.14%	65,436.55	70,018.64	-6.54%
Valley View	1.500%	12,847.38	9,702.41	32.41%	101,717.39	88,752.82	14.60%
County Total		613,720.84	474,580.06	29.31%	4,981,429.00	5,482,079.01	-9.13%

Mr. and Mrs. Claus visit families



The Muenster Knights of Columbus opened their doors last weekend to anyone wishing to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Posing for a family picture are the children of Maurus and Sally Marker. From left - Nathan (back), Braeden, Chloe, Caden (with Santa), Ava, and Landon.

Courtesy photo

Fire damages residence

By Janet Felderhoff

Sirens broke the evening quiet Tuesday around 9:30 p.m. Muenster Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire call at 114 South Walnut Street. The home was occupied by Debbie Hogan and her family.

According to Muenster VFD Chief Herbie Knabe, the family smelled smoke, but could find no fire. Later a check of the electric meter showed a hot spot and they called for assistance. He said that when the Fire Department arrived, smoke was coming from the eaves on all sides of the home, and fire was visible.

The first crew of three firefighters discovered fire in the north side of the upstairs. They removed sheet rock wall and found heavy fire in the attic void. They applied water to the flames, pulled more sheet rock, and extinguished hot spots.

Responding with Muenster VFD were Myra Thisdler and SFD Jo VFD. This is customary in all structure

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fires, Knabe noted. Gainesville Fire Department was also contacted to respond with its thermal imager to help detect any hot spots missed in the mop-up. Oncor Electric responded to remove power lines from the house and ground.

Knabe reported that three rooms were badly burned and there was heat and smoke damage to the other rooms in the home. The fire was considered under control at 10:30 p.m.

RRC production statistics and allowables for December 2010

The Texas average rig count as of Nov. 12, was 726, representing about 44% of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 351 million barrels of oil and 7.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29% of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The Commission's estimated final production for September 2010 is 29,738,198 barrels of crude oil and 529,429,553 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary September 2010 production totals of 28,153,714 barrels of crude oil and 488,629,029 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0563 for crude oil and 1.0835 for gas well gas. These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for October 2010 was 455,184,728 Mcf compared to 458,359,717 Mcf in October 2009. The November 2010 gas storage estimate is 463,200,224 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial December 2010 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 13,887,404 Mcf.

In setting the initial December 2010 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for December 2010 is reported.



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A historical jewel at Mission Concepción

This month marks the 255th anniversary of the dedication of Mission Concepción, near San Antonio, considered by many historians to be the oldest unrestored church in the United States. In an effort to push back on French encroachments from Louisiana, Concepción was originally founded, along with five other missions, by Franciscan friars in East Texas during the late 1600s. However, famine, drought, disease, and French incursions eventually forced the missionaries to relocate three of these missions to their present site on the east bank of the San Antonio River in 1731. Here, Concepción was officially renamed "Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña" after Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and Juan de Acuña, who at the time was Viceroy of New Spain.

Missionaries worked to attract American Indians from a number of tribes to join the new missions. His-

torical reports indicate 1,000 American Indians, mostly Coahuiltecan Indians, were willing to join. Many of these sought protection from their enemies, the Apaches and the Comanches. Temporary shelters were built while construction on permanent stone and adobe structures began at Concepción, including a large church and stone wall to protect the mission against enemy raids. Concepción housed not only the American Indians, but also Spanish friars and soldiers. Inside its walls, a self-serving community began to thrive.

During the next two decades, numerous challenges threatened the vitality of Concepción. Local settlers, led by the Canary Islanders who were considered the "elite" of San Antonio, attempted to curb mission rights and often won the support of government officials. This resulted in policies that stifled mission growth, such as one decree requiring missions to allow

local settlers to use the resident American Indians as laborers. Another curtailed farm production at the missions to ensure they did not produce a surplus. The friars of Concepción fought these decrees and eventually they were rescinded.

Through the peace-making efforts of Fray Benito Fernandez de Santa Ana in the 1740s, the Apaches, who considered him a friend to their tribe, finally halted raids on Concepción. This allowed the missionaries to expand their efforts, and on December 8, 1755, the church at Mission Concepción was officially dedicated.

The church, which took 20 years to build, measured roughly 89 by 22 feet, with 45-inch-thick walls. The cruciform featured a cupola, twin towers, carved portal, polychromed façade, latticed windows, and a choir loft. Today, it maintains its original roof and has never lost its integrity - a structural feat that is likely due to the fact that the church was

built directly on bedrock. While many of the colorful designs that once adorned the church have faded over the centuries, visitors can still see a few remaining frescos inside, including the "Eye of God" on the convento ceiling.

In the 1800s, Mexican independence ushered in secularization, and with it the loss of autonomy for the friars of Mission Concepción. By 1819, the mission no longer held church services. Mission property was auctioned off, and its church used as a barn by settlers, and eventually a supply depot by the U.S. Army. The American Indian population dwindled, and in 1835 the battle of Concepción took place on the mission's grounds, during which James Bowie and Texas revolutionaries defeated Mexican troops.

By 1855, after the Republic of Texas had conveyed ownership of Concepción to the Catholic Church, Mari-anist brother Andrew Edel, founder of St. Mary's Insti-

tute, was permitted by the church to use the land at Concepción. Under his direction, the church at Concepción was cleaned, repaired, and reopened for services on May 28, 1861.

Today, Concepción is a part of the San Antonio Missions National Park and is open to the public daily during park hours. The church at Concepción holds regular services. A schedule of services can be found at the Archdiocese of San Antonio's web site: <http://www.archsa.org>.

Mission Concepción is a historical and religious jewel - one that all Texans should take the time to visit. Though you will likely be lulled by the serene setting, spend a few hours at Mission Concepción and you will catch a glimpse into more turbulent times that threatened the very foundation of the colonial mission but thankfully, never destroyed it.

Sources: Texas State Historical Association, National Park Service

Winter weather emergency checklist

When winter storms threaten, monitor TV and radio, National Weather Service forecasts, and NOAA Weather Radio for information. If you must travel, keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines and don't travel alone.

Emergency tips for home

If heavy ice on power lines cuts off utility service, be extremely careful using generators or gas powered equipment. Carbon monoxide (CO) is invisible, odorless, deadly, and can build up in a matter of minutes. Be prepared at home or work with these supplies:

Battery-powered NOAA weather radio, extra batteries;

Emergency supplies of food, water, medicine, medical supplies, and items needed by babies or the elderly;

Heating fuel in the event fuel carriers cannot get through;

Properly ventilated emergency heating source such as a fireplace, wood stove, or space heater.

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City's 1995 or 1997 Ford will be traded and that value deducted from the purchase price. The amount approved during the budget workshop was \$28,000. The purchase was approved unanimously.

John Dave Fleitman purchased property that faces Mesquite Street. He plans to subdivide it and put in streets. "The Water Commissioner and the Street Commissioner need to get involved in this process," said Mayor Pagel. "They don't know how to plat it without knowing what the City wants and the City doesn't know what they're doing either, so how can they tell them what is necessary and what to do?" Discussion included that care should be taken to be sure that all City rules and regulations were adhered to for this and future subdivisions. No action took place.

Muenster Museum Week was declared for the week of Dec. 5-11. Dec. 8 marks the anniversary of the opening of the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum at 420 N. Main Street. An open house

was held on Dec. 5 to encourage the public to come in and view the Museum's new addition. The descendants of the Seylers decided to honor their parents and contribute to the community by donating their family home for use as a museum to preserve Muenster's history.

In the Administrator's report, Endres said that the City's auditor firm was already working on the audit and all seemed to be going smoothly.

Stacy Stark, grant writer with Chisholm Trails Resource Conservation Development Board in Bowie, had prepared a grant application for improvement to the City pool. She recently spoke with Endres on ways to change the application to resubmit it for a better chance of approval.

Out of the 30 applicants for that grant, Muenster ranked sixth from the bottom. Applying for a smaller grant at a different level was suggested. The competition would be cities similar in size to Muenster. The maximum grant is \$150,000, but

the City's match would be \$75,000.

"What we were planning on doing at the pool was redoing the rest rooms more than anything," Endres explained. "Then putting a new surface on the inside of the pool so we wouldn't have to be repainting it all the time. Plus build some kind of pavilion or sunshade kind of thing on the north side of the pool to have more of an area where there could be tables and things and people could use that portion of the pool."

Orr Construction's boring contractor worked on the water line near the Park. The line is installed, but not connected to the existing line. It is planned for Thursday, Nov. 9. The old line fragile and broke during the installation process.

Endres reminded the Council that since Christmas falls on a Saturday, City Hall will be closed on Dec. 24 for Christmas and Dec. 31 for New Year's.

Sales tax rebates for November were reviewed. A 23% increase was noted. Every city in Cooke County

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except Oak Ridge saw an increase.

In other business, the City Council:

- Approved a customary payroll increase of \$50 per month for Howard Burk who obtained his Wastewater license.

- Approved purchase of Muenster Marks for employee Christmas bonuses as a show of appreciation at \$50 per employee.

- Approved payments of bills totaling \$126,623.20

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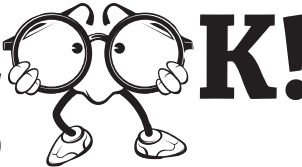
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Sunday, December 12, 2010	Monday, December 13, 2010	Tuesday, December 14, 2010	Wednesday, December 15, 2010	Thursday, December 16, 2010	Friday, December 17, 2010	Saturday, December 18, 2010
Muenster Museum open- 1-4 pm	Muenster 4-H mtg. 3:30 pm KMB mtg. 6:45 pm VFW mtg. & Aux Christmas social 7:30 pm Deadline for VFW Aux. In Lieu of Christmas cards	Library open 10am-6:30 pm 	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center NO Religious Ed class MISD Board mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm MISD early dismissal SHCS Christmas Musical prog. 7 pm	MISD early dismissal SHCS noon dismissal Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	
Sunday, December 19, 2010	Monday, December 20, 2010	Tuesday, December 21, 2010	Wednesday, December 22, 2010	Thursday, December 23, 2010	Friday, December 24, 2010	Saturday, December 25, 2010
Muenster Museum open- 1-4 pm		Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 1:30-5:30 NO Religious Ed	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m	Muenster Museum CLOSED	
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**Earnest Dwayne Garner
1932 - 2010**

Memorial services for "Ironhead" Earnest Dwayne Garner of Collinsville were held Dec. 4 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Davis officiating. Visitation was at the funeral home Dec. 3.

Ironhead was born Nov. 23, 1932 in Circle Back to Earnest Elmer and Ruby Damron Garner. He died at his residence Nov. 30, 2010.

Dwayne loved to hunt and fish. He graduated Gainesville High School in 1952 and then served four years in the U.S. Navy as a sea bee. He worked for Santa Fe

Railroad for 42 years, serving as local chairman for 17 years. Dwayne married Arlena Pond in Mule Shoe on Aug. 6, 1994.

Ironhead is survived by his wife Arlena Garner of Collinsville; son Ken Garner of Lewisville; son Kerry of Lindsay; sister Marilyn Christiansen of Gainesville; brother Bill Garner of Midlothian; sister Doris Richardson of Keller; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Janice Garner, son Kyle Garner, and his parents.

**Elmo Self
dies**

Mass of Christian Burial for Elmo Self of Gainesville was held Thursday, Dec. 9 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville. Elmo died at the age of 77 on Monday, Dec. 6, 2010 in Gainesville. The complete obituary will be in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

Love is the stepping stone to new beginnings.
Thomas Kinkade

Driver records are now available instantly online

Texas drivers can now order their driving records online and print them out immediately instead of waiting to have the record mailed to them.

"We are pleased to offer this new service, which is available 24/7 to our customers. The convenience of ordering your driver record online and then printing it out yourself will save everyone time and money," said Rebecca Davio, the DPS Assistant Director for Driver License.

Previously, drivers could order their driver record online but had to wait to receive their record via the

A Ribbon Cutting sponsored by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce was held on Tuesday morning for Rodney's Automotive located at 303 First Street in Muenster. Pictured, from left, are Robert Weinzapfel, Matt Sicking, Pat Knabe, owners Rodney and Brandie Knabe, Danny Walterscheid, and Brandon Bayer.

U.S. Postal Service. Now, drivers can place their order using a credit card and their actual driver license, and then print out their record, which is available in a certified version suitable for submitting to a court for permission to take defensive driving. All Texas drivers, including commercial driver license holders, are eligible to use the on-line Driver Record System. To request a record, drivers must provide authentication information from their Texas driver license or ID and the last four digits of their social security number. Orders also require a credit card and access to a working printer.

Letter the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

On the evening of Dec. 3rd, my grandson, who is a senior at Muenster ISD, lost his wallet while attending the Muenster ISD Christmas Band Concert. The wallet contained his driver's license and \$60.00. As soon as the wallet was discovered as missing, it was searched for but not found.

The following day, the wallet was turned in to the school with the \$60.00 missing. Obviously, someone found the wallet, stole the money, and had no interest in returning the wallet intact with all of its contents. Whoever originally found the wallet has to live with the guilt of keeping stolen money, simply because the owner of the wallet was identified by the driver's license.

If the decision is made to do the right thing and the money is returned to the school office, no questions will be asked. Would it not be better to enter the Christmas season with a clean conscience? Honesty is always the best choice and will pay off in the long run. The choice is yours.

Bud Yosten
Muenster

Letter to the Editor,

We need to bring some common sense back into our government. Go back to early day basics:

1. Don't give a fish, but a fishing pole with instructions how to use.
2. Save and put aside some from each earnings.
3. Don't buy non essentials unless you have extra cash to pay for it.
4. Eliminate all unemployment payments. Those disabled and unable to support themselves, let their family, friends, or churches take care of them. They know better how to eliminate the slackers and take care of those that truly need the HELP. If they haven't found a job in six months, they will not find one in another 90 days when they are given free money probably more than the jobs offered to them and pay no income taxes.

How is it all of the illegal come in, find a job, and then pay no taxes, buy no health insurance, but just go into emergency room for free coverage. They bring forth five to six children and they are citizens. Most average American families have only two children. Who will have the vote even to getting it passed that Spanish to be the official language of the US! So the politicians who are only looking to get elected favor this class to get their vote. They tell me they only spend US \$ enough to live and send rest back to Mexico because the Peso holds its value better.

5. Now they want to give free college tuition to the illegal children, whereas many hard working families can't get their children into college.
6. Give to the poor and tax the RICH. First of all, the rich know how to bypass taxes. Who makes the jobs available, not the poor. Will the rich with great amount of money stay here and be taxed heavily. No, they will seek out the countries that will welcome them to their country and offer no taxes for them and other benefits. I speak from 88 years of experiencing from the 20s - Depression years.

In the 1950s when income tax was 75% for top earners, I was being schooled in GM Institute in Detroit and meet Boss Kettering, who was the top research engineer. I asked him the question "How much money do you make?" He answered "I don't know, but I am told that I am FOOL TO WORK. Because with the government taking 75% of my earnings, my non deductible expenses, because of my position, are more than my net income after income taxes.

7. Japan, after WWII, eliminated all unemployment compensation and no one starved.

Danke Schoen

Ray Wilde Great Great Grand Dad US service WWII in G-2 and U.S. Air Force and lived through 4 years

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"I think the process should be simple and straight forward. I really don't think the Court has an option. If Court doesn't take this action formally, we are subject to lose any easement to maintain roads. If that happens, and people begin to fence to the center of the road, how will people traverse to and from work, school, grocery store, or the hospital?"

"The County is seeking to acquire an easement to ensure that we can continue to maintain the roads we currently maintain. To the best of my knowledge, the county will not acquire nor take any property. We aren't expanding the right of ways nor moving fences. Areas utilized by the property owner

prior to adoption should be utilized after the adoption of the road map."

Most properties fronting a county road are deeded to the property owner to the middle of the road, with the property owner paying taxes on the land that the County uses as the road and barchiches for maintenance and drainage. Adopting a county road map will not impact this.

Copies of an overview and the Transportation Code outlining this process are available from Commissioners and explain what is happening and what the law says. More information, including copies of the map are available on the County website under legal notices.

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**65 YEARS AGO
Dec. 7, 1945**
Mechanical department at Wilde Garage is reopened; in addition to being an authorized Chevrolet agent, J.B. Wilde took over the agency for Piper Cub planes and has a model on display at the air field east of town. Skidding thermometers in Muenster recorded a low of 19° at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday. Relax Theatre advertises *Valley of Decision* starring Gregory Peck and Greer Garson.

**50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 9, 1960**
Dr. Dobbs named new City health officer. A recent addition to Pagel's Store is a new large showcase freezer for the frozen foods. Lindsay donates 2,350 pounds in clothing drive. Obituaries: Nicholas Richard Hess, infant son of Gerald and Monica Hess;

Mary (Mrs. Joe) Knabe, 52. Saint Nick greets over 500 students at local schools. Rosemary Hermes has returned from Chicago after attending the National 4-H Club Congress; she earned the trip by being the State 4-H canning champion. Endres Motor advertises 1959 Ford V8 4-door Fairlane 500 for \$1,895.

**25 YEARS AGO
Dec. 6, 1985**
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On Tuesday, Dec. 14, there will be an Information/Inter-

view Session beginning at 1 p.m. Please arrive promptly. The location is Workforce Solutions, 900 North Grand Avenue, Suite 103 in Gainesville.

Experience Works is a charitable, community-based organization focused on meeting the training and employment needs of low income seniors.

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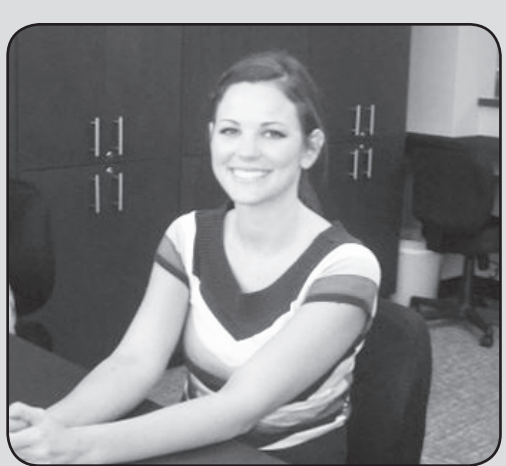
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Muenster Historical Commission member Bernice Sicking, left, gives Donna Schad and Matt Sicking a history lesson on tools of the kitchen. The Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum hosted an open house Sunday to show off their recently completed new addition. The Museum is open Thursday, Friday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. and is free of charge. The Historical Commission is holding a bake sale this Saturday at Fischer's Market beginning at 8 a.m.

Janie Hartman photo

"Swingin' Christmas" features Gainesville swing orchestra

North Central Texas College and the Department of Drama and Dance invites area residents to help usher in the season with a special holiday fundraiser concert on Dec. 16, featuring the Gainesville Swing Orchestra (GSO) and guest bandleader Dave Alexander.

The Thursday night program will get underway at 7:30 p.m. on the main stage of the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts on the NCTC Gainesville Campus.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. Tickets for general admission seating may be purchased at the door.

"All proceeds will be going to support this wonderful community group," said Gabrielle Fletcher, NCTC faculty member and member of the group. "This is especially crucial now with budget cutbacks causing the Cooke County Arts Council to significantly reduce the funding support it is able to give GSO."

"But arts-related organizations like GSO remain such a crucially important part of what makes up the quality of life in our community, just as the arts programs at NCTC are, and we are happy to assist by hosting this special concert program."

The GSO, known first as the Cooke County Orchestra, was originally formed 30 years ago to be part of the entertainment at a Gainesville Chamber of Commerce banquet with then Governor Bill Clements giving the fea-

ture address.

Today's core group of about 15 musicians plays a variety of big band tunes from legendary composers and performers ranging from Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington to Frank Sinatra and Aretha Franklin.

For more information about the concert and about the Gainesville Swing Orchestra, call Dean Patterson at 940-736-1714 or 903-786-2711.

Events

Cookie Wonderland

The women of St. Paul's Church in Gainesville are sponsoring their annual Homemade Cookie Wonderland on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. It will take place in St. Paul's Parish Hall located on Jefferson Street. Fill your bag with homemade cookies for \$10 a bag. There will also be a handmade quilt raffle.

Blanket drive to benefit area needy

Andi Hess, a Junior at Muenster ISD, is organizing a blanket drive as her National Honor Society Individual Service Project. If you have any new or gently used blankets that you would like to donate, there will be boxes available at all entrances of Sacred Heart Church, at MISD's elementary and high school offices, and at SHS's

business office. The deadline is Sunday, Dec. 19. Children's blankets will be donated to ABBA (All Babies Born Alive). All other blankets will be donated to Muenster's Outreach Program and a Denton homeless shelter.

If you have any questions, please contact (940) 759-4893.

Quilt project needs help

Everybody in the community is welcomed and encouraged to help with a lap quilt project on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon in the KC Hall. Volunteers who have sewing machines are asked to bring them. A few irons and ironing boards are also needed for the project Saturday. Besides those who can sew, volunteers are

also needed to tie knots in the blankets.

The ACTS Core Group is sponsoring the project. Their goal is to complete 43 lap quilts which will be donated to Muenster Health & Rehab Center (formerly St. Richard's Villa) and Muenster Memorial Hospital.


For more information, call Kim Felderhoff at 759-2893.



'Tis the season for giving! Pictured is Rachel Hesse, a second grader at Sacred Heart, who made a donation to Locks of Love last Friday. Locks of Love is an organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. It is estimated that 80% of all donations come from children who wish to help other children. This is the third time Rachel has donated to Locks of Love. She is the daughter of Bert and Christy Hesse of Muenster.

Seeking car donations

Many Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for car donations in any condition. The donated cars are sold at auction and the funds generated help support their many programs. Those who wish to donate or find out more information can call 800-246-0493.



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New Arrivals



Caden Hacker

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Proudly announcing the birth of their new baby brother Caden Lane Hacker are Nathan, age 9, Chloe, age 7, Braeden age 5, Landon, age 3, and Ava, age 2. Maurus and Sally Hacker of Muenster are the children's parents. Caden was born on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 at 5:37 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. He weighed 8 lb. 11 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Chuck Fisher and the late Vicky Fisher and Maurus and Lynn Hacker. Great-grandparents are Polly Fisher and the late Clyde Fisher, Dan Haverkamp, and Damond and Evelyn Fuhrmann.

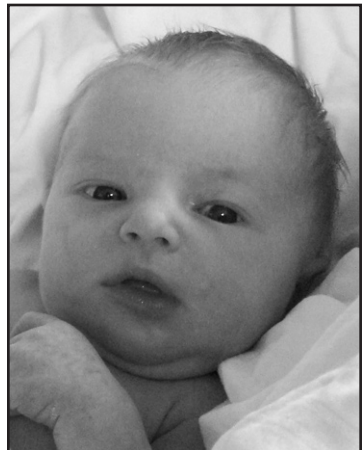


Adam Burrows

Michael and Karen Burrows of Muenster are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Adam Nicholas Burrows. Adam was born on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010 at 2:52 p.m. in North Texas Medical Center. He weighed 8 lb. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. Adam joins his brother Anthony Ray Burrows, age 18 1/2 months. Grandparents are Laren and JoAnn Hudson of Gainesville and Cathy Burrows of Gainesville and the late Mike Burrows, Sr. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Hudson of Nocona and the late Cleo Hudson, Flora Kerr of Gainesville, and Jimmie Muller of Gainesville.

Fleitman

Jody and Tanya K. Fleitman of Muenster announce with joy the birth of their son James Anthony Knauf Fleitman on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010. James was born in North Texas Medical Center at 4:05 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. Welcoming James to the family are his sister Alisha Marie Knauf Fleitman, age five, and brother Hayden John Knauf Fleitman, age 3 1/2. Grandparents are James and Nita Fleitman and Robert and Michele Knauf, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Edward Knauf of Muenster and the late Louise Knauf, Joan Bauer of LaFeria and the late Albert Bauer, the late John and Anna Fleitman, and the late Alfons and Augusta Walterscheid.



James Fleitman

Deegan Neu turns one!

Deegan Joseph Neu, son of Mark and Lacy Neu, celebrated his first birthday on Oct. 14. His birthday party was held on Oct. 16 at his home with the theme of Mickey Mouse. Deegan opened his presents and tore



Deegan Neu

into his own special Mickey Mouse cake, which was made by his mother. Deegan also took a shot at his ghost piñata.

Guests enjoyed Mickey Mouse cake, ice cream, and the children had fun hitting the piñata.

Those in attendance at the party were: Deegan's parents; grandparents Phil Endres, Marlene Pagel, and Tommy and Michelle Neu; great-grandparents Clara Endres, Gene and Emma Pelzel, and Charles and Mary Neu; Godparents Brian and Rachel Neu. Other family and friends attending were: Lisa and Macie Pagel; Ricky, Kelly, and Sandy Endres; Kyrie Flores; Kevin, Kristin, and Kоди Neu; Madeline and Eleanor Neu; Sharlene Hartman; Judy and Mason Liles; Glenda Russell; Laurie and Noah Pelzel; and Les Neu.

Tip your glass to better health

Can't stomach a pile of spinach? Does the thought of steamed broccoli with a side of salsa make you cringe? What about freshly picked Brussels sprouts sautéed in a touch of olive oil?

For those who loathe vegetables, juice may be the best way to increase your intake without having to stare down an eggplant.

Lona Sandon, assistant

professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center, said juices contain many of the vitamins and minerals found naturally in vegetables.

"Both tomato juice and juices with tomatoes are full of lycopene, an antioxidant thought to reduce the risk of heart attacks," she said. "The key is sticking to the low-sodium varieties."

Winterize home plumbing to avoid problems

That first chilly autumn morning is the perfect reminder that when winter arrives it can be sudden, often leaving homeowners unprepared for the troubles associated with cold weather. Homeowners in higher elevations should act sooner. Failure to prepare can prove costly when pipes freeze.

Disconnect outside water hoses. If left connected during freezing temperatures, water in hoses will freeze and expand causing connecting faucets and pipes to freeze and break.

Inspect outside faucets. If dripping or leaking, make the necessary repairs or call a plumber before a hard freeze.

Note that when pipes freeze, water pressure builds

causing cracks, no matter if the pipe is made of plastic, copper, or steel. Even a tiny crack can unleash 250 gallons of floodwater in a single day.

If your home is equipped with interior shut-off valves leading to outside faucets, close them and drain water from lines.

Cover outside faucets using a faucet insulation kit. Insulate pipes in unheated areas. It's a lot easier to do this on a pleasant day than when cold winds are blowing. Apply heat tape or thermostat-controlled heat cables around exposed pipes.

Your water heater works harder during winter months. Drain sediment from the tank, which causes corrosion and reduces effi-

ciency.

Set water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit for optimum performance.

Clear leaves and debris from roof gutters and downspouts to ensure proper drainage throughout the winter season. You may have to do this again until the leaves are off of the surrounding trees.

Inspect and clean basement sump pit. Remove any rocks and debris from the pit, then dump a bucket of water into the pit to test the sump pump. If it turns on, empties the pit quickly, then turns itself off, it is operating properly.

Make sure the furnace is set no lower than 55 degrees.



Mary Kay representatives Jan Cain, left, present a check for \$4,329 to help support the building of an emergency shelter for women in Cooke County. Accepting the check on behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff of Abigail's Arms - CCFCC is Robin Brown, Board president.

Courtesy photo

Women help women with shelter donation

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center received a gift of \$4,329 toward the building of the emergency shelter for women and children. The gift was from Jan Cain and Kimberly Kuykendall, independent consultants for Mary Kay Cosmetics. The funds represented 50% of the purchase price (100% of the consultants' profits) for Mary Kay items sold at a number of events held in Cooke and Denton counties during the summer.

Muenster State Bank, Bernice Cason, and Cathy Unger hosted the events. A holiday sales event was held by the consultants.

Mary Kay, Inc. and the Mary Kay Foundation have made addressing the issue of domestic violence and sexual

assault a corporate awareness and funding priority.

During 2010, the company released a survey and study on what can be done to reduce violence against women. The study has been reviewed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, and other professional organizations dealing with domestic violence. New strategies can be adapted leading to additional funding opportunities. The Mary Kay Foundation has set an annual goal of funding one shelter project in each of the 50 states every year.

Present for the check presentation, made in the lobby of First State Bank, were members of the Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff of Abigail's Arms - Cooke County Family Crisis Center.

Keep diabetes at bay

If you're packing a few too many pounds, suffer from hypertension, or have polycystic ovary syndrome, consider this: you're also a candidate to develop type 2 diabetes.

Data from the National Institutes of Health estimate that approximately

23.6 million Americans have diabetes, a chronic condition characterized by high blood glucose levels. Uncontrolled diabetes may result in blindness, kidney damage, heart disease, stroke, and amputations.

Dr. Alice Chang, an endocrinologist, said that health care professionals can help patients effectively control their diabetes and reduce or eliminate potential complications.

Other risk factors include having a family history of the disease; sedentary lifestyle; history of gestational diabetes.

"For people with these risk factors, it's especially important to ask your physician for a blood screen that tests for diabetes and pre-diabetes," Dr. Chang added.

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By Rick

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Our time was not enough together,
My hopes and dreams were now and forever.
God gave me an angel and I tarnished her wings.
She flew away taking my heart, my soul, my everything.
My heart's in more pieces than the stars in the sky.
My angel is gone, Oh Lord but why?
And now from the clouds as you look down,
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For I once held an angel, but if only for a day,
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Storms approaching – will your landscape survive?

Winter is the season for some of nature's most severe weather. Storms in all shapes and forms create havoc throughout the country. One of the greatest dangers posed by storms is presented by falling trees. Unsafe trees are a threat to lives and property.

"Many shade and ornamental trees are damaged throughout the year by windstorms, lightning, or ice and snow accumulations," notes Tehukki Andersen, board certified Master Arborist and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "Damage usually consists of a few broken branches. However, more severe damage – such as splitting or pulling apart of branch unions, removal of large areas of bark, twisting and splitting of the trunk, or even uprooting – pose possible dangers."

A few tree species, including Chinese elm, silver maple, boxelder, and various poplars, have brittle wood that is easily broken. These rapidly growing trees cause a considerable amount of damage to homes, cars, buildings, and utility lines each year. Homeowners should be aware of these characteristics and avoid planting them close to potential targets. If such trees are already growing in these locations, preventive pruning, bracing, or cabling may help reduce storm damage this winter. This is particularly true as the tree grows in size and the weight and surface of the leaf and branch area increases.

Over the years, growing trees will "catch" more wind and become heavier, so they are prone to increased mechanical stresses, thus increasing the chances of failure. Larger trees will also affect an increased area should they or their larger limbs fall. This means that power lines, homes, and other structures that might not have been threatened a few years ago might suddenly be under threat by a tree that has grown. Preparing trees for these natural disasters is a must and should be done well in advance of the stormy season. To help ease these dangers, have a professional arborist evaluate your trees. Doing this will help you determine potential weaknesses and dangers.

Look at your trees for the following warning signs:

- Wires in contact with tree branches. Trees may

become energized when they are contacted by electric wires.

- Dead or partially attached limbs hung up in the higher branches that could fall and cause damage or injury.
- Cracked stems and branch forks that could cause catastrophic failure of a tree section.
- Hollow or decayed areas on the trunk or main limbs, or mushrooms growing from the bark that indicate a decayed and weakened stem.
- Peeling bark or gaping wounds in the trunk also indicate structural weakness.
- Fallen or uprooted trees putting pressure on other trees beneath them.
- Tight, V-shaped forks which are much more prone to failure than open U-shaped ones.
- Heaving soil at the tree base is a potential indicator of an unsound root system.

Remember, too, that a tree is a living thing, and its integrity and stability change over time, so don't assume that a tree that has survived 10 severe storms will necessarily survive an 11th.

Helping your children face anxious times

By the American Counseling Association

Today's unstable economic environment has meant lifestyle changes, problems, and increased stress for many families. Parents, however, sometimes forget that their problems, financial or otherwise, can also mean increased levels of anxiety and fear for their children.

Whatever a family's problems, children, even at very young ages, are usually aware that things are no longer "right." While young children won't fully understand what is wrong, and older children may fake a "so what," non-caring attitude, the reality is that major family problems cause stress and anxieties for our children that can manifest themselves in a variety of negative ways.

While problems don't just magically disappear, we can offer a few simple tips you can use to reduce your children's stress levels and help them better understand

Texercise: a stay-healthy plan you can stick to for life

Google the words "failed New Year's resolutions" and you'll get roughly 900,000 hits — about twice as many as for "successful" ones. The mortality rate seems especially high for resolutions about dieting and weight loss.

So, perhaps this year, we should resolve to give up diet resolutions themselves.

In their place: Texercise, a program that focuses on improving overall health with realistic, sustainable physical activity routines that fit seamlessly into our daily lives.

Texercise, developed by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), has won thousands of converts with its all-ages philosophy, straightforward — and free — fitness information, professionally designed exercise programs, and emphasis on self motivation. Communities all over the state already are holding successful Texercise

fun runs, walks, and other events.

Now there's another free resource in the Texercise toolkit. The Texercise "Fit for the Health of It!" DVD pulls together a complete range of strength, balance, endurance, and flexibility exercises led by a certified physical therapist. Though slanted toward middle-aged and older adults, these workouts are suitable for anyone who's just beginning a personal fitness program.

True to Texercise's guiding principle of simplicity, all of these activities can be done at home or in the workplace. They require no special clothes or workout gear, no fancy equipment, and no gym fees. All you need is a TV, computer, or other device capable of playing a DVD.

The exercises are clearly explained and demonstrated from different angles to make it easier for beginners to do them correctly. All that's missing from this com-

plete program is the sight of perfect physical specimens gliding effortlessly through high-stress workouts most of us could only dream of completing.

"Unlike many fitness programs that focus on developing the perfect body or preparing for high-level competitive events, Texercise is different in that it views physical activity as rewards you can enjoy for a lifetime," said Texercise Coordinator Holly Riley of DADS.

An Evolving Philosophy

Texercise began about 10 years ago as a primarily senior-oriented campaign, but quickly morphed into a wide-open approach, stressing mutual support among family members, neighbors, and co-workers of all ages.

The idea, Riley explained, is that health-conscious kids are likely to develop into healthy adults and seniors. To attract the maximum number of participants, the program includes resources (such as the new DVD) for individual fitness activity as well as group-oriented special events that can be tailored to their host communities.

Most Texercise running and walking events and educational programs are organized by local and regional Texercise Teams, whose members know how to reach and motivate the people in their areas. Although pedometers let you check your distance in Texercise events, times are not published and the word "competition" is replaced by terms such as enjoyment, health, and multigenerational bonding.

These approaches have been widely praised, most recently by the National

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, which cited Texercise as one of 17 exemplary physical activity programs nationwide.

Riley said Texercise's emphasis on fun, family, and mutual support make the program an easy sell to its target audience, which theoretically includes all 23 million Texans. The campaign uses a blend of public and private support to tackle this ambitious goal.

A Joint Effort

From the agency and volunteer sectors comes support from key players such as area agencies on aging, state schools, and the Texas Department of State Health Services' Chronic Disease Prevention unit.

From the private-partnership side come marketing pizzazz, key media contacts, medical expertise, and the logistical skills to stage complex, high-visibility special events. Just a few of these partners have included Dr. Kenneth Cooper and the Cooper Clinic, Pilgrim's Pride, RunTex running supply stores, and Humana.

Texercise also has forged mutually supportive relationships with Texas A&M University's Walk Across Texas walking program and the Governor's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness, of which Riley is a member. Further collaboration with the Governor's Office occurs through support of the annual Texas Round-Up fitness events in Austin.

Resolve to Get Involved

With all this help on your side, you may find Texercise to be just what you need to set a New Year's fitness goal that will last decades, not weeks or months.

"He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored."

Proverbs 13:18

"A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence."

Proverbs 15:5

and deal with the emotions they're facing:

- Listen to your child. Ask young children what's the biggest, baddest thing that's worrying them. Older kids will need more work to be coaxed into discussing their emotions. Be ready to explain and reassure them about your plans for handling the problems.

- Respond to questions honestly, in an age-appropriate manner. Hiding the truth won't make your kids feel better, but can cause more serious problems later.

- Discuss difficult issues, including your own worries, but don't overwhelm your children. Let them express their feelings so you can help them put the situation in perspective.

- Stick to factual information. Don't project your fears onto your child. It's okay to talk honestly about how serious the situation is, but don't increase your child's fears of what is happening.

- Accept that any major

family issue is going to bring reactions your children can't control. It might be nightmares, behavior changes, emotional outbursts, or anger. Don't blame your children for such reactions, but instead offer comfort and support.

- Look for signs your child is being overwhelmed by the situation. Strong emotional changes or disturbing behavioral changes may be signs their emotional reaction is out of control and that professional help is needed.

- Most importantly, be loving and reassuring. Your children need to know that even when major problems face a family that you're still there to love and care for them. Give plenty of hugs and verbal reassurances that they're still loved.

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Educator Spotlight



Nancy Perryman, Muenster ISD
 Nancy Perryman has dedicated 42 years to teaching, with the past 37 here at Muenster ISD. Nancy has taught Science to countless numbers of students and equipped them with the knowledge needed for success at the college level. She also coaches students in TMSCA and UIL academic competitions. Many fellow educators agree that she has a knack for reaching students that is absolutely first-rate. Nancy has been a valuable member of the Muenster ISD community. We thank Nancy for this dedication to her profession.

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Republican Women sponsor Constitution Project for Cooke County fifth graders

Once again this year, Cooke County Republican Women (CCRW) delivered copies of the Constitution of the United States to fifth graders throughout Cooke County. The Constitution Project is a nationwide effort dedicated to helping educate Americans about the Constitution, with a focus on fifth grade students. The program is supported by the Texas Federation of Republican Women and National Federation of Republican Women.

As part of CCRW's literacy initiatives, five schools were also selected by the women's club to receive a new book for their libraries, *We The People* by Lynne Cheney. This beautifully illustrated book describes the struggle in the years following the Declaration of Independence, culminating in the summer of 1787 when the Constitution was written. Parents who home-school can receive copies of the Constitution for their fifth

graders by sending a request, including name, address, and phone number to CCRW Americanism Chairman Susan Hughes, c/o Cooke County Republican Party, 701 E. California St., #304, Gainesville, TX 76240.

Cooke County Republican Women was organized in 1991, and is a member of both the Texas and National Federations of Republican Women. The Club supports the Republican Party and conservative principles of government, and seeks to educate its members and the public about issues, candidates, and the political process. CCRW also serves the community through a variety of activities and programs.



Barbara LaChance's 5th grade students at Sacred Heart received Constitutions from Cooke County Republican Women Associate Member Commissioner Leon Klement and Secretary Christi Klement. Pictured are from left, front - Kate Springer, Jon Hess, McKensie Mason; back - Samantha Muller, Robert Hanson, Leon Klement, Sam Hesse, Christi Klement, Thomas Hennigan, Hunter Hess, and Zoe Hesse. Courtesy photo



Commissioner Leon Klement, associate member, and Christi Klement, secretary of CCRW, present constitutions to Cicity Wanek, 5th Grade teacher at MISD. MISD photo

In some families, please is described as the magic word. In our house, however, it was sorry.
~ Margaret Laurence



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Sacred Heart Honor Society Fall 2010 inductees.

SHCS photo

SHCS Honor Society inducts members

The Sedes Sapientae Chapter of the National Honor Society of Sacred Heart School recently held its Fall Induction Ceremony. To be considered a candidate for induction, a student must meet the criteria of the Society.

This year, those meeting the criteria of leadership, scholarship, service, and character were Senior Grey-

son Evans and Juniors Karli Anderle, Mark Bartush, Bob Bartush, Josh Biffle, Michael Davis, Amanda Knabe, Alyssa Moragues, Kelsey Reeves, Kendall Reiter, Quinn Sickling, and Benjamin Yosten.

President Matt Hesse led the ceremony with the help of Rebekah Hesse, vice-president, Madison Hofbauer, secretary, and Taylor Re-

iter treasurer. The roll was called by Dolores Hofbauer, adviser of the chapter. Fr. Ken Robinson handed out certificates, and stoles were conferred by Matt Hesse and Rebekah Hesse.

After the ceremony, a brunch was held in the cafeteria for all present members, new members, probationary members, and their guests.



Betty Flusche and Wanda Rose with the North Texas Medical Center Auxiliary donated the book *The Littlest Volunteers* to Muenster Elementary Library. It is their hope that this book might inspire young people to become interested in doing volunteer work in their community and help them realize that you are never too young to help others! Pictured are, from left, Betty Flusche, MISD Librarian Vicki Eldridge, Wanda Rose, and MISD Elementary Principal Lou Heers. MISD photo

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.
-- Henry Ford

I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

~ G.K. Chesterton

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF DEC. 13-17 SACRED HEART

- Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, cole slaw, pineapple tidbits.
- Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, bananas/strawberries, garlic bread.
- Wed. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, green peas, apricots.
- Thurs. - Corn dogs, red beans, carrot sticks, trail mix w/cherries.
- Fri. - No lunch served.

MUENSTER ISD

- Mon. - Beef tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches, muffins.
- Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls.
- Wed. - Turkey, ham, and cheese sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, carrots, apples, cookies.
- Thurs. - Sausage and kraut, creamed potatoes w/

gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Chicken quesadillas, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, carrots, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

- Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, corn, lettuce salad, pears.
- Tues. - Chicken crispitos w/cheese sticks, pinto beans, Spanish rice, peach cobbler.
- Wed. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, pineapple, bread.
- Thurs. - Italian meatball sub sandwich w/mozzarella, potato chips, fresh fruit
- Fri. - Chicken on a bun w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

ERA ISD

- Mon. - Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, peaches, breadstick.
- Tues. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot roll, applesauce.
- Wed. - Pizza sticks, marinara sauce, tossed salad, corn, pears.
- Thurs. - Turkey, gravy, dressing, green beans, roll, fruit salad, pumpkin pie.
- Fri. - Chicken sandwich, trimmings, tator tots, apples, ice cream.



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SPORTS



Hornet Chase Hammer (25) gets wrapped up by a Mart Panther in Muenster's Quarterfinal playoff game last week.
 Melvin Luke photo

Hornets suffer big playoff loss

"I knew they were better than us, but didn't think it would be that ugly," noted Muenster Coach Brady Carney. "Our kids realize now what it takes to be one of those traditional football schools. They're ready to get back to work, to get stronger and faster for next season."

The Muenster Hornets' 12-0 streak came to an end last Friday when the Mart Panthers clawed away at the Hornets in the Quarterfinal round of the Conference 1A Division I State Championship playoffs. A hard-fought 1st half ended with a 17-7 score, but the next two quarters were disaster for Muenster as Mart finished the game 58-7.

Muenster's offense couldn't get anything going, with only four 1st downs, a minus 7 yards rushing, and connecting only nine of 23 passes for 78 yards. The Panthers controlled the game with a total of 496 yards.

"We gave them too many points off of turnovers," commented Coach Carney. "The boys played hard and never quit. I'm especially proud of the seniors and how they were leaders for the team."

Play began with a 14 yard kick return by Blake Voth. Muenster gained only 1 yard. A failed 4th down play put the Panthers on the Hornet 29, but Muenster's defense held Mart, taking over on the 25.

Again, only a yard gain, and Trevor Hess punted. Again, the Hornet defense held the Panthers.

Muenster's offense continued to struggle, this time gaining 6 yards before punting. Eight plays later, Mart was on the board with a 6-0 lead with 6 seconds remaining in the 1st quarter.

It was no gain and punt for the Hornets. The Panthers got to the 13 yard line and attempted a 30 yard field goal, but failed.

From their 20, a Tyler Anderle pass to Blake Voth gained 7. Jason Luke got Muenster's first 1st down. Short gains by Hess and Luke, and an Anderle pass to Chase Hammer marked another Muenster 1st down. Three unsuccessful plays followed and the Hornets were forced to punt.

The Panthers scored their second touchdown seven plays later, adding a PAT run for a 14-0 lead with 3:38 on the clock.

Two passes to Hess gained 8 and Muenster punted. The next play, Andy Flusche picked off a Mart pass and returned the ball 62 yards for a Hornet touchdown. Josiah Flaming added the extra point for a 14-7 score with 2 minutes remaining in the 1st half.

Mart got on the board with 2 seconds on the clock with a 34 yard field goal to make the halftime score 17-7.

Mart took the 2nd half kick and in three plays increased their lead to 23-7.

An Anderle to Voth pass play picked up 35 yards, but no more. Three Mart plays later, 30-7.

Muenster's next attempted drive ended with an interception, then three plays and a 37-7 score.

The Hornets' next offensive play was fumbled and the Panthers took the ball and scored, 44-7.

The Hornets punted away their next drive, but got the ball back when Chase Hammer covered a fumbled

ball. Hammer and Hess both gained 8 yards. A penalty added another 15 to the drive, but a quarterback sack was followed by an interception, returned for another Mart touchdown and a 51-7 score to start the 4th quarter.

Deep in their own territory, the Hornet offense punted. Four runs and Mart was on top 58-7.

The last 6 minutes of the game saw Muenster's offense make no gain and Mart killed the clock to claim the win.

Mu	0	7	0	0	7
Ma	6	11	27	14	58

Team Stats		
Mu	Ma	
4	1st downs	23
24/-7	Rushes/yds	27/157
78	Passing yds	339
9/23/2	Comp/att/int	18/26/1
8/27	Punts/avg	1/46
1/1	Fumbles/lost	3/1
4/20	Penalties/yds	4/45

Individual Stats

RUSHING: Chase Hammer, 10/15; Trevor Hess, 4/8; Blake Voth 3/-2; Jason Luke, 4/-4; Tyler Anderle, 3/-24. **RECEIVING:** Trevor Hess, 3/19; Blake Voth 2/42; Chase Hammer, 2/9; Andy Flusche 1/5; Jason Luke, 1/3. **TACKLES:** Andy Flusche, Scott Porter, Chase Hammer, Mark Jones, Dillon Bayer, River Stewart. **FUMBLE RECOVERY:** Chase Hammer. **INTERCEPTION:** Andy Flusche.

The 2010 Muenster Hornets ended the season with a 12-1 record, an undefeated District Championship, Area Champions, Regional Champions, and State Quarterfinalist, a top 8 1A-I football team.

Congrats to the Muenster Hornets for a great season



Tigerettes in Turner Tournament

The Tigerettes of Sacred Heart brought home the 3rd place trophy from the Turner, Oklahoma Tournament after defeating Saint Jo and Poolville, but falling to Howe.

In round one, the Tigerettes took a 54-39 victory from the Lady Panthers of Saint Jo. Karli Anderle led Sacred Heart with 14 points and nine rebounds. Kaitlin Hesse added 12 points and got seven steals. Sydney Hoedebeck scored 10, Karleigh Reeves and Kelsey Reeves 8 apiece, and Devan Henry 2.

SH 14 19 19 2 54
SJ 8 9 8 14 39

In second round action, the Tigerettes lost to Howe 70-49. "Anytime you miss 19 free throws, you're not going to have a successful night," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

"The problems that we have are very fixable and we have one month till District play begins."

Anderle led with 16 points. K. Hesse added 11, with 15 rebounds and four steals. Hoedebeck scored 10 points with four assists. R. Hesse 4, Ke. Reeves 3, Ka. Reeves and Mikaela Bartush 2 apiece, and Henry 1.

SH 10 14 12 13 49
H 12 19 18 21 70

The final round of the tournament was a comeback victory for the Tigerettes, defeating Poolville 55-32.

"Each time we step on the court, I feel we are improv-

ing," said Coach Jon. "Our bench got plenty of minutes and gave us some solid play."

Anderle again was high point maker with 18 points and 11 rebounds. K. Hesse and Ke. Reeves each added 7, Henry 6, R. Hesse 5, Bartush 4, Hoedebeck and Bailey Walterscheid 3, and Kylie Hess 2. Also K. Hesse had six steals, Bartush 10 rebounds, and Ke. Reeves five assists.

SH 8 21 8 18 55
P 5 6 8 13 32

The Tigerettes were out-clawed Tuesday night by the Lady Wildcats of Callisburg by a score of 51-43.

Sydney Hoedebeck led the Tigerettes with 19 points and eight rebounds. Karli Anderle added 16 points and

also pulled down eight rebounds. Kelsey Reeves added 3 points, Karleigh Reeves and Kaitlin Hesse 2 each, and Rebekah Hesse 1.

Next action for the Tigerettes is the Knights of Columbus Shoot-Out.

SH	15	6	15	7	43
C	16	11	11	13	51

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11-2 Muenster Lady Hornets in Tournament action and more

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Lady Hornets of Muenster mingled with a different crowd last weekend when they participated in the Grandview Basketball Tournament. With victories over Hubbard and Hico, the Lady Hornets advanced to the Championship round of the tournament, challenged by a tough 3A team from Waco LaVega.

Heers and Klement were high point makers with 16 and 13. Koelzer added 6, Felderhoff 5, and 2 apiece by Walterscheid and Sicking.

M	12	14	11	7	44
H	12	5	7	10	34

Game 3
Saturday afternoon, the Lady Hornets were challenged by the #7-ranked 3A team, the Waco LaVega Lady Pirates.

Muenster started strong, but a cold 2nd period allowed LaVega to take a 6 point lead into the locker room at the half. After an even 3rd, the Lady Pirates out-scored Muenster to extend their lead, taking a 47-37 win from the Lady Hornets.

Five Lady Hornets put points on the board, led by Klement with 18. Koelzer added 10, Pagel 5, and 2 apiece by Heers and Sicking.

M	12	5	13	7	37
W	9	14	13	11	47

The weekend ended giving Muenster a 10-2 record on the season.

Tuesday night, the Lady Hornets traveled to Ponder,

allowing the Lady Lions to have the lead throughout most of the game. A strong 4th quarter by Muenster gave the Lady Hornets a 52-50 victory.

Taylor Klement dropped in 22 points for Muenster. Demi Koelzer added 10, Lana Heers 9, Allison Pagel 8, Amber Walterscheid 2, and Andi Felderhoff 1.

M	6	13	18	15	52
P	12	13	20	5	50

Down the Poll

Muenster's Lady Hornets' tournament loss to 3A Waco LaVega caused a drop in the Poll. The Dec. 7 Texas Girls Coaches Association Top 15 Poll took Muenster from #4 down to #9, while the Era Lady Hornets suddenly appeared in the #4 spot. Goldthwaite, Falls City, and Irion County make the top 3 teams in Conference 1A-Division I.

Bridgeport Tournament

After losing a close opening game to Celina, the JV Lady Hornets got two victories in last weekend's Bridgeport JV Tournament.

Game one against Celina was a close game for four quarters, with Celina taking control in the 3rd for a 32-29 Muenster loss. Lauren Rohmer led the scoring with 13. Paige Herr added 6, Brooke Walterscheid 5, Hannah Bayer 3, and Payton Sanders 2.

M	8	6	9	6	29
C	5	7	14	7	33

The Lady Hornets totally dominated game two with a 31-5 win over Graham. Rohmer led with 13, Walterscheid added 7, Herr 5, Sanders 4, and Sydney Huchton 2.

M	10	6	11	4	31
G	0	2	1	2	5

The final round, the Lady Hornets finished with a 40-26 win over Millsap. Rohmer again led the scoring with 14 points. Walterscheid added 6, Herr, Sanders, and Huchton 5 each, H. Bayer 2, and 1 point each by Kendi Bayer, Jori Magee, and Abby Pagel.

M	9	7	18	6	40
Mi	8	6	6	6	26

Forestburg Tournament GIRLS

The JV Lady Knights finished 5 short to Forestburg last week, 37-33. Hannah Zimmerer and Elizabeth

Wallace were high scorers with 12 and 11 points. Hayley Skinner added 5, with Maisoun Hweidi and Brianne Sandmann 2 apiece, and Shea Garner 1.

On Saturday, the Lindsay JV lost to the Nocona JV Lady Indians 36-24 in the Consolation game. Lauren Gibbs was high scorer with 7. Wallace, Sandmann, and Zimmerer each added 4, Briley Fleitman 3, and Hweidi 2.

BOYS

The Lindsay JV boys competed in the Forestburg varsity tournament. On Thursday, the Knights beat the Callisburg JV 56-47. Scoring for Lindsay were Cade Hess 14, Zac Mlinar and Travis Krahl 10 apiece, Tanner Kuhn 9, Chisam Reiter 8, and Garrett Cooper 5.

On Friday, Lindsay lost to the Prairie Valley varsity 56-36. Reiter and Kuhn scored 8 each. Mlinar added 7, Krahl 5, Gus Martin and Cooper 3 apiece, and Hess 2.

Saturday, the JV Knights lost to the Forestburg varsity 58-56. Hess, Krahl, and Kuhn each scored 11 points. Mlinar added 10, Reiter 4, Cooper 3, and 2 apiece from Cody Thurman, Darrell Block, and Dalton Metzler.

Lindsay 48 Prairie Valley 13

Ten JV Lady Knights scored in Tuesday's win. Elizabeth Wallace was the game's leading scorer with 14 points. Hannah Zimmerer added 8, Lauren Gibbs 5, Emily Ambuehl and Shea Garner 4 each, Hayley Skinner 3, and 2 apiece by Madison Green, Maisoun Hweidi, Brianne Sandmann, and Briley Fleitman.

Muenster 39 Ponder 32

The JV Lady Hornets pulled out a victory Tuesday night to improve their record to 8-4. Brooke Walterscheid was high point maker with 14. Lauren Rohmer added 10, Hannah Bayer and Sydney Huchton 5, Paige Herr 3, and Payton Sanders 2.

M	12	4	12	11	39
P	7	4	11	10	32

Sacred Heart 33 Callisburg 23

Bailey Walterscheid scored 15 points to help lead the JV Tigerettes to victory Tuesday night. Kylie Hess added 7, Sara Davidson 6, 2 apiece by Mikenzie Fleitman and Michelle Zimmerer, and a free throw point by Morgan Hesse.

Game 1
Action began Tuesday against Hubbard, with the Lady Hornets getting a 59-33 victory over the Lady Jaguars.

Eight Muenster team members scored points in the game. Taylor Klement led with 16. Michelle Sicking, Lana Heers, and Demi Koelzer each added 8. Allison Pagel and Andi Felderhoff scored 6 apiece, with Amber Walterscheid getting 4 and Paige Hennigan 3.

M	16	17	9	17	59
H	11	5	5	12	33

Game 2
Muenster defeated the 2A Lady Tigers of Hico 44-34 to advance on the tournament bracket.

JR HI BASKETBALL

Muenster 19 Valley View 30

The White Stingers lost to the Peepers Monday. Scoring for Muenster were Trace Klement 9, Justen Ashley 6, and Zach Klement 4.

Muenster 42 Valley View 6



The Red Stingers took a big win from the young Birds of Valley View. Three young Hornets scored in the double digits - Trevor Cheaney led with 13, with Chance Herr and Dalton Blassingame each scoring 11. Brandon Hennigan, Zach Trubebach, and Aaron Davis added 2 points apiece.

Lindsay 31 Poolville 4

Monday's games at Lindsay started with the 7th grade girls' victory. Alison Gunderson was high scorer in the game with 12 points. Sarah Snider added 6, Ali Anzaldua 5, Alex Harrell 4, and 2 apiece by Hailey Cooper and Hope English.

Lindsay 54 Poolville 7

Sydney Ott scored 28 points in the 8th grade Lady Squires big win. Nikki Fleitman added 8, Kailei Klement 6, Jessica Martin 4, and 2 each by Courtney Neu, Taryn Stringfellow, and Tara Atkins.

Lindsay 28 Poolville 26

The 7th grade Squires improved on the season with a thrilling win Monday. Garrett Martin led all scorers with 20 points. Chance Shauf and Doug Case each added 4.

Lindsay 65 Poolville 19

The 8th grade Squires remain undefeated (7-0) with a strong win over the Monarchs. Connor Pelzel was the game's leading scorer with 15 points. Lyndon Cook and Troy Robertson each added 13, Ryan Hoepfner 11, James Fuller 4, and Kedrick Boaz, Mason Morrow, and Justin Ott all had 3 points.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW DEER?

BY OUTDOORSMAN J. WAYNE FEARS

Long range deer hunting

The more you know about deer hunters, the more and the bigger bucks you'll take. Since deer react to the behavior of hunters, if you know what the majority of deer hunters will do when they go deer hunting, you better can understand where the bucks will be and how you can take them. For instance, hunters take most bucks in the East at ranges of 100 yards or less. They may take some bucks at 150 yards and very few bucks at 200 yards.

A few long range shooters do take big bucks consistently at 300 yards or more. The four most obvious places to take bucks at 300 yards or more are around large agricultural fields, in young clear

cuts, on power-line right-of-ways, and/or on the sides of mountains.

Most hunters who see a deer at 300 yards or more try to move in close and take their shots. The closer you move to the deer, the more likely the deer will see, hear, or smell you. If you're willing to learn to shoot at long ranges, you drastically can increase the places where you can hunt and take deer and the number of bucks you'll see.

The first criteria for being a long-range shooter is to choose a caliber or a rifle that will shoot out to 300 yards or more with enough kinetic energy to put a buck down quickly and easily.

One of the most common

places to take a big buck at long range is a young clear cut early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Oftentimes by climbing high in a climbing tree stand, with a safety harness, you not only will be able to see across the clear cut, but you also can look down into the clear cut. With a quality set of binoculars, you can spot the sun's glint off an antler, the black spot of a deer's eye, the inside white of a deer's ear or a tail swish when a deer stands up or moves. You also can see deer moving out on the edges of those clear cuts early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

Besides binoculars, I recommend you use one of the new styles of range finders that provide the distance you are from the animal and also will compensate for the height you are in the tree. This way, you can know before the shot how to aim. A rifle scope in which you have confidence and that you've

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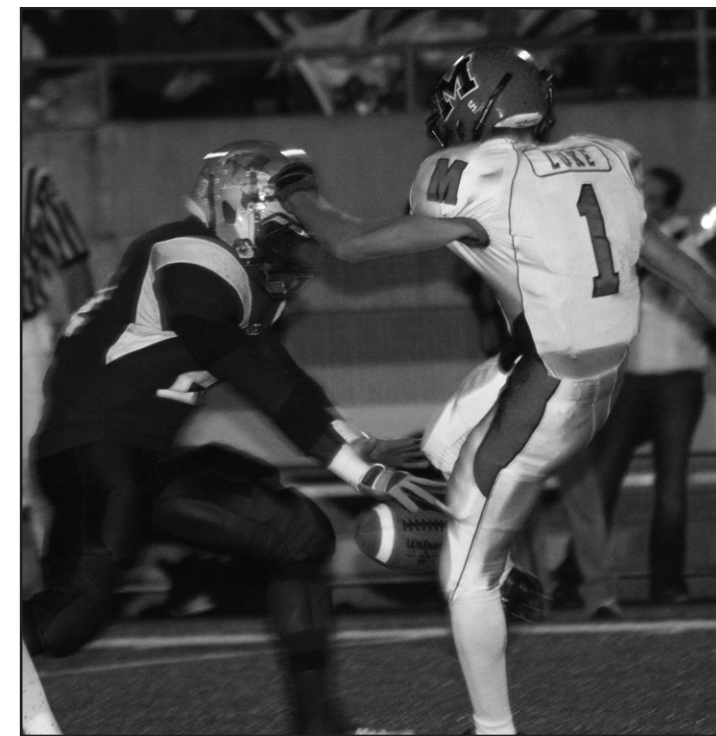
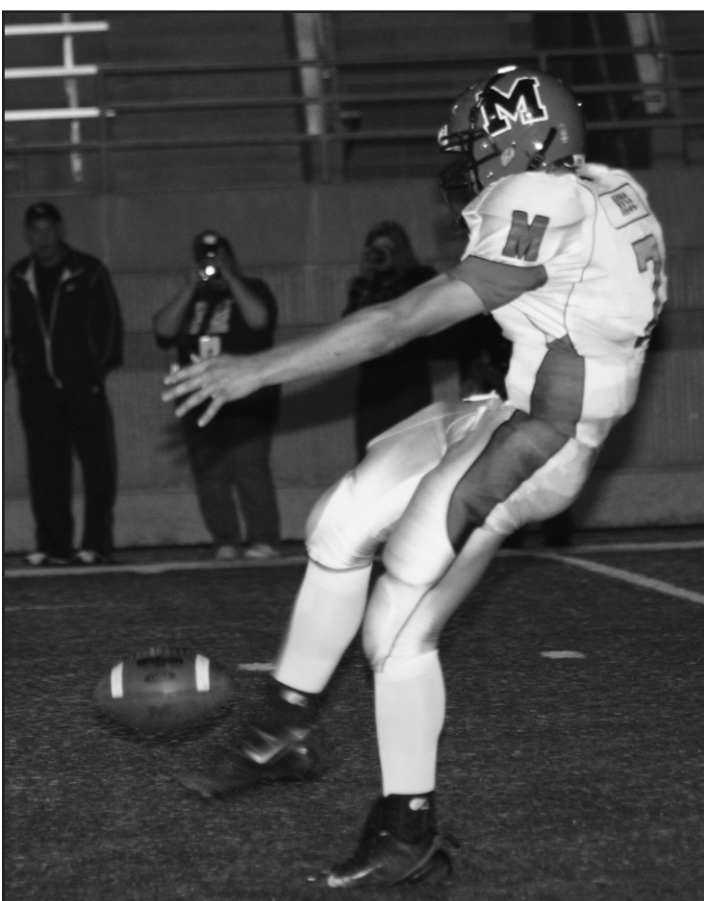
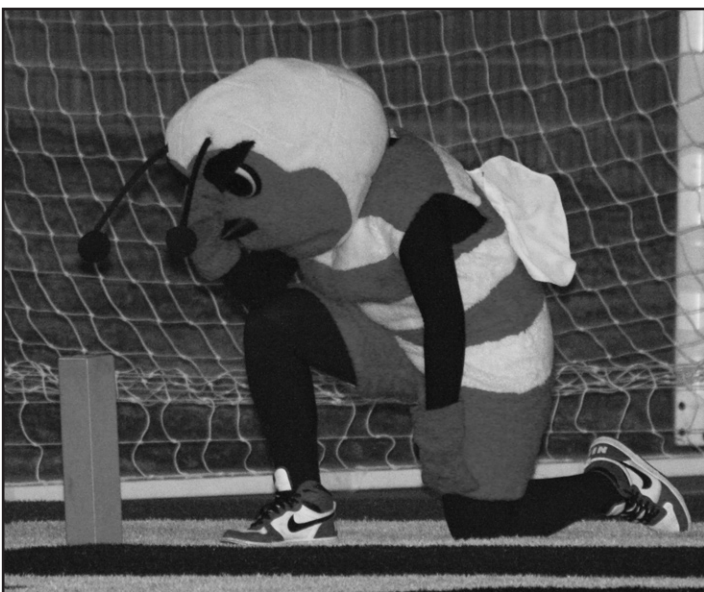
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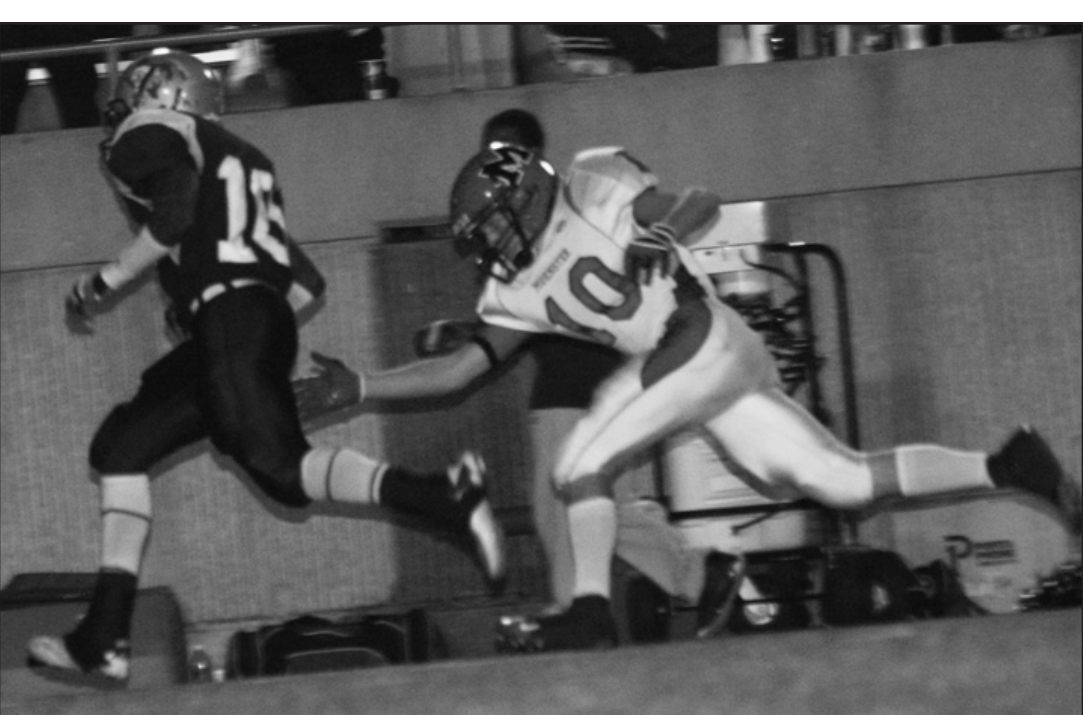
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History mistake stirs up a Hornets' nest!

A mistake in last week's *Muenster Enterprise* story on the 2010 Hornets making school history and Hornet playoff history got the town buzzing Thursday afternoon. Visits to the *Enterprise* office, phone calls, and e-mails quickly pointed out that the 1976 Muenster Hornet football team also made it to the Quarterfinal round of the playoffs.

Information used in last week's article was obtained from a stat book recorded by a former Muenster ISD teacher, an easier access than searching through 50-plus years of old newspapers. In 1976, there was no Area round, and the Hornets moved through the bracket to the Quarterfinal round.

The 1976 Muenster Hornet football team - District 13A Champions, Bi-District Champs, Regional Champs, and State Quarterfinalist! A record any Hornet fan should remember (or shouldn't forget).

With a 10-3 season, the Hornets of '76 out-scored their opponents 435-99, with losses by 7, 15, and 6 points (and a 48-0 win over Lindsay).

Back when only the District Champions advanced into the playoffs, Muenster "received a magnificent trophy symbolizing

the Bi-District Championship of UIL loops 13A and 14A" (*Muenster Enterprise* Nov. 26, 1976) when they defeated Pottsville 30-6.

The next step was Regional, with no Area round existing in the playoffs. "The Muenster Hornets, already farther than they have ever been in UIL competition..." noted the Dec. 3, 1976 *Muenster Enterprise* on the Hornets' 28-14 victory over White-wright. "Did a great job... winning the school's first Regional football title... leaving them one of the eight teams presently serving the Class A State playoffs."

"The finest season ever in the history of Muenster High School football," stated the page 1, Dec. 10, 1976 *Enterprise* story, "came to an end when the Hornets lost 20-14 to DeLeon's Bearcats in the Quarterfinals of the State Championship playoffs."

R. N. Fette's story also noted "Though overpowered by the defending State Champs... the loss was one that the Hornets can easily live with. They allowed only three scores during the eight times DeLeon had the possession, and were in contention to the very end."

The team was coached by Don Jones, Don Ostermann, and Wade White.



1976 State Quarterfinalist Muenster Hornets, from left - front - Neil Walterscheid, Carl Pagel, Mark Klement, Wayne Wimmer, Gary Hermes, Deryl Zimmerer, Randy Reiter, mgr. Marlin Wimmer; middle - mgr. Stan Lamar, Bert Walterscheid, Doug Cler, Albert Zimmerer, Kim Walterscheid, Nick Walterscheid, Lenzy Dyer, head coach Don Jones; back - Bryan Sicking, Mark Mollenkopf, Calvin Otto, Terry Lewis, Tim Wolf, Greg Knabe, Jim Koelzer, Danny Fisher, coaches Don Ostermann and Wade White. Not pictured, Mark Sicking.

Celina and Henrietta win Lindsay Basketball Tournament

Lindsay hosted the 4th Annual Landmark Bank Invitational Basketball Tournament Dec. 2-4, with an eight team girls bracket and a five team round robin for the boys. Action began Thursday at 9 a.m.

DAY ONE
In the girls division, Celina defeated Aubrey 61-49, Decatur over Windthorst 48-31, Allen over Henrietta 47-42, and Lindsay over Coram Deo 53-25.

Jessica Block was high scorer for the Lady Knights with 20 points. Megan Caillier, Allison Metzler, and Jalyn Anderle each added 8, Katie Nortman scored 4, Jordan Fleitman 3, and Lucinda Krahl 2.

L 13 15 17 8 **53**
CD 8 7 2 8 **25**
In boys action, Henrietta defeated Bridgeport 53-35, with Bowie also winning over the Bulls 44-27. The Lindsay Knights lost 54-38 to Celina, then fell 50-24 to Henrietta in Thursday's match-ups.

Celina took an early lead over Lindsay and never looked back. Connor Fuhrmann and Dawson Holt led Lindsay's scoring with 12 points each. Dean Fleitman added 8, Thomas Rohmer

3, Neely Rose 2, and Kyle Johnson 1.
L 8 9 11 10 **38**
C 15 11 14 14 **54**

The Knights' second game of the day was a tough match against the larger Cats from Henrietta. Holt scored 8, Fleitman 6, Fuhrmann 5, Rohmer 3, and Drew Cooney 2 for Lindsay.

L 9 6 6 3 **24**
H 13 13 14 10 **50**

DAY TWO
Friday's girls' games started with Aubrey defeating Windthorst 58-34. Henrietta out-scored Coram Deo 54-41 and Celina girls won over Decatur 57-48.

The day's ladies games ended with the Lady Knights pulling out a 53-50 win over Allen.

Block led all scorers with 22 points. Metzler added 13, Caillier 9, Anderle 7, and Krahl 2. Lindsay was 11 of 20 from the free throw line.

L 12 15 15 11 **53**
A 13 14 10 13 **50**

Boys action started with Celina winning over Henrietta 59-54 and Celina over Bridgeport 46-38, followed by two Lindsay Knight games.

An afternoon match with the Bowie Jackrabbits ended

with a Lindsay loss of 41-31. Scoring for the Knights were Fleitman with 10 points, Rohmer, Holt, and Travis Skinner 6 each, Fuhrmann 2, and Rose 1.

L 3 13 4 11 **31**
B 7 12 14 8 **41**

The final tournament game Friday saw Bridgeport take a 38-23 win from the Knights. Rohmer scored 10 points, Fleitman, Holt, and Fuhrmann 4 apiece, and 1 by Skinner.

L 7 10 3 3 **23**
B 11 2 18 7 **38**

DAY THREE
In Saturday's Championship round, Aubrey defeated Henrietta for the girls Consolation. Allen took 3rd Place with a 47-44 win over Decatur.

In the girls Championship, the Lady Knights settled for 2nd Place after falling to Celina 52-38. Block scored 12 points for Lindsay. Fleitman added 9, Anderle 6, Caillier and Metzler 4 each, and Krahl 3.

L 10 8 8 12 **38**
C 15 14 12 11 **52**

Jessica Block was named to the All-Tournament Team.

In boys action Saturday, Celina defeated Bowie 50-23, with Henrietta winning the Championship 56-55 over Bowie.

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CORRECTION
In last week's article about Duncan Campbell's Iron Man competition, it erroneously stated that he placed 109 out of 3,000, finishing in 12 hours, 54 minutes. It should have said 1,095 out of 3,000.

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By KEN MCINTOSH
STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1965. Those that do bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at with an expert set of eyes. With the help of these ICCA members offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1965. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1965 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies, Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth, now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If they are rare enough, one coin could be worth over \$100,000 according to Eric Helms coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime an 1894S Barber sold for a record \$1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. "Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold," says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes and worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on even common coins made of silver. Helms explains: all half dollars, quarter and dimes made before 1965 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market he said.

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for include \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums according to the ICCA. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICCA will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Gold is currently trading at over \$1,100.00 per ounce near an all time high. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell you will be paid on the spot – it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you

recently inherited you can talk to these collectors for free and if your lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way, there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

For more information on this event visit the ICCA website at www.internationalcoincollectors.com.



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Senator Estes files grain warehouse reform bill

State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) has filed legislation to enhance protections for stored grain. In 2009, more than five grain warehouses filed bankruptcy or experienced failure, directly affecting grain deposited by producers.

"When a grain warehouse violates the trust of its customers, then the livelihood of families is on the line," said Estes. "Every year, hard-working farmers battle the weather and economy; they expect to trust that when grain is deposited, it will be measured and stored in accordance with the law."

After Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) inspectors uncovered major violations at a Dorchester Grain storage facility near Sherman in late 2009, the Department locked down the facility and revoked

its license. Dorchester Grain operated seven warehouses in Texas capable of housing more than four million bushels of grain.

"It is a privilege to serve as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and it is my duty to work on legislation that protects producers and increases investment and production in Texas agriculture," said Estes.

Senate Bill 248 increases current bonding requirements for grain warehouses and establishes that the TDA may suspend a license if a shortage of grain is discovered or if the warehouse operator refuses inspection. The Grain Warehouse Task Force, composed of industry associations, producers, and the Texas Farm Bureau, has reviewed current prac-

tices and laws in the grain warehouse program. Senator Estes' legislation is based on Task Force recommendations and careful consideration of concerns raised by constituents in North Texas.

Vegetable gardening for next year

Even though winter is just getting started, it is time to start thinking about a vegetable garden, if you plan to grow one.

Last year, there was an increase in vegetable gardening throughout the country and all indications are that this year will be the same.

If you are new to gardening, the first thing you need to accomplish is selecting a good

site for your garden. Evaluate your chosen location for availability of sunlight; vegetables do not do well in the shade.

Remember that the trees are bare right now, but will have leaves and create much more shade soon.

The earlier you get started in the year, the more vegetables you can plant and harvest. Leafy vegetables and herbs such as lettuce, spinach, and parsley can be planted very soon, as can onions. So, if you plan on producing these crops this year, this is your call to action for soil prep. Work compost into the top two or three inches of soil. This would be a great way to start the preparation for vegetables.

You can find a publication which will give the suggested planting dates and planting instructions for a wide variety of vegetables specifically for Cooke County on our County Extension Website. The publication is located at: <http://cooke-tx.tamu.edu/>. To find it, click on "publications" then "horticulture". To find detailed information about a particular vegetable, browse the material at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Bookstore, available online at: <https://agrilifebookstore.org/> Click on "browse the shelves" then on "vegetables" under the "Lawn and Garden" heading.

Soil testing

Soil tests can be used to estimate the kinds and amounts of soil nutrients

available to plants. They also can be used as aids in determining fertilizer needs. Properly conducted soil sampling and testing can be cost-effective indicators of the types and amounts of fertilizer and lime needed to improve crop yield.

The effects of adding a fertilizer often depend on the level of nutrients already present in the soil. If a soil is very low in a particular nutrient, yield will probably be increased if that nutrient is added. By comparison, if the soil has high initial nutrient levels, fertilization will result in little, if any, increase in yield.

There are three steps involved in obtaining a soil test:

1) obtain sample bags and instructions,
2) collect composite samples,

3) select the proper test, and complete the information sheet and mail to the Soil, Water, and Forage Testing Laboratory at 345 Heep Center, College Station, TX 77843-2474. Contact the lab at (409) 845-4816, FAX (409) 845-5958, or at the Web site <http://soiltesting.tamu.edu/> for additional information.

You can obtain the form and the bags at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office located at 301 S. Chestnut St. in Gainesville.

Dates to remember

Dec. 14 - Marketing Club Meeting, Gainesville Farm Bureau Building, 7 p.m.

Proposed tax deal could benefit ranchers and farmers

A deal being hammered between the White House and Republican legislators could keep estate taxes from skyrocketing in 2011. Property and business owners had been dreading the estate tax reinstatement in 2011, which originally was to have reinstated a 55% levy on estates above the million dollar threshold. According to the latest proposals on the negotiated tax package, the tax threshold for estates will be raised to five million dollars, and the corresponding tax rate lowered to 35% for two years.

"Although this is not the desired repeal of the estate tax, this higher tax threshold and lower tax rate could protect the legacy of more family businesses, farms,

and ranches," said Bill Hyman, executive director of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA). "The value of land, outbuildings, equipment, and livestock has escalated, and many small family farms or ranches are now worth \$1 million or more. These operations, however, are not 'cash cows.' When families must pay inheritance taxes, it forces them to parcel and sell off property, or liquidate an entire operation, destroying a way of life."

"The one-year reprieve from estate taxes (2010) came at the right time, but there has been great concern about the tax reinstatement in 2011. The proposed tax deal would raise the 'starting line' for estate taxes to \$5 million and keep the tax rate at a more sensible 35% for two years. The result: it could keep more business operations in the family," said Hyman.

He said other aspects of the proposed tax deal include:

- Extending jobless benefits for another 13 months for the long-term unemployed

- Dropping the employees' Social Security deduction from 6.2% to 4.2% for one year to help stimulate spending

- Extending the Bush-era income tax cuts for two more years.

"We will be closely watching as the proposed tax package makes its way through the legislative process, as support of the entire Congress is needed to make this deal a reality," said Hyman. "Our holiday wish is that this deal is ironed out before the 'lame duck' session expires Jan. 1, 2011."

The ICA represents more than 8,000 cow-calf ranchers and agricultural business leaders on economic, rural lifestyle and legislative issues. New members are welcomed. For more information, see the ICA website at <http://icatexas.com> or call the Association headquarters in Lockhart at 512-620-0162.

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AG TALK

By **Mike Barnett**
Publication director

Texas water rights endangered by inefficient water use

Should my well be pumped dry to fill your swimming pool? That's the million dollar Texas water rights question.

Texas landowners—concerned about their livelihoods and their private property rights—watch as the courts, and soon the legislature, contemplate the use of this precious resource.

An influx of new residents could burst the Texas water pipeline. Experts predict a doubling of the state's population in the next 50 years. Nobody's predicting a doubling of water resources to meet those needs.

There are no easy answers. Texas water law says landowners have complete access to water beneath their land. Public need will force the question on how that access will be restricted. Will it take the form of usage limits? Will the Texas water rights of individuals be compromised? Those questions have yet to be resolved.

Yet the focus seems to narrow on rural areas, where the water is. I know a lot of farmers—many of whom depend on irrigation to feed and clothe the rest of us—would like to see a focus too, on urban areas, where the needs increasingly grow.

What I hear in the country is acknowledgement that Texans are in this water dilemma together. Farmers and ranchers recognize the needs of all Texans to access this increasingly precious resource.

But I also hear resentment when cities such as Dallas aspire to quench their unending thirst upon the backs of rural areas. "Why take mine when you're wasting yours?" is a question asked again and again by farmers concerned about their ability to stay in the business of growing food and fiber.

Many farmers seek efficiency through irrigation systems that precisely direct water to plants and through conservation techniques such as minimum tillage or no-till farming—where crop residue is left on the surface of the field to conserve moisture.

They're asking their urban neighbors to step up their efforts as well. Cities such as San Antonio and El Paso have taken the lead in municipal water conservation efforts. Other Texas cities should follow their examples.

The fact is we can build more reservoirs. We can pump rural areas of Texas dry. But it comes at an expense—not only in the state's limited resources but in the human cost of spent livelihoods and private property rights as well. Without life-giving water, agriculture literally dries up in many parts of the state.

And that is shameful—especially when a big part of the solution is as simple as stopping a leaky faucet or fixing a running commode, as well as taking advantage of a number of readily available water conservation techniques.

No matter what the future holds, water remains a finite resource. It's much cheaper to make better use of what we've got than to find new sources.

That's a simple truth all Texans—rural and urban—need to live by.

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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.50-1.80; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.30; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.40-1.70; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.25; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.25-1.51; Nos. 2 & 3, .95-1.18; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.18-1.40; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-1.09; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.14-1.28; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-1.07; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, .87-1.00.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.25-1.40; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.14; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.17-1.32; Nos. 2 & 3, .85-1.06; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.07-1.27; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.00; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.19; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-1.00; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3, .80-.98; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .97-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.95.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1.20-2.050 lbs., #2-3, .62-.75; Slaughter Cows: #1&3, .51-.60; Cutter: .35-.46.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$800-\$1125; Medium Frame: \$550-\$800.</p> <p>Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1275; Medium Frame: \$750-\$1000.</p> <p>Baby Calves: Holstein: NT Cross Breeds: \$75-\$205.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts (per lb.) US #1, 230-270: .70-.75; US #2, 220-280: .65-.70.</p> <p>Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs.: .52-1.00; 25-90 lbs.: .25-.70.</p> <p>Sows (per lb.) Feeder, 400 or less: .40-.50; Light wt., 400-500: .42-.49; Med. wt., 500-600: .42-.45; Heavy wt., 600+: .42-.43.</p> <p>Boars (per lb.) 300 lb. up: .09-.14; 200-300 lbs.: .20-.25; Light wt.: .25-.40.</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 1.30-1.40; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 1.25-1.40; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 1.00-1.10.</p>	<p>Ewes (per lb.) Stocker: .50-.60; Thin: NT; Fat: NT.</p> <p>Bucks (per lb) Thin: .40-.60; Fat: NT.</p> <p>Barbardo (per head) Lambs: NT; Ewes: \$90-\$130; Bucks: \$85-\$105.</p> <p>Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs.: \$35-\$60; 35-55 lbs., \$50-\$80; 55-75 lbs., \$60-\$100.</p> <p>Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs.: \$90-\$165.</p> <p>Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$85-\$140; Milk Type: NT; Slaughter: \$85-\$125; Thin, \$40-\$75.</p> <p>Billies (per head) 120 lbs-up Breeders: NT; Slaughter: NT.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT; 3/4 Nanny: NT; Full Nanny: NT. 1/2 Billy: NT; 3/4 Billy: NT; Full Billy: NT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(940) 665-4367 1920 Refinery Road Gainesville, TX</p>
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