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Santa Claus comes to Muenster!



or Knabe, daughter of Donny and Renee Knabe, tells Santa exactly what she wants for Christma she has been an "angel" all year. Janie Hartman phoi

Muenster Parade launches local Christmas shopping

By Janet Felderhoff
Decorated floats and costumed participants brought
"Christmas Around the
World' to Muenster Saturday
as the Annual Chamber of
Commerce Christmas Parade
wound through the streets of
town. Beautiful weather
drew a large crowd to view
the 40 plus Parade entries.
Capturing the Best Theme
honor was Muenster Elementary with its entry Children
Around the Globe. Nortex
took Best Religious title for its entry Merry Christmas from
bethlehem. Most Creative
honors went to Cooke County Electric
Co-op for its unique
toco-op for its unique
toco-op Lighting Your Way to
a Merry Christmas Best
Band honors went to the
Muenster Marksprizes being
given away.
Winners of the drawing
were Donna Klement, \$200;
Darla Anderle, \$150, Trevor
Mueller, \$100; Sherry Wolf
Matson, \$50; Rhonda Silmon,
\$50; Brian Herr, \$50; and
Gayle Baumbaugh of Fort
Worth, \$25; and Karime
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Team award. Malone's Rolling Thunder Clydesdale team
and stagecoach took the Best
Cquestrian Unit award.
Parade judges were from
Gaves of Era won a massage
from Be Good To Yourself
Therapeutic Massage.

Muenster Marks prizes being given away.

Winners of the drawing were: Donna Klement, \$200; Darla Anderle, \$150; Trevor-Mueller, \$100; Sherry Wolf Price of Nocona, \$75; Micallee Matson, \$50; Rhonda Silmon, \$50; Brian Herr, \$50; and Gayle Baumbaugh of Fort Worth, \$25; and Karime Graves of Era won a massage from Be Good To Yourself Therapeutic Massage.

MM Hospital Board hears of guarantee from United Regional Trauma Center

By Janet Felderhoff
At the Nov. 21 meeting of the Board of Directors, Muenster Memorial Hospital Administrator Lynn Heller announced that MMH would be working with the United Regional Trauma Center in Wichita Falls. He said, "United Regional informed us that they would accept any trauma patient that we transferred, insurance or not, they would accept them. They are coming down to pay a courtesy call." Dr. Mercer, the trauma surgeon from United Regional, plans to be at MMH

Board member Dr. Walter Kinght inquired if that meant a change in policy. Heller responding to be a policy that directs to Wichita Falls or any other option. We do run into problems sometimes accepting the place. It just gives them another option. We do run into problems sometimes accepting the theory of the most way Medicare works, when you have an increase in volume like this, without a corresponding increase in expenses, you're going to be have a problem with, it's finding an accepting physician."

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Student choirs invite community to ignite Christmas spirit

Sacred Heart School is proud to announce the presentation of the annual Christmas concert offered by the Junior High and High School Choir. It will be on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. The free concert will consist of several sacred pieces including the familiar carols, "O Come All Ye Faithfull" and "Angels We Have Heard On High". A particularly lovely new piece is called "On a Cold December Night" and poignantly tells the story of the birth of Jesus.

A select girls' choir will present a pretty two-part arrangement of "Gesu Bambino" by Yon, and the boys' section will sing "Three Men on Camelback", speaking of the Three Wise Men. The entire choir will sing a sweet piece called "The Messons a weet piece called "The Messons a work of her vice with Auditor Shelty Sanders on a committee to serve with Auditor Shelty Saunders on a committee to serve serve with Auditor Shelty Saunders of the Holly was a para

state amount.

As recommended by the MMH Board's Executive Committee, a collection contract was signed with Transworld, Inc. Heller explained that the District would pay Transworld so much per letter that they send out on their letterhead after 90 days. They will send out three letters. The company also sends letters to insurance companies when there is a payment problem. Heller said, "The collection expense, apples to apples collection, rate is about four or five thousand dollars more than what we are paying right now, but their anticipated collection rate is a whole lot more than we are collecting right now. I think it would be worth a change. An amendment was adopted to be added to the Hospital's Policies Manual. Criminal background checks will be made on all job applicants prior to a job offer being made. If it is determined that an applicant has omitted or misrepresented essential facts, the individual will not be considered for employment. If already employed, the employee will be terminated.

Heller remarked, "State law requires us to do a criminal background check on anybody who is directly involved with patient care. Nurses and people like that, you have to for the state law, and we have

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North Shore joins Cooke County's force of volunteer fire departments

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County has another volunteer fire department equipped and ready to serve. Cooke County Commissioners Court sanctioned North Shore Volunteer Fire Department on Monday, Nov. 27. The Court also designated grids A-13 and B-13 as the new department's primary response area. That is the very southeast corner of the County.
Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher explained that he and Cooke County Fire Fighters Association President Herbie Knabe were approached by a group of individuals who wanted to start a volunteer fire department there. "We evaluated it and decided that from a strategic overview of the County, we certainly do need some help down in that corner," said Fletcher. "Especially with the construction that we've got happening right now."
According to Fletcher, Valley View and Kiowa are the two departments serving that area. Response time is about 13 minutes. With the location of the new department, response time is about five to seven minutes, cutting it in half.
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five to seven minutes, cutting it in half.

Three departments are called out for any structure fire, said Fletcher. North Shore will be the second or third department called on quite a number of grids in that area, he explained. He said it would fill in needed areas. "There is no question that we need them," Fletcher noted.

County Judge Bill Freeman noted that a new department would have some implication on the County since it will be another department to fund annually. Currently the County pays each volunteer fire department \$6,000 a year. North Shore will not





DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1941

with a community social.

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 30, 1956

Buck Knabe sustains four broken bones in 25 foot fall from tree; both arms are in casts. New Arrivals: Barbara to Richard and Florence Grewing; Linda to Bill and Terese Miller; Geraldine to Albert and Betsy Knabe;

Sandra to Dick and Celine
Dittfurth; Mark to Martin
and Evelyn Noggler Fritz;
Curtis to Danny and Rosalee
Muller Richards; Jeanne to
Dr. Kenneth and Rita Hoenig
Cottle. Westinghouse electric
dryer advertised on sale for
\$169.95 at Community
Lumber. The Dan
Haverkamps and Joe Fettes
move into their new homes.
Herman and Katherine
Luttmer celebrate 40th
anniversary.
25 YEARS AGO
Nov. 27, 1981
Jake Biffle, Jr. elected
director of Elm-Red
Conservation District.
Wedding: Robin Walterscheid
and Danny Hess. Sister
Theresina is vacationing in
Switzerland. Sacred Heart
Tigers lose Bi-District game
to the Marian Christian Colts
of Houston. New Arrivals:
Russell to Kenneth and
Susan Fleitman.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

OBITUARIES

Hugh Tarleton 1913 - 2006

Mass of Christian Burial for Hugh Southard Tarleton, age 93 of Muenster, was held at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, Nov. 29 with Fr. Ron Scheible, O.S.A. officiating. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Mr. Tarleton died at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006 in a Denton Hospital.

Born Sept. 13, 1913 in Stamford, Texas to Thomas James and Susan Parker Tarleton, Hugh married Genevieve Wimmer on July 26, 1946 in Fort Worth, where they lived until moving to Muenster in 1991. He served in WWII from Oct. 16, 1941 until Dec. 2, 1945. He later worked for American Cyamamid Corp., a chemical company where he was a machine operator, and retired



Hugh Tar

from there. He was a devoted husband to Genevieve, and loved gardening, flowers, and daily walking his dog.

Survivors include his sisters-in-law and his brothers-in-law: Irene Cooper of Dallas, Richard Wimmer of Gainesville, Angel Hromcik of Fort Worth, Dorothy Elpers of Strausbury, Colorado, Lucille Newara of North East, Pennsylvania, Evelyn and Eddie Mages of Gainesville, Arnold and Gertie Wimmer of Muenster; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife Genevieve on Jan. 13, 2001; his parents; sisters-in-law Caroline Hennigan, Mary "Mamie" Streng, and Ester Wimmer, and brother-in-law Edmund Wimmer.

Assisting at the Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday were Jill Reiter, niece, who gave the Second Reading, and Sharon Wombough, niece, with the Petitions. Presenting Offertory gifts at the altar were Janet Hermes and Jill Reiter, nieces, and Alaina Reiter, great-niece.

Sacred music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. Songs included "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art." and "On Eagles Wings."

Eucharistic ministers were Judy Flusche, Darla Anderle, and Pat Wimmer.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Hromcik, Ronnie Wimmer, Wayne Wimmer, Bob Hermes, Tom Wombough, and Greg Zamecnik.

Visitation was held at McCoy Funeral Home on Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Flusche dies

To the Editor: The colored picture of Joanie and Alvin Hartman's Thanksgiving Turkey on the front page of this week's Muenster Enterprise was so nice, and it brought a smile to many faces in and around Muenster; however, I was shocked and appalled tolearn that someone had destroyed "Ole Tom" Now, if they were trying to hurt the Hartman family, they did a pretty goad pob, as there are more than 130 of us; however, it hurtmany more people than just the Hartmans. For instance, there's a family from Amarillo who come through Muenster every Thanksgiving on their way to visit relatives, and they noticed the turkey on one of their trips, and they stopped and asked if they could take a picture with their small daughter standing next to him. Every year hence, they have stopped to take her picture beside the turkey! It has become part of their family's Thanksgiving tradition! Thanksgiving tradition! Thanksgodness, they came through this year a couple of days before "Ole Tom" was killed. Can you imagine that little girl's face, if she could have seen that he had been the colors. Idestroyed?! Personally, I do not believe that anyone who muenster thoing the vandalism. I doing the vandal Who would do such a thing?



Sometime between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, somebody went turkey hunting in Muenster. Their targets were two large turkeys set up as decorations celebrating Thanksgiving. One was located at the Hartman home in the 200 block of Oak Street and the other at Community Lumber on Division Street. "People like to have fun on Halloween and Thanksgiving, but destruction of other people's property is another matter - it's vandalism and they can be charged," said Muenster Chief of Police Bob Stovall who is investigating the incidents. "The person responsible can be charged with criminal mischief." He said that on Oak Street they could also be charged with criminal trespass since they entered a fenced yard.

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Just to let everyone know, I am doing well and would like to thank you all for your prayers and wish

EVERYONE a Merry Christmas.
The whole Lamkin family would also like to wish all the known and unknown a very Merry Christmas. God Bless One and All!

Dakota Lamkin and Family

CITY AGENDA

MEETING DALE - Dec. 4, 2006

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, Dec. 4, 2006.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Opening prayer.

3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on Nov.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on Ordinance # 297 establishing rules and regulations around City's wastewater plant.
2. Consider and act on purchase of Muenster Marks for holiday bonus to employees.
3. Review and act on monthly bills.

 Receive status report on city projects and activities. Take action as necessary on items of discussion.

5. Adjourn.

Micallee Matson, City Secretary

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been doing that."

In other business conducted at the Nov. 21 meeting, the Hospital Board:

• Approved a Bad Debt

write off of \$54,870.

• Adopted a revised Investment Policy.

• Reviewed collection policies and procedures.

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• Approved an infectious waste service agreement between Cooke County and Commodore Medical Services for the Cooke County Justice Center. The agreement is for 36 months and is at a cost of \$830 per container with a weight limit of 40 pounds.

• Approved bonds for Patron.

Enjoy a western evening with Cooke County Republicans

The Cooke County Republican Party is sponsoring begins at 8 p.m. Casual western attire is the mode of Party. The festive Christmas Dinner Dance Western Swing Night will be Esturday, Dec. 2 at the Lake Kiowa Lodge. The Honorable Fred Meyer will be the speaker Music for dancing will be Elana James and The Continental Two. Cash bar opens at 6 p.m., Gainesville, TX 76240.

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

Sunday, December 3, 2006	Monday, December 4, 2006	Tuesday, December 5, 2006	Wednesday, December 6, 2006	Thursday, December 7, 2006	Friday, December 8, 2006	Saturday, December 9, 2006
I-4pm	City Council mtg. 7:30pm MMH Aux. meet to decorate for Christmas 6pm Muenster Hornet Booster Club mtg. 7pm girls locker room		TDH Immunizations Cooke Co. Ele. 9-11am C of C Board mtg. 5:30pm Religious Ed mtg. 7pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm		Historical Comm. Bake Sale Fischer's 8am - ?
	M	uenster	Museum	Week		
Sunday, December 10, 2006	Monday, December 11, 2006	Tuesday, Decembber 12, 2006	Wednesday, December 13, 2006	Thursday, December 14, 2006	Friday, December 15, 2006	Saturday, December 16-, 2006
OPEN HOUSE at Muenster Museum 1-5pm	Muenster 4-H mtg. 7pm SHHS VFW Aux.mtg. 7:30pm VFW mtg. 8pm followed by Christmas Social		7:30pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Historical Comm. mtg. 8am Rohmer's Restaurant	Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SH Alumni & School Bake Sale 7am-3pm Comm. Center	

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Parker Luke of Troop 7777 achieves Eagle Scout rank

Parker Ramon Luke, son of Ray and Tawni Luke of Valley View, earned the highest rank in scouting. Boy Scout Troop 7777 hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for him on Nov. 18.

Rejuvenating the outdoor activity area at Cross Timbers Church, Parker's church and troop location, were part of the Eagle Scout Leadership Project he chose. Parker completed his Eagle requirements on Oct. 19 at the age 15.

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Troop Committee Chairman Dave Isbell introduced Luke. He acknowledged Parker's scouting achievements and awards. Parker is in his second tour as senior patrol leader, and has held other leadership positions such as scribe, troop guide, and patrol leader. Merit badges earned to achieve the Eagle Scout rank were for Personal Fitness, Environmental Science, Geology, Electricity, First Aid, Swimming, Emergency Preparedness, Nature, Soil & Water Conservation, Basketry, Camping, Fishing, Fly Fishing, Art, Family Life, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Nation, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Communications, and Personal Management. He also earned numerous other merit badges beyond the Eagle Scout requirement to bring his total badges earned to 40.

A Brotherhood level member of the Order of the Arrow, Parker will participate in a high adventure trip to the Boy Scouts of America's Sea Base in the Florida Keys after Christmas. He participated in leadership training Aquatics School at Sir Richardson Scout Ranch in 2005 where he received the Life Saving Skill Award for his ship. He also received the BSA World Conservation Award.

Isbell related, "The presene tation of the Chart and serious event, the chimax and serious event.

Seniors invited to Christmas sing-a-long

The 2nd Annual Christmas Sing-a-long will be held Friday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Pecan Creek Village, 1100 Lawrence Street in Gainesville. Cooke County senior citizens are invited to attend. Entertainment will be by Mildred Lawson & Buddy Yosten and Singers. Photographs will be made with Santa. The event is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging and Meals on Wheels. For more information call 668-1858.

Seniors are also invited to the Wednesday afternoon matinee at 2 p.m. at Pecan Creek Village. Future matinees include: Dec. 13, Home Alone; and Dec. 20, Christmas Vacation. Refreshments are served. For more information call 668-1858.



Congressman Mike Burgess, M.D. of the U.S. House of Representatives was the guest speaker for the event. He said that he always feels privileged to attend any Eagle Scout induction cer-

emony because to achieve the honor an individual must show commitment, strength of character, ingenuity, and a clear understanding of their responsibility as a citizen of the United States.

"Today is a particularly exciting moment for me, because back in my old profession as an OB-GYN, I delivered Parker into this world on Nov. 1, 1990," remarked Congressman Burgess.

Burgess shared more on Parker's accomplishments, advised what a citizen's Constitutional rights and obligations are, and encouraged the Scouts to continue to be active in community whenever possible.

In conclusion Burgess said, "You should utilize your talents and abilities to help the 'greater good'. You are the future of this country; and Parker – you are one of the leaders. You and your family should be honored by this distinction, and I hope you serve as a role model not only to your fellow Boy Scouts, but also to everyone in your generation."

There were 64 in attendance at Parker's Eagle Scout Court of Honor including scouts, scouters, family, and friends. Parker is the grandson of Lynn and Glenda Vowell of Valley View and the late Dan and Dolores Luke. His father and older brother Preston are also Eagle Scouts.

NEW ARRIVALS

Saofaigaalii

Saofaigaalii
Palota and Summer
Saofaigaalii of Myra proudly
announce the birth of their
son, Taiese Malagamaalii
William Laverne Darnell
Saofaigaalii. Taiese was born
at North Texas Medical Center on Wednesday, Nov. 22,
2006 at 8:12 a.m. weighing 13
lb. 9 oz. and measuring 23
inches in length. Welcoming
him home is his sister
Adiyana Saofaigaalii, age 3 1/2. Grandparents are Sheila
Scoggins of Muenster and the
late Laiese Saofaigaalii, pago
Pago of American Samoa, and
Bobby and Doris Scoggins of
Myra. Great-grandparents
are Betty Lipe of Northview,
Missouri and the late Scotty
Lipe.

Stewart

Stewart
Christopher and Shanda
Stewart of Saint Jo joyfully
announce the birth of their
first child, a son, Devin Thomas Stewart. Devin was born
at North Texas Medical Center on Monday, Nov. 20, 2006
at 2:50 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 14
oz. and measuring 22 inches
in length. Grandparents are
Chris and Tammy Stewart of
Saint Jo, Karen Hale of
Saint Jo, Karen Hale of
Muenster, and Tommy and
Rhonda Hale of Andrews,
Texas. Great-grandparents
are Montie McAlister of Saint
Jo, and Carolyn and Eddie
Skaggs of Whitesboro.



Close to 1.5 million drivers are arrested in the U.S. every year for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics, an arrest rate of one for every 130 licensed drivers.

Oops!

In last week's Muenster Enterprise, in the photo of the Bear Scouts of Troop 664, the Enterprise received the wrong information. Devon Hacker was mistakenly identified as Devin Sicking.



Evelyn Sicking, a Muenster Avon representative, set sail on Oct. 27 aboard the ship Fascination with Carnival Cruise Lines to Nassau, Bahamas and returned to D/FW on Oct. 30. She invited her daughter Sherilyn as her guest for the trip. Evelyn won the trip from Avon, who chartered the ship for its reps.

While in Nassau, Evelyn and Sherilyn enjoyed two tours: a Glass Bottom Boat and Ardastra Gardens and City Tour. On the Glass Bottom Boat and Ardastra Gardens and City Tour. On the Glass Bottom Boat the colorful fish such as Red Snapper and learned of the rich and famous including Oprah Winfrey, Nicolas Cage, and Michael Jordan.

On the Ardastra Gardens Tour they marveled at the world's only trained flamingo show. The flamingos per-

Windthorst sets Annual German Sausage Meal

The Annual German available at \$2.50 per pound for you to take home and en windthorst Knights of enjoy.

Serving time is from 11 Sausage Meal sponsored by the Windthorst Knights of Columbus #1824 will be held Sunday, 10. 3 at \$t\$. More's Partsh froll in Windthorst. The ment consists of 100% pork sausage, spare ribs, and sauerkraut with all the trimmings, including dessert and drink. The all you can eat meal is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. Raw sausage will also be



Webelos tour NTMC lab

The children of wish to invite celebrate her 80th Birthday

at Conrad Hall in Lindsay

party!

Mary Ann Arendt everyone to help



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Lindsay's Parade of Saints



Recently the first grade class from Saint Peter's Religious Education Program celebrated All Sai Day. The day was celebrated with a Parade of Saints for the enjoyment of family and friends. Th participating, in no particular order, were Kody Hermes, Lexin West, Caleb Martin, Jenna Th. Sarah Corcoran, Brandon Craigie, Nathan Dieter, Laura Dill, Jocelyn Grewing, Alaina Klement, Ct Otto, Mia Burrows, Grace Dieter, Kayln Ebarb, Alyssa Noggler, and Haley Hellinger.

ST. RICHARD'S VILLA NEWS

By Elfreda Fette

Monday, Nov. 20, residents learned the history of Thanksgiving, discussed what was eaten, and discussed why the Pilgrims came to America.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, residents had Bible Study, made pictures in creative hands, and enjoyed a pumpkin pie social. Wednesday, Nov. 22, residents listened to music, played bingo for quarters, and enjoyed their weekly popcorn and Roy Rogers movies.

Thursday, Nov. 23, residents visited with their families and ate a Thanksgiving lunch. In the afternoon, they watched the Dallas Cowboys football game.

Friday, Nov. 24, residents listened to music, played bingo, and visited during the monthly wine and cheese social.

Saturday, Nov. 25, residents played bingo.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4: Current events, 9:30 a.m.; sittercise, 10:30 a.m.; a favorite program "The Price Is Right," 10:30 a.m.; music, 11 a.m.; ball toss, 2:30 p.m.; sing-a-long, 3 p.m.

Dec. 5: Bible study; sensory group, 10:30 a.m.; remember when, 11 a.m.; creative hands, 2:30 p.m.; take a walk, 3 p.m.; favorite recipes.

Dec. 6: Music, 9:30 a.m.; bingo for guarters, 10 a.m.; resident council meeting, 10:30 a.m.; sittercise, 11 a.m.; pixzles, history of St. Nicholas Day, 2:30 p.m.; movie and popcorn, 3 p.m.; remember Pearl Harbor, 2:30 p.m.; so-cial hour and looking at old pictures, 3 p.m. bingo for snacks; sittercise, 10:30 a.m.; homemade bread p.m.; make a snowflake.

Dec. 9: Bingo, 10 a.m.; sittercise, 11 a.m.; puzzles, 2:30 p.m.; movie and popcorn, 3 p.m.

Vehicle preparedness

travel into an area which ex-periences significant winter storms, carry a winter storm survival kit including blan-kets, flashlight, high-calorie snack foods, sand, a tow rope, booster cables, and a water container.

Forty children receive First Reconciliation at SH Church

oesler, Amy Luttmer ennigan McCoy, Rylee Re er. Nikolas Saldana, Maddie

Forty children from Sacred Heart Parish received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday, Nov. 20, at 7:10 p.m. during a communal service. They were accompanied by parents and/or other family members.

Those receiving the sacrament for the first time were Amanda Aldriedge, Alane Bartush, Anthony Bayer, Emily Bayer, Katy Bezner, Cody Dangelmayr, Mark Davis, Katie Davidson, Hudson Eddleman, Billy Felderhoff, Jr., Zina Haverkamp, Bradley Henscheid, Bryce Herr, Ava Hudson, Katie Hutson, Bailey Klement, Leah Knabe, Samantha Koesler, Amy Luttmer, Bennigan McCoy, Rylee Re-Christy Hesse and Barbara (Christy Hesse and Barbara) The presider for the service was Father Pat Murphy, OSA, pastor at St. Mary's in Gainesville. Other priests helping with individual confessions were Father Don Brennan OSA from St. Mary's, Pather Ron Scheible OSA from St. Peter's in Lindsay, and Father James Flynn from Immaculate Conception in Denton. Music ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, Christy Hesse, and Barbara Rohmer.

The theme of the service was Jesus the Good Shepherd who searches for the lost sheep and rejoices when he finds it. The opening song was "God Is Rich In Mercy." After the gospel reading, homily, and examination of conscience, those present sang "We Come To Ask Forgiveness" and said the Act of Contrition together. Then there were individual confessions. After each child went to confession, he or she placed a felt lamb on a large banner of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. After all the children received the sacrament, parents and siblings had the opportunity to go to confession as well. The families were encouraged to have a celebration at home afterward.

VFW and Auxiliary have busy December agenda

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Post #6205 held their regular
meeting Nov. 20 in the Post
Home. President Frances
Bayer opened the meeting,
followed by opening prayer by
Chaplain Hilda Sicking and
the pledge to the flag.
Members voted to accept
two life members, Carolyn
Hoyt and Kathleen Hamilton.
Roll call and minutes of the
previous meeting were read
by Secretary Ida Bindel.
Treasurer's report was given
hy Ethel Man Hassa

Treasurer's report was given by Ethel Mae Hesse. Frances Bayer reported on the District I meeting, where she displayed the buddy poppy hat she designed and won 3rd place. Rose Marie Sicking and Hilda Sicking

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participated in "Make a Difference Day" by visiting with members who are shut-ins.

The children's Santa Visit party will be Saturday, Dec. 9 at 9 a.m. at the VFW Club. Santa will arrive at 9:30 a.m. to visit with children, grand-children, and great-grand-children under eight years of age of the VFW and Auxiliary members.

As a community service at Gehrig Hardware. A \$10 donation has been made in memory of the Auxiliary deceased.

The ladies are asked to bring a covered dish to the Dec. 11 meeting at 7:30 p.m. to share with the VFW men who will meet at 8 p.m. After the meeting, the Christmas gathering will be held. This is the December meeting for the ladies.

Members voted to sponsor the "In Lieu of Christmas list in the Muenster Enterprise. The monies help with local projects. Call Juanita Knabe at 759-4284 or Frances Bayer at 759-4362 to participate.

One's not enough: 2nd chickenpox shot recommended

Shot recommended

The physicians of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) want parents to know that one chickenpox vaccination may not be enough to protect their child.

Physicians from TMA's "Be Wise — ImmunizeSM" advisory panel join other national health experts in recommending a second shot of vaccine to prevent the potentially deadly disease.

"A two-dose series will be more effective than one and will reduce the number of breakthrough infections," said Ari Brown, MD, a leading member of TMA's Be Wise — Immunize program. Breakthrough infections occur when the patient is partially protected but not enough to prevent a mild case of the disease from occurring.

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Physicians suggest children between the ages of four and six receive the second shot at least three months after receiving the first. People over the age of six can catch up by receiving the second shot anytime.

"I have always viewed the vaccine as a win-win: Either you are completely protected or you get a milder case than

don't want any of my own children or patients to ever get."

Patients should double check their child immunization record and talk to their physician if they have any questions.

In 2004, TMA launched the Be Wise — Immunize public health program in an effort to increase Texas' childhood immunization rates and to educate parents and guardians that immunizations are important, effective, and safe.

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Saint Jo Tour of Homes scheduled for Dec. 9

The Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce will present its 20th Annual Tour of Homes on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Tickets will be sold at the tour. Advance ticket purchases can be made at the Saint Jo City Hall any weekday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After visiting the homes, everyone is invited to the historic Saint Jo square for a "Christmas on the Square" celebration. It will feature a lighted Christmas parade, the arrival of Santa Claus, pictures with Santa, and live entertainment and refreshments.

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Locals take part in GOP Strike Force

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Sharon McCormack of Cooke County campaigned in Nash-ville to help him replace retiring Sen. Bill Frist. Corker won by a 51-49% lead over Democrat Harold Ford. McCormack and Peale were part of the Republican effort by the Strike Force, which included Bob Eggleston, Dorothy Hesse, Frieda Fiske, Bill Black, and Teresa Porter.

The team handed out flyers prior to election day and made phone calls to likely voters, making a reported 151,000 contacts on the final day of campaigning.

On election day, some team members assisted voters in the long, winding lines at the polls by handing out bottled water and snacks, and thanking them for being patient. Pat Peale, Strike Force captain, said there was a two hour wait at some polling sites. Eggleston said there were 2,100 voters left at one polling site after 7 p.m. and the polls remained open until 10 p.m.

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Big tobacco outspending **Texas** prevention messaging 137 to 1

In the war of money waged to get Texans to smoke or to stop, big tobacco is trouncing prevention efforts, according to Texas Medicine magazine. Tobacco companies spend more than \$960 million each year in Texas, while the state spent \$7 million on tobacco revention programs in 2005. Physicians of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) advocate more funding and new laws to reduce tobacco use among Texans, according to Texas Medicine, the society's official publication.

In May, TMA physician leaders adopted a resolution calling for funding and new laws to reduce tobacco use. Physicians believe the effort will improve the health of Texans, and new state health information seems to show their point is valid. "Tobacco is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in Texas. The state only allocates 39 cents per Texan for tobacco prevention, and each year 60,000 Texans children become daily smokers," said Vince Fonseca, MD, MPH, who believes antismoking funding must increase. He said 24,000 Texans die from smoking-related illnesses each year, and 20 times that number suffer from at least one serious smoking-related illness.

Dr. Fonseca said spending money to convince people not to smoke is a worthwhile investment. Recent studies

See TOBACCO pg. 8

Local students to perform Reduce those winter in The Nutcracker classic

Local students from Muenster are dancing in the holiday classic The Nutcracker at Margo Jones Auditorium at TWÜ Dec. 16 and 17.

Muenster residents Shelby Anderson, Mahayla Bohl, Hope Inglish, Kristen Reiter, William Hernandez, and Caleb Hernandez will be dancing in performances Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

The Nutcracker ballet is a wonderful way to add to your and your children's holiday experience. Make this a family tradition!

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Muenster FCCLA participates in two national events

The FCCLA chapter at Muenster High School participated in two events recently. On Wednesday, Nov. 15 they organized the "Mix it Up" event, where students were given different stickers and told to sit with people who had the same sticker. This activity helped students to mingle with other students outside of their usual small group of friends.

Also, on Thursday, Nov. 16 the FCCLA participated in the Great American Smokeout. Locker decorations were prepared with the phrase, "You're too Smart to Start!" and were hung on all of the high school students' lockers. Goodie bags were provided for FCCLA members to sponsor a tobacco user to encourage them to go for 24 hours tobacco free. FCCLA members sponsored around 22 tobacco users.



Muenster FCCLA members Chad Endres, Bret Walterscheid, and Rebecca Grewing stuff goodie bags for the Great American MISD photo

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Wed. - Fiesta salad, pinto beans, salsa, peaches, crack-ers.

ers. Thurs. - Pork chops, pota-toes, gravy, cinnamon apples toes, gravy, cinnamon apples, bread. Fri. - Hamburgers w/trim-mings, potato rounds, brown-ies

MUENSTER ISD Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili and

cheese, beans, peaches, carrot sticks, chocolate chip muffins. Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips and salsa, baby carrots, apples, chocolate chip cookies.

ies.
Thurs. - Lasagna, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, pineapples, hot rolls.
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Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, sliced peaches, tossed salad, breadstick.

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

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Sacred Heart Catholic School **Grandparents Day**



Students at Sacred Heart Preschool and Elementary School showed appreciation for their grandparents and family friends who are like grandparents to them on Wednesday, Nov. 22 as they celebrated Grandparents' Day. Children invited their grandparents to a prayer service and then to classrooms to see their work, meet their teachers and classmates, and enjoy refreshments. Pictured clockwise from top, left to right - Zachary Sanders demonstrates his work to his grandmother Pat Wimmer. Logan Muller and Riley Stewart also shown. Back table, Rachel Boles, grandmother Helend Yosten, and student Anna Moritz; Garrett Bindel and grandmother Sug Bindel, Mike and Alice Harper with Harper Crisp and Patricia Neusch with sigrandmother Clara Neusch; Brendan Riley with his grandmother Clara Neusch; Brendan Riley with his grandmother Carolyn Vogel and mother Caryn Riley.



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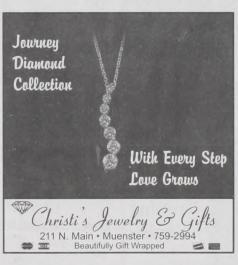
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Studies point to cost sav-ings as well. Texas Medicine says based on the estimated cost savings in the pilot study, \$21 was saved for every \$1 in-

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Keep Muenster Beautiful's Auntie Litter (Kay Broyles) reminds everybody to be litter free while having a happy Christmas season. Janie Hartman photo



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use, and make more public dining and drinking establishments smoke-free.

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SPORTS

Sacred Heart Tigers settle for **TAPPS** Regional Qualifier title

adjust."

The Indians took the opening kick, taking 11 plays to travel 65 yards and score. The extra kick gave the Halletsville team a 7-0 lead with 6:22 on the clock.

Colt Spruill returned the Indian kick to the Tiger 29. A 71 yard gallop by Josh Yosten put 6 points on the board for the Tigers. Nolan Hartman added the extra kick for a 7-7 score with 6:11 remaining in the 1st quarter.

The Indians got in six plays, gaining 22 yards before punting on 4th down. The Tigers took the ball on their 24, then ran out of downs, giving Halletsville the ball 34 yards from paydirt. Two plays later, 14-7.

Two runs by Yosten carried the Tigers into the 2nd period, but the team punted after coming up short with the sticks. From their 32 yard line, the Indians took only three runs to take a 21-7 lead with 10:31 still on the clock.

A run by Yosten and a Hartman to Colby Richey pass gave the Tigers a 1st down, but incomplete passes again forced a punt.

Tackles by Yosten and Chris Marshall halted Halletsville's next drive. The punt put the Tigers had to punt again.

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Once more the Tiger defense, led by Jake Hess, Spruill, and Hartman, stopped the Indian attack. The punt again placed the Tigers deep in the backfield.

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The Muenster Sacred Heart Tigers faced the Halletsville Sacred Heart Indians last Saturday for the Regional round of Division 4 TAPPS State Playoffs at Reicher High School Stadium in Waco.

A 71 yard touchdown runearly in the game was the Tigers only entry into the end zone, as the Indians handed the Tigers 28-7 loss.

"We were overpowered early," noted Tiger Coach Charles Boles. "Their size and style of play shocked us early and it took a while to adjust."

The Indians took the opening like theirs at Ital shorts.

Richey and a Hartman to Spruill pass moved the Tigers to the 23. Three unsuccessful plays put the Tigers in a 4th and 15 situation. A run by Hartman was short and the Indians took over on the 14.
Gaining only 6 yards, Halletsville punted. With 5 minutes remaining in the game, the Tigers moved from their 25 into Indian territory with runs by Yosten and Hartman, assisted by a flag, but time ran out as the Sacred Heart Tigers of Muenster ended their season.

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ndians in a 71 yard touch

Tiger Joshua Yosten outruns the lind run, Sacred Heart's Ione Regional tion. This time, the Indians took advantage of the turnover, scoring nine plays later. With 2:38 remaining in the 3rd period, Halletsville Sacred Heart had a 28-7 lead.

Starting their next drive on the 20, Ryan Bartush gained 19 yards on two carries. Two runs by Yosten took the Tigers to their 45. A Hartman to Richey pass picked up 5 more yards to midfield and the final period began. A Hartman pass to Davis, a Hartman keeper, and a pass to Richey took the Tigers to the Indian 23. A 4th down and 10 pass was intercepted, ending the scoring attempt.

Tackles by Hess, Yosten, and Mark Fleitman gave up only 2 yards. The Tigers started near midfield after the punt. A Hartman to

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MSH Team Stats

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Hornets halted at Area playoff An accelerated Tiger team from Electra was too swift for the Muenster Hornets last Friday, as the Hornets fell 47-21 at the Area playoff game in Wichita Falls.

The Muenster offensive line clears the way for Corey Reynolds (3) on this run against Electra in the Area round of the playoffs last Friday night.

in Wichita Falls.

"Our boys fought from the start to the finish," stated Muenster Coach Monte Endres. "They never gave up. I think everyone should be proud of their effort." Endres also noted how proud he was of the senior team members. "They did a great job of leading and of working all year, to make sure we had a successful season."

The game started in Electra's favor. After Michael Faries' 24 yard return on the opening kick, Muenster's first play from scrimmage was intercepted, giving the Tigers possession at midfield. Three plays took the Tigers to the 18. A high snap allowed Micah Flusche to catch the quarterback for an 18 yard loss, but two plays later Electra scored. The PAT at 8:35 gave a 7-0 score.

Corey Reynolds returned the kick 16 yards to the 26 yard line. Bill Haverkamp gained 6, then lost 3. A Brad Endres to Reynolds pass picked up 14 yards. Two Reynolds runs took the ball into Tiger territory. Haverkamp, Paul Crabtree, and a pass to Reynolds moved Muenster to the 30 yard line. Garrett Hennigan gained 19 and Haverkamp 10 to the 1 yard line. With 2:22 on the clock, Reynolds found the end zone. The extra point failed for a 7-6 score.

Electra came right back the next snap with a 66 yard touchdown run. With 2:03 remaining in the 1st quarter, the Tigers led 14-6.

The Hornets lost a yard their next drive and punted. From the Muenster 45, the Tigers took 10 plays to score again. The PAT failed for a 20-6 score with 99:43 on the clock.

A fumble on the kick return set up Electra's next touchdown. From the Hornet 15, a flag moved the Tigers to the 2. The Hornets held Electra for two plays before finding the end zone. With 8:22 on

the clock, the Hornets trailed 27-6.

Muenster's next drive began on their 34 yard line. Runs by Haverkamp and Reynolds gained 34 yards. Hennigan earned 1, Haverkamp another 5, and Reynolds 2 to the Electra 24. A 4th and 2 lost 2 yards and Electra took over on their 26. Six plays, 34-6.

The Hornets got in several plays including passes to Crabtree, Hennigan, and Reynolds to the Electra 34. The drive ended with another interception. The Tiger offense played out the 1st half clock.

Electra took the 3rd quarter kick, but was stopped by Muenster's defense on the Hornet 35. Crabtree ran for 5 and Haverkamp 7 between incomplete passes. On 4th and 15, a fake punt turned into a Reynolds to Collin Walterscheid pass for 21 yards to the Electra 37. Haverkamp ran for 6, with Endres passes to Faries and Reynolds getting 19 more yards, then Endres scored on a keeper with 5:56 on the clock. Faries' PAT kick changed the score to 34-13. The teams exchanged possessions, then Electra scored on a 40 yard run for a 40-13 score with 1:33 on the clock. An Endres to Reynolds pass picked up a quick 38 yards for a touchdown.

Muenster's defense on the Hornet 35. Crabtree ran for 5 with Electra 34. Tream Stats Mayords for 12 yards to the 12 yard line. Haverkamp for 6, with Endres passes to Faries and Reynolds getting 19 more yards, then Endres scored on a keeper with 5:56 on the clock. Faries' PAT kick changed the score to 34-13. The teams exchanged possessions, then Electra acrored on a 40 yard run for a 40-13 score with 1:33 on the clock. An Endres, but Electra picked off another pass to end the drive on the Tiger 17. Electra carried the ball into the 4th quarter, taking seven plays to score a touchdown.

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Muenster gets wins

The Lady Hornets got win to 13 the Lady Hornets got win to 14-26 victory to improve their close 41-38 win over the Lady Dogs of Alvord.

Muenster hit only seven of 17 free throws and only two 3s in the game at Alvord.

Megan Felder-hoff was high scorer for the Lady Hornets a 34-15 half-time lead.

Sam Endres, Sandy Endres and Rebecca Grewing each storing 6, Lindsey Watson dropped in 4, Sam Endres 2, and Alison Teafatiller 1.

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Hornets start basketball

After an extended football season, the Muenster Hornets, with only two days of practice, came up a few points short, 46-41, against the Jacksboro Tigers Tuesday night.

Six Muenster players put points on the board. Matt Flusche and Micah Flusche were high scorers with 12 and 11 points. Tanner Herr added

7, Brad Endres 5, Nick Flusche 4, and Collin Walterscheid 2. Rounding out the varsity Reynolds, and Garrett Hennigan.

The Hornets hit 44% of their free throws.

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aniel Lindenborn, SJ
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Muenster Hornets named to the 2006 I I-A All-District team Paul Crabtree, Micah Flusche, Zach Swirczynski, Brad Endr Endres, Cole Harrison, Bill Haverkamp, and Bret Waltersch



All-District team honors went to the following Lindsay Knights. From left, back - Justin Caillier, Levi Hermes, Jeff Shannon, Travis Endres, Chris Dieter, Jeremy Perry, Johnathan Zimmerer, Keith Hermes, Nick Bezner; front - Dustin Neu, Mason Ward, Garrett Block, Nathan Martin, Dillon Ott, Neil Jones, and Josh Jones.

TEXAS GAME WARDENS FIELD NOTES

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

We love youth hunts, just not during the school day
A landowner called Polk County game wardens Oct. 23, stating he had two trespassers stopped who were hunting on his property. Upon arrival, two 15-year-old males were apprehended. Truancy charges are pending against the parents and children for skipping school to hunt. The juveniles were issued citations and released to their parents.

Grim duty on the border

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Grim duty on the border
On the evening of Monday,
Oct. 23, Starr and Zapata
County game wardens assisted the Starr County
Sheriff's Office with recovering five drowning victims
from the Rio Grande River.
The bodies were recovered approximately 10 miles below the Falcon Lake Dam.
All the victims were Mexican immigrants attempting to enter the country illegally.

Sure it's poaching
On Oct. 22, Tarrant and Wise County game wardens received a call about trespassers. While the wardens were investigating, they discovered a bucket of deer attractant and noticed signs of illegal hunting. The wardens made contact with an individual in a red Dodge pickup nearby and found that he was in possession of a bow and arrow, camouflage clothing, and a .300 Winchester Magnum rifle, marijuana and methamp, hetamine. The subject was interviewed and confessed to hunting without landowner consent, but he did not believe that what he was doing was considered poaching. Cases are

pending.

A subconscious plea?
On Oct. 21, a Palo Pinto County game warden was being followed by an individual in a vehicle who was flashing him with his bright lights. The game warden allowed the vehicle to pass, and then he stopped the vehicle. The game warden found the man to be intoxicated, and while searching his vehicle noticed there was blood in the back of the vehicle. The game warden questioned the individual about the blood and was informed by the man that the day before he had killed a pig while hunting off the roadway. He said that he wrapped the pig in a plastic bag and tossed it out at another location. The individual was cited for DWI and littering, hunting off the roadway, and no hunting icense. Cases are pending.

On second thought, maybe that wasn't such a good idea

Ellis, Kaufmann, and Dallas County game wardens assisted in rescuing a family stranded on the Trinity River Oct. 21. A man had taken his three kids onto their flat bottom boat to make a trip downriver. The only problem was, he launched at dusk in a boat full of holes and no running lights on a river he had never been on. The family quickly took on water and called 911. They made it to a sandbar and waited for help. A DPS helicopter was able to land on the bank to rescue them. After speaking with the father about boating safety, one of the game wardens issued him a citation for not having any lights after dark. The family was especially lucky because about 100 yards downriver was a waterfall.

Stock it and they will come
On Oct. 19, a Wichita Co. game warden filed eight cases for over the daily bag limit of channel catfish on four individuals who were fishing at Plum Lake after it had been stocked that morning.

Should have stuck to home repair
On Oct. 18, a Clay County game warden received a phone call about an individual who was shooting at turkeys. After the game warden's investigation, he filed on a subject for hunting turkey during closed season.
The man was roofing a house when he noticed some turkeys walking across the yard. He then went to his truck, got his gun, and began shooting at them. Case is pending.

Two strikes...
On Oct. 12, Bell County game wardens responded to a call in Morgan's Point about illegal hunting activity. The complainant actually saw the subject get out of the vehicle with the crossbow and walk towards the deer. After searching for awhile, game wardens located the suspect wehicle and — no surprise to the wardens — the same two subjects they had apprehended last year taking a deer in the same area. as juveniles. This years old and the other was 16. They admitted to shooting at a 10-point buck but thought they had missed dit. They were charged with hunting in closed season and made aware of how bad this could be, especially for the 17-year-old, if a class A misdemeanor had been filed. Cases reading

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S. H. Tigerettes outride Cowgirls

The Tigerettes traveled to Bryson Tuesday night and brought home a 41-21 victory. "We might have had too much turkey," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We did some things well, such as only five turnovers, but we need to step up our game for this weekend's KC Red River Shoot-out."

Leading point maker was Samantha Wimmer with 11. Kara Felderhoff added 8, Stephanie Krawietz 7, Lauren Creed 6, Taylor Torcellini 5, and Kristin and Torcellini 5, and Kristin and Torcellini four assists. The win gives Sacred Heart as 4-0 records of ar in the season.

SH 12 14 3 12 41

LADY HORNETS COMPETE IN FANTASY **B**'BALL **T**OURNAMENT

The Muenster Lady Hornets participated in the Fantasy of Lights Basketball Tournament last weekend in Wichita Falls. After winning two games on Friday, the team was handed their first loss of the season in the semifinal round, settling for 3rd.

Game 1

The Lady Hornets were challenged by the Lady Dragons of Paducah in their opening game, pulling out a 46-42 win. Sandy Endres led Muenster on the scoreboard with 12 points. Megan Felderhoff added 8, Laura Heers and Rebecca Grewing 7 each, Sam Endres and Lindsey Watson 4 apiece, 3 by Alison Teafatiller, and 1 by Lia Heers. Muenster hit 11 of 14 free throws.

M 18 6 16 6 46 P 9 8 8 17 42 Game 2

A 21-7 Ist quarter score set the pace of Muenster's 65-32 victory over the City View Lady Mustangs. Watson was high scorer with 14 points. Sam Endres added 9, with Felderhoff and Laura Heers and Teafatiller both added 7, and Lia Heers and Grewing 7 15 7 10 14 46

Win this 4-wheeler



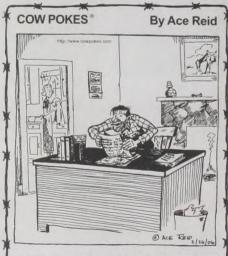
The Muenster Knights of Columbus are presently conducting their annual 4-wheeler raffle, with the sale of up to 750 tickets at \$20 each. First prize is a 350cc 2x4 Yamaha Bruin from Maxim Power Sports in Gainesville. Other prizes are \$250 in trade at Gehrig Hardware, \$150 in trade at Fischer's Meat Market, \$100 in trade at DI One Stop, and \$75 in trade at Fischer's Tickets are available at several local merchants or from any KC member. Drawing will be Dec. 16. Proceeds will go to local charities.

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Eighteen youth set out for the hunt (above); at left, dressing some of the kill; below Muenster JCs Jody Felderhoff, Brian Herr, David Flusche, Lee Buddy, Lucas Hartman, and Steven Knabe fix breakfast for the hunters. Not pictured, Chris Dangelmayr.



indsay Basketball in full swing

The Lindsay Lady Knights rought home a 56-39 victory st week Tuesday from Pon-er. Brittany Anderle scored 2 points and Chelsea covers 16 to lead Lindsay on der. Brittany Anderie scored 22 points and Chelsea Hermes 16 to lead Lindsay on the scoreboard. Christina Eckart added 7, Amanda Hess 6, Autumn Murrill 3, and Stephanie Neu 2 points. Lindsay hit eight of 13 from the line.

15 13 10 **56** 12 9 4 **39** P 14 12 9 4 39 "Christina Eckart played a great game Tuesday, leading the Lady Knights to a 46-40 victory," noted Coach Don Neu. Eckart scored 15 points, pulled down seven rebounds,

blocked three shots, and had three assists.

Brittany Anderle added 12 points and had six blocks, while Chelsea Hermes scored 6 and grabbed six steals. Stephanie Neu put in 5, with Amanda Hess and Emily Fuhrmann each scoring 4 points.

points. L 13 8 15 10 46 A 10 6 14 10 40

The Lindsay Knights traveled to Howe Monday, Nov. 20 to begin the 2006-07 basketball season. The Knights got a late start on the court because of football playoffs, pulling out a 69-65 win.

Levi Hermes was Lindsay's

leading scorer with 23 points.
Preston Mendez added 16,
Josh Heilman 12, Jeff Shannon 7, Clayton Starnes 5,
Nathan Martin 4, and Brian
Sandmann 2.
L 15 14 23 17 69
H 7 11 21 26 65
On Tuesday, Nov. 21, the
Knights slipped by
Gainesville State school, 5851 at home.
Hermes again was high
scorer with 22 points. Garrett
Block added 13, Travis
Endres 9, Shannon 8, and 3
each by Heilman and
Starnes.
L 16 8 19 15 58 each by Heilman an Starnes. L 16 8 19 15 58 G 4 16 15 16 51



Calvary 13

The "A" Lady Cubs brought home a win on Nov. 20 after taking a dominating 22-1 1st quarter lead. Scoring was led by Victoria Endres, Alexandra Popovich, and Sydney Hoedebeck, each scoring 8. Hayley Hess added 6, Rebekah Hesse and Megan Hesse 4 each, and Sarah Strother 2.

SH 22 8 4 6 40

DC 1 3 6 3 13

Sacred Heart 38

Calvary 25

The "A" Cubs made a 4th quarter comeback victory over Denton Calvary. Ryan Felderhoff led all scorers with 12 points. Chad Walterscheid added 9, Matt Hesse 7, Josh Biffle 6, and 2 each by Calvin Wimmer and Alex Turner.

SH 6 9 6 17 38

DC 4 12 6 3 25

Sacred Heart 33

Calvary 16

The Lady Cubs "B" team took a big win over the Denton hosts. Eight Sacred Heart players put points towards the win. Danielle Berend was high scorer with 10 points. Kelsey Reeves added 8, Amanda Knabe 4, Karli Anderle 3, and 2 apiece by Devan Henry, Myssa Moragues, Kaitlyn Hesse, and Mikaela Bartush.

SH 11 4 12 6 33

DC 4 2 2 8 16

Sacred Heart 19

Calvary 17

In a low scoring game, the "B" boys held out for a win. Scoring for the Cubs were Clay Hogan with 6 points, John Paul Hesse 5, Michael Davis 4, and 2 each from Austin Miller and Andy Flusche. SH 5 4 8 2 19

Muester 48 Era 18

SH 5 4 8 2 19
DC 6 6 0 5 17
Muenster 48 Era 18
Garrett Walterscheid scored 26 points to lead the 8th grade Stingers to a victory on Nov. 21, Jason Luke added 13, Tyler Acuna 4, Dillon Bayer 2, Tanner Silmon 2, and Cole Erickson 1. Muenster hit 10 of 14 free

throws.

M 15 20 10 3 48
E 4 0 6 8 18

Muenster 39 Era 8

The 7th grade boys got their 2nd win of the season, with 10 Stingers dropping balls through the basket. Dalton Koelzer and Tyler Anderle each scored 8 points. Blake Grewing added 5, and Landon Presnall and Jace Wann 4 each. Jimmy Abner, Shane Sicking, River Stewart, Rishi Patel, and Blake Voth each scored 2.

M 16 8 9 6 39
E 0 2 2 4 8

Muenster 57 Era 14

M 16 8 9 6 39
E 0 2 2 4 8
Muenster 57 Era 14
Taylor Klement burned the boards, scoring 22 points to lead all scorers in the Lady Stingers "A" game. Taylor Reiter and Emily Hellman each added 8, with Demi Koelzer and Lana Heers getting 6 apiece. Alison Pagel put in 5, and Shelby Dangelmayr 2 points.
M 18 18 15 6 57
E 6 6 2 0 14
Muenster 33 Era 28
The "B" Lady Stingers pulled out a victory over the Era Lady Bees. Paige Hennigan led the team with 11 points. And if Felderhoff added 9, Jacy Steelman 8, Olivia Haverkamp and Taylor Enders 2 each, and Brianna Bindel 1.
M 7 7 11 8 33
E 0 9 8 11 28
Lindsay 43
Collinsville 37

M 1 9 8 11 28
Lindsay 43
Collinsville 37
The 8th grade Squires took a win on Nov. 20 over the young Pirates. Robert Arend led Lindsay with 11 points, Kyle Johnson 7, Todd Bezner 5, Justin Anderle 4, Thomas Rohmer 4, Madison Parkhill 2, and 10 unreported points.
L 6 15 5 17 43
C 4 9 17 7 37
Lindsay 23
Collinsville 26
The 7th grade Squires

The 7th grade Squir ime up short against t rates. Connor Fuhrma came up short against the Pirates. Connor Fuhrmann led the team on the scoreboard with 10 points.

Dean Fleitman added 5, with Cole Hunter, Drew Cooney, John Husman, and Greg Knauf each scoring 2. L 10 4 2 7 23 C 6 2 10 8 26 Lindsay 53 Collinsville 8 It was a one-sided victory

Collinsville 8

It was a one-sided victory for the 7th grade Lady Squires, with 11 Lindsay ladies putting points on the board. Megan Caillier led all scorers with 13 points. Jordan Fleitman added 8, Taylor Atkins 7, Lucinda Krahl 6, Erin Copeland 5, Mandy Hess 4, and 2 each by Katie Arendt, Ali Fogle, Ranee Morrison, Kayla Davis, and Lauren Hicks.

L 18 14 11 10 53

C 0 0 4 4 8

Lindsay 27

C 0 4 4 8
Lindsay 27
Collinsville 31
The 8th grade Lady
Squires couldn't pull out a
win on Nov. 21. Scoring for
Lindsay were Bethani
Eberhart 7, Jessica Block 6,
Kelsey Hermes 4, Katie
Nortman 4, Allison Metzler 4,
and Jessica Krahl 2.
L 6 0 8 13 27
C 8 3 8 12 31

Northan 7, and Jessica Krahl 2.

L 6 0 8 13 27
C 8 3 8 12 31
Lindsay 52 Valley View 7
The 7th grade Lady Lindsay 52 Valley View 7
The 7th grade Lady
Squires plucked the young
Lady Birds on Monday. Taylor Atkins was high scorer
with 14 points. Lucinda
Krahl and Mandy Hess both
added 10, Amelia
Haverkamp, Kelsey Barba,
and Jordan Fleitman each
scored 4, with Katie Arendt,
Stephanie Zwinggi, and
Kayla Davis all scoring 2.
L 18 10 12 12 52
VV 0 1 2 4 7
Lindsay 45
Valley View 19
The Lady Squires 8th
grade team took a win from
the Lady Birds. Jessica Block
dropped in 20 points for Lindsay to Land all scorers. Emily

tne Lady Birds. Jessica Block dropped in 20 points for Lindsay to lead all scorers. Emily Conaway added 8, Bethani Eberhart and Kelsey Hermes 6 each, and Jessica Krahl 5, L 16 7 16 6 45 VV 0 6 4 9 19





Mascot Mania

Last weekend's football playoff games marked the last time the Hornet and Tiger mascots entertained football fans. Above, Tina the Tiger (alias Kristina Koesler) at the Sacred Heart game, and at left, Buzz the Hornet (alias Michael Valliere) at the Muenster game.

Photos by Thomas Otto and Janie Hartman

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Lindsay 50 Howe 43

Last week Monday, the Knights brought home a vic-tory. Seven Lindsay players put points on the board, led by Colton Hermes with 12 points. Derek Hundt added 10, Ryan Haverkamp 6, Dax Fleitman 4, Austin Reiter 4, Mastafa Hweidi 4, Marcus Case 2, and 8 unreported points.

Muenster 41 Alvord 23
The Lady Hornets chalked up victory #4 Tuesday, Nov. 21. Eight Muenster players put points on the board, led by Alison Miller with 11. Shaina Felderhoff added 7, and Hillary Swirczynski, Brandy Dangelmayr, and Amanda Dangelmayr 6 each. Leaha Smith and Jackie Klement each dropped in 2, with Delana Rohmer getting 1.

M 13 8 18 2 41 A 3 5 11 4 23

Lindsay 31 Ponder 34
The Lady Knights came up short in their Nov. 21 game at Ponder. Hillary Hoelker and Kayla Hess each scored 7 points. Katie Dieter added 6, Katelyn Brewer 3, and 2 apiece by Rose Hermes, Liz Martin, Beverly Knabe, and Cammi Neu.

L 5 9 10 7 31
P 7 17 7 3 34

Sacred Heart 19
Bryson 20
The JV Tigerettes were handed a low scoring loss Tuesday night. Erin Moody scored 6, Kalyssa Pollard 4, and 3 each by Raynee Hogan, Lisa Miller, and Shelbye Hess.

GANDER MOUNTAIN TIPS

Archery Tip
Practicing outside in the same conditions you'll be hunting in (wearing the same clothing) is the best way to keep your confidence up and your shooting ability sharp at the archery range or in the stand.

If you are a right-handed shooter sew the left shore.

stand.
If you are a right-handed shooter, sew the left sleeves of all your undergarments and outer clothing to tighten them up to give you clearance with your bow string. You may also have to sew in or tighten the chest area of your outer layer of clothing to keep your string from making contact. If you're left-handed, just do the opposite.

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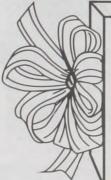
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Biocontrol of wavy leaf thistle being studied in Texas

ral controls about two years ago.

Michels' entomology team travels the highways to Colorado frequently each year to monitor biocontrol work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. At first, they noticed wavy leaf thistle growing in small clumps along roadsides, Michels said, but in the past few years it seemed to be spreading.

Deciding they wanted to look at possible control measures, he submitted a proposal for a grant to the Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration. His team received funding for two years.

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In spring 2005, Earle began mapping the infestations across the Panhandle. The highest concentrations were found in the northern Panhandle down to U.S. Interstate 40, he said. Wavy leaf thistle has been found along 1-40 from New Mexico to Colorado, but not much to the south.

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"Our idea was that it was coming in through vehicle traffic, because it is common in Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming," Michels said. "Also, thistles love disturbed areas, so any road work could have increased the infestation."

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Once it was all mapped, Earle looked for naturally occurring insects that fed off the plant. He found one large beetle that fed on the seed heads, but that beetle was considered an economic pest of sunflowers, so it was unof sunflowers, so it was u desirable for use as

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Pruning mature pecan trees
From the time the tree comes into economic production, it is a mature tree. There is another group of pruning operations that can help the producer increase or maintain yields and improve nut quality. The other pruning practices are usually accomplished during the training and establishment stage of orchard development.

Mature trees are pruned to decrease shading, to remove had limb angles, to remove dead limbs, and to remove lower branches to accommodate orchard equipment. It is important to realize that there are differences in pruning recommendations for trees in an orchard vs. trees in the home landscape. Some of the hedging practices include:

Mechanical hedging and complete tree removal are practices that are utilized by the commercial pecan industry to increase pecan production and to make it possible to manipulate large harvest equipment in and around groves of trees. Mechanical hedging will allow greater amounts of sunlight to reach the lower branches of the tree

and increase nut production.
As the name implies, it makes the trees look as if they are hedges. It will need to be repeated within a couple of years and will only improve yields for a short period of time.

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After three or four hedging treatments, benefits are reduced to a point where hedging may not be beneficial. The roots start to compete for moisture and nutrients and the trees will shade each other. The only economical treatment is to remove trees.

In instances where trees were planted too close and were allowed to grow together and crowd, growers may try to correct the situation by cutting the trees back severely. This is commonly called dehorning, tree topping, or pollarding. This pruning process is not effective in bringing the trees back into full production. This all-too-common practice of severely topping pecans and other trees is not recommended. Severe topping of a healthy tree ruins its looks and can allow insect and disease entry that may kill the tree.

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also be eliminated routinely to prevent limb shading. Cuts should be made to the nearest crotch to prevent regrowth of suckers.

Lower scaffold limbs that prevent clamping of the tree shaker during harvest must be removed. Limbs that are low enough, because of the tree's heavy crop, that tractor wheels will run over or damage them, should be removed. Dead wood can be removed. But most producers just shake it out during harvest. Those orchards that have been hedged a couple of times usually have a large amount of ead limbs.

In orchards, pruning mature trees is expensive but necessary. Most pruning operations that are done to maintain tree size and to reduce shading are temporary fixes at best, and are used to put off the ultimate pruning operation, which is the periodic removal of trees to maximize production and maintain quality.

In our landscapes, large pecan trees seldom need major pruning. Late winter, when the trees are dormant, is the normal time to remove dead wood, low hanging limbs, or branches that are in the way, endangering structures or power lines. However, pruning can be done anytime it is necessary.

Information regarding oil and gas leases.

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eral acres in Hutchinson County was selected as a treatment site, Michels said. Cages were set up with four treatments: no action, mowing, chemical control, and biocontrol agents.

The thistle seedhead weevils used for the biocontrol study were collected around Kerrville, where the beetle has been released on wavy leaf thistle with good results, he said. This beetle feeds on the seed heads.

"This preliminary year, the biocontrol seems to be working better than the mowing or chemical control," Michels said.

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However, he is going to study a musk thistle rosette weevil used in Colorado to help control musk thistle. This beetle feeds on the root of the plant.

Michels hopes the combination of beetles can control the perennial plant and keep it from resprouting each year.

The musk thistle rosette weevil is found primarily north of Texas where the growing season of thistle is different, Michels said. The problem is trying to gather

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producers can no longer use their Social Security numbers as identification when they attend pesticide applicator trainings, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

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New privacy laws affect

search and Extension Center at Overton.
In years past, producers could present a valid pesticide applicator's license, their driver's license, or their Social Security number to receive credit for the training.
Not any more, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist.

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"TDA advised we cannot ask for their Social Security number only driver's or pesticide licenses," Higginbotham said.

By state law, the Texas Department of Agriculture requires private pesticide applicators to earn 15 hours of continuing education units every five years to maintain their licenses, Higginbotham said.

A news release distributed in late October listed Social Security numbers as still being an accepted identification

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