

Beware of fraud artists working in Muenster area

By Janet Felderhoff

At least two area residents have fallen prey to scam artists in recent weeks. One resides inside the city limits and the other north of town.

"When somebody shows up and you haven't contacted them, be suspicious," warns Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton. "When anyone comes around looking to do work, red flags should go up. Elderly people living alone are easy prey."

Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Carter added, "My mother is 85 and she'd call me if anyone approached her. People should get in the habit of calling a relative or friend in those situations."

The first reported incident occurred on Jan 20 in Muenster. At the request of the victim, the name and location is not being printed.

Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall reported that two men approached the Muenster resident wanting to repair her cracked driveway. At

first they asked for \$150 cash to buy supplies. They later returned and asked for another \$750. She gave them a check, which they cashed.

When Stovall learned of the incident, he went to the scene. One of the duo was still at the residence where he was "repairing" the driveway with putty and gray paint. Chief Stovall found that there were four outstanding warrants for the man's arrest. He was taken into custody. An unfruitful search ensued for the other man who had apparently left town without his partner.

The partner was driving a red 1995 GMC pickup. It was found that he was wanted in Hamilton County for theft.

"It's that time of the year," said Police Chief Stovall. "Spring is close. People need to report to police if they are approached by suspicious individuals."

An individual who called himself Jim Smith ap-

proached Rose Rohmer. He had a Mississippi driver's license. He had Mrs. Rohmer sign a contract for foundation repair work.

Smith tried to cash the check in Irving at Ace Cash Express where he presented both the check and the contract. Ace was suspicious and contacted the Irving Police Department.

Sheriff Compton said that the driver's license looked phony and that is probably what tipped off the cashier at Ace. Smith fled the scene leaving the license behind. No record of the license could be found, said Compton.

This was the second time that Mrs. Rohmer had been approached by someone with a fraudulent deal. A couple of months earlier different individuals wanted to check her roof. They told her that the lightning rods were not installed properly.

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Brush 121, Muenster Volunteer Fire Department's new truck is now in use. Pictured are MVFD members, from left, Herbie Knabe, Neal Flusche, John Knabe, Shaw Henscheid, Charlie Schilling, Brent Hess, and Jimmy Green on the truck. Janie Hartman photo

New truck added to Muenster Volunteer Fire Department fleet

By Janet Felderhoff

Utilizing a \$48,000 grant from the Texas Forest Service and funds raised from its Annual Barbecue and Auction,

the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department bought and built a new brush fire truck. Total cost of the new vehicle was about \$90,000.

Work to acquire the new truck began in late October of 2004 when the Muenster Fire Department applied for a grant with the Texas Forest Service. By mid December they were notified that the grant had been approved. In June they bought the chassis. Fire Department member Neal Flusche built the body. Pumps, tanks, etc. were ordered.

When all was ready, a number of the firemen worked many nights for weeks on the fighter details. They assembled hoses, pipes, and electrical. Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe estimates that the members put in between 1100 and 1200 hours building the new truck.

Steven Knabe of Body Works painted the truck. Larry Wassel's daughter did the lettering. Dennis Schwalbe built the special fire seats for the vehicle.

Knabe explained that many fire departments are using fire seats. They aren't very comfortable, but make getting some of the firemen's gear on much easier. Brackets hold the personal SCVA breathing apparatus at the back of the seat. As the fireman sits into the straps of the air tank, he can pull them on while on the way to the fire and is ready to go.

Brush 121, as the new truck was dubbed, meets or exceeds all of the Forest Service specs. Knabe said that they opted for a larger pump

than required because past experience has taught them that they can do a whole lot more with a bit larger pump. The tank will pump 300 gallons of water per minute with 150 pounds of pressure. Its tank holds 500 gallons of water. It is suitable to work a structure fire. The truck has a 550 Ford chassis with power stroke diesel engine, automatic with four-wheel drive.

Neal did a good job on it," Knabe praised. The pipe work is a little different. We get better pressure and water flow with a more constant pressure. It's easy to work on." He said the panels come off easily, and the pipe works are simple to pull out so that the engine can be worked on. Drafting water out of a pond is one of the trucks capabilities. It has a five-gallon Class B foam (used to fight oil tank fires) tank with a 10-gallon reserve tank. Not counting the top bar, there are eight flashing lights (front, back, and both sides) as is required by Texas Forest Service specs. It also is equipped with an arrow stick light on the back.

"It is lettered 121 because it was supposed to replace the old 121, but with the (fire danger) situation like it is, we decided to hold on to it," said Knabe.

This will be the first truck out on medical calls and also for fires. Knabe said it is up and pumping quickly.

The Department adds a new truck about every five years. In 1990 and 1995 they built a brush truck and also a tank truck in between. They built brush trucks again in 2000 and 2005.

MMH benefits from updated phone system

By Janet Felderhoff

Office and nursing staff at Muenster Memorial Hospital have a little more time to go about their regular duties these days. In mid December the Hospital installed a new telephone system. With the new system, callers can directly call patient rooms, hospital departments, and hospital staff members who have their own offices. This cuts down on the number of times the staff has to stop what they are doing to answer and forward telephone calls.

"We had some kinks to work out, but it has been well accepted and well-liked," remarked Pam McCormick. She is the network administrator for the Hospital's phones and computers. She is also head of Medical Records and is the compliance officer.

Now in place is an NEC Electra Elite IPK Multiline Telephone System, which was purchased through DFW Business Telephones, Inc. from Plano. It brings many advantages over the former system that was several years old, but often didn't function properly.

There are now eight lines allowing more incoming and outgoing calls at the same time. The Hospital, Home Health, and the Family Health Clinic are all accessible by calling the main switchboard number (759-2271) and then the number given in the prompts. A paging system can be used in the Hospital only or can be used to include the Clinic. This makes it simpler to page physicians and others outside the Hospital for conferences, etc.

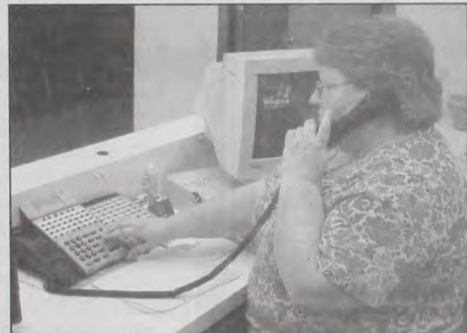
Most extensions have voice mail. This excludes the patient rooms. "The other system had voice mail, but it didn't always work," Pam explained. "Sometimes it would be three days before we'd get the message. Some weren't received at all. This caused many complaints."

When the need arises to

contact CareFlite or EMS, there are now direct lines to them. This is very time saving.

All phones have caller ID. They also have the ability to use call back, call forwarding, call waiting, and conference calling. All phones have speakerphone capability.

Speed dial is available to the Hospital as a whole. Each station also has the ability of adding up to 20 more speed dial numbers. According to Pam, this is of great assistance for the nurses who have the doctors, Clinic, nursing director, and other ofteneeded number on speed dial.



Pam McCormick, network administrator for telephones and computers at Muenster Memorial Hospital, checks out the new switchboard that is part of a recently installed system with many pluses. One advantage of the new system is the ability to dial direct to a patient's room without going through an operator. Janet Felderhoff photo

Now specific station functions can be programmed with a computer rather than having to go to each station to fix it. The ringer, audio, and LCD screen on each phone can be adjusted to suit an individual's preference.

In the event of a power outage, this phone system remains up and functioning for 30 to 45 minutes until the generator kicks in.

"A lot of what we are going

through right now is just an education time for not just the Hospital and the employees, but the community as well, until they get used to how it is set up now," Pam noted. "I think it is going pretty well. We haven't had that many complaints, which is a good thing. I think once they learn and adjust to what the message says now because it is a little bit different than the last one, and with the options that they have, I think everybody will like it a lot more. I know that they like being able to call in and not having to go through the switchboard." Pam said that there are still a few things to be worked out,

but it is just about perfected. Previously even the Hospital staff had to go through the switchboard to get a call to someone within the Hospital. Now rather than asking the operator to call them or calling the hospital number and waiting through the message before dialing the extension number, that person's direct number or extension can be dialed.

Fiske seeks the Republican nomination for County Judge

Frieda Fiske, an attorney of 23 years and a Dallas Municipal Court Judge for 13 years, is a candidate for nomination as the Republican nominee for Cooke County Judge. Ms. Fiske is a businesswoman, and hopes to bring a fresh point-of-view to the County's needs. She plans to fight crime by attacking the escalating crime rate, and support law enforcement in ridding the County of gangs and drug dealers.

Ms. Fiske prefers to minimize taxes by prioritizing spending needs, establishing interlocal cost-sharing agreements, and aggressively re-

cruiting new businesses to share the tax burden. She also plans to address road and bridge issues by proposing to share expensive road equipment, and placing county-wide road and bridge maintenance under the control of a professional.

Frieda Fiske is the proud mother of three and grandmother of nine. She and her husband, James Fiske, are members of First United Methodist Church in Gainesville.

Fiske is running against incumbent Bill Freeman in the March Primary Elections.



Frieda Fiske

Muenster Library wall painting



Eilen Thedford added a little color to the front entry of the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library this past week. Thedford's mural consists of Little Red Riding Hood, the Wolf, and Hansel and Gretel all enjoying library books in front of a "gingerbread Muenster Library house". The painting covers the outside entry wall behind the arches and measures approximately 8 x 10 feet. The project is being funded by a donation from Dr. Elaine and Dale Schilling. Thedford is from Hickory Creek and is known locally for her wall paintings at the Crafty Olde German Teahaus. Janie Hartman photo

Food drive this Saturday

Muenster Cub Scout Pack 664 will be conducting their annual food drive Saturday, February 4. They will begin

at 8:00 a.m. in Muenster. The food will be donated to the local food banks. If you will not be home but have

some food you would like to contribute, please call Susan Hermes 759-4488.

Voter registration deadline approaching

Senator Craig Estes (R) Wichita Falls is reminding new voters that Feb. 6 is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming Primaries which are scheduled for March 7.

"Exercising your right to vote is a powerful and effective way to make your voice heard in your community, your state and your country. I want to encourage new voters to take advantage of the convenient ways Texas has provided for voter registration," Senator Estes said.

New voters can obtain a voter registration card at many post offices, libraries, from their county tax office, county clerk, Texas Department of Public Safety offices, and Texas Department of Human Services offices throughout the state.

For those with internet access, voter registration cards can be obtained on the Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.tx.us by either printing off an informal application or by requesting a postage-paid application be sent to you. Upon completion of the card, it is to be mailed to the voter registrar in your county.

The Secretary of State has kicked off a new statewide program called VOTEXAS featuring the VOTEXAS Mobile Exhibit, a 33-foot motor coach equipped with new, electronic voting machines and voter education materials. If you would like additional information about VOTEXAS and demonstration locations, call 1-800-252-VOTE or visit www.VOTEXAS.org.

Early voting begins Feb. 21 and ends March 3. Contact your local Tax-Assessor/Collector or your County Clerk's Office for voting places in your county.

"I hope to see more and more people going to the polls and casting their ballots," Estes said.

TEXAS MONTHLY OIL AND GAS STATISTICS

DECEMBER PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,413 original drilling permits in December 2005 compared to 1,308 in December 2004. The December total included 1,217 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 42 to re-enter existing well bores, and 154 for re-completions. Permits issued in December 2005 included 272 oil, 357 gas, 728 oil and gas, 41 injection, zero service, and 15 other permits.

NOVEMBER CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary November 2005 crude oil production averaged 903,044 barrels daily, down from the 910,641 barrels daily average of November 2004.

DECEMBER OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In December 2005, operators reported 371 oil, 531 gas, 45 injection, and two other completions compared to 280 oil, 875 gas, 12 injection, and three other completions during December 2004.

Total well completions for 2005 year to date are 11,007, up from 10,966 recorded during the same period in 2004.

NOVEMBER NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 418,968,841 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for November 2005, down from the November 2004 preliminary gas production total of 432,954,281 Mcf.

Texas production in November 2005 came from 135,497 oil and 66,966 gas wells.

POLICE REPORT

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Citations issued 9
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On Jan. 30, a disturbance was reported at 308 East Division when a vehicle was damaged. A juvenile kicked the side of a vehicle, causing damage. The juvenile has agreed to pay for damages.

On Jan. 20 a possible scam was reported. At least two people approached a local citizen and wanted to fix the driveway. Money was paid to do the repair work. When the Muenster police arrived, it was determined that warrants were in effect and one person was arrested and transported to Cooke County Jail. The other person involved also had an outstanding warrant for theft. This person was not located.

Different scams appear to be increasing in the area, such as roof and driveway repairs. If you are approached and are not sure you need the work done, call the Police Department. Let us check the workers or company that are offering the service.

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DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO

Jan. 31, 1941
Vote favors Van Slyke and Hays merger; districts succeed in third attempt to consolidate. Obituaries: Mrs. John Yosten, 54; Retta O'Connor, 83; Elizabeth Brockman, 61. Volunteers inducted this week are Adolph Knabe and August Fleitman. Al Horn is elected president of Muenster Motorcycle Club. Local boys band, organized here, is directed by Father Richard. Members of the Muenster Motorcycle Club help Urban Endres celebrate his 21st birthday.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 3, 1956
Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Otto celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary. More moisture and cold wave arrive. Men In Service: Larry Joe Walterscheid is discharged from the Army; Willard Hartman receives separation papers from the Army; Damian Hellman discharged from Army; Donald Lehnertz also discharged. Sister Benedict, the former Anselma Knabe, is spending two years in Belgium. New Arrivals: Deborah to John Louis and Marcella Hess; Terry to A.J. and Theresa Huchton; Carol to Vincent and Lu Ella Zimmerer; a son to the Tom Hammers; a daughter to the Charles Naughtons.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1981
Line break halts gas service between Muenster, Myra, and Saint Jo for over 24 hours. Michael Abney is overall winner in the Cub Scouts Annual Pinewood Derby. New Arrivals: Nathaniel to Dan Per and Karla Stevenson; Nicholas to James and Susan Yosten; Amy to the Gary Joe Walterscheid; Justin to the Guy Bindels; Holly to Van and Rebecca Harris. College Graduates: Jim Luke from Texas Tech; Bruce Fuhrmann from Texas Tech.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Do you like paying extra taxes so out-of-county students can pay less than half what we do to attend NCTC? According to the state legislature, that is exactly what is happening with Cooke County taxes at NCTC.

HB 2221 which passed 128-9 and 31-0 in the Senate, says Junior College Boards need to look at taxpayer equity when setting tuition rates. It says when we figure out-of-county tuition we should compare it to the total of our taxes per credit hour and our in-county tuition rate for in-county students. Our taxes come to about \$113/hour. Add that to our in-county tuition rate of \$42/hour and you get a total of \$155/hour that we pay. Compare that to \$68/hour for out-of-county tuition. We pay more than double. Is that fair?

I proposed we set a goal to make this balanced by 2010 as defined by state law. It didn't pass. I liked the other goals as far as they went but I had hoped to see more specifics before we voted. As written, they could be used to justify another performing arts center or increasing blue-collar vocational and nursing programs. I'd like our goal to make it clear what we are going to focus on and be measurable, as my proposed goal was.

I agree with Dr. Hadlock that raising our out-of-county rate to \$155/hour would be "astronomical". That isn't what I suggested. Why not raise their tuition to our average local funds cost per credit hour, about \$80/hour, and lower ours to the same? If \$155/hour is "astronomical" for Denton County, why isn't it too high for Cooke County to pay?

I propose we add \$3/hour to out-of-county tuition each year for the next four years. At the same time we could reduce Cooke County taxes and tuition so that together we pay the same \$80/hour. Doing so would get us very close to tax and tuition equity for Cooke County. The College would still get the same amount of money and Cooke County taxes and tuition rates could be almost half what they are today.

Why is this important to talk about now? We set tuition rates each February. Last year we only raised out-of-county tuition. The *Gainesville Register* reported that Dr. Dickson and Mr. Idom objected because they wanted to increase Cooke County tuition too at the

February 2005 meeting. The vote was 4-3 to only raise out-of-county tuition. Chances are good someone will try to raise in-county tuition again this year. Cooke County taxes are too high. If you want to put a stop to your tax dollars being used to give a break to out-of-county students, come to the next NCTC Board meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27. You may want to let us know what you think before the meeting. Most of the board members who wanted to increase Cooke County tuition last year are against letting you tell us what you think before we vote at the meeting.

I will put more detail on achieving tax equity along with contact information on the web at www.cookecitizens.org. Steve Gaylor Valley View 940-726-6112

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Sheriff Compton said that there is a good chance that there is a network among fraud artists who share information on marks. Again relatives should be aware of this and warn their loved ones to call when approached by anyone suspicious.

Sheriff Compton noted that

these individuals use high pressure sales techniques to con people into signing a contract.

With a signed contract, it will be harder to prove a case against the individuals who took the money and didn't do the job, said the Sheriff's Department.

AGENDA MEETING DATE - FEBRUARY 6, 2006

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, February 6, 2006.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Opening prayer
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on January 2006.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss policies for building inspections. Take action as necessary to set the policies.
2. Consider and act on approving Ordinance #288 National Incident Management System.
3. Consider and act on approving Sanitary Control Ordinance No. 289, which rescinds Sanitary Control Ordinance No. 286.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor will call the election. Election date is Saturday, May 13, 2006.

Offices to be considered are:
Place 1 - Now held by Gary Fisher
Place 2 - Now held by Johnny Pagel
Place 4 - Now held by Jewel Otto

Filing dates are February 13 through March 13, 2006.

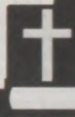
2. Consider and act on nomination of Paul Kirley to Greater Texoma Utility Authority Board of Directors.
3. Discuss 2006 paving projects. Take action as necessary to begin work.
4. Consider and act on purchase of 2001 International dump truck.
5. Consider and act on approval of appointment of members to Muenster Water District Board.
6. Review and act on monthly bills.
7. Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.
8. Review prices for fence project around City barn. Consider and act on approving project and amending budget for the fence and building.
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.074 - Personnel.
11. Adjourn

If the sky were paper and the ocean were ink, we couldn't write enough words to adequately "THANK YOU" for all your love and support during Mimi's illness and death. To Dr. Ed and the Muenster Memorial Hospital staff and the staff of St. Richard's Villa for their tender, loving care bestowed on our beautiful mother. For the beautiful cards, the consoling phone calls, the delicious food, the memorial and mass donations, and especially all the warm hugs, we would like to say "Thanks from the bottom of our hearts!" Perhaps you couldn't be there that day, but you thought of us and prayed. For all these wonderful things, we are truly grateful. Mimi would have loved hearing your laughter, as we shared some of our "Precious Memories" with you at the funeral. Her legend will live on in our hearts, and "THANK YOU" for playing such a special part.

The Mimi Cain Family

The family of August J. "Gus" Lutkenhaus would like to thank family, friends, and neighbors for the food, visits, Masses, and memorial contributions made in memory of my husband and our father to the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. A special thank you to Father John, Father Ron, and Father Joseph, to all who helped with the meal, and Rohmer's Restaurant for helping out. For all the kindness shown to us, we want to express our humble appreciation and may God bless each and everyone in a most special way.

Armella Lutkenhaus
Walter & Kathleen Lutkenhaus
Norma & John Kubicek
Doris & W.C. Muller
Dennis & Carolyn Lutkenhaus
Leo & Peggy Lutkenhaus
Charles & Lori Lutkenhaus



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

Sunday, February 5, 2006	Monday, February 6, 2006	Tuesday, February 7, 2006	Wednesday, February 8, 2006	Thursday, February 9, 2006	Friday, February 10, 2006	Saturday, February 11, 2006
Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM SHY Jr., 7-8:15PM	City Council mtg., 7:30PM CCYC Home Ec. & Shop entry deadlines	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar, 6-8PM, Home Hospice MMH Aux. mtg., 7PM	Relig. Ed Class, 7PM SHY mtg., 8-9:15PM C of C Breakfast mtg., 7:30AM, Rohmer's Restaurant	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SH Outreach Committee Drug Education Program, 7-9PM, SH Comm Center Historical Comm. mtg., 8AM, Muenster Museum	Muenster Museum Open 1-4PM AARP membership luncheon mtg., 11:30AM, Stanford House, Gainesville	Lindsay VFD Truck Dinner & Dance, 6PM, Centennial Hall Local Candidates may begin to file for Board positions TX Hold'em Tourney/Hennigan benefit, 7PM, KC Hall
Sunday, February 12, 2006	Monday, February 13, 2006	Tuesday, February 14, 2006	Wednesday, February 15, 2006	Thursday, February 16, 2006	Friday, February 17, 2006	Saturday, February 18, 2006
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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Mollenkopf

1910 - 2006

By Elfreda Fette
Mass of Christian Burial was offered in Sacred Heart Church for Elizabeth Marie Mollenkopf on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 10 a.m., officiated by Father John Ohner, OSA, pastor. Mrs. Mollenkopf died on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006 at age 95 at 3:05 a.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital.

She was born on March 31, 1910 in Windthorst to Louis and Katie Schroeder Steinberger. She completed school in Windthorst.

On Sept. 26, 1933 she married George William Mollenkopf in Windthorst, where they lived before moving to Muenster. They resided in Muenster for the remainder of their lives.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Parish and St. Anne's Society. She enjoyed crocheting, baking, and cooking in general, gardening and canning. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and treasured great- and great-great-grandmother, she devoted her life to caring for her family, and they returned her love with enthusiasm.

She was employed at Sacred Heart Luncheon, the Muenster Telephone Company, and also cooked in local restaurants.

Survivors are a daughter Joaline Henscheid of Muenster; three sons George Mollenkopf and wife Leoba, and James Mollenkopf of Muenster, and Howard Mollenkopf and wife Ruthie of Vancouver, Washington. There are 20 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Proceeding her in death were her husband George on Jan. 13, 1957; a sister Marie Henry; a brother Albert Steinberger; and 2 great-grandchildren.

A Rosary service was held Monday at 7 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Chapel led by Vickie Scott.

Participating in the liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial with Father John were altar servers Chad Henscheid, Ryan Henscheid, and Michael Weinzapfel.

The First and Second Readings were given by Mattie Hartman and Stacie Sandmann. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Samantha Wimmer. Offertory Gifts of bread and



Elizabeth Mollenkopf

wine were presented at the altar by Cheryl Mollenkopf and Gay Sandmann.

Eucharistic Ministers were Ronnie and Tina Weinzapfel, Vickie Scott, Valerie Henscheid, and Whitney Wimmer.

Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. Sacred songs included "How Great Thou Art", "Edelweiss", "One Day at a Time", "Softly and Tenderly", "Song of the Angels", and "Amazing Grace".

Remarks of Remembrance were given by LeAnn Mollenkopf and Tara Swirczynski.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Kirk Mollenkopf, Mark Mollenkopf, Hal Mollenkopf, Jay Mollenkopf, Matt Mollenkopf, and Lonnie Henscheid.

Frank Bernauer

1919 - 2006

By Elfreda Fette
Mass of Christian Burial was held for Frank Adolph Bernauer of Muenster on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006 in Sacred Heart Church at 10 a.m., officiated by Father John Ohner, OSA, pastor. Mr. Bernauer died at age 86 on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006 in Muenster.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1919 in Muenster to the late Joseph Michael and Catherine Mueller Bernauer. In 1925, the family moved to Hereford, and later to Panhandle, Texas. He graduated from Panhandle High School. Later, he went to California where he worked for several years as a welder in one of the nation's defense plants. He was deferred from the draft on two occasions because of the important nature of his work.

He decided to fulfill his duty in the U.S. Army, and instead of further deferral, chose to return to Texas for induction. On that return trip, he suffered an extremely serious motorcycle accident, and was not able to serve because of his physical condition caused by the accident. Frank Bernauer later opened a liquor store in Amarillo, and then proceeded to own and operate a larger business in Panhandle.

He moved back to Muenster in the mid sixties,

and lived in Muenster the later part of his life, where he was a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Survivors are two sisters, Sr. Barbara Bernauer of Muenster, and Evelyn Nachtman and husband Bernard of Boynton Beach, Florida; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

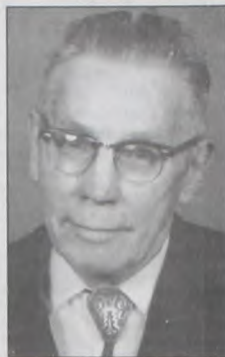
Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister Marie Kuehler; and brothers Matthew Bernauer and L.J. Bernauer.

A Vigil Service was held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in McCoy Funeral Chapel in Muenster, led by Father John.

Assisting Father John in the liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial were altar servers Alvin Hartman, Sylvan Walterscheid, and Butch Fisher.

The First and Second Readings were given by Kenya Endres. Eucharistic ministers were Christel Vogel, Robert Miller, Herbie and Dolores Miller, and Imelda Rohmer.

Music ministers were



Frank Bernauer

Christy Hesse, Linda Flusche, and Ruth Felderhoff. Sacred songs included "Peace Is Flowing", "Here I Am, Lord", "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman", "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled", and "Amazing Grace".

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Herbie Miller, Bill Miller, Robert Miller, Dave Muller, Dave Vogel, and Jack Flusche.

Mildred Beyer

1917 - 2006

Mildred Beyer of Fort Worth passed away Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006 at the age of 88.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 at St. George Catholic Church. Entombment followed at Greenwood Mausoleum. A Rosary was held on Tuesday in Mount Olivet Chapel.

Mildred was born Nov. 9, 1917 in Fort Worth to Myrtle and Thomas Carroll. She was a homemaker and member of St. George Catholic Church. She had a wonderful life filled with family and friends. The date of her burial, Jan. 25, was the 65th anniversary of a long, loving marriage to Carl Beyer. Together they had a lifelong circle of friends, enjoying many good times together.

Mildred had a great sense of style and was an excellent dancer. She was an avid

reader, with a questioning mind and a lively sense of humor. She loved the arts, especially theater and music. She was a volunteer for many years at St. Joseph's Hospital and worked for racial justice and understanding. She was fond of the Irish heritage, and loved violets and enjoyed working crossword puzzles.

The most important part of Mildred's life was her family. Survivors are her husband; daughters Carol Hubbard and husband Billy, Pam Harper and husband Jack Fuchs, and Susan Beyer; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and in-laws Bernice Beyer of Gainesville, Dorothy Swirczynski of Muenster, and Frank and Bernice Beyer, Dorothy Beyer, and Raymond and Rosalie Sandmann, all of Lindsay; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Senator Cornyn praises President Bush's speech

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn—chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship; and Emerging Threats and Capabilities—made the following statement Tuesday regarding the President's State of the Union address:

"The President clearly outlined his vision for the country in the coming year, leading us on a path that will unite the American people, make us stronger, more secure and more competitive. America will continue to lead."

War on Terror / Iraq
"It's critical that we remain vigilant in fighting an enemy that wants to kill innocent Americans, as they did on 9/11. We must continue the progress we're making in Iraq and Afghanistan to bring democracy and peace to those important regions of the world. The President was right in his call to stay engaged around the world and protect Americans here at home."
Competitiveness in Global Economy

"The President's plan to increase America's competitiveness in a global economy translates into jobs here at home. It's important to focus education on more training in math and science. If we remain competitive in these areas, we will be able to compete with the technology and services of anyone in the world."

Border Security / Immigration Reform

"I'm encouraged that the President continues to push not just for bolstering border security, but for a comprehensive approach to a key aspect of our national security—and that is comprehensive reform of our broken immigration system. Border security is one of the most urgent issues facing Texas and our nation to-

day. The bill I've introduced strengthens our border enforcement and comprehensively reforms our immigration system. We need both stronger enforcement and reasonable reform of our immigration laws."

Energy Independence
"Our continued dependence on foreign energy is a national security problem, and it directly affects the Texas economy. Energy security affects our farmers and ranchers in terms of their costs, and it affects our competitiveness in other important industries. So we must work to decrease our dependence on foreign sources of energy to protect jobs in Texas and protect people here at home."

Improving Health Care
"I applaud the President's message on health care and the need to reform our system to provide greater access for more Americans. In particular when it comes to reforming the way the federal government regulates and taxes care, to make it more portable, to provide more choice and more consumer-oriented decision making when it comes to meeting health care needs and costs."
NSA Terrorist Surveillance Program

"We must continue to use every available, legal tool to prevent terrorist attacks here at home. It is clear to me that based upon the same authority claimed by presidents on both sides of the aisle that the President has operated well within his legal authority to perform this sort of limited early warning system to prevent against future terrorist attacks. I don't think it's any accident that America has been saved from additional terrorist attacks since September 11. Unfortunately, we know terrorists have exploited the opportunities to attack in other parts of the world and we can be assured that they will continue to attack America if given the chance and if we let our guard down."

Patriot Act
"The Patriot Act is responsible for giving law enforcement and intelligence agencies the ability to share information and literally use the information to pre-empt terrorist attacks. I support the reauthorization of the Patriot Act because not only does it make us safer, but it really does no more than give our intelligence officials the authority to investigate terrorists."

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following key Senate Committees: **Armed Services; Judiciary; Budget; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Joint Economic.** He is also the chairman of the subcommittees on **Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship; and Emerging Threats and Capabilities.**
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Winter weather stresses on trees and shrubs

Winter's heavy snow and ice, as well as frozen soil conditions, can damage cherished trees and shrubs in suburban landscapes. Even areas without major snowfall experience high winds and huge fluctuations in temperatures during winter. But homeowners can lessen the adverse effects of winter weather with preventive maintenance.

What can happen in winter, and how you can avoid it

"Branches of trees can break due to the excessive weight of ice or snow," says Peter Gerstenberger, senior advisor for safety, standards and compliance with the Tree Care Industry Association. "Proper pruning encourages the formation of the strongest possible branches and branch attachments. When pruning alone isn't enough, properly installed cables and rigid braces can add support to a weakened part of the tree."

Winter winds cause evergreens to lose moisture from their needles. Even

some deciduous trees suffer from winter drying. If water is not available as moisture is drawn from living cells, permanent damage will result. The best prevention consists of planting only hardy species in areas of prolonged exposure, watering plants adequately in the fall, and mulching to insulate the soil and roots from severe cold.

On sunny days in winter, the tree's trunk and main limbs can warm to 15 degrees higher than the air temperature. As soon as the sun's rays stop reaching the stem, its temperature plummets, causing injury or permanent damage to the bark. The two main types of injury are known as sun scald and frost cracking. The effects of sun scald and frost cracking can be reduced by sound arboricultural practices to maintain overall health, and also by covering the trunks of young, susceptible trees with a suitable tree wrap.

Winter is a good time to prune

"Most skilled arborists prefer pruning when trees are dormant," says Gerstenberger. "With no leaves on the tree, the arborist is better able to evaluate its architecture and spot dead or diseased branches. In addition, since the ground is frozen, damage to the turf underneath the tree due to falling limbs and tire tracks is negligible. This

is also a good time to check trees for diseases and other damage."

Here are some other ways the Tree Care Industry Association recommends to improve the health of your living landscape:

• **Aeration** around trees helps improve water and air movement in the soil. This strengthens the tree's root system and reduces soil compaction.

• **When planting**, choose hardy trees available in your area as they have better chances for survival in severe weather conditions. Choosing the best location and following proper planting procedures should be your highest priorities.

• **Stop fertilizing** trees in early fall to allow them to prepare for winter.

• **In case of moderate storm damage**, restoring the tree to its former health and beauty may take some time, but it generally can make a full recovery. Broken, hazardous limbs should be removed immediately. Pruning to remove broken stubs and restore the balance of the crown can be put off a little while, but shouldn't be delayed more than one growing season.

Homeowners who are looking for someone to assess their landscape and make recommendations should consult a professional arborist.

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New treatment for congestive heart failure approved

Congestive heart failure is the commonest cause of hospitalization in patients over age 65 according to Medicare data. It is an ominous diagnosis with almost half the patients dying within five years after the diagnosis is first made. Treatment so far included a combination of 5-6 medicines in adequate doses plus treating underlying causes like hardening of coronary arteries and high blood pressure. FDA and Medicare have recently approved a new method of treatment of this deadly disease. This involves insertion of a special pacemaker which can stimulate both ventricles (main pumping chambers) of the heart almost simultaneously. This pacemaker can now be implanted in Gainesville. This is done under local anesthesia. If you are still having symptoms of shortness of breath, fatigue or swelling of feet despite medical treatment, then please call our office for a consultation to see if you may be a candidate for this treatment

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LIFESTYLE

NCTC Annual Creative Writing Contest issues call for entries

The literary magazine of North Central Texas College, "The April Perennial," is seeking amateur writers who would like to submit their work for the College's annual Creative Writing Contests.

William Hood of the NCTC English faculty, who serves as editorial director for the contests, issued the call for entries and said the deadline for submitting them is March 3. The competition, which usually draws 400-500 entries according to Professor Hood, encompasses six separate contests for different age groups, each with subcategories for poetry, short stories, and essays. In addition, there are contests for both NCTC students and non-students.

The contests, sponsored by NCTC's English, Speech, and Foreign Languages Department, are open to all amateur writers from Texas or Oklahoma who would like to submit entries.

All winners in the 2006 Creative Writing Contests will receive certificates of recognition, and cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place entries as determined by expert judges. All these top entries will be published in the NCTC literary magazine "The April Perennial."

The formal awards ceremony is set for April 14 in the Little Theater on the Gainesville Campus, and copies of the 2006 "April Perennial" containing the winning entries will be available at the ceremony.

Middle school students in grades 6-8 may submit entries to the Jerry Simpson Memorial Poetry and Short Story Contests, while high school students in grades 9-12 may enter their work in the Brad Dill Memorial Poetry and Short Story Contests.

The Regional Creative Writing Contest for poetry and short fiction is open to any amateur writers in Texas or Oklahoma who are not NCTC students.

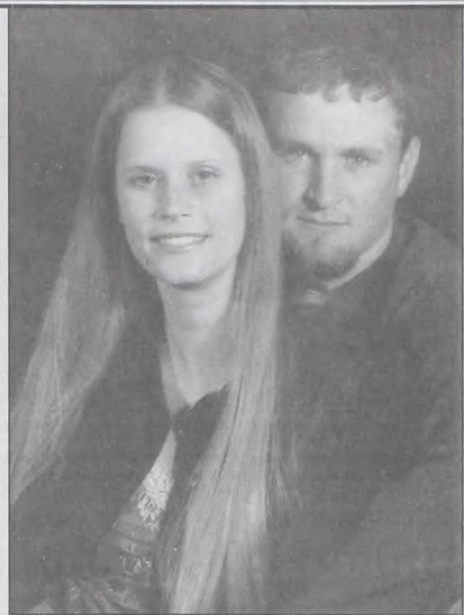
Contests for NCTC students include the Jack Joyce Memorial Essay Contest, the Ila Joyce Memorial Poetry Contest and the Gerald McDaniel Memorial Short Story Contest.

Professor Hood noted that writers may submit only one entry in each division of any contest for which they are eli-

gible. Handouts detailing the guidelines and format requirements for each contest are available in the libraries on all NCTC campuses.

Entries may be submitted by e-mail to LitContest@nctc.edu. Paper entries may be sent by regular mail to the attention of Professor William Hood at North Central Texas College, 1525 W. California Street, Gainesville, TX, 76240-4699, or brought in person to the office of the English, Speech, and Foreign Languages Department in Room 120 on the NCTC Gainesville campus. All entries must be received by the stated deadline.

More detailed information about eligibility, restrictions and format requirements for electronic or paper submissions can be found at the web pages for the Department of English, Speech, and Foreign Languages at the NCTC website, www.nctc.edu.



Gilbert and Shirley Hess of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Jill Hess to Jeremy Walterscheid of Muenster. Jeremy is the son of Gary and Brenda Walterscheid of Muenster. The couple plans to be married on Feb. 11, 2006 in St. Mary's Church of Gainesville. Father Don Brennan will officiate for the 5:30 p.m. ceremony. Jill is a 1997 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and in 2002 she graduated from Midwestern State University with an Associate Degree in Radiological Science. She is employed as office manager for Tri-State Gunite of New Jersey. The future-groom is a 1998 graduate of Muenster Public School. He is the owner/operator of Alliance Pro Excavation. The couple will reside in Jackson, New Jersey, but plans to move soon to Christiansa, Delaware.

NEW ARRIVALS

Beadles

Luke Conner Beadles was born to Staci and Ricky Beadles of Commerce on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006. He was born in Plano Medical Center weighing 5 lb. 3 oz. and measuring 17 3/4 inches in length. Siblings are Blake Beadles, Melinda Beadles, Melissa Hill, and twin brother Lance Cooper Beadles (deceased). Grandparents are Bernice Sicking of Myra and the late Paul Sicking, and Lonnie and Emalee Beadles of Commerce.

Voth

Doug and Deidra Voth of Lindsay are proud to announce the birth of their son Wyatt Matthew Voth. He was born on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006 at 1:01 p.m. in North Texas Medical Center weighing 9 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length. He is welcomed by his sister Sarah Deborde, age 9. Grandparents are Melvin and Margie Voth of Gainesville and Jack and Loretta Deborde of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Geraldine Haverkamp of Lindsay, Augusta Walterscheid of Muenster, and Wanda Deborde of Era.

Huchton

Shauna and Shane Huchton of Forestburg joyfully announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Sophie Leigh Huchton. Sophie was born Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006 at 10:40 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. She weighed 9 lb. 15 oz. Grandparents are Gary and Mary Endres of Muenster and Lynn and Jo Ann Huchton of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Caroline Hess, Clara Endres, and Billye Huchton, all of Muenster, and

Joe and Anna Mae Bezner of Lindsay.

Knabe

Jackie Knabe of Muenster and Josh Hutchins of Muenster announce the birth of their son, Nathan Anthony Hutchins. He was born in North Texas Medical Center on Monday, Jan. 23, 2006 at 1:55 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 22 inches in length. His siblings are Brandon Hutchins, age 6, and Alyssa Hutchins, age 4. Grandparents are June and Craig Danel of Gainesville, Martin and Debbie Knabe of Moss Lake, and Sharon Love of Era.

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Rohmers named Yard of Month



Keep Muenster Beautiful Yard of the Month - Terry and Lisa Rohmer's home at 1015 N. Elm was named January Yard of the Month. Their well-manicured front lawn is graced with shrubs that include yaupon hollies. In season, a rock flower bed is filled with colorful flowers such as moss roses, daylilies, and Wave petunias. Two urn planters stand on each side of the sidewalk. They contain hibiscus flowers in warmer weather. Pictured are, from left, back - Lisa, Brianna, and Terry; front - Clayton and Delana. Janie Hartman photo

Erasmus said, Habit is overcome by habit.

By Leanne Ely
With the billions of dollars that are spent each year by people hoping to lose weight once and for all, it is the people who understand the principle of exchange and choice that ultimately win the war on body clutter (excess weight). These are the people who become the success stories we love reading about and secretly hope that one day, that will be our story, too. This very simple principle of exchanging one habit (eating ice cream after dinner every night) for another (taking the dog for a walk) has the ability to tweak your lifestyle enough to dramatically alter your weight—and much less painfully than you would think.

I call mindless eating unconscious grazing. The hand to mouth exchange that is done with an almost numbing rhythm, one chip at a time, one M & M at a time will pile it on without the participant's awareness! It almost doesn't matter what we're eating because it's forgotten about after about the 5th or 6th munch anyway. This style of eating is reminiscent of the way a cow spends her day—grazing. In other words, eating all day with the jaw constantly moving. The only difference being of course, that we have one stomach and choose not to throw up and re-chew our food (one would hope so anyway).

If we are going to lose the unconscious grazing habit and replace it with the healthy new habit of conscientious eating, we need to bring back the old fashioned value of mealtimes. Good eating habits are established one meal at a time. A great starting place is the family dinner table. All too often our dinner time eating habits become yet another place where the food is fast, "served" in the back of a car and amidst a frenzy of activity. Our "dinner conversation" becomes, "do you want fries with that?" instead of asking about everyone's day.

One of my passions is making sure people understand that their dinner table is not just a place of good family dinners, but also a place of communion for a family that desperately needs to reconnect at the end of a busy day. Too often the dinner table becomes a clutter magnet. A place to dump the mail, the

kids, backpacks, and homework after zipping through the drive-thru. This is a place where not only conscientious eating can take place, but the good habit of relationship building and the tying together of heartstrings that may have been inadvertently cut by a rushed parent. Study after study has shown that children that eat together with their parents regularly, have less problems (drugs, sex, poor performance in school) than their non-eating-dinner-together-with-their-families' peers.

We all know that eating in front of the TV is an almost guaranteed reservation at The Overeating Cafe. It also assures that there will be no conversation (except maybe a request for salt being passed or a fleeting comment made during a commercial). It is an interesting phenomenon how once that habit of the dinner

table is re-established, the food becomes healthier and more nutritious and psychologically, the whole family does better.

Good habits like establishing regular mealtimes, also have the advantage of an almost built in control mechanism. Instead of mindless grazing for hours in front of the TV, there is a beginning and ending point to the meal. The mindless feeding is turned off because the meal is over. Such a simple concept, and yet so very powerful once implemented. Make it a point to get to your dinner table at least twice this week and see what happens.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website: www.SavingDinner.com or her *Saving Dinner Book* series published by Ballentine. Copyright 2006; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.

Fleitman celebrates his Confirmation with family

Mark Fleitman was one of 34 candidates who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, Jan. 22 during the 8 a.m. Mass from Bishop Kevin Vann.

Mark was honored at his home with an all day celebration hosted by his parents Ben and Carol Fleitman, brother Matthew, and sister Catherine.

A bountiful chicken lasagna dinner with many side dishes was served. The group enjoyed the afternoon playing dominoes, visiting, taking pictures, and watching Mark open his gifts.

A light supper with pickup

foods was served in the evening.

Those attending were grandparents Ben Fleitman Sr., and Diamond and Evelyn Fuhrmann; sponsor Patrick Lutkenhaus; Godparents Rudy and JoAnn Schumacher; along with Maurus and Lynn Hacker; Jim, Judy, and Keith Fuhrmann; Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus; LuElla Fuhrmann; Maurus, Sally, Nathan, Chloe, and Braeden Hacker; Joe and Kristie Becker; and Kelly and Dana Schumacher. Special guests were Lucille Hess, Tootsie Kuntz, and Bro. Louis Fuhrmann of Subiaco, Arkansas.

United Way announces info on applications for 2007

The Cooke County United Way is now considering applications from qualified agencies for 2007 Allocations. New agencies wishing to be considered for 2007 applications may make their request by letter which must be received by Cooke County United Way office no later than Feb. 15, 2006. Allocation application packets will be mailed out to all qualified new and current member agencies no later than Feb. 28. Those agencies wishing to be considered for 2007 allocations must return the packets by Mar. 27. Requests for information may be sent to P. O. Box 208, Gainesville, Texas 76241 and/or by calling the Cooke County United Way office 940-665-1793.

A qualified agency must be established as a tax-exempt organization under the IRS Code Section 501(c)3. The allocation packet requests

agency information in the areas of: constitution and by-laws, management, financial reports, statement of cooperation, and statement of nondiscrimination. The agency must additionally meet the funding criteria, financial accountability, community needs, program priorities, and program effectiveness.

The Cooke County United Way and its member agencies share two common goals in the allocation process relative to the overall mission: 1) To fund real community needs as fully as possible and 2) To allocate available funds for optimum effect among these needs. Whereas, each agency views community needs from its own specific viewpoint, the United Way must look at agencies and needs from the view of the total community.

Local citizen volunteers serving on the Cooke County United Way Allocations Com-

mittee and board decide where the funds will be invested. These volunteers reflect a cross-section of the community. Cooke County United Way celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2005 and is one of 1,400 local, independent United Ways across the country.

COLLEGE HONOR ROLLS

Midwestern State University

Midwestern State University recognized 838 honor students for the Fall 2005 semester. Four area students are included on the honor roll.

To make the Provost's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75-3.99 and no grade lower than a C. Megan Grewing of Muenster and Danny Evans of Lindsay were included on that list.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74 and no grade lower than a C. Included on that list are Jennifer Tune of Muenster and Nathan Hermes of Lindsay.

AREA EVENT

ARC of Denton County Craft Fair & Festival

The 2nd Annual ARC of Denton County Craft Fair and Festival will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Lakeland Elementary School, 800 Fox Avenue in Lewisville. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free.

Crafters are expected from across North Texas, with a

variety of crafts, seasonal items, and home decor. Music, dance, cheer, and tumbling groups will be performing.

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SCHOOL

Sacred Heart observes Catholic Schools Week



Character, Compassion, and Values in the Nation was Wednesday's theme at Sacred Heart Catholic School. To open the day, the student body gathered at the flag pole to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag in unison as shown in photo below. It was also Open House for the schools. Parents, grandparents, and friends were invited to have lunch in the cafeteria with the children. At left, Johnny and JoAnn Pagel enjoy lunching with their grandchildren, Preschool student Colby Endres and his sister Erica. They are the children of Jason and Diane Endres. Each day of the week had its own theme and special activities planned to observe them.

Courtesy photo



Intervention noted as key to reading success

By Jill Allor, Ed.D. Associate Professor of Literacy and Language Acquisition, Southern Methodist University's Institute for Reading Research

Despite a ban on social promotion, nearly 3000 Texas third graders who failed to pass a basic reading test are still moving ahead a grade, according to the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The pressure is great to promote children for social reasons. Naturally, parents don't want their children to suffer the stigma of remaining behind their peers. And research clearly shows that retention does not help most students "catch up"; it's the single most powerful predictor of whether a student will drop out of school.

Neither social promotion nor retention is a good choice. A better solution is to avoid retention altogether through intense intervention in the early grades. Research shows this is definitely possible.

Scientific-based research—large-scale, random studies of students—has produced reliable data demonstrating that it is possible to virtually eliminate reading failure. The key is intervention, which requires that schools assess children early and pull aside struggling readers for small-group instruction with a specific curriculum for up to 45 minutes a day. Several studies have shown that with this type of strong support in the first grade, at least 98% of first-graders will develop sufficient literacy skills to prepare them for success in later grades. These studies involve children from all backgrounds, including those in poverty, second-language learners, and even those with dyslexia.

Compared to other states, Texas is making great strides in improving early reading. Since 1999, Texas has spent more than \$500 million on teacher training and reading programs. One is the Teacher Reading Academy, which has exposed more than 100,000 elementary school teachers to new research on effective

ways to teach reading and writing. Many of these teachers have not received this type of training before. They learn how to incorporate each of the basic elements of literacy instruction into an effective program.

These elements include phonological awareness, alphabetic understanding, comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary, all of which have been identified by a national reading panel as key principles children need to know if they are to become competent readers. Sessions also incorporate successful strategies for teaching written expression and accommodating the needs of diverse learners.

Texas can still do better in improving early reading outcomes. The same Texas Education Agency report that found widespread social promotion also reported 6.4% of first-graders were retained in the 2003-04 school year. This number is at least three times larger than it would have been if students had received intensive early intervention. Moreover, since learning to read only gets more difficult with each passing year, about 85% of these children, or 18,000, will probably never learn to read sufficiently.

Think of them as 18,000 young adults unable to study for a trade or profession, many of whom would be unable to even complete a job application. When you think of the revenue lost in the taxes these adults will never pay, not to mention the tax money required to care for their basic needs, the cost of early intervention is an extremely wise investment.

This will require a strong commitment to classroom teachers. They need access to ongoing professional development to ensure that research-based techniques become a routine part of typical classroom instruction. Districts and schools must assist teachers identify struggling readers. Also, extra teachers are needed to provide intense intervention to the most at-risk students. We now know that even students with dyslexia benefit from carefully implemented, daily intervention.

Although these advances are exciting news, translating this research into common practice is a tremendous challenge. Leaving no child behind is not easy, but leaving 18,000 behind in just one year is unconscionable when we know what to do to prevent it.

LUNCH MENUS

WEEK OF FEB. 6 - 10 SACRED HEART

Mon. - Chili dogs, potato wedges, celery sticks, pears.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, carrots, oranges, bread.

Wed. - Fiesta salad w/trimmings, corn chips, apples, wheat crackers.

Thurs. - Beef spaghetti, green beans, mixed fruit, garlic bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, mixed fruit, pudding.

MUENSTER ISD
Mon. - Beef tacos w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, beans, pineapple, cake.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, oranges, cookies.

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

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, pickles, onions, oven baked French fries, carrot sticks, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD
Mon. - Chicken crisps, cheese sticks, pinto beans, Spanish rice, applesauce, bread.

Tues. - Barbecue on a bun, pickle wedges, potato chips, fresh fruit, peanut butter brownie.

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

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

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

ERA ISD

Mon. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, pear half, wacky cake.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, sliced peaches, tossed salad, fruit mix.

Wed. - Pepperoni or cheese pizza, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, sugar cookie.

Thurs. - Salisbury steak or fish sticks, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, tossed salad, fruit mix, hot roll.

Fri. - Corn dog, potato wedges, fresh apple, ice cream.

CORRECTION

Ian Barnhill's name was inadvertently left off of the Second Quarter Principal's Honor Roll for Sacred Heart School.

Reminder Drug Education Program

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Data Control Codes	10		60		98	
	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Funds	Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:						
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,848,416	\$ 20,644	\$ 163,836	\$ 2,032,896		
5800 State Program Revenues	1,516,798	--	53,278	1,570,076		
5900 Federal Program Revenues	--	--	150,227	150,227		
5020 Total Revenues	3,365,214	20,644	367,341	3,753,199		
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011 Instruction	1,725,176	--	199,269	1,924,445		
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	57,786	--	1,962	59,748		
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	670	--	--	670		
0021 Instructional Leadership	15	--	47,980	47,995		
0023 School Leadership	187,829	--	1,000	188,829		
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	51,773	--	500	52,273		
0033 Health Services	13,036	--	208	13,244		
0034 Student Transportation	114,043	--	--	114,043		
0035 Food Service	51	--	153,318	153,369		
0036 Extracurricular Activities	151,234	--	515	151,749		
0041 General Administration	227,037	--	500	227,537		
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	276,429	--	2,000	278,429		
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	--	--	40,000	40,000		
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	--	--	69,404	69,404		
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	--	300	300		
0081 Capital Outlay	18,538	2,091,908	--	2,110,446		
6030 Total Expenditures	2,823,617	2,091,908	516,956	5,432,481		
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)						
1100 Expenditures	541,597	(2,071,264)	(149,615)	(1,679,282)		
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):						
7915 Operating Transfers In	--	595,420	162,413	757,833		
8911 Operating Transfers Out	(757,833)	--	--	(757,833)		
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(757,833)	595,420	162,413	--		
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(216,236)	(1,475,844)	12,798	(1,679,282)		
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	1,380,967	1,475,844	14,404	2,871,215		
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 1,164,731	\$ --	\$ 27,202	\$ 1,191,933		

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SPORTS

Muenster wins over Collinsville

A trip to Collinsville Friday night ended with District victories for the Lady Hornets and Hornets with 60-44 and 66-45 wins. The Muenster teams improved their records to 24-2, 5-1 and 19-6, 4-1.

The Lady Hornets played a tight 1st half, allowing the Lady Pirates to be a threat. The 2nd half saw Muenster pick up the pace to get the win.

Sandy Endres and Megan Felderhoff each scored 16 points. Lindsey Watson added 10, Laura Heers 9, Sam Endres 7, and Jacé Koelzer 2. The Lady Hornets were 11 of 17 at the free throw line.

M 18 14 11 17 **60**
C 11 15 9 9 **44**

Twenty-six points in the 3rd quarter gave the Hornets the needed points to take the

win.

Derek Endres put 20 points on the board to lead all scorers in the game. Zach Swirczynski added 15 and Ryan Hennigan 11. Micah Flusche put in 9, Collin Walterscheid 7, and 2 each from Jordan Walterscheid and Eric Johnson. The Hornets hit 12 of 20 free throws.

M 14 19 26 7 **66**
C 11 11 12 11 **45**



Sacred Heart Tiger Sharks State bound this weekend

Sacred Heart Tiger Sharks lack the numbers to make a lot of noise in the team standings at this weekend's TAPPS State Swim and Dive Meet at the University of Texas Jamail Swimming Center in Austin. However, state meet coaches Michael Flusche, Sarah Hess, and Tony Koesler all believe each team member has a chance to score team points.

Senior Neil Bayer will not only defend his State diving record, but will attempt to set a new school and State record, hoping to repeat his gold medal performance of last year. Senior Joelle Fuhrmann, holder of the 1-Meter school diving record, will have a tougher time winning a gold medal, with her competition being of Olympic caliber.

Entering the meet seeded fifth and eighth, respectively,

in the 50-Yard Freestyle, seniors Jon Ambrose and Mark Gehrig will have an outside shot of being medalists, since mere seconds separate them from the top seed.

Sophomores Lauren Krahl and Lauren Sepanski, swimming the 100-Yard Freestyle and 100-Yard Backstroke, respectively, also have a shot at a medal.

Swim team captain, senior Shannon Hartman, will lead the Women's 200-Yard Freestyle Relay. She will be assisted by Joelle Fuhrmann and sophomores Kristina Koesler and Lauren Krahl. According to Coach Flusche, "With each swimmer having a good start and a perfect turn, the relay team should win a medal."

The Tiger Sharks have been practicing diving at the North East ISD Natatorium

in Farmers Branch practicing swimming at the Denton ISD Natatorium, and conditioning by participating in one or more other sports, including pre-season track, basketball, softball/baseball, and tennis. As one t-shirt worn by a famous TAPPS swim coach proclaimed, "Swimming... if it was easy they would call it football."

The TAPPS diving competition begins Friday, Feb. 3 at 2:30 p.m. Preliminary swim competition begins at 6:30 p.m. The final swim competition starts at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4.

Tigerettes take District lead

A victory over Abilene Christian Saturday afternoon put the Sacred Heart Tigerettes in the District driver's seat with a 5-0 record and a two game lead on Abilene and Notre Dame.

"This was an impressive effort by the girls," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur on the Tigerettes 52-39 win. "We had one of our best 3rd quarters of the season, and it was all started on the defensive end."

Stephanie Krawietz led the Tigerettes with 12 points and seven rebounds. Sam Wimmer and Shannon Hartman each added 8, Hannah Hess 7, Whitney Wimmer and Kara Felderhoff 6 each, Lauren Krahl 3, and Brittany White 2. S. Wimmer also took eight steals, with W. Wimmer and Nicole Bayer having four assists apiece. The Tigerettes connected eight 3s.

SH 7 14 24 7 **52**
AC 10 8 10 11 **39**

Tuesday night the Tigerettes took a 58-15 District win over the Aledo Trinity Lady Eagles.

Hornet Boosters need your help!

The Muenster Hornet Booster Club will hold a meeting Monday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the girls locker room. If you're a supporter of Muenster ISD Athletics, please show your support by attending this meeting. Help is needed for future events. The Booster Club's golf tournament will be May 6. Get your teams together.

All of Sacred Heart's 1st quarter points were 3s and frees, as were the first 27 points. The Tigerettes' first 2-pointer was made with 2:51 remaining in the 1st half when Nicole Bayer stole the ball and made a lay-up for a 29-4 score. "Our outside shooting continues to improve," noted Coach Jon on the Tigerettes' 11 3-pointers. "The girls are focused for the District title and a win next Tuesday will clinch it."

The Tigerettes had a 37-4 halftime lead, building it in the 2nd half.

Tigers continue to struggle in District

The Tigers of Sacred Heart have had a "long" basketball season so far and continue to struggle, coming up short on the scoreboard.

Friday, Jan. 20, Tim and Theo Otto together scored 43 points against Denton Calvary, but the Tiger team lost the game 72-56. Sam Sparkman added 7 points, Mark Fleitman 4, and Colby Richey 2. The Tigers dropped in five 3s and hit 65% of their free throws.

SH 12 12 16 16 **56**
DC 13 21 15 23 **72**

Tuesday, the Tigers faced an "older, more experienced" team when Notre Dame invaded Sacred Heart. The Knights took home an 82-37 win.

After scoring only 11 points the 1st half, the Tigers hit baskets in the 4th to help the point spread.

Mark Fleitman and Theo Otto were Sacred Heart's leading scorers with 11 and 9 points. Tim Otto added 8, Colby Richey 5, and Josh Yosten 4.

SH 6 5 9 17 **37**
ND 19 20 23 20 **82**

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, the Tigers got a victory over a "charter" team from Greenville (?). Sacred Heart had a one-sided win, scoring

Felderhoff and W. Wimmer were high scorers with 10 points each. Krahl added 9, Bayer 8, S. Wimmer 6, Taylor Torcellini 5, Hess and Hartman 3 each, Krawietz and White 2 apiece.

White and Krawietz each pulled down seven rebounds, with Bayer getting five steals and W. Wimmer six assists.

SH 21 16 13 8 **58**
A 4 0 4 7 **15**

Next action for Sacred Heart will be Tuesday with Denton Calvary. The regular season will conclude then on Friday at Notre Dame.

75 points to "Fire's" 17.

Every team member contributed points to the victory. Tim Otto scored 17, Sam Sparkman 15, Theo Otto 14, Steven Davis 9, Colby Richey 8, Mark Fleitman 6, Nolan Hartman 4, and Josh Yosten 2.

SH 10 22 16 27 **75**
G 6 0 4 7 **17**

JUNIOR HIGH

Lindsay 14 Collinsville 6
The "B" team Squires got a win Thursday. Scoring were Mitch Dieter with 4 points, Blake Hunter 3, Wes Morrison 3, Kyle Johnson 2, and Will Taylor 2.

Lindsay 25 Collinsville 17
Robert Arend scored 16 points to lead the 7th grade Squires to victory. Justin Anderle and Austin Hermes each added 3, Madison Parkhill 2, and Todd Bezner 1.

L 9 2 5 9 **25**
C 5 5 7 0 **17**

Lindsay 42 Collinsville 25
The 8th grade young Knights got a victory Thursday over the Pirates. Ryan Haverkamp was high point maker with 16 points. Colton Hermes added 12, Austin Reiter and Dax Fleitman 5 each, and 2 apiece from James Kelley and Ross Jones.

L 7 10 14 11 **42**
C 2 14 2 7 **25**

Lindsay 22 Collinsville 21
Holding Collinsville to three free throws in the 2nd half gave the 7th Grade Lady Squires the advantage needed to take the win. Katie Nortman scored 8 points, Jessica Block 6, Keley Hermes 4, and 2 each from Bethani Eberhart and Allison Metzler.

L 8 4 6 4 **22**
C 5 1 3 7 **16**

Lindsay 33 Collinsville 16
Seven Lady Squires put points on the board in this 8th grade team victory. Katie Dieter led with 11 points, Cammi Neu added 8, Kristen Martin 6, Alex Cooney 3, Abby Anderle and Haley Hughes 2 each, and Haley Haverkamp 1.

L 8 10 11 4 **33**
C 5 1 3 7 **16**

Muenster 16 Lindsay 41
The Lindsay 7th grade Lady Squires finished the season Monday night with an undefeated 13-0 season.

After a slow start, Muenster's "B" team closed the score to 6 points at half time, then came out the 2nd half making only one point.

Scoring for Muenster were Taylor Reiter 7 points, Tiffany Teafattler 4, Hayley Hess 3, and one each by Yolanda Del Rio and Jacy Steelman.

Lindsay was led by Jessica Block and Katie Nortman with 12 and 10

Sacred Heart 24 Notre Dame 47

The JV Tigers fell to the Knights on Jan. 24. Six Sacred Heart players put points on the board, led by Steven Davis' 9 points. Kirk Felderhoff added 5, Tommy

Torcellini 4, and 2 each by Nathan Berend, Tyler Rohmer, and Dylan Flusche. The Tigers dropped in two 3s, but hit no free throws.

SH 9 5 4 6 **24**
ND 15 7 7 18 **47**

Muenster 50 Collinsville 37

The Hornets got another District win Friday on the road. After a 19-7 1st quarter lead, Muenster extended their lead to 20 points going into the final period. Matt Flusche was the game's high scorer with 16 points. Nick Flusche added 10, with John Monday and Evan Koesler each getting 8. Chad Endres dropped in 4 points, Garrett Hennigan 2, and Brandon Bindel 2.

M 19 16 8 7 **50**
C 7 11 5 14 **37**

Muenster 40 Collinsville 31

A win Friday improved the Lady Hornets record to 14-5, 5-1. Muenster jumped out into a 12 point lead before slowing down for two quarters then picking it up in the final. Muenster's scoring was led by Brandy Dangelmayr and Alison Miller, each scoring 8 points. Jordan Ledbetter and Hillary Swirczynski added 7 apiece, Jenni Luke put in 6, Mara Erickson 3, and Tori Wright 1.

M 18 3 6 13 **40**
C 6 9 2 14 **31**

Muenster 29 Lindsay 15

The Muenster "A" team pulled out a win over the Lindsay 8th grade team Monday.

After a defensive first half, the Lady Stingers scored 19 points to the Lady Squires 7 to take the win. Jackie Klement was high point maker with 10. Lia Heers added 9, with Taylor Klement and Erin Endres each adding 4, and Amanda Dangelmayr 2.

Katie Dieter scored 6 points for Lindsay, with Alex Cooney adding 4, Haley Haverkamp 2, Shirley Hess 2 and Abby Anderle 1.

M 3 7 9 10 **29**
L 4 4 5 2 **15**

Muenster 23 Lindsay 38

Twenty-five points by Colton Hermes was too much for the 8th grade Stingers as Hermes led Lindsay to victory Monday night.

Eric Hellman led Muenster on the scoreboard with 10 points. Levi Trubebach added 6, T.J. Acuna 5, and Chris Valliere 2. The Stingers hit 3 of 4 free throws.

Assisting Hermes on the scoreboard for the Squires were Austin Reiter and Ryan Haverkamp with 4 each, Dax Fleitman 3, and Ross Jones 2. Lindsay dropped in 2 of 3 free throws.

M 4 6 7 6 **23**
L 13 10 12 3 **38**

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Muenster 25 Lindsay 37
Only three Hornets scored in the game against Lindsay. Matt Flusche put in 16 points, Nick Flusche 7, and Chad Endres 2.

Clayton Starnes led Lindsay with 12 points. Brian Sandmann added 8, Garrett Block 6, Josh Heilman 5, Nathan Martin 4, and Turner 2.

M 3 10 5 7 **25**
L 10 10 6 11 **37**

Lindsay 45 Valley View 19

The Lady Knights got a victory in game one. Beverly Knabe was high scorer with 19 points. Kayla Hess added 8, Rose Hermes 7, Ashley Hess 5, Amber Nortman 4, and Elizabeth Martin 2.

Courtney Pierce put in 11 points for the Lady Eagles.

L 14 8 13 10 **45**
VV 7 5 4 3 **19**

Muenster 27 Lindsay 23

The Lady Hornets won the District tournament, with the Lady Knights settling for 2nd place after Muenster took a 4 point victory. Luke led Muenster's scoring with 8 points. Ledbetter added 7, Dangelmayr 5, Swirczynski 3, and 2 each by Krystal Wolf and Miller.

Knabe and K. Hess each scored 8 points for Lindsay. A. Hess added 5, and Hermes 2.

M 7 12 4 4 **27**
L 4 8 6 5 **23**

Softball sign-up

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Cooke County have begun softball sign-up this week, continuing until Feb. 20. The New Dixie League format is as follows, with ages as of June 1, 2006: T-ball, ages 4, 5, and 6 years old, boys and girls; Darlings, 7 and 8 years; Angels, 9 and 10 years; Pony Tails, 11 and 12 years; and Belles, 13,14 and 15 years old.

Cost is a \$20 membership fee and a \$50 activity fee, with a declining scale for more than one child. Sign-up at the Club at 315 W. Hird in Gainesville. For more information call 665-6527.

Lindsay wins over Valley View 87-32

The Lady Knights moved a notch closer to the playoffs with an 87-32 win over Valley View Tuesday night. The Lindsay girls presently lead their district with no losses.

Lindsay jumped into an early lead while keeping the Lady Eagles from the basket, for a 39-9 halftime score. Forty-eight more points in the 2nd half blew Valley View off the court.

Chelsea Hermes led all scorers with 20 points. Mallory Block added 17, Brittany Anderle 16, and Christina Eckart 12. Stephanie Metzler dropped in 8, Lauren Creed 6, Amanda Hess 4, and 2 apiece by Autumn Murrill and Kaileigh Hess. The Lady Knights were three of four from the free throw line and hit four 3-pointers.

L 21 18 23 25 **87**
VV 5 4 15 8 **32**

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Early spring begins softball preparation

Members of the Sacred Heart softball team took advantage of the beautiful spring weather last week to prepare the City ball park for the upcoming season. Coach Beth Bartush and seven players cleared the infield of grass. Tigerettes working were Lauren Sepanski, Kristina Koesler, Diana Knabe, Charlotte Bartush, Natalie Endres, Debra Yosten, and Jessica Schilling (not pictured).

Janie Hartman photo

Grayson game warden named Officer of Year

Grayson County Game Warden Jim Ballard was presented the prestigious Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' 2005 "Officer of the Year" award before Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioners recently.

Intoxicated prevention program in the area.

He also has investigated a number of high-profile poaching cases (Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, famed for its trophy deer, is in his patrol area), and on one memorable weekend took part in dispensing 967 citations to anglers taking advantage of a massive school of stripers below Lake Texoma's spillway.

"I've had a unique place to work my whole career," Ballard said. "I'm fortunate to have a lot of wildlife, and a lot of people too. You just get to see more."

Ballard said that doing the job he's had his heart set on since childhood has its own rewards.

"You want to think you've made a difference out there, and I think we have," he said. "Over the last few years we haven't had any serious boating accidents or fatalities."

Ballard, a 17-year veteran of TPWD's law enforcement division, has been stationed on Lake Texoma his entire career. "I love it," Ballard said of his job. "It's all I ever wanted to do, ever since I was a kid." "I didn't know how to drive a boat when they stationed me at Lake Texoma," he said. "Now, if it had been a John Deere tractor, I'd have known how to drive it."

Of course, after nearly two decades working on the 89,000-acre border lake, Ballard is intimately familiar with the operation of watercraft and coordinates a model Boating While

Fees increase for Hunter Education Training Course

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted a fee increase for attending a hunter education class from \$10 to \$15. The increase will take effect June 1, 2006.

According to Steve Hall, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department education director, the increase is a needed incentive to increase volunteer instructor recruitment efforts.

Under current rule, an instructor is authorized to retain \$5, which has been in effect since 1995.

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on

or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course to hunt in Texas.

Youth younger than 12 can hunt but must be accompanied by a person licensed to hunt in Texas who has completed a hunter education course, or is exempt by age. Youth ages 12-16 can hunt on their own if they have completed hunter education, but adult supervision is recommended.

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Brittany White and Shannon Hartman go after a loose ball.



Getting the rebound - Lisa Miller (12), Kaitlyn Felderhoff (40), and Taylor Torcellini (30).



Shannon Hartman (on floor) fights for the ball. Also pictured is Whitney Wimmer.



Mark Fleitman (34) with the opening tip-off.



Mark Fleitman pulls down a rebound.



Tim Otto hits the frees on a technical call against Aledo.



Colby Richey regains control of the ball.



Tim Otto and an Eagle wrestle for the ball.



Sam Wimmer and Lauren Krahl win this battle.



Preventing the shot are Lisa Miller (12), Kaitlyn Felderhoff (40), and Taylor Torcellini (30).

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Kara Felderhoff (33) takes the ball after the rebound. Also pictured is Nicole Bayer (42).

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Lia Heers, Jackie Klement (12), and Taylor Klement (40) box in Abby Anderle.



Tying the ball include Kalyn Gum (20), Allison Metzler (13), and Tiffany Teafatiller.



Defending the goal against Lindsay includes Lady Stingers Hayley Hess (21), Taylor Reiter, and Cathy Aston.



Shane Presnall (1) moves in under the basket.



Lady Stinger Shaina Felderhoff fights for the ball against Cammi Neu.



Above, Eric Hellman and Austin Reiter get tangled. Above right, Chris Valliere tries to shoot over Colton Hermes (44).

Junior High Action Muenster VS Lindsay

At right, Jason Luke goes in for a lay-up.



T.J. Acuna (42) attempts to move around Colton Hermes.



Under the basket, Levi Trubenbach (11), Austin Reiter (45), Dax Fleitman (10), Colton Hermes (44), and Eric Hellman (12)



Tyler Acuna (44) moves in on Todd Bezner (11).



Lady Stinger - up for two.



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Cammi Neu (54) attempts to keep the ball from Shaina Felderhoff

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