

Picnic exceeds previous record breaking years

Despite sleet and freezing rain, people came out in full force to support the annual Sacred Heart Parish Thanksgiving Picnic. This year, it was held at the new Heritage Park building.

Chairman Leslie Eddleman remarked, "Despite the many hurdles to overcome to pull off this massive event, this year proved to be the best ever with totals well exceeding last year's record of just over \$150,000."

Beverly Fuhrmann, with help from Troy Sicking, had to run two crews to feed the crowd. Since Heritage Park has no kitchen facilities yet, volunteers worked tirelessly preparing the meal at the Community Center from Friday through Sunday, and then the food was transported to the Heritage Park building. Figuring out how to keep the food hot was a trick as well. But the kitchen team pulled it off, because the food was hot and delicious. The meal served 1,320 people.

Another hurdle that was overcome was the fact that the massive building had no heat. With days of freezing weather prior to the picnic, the frigid temperatures forced volunteer crews to set up in ski clothes until Ernie Martin was able to get heat through Oncor late Saturday night. Oncor was able to pipe heat into the building with diesel generators. The building maintained a 60° temperature throughout Sunday, making it pleasant for everyone.

The children's area was alive and streaming with children and adults all day long.

Having the activities under roof was a great advantage and the crowd stayed all day into the evening. Iva Walterscheid made sure the activity area had plenty of fun things to do. There were bounce houses, an obstacle course, balloons, and face painting. Cotton candy was provided by the Boy Scouts, and a movie was run for the children in the evening.

The crowd enjoyed playing the cake walk, buying sweets at the sweet shoppe, and bidding on the 100s of silent auction items. The live auction was a huge success. Herkie Biffle, Corgie Fisher, and Chisam Cain served as auctioneers for the evening. A big hit on the auction this year was Elm Creek Manor's "girls slumber party." It was in such high demand that Marcia and Brad Scarbrough, owners of Elm Creek Manor, graciously donated three separate parties before the evening was over. Many other items on the list were resold multiple times because of high demand such as Elm Creek Manor's epic fine dining five-course meal, Select Energy's fish fry for 50 people, and a cake a month a year donated by Doc's Bar and Grill that sold twice for a hefty \$760 each time.

The parishioners were very generous in their donations and also in their bidding. There were steak dinners, a crawfish boil, fajita parties, fried chicken parties, ribs and an Eve feast for 25. Dinner with Fr. Ken brought \$1,600.

During the auction, the crowd stayed

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Inside looking out



Samantha Muller photo

This scene was common to many as inclement weather had people homebound since last Thursday evening when sleet assaulted the area. With temperatures in the teens at night and hovering at or near freezing during the day, the sleet melted just enough to become sheets of ice. Travel outdoors has been treacherous. Many highways in north Texas were shut down due to the icy conditions. Some delivery trucks could not make their usual routes, leaving restaurants and stores short on some items. Schools canceled classes and sports events from Friday until Wednesday. Many who were stuck indoors complained of cabin fever. And Winter doesn't officially arrive until Dec. 21!

Cold end to the season



April Walterscheid photo

The Hornets' football season ended Monday night with a 20-13 playoff loss to Albany. Pictured - Mason Binder (11) follows teammate Kyle Klement (33) for a short gain. See Sports for game report and more pictures from the game.

Cooke County Jail passes inspection with flying colors

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News Editor

Cooke County Commissioners Court heard a positive report on the recent state inspection of the Cooke County Jail by the Jail Standards Commission. Jail Administrator Larry Winter presented the report at the Tuesday, Dec. 10 meeting of Commissioners Court. The meeting was changed from Monday to Tuesday due to icy conditions of roads and sidewalks.

According to Winter, the County Jail passed inspection with flying colors. The new jail has been in use for seven years now.

In a telephone interview after the meeting, County Judge John Roane remarked, "It went really well." He said that since Winter has taken over management of the Jail he has been a very big asset.

Judge Roane added that under Winter's manage-

ment, the jail has been doing better and better.

Maintenance Director Ricky Kerr presented bids and plans for repair of the leaky roof at the County Library. New flashing will be installed and a sealer applied to the outer brick in problem areas. The sealer will be white, so after its application, the brick will have to be painted to match the rest of the building.

An executive session was held, but no action taken as a result of it.

Consent Agenda items approved by Commissioners Court included:

- Accepting auction proceeds from the sale of Road and Bridge Precinct #3 equipment in the amount of \$19,864.60.

- Closing of the Cooke County Library at 4 p.m. on Dec. 23 and Dec. 31.

- Election agreement for the 2014 Primary Election between Cooke County and

Cooke County Republican Party and between Cooke County and Cooke County Democratic Party.

- Novation agreement between Cooke County and Lake Kiowa Medical Clinic.

- Salvage and trade in of a broken taser x-26 Sin X00-491592 and the purchase of a new taser X-26 from TASER International.

- Carefite Group Membership Agreement Extension for the 2014 calendar year.

- Contract for the annual elevator inspection by Otis.

- Purchase of three pieces of road maintenance equipment for Precinct #1.

- Indigent cremation of Lozean Lalee Pence.

- Rider for the bond of Joe Stout, deputy constable, Pct. 1.

- Salvage of two TVs, a VCR, microwave, and a shredder in unknown condition from the Cooke County Sheriff's Office.

Restored Corvette first sold at Muenster dealership

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Miguel Victorino of Placerville, California recently spent time in Muenster with Ray and Marcy Wilde. His passion for Chevrolet cars brought him to town on a discovery mission.

In 1993, Miguel purchased a car. He researched its history and learned that it was sold as a new vehicle back in 1969 by Ray Wilde, owner of Wilde Chevrolet in Muenster. Ray and Miguel connected through the internet and phone calls. That was some time ago.

Miguel recalls that after he got in touch with Ray, he somehow lost touch. So, Miguel decided to place an ad in the *Muenster Enterprise*. The Friday that the ad ran in the newspaper, Miguel received a call from Ray. When Miguel told him that he wanted information about a Corvette purchased at Wilde Chevrolet, Ray remembered immediately that it was a gold colored vehicle.

Back then, small dealerships did not get Corvettes for their lots. Those cars went to the bigger dealerships. Therefore, Ray vividly remembered this particular sale.

Miguel said that the paperwork he has on the '69 Corvette said it was sold to Tom Weber. According to Ray, Tom Weber came to Gainesville during the time Weber Aircraft was being built in Gainesville. He stopped by Wilde Chevrolet and told Ray that his daughter, who lived in California, wanted a Corvette, but she wanted one bought in Texas and she wanted it to have Texas license tags.

Ray placed a special order for the Corvette and said he began pressuring the company in hopes that they would agree to ship the car to him in Muenster. Ray succeeded because eventually, a gold Corvette arrived at Wilde Chevrolet.

Apparently, Weber got his daughter's Corvette at the expense of somebody else. The car had been purchased by somebody else and was destined to go to another dealership. According to Ray, that somebody was Carroll Shelby,



Janet Felderhoff photo

Ray Wilde, left, and Corvette owner Miguel Victorino admire the photo of the 1969 vehicle that Wilde sold years ago and Victorino purchased later and restored. Also pictured is Ray's wife Marcy.

an icon in automotive cars. Miguel is thrilled to hear that Shelby had some attachment to the car even if it was just by almost ownership.

Ray confirmed, "Shelby was supposed to get it, that famous race driver and they took it away from him. In fact, Shelby called me and chewed me out."

Miguel confirmed, "It was a special order because very few convertibles came with air conditioning. Out of the 16,000 convertibles made in 1969, only 2,000 of them came with leather interiors and this is one of them. It is a rare car. It is a convertible hard top. It came with a lot of bells and whistles. It's almost fully loaded." He added that the fact that it came with air conditioning, leather seats, a smaller motor, and was an automatic indicated it was likely meant for one of Shelby's family members.

It was actually Miguel's dad who located the car. He and Miguel had restored other Corvettes and wanted to work on another one. Miguel was overseas in the military at the time. The car was purchased in Sparks, Nevada (near Reno) from a friend of his mother's. Stored in a barn, the once shiny and appealing vehicle had lost its bling. "It was rough," observed Miguel on the car's condition. "It was tired. It had been busted up. When we started doing the fiberglass work on the car, it looked like the car had been totaled once or twice. Somebody had a good time in the car."

Restoration work on the gold convertible began in 1993. Working on and off around his military duties, etc., it took the Victorinos around 10 years to completely restore the car. They did a frame up restoration. "Everything has been replaced in there," Miguel noted. "The finishing touch for that car would be the license plate frame. If anybody out there has the license plate frame that says 'Wilde Chevrolet,' that would just be the best." The car is Riverside Gold and according to Miguel, not too many Corvettes were painted that color.

It was in late November that Miguel made the trip to Texas to meet Ray and hear firsthand, the history of his now

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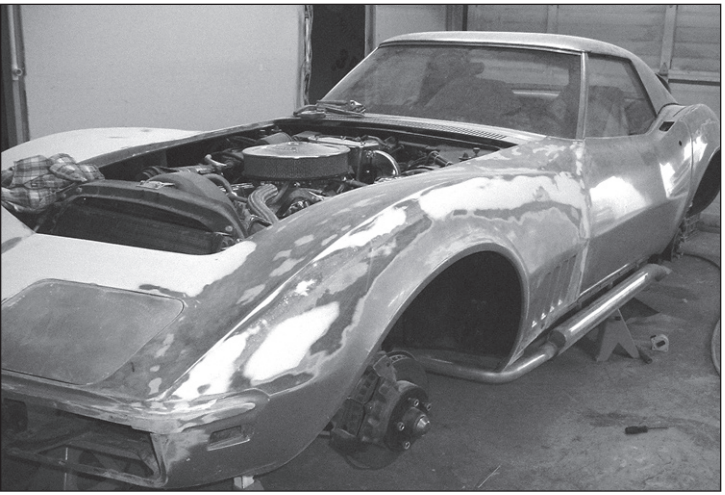
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award-winning car. The most tempting offer that Miguel has received, and declined, was \$50,000. He's gotten numerous offers of \$30,000, but does not even think about selling at that price. Some of the awards that Miguel captured with his restored 1969 Chevy Corvette include Best of Show out of 100 plus cars at the Placerville Corvettes for Vets; Western State Corvette Council's Top C-3 Modified Class. Miguel works for the State of California and is a member of Cameron Park Corvette Club. He and his wife Kathy make their home in Placerville. Additional photos of the car can be found at www.cameronparkcorvettes.org "winners circle."



Courtesy photos

This is the 1969 Corvette restored by Miguel Victorino. Bottom photo taken during restoration and top photo with some of its car show awards.



DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Dec. 10, 1948

The Muenster Civic League and Garden Club honors Muenster's war dead with memorial plaque. Gerald Bayer injures foot in accident while working for Steve Fette Trucking Service. Gerald Bindel, age 10, has tonsillectomy. Obituary: Francis P. Devers, 74. New Arrivals: Kenneth to Frank and Rose Marie Hennigan; a girl to Leo and Martha Sickling. The FMA Store advertises Aunt Jemima flour 50 lb. bag \$3.80 or 25 lb. bag \$2. Carra Pagel sells her grocery store to Smyrel Owens.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 13, 1963

Vincent Felderhoff home sustains heavy damage in fire. Fencing for new Jaycees tennis court has arrived; pipe is needed to complete the court. New Arrivals: Jenny to Joe and Ruth Felderhoff; a son to the Ewald Fuhrmanns; Theresa to Albert and Joan Bauer. Weddings: Betty Landsfeld and Stanley Krenek, Jr.; Corina Vogel and Wayne Keys; Judith Devers and David Haynes. The public is in-

vited to view the Christmas display in Medders yard - go through front gate - if it's open - to follow the circling driveway - if it's closed (as it must be sometimes to keep the Black Angus herd from straying) - cars may use the south entrance.

25 YEARS AGO Dec. 9, 1988

Centennial Mass opens 100th year in Muenster; Muenster's centennial year opens with gala evening at the Centennial Ball; David and Juanita Bright are crowned King & Queen of the Centennial Year (runners-up were Alois and Toni Hess and Ray and Mattie Swirczynski). New assignments following death of Fr. Clutus are: Fr. Denis Soerries moved from Sacred Heart to St. Peter's; Fr. Victor Gillespie promoted to pastor at Sacred Heart; and Fr. Sebastian Beshoner is the new assistant at Sacred Heart. New Arrivals: Amy to Danny and Linda Nortman; Gary to Michael and Gina Dearick. Lindsay Knights win another game in football playoffs. Obituaries: Hal Hays, 47; Bill English, 85.

Weather Whys - sleet

Q: Sleet is in the forecast. Is there any difference between sleet and freezing rain?
A: The only real difference is that they are formed a bit differently, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Freezing rain is rain that freezes when it comes into contact with other surfaces, such as pavement or cars. "Freezing rain forms when warm, moist air moves over cold air near the surface," McRoberts said. "Freezing rain is very dangerous because it tends to coat roads with ice first. If the surface it hits is 32 degrees or lower, it will quickly freeze on contact, and if the ice accumulates, it can shut down an entire city very quickly. Sleet is often confused with freezing rain. Sleet falls to the ground frozen, often forming in advance of a warm front. Sleet falls as ice pellets that make a familiar crackle sound as they hit the ground, trees, or cars."



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Mark Blankenship

Officers responded to 46 CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) in November. Two INCIDENT/OFFENSE REPORTS were generated as a result of those calls. Five persons were ARRESTED/BOOKED. Traffic CITATIONS numbered 40, with one Traffic ACCIDENT investigated.

Officers logged 574 man hours on duty. Reserve Officers logged approximately 35 duty hours.

Patrol vehicles were driven 3,102 miles. 90 STATS: October - CFS 60, INCIDENTS six, ARRESTS four, CITATIONS 42; September - CFS 60, INCIDENTS five, ARRESTS one, CITATIONS 51; August - CFS 52, INCIDENTS nine, ARRESTS five, CITATIONS 35.

Vehicle Stats: 2008 F150 68,360; Crown Vic. #2 27,331; Crown Vic #3 38,990

Investigator Dan Lintner has resigned, seeking other employment.

New TxDOT website makes for a more web friendly experience

You asked, they listened. In October, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) launched the newly redesigned www.txdot.gov.

"The redesign of the TxDOT website reflects our commitment to listening to people all over the state and delivering a great customer experience," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director.

The website consists of four sections each geared toward different audiences. Each section contains its own navigation, or menus, across the top of the page to help users quickly find useful information such as:

- The Driver page high-

lights travel and safety, including hurricane evacuation information and winter driving safety tips.

- The Business page is geared for businesses ranging from small businesses to large contractors who seek to partner with TxDOT.

- Information on the Government page is geared to law enforcement as well as local, state, and federal officials and their staff.

- The Inside TxDOT page provides links to agency contacts, programs, operations, and office responsibilities.

The website includes several key features and functionality that sets it apart as a true best-in-class site. For example, users will have the ability to personalize the display of local news and "How Do I?" areas on the homepage. Also, the guesswork in finding the appropriate person to contact for inquiries has been eliminated with the interactive "Contact Us" tab in the expandable footer.

Additionally, TxDOT launched the mobile site to www.txdot.gov. The mobile site helps Texans easily ac-

cess news, traffic cameras, safety rest areas, road conditions, and even TxDOT employment opportunities all at the touch of a smartphone (NOT to be used when driving).

To ensure TxDOT continues to meet the high standards Texans have set, users have the opportunity to rate each page on a five-star scale. This feature, which is available in the "Page Options" box in each section, will allow the TxDOT team to make page adjustments based on user feedback.

For more info, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

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well-fed with a delicious BBQ meal organized by Judy Flusche and her crew.

Due to the generosity of Giles and Marlene Walterscheid, the Parish near \$27,000. Fifty-three couples signed up for the steak and shrimp dinner at \$250 per couple and Giles and Marlene graciously matched that amount which came to \$13,250. Use of the Heritage Park building was donated by Alvin Fuhrman and the Heritage Park Foundation. Fr. Ken expressed great appreciation to them for their generous donation.

Some of the drawing winners were: quilt - Zachary Hennigan; Great Wolf Lodge - Sharon Felderhoff; Branson trip - Jack and Denise Dangelmayr; Fried chicken dinner - Laurie Flusche; gun - Lenny Haverkamp; butchered hog - Gary Endres.

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Muenster Museum In Lieu of Christmas cards deadline	M Elem. UIL Meet	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 10-5:30 Kiwanis mtg, noon NO Religious Ed SHCS Christmas Program	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 BLOOD DRIVE MISD 1-7 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm MISD early dismissal 12:30 SHCS Noon dismissal	Library open 10:00-2:30
Sunday, December 22, 2013	Monday, December 23, 2013	Tuesday, December 24, 2013	Wednesday, December 25, 2013	Thursday, December 26, 2013	Friday, December 27, 2013	Saturday, December 28, 2013
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Obituary

James Patrick Duffy 1937-2013

James "Jim" Patrick Duffy died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013 after a long and valiant fight with recurrent lymphoma. Born Aug. 4, 1937 in Philadelphia, PA to James Joseph and Kathryn Nolan Duffy, Jim spent his early years in Hartford and Bloomfield, CT. In 1952, his family moved to Houston.

Jim graduated from St. Thomas High School and the University of St. Thomas, Houston and earned a Master's Degree in Economics from St. Mary's University, San Antonio.

He and his wife Joanne met while both students at UST and married following her graduation. In 1962, Jim began his 32 year career with Allstate Insurance Company. Several of Jim's promotions within the company resulted in family moves: from Houston to San Antonio, Beaumont, Dallas, and then to Libertyville, IL, when Jim became a member of Allstate Corporate Security, based in the company home office in Northbrook, IL. In 1995, he retired from Allstate as Territorial Manager, Corporate Security, and he and Joanne moved to Austin in order to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Jim was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Always an active supporter of his children's activities, he served in various capacities of adult leadership for their Little League, Indian Guides, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Junior Achievement, and various parent/school and parent/team groups. He loved attending his children's and then his grandchildren's activities and was their number one fan and cheerleader. He was proud of each of their accomplishments.

During his retirement years, Jim and Joanne were able to travel, especially in the pursuit of their shared hobby of family genealogy. Jim also took great pleasure in woodworking; creating Christmas decorations for his children, and special

gifts for each of his grandchildren.

Jim valued giving back to his community. A man of integrity and great faith, he worked diligently taking part in both parish ministries and civic projects from Texas to Illinois and back again. He spent untold hours volunteering for charities. As a Knight of Columbus in Council 8156, as well as a 4th Degree Knight in Assembly 1099; he was honored to hold offices in both groups.

Jim was preceded in death by infant daughters Josephine Anne and Christine Louise; parents; and father and mother-in-law Lawrence William and Anna Mae Bernauer Flusche.

Survivors are his wife of 51 years, Joanne; son Michael Thomas and wife Julie; daughter Annette Louise and husband Gerard Tafallo; and son James "Jim" Lawrence and wife Mary; grandchildren Jessica, Patrick, and Megan; sister Anne Duffy Weber and husband Ronald; sister-in-law Mariana Flusche Simeroth and husband Joe Perry; aunt Alice Duffy; and 10 nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

The family received friends Thursday, Dec. 12 at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Austin with recitation of the Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial is set for 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 13 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Austin. Rite of Committal will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 21 at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Decatur with Rev. Thomas D'Souza, SAC, parochial administrator with Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Decatur.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church's Grateful and Growing in His Spirit Campaign or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Condolences may be made at www.cookwalden-forestoaks.com.

Shelter gets silver lining through Sustainers of Hope

It is at this time of year, that gifts of careful thought and charity mean the most. As the Abigail's Arms Shelter Project nears completion, the capital campaign committee announces the third and final stage in their fundraising effort with "Sustainers of Hope." Sustainers of Hope is designed to meet the final requirement of securing the Shelter's first-year operating budget through individuals' monthly pledge.

When told of the Sustainers idea, Kim Cook, Abigail's Arms executive director, stated, "The Sustainers of Hope program is an attainable goal for those of us who may not be able to give a

more sizable gift. It also creates an amazing long-term partnership with Abigail's Arms, it's the gift that gives year-round!" It was this thought which provided the enthusiasm to pursue those who wanted to support the project, yet felt their gift wouldn't make a difference.

To be a Sustainer of Hope is to ensure the healthy operation of the Shelter in its first year. After the Shelter has been open for 12 months, it will then be eligible for residential grants from the state of Texas and the many foundations serving domestic violence prevention initiatives.

The completion of the Abi-

gail's Arms Family Crisis Shelter nears, but several finishing requirements remain to the physical structure such as security gate, interior and exterior signage, landscaping, inspections, and occupancy permits.

Karon Sullivant, capital campaign chairman, aptly

states, "The Shelter is God's project and we learned very quickly it's not built in 'our' time. It's built in His. And the last stage, Sustainers of Hope, is a meaningful way to make a difference in the many lives in our county needing shelter from the storm."

Keep Texas Beautiful offers annual holiday ornament

Keep Texas Beautiful encourages Texans to take pride in the beauty and prosperity of our state, and play a vital role in improving their community environment. To



raise awareness and funds to support statewide programs that enhance the environment, Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) introduces its 10th edition commemorative holiday ornament, showcasing elements of the Texas landscape and environment.

The 24-karat, gold-plated ornament features quintessential Texas symbols of a windmill and pumpjack to illustrate the thriving industrial and agriculture climate of our state. In addition, the ornament also highlights Texas wildlife with a longhorn, jackrabbit, and armadillo.

Texas is home to many impressive symbols of life and growth; when you purchase a Keep Texas Beautiful holiday ornament, you are showcasing your pride in the Lone Star State and the evolution of its splendor. Ornament sales help fund numerous local and statewide programs focusing on litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction, and also reinforce KTB's mission to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment.

All 10 editions in the ornament collection can be purchased for \$19 (+ tax) each; with bulk orders of 25 or more, each ornament is just \$15 (+tax). Ornaments may be purchased online at www.ktb.org, or by calling 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

Notice

The office of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in Gainesville has moved to a new address. The new clinic address was effective Nov. 25. It is located at 1820 O'Neal Suite 7 in Gainesville. The phone number is 940-665-6397.

I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape - the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show. ~Andrew Wyeth

Health insurance help offered at County Library

The Community Council of Greater Dallas is offering free help to anyone who needs to learn more about the Health Insurance Marketplace. This free help will be offered by Navigator Kathy McDowell at the Cooke County Library on Thursday, Dec. 19. People who have questions or need help are welcome to come anytime between 3 and 7 p.m.

The Health Insurance Marketplace is a new way

to find coverage that fits your budget and meets your needs. Whether you're uninsured, or just want to explore your choices, the Marketplace will help find coverage that's right for you.

To sign up for health coverage at this meeting, bring any documents that you think will be required. This could include birth certificate, social security card, or current health care card.

To get a basic understanding of the Health Insurance

Marketplace, you can visit the Cooke County Library website, www.cookecountylibrary.org. On the library website, you will find a link to the instructional video, "Understanding the Health Insurance Marketplace."

You can visit healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 to learn more. You can also contact Navigator Kathy McDowell at 903-267-6483. The Library is located at 200 S. Weaver Street in Gainesville.

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Taking part in the Christmas Tree Program for Cook Children's Hospital sponsored by Smiles By German Design are, from left, Lia Wood, Leslie Eddleman, Dr. Dana Fuhrmann, Ammie Hennigan, Sharon Muller, Suzanne Bezner, and Jennifer Aldriedge.

Trees readied for hospitalized children

By Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Practicing the true spirit of Christmas, the staff of Smiles By German Design spent their breaks and any spare moment they found working on decorating small Christmas trees. These trees will be delivered this Friday to Fort Worth Cook Children's Hospital.

Dr. Elaine Schilling, of Smiles By German Design, explained that the trees are part of the Christmas Tree Program for Cook Children's Hospital and is branching off from a Plano women's group that is doing it for Children's Medical Center in Dallas. That group does more than 100 Christmas trees each year. Last year, Dr. Schilling and her staff decorated and delivered a dozen trees. The request for this year is twice

that amount. First on the list for the decorated trees are children in the oncology ward at Cook Children's. After all the little children with cancer who must spend their Christmas in the hospital receive a tree, any remaining Christmas trees will be given to children in other areas of the hospital.

Charlotte and Frank Loncar of Lake Kiowa/Plano came up with and promoted the Christmas tree gift program. The couple lost their three-year-old granddaughter to cancer.

Dr. Schilling hopes that they can decorate and donate more trees every year.

The trees must meet certain requirements including having no edible decorations, no lights, and everything must be firmly attached by

wire or hot glue. Dr. Schilling noted, "The trees, when you finish them, you have to shake them and nothing can fall off. Everything has to be attached so that the little kids don't pick at it and put it in their mouth. Then, they have to be Lysoled and each one receives its own plastic bag. That's how they are delivered to the rooms for the children."

VFW Auxiliary gears up for holiday activities

On Monday, Nov. 18, members of the Ladies Auxiliary Post #6205 met in the Post Home with Frances Bayer presiding. Following routine business, several projects were addressed.

A letter from the Bonham VA explained a need for gifts to put in their gift shop for Veterans to shop for Christmas for their families.

The next District I meeting would in Bonham on Nov. 23 and 24. Sandra Hennigan made a centerpiece of Buddy Poppies using an Irish theme. She also decorated a white apron in the same theme to be taken to the meeting.

Knabe cited for behind-the-scenes caring

The most recent recipient of the "Caught You Caring" Award at North Texas Medical Center works from a small office hidden behind two doors. She spends most of her time with a phone in her ear, waiting for an answer on the other end. It is her job to certify payment for services before they are performed, so that the registration process can be as seamless as possible for the patient. It might not sound like much, but when you are doing this for hundreds of patients and dealing with insurance companies nationwide, it could be said that Pre-Certification Clerk Shirley Knabe has the patience of Job.

Add to this being responsible for registering those involved in special breast screenings at NTMC and the paperwork required, and you can see why Knabe was selected as the 'Caught You Caring' winner for November. "Shirley is the glue that makes registration work for



NTMC photo

Pictured from left are CEO Randy Bacus and Shirley Knabe.

our free breast screening programs," noted her nominator. "She works hard to make the process as streamlined as possible."

Knabe prepares files in advance and follows up with patients to make sure they get any additional testing or care they might need following the initial contact.

"She makes sure no one falls through the cracks," the nomination stated. "People going through our screenings might not ever meet her, but you can be assured that Shirley has your back." Knabe has been a member of the hospital family since July 1998. She resides in Muenster.

New Arrivals

Krebs

Brent and Stephanie Krebs of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their son Jacob Daniel Krebs on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013. He was born at 6:44 a.m. at Texas Health Presbyterian - WNJ Sherman weighing 10 lb. and measuring 22 inches in length. He is welcomed to the family by siblings Emma, age five, and Ryan, age three. Grandparents are Kenneth and Marilyn Bierschenk of Muenster, and Milton and Patsy Krebs of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Clara Walterscheid of Muenster and Catherine Arend of Lindsay.



Jacob Krebs



Aikra Wolf

Sakura Wolf

Wolf

Dr. Charles and Hiroko Miura Wolf of Visalia, CA proudly announce the birth of their twin son and daughter Aikra and Sakura Wolf. The twins were born Friday, Oct. 18, 2013 at San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersville, CA. Grandparents are grandfather Tsuneo Miura of Ashikaga Japan, Charles Wolf, III of Los Angeles, CA, and Janice Wolf of Visalia. Hiroko, an exchange student in 1990 and 1991, lived with Henry and Janie Weinzapfel of Muenster while she studied here.

"A Christmas Secret" concert set for NCTC on Dec. 14

North Central Texas College will host a special Christmas concert that will benefit the NCTC Scholarship Fund as well.

"A Christmas Secret" is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 inside the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts.

Once again this year, the holiday concert will feature NCTC Vice-President of Instruction Dr. Brent Wallace, an accomplished pianist and

vocalist.

Wallace will be joined by guest artists Angela Doss and Dr. Emily Klement, the NCTC associate vice-president of Academic Partnerships and Bowie and Graham campuses.

Concert-goers can expect to hear traditional Christmas favorites like "Joy to the World," "Oh Holy Night," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," and other hymns and carols.

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Amy Anderle's 3rd grade class at Muenster ISD



Janet Blanton's 5th grade class at SHCS



Martha Sicking's 3rd grade class at Sacred Heart Catholic School (SHCS)

Courtesy photos



Deanna Hellman's 5th grade class at MISD



Cicily Waneck's 5th grade class at MISD

As a service project each year, Cooke County Republicans Women (CCRW) donate dictionaries to all Cooke County 3rd, Cooke County and contributors to all 5th graders. Cooke County Commissioner Leon Klement and CCRW Caring for America Chair Christi Klement presented these items to the teachers and students.

Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders to host mini-camp in Gainesville

For many girls, the chance to perform with the world-famous Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders is just a dream. But in January, that dream can become a reality.

The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders are coming to Gainesville for a one-day mini-camp on Jan. 25 for girls ages 4-14. Camp DCC, which will be held at Gainesville High School's gymnasium, begins at noon with registration and check-in and will conclude at 4:30 p.m. with a special performance by the kids and the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders along with an autograph and photo session.

Cost of the camp is \$99 per participant. The camp is limited to 200 participants, so early entries are encour-

aged. Registration forms can be picked up at Glenn Polk Autoplex in Gainesville, at area schools, at First State Bank's main branch in Gainesville, and downloaded at www.GoRedSports.com. Campers will also receive a Camp DCC T-shirt.

"We are expecting the 200 spots to fill up fast, so I would encourage parents to get a registration form and return it as quickly as possible to reserve a spot for your child," event organizer Darin Allred said. "We expect to attract campers from all over North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. For some, it will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience to meet and perform with the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders."

At the camp, the girls will

get personal instruction from the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders. They will learn a dance and get to participate in a Question and Answer session with the cheerlead-

ers. At 3:15 p.m., the campers will perform their dance for family and friends. Immediately afterwards, the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders will perform. The cheer-

leaders will then sign autographs and pose for photos.

Members of the Gainesville High School varsity cheerleading squad will be on hand to serve as volun-

teer helpers at the camp. Other sponsors of the camp include the Gainesville Kiwanis Club, First State Bank, KGAF Radio, and KNTX Radio.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF DEC. 16 - 20 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Tasty rib sandwich, sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit. AM - Bologna and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Tues. - Frito chili pie, glazed carrots, lettuce topping, fresh honeydew. AM: Turkey and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Wed. - Chicken quesadilla, Mexicali corn, refried beans, "sour green" applesauce. AM - Ham and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Thur. - Steak fingers, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh cantaloupe. AM - Tuna salad, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Fri. - Tony's pepperoni pizza, tator tots, baked beans, pineapple tidbits. AM - Po-boy combo, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

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Mon. - Italian meatball sub sandwich, raw vegetables, pickle spears, potato chips, fruit.

Tues. - Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, lettuce salad.

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

Thur. - Ham and cheese sandwich w/trimmings, carrots, potato chips, fruit, cherry jello.

Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, baked beans, oven baked fries, fruit, ice cream.

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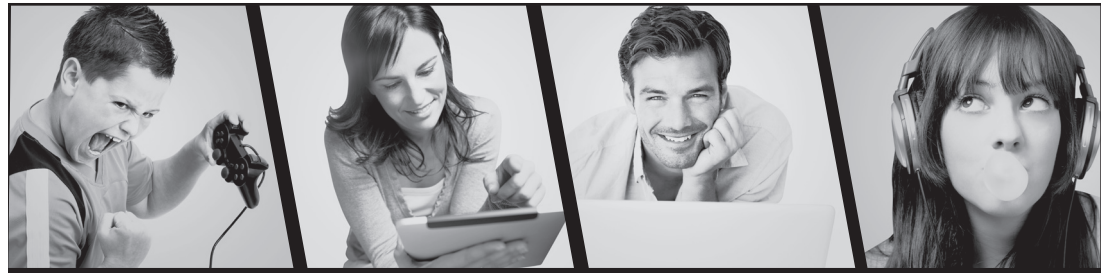
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Ryan and Emma Krebs, children of Stephanie and Brent Krebs of Muenster, visit with Santa Claus in his Main Street workshop following the Muenster Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 30.

Janie Hartman photo

Cookbook to benefit Abigail's Arms

The cookbook *The Joy of Cooking* by Betty Rose Walterscheid has been reprinted to raise funds for Abigail's Arms, Cooke County Family Crisis Center. Betty Rose is known around the area for her cooking skills. Imagine your favorite recipe coming to life as you stir, sprinkle, and taste. Imagine the pleasure of its presentation as you determine the perfect serving platter or tray accessories. Now imagine... the delectable dish you so lovingly prepared being sprawled across the floor because it was too hot, too cold, or too bland. As you kneel to clean the remnants of your disappointment you wonder ... again ... what did

you do wrong ... this time? The face of family violence often permeates our TV or computer screens. Our hearts go out to each victim, each child. But sometimes, we're guilty of silently stating, "That could never happen to me" or "It never happens in my community." In 2013, Abigail's Arms, Cooke County Family Crisis Center served more than 450 victims of violent crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual assault. Eighty-four percent of these victims resided in Cooke County. As a nonprofit agency, Abigail's Arms' vision is to change lives and save lives through prevention,

intervention, and after-care. Its mission is to provide safe shelter and empowerment to victims of family violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes through education and programming. The services offered include guidance through difficult times incurred after victimization like counseling, case management, and other supportive assistance. All proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will aid in the healing and restoration of families whose lives were interrupted by crisis. As you cook and enjoy these recipes, know that your gift enables a survivor to "set" her table, as well... free from fear, uncertainty, and violence.

NCTC, Texas Workforce Commission partner to offer more training to local companies

Representatives from North Central Texas College (NCTC) and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) celebrated a pair of partnerships recently that allow the school to train employees of two large North Texas businesses. GE Manufacturing Solutions of Fort Worth and Zodiac Seats U.S. of Gainesville have partnered with NCTC to provide job training using two Skills Development Fund grants totaling more than \$1.2 million from the TWC. GE Manufacturing Solutions will train 145 new workers using the \$492,115 Skills Development Fund grant. The training will equip welders, operators, and assemblers with advanced skills in welding, electrical circuit wiring, technical calculation, blueprint reading,

and safety. Upon completion of the training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$17.67. Zodiac Seats U.S. will create or upgrade 1,356 jobs using a \$790,662 Skills Development Fund grant. The majority of Zodiac's Gainesville workforce will receive training through the grant which will include coursework in applied mathematics, computer numeric control, electronic and wiring assembly, and blueprint reading, as well as general business and lean manufacturing skills. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$17.45. TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presented a check to GE Manufacturing Solutions. Alcantar said that the partnership between Texas businesses and NCTC is im-

portant in many ways. "North Central Texas College, as a community college, is so important to the Texas economy," Alcantar said. "We work in partnership with them to make sure we stay on top of the economic changes occurring across our different industries. They have proven time and again their ability to respond to these changes, and to deploy industry-aligned solutions that make sense in terms of the training required to keep our economy moving forward. Without them, I'm not sure we would be as successful as we have been here in Texas." In the past 16 years, NCTC has received 24 different Skills Development grants to provide workforce training programs to businesses from manufacturing to health care.

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Hornets handed cold 20-13 playoff loss

An ice storm that began last Thursday froze up the playing of the Region II Quarterfinal Championship game scheduled for last Friday night in Mineral Wells between the Muenster Hornets and Albany Lions. Both teams were undefeated. Continuous freezing temperatures and UIL rules forced the playoff game to be played Monday evening. When players arrived, the field looked like a hockey rink, a solid sheet of three to four inches of ice. Work progressed on clearing the turf as piles of ice surrounded the field, causing the contest to get a 20 minute late start.

Albany knocked Muenster out of the playoffs last year in the Regional finals, then lost to State Champions Munday in the Quarterfinals. Both the Hornets and the Lions took care of the defending Champs earlier this season.

With a north wind and temperatures starting at 30° at kickoff, the elements were going to be a factor in the game, affecting Muenster more than Albany, who relies more on their running game.

"It was a frustrating day," noted Coach Brady Carney. "We weren't able to get the football in the 1st half and couldn't get our rhythm. It was kind of discouraging. That 99 yard drive killed us."

After a 6-0 Lion lead at halftime, Muenster came out and took a 13-6 lead in the 3rd quarter before two 50 yard runs gave Albany a 20-13 Quarterfinal victory. "They played a little better than we did, running the ball better," Coach Carney continued. "We played well in the 3rd, looking good after our second touchdown." Albany then capitalized on a short kick to tie the game. "Two long runs really got us down," the coach added. "Albany has a very good team, well coached, lots of success, a top-notch program with lots of tradition."

Captains for the playoff game were seniors Mason Binder, Clint Sidwell, Jared Endres, and Cole Walterscheid.

The opening kickoff by Binder put the Lions on their 23 yard line. Back-to-back tackles by Walterscheid and Endres forced a quick 4th and 13 punt. The short boot placed Muenster in good field position, 30 yards from paydirt. But the Hornets couldn't move the ball, punting on 4th and 15, burying Albany on the 1 yard line. That began the Lions' 99 yard, 16 play drive that gave Albany



April Walterscheid photo

Hornets Tavi Saldana (2) and Chance Herr (7) defend a Lion receiver in Muenster's chilly playoff loss to Albany on Monday.

a 6-0 lead with 55 seconds remaining in the 1st period.

Tavi Saldana returned the Lion kick to the Hornet 33. Runs by Kyle Klement and Binder moved the ball to midfield. A fumbled snap forced a Muenster punt 2 minutes into the 2nd quarter.

The Lion offense opened holes in the Muenster's defensive line while chewing up the clock, moving from their 30 yard line to the Hornet 11. Collin Pagel, Dalton Bartel, and Chance Herr all got in good defensive plays along with an 18 yard loss quarterback sack from Walterscheid. But two 4th down situations in the drive turned into Albany 1st downs by Hornet penalties.

Two consecutive tackles by Walterscheid for losses forced a 4th and 11, 31 yard field goal attempt that failed, keeping the score at 6-0.

Sidwell and Binder got in a few runs, with

Sidwell punting on 4th and 3 with 17 seconds on the clock. Walterscheid blocked a Lion pass before the halftime break.

The Hornets came out of the locker room ready to roll. Sidwell returned the Lions' kick 28 yards to the Hornet 48 yard line. Klement broke away for a 42 yard gain to the Lion 10 yard line. Binder picked up a yard, then Klement scored from the 9 (52 yards in three plays). The PAT kick failed, tying the game 6-6 with 10:41 on the clock.

Tackles by Sidwell, Saldana, and Pagel allowed only 5 yards in three plays. The punt put Muenster on their 30 yard line. A strong run by Binder and a run by Bartel up the middle took the ball to midfield. But the Hornets soon ran out of downs. Sidwell's punt, with the wind at his back, put the Lions deep on their 3 yard line.

A tackle by Pagel and a knocked down pass by Herr was followed by a low line punt

that the Lions covered on their own 26 yard line, giving Muenster their best starting position in the game.

Taking advantage of the punt, Klement and Binder gained 4 yards. On 4th and 6, Blayne Jones found Walterscheid in the end zone for a 22 yard scoring pass play. Herr added the extra point and Muenster led 13-6 with 1:48 remaining in the 3rd period.

Thirteen seconds later, Albany tied the game 13-13 after a 53 yard touchdown run.

Muenster's offense struggled against the fired up Lion defense, gaining only 2 and punting as the quarter ended. Two plays later, Albany found paydirt with a 59 yard run, taking a 20-13 lead 31 seconds into the final period.

From their own 25, Sidwell and Klement gained 11 yards, but three unsuccessful plays followed, forcing a punt. After the Lions got a good spot for a 1st down, Walterscheid, Brandon Hennigan, and Sidwell held the Lions. A punt put the Hornets on their 20 yard line with 5 minutes remaining in the game. An intercepted ball ended Muenster's drive.

With 3:55 on the clock, Albany was in no hurry to snap the ball, pounding away short gains, keeping the clock ticking. The Lions were successful on two 4th and 1 plays and ended the game and Muenster's football season taking a knee.

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A	6	0	7	7	20

Team Stats

M	A	
8	1st downs	17
30/131	Rushes/yds	46/247
22	Passing yds	73
1/9/1	Comp/att/int	8/14/0
6/35	Punts/avg	4/20
0/0	Fumbles/lost	0/0
4/30	Penalties/yds	1/5

Individual Stats

RUSHERS: Kyle Klement, 11/88; Mason Binder, 8/35; Clint Sidwell, 8/10; Dalton Bartel, 1/7; Tavi Saldana, 1/0; Blayne Jones 1/-9. **RECEIVER:** Cole Walterscheid, 1/22. **TACKLES:** Mason Binder, Dalton Bartel, Tavi Saldana, Collin Pagel, Cole Walterscheid, Jared Endres, Clint Sidwell, Clayton Hess, Brandon Hennigan, Chance Herr.

The 2013 Muenster Hornets end a very successful season as Class 1A-2 Quarterfinalist with a 12-1 season record.

Teams in State ranking

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes and the Muenster Hornets and Lady Hornets all remain on the top 25 basketball teams list.

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) High School Basketball Weekly Rating has the Muenster Hornets (3-0) listed as #5 in Class 1AI.

The Tigerettes (7-2) were #7 in the small private schools division and the Lady Hornets (6-2) #19 in UIL 1AI division.

No other Cooke County team made the list.

Two 'Horns and a Raider



Courtesy photo

Three Muenster High graduates got together on the field at the University of Texas/Texas Tech football game Thanksgiving Day. Brad Endres, left, is a trainer for the Longhorns, Austin Hennigan is a student equipment manager for Texas Tech and was a ball boy for the game, and Amy Sturm Culp is a sports dietitian for UT.

New rules to fight zebra mussels now in effect

In the state's ongoing effort to combat the spread of invasive zebra mussels, new rules took effect Dec. 10 requiring that all boats operating on public water in 17 Northeast Texas counties be drained after use.

Under the new regulations, persons leaving or approaching public water in the affected counties are required to drain all water from their vessels and on-board receptacles. This applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not, personal watercraft, sailboats, or any other vessel used to travel on public waters.

The rules apply on all public waters in Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Jack, Kaufman, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Stephens, Tarrant, Wise, and Young counties.

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where boats can be launched, the regulation requires the draining of live wells, bilges, motors, and any other receptacles or water-intake systems coming into contact with public waters.

Under these rules, live fish cannot be transported in water that comes from the water body where they were caught, personally caught live bait can be used only in the water body where it was caught, and no off-site tournament weigh-ins would be allowed if live fish are being transported in water from a water body in one of the affected counties. (Anyone planning a tournament should check with Texas Parks and Wildlife's Inland Fisheries Division.)

Anglers are allowed to transport and use commercially purchased live bait in water provided they have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait. Any live bait purchased from a location on or adjacent to a public water body that is

transported in water from that water body could only be used as bait on that same water body.

Movement from one access point to another on the same lake during the same day does not require drainage and there is an exception for governmental activities and emergencies. Marine sanitary systems are not covered by the new regulations.

Lakes Belton and Stillhouse Hollow are covered by an emergency rule extending these same water drain-

ing requirements to all public water in Bell and Coryell counties. The Department is considering expansion of the recently implemented rules to include Bell, Coryell, and 28 additional counties in North and Central Texas. The Department will provide notice and opportunities for public comment on any changes.

Zebra mussels became established in Texas in Lake Texoma in 2009. Last year, they were found in Lake Ray Roberts and the Elm Fork

of the Trinity River. More recently, zebra mussels have spread to Lakes Bridgeport, Lewisville, and Belton. They can expand their range even farther by hitching a ride on trailered boats that have been immersed or moored in waters where they have established populations.

The rapidly reproducing mussels, originally from Eurasia, can have serious economic and recreational impact to Texas reservoirs. They can clog public-water intake pipes, harm boats and motors left in infested waters by covering boat hulls, clog water-cooling systems, annoy boat-dock owners by completely covering anything left under water, and make water recreation hazardous because of their sharp edges.

From an environmental perspective, zebra mussels are filter feeders, which means they compete with baitfish such as shad for available forage. Any impact on baitfish in turn can affect their predators — game fish such as bass, striped bass, and catfish. Zebra mussels also threaten native mussel populations because they will colonize on their shells and essentially suffocate them.



SUB-VARSITY JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Muenster vs Ponder
The JV Lady Hornets "are really picking things up and looking good every time they go out," noted Coach Griffin Fields on Muenster's 43-17 win over Ponder on Dec. 3. "They played a great 1st half with a lot of energy and put Ponder away early." Macie Pagel and Morgan Eldridge led the scoring with 10 points each. Courtney Stevens added 9, Bailey Klement 8, and 2 apiece by Sarah Binford, Zina Haverkamp, and Nicole Rains.

Sacred Heart vs Tioga
On Nov. 21, the Lady Cubs pulled out a 22-20 win over Tioga. Sophia Jones scored 10 points, Kate Springer 7, Mackenzie Mason 3, and Samantha Muller 2.

Sacred Heart vs Era
The Era 8th Grade Lady Bees out-scored the Lady Cubs 29-16 on Dec. 2. Scoring for Sacred Heart were Jones with 8 points, Springer 7, and Mason 1.

Hornets win two

Due to the weather causing hazardous driving conditions, the Muenster Hornets were able to play only two games, both last Thursday, at the Jacksboro tournament. The Hornets won both games, improving their record to 3-0.

"Overall, I thought we competed well. The boys are gaining valuable experience playing varsity competition while football play continued," noted Hornet Coach Lynn Cook.

Muenster's first game was a 62-36 win over Paradise. Lyndon Cook led the team with 22 points, 16 rebounds, 7 assists, 3 steals, and 7

blocks. Blake Hoepfner added 14 points, Trey Anderle and Logan Cook 9 apiece, Ryan Hoepfner 6, and Matthew Porter 2.

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In game two, a 78-24 win over Merkel, Lyndon Cook scored 33 points and pulled down 26 rebounds. Logan Cook added 13 points. B. Hoepfner 12, R. Hoepfner 8, Anderle 7, Porter 3, and Bryce Herr 2.

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Next action for the Hornets and Lady Hornets will be the Poolville tournament scheduled for Dec. 12 - 14.

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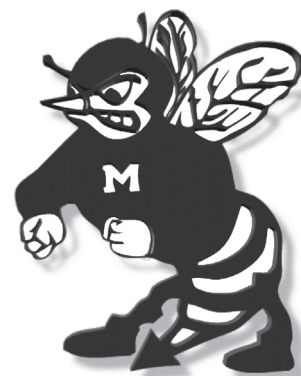
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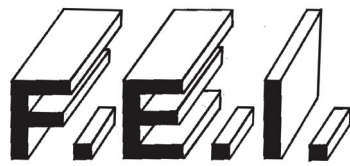
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USDA increases 2014 ag export forecast

For fiscal year 2014, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) increased its projections for agricultural exports to \$137 billion, up \$2 billion from its last forecast in August but \$3.9 billion below last year's record export figures.

Projections for oilseed and livestock exports pushed total forecasts higher, according to *Drovers*.

Projections for agricultural imports also were increased to a record \$109.5 billion, up \$5.7 billion from last year. But the U.S. agricultural trade surplus is expected to fall to \$27.5 billion, the lowest since 2009.

Oilseed and improved soybean yields have helped boost the export forecast. In the most recent USDA report, livestock, poultry, and dairy

exports were up \$700 million compared to the August report, reaching \$31.8 billion.

With strong demand expected from Mexico and some Asian markets, pork is forecast nearly \$500 million higher to \$5.5 billion.

The top destinations for U.S. agricultural products are Canada, China, Mexico, Japan, and the European Union.

Leafy green marketing agreement terminated

After four years of public meetings, public comments, and department work, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is terminating the leafy green marketing agreement (LGMA). This agreement would have allowed industry to develop and oversee leafy green handling guidelines with limitations set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other regulators, according to *Agri-Pulse*.

Due to the incoming Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) rules, the USDA decided to terminate the agreement. However, LGMA agreements remain in Arizona and California, and USDA's decision will not affect those states' food safety systems.

"Hopefully, with the termination, USDA can re-engage in food safety in a meaningful way," said Tom Nassif, president and CEO of Western Growers.


Ocean bulk freight surplus coming to end

There was a boom in launching new vessels from 2007 through 2012, which coincided with shrinkage in global agricultural trade.

Freight rates dropped below cost at times.

The rate of expansion in global capacity peaked at 18% annually in 2012, dropped to just 4% this year, and is forecast to rise only 1% in 2014 and no gain at all in 2015.

That means as older bulk vessels are retired, they will no longer be replaced, ship for ship. And that spells rising ocean freight trends, which farmers ultimately pay in the form of weaker basis. *Source: Doane's Ag Report*



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Butchering hogs

The time for butchering hogs was usually the last cool days of winter. Some farmers soaked pork in a barrel of salt brine and smoked in a shed with burning hickory. Others used a dry cure.

There were several recipes. One was a prepared salt cure with brown sugar added. The mixture was rubbed into the meat, then the meat was wrapped tightly with newspaper and put firmly in a sack to keep the salt cure against the meat. Hams, shoulders, and sides were cured, hung in an outside shed away from animals. The meat rarely spoiled. When it did, it was next to the bone or farthest from the salt.

Most farmers' wives rendered lard, using all the fat trimmings and fat from around the kidneys. The "fat" was heated in a big cast iron pot. The lard was strained through a cloth and stored in cans. The trimmings and scraps were ground into sausage.

When butchering a hog, everything but the squeal was used - the tongue, heart, liver, brains, jowl, pigs feet, sweetbread, and even the intestines were removed and cleaned for sausage casings.

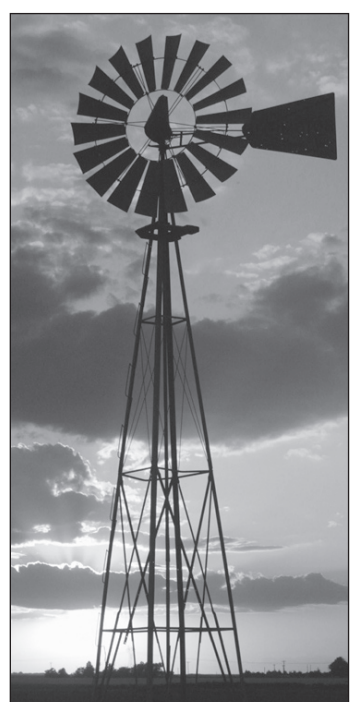
Private well owner tip sheet

The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) has launched the *Private Well Owner Tip Sheet* - a monthly, one-page newsletter about tools that can help private well owners reduce risks to their water supplies.

The tip sheet is among a set of new well owner training and technical assistance tools that will be offered by NGWA over the coming months through a cooperative agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Source: AFBF



FSIS announces comprehensive salmonella plan

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) released its Salmonella Action Plan, outlining the steps the agency will take to address salmonella in meat and poultry products.

According to Feedstuffs, an estimated 1.3 million illnesses can be attributed to salmonella every year.

"Far too many Americans are sickened by salmonella every year. The aggressive and comprehensive steps detailed in the Salmonella Action Plan will protect consumers by making meat and poultry products safer," USDA undersecretary for food safety Elisabeth Hagen said.

The plan enhances salmonella sampling and testing programs and inspectors will receive the necessary tools to quickly pinpoint problems. To lower salmonella contamination rates, the Salmonella Action Plan also includes new performance standards, addresses all potential sources of salmonella, and focuses on the agency's education and outreach tools on salmonella.

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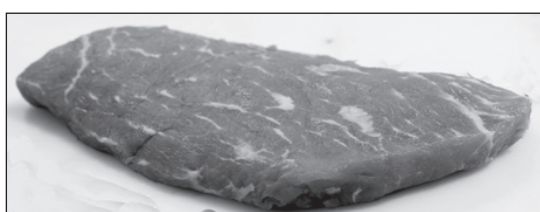
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Tony Mata, a Dallas meat scientist, and a team of researchers developed the

newest steak by mining the muscle under the shoulder blade for a tender pad of flesh, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. Unveiled last year during a trade show, the meat is now finding its way to plates across the U.S.

"Any time you can make something steak-able, you're bringing more dollars back to the carcass," said Jake Nelson, a meat processing specialist at Oklahoma State University who worked with Mata on the Vegas Strip Steak.

For more about the Vegas Strip Steak, visit <http://vegassstripsteak.com/site/>.



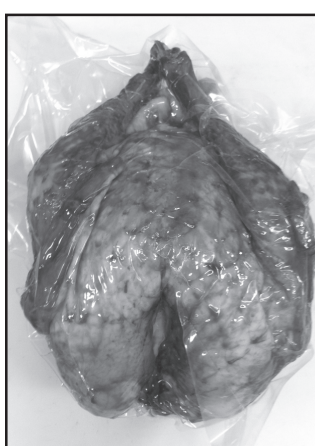
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Juice Cocktails** 64 OZ. **\$2.79**

**DEL MONTE ASSORTED
Pineapple** 15-15.5 OZ. **99¢**

**SHURFINE
French Fried Onions** 6 OZ. **\$2.49**

**PIONEER ASSORTED
Country Gravy Mix** . 2.75 OZ. **89¢**

**WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED
Paper Napkins** 250 CT. **\$1.79**

**12 PK CANS
Coca-Cola** 12 OZ. 3 for **\$11**

24-PACK CANS OR BOTTLES

**Bud &
Bud Light**

\$21



Fischer's Quality Meats

**2 PC. PKG. - PACKER TRIM PORK SHOULDERS
Boston Butt
Pork
Roast**
\$1.29 LB.

**BONE-IN SHANK PORTION
Cook's Ham**
97¢
LB. BUTT PORTION, BONE-IN LB. \$1.19



**PREFERRED TRIM
BONE-IN
Prime Rib
Roast**
\$7.99 LB.



**PREFERRED TRIM
BONE-IN
Ribeye
Steaks**
\$7.99 LB.

**FARMLAND 95% FAT FREE, WHOLE
Boneless Ham** 4 LB. **\$4.99**

**HORMEL BONE-IN
Spiral Sliced Ham** LB. **\$1.89**

**ALL VARIETIES
Owens Sausage** 1 LB. **\$2.49**

**SUPER BUY! ASSTD. VARIETIES STUFFED JALAPEÑOS
Western Grillers** 9-16 OZ. **\$3.99**

**PREFERRED TRIM CENTER CUT BONELESS
Pork Chops** LB. **\$2.69**

**PREFERRED TRIM CENTER CUT, BONELESS
Pork Loin Roast** LB. **\$2.49**

**BONELESS WHOLE, HALF, OR SLICED HALF
Hormel Cure 81 Hams** LB. **\$3.99**

**HORMEL CURE 81 - FOUR VARIETIES, BNLS
Quarter Sliced Hams** LB. **\$4.99**

**FAMILY PACK, PREVIOUSLY FROZEN
Fryer Chicken Wings** LB. **\$1.59**

**TIP TOP, GRADE "A"
Baking Hens** LB. **\$1.29**

**HONEYSUCKLE WHITE
Turkey Breast** LB. **\$1.79**

**HILLSHIRE FARM ORIGINAL OR BEEF
Lit'l Smokies** 13-14 OZ. 2 for **\$6**

**PRICE'S PIMIENTO
Cheese Spread** 12 OZ. **\$3.19**

**REFRIGERATED-SAUERKRAUT OR ASSTD.
Claussen Pickles** 20-32 OZ. **\$3.99**

**SHURFINE 31/40 COUNT EZ-PEEL
Raw Shrimp** 1 LB. **\$8.99**

**CHICKEN OF THE SEA - W/ COCKAIL SAUCE
Shrimp Ring** 10 OZ. **\$6.99**

**ALL VARIETIES
Wright's Bacon** 1.5 LB. **\$6.99**

**MARKET SLICED RED RIND
Cheddar Cheese** LB. **\$3.99**

**MARKET SLICED HONEY OR VIRGINIA
Ham** LB. **\$3.69**

**FAMILY PACK
Drumsticks** LB. **\$1.09**

Fresh Produce



**U.S. NO. 1
Russet Potatoes**
10 LB. BAG
\$1.88

**RED DELICIOUS
Apples
OR FANCY NAVEL
Oranges**
LB. **59¢**

**GOLDEN RIPE
Bananas** LB. **39¢**

**FRESH
Green Beans** LB. **99¢**

**"A" SIZE
New Red Potatoes** 2 LBS. **\$1**

**FRESH
Sweet Potatoes** LB. **79¢**

**FRESH GOURMET ASSORTED VARIETIES
Croutons** 5 OZ. 2 for **\$4**

**FRESH SWEET
Yellow Onions** LB. **69¢**

**JUICY
Fresh Lemons** 4 for **\$1**

**TANGY
Fresh Limes** 4 for **\$1**

Dairy & Frozen Foods



**BLUE, BROWN OR GOLD RIM
Blue Bell Ice Cream**
1/2 GAL
\$9 2 for

**SHURFINE ASSORTED FROZEN
Whipped Topping** 8 OZ. **79¢**

**SHURFINE 9 INCH DEEP DISH
Pie Crust** 12 OZ. 2 for **\$4**

**SARA LEE ASSORTED 9 INCH
Fruit Pies** 37 OZ. **\$4.49**

**SISTER SCHUBERT'S SELECT VARIETIES
Dinner Rolls** 11-15.8 OZ. **\$2.99**

**SHURFINE
Buttermilk** HALF GAL. **\$2.19**

**SHURFINE
Sour Cream** 24 OZ. **\$1.99**

**SHURFINE ORIGINAL OR 1/3 LESS FAT
Cream Cheese** 8 OZ. 4 for **\$5**

**ASSTD. HALFMOON OR SHREDDED
Shurfine Cheese** 8 OZ. 3 for **\$5**

**DICED WITH ONIONS OR ASSTD. HASH BROWNS
Simply Potatoes** 20 OZ. **\$1.99**

**SHURFINE ORIGINAL OR FLAKY
Crescent Rolls** 8 CT. **\$1.79**

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Health & Beauty Care

**GELCAPS, TABLETS, OR CAPLETS
Aleve Naproxen Sodium** . 20-24 CT. **\$3.99**

**WESTERN FAMILY SELECT VARIETIES
Children's Cold/Allergy** 4 OZ. **\$2.49**

**VANILLA, CHOCOLATE, OR STRAWBERRY
Ensure Liquid** 6 PACK **\$8.99**

**WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED VARIETIES
Denture Cleaner** 40 CT. **\$1.99**

**WESTERN FAMILY PLUS OR PIVOT PLUS
Twin Blade Razors** 5 CT. **\$1.49**