

Crowds break records at picnic

Breaking previous records of attendance brought widespread smiles to the committee for the annual parish picnic on Sunday, Nov. 21 and the many dozens of helpers who were busy throughout the day and evening, as they glowed with the successful result of long days, and weeks of preparation.

More than 1550 meals were sold at the noon dinner. An assortment of foods were available throughout the afternoon and evening.

The familiar Sweet Shoppe and Cake Walk were well attended. The Arts and Crafts exhibits commanded attention with many innovations. The Quilt Auction, something new, was outstanding, and offered tempting and beautiful treasures. A Silent Auction was held throughout the day. A Major Live Auction began at 5:30 p.m. and offered a record-breaking number of items, attesting to the zeal of sponsors and the generosity of parishioners.

Winners in the raffle drawing are as follows: \$1,000 Savings bond, Sis Felderhoff; \$500 Savings Bond, Crystal Vogel; \$500 Savings Bond, Neil Hesse; \$500 Savings Bond, Keith Vogel; 15 Speed Mountain Bike, Juanita Bright; \$100 in Trade, Evelyn Felderhoff; Pick-up Truck Accessories up to \$100, Andrea Bartush; Tiffany lamp, Al Horn; \$25.00 Gift Certificate, Gary Droll; Dinner for Two Gift Certificate, Gene Klement.

The Gun Raffle winner was Carol Sicking. The Quilt Raffle winner was Bob Knauf.

Winners in the Arts and Crafts area were as follows: Three Snow People Christmas Decoration, Florence Fisher; Topiary Tree, Lee Roy Yosten; Christmas Table Centerpiece, Alma Herr.



The Kid Care Program established and sponsored in Muenster by Officer Greg Taylor drew more than 70 children, accompanied by parents to the event on November 21 in the interest of Child Safety and Child Identification. In the top photo Officer Taylor is fingerprinting Danielle Bindel, daughter of Ben and Tina Bindel. Shown in the lower photo are Jennifer and Emily Endres, daughters of Jack and Mary Endres, who are listening intently to a safety lesson taught by Charla Taylor. David Fette Photo



Tony Otto succumbs to knife wound

by Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall responded to a call reporting an altercation in progress between two males at the A-OK Motel in Muenster at 10:19 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19. When he arrived at the scene Stovall found one of the men lying on the ground bleeding from a knife wound to the neck area.

The victim was identified by Stovall as Tony Otto, 34, of Muenster. Rhonda Redd, who had witnessed the altercation, was attempting to stop Otto's bleeding. According to the Muenster Police Chief, attempts were made to stop the bleeding and CPR was performed. Muenster

Volunteer Fire Department and Cooke County EMS responded. Otto was transported to Muenster Memorial Hospital, but was pronounced dead there by Justice of the Peace Bill Freeman.

Jeffrey Hermes, 23, of Muenster was identified as the person who had stabbed Otto. After stabbing Otto in the neck Hermes reportedly walked away. Officer Stovall said that Hermes returned to the scene later and was taken into custody.

Hermes was taken to the Cooke County Jail where he was charged with murder, a first degree felony.

TML conference held in Dallas

Steve Broyles, City Administrator, was in Dallas, November 17 through November 19 to attend the 87th Texas Municipal League Annual Conference. The three-day meeting provided an opportunity for municipal officials to attend workshops addressing current municipal issues. In addition, the Conference offered a chance to visit with elected and appointed officials from across Texas to learn how other cities are coping with the challenges facing municipal government today.

Steve Broyles was also on the TML Resolutions Committee, along with 89 other city representatives. In addition, representatives from about 50 other cities attended. The committee reviewed 24 resolutions submitted by cities

throughout the State of Texas. The purpose of the resolutions committee is to review and approve resolutions that cities want the Texas Municipal League to support; it also provides TML with guidance on what is important to the cities.

Of the 24 resolutions, the committee approved 17, disapproved 3, and tabled 4 for further review by TML policy board. The two resolutions submitted by the City of Muenster were approved for a 100 percent approval rate. Steve Broyles made a brief presentation to the committee on each of these resolutions and responded to questions. One resolution requested that TML take action to change the Transportation Code so that the maximum interest rate that can be charged on paving liens is raised from 8 percent to

the prevailing rate that commercial institutions charge.

The other resolution requested that TML take action to encourage the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to issue a policy prohibiting use of the chemical additive MTBE to gasoline for cleaner air until further scientific tests are completed; several other states have discontinued using MTBE due to contamination of ground wells. TNRCC's current policy encourages gas refineries to provide gasoline which will produce cleaner air when burned, but does not prohibit use of MTBE.

During the meeting, Conference attendees were offered a number of sessions on economic development strategies, redistricting, youth

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Two thieves nabbed by Muenster Police Chief

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Jail had two more residents early Tuesday morning thanks to Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall. Around 4 a.m. Nov. 23 Stovall observed two men stealing anhydrous ammonia from a tank at Tony's Seed and Feed in Muenster.

One of the pair was on top of the tank when Stovall approached. The two attempted to run to their vehicle when they saw Stovall. They had already removed some anhydrous ammonia

from the tank to a propane cylinder, said the Police Chief. Stovall arrested Stanley Chris Covington, 40, of Forestburg and Russell Lee Borth, 40, of Mansfield. They were charged with theft and tampering with a container of anhydrous ammonia which is now a state jail felony.

Stovall reported that they had in their possession a 9mm semi automatic handgun. Drug paraphernalia was also confiscated and the vehicle they were driving was towed.

Basketball begins



The Sacred Heart Tigerettes, led by tournament MVP Kayla Felderhoff (shooting), won the championship last week in Saint Jo. See more in Sports, page 9, as basketball season starts around the area. Dave Fette Photo

Commissioners rule on county burn ban

by Janet Felderhoff

Even though weather forecasters predicted that rain would fall in Cooke County this week, Commissioners Court stood firm on the imposed ban on burning in unincorporated areas of the county. The ban went into effect on Aug. 23 and is in place until Nov. 30 or until lifted by the Court, whichever comes first. It has already been extended from Oct. 30 to Nov. 30. The vote was 5-0 in favor of keeping the ban.

Bob Harbin, EMS director, informed the Court that according to the latest information from the Texas Forest Service, Cooke County is still in the extreme category for fire hazard. Some surrounding counties have lifted their bans with specific restrictions and other counties have simply lifted the ban, said Harbin.

"To date from Feb. 1 until Nov. 18 Cooke County had experienced 33 wildland fires," Harbin noted. "I spoke with the Forest Service and they said that we could attribute the low number mostly to the burn ban being in effect and the Sheriff's department aggressively pursuing burn ban violators."

The Forest Service recommended that since Cooke County had a burn ban in effect, they should leave it in place until it expires on the 30th. Harbin gave the opinions of representatives from five area fire departments. Three said don't lift the ban, one said maybe if it rains, and the fifth favored lifting the ban. The department in favor was Lake Kiowa.

"We're starting a hardship for the citizens, but burnt down residences would be more of a hardship," Harbin stated.

County Judge Bill Harris said he favored leaving the ban in effect. Commissioner Virgil

Hess agreed saying he had watched the weather channel for the Dallas/Fort Worth area and the warnings listed Cooke County first. High winds and low humidity increased the risk factors already created by lack of rain, he said. Hess recommended calling a special meeting if needed to deal with the ban.

Residents along County Road 300 west of Muenster may feel the earth move soon. West Bay Geophysical was granted permission to conduct 2-D Seismic Field Operations down CR 300. Company representative Loyd Gibbs told the Court that no drilling, dynamiting, or explosives were involved in the process. The company is insured and promised to fix any damages caused. He was instructed to bring the insurance policy to the county for inspection before proceeding.

Commissioner Jerry Lewis asked to be notified of the exact time the company plans to do the operations so he could inspect the road. As explained, the procedure involves jacking up the truck being used and dropping it so that the shock traveling through the ground can be measured.

Although Brown Motor Company of Gainesville had the lowest bid on three passenger cars for the Sheriff's department, the vehicles didn't meet the specs. The specs called for V-8 engines and the cars only had V-6 engines. Klement Ford of Muenster had the next lowest bid and met all specs. Klement bid \$61,044.00 less a trade in of \$5,200.00 for a total of \$55,844.00 for the three vehicles.

There will be a new copier in the County Clerk's office. It was recommended by the Courthouse Technology Committee and approved 5-0 by Commissioners. County Clerk Evelyn Walterscheid

reported that they are having a lot of trouble with the current copier. She said that they now do 10,000 or more copies a month. Revenue produced from regular copies alone by her office is at least \$1,000 a month and certified copies bring in another \$15 to \$16 thousand a year.

David Tharp, constable of Precinct #1, has a budget of \$300 to cover uniforms. That money is used to purchase his uniforms and those of the reserve constable. The reserve constable averages about 22 hours a week as a volunteer for the county. Tharp is \$90 over his uniform budget and was seeking approval to cover the extra expense from the miscellaneous area of his budget.

Tharp said that he was still within his budget for the year and promised not to go over his budget. He noted that he didn't exceed his budget last year. Also the budget he turned in for this year is less than for the previous year. His request to move funds from miscellaneous to uniforms was approved 5-0.

County Auditor Gloria Parrish said that the Court's approval was sought for the line item move within the budget because it is early in

Anti-litter message to become part of driver's education

The litter prevention message will soon be delivered to every Texas teenager who wants a driver's license.

Under a law recently enacted by the Texas Legislature and signed by Governor George W. Bush, litter prevention information must be included in the curriculum of each driver education and driving safety course offered in the

state. Keep Texas Beautiful, which authored and advocated the legislation, estimates that its litter prevention programs will now reach hundreds of thousands of young Texans each year.

"It's a lot less expensive to change attitudes before young people get into a car than to pick up after them later," said

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Opinion/Editorial

Thanks, Longhorns!

by Dave Fette

The collapse of the Texas A&M Bonfire stack, which took the lives of 12 Aggies, was painful to all of us who have any amount of maroon blood. It is painful if you can relate to people or an endeavor of this kind at all. The second-guessing, arm-chair engineering and general criticism directed at A&M only serves to increase the pain. To immediately heap salt on the wound by suggesting gross criminal negligence on the part of the University officials or Corps of Cadet leadership is moronic and shows ignorance of the bonfire tradition. My first few months as a freshman at A&M were plagued by homesickness and doubts. All I wanted to do was come home. But bonfire, and even more, things I experienced working on the bonfire cleared up the illness and helped me understand there was no place I would rather go to school than Aggieland.

This tragedy was an accident. The fine men and women who died sincerely believed in what they were doing. The methods used to build the stack were developed and refined over many years. Let the investigators make their study. Let safety always be a prime consideration. But let the bonfire continue!

The stated idea of bonfire is to show a burning desire to beat the hell out of the University of Texas Longhorns. When the initial call went out for blood donors after the accident, one of the biggest collection centers was in Austin. The concern of the rival students and University was obvious and when time came for their annual "hex the Aggies" event, they had a candlelight memorial service for the fallen Aggies instead. When times are tough you find out who your real friends are!

I am thankful, especially now at Thanksgiving, for our rivals the Texas Longhorns and everyone who cared for and prayed for the students and their families and friends.



ISSUE UPDATE

with Mac Thornberry

Mac

Through the Years, the Source of Our Strength at Thanksgiving Has Been Faith, Family and Freedom

If the Fourth of July is a day to remember the birth of our Nation, then Thanksgiving is a time to recognize the source of our strength.

George Washington paid tribute to this strength in his first Thanksgiving proclamation to the Nation. The year was 1789. He said:

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday ... to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks, for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation, for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence which we have experienced in the course and conclusion

of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge, and in general, for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us."

Though much has changed in the past 210 years, the sentiment and principles behind President Washington's words still hold true today. Faith, family and freedom — the source of our strength, and a reason we give thanks.

May you and your family have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 131 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515, or through his website at www.house.gov/thornberry/

MMH hospital directors respond Why did you vote for the Memorandum of Understanding to pursue the consolidation of the two hospital districts?

Chas Bayer — I feel it is my duty, as a director, to make decisions that will provide the best care that money can afford. I take my directorship very seriously and this is a very educated and responsible decision. Over the years the Board has searched for the solution to save our access to health care for the district, and after weighing many scenarios this is the solution that seems to be the best.

Werner Becker Jr. — Most of all, because our county is in need of more adequate, up to date technology and facilities to meet the needs of the people. Small hospitals have a difficult time generating enough money to stay compliant and attract specialists. Also reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid is set very low for small hospitals creating financial stress.

Phil Endres — Because I was elected to do what is best for the people of our district, and I feel that the merger is the best way to provide quality health care for our area.

Don Flusche — It is the sensible thing to do. These two hospitals should have been together long ago. However, the timing of the cutbacks of funds from our government has forced the issue. The only hospitals that will survive are those with enough patient base and designated sole providers. This new county hospital fits both criteria. Further, our hospitals are competing for the same patients with duplicate services and neither have the specific equipment and personnel necessary to do the intricate operations and procedures as performed in the larger regional hospitals in Sherman, Denton, Dallas and Fort Worth. We studied our options for the last four and one-half years and this merger simply makes more sense than any other we have found.

Gerald "Jerry" Hess — A) It has become and will become more and more difficult to maintain the MMH as a stand alone facility. B) Our taxes will have to be doubled or more in the next three or four years. Just this year the Mineral Wells Hospital had to raise their taxes by 238 percent and the cuts in reimbursement have just started. C) As a single combined hospital we should qualify as a sole provider in the county and get larger reimbursements from the government per patient. D) We should be able to provide more services. With a state of the art facility. Easier recruitment of personnel. E) Lower the Muenster tax rate.

Lora Hennigan — I feel the consolidation is in the best interest of the people. Hospital reimbursements are decreasing. We must move forward to insure health care for all our families.

Duane Knabe — I voted for the Memorandum of Understanding to pursue the consolidation of the two hospital districts because I believe that in the long run this will, by far, be the best opportunity for us to have a local hospital, even though it will be centrally located for the entire county and not just Muenster. We, the Muenster Hospital District Board of Directors, have been looking at alternative solutions for a number of years to the problems caused by cuts in government and insurance company's reimbursement for medical services and it has become obvious that some type of major change was going to be required and this one was the most attractive option. Also, I believe this combination will lead to better health care because we will have a competitive hospital and not one that is mainly concerned with surviving.

Jack Murdock — Changing Federal requirements will reduce revenue to the point, in the near future, that it will not be possible to keep MMH open. If we merge with GMH we will continue to have a strong voice in health care in Muenster and Cooke County. If we do not merge with GMH then we will be forced to close soon and have no voice in health care in Cooke County. A merged hospital should result in more and better health services for both Muenster and Cooke County.

Margie Starke — I voted for the Memorandum of Understanding between the two hospital districts in Cooke County because I feel this will give the residents of Muenster and Cooke county the opportunity for much better health care close to their homes and they will not need to travel outside the county to obtain the quality care they deserve. Also, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 has hurt the small rural hospital and already caused many to shut their doors. It has made it very difficult for the Muenster Hospital to keep its doors open and eventually will cause our doors to close. As the two hospital districts uniting into one district we are making a statement that we care what happens to future health care in our county and we want to make the decision to have the best in the area.

* Watch next week for the responses from GMH board members to these questions and in future editions for more answers from all board members.

LITTER

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Keep Texas Beautiful Executive Director Betsy Christian.

The new law requires the commissioner of education to develop the litter prevention curriculum in consultation with the Texas Department of Public Safety, and Keep Texas Beautiful plans to work closely with the state on its design and

implementation.

"Our studies have shown that young people age 16 to 24 who drive at least 50 miles a week are the most likely to litter," said Christian. This legislation goes to the root of the problem by informing young drivers of the dangers and costs of litter."

submitted by MaryLee Alford

Game of Muenster, a unique gift

Thirty-four Muenster businesses, organizations and both schools occupy space on the Game of Muenster game board where two to six players "wheel 'n deal" their way around Muenster, buying up, trading and selling local businesses that actually exist. The space occupied by the Muenster Police Department reminds everyone that "littering is illegal and shameful... please don't litter." The spaces occupied by local businesses are very attractive, exciting to see by those living in Muenster and inviting to those who don't and will want to take time to visit local businesses and see what Muenster is all about! The local business information and anti-litter education will be in

homes for as long as the games are kept, which could be 20 years or more.

Keep Muenster Beautiful wanted to have a permanent way to recognize its supporters so the organization ensured that every member and those who've donated food and treasures to the Muenster cleanups are listed on the game board as VIPs. Groups who've adopted a portion of the highway to keep clean are listed as special Adopt-A-Highway VIPs and all the past and present Keep Muenster Beautiful Board of Directors are also listed. There are over 100 VIP listings and many people will be surprised to find their name or names of friends and loved ones on the board.

A limited number of the unique games were produced as a fund-raiser for the Keep Muenster Beautiful organization to help cover administrative costs for the next year. The games will be available early enough to purchase as Christmas presents.

Being a nonprofit organization, Keep Muenster Beautiful is allowed to sell items two days a year tax-free. The organization will sell the games in front of the Muenster State Bank on Main Street on November 27 during Christkindlmarkt. If purchased on the tax-free day, the games are \$15.95. Games may be reserved in advanced by calling 940-759-2368.

Submitted by Mary Lee Alford

Sacred Heart Paw Prints Giving Thanks

by Debra Dangelmayr

The very mention of Thanksgiving Day often brings people to recall memories of kitchens and pantries crowded with good things to eat. Although this is true, Thanksgiving is a time for serious religious thinking and prayer. The history of Thanksgiving goes back to the early 1600's.

The first Thanksgiving Days were actually harvest festivals. People thanked God for supplying them with plentiful crops. This holiday took place late in the fall after the crops had been gathered. Harvest festivals have been held for thousands of years by people of many lands.

One of the first Thanksgiving observances in America was entirely religious and did not involve feasting. The English settlers arrived in Virginia in 1619. They observed Dec. 4 as a day of thanksgiving to God.

The Plymouth colonists celebrated Thanksgiving in the summer, after a very harsh winter. Their summer had brought great rejoicing to all. The Indians and men hunted wild turkeys while the women and children prepared the meal. They feasted and celebrated for three days.

This custom spread to other New England colonies during the Revolutionary War, eight days were observed as days of thanks. Thanksgiving Day was not a national holiday in America until President Lincoln proclaimed it to be the fourth Thursday in November each year.

Thanksgiving Day is a day to spend time with your family. It is a time to celebrate with big dinners and joyous reunions. With all this fun, people must remember to thank the Lord for all the blessings they have received throughout the year.



Members of "Keep Muenster Beautiful", Christine Weinzapfel, Leonard Vogel, Johnny Rohmer, Steve Broyles, and Carl Alford check the Game of Muenster for operational readiness. Courtesy photo

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, November 28	Monday, November 29	Tuesday, November 30	Wednesday, December 1	Thursday, December 2	Friday, December 3	Saturday, December 4
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed Class, 7 p.m.	Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 P.M., NCTC Little Theater	Red River Arts Roundup Registration, 7-8 p.m., Community Center	Red River Art Show, Sacred Heart Community Center, Registration 8-9:30 a.m., Judging 10 a.m.-noon. Public viewing, noon-3 p.m.
Sunday, December 5 NCTC Choral Concert, 3 P.M., Muenster / Red River Arts Show, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., Community Center / St. Anne Society meeting, 3 P.M., SNAP Room / Lindsay Jr. Class Parent sponsored Talent Show, 6 P.M., Centennial Hall	Monday, December 6 NCTC Student Recital, 4 P.M., Little Theater CDA meeting, 7:30 P.M., KC Hall - Gift Bags for shut-ins	Tuesday, December 7 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, December 8 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Sacred Heart - NO SCHOOL Religious Ed. - NO CLASS Muenster Band Christmas Concert and Bake Sale, 6:30 P.M., Band Hall	Thursday, December 9 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NCTC Singers Concert, 7:30 P.M., Little Theater Keep Muenster Beautiful meeting, 5:30 P.M., CCEC	Friday, December 10	Saturday, December 11

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Lifestyle

Home Hospice sponsors tree lighting ceremony



Theresa Mae Walterscheid, left, a Home Hospice volunteer, sets up a "Light Up A Life" tree with assistance from Jim Gehrig. The tree will be on display at Gehrig's Hardware during the holiday season. Courtesy photo

Theresa Mae Walterscheid of Muenster is one of many persons working with the Home Hospice of Cooke County's annual Light Up A Life campaign. One of three trees is located at Gehrig Hardware in Muenster. Others are at Beall's and Tom Thumb in Gainesville.

The tree-lighting ceremony is Sunday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. in Beall's Department Store and the public is invited to attend the informative and inspirational program.

Jane Kilcrease of Lake

Kiowa, chairperson of this year's campaign, will open the program followed by meditation by Robert Kalina of the Advisory Council of Home Hospice of Cooke County.

Special music will be presented by chorus members from NCTC under the direction of Dr. Mike Linder. Following the lighting of the tree, Linda Lira will give an introduction to Home Hospice and the ceremony will close with the benediction by Dr. Eddie Chennault of Temple Baptist Church, Gainesville.

Trees will be up through Dec.

17 and volunteers will be on hand at the Gainesville locations to give information about Home Hospice, answer questions and accept donations.

An angel is placed on a tree for each donation of \$10 or more, although donations of any amount are welcomed.

Home Hospice of Cooke County is a community based nonprofit organization that cares for persons with life-limiting illnesses regardless of their ability to pay. The organization relies on

donations from businesses and individuals to provide professional care for patients to help the family during the trying time and to offer bereavement counseling.

Donations also may be mailed to Home Hospice, Cooke County, P.O. Box 135, Gainesville, Texas, 76241-1352.

Alan Goldsmith and Fran and Faye Peterson will light the tree representing all families served by Home Hospice in 1999.

Training session planned

All certified volunteer benefits counselors should note that it is time for quarterly training. A Benefits Counselor training session will be presented at Texoma Council of Governments in Sherman on Wednesday, December 1, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 29, by calling Beulah Oliphant, VISTA Volunteer Recruiter at 903-813-3562, or Shirley Rector, Elder Rights Coordinator at 903-813-3503. The toll-free number is 1-800-677-8264, ext. 562 or 503. Persons interested in volunteer opportunities are encouraged to attend.

Time change noted for St. Anne's meeting

The Saint Anne's Society of Sacred Heart met in the Community Center S.N.A.P. Room at 7:00 p.m. on November 7. President Toni Hess led opening prayers.

Nancy Nystrom read the minutes from the last meeting and Tillie Otto gave the financial report.

Tillie then read letters received from Sister Roberta Hesse, the family of Mary Streng, the family of Florence Grewing, the family of Cecilia Huchton, Subiaco Abbey, and Fr. A.J. Williams.

Members present discussed an invitation to join the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, but decided to decline the invitation due to other commitments.

Lucille Hess sent get-well cards to Lucy Hess, Debbie Cochran, Irene Klement, Marie Knauf, and "Sis" Felderhoff.

The time for the December, January, and February meetings has been changed to 3:00 p.m., and members are reminded to have their \$5 dues paid by January.

Hilda Sicking won the door prize, and the meeting ended with prayer.



The Muenster Kiwanis Club made good on their pledge and contributed \$1000.00 to both the Muenster Historical Commission and the Muenster Public Library. The presentation was made at the Wednesday lunch meeting at the Center by pancake supper project chairman Dan Hamric; (center) to Nancy Walt and Janie Hartman for the Library, and Christine Weinzapfel and Celine Dittfurth for the Historic Commission. The Kiwanis Club, led by President Kyle Minnix, (second from left) is a service organization which offers an opportunity for personal involvement in the leadership of the community, the nation and world. The Muenster club is one of more than 8,500 clubs who together raised about \$65 million each year and sponsor more than 150,000 individual community service projects. Dave Fette Photo

Knabes host adoptions celebrations

Surrounded by parents, grandparents, great-grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends, Cheryl and Beverly Knabe were the honorees at a celebration for their adoption by Dominic Knabe. The party, which was held at their home and hosted by their parents, Dominic and Collette Knabe, started at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. The official adoption and name change from Bayer to Knabe took place at the Cooke County Courthouse on Monday, Nov. 8.

Family members joining them in celebrating were great-grandpa Joe Hoenig of Muenster, grandparents Ray and Cecilia Hoenig of Gainesville, aunts, uncles, and cousins Larry and Sandra

Knabe and Lisa of Gainesville, Dorothy and Ray Fleitman of Muenster, Martin Knabe and Nicholas of Lindsay, Alvin Knabe, Tina Russell and Tara of Callisburg, Linda and Gene Yosten and Jeremy, Joshua, Josiah, Gene Jr., and Benjamin of Muenster, Susie Fleitman and Paul Jr., A.J. and Brianna of Muenster, Carla and Ron Petrask and John, Julie, and Jill of Garland, Aaron and Ann Hoening and Megan and Mitchell of Plano, Gretchen and Nathan Day of Frisco, and John and Suzanne Hoening of Sasche. Mark Hoening of Wichita, Kansas had called earlier sending his congratulations.

Friends attending the party were Jerry and Holly Orrell, Spencer and Kathryn Hicken, Sandra Hennigan all of Muenster, Karen Barlett, Charlotte and Tracy, Donn Reed, Randi and Kelli all of Lindsay, Dorothy Wilson, Thackerville, Oklahoma, Jean and Jean Petrask of Luzern, Pennsylvania, Mackenz Webster, Erin Shears, Laur Neusch and Jacob, Clau Neusch all of Lindsay, and Doris Wagner of Plano.

A decorated "adoption" cake and lots of balloons highlighted the theme. A buffet of assorted pick-up foods was served followed by the cake. Joe Hoenig also honored guests with his piano playing. Presents were opened and visiting continued throughout the evening.

Spenser Nielsen turns 7

Spencer Byron Nielsen, son of Jim and Jan Nielsen of Muenster, celebrated his 7th birthday on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The first of three parties in Spencer's honor took place in the Muenster ISD 1st grade classes, of Mrs. Deb Klement and Mrs. Danna Fredrick. Spencer and his classmates enjoyed a class favorite, cookie pizza.

and Beth of Lewisville; Ray, Howard and Kimbra Sizemore of Weatherford; Rocky and Devin Walker of Weatherford; Briana, Brandan, Ben and Tina Bindel; Stacie, Douglas, Henry and Marlen Knabe; Rick, Donna and Lyndsi Walterscheid all of Muenster. Other family and friends who could not attend sent special birthday wishes from all over the United States.



Spencer Nielsen

Lindsay show features local talent

Lindsay ISD Junior Class Parents are sponsoring a talent show on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Lindsay Centennial Hall. The event features lots of local talent and sponsor promise an entertaining evening.

Admission is \$5 for school age and above. For more information contact Jenny Dennis at 665-9357.

Green Tips
Fact: Each cycle, washing machines use 30 to 60 gallons of water.
Tip: Wait until you have a full load.

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8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
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Gainesville Memorial Hospital

Welcomes

David Mantsch, DO to the medical staff



David Mantsch, DO

- Anesthesiology/Pain Management
- Education: The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, Texas, College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Internship: Columbia Medical Center, Dallas Southwest
- Residency: Anesthesiology and Pain Management, University of Texas at Southwestern Medical Center, Parkland Memorial Hospital

Please join Gainesville Memorial Hospital in welcoming David Mantsch, DO to the hospital and the community. Mantsch joins the GMH medical staff after completing his residency in anesthesiology/pain management.

Dr. Mantsch is a specialist trained in anesthesiology and pain management. As the anesthesiologist, he joins the surgeon as the leader on the surgical team. Dr. Mantsch's job is to assess the condition of the patient's heart, lung and circulatory system before surgery. He works with the patient and the surgeon to determine the most suitable type of anesthesia to be administered. He constantly monitors the patient during surgery, and then watches the progress as the patient recovers from the anesthesia.

As director of the Pain Management Clinic, he uses all available resources to accurately diagnose and treat acute and chronic pain with a customized treatment plan. Dr. Mantsch chooses from a wide variety of options for treating pain, even the kind of pain that has not responded to other methods. For more information about the Pain Management Clinic, please call (940) 612-8133.



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Janel Flusche honored as outstanding teacher

Janel Flusche was honored by the Waco Independent School District as the Outstanding Elementary School Teacher of 1999-2000 at Alta Vista School in Waco. Honors were conferred at a reception held at the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library by the Board of Trustees.

A graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Muenster, Janel received her degree in elementary education from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas. She is also certified as a Montessori teacher through a Baylor University program. Janel teaches a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classroom.

Janel feels that "the most important part of my job is helping the students become citizens of their school, community and country."

Dr. Rochelle Peters, principal of Alta Vista School, made the following statement concerning Janel. "Janel Flusche is truly one of the most outstanding teachers that I have supervised. All students are always engaged in learning activities. One of the most



Janel Flusche

moving experiences in my life as a principal was during the summer when she asked to have a student placed in her room. The child had been a challenge to us all during the past year. Miss Flusche believed that she could make a difference. This child still remains a challenge, but is happy and is learning. Miss Flusche is an asset to our school and the teaching profession."

Janel is the daughter of Harold and Jeannine Flusche.

Sicking families plan Dec. 5 Christmas Party

A reunion of the Sicking kind held in September was so successful that they have decided to hold a Christmas party. All Sicking relatives are invited to attend a Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Myra Community Center. It will begin around 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and a gift to participate in the gift exchange. Gifts should be in the \$5 to \$10 range and men are asked to bring a man's gift and women a woman's gift.

For more information contact Hilda Prescher at 726-3292.

Host families needed for spring semester 2000

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program needs families to host high school exchange students for the Spring Semester of the 1999/2000 school year. The students will arrive in late December, 1999 or early January, 2000 and will stay with their host family until the end of the school year.

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by Educational

Resource Development Trust (ERDT), a non-profit educational foundation that has been promoting intercultural exchange for 25 years.

Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their own interests. For more information call the ERDT Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

New Arrivals

Knabe

Donny and Renee Knabe of Saint Jo are proud parents of their second child a daughter, Taylor Olivia Knabe, born in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Nov. 15, 1999 at 6:24 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 9 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. She joins Madison Renee, age 4, at home. Grandparents are Pat and Ruthie Klement of Muenster, Barbara and R.J. Kirkpatrick of Saint Jo, and Angie and Shonna Knabe of Iowa Park. Great-grandparents are Tony and Sis Klement of Muenster, Helen Yosten of Muenster, Margie Reed of Nocona and Albert and Betsy Knabe of Muenster.

Muller

Deann Felderhoff and Wayne Muller joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Nicole Muller, on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999. She was delivered by Dr. Tom Currier at 9:20 p.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital. Samantha weighed 6 lb. 8 1/2 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Welcoming their first grandchild are Steven and Sharon Muller of Myra and Ross and Janet Felderhoff of Muenster. Samantha's great-grandparents are Al and Sis Felderhoff and Arnold and Aileen Knabe, all of Muenster. Mrs. Pete (Gertrude) Koelzer of Muenster is her great-great-grandmother.

Vanderburg

Chad and Devin Vanderburg of Gainesville announce the birth of a son, Ethan Hunter Vanderburg in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Nov. 17,

1999 at 9:01 p.m. weighing 5 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. He joins a sister, Raily Vanderburg at home. Grandparents are Ralph and Sandra Buckaloo, Bill and Sharon Brown and Don and Pat Wilborn. Great-grandparents are Eva Vanderburg, Bill and Pauline Sappington, Bessy Westbrook, Curtis and Willie Wilson, and Frone Bristol.

Ratliff

Michael and Lisa Ratliff of Gainesville announce the birth of a son, Michael Charles Patrick Ray Ratliff in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Nov. 18, 1999 at 12:26 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches long. He joins a sister Maegan, age two years. Grandparents are Regina and Richard Branscum of Gainesville and Olen Ray Ratliff of Kentucky. Great-grandparent is Dorothy Patton of Lone Grove, Oklahoma.

Barrientos

Junior Barrientos and Bambi Stephens of Gainesville are parents of a son, Alejandro Tomas Barrientos, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Nov. 19, 1999 at 7:38 a.m. weighing 8 lb. 13 1/2 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches long. He joins a brother Emilio Barrientos, age one year. Grandparents are Jose and Evarista Oliva and Tom and Pam Stephens all of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Will and Marie Bath of Gainesville and Marie and Jose Guero of Marietta.

Valley View News

Riding Club

The Valley View Riding Club has elected officers for the year 2000. Kathy Grassman was named president, Cindy Roberts vice president, and Jon Giguere, secretary/treasurer/historian.

Next meeting will be December 5, to go Christmas caroling on horse back in town.

Veterans Day

Valley View area Chamber of Commerce honored area veterans on the town square November 11. Honored this

year was Robert Cullington, who served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He was recognized by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Rep. Sam Johnson by form of letters. U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall sent Cullington a U.S. flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol, J.P. John Roane addressed the crowd, ending his talk with a salute to the veterans. Twenty-six veterans attended the services. A reception followed the ceremony.



Cub Scout Turkey Shoot winners from left, front - John Nystrom, Pierce Merrill Brad Endres, Will Taylor, John Rohmer; middle - Dustin Pumphry, Steven Valliere, Paul Crabtree, Brandon Bindel, Derek Pangel; back - Jordan LaChance, Jacob Bayer, Roman Vogel, Kyle Caldwell, Matthew Abney, Josh Voth, Zachary Pierce. Courtesy Photo

Cub Scouts take aim for Thanksgiving prizes

A glorious autumn day greeted Cub Scouts and their families for the annual Pack 664 Turkey Shoot held Sunday, Nov. 14, at the VFW Hall. The Scouts shot BB guns at targets and the top score from each den won a turkey. Scouts scoring 35 points out of a possible 50 will also receive a "Junior U. S. Shooting Team" patch.

Since safety is foremost, only the scouts shooting during a particular round were allowed on the range. The others waiting to shoot stayed inside and played organized games. The winners of these games also won food from a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Shirley Knabe, who has

special training and authorization from the Boy Scouts of America, supervised the shooting.

The scouts winning turkeys from each den were: Tiger Cub Will Taylor, Wolf Pierce Morrill, Wolf John Nystrom, Bear John Rohmer, and Webelos Brad Endres.

Winning beautiful homemade pumpkin pies, baked by Den 5 Leader Rita Bayer for the washer board toss game were: Tiger Cub Derek Pangel, Wolf Jacob Bayer, Wolf Ashton Barrett, Bear Jordan LaChance, and Webelos Matthew Abney. Stove Top Stuffing went to the winners of the balloon pop.

see PRIZES, pg 11

Rebecca Robertson appointed to ACS Board of Directors

Rebecca Robertson, formerly of Muenster, is newly appointed to the American Cancer Society Board of Directors as the Community Income Chairperson.


The Community Income Chair coordinates the planning, implementation and evaluation of all income activities and events at the community level. Robertson will be serving Camden County at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri.

Income activities under her coordination for the year 2000

include a Celebrity Waiter Night, Relay for Life; a Gala Evening; Daffodil Days; a Silent Auction; Memorials and a Championship golf Tournament.

"I'm so excited to be a part of all of this," Robertson said. "I have a wonderful group of people to work with and we are going to do great things in the year 2000. We've had our initial Board meeting; event committees are in place and plans are in the making for our first event - the Celebrity Waiter Night."

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- Festivities begin with Santa's Arts & Crafts Workshop at the Gainesville Civic Center at 11 am. The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 5 pm on the East side of the Cooke County Courthouse. Christmas Tree lighting at 6:30 pm. Santa will arrive by Amtrak Train at 6:45 pm.

Luminary Tour
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See also these other Activities and Events

<p>Morton Museum "A German Christmas" Monday, December, 6th, the Morton Museum will host its final fall session, "A German Christmas". All participants will learn about traditional German Christmas customs, then end with a tour of one of Gainesville's Historic homes followed by a visit to the Rose House Bed & Breakfast.</p>	<p>NCTC Jazz Band Concert Dec. 2 Little Theater, NCTC NCTC Chorale Dec. 5 Sacred Heart Church, Muenster NCTC Singers Christmas Concert Dec. 7 St. Mary's Church, Gainesville</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church 401 S. Denton Brown Bag Musical (each Wednesday during Advent) Each performance begins at 12:15 pm. Bring your lunch.</p> <p>Live Nativity Scene Eastside Church of The Nazarene 2202 FM 3092 Dec. 11 from 7 to 9 PM</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church S. Denton & Church Dec. 18 & 19</p>
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School News

Lindsay ISD Honor Roll



Muenster Elementary 5th grade class completed a social studies project on Colonial Times in America. Above, honoring the Middle Colonies are, from left, Jessica Hartman, Michael Vallerie, Melissa Cox, Joe Coleman, Emily Smith, Jordan Ledbetter, Bret Walterscheid, Kyrstal Wolf, Zach Swircynski, Chad Hess, Felisha Jewkes, Matthew Abney, Heather Fette. At left from the New England Colonies are from left, Matt Beaver, Jayna Rohmer, Collin Walterscheid, Chad Endres, Brad Endres, Cole Harrison, Amanda Rohmer, Maryanna Keener, Evan Koessler, Sandy Endres, Renee Dittfurth, Chris Mosier, Meagan Felderhoff. Below Representing the Southern Colonies are, from left, Roman Vogel, Chad Temple, Casey Bewley, Heather Pitclaw, Sylvia Booth, Kyle Caldwell, Jonathan Prigmore, Meredith Hennigan, Billy Haverkamp, Kaylin Rohmer, Amber Fuhrmann, Brittney Miller, Justin Krewson, Aaron Lathron.

Janie Hartman Photos

- Second Six Weeks**
"A" HONOR ROLL
12th Grade: Abbas Ravjani, Daniel Hellinger, Leah Hermes, Leslie Schumacher, Clay Gallagher, Courtney Hoelker.
11th Grade: Michael Kendall, Jonathan Bengfort, Rachel Lively, Nicholas Fuhrmann, John Bayer, Deanna Meurer, Ellen Bezner.
10th Grade: Jennifer Wilson, Nabeel Anwar, Sophia Rahman, Megan Ward, Jacque Bezner, Chelsea Brewer.
9th Grade: Genevieve Knauf, Emmy Trammell, Alexandra Hellingner, Patrick Zimmerer, Josh Franklin, Jalynn Wilson.
"A-B HONOR ROLL
12th Grade: Blake Crutsinger, Trent Endres, Brent Krebs, Clint Metzler, Scott Metzler, Josh Pierce, Ali Rahman, Diana Schad, Tyler Schneider, Cody Secrest, Jo Sparkman, Ryan Tabbert, Amanda Tamplin, James Thomason, Sarah Trammell, Jonathan Whitaker.
11th Grade: Michael Almon, Jennifer Bengfort, Melanie Brown, Anna Beth Calhoun, Marcus Dennis, Philip Fleitman, Dee Ann Fuhrmann, Stacey Garner, Kim Hazle, Angela Kirby, Margaret Luttmner, Paul Metzler, Courtney Miller, Ashlie Privett, Jordan Root, Adrienne Sandmann, Stacie Sandmann, Svenja Stahlschmidt, Jeffrey Williams.
10th Grade: Megan Anderson, Tommy Arendt, Dominic Fuhrmann, Jeffrey Grindle, Alexandria Haayen, Jeff Kendall, Austin Krebs, Catherine Lusk, Robin Neu, Christina Otto, Sarita Porter, Faith Skinner, Chad Stoffels, Hannah Trammell, Kristan Tucker.
9th Grade: Joey Arendt, Blake Bezner, Mitch Creed, Corrie Crosby, Kyle Endres, Jame Hamilton, Kimberly Hermes, Elaine Hess, Chuck Hinds, Ben Hundt, Jonathan Krahl, Chelsea Laux, Jeremiah Luttmner, Sara Luttmner, Chelsea Perry, Jamie Price, Renee Sandmann, Taylor Shauf.
"A" HONOR ROLL
8th Grade: Lindsey Williams.
7th Grade: Jessica Bezner, Joni Erwin, Jacob Geray, Kevin Patrick, Travis Reiter, Mackenzie Webster.
6th Grade: Bradley Arend, Mallory Block, Dustin Hughes, Allison Hundt, Stephanie Metzler, Michelle Rauschuber.
5th Grade: Sanaa Anwar, Jillian Bezner, Lauren Hamilton, Levi Hermes, Kaileigh Hess, Chandni Patel, Karissa Reiter, Angela Schad, Jenny Schroeder, Rachel Zimmerer.
4th Grade: Madison Burrows, Ashley Caillier, Rhea-Claire Galubenski, Chelsea Hermes, Keith Hermes, Dillon Ott, Jennifer Rauschuber, Kimberly Schumacher.
3rd Grade: Nicholas Bezner, Rebecca Brannon, Steven DeGarmo, Kelsey Hawkins, Rose Hermes, Kayla Hess, Kristan Hoerber, Derek Hundt, Kelly Laux, Matthew McPherson, Nichole Metzler, Amber Nortman, Pooja Patel, Natalie Rose, Brianne Sidener, Jon Michael Sweeney, Ky Leigh Zimmerer.
2nd Grade: Zohaib Anwar, John Block, Dianne Brown, Dax Fleitman, Dillon Hanson, Haley Haverkamp, Colton Hermes, Josh Hess, Shirley Hess, Haley Hughes, Ross Jones, Adam Krebs, Greg Luttmner, Wes Morrison, Cammi Neu, Katie Neu, Austin Reiter.
1st Grade: Justin Anderle, Robert Arend, Todd Bezner, Jessica Block, Dakota Butler, Logan Cheaney, Emily Conaway, Carolyn Dickerson, Bethani Eberhart, Rebecca Fuhrmann, Kailyn Gum, Austin Hermes, Kelsey Hermes, Vanessa Hess, Geren Horn, Tyler Hundt, Troy Kirby, Christopher Klement, Greg Knauf, Jessica Krahl, Allison Metzler, Katie Nortman, Madison Parkhill, Macy Perry, Thomas Rohmer, Jason Schumacher, Savannah Stoffels, Amelia Wyrick.
"A-B" HONOR ROLL
8th Grade: Philip Bayer, Stephanie English, Cody Hess, Lori Kasperek, Ashlie McPherson, Whitney Ne Kendyl Odell, Mitchell War Amber Wolf.
7th Grade: Garrett Alfre Bradley Anderle, Coco Anderle, Rameez Anwa Allison Conaway, Laure Connett, Ryan Dickerson, Whitney Galubenski, Laur Hellman, Nathan Herme Stephanie Hermes, Heidi Hes Dana Huchton, Danny Kenda Cheryl Knabe, Josey Kyl Trinity Otto, Amy Polk, Kayle Privett, Jared Schroeder, Brittany Selby, Erin Shear Kelsey Tucker, Rya Zimmerer.
6th Grade: Patrick Baye Megan Benton, Sara Carpenter, Matthew Eberhar Olivia Erwin, Jacob Guilin, Leanna Gustine, Jonatha Hall, Adam Kasperek Elizabeth Klement, Dian Knauf, Adam Koelzer, Deric Murray, Ethan Reiter, Jaco Root, Clint Williams.
5th Grade: Jorda Alexander, Brittany Anderl, Michael Conaway, Travi Endres, Julie Hanson, Amand Hess, Josh Jones, Paul Jones, Melissa Jordan, Dustin Neu, Elizabeth Neu, Amy Nortman Heather Odell, Joe Otto, Kayl Otto, Brian Sandmann, Laure Shears, Johnathan Zimmerer, Laura Zimmerer.
4th Grade: Krystal Arend Charlotte Bartlett, Garret Block, Joey Block, Laure Creed, Elizabeth Dieter Joshua Heilman, Shelby Hess, Hillary Hoelker, Taylor Horri, Neil Jones, Christophe Jordan, Lauren Krahl Stephanie Neu, Jayden Root Clayton Starnes, Mason Ward.
3rd Grade: Kyle Bezner Jacob Biffle, Crystal Dickerson Jay Foster, Ashley Hess, Laur Kelley, Beverly Knabe, Dillo Miller, Ian Milunas, Kenda Neu, Casey Shauf, Rya Sicking, Sam Sparkman, Jaco Truitt, John Wyrick.
2nd Grade: Danielle Borer Kymerli Collins, Matt Dieter Mitch Dieter, Gwen Gabel Brett Hermes, Ryan Kendall Kelli Reed, Conner Skinner.
1st Grade: Aaron Beaq Regan Gore, Jonathan Husman, Joshua Timmins.

School Lunch Menus

- WEEK OF NOV. 29 - DEC. 3**
SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENU
 Mon. Hot pockets, peas, salad, fruit.
 Tues. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, cinnamon bread, peaches.
 Wed. - Chicken spaghetti, corn, lettuce, applesauce, garlic toast.
 Thurs. - Corny dogs, pork and beans, salad, fruit, graham crackers.
MUESTER ISD
 Mon. - Tacos, shredded lettuce and cheese, diced tomatoes, pinto beans, fruit, banana bread.
 Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit.
LINDSAY ISD
 Mon. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, pears, bread.
 Tues. - Fiesta salad, applesauce, peaches, bread.
 Wed. - Enchiladas, Mexican rice, pinto beans, pineapple, bread.
 Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, cheese slice, French fries, ice cream.
 Fri. - Fish, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, peaches, bread.
ERA ISD
 Mon. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn bread, assorted cookies.
 Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, applesauce, tossed salad, garlic breadsticks.
 Wed. - Pizza: pepperoni or cheese, corn, tossed salad, peaches, jello.
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 There are so many things for which to be grateful. People have been given a number of things and sometimes they may take them for granted. There is a special holiday to always remind people how there is so much to be grateful for Thanksgiving is a great time to look back throughout the year and give thanks.

special holiday. It is a great time for family togetherness. It helps people to realize how extremely lucky they are and to never take things for granted. Thanksgiving has been celebrated for many years and will continue to be celebrated for many years to come.



Kelly Felderhoff

Felderhoff wins top 4-H honors

Kelly Felderhoff, granddaughter of Wilfred and Polly Reiter and Thomas and Barbara Felderhoff all of Muenster, was recently honored by the 4-H Youth Organization for receiving First Place in the 4-H State Record Book Competition. Kelly completed a record book in the Entomology project. Her book summarized her work in Entomology, highlighting her involvement with the National Monarch Tagging Program, establishing a youth entomology project group, and mounting over 200 different insects. Kelly was honored during a banquet held in the State Capital Building in Austin, along with 49 other state winners. Kelly was also selected to serve on the state-wide Entomology Project Development Team. She will

work with youth and entomologists from around the state to create a new curriculum for the 4-H entomology project. Also, Kelly was recently honored in her county during the Brazos County 4-H Award Banquet, where she was awarded the prestigious 4-H Gold Star of Brazos County for 1999. She also received the county's Clothing Award in recognition of her achievements in the clothing project. Kelly has served as a Clothing Teen Leader, and won the chance to represent her county and district in the State Fashion Show. Kelly Felderhoff is the daughter of Chris and Sandy Felderhoff of College Station. She is a junior at A&M Consolidated High School.

Take Note

Muenster Junior High School has submitted an addition to their "A" Honor Roll. Sixth grader Ryan Fuhrmann was omitted from last week's lists.

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Sports

Tigerettes capture Saint Jo Tournament

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes rode the trail to Saint Jo last weekend to participate in the Saint Jo Basketball Tournament. When the dust settled, the Tigerettes were crowned the 1999 tournament champions. The Tigerettes claimed the title with a 46-43 victory over the Bowie JV. "We were shorthanded this weekend but our youngsters really stepped it up," said Coach LeBrasseur. "Everyone contributed in a big way and it showed the character of this team."

The Tigerettes opened the tournament with a 47-29 win over Goldburg. "We were a little flat after the big emotional win in Dallas last Tuesday," said LeBrasseur. Kayla Felderhoff led the Tigerettes with 22 points. "Felderhoff also hit an 18'umper in the third period to put her over the 2,000 point total for her career. Andrea Bauer chipped in with 8. Joanna Gehrig hit for 6 and led the Tigerettes in rebounds with 6 and steals with 10. Audrey Barnhill went 4 for 4 on the charity line for her points. Scoring two each were Elizabeth Fette, Jana Truebanch and Raney Bauer. Kristen Zimmerer connected for 1 from the line.

Montague County power Jocona was the next opponent or the Tigerettes and in an offensive show the Tigerettes were able to stop the Montague squad by a 77-59 count. With our players scoring in double digits the Tigerettes outscored the Lady Indians 20-9 in the final frame to pick up the win.

"We played our best basketball of the season in the second half," said LeBrasseur. Our defense was outstanding and our offensive execution was excellent."

Felderhoff had another outstanding game as she netted 15 of 23 from the line as she hit for 35. Sophomore

Bauer had another fine performance as she scored 13 and led the Tigerettes with 9 boards. Jennifer Hess scored 10. Gehrig scored 10 points and dished out 9 assists and collected 7 steals, and Audrey Barnhill scored 9 to round out the scoring.

In the tournament final the Tigerettes squared off with the Bowie squad (a winner over Lindsay) and rallied for the 46-43 championship win. "We played tired and Bowie controlled the first half as we got in foul trouble and their size wore us down," said LeBrasseur. "Somewhere we found some energy at the half." Guards Raney Bauer, Audrey Barnhill and Joanna Gehrig collected 12 steals in the second half to keep the Bowie team out of their offense. Felderhoff hit for 15 of her game high 18 points in the second half. "The girls played Tigerette basketball the second half," said LeBrasseur. "We controlled the boards, played solid defense and got to the free throw line." The Tigerettes connected on 16 of 24 free throws. This marks the second year in a row the Tigerettes have brought the trophy to the Tiger den.

Bauer added 11 points, 8 boards. Hess and Barnhill scored 5 each and freshman Bauer hit 4 of 6 from the line for 4 points. Gehrig scored 3 points and again led the Tigerettes in assists and steals.

The Miss Hustle Award was given to Joanna Gehrig. Sophomore Andrea Bauer was named to the All-Tournament squad. For the second year in a row Tigerette Kayla Felderhoff was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Courtesy Story

Lady Hornets fall to Celina

Muenster hosted the Celina Lady Cats Saturday and were handed a 33-59 defeat. "Celina is a top-notch 2A team and I was proud of how we handled the game," said Muenster Coach Jeff Teague. "The girls played extremely hard. Our defense is right where we want it to be at this point of the season."

Celina jumped into a quick lead the first quarter, then the teams played even for 2 quarters.

Kelly Felderhoff was the Lady Hornets high scorer with 14 points. Heather Hess put in 9, while Ashley Hess put in 4, with Krystal Sparkman, Allison Endres and Jessica Anderson each scoring 2.

M	6	14	11	2	33
C	19	19	10	11	59



Blake Garrison (73) and Elliot Klement pull down Jamacia Rector for a short gain in the Hornets area playoff loss to Celeste. Also pictured

are John Flusche (53), Jeff Klement (7), Danny Felderhoff (68), Grant Hartman (55), and Casey Walterscheid (10). Photo by Janie Hartmann

Hornets end '99 football with area loss

The Muenster Hornets ended their 1999 football season last Friday as area qualifiers, falling to the Celeste Blue Devils 34-13 in McKinney.

"We didn't capitalize on the opportunities we were given," said Hornet Coach Gordon Martin. "That's the story of the game." Martin noted that Muenster was given chances to score - a forced fumble, a muffed punt return - but couldn't take them in to score. Too many penalties, especially at key plays, also hurt the Hornets.

Muenster ended the season with an undefeated district record and 8-3 for the season.

Muenster took the opening kick, controlling the ball, eating away time on the clock. A 13 yard pass reception to Darren Hennigan and four runs by Bryan Miller and Mitch Endres moved the Hornets to the Devil 28 yard line. Two Miller runs took Muenster to the 15. Hennigan gained a yard, then two more Miller runs and a Celeste offsides gave the Hornets a first and goal on the four yard line. Two Miller runs and Muenster was on the scoreboard. Nick Silmon booted the extra point and the Hornets had a 7-0 lead with 5:14 remaining in the first quarter.

After the kick, the Blue Devils had possession at midfield. A great defensive play by Jim Stoffels stopped a pass play. The next Celeste pass picked up 19 yards. Then two runs later, and a pass interference flag, that the officials mis-marked in favor of Celeste, which was followed by an offsides call on Muenster, placed Celeste on the one yard line. Jamaica Rector scored with 3:19 on the clock. The extra kick went short and high for 7-6 score.

The Hornets began their second drive on their 34 yard line. A deflected pass landed in Hennigan's arms to assist in a first down at midfield. Endres and Miller earned another 10 yards as the second quarter

begin. Penalties and incomplete passes put Muenster in a 4th and 25 predicament.

On the punt, Jamaica Rector fumbled and John Flusche covered the ball on the 14 yard line to give Muenster another chance. Two plays later, Rector intercepted the ball in the end zone, giving The Devils the ball on the 20 yard line. A 53 yard run quickly moved Celeste to the Hornet 27. Pass defense by Jeff Klement delayed the drive for a play. Two short pass plays put the Devils on the 17 yard line. On 4th and short, Rector ran into the end zone for another touchdown. The PAT failed for a 12-7 score with 6:34 remaining in the first half.

The Hornets returned the kick to their 32 yard line. Miller and Hennigan exchanged runs, moving to the Celeste 38 before being forced to punt.

It was 3 plays and punt for the Devils. Muenster got 3 plays before time expired for the half-time break.

Celeste fumbled the third quarter kick return, with Silmon covering on the Celeste 36. Muenster got in three runs and fumbled on the 22 yard line. A personal foul slowed the Devils drive, then six runs and a pass took them to the Muenster 28. A fumbled ball was covered by Craig Hartman and Muenster's offense took to the field.

Two runs by Miller and a short gain by Hennigan moved the Hornets to midfield. A bobbed pitch back was taken by Celeste and returned 44 yards for another Devil touchdown. The PAT pass gave Celeste a 20-7 lead with 3:57 on the clock.

Muenster got a good return to the Celeste 47 by Miller. Casey Walterscheid ran for 4, Hennigan 2, and Endres 8 to the 18 yard line. Mitch Endres then ran the ball into the end zone for a Muenster touchdown. The PAT play fell incomplete for a 20-13 score with 2:06 remaining in the 3rd quarter. Celeste started on

their 28 yard line. A quarterback sack by Blake Garrison set the Devils back 10 yards. An incomplete pass was followed by a 47 yard run. Two runs later, the Devils scored as the final quarter began. The extra kick made the score 27-13.

Muenster's next drive ended on the third play when Celeste picked off another Hornet pass. The Devils took 6 runs to move from their 41 yard line to the 11. A quarterback sack by Garrison backed the ball 8 yards. Three plays later, Celeste scored again. The PAT kick gave the Devils a 34-18 lead.

Muenster attempted a comeback, but could not get 10 yards, giving the ball back to Celeste. Muenster's defense held the Devils to 2 yards. Penalties forced a punt on 4th and 23. Endres got in a run and a completed pass to Jason Lutkenhaus as time expired.

"The team with fewer mistakes takes the win," commented Coach Martin. "We'll have to be pleased to be district champions."

The Hornets played the game without senior Josh Luke, and ended the season without Bryan Miller, who went out with a dislocated

shoulder in the 3rd quarter.

Other senior members of the team played their last game were Jeff Klement, Casey Walterscheid, Randy Grewing, Darren Hennigan, Craig Hartman, John Flusche, Angel Hernandez, Justin Walterscheid, Danny Felderhoff, Jim Stoffels, Nick Silmon, Jason Lutkenhaus, and Justin Fleitman.

Individual Stats:
RUSHING: M, Bryan Miller, 14/91; Mitch Endres, 11/36; Darren Hennigan, 6/24; C, Jamaica Rector, 16/116.
TURNOVERS: John Flusche, Craig Hartman, Nick Silmon.

TEAM STATS		M	C
15	1st downs	17	
33/161	Rushes/yds.	26/202	
54	Passing yds.	129	
215	Total yds.	331	
5/14/3	Comp./att./int.	10/15/0	
4/27	Punts/avg.	2/24	
3/2	Fumbles/lost	3/3	
8/49	Penalties/yds.	8/70	
M	7	0	6
C	6	6	8

LAST WEEKS RESULTS	
AREA PLAYOFFS	
Muenster 13, Celeste 34	
Valley View 22, Detroit 40	

Sacred Heart exchanges wins with Thackerville

The Tigerettes got another win, but the Tigers came up short in Monday's action with Thackerville.

The Sacred Heart girls took an early lead and kept it throughout the game, scoring 27 points in the fourth quarter.

Kayla Felderhoff continues to lead the Tigerettes on the scoreboard, dropping in 22 points. Sarah Hess and Andrea Bauer each added 11. Hess was the leading rebounder with 11. Joanna Gehrig hit 8 points, getting 10 assists and 4 steals. Also scoring were Anne Flusche with 5, Jennifer Hess and Raney Bauer 4 each, Audrey Barnhill 3, and Jana

Truebanch 2.
 SH 12 19 12 27 70
 T 8 12 15 19 54
 The Tigers started slow and quickly fell behind. The first half was tough, we had a few turnovers and had a hard time getting a good shot," noted Kelly Bayer. "I was very pleased with the effort the second half."

Marty Farrell was the game's leading scorer with 21 points. John Yosten added 12 points, with Stephen Hofbauer getting 5, Chris Smith 3, and 2 apiece from Luke Endres and Josh Walterscheid.
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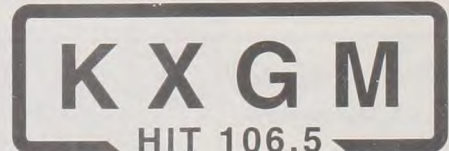
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The Muenster Hornet defense mobs a Blue Devil back, 68 is Danny Felderhoff.
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Justin Fleitman pulls in a pass, which was ruled completed, then incomplete after vocal objection from the Celeste coach.
 Janie Hartman Photo

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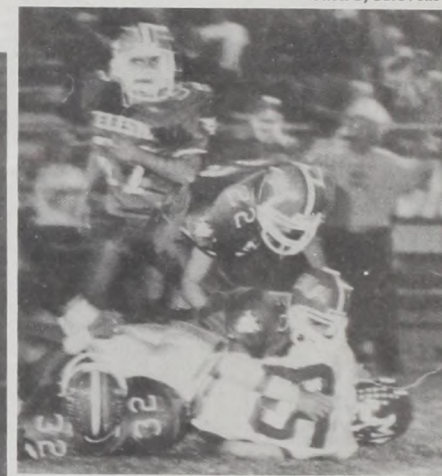
Bryan Miller finds the endzone for the first score of the ballgame.
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Jamaica Rector's razzle-dazzle kick-off return ended suddenly when Grant Hartman's (55) tackle forced a fumble with help from Jon Reed (5) and Jeff Klement (7).
 Photo by Dave Fette



Craig Hartman (45) gets robbed of this pass by do-it-all Celeste star Jamaica Rector. At lower right, Blake Garrison puts a solid sack on the Celeste quarterback.
 Dave Fette Photos



Jason Lutkenhaus completes a pass surrounded by Blue Devils in Muenster's last football play of the season.
 Photo by Janie Hartman



Blake Garrison (73) puts a rush on the Celeste quarterback.
 Photo by Janie Hartman



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3 Sep. 10	Paradise H 7:30 7
9 Sep. 17	Lindsay T 7:30 17
37 Sep. 24	Alvord H 7:30 6
13 Oct. 1	Windthorst T 7:30 7
28 Oct. 8	Collinsville T 7:30 8
15 Oct. 15	Valley View T 7:30 14
31 Oct. 22	Saint Jo H 7:30 7
52 Oct. 29	Savoy T 7:30 24
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Felderhoff nets 2,000 career points

Sacred Heart Senior guard Kayla Felderhoff connected on a 18' jumper on Thursday to surpass the 2,000 point mark in her career. The jumper came in the Tigerette game against Goldburg in the first round of the Saint Jo tournament. "This is a great accomplishment for any player," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Kayla works hard in her game and I am honored to have the fortune of coaching such a wonderful young lady."



Kayla Felderhoff

Felderhoff, during her freshman season, hit for 354 points as she earned District newcomer of the Year honors. In her Sophomore season she totaled 773 points and was named to the All-State First team. At the conclusion of her junior season she scored 804 points for a 25.1 average. Felderhoff was named the district MVP along with being named to the All-State squad once again.

another good season. The Tigerettes, winners of their first five games and the Saint Jo tournament, look to be another strong candidate for their third state title. Felderhoff was also named the MVP of the Saint Jo tournament. *Courtesy Story*



Kyle Endres goes after a loose ball against Saint Jo. Also pictured are Kirk Hartman, Darrell Henschel (23), John Strum, and Nathan Sicking (42). Photo by Janie Hartman

Contest concludes another season

The annual Muenster Enterprise football contest comes to a close this week with the Hornets loss last Friday night. Participation in the contest this year was at an all time low in its 13 years of competition. In 1987, the season winners were Craig and Chris Stoffels, ending with a tied score.

Kendall's office; 2nd, Brown Motor; and 3rd, Design Depot. For the season, nine of the 13 finalists had their second week score pulled as their low score for the season.

Week twelve proved to be another tough week with everyone missing the Cowboys, Rockwall Christian, and Lewisville games. Everyone correctly picked the Redskins, Boyd, Celina, TCU, Plano East, and Oklahoma State. Only four went with Celeste and one picked Valley View.

After everything was re-tallied and re-checked, Ted Heers was announced as the 1999 Football Contest Grand Champion. He was awarded \$100 cash for correctly guessing 299 of the 396 games counted in the season, for a 75.5% score.

Barbie Barnhill won the weekly cash with 27 correct guesses and correctly picking the tie breaker winner. Wilfred Bindel settled for second place, also guessing 27 winners but missing the tie breaker. Third place went to Tim Bindel who guessed 26 games and won with a 17 point tie breaker spread. Also guessing 26 and their breaking scores were Ted Heers 19, Charles Edwards 20, and Edna Hermes who picked Muenster on the tie breaker.

For the \$50 second place prize, there was a tie between Wayne Klement and Charles Edwards at 295 correct guesses or scores of 74.5%. To determine a winner, the tie breaker games were totaled to see which contestant guessed closer to the scores. Edwards finished ahead of Klement 238 to 247 for the season runner-up.

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Dave Reiter followed in a close fourth with 293 correctly picked winners. Rounding out the finalists and their correct guesses were Barbie Barnhill 289, Carol Grewing 288, Edgar Dyer 286, Edna Hermes 283, Mark Grewing 280, Mike Stoffels 276, Tim Bindel 271, Wilfred Bindel 269, and Steve Bevers 259.

Junior High

Muenster 7th 21 Saint Jo 31
The 7th grade girls fell to the Lady Cubs Monday. Joanna Felderhoff led the scoring with 10 points. Whitney Watson added 4, Shannon Grewing 3, and 2 apiece from Shelbi Jolliff and Mindy Walterscheid.

Muenster 7th 47 Saint Jo 9
Craig Hopper burned the boards with 16 points to lead the young Stingers to victory. Sean Fuhrmann added 9, with Chase Cain and Clint Miller each adding 6. Justin Wolf, Aaron Walterscheid, A.J. Fleitman, Dustin Felderhoff, and Derek Felderhoff scored 2 points apiece.

Muenster 8th 51 Saint Jo 9
The Lady Stingers dominated the court Monday night. Melinda Walterscheid was the game's leading scorer with 15 points. Rachel Clark added 8, Chelsea Felderhoff 7, and 6 each from Deann Dangelmayr and Kristi McAden. Alisha Walterscheid added 5 and Kristian Koesler 4.

Muenster 8th 31 Saint Jo 9
John Sturm put 10 points on the score board to lead all scorers in Monday's win over the Cubs. Jared Ledbetter added 8, Daniel Russell 6, Kyle Endres 3, and 2 apiece from Darrell Henschel and Cameron Walterscheid.

Muenster 8th 48 Saint Jo 31
The junior high's next action will be Monday, Nov. 29 at Alford. Action begins at 5 p.m.



Melinda Walterscheid goes up and shoots over Saint Jo for two points. Janie Hartman Photo

Junior Varsity

Sacred Heart 33 Thackerville 34
The junior varsity Tigerettes lost a close match Monday evening. "We had a nice third quarter to take a lead, but our shooting was ice cold in the fourth," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Sara Sepanski led Sacred Heart with 10 points. Kristen Zimmerer, Lilly Nasche, and Jennifer Hoedebeck each added 6, while Elizabeth Fette hit a 3-pointer and Mary Jane Callahan 2.

Sacred Heart 27 Thackerville 30
Only five Tigers suited out for the game. "The boys did terrific," said Coach Kelly Bayer. "I couldn't ask for anything more."
Mikey Bayer was the game's leading scorer with 14 points, hitting 4 3s. Clint Fuhrmann added 6, Jack Biffle 5, and Chris Fuhrmann 2.

Biffle and Daniel Bartush led the rebounding, while the Fuhrmanns' defensive plays kept Thackerville's scoring low.

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T 5 6 11 8 30

Muenster 23 Celina 59
The junior varsity Lady Hornets took a pounding last Saturday, unable to find the basket. Coach Jeff Teague noted that their rebounding also needs improvement.

Brittany Haverkamp was Muenster's leading scorer with 10 points. Crystal Lutkenhaus and Kami Klement each added 3. Jami Gerstberger, Lisa Felderhoff, and Jenni Hermes scored 2 points apiece, and Krystal Hale put in a free throw.

M 9 8 3 3 23
C 16 19 10 14 59

Tigers in Saint Jo Tournament

The Sacred Heart Tigers participated in the Saint Jo tournament last week, losing in close contests and winning one third.

In first round action, the tigers fell 67-56 to the Bowie V. "The boys played hard, they're still learning," said Tiger Coach Kelly Bayer. "This game looks and plays different than previous Tiger teams - it will show."

Marty Farrell was Sacred Heart's leading scorer with 19 points, shooting 63% from the field. Farrell had 11 rebounds and two blocks. John Yosten added 16 points for the Tigers, pulling down 10 rebounds and setting two blocked shots.

Chris Smith added 9 points, Josh Walterscheid 6, Luke Endres 4, and Matthew Nasche 3. As a team, Sacred Heart shot 50% from the field and got 4 turnovers.

Thursday evening the Tigers were challenged by Goldburg, coming up short 51-54. "It was a tough loss, and a hard fought game," said Coach Bayer. "I think our lack of experience in one games hurt us."

Sacred Heart had 3 team members hit double digit scores. Farrell led with 17 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals, and 5 blocks. Endres added 16 points, which included 4 out of 3-point attempts. Yosten put 12, and 2 apiece from Nasche, Walterscheid, and Stephen Hofbauer.

On Saturday morning the Tigers faced the Longhorns of Forestburg, finishing the tournament with a 59-37 victory. "The boys just kept laying hard," said Bayer. "As long as they keep doing that,

we'll have a few more games like this."

The Tiger defense caused 20 turnovers, and were once more led by Farrell with 22 points, 12 rebounds and steals and blocks. Yosten added 18 points, pulling down 9 rebounds. Nasche put in 7 points, Walterscheid 4, Jack Biffle and Smith 3 apiece, and Endres 2.

Coach Bayer commented that the Tigers were competitive in the tournament. "It is encouraging to see the amount of effort they put out. Give them more time and experience, and we might see them playing on Saturday night in these tournaments."

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The following child is subject of the suit. ERICA MARIA FLORES, female, DOB: 11/29/96, in Gainesville, TX. The Court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at Gainesville, Texas, this 19th day of November, 1999.

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Through funding provided by the Texas Legislature Initiative for Fire Ants and the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Imported Fire Ant Research and Management Project is fielding a survey to determine the effects of Fire Ants on agriculture in the state. On November 22, representatives of the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) began data collection for the Texas Fire Ant Agricultural Survey.

In conducting this survey, TASS is contacting about 4,300 farmers and ranchers. The survey questionnaire addresses the types and values of crop and livestock losses attributable to Fire Ants, the types and costs of damage done to equipment and facilities, the costs of equipment and materials used for controlling Fire Ants, and the costs of injury to humans. In addition, the questionnaire addresses the types of and value of benefits deriving from the presence of Fire Ants. The results of this survey will provide the agriculture industry and the general public with an estimate of Fire Ant costs and benefits to farmers and consumers and allow ongoing evaluation of Fire Ant management costs.

Agriculture ...

Windrow fall foliage

Forage plants left standing in the winter quickly lose their nutrient value. It is not always feasible to include baling cost. There is a compromise. Cut and windrow pastures in the fall and leave the windrows in place for early winter grazing. The windrows will help preserve the nutritional value of the grass without the extra expense of baling and feeding hay.

The insulation of the windrows allows some regrowth of green grass under the rows which cows will find.

This process should take place only after the cooler weather sets in to prevent spoilage.

Seaweed, future food?

Texas Tech University has conducted several research studies that show that cattle and swine, when fed either grazed forage treated with seaweed extract or seaweed meal and extract, have had positive effects in weight gain, enhancement to fight diseases, and carcass quality. The effects also give meat a more desirable color with decreased browning, and less discoloration, and improved uniformity.

Boost wheat yields, grain quality with weed control program

Wheat producers can improve their crop's yield and grain quality potential by controlling weeds that rob crop plants of nutrients, water and light, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist.

"The best defense against weeds is to grow a vigorous, competitive crop by using a combination of good cultural practices, crop rotation and approved herbicides," said Todd Baughman, Extension agronomist based in Vernon. Plant good, clean seed in a well-prepared, fertile seed bed. Using the right planting date, seeding rate row spacing and fertilizer will also help produce a healthy stand that can out-compete weeds.

"Scout your fields early for any sign of weed competition, and be prepared to make a timely herbicide application according to label directions if treatment is necessary."

Treating fence lines and the edges of fields also is a good idea, the agronomist said. Left untreated, these areas can soon harbor enough weeds to become a "weed nursery."

"You will achieve the best control when weeds are young," he said. "Letting the weeds go and relying on a pre-harvest herbicide treatment is not a good idea. By then, the weeds have already cost you some yield, they are harder to kill and they are a source of seed for future infestations."

"At harvest, it is a good idea to cut your cleanest fields first and to clean the combine thoroughly between fields. This will help keep weeds from spreading, and it will help you keep the grain clean and avoid dockage at the elevator."

Removing small infestations by hand, treating fence rows and ditches, rotating with summer crops, grazing the crop and seeding later in the fall are other ways to keep grassy and broadleaf weeds in check. Waiting for a fall flush of weeds, plowing and then seeding wheat is a good option, but it can reduce the crop's grazing potential, the agronomist said.

"When a herbicide treatment is necessary, your choices will depend on the type of weeds

present, their stage of growth, your crop rotation plans and whether you are growing wheat for grain, grazing or both," Baughman said. "Some products cannot be used at all on wheat that will be grazed, while others may not be compatible with your summer rotation crop."

"Because of their chemistry, some products are even variety specific - they are only labeled for use on certain wheat varieties. Even so, there are several herbicides and combinations (tank mixes) that will provide good control of broadleaf and grassy weeds if you follow label directions carefully."

There are no "one-year, cure-all" herbicide treatments for controlling all weed problems

in wheat. Instead, producers should adopt a 3- to 4-year goal of controlling or eliminating weeds by program approach of using preventative cultural practices and applying herbicides (when needed) at recommended times and rates.

Producers can get more information on controlling weeds in wheat by calling Baughman at 940-552-9941, or from their local county Extension agent. Texas A&M's soil and crop science department web site also contains information on wheat weed control. Go to <http://soil-testing.tamu.edu>, click on "Crops, Weeds and Facts," select publications under "Weed Control," then select "Small Grains."

Combs announces grant to assist sheep and goat industry

The Texas Department of Agriculture has received a \$120,000 federal grant to develop economic adjustment strategies for the state's sheep and goat industry, which is under stress from drought and the loss of federal price support programs.

TDA will match the grant with 35 percent of in-kind services such as staff resources and administrative support. The department will work closely with producers, livestock association, local governments and agribusinesses to identify potential projects, as well as industry concerns.

Texas is the country's leading sheep and goat producer. The phase-out of the federal Wool Act incentive programs and ongoing drought and market conditions have forced steep declines in sheep and goat populations.

In 1990, Texas had 2 million head of sheep, a figure that currently stands at 1.35 million. Texas sheep produce an annual wool clip of over 9 million pounds.

Texas' Angora goat numbers also declined by more than half over the same period from 1.6 million to 550,000 head. Angoras - renowned for their mohair fleece - have been the mainstay of the Texas goat industry. Texas annually produces over 4.6 million pounds of mohair, more than 90 percent of the domestic clip and second only to South Africa in world production. Texas also raises meat and dairy goats, bringing statewide goat production to 1.35 million head.

It's A Fact

Three-fourths of Americans have changed their food consumption patterns because of media reports about food safety, according to a survey of food safety attitudes conducted by the Food Practice Consulting Group.

The survey also showed that two-thirds of U.S. consumers who said they are aware of irradiated meat would be likely to purchase the product.

The annual economic impact of the Texas forestry industry is about \$22 billion.

Prizes

They were: Tiger Cub Zachary Pierce, Wolf Jacob Bayer, Wolf Justin Pumphrey, Bear Paul Crabtree, and Webelos Roman Vogel.

Receiving Cool Whip for the bean/straw game were: Josh Voth, Wolf Steven Valliere, Wolf Gerry Brundage, Bear Brandon Bindel, and Webelos Kyle Caldwell.

Participating in the event and receiving Turkey Shoot patches were: Den 6 Tiger Cubs Spencer Nielsen, Aaron Grewing, Will Taylor, Jason Luke, Tanner Silmon, Zachary Gunnels, Josh Voth, Phillip Vogel, Zachary Pierce, and Derek Pagel. Den 5 Wolves Christopher Valliere, Steven Henscheid, Tyler Pagel, Chad Henscheid, Ryan Henscheid, Pierce Morrill, Scott Endres, and Jacob Bayer. Den 4 Wolves Ashton Barrett, Dustin Pumphrey, Toby Dyess, Zachary Moritz, Gerry Brundage, and John Nystrom. Den 3 Bears Brandon Bindel, Josh Sicking, Seth Pierce, John Rohmer, Ryan Bartush, Kirk Felderhoff, Paul Crabtree, Joe Hesse, and Jordan LaChance. Webelos I &

II John Crabtree, Ricky Grewing, Chad Endres, Brad Endres, Roman Vogel, Kyle Caldwell, Michael Valliere, Evan Koessler, and Matthew Abney.

Also, ham radio "Jamboree-On-The-Air" patches went to Josh Voth, John Nystrom, Zachary Moritz, Ashton Barrett, Will Taylor, Spencer Nielsen, Aaron Grewing, Kirk Felderhoff, Josh Sicking, Brandon Bindel, Zachary Pierce, Seth Pierce, Toby Dyess, Gerry Brundage, John Crabtree, Paul Crabtree, Pierce Morrill, and John Rohmer.

Another impressive feat the boys accomplished was collecting more than 80 large trash bags full of aluminum cans. In addition to keeping the town neat and helping to conserve natural resources, the money earned from selling the cans will pay for awards.

Tiger Cub Will Taylor introduced his father, Muenster Police Officer Greg Taylor. Officer Taylor spoke of the need to protect children.

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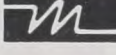
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