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Muenster Lake nearing completion



Dam construction at the Muenster Lake project is complete except for a little fill-in and vegetation, according to Raymond Lee, NRCS inspector, who also noted that the spillway is still under construction, but functional. Over 1,350,000 yards of dirt was used to build the dam. Pictured above, work continues on the gate valves that will draw water for the City at three different levels, as the last of the 19,000 tons of rock-rip-rap gets laid to protect the front sloop. In the background is the 308 acres that will one day be under water. This multi-purpose lake is financed in part by the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Muenster Water Board as a watershed, flood control project. Janie Hartman photo

Dr. Allan Rosenbaum opens new chiropractic practice in Muenster

By Janet Felderhoff

Drawn by a previous positive experience with small towns, Dr. Allan J. Rosenbaum made the decision to open an office for his chiropractic practice in Muenster. He opened Muenster Natural Wellness at 208 N. Walnut on Oct. 17. His patient roster has grown quickly since then.

Dr. Rosenbaum practiced in Lubbock for 10 years before a back injury in 1998 caused him to have to take time to rehabilitate. In 2001 he resumed practice on a part-time basis in Arlington. "I like the small towns," he noted. "I really enjoyed Lubbock. Lubbock was a big town, but it had a small town appeal to it."

For people who are curious about what a chiropractor does or might offer in the way of care for them, Dr. Rosenbaum has an open door policy. He encourages people to stop by and visit, ask questions, and get information on a complimentary basis.

Dr. Rosenbaum notes, "A lot of people misunderstand chiropractic. They hear it is scary or dangerous or not safe or quackery. I just encourage people to come in and have a consultation if they are curious or interested. People don't necessarily know a lot about it. They may have heard something by rumor and they want to dispel that myth before they do something." He said that evidence of the safety of chiropractic care is the malpractice insurance, which costs less than \$1,000 a year.

"Chiropractic works real well for college age or even younger athletes and also

children with ear infections and upper respiratory tract infections, those type things," Dr. Rosenbaum stated. "Neck adjustments help the ear to drain."

Texas Woman's University is where Allan Rosenbaum majored in Physical Therapy. He then attended Texas Chiropractic College for four years. He has since done

become a chiropractor. "I also wanted to diagnose and treat a broader range of conditions and treat nutritionally and kind of treat holistically."

Dr. Rosenbaum believes that medical care is best for emergency type care, but more chronic conditions are lifestyle oriented. "Diabetes heart disease, cancer - all those are lifestyle diseases -

gans, colon, and all that," he said. "I use some saunas or far infrared saunas that you sit in for 30 minutes at a time. They don't get really, really hot. It basically heats your tissues and you sweat out a lot of these toxins. So they combine that with the nutritional stuff that they take." "You Are So Full Of It" is the name of the soon to be released book penned by Dr. Rosenbaum.

Toxin Busters is the name of the detox program. There will be a website. "Once they secure the products through the detox, they'll have access to that and they can walk them through it on line."

Starting in January, Dr. Rosenbaum plans to offer seminars about detoxification in the Muenster, Gainesville, and Denton area and then around the Metroplex. "I've done something like this before and it really works well," commented Dr. Rosenbaum. "Most people have never heard of it. It's not like you are in the bathroom all day. It's eating a lot better and you take some supplements and you detoxify. You can't eat trash and still detoxify."

There are several natural products available at Dr. Rosenbaum's office. "Most of the stuff we handle is called physician only supplements. That means only professional licensed physicians can buy because of the higher quality," explained Dr. Rosenbaum. "They do an assay, which is very expensive to do, but it ensures the quality and that what's on the label is actually in the vitamin." Many over-the-counter vitamins are synthetic and it's questionable as to what and how much is in them, he indicated. Some of these nutraceuticals include colloidal silver for ear infections and upper respiratory infections, oregano, an extract of oregano, as a natural antibiotic for upper respira-

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Joey Block benefit set for Saturday

The Lindsay Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a benefit for Joey Block on Saturday, Dec. 10. A "Chili Supper and Fixin's" will be served from 6-9 p.m. in the Centennial Hall. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

There will be live entertainment throughout the evening, with a silent auction. For donations call Jim Otto 736-8372, Pat Bezner 736-8682, Steven Zwiggig 612-6962, or Chris Craigie 736-5482.

Joey is the son of Glenn and Sonya Eberhart Block and a sophomore at Lindsay High School. All proceeds will be to benefit the family for extensive surgery and rehab expenses towards recovery from a car accident.



Dr. Rosenbaum performs an adjustment on the Enterprise's Gary Droll. Janet Felderhoff photo

some postgraduate training in active release technique, which is a soft tissue technique. "It was done a lot with athletes initially, but now they use it in a real broad application," Dr. Rosenbaum explained. "In that technique, there are about 500 protocols that we use throughout the whole body, so it is pretty effective for almost any area."

Allan was in physical therapy when his brother became a chiropractor. "I wanted to have the autonomy, to have patients come directly to me, not have to come by referral," said Dr. Rosenbaum of his decision to

stress related diseases," he remarked. "They are not handled well medically. There's not a lot of progress on those top three killers. That's not a cut on them. Surgeries, emergency stuff, critical care, infantile, neonatal type things, pediatric, orthopedic things - they are just magicians. I think it is just amazing."

Authoring a book on detoxification is Dr. Rosenbaum's most recent project. "I've written a book on nutritional detoxification to help people detoxify, lose weight, and just get healthier through cleansing the liver and other or-

Muenster Park facelift proposed



Pictured above is a computer rendering of a fence project under development by Keep Muenster Beautiful. KMB has proposed using a \$65,000 Governor's Award to fund the project. KMB wants to replace the existing chain link fence across the north end of the park with a more aesthetically pleasing structure.

City Council pulls ETJ into ordinance compliance

By Janet Felderhoff

According to Texas Local Government Code, a city has the authority to require areas falling within its extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) to comply with its subdivision ordinances. Muenster's ETJ is half-mile around the City limits. At the regular meeting held Monday, Dec. 5, members of the Muenster City Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance #285 amending the City Subdivision Ordinance.

Mayor Henry Weinzapfel noted, "This means we would be able to issue permits and inspections on property that is being built in our ETJ to be sure that things are being built according to our code. We can't have a zoning ordinance in that area, but whatever they are going to build, we can supervise that."

City Manager Stan Endres said that the City could have been controlling what was being done in the ETJ since 1980. "When they put in the Cler addition, the City Council would have wanted to at that time, they could have required that they pave the streets and curb it. The City had the power to enforce those rules way back then. It's just something that no Council ever did."

The ordinance requires that buildings within the ETJ comply with any building permits, fees, and states that the City may enforce construction related ordinances. This Ordinance will become effective and in full force after it is published in the newspaper.

At the November meeting, the Council heard a proposal from Bureau Veritas to perform building inspections. This was again addressed by

the City Council. Jewel Otto noted that some people had told her they were against enforcing building inspections. Mayor Weinzapfel suggested holding a hearing 30 minutes prior to the January meeting. "Any of the contractors or builders who want to come and put their ideas, questions, criticisms on the table, that would be the time to do it," he said.

Alderman Gary Fisher agreed that a hearing was needed. He added, "There is no common sense reason why we wouldn't adopt a permitting process because we can't handle it ourselves and we've got to do it."

So much training is required to be an inspector that it wouldn't be practical to train someone such as the city manager.

When the building inspection begins, all professionals, such as plumbers and electricians, doing work on buildings in the city limits will be required to have a license from the State. This is actually already required by the State, but not checked on and enforced within the City. "People who are not licensed right now need to find somebody they can team up with and get their apprenticeship and get their license," Fisher said.

Endres offered to send letters to those people he knew who worked in the City informing them about the hearing. It will also be published in the newspaper.

Alderman John Pagel noted that he liked Bureau Veritas because they were so organized, but he felt the fee schedule was high. Endres was asked to check on other possibilities.

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Welcome Home



Hugs and tears awaited Leaha Smith on Friday. She was welcomed home with Muenster ISD students and staff lining the streets holding handmade cards and banners. Leaha was injured in a rodeo accident several weeks ago and was released from the hospital Friday. Pictured above is Leaha being greeted by a host of townfolk in front of the Junior High School. Deborah Wood photo

Muenster celebrates Museum Week

By Janet Felderhoff

Dec. 4-11 has been set aside by the Muenster Historical Commission to recognize the Muenster Museum and the preservation of the community's history. The Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum officially opened its doors on Dec. 8, which is also the date of the first Mass held in Muenster.

There will be an Open House hosted by the Historical Commission on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1-5 p.m. at the Muenster Museum. Everyone is encouraged to come and take a tour of the facility, visit with Historical Commission members, and enjoy refresh-

ments. The annual Creche display has more than 50 nativity sets. They will be on display through Christmas. There are many varieties from several countries including Germany, Mexico, Italy, and even an unusual Native American set. Some are old, some new, some are family treasures, some are wood, one is of chalk.

On Saturday, the Historical Commission is having its annual Bake Sale. It is well-received each year. Baked items will be available at Fischer's Market from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Grand Opening scheduled for new Lindsay ISD gym

Grand Opening for the new Lindsay ISD gym will be Dec. 16. There will be a reception for all former players, coaches, and administration, as well as all current and

former Board members from 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school commons area.

Interested parties call Larry Smith at 668-6874, ext. 104.

DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO Dec. 6, 1940

Local purse for Red Cross totals \$138. This doubles quota and exceeds previous records in Red Cross Drive. Late turkey season opens; FMA expects to dress more birds than in Thanksgiving program. Obituary: John Sieger, 84. Ben Hellman observes 70th birthday. New Arrivals: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harbison; Melvin to Richard and Clara Wilde.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 9, 1955

Muenster donates ton of clothing and bedding for world's needy in 7th annual Thanksgiving clothing drive. Hollywood lends a hand in Sacred Heart's Yule Operetta "A Christmas Carol"; Sister Roberta receives three calls from professionals offering help. Sister Roberta answered "Tell me how to make artificial snow." "We'll think of something" was the answer!! Men In Service: Pvt. Pat Stelzer in Hawaii has

been advanced to corporal; Gilbert Bindel has been advanced to Specialist third class (corporal) in Germany; John Fuhrbach is in San Diego after duty in Japan. Muenster City employees were the honor guests at a dinner party in the Blue Room of the Main Cafe; a miniature nativity scene centered the main table. Richard and Florence Grewing and Ray and Pearl Evans go on 10 day vacation in Florida. J.W. and Clyde Fisher are in Austin for a Knights of Columbus initiation. Jimmy Fisher was a candidate.

25 YEARS AGO Dec. 5, 1980

Joe Hoenic and Wayne Klement are chairmen of the Knights of Columbus Christmas residential decorating program. Obituary: Leonard Endres, 67. Wedding: Julia Bayer and Dickie Rogers. New Arrivals: Deann to Ross and Janet Felderhoff; Robert to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Caplinger.

"Grinches" Are Stealing Christmas

By Gina Parker

From candy canes and Christmas cards, to "Holiday Trees" and the famous Salvation Army bell ringers, it's beginning not to look a lot like Christmas.

Retailers across the country have crossed the politically correct line by removing symbols of the Christian celebration this Christmas season, and school districts are following their lead. One of America's largest home improvement companies, Lowe's has decided to call Christmas trees "Holiday Trees" in an effort not to offend its clientele, but it has, Christians. Then there are school districts throughout the nation that have banned children from giving candy canes to their fellow students, as that too might be offensive. And there is Target, which has not only directed that its stores, ads, and employees become "Christmas free," but prohibited the Salvation Army from soliciting Christmas funds on the premises.

The Supreme Court has ruled that students can study about Christmas and read from the Bible when doing so because it is not an establishment of religion, it is simply teaching about our history and culture. Harlan McCracken in "Teaching the Public Schools about Christmas" notes that school districts need to educate their faculty on children's rights. McCracken states that children can sing Christmas car-

ols, pass out Christmas cards, display nativity scenes, and say "Merry Christmas" as long as other secular symbols like Santa Claus and Christmas trees are included.

Parents, teachers, and school administrators should stop appeasing those hostile to religion who demand removal of God, Christmas, and any religious practices from schools. They must recognize the courts set legal standards allowing children to learn about and celebrate Christian heritage and traditions.

According to Fox News and Bill O'Reilly, nearly 85% of Americans call themselves Christian, but "anti-religious zealots" have succeeded in attempting to banish the mention of the Christmas holiday. Retailers and other "anti-religious zealots" are infringing upon the rights of Christians by censoring their beliefs and customs. It is time for Christians to stand up and register their protest and stop this "unholy war" by boycotting these retailers. Let's stop the Grinches from stealing Christmas!

Let us celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with an old-fashioned Christmas season of families and friends getting together, worshipping, and caroling as our ancestors once did in our Republic when we were free from religious bigotry and bias.

Merry Christmas!
Gina Parker is the CEO of Dental Creations, a dental manufacturing company, and is also a successful attorney. Miss Parker serves as a Bush and Perry appointee to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. She serves on the American Family Radio Advisory Board, and she was both the former Republican Party of Texas Treasurer and Associate General Counsel.

Brother Michael Fuhrmann, OSB

1920 - 2005

The exemplary life of Brother Michael Fuhrmann OSB spanned 85 years, beginning with his birth in Centralia, Oklahoma on March 26, 1920 to Joseph and Mary Orth Fuhrmann. He was named Paul at birth and was the third oldest in a family of eight children. He was of preschool age when his family returned to north Texas, settling on a farm northwest of Lindsay. He graduated in 1937 in Lindsay. Because of his unselfishness and unassuming good nature, he was always elected as an officer in parish organizations to which he belonged.

By the age of 15, Paul was putting in a full day's work driving a tractor on the family farm. During his high school years he also hauled approximately 15 children to school from north Lindsay in his father's Model T truck, a distance of three to five miles for the students.

After graduation, Paul continued his work on the farm until Oct. 22, 1942, when he was drafted into the United States war effort. He rose to the rank of sergeant in the 394th Bombardment Squadron of the Army Air Force stationed in the Pacific.

As an airplane mechanic, he followed right behind the island-hopping troops helping to build airfields in the enemy-infested jungles from New Caledonia to Guadalcanal to the Dutch East Indies, and then to the Philippine Islands. He was honorably discharged from the Army on Oct. 31, 1945. Typical of his dedication to "get the job done well", he never asked for or received a furlough during these three years of service for his country.

For his participation in World War II, Sgt. Paul Fuhrmann earned one Service Stripe, four Overseas Service Bars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal with eight Bronze Stars, Philippine Liberation Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and one Oak Leaf Cluster with Distinguished Unit Badge.

As a civilian he returned to his work on the family farm in Lindsay, where he knew he would have time to discern his future. Trusting in God's faithfulness, Paul went to Subiaco in 1948 as a candidate for the monastic life where his talents in farming and mechanics were put to good use. He professed his monastic vows on March 19, 1950, receiving the religious name of Michael.

He worked as an assistant mechanic with the electrical and heating systems of the Abbey and in 1956 he was also assigned to the farm and dairy. He helped build the stock pond southeast of the Abbey that bears his name "Michael's Pond". In the early 1960s he was appointed Abbey forester and sawmill operator.

A wise and careful forester, Brother Michael had a great respect for God's natural resources, practicing discreet forest maintenance as he took

timber from the Abbey's land on the ridges, converting it into lumber for the manifold uses of the carpenter shop, major construction, and for sale to the public. His craftsmanship is still admired in the wooden beams that grace the foyer of the Performing Arts Center.

In September 1971, Brother Michael was assigned to be one of the three founding monks of Santa Familia Monastery in Belize, Central America. He spent much time clearing the area of bush and brush. He was always willing to help any of the monastery's neighbors with their work as well.

The day before he was to return to Subiaco in 1973, he had a tractor accident in which he badly injured his stomach and pancreas. After his recovery, Brother Michael was once again forester and sawmill operator at Subiaco. In 1973 he was also assigned as manager of the laundry and as swineherd. He was also vintner for a time.

Brother Michael was admitted to the Abbey Health Center in 2002, but he continued to work at the Abbey sawmill with the help of his sibling Father Bruno Fuhrmann. In these later years of his life, Brother Michael experienced the aches and pains of aging, but he never allowed this to interfere with his strong Benedictine belief in prayer and work. It was not until the final weeks of his life, when cancer was ebbing away his strength, when Brother Michael was no longer able to follow the Benedictine schedule that he had so faithfully carried out as a monk of Subiaco Abbey since the late 1940s.

He is survived by one brother Father Bruno Fuhrmann OSB of Subiaco Abbey; and four sisters Anastasia Klein of Topeka, Kansas, Juliana Grewing of Muenster, Mary Stoffels of Gainesville, and Agnes Gully of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A Christian Wake service was held on Sunday, Dec. 4, and included Remarks of Remembrance by Father Nicholas Fuhrmann OSB.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Dec. 5 in St. Benedict Church at Subiaco. Participating in the Mass celebrated by Abbot Jerome Kodell, were Father Bruno Fuhrmann OSB, assisted by Benedictine priests.

Juliana Grewing and Marla Fette presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar. Eucharistic ministers were Abbot Kodell OSB, Father Bruno, Father Timothy Donnelly OSB, Father Mark Stengel OSB, and Father Peter Sharum OSB.

Music ministers were students who sang "Ultima in Christ Mortis" in Latin, English, and German. Translation is "At The Hour of Death". Brother Jude Schmitt OSB was the cantor for the funeral Mass.

Burial in the Abbey Cemetery was directed by Roller Funeral Home of Paris, Arkansas.

Karen Sicking Wiggins

1952-2005



Karen Wiggins

Karen Ann Wiggins of Richardson died on Nov. 28, 2005 at Richardson Memorial Hospital in Richardson. Karen was born in Muenster on Feb. 1, 1952 to Martha and Leo Sicking. She grew up on a small farm two miles north of Muenster with her four brothers and three sisters. While attending Muenster High School, Karen learned to sew, cook, keep house, and helped with the family garden.

Karen graduated from Muenster High School in 1970 and attended North Texas State University in Denton for two years before transferring to Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy from the School of Allied Health Sciences at Southwestern Medical School in May of 1975. Karen later received a Masters Degree in Education from Texas

Woman's University. Karen married Bret Stuart Wiggins in 1975 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. She had two sons, Mathew Adam Wiggins born on July 23, 1982 and Ryan Paul Wiggins born on March 16, 1984. Mathew and Ryan are currently attending Texas A&M University in College Station.

In May of 1975, Karen took a position as a staff physical therapist at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, where she worked for five years. In 1980, she accepted the position of Director of Physical Therapy, and later her position expanded to Director of Rehabilitation Services at Medical City Dallas Hospital. She held this position until she left due to health considerations.

Her parents Martha and Leo Sicking and her sister Carol Fights preceded Karen in death. She is survived by her loving husband and long term care giver Bret Wiggins, her sons Mathew and Ryan Wiggins all of Richardson; two sisters Sharlene Depold of Lake George, New York and Annette Anderson of Dallas; four brothers Charles Sicking of Plano, Kevin Sicking of League City, Dan Sicking of Bay City, and Dean Sicking of Houston; seven nieces and six nephews.

Many of her long term friends, family, and co-workers participated in the celebration of her life at the funeral Mass and services held at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Richardson on Saturday, Dec. 3. Graveside services were conducted at Restland Cemetery in Dallas.

Jerome Dieter

1930 - 2005

Jerome Dieter of Gainesville passed away at the age of 75 on Nov. 29, 2005 at the Renaissance Care Center. Services were held Dec. 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial in St. Peter's Cemetery in Lindsay.

Dieter was born July 13, 1930 in Lindsay, a son to Valentine and Clara Wiese-Dieter. On June 25, 1953 he married Juanita Neu. A graduate of Lindsay Schools, he served in the Seebees during the Korean War and was a retired machinist from Armo Steel. He enjoyed traveling, gardening, hunting, and story-telling.

Dieter is survived by

daughters and sons-in-law Marilyn Mason of North Richland Hills, Lisa and David Shockley of Roysie City, and Angela and Duane Schroeder of Fort Worth; three grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law Rudy and Annabelle Dieter of Lindsay, Francis and Clara Dieter of Dallas, and Val and Helen Dieter of Pasadena; and sister and brother-in-law Anna Mae and Sonny Block of Lindsay.

Preceding him in death were his wife, a daughter Christine Dieter, a son-in-law Jesse Mason, Jr., and a sister Dorothy Bierschen.

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Sunday, December 11, 2005	Monday, December 12, 2005	Tuesday, December 13, 2005	Wednesday, December 14, 2005	Thursday, December 15, 2005	Friday, December 16, 2005	Saturday, December 17, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM MHS/JH Band Concert, 3PM, Sacred Heart Church	VFW & Ladies Aux. mtg. & Christmas party, 7:30PM Marketing Club mtg., 7PM, Gainesville Farm Bureau Bldg. Muenster ISD Elem. Christmas pgm., 2PM, Auditorium	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	No Relig. Ed Class MISD Board mtg, 7:30PM SH Alumni & Friends mtg., 7:30PM, Community Ctr.	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Lindsay ISD gym Grand Opening, 5-6:30PM	
Sunday, December 18, 2005	Monday, December 19, 2005	Tuesday, December 20, 2005	Wednesday, December 21, 2005	Thursday, December 22, 2005	Friday, December 23, 2005	Saturday, December 24, 2005
Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM	In Lieu of Christmas Cards deadline	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board mtg., 7PM SHS Christmas Program Cooke Co. Seniors Christmas Sing-a-long, 1-2PM, Pecan Creek Village, Gainesville	No Relig. Ed Class SHS early Dismissal	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		Christmas Eve

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The public hearing was set for 7 p.m. prior to the Jan. 9 City Council meeting.

A backflow prevention policy ordinance was considered. "It is to protect your drinking water and make sure that it is always safe," Endres said. "Back flow prevention is added to the plumbing in a business that has the potential of having a back flow problem that could infiltrate your water system and cause drinking water problems."

If such an ordinance is approved, it would be the responsibility of businesses indicated by the State to have the back flow system installed and to have it inspected yearly.

Some businesses that would be required to have the system are the hospital, doctor and dentist offices, restaurants, car washes, etc. Chris Yosten explained, "It is a check valve to keep the water that is in the building from going back into the water mains. There is too much potential there. If a water main breaks out in the street and it is a big enough break, it is going to suck water back from houses or anything. You can contaminate your whole system with anything that they have." Endres said even the dishwasher with chemicals from a restaurant would be sucked back into the water supply.

Endres studied a similar ordinance recently adopted by the City of Gainesville. He felt he could prepare one that would be appropriate for Muenster. He suggested that if it were approved next month, then the next step would be to notify through the newspaper and with letters, those who would be impacted.

Ordinance #286 dealing with the protection of the public drinking water supply received Council approval. Only Well #7 has easement of

all property owners. "Every well there is one landowner or something that didn't want to give us an easement," explained Endres. "Since we don't have that easement, for the last five or however many years, we've had to take samples out of those wells every month and have them monitored to show that we aren't getting any kind of contamination." It would end the monthly chore of collecting and sending the water sample and save around a \$1,000 a year. Endres said that there is probably nothing being done around the wells that shouldn't be, but this would protect against it ever happening.

To get the easements, the City would have to take the landowners to Court. This ordinance will take the place of an easement.

Restrictions in Ordinance #286 include the construction and operation of underground petroleum and chemical storage tanks and liquid transmission pipelines, stock pens, feedlots, dumpgrounds, privies, cesspools, septic tank, or water treatment drain fields, improperly constructed water wells of any depth, and all other construction of operation that could create an unsanitary condition within, upon, or across all of an area within a 150-foot radius of each City water well.

Construction of tile or concrete sanitary sewers, septic tanks, and cemeteries is not allowed within a 50-foot radius. Home construction is allowed as long as none of the restrictions are abused. Farm and ranch operation is allowed, but livestock must be kept from coming within 50 feet of the City water well.

This ordinance will become effective after its publication in the local paper.

During the City Manager's Report, Endres noted that the City shed is progressing well

and should be finished soon. All City Councilmen are required to have at least an hour's training on open meeting laws before the end of this year. That opportunity will be arranged. City employees have made preparations. Six trees are on hand and ready to plant at the City library. Stick Lamar paid half the cost and the City the other half.

Jewel Otto showed a computer-generated version of what the Texas Highway Department proposed doing with Keep Muenster Beautiful award funds. On the north side of the City Park, they will erect a fence of metal between stone pillars.

In other business, the City Council:

- Changed January's meeting date from Monday, Jan. 2 to Monday, Jan. 9.

- Approved purchase of Muenster Marks for each employee as a holiday bonus. Each is to receive \$30 in Marks.

- Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$78,473.35.

- Agreed to put CCAD budget excess funds toward purchase of pictometry equipment.

- Reviewed budget summary report.

Rosenbaum.....from Pg. 1

tory infections, etc. These are nutritional forms of a condition treating type substance.

"People in more rural communities seem to be more naturally minded. They tend to be more open to something like that," said Dr. Rosenbaum.

Currently Dr. Rosenbaum is doing some training in acupuncture. It is a method of pain relief for those who have pain that is difficult to clear up.

Hobbies enjoyed by Dr. Rosenbaum include fishing

and doing things with his kids. "My wife likes to quilt and I will occasionally go to some of those conventions and help her out," he admitted.

Dr. Rosenbaum's wife Holly is a graduate of Gainesville High School. She is a floral designer. Quilting is an activity that she enjoys.

There are five children. The oldest daughter Melamie is 23 and married to a medical student. Nicole, 20, attends Tarrant County College in Arlington. Twin sons David

and John are 16, and Andrew, the youngest, is 12. The family has recently moved from Arlington to Denton.

Office hours at Muenster Natural Wellness are from 8 a.m. to noon and 2-6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Soon they will open half days on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the increase in patients.

Pam Hendricks assists in the office. She answers the phone, schedules appointments, and helps with patients.

Six area women attend Texas Republican Women's Convention

The Cooke County Republican Women elected six delegates to represent the group at the 25th Biennial Convention of the Texas Federation of Republican Women in Corpus Christi, Nov. 11-13.

Attending were Glenda Vowell, Phyllis Pitts, Pat Peale, LaVerna Nasche, Sharon McCormack, and Dorothy Hesse. Guests attending were Angelo Nasche, Nels Thomsen, and Mundy Peale.

The theme of the Convention was "Texas Federation of Republican Women Making Waves For 50 Years", as the Federation celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1955.

Over 1,000 members from across the state gathered at the Corpus Christi Convention Center to hear inspiring speakers, elect new officers, revise the Bylaws, mingle with elected officials and candidates, and enjoy just being a part of the festivities.

To open the proceedings, a special celebration of Veteran's Day was held on board the USS Lexington, anchored in Corpus Christi Bay.

All statewide Republican office holders, including U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, Governor Rick Perry, and Lieutenant-Governor David Dewhurst, were invited to address the convention.

Morris announces he will seek reelection

County Court at Law Judge John H. Morris has announced that he will be a candidate for a second term. In 2003 Morris, a Republican, became the first elected judge of the court which was created by the state legislature in 2001. He is currently in the third year of a four year term. Filing for election begins on Dec. 3, 2005 and continues

through Jan. 2, 2006. Primary elections are in March 2006, with the general election coming in November 2006.

The County Court at Law replaced the constitutional county court which had existed since Cooke County's inception. The Court has jurisdiction over criminal misdemeanors, juvenile cases, probate and mental cases, and civil cases with an amount in controversy of \$100,000.00 or less. The new court requires a full time judge without a private law practice. The judge must have been licensed to practice law in the State of Texas for four years prior to seeking

election and have been a resident of the county in which he seeks election for two years prior to the election.

"I hear several hundred cases a year," Morris said. "There are both jury and non-jury cases and we call two jury dockets each month."

"My work on the bench has been the most satisfying of my 33 year legal career. I have a capable staff working with me that has allowed the court to run efficiently. The lawyers realize that their clients can get a fair and prompt hearing in my court. It is an honor to serve the citizens of Cooke County and I look forward to continuing that service."

Police Report

Nov. 16 - 30, 2005
Calls for service 16
Citations issued 2
Accidents 1

On Nov. 18 at 1:45 p.m. a minor accident was reported on the 100 block of East Second Street. A 1993 black Chevrolet Geo was attempting to leave the parking area of Fischer's Meat Market and Grocery. A 2000 blue Chevrolet Tracker was backing from a parked position and struck the Chevrolet Geo on the right passenger door, with no injuries reported.

Thanksgiving was very quiet with no offenses reported.

On Nov. 21, Rumber Materials reported a trailer stolen from their business located at 621 West Division. It is described as a Titan 16' flat bed double axle trailer with bumper hitch. Color is black and has two 6' loading ramps. Any information, call the Muenster Police Department.

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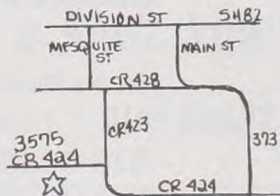
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LIFESTYLE

Bengfort and Castañeda exchange marriage vows in Lindsay

By Elfreda Fette
Jennifer Elizabeth Bengfort of Gainesville and Fernando Castañeda of Grapevine were married in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay on Oct. 22, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. in a traditional Catholic Nuptial Mass, incorporating some Mexican traditions, in a double ring ceremony. Celebrant was Father Ronald Scheible OSA.

The bride is the daughter of Michael J. and Joyce Bengfort of Gainesville. Her grandparents are Charles and Mary Neu and Leonard and Ann Bengfort, all of Gainesville. She attended Lindsay ISD graduating in 2001, NCTC, and Midwestern State University graduating in August 2005. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice.

The groom is the son of the late Rodrigo Castañeda Medrano and the late Carolina Garcia de Castañeda. He attended school in Torreon, Mexico and graduated in 2000 at ITESM Campus Laguna and in 2005 at Midwestern State University. He is employed by Hensley Industries Inc. in Dallas.

Before the ceremony a memory candle was lit by Fernando in honor and in memory of his late parents and his sister.

Symbolizing the sacramental union of the couple, a double looped rosary was placed over the shoulders of the couple, a special ceremony of Hispanic tradition.

Readers and lectors were Hugo Erazo, Cassandra Hoffman, and Danielle Gines, all friends of the couple.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing an elegant white gown with layered Chantilly lace overlay, with pearls, seed beads, bugle beads, and sequins, with cathedral length train. A fingertip veil of illusion added elegance, with crystal beads, and a silver rhinestone tiara.

She carried a bridal bouquet made from the original carried at the wedding of the groom's late mother. It used fall colors with roses, alstromeria, and other fall flowers. For "something borrowed" she carried a rosary carried by the bride's mother at her wedding.

ATTENDANTS

Angela Flanagan of Gainesville, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Ashlie Privett of Arlington, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Adrienne Sparkman of Gainesville, bride's cousin, Renee Sandmann of Gainesville, bride's cousin, Lisa Vu of Fort Worth, future sister-in-law of the bride, Danette Ramackers of Nazareth, Texas, and Juliann Gregory of Wichita Falls, friends of the couple.

The matron of honor wore a floor-length, empire waist, chiffon gown with beaded waist trim and spaghetti straps in wine. Other attendants wore matching Bari Jay gowns, two piece, floor length, ball over orange

souffle chiffon with beaded embroidered organza trim on bodice. The A-line skirt had side and back gored panels. All carried Leonides roses and alstromeria and other fall flowers.

The ring bearer was Jack Aaron Flanagan, nephew of the bride.

Rodrigo Castañeda, groom's brother of Torreon, was best man. Groomsman were Jonathan Bengfort of Fort Worth, bride's brother, Eduardo Del Valle, Mariano Barragan, and David Delgado, all of Torreon and friends of the groom, and Scott Flanagan of Gainesville, brother-in-law of the bride.

Ushers were Brian Neu and Mark Neu of Lindsay, and Jordan Sparkman of Gainesville, all cousins of the bride.

Altar servers were Brienne Sandmann and Cammi Neu, cousins of the bride, and John Block, friend of the family, all of Lindsay.

Offertory gifts were presented by the bride's Godparents Tom and Michelle Neu. Eucharistic ministers were Ronnie Hoffart, Katia Zamorano, and Lori Kasperek, all friends, Debra Neu and Marilyn Sandmann, both bride's aunts, and Rachel Neu, bride's cousin.

Wedding music was presented by organist Debbie Neely and flutist Mariah Hoffman, vocalists Kathy Hoffman and Cassandra Hoffman, all friends of the couple. Music included "Lord, You Have Come", "On Eagle's Wings", "One Bread, One Body", "Ave Maria", "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", "Canon in D", and "Valentine".

A decoration of pumpkins, cornucopias, and fall flowers was on the altar.

RECEPTION

A reception for about 225 guests, hosted by the bride's parents, followed in Lindsay at Centennial Hall. Dinner was catered by Rohmer's Restaurant. Dance music was provided by C.D. Stampede with DJ Bill Allen. As a surprise to the bride by the groom, a Mariachi Band from Dallas played later in the evening.

Brandy Cravens and Stephanie Neu, cousins of the bride, presided at the guest book. Betty Rose Walterscheid made the four-tiered white wedding cake adorned with copper icing embellishments and fall flowers. The groom's cake was cheesecake, decorated with chocolate leaves and roses.

Betty Rose Walterscheid and Diana Cravens, aunt of the bride, cut the cakes, which were served by Brienne Sandmann, Courtney Neu, and Cammi Neu, cousins of the bride.

Decorations in the reception area included fall flowers, leaves, and candles, all in fall colors, with lighted columns.

The rehearsal dinner on Friday, Oct. 21 was at the home of the bride's parents. Guests included the wedding party and Fernando's friends and family from Mexico, and Jennifer's grandparents and Godparents.

Special guests at the wedding included the groom's uncle and aunt Juan Jose Garcia, Rosa Marie de Garcia, and cousins Gerardo Daniel Garcia and Lionel Rodriguez. Also guests from Ecuador, Honduras, Columbia, Chile, Panama, Mexico, Peru, Grenada, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Spain, Russia, Ukraine, and Georgia.

After a wedding trip to the Oregon Coast, the couple is residing in Grapevine.



Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Castañeda ...nee Jennifer Bengfort ...



Malony Gieb and John D. Bartush of Muenster plan to wed in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006 at 2 p.m. The engagement and approaching marriage of the couple is announced by the bride-elect's parents Gary Gieb and Donna Gieb. Parents of the future-groom are John S. and Alane Bartush. Father Paul Coury, C.S.S.R., a relative of the future-groom, will perform the ceremony. He also married John's parents, Malony is a 2001 graduate of Muenster High School. She is employed at Cooke County Electric Co-op and The Center Restaurant. The future-groom is a 1997 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. He graduated from Marquette University with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. He serves as assistant vice-president/loan officer at Muenster State Bank. Attendants for the couple will be Misty Gieb, Stephanie Schilling, Trish Endres, Mendy Gieb, Valerie Bartush, Kacie Garcia, Paul Swirczynski, William Bartush, Rick Del Olmo, Thomas Ulrich, Matthew Dunlavy, and Jody Felderhoff. The couple plans to reside in Muenster after their wedding.

Tickets available to Republican gala

The Cooke County Republicans, co-hosted by The Republican Women, will hold their annual holiday party entitled "Holiday Boots and Belles Wine and Cheese Gala". It will be held at Lake Kiowa Lodge Ballroom, Friday, Dec. 9, 6 to 9 p.m. There will be food, special guests, and music for dancing.

Tickets are \$50 per person and all holiday spirit funds will benefit Republican Headquarters.

Underwriter recognitions will be Red Bell \$150, Silver Bell \$250, Gold Bell \$500. For tickets or underwriting, contact Anita Morris 665-6386, or Republican Headquarters 665-1076.

Era plans festivities

On Friday, Dec. 9, the Era Community will "light" their tree at 8 p.m. Hay rides will tour the town to view decorated homes, and the Victorian Carolers will add to the holiday spirit. Admission for wagon rides is a can of food. Rides board at the Church of Christ.

Trade will begin at 4 p.m. on FM 922, followed by a chili and soup meal sponsored by the Era FFA in the lunch room. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids ages six-10, and under six is free.

At 6:30 the Era ISD Christmas program will be held in the new gym.

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Amanda Felderhoff honored by Texas Tech Who's Who

Amanda Rae Felderhoff, daughter of Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff, was recently among 89 Texas Tech students selected to the 2005 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Amanda received her award at a special recognition ceremony at the Escondido Theatre in the Student Union at Texas Tech on Sunday, Nov. 6. Her parents were present for the award and reception.

Selection to Who's Who at Texas Tech University is a one-time honor awarded annually and honoring students who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, academic achievement, campus leadership, and community service. The Who's Who selection committee consists of representatives from each academic college and previous Who's Who recipients.

Amanda is a junior Civil Engineering major at Texas Tech with a GPA of 3.33.

Amanda is currently serving as the president of the Tech Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Treasurer of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. She has participated in Steel Bridge and Concrete Canoe competitions the last two years in those organizations.

She is a member of the Society of Women Engineers

and Chi Epsilon, honor society for Civil Engineers. She is also a member of Tau Beta Pi, an honor society for engineering students who are in the top eighth of their class as a junior or in the top fifth of their class as a senior. Amanda is also a member of the Catholic Student Association and has staffed Raider Awakening, a religious retreat, for several years.

Amanda has received the Phonathon Scholarship the last two years. She has been nominated to attend the Workshop for Student Chapter Leaders at Texas Tech and was recently nominated for the ABET accreditation review of the College of Engineering.

Amanda has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, the Haven Animal Shelter, Reese Air Force Base shelter for hurricane Katrina victims, the local Soup Kitchen, and the "Take a Kid to the Game Day" program. She also worked to build a playground for handicapped children and planted trees at an Arbor Day event at Texas Tech University. She has worked at the University grading UIL competition papers for various high school competitions.

All Who's Who honorees are now eligible for one of three H. Pettus Randall Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000.

NTMC to host blood drive

During the hectic rush of the holidays, the last thing most people want to do is add another "chore" to their "To Do" lists. However, there is

one very important task that can be accomplished in less than 30 minutes that could mean the difference between life and death to another human being.

Blood donation is a gift that can give that will cost you nothing but time, but can mean everything to someone in need.

"The need for blood is not put on hold for the holidays," said Dee Dee Morehead, director of donor resources for the Texoma Regional Blood Center. "As a matter of fact, the need for blood at area hospitals traditionally increases during this time of year."

Healthy Cooke County residents can do their part by participating in a holiday blood drive planned for Friday, Dec. 16, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at North Texas Medical Center, 1900 Hospital Boulevard in Gainesville.

The drive is sponsored by NTMC and the Gainesville Kiwanis Club.

The Texoma Regional Blood Center mobile unit team will be set up for blood donations in the classrooms at NTMC. The public is invited to participate. All donors will receive a special holiday t-shirt.



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St. Mary's Parish publishes 125th Anniversary History Book

St. Mary's history book is now complete and will arrive in Gainesville on Dec. 17, just in time for Christmas!

The book is approximately 470 pages, hard bound, and in COLOR! It will be a treasure for families for many years to come!

The first written publication of St. Mary's Parish, the book also contains personal family stories of past and present parishioners, plus other parish topics of interest. Many shared their photos and stories to help recapture the past 125 years of St. Mary's people and events. Gainesville Printing was retained to perform layout de-

sign and printing of the book.

The history book will be available for purchase beginning Saturday, Dec. 17. It will be sold at a price of \$95 for books prepaid by Dec. 17. Requests received by mail should be postmarked by Dec. 17. Requests after this date will be \$110 per book.

The book may be picked up at the St. Mary's Pastoral Center located at 825 North Weaver St. in Gainesville on the following dates:

- Dec. 17 (Saturday) from 4-5:30 p.m.;
- Dec. 18 (Sunday) from 9:30 to 10:30 and noon to 1 p.m. (after the Sunday Masses);
- Monday (Dec. 19) through Wednesday (Dec. 21) from 9 am to 4 p.m.;
- Thursday (Dec. 22) from 9 a.m. until noon.

All requests to have the book shipped will be filled on Dec. 17 so that the book will be received in time for Christmas. Requests after this date will be filled and mailed the same day it is received. The book will be sent first class through the United States Postal system.

If you have any questions or requests, please call the Pastoral Center and ask to speak to Sherri Haverkamp at 940-665-5395 Ext. 100.

Seth celebrates 2nd birthday with Mickey

Seth Thomas Swirczynski celebrated his second birthday on Friday, Nov. 25 at the home of his grandparents Sylvan and Theresa Mae Walterscheid. Seth's actual birthday is Nov. 24. He is the son of Glen and Amy Swirczynski and the grandson of Paulette Swirczynski and the late Tom Swirczynski. The party included a barbecue lunch, with a Mickey Mouse theme birthday cake made by his mother.

heid; and cousins Eric, Alex, and Hilary Walterscheid, and Isaac Walterscheid.



Seth Swirczynski

Attending the party along with his parents and grandparents were his great-grandmother Clara Endres; aunts and uncles Laurie Walterscheid, Paul Swirczynski, Greg and Julie Walterscheid, and Dan and Nannette Walters-

Freeman sails on cargo container

Jacob Freeman has begun his sea tour for the Merchant Marine Academy. He is assigned to the cargo container ship Maunawili Hawaii. It moves goods from Long Beach, California to Honolulu, Hawaii, loads and returns imports stateside.

returns to King's Point for the March classes.

Jacob is an engineering major cadet. He was elected vice-president of the 2nd Class Midshipmen Council. He finished a trimester Oct. 24 with near all As, although he said the bout with Thermo Dynamics brought his grade point down to 3.2! His sea tour began Nov. 8.

Each day he says he works hard in the engine room, but was allowed one day off to go to the beach in Hawaii. This is Jacob's second year at the USMMA academy, anticipating his graduation in 2008.

He is the son of Jamaï Freeman and the late Ken Freeman, and grandson of proud grandparents J. E. and Barbara Pybas of Sivells Bend.

He missed Thanksgiving with his family and this will be his first Christmas away. The three month tour may be extended to Hong Kong, Guam, and Taiwan before he

Jacob can receive email from friends, but no pictures. Maunawili Engine Cadet 1 <ec1@wdb7104.rydex.com>

S H Music Dept. to present concert

The Music Department at Sacred Heart School proudly announces the presentation of the Junior High and High School Choirs in a joyful celebration of Christmas. The concert will be held Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 6:15 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster.

Hear What I Hear? The audience will join both choirs in singing several familiar Christmas carols.

The program is under the direction of Fran Schully. The public is cordially invited to attend and bring friends. Admission is free. The program will last approximately 35-40 minutes.

Both choirs have been rehearsing the music since mid-October, and are enthusiastic about the upcoming event. The Junior High Choir will perform "Alleluia, Christ is Born", which is a two-part piece with a descant. The High School Choir will present "Lullaby, Noel", which is a lovely arrangement of "The First Noel" and a counter-melody. The High School will also sing several other special carols and medleys of carols.

The High School Choir will sing at Muenster Memorial Hospital during the week of Dec. 12-16. They will also sing for the Christmas party at River Valley Rehabilitation Center in Gainesville on Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

Both the High School and Junior High Choirs consist of remarkably talented, dedicated young people. Please offer them encouragement and support by coming to hear them as they glorify the birth of Christ through music.

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BAPTISM

Spaeth
Matthew Ryan Spaeth, son of George and Bernice Spaeth of Gainesville, was baptized on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005 by Father Jim Sheridan OSA in Saint Mary's Catholic Church following the 4 p.m. Mass. Godparents are Uncle Terry Bartel and family friend, Prudy Bayer.

Matthew wore traditional baptismal attire that was handmade by his maternal grandmother Celine Bartel.

Following the ceremony, family and friends gathered at Matthew's home in his honor for a barbecue dinner with all the trimmings made by his father. A beautiful cross baptismal cake adorned with white lace icing and roses was made by his paternal grandmother, LouAnn Spaeth. Pictures were taken and gifts opened.

Attending the celebration were his parents; big sister Geordan; grandparents Walter and Celine Bartel, David and LouAnn Spaeth; great-grandmother Marie "Mickey" Spaeth. Also uncles, aunts, and cousins: Jeff and Lorene Dudley and Blair, Malyn, and Tate; Tim and Staci Bartel; Terry Bartel and Dalton; Jason and Juline Brogdon and Emily and Eve; Adrienne Bartel and Jessica Bartel; John and Michelle Spaeth and Clayton; and great-aunt Patsy Henry. Also attending were friends, Father Jim Sheridan, Cheryl Eddowes and Brittney and Amanda and Kara Wilson and Landree.

Unable to attend the reception dinner were Uncle Jason and Aunt Brenda Clark



St. Mary's Parish in Gainesville has just completed printing a 125th Anniversary Edition History Book. St. Mary's Church is pictured above and at left is the Medallion of the Virgin Mary that was used by the Parish during its 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Courtesy photos



Saint Jo Opry sets Christmas Show

The Saint Jo Opry will hold their Christmas Show on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium in Saint Jo. There will be Christmas music as well as Country classic songs.

Guests include Jerry Reynolds of Forestburg, Michelle Fenoglio of Nocona, Bertha Jones of Nocona and her father Loyd Morris, and newcomer for the Saint Jo Opry Kasia Jackson of Nocona.

Admission is \$2 for adults, with children 12 and under free. For more information contact David or Brenda at 940-995-2178.



Dr. Richard Jolly with daughter Veronica, wife Christy and daughter Teresa, and daughter Ariel.

NTMC Photo

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and screenings are all within Dr. Jolly's range of services. He can do procedures in the office or at the hospital, dependent on the needs of the patient.

Richard Jolly began his higher education in 1993-94 as a freshman at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater before transferring to Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where he obtained his undergraduate degree.

He earned his medical degree at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Oklahoma City and then it was across the Red River to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to perform his internship and residency.

Dr. Jolly served as Chief Resident in the Department of Ophthalmology at UT-

Galveston during his final year of residency. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, the Catholic Medical Association, and the Southern Medical Association.

Dr. Jolly opened his practice—North Texas Vision Center—in July following months of preparation. As he was finishing his residency at UT-Galveston, he was researching sites where he could base his home and his practice.

"I looked at several areas and Gainesville kept coming out on top," Jolly stated. "It seemed like a good place to raise a family; I liked the rural setting, and there was a need for my specialty."

Ophthalmology was not Jolly's first choice when it came to the medical arts. He first thought he would be a family practice physician.

But during his training, exposure to the specialty opened his eyes, so to speak, to the possibilities.

Jolly said he finds the microsurgical techniques

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SCHOOL

VFW "Patriots Pen" winners announced

Ian Barnhill and Isaac Davis, both Sacred Heart 8th grade students, were named 1st place winners of the "Patriots Pen" youth essay contest which is sponsored on a local level by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #6205. The theme of the essay was "Who Are Today's Patriots?"

Both 1st place essay winners have advanced to District I competition. There the essays will compete against all other 1st place winners of the 20 VFW Post entries of District I that includes schools from the areas of Lake Texoma, Denison, Sherman, Bonham, Plano, Lewisville, Greenville, Roanoke, Denton, Gainesville, and Muenster. The 1st place in District I receives a savings bond of \$200 and advances to State competition where the essay will compete against other district winners of the 25 VFW districts in the State of Texas.

The State essay winners will advance to National, where they will compete against all the State winners for the National grand prize savings bond of \$10,000 and a trip to Washington D.C.

Ian Barnhill is the son of Monte and Janet Barnhill, and Isaac Davis is the son of Kelly and Karen Davis.

Local runner-up winner was Kristin LeBrasseur, Sacred Heart 8th grade student and daughter of Jon and Monica LeBrasseur.

Other local Sacred Heart students in the semi-final judging were 8th grade students Katy F. Satree (honorable mention), Janet Strother, Jake Bayer, and Gene Yosten, Jr., and 7th grade students Jessica Krahl, Ryan Felderhoff, and Matt Hesse.

The teacher instructing and encouraging the students to participate in the essay contest was Glenda Mitchell. All 7th and 8th grade students participated. Frances Bayer, president of the VFW #6205 Auxiliary was the local chairperson.



Ian Barnhill and Isaac Davis

Letters to Santa will be picked up at both schools on Tuesday, Dec. 13 after 3 p.m., or you may bring them to the Muenster Enterprise no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13

LUNCH MENUS

WEEK OF DEC. 12 - 16

MUENSTER ISD
Mon. - Beef tacos w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, beans, macaroni and cheese, cake, peaches.

Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Wed. - Chicken patty sandwich, oven baked French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, bananas, cookies.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, mixed fruit, hot rolls.

Fri. - Ham and cheese sandwich, chips and salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, carrot sticks, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART
Mon. - Pizza, carrot sticks, pineapple chunks.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, strawberries/bananas, garlic bread.

Wed. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, corn, apricot cobbler, bread.

Thurs. - Chicken crispos, rice, beans, iced graham crackers, bread.

Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, French fries, pudding

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Corn dog, baked beans, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, banana pudding.

Tues. - Beef stew, pickle wedges, peaches, batterbread.

Wed. - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Chicken marinara with spaghetti, green beans, pineapple, garlic bread.

Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

ERA ISD
Mon. - Chicken spaghetti or mini corn dogs, green beans, sliced peaches, tossed salad, breadstick.

Tues. - Crispy tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, chocolate pudding.

Wed. - Frito chili pie, shredded cheese, corn, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, chocolate chip cookie.

Thurs. - Turkey, dressing, green beans, gravy, strawberry delight, hot roll.

Fri. - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, potato chips, fresh apple, pickle spears, ice cream.

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Chad Bayer's Ima Show Off wins 2005 Hat Halter Challenge

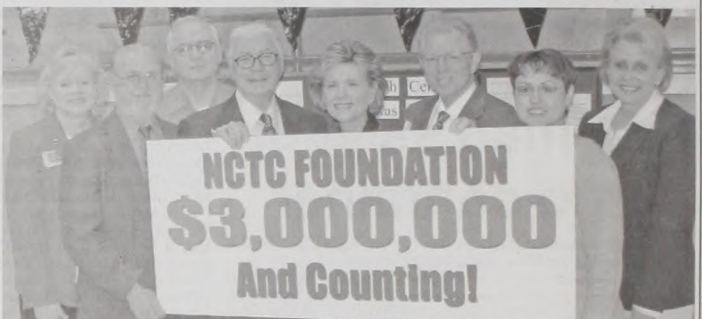
The Horseman's Association of Texoma (HAT) held its annual Halter Challenge and Open Show on Nov. 6 at Loy Lake Arena in Denison. The Halter Challenge is a futurity event for weanling and yearling horses, with trophies, ribbons, jackpot and added money to be won. This year's Grand Champion of the Challenge was Ima Show Off, a yearling colt owned and exhibited by Chad Bayer of Muenster. The Reserve Champion of the Challenge was Designed Invitation, a weanling gelding owned by Robin Chouteau and exhibited by

Acacia Chouteau, both of Denison.

In the Open Show, where participants competed for ribbons and High Point honors, the 17 & Under High Point award went to Charlotte Barrier of Denison, and the 18 & Over High Point award went to Tammy White of Gainesville.

Horseman's Association of Texoma is a not-for-profit, all-breed group of horse enthusiasts in the Lake Texoma area of north Texas and southern Oklahoma. Visit their website at www.hat-texoma.org to learn more about the organization.

NCTC Foundation assets on the grow



Due to more than \$337,000 in gifts and another \$212,000 from fund-raising and interest proceeds in 2005, total assets of the NCTC Foundation have now surpassed the \$3 million mark, it was announced at the Foundation's recent annual Donor-Scholar Breakfast. Of that amount, \$2.4 million supports 81 fully endowed scholarship funds. Since 1986, the NCTC Foundation has awarded 3,439 scholarships worth more than \$1 million. Shown here celebrating the \$3 million milestone are, left to right, Debbie Sharp, vice president of advancement; Bob Anderson and Joe Tepera, Foundation board members; Ed Wright, Foundation president; Karon Sullivant, Foundation board member; Dr. Eddie Hadlock, NCTC president; Dr.

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JOLLY.....

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used in ophthalmic surgery very challenging and that for him ophthalmology is particularly rewarding because of the dramatic change treatment can bring to a person's life.

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Richard and his wife Christy have three young daughters: Ariel, four; Veronica, three; and Teresa, one. The Jollys are expecting their fourth child in February.

The Jolly family makes their home in Lindsay. Dr. Jolly and Christy say they were drawn to Lindsay because of the excellent school system and the strong sense of community there.

The Jollys are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church, where he teaches religious education and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

At Dr. Jolly's office you are greeted with a smile by receptionist Misty Wolfe and office manager Kelly Grewing. Cathy Marshall is Dr. Jolly's ophthalmic technician.

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2005 ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TAPPS DIVISION IV DISTRICT I OFFENSE MVP
Aaron Krahl, RB, SH Defensive MVP
 Trent Langford, LB, LC
OFFENSE
Quarterback - 1st Team
 Patrick Winn, So., FWC
Running Backs - 1st Team
Aaron Krahl, Sr., SH
 Andy White, Sr., FWC
 Harrison Hanvey, Sr., WFND
 Brad McCurry, Jr., HC
Receivers - 1st Team
 Hunter Smith, Sr., WFND
Theo Otto, Jr., SH
Tight End - 1st Team
 Trent Langford, Jr., LC
Linemen - 1st Team
Arlie Bayer, Sr., SH
 Jacob Rangel, Sr., LC
 Michael Deshefy, Sr., FWC
 Zach Barber, Jr., HC
David Walterscheid, Sr., SH
Kicker - 1st Team
Tim Otto, Sr., SH
DEFENSE

Linemen - 1st Team
 Dean Madison, Sr., HC
Arlie Bayer, Sr., SH
 Robert Meyer, Sr., FWC
 Quincy Carroll, So., FWC
Linebackers - 1st Team
 Trent Langford, Sr., LC
 Harrison Hanvey, Sr., WFND
Aaron Krahl, Sr., SH
 Andy White, Sr., FWC
 Lonnie Seigers, So., HC
Secondary - 1st Team
Tim Otto, Sr., SH
 Blake Roberson, Sr., LC
 Brad McCurry, Sr., HC
 Shelton Williams, Jr., HC
Punter - 1st Team
 Andy White, Sr., FWC
OFFENSE
Quarterback - 2nd Team
 Shane Murphy, Sr., WFND
Running Backs - 2nd Team
 Beau Alvarez, Jr., FWC
 Blake Roberson, Sr., LC
 Clay McCarthy, So., WFND
 Aaron Garlington, So., HC
Receivers - 2nd Team
 Carter Crouch, Jr., WFND
 Shelton Williams, Jr., HC
Tight End - 2nd Team
 Mathew Leake, Jr., HC

Linemen - 2nd Team
 Quincy Carroll, So., FWC
 James Vu, Sr., WFND
 Rushabh Dev, Jr., LC
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Jon Ambrose, Sr., SH
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Kicker - 2nd Team
 Casey Weider, Jr., HC
DEFENSE
Linemen - 2nd Team
 Brett Weems, Sr., LC
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 Matt Dorsey, Sr., FWC
David Walterscheid, Sr., SH
Linebackers - 2nd Team
 Jonathan West, Fr., FWC
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Josh Yosten, So., SH
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 Brad McCurry, Jr., HC
Sacred Heart
Honorable Mention
 Adam Dangelmayr
 Dylan Flusche



Muenster Hornets earning a place on the 16-A All-District team were, from left, back - Justin Ferguson, Jordan Walterscheid, Collin Walterscheid, Cole Harrison, Michael Faries, Micah Flusche, Pat Lutkenhaus; front - Paul Crabtree, Dustin Wimmer, Nathan Privett, Zach Swirczynski, and Derek Endres. Janie Hartman photo

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Adam Kasperek, Sr., L
Offensive MVP
 Luke Williams, Sr., VV
Defensive MVP
 Darrin Reeves, Sr., SJ
Defensive Newcomer
Paul Crabtree, Fr., M
Offensive Newcomer
 Tres Aday, Jr., P

Defensive Line - 1st Team
 Dallas Newman, Sr., VV
 Ronnie Knox, Sr., VV
 Gary Anderle, Sr., L
 John Mosman, Sr., L
Defensive Line - 2nd Team
 William Griffin, Jr., E
Cole Harrison, Jr., M
 Kyle Wright, Jr., P
 Anthony Black, Sr., VV
 Austin Light, Jr., C
Defensive Ends - 1st Team
 Matt Roan, Sr., VV
 Alan Trammell, Sr., L
Defensive Ends - 2nd Team
 Josh Jones, So., L
 Jeff Maas, Sr., SJ
Defensive Linebackers - 1st Team
 Levi Hermes, Jr., L
Zach Swirczynski, Jr., M
 Lance Williams, So., VV
 Lee Noland, Jr., VV
 Kyle Howard, Sr., E
Defensive Linebackers - 2nd Team
 Scotty Woodward, So., P
 Ronnie Moss, Jr., P
 Buck Schutes, Sr., SJ
 Robert Kennedy, Jr., SJ
Defensive Backs - 1st Team
Justin Ferguson, Sr., M
 Daniel Lindenborn, Jr., SJ
 Marcus Grgurich, Sr., VV
 Kristopher Creed, Sr., L
Dustin Hughes, Sr., L
Defensive Backs - 2nd Team
Derek Endres, Sr., M
 Tres Aday, Jr., P
 Dylan Schindler, Sr., VV
 Brian Smal, Sr., E
 Chad Dieter, Sr., L
Punter - 1st Team
 Paul Bacchus, Sr., SJ
 Brandon Huckabee, Sr., L
Offensive Linemen - 1st Team
 Darrin Reeves, Sr., SJ
 Joey Penley, Sr., VV
 Dallas Newman, Sr., VV
 Taylor Harris, Jr., VV
 Malcom Martin, Sr., L
 Michael Eckart, Sr., L
 Gary Anderle, Sr., L
Patrick Lutkenhaus, Sr., M

Offensive Linemen - 2nd Team
 Vern Hoover, Sr., SJ
 Nathan Hamilton, Sr., SJ
 Chris Collins, Sr., E
 John Mosman, Sr., L
 Christopher Dieter, Jr., L
Cole Harrison, Jr., M
 Nathan Privett, Sr., M
 Kyle Wright, Jr., P
Tight End - 1st Team
 Cody Allison, Sr., C
 Levi Hermes, Jr., L
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Tight End - 2nd Team
Michael Faries, Jr., M
Wide Receivers - 1st Team
 Dylan Schindler, Sr., VV
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Wide Receivers - 2nd Team
 Justin Howard, Sr., E
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 Brandon Huckabee, Sr., L
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Fullback - 1st Team
Zach Swirczynski, Jr., M
Fullback - 2nd Team
 Derick Murray, Sr., L
Running Backs - 1st Team
 Alan Trammell, Sr., L

Scotty Woodward, So., P
 Lee Noland, Jr., VV
Running Backs - 2nd Team
Justin Ferguson, Sr., M
 Robert Kennedy, Jr., SJ
 Lance Williams, So., VV
 Dustin Black, Jr., E
Quarterback - 1st Team
 Lee Heaton, Jr., P
Quarterback - 2nd Team
 Dustin Hughes, Sr., L
Kicker - 1st Team
 Lee Noland, Jr., VV
Kicker - 2nd Team
 Dustin Neu, Jr., L
Muenster Honorable Mention
Micah Flusche, Jr., DE
Patrick Lutkenhaus, Sr., LB
Collin Walterscheid, Jr., LB
Michael Faries, Jr., P
Jordan Walterscheid, Sr., WR
 Dustin Wimmer, Sr., WR

Lindsay Honorable Mention

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 Tanner Henry, Sr., DL
 Clint Williams, Sr., DE
 Justin Caillier, Jr., DL
 Travis Endres, Jr., WR
 Keith Hermes, So., DB
 Austin Buck, Sr., LB
 Johnathon Zimmerer, Jr., DL

Junior Varsity Basketball

WINDTHORST TOURNAMENT

Muenster 38 Windthorst 27
 A game one victory put the Hornets into the championship round of the tournament. Garrett Hennigan was high scorer with 9 points. Nick Flusche and Matt Flusche each scored 8. Chad Endres added 5, Matt Beaver 4, and Evan Koehler 4.
M 9 12 8 9 38
W 7 2 12 6 27
Muenster 16 Holiday 46
 The Hornets settled for the 2nd place trophy. Hennigan scored 6, N. Flusche 4, M. Flusche 3, and 1 each from C. Endres, Matt Beaver, and Koehler.
M 0 7 5 4 16
H 7 15 9 15 46

NOCONA TOURNAMENT

Lindsay 49 Prairie Valley 21
 Nine of the 21 Lady Knight JV team scored. Emily Fuhrmann with 13 points was high scorer. Madisen Burrows added 9, Karissa Reiter 8, Stephanie Neu 5, Kayla Hesse and Beverly Knabe 4 each, Julie Hanson, Hillary Hoelker, and Ashley

Hess each added 2 points.
L 11 12 14 7 49
PV 5 5 4 7 21
Lindsay 35 Bowie 36
 The Lady Knights lost a close battle to Bowie, settling for 2nd place. Fuhrmann was high point maker in the game with 18 points. Knabe added 7, Neu 4, with Burrows, Hanson, and Hoelker each scoring 2.
L 15 4 6 10 35
B 4 9 15 8 36
Muenster 44 Nocona 30
 The Muenster Hornet freshman team brought home a victory Monday night. Matt Flusche was the game's high scorer with 16 points. John Monday and Nick Flusche each added 10, with Jeff Schniederjan getting 6, and Garrett Hennigan 2.
M 6 10 16 12 44
N 7 9 6 8 30
Muenster 15 Henrietta 37
 The Hornets came up short on points Tuesday at Henrietta. Evan Koehler dropped in 5 points, Nick Flusche 4, Chad Endres 3, Jeff

Schniederjan 2, and Matt Flusche 1. The team hit only 27% of their free throws.
M 2 3 4 6 15
H 2 11 12 12 37
Lindsay 34 S&S 22
 The Lady Knights notched another win into their season Tuesday. Emily Fuhrmann led all scorers with 14 points. Hillary Hoelker and Karissa Reiter each added 8, with Stephanie Neu and Ashley Caillier getting 2 apiece.
L 8 14 8 4 34
SS 4 6 6 6 22
Lindsay 29 S&S 20
 The Knights edged out the Rams Tuesday. Garrett Block scored 10 points. Preston Mendez added 7, with Nathan Martin, Justin Turner, and Nick Bezner each dropping in 4 points.
L 8 4 6 11 29
SS 7 4 5 4 20

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Lindsay 29 Collinsville 25

The 7th Grade Lady Squires edged out a win Monday. Jessica Block was high point maker in the game with 15 points. Kelsey Hermes added 6, Allison Metzler 4, and 2 each from Bethani Eberhart and Katie Nortman.
L 10 4 8 7 29
C 2 9 8 6 25
Lindsay 38 Collinsville 8
 The 8th grade girls took an easy win Monday, scoring double digits for three quarters. Katie Diester led all scorers with 16 points. Kristin Martin added 10, with Cammi Neu and Alex Cooney each getting 4, and Haley Hughes and Abby Anderle 2 points apiece.
L 14 10 12 2 38
C 1 1 0 6 8

Lindsay 32 Collinsville 30
 The 7th Grade Squires took a close win over the young Pirates, holding them scoreless in the final period. Justin Anderle scored 8 points, with Austin Hermes, Robert Arend, and Madison Parkhill each adding 6. Todd Bezner scored 4, and Tyler Hundt 2.
L 6 12 6 8 32
C 11 13 6 0 30

Lindsay 52 Collinsville 14
 The young Pirates were no match for the 8th grade team, as the 18-2 1st quarter score proved. Three Squires scored double digits, led by Colton Hermes' 16 points. Ryan Haverkamp added 13, and Clay Mueller 10. Boss Jones put in 7, with Austin Reiter, James Kelley, and Dax Fleitman each getting 2.
L 18 8 17 9 52
C 2 6 2 4 14

Muenster 27 Era 17
 The 8th Grade Stingers took a victory Monday with five players putting points on the board. Levi Trubenbach and Eric Hellman each scored 8 points. T.J. Acuna added 7, with Steven Valliere and Allen Fette adding 2 points apiece.
M 7 10 5 5 27
E 0 6 5 6 17
Muenster 53 Era 8
 The 7th Grade Stingers improved their record to 2-0 Monday night, swatting the Era Bees. Shane Pressnall burned the boards scoring

27 points. Jason Luke added 15, and Garrett Walterscheid 11.
M 20 20 2 11 53
E 2 3 3 0 8

BOWIE TOURNAMENT

Muenster 10 Graham 64
 The 8th Grade Stingers faced a very tough team in game one of last week's tournament. Eric Hellman scored 4 points, with Shane Pressnall, Jason Luke, and T.J. Acuna each getting 2.
M 0 2 6 2 10
G 22 6 22 14 64
Muenster 25 Springtown 34
 Levi Trubenbach put 11 points on the board in game two. Luke added 6, Garrett Walterscheid 4, and 2 apiece by Pressnall and Hellman.
M 2 2 8 13 25
S 9 11 7 7 34

Muenster 47 Bowie 4
 Game three saw more balls in the basket for the Stingers as all seven players scored points. Hellman was high scorer with 17 points. Walterscheid added 14, Trubenbach 6, Chris Valliere 4, and 2 points each by Allen Fette, Pressnall, and Steven Valliere.
M 18 8 11 10 47
B 2 2 0 0 4

Muenster 42 Jacksboro 30
 The Stingers finished the tournament with a win. Game results were not complete, but scorers in the 1st half of the game included Walterscheid, Hellman, Pressnall, and S. Valliere.

Sacred Heart 39 S. Bend 18
 The 7th Grade Cubs added a victory to their season Monday night. Chad Walterscheid was high scorer with 10 points. Ryan Felderhoff added 6, with Austin Miller and Josh Biffle each scoring 5. Bob Barthus and Calvin Wimmer put in 4 points each. Matt Hesse 3, and Mark Barthus 2.
SH 8 21 4 6 39
SB 6 4 1 7 18

Sacred Heart 24 S. Bend 12
 The Lady Cubs' "B" team got a win Monday night. Kari Anderle was high scorer with 12 points. Victoria Endres added 6, Kelsey Reeves 4, and Madison Hofbauer 2.
SH 8 2 6 8 24
SB 2 4 2 4 12

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Steven Davis takes the shot. Also pictured is Sam Sparkman.



Derek Endres moves around a defender.

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Colby Richey (10) pops in two points.



Megan Felderhoff (22) shoots over defender Whitney Wimmer.



Collin Walterscheid (00) pulls down a rebound.



Zach Swirczynski on the line.



Laura Heers (33) and Sandy Endres (13) put pressure on Hannah Hess.



Micah Flusche (23) grabs a rebound.



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There were Longhorns, Tigers, and Bearcats, oh my! Hornets, Bulldogs, and Dragons. There were Wildcats, Cougars, Tomcats, Trojans, and even Chaparrals. All these "characters" were featured in action last week at the 2005 Knights of Columbus Red River Shoot-out basketball tournament, hosted by Sacred Heart and Muenster schools. A total of 24 games was played in the three day event, ending Saturday evening with the Muenster Lady Hornets and the Muenster Hornets taking both championships. The Sacred Heart Tigerettes and the Trinity Valley Trojans settled for 2nd place. Alvord's Bulldogs came in 3rd and Aubrey took home the consolation prize in boys action. The 3rd place girls team was Henrietta, with Tom Bean earning consolation.

Individual awards for the All-Tournament Team went to girls: MVP Megan Felderhoff, Laura Heers, and Sandy Endres - Muenster; Whitney Wimmer and Shannon Hartman - Sacred Heart; Kaitlin Darnell - Henrietta; Margaret Baird - Trinity Valley; and Jess Harris - Tom Bean.

Zach Swirczynski was named MVP on the boys All-Tournament Team. Teammates Jordan Walterscheid and Collin Walterscheid of Muenster also made the team. Others were: Craig Hill and Wily Walter - Trinity Valley; Zac Hale - Alvord; Nolan Eubanks - Chico; and Kyle Smith - Aubrey.

Available results from the tournament were as follows:

THURSDAY

Muenster 56 Forestburg 39

Action began Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Hornet gym with Muenster hosting the Longhorns of Forestburg. Muenster jumped out into an early lead with the Longhorns scoring only one digit quarter points until the final quarter, when five 3-pointers made the score a little closer.

Ten Hornets put points on

the board, with Zach Swirczynski leading the team with 10. Collin Walterscheid added 9. Micah Flusche 7, Jordan Walterscheid 6, and 4 points apiece by Tanner Herr, Derek Endres, Brad Endres, Dustin Wimmer, Chris Steelman, and Ryan Hennigan. The Hornets were 10 of 22 at the line.

M	14	12	12	18	56
F	7	6	5	21	39

Girls action began at 3:30 with Henrietta defeating Tom Bean and Archer City falling 53-50 to Trinity Valley. Boys games followed with Trinity Valley winning over Archer City 53-46 and Alvord squeezing out a 46-42 win over Henrietta.

Sacred Heart 66 Forestburg 23

At 6:30, the Tigerettes hammered the Lady Horns. "The young kids got plenty of court time," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We had a great half and the Lady Horns were cold." The Tigerettes totally controlled the game in the 2nd quarter with 30 points to take a 48-7 halftime lead.

Samantha Wimmer, Lauren Krahl, and Shannon Hartman each scored 14 points. Hannah Hess and Taylor Torcellini added 6 apiece, with Stephanie Krawietz getting 4, Nicole Bayer and Whitney Wimmer 3 each, and Brittany White 2.

The Tigerettes were nine of 12 from the free throw line. Torcellini pulled down nine rebounds. Krahl grabbed six steals, with Hartman having four assists.

SH	18	30	8	10	66
F	3	4	6	10	23

Muenster 60 FW Western Hills 27

The Lady Hornets took a one-sided win over Fort Worth Western Hills in their first tournament game.

Three Muenster girls scored in the double digits, Sandy Endres 13, Megan Felderhoff 11, and Jacé Koelzer 10. Sam Endres, Laura Heers, and Rebecca Grewing each added 6, Alison Teafatiller put 4 points on the

board, with Lindsey Watson and Jordan Ledbetter getting 2 each. The Lady Hornets hit half of their free throws.

M	14	14	22	10	60
WH	6	5	11	5	27

Muenster 44 Aubrey 37

The Hornets played their second game on Thursday. The Chaps took the lead early, with Muenster trailing by 6 at halftime. Outscoring Aubrey 25-12 in the 2nd half, including 14 free throws in the 4th quarter, put Muenster in the win column.

J. Walterscheid was the game's high scorer with 12 points. Flusche followed with 10, C. Walterscheid with 7, and 5 each by Herr and Swirczynski. Steelman added 3 and Hennigan 2. Muenster scored on 20 of 30 free throws.

M	8	11	11	14	44
A	18	7	4	8	37

Sacred Heart 35 Chico 22

The Tigers' first game of the tournament put Sacred Heart onto the consolation side of the bracket. The Dragons jumped out into an early, quick lead, spreading the points each quarter.

Mark Fleitman led the Tigers on the board with 10 points. Tim Otto added 8, Sam Sparkman 6, Theo Otto 5, Steven Davis 3, Mitch Sellers 2, and Colby Richey 1.

SH	8	8	10	9	35
C	23	16	17	16	72

FRIDAY

Friday afternoon opened with Archer City winning 69-54 over Forestburg. Girls action followed with Tom Bean defeating Forestburg, and Archer City winning 44-42 over Western Hills. The Henrietta boys then took a 59-51 victory from Archer City.

Sacred Heart 33 Aubrey 45

The Tigers ended their play time in the tournament after a second loss.

Tim Otto was high scorer for the Tigers with 13 points. Richey, Sparkman, and Theo Otto each added 6 points, with Josh Yosten getting 2.

SH	7	13	5	8	33
A	15	9	11	10	45

Sacred Heart 51 Henrietta 49

The Tigerettes continued towards the championship final Friday evening. "This was one of the most physical games I have ever been in from start to finish," noted Coach Jon. "I am proud of the way the girls did not back down."

Free throws played a big part in the Sacred Heart victory, with the Tigerettes hitting 27 of 40. Only nine 2-point shots and two 3s were good for points.

Krawietz was the game's

high scorer with 16 points. W. Wimmer added 13 and Hartman 7. Hess and Kara Felderhoff each scored 6, S. Wimmer 2, and Torcellini 1.

H	14	17	4	14	49
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Muenster 59 Trinity Valley 33

The Lady Hornets advanced to the final championship round with a big win. The game was tight the 1st quarter, with Muenster taking a 5 point lead at half, then outscoring Trinity Valley 31-10 in the 2nd half for the win.

Heers and Felderhoff led the scoring with 15 points each. Teafatiller and Grewing each added 10. Watson dropped in 6, and Sandy Endres 3. The Lady Hornets hit four 3-pointers and were 15 of 20 at the free throw line.

M	10	18	14	17	59
TV	11	5	5	33	

Trinity Valley Trojans defeated the Chico Dragons to advance to the final game.

Muenster 46 Alvord 33

Victory number three put the Hornets in the championship game. Muenster opened the game with baskets, edging out the Bulldogs.

C. Walterscheid dropped in 10 points for the Hornets. Flusche added 9, Hennigan 7, with Swirczynski and J. Walterscheid scoring 6 apiece. D. Endres dropped in 4, and 2 each by Herr and B. Endres.

M	11	6	17	12	46
A	11	5	6	16	38

SATURDAY

Saturday morning, the Lady Cats of Tom Bean won the consolation game 60-29. Aubrey took the boys prize with a 36-34 win over Henrietta. Third place was won by the Henrietta girls with a 38-30 victory over Trinity Valley. Alvord took the boys trophy winning over Chico.

Muenster 70 Sacred Heart 30

The Muenster girls took the Championship honors with a big win over the Tigerettes. The undefeated Lady Hornets took an early lead, then let the Tigerettes into the game before half-

time. The 2nd half was controlled by Muenster, whose defense kept Sacred Heart from getting the shots, while the offense popped in the points.

"You can't go zero of 21 from the 3 point line against a solid squad like the Lady Hornets," said Coach Jon. "This is a good pressure game for the kids as we continue to prepare for district. Hats off to the Lady Hornets."

Megan Felderhoff was high scorer in the game with 21 points. Alison Teafatiller added 12, Sandy Endres 11, Laura Heers 8, Rebecca Grewing 6, Samantha Endres 6, Hillary Swirczynski 4, and Danielle Bindel 2.

Whitney Wimmer led the Tigerettes with 10 points. Shannon Hartman added 6, Hannah Hess 4, Samantha Wimmer and Brittany White 3 apiece. Nicole Bayer put in 2 points, with Lauren Krahl and Stephanie Krawietz each getting 1. Krawietz, S. Wimmer, and Felderhoff each got three steals, while Hartman pulled down six rebounds.

M	16	16	12	26	70
SH	12	9	4	5	30

Muenster 38 Trinity Valley 34

The Hornets held off the team from Fort Worth to win the Championship. After an 11-4 1st quarter lead by Muenster, scoring by both teams evened out, with the Trojans getting a few more balls in the basket.

Zach Swirczynski led all point makers with 13 points. Ryan Hennigan scored 9, Collin Walterscheid 7, and Brad Endres 4. Jordan Walterscheid and Micah Flusche each added 2 points, with Chris Steelman hitting a free throw.

M	11	5	6	16	38
TV	4	5	7	18	34



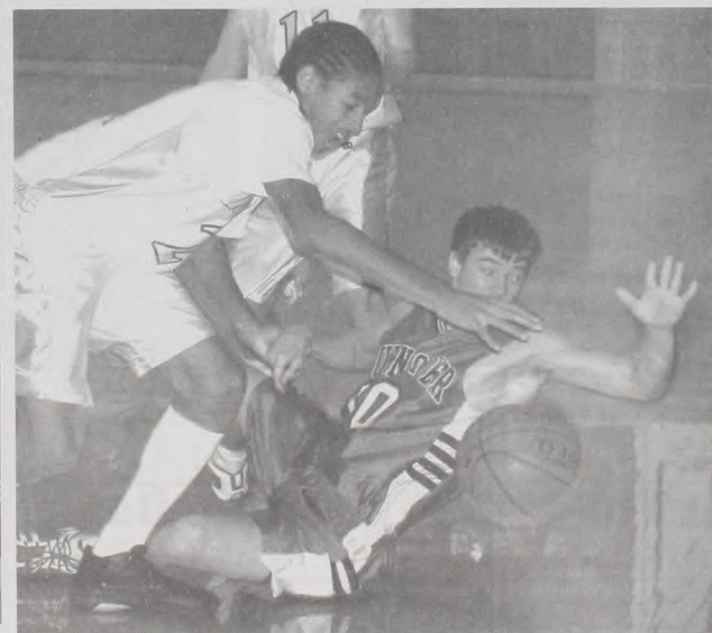
Whitney Wimmer, Stephanie Krawietz, and Alison Teafatiller reach for a rebound.



Whitney Wimmer (21) goes around Muenster defenders Rebecca Grewing (40) and Samantha Endres (3).



Two Tigers fight for a loose ball against Chico.



Derek Endres (10) goes down in a battle to get the ball against a Trinity Valley Trojan.

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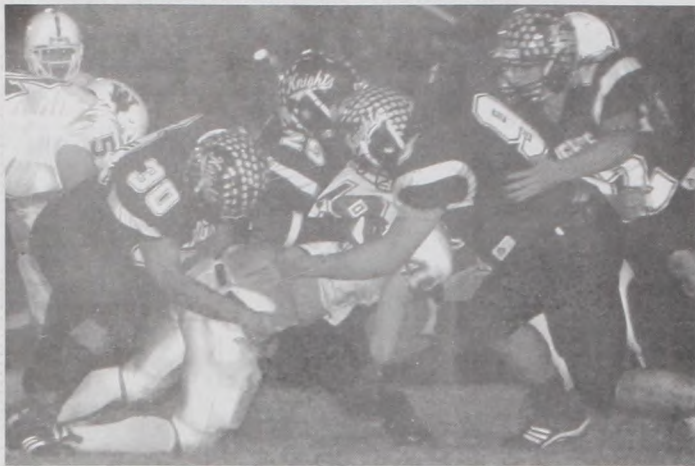
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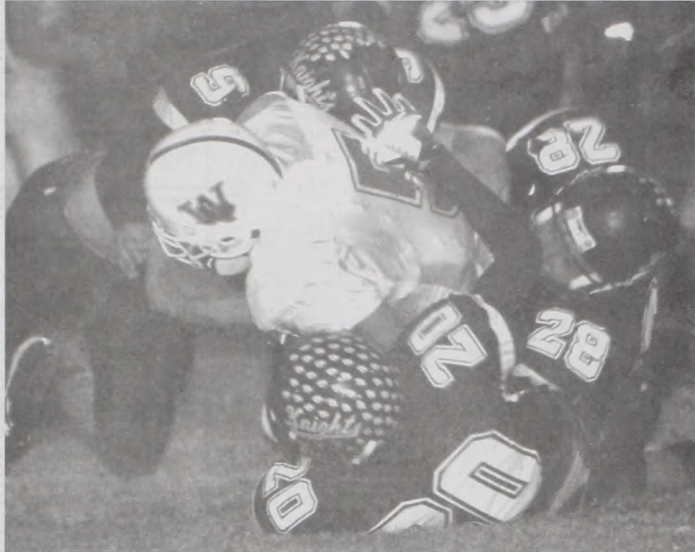
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Alan Trammell (30), Levi Hermes (28), and Adam Kasperek (9) team up to make the tackle.



Adam Kasperek (9), Levi Hermes (28), and Josh Jones (20) pull down a Windthorst ball carrier.



A pitch out to Alan Trammell (30).

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Knights fall to Trojans

The Lindsay Knights earned a playoff spot after finishing the regular season as District 16A Runner-up. With a bye in round one, the Knights went on to beat Alvord and Albany before being challenged by the Trojans of Windthorst in quarter-final action. The Knights and Trojans clashed last Friday in Decatur. The battle ended the season for Lindsay as Windthorst handed the Knights a 31-14 defeat.

"I feel like we had a chance the 1st half for a different outcome, but turnovers were too much for us to overcome, especially against a team like Windthorst," commented John Erwin, coach for the Knights. "On the game, I'm proud of the way the guys played to the very last second. They never gave up."

Windthorst took the opening kick to their 39 yard line. Eleven plays later, with 7:10 on the clock, the scoreboard read 7-0.

The Knights got in five runs and punted, burying the Trojans on the 4 yard line. Tackles by Austin Buck, Gary Anderle, and Adam Kasperek forced a Windthorst punt to midfield. Alan Trammell ran for 4 yards. A Dustin Hughes to Kristopher Creed pass picked up 12 more yards. Another pass to Derick Murray moved the Knights to the 29. Murray then ran for 13 as the quarter ended.

From the 16 yard line, Murray got to the 11. Hughes then scored on a keeper. Dustin Neu's extra point tied the game 7-7 with 11:14 on the clock.

Windthorst's next drive ended on the sixth play when Alan Trammell intercepted a pass, giving the ball to the Knights on their 23. Runs by Hughes, Trammell, and Murray, and a pass to Creed got Lindsay 12 yards from paydirt. A fumbled ball ended the drive when Windthorst covered the ball on the 19.

Five plays put the Trojans on the Knight side of the field, but an interception by Levi Hermes ended the drive at the 31. Two plays later Lindsay fumbled, returning the ball to Windthorst 38 yards from paydirt. A roughing flag gave the Trojans 15 yards and

another play. A 40 yard field goal with no time on the clock put the Trojans in the lead 10-7 at halftime.

The 2nd half began at the Knight 20 yard line. Runs by Kasperek, Trammell, and Hughes moved the ball to the 39 before Brandon Huckaby had to punt. The short into-the-wind kick gave Windthorst the ball on the 43. Ten runs, the final 9 yards, and the scoreboard read 17-7 with 3:48 on the clock.

It was three plays and punt for the Knights. Starting at midfield, the Trojans carried the ball into the final quarter, scoring from the 2. With 10:14 remaining in the game, the score was 24-7.

The Knights mixed passes and runs for nine plays, earning 59 yards in the air. From the 8 yard line, Hughes scored. With 8 minutes remaining in the game, Neu added the point for a 24-14 score.

Windthorst pounded out 13 plays, moving 80 yards and

taking 7 minutes off the clock before scoring. With 1:03 remaining, the Trojans took a 31-14 lead.

The Knights' last drive quickly ended with an interception as time ticked off the clock.

L	0	7	0	7
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W	7	3	7	14

Team Stats		
L	W	
14	22	1st downs
35/140	47/253	Rushes/yds
101	61	Passing yds
7/12/1	5/10/2	Comp/att/int
3/28	1/39	Punts/avg
3/2	2/0	Fumbles/lost
3/25	0/0	Penalties/yds

Individual Stats
RUSHING: Dustin Hughes, 12/59; Alan Trammell, 14/43; Derick Murray, 5/25. **INTERCEPTIONS:** Alan Trammell, Levi Hermes. **TACKLES:** Adam Kasperek 23, Levi Hermes 11, Austin Buck 8.

The Knights finished the season with a 10-3 record.



A block by Malcom Martin (72) gives Dustin Hughes (22) a few extra yards.



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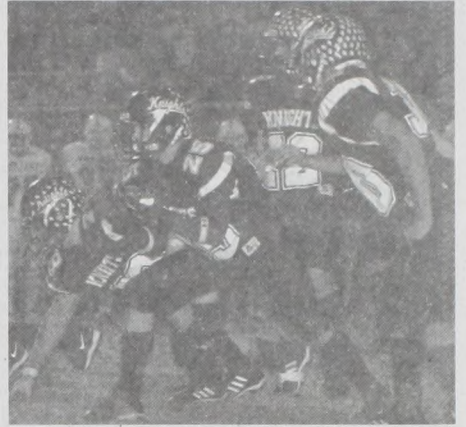
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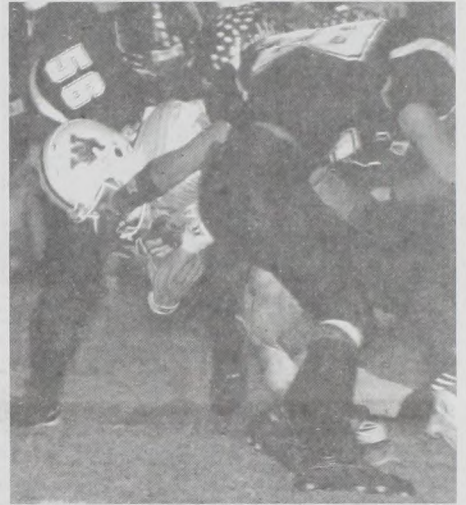


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**Action
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Pictured clockwise, beginning above left - Dustin Hughes gets sandwiched; Alan Trammell (30) takes advantage of a teammate's blocking; Levi Hermes (28) after the completion; Derick Murray (45) makes a gain; the Knights' line is ready to go; Justin Caillier (56) and Hermes (28) assist in a tackle; Alan Trammell follows quarterback Hughes after the pitch back; Chris Dieter (54), Trammell, and Josh Jones (20) stop a Trojan; Hughes (22) hands off to Adam Kasparek.

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2005 Red River Shoot-out Champions - The Muenster Lady Hornets



Muenster Hornets - Red River Shoot-out Champions for 2005
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Muenster wins/loses at Henrietta

The Muenster basketball teams traveled to Henrietta Tuesday night. A cold shooting Lady Hornet team was handed their first loss of the season, while the Hornets brought home another victory. Lady Hornet results were not available at press time.

The Hornets jumped out into a 1st quarter lead, building a point spread throughout the game.

Zach Swirczynski and Ryan Hennigan were high scorers with 14 and 12 points. Micah Flusche added 8, Collin Walterscheid 7,

Derek Endres 6, Chris Steelman 5, Jordan Walterscheid 4, Dustin Wimmer 2, and Tanner Herr 1. Muenster shot 31 free throws, making 18.

M	14	17	11	17	59
H	6	11	14	14	45

Sacred Heart Tigers in Saint Jo Tournament

The Sacred Heart Tigers participated in the Saint Jo Basketball Tournament Nov. 18-19, winning one, losing two.

The Tigers opened with a match against the S&S Rams. A strong 1st quarter gave Sacred Heart a 12 point lead.

Tim Otto and Mitch Sellers were high scorers with 12 and 11 points. Josh Yosten, Mark Fleitman, and Colby Richey each added 4. Steven Davis dropped in 3, with Sam Sparkman and Theo Otto scoring 2 apiece, and Jon Ambrose 1. The Tigers were eight of 13 from the free

throw line.

SH	16	6	9	12	43
SS	4	11	4	9	28

The Petrolia Pirates took a 69-28 win from the Tigers in game two. A scoreless 4th quarter kept Sacred Heart's points low.

Theo Otto scored 16 points. Tim Otto added 5, Sparkman

3, and 2 each from Richey and Fleitman. Three of four free throws were made.

SH	8	9	11	0	28
P	19	17	16	17	69

The final game was lost to Era 62-21. Tim Otto put in 12 points. Theo Otto and Yosten each added 4 points and Richey 1.

Era defeats Tigerettes

The Tigerettes were handed another loss Tuesday night in a close battle at Era, falling 56-54. "We had two 10 point leads and could not put Era away," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Katie

Metzler was fantastic." Metzler scored 30 points for the Lady Hornets.

Samantha Wimmer scored 12 points for the Tigerettes. Hannah Hess added 11, and Whitney Wimmer 10. Stephanie Krawietz scored 8, Brittany White 6, Shannon Hartman 5, and 1 apiece by Kara Felderhoff and Nicole Bayer.

SH	17	16	7	14	54
E	12	15	13	16	56

Lindsay wins over S&S Rams

A trip to Sadler Tuesday ended on a high note for the Lindsay varsity basketball teams, as they brought home victories over the S&S teams.

The Lady Knights dominated the 1st half of the game for a 22 point lead at the break.

Brittany Anderle was high scorer with 15 points. Mallory Block and Lauren Creed each added 9, with Chelsea Hermes scoring 7. Stephanie

Metzler and Christina Eckart got 4 points apiece, Kaileigh Hess 3, and Autumn Murrill 2.

L	16	14	11	12	53
SS	1	7	11	8	27

The Knights, in their first basketball game of the season after an extended football season, brought home a 60-40 win. S&S had a cold first period, which allowed Lindsay to get an early lead.

Brandon Huckaby put in the most points with 15. Michael Eckart added 13, with Levi Hermes and Kristopher Creed each scoring 11. Travis Endres put in 5 points, Jeff Shannon 4, and Dustin Hughes 1. The Knights dropped in 26 of 34 free throws.

L	16	15	16	13	60
SS	3	12	10	15	40



Lindsay Lady Knights, Champions of the Slidell Tournament
Photo courtesy of Jay Anderle

Lady Knights win Slidell Tournament

The Lindsay Lady Knights brought home the Championship trophy after winning three games at the Slidell basketball tournament last week.

Game one was a 45-35 win over Electra. Lindsay took an early lead, slowly extending it each quarter. Brittany Anderle led the Lady Knights on the boards with 12 points. Stephanie Metzler added 11, with Mallory Block and Lauren Creed each scoring 7. Christina Eckart scored 4, Chelsea Hermes 2, and Kaileigh Hess 2.

L	11	9	13	12	45
E	9	8	9	9	35

Game two matched Lindsay against the Krum JV. The Lady Knights took an early lead, taking a 33-11 halftime lead, before finishing the match with a 48-22 victory.

Anderle led all scorers with

16 points. Hermes added 13, with Metzler and Block scoring 4 each. Creed scored 3, with K. Hess, Amanda Hess, Autumn Murrill, and Eckart each getting 2.

L	19	14	9	6	48
K	8	3	6	5	22

The Championship game for Lindsay was a battle with the Lady Dogs of Alvord. After an Alvord lead in the 1st period, the Lady Knights got into the game the 2nd quarter for a 26-18 halftime lead.

C. Hermes was Lindsay's leading scorer with 14 points. Block added 13 points, with Anderle scoring 8. Creed and Metzler both got 6, Allison Hundt 3, Eckart 2, and K. Hess 1.

The Lady Knights hit 13 of 26 free throws.

L	6	20	15	12	53
A	12	6	21	8	47

Red River Shoot-Out pauses to honor fallen coach



The Western Hills High School girls basketball team played their first game Friday without their head coach, Noemi Ferreira, who was killed late Thursday night. Their boys coach took charge of the team and after their 44-42 loss to Archer City, the emotions were released. The Western Hills girls met in the center of the gym and

huddled together. Muenster Coach Jeff Presnall led the crowd in the Lord's Prayer but was unable to finish saying "you know the rest". The Muenster Lady Hornets presented the grieving Lady Cougars with a gift basket full of snacks for the girls ride home.

Deborah Wood photo

Gressett gets first buck



Dylan Wade Gressett, seven years old, shot his first buck on Nov. 19 of this season. He is the son of David and Michelle Gressett, grandson of the late Tommy and Carol Gressett, and the great-grandson of the late Lawrence and Irene Wimmer. Courtesy photo

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Handel's Messiah scheduled for Dec. 15

The North Central Texas Chorale will present Handel's Messiah Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the new First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts at the North Central Texas College campus in Gainesville.

AREA EVENTS

Senior Sing-a-long

The Area Agency on Aging and Meals on Wheels is sponsoring a Christmas sing-a-long for Cooke County seniors. It will be held Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 1 - 2 p.m. at Pecan Creek Village, 1100 Lawrence Street in Gainesville.

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FARM & RANCH

Going Wild Hog Hunting? Pack gloves with those guns!

Texas is a sportsman's paradise for hunting wild hogs. With an estimated population of more than three million of the prolific feral (wild) animals roaming across the state, many ranchers welcome hunters to help with population control.

"Today, almost all feral hogs are actually domestic hogs that have escaped or were released from pens. With each generation in the wild, the pigs refine the traits needed to survive," explained Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian. "The animals are alternatively praised for hunting, and hated for damaging crops and fences, gouging holes in pastures, and killing young lambs, goats or ground-nesting birds."

"Like any wild animals, feral swine can carry parasites or diseases, some of which could be transmitted to humans. One is swine brucellosis, a bacterial disease that has been detected in about 1% of wild hogs tested. When handling carcasses, hunters should take basic precautions to protect against disease and pest exposure, and most importantly, prevent blood-to-blood contact with the animals," said Dr. Hillman, who also heads the Texas Animal

- Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.
- Dr. Hillman urged hunters to:
1. Avoid eating or drinking (or reaching for cigarettes or chewing tobacco) when field-dressing or handling carcasses. Don't risk putting "germs" directly in your mouth!
 2. Put on latex or rubber gloves before making the first cut.
 3. Wear long sleeves to avoid getting animal blood into scratches, open wounds, or skin lesions.
 4. Wear a dust mask and glasses or safety goggles to prevent blood or bodily fluids from splashing into eyes, nose, or mouth.
 5. As much as possible avoid contact with reproductive organs and fetuses.
 6. Wash hands thoroughly and disinfect knives when finished.
 7. Launder hunting clothes in hot water as soon as possible.

Both U.S. senators from the Lone Star State addressed delegates at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau.

Longtime friends of the state's largest general farm organization, Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn each pledged to work towards ending the federal estate tax—a perennial TFB priority because of its negative impact on passing farming assets from one generation to the next.

"It's an immoral tax," said Cornyn on Sunday. "It not only taxes income, but Uncle Sam shows up with the undertaker to take his bite."

Sen. Hutchison said legislation to exempt \$5 to \$8 million from an estate was up for a vote when Hurricane Katrina hit, and she hopes to get that back on track early in 2006.

"I think the death tax walks away from the American dream. We are going to try to give relief. That is difficult right now, because of our deficit. However, we are trying to lower the deficit in a way that puts more money in your pocket book instead of taking it out."

In her Monday morning address, Sen. Hutchison touted the increase of exports as a result of new trade agreements, such as CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement), and vowed to continue the fight to reduce trade-distorting tariffs in order to create a level playing field for U.S. agriculture.

"I stand with you, and frankly, because of you, I started looking at trade with Cuba," said Hutchison.

Texas Senators address Texas Farm Bureau Convention

"Forty years of isolation has done nothing. It is time to open markets. I think it will also enlighten and help the people of Cuba."

Immigration reform that increases border security while providing a guest worker program is supported by both senators. Sen. Cornyn's bill containing this two-pronged objective is slated for debate early next year. Hutchison also has a bill that will end the federal government's "catch and release" program of illegal immigrants other than those from Mexico. It will also give local law enforcement the authority to detain illegal immigrants. Current law does not provide that authority, she said.

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Buying a Horse?

Planning to put a horse, donkey, mule, or other domestic equine animal under the tree this year? Make certain you buy, trade for, or are given an animal that has been tested negative for equine infectious anemia (EIA).

Texas law requires that equine animals eight months of age or older have a negative blood test for EIA, an incurable viral disease, within 12 months prior to a change of ownership. (Nursing foals, transferred with their tested dams, are exempt from the test.) The EIA test document, also known as a VS 10-11, is sufficient proof of testing.

No EIA vaccine is approved in the U.S., so animals must be protected from exposure to the virus. The disease is spread through blood-to-blood contact, an event that can occur when biting flies feed on an infected equine animal, then move to a nearby "clean" horse. Blood transfusions or reusing contaminated needles or veterinary medical instruments also can mechanically carry the virus from infected to clean animals.

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) requires EIA-positive equine animals to be euthanized, provided to a research facility, sold only under quarantine for life, at least 200 yards from other horses. Increased testing, movement controls for infected equine animals, and greater disease awareness has helped control EIA in Texas. In 1997, 750 EIA-infected animals were detected in the state; in 2005, as of early December, about 40 EIA infected equine animals had been detected.

Ag brief

Farming/ranching is the 6th most dangerous job in the U.S. Non-highway accidents accounted for 40% of occupational fatalities in 2004. Logging workers topped the list, followed by aircraft pilots and flight engineers, fishermen, and iron and steel workers.

Fish and Wildlife Services seeks proposals for Private Stewardship Grants Program

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced recently it is seeking proposals for conservation projects on private lands through its Private Stewardship Grants Program. For FY 2006, approximately \$6.5 million is available through this grant program to support on-the-ground conservation efforts on private lands. Proposals must be submitted by Jan. 23.

As envisioned by President Bush, this program provides Federal grants on a competitive basis to individuals and groups

engaged in voluntary conservation efforts on private lands that benefit imperiled species such as federally listed endangered or threatened species as well as proposed, candidate and other at-risk species. Landowners and their partners may submit proposals directly to the Service for funding to support those efforts.

Applicants from Texas should submit proposals to the USFWS, Attn: David Frederick, 500 Gold SW (P.O. Box 1306), Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505-248-6587. In September USFWS

awarded 72 grants totaling more than \$6.5 million to individuals and groups to undertake conservation projects for endangered, threatened, and other at-risk species on private lands in 5 states and one territory.

For more information regarding this grant opportunity and on how and where to submit proposals, please visit http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.htm.

The Private Stewardship Grants Program is identified in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance as number 15.632.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER
CEA - AG/NR

Focus on Water Quality

Water quality is a term used to describe the chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of water, usually in respect to its suitability for a particular purpose. Although scientific measurements are used to define a water's quality, it's not a simple thing to say that "this water is good," or "this water is bad." After all, water that is perfectly good to wash a car with, may not be good enough to serve as drinking water at a dinner party for the President! When the average person asks about water quality, they probably want to know if the water is good enough to use at home, to play in, to serve in a restaurant, etc., or if the quality of our natural waters are suitable for aquatic plants and animals.

More and more nowadays we are hearing about situations where the quality of our water is not good enough for normal uses. Bacteria and microorganisms have gotten into drinking-water supplies, sometimes causing severe illness in a town; chemical pollutants have been detected in streams, endangering plant and animal life; sewage spills have occurred, forcing people to boil their drinking water; pesticides and other chemicals have seeped into the ground and have harmed the

water in aquifers; and runoff containing pollutants from roads and parking lots have affected the water quality of urban streams.

Preserving natural areas is the most effective management practice for maintaining and improving runoff water quality. Natural areas are areas that are undeveloped with few impervious surfaces, such as concrete, asphalt, or rooftops. The best of these areas are places that are closest to their original natural state, and acting as "green infrastructure" for the benefit of all.

Preserving large areas of undeveloped land is the least expensive and most important investment we can make for future water quality. If we develop land, sooner or later

we have to replace the natural functions we destroy, at a great financial cost.

Developing natural space often produces increased flooding. We have to spend our assets to manage flooding and we're never as successful as nature is. We also have to spend money to filter the water we use. Nature can provide these services better and cheaper than we can, and because we might not understand all the ways that nature serves us, it is wise to preserve as much of it as we can. No other water quality improvement practices can equal the water quality benefits of undisturbed natural areas.

Dates to remember:
Dec. 12 - Marketing Club Meeting; Gainesville Farm Bureau Building, 7pm.

Hunters may shoot cattle

Hunters can shoot stray cattle in Hawaii this month. Although state officials have worked with ranchers to fix fences on the Big Island, more than 100 cows are wandering around an area near the Hakalau National Wildlife Refuge. "Cattle pose a major threat to our native forests," said Deborah Ward, spokesperson for the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, which regulates

the hunts. "They remove the native understorey vegetation allowing alien weeds to move in and take over the native forest.

On Nov. 5 the state opened hunts on "feral or trespass cattle found in the Hilo watershed area each weekend through Nov. 26. Each licensed hunter will be permitted to kill and remove two cattle per day, with no seasonal limit.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.17; No. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.51; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.38-1.65; No. 2 \$750-\$875; Medium Frame & 3, 1.10-1.38; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.21-1.40; No. 2 & 3, 95-121; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.18-1.30; No. 2 & 3, 90-118; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.11-1.22; No. 2 & 3, 90-111; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.13; No. 2 & 3, 85-105.	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$750-\$875; Medium Frame: \$400-\$750	Ewes (per lb.) Stocker: 55-63; Thin: 40-50; Fat: 45-55.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.32-1.50; No. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.32; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.27-1.40; No. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.27; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.20-1.27; No. 2 & 3, 95-120; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.15-1.26; No. 2 & 3, 80-115; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.04-1.12; No. 2 & 3, 70-104; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 90-105; No. 2 & 3, 60-90.	Cow-Calf Pairs (weaners under 250 lbs.) - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1130; Medium Frame: \$700-\$1000	Bucks (per lb.) Thin: N/T; Fat: 35-50.
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Slaughter Hogs (Yield Grade #1-2, 1.30-2.00 lbs. #2 - 6150 Slaughter Cows #1-3, 43-52; Cutter, 30-43	Feeders (per head): 100-175 lbs. \$45-\$95; 25-90 lbs. \$20-\$45.	Yearlings (per head) 75-120 lbs. \$75-\$110.
Boys (per lb.) 300 lb. up: 10-15; 200-300 lbs: 20-30; Light wt.: 30-35.	Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs.; 1.00-1.15; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs.; 95-105; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs.; 84-100.	Nannies (per head) Stocker: \$90-\$75; Milk Type: \$45-\$75; Slaughter: \$60-\$75; Thin: \$20-\$45; Fat: \$60-\$75.

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