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FIERY FRILLS OF FALL brighten the landscape this season as Texas enjoys a long, warm autumn. This Bradford Pear tree graces the patio area of Muenster Memorial Hospital. It was planted years ago by the Hospital staff in memory of one of their physicians, Dr. Enrique Juarez.

Janet Felderhoff photo

Donate Coat Drive is now

Do you have a coat that you no longer need or use? There is someone out there shivering without a coat to help keep them warm and the coat you no longer need may be just their size. Consider donating it to the Coat Drive sponsored each year by Dry Clean Super Center in Gainesville.

From Nov. 19 until Dec. 14, coats may be donated at boxes placed in various businesses in Cooke County. Those locations include *Muenster Enter-*

prise, Lindsay Letter, and Gainesville Register. The coats will be collected and taken to Dry Clean Super Center where they will be cleaned. They will then be donated to anyone in need of a coat and to ABBA.



City water levels drop alarmingly this year

By Janet Felderhoff

The Texas Water Development Board made its annual November visit to Muenster last month to measure the water level in the City of Muenster's water wells. "The numbers were kind of scary," City Administrator Stan Endres reported to the City Council at Monday night's regular meeting.

Endres noted that this year and last, the levels in the same three wells was measured. "Last year with the same conditions, the pumps being turned off in advance and not running, all three wells dropped 15', 17', and 18'," said Endres. "That's quite a bit of drop in the water level in a year's time. It's been dry. The City hasn't used that much more water in this past year than in the year before. If it continues to drop like that, it could get very worrisome. There's still a lot of water there."

Commenting on what may be happening, City Water Works Superintendent Leo Lutkenhaus said, "It is just consumption. It doesn't replenish. They are seeing it everywhere. There is a limited amount of water." He added that the pumps in wells #4 and #5 can't be dropped.

Alderman Greg Bohl noted that in past years, the level had only dropped three or four feet a year. The City has five water wells.

Also down was the City's

sales tax for November. This figure is for sales during the month of September. All cities in Cooke County, with the exception of Oak Ridge, experienced a drop. Muenster dropped by 19%, Gainesville dropped 9%. Endres noted that he is unsure what the reason is for the drop.

Generators from a Homeland Security Grant applied for three years ago have been delivered and are waiting to be hooked up. Endres said, "It should be enough that in the event of a power outage, City Hall and the fire station should be able to keep operating. It operates on natural gas." The City will pay to have Parker Electric hook-up the generators. The cost should be around \$2,500.

A draft copy of the new Zoning Ordinances prepared by Karen Mitchell were given to aldermen to study. A special meeting was set for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17. The City Council will meet with Mitchell and go over the draft.

Endres requested that the Council consider making Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve closed days. Currently the City closes a half day on Christmas Eve, on Christmas day, and New Year's day. The exception is when Christmas falls on a Tuesday, then they close all day on Christmas Eve.

After some discussion, the Council voted to make closing all day on Christmas Eve

as a paid holiday the City's policy. They will be closed on New Year's Eve this year, but will consider what to do next year.

City employees are usually given a Christmas bonus of \$50 in Muenster Marks. Alderman Jewel Otto remarked on how well the City employees work and how dedicated they seem. She suggested an increase in their bonus. Endres said he noticed that the Muenster Hospital is giving a \$100 bonus to employees with a year or more of service. A vote showed that all agreed to raise the bonus to \$100 in Muenster Marks.

Police Chief Mark Blankenship presented his monthly report. It can be seen on page 2. He added that in the last 10 days, the police department noticed some coyote problems in the west part of town. They were observed mostly in the area near Weinzapfel's Lake. "This could be a potential problem for pets," remarked Chief Blankenship.

The Council took action on several items related to the 2012 TxCDBG #712241 Sewer Line Improvement Grant awarded to the City. This \$125,000 grant will be used to replace the sewer line on Sixth Street by Weinzapfel's Lake and a portion on Ninth Street and Cherry Lane. The City will be responsible for about \$25,000 of the grant.

The City advertised for See CITY, pg. 2

Perot Museum features local dinosaur discoveries

By Janet Felderhoff

Millions and millions of years ago, long before man inhabited the earth, dinosaurs roamed the land. Have you ever wondered what this area was like back then and what creatures made this area home?

A portion of that answer is now on exhibit in the new Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas.

Those pieces of earth's history came from land located north of Muenster on property owned by Henry and Janie Weinzapfel. The land they were recovered from erodes easily with rain, washing gullies and holes. Not much grows in that particular area of the property. In fact, the Soil Conservation planted 500 black locust trees there attempting to stop or slow the erosion. It proved unsuccessful.

Fossil hound Janie Hartman first discovered the treasures hidden there for so many millions of years. Janie's enjoyment of fossil hunting began in her childhood. One day as she pursued her hobby looking for rocks and fossils, she came across a toe bone in perfect condition.

Janie described the site, "It looked like desert, white barren sand. Nothing growing on it. Most of the dinosaur bones they find in the North Texas area are in that same sand level. This is one small area on the property. It looks like you are on another planet or something." She had walked the site for years, never seeing anything that hinted of the hidden dinosaur remains.

Although Janie had unearthed many more fossils in that area, she said that first piece is the one she is most proud of finding. She has some very nice specimens of claws, teeth, and fish scales.

Over time, Janie made more fossil finds. Her husband Tim felt that there could be something bigger and of historical value waiting to be revealed. So, while visiting the State Fair, they contacted the Dallas Museum

of Natural History and were given an email contact. Thus, they got in touch with Ron Tykoski, PhD who is a fossil preparator for the Dallas Museum.

Janie sent him photographs of samples of their finds. The photos sparked excitement. In November 2005, Dr. Tykoski wrote, "The location is producing a large number of vertebrae fossils, as well some invertebrates. Many of the large teeth you have appear to be those of marine reptiles such as plesiosaurs and mososaurs and perhaps some crocodylian teeth." After viewing more photos, he stated, "Your collection includes remains of

fossil crocodylians, probably some turtles, garfish, and remains of theropod dinosaurs (carnivorous dinosaurs), as well as teeth from a heck of a lot of fish and maybe marine reptiles. There may be some bits of herbivorous dinosaurs in there too. It looks to be a very diverse and apparently rich assemblage of fossils from Early Cretaceous time."

According to Texas law, fossils found on private property belong to the landowner. Tykoski urged them to contact Weinzapfel for permission to examine the site and harvest their finds.

Tykoski noted, "A quick glance at a geologic map of

the area shows all the rocks around Muenster are in the Lower Cretaceous section, meaning they are probably around 120-100 million years of age. Some of the same geologic units exposed in western Cooke County have produced important vertebrate fossil finds in other parts of Texas. Exploration in the 1940s and 1950s of a similar-appearing locality near Forestburg have yielded some small vertebrate fossils that proved to be of great scientific importance to vertebrate paleontology."

Time passed as legalities were dealt with. Finally in April 2006, the Hartmans met with Dr. Tykoski. The discovery adventure began. Numerous bits and pieces of creatures that existed long ago were harvested from the fossil-rich site. Tykoski brought back to Dallas five pounds of rock and sand from the site where they dug up a large vertebra. He screen-washed the sediment. It contained teeth from five different kinds of crocodylians, some no more than 1/16 of an inch in size, jaw pieces

and vertebrae of amphibians (possibly frogs and salamanders), fish teeth and scales, small meat-eating dinosaur teeth, turtle shell pieces, plus more broken unidentifiable pieces.

According to Tykoski, his supervisor was pleased with what had been found and felt that there were some scientific works that could be written on the site and the material from it.

Time passed between Dr. Tykoski's visits to the site. Heavy rain and wind wore away layers at the site and exposed more fossil pieces. Janie emailed him that there had been some heavy rains at the site and every time more fossil pieces were lost.

When dinosaur bones are uncovered, most soon crumble and are lost. To preserve the bones they find, paleontologists dig around the find keeping dirt with it. They wrap it in burlap or some other material and cast it in plaster to take it to their lab. Once exposed, the bone is sprayed with a glue to keep it from crumbling.

Janie speculates that

there is such a diverse collection of creatures captured in that one spot because it is where a river ran into the ocean. There is proof that a fallen tree may have blocked the stream. She feels that may be what caused so many specimens to be collected there.

The days of anticipating more dinosaur discoveries has past at the Weinzapfel site. "It's gone," Janie remarked. There is nothing there anymore. It's either all washed away, disappeared, or got picked up, crumbled, or something. Any of the larger bones, once exposed to the elements, just crumble. So, if there were any larger bones out there, they crumbled into little bitty fine pieces of nothing." She likened it to an old dump site with cool old bottles. Once the old bottles are all picked up, there is nothing left.

During the process of finding and preserving the dinosaur finds, the Hartmans learned that there were big plans for the salvaged dinosaur pieces. They were des-

See DINOSAURS, pg. 11



Paleontologist Dr. Ron Tykoski examines a dinosaur fossil found on property north of Muenster. He explored the site, digging for and finding many specimens of a number of diverse creatures. Some of the fossils he found are now on display in the Perot Museum of Nature and History in Dallas which opened last week. This was the third dig on that location.

Janie Hartman photo



A specimen from the Cooke County dig site is wrapped in burlap and plaster to be transported to a lab in Dallas. Shown are, from left, Tim Hartman, Dr. Ron Tykoski, and a volunteer.

Janie Hartman photo

WARREN PIECE

By Joe Warren

Livin' large in a small town

Small town living is really all I've ever known — I am a small town boy by choice. We are as close to Dallas or Houston as I'll ever want to live. I grew up in a small Montana town — there are more people living in Fort Worth than the entire state, but I believe that's a plus.

It's easier to make a difference in a small town and that's appealing to me. So I'm happy to be living here in North Texas and working in three very unique, but "small" communities.

Three weeks ago in Montana, I was knee-deep in snow, negotiating slippery stops and dealing with iced-up windows just to go to the grocery store. I'm not complaining about the weather in Montana because when you live somewhere you have to be prepared and know what you're in for. Talk to me next August when I'm melting and see how that theory is working for me.

But, I love working and living in a small town. I always have. Not because I'm a recluse, but rather living in small communities encourages involvement. It's tough to hide. And even more difficult to not care about the positive things. Some people care about the community's progress, some people care about its citizens. Whichever, the fact that we care, makes our area a better place to live. To me, living in a small town is more about helping create a place you can be a part of, than where you actually are. So I bring that small town sense with me, always reminding myself where I come from.

Whether you are living in a place that you have to shovel snow or a place you can enjoy the outdoors in shirt-sleeves, you have more ability to participate in a smaller community. And, in a small town, that can be very large.

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RFPs (request for proposals) from grant management and engineering firms. They received four RFPs for engineering and one for grant management. A committee consisting of Mayor Anderson, Sewer Commissioner Jack Flusche, Lutkenhaus, and Endres met to review and score the proposals. The committee recommended Pat Dillon of Southwest Consultants as the grant management firm and John Bezner of Civil Points Engineering for the engineering firm with Tim Morris as the alternate.

The Council agreed with the Committee's recommendations and voted to hire Dillon as the grant manager. They also authorized the mayor to execute a contract for the proposed budget in the amount of \$22,000.

Dillon attended Monday's meeting. He guided them through the other required steps. The Council awarded the contract to Civil Point, authorized the mayor to sign any contracts from it, and authorized the mayor and Dillon to negotiate the contract within the budget of \$17,500. If the contract can't be negotiated, the mayor is to proceed with the second choice.

The Council then updated the language to meet requirements. They voted to designate authorized signatories for the TxCDBG contract as the mayor, mayor pro tem, City secretary, and

City manager. Two signatures are required.

The Council voted to make a part of its policy prohibiting the physical barring of any entrance to or exit from a facility that is subject to any non violent civil rights violation.

They also voted to adopt a resolution designed to help businesses grow and another was updated to hold public hearings and notify people requesting that they submit ideas.

The Council appointed the City Manager as the fair housing officer and authorized publication of Fair Housing, It's the Law in the *Muenster Enterprise*. Finally, they appointed Dillon as the labor standards officer.

In other business, the City Council:

- Voted unanimously 4-0 to provide the cost of installation of a tin horn and covering the ditch behind Schilling Tire if Schillings agree to pay the cost of the materials. The materials cost is estimated at between \$5,000 to \$6,000. Schillings would like to add on to their business and would prefer that the ditch be filled prior to doing that. Schillings will decide if they are willing to pay for the materials.
- Read a proclamation declaring Dec. 2-8 as Muenster Museum Week.
- Approved payment of bills totaling \$137,512.13.

Painting Christmas spirit



Muenster High School student Caroline Gressett paints Christmas art on the windows of Santa's workshop on Main Street. Janie Hartman photo



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Mark Blankenship

The month of November has brought us 38 CALLS FOR SERVICE resulting in seven INCIDENT reports being generated. Seven ARRESTS/BOOKINGS were made by officers. 59 CITATIONS were issued with no vehicle accidents reported. Officers logged 691 hours on patrol, driving 2,654 miles.

The year to date statistics (11 months) are as follows:

- CALLS FOR SERVICE 486
- INCIDENTS REPORTS 78
- ARRESTS/BOOKINGS 55
- ACCIDENTS 9
- CITATIONS 743
- MAN HOURS 6913
- MILES LOGGED 31,995

With the Christmas and New Year holidays approaching, we urge everyone to use extra care when driving.

We have great merchants here in our city, so let's support them when shopping to fill our Christmas lists. Be safe and have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

WARNING

It has been reported that TRASH is being dumped at the City Water Treatment Plant site. This is reserved for BRUSH and LIMBS ONLY. Anyone caught dumping TRASH at this site is subject to being charged with LITTERING. Large item trash pickup can be arranged at City Hall.

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

Sunday, December 9, 2012	Monday, December 10, 2012	Tuesday, December 11, 2012	Wednesday, December 12, 2012	Thursday, December 13, 2012	Friday, December 14, 2012	Saturday, December 15, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	KMB mtg. 6:45 pm NO MMH Aux mtg. VFW/Aux Christmas 7:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Religious Ed Mass 7 pm SH Alumni & Supp mtg. MISD Board mtg. 7:30 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am-4 pm M. Historical Comm. mtg. 8 am	Museum open -1-4 SH Alumni Bake Sale - SNAP room, 7am-1pm AARP lunch mtg. 11:30 am	Library open 10:00-2:30
Sunday, December 16, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	Tuesday, December 18, 2012	Wednesday, December 19, 2012	Thursday, December 20, 2012	Friday, December 21, 2012	Saturday, December 22, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4	VFW Aux. In Lieu of Christmas Cards deadline	Library open 10am-6:30 pm SHCS Christmas Program MMH Board mtg. 7pm	Library open 10 am -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Religious Ed class 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Museum open 1-4 pm MISD dismissal @12:30	Muenster Museum open 1-4 MISD Dismissal @12:30 SH - NO SCHOOL	Library open 10:00 - 2:30

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L.B. Bruns 1921 - 2012

Mass of Christian Burial for Lawrence Bernard Bruns, age 91 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A Rosary/Vigil was held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29 at the funeral home. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were officiated by Rev. Ken Robinson and directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Mr. Bruns died at 11:40 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012 at his home.

Born Nov. 22, 1921 in Gainesville, Lawrence was one of the three children of Lawrence Frank and Elizabeth Marie Sturm Bruns. He grew up and graduated high school in Gainesville. He worked with his dad in the oil and gas distribution business while in school.

After graduating high school, Mr. Bruns was inducted into the U.S. Army, did his training in Camp Crowder, Missouri, Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Lincoln, Nebraska, and then served both in the European and Asia Pacific Campaigns. After being discharged in 1946, he attended and received a Bachelor's Degree at North Texas State University. He was then employed at Muenster ISD as an Industrial Arts teacher. While teaching at Muenster, he continued his education at North Texas State where he received his Master's degree. He then was promoted to principal and later superintendent at Muenster ISD.

L.B. was with Muenster ISD from 1949 until 1980. He dedicated his career to helping build their strong school district.

After retiring from the school, Lawrence occupied some of his time by delivering mail for the U.S. Postal Service.

L.B. loved hunting, fishing, and wood working. He was active in many community activities. He served as usher at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for many years. L.B. especially loved and cared for his family. He made many friends during

his stay at Muenster. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Larry Duncan of Flower Mound; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Elaine Bruns of Dallas; grandsons Dr. Brandon Bruns of Baltimore, Maryland, and Blake and wife Lauren Bruns of Los Angeles, California; and great-grandson Wyatt Bruns of Los Angeles.

He was preceded in death by his wife Loree Dunn Bruns; son L.B. Bruns, Jr.; sister Betty Sheets; brother Ray Bruns; and his parents.

During the funeral Mass, grandson Dr. Brandon Bruns gave the First Reading. Son-in-law Larry Duncan read the Responsorial. The Second Reading was given by grandson Blake Bruns. David and Linda Vogel carried the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Nancie Lippe, Dianne Walterscheid, Claude and Deb Klement, and Doris Klement. Altar servers were Tim Schneider, Butch Fisher, and Sylvan Walterscheid.

Music ministers were Isaac Davis, Christy Hesse, and Linda Flusche. Songs included "On Eagle's Wings," "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "Songs of the Angels," and "I'll Fly Away."



L.B. Bruns

Son Robert gave the eulogy. He remembered his father's special enjoyment of fishing, how he loved to use his woodworking talents, and how particular he was about the care of his yard. He spoke of how L.B. contributed to the community through services that didn't always make him popular - umpiring baseball games, his superintendent duties, and managing the Muenster pool. L.B. always gave his family strength, moral direction, and pushed them to do a little more.

Pallbearers were Dan Hamric, Butch Fisher, Rudy Koesler, John Pagel, James Polk, and John Yosten.

The family requests memorials be made to the L.B. Bruns Scholarship Fund, c/o Muenster ISD, PO Box 608, Muenster, TX 76252.

Weldon Lavonne Reid 1935 - 2012

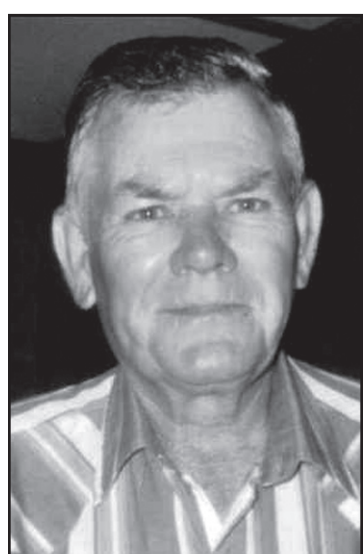
Weldon Lavonne Reid, age 77 of Muenster, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 at Renaissance Care Center. His funeral was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Meador-Clement-Keel Chapel with Rev. Bill Black, pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in New Hope Cemetery. No visitation was held.

Pallbearers were grandsons Joey Martin, Nathan Sandmann, Greg Russell, Shane Kennedy, William Harrell, Nicholas Yosten, Nathan Chatterley, and nephew Danny Fellers. John Yosten, John Walterscheid, and Rick Stewart were honorary bearers.

Weldon was born in Saint Jo on Oct. 10, 1935, the son of Barney and Hattie Mae Blodgett Reid. He married Peggy Jo Clark Jan. 22, 1955 in Gainesville. Mr. Reid worked for Cooke County Electric 46 years before retiring. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather,

and great-grandfather who loved to garden, fish, hunt, and watch movies.

Survivors include the love of his life, wife Peggy of Muenster; daughters and sons-in-law Laneta and Ernie Martin of Muenster, Roxie and Phillip Russell of Muenster, and Mechal and Rex Harrell of Gainesville; son and daughter-in-law Rusty Lynn and Bonnie Reid of Muenster; brother and sister-in-law Thurman and Margie Reid of Marietta, Oklahoma; grandchildren and their spouses Joey and Jeanie Martin of Gainesville, Yvonne and Nathan Sandmann of Valley View, Greg Russell of Gainesville, Angela and Shane Kennedy of Callisburg, William and Laura Harrell of Valley View, Stephanie Harrell of Gainesville, Telisha and Nicholas Yosten of Lewisville, and Jennifer and Nathan Chatterley of Aubrey; great-grandchildren Caleb Sandmann, Chloe Sand-



Lavonne Reid

mann, Alex Gates, Nicole Gates, Zachary Kennedy, David Kennedy, Kay Ellen Kennedy, Gracie "Rosebud" Harrell, Breanna Yosten, Emma Yosten, Derek Yosten, June Chatterley, and Trevor Reid; and great-great-grandchild Rockie Ricardo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Weldon Lavonne Reid, Jr.

Dorothy Penton 1914 - 2012

Funeral for Helen Dorothy Penton, age 98 of Gainesville, formerly of Rosston, is set for 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 8 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Perryman Cemetery in Forestburg. Visitation is from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, prior to the funeral.

Mrs. Penton died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 in Gainesville. She was born Nov. 10, 1914 in Forestburg.

Mrs. Penton married Weldon "Witt" Bailey Penton on April 8, 1939. She was a graduate of Forestburg High School. Penton retired from JC Penney's in Gainesville following over 40 years of service. She loved raising horses and livestock on her

ranch in Rosston. An avid photographer, she especially enjoyed photographing scenery, and their livestock.

Survivors include sisters Nancy Jo Minton of Denton and Jimmie Ruth Setzer of Mesquite; a nephew and a niece; devoted great-niece Linda Roller; and devoted friend Sue Hughs.

She was preceded in death by her husband; step-father E.E. Kuykendall; and mother Anna Schultz Kuykendall.

Pallbearers are Victor Wilson Penton, Jr., James L. Penton, Jr., Andrew Mitchell-tree, Tom Richardson, Weldon Settle, Brydan Hughs, and Grady Roller.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Dec. 5, 1947

Survey this week will determine Hospital project's eligibility for aid. Pneumonia sends Frank Walterscheid to hospital - brothers Al and C.M. finish his house in Hereford. Wedding: Georgia Kathman and William Insel; Rose Mary Schnitker and Stephen O. Bruno. New Arrival: Shelia to the Glenn Huckabays. Dick Trachta is owner of new gray Plymouth sedan and Tony Trubenbach has new black Dodge sedan. Health Department notes increase of scarlet fever cases. New Arrival: Roy to Tony and Loretta Wimmer. National Scholastic Press Club admits six of Mosaic staff: Evelyn Vogel, Monte Hellman, Elfrieda Koesler, Rosalee Fuhrmann, Kenneth Wiseman, and Lillian Knabe.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 7, 1962

Muenster Dress Manufacturing Company has formal

opening of their new home - 600 visitors attend. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Endres escape injury in crash that demolishes their car. New Arrivals: Terry to Dave and Wanda Flusche; a boy to the Virgil Walters; a son to Joe Pat and Mary Bohac. Wedding: Jolene Carlton and Clifton Odom. Alice Walter and Sharon Schumacher graduate from beauty school. Advertisement: Instant Shoe Coloring; 18 colors - you saw it on TV, now get it at Nick & Adelina (Miller).

25 YEARS AGO Dec. 4, 1987

Highway Department studies Red River bridge sites - area citizens support site in Bulcher area. Obituaries: Joe Henry Walterscheid, 66; Angie Fisher, 14; Cleta Reynolds, 77. Wedding: Gayle Yosten and Terry Shafer. New Arrivals: Aaron to David and Judy Krahl; Karen to Jack and Linda Flusche.

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- American Bank of Texas
- Red River Motor Sports
- Hutcherson Insurance
- Gainesville Chamber of Commerce
- North Central Texas College Ag. Department
- Muenster State Bank - Muenster & Gainesville
- First State Bank - California Street
- Lindsay Letter
- Muenster Enterprise
- Gainesville Daily Register
- Gainesville Independent School District Schools
- Optimist Club of Gainesville
- Rotary Club of Gainesville
- Lora's Florist - Muenster
- Glenn Polk Autoplex
- KGAF Radio Station
- Walmart
- (Lee Russel) Edward Jones
- North Texas Medical Center
- Petroflex
- Advanced Pedestals
- Crossroads Baptist Church
- Whaley United Methodist Church

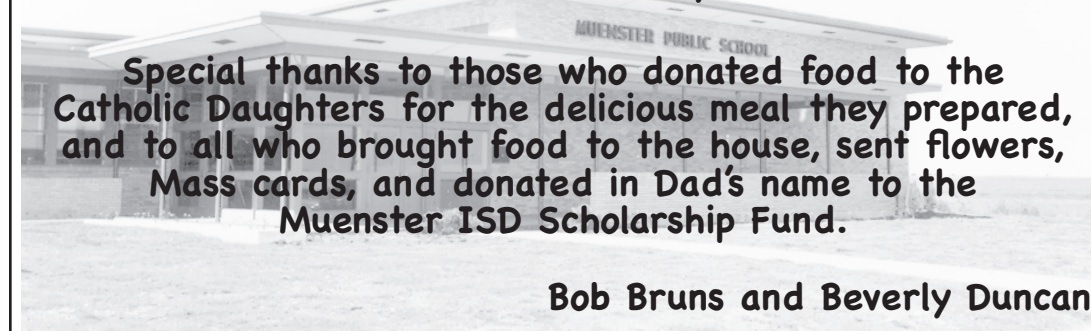
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The family of L.B. Bruns wishes to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their caring thoughts, prayers, and other expressions of sympathy during the time of his passing.

Especially deserving of our deepest thanks are Fr. Ken Robinson, music ministers Linda Flusche, Christy Hesse and Isaac Davis, the Eucharistic ministers, and Mass servers.



Special thanks to those who donated food to the Catholic Daughters for the delicious meal they prepared, and to all who brought food to the house, sent flowers, Mass cards, and donated in Dad's name to the Muenster ISD Scholarship Fund.

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Nortex celebrates with Christmas Party

The clock struck six o'clock as employees, spouses, and guests filed into the beautifully decorated Nortex building for an evening of fun, games, food, and great company.

As guests arrived, they were welcomed with a table of snacks prepared by Donna Neu. Alan Rohmer gave thanks for the food, which was catered by The Center Restaurant.

After the meal, President and CEO Alvin Fuhrman began with a highlight of the past year and a history of the tower northeast of town that was to be taken down Monday, Dec. 3, 2012. Mr. Fuhrman left off by thanking the employees for their hard work and introducing the CFO Alan Rohmer and COO Joey Anderson.

Rohmer reviewed the company's financials for 2012 and the positive forecast for 2013. Nortex became the first to offer 4G LTE in Cooke County in 2012. Recently, the company purchased more capacity to provide wireless internet services to their customers, putting them in a prime position for 2013.

Anderson discussed how technology is always changing, therefore, Nortex is always changing with technology to offer the best products

and services to its customers. He thanked the employees for their hard work and the way they treat their customers with exemplary service. "We are a strong ship in a stormy sea and we have the right people on our team to continue the good job we're doing now," said Anderson.

Fuhrman and his wife Gracie presented awards to dedicated employees including: Tim Carpenter, Mendy Gieb, and Doug Lockhart for five years of service; Sara Lanier and Mark Mashburn for 10 years of service; John Klement, Terry Bartel, and Deano Bayer for 15 years of service; Brian Hess for 20 years of service; Richard Corley for 25 years of service; and Donna Endres for 30 years of service.

After the program, a fun game of bingo was played. Throughout the night, names were drawn for gifts of table centerpieces, tools, jewelry, Cowboys tickets, and more. The highlight of the drawings was a day off with pay, which was won by the lucky recipient Jerry Yosten.

The evening ended with another trip to the snack table, shared stories of fond memories, and a round of appreciation for the good time made possible by Nortex.

Tour set Dec. 8 for Margaret Parx Hays home in Gainesville

The historic home of Margaret Parx Hays will be open to the public for touring on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 4-8 p.m. The home is located at 1301 East Pecan (corner of Clement and Pecan) in Gainesville. There is no admission charge for this tour.

The house was built in 1894 and purchased by Margaret's parents in the early 1930s. It remained home to the Hays family until 2002 when David and Rose Sicking purchased it.

At one time, the Hays family lived in the east side of the home and rented the west side to Army officers from Camp Howze. The home has now been restored and the upstairs enlarged with no structural changes. Those touring the home will view historic photos of the Hayes family and early Gainesville as well as a mixture of Victorian, Native American, and Old West antiques.

An outside display features antique horse-drawn buggies, snow sleigh, etc.. Margaret Parx Hayes is noted for her work in restoring

and preserving much of Gainesville's heritage. She served as mayor of Gainesville, was active in establishing the Morton Museum and, was the first director of the Cooke County Mental Health Center, and served as a leader in the movement to save the historical Gainesville fire house which became the Morton Museum.

For more information, call (940) 668-6784.

New Arrivals



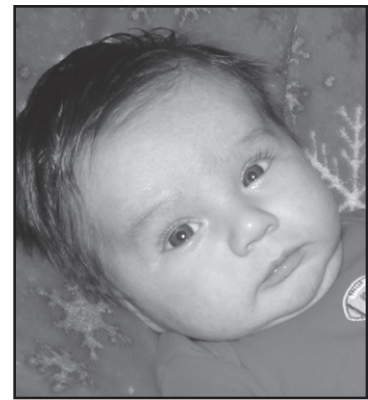
Karli Klement

Klement

Caitlyn and Elliot Klement of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their first child Karli Elizabeth Klement. Karli was born on Friday, Nov. 2, 2012 at 11 p.m. in North Texas Medical Center. She weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and measured 20.5 inches long. Grandparents are Leon and Christi Klement and first-time grandparents Brad and Terri Barrett, all of Muenster.

Hillis

Aiden Bryce Hillis was born on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012 at 10:05 a.m. at Texas Health Presbyterian Denton. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. Aiden's parents are Lance and Holly Hillis of Lindsay. Welcoming him to the family are siblings Parker, age nine, Ava, age three, and Asher, age two. Grandparents are Kenny and Rhonda Hartman of Muenster, Gary and Terri Atterbury of Lake Kiowa, and Lanny and Rhonda Hillis of Searcy, Arkansas. Great-grandparents are Alvin and Joanie Hartman and Clara Endres, all of Muenster, and Ken and Jean Mitchell of Sherman.



Aiden Hillis

Notice

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection will hold its annual Christmas gathering on Friday, Dec. 14 at Judy Beard's home, 1226 Kiowa Drive East at Lake Kiowa. A brunch will be provided and the event time is 10-11:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Lynn Monden of Vines & Branches. She will be sharing the Real Meaning of Christmas, so please bring a friend to share in this time.

Are you new to this area and looking for friends? Then join them for this special occasion. You will be welcomed with open arms.

For reservations, call Carol at 940/368-4950 or e-mail at cijacobsen@hotmail.com by Monday, Dec. 10.

In the end, it's not going to matter how many breaths you took, but how many moments took your breath away.
- Shing Xiong

The four baskets being raffled in the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary's Basket Bazaar are pictured above. They are, clockwise, from top left, Rednecks With Paychecks, Christmas Afghan, Doe Hunt, and Christmas floral. The drawing will be held on Dec. 17.

Courtesy photos

Hospital Auxiliary promotes Annual Basket Bazaar Raffle

Muenster Hospital Auxiliary members are excited about the baskets they have assembled for the 2nd Annual Christmas Basket Bazaar Raffle. This fundraiser was successful in its first year and with some unusual baskets, they anticipate another successful fundraiser.

There are four baskets with values ranging between \$300 and \$500 plus. Baskets are a Rednecks With Paychecks admission/camp spot package with a selection of caps, shirts, and stickers donated by Derrick Morse; Doe Hunt donated by Rockin P Ranch that includes a camo cooler,

and other assorted items donated by Ace Hardware; a large Christmas floral arrangement made and donated by Aileen Knabe; and a Christmas afghan basket with a candle, books, lotion, and a variety of home-made goodies made and donated by Harriet Scoggins.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. They are being sold at Muenster State Bank, Ace Hardware, Muenster Hospital, or from any Hospital Auxiliary member.

For more information, call Janet at 736-4759 or Adelia at 759-6162.

VFW Auxiliary announcements

The local Ladies VFW Auxiliary has a few items on their coming agenda. First on the list is the VFW children's Santa visit on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10:15 a.m. His visit is for all members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary's children and grandchildren and guests. It will be held in the new VFW Post Home.

They wish to remind members of the change of meeting date to Monday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the new Post Home. A Christmas party

with the veterans will follow the meeting, and ladies are asked to bring a covered dish.

A reminder goes out to the community of the In Lieu of Christmas Cards fundraiser which benefits local program needs. Deadline for having a name(s) appear in the Auxiliary Christmas greeting ad is Dec. 17. Donations can be sent to Frances Bayer 136 S FM 373 Muenster, TX 76252 or Ida Mae Bindel 408 N. Hickory, Muenster, TX 76252.

Go, fight, give blood

North Texas Medical Center, in conjunction with Carter Blood Care, will be conducting a holiday blood drive Thursday, Dec. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Donors will receive a free Dallas Mavericks mini basketball, as well as a buy one-get one free ticket voucher to see the Dallas Mavericks. Each donor will also be automatically entered to win use of a private suite at an upcoming Mavs game.

Carter provides online scheduling so that donors can schedule their time to donate and reduce or eliminate possible waits. For online scheduling, go to www.carterbloodcare.org - Donate Blood - At Community Blood Drive - and type in your zip code.

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Muenster Elementary Student Council members are, from left, front - Hunter Lovett, Ixel Meza, Shae Budish; 2nd row - Morgan Hennigan, Abby Walterscheid; 3rd row - Lauren Trubenbach, Sarah Davis, Chloe Hucker, Garrett Bindel, Josh Brinkley; 4th row - Dane Hachten, Annie Anderle, Kody Walterscheid, Ryan Huchton; 5th row - Colby Endres, Tom Davis, Major Eldridge; back - Blair Waneck and Nolan Bayer. MISD photo

Elementary Student Council helps the local Food Pantry

To help local families in need, during the month of November, the Muenster Elementary Student Council (MESC) collected non-perishable foods and toiletries for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. MESC members counted the items during lunch every day. The school collected over 750 items. The top two classes together collected nearly 400 items. The first place class, Mrs. Walterscheid's 6th grade, and the second highest class, Mrs. Presnall's 4th grade class, will both enjoy

an ice cream party as a way of saying thank you for their generosity. The items were delivered to the food pantry on Tuesday, Nov. 20 to make sure the food pantry was stocked for the Thanksgiving Holiday. MESC acknowledges all the families who helped make this activity such a huge success.

Submitted by Ryan Huchton, MESC reporter

Live in harmony with one another. Romans 12:16



5TH GRADE STUDY TRIP TO KXII AND NCTC - "What is it like to be on TV?, Do you get nervous?" These were some of the questions answered by Meteorologists Tom Miller and Megan Krannig at KXII Television News Station in Sherman. The Muenster Elementary 5th grade class with their teachers Deanna Hellman and Debra Sicking toured the news station and learned about television broadcasting and weather on Nov. 16. The students enjoyed learning about what it takes to be a meteorologist on the news. They also discussed the elements of television broadcasting. After lunch, the students went to the North Central Texas College Center for the Performing Arts to see the performance of *Babe the Sheep Pig*. MISD photo

Menus

WEEK OF DEC. 10 - 14 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Beef tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fresh fruit and vegetables, peaches, brownies.

Tues. - Chicken strips, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fresh fruit and vegetables, pineapple, wheat roll.

Wed. - Chicken quesadillas, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, fresh fruit and vegetables, oranges, animal crackers.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, black-eyed peas, fresh fruit and vegetables, peaches, wheat rolls.

Fri. - Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oven fries, pork and beans, fresh fruit and vegetables, applesauce.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken fajitas, salad, ranch style beans, fruit.

Tues. - Pizza, corn, lettuce salad, fruit.

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

Thurs. - Ham and cheese sandwich, chips, fresh carrots, lettuce and tomato cup, fruit.

Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, fries, fresh fruit, ice cream.



Muenster FCCLA students recently conducted a canned food drive. Pictured are, from left, front - Makayla Pumphrey (FCCLA peer educator), Mariah Rocha (VP of projects), Payton Sanders, Austin Hennigan, Brooke Walterscheid, Shelby Klement; back - Lauren Rohmer, Hunter Klement, and Andy Flusche. MISD photo

Planetarium sets dates for Mystery of the Christmas Star

The John Parker Planetarium at North Central Texas College will explore new twists on a very old story with special public showings of "Mystery of the Christmas Star."

With new state-of-the-art digital projection and audio equipment, new seating, and other upgrades, the Planetarium offers "quite an

amazing visual experience" according to Sara Flusche who runs the facility.

Using the Planetarium's digital star-field simulator, this program recreates the night sky at the date and time of Christ's birth to see what the wise men could have seen and to discover if the story of The Star of Bethlehem is based on an actual

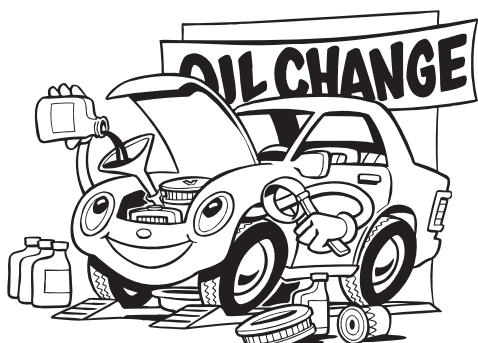
celestial event.

She stressed, however, that seating is limited for the four scheduled showings on Dec. 19, 21, and 23 at 7 p.m., and on Dec. 23 at 5 p.m.

Persons wishing to attend should call the NCTC Science Department as soon as possible at 940-668-3351 or by email at sflusche@nctc.edu to reserve seats.

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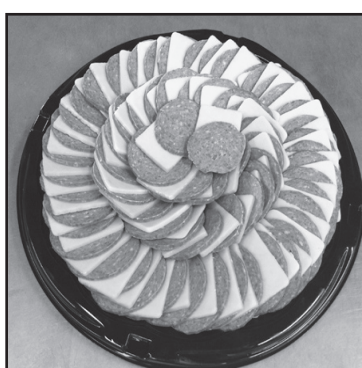
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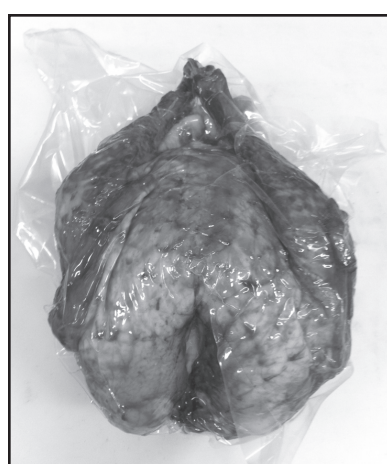
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SPORTS

Hornet football season ends

The Hornets of Muenster finished their football season last Friday night in Springtown, falling to the Albany Lions 31-14 in the Regional round of the Class 2A Division 2 playoffs.

"We didn't have Andy (Flusche) in the middle of the field on defense," commented Coach Brady Carney on the absence of the injured Flusche. "Our defense struggled in stopping Albany's run. Another setback was when Steven (Flusche) went out the 2nd quarter." Carney also noted that the special teams did not perform well and "that came back to bite us."

Carney did add that the season was a big success. "After losing all the seniors the year before, I was proud the way we fought."

On looking back at the season, every single offensive player missed at least one game due to an injury, but most came back the next week to play for the Hornets.

A positive for next year is Muenster had seven juniors on the field last Friday night on offense and seven underclassmen on defense. But the dozen senior class team members will be missed - Austin Hennigan, Trevor Muller, Clayton Rohmer, CT Beecham, Paul Mouring, Blayne Styles, Andy Flusche, Steven Flusche, Hunter Klement, Trevor Hess, Colton Lang, and Sean Chism

The Hornets scored first and had a 14-14 tied game to end the 1st quarter. After that, Muenster couldn't find the end zone.

Albany returned the opening kick 40 yards, but the Hornet defense held the Lions, forcing a punt.

Muenster's first play of the game was a 54 yard touchdown run by Clint Sidwell. Hunter Klement added the extra point after for a 7-0 score with 9:40 on the clock. Albany came right back three plays later, scoring on a 65 yard run. The PAT tied the game 7-7 with 8:33 remaining in the period.

Muenster's next drive ended with a fumble, covered by the Lions on the Hornet 3 yard line. Next play, Albany was on top 14-7.

From their 44 yard line, Muenster moved downfield with runs by Trevor Hess and Klement. A 44 yard

Sidwell carry found the end zone, but an offensive holding call brought the ball back to the Lion 40. A Klement to Cole Walterscheid pass gained 27 yards. Short runs by Hess and Binder took the ball to the 8 yard line. The next three plays lost yards and the Lions took over on their 11 yard line.

Near midfield, Dalton Bartel covered a loose Lion ball with 17 seconds on the clock. Sidwell ran for 14 and with 1 second remaining in the 1st quarter, Klement connected with Walterscheid for a 31 yard pass play for 6 points. Klement booted the extra point to tie the game 14-14 at the period's end.

The teams exchanged punts to start the 2nd quarter. Albany then had a seven play drive, taking a 21-14 lead with 2:32 on the clock.

The Hornets gained 9 and punted. The Lions added a field goal for a 24-14 score at the halftime break.

Binder returned the 3rd period kick 31 yards, but the Hornets gained only 2 yards and punted. The Lions ran nine plays before running out of downs on the Hornet 21. Short runs by Tavi Saldana, Hess, and Klement, and Klement pass completions to Walterscheid and Colton Lang moved Muenster to the Albany 35 before unsuccessful plays and a flag forced a punt.

Albany carried the ball into the final quarter, running 17 plays to the Hornet 25 before the Muenster defense stopped the drive. Albany got the ball back the next play with an interception, but could not get into the end zone.

The Hornets went into their passing game with Klement completing four of 11 passes, connecting with Sidwell, Walterscheid, Saldana, and Binder to gain a total of 39 yards before running out of downs. Two plays later, Albany added another TD to take a 31-14 lead with 2 minutes remaining.

Austin Hennigan returned Albany's kick 13 yards. Klement completed a pass to Binder for 13 yards, but two incomplete pass attempts were followed by an interception with 1 minute, 25 seconds on the clock. The Lions killed the remaining time, taking home the Regional Championship.

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A	14	10	0	7	31

Team Stats		A
M	12	1st downs 16
	30/143	Rushes/yds 54/391
	11/26/2	Comp/att/int 3/6/0
	145	Passing yds 39
	4/26	Punts/avg 2/27
	1/1	Fumbles/lost 2/1
	5/35	Penalties/yds 6/35

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Clint Sidwell 6/84, Trevor Hess 11/36, Mason Binder 4/8, Steven Flusche 2/6, Tavi Saldana 1/5, Hunter Klement 6/2.
RECEIVERS: Cole Walterscheid 4/70, Mason Binder 2/24, Clint Sidwell 2/20, Tavi Saldana 2/19, Colton Lang 1/12.
TACKLES: Mason Binder, Dalton Bartel, Trevor Hess, Colton Lang, Clayton Rohmer, Blayne Styles, Steven Flusche.
FUMBLE RECOVERY: Dalton Bartel.

Playoff Action
 Albany will now face Munday this week in the Region 2 Quarter-Final round of the playoffs. In Region 1, Wellington will play Sudan, Region 3 Tenaha vs. Frost, and Region 4 Burton vs. Falls City.

Locally, the Lindsay Knights lost 21-14 to Goldthwaite, and the Gainesville Leopards fell to Kilgore 30-14. The undefeated Nocona Indians in Class 2A Division 2 won over Gunter 15-13 and continue their football season.



Cole Walterscheid (82) reaches for a pass from quarterback Hunter Klement (16) in last week's Regional playoff match with Albany. Also pictured are Hornets Blayne Styles (50) and Paul Mouring (55). Joe Warren photo

Lady Hornets win Jacksboro Basketball Tournament

The Lady Hornets won all five games in last weekend's tournament in Jacksboro. Amber Walterscheid was named MVP, with Lauren Rohmer joining her for All-Tournament honors. The wins improved Muenster's record to 10-2.

Action began on Thursday with two games, continued with another victory on Friday, finishing on Saturday for the Championship.

Muenster 40 Holliday 27
 Michelle Sicking led game 1 with 10 points. Amber Walterscheid put in 9, Lauren Rohmer 6, Sydney Huchton 4, Cedy Burnett 3, and Paige Herr, Kassie Dangelmayr, Kristen Reiter, and Hannah Bayer 2 points apiece.

Muenster 67 Breckenridge 28
 In game two, Burnett burned the boards with 24 points. Rohmer put in 14, A. Walterscheid 8, Herr 7, Dangelmayr 5, Brooke Walterscheid and Sicking 4 points each, and Bayer 1.

Muenster 69 Millsap 23
 Rohmer, A. Walterscheid, and Sicking hit double digits in game 3 with 11, 10, and 10 respectively. Rounding out the scoring were Burnett with 9, Reiter and Huchton 6 each, Dangelmayr and Herr 5 apiece, Kendi Bayer 3, and H. Bayer 2.

Muenster 57 Paradise 45
 Rohmer, Burnett, and A. Walterscheid dropped in 11

points each in game 4, followed by Dangelmayr with 10, Sicking 8, and Herr 6.

Muenster 34 Ponder 27
 Rohmer and A. Walterscheid led the way in the championship round of the tournament with 10 points each. Burnett and Sicking added 6, and Herr 2.

The Lady Hornets improved to 11-2 on the season after a 44-37 win over Ponder Tuesday night. Leading scorer for Muenster was Amber Walterscheid with 10 points. Paige Herr and Michelle Sicking dropped in 9 points each, Hannah Bayer 7, and Sydney Huchton, Cedy Burnett, and Kristen Reiter 3 points apiece.



Trevor Hess (7) pulls down an Albany Lion as Dalton Bartel (30) and Mason Binder (11) move in to finish the tackle. Joe Warren photo

Tigerettes take third at Turner Tournament

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes competed in the Turner, Oklahoma tournament and came away with 3rd place. The following are their game stats.

Sacred Heart 46 Thackerville 20
 Bailey Walterscheid led the scoring for Sacred Heart with 13 points. Danielle Berend dropped in 9, Michelle Zimmerer 6 (13 rebounds), Mikayla Fleitman 5, Kinzie Hess and Mikenzie Fleitman 4 each, Kaitlin Hesse, 3, and Kylie Hess 2 (5 assists). Karleigh Reeves had 6 steals.

Sacred Heart 37 Howe 39
 The Tigerettes were handed their first loss of the season when Howe hit two free throws with .22 on the clock to take the win. Peyton Reiter led the way with 15 points and 4 steals. Berend (5 assists) and Reeves put in 6, Hesse 5 (20 rebounds),

Devan Henry 3, and Walterscheid 2 (4 steals).

SH 13 7 10 7 37
H 12 6 10 11 39

Sacred Heart 52 Ryan 41
 The Tigerettes took 3rd place with their 52-41 win over Ryan. Berend put in 13 points and had 7 assists. Hesse scored 12 points and had 14 rebounds and 5 steals. Reiter added 10, Reeves 7, Walterscheid 6, Hess 3, and Mikaela Bartush 1.

SH 17 7 14 14 52
R 8 8 11 14 41

The Tigerettes took a big win Monday over Dallas Covenant by a score of 73-22. Peyton Reiter burned the boards with 22 points.

Karleigh Reeves dropped in 15, Bailey Walterscheid 13, Devan Henry, Mikaela Bartush, and Michelle Zimmerer 6 apiece, Danielle Berend 5.

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JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Sacred Heart B 24 St. Mary's 8

Kate Springer scored 12 points to lead the Lady Cubs in their Nov. 26 victory over St. Mary's. MacKenzie Mason added 6, Samantha Muller 4, and Danielle Hess 2.

SH	6	10	2	6	24
SM	4	0	4	0	8

Sacred Heart A 51 St. Mary's 23

The A team Lady Cubs got a big victory over the Lady Mustangs. Alaine Bartush scored 25 points. Avery Truebenbach added 12, Riley Reiter 6, and 4 apiece by Amanda Aldriedge and Leah Knabe.

SH	13	13	16	9	51
SM	6	6	5	6	23

Sacred Heart B 26 Calvary 17

On Nov. 29, the B Lady Cubs took a win from Denton Calvary. Springer was high scorer with 12 points. Muller added 8, with Hess, Sophia Jones, and Mason each scoring 2.

SH	6	9	6	5	26
DC	7	2	4	4	17

Sacred Heart A 47 Calvary 13

The A Lady Cubs dominated the court, out-scoring the visitors by 34 points. Bartush led all point makers with 16. Aldriedge added 10, Knabe 8, Reiter 6, Truebenbach 5, and Mason 2.

SH	14	9	14	10	47
DC	0	4	2	7	13

ICCS TOURNAMENT

The Lady Cubs brought home the championship trophy after winning both games in the Immaculate Conception Catholic School tournament in Denton last Saturday.

SH 29 ICCS 21

A strong 1st period gave the Lady Cubs the lead they needed to take the win. Bartush scored 17 points for Sacred Heart. Truebenbach

added 6, Knabe 4, and Reiter 2.

SH	12	4	3	10	29
IC	2	2	4	13	21

SH 34 Temple 12

Knabe and Bartush scored double digit points in this Lady Cub victory over Temple Christian. Knabe led with 12, Bartush 11. Reiter put in 6 and Truebenbach 5.

SH	12	7	11	4	34
T	2	3	2	5	12

Muenster 7th 35 Valley View 28

The 7th grade Stingers, after a cold shooting 1st half, shot down the Peepers Monday evening. Clay Stevens was Muenster's leading scorer with 10 points. Carson Trubenbach added 7, Dean Walterscheid 6, Max Herr and Brandon Sicking 4 apiece, Brooks Knightstep 3, and Carson Cheaney 1.

M	5	5	12	13	35
VV	11	7	6	4	28

Muenster 8th 57 Valley View 3

The 8th grade young Hornets dominated the court Monday in a one-sided victory over the green Birds. Bryce Herr led all scorers with 25 points. Blayne Jones added 14, with Mathew Porter and Billy Felderhoff each scoring 6. Brennan Binder, Devon Brinkley, and Sawyer Sanders added 2 apiece. Muenster hit five of seven free throws.

M	19	14	8	16	57
VV	0	0	1	2	3

Muenster 7th 39 Valley View 13

The Lady Stingers 7th grade team got their third straight victory Monday. Six Muenster girls put points on the board. Alaina Kubis scored 10, Megan Rohmer and Erin Schniederjan 8 each, Natalie Dangelmayr and Savannah Hermes 6 apiece, and Jenna Sicking 1. Valley View did not have an 8th grade team.



The Lady Cubs of Sacred Heart captured the ICCS tournament Championship trophy last Saturday in Denton. Pictured are, from left, back - Riley Reiter, Avery Truebenbach, Alaine Bartush, Leah Knabe; front - Kate Springer, Samantha Muller, and MacKenzie Mason. Not pictured - Katie Bezner. Pat Springer photo

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Muenster 20 Ponder 19

The JV Lady Hornets squeezed in victory #7 Tuesday night, defeating Ponder 20-19. Scorers for Muenster were Morgan Flusche 6 points, Katie Pagel 5, Claire Schneider and Abby Pagel 3 each, Allie Walterscheid 2, and Adrien Rohmer 1.

Lindsay 27 Valley View 57

The Lindsay Lady Knights JV was defeated by Valley View by a score of 57-27 in the Forestburg tournament

on Thursday, Nov. 29. Scoring for Lindsay were Sarah Snider 10, Alison Gunderson 9, Scout Tatum 5, and Erin Early 3.

Lindsay 30 Wichita Falls 34

The Lady Knights lost to Wichita Falls Christian in the Forestburg tournament on Nov. 30 by a score of 34-30. Leading scorer for Lindsay was Gunderson with 12. Snider added 8, Morgan McClure and Early put in 4 each, and Tatum 2.

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

2nd Six Weeks "A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade - Luke Anderson, Daultyn Dunn, Gage Eberhart, Laineey Grewing, Rosemary Hartman, Abigail Hendley, Halle Hess, Maggie Hess, Alexis Hofbauer, Jackson Hofbauer, Preston Kubis, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Emily Muller, Whitney Newton, Stormi Richardson, Lenzie Sandmann, Jackson Sicking, Jonathon Smith, Dawson Voth, Lexie Walter.

2nd Grade - Althea Acayan, Marcus Anderle, Devon Bindel, Derek Cox, Erica Endres, Josey Grewing, Keith Huchton, Rebecca Klement, Samantha Lockhart, Collin Lovett, Hunter Peel, Savannah Sicking.

3rd Grade - Andrew Christopher, Preston Drebes, Andrew Flaming, Haley Flusche, Emily Harrison, Nathan Hartman, Yadira Ibarra, Hillary Klement, Timothy Luttmeyer, Martie McCoy, Lilly Muller, Landri Richardson, Eli Saucer, Luke Walterscheid.

4th Grade - Trent Anderle, Jada Binder, Abigail Cox, Sarah Davis, Tara Ferrell, Chloe Hacker, Kelsey Hennigan, Erin Hesse, Alyssa Huchton, Matthew Klement, Audrey Kubis, Bayley Otto, Samantha Simmons, Lance Smith, Cade Stevens, Rallen Marie Tai, Wade Trubenbach, Jaxon Truebenbach.

5th Grade - Colt Bartling, Savannah Bohl, Major Eldridge, Colby Endres, Brett Hammer, Jenna Hudspeth, Hannah Lamar, Roger Looyé, Daniel Luttmeyer, Zachary Sanders, Riley Stewart, Abby Walterscheid.

6th Grade - Garrett Bindel, Thomas Davis, Ashleigh Fisher, Nathan Hacker, Morgan Hennigan, Rut Rodriguez, Rudy Saucer, Lauren Trubenbach, Kody Walterscheid.

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade - Reece Acayan, Mary Ashcraft, Braeden Hacker, Macy Hess, Nathan Hutchins, Trever Rains, Taylor Reed, Andie Schroeder, Seth Stoffels, Owen Walterscheid, Sonny Wilson.

2nd Grade - Brittany Bateman, Elijah Bayer, Owen Bayer, Kaci Ford, Gabriel Grewing, Debra Huchton, Whitney Klement, Bradley Lutkenhaus, Natalie McMinn, Wyatt Moster, Caleb Newton, Victoria Rodriguez, Connor Walterscheid, Meadow Walterscheid.

3rd Grade - Kayla Deweber, Levi Griffith, Alexander Hacker, Nate Hesse, Gavin Pagel, Ty Sanders, Logan Stewart.

4th Grade - Annie Anderle, Alexis Bateman, Shae Budish, Justin Corcoran, Traci Corley, Bryce Hacker, Dylan Huchton, Alyssa Hutchins, Paden Jarosz, Kennedy Jones, Katherine Klement, James McMinn, Sarah Monday, Alexander Pierce, Ty Trubenbach, Alexa Wanek.

5th Grade - Noah Clure, Ashleigh Deweber, Caitlin Echols, Dayton Gressett, Kacie Grewing, Brooke Hammer, Hunter Haverkamp, Kaitlin Hennigan, Daphne Korte, Hunter Lovett, Anna Proffer, Jon Schinigo, Lane Trubenbach, Brenton Wilson, Victoria Zimmerer.

6th Grade - Dane Huchton, Ryan Huchton, Anthony Jones, Kolby Klement, Parker McGrew, Sadie Sandmann, Blair Wanek.

National FFA has new mascot

It took them 85 years, but National FFA has a new mascot. A seven-foot tall great horned owl named Flyte recently made appearances at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

This brand ambassador was created by Street Characters in Calgary, Canada.

"I am always extremely impressed by our artists and production team, but when Flyte became a reality, the costume just blew me away," said Aubrey Fishman, director of marketing at Street Characters. "The National FFA Organization was great to work with on this project and we hope that Flyte serves as an engaging brand ambassador for FFA for many years to come."

Flyte's purpose is to spread the word that today's FFA helps develop knowledge and skills in more than 300 agriculture-related fields. Flyte even has his own website: https://www.ffa.org/documents/med_conv_2012flytefactsheet.pdf



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Farm forecast reveals positive farm income, falling debt ratios

Despite one of the worst droughts in more than a generation, American farmers and ranchers remained resilient throughout 2012. A recent report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service indicates that today's estimates for net farm income are the second highest since the 1970s, while total farm household income is expected to rise.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says the forecast is heartening. "Thanks to its ability to remain competitive through thick and thin, U.S. agriculture is stronger today than at any time in our nation's history, supporting and creating good-paying American jobs for millions," Vilsack said.

The report also indicates that the positive trend of falling debt ratios continues and that strong farm income should remain a positive factor in carrying farmers into

the next growing season.

"As one season comes to an end and another lies on the horizon, we must continue to stand with America's farming families and rural communities, providing help and assistance to those who need it. This year, the farm safety net showed its mettle and merit, helping to deliver peace of mind to thousands of farmers and ranchers dealing with losses caused by natural disasters. It's a reminder that Congress must do the

Rose enthusiasts sought

A rose breeder from the Texas A&M AgriLife Research office is asking for the public's help in identifying what colors and traits of roses are most desired.

Dr. David Byrne is asking rose enthusiasts to complete a brief survey that

will help him develop new rose varieties with the most sought after traits. The survey is estimated to take about 15 minutes to complete. It can be found online at <http://bit.ly/Ujzeko>.

Byrne encourages the younger generation, especially those under 50 years old, to complete the survey and to promote it through their social media networks.



National Weather Service predicts a milder, drier winter

Don't count on a significant amount of rain this winter. The National Weather Service (NWS) is cancelling its El Niño watch, according to The Farmer-Stockman.

Steve Lyons, an NWS meteorologist, said rain is possible across the Lone Star State this winter; however, farmers and ranchers should not expect as much rain as previously predicted.

In addition, Lyons said the state will see above-average temperatures this winter.

The combination of warmer temperatures, a lack of rain, and dry winds could cause conditions to worsen in some areas. Lyons said the drought could worsen between November and January in areas from Lubbock to Amarillo as high winds continue to dry out the ground.

For more information on the Texas drought, visit <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought>.

County Agent's Report

Dormant oil for overwintering pests on trees

Winter application of horticultural oil is a non-toxic way to control a host of overwintering pests on landscape trees. These highly-refined oils are effective because when properly applied to branches, stems, and twigs to the point of run-off, they will smother many tree pests. Common pests that are controlled include: mites, aphids, and soft scales.

Spraying of dormant oil should occur on a clear day when the temperatures are expected to remain over 50 degrees F. for at least 24 hours. The ideal temperature for application is between 40 and 70 degrees F. This enables the oil to spread out over the tree and cover all crooks and crevices. Try to avoid applying dormant oil when severe freezing trends are expected in the three to four days following application. When using dormant oil, it is best to spray before buds begin to swell. Spraying too late in the season may cause damage to the developing buds.

Precautions should be taken to avoid the oil contacting nearby, non-dormant plants like pansies or other annual flowers.

More information on the use of dormant oils may be obtained through the Texas AgriLife Extension Bookstore at: <http://tcebookstore.org/>, then select publication E-419, Using Oils as Pesticides.

Dates to remember

Dec. 12 - Cooke County Marketing Club, Cooke County Farm Bureau Building, Gainesville, 7 p.m.



Growing feral hog population causes millions in damages

Businesses and landowners across the Lone Star State are doing what they can to help curtail the ever-growing feral hog population across Texas.

An article in *Bloomberg Businessweek* states that there are now about 2.5 million feral hogs in Texas—surpassing the state's domestic hog population.

Due to the number of them in the state and their size—many of them weighing hundreds of pounds—the hogs cause millions of dollars in damages annually.

In the first month that the nation's fastest highway, State Highway 130, was open, at least four motorists collided with feral hogs moving on the roadway at night. Guadalupe County Sheriff Arnold Zwicke says at 85 miles per hour, it's hard for drivers to react to an animal in the road. No serious injuries or fatalities have been reported yet due to a feral hog collision.

To combat the growing feral hog population near the roadway, Caldwell County is now offering a bounty for feral hog tails. Cabela's is also reportedly offering rewards to those hunters with the most hog tails.

The hogs are tearing up more than vehicles, according to the report. In Texas, the animals cause more than \$50 million in farm-related costs annually. They also are known to damage golf courses and green spaces.

In one evening, feral hogs can tear up a 10-acre corn field, which has caused some farmers to quit growing corn, according to the report. The hogs also dig deep holes, which can injure a person or tractor equipment.

A study shows that aggressive trapping of the wild hogs can cut farm-related damages by about 70%.

Officials say feral sows average about one-and-a-half litters of around six piglets a year. The report indicates that about two-thirds of existing hogs need to be taken each year to prevent future growth. The current kill rate is less than one-third.

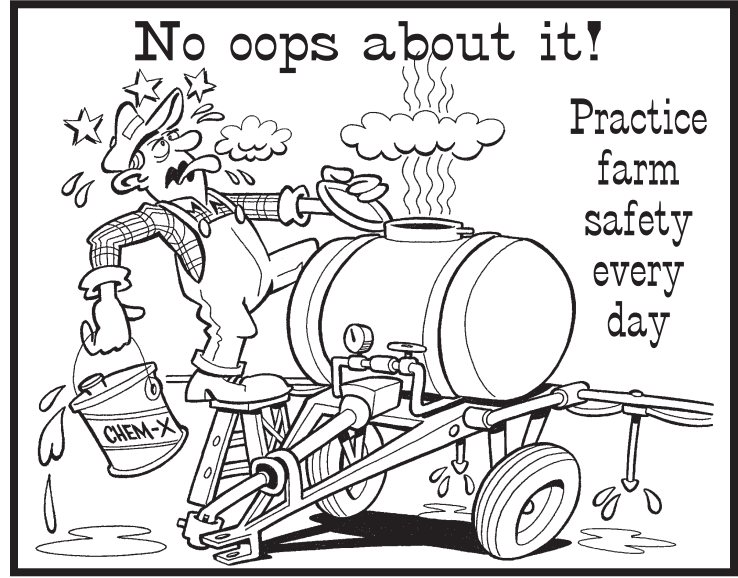
To curb the hog threat on SH 130, scientists say officials may need to work with neighboring landowners to trap the feral hogs. Building stronger fences and barricades may also be an option to reducing the threat to drivers on the new toll road.

Texas wind farms mark new energy production record

Wind farms across the state of Texas reached a milestone earlier this month. According to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), wind farms produced more than 8,521 megawatts of electricity for the Lone Star State on Nov. 10. The amount of energy produced by wind farms that day accounted for almost 26% of electricity release the state saw that day.

The Wind Coalition notes that wind farms in Texas also were able to produce more than 5,000 megawatts of energy for three days in a row, setting another record for clean energy production in Texas.

According to HydrogenFuelNews.com, the production of wind could mean additional federal funding for the Lone Star State. Last year, Texas received nearly \$600 million in federal subsidies due to wind farms.



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continued to be in an exhibit in a new museum in Dallas. That has come to fruition.

The Perot Museum of Nature and History held its grand opening last weekend. The Hartmans attended as special guests and were excited to see what they had helped discover showcased there. The dinosaur exhibits are on the fourth floor of the 180,000 sq. ft., 170 ft. tall environmentally friendly building.

Many interactive exhibits await visitors, coaxing them to experience things like the shale voyager that takes them through the "experience" of getting natural gas from the Barnett Shale to seeing if you can outrun a T. rex or cheetah to assembling your own robot. There are activities for all ages.

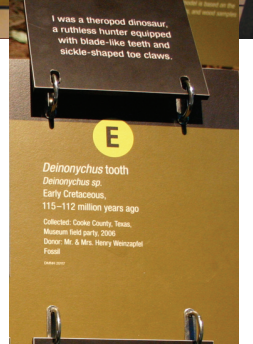
There are a few dinosaur bones on display in the Muenster Museum. Janie plans to eventually display more there with pictures and drawings that show what that creature might have looked like when it was alive.

Janie cautions those who might want to explore for fossils, "Always get permission before you go. Don't trespass on people's property." It could be dangerous in more ways than one. She added, "Whenever you pick up rocks, you've got to look underneath them. Scorpions, centipedes, black widows, or even fire ants will surprise you. We've seen rattlesnakes and copperheads and even skunks! That's just the wild-life part of it. The land could be treacherous also with drop offs and wash outs."

Keep your eyes on the ground, you never know what ancient treasure might be just waiting to be found!



These displays are in the T. Boone Pickens Life Now and Then Hall of the Perot Museum of Nature and History. The top exhibit is a hands-on display that asks you to match the fossil to the picture of the creature it came from. Five of the six are from the Cooke County dig site; at right - the answer and donor information; below - five of the featured pieces in this display are from Cooke County, including a predator's tooth, dung, tail vertebrae, crocodile armor, and a piece of turtle shell, all 112 to 115 million year old fossils. The exhibit below tells how even the smallest fossils give clues to the past.



Ladies Auxiliary meets Weather Whys - Lightning

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Nov. 19 in the new Post Home with President Frances Bayer presiding. Conductress Sandra Hennigan pro tem, Chaplain Hilda Sicking pro tem, and Patriotic Instructor Armella Cler pro tem gave the opening ritual. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting was read by Secretary Ida Mae Bindel. Treasurer Lucille Hesse gave her report, and was accepted to audit.

The District I meeting at Lake Tawakoni on Sunday, Nov. 18 was reported on by President Bayer who attended with her husband Arthur. Plans were made for the annual Christmas party for the small children or grandchildren of Veterans.

"In Lieu of Christmas Cards," a yearly fundraiser for the group, was discussed. For a donation of \$10 or more, those who donate will get their name on a special Christmas card ad in the

Muenster Enterprise. Monies raised will help with Auxiliary special projects. Deadline for the fundraiser is Dec. 17.

Members voted to give gifts to several special children.

Sandra Hennigan, Buddy Poppy chairman, decorated a hat with Buddy Poppies and special pins for the District I meeting and won 2nd place.

Frances Bayer sent 154 Campbell labels to the Nation Home for Veterans Children.

Members were reminded of their dues for the coming year and the Midwinter Roundup meeting set for Jan. 27 through Feb. 2 will be held in Austin.

Refreshments were served by Sandra Hennigan.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the new Post Home. It is a joint meeting with the VFW members. The ladies are asked to bring a covered dish.

Q: How many livestock are killed each year by lightning strikes?

A: No one knows for sure because record keeping tends to be very sketchy in many parts of the country, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. But there is no doubt that hundreds of cattle, horses, and sheep are killed every year by lightning in the United States. "The Department of Agriculture says lightning causes about 80% of all accidental livestock deaths," McRoberts explains. "What usually happens is that livestock often huddle together under a large tree during a thunderstorm, which we know is one of the worst places to be. There are numerous cases of ranchers finding two or more cows or horses dead under a tree after a thunderstorm."

Q: How often does lightning hit livestock?

A: At least as often as it strikes people and perhaps more often, McRoberts adds. "Unless there is a barn nearby, livestock are out in the open during thunderstorms, so their chances of being hit are greater," he says. "And the types of injuries are about the same. One study shows that while about 70% of humans struck by lightning still survive, the fatality rate of horses and cattle is much higher. This is because no one is around to treat the injured animal, plus the body mass of the animal is larger than a human, meaning more tissue damage can occur. Often, a rancher will see a dead animal on his property and not see any apparent cause. A necropsy (animal autopsy) often reveals that the animal died from a lightning strike."

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

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Top to bottom - After spraying an exposed fossil with a special glue, Dr. Ron begins "digging"; dirt remains around the bone in one big lump to prevent breakage; the bone and sand is wrapped in tissue, and covered with plaster; the find is removed from the earth 112 million years later and fully wrapped and plastered before transporting to the lab. At left - the preserved tailbone vertebra from a small or juvenile Sauropod on display at the Perot Museum.

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Below - Dr. Ron and assistant excavating an upper leg bone of a Sauropod from the Cooke County site.



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