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MMH Board reviews preferred needs survey

By Janet Felderhoff
There were 125 surveys mailed to residents in areas surrounding Muenster (Rosston, Saint Jo, and Forestburg) to acquire a scale of what some of their medical preferences might be. This survey was mailed in August just about the time Dr. Karla Cox, a family practitioner, began her practice, and while Dr. Tom Currier, an OG/GYN, still had an office in Muenster. There was a return rate of 20% or 25 replies. Director of Nursing Laura Stoffels was in charge of assembling the information.

Muenster Memorial Hospital Board members reviewed the statistics at the Oct. 21 regular meeting. They were asked to rank the services they would like to see offered at MMH from most important to least important from four choices. Responses indicated that people most felt a family practitioner was needed,

followed by internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics. Specialties most wanted at MMH were selected from cardiology, mental health, orthopedic, allergist, and surgeon. Most wanted was a cardiologist, followed by surgeon. Allergist and orthopedist specialists also ranked high. Least important was mental health. Comments offered include, "Need doctors who perform procedures in Muenster," "I would like to see a pain doctor come to Muenster," "I would like to see a woman OB/GYN or a

The MMH Wellness Center has some equipment in place and members of the community are encouraged to use it at their convenience during the hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. it is located on the east end of the hospital to the left of the front lobby area.

There will be no charge to use the facility. Donations will be accepted and probably used to purchase more equipment. Each person participating is asked to sign forms releasing the hospital from any liability. There will be nobody present to direct
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Scott and Deborah Wood are new owners and operators of the Muenster Enterprise. Their children are Emma (front left), Calleigh (front right) and Camron (upper right).

Muenster Enterprise under new ownership

By Pam Fette
After 67 years of Fette family ownership, the Muenster Enterprise has been sold to Muenster Printing and Publishing, LLC, owned by Scott and Deborah Wood, formerly of Glen Rose, Texas and now residents of Muenster. Wood brings to the Muenster Enterprise a unique blend of his German heritage, his newspaper experience, his Master's degree in International Finance, and his desire to live and work in Muenster. Scott and his wife Deborah will be owner/publisher in a joint family venture.

excited to be back in the publishing business," said Wood, "and could not be more pleased to be working with such a talented staff in such a fine community." Wood continued, "We will strive to bring our readers and customers the same quality products and information that they have become accustomed to over the years."

Joining him in the Muenster Enterprise is Scott's wife Deborah, formerly of Crane. She helped Scott at the Crane News with sales and multiple other newspaper duties. She plans on working in sales and management at the Enterprise. "We see the Muenster community as a great place to work and raise our children. The wonderful atmosphere, people, schools and shopping make Muenster an ideal place," commented Deborah.

Scott and Deborah have three children, a son, Camron Curtis, 13, of Crane, and two daughters, Calleigh Elyce, 10, and Emma Elizabeth, four. The girls are attending school in Muenster.

According to Wood, he doesn't see any significant changes being made to the business at this time. He says that customers can come by and still see the same faces and should not see any changes in the way the business operates. Employees, duties and

years experience are Janet Felderhoff (15 years), staff writer and layout design; Janie Hartman (24 years), staff writer, layout design, photographer; Linda Flusche, (23 years) bookkeeping, typesetting; Gary Droll (five years), graphics; Carl Von Ree (seven years), printing; Alvin Hartman (58 years), printing. A complete history of the Muenster Enterprise and former employees can be found in the "Muenster History Book".

Elfreda Fette, wife of founder R.N. Fette will continue as historian and writer. She will continue to write special lifestyle stories, weddings, funerals, and anniversaries. Elfreda has worked at the Enterprise since her marriage to R.N. Her special knowledge of the Muenster community and special care she takes to write once in a lifetime events will prove valuable to Scott and Deborah as they strive to maintain the same standards set by the paper's founders. Most of her writing will take place at her residence. She will have office hours on Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and several hours on Thursdays.

David Fette and wife Pam are looking forward to new ventures. They will stay in the area through the new year and will keep the community of friends apprised of their future plans as they develop.



City employee David Dittfurth operates the backhoe under close monitor by Terry Stewart at the intersection of Hickory and Second Streets last Thursday night. City manager Linda Webb, water department manager Chris Yosten and the city crew plus helpers had to deal with a break in a six-inch water main under the street. The gusher broke through the surface and quickly drained out to Highway 82. Yosten and company had to dig out the hole, about 4 feet wide and six feet deep, use two portable pumps to get ahead of the water flow, then get a band clamp around the hole with water flowing. They filled the hole with sand and crushed rock. Time elapsed: 4 hours. The clamp is good for the life of the cast iron pipe. Dave Fette photo

Commissioners recognize Adopt-a-Highway county road participants

By Janet Felderhoff
Among the first to take part in Cooke County's Adopt-A-County Road program are Extension Program Council Executive Committee (TCE-EPC), Dr. and Mrs. Allen Zoeller, The Ring Family, Freemound Ranch, and JLG Ranch. Commissioners Court took time at the Monday, Oct. 27 meeting to express appreciation to the volunteers of each group. "We appreciate those people volunteering their time and efforts to make the Cooke County roads cleaner for the county," acknowledged county Judge Bill Freeman. Phyllis Griffin noted, "The Executive Committee of the Extension Program Council picked up 30 bags two Saturdays ago. That was just five people that were able to attend. Very quickly you can get a lot accomplished."

The county precinct is responsible for picking up bags of trash collected during the scheduled cleanups. This will be done within two or three days of the pickups. Bags and safety vests are supplied by the County and can be checked out prior to each pickup.

Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher requested that Commissioners approve submitting a grant application for the Cooke County Local Emergency Planning Committee. "What we're dealing with in the Emergency Management Planning Committee is the citizen based volunteer organization that gathers information about hazardous materials in the County, where they are stored, where they're used, where they're transferred through the County, and provided that information then back to the community. ... Also public awareness training, shelter, evacuation, what to do if you have a hazardous spill. It's a pretty new organization."

Fletcher said that the grant application from the Department of Public Safety emergency Management is to provide the funds initially to do a study for the amount of hazardous material traffic on I-35, Hwy. 82, the railway, etc. Based on that survey a brochure will be developed and distributed to area fire departments, it will be used to provide training seminars to schools, civic groups, and others in the public. It will also be used to prepare plans for various situations.

Commissioners Court approved the grant application, which is for a total of \$20,300.00.

Commissioners Court unanimously passed a resolution recognizing the Texas Historical Commission and its established procedures including the regulations and procedures of the State Fire Marshall pursuant to the National Fire and Safety Code and other State agencies.

Commissioner Virgil Hess said, "This is a formality that's got to do with our See STATE FIRE, pg 2

Fletcher seeks volunteers

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County, along with the rest of the country, realizes the importance of being prepared in the event of an emergency. After 9-11 everyone is acutely aware of the importance of being able to respond swiftly when there is a threat by terrorists.

There are many possible ways that terrorists might attack. One such way is by letting loose a virus such as smallpox. That scenario has a solution - vaccination.

This vaccination is not without possible side effects and so it is best not to administer it until there is an absolute need. To do that in a swift, orderly manner volunteers are needed to be trained and able to go into action when called. That is why Cooke County Emergency Management

Coordinator Ray Fletcher in conjunction with Texas Department of Health will be conducting a training session on Saturday, Nov. 8 in the Gainesville Civic Center. Medical professional who will administer the vaccinations will be trained from 8 a. until 5 p.m. Others who will assist with the other facets of the inoculation will be trained from 3-5 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to get the smallpox inoculation on that day, but it is not a requirement to a volunteer.

Fletcher said that he expects that clinics would be set up Muenster, Valley View, Callisburg, and two in Gainesville. More volunteers are needed for all areas in the County. Muenster's volunteers thus

far are the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department First Responders and some medical staff from the Muenster Hospital.

If you feel that this is an area where you can make a difference, you are urged to contact Ray Fletcher at 668-5400. A week's notice is required if the volunteer plans to take the smallpox vaccination and those people should call as soon as possible. If the volunteer doesn't want the vaccination, he or she can volunteer closer to Nov. 8.

The State suggests that there be 90 to 95 volunteers per clinic. Fletcher feels it could be done with about half that many. To learn more about the situation log on to www.co.cooke.tx.us and click on Emergency Management office.



Friendly Halloween spooks are plentiful around Muenster, especially in front of Bobby Dale and Linda Walterscheid's home. Janie Hartman photo

Muenster plans 2nd phase of Main Street renovation scheduled for June

After three meetings with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and their landscape architect, Muenster business owners are excited about the projected plans for the renovation of the second block of Main Street, scheduled for June 2004.

Many of the retail stores on Main Street are original buildings that were built before the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines and TxDOT restrictions. The improvements to the second block will encompass many features to make the businesses more accessible. Due to ADA compliance issues (and the lack thereof) on Main Street, TxDOT contributed more than \$100,000 to the improvements in the first project in addition to the \$65,000 KMB winnings. Beautification projects help attract tourism and increases business activity into Muenster. Business owners are included in the meetings to ensure their input on the landscape design.

Those in attendance at the October meeting were landscape architect Kimberly May, City Administrator Linda Webb, Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, Keep Muenster Beautiful Board of Directors Kay Broyles and Carl and MaryLee Alford, and

business owners and representatives Robert and Christine Weinzapfel, Lora Hennigan, Peggy Grewing, Terri and Chris Cagle, June Bartush, Barbara LaChance, Gary Fisher, Leon Klement, Ronnie Felderhoff, Kim Felderhoff, Jim Gehrig and Keep Muenster Beautiful Chairman of the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) Committee overseeing this project Kathryn Koch-Hicks.

The phase two project is another won by the community through its participation with Keep

Muenster Beautiful (KMB) activities. Main Street renovation will continue in phases until complete as long as Muenster continues to win the GCAA and TxDOT has funding for ADA projects. The total funding for the improvements to the second block have not been calculated at this time.

Muenster is eligible to win the funding again beginning next May. The projects are won through participation in KMB activities. To win the GCAA Keep Muenster Beautiful is required to include the

schools, law enforcement, community leadership and coordination, solid waste management, litter prevention and cleanup, publicity and education, and beautification and property improvement. Those wishing to help support the KMB activities, which help win the awards, may send their membership dues and/or tax deductible donations to Muenster Proud, Inc., P. O. Box 327, Muenster, TX. 76252. Membership dues are \$10.00 per individual or family and \$25.00 per business or organization.



Muenster business owners met with the City and TxDOT to give their input to Phase 2 of the Main Street beautification project won through participation in Keep Muenster Beautiful. Courtesy photo

STATE FIRE

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grant with the State of Texas and saying that we recognize the State Fire Marshals and their fire safety codes to put the Courthouse in regulation."

Jody Henry of the Gainesville Fire Department questioned the need since the City of Gainesville adopted the International Fire Safety Codes and would have expected anything to have been done under. Henry felt that both were comparable.

After an Executive Session, Commissioners voted to authorize Jerry McClain, assistant county attorney, to seek advice from Tidwell, an attorney in Sherman, to discuss the expense of seeking the opinion of a federal attorney in regards to the radio tower being proposed in Lake Ray Roberts Panning and Zoning area. No action took place on the personnel issue discussed in Executive Session.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved line item budget changes to close books on 2002/2003 budget.

- Awarded bids on corrugated galvanized metal pipe for use by Precinct #1, #2, #3, and #4 for 12 months beginning Nov. 1.

- Accepted County Road 357 as a designated county road. It is located in heritage Meadows Subdivision Phase 1 along the western boundary of Malone Street in Era for approximately 400 feet. Precinct #3 Commissioner Jerry Lewis inspected it and approved of the road construction. The irrevocable letter of credit was released after the approval.



Muenster "Make a Difference Day" participants. Courtesy photo

Muenster celebrates national "Make a Difference" day

"Make a Difference" Day is celebrated annually all over the United States on the fourth Saturday of October. It is a day for volunteers to "make a difference" in their communities. Sixty volunteers from Muenster met in the Muenster City Park at 9:00 a.m. to begin the annual fall community wide cleanup. Upon registration each volunteer was given a ticket for a prize drawing held after the cleanup. Enough prizes

were donated by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, Carl Alford, and Turtle Hill Golf Course to ensure every volunteer won a prize.

Volunteers picked up 90 bags of trash from the surrounding highways, county roads and Mesquite and Ash Streets. Upon the volunteers return to the City Park a luncheon of hotdogs, chips, cookies, and drinks were awaiting them provided by Christine Weinzapfel of RE/MAX

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City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, November 3, 2003.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
 2. Opening prayer.
 3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on October 6, 2003.
 4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and act on curfew ordinance.
 2. Consider and act on ordinance to increase rates for garbage pick up.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and act on Proclamation for Museum Week.
 2. Consider and act on closing of Main Street between First and Seventh Streets for Christmas Parade on November 29.
 3. Receive report from Duayne Rohmer regarding mosquito fogging. Take action as necessary.
 4. Consider and act on request from Texoma Council of Governments for supplemental contribution.
 5. Review and act upon monthly bills.
 6. Receive status report on city projects and activities.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>Sunday, November 2, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Fr. John Corapi video series, SHHS, Rm #5, 9:10-10:15AM, Topic: Church & Social Justice</p>	<p>Monday, November 3, 2003 Deadline for RSVP to Veterans Meal on 11/8 at VFW City Council meeting, 7:30pm Grief Support Group meeting, 6pm, Home Hospice, Gainesville</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 4, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Water District Election, 7-7, Muenster City Hall MMH Auxiliary meeting, 7PM</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 5, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11AM Cooke City Electric Co-op Flu Shots, 11:30-12:30 Community Center meeting room C of C Board meeting, 5:30pm Religious Ed Class, 7PM</p>	<p>Thursday, November 6, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Texoma Cattle Women's meeting, 6-7PM, BM Ranch, Callisburg Cooke Co. Republican Women's meeting, 7PM, Gainesville Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Friday, November 7, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Board meeting, 10AM, Stanford House, Gainesville</p>	<p>Saturday, November 8, 2003 Muenster VFW Veteran's Day celebration, 2:30-4pm group photos; 6:30pm meal; 8pm dance One Stop Christmas Shop, 9AM-2PM, Muenster High Gym Top Tin Street Rods in Muenster</p>
<p>Sunday, November 9, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Fr. John Corapi video series, SHHS, Rm #5, 9:10-10:15AM, Topic: Law & Grace</p>	<p>Monday, November 10, 2003 4-H Livestock Entry Night for All Show Livestock VFW meeting, 8PM</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 11, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Veteran's Day Fly Your Flag!</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 12, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center/Public meeting on Superior Rating, MISD Adm. Bldg., 7:30pm C of C Breakfast, 7:30AM, Rohmer's Restaurant Religious Ed Class, 7PM SH Alumni & Friends meeting, 7:30pm, Com. Ctr. meeting room</p>	<p>Thursday, November 13, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Muenster Historical Commission meeting, 8AM, Museum</p>	<p>Friday, November 14, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM AARP Luncheon meeting, 11:30AM, Stanford House, Gainesville Arts & Crafts Sell-O-Rama, 10AM-7PM, Gainesville Civic Center</p>	<p>Saturday, November 15, 2003 Arts & Crafts Sell-O-Rama, 10AM-5PM, Gainesville Civic Center Ecumenical Prayer Workshop, 8:30AM-12:30PM, Booker T. Washington Com. Center, Gainesville</p>

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Is your property among the listed lost?

By Janet Felderhoff
Would unexpected cash be welcome in your pocket? You might have money or property just waiting for you to claim it.

Each year State Comptroller's office publishes a list of unclaimed cash and valuables that have been reported to the State. The unclaimed items range from unclaimed checks, deposits, or refunds, even the contents of forgotten safe deposit boxes.

This property has been turned over to the State by

financial institutions and businesses. To find out if you have unclaimed property, check on the State Comptroller's website www.window.state.tx.us/up/ search. You will be able to search by name, business name, or by city. There is also a number to call 1-800-654-3463. Property is listed until it is claimed. Instructions are given on how to claim your property.

Cindy Walterscheid reported that she found hundreds of Muenster names on the list. Happy hunting!



Remodeling of the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum continues. The project includes closing in the breezeway and repairs to the garage. Improvements will increase display space and allow more exhibits to preserve history and share with the community. Janie Hartman photo

Cancer awareness program slated for CCRW meeting

On Thursday, Nov. 6, the Cooke County Republican Women will hold their general meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce at 100 Culberson Street in Gainesville. The Executive Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Doohi Lee, Chief, and Medical Director of Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Dr. Lee, who is well known in his medical field as well as lecturer and author of a number of published scientific papers, will speak

on "What We Know and Don't Know About Cancer."

With this meeting CCRW are recognizing the NFRW and TFRW support of Cancer Awareness. Breast cancer does not target women only and for that reason women need to be aware of this disease and its symptoms so that they may help their spouse and male friends as well as themselves. Breast cancer itself is not selective and men and women over 40 need to do regular self-exams. CCRW have a number of cancer survivors See **CANCER**, PG 6



Rehearsal for Death

The Muenster Chamber of Commerce sponsored dinner theater featured an "audience involved" play written and produced by John Americas Broyles and directed by Stephanie Stoffels. The "who dunnit" plot twisted around the dining room in the S.H. Community Center Saturday evening with the chicken and dressing meal catered by Rohmer's Catering. The cast included (from upper left) Cecil B. Demilo, Len Jenkins; Rick Stack, John Noblitt; Daisey Hornswinkle, Kim Noblitt; Grant Stone, Kim Titus; and Victoria Vargas, Julie Krahl - the murdering villainess. Neil Hesse's table was the only group to correctly solve the crime.



Comptroller Strayhorn delivers \$302 million in sales tax to local governments

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently delivered \$302.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 1.1 percent increase compared to October 2002. Since January, local sales tax rebates are down 0.3 percent compared to the same period in 2002.

October sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in August and reported to the Comptroller

in September. The state's share of sales tax reported in September was \$1.12 billion, up 2.1 percent compared to a year ago.

"The September 2003 uptick in sales tax receipts may be largely attributable to the Advance Child Tax Credits that the U.S. Treasury mailed out to 1.8 million Texas families in late July and early August. This pumped about \$1.12 billion into the Texas economy," Strayhorn said.

"In addition, the Sales Tax

Holiday during the first weekend of August was once again a success. Sales tax reported by clothing and apparel stores rose 3.6 percent, or \$1.6 million, for the month."

Comptroller Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$207.6 million to Texas cities, 2.9 percent more than October 2002. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are up 0.9 percent. Texas counties received October sales tax rebates of \$17.5 million, down 1.1

percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 0.6 percent higher than last year.

For details of October sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the *Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports* on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/info/allocsum/compsum.htm

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Total disc. with rebate	\$8,255
Sale Price	\$27,815

All rebates and incentives applied; financing through FMCC, W.A.C. Actual vehicles not shown. For illustration purposes only.

Obituaries

William Andrew Hutson 1939 - 2003

By Elfreda Fette
William Andrew "Billy" Hutson of Saint Jo died at his residence on Oct. 24, 2003 at 6:25 p.m., at age 64. He was born in Saint Jo on Apr. 20, 1939 to Andrew Benjamin Hutson and Ora Gosdin Hutson, on the family farm near Saint Jo. He was a graduate of Saint Jo High School and attended Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth and Cooke County Jr. College in Gainesville.

William Andrew "Billy" Hutson was owner and operator of the "Bar H" Hutson Ranch and also organized and facilitated the Mountain bicycle park, "The Breaks at Bar H" for the past six years. He was a tenured member of the Saint Jo Dairy Queen Coffee Club, and a member of the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce and was a member of First Baptist Church of Saint Jo.

On Aug. 28, 1965 he married Barbara Ann Adkins in Gainesville.

Survivors are his wife, Barbara Hutson of Saint Jo;

two daughters Lia Ann King of Plano and Tia Maria Hutson of Saint Jo; and one son William Todd Hutson of Euless. Also three sisters Orene Estes of Fort Worth, Earlene Boone of Austin, and Betty Jo Ripple of College Station. Also four grandchildren Wesley Dyer, Trevor Riley, Andrew Freeman, and Samuel King. Also surviving are ten nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Andrew and Ora Hutson.

A visitation was held in McCoy Funeral Home on Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral service was held Monday, Oct. 27, 2003 at First Baptist Church in Saint Jo, officiated by Chester Cullum. Burial in Mountain Creek Cemetery in Montague County was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Jim Garwood, Warren Estes, David Earl Boone, Rodney Sergeant, Tony Boone, Andrew Boone, and Randy Ripple.

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participants. Members of the therapy staff will present during the day providing clinical care to patients.

"Right now we're just wanting to introduce it to the community, see how they respond to it, and really get them coming up here and get them used to the Hospital alive and well," Arnold remarked. "We have things going on up here that we're excited about and we'd like to share them with the community."

Arnold pointed out that there is a restroom in that room where people can change into or out of workout clothes if so desired. "We've had some staff here at the hospital do that," Arnold noted. "We're looking at this as more of a service to the community."

In the future if enough people ask for a certain type of exercise class, the Hospital will find an instructor and divide the cost among participants accordingly.

A number of pieces of equipment have been donated and more will be accepted. Most of what is currently available for use are cardio glide, bicycle type, and stepper type. Board secretary John Aytes said, "This winter as we get into the really cold months, there'll be a lot of people up here using the treadmill all of hours of the day and evening even. We need to get as many treadmills into operation as we possibly can before the cold weather sets in."

"We will pick them up, fix them up, do what's need to them," said Administrator

Richard Arnold of the equipment offered as a donation. "Once we've exhausted the community's storage, then we'll see what we need to purchase." To donate equipment, call 759-2271 and ask for administration.

The Administrator's report on finances showed that gross operating revenues of \$531,319.68 were generated during September. Expenses totaled \$469,063.57 for revenues over expenses of

ray procedures, 1352 laboratory procedures, 116 ER visits, 20 outpatient physical therapy patients, 14 eye surgeries, 21 outpatient procedures, and seven observation days.

St. Richard's Villa Administrator Zula Layer reported total September revenues of \$87,660.63 and total operating expenses of \$100,002.76 for a loss of \$12,342.13.

The Board unanimously approved signing Form 2031 authorizing Layer to

Facilities, and Staff Development. Staff Development had not yet had an opportunity to meet. Audit/finance had met twice. One meeting was with Donna of D Med regarding the status of improving the hospital's collection activity. Committee Chairman Dr. Walter Knight said, "She happily reported to us that things are improving a lot. She felt things were actually on track." They recommended that she



Muenster Memorial Hospital employees, from left, Robyn Walterscheid, Syretta Hathorn, Darla Anderle, and Laura Stoffels try out some of the exercise equipment in the Hospital's Wellness Center which is opened for use by the public from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Janie Hartman photo

\$62,256.11. Deductions from revenues for uncollectible accounts totaled \$185,883.88 creating net expenses over revenues of \$123,627.77.

The average daily census for the month was 2.3 acute inpatients and 3.2 swingbed patients for a total average daily census of 4.6 patients per day. Other stats for September include 271 x-

sign official forms on behalf of St. Richard's. She was also authorized to sign checks with an approved Board member's signature. Paperwork is in progress to complete the change of SRV operating under MMH to a separate part of MMH District.

Reports were heard from the three Board Committees, Audit Finance,

continue to work with the staff as she has been. The committee's second meeting was with the accountant, Terry McKenzie. He provided an internal report.

The Facilities Committee of James Walterscheid and Gary Links discussed a work order form. Their goal is accountability for purchases.

Health alert from Muenster Hospital

Muenster Memorial Hospital received a Health Alert from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Tuesday, Oct. 28 stating that Influenza has arrived in Texas.

During the first week of October, Texas health authorities reported outbreaks of laboratory-confirmed influenza A infections in the Houston metropolitan area. Testing done at the Texas department of Health and the CDC confirmed the influenza A virus.

During August and September, CDC received report of cases in 11 states including Texas. While influenza activity in the United States usually starts in November or December and reaches peak levels from late December through April, the timing of influenza activity is highly variable from year to year.

The influenza vaccine is expected to provide good protection against most types of influenza viruses making their way into our

area and the following groups of people are encouraged to receive the vaccination for influenza as soon as possible:

- Persons 65 years of age and older.
- Women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season.
- Persons with chronic health problems (e.g., heart or lung disease, kidney problems, asthma, etc.)
- Health-care workers and others in close contact with people in high-risk groups.
- Caregivers of young children.

Muenster Memorial Hospital has the influenza vaccine available and people can receive their vaccinations at the Home Health Service or at the Family Health Clinic.

Please protect yourselves and the people you love and help prevent this virus from becoming a serious problem in our area.

Submitted by Danny Lovelace

Idea Exchange

By Don Rohrer

If you follow the news, you've heard about the recent discontent in Bolivia. Muenster native Jason Gehrig has sent the Exchange a first hand account, including his personal reflections, of the week that was to force the resignation of Bolivia's president. A friend of Jason's took his message to an Internet cafe and sent it, along with a request for prayers for the Gehrig family and the people of Bolivia. Here is the first installment of Jason's journal.

Friday, 10 October 2003

Greetings from a country in turmoil. As I write this we've been basically confined to our little neighborhood within Senkata, El Alto, as the city has been paralyzed now going on three days. Our parish priest, Modesto, was injured yesterday while denouncing abuses by the forces or order, who were beating and kicking campesinos and miners while arresting them for blocking the highway. The forces of order responded to Padre Modesto's protests by shooting him three times in the leg at ten feet away. Thankfully, they were rubber bullets, but the wounds he showed us weren't going to heal anytime soon.

The conflict is centering around the issue of natural gas, of which Bolivia apparently has the largest reserve in Latin America. The government's unofficial plan (widely suspected by the people) is to export it to Mexico and the U.S. in bulk via a pipeline to a Chilean port, with transnationals making a nice profit along the way, and with the country getting pennies on the dollar. In a formula based on the "law of hydrocarbons," the Bolivian government would get about 18% of the price of the gas as it leaves the well. Of course, those pennies add up, at least for the privileged few who currently have their hands in the pie, and that coupled with the external pressures to maintain a neoliberal course has kept the government basically ignoring the social protests of the last few weeks. (Here's a quick explanation of the term "neoliberal," from a recent critical essay about this economic model: The ideology of neoliberalism is the worship of the "market" and subordination of all other economic actors to its demands, including government and individuals. The strategy of neoliberal economics includes privatization, reduced social expenditures, union busting, land enclosure, lower wages, higher profits, free trade, free capital mobility, and the accelerated commodification of nature.)

When the government isn't ignoring the protests, or calling for some shallow attempts at dialogue, its forces of order are trying to break the blockades, often causing injuries and deaths (yesterday about 20 injured by bullets and two dead). The people are calling for the state to industrialize the natural gas, and then consider how to possibly export it with some value added later. The gas giveaway, along with the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (ALCA in Spanish), has the people furious, and rightfully so. They're struggling for a better future for the country. Unfortunately, the two sides don't seem to be coming to any consensus soon. And so the violence continues: the daily violence of poverty endured by so many of our marginalized neighbors, the violence when the poor respond to such dire situations, and the violence inflicted upon the protestors by the forces of order. I suppose rights are rarely freely given, but rather are earned through struggle. I pray that this struggle continues to be for the most part a peaceful one. I understand there have been around 80 deaths at the hands of the military and police under this current government since it took power just a little over a year ago.

One final lasting impression from our visit yesterday evening with Padre Modesto. As he recalled the day's earlier events, tears welling up in his eyes, he told us how the commandante of the Bolivian government's forces of order, upon hearing Modesto's demands that the people's human rights be respected, approached him and demanded to know who he really was and why he was there. Wearing his priest's stole, Modesto responded, "I am the parish priest of Senkata, and I have every right to be present in my parish." "Then where is your church?" the official snapped back, still not ready to believe that this young indigenous man was a Catholic priest. Padre Modesto pointed to all the people around him and said, "Here is our church." The commandante couldn't make sense of Modesto's words, and, seeing the recently constructed chapel a couple of blocks away, he instructed the Padre to go there, saying, "Then go back to your church, and take care of your concerns there." Modesto responded, "The Church is no mere building, but rather the community of God's faithful, and that's why my concerns are of the Church, of these people being abused by your forces of order." The next time Modesto raised his voice against the continued beatings of the detainees, he was shot three times in the leg at three feet away.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

As you have all taken note of, there has been quite a noticeable change in our weather over the weekend. Saturday morning the temperature had dropped to 42°, much cooler than we were used to, and Sunday morning 48°. A jacket or light sweater felt real good.

What we really missed was a good rain. Dry seems to be the rule, roundabouts. For us in town waiting is really no problem, but driving through the country one can see fields of grain that are already furnishing grazing for cattle, but at the same time, much of the fall sown grain is only partially up. The land had dried considerably after being worked to dispose of trash grain and grasses that had emerged in force following the good rain

of several weeks ago. Well, they say everything comes to those who wait, so perhaps rain will fall soon.

Enjoyed a very good meal, Sunday noon, in Myra. It was the Myra Community Center's annual fundraiser. If you didn't go, you missed a good dinner.

We have come to the annual battle with squirrels over our pecans. It's a bit early, but we are picking some, and so are squirrels and bluejays. When the husks begin to open, the pests are quick to pull the nut out. So far it's about six of one and a half dozen of the other.

Fortunately, Aileen has a considerable supply of the tasty morsels for her cooking and baking, and we must remember, the pests have to eat too.

Cancer awareness

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in their club. They are asking any attending to please wear pink ribbons at this meeting where they will recognize CCRW survivors, as well as CCRW commitment to education and health.

Taffy Goldsmith, TFRW Convention Chair, will give brief insights to the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention that will be held in Dallas at the Westin Galleria.

The nominating committee will present the 2004 slate to be voted on at this meeting. They will be installed at the Dec. 7 Christmas meeting which will be held at the home of Kaye and Ken King at 6:30 p.m. They will be honoring our teacher's of the month at that time.

The Cooke County

Republican Women are asking all potential Republican candidates to attend and bring their petition sheets, which may be filled out and used in lieu of candidate filing fees. If a candidate does not have a petition sheet he may pick up one at Republican Headquarters.

There will be a Candidates training school held in Dallas November 13 at the Westin Galleria from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$75.00. Anyone interested please contact Pat Peale 940 665-7708 for information and registration form.

Come find out what is going on - be a part of making a difference. Refreshments are provided and there is always a question and answer part of the program.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Don't Mess With Texas

"Don't Mess with Texas" is the Texas Department of Transportation's litter prevention slogan developed in 1986. Today, according to <http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org>, more than 96% of Texans know the slogan, which has become world famous.

It costs approximately \$37 million to clean up roadside litter in Texas each year. Ninety percent of this cost is paid for with tax dollars.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and <http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org/>

"SAVVY SENIOR"

Paying For Nursing Home Care

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Dear Savvy Senior,

I would like to find out more about the Medicare or Medicaid programs that pay for nursing home care. My dad had a stroke several months ago and needs to be in a nursing home but can't afford it. Mom and Dad own their house and have some savings, but it's not enough to take care of Dad very long. My questions are, what does Medicare or Medicaid pay for, do you have to be flat broke to get Medicaid and does Dad being on Medicaid financially wipe out Mom too?

Thanks for your help.
MediCrazy Kid

Dear MediCrazy

The process of figuring out Medicaid eligibility can be very confusing, but one thing is clear. Nursing home care costs a lot of money! That's why many nursing home residents pay the full costs when they are admitted, but deplete their savings and other assets and qualify for Medicaid.

Savvy Fact: Almost 70 percent of nursing home residents receive help from Medicaid.

Does Medicare Pay?

Not Medicare does not pay for long term care. It covers only short periods of skilled nursing home care after a hospital stay.

What Does Medicaid Pay?

- Medicaid will pay the part of your nursing home costs that your own income doesn't cover. In most states, a nursing home patient cannot keep more than \$30 to \$50 a month for personal needs.
- Medicaid will cover all your nursing home care as well as some basic needs, such as toiletries and over-the-counter medications. It will not pay for clothing.
- Medicaid will pay for prescription drugs and some other services not paid for by Medicare.

Savvy Note: Medicaid is funded and regulated by both federal and state governments. This means that Medicaid rules are different from state to state. It's good advice to learn your state's specific requirements.

Medicaid Eligibility

To be eligible to receive Medicaid for nursing home care an individual must:

- Have \$2,000 or less in savings and other assets. Some assets may not be counted, such as your car or a burial fund.
- Meet the income requirements set by the state.
- Undergo a screening to make sure you meet the state's medical and functional criteria for nursing home care.
- To use Medicaid, you must be in a nursing home that accepts Medicaid. Most do!

What About Mom

Your mom's financial resources will be protected to the maximum extent allowed by the law. If your dad is receiving Medicaid, it is important to know your state's policies on spousal protection. Here's the general 2003 breakdown for your mom:

- In most states, she can keep a monthly income up to the federal maximum of \$2,267.
- She can keep half of her and her husband's combined assets, up to a maximum of \$90,660.
- She can keep their home and surrounding property, if she lives there. If she moves, the house and property becomes an asset that will affect your father's Medicaid.

Savvy Note: If your mom's monthly income is under \$2,267, the Spousal Impoverishment Program will allow your dad to use a portion of his monthly income, to raise your mom's income, up to the federal maximum of \$2,267 per month.

More Information

Contact your state or county department of human services office, or your county Medicaid office. They can provide information about Medicaid eligibility in your state. Call the Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116 for the phone numbers of these offices in your community.

Resources

- American Public Human Services Association: This site links to each state's Medicaid information. www.aphsa.org
- National Council on the Aging Benefits Check Up: A free service to help older Americans identify state and federal assistance. www.benefitscheckup.org

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or see our Web site at www.savvysenior.org.

Gardening Tips & Techniques

-If an unsuspecting frost came upon your garden while you were sleeping and the plants were not protected, get to the garden before the sun shines on the plants and spray the foliage with the garden hose.

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Lifestyle

Fuhrman's celebrate 50 years of marriage

Fifty years ago on a beautiful warm sunny day Oct. 20, 1953, Alvin Fuhrman and Gracie Friske exchanged marriage vows in St. Peter's Church in Lindsay, Texas with Father Conrad Herda officiating. Gracie's father presented her at the altar. She carried a bouquet of red roses. Her dress was white lace over white satin. It was designed with a fitted bodice, Queen Anne collar and long petal-point sleeves. Self covered buttons fastened the bodice. The skirt of lace was made with a row of scallops which fell over a wide band of shirred tulle. Her finger-tip veil of illusion was caught to a lace cap embroidered with seed pearls. She wore a double strand of pearls sent to her from Alvin while he was stationed in Germany.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Rosalee Bayer of Muenster, sister of the bridegroom as honor maid, and Miss Joan Geray, as bridesmaid. Both wore identical floor length dresses of gray and wine colored lace over taffeta made with fitted bodices and wide collars that fell over the shoulders. They carried colonial bouquets of roses and wore pearl necklaces and earrings, gifts of the bride. Randolph Bayer of Muenster was best man, and Robert Bayer of Muenster was groomsmen. Ushers were Robert Pulte and Gilbert Endres.

After the ceremony the breakfast was held in the home of Robert and Coralee Pulte. At noon a luncheon was served in the home of Alvin's parents Henry and Elsie Fuhrman.

A reception was held at 5:00 p.m. at the Muenster Parish Hall dining room. It was decorated with autumn flowers and ferns and her

chosen colors of gray and wine. Mrs. Gilbert Endres served the wedding cake and Joan Friske registered the guests. A dance followed the reception in the VFW Hall. For their wedding trip the bride wore a tweed suit with brown and pink accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuhrman graduated from Sacred Heart High School. She was employed by Sears Roebuck in Gainesville and Mr. Fuhrman was employed by Muenster Telephone Co. in Muenster.

For Alvin and Gracie's 50th wedding anniversary, which was celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 18, they attended the 5:00 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church

with friends and family. After Mass Father John Ohner blessed their marriage.

A reception and dance were held in the Sacred Heart Community Center. The reception hall was beautifully decorated by Silks & Blooms. Brenda Clark and Michelle Spaeth registered the guests. The hors d'oeuvres table was prepared by "The Helping Hands". They are made up of employees of Nortex Communications. This group raises money to help various people or families that have met some hardship in the Nortex serving area. The meal was prepared by the Schneiders. John Leftwich of Gainesville

gave the Invocation. Employees of Nortex served the main table. The anniversary cake was baked by Betty Rose Walterscheid and served by Nortex employees.

Gene Fuhrman was Master of Ceremonies. He gave a short narration on the lives of his parents and a few funny stories and he introduced a toast to them. The memento table held many pictures, and also displayed was the bride's wedding dress, which was purchased from Sanger Brothers in Dallas; veil, bouquet and garter; the groom's wedding suit, tie and also his 50 year old wedding shoes in their original box from Farrars shoe store in Gainesville. The bride's going away suit and hat were displayed along with her bridal prayer book.

Bartenders were again John Monday, Jerry Yosten, and Maurus Hacker, who were bartenders for the Fuhrmans' 25th anniversary celebration, along with Jason Clark and John Spaeth. The 50 year couple danced the first dance to "The Waltz You Saved for Me". This was also their first dance fifty years ago. The Entertainer by Lambert Hess provided the dance music.

House guests of Alvin and Gracie were Theo and Ute Koslowski, Claudia, Maxmillian and Charlotte Ortman of Attendorf, Germany, John and Carolyn Rauh, Metamora, Illinois, and Ed and Joyce Dailor, Geneva, New York. Other guests attending were from Saint Jo, Denton, Gainesville, Forestburg, Myra, Ponder, Lindsay, Nocona, Grand Prairie, Lewisville, Dallas, Arlington, Temple, Houston,



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fuhrman
...nee Gracie Friske
October 20, 1953

Fort Worth, Lake Kiowa, Argyle, and Lubbock, Texas, Anaheim and Chino California, Edmund and Norman, Oklahoma and friends and relatives from Muenster. Alvin and Gracie have lived in the same home for fifty years. They are still working for Nortex Communications, formerly Muenster Telephone Corp. of Texas, Alvin for 54 years and Gracie for 47 years. They have two sons, Gene Fuhrman and daughter-in-law Kaylynn Fuhrman, and Kent Fuhrman. Alvin and Gracie will take a fiftieth honeymoon trip later.



Gracie and Alvin Fuhrman

One-stop Christmas shop in Muenster November 8

The National Honor Society of Muenster High school will host a One-Stop Christmas Shop on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Muenster High School Gymnasium. Many local vendors will be available to help the shoppers get ready for the Christmas holidays.

There will be many booths to visit, including Usborne Books, Homemade Gourmet, Premier Jewelry, Home Interiors, Pampered Chef, Pressed Flowers, Mary Kay,

Dreamer's Candles, Southern Living, Avon, Tupperware, Stampin' Up, and crafts and florals. Kid's activities and refreshments will also be available.

This One-Stop shopping experience will help benefit local home businesses and make Christmas shopping a little more convenient for all. Come and enjoy the booths from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8. For more information, contact Tina Walterscheid or Mary Dangelmayr.

Johnson's book signing slated for November 8

Lone Star Book Scouters on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. will feature author Beverly D. Johnson who will be reading from and signing her book *Written Amongst the Tears*.

Beverly D. Johnson is a businesswoman, former military officer, and graduate of the United

States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In *Written Amongst the Tears* she shares with you a deeply moving story that delves in to issues we all confront within our relationships, our families, and ourselves, as we make choices for our lives.

For more information call 940-612-0202

Meeting Notice

Compassion and Support: General Grief Support Group will meet Monday, Nov. 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Home Hospice Office, 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville. Call Kelly at 940-665-9891 for more info.

2004 Texoma CattleWomen

It is time for officer elections and for forming committees for next year. Anyone who is interested in serving as a Texoma CattleWomen officer during

the upcoming year please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Joy Davidson, (940) 665-8984 or Ann Knight, (940) 612-3265.

A slate of new officers for 2004 was presented at the October meeting and will be voted on at the monthly meeting in November. If you are interested in serving on a committee contact current or for more information, please contact Trudy Lucas, President, at (903) 476-5565.

Logan celebrates three with Bob the Builder

Logan Patrick Pagel, son of Renate and Jacob Pagel, celebrated his third birthday at his home on Oct. 5. The party theme was "Bob the Builder". Logan's "Bob the Builder" cake was baked and decorated by his mother.

Those attending the celebration were his parents; siblings Kelsey, Derek, Miranda, and Collin; grandparents, Pat and Tommie Sue Hess; aunts, uncles, and cousins; Glenda Russell; Lisa and Garrett Miller; Sharlene Hartman; and Stuart Hess. Also friends: Jill and Alaina Reiter; Llorie, Darren, Logan, Trevor, and Carson Cheaney; Judy, Alley, Zachary, and Carson Trubenbach.



Logan Pagel



Happy 40th Birthday

From All of Us

Thank You!

Thank you so much for all the well wishes expressed in celebrating my 90th birthday. Those who came to the open house, sent flowers, cards or had me in their thoughts, I truly appreciated it. A special thank you to Natalie Alexander and Annette Bayer for the lovely and delicious cake, and to my family for making this birthday so wonderful.

Sincerely, Louise Bayer

Friends of Henry Hess, Jr.

To each of you who has been so helpful in remembering Henry Hess, Jr., we wish to say thank you. Thank you for your concerned acts of kindness, for the food you brought to nourish our physical bodies, for the many prayers offered up to sustain our spiritual bodies, and for your healing touches... each touch was like a blessing being bestowed... thank you! Henry died as he lived. He was a blessing to us and to all those he touched. I am so grateful to the family and community that helped mold him into the man he was.

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North Texas residents get second chance to view total lunar eclipse

Because of a heavy cloud cover, North Texas residents weren't able to see much of anything during the first lunar eclipse of the year in May. Fortunately, area stargazers will have a second chance to see a total lunar eclipse on Saturday, Nov. 8.

One of the best opportunities for viewing the eclipse will be at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. The Museum will provide binoculars, telescopes, and a video monitor for viewing beginning at 5:30 p.m. The eclipse viewing is free.

Although a lunar eclipse may not have the "wow" factor of a solar eclipse, it is still a spectacular event that shouldn't be missed. At 4:15 p.m. Central time, the Moon will begin its penumbral phase, when it enters the

shadow cast by the Earth. At 5:32 p.m., the Moon will make contact with the darkest part of the shadow, the umbra, and partial eclipse begins. The Moon will take about an hour to fully slip into the umbra. The process is then reversed as the Moon makes its way out of the Earth's shadow. Optimum viewing time will be between 6:30 and 9:00 p.m.

While telescopes are helpful for looking at detail, a lunar eclipse is actually best viewed with binoculars or the naked eye, according to Linda Krouse, director of the Noble Planetarium. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own binoculars for viewing.

For more information call 817-255-9300 or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.

Samantha celebrates third with "Big Bird" party



Samantha McCoy

Samantha Rae McCoy, daughter of Josh and Kelly McCoy of Corinth, turned three on October 17. She celebrated with her family and friends at their home on Saturday, Oct. 18 with a "Big Bird" party. The guests enjoyed a spaghetti dinner, a favorite of the honoree. A "Big Bird" cake was made by her grandmother Pam Dangelmayr and served with homemade ice cream. The guests enjoyed watching Samantha get excited when opening her gifts.

Ecumenical prayer team is forming to help families

In conjunction with the workshop, an Ecumenical Prayer Team is being formed for the purpose of supporting the efforts of our community in stopping the chaos and destruction of the violent crimes and drugs are creating in our families.

Many of our county Churches have agreed to send representatives to pray as a corporate unity against the evil that has taken up residence in our county, as well as praying for each other and our congregations.

Our county is diverse, and it is important to reach out to each other across denominations and cultures in order to forge a strong united front. Each representative is urged to communicate to each of their Church communities the needs, concerns and progress of the Team.

An initial Team Meeting will be held Thursday, Nov.

6 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 931 N. Weaver Street in Gainesville.

This meeting will be an opportunity to become acquainted with each other's Churches, as well as determine the logistics of regular scheduled prayer times and locations. Prayer will be held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month with different Churches hosting the Prayer Team at their Church, if they desire.

There is no financial obligation required, and the only responsibility will be to bring a passion for prayer to join hands and hearts together and create the foundation for permanent change.

If you are interested in participating in this powerful ministry, please call Chairperson, Kaye Briscoe King at (940) 665-0177.



Learn to make and bake for the Holidays at the Breadmake.

Parish picnic plans are progressing very well

Plans for the upcoming Parish Picnic are progressing. They have already acquired many good things for the auctions and raffle. Solicitors are coming by, so please get your donation ready, request committee members.

The raffle will have a lot of good things in it this year, so you might want to buy an extra chance or two. There are several savings bonds, a half a beef, \$200 in Muenster Marks, a Lazy Boy Recliner, a \$150.00 gift

certificate to the D.I. One Stop, a VCR/DVD player, a digital camera, and a tin of Subiaco peanut brittle. Lots of trips and meals are being put together. A few quilts have been donated and more are needed.

Remember to save Turkey Marks at Fischer's for the picnic. Cakes are needed for the cake walk, and homemade candy, breads, canned goods, etc. are needed for the Sweet Shoppe.



This hand painted Mitterteich Bavaria 101 piece dinnerware set is just one of many items that will be sold at this year's Sacred Heart Parish Thanksgiving Picnic.

Ecumenical prayer workshop to be offered

An Ecumenical Prayer Workshop is being offered Saturday Nov. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Booker T. Washington Community Center in Gainesville. The County Ecumenical Prayer Team sponsors the event.

The purpose of the workshop is to unite the area-wide Body of Christ in building a solid foundation through prayer to address the increasing violent crimes, killings, and drug running plaguing our county.

Kaye Briscoe King, Ecumenical Representative from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville, will lead sessions on various types of prayer and

Scripture, and there will be praise and worship through singing, as well as sharing in small groups.

This workshop is open to everyone desiring to support our community leaders, agency administrators, and police, and fire departments through prayer. There is no fee for attending, and refreshments will be provided throughout the morning.

All interested in attending this workshop should sign up at your Church office and have someone call with the head count by Nov. 12 to Kaye King at (940) 665-0177.

Kneading lessons just in time for the Holidays

BREADMAKE will be the most exciting happening in Gainesville on Thursday, Nov. 6 and all are invited to be part of the fun. Breadmake is a happy, joyous event. If you can imagine laughing faces, floury hands, and the old-fashioned delight and good humor of lots of people making bread together, then you have an idea of what Breadmake is all about. Each person present will actually make a one pound loaf of the best whole grain bread he's probably ever eaten.

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BREADMAKE will occur Thursday, Nov. 6 twice at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Seventh-day Adventist Church on 3411 North Weaver Street. For only \$5.00 per person, join in the dough with everyone from five to 105 kneading, pounding, shaping dough, and having the time of your life. Additional holiday food gift-giving ideas will be discussed and demonstrated.

Reservations are suggested! So that they may have adequate supplies for everyone, phone reservations are being accepted by Paula Reiter at 888-778-4445 (daytime) or 940-726-3669 (evening), Bernice Sicking at 736-2217, or by Linda Alexander at 940-668-1965. Even if the scheduled date and time are a problem, call anyway to register for an alternate Breadmake session.

Never has anything been so easy nor so much fun! No experience necessary - just show up with clean hands.

Makenna is one!

Makenna Renee Forshee celebrated her first birthday on Oct. 25 with a Care Bear party held at the home of her parents Jon and Stacie Forshee. Those attending along with her parents were: big sister Morgan; grandparents Glenn and Glenda Cler, and Debby Forshee; great-grandmothers Gladys Gieb, Armella Cler, and Carolyn Forshee; uncles Clay and Travis Forshee, and Tim Cler; godfather Tony Davis; friends Anne Poole, James Walker, Ronnie and Cathy Kubis, Casey, Devon, and Cole.



Makenna Forshee

Unable to attend were her aunt and godmother Kim Cler, and Joe Paul Walterscheid.

Following a barbecue dinner, guests had cake and ice cream and enjoyed watching Makenna eat her own special cake and open her presents.

Happy Birthday, Elaine Koesler

TXU Energy Tips: After a bad storm

• Drink tap water only when officials say it is safe to do so.

• Avoid unnecessary telephone calls. Use only for emergencies.

• Designate a person outside your area who can be contacted in case family members are separated during the storm or hurricane.

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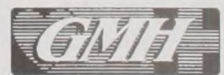
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• Culwell Conference Center, Gainesville Memorial Hospital
• Program: "Know Your Numbers" - Joan Walterscheid, RN, CDE
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• Call 759-2395 for information

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Machinators take home three awards

The Sacred Heart Machinators had a great year! The planning, creation, and deployment of their medical nano-bot, the X-Cell-A-Raider, culminated in an exciting performance Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Denton County BEST Competition. Participating with 23 other high school teams, the Machinators stayed in hot pursuit of winning it all as they went from 3rd to 1st, to 2nd place and back to 1st, running neck and neck with Denton High, Marcus, and Era.

According to Coach Smith, "It was exciting to have such a smoothly animated robot driven so competently by David Walterscheid, Tom Otto, Theo Otto, Kevin Walterscheid and Travis Forshee." The Sacred Heart team was seeded first place going into the semi-final rounds - consisting of three games against the seven other top teams. The first game began for the Machinators with an electrical problem to the arm. After that game they were able to secure the electrical connection to get the arm working.

In the second and third matches Forshee and D. Walterscheid scored enough points to take them into the finals. This was the Machinators first time in the final four and they were pumped!

The finals consist of four teams competing on the playing field for three games. Tom, Theo, and Kevin drove in the final games. Tom scored extremely high the first game. In the final two games the Machinators' points were cancelled by the placement of a diseased cell (green balloon) in their cell saver by another team. As a result, the Sacred Heart team took 3rd place in the robot competition behind Marcus (2nd place) and Denton High (1st Place). Era was last, in 4th place.

Awards are given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the robot competition. A second award, also with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place is given for the teams that best embody the concept of boosting engineering science and technology. This is called the BEST Award; scoring is based on four categories: 1) Presentation - 30 points possible; 2) Documentation - 30 points possible; 3) Table Display and Interviews - 25 points possible, and; 4) Spirit and Sportsmanship - 15 points possible. The Sacred Heart Machinators supporters and the team of 28 students brought tremendous spirit, competitiveness, and sportsmanship to the championship. The

Low income home weatherization program offered

The Texoma Council of Governments has received funding from the Department of Energy to provide Weatherization Services for the elderly, disabled, and families with small children who reside in Cooke County and meet the Federal Income guidelines.

The primary purpose of this program is to assist in lowering heating and cooling bills in the home. Allowable activities may include weatherstripping, caulking, minor repairs, insulation of attics and walls, replacement of windows, doors, storm windows, repairing or replacing heating and cooling equipment at no cost to you!

For an application or any additional information, you may contact Danielle Swindell at Texoma Council of Governments, Weatherization Department, 1117 Gallagher Drive Ste. 320, Sherman, TX 75090; or call (903) 813-3526 or (800) 677-8264 ext. 526.

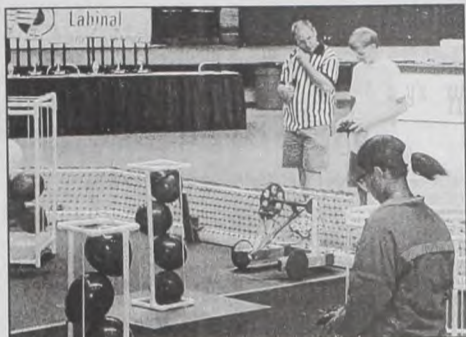
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presentation team was praised on its awesome performance. Good work Sarah Whitecotton, Tony Koesler, Christina Weinzapfel, Christine Fetch, Charlotte Bartush, Mark Gehrig, and Nina Zanchetta. The Machinators won the 3rd place DC BEST Award. Era won 1st place and Flower Mound won 2nd. The 1st and 2nd place finishers in each category qualify go to the state, Texas BEST, championship. The specific scores for each of the categories of the

BEST Award will be posted later in the week.

In addition to the two 3rd place awards, the team also won the Founders Award for the most creative design. Coach Darell Walterscheid confirmed that, "The Machinators worked hard to perfect their design." The Machinator team recognized Ronnie Weinzapfel for his assistance and coaches, Angie Smith and Darell Walterscheid for their time and efforts.



Theo Otto discusses Sacred Heart Machinator's robot with an official at the BEST competition. Courtesy photo

MISD Elementary first graders study living things

The first grade classes of Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Miller of Muenster Elementary School recently completed a unit of study on living things. The study explored the similarities and differences between plants and animals; classifying plants and animals according to characteristics; differentiating animals according to body coverings, habitats, and mouth parts; observing life cycles of plants and animals; and discussing how living things grow and change.

During the study, students brought a variety of animals to share with both classes including baby pigs, baby guineas, hermit crabs, and rabbits. The children conducted classroom experiments by sprouting various beans and observing seed growth, as well as growing their own

seeds. The classes used science kits obtained through the Irving ISD Hands-On Center for Math and Science. Students also created their own fall leaf drawings from live oak leaves to decorate the hall.

To conclude the unit on living things, each student created a "bug box" as a home project. Students found ten bugs, labeled, and displayed them creatively. At the end of the six weeks, both classes displayed their "bug box" creations in the activity room to share with the rest of the school. This allowed students to work collectively at home with their parents during the first six weeks.

The first grade science curriculum at Muenster Elementary School also includes weather and seasons, magnets, earth's land and water, and keeping fit and healthy.

Sacred Heart Honor Roll

To be eligible for the "Principals' Honor Roll one has to have achieved a 95% or above with no one grade being below 93%. To obtain the "A" Honor Roll a student has to have a 93% or better with no one grade lower than 85%. To be on the "B" Honor Roll students must have an average above 85% only one grade can be between 75% and 84%. Listed below are such students:

First Nine Weeks PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Andrea Bonin, Lisa Endres, Karen Gehrig, Kate Sepanski; **Juniors:** Andy Davis; **Sophomores:** Joelle Fuhrmann, Mark Gehrig, Shannon Hartman, Emily Jaroma, Diana Knabe, David Walterscheid, Brittany White, Sarah Whitecotton, Debra Yosten; **Freshmen:** Stephanie Krawietz, Angela Schad, Paige White; **Grade 7:** Joe Hesse, Kalyssa Pollard; **Grade 6:** Ian Barnhill, Kristin LeBrasseur; **Grade 5:** Victoria Endres, Rebekah Hesse; **Grade 4:** Robert Bartush, Michael Davis, Valerie Nystrom

"A" HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Jayna Biffle, Kimberly Hess, Adam Krahl, Lynn Sicking, Amy Trevino, Kevin Walterscheid, Christina Weinzapfel, Wes Wimmer; **Juniors:** Paul Bartush, Jacqueline Bauer; **Sophomores:** Nicole Bayer, Angela Cox, Adam Dangelmayr, Whitney Wimmer, Norinda Zanchetta; **Freshmen:** Zachary Bartush, Taylor Torcellini; **Grade 8:**

Stephen Davis, Kara Felderhoff, Lauren Krahl, Colby Richey, Tyler Rohmer, Lauren Sepanski, Joshua Yosten; **Grade 7:** Natalie Endres, Kaitlyn Felderhoff, Ryan Firth, Matthew Flusche, Mitchell Hess, Lisa Miller, Richard Sweeney, Tommy Torcellini, Samantha Wimmer; **Grade 6:** Rashaee Dangelmayr, Isaac Davis, Adriana Finney, John Nystrom, Gene Yosten; **Grade 5:** Matthew Hesse, Ryan Felderhoff, Megan Hesse, Alex Turner, Calvin Wimmer, Jordan Henschel; **Grade 4:** Mark Bartush, Caitlin Beavers, Amanda Knabe, Kelsey Reeves, Quinn Sicking

"B" HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Courtney Hartman, Tony Koesler, Laura Taylor; **Juniors:** Stephanie Henschel, Jessica Knabe, Melissa Thomas; **Sophomores:** Jon Ambrose, Jacqueline Flusche, Aaron Krahl; **Freshmen:** Mark Fleitman, Kristen Miller, Mitchell Sellers, Karina Skotnik; **Grade 8:** Sunni Bayer, Nolan Hartman, Kristin Jaroma; **Grade 7:** Dorothy Aurand; **Grade 6:** Samantha Barnett, Virginia Bartush, Jacob Bayer, Aaron Flusche, Raynee Hogan, Elizabeth Marshall, Zachary Moritz, Janet Strother, Josiah Yosten; **Grade 5:** Jessie Brundage, Sydney Hoedebeck, Jessica Krahl, Laura Sweeney, Chad Walterscheid, Jordan Henschel, Zachary White; **Grade 4:** Karli Anderle, Joshua Biffle, Adria Flusche, Austin Springer, Benjamin Yosten



Muenster first grade, Mrs. Fleming's class, from left, back - C.J. Call, Ryder Nobile, Trey Anderle, J.T. Smith, Zachary Pollard, Tyler Boaz, Laurine McAden, Parker Sicking, Delaney Wright, Noel Rodriguez, Brianna Rohmer; front - Kassie Dangelmayr, Makayla Moster, McKinzie Hess, Rachel Hare, Tara Gunnels, Rielly Neal. Not pictured, Michael Durnberger.



Muenster first grade, Mrs. Miller's class, from left, back - Morgan Flusche, Jeremy Hess, Mikaela Lamar, Zakary Ford, Collin Pagel, Emily Brogdon; middle - Tressa Jones, Breanna Martinez, Lora Walterscheid, Zachary Trubenbach, Brandon Hennigan; front - Kristen Reiter, Kyla Haverkamp, Chance Herr, Blake Haubold, Karson Heady, Trevor Cheaney.

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Advance placement courses offered at Muenster High School

Advanced Placement courses at Muenster High School are valuable to students and parents. For the 2003-04 school year, MHS has four AP courses: AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Calculus, and AP Biology. The AP teachers are Martha Koessler, Danna Hess, and Molly Sicking. They have each received hundreds of hours of training and retraining over the last six years making them highly qualified to teach these courses. At the end of the year, students will be given a test in each subject area. These are international tests administered on a prescribed day and time. The scores range from 1-5, with 5 being the best. Most public universities will give credit for a score of 3 or better. Depending on the test and the score, a student can earn from 3-9 college hours, per test. Each AP test costs the student \$22.00.

The economic value of these classes and tests can be significant. The cost of one 3-hour class at a public

university is from \$600.00 - \$1,000.00 for tuition and fees. Books for a single class can cost up to \$150.00. If the student is enrolled in 12 hours, room and board cost for that one class could be from \$900.00 - \$1,200.00 for the semester. When all of these are added together, that 3 on an AP exam becomes very important. Another factor in considering the exam's low cost is that tuition has now been deregulated allowing universities to charge students even more money. If a student is attending a private university, these costs can easily double or triple.

Another consideration is the time saved. If a student can test out of several classes, he can graduate early or go on to get a graduate degree. Also, some majors can take five years to complete, rather than the usual four. So, the student can get ahead and save valuable time as well as money.

Another dimension to AP classes is the likelihood of receiving scholarships. Universities and private donors are more likely to

award scholarships to the student who challenges himself academically by taking the most difficult courses the high school has to offer. Success in these classes is a good indicator of success in other college-level courses.

AP teachers and students have to work together to be successful. All AP teachers are under pressure to help each student score well enough on these international exams to gain college credit for a year's worth of extra effort. The student also gambles with his G.P.A. when he enrolls in a class that is much more difficult than the regular class in that subject area. But, the money and time saved and the maturity and self-discipline gained from making such a commitment can be extremely rewarding. Muenster High School will continue to provide opportunities for the students to obtain college credit through Advanced Placement curriculum in the future. We are looking at the possibility of adding additional AP courses in the future.

Submitted by Martha Koessler and Danna Hess



Lindsay sixth graders and their teachers met with Lone Star Food Stores representatives last Wednesday to receive a \$500.00 educational grant from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance. On the back row are (l-r) Reta Johnson, 6th grade teacher, Judy Sanders, manager of Lone Star Foods No. 80, Cammi Neu, Kelli Reed, Josh Hess, Zahaib Anwar, Patricia Bounds, area supervisor for Lone Star Food Stores. Front row - Haley Hughes and Jon Britain. The grant will be used for field trips and learning enrichment. Dave Fette photo

As adults, "only children" tend to have much higher blood pressure than other adults with siblings. Why? Parents expect more from an only child.

Lindsay ISD elementary receives new furniture

Thanks to the generosity of many people, the Lindsay ISD elementary school library has new tables and chairs. The purchase of the tables and chairs were a joint effort by the Lindsay PTC, Board of Trustees, and community members.

A committee made up of the librarian, PTC officers, and community members studied products and made the recommendation that the furniture purchased should be made of solid wood and durably constructed to provide for many years of use. It was decided that 6 tables and 24 chairs, all of solid oak, would best serve the needs of the library.

The PTC raised funds by asking community members to donate money towards the furniture; in turn, the community members were able to have plaques mounted on the tables and

chairs with a message, such as "In memory of..." "In appreciation of..." or "Donated by..." Many businesses, groups, families, and individuals donated their money for the furniture. The Board of Trustees then donated the remainder of the funds.

Students in grades 5 and 6 wrote notes of appreciation to the PTC for their generosity and work towards this project. The essays of Sean Willard and Cammi Neu were selected; the two students read their notes of appreciation at the first PTC meeting of the year.

The juniors and seniors enrolled in the Introduction to Ag Mechanics class recently mounted the plaques on the furniture. Visitors may sign into the elementary office and view the plaques if they so desire.

Skin cancer facts

Exposure to certain chemicals, such as arsenic and coal tars, or to high dose x-ray treatments have been associated with skin cancers. ACS

Morton Museum presents fifth in fall series

The fifth program in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Fall Series — "In Celebration of... Celebrations (Soldiers, Pilgrims, and Mystery Occasions)" — will take place at the Museum in Gainesville at noon (12:00) on Monday, Nov. 3.

Seating is limited. For members of the Cooke County Heritage Society the cost to attend is \$3 and for non-members the cost is \$4. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 940/668-8900.



Showing off Lindsay ISD's new furniture in the school library are, from left, Wes Morrison, Katie Dieter and Adam Krebs. Courtesy photo

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF NOV. 3-7 MUESTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili, potato wedges, beans, peaches, cake.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, nachos, oranges, cookies.

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, pineapple chunks, cookies, wheat crackers.

Tues. - Baked chicken, rice pilaf, carrots, pears, bread.

Wed. - Beef spaghetti, green beans, green salad, peaches, bread.

Thurs. - Sliced ham, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, fruit jello, bread.

Fri. - Turkey hoagies w/trimmings, chips, salsa, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Lasagna, corn, salad, pineapple, bread.

Tues. - Steak fingers (K-6), chicken fried steak (7-12), creamed potatoes, peas, pears, bread.

Wed. - Vegetable soup, sandwich, lettuce, pickles, oranges.

Thurs. - Burritos, refried beans, applesauce, peaches, bread.

Fri. - Chicken sandwich, lettuce, pickles, French fries, ice cream.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken crispito, pinto beans, fresh apple, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak or barbecue wieners, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, sliced pears, hot roll.

Wed. - Corn dogs, broccoli and carrots w/ranch dip, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, Missouri cookie.

Thurs. - Ham and cheese hot pockets or steak fingers, green beans, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, jello.

Fri. - Hamburger, slice cheese, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Young writers win haunted tickets, stereo

The student organizations of North Central Texas College are running a haunted house, Dr. Haunt's Chamber of Fear, in Gainesville, Texas, this month through Halloween weekend.

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Sports

Hornets fight back for big 27-20 district win over Petrolia Pirates

It was a big night in Muenster last Friday when the Hornets hosted the State defending champions, Petrolia Pirates. Both teams were undefeated in District play and both were competing to keep their possible playoff spots.

The Hornet defense made the first touchdown, but fell behind 20-7 at halftime. Three Muenster touchdowns in the 4th quarter gave the Hornets a 27-20 District win.

"Way too many mistakes early in the game. We were lucky the score was that close, with so many mistakes," Hornet Coach Monte Endres commented on Muenster's six turnovers and scoreless offense.

The Hornet defense held the Pirates to 1 yard rushing, allowing Petrolia only 25 offensive plays and three 1st downs (three touchdowns). In the first quarter the ball never left Petrolia's end of the field. The defense kept the Hornets in the game the first half, while the offense got into scoring distance five times, but couldn't find pay dirt.

The second half, Muenster was like a different team. "The team showed a lot of character to come back. It was a total team effort," added Coach Endres.

Muenster booted the opening kick, allowing only a 6 yard return. Petrolia's first offensive attempt was fumbled, with Clint Miller covering the ball on the Petrolia 29 yard line. A Sean Fuhrmann to Justin Ferguson pass took the Hornets to the 14. Zach Swirczynski was headed for the end zone, but lost the ball and the Pirates took the ball back on their 4 yard line. Muenster's defense held the Pirates to 8 yards, forcing a punt. The Hornets booted the ball back on 4th and 8.

A quarterback sack by Jared Ledbetter and a holding flag was followed by an interception by Ferguson at midfield. Runs by Derek Endres, Miller, Swirczynski, and Ferguson moved the ball to the Pirate 18 before running out of downs.

Again, Muenster's defense held Petrolia's offense, dropping them for a 3 yard loss, forcing another punt. From midfield, a Fuhrmann to Miller pass picked up 28 yards as action moved into the 2nd quarter. Swirczynski and Miller got the ball to the 7 yard line, but two flags and a loss of 4 yards ended the drive at the Petrolia 12 yard line. A quarterback rush by the Muenster defense assisted in Swirczynski picking off a Petrolia pass, which he returned for a Muenster touchdown. Chase Cain kicked the extra point for a 7-0 score with 7:36 remaining in the first half.

The Pirates took the kickoff ball to their 25 yard line. Their first play was fumbled and covered by Kirk Hartman on the 22 yard line. The Hornet offense again struggled, gaining only 2 yards and giving the ball up at the 20. The next play, Petrolia quarterback Zack Howell found Jake Bussey open on a bomb pass for an 80 yard touchdown play. The extra point tied the game 7-7 with 5:50 on the clock.

A run each by Swirczynski and Fuhrmann gained 15 yards, but two plays later Petrolia picked off a Hornet pass and got the ball on the Muenster 28 yard line. The next play Howell connected with Tye Barber for another Pirate score. The PAT put Petrolia in the lead 14-7 with 3:36 still remaining in the first half.

Two Fuhrmann to Justin Wolf passes made gains of 12 and 16 yards. But another fumbled ball was covered by Petrolia, this one ended on the Muenster 14 after a flag. Another flag took the ball back to the 34. The Pirates then scored on a busted play when the center snapped the ball and the offense just stood there. The Muenster defense, believing a whistle must have stopped the play, stood and waited.

No one moved except the Pirate receiver and Muenster pass defender who ran down field. The quarterback, having plenty of time, then threw a completed pass for another Petrolia touchdown. "It was an accident, not a trick play," the Petrolia coach told Coach Endres after the game. The PAT failed for a 20-7 score. Muenster's offense played out the remaining 1:10 till the halftime break.

The Hornets came out the second half, taking the kick on their 10 yard line. Mixing 17 runs and passes, Muenster moved to the Petrolia 16 yard line before running out of downs. The defense allowed only 2 yards and the Pirates booted the ball. Two penalties put the Hornets on their 36 yard line. Runs by Ferguson, Miller, and Swirczynski, and a pass to Wolf took the Hornets to the Petrolia 5 yard line as the 3rd quarter ended. Two plays later, the Hornets were back into the game with a 6 yard pass from Fuhrmann to Wolf. Cain kicked the extra point for a 20-14 score with 11:18 on the clock.

The Muenster defense again did not allow a first down. After the punt, the

their 40 yard line. Their first play was intercepted by Cameron Walterscheid and the Hornets took control on the Pirate 40. A run each by Miller, Swirczynski, and Ferguson got Muenster to the 29. A Fuhrmann to Fredrick pass got the ball to the one yard line. Swirczynski found the end zone and Muenster took the lead. Cain's PAT kick gave the Hornets a 27-20 lead with 1:11 still on the clock.

Petrolia tried their air attack, completing one for 9 yards. An incomplete pass was followed by a Jared Ledbetter sack on a reverse play for a 10 yard loss. A pass on 4th and 11 gained only a yard and Muenster controlled the ball the last seconds of the game.

"They can't question our challenge anymore, can they?" Coach Monte Endres told the Hornets after the game. "Thank the Lord. I can't think of a better way to win a ball game!"

M	0	7	0	20	27
P	0	20	0	0	20

Team Stats		P	
M	24	1st downs	3
	56/282	Rushes/yds	10/1
	151	Passing yds.	154
	10/18/2	Comp/att/int	6/15/2
	1/42	Punts/avg	4/37
	7/4	Fumbles/lost	3/2
	12/17	Penalties/yds	5/43



The Hornet offensive line opens a hole for Zach Swirczynski (45) to score a touchdown. Hornets pictured include Chase Cain (2), Sean Fuhrmann (25), and Clint Miller (5).
Janie Hartman photo

Hornets began their next drive on their 26 yard line. Runs by Fuhrmann and Miller got the ball to the 50. On 4th and 11, the Hornet offense kept the drive alive when Fuhrmann's pass to John Fredrick moved the Hornets to the 16 yard line. Two Miller runs took the ball to the 6. A flag gained 3 yards. Swirczynski picked up 1, then Miller a yard. On third and goal Miller found pay dirt to tie the game 20-20. Cain's PAT was no good with 3:23 remaining in the contest.

Petrolia took the kick to



Cameron Walterscheid (55) put a halt to any Petrolia threat last Friday, after picking off a Pirate pass late in the game.
Janie Hartman photo



A loose ball is covered by the Hornets, including Clint Miller (5) and Ryan Hennigan (65). Sean Fuhrmann (25) assists in the turnover.
Janie Hartman photo

Next Action

The Hornets continue their season this week, hosting the Collinsville Pirates for Parents Night at Hornet Stadium. "The District championship is on the line," said Coach Endres. "Collinsville is dangerous. We have to play better than last week to get a win." Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Hornet Stadium.



Kirk Hartman reaches out to grab a loose ball against Petrolia.
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Guest Speaker: Michael Thornton, Retired Navy Seal and Medal of Honor Recipient.

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Tigers remain undefeated, clinch district championship

Who wanted the District title more, the undefeated Sacred Heart Tigers or the undefeated Covenant Cougars? With the honor on the line Friday night, the two teams met at Tiger Field. What was expected to be a close, hard-fought game, was all Tigers, as Sacred Heart defeated the Colleyville team 30-0.

"A big win," said Tiger Coach Charles Boles. "Our offense really controlled the game from beginning on. They never slowed us down or stopped us." Boles noted that Covenant couldn't get on track. "We took them out of their game plan early because of our defense." Boles concluded that he was impressed on how focused the Tigers were all week and how it paid off Friday night.

The Tigers took the opening kick on their 17 yard line. A 65 yard run by Hoedebeck quickly took the Tigers to the Cougar 16 yard line. A run each by Andy Davis and Paul Bartush picked up 10. Hoedebeck then scored around the left side. Bartush added the extra kick and the Tigers led 7-0 with 9:17 on the clock.

Covenant returned the Tiger kick to midfield, but the Sacred Heart defense stopped the drive at the 28 when Davis picked off a pass. The Tigers took 13 plays to get one foot from the end zone, with runs by Hoedebeck, Aaron Krahl, and Bartush. The first play of the second quarter, Hoedebeck scored behind the blocking of Krahl. Bartush booted the extra point for a 14-0 score.

Covenant got to the Tiger 29 before running out of downs. A good run by Hoedebeck got Sacred Heart in good field position, but the Tiger drive ended at the 25 yard line. The next play, Adam Taylor covered a fumbled ball 18 yards from pay dirt. A run each by Bartush and Hoedebeck, and a Bartush to Hoedebeck pass put Sacred Heart on the 6 yard line. Krahl finished the drive past the goal line. Bartush again hit the extra kick for a 21-0 score with 5:53 remaining in the first half.

The teams exchanged possessions several times, with neither getting a first down as the 2nd quarter ended.

The Colleyville team took the 3rd quarter kick, but on their 3rd play, Wes Wimmer caused a fumble and Adam Taylor covered the ball on the Cougar 27. A holding flag backed the Tigers to the 37, but the next play a Bartush to Hoedebeck pass put 6 more points on the board for a 27-0 score.

The Cougars got in 19 plays and the Tigers nine in the remaining 10 minutes, with Sacred Heart carrying the ball into the final quarter. Nine runs by Krahl and one by Davis took the Tigers to the 6 yard line. A Bartush to Davis pass gained another 2 yards and on 4th and goal, Paul Bartush kicked an 18 yard field goal for a 30-0 score with 5:30 remaining in the game.

Covenant snapped five plays, punting to the Tiger 12. Theodore Otto picked up 9 yards in three runs and the Tigers punted. The two

last plays of the game were run by the Cougars.

SH	7	14	6	3	30
C	0	0	0	0	0

Team Stats			
SH	19	1st downs	6
47/309		Rushes/yds	20/36
74		Passing yds.	65
8/12/0		Comp/att/int	7/24/1
3/33		Punts/avg	3/37
0/0		Fumbles/lost	2/2
11/80		Penalties/yds	6/41

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Chris Hoedebeck, 14/146; Aaron Krahl, 21/97; Paul Bartush, 7/33. **TACKLERS:** Arlie Bayer 9, Andy Davis 9, Kevin Walterscheid 7, Wes Wimmer 5, Adam Krahl 5, Clayton Truebenbach 5. **FUMBLE RECOVERY:** Adam Taylor 2; **INTERCEPTION:** Andy Davis.

Next Action
 Sacred Heart continues District play this Friday in Denton, as they challenge the Calvary Crusaders. Last week, Calvary fell to Highlands in a close match to be placed last in the District standings.

"Calvary's got talent. They're just as good as the other teams in the District," Coach Boles commented. "I don't know what happened against Highlands. Calvary's had bad luck the last couple of weeks." Boles expects a tough game from the Denton team.

The flu bug may effect the Tigers this Friday. Also Wes Wimmer will be sidelined with an ankle injury.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Denton.



Chris Hoedebeck had little opposition on this early first quarter touchdown run since the Tiger blockers put most of the defense on the ground. Dave Fette photo



Andy Davis (20) runs for a first down while Kevin Walterscheid (40) occupies a would-be Cougar tackler. Dave Fette photo



Tiger coach Charles Boles gets the team's attention during a time-out huddle Friday night. Dave Fette photo



Kicker Paul Bartush is well protected by Sacred Heart linemen Arlie Bayer, Clayton Truebenbach, Adam Taylor, and Adam Krahl. The Cougars couldn't get through or jump high enough and the extra point was good. Dave Fette photo


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Tigerettes are Cross Country state champs

The girls and boys cross country squads traveled to Waco this past weekend to compete in the TAPPS State Cross Country Meet. The weather was warm and breezy. The Tigerettes came out with the TAPPS 2A State Championship, and placed all seven of their runners among the top thirteen runners. Sacred Heart finished over eight teams with 21 points. Dallas Cambridge School followed with 77, then Bulverde Bracken Christian at 89. Since 1992, the Tigerettes have won state every year except for the 1999 season when they lost by one point!

The team was lead at state, by freshman standout and state champion Paige White (1st 13:09). "Paige is a very competitive runner and does not like to be beat," noted coach John Bartush. "Without competition from her teammates all year, Paige wouldn't have been able to progress the way she did."

Throughout the whole race sophomore Whitney Wimmer (2nd 13:19) was on Paige's hip; both pushing each other to the finish. "Whitney has been a great asset to the team this year, last year she was injured almost all season, and was unable to run at state. I knew she had the talent to be good, and I can't wait to see what she does next year," said Bartush.

Senior Kate Sepanski (3rd 13:41) took the team out as she has in many of the races this year with a 6:08 first mile. She was leading the race at the mile mark, pulling her team along. "I am very proud of the way Kate lead the team this year. She not only was a

good leader on race day, but everyday in practice. With her being a senior this year, she will be missed."

Sophomore Brittany White (6th 13:54) had a good race at state. She improved her time from last year at state by sixteen seconds. Fifth on the team was Diana Knabe (9th 13:58), last year's state champion. Freshman Charlotte Bartush (10th 14:00) was followed by junior Rose Bartush (13th 14:24). Seniors Karen Gehrig and Amy Trevino and freshman Taylor Torcellini did not compete at the state meet. "These three runners were very important to the team this year with their contributions at the meets this season and in all the hard practices they participated. All three of them had good performances throughout the year," coach added.

On the boys side, sophomore Tim Otto lead the Tigers with an 11th (19:29) place finish in his first state cross country race. He almost made all state honors missing 10th place by just three seconds. Mitch Sellers place 40th with a time of 21:29. Travis Hess (44th) ran thirty-three seconds faster than last year's state meet with a time of 21:37, and Mark Gehrig ran forty-two seconds faster with time of 22:29 and a finish of 54th. Zach Barnhill also competed for the Tigers earning 58th place with a time of 22:58. The Tigers finished 9th as a team out of thirteen participating teams. "I'm very proud of these boys. They worked hard all year long, and they ran because they wanted to run," said Bartush.



Sacred Heart Tigerettes Cross County team - Back Coach John Bartush, middle - Whitney Wimmer, Diana Knabe, Rose Bartush, Kate Sepanski, Charlotte Bartush, front - Karen Gehrig, Brittany White, Paige White, Taylor Torcellini. Courtesy photo

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Sacred Heart	30	Covenant	0
Highlands	20	Calvary	14
Muenster	27	Petrolia	20
Collinsville	46	Era	25
Lindsay	36	Saint Jo	13
Windthorst	35	Albany	28
Hallettsville SH	21	Shiner St Paul	17
Tyler St	-	open	-

DISTRICT STANDINGS TAPPS I-AA

Season	W-L	District	W-L
Sacred Heart	8-0	3-0	
Covenant	5-1	1-1	
Tyler St	4-3	1-1	
Highlands	3-5	1-2	
Calvary	4-4	0-2	

RANKINGS UIL 1A

1	Shiner
4	Albany
6	Windthorst
10	Lindsay
17	Muenster
33	Petrolia
53	Saint Jo
76	Collinsville
115	Era

TAPPS 2A - 3A - SPC

1	FW SW Christian (3A)
2	Muenster, Sacred Heart
6	Hallettsville, Sacred Heart
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DISTRICT STANDINGS UIL - IIA

Season	W-L	District	W-L
Muenster	8-0	3-0	
Lindsay	7-1	2-1	
Petrolia	4-4	2-1	
Saint Jo	5-3	1-2	
Collinsville	3-5	1-2	
Era	2-6	0-3	

MHS Lady Hornet's win district Cross Country title

The Muenster Lady Hornets won their first District Cross Country Championship since 1991 and had five runners finish in the top nine individually. Muenster's 20 team points outdistanced Lindsay (58), Era (61), Petrolia (108), Saint Jo (145), and Windthorst (149) in the varsity girls division that included 40 total runners.

Kallie Gerstberger ran a 12:54 to finish second overall behind Archer City's Megan Moore. Jenna Felderhoff finished third (12:57) and Whitney Watson was fourth (13:04). Kristen Hess claimed seventh place (13:29) and Robyn Hermes finished ninth (13:39). Stevie Klement (13th, 13:58) and JoAnna Felderhoff (18th, 14:13) also competed for the Lady Hornets.

Chris Steelman qualified for the Regional Meet by taking ninth place (19:10) out of 36 total runners in the Varsity Boys division.

Muenster's JV girls also won the district team championship by defeating teams from Era and Lindsay. Jacé Koelzer claimed first place (14:05) and the individual district championship, followed in third place by Jessica Hartman (14:31). Melissa Cox finished fifth overall (14:59) and Megan Felderhoff was ninth (15:23). Jordan Ledbetter

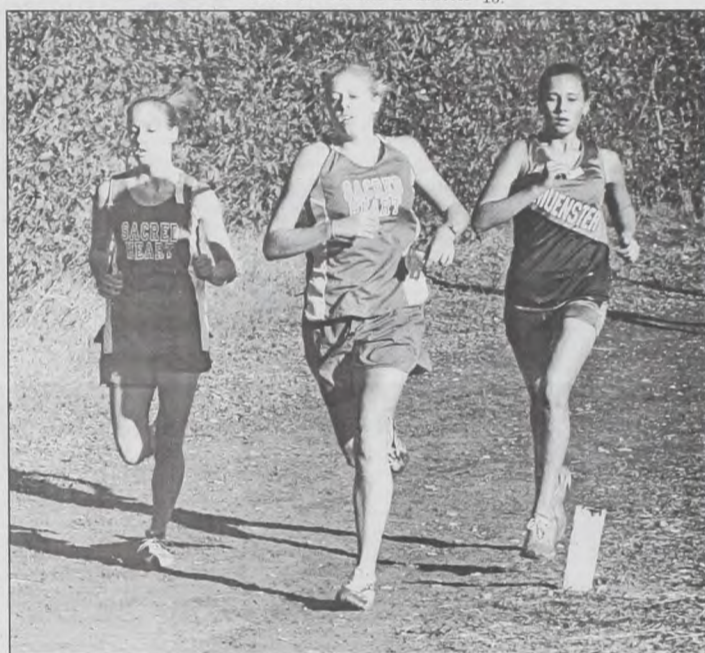
(14th, 15:39), Meredith Hennigan (15th, 16:04), Brooke Endres (17th, 16:16), Tara Swirczycki (18th, 16:22), and Alisha Walterscheid (21st, 16:49) all ran for the JV team champion Lady Hornets.

In the JV Boys division, Dustin Felderhoff (23:52) won first place individually and Josh McAden finished second with a 23:56.

Colton Steelman showed his Muenster pride with a second place finish (12:40) in the JH Boys division, as did Matthew McAden who finished in 16th place (14:43).

The JH girls finished in sixth place as a team and were led by Laura Heers, who claimed ninth place individually with a time of 14:37. Cassie Hale won a medal with her 14th place finish (15:15) and Alison Teafattler ran a 15:44 to take 17th place out of 52 total runners. Anne Walterscheid (29th, 16:44) and Jessica Fisher (45th, 18:02) also ran for Muenster.

The varsity girls and Chris Steelman will run at the Region II-A Cross Country Meet in Arlington at Vandergriff Park on Saturday, November 8 with the top ten individuals and top three teams earning berths to the State Meet in Round Rock on November 15.



Local cross country runners at the Era meet recently included, from left, Rose Bartush, Kate Sepanski and Whitney Watson. Janie Hartman photo

Texas riverbed vehicle prohibition starts in 2004

Beginning Jan. 1, motor vehicles may not be operated in most Texas riverbeds, according to a new state law. However, new guidelines are available to help local communities develop river access plans that could allow motor vehicles in some riverbed areas, as provided by the legislation.

The new law pertains to any "navigable river or stream" in Texas except for the Canadian River and the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in the Panhandle.

The law prohibits motor vehicles from operating in "that portion of the bed, bottom, or bank of any navigable river or stream that lies at or below the gradient boundary of the river or stream."

It defines navigable river or stream as "a river or stream that retains an average width of 30 or more feet from the mouth or confluence up."

A motor vehicle is defined as "any wheeled or tracked vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power and used to transport a person or thing."

The public continues to have the right to travel along navigable waterways as long as the restrictions

on motor vehicle use are observed. The law says "a person may not restrict, obstruct, interfere with, or limit public recreational use of a protected freshwater area." It also contains various exemptions for motor vehicle use in riverbeds by emergency and law enforcement personnel, utility workers, adjacent landowners and others.

Department game wardens, local sheriff's deputies and other peace officers will all enforce the law. This fall, game wardens will be notifying people they encounter on or near rivers that the new law is about to take effect. A first offense under the new law is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of as much as \$500. Repeat offenders could face higher fines and jail time.

The law provides that cities, counties or river authorities may create Local River Access Plans that allow motor vehicles in specified riverbed areas. These plans must be approved by TPWD. Local plan administrators may collect a fee for vehicle riverbed use. Local plans must protect public safety, provide adequate enforcement, coordinate with adjacent and overlapping jurisdictions, provide for and publicize

adequate public access and protect private property rights.

historically received few grant applications to meet this need. The department is now actively seeking appropriate sites and grant proposals that provide alternatives for off-road vehicles away from rivers and other sensitive areas.

SB155 did not clarify or change the legal definition of a navigable river or stream. This has long been a source of confusion and controversy in Texas, with river recreationists and private property owners sometimes clashing about whether a particular area on or near a river is considered "navigable" according to the law. A key issue is where the "gradient boundary" at a river's edge actually lies.

TPWD has created a new set of Web pages covering topics related to SB155 (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texaswater/rivers/mvindex/>). There are links here to the entire text of the law and to various committee and research reports that led to it.

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II-A
Muenster by 32 over Collinsville
Lindsay by 19 over Petrolia
Saint Jo by 29 over Era

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Leaders in the JV division, Era Cross Country meet were Jace Koelzer and Jessica Hartman. Janie Hartman photo

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Knight's keep playoff chance alive with win over Saint Jo

The Lindsay Knights traveled to Saint Jo Friday night, improving their season record to 7-1 with a 36-13 District victory over the Panthers. Saint Jo earned more first downs, with rushing yards between the teams close, but the Knights gained a little more from passing and took advantage of Panther turnovers.

"Saint Jo has a really good team. They are a younger team and should be a real force in the future," commented Coach John Erwin, who noted the Knights had different leaders on the field. "Each week someone else (football player) comes through for the team."

Saint Jo took the opening kick to their 23 yard line. The Panthers took six plays to the Knight 35, but three incomplete passes shut down the drive and the Knight offense took to the field. Lindsay lost yards and punted, putting the Panthers on their 25. Three plays later, Sam Hellinger intercepted the ball on the 30. A flag, and a 7 yard run by Alan Trammell got a first down at the 18. Keith Dieter gained 9 and Hellinger 1 for a first and goal at the 8. Two incomplete passes and a 2 yard Trammell run put the Knights on the 6 with a 4th and goal. Jonathan Rohmer kicked a 23 yard field goal to put 3 points on the board with 3:05 remaining in the first quarter.

The Panthers got in six runs, taking the ball into the second quarter. Four plays later Justin Sutton scored on a 6 yard run. Jeff Horner kicked the extra point for a 7-3 score with a minute off the clock.

The Knights bounced right back with a Hellinger to Bradley Anderle pass picking up a quick 52 yards to the 18 yard line. Runs by Trammell and Dieter got the Knights to the 6, where Hellinger scored with a keeper. The PAT run failed and Lindsay regained the lead 9-7 with nine minutes on the clock.

Lindsay's defense, led by B. Anderle, Cody Anderle, Malcom Martin, Adam Koelzer, and Blake Beadles, allowed the Panthers only 3 yards, forcing a punt. Dieter picked up a quick 42 yards to the 17 yard line. A run each by Trammell and Dieter moved the Knights to the 10. Lindsay then scored on a Hellinger to Clinton Kyle pass. Rohmer's kick added the extra point for a 16-7 score.

Saint Jo got in six plays. On fourth and 3, a tackle by Hellinger and C. Anderle allowed only 2 yards and the Knights took over at midfield. The next play, Dieter scored on a 48 yard run. With 1:32 on the clock, Rohmer's kick gave the Knights a 23-7 lead. The Panther offense played out the remaining time of the first half.

The Knights took seven plays, highlighted by a 40 yard Hellinger to Trinity Otto pass, to get their next touchdown. Dieter's 2 yard run with 8:08 on the clock put the Knights in a 29-7 lead. The Panthers got in 10 plays followed by three plays by the Knights. A punt return was fumbled by Saint Jo and Adam Kasperek recovered on the Panther 22. Hellinger picked up 15, then two Dieter runs later and a Rohmer PAT, the Knights took a 36-7 lead with 1:35

remaining in the 3rd quarter.

Saint Jo carried the ball into the final period, taking a dozen plays to find the end zone. Trev Shero scored on a 3 yard run. The extra pass failed for the 36-13 score with 6:58 remaining in the game. Lindsay ran eight plays before running out of downs. Saint Jo got in four, the last an interception by Otto with less than a minute on the clock. The Knight victory puts Lindsay and Petrolia tied for 2nd place in the District.

L	3	20	13	0	36
SJ	0	7	0	6	13
Team Stats					
L	SJ				
14	1st downs	17			
35/198	Rushes/yds	41/194			
137	Passing yds.	73			
5/10/0	Comp/at/Int	6/18/2			
2/48	Punts/avg.	1/40			
1/0	Fumbles/lost	1/1			
5/40	Penalties/yds.	9/48			

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: L - Keith Dieter, 15/133; Sam Hellinger, 9/42; Alan Trammell, 10/23. SJ - Justin Sutton, 15/79; Kyle Brewer, 12/76; Trev Shero, 7/29. **TACKLERS:** Sam Hellinger 11, Alan Trammell 9, Adam Kasperek 8, Cody Anderle 7, Ryan Dickerson 5, Matt Brennan 5. **TURNOVERS:** Fumble recovered, Adam Kasperek. **INTERCEPTIONS,** Sam Hellinger, Trinity Otto.

Next Action
 The Knights (2-1) travel to Petrolia (2-1) this Friday night in a battle for the District's second place and a playoff position. Both Lindsay and Petrolia fell to Muenster and the winner will take the passenger's seat toward the playoff.

"Petrolia's a scary team," said Coach Erwin. "They have that tradition and expect to be there (the playoffs). They have a lot of talent. We must make sure we don't give up any big plays."

Action begins at 7:30 p.m. at Petrolia.

Muenster among Texas' undefeated

As we enter week 9 of Class A high school football, only seven teams in the State of Texas remain undefeated. Five of those teams are in the top 10 rankings (Collier-Sharp). The teams and how they are ranked are: Shiner (1), Falls City (2), West Sabine (3), Anton (6), Thrall (9), Muenster (19), and Harper (43).

Number one Shiner plays number 2 Falls City this Friday, with Shiner picked to win by 4 points. The number of undefeated teams will decline going into the final week of regular season football.



Keith Dieter gets in another good run against Saint Jo. Dieter was the Knight's leading rusher in the game.

Anitra Anderle photo



The Lindsay offensive line blocks out the Panther defense as quarterback Sam Hellinger (12) looks for a runner to hand the ball to.

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Local meat processors to fight hunger

Hunting season is fast approaching, and it's time for hunters to decide what to do with their game meat. For over a decade, Texas hunters have used their skills to help combat hunger through the *Hunters for the Hungry* (HFTH) program. Fischer's Meat Market and Walterscheid Meat Company in Muenster were both involved with HFTH as participating meat processors last season. By donating their time and services, these processors have helped to provide local needy families with a high quality source of protein. Recipients of meat from HFTH can attest to the need for the program and the benefit it provides to their clients.

Last year, Texas hunters and meat processors partnered to donate a record breaking 119,000 pounds of meat, which was distributed to food banks and food pantries statewide. While efforts to promote and expand HFTH have led to a 30% increase in donations since the 2001-2002 hunting season, there is still an enormous need to supply meat to food assistance providers facing shortages. In Texas, nearly 15% of families don't know where their next meal will come from.

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Any volunteer organizations, processors, or hunters interested in donating or working with HFTH can contact Janet Leubner of TACAA at 800-992-9767, ext. 206.



Sam Hellinger (12) pulls down Panther Justin Sutton (33). Also pictured are Vern Hoover (73) and Knights Cody Anderle (81), Trinity Otto (44) and matt Brennan (53).

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creative tradition of Halloween, writers in grades 7 through 12 from North Texas and Southern Oklahoma were invited to join in a regional writing competition to draft the story of the origin of Dr. Haunt.

The essay winners are as follows:
* 1st Place - 7th grade - Adam Fullerton - Downing Middle School - Flower Mound;
* 2nd Place - 7th grade - Bailey Pembroke - Downing Middle School - Flower Mound;
* 3rd Place - 7th grade - Steve Johnson - Downing Middle School - Flower Mound;
* 1st Place - 8th grade - Jordan Carmona - Clark Middle School - Princeton;
* 2nd Place - 8th grade - Jessica Salas - Clark Middle School - Princeton;
* 3rd Place - 8th grade - Tiffany Edwards & Ashley Wilkerson - Healdton Middle School - Healdton, OK
* 1st Place - 10th grade - Melissa Vineyard - McLish School - Fittstown, OK
* 1st Place - 11th grade - Umamah Sharwani - Creekview High School - Carrollton;
* 1st Place - 12th grade - Tara Pandit and Sayeeda Jamilah - Creekview High School - Carrollton;
* 2nd Place - 12th grade - Rini Mathew - Creekview High School - Carrollton.

The Grand Prize winner was Jordan Carmona of Clark Middle School in Princeton. Jordan's essay can be read on the website for the Chamber of Fear at www.drhauntshouse.com. Dr. Haunt himself notified some of the winners in person on Friday, Oct. 24.

One Grand Prize winner was chosen from the 1st Place winners and received a Stereo/CD Player. Winners were chosen from each grade, 7th through 12th, and received free tickets to Dr. Haunt's Chamber of Fear, an invitation to read their

essay live on KGAF-AM, 1580, and earned the right to work in the haunted house next Wednesday night, Oct. 29.

Each Participant received two, \$2 off coupons for Dr. Haunt's Chamber of Fear. Also, Tom Carson mentioned all participating schools on the radio station KGAF.

The essays were judged by an advisory panel, which included Andy Hogue of the *Gainesville Daily Register*, Dave Fette of the *Muenster Enterprise*, and Lisa Erlanson of North Central Texas College. To ensure fairness, names and schools of participants were omitted from contest entries in advance of their review.

Cornyn applauds veterans decision

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called the tentative agreement this week to provide veterans with expanded concurrent receipt an "important step" in ensuring that our veterans receive the benefits they deserve. The proposed Senate-House legislation would expand immediate eligibility for concurrent receipt to thousands of veterans who currently do not have it.

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In addition, local business owners who have escaped taxation on all or part of those tangible assets will face penalties, interest and back assessments for the past two years if they do not submit proper values before Dec. 1, 2003.

Business owners can face penalties in three areas:

1. Beginning in April, businesses that fail to file an annual rendition are assessed a 10-percent penalty of the total tax.
2. Businesses that file false or misleading renditions will pay a 50-percent penalty of the total tax.
3. Renditions filed in 2004 can be used to assess back taxes, penalties and interest for up to two years.

However, the law provides amnesty for business owners who have previously omitted property if they correct the assessments within the next few months. Those who file corrected renditions **before December 1, 2003** will be exempt from back taxes, penalties and interest.

With the passing of Senate Bill 340, business personal property values will be more accurate. Without renditions, appraisers have had to discover, locate and determine situs of property. For more information on Senate Bill 340, visit the Comptrollers website:
<http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/busren03/index.html>

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Farm & Ranch

The real story: Why Texas farmers should worry about global warming

Rather than worry about its effect on weather, farmers should worry about new laws passed in the name of preventing global warming.

Mainstream thought dictates that the worst thing about "global warming" for farmers is the effect it will have on their crops. After all, environmental advocacy groups constantly predict floods, droughts, blistering hot summers, more violent weather, and other kinds of mayhem.

But concerns over weather are greatly overblown. For starters, scientists are still in debate about what causes global climate change and they say whatever warming takes place (if any at all) will be exceedingly small, occurring at night, during the winter, and in higher latitudes (i.e., Canada and Siberia).

What's more, global warming would probably be accompanied by more precipitation and higher levels of carbon dioxide in the air, both contributing to higher yields. So actually, farmers (and their customers) in Texas would benefit if we enter a cycle of global warming. After all, during the Medieval Warming Period (AD 1100-1300), Greenland was green, and there were vineyards in England. What scientists do agree on is that the earth's climate has changed over hundreds of years - always either warming or cooling - and nobody is certain what causes this.

Rather than worry about its effect on weather, farmers should worry about new laws passed in the name of preventing global warming. For example, state legislatures all over America are considering legislation that would limit emissions from power plants and automobiles in order to combat global warming. Specifically, Texas already has renewable energy portfolio mandates in place. Furthermore, Congress is set to debate legislation proposed by senators John McCain and Joe Lieberman that would impose mandatory emission reductions and require utilities to use more renewable fuels.

New laws affect motor fuel taxes

The 2003 Texas Legislature recently passed new laws that affect motor fuel taxes. Effective Jan. 1, 2004, Agricultural User Exemption Number can no longer be used to purchase undyed (clear) diesel fuel tax-free. A signed statement, used in conjunction with an exemption number, can be used to purchase only dyed diesel fuel.

Agricultural User Exemption Numbers used in conjunction with a signed statement are limited to single delivery purchases of up to 7,400 gallons and no more than 25,000 gallons of dyed diesel in a calendar month. A Dyed Diesel Fuel Bonded User License will be required if the above limitations are exceeded.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2004, all purchases of undyed (clear) diesel fuel must include payment of the state motor fuel tax. Refund claims for tax paid on undyed (clear) diesel fuel used in off-highway equipment, stationary engines and for other non-highway purposes from Jan. 1, 2004 through Dec. 31, 2004, must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2004. The law prohibits the Comptroller from approving refunds postmarked after Dec. 31, 2004.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2005, there will be no refunds of taxes paid on undyed diesel fuel.

For additional information, call toll free 1-800-252-1383.

So while these emission reduction programs inspire to curb global warming (which may or may not occur), they, in reality, are very expensive and slow economic growth. Best available research suggests reducing emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2010 would reduce gross domestic product (GDP) by \$300 billion to \$400 billion a year and destroy 2.4 million jobs. Average annual household income would fall approximately \$3,300 (in 2001 dollars) below baseline levels. What's more, energy prices would rise 55 percent to 85 percent.

And it's farmers that would bear the brunt of higher energy prices. Raising energy prices equivalent to a tax on gasoline of approximately 50 cents per gallon (the amount estimated to be necessary to cause emissions to fall) would cause net profits for farmers to fall by between 15 and 44 percent, depending on the crop. Total annual U.S. farm production expenses would rise more than \$23 billion, causing net national farm income to fall by 51 percent.

Proposals to control greenhouse gas emissions, in short, pose a very serious threat to agriculture in the U.S. Even proposals to pay farmers and ranchers to sequester carbon in their

soil are superficially more appealing, but they are likely to lead to higher energy costs, new regulatory burdens and emission permit costs that exceed whatever revenues might be earned. Farmers and their allies should forcefully oppose greenhouse gas control programs at both the national and state level.

Submitted by Joseph L. Bast
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Historic farm and ranch applications due Nov. 15

Applications for the 2003 Family Land Heritage Program are due Nov. 15. The Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, TDA has recognized 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 Texas counties.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in March in Austin. Each family's agricultural history also will be chronicled in a registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Applications are available through county judges, TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or by contacting Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

U.S. - Russia agree on meat trade

A groundbreaking agreement on meat trade has been reached between the United States and Russia. The new agreement preserves or expands U.S. market shares for poultry, pork and beef exports based on historical levels and provides for growth in all of these markets. Russia is the largest export market for U.S. poultry and the fifth and seventh largest markets for U.S. pork and beef, respectively. Russia imported approximately \$50 million in beef and variety meats from the United States in 2002.

"One of the fastest growing markets in the world is the Russian market for beef variety meats," said J. Patrick Boyle president of the American Meat Institute. Ambassador Allen Johnson, chief U.S. agriculture negotiator, said the agreement is "important for U.S. agriculture, because by solving problems related to beef, pork and poultry, you also help farmers who produce feed grains and soybeans."



Muenster Volunteer Fire Department (above) responded to a grass fire on CR 415 Wednesday around noon. Myra VFD (below) were first on the scene. Very high winds are believed to have rekindled the flames from a clean-up fire believed to be extinguished Sunday. Six fire trucks contained the fire damage to just several acres. Janie Hartman photo

County Agent's Report

Texas TB Status
Texas cattle tuberculosis (TB) status was downgraded from TB accredited-free to modified accredited advanced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2002, after TB infection was detected in 2001 in two of the state's 153,000 cattle herds. The infected herds were depopulated.

In August 2003, a third infected herd was detected and depopulated in Zavala County. Texas cattle producers who export cattle out of state are penalized by the state's downgraded status. (All states except Texas, California, New Mexico and Michigan have accredited TB-free status in the national TB eradication program.)

Under current USDA regulations, Texas breeding cattle not originating from a TB-accredited free herd may not be moved out of state until they've tested negative for cattle TB. Additionally, some states require additional testing or identification procedures for dairy calves or feeder cattle moving from Texas. TB tests or tagging requirements can be costly for Texas producers, who, each year, export more than 150,000 breeding cattle and more than a million head of feeder cattle.

In 2002, an industry and TAHC task force developed a cattle TB plan for Texas, a components of which included disease surveillance testing of at-risk herds, at no cost to the herd owner. This TB testing program begins November 2003.

Also during this time, TAHC staff are informing dairy groups and purebred cattle associations about the need to test the state's nearly 850 dairies and about 2,000 to 2,500 purebred cattle herds.

The dairy operator or beef seedstock producer will need to bear the cost of gathering the herd, presenting the animals for testing and holding the cattle in a pen or pasture during the 72-hour testing period.

Livestock Entry Night
NEW THIS YEAR. We will have a one-night event to take all livestock entries for the Cooke County Youth Fair, 4-H Livestock Show and all major livestock shows. The event will be held Monday, November 10 at the First Christian Church in Gainesville from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please plan on having your entries in to the Extension office on or before this event.

Dates to Remember:
Monday, November 10 - 4-H Livestock Entry Night - for ALL show livestock for the year.
Tuesday November 18 - CEU Update, 6:00 p.m., Cooke County Fairgrounds, 1 CEU in "Laws and Regs", 1 in "General", and 1 "IPM".
Wednesday, November 19th, CEU Update, 6:00 p.m., Cooke County Fairgrounds "Beef Cattle Night", to take the place of CCBIA monthly meeting, CEU's offered.

Nov 25 - Marketing Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Farm Bureau Building

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CATTLE AUCTION MEDIA REPORT
Sale Date: October 23, 2003
Steers: 300-400 lb. \$120 to \$140
400-500 lb. \$100 to \$110
500-600 lb. \$95 to \$105
600-700 lb. \$90 to \$98.50
700-800 lb. \$85 to \$88.50
Heifers: 300-400 lb. \$100 to \$110
400-500 lb. \$95 to \$100
500-600 lb. \$85 to \$90
600-700 lb. \$82 to \$88.50
700-800 lb. \$78 to \$82.50
Bulls: \$50 to \$56.50
Packer Cows: Utility Boning, \$44 to \$46.50
Canner/Cutter, \$38 to \$42.50
Bred Cows: Choice, \$750 to \$850
Med.-Good, \$600 to \$650
Med.-Poor, \$475 to \$550
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week were 424 Goats, 146 Sheep, and 240 Hogs respectively. Results of both sales follow:
Feeder Steers (per lb.) Stocker Cows (per head) Ewes (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1 Pregnancy-Tested, 3 to 30. Fat, 55-75
1.20-1.30, Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.20, 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 5700-5935, Medium Frame \$450-\$700
1.15-1.32, Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.15, 400-500 lbs. No. 1, Cow, Calif/Pans/walves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame, \$850-\$1000
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14 Head, 7 to 8 mos. Bred. Noble line composite heifers (Gelbvieh, Red Brangus, Angus) bred to Angus bulls. Several pair by sale time. Lots of eye appeal.
20 Head, 6 to 8 mos. Angus heifers bred to Angus bulls. Nice.
22 Head, 6 to 8 mos. Brangus heifers bred to Angus bulls weighing 1000 lbs.
Selling 12 noon in conjunction with our regular sale, Friday, October 31, 2003.

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