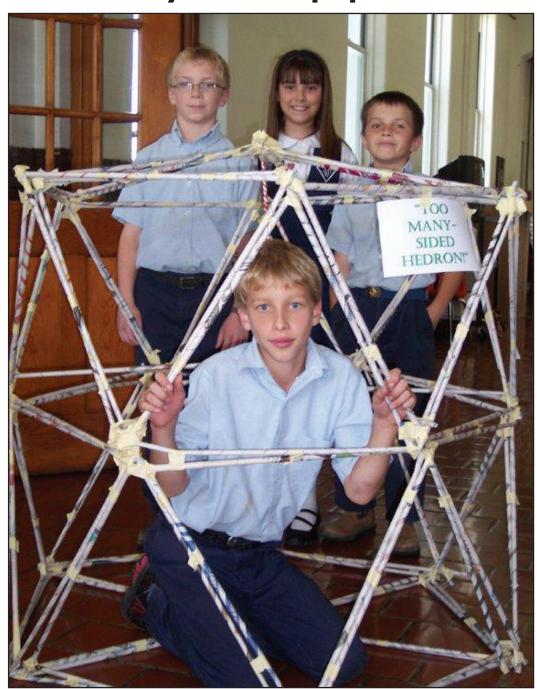
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### **Geometry** + newspapers = fun



Sacred Heart 5th Grade students had fun while they learned Geometry in Barbara LaChance's class. Pictured from left, back - Julian Hesse, Sophia Jones, Jon Hess; front - Roy Endres. See story on page 7.

### Citizens voice some concerns at County Commissioners Court

ried about the operation's affect on groundwater, air, and road traffic.

Ozlem Altiok asked that Commissioners not approve a request by EOG Resources, Inc. to install a pipe for water disposal north of CR 324 in Precinct #3. She lives in Precinct #4 on CR 414 near Saint Jo. Referring to a consent agenda item that had just been approved, Altiok said they would like to know where the water is coming from, what it contains, and where it is going to go.

Precinct #3 Commissioner Al Smith explained, "In the processing of the oil and gas gas production. For our pre-they can cause, Shiffer said from the Barnett Shale on

**By Janet Felderhoff** CR 343, which is near Ross-pipeline is to stop so much of Two Cooke County resiton, there is a great deal of the truck traffic that is disinabout concerns from these wells. Currently, and moving it into the pipeover a sand pit in northwest this is transported from the line, it makes great econom-Cooke County. They are wor- well site to disposal cen- ic sense for us in the County well site to disposal cen- ic sense for us in the County ters' injection wells into the to encourage this saltwater ground as saltwater. And pipeline instead of trans-whatever else is in it is disporting this in 5,000 gallon posed into the formations in these disposal wells. In the process of doing this, these incredibly dangerous."

The sand plant that Alsaltwater that is produced from these wells to a disposal site which is near the inter-343. EOG owns that disposal site and has the operating cinct, the advantage of this

container trucks which are

trucks of which there are tiok referred to is located in thousands of them, destroy Precinct #4 in northwest-the roads and cause some ern Cooke County and is a havoc to the people living on those roads. This pipeline is to transport the disposal cern over EOG's request for an air quality permit for its sand plant located along FM 373 near Mountain Creek. section of FM 1620 and CR After reading a list of contaminates the plant will emit that were listed in a TCEQ lease on these oil wells and legal notice and the illnesses

See COUNTY, pg. 7 weather helping to keep the event going.

### Voting polls open Saturday at 7 a.m. for area elections

By Janet Felderhoff

Voters are asked to make some decisions on Saturday that will impact the future of two educational facilities and that may increase their taxes. Muenster ISD ued at \$100,000 by varying requests approval of a \$14 amounts projected as followed at \$100,000 by varying their taxes. This is with a 25requests approval of a \$14 million bond to finance the construction of a new elementary school, new junior high school, new Vo Ag shop/ classroom building, new maintenance storage bay added to the Ag shop, new P.E. gymnasium with field house additions and renovations, demolition of the current junior high building, and paving of 75,000 square feet of parking areas. North Central Texas College seeks passage of a \$32.5 million bond package for the purpose of building a new Health Sciences Center, new Student Services & Academic Support Center, new Agriculture/Equine/Horti-culture building, and reno-

100 building to Student Life of \$1.34 from 2012-13. & Activities Center.

In 2011-12, taxes would be \$1,083.26 annually or \$90.27 per month, with an increase of \$124.41 from 2010-11: In 2012-13, taxes would be

\$1,147.70 annually or \$95.64 per month, with an increase of \$64.41 from 2011-12; In 2013-14, taxes would be

1,146.37 annually or 95.53

vation and repurpose of the per month, with a decrease

Should NCTC's bond pass, Muenster ISD's bond, if its impact on a home valued year bond. For a 30-year bond it would be an increase of \$6.67 per or \$81 per year.

Homeowners age 65 and older with an exemption would not have their homestead taxes increased by either the MISD or NCTC

The only entity in Muen-See ELECTION, pg. 4



### 2011 Germanfest deemed successful, but not the best

By Janet Felderhoff

days for an outdoor festival and thousands took the opportunity to attend Muenster's 36th Annual Germanfest held in the City Park. Sunday's weather brought out only the hardy and those obligated to work. Temperatures dropped into the 40s and thunderstorms rolled through the area all day, pated 1,400 runners going by past records dumping rain on the day's events.

The unpleasant weather on Sunday impacted attendance by 7-8,000 according to Muenster Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Broyles. Last year attendance was around 30,000 and this year it was between 23-24,000. Broyles commented on Sunday, "We made due with what we were handed. It's an outdoor festival in Texas in

Activities were moved under the tent and pavilion. The Wringen Meisterschaft Tournament moved into the Concession tent dents spoke during public flowback water and saltwacomments at the Monday, ter that is produced in the injection well sites. Because and warm. This may have been a boost for May 9 Commissioners Court production of the gas and oil of the reduction in traffic vendors since it brought in a crowd to purchase items

Halle until about 5 p.m.

fest was a success on many levels. One, that 2 - Johnny Green of Muenster, age 21, time we had more entertainment in the park for 17:33.00; 3 - John Paul Hesse of Muenster, everyone to enjoy, and two, we crowned the first-ever Wringen Meister at the wrestling tournament.

"The BBQ cook-off had 83 entries maintaining its place as one, of the largest cookoffs in Texas, and despite the Sunday rain and cold, we had people in the park on Sunday enjoying great music and food. All in all I am very pleased with how well things went. I am looking forward to and making plans for next year's event."

Most runners signed up for the Muen-ster Knights of Columbus Fun Run took on a duck-like attitude and made the best of the very cool, wet run. Cochairmen John D. Bartush and Ben Bindel commended the

200 plus volunteers who stuck out the bad

Bartush said the start was delayed a bit due Friday and Saturday were picture perfect to lightning. He estimates that just under 700 runners took part in either the 15K or 5K. Due to inclement weather, the chips didn't record all times as the runners completed the races. Officially, there were 1,007

> Bartush said Fun Run sponsors anticiand the number of early entries they had. "We were told by some of our veteran volunteers that this was the worst weather in Fun Run history, and we believe them!" Bartush

> Bartush encourages those who registered, but did not pick up their tee shirts to do so by stopping by Muenster State Bank. The same goes for those who won trophies and failed to pick them up. Contact John at MSB, 759-

> Top finishers in the 15K were: 1 - Daniel Lopez of Melissa, age 23, time 1:01:18.0; 2 - Jon Korte of Grapevine, age 45, time 1:01:46.00; 3 - Luis Reynoso of Rockwall, age 43, time 1:01:58.00. First to finish from

Muenster were brothers Dr. Steven Jones

Entertainment took place in the Tanze and David Jones. Their time was 1:33:55. alle until about 5 p.m. The 5K top finishers were: 1 - Chase Broyles remarked, "This year's German-Brown of Double Oak, age 17, time 17:14.00; age 15, time 18:40.00; 4 - Bob Bartush of Muenster, age 17, time 18:41.00. Twin sisters Mikenzie and Mikayla Fleitman were

> 5K. Their time was 24:12.
> Women's 15K top finishers: 1 - Roxana Wrablewski, age 37, time 1:06:05.00; 2 - K2 Richards, age 42, time 1:11:53.00; 3 - Michelle Blackard of Euless, age 31, time

the first females from Muenster to finish the

Some Muenster natives finishing in the See 'FEST, pg. 4

**Brooke takes first at State** 

#### TAPPS State Championship won by Sacred Heart School's Boys Track Team



Sacred Heart Catholic School Tigers and coaches pose for a photo with their trophy and awards after capturing the TAPPS State Track Championship at Baylor University in Waco last weekend. Courtesy photo

Muenster High student Brooke Walterscheid won a Gold medal in State UIL Headline Writing. See

story on page 6.

#### Letters to the Editor

The MISD bond election will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the MISD Junior High School foyer. The decision of the voters of our wonderful community will be determined and this will undoubtedly be a very

There are several positive factors that assisted us in making the decision to vote for the bond. The main factor was getting the best return on the money that the windmills generate for the district. That money only lasts for a certain number of years and it stairsteps down in value over time. It has been estimated the windmill money will pay 32% of the first years payment if this bond issue passes during this election. There are not many communities that have access to that type of tax revenue, so it is imperative that we use it as wisely as possible. Utilizing this money at its highest return rate on the construction of new facilities s, in our opinion, a wise decision.

Interest rates and bond rates are lower than normal at the present time. It is a risk to wait as the possibility of ate increases seems likely in the near future so it would be a sound decision to lock in at the lower rate. Construction costs and materials are at a very competitive rate right now. These companies want and need work and they will be very receptive to our need for quality construction at the best price possible.

The fact of this matter is that we will eventually have to do something to correct the deficiencies in the present facilities. I have witnessed the power of the state to condemn educational facilities, and it was an extremely helpless and degrading feeling to the students and to the members of the community. The residents of this fine community do

not want this to happen. Now seems to be the optimal and most cost-efficient time to begin the facilities improvement

Respectfully,

Having served as a NCTC Trustee from 2004-2010, I too agree that improvements are needed and that NCTC is a strong asset to Cooke County. I don't agree that we need to spend \$32.5 million on monuments.

Do we want to spend \$32.5 million like royalty, more than doubling the NCTC tax rate for the next 25-30 years? Can valued at \$100,000 over the life of the bond? Are there less costly alternatives? Should the costs be allocated fairly and evenly among those who use the buildings, or should a small minority of taxpayers pay the full cost of the improve-

NCTC has opened two campuses in Denton County in the last 12 years. The Corinth Campus was built for about \$8 million. According to the latest NCTC charts, it serves about 5500 students. Flower Mound was opened this spring, I think for less than \$2 million, and already serves almost 900 students. I take NCTC at their word that no Cooke County tax dollars are spent in Denton County. If NCTC opened two campuses in Denton County serving almost 6400 students for about \$10 million, why does it cost \$32.5 million to partially upgrade the Gainesville Campus with less than 2400 students? Less than 900 students come from Cooke County. Logic would argue necessary improvements could be done for \$5-10 million. NCTC hired an engineer who said the sinking floors in the 300 building could be permanently

NCTC opened two Denton County campuses with no Cooke County taxes. Denton pays no NCTC taxes. Can't they figure out how to provide what is needed in Gainesville without doubling our property taxes for the next  $25 ext{-}30$ years? I think we are looking at a wish list, not a conservative list of minimum needs. Do we really need a Showcase administration building for \$13 million at a cost of \$278/ F.? It was only a couple years ago that we remodeled it.

For many years, Cooke County Taxpayers have been subsidizing out-of-county students to the tune of more than \$1million a year, based on calculations required by state law, when setting tuition. Please see the *Register* ads Bill Ledbetter, Dave Flusche, and I ran in May 2004 and the ads I ran in May 2008 offering \$500 to the favorite charity of the first person who could prove me wrong on this. Three years later, there have been no takers on that offer. It appears NCTC is proposing to increase the wealth redistribution from \$1 million a year to about \$2.5 million a year at the expense of the Cooke County Taxpayer.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median Cooke County household income in 2008 was \$49,705. That compares to \$73,678 in Denton County where the majority of NCTC students come from. President Obama wants to redistribute money from the wealthy to the less fortunate. I am particularly opposed to redistributing Cooke County's hard-earned tax dollars to students who come from wealthier families, that on average earn almost half again as much as Cooke County Taxpayers. Not even President Obama would do that.

Let's vote no on this bond proposal and ask NCTC to come up with a modest plan. It's not fair to ask Cooke County Taxpayers to double our taxes and pay the full cost of the facilities when we only have a small minority of NCTC stu-

dents, just 1 out of 9 overall. Steve Gaylord **Dear Editor**,

Valley View

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#### To the Editor,

I graduated from Muenster Public School in 1957. The population of Muenster was approximately 1270 people. Now, 54 years later, 2011, the population is 1550. That is a growth of 280 in 54 years. Do the people think they need a 14 million dollar bond election for more schools/buildings with no more growth than that?

Wylie Lewis Gainesville, TX

Many facts regarding the condition of the Muenster ISD Elementary and Junior High buildings have been discussed and presented in the numerous articles regarding the upcoming bond election on Saturday, May 14th. As the school nurse, I have my own set of concerns regarding the impact that it has and could have on the health of the students and

The Elementary building has old window air conditioners that do not always work and when they do, the result is a very musty odor in the classroom. This, coupled with the crowded conditions, contribute to air borne irritants that may aggravate respiratory symptoms of those suffering from

The Junior High building has asbestos in all the class rooms, the hallway, the band hall, in the pipes in the gym, and in caulking around some windows. The floor tiles containing it are covered, but in classrooms this is with very old and worn carpet. The carpet needs to be replaced, not only because it is worn and frayed, but also because it has been exposed to water numerous times whenever the water leaks in around the foundation after a heavy or continuous rain. The carpet cannot be removed, but can only be covered by another layer of carpet due to the asbestos underneath it, and therefore, it remains dirty and moldy.

The asbestos tiles are covered with wax and sealer in the hallways and band hall, but with constant traffic on a daily basis, this 'fix' is questionable if adequate to contain all par-

Please vote your heart on Saturday, May 14th. Marlene R. Fisher, R.N School Nurse at Muenster ISD

#### **Dear Editor:**

On the 300 old library building air conditioning so some replacement parts had to be manufactured. So what? The replaced parts were also manufactured. There is a waterchiller system that worked well for decades. But it was shut down because one of the previous presidents had big plans to destroy the 300 building to put in a road to his planed new office building. So plans to destroy the 300 building are nothing new. Some years back they were looking at getting some people to go under the building, dig down about 13 feet to the bed rock, come up with columns to raise the floor up and hold the floor in place. On that fancy roof what about getting a big sand blaster to clean and etch the roof then put a thick coat of fiber Glasson the roof? On the south side of the 300 building there are stairs that go down to a door that used to have a fallout shelter sign above the door. With the large number of people on campus .. With the number of tornadoes and big storms that fallout shelter could become a much needed storm shelter ... Since the 300 building is supposed to be in such bad shape, then why was money spent a couple of years ago to remodel the inside of the building?

The 600 building is about 75 feet west of the 300 building The nurses use both buildings. What about building a new building connecting those two buildings? The new building could have the virtual hospital and labs. Since classes rooms have been in use for decades with good results, what

I recommend getting a company that knows what they are doing and has a reputation for doing great work to do the needed repairs on those two buildings. Our courthouse is a lot older than any building on our

campus and it is being restored to be put back in use.

It is interesting that there is money for all of the out-ofcounty campuses but there is not money for our campus. Also consider that in the past there was a difference in tuition cost for in-county and out-of-county students. With incounty students having the cheaper tuition because if the students or their family owned real estate they were paying property taxes to support our college. The out-of-county students paid a higher rate of tuition since they did not pay property taxes. That difference was done away with a cou-I have been hearing for some years that classes that were

offered here are now only available at campuses that are out of this county. Causing students travel time and expense to take the desired classes. The excuse for that is easy to see because that tactic puts more students and money in out-ofcounty campuses to make them look better.

A bond is a mortgage on our property. The bond with interest will be in the neighbor hood of 10 cents per \$100 valuation with our other tax load we get to buy back a portion of our property each year thrilling isn't it? With the way our money is being destroyed one thing we don't need is more debt also figure in the interest for an added bonus

has been very well set up with a large workforce. If you are Bond Election. against this bond issue you sure need to vote no and encourage other people to vote no. Our college is very important to me. I have been a student

for over two decades taking classes that interest me mainly agriculture, law enforcement and I especially enjoyed the vo. tech shop classes. I have some very serious concerns about how our college

is being managed past, present, and future. My vote is a solid immovable NO.

Gainesville

#### This letter is to all the grandparents and anyone over the

age of 65. Why wouldn't you want a safe and healthy environment for your grandchildren and all students of MISD? Your property taxes will NOT increase! You will pay nothing! Your taxes are frozen. The electrical problems at MISD are beyond repair. Did

you know that only half the building can be heated or cooled at a time? Did you know that there is asbestos in the carpet and the carpet is totally worn out? To replace the carpet would be extremely costly because of the asbestos. Did you know that when it rains the water seeps into the classrooms under the wall? Did you know that in case of a tornado there is no safe place for the students to go? These buildings are beyond repair. So why not vote "FOR" the bond and do what is best for

our grandchildren and our community? Peggy Walterscheid

Muenster, TX

The economy of Gainesville and Cooke County has begun to turn around. The unemployment rate as of February 2011 is 6.1%, the lowest in three years. The sales tax has increased 34% in the last seven months.

Weber Aircraft's employment is at an all-time high (1,300 employees) and they are continuing to look for qualified, educated employees. Peterbilt has just created a second shift Pumpco of Valley View has built a new plant with  $250\ \mathrm{em}$ ployees. Muenster is combining and expanding a new machine shop. Select Energy is building a new two-story office building on I-35 and Hwy. 82, which will be their headquarters, with 75-100 employees. NCTC trains welders for Titan Tanks and when those students graduate from the welding program, a job is available. All of these industries will bring more jobs and taxes to the Gainesville and Cooke County coffers and make more demands on NCTC to educate and

Therefore, the increased taxes required for the bond election should not be as much of a financial burden as one might think. If the tax rate increases 8.1 cents for a 30year bond, then a family with a house valued at \$100,000 would pay \$81 a year (\$7 monthly). 72% of the homes in Gainesville are valued at \$100,000 or less.

If a person is over 65 years of age or disabled, has declared his house a homestead and has filed for an exemption, ther

For those people who continue to think that Cooke ty taxes are spent on the other NCTC campuses, this idea is incorrect. Revenue from local taxes is used totally and ex clusively to help pay maintenance and operation expenses for the Gainesville campus, not other NCTC campuses

NCTC brings money and jobs to Cooke County. The college is one of the county's largest employers, with 187 employees residing in Cooke County and a payroll of \$4.95 million.

NCTC provides an economical place for students to prepare themselves with up to two years of college credit before moving on to a four-year school, and at a fraction of the cost they will pay after transfer. Cooke County resident pay \$552 for 12 credit hours compared to \$3,658 at UNT. In addition, dual credit allows county high school students to earn low-cost college credit at NCTC, while still in high school. That represents a significant savings for parents. For other students, NCTC provides low-cost workforce

training for well-paying jobs such as nursing, air condition ing, welding, the equine industry, and horticulture. Most of NCTC's present facilities were built when the en

rollment was considerably less than 1,000 students. Cur rently there are over 2,200 attending. The college has spent \$11 million over the last 10 years on repair, maintenance and renovating facilities, while at the same time trying to stay up with technology and current programs. Currently, we compete with Grayson County in Sherman and Collin County in McKinney. Commissioners in Wise County recently voted \$19 million for a campus in Decatur sponsored by Weatherford Junior College.

Vote YES on the college bond issue to help the present NCTC students and those in future years. Focus beyond yourself and the present day and try to project into the future for the benefit of those to come.

Where there is no vision, the people perish. Proverbs

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Edgar and I moved to Muenster in 1959 and to our great fortune, never left. Although we aren't Muenster natives, we have always felt a part of this wonderful community. Muenster is unique in that it is blessed to have two outstanding schools; Muenster ISD and Sacred Heart. Both schools have always done what is best for its students.

Our connection to MISD has been rewarding to us. Edgar retired from MISD after 29 years of service, and I retired after 26 years of service. During our careers, doing what was in the best interest of the students was always first priority. I feel that the upcoming bond election on May 14 is in the best interest of our students "now" and of our students in

Previous "letters to the editor" have stressed the need for this bond as well as the fact that now is the time because at the present construction costs are low, bond rates are at an all-time low, and the monetary contribution from the windmill project is a definite plus. For those of you in my age group, we have nothing to lose but all to gain; our taxes are frozen. Our schools are a vital asset to our community and As always, students are easy to exploit. This bond deal need our support. Let's show our children and our grandchildren that we care by voting "YES" for the Muenster ISD

Carol Dyer Muenster, Texas

#### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA **MEETING DATE - MAY 19, 2011**

The following is the Agenda for a special meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 6:00 p.m. in the City

Hall meeting room on Thursday, May 19, 2011. • Call meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening prayer.

• Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.

• Consider any other business to come before the Council.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

• Canvass the vote from the May 14, 2011 election.

• Administer oath of office to new Council members.

 Appoint new Mayor Pro-Tem. • Open bids for 2011 "Paving Project".

• EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code: 551.074-Personnel.

Return to open session. Take any needed action.

• Adjourn.

Brenda Simpson, City Secretary

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

Sunday, May 15, 2011	Monday, May 16, 2011	Tuesday, May 17, 2011	Wednesday, May 18, 2011	Thursday, May 19, 2011	Friday, May 20, 2011	Saturday, May 21, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm	VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm	MMH Board Mtg. 7 pm	Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Co-Ed V'ball M old gym 7:30	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm SHCS Montessori Moving Up Ceremony 6:30 pm City Council Special Meeting 6 pm	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 p.m SHCS graduation 6 pm	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Armed Forces Day - FLY FLAGS
Sunday, May 22, 2011	Monday, May 23, 2011	Tuesday, May 24, 2011	Wednesday, May 25, 2011	Thursday, May 26, 2011	Friday, May 27, 2011	Saturday, May 28, 2011
Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm		Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Co-ed V.ball 7:30 MISD old gym	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm	Muenster Museum open -1-4 SHCS 8th grade promotion SH Last day of school	Library open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm



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## Please Vote "FOR" the MISD Bond



Elementary students are placed in the hallway for recess during inclement weather.



They are too small and lack storage.

Insufficient classroom size.

heating, and cooling.

high, and high school

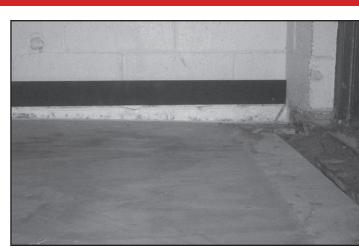
Does not meet current health and safety codes.

Mixing of elementary, junior

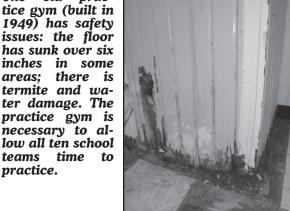
No safe place for students

to go in case of a tornado.

Inefficient lighting,



The old tice gym (built in 1949) has safety issues: the floor has sunk over six inches in some areas; there is termite and water damage. The



Pre-K through

Second Grade building was built in 1966

Junior High School, band hall, and practice gym were built in 1949

Asbestos is in our elementary and junior high buildings, our woodshop and ag classrooms, and in the band hall and library!





Our buildings have major electrical issues! Therefore, we are unable to upgrade technology.



The roof leaks and the floor seeps when it

For more information:

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### We ask our kids to do their best ... Let's do what is best for our kids!!!

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**ISSUES:** 

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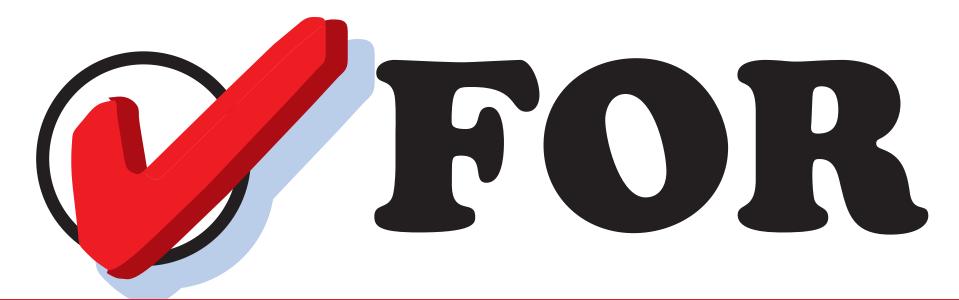
Plumbing. No storage

students.

Mold.

"I just sincerely hope that voters understand that these problems are not going to go away. The asbestos will NOT go away, the mold will NOT go away, the fire hazards from outdated electricity will NOT go away. What WILL go away is the money we are getting from the Windmill Farm ... money that will defer these costs. The community will either have to pay for it now or pay MORE for it later. Does it make sense to do it now?" Beth Saucer - First Grade Teacher

Take pride in our community. Take pride in our children!



# Muenster ISD Bond

Saturday, May 14

### **Obituaries**

#### Sister Elise Bengfort 1929 - 2011

Sister Elise Bengfort, a Sister of Divine Providence in San Antonio, entered eternal life at the age of 81 on Easter Sunday, April 24. She was born May 14, 1929, one of nine children of Joseph Henry and Clara Elizabeth Hermes Bengfort. She answered God's call to become a nun and made her first profession of vows at 21 years of age. Sister Elise touched many lives in Louisiana and Texas through her love and devotion to education and spiritual direction.

She shared her talents in various ways, including internal ministry serving as Director of CDP Associates, Director of CDP Initial Formation, Assistant Director of Development, Assistant Director of Communications, Director of Pastoral Care, and CDP Hospitality Coordinator. She was secretary for many Congregational and Our Lady of the Lake University committees. She also served for five years as Associate Director of Maryhill Renewal Center organizing retreats, finding retreat work very rewarding and life giving. Sister Elise retired to Our Lady of the Lake Center

include her Survivors sisters and brother-in-law Convent cemetery.



Sister Elise Bengfort

Betty Stoffels of Lindsay and Stella and Tony Hess of Muenster; sister-in-law Ann Bengfort of Lindsay; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Joseph, Leonard, and Wilfred Bengfort; and sisters Marie Zimmerer, Catherine Stoffels, and Dorothy Bengfort.

Rosary and wake service were held at the Convent chapel and a Mass of Resurrection was held on Thursday, April 28. Interment continued from pg. 1 was in Our Lady of the Lake

#### **Baby Ruth Hoover** 1924 - 2011

Funeral service for Baby Ruth Hoover of Gainesville was held Tuesday, May 10 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David McLerran officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was Monday, May 9 at the funeral home.

Ruth died at the age of 86 on May 5, 2011 at her home. She was born Sept. 16, 1924 in Lubbock to Willie Howard and Mabel Augusta Jones Mauldin. Ruth was well loved by everyone who knew her. She left her touch and Harry Mauldin.

on all she met.

Survivors are her daughters Diana Clements of Sandyhook, Mississippi, Vicky Meintser of Dallas, and Cindy Vaughan and Rebecca Norwood of Gainesville; son Ric Hoover of Dallas; 12 grandchildren; 14 greatgrandchildren; and four sisters and two brothers.

by her parents; her loving husband and best friend, Richard Hoover; grandsons Richard Sutton and Clay Clement; and brothers Bill

#### ELECTION ......continued from pg. 1

ster with an election for can- in Conrad Hall, along with didates is the City. Tim Felderhoff and Bob Bauer each cated by Joey Anderson who is the sole mayoral candidate. Mayor John Pagel decided not to file for another man position. Brenda Simpthe City. She urges all voters votes will serve. to bring their voter cards

and driver's license for ID. the Muenster Junior High foyer to cast their votes on Saturday, May 14 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7

p.m. for all local elections. Board both have elections scheduled. They will be held

the NCTC election. The Lindsay ISD Board seek election to Place 3 va- of Trustees has three positions for three-year terms up for election. Candidates for the three at-large seats are Wayne Fleitman and Tommy term. Jack Flusche is unop-Haverkamp, incumbents, posed for the Place 5 alder- and Brad Metzler, Tammy Bezner, and Vicki Thurman. son is the election judge for The three receiving the most

Voters in the City of Lindsay are asked to vote on a Muenster voters will go to non binding referendum for the Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department to determine whether citizens are willing for the City to help the Fire Department build a new fire Lindsay City and School station. Betsy Fleitman will serve as election judge for the City.

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### **Sheriff candidate schedules** meet and greet for May 24

Ken Fogus set his sights on the job of Cooke County Sheriff and has begun his campaign even though the Primary Election is almost a year away. He wants to get acquainted with the public beginning now.

On Tuesday, May 24 from 5-7 p.m., Fogus will be at The Center Restaurant in Muenster to answer citizens' questions and listen to their concerns. He will offer handouts delivering the message of his platform.

On why he wants to be Sheriff, Fogus remarked, "I want to serve the citizens of Cooke County. I've been here 20 years and have been in law enforcement for 30 plus years." He recently retired from the Corinth Police Department where he served as a detective on that police force.

#### **Concerned citizens meet**

citizens' environmental con-

On Monday, May 9, area Tracy Metzler were present for Montague County.

Jo Civic Center to become The officials were supmore informed about two portive in listening to the environmental issues: 1) The application of beneficial septage to 99 acres near the Capps Corner area, and 2) EOG's sand mining in the valley between FM 2382 and FM 677. Both Cooke and Montague counties are involved in these issues.

Present at the meeting were Cooke County Judge John Roane, Cooke County Commissioners Leon Klement and Al Schmidt, and Water Board Representative Kenneth Klement. Judge Tommy Sappinton, Commissioner Bob Langford, and Water Board Representative

### FEST.....

upper times of the 15K included John Flusche, Jeff Klement, George Luke, and Tammie Hennigan Morris. Complete race results can be found on runontexas.

Muenster Kiwanis reported that the number of tickets sold on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday were up, but not a single ticket was sold on Sunday. Despite Sunday's immobilizing weather, this was the 4th best year the Kiwanis have experienced since 1992, said She was preceded in death member John D. Bartush.

With Germanfest being moved back a week due to a conflict with Easter, the Metric Century Bicycle Rally had to compete for participants with a big rally held annually in Dallas. Last year, the Germanfest ride had 2,005 entered. This year there were only 1,695 who rode.

Next year, Germanfest will move back to its regular niche in the last full weekend of April.

#### Stay alert to wildfire danger when traveling

Texans face extreme wildfire danger. Check fire and weather conditions before you get on the road. Monitor radio broadcasts while traveling. In areas where there may be wildfire, watch for highway signs, traffic control personnel, and fire fighters. Slow down and prepare to stop when they signal you to do so. Remember, wind driven wildfire can move as fast as 60 miles per hour. If you see dense smoke on the road, do not drive into it.

# DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO May 10, 1946

Material and labor shortage retards building progress. The city tax rate for 1946 will remain at \$1.50 per \$100 of valuation - 55¢ for sewer fund and 95¢ for general fund. Obituary: S.J. Martin, 84. Pat Fisher has tonsils removed. A new wash house, constructed of concrete bricks, has been completed at Leo Rohmer's. Wedding: Angeline Wimmer and Rudolph Hromick. 50 YEARS AGO

May 12, 1961

Larry Wimmer is first in Broad Jump at State Track Meet. Muenster bowlers awarded trophies in Gainesville: the Ifn's composed of cerns. All attendees encour-Art and Evie Felderhoff and aged each other to contact Don and Dot Endres took TCEQ, Texas Commission first place team; Rohmer's on Environmental Quality, composed of Ed and Virginia as soon as possible. Neighbors came together to help Schneider and Ray and Lou Voth won high team handione another in pursuit of the cap series. New Arrival:

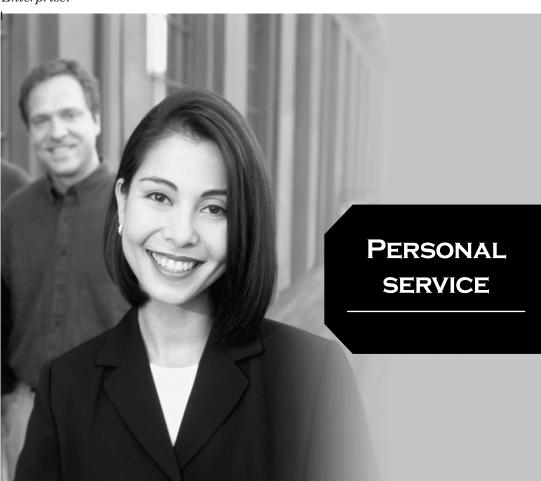
Janet to Eddie and Margie Krahl. Obituary: Mrs. John (Sophie) Schad, 68. Dorothy Bengfort, Lindsay High School senior, gets partial tuition scholarship to Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio. Wedding: Janie Kubis and Kenneth Thur-

25 YEARS AGO May 9, 1986

Muenster High school valedictorian is Jean Pagel and salutatorian is Francine Hudspeth. Sacred Heart High valedictorian is Paula Yosten and salutatorian is Laura Flusche. Request by residents of North Cedar Street for complete repair of their "injured" street brings life to City Council meeting. Obituary: William Pulte, 68. Henry Schroeder succeeds Glenn Hellman as Lindsay superintendent. Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman were at JFK Airport in New York preparing to board their airolane for a trip to Helsinki, Finland, when the news of the nuclear accident at Chernobyl in the Soviet Union cancelled their plans. New Arrival: Bridgette to Leon and Christi Klement.

### Pat Hennigan, Sr. dies

Mass of Christian Burial for Patrick Henry Hennigan, Sr. of Muenster was held Thursday, May 12 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Pat died at the age of 89 on Sunday, May 8, 2011. The complete obituary will be in next week's



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### LIFESTYLE

#### Dinner, auction benefit set for Drake

silent and live auctions to benefit Jill Drake is set for Saturday, May 21 at the Era ISD cafeteria.

Jill Drake has been a fanthe last seven years and is a wonderful friend. She has spent about 90 days in Dal-

A Tex-Mex dinner with las Presbyterian Hospital. der advance \$4 (\$5 at door). She and her family need the help of the community.

ner will be served from 5 to 218, or go to jilldrakebentake place from 5 to 7 p.m., at 940-231-7661, or Leann at tastic teacher at Era ISD for followed by a live auction beginning at 7 p.m. The meal is \$6 advance adult tickets (\$8 First State Bank under Jill at door), and kids 12 and un- Drake Benefit.

For more information, tickets, or to make donations A benefit Tex-Mex din- call 940-665-5961 ext. 223 or 7 p.m. A silent auction will efit@yahoo.com, or call Dixie 940-536-9213.

Donations may be made at



On April 2, Denise Bayer and almost 20 members of her family and friends participated in the Walk MS: Fort Worth, at Trinity Trails Park. The event attracted thousands of walkers and runners from across the Fort Worth area for a memorable North Texas event. The walk was hosted by the National MS Society, with proceeds from the event to support their mission of creating a world free of Multiple Sclerosis. Denise, her family, and friends raised over \$2,800 for the National MS Society! Pictured are, from left, seated, Sister Francesca Walterscheid, Lauren Trubenbach, Rachel Hamilton, Allison Hamilton; standing front - Melissa Trubenbach, Denise Bayer, Shirley Stewart, Carol Henscheid, Sister Donna Marie, Melissa Hamilton, Gretchen Kostyniak; back - Leon Klement, Christi Klement, R.J. Carroll, Bridgette Carroll, Andrea Klement, Aaron Townsend, Brad Courtesy photo Dennison, and Mary Alice Dennison.

#### **Event Notices**

**Hessel Fleitman reunion** 

Members of the Henry and Mary Hessel Fleitman family are reminded of a reunion scheduled for Sunday, June 12. The gathering is the pavilion in the Muenster City Park. Those attending Tuesday, May 17 from 7-8 are asked to bring a covered p.m. "Diabetes Medications

dish and their own drinks. Also, bring lawn chairs for comfortable seating.

**Diabetes Support Group** There will be a meeting of the Diabetes Support Group set to begin at noon under in the North Texas Medical Center Board Room on

Simplified" is the topic to be presented by Shelly Rains, R.Ph. CDE, diabetes educator at Hometown Pharmacy.

Individuals with diabetes, family members, and anyone interested in learning more about diabetes are encouraged to attend this FREE program. For information, call Joan at 940.759.4296

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**CCEC** assist in wildfire restoration of power



Cooke County Electric Cooperative sent a crew of six and equipment to the Possum Kingdom area to help restore wildfire lost and damaged power lines in the past weeks. Workers included, from left - Chris Pagel, Tony Moster, Warren Sicking, Andrew Yosten, Eric Johnson, and John Spaeth. In past years, Cooke County Electric has sent crews to help other cooperatives restore power after hurricanes Rita and Ike, and last year to Oklahoma after an ice storm took down over 95% of a cooperative system.

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they = know they shall never Hager sit in. Greek proverb

#### **Notice**

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection will hold its May luncheon meeting on Thursday, May 26 at 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. The special event time is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the catered lunch is \$10. For reservations, call Carol at (940)368-4950 or e-mail her at cijacobsen@hotmail.com by Monday, May 25.

The special feature will be the Carolyn Brooks sharing her message of hope in her resentation "Developing The resentation "Developing The Heart Of A Champion – The April's Power to Win." Come be inspired to reach for the stars and achieve the impossible as you hear her incredible journey of overcoming abuse, divorce, bankruptcy, raising two grandchildren with both parents in prison, being in a free food line to becoming an author, small business consultant, and Franklin Covey facilitator. Her granddaughter Byanna Bello will be doing the special music.

Also, on Thursday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m. will be the next Prayer Connection led by Pat Cook at Inez Freeman's home at 1003 Kiowa Dr. W., Lake Kiowa. Call Inez at (940)665-7449 or e-mail her at irf@ntin.net to RSVP.

#### **New Arrival**

Lydia Bezner and Ethen Hager are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Charli Rose Hager on Thursday, April 28, 2011 weighing 6 lb. 3 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. She joins her sister Brylie Hager, age two. Grandparents are Pat and Janet Bowman of Muenster, Robby and Bobbie Hager of Montague, and Matt Bezner of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Charlotte Dangelmayr and the late Bill Dangelmayr, Bobby and Wanda Barnett, Harold Hager, Sharon and Jay Williams, and Weldon Bezner and the late Rose Rose was named after her Bezner. Great-great-grandparents are Dessel Story lotte Da and Virgina Dalton. Charli Bezner.



Charli Hager

great-grandmothers Charlotte Dangelmayr and Rose

### new items **Muenster Public Library**

Fiction/Non-Fiction

Chasing Fire by Nora Roberts; Friendship Bread by Darien Gee; Harvest Moon by Robyn Carr; *Judgment* by Beverly Lewis; Wise Man's Fear by Patrick Rothfuss; Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss: 44 Charles Street by Danielle Steel; Eve by Iris Johansen; Mystery by Jonathan Kellerman; Silver Boat by Luanne Rice; I'll Walk Alone by Mary Higgins Clark; Keep a Little Secret by Dorothy Garlock; Wedding *Promise* by Thomas Kinkade; 5th Witness by Michael Con-

nelly; Beyond Belief by Josh Hamilton; Mass: the Glory, the Mystery, the Tradition by Donald Wuerl; She Walks in Beauty by Caroline Kennedy; Lost and Found by Geneen Roth; Unlimited by Jillian Michaels; Ask Me Why I Hurt by Randy Christensen; Praying for Strangers by River Jordan; Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo;

**Junior Fiction**/ Non-Fiction

Floating Island by Elizabeth Haydon; Hothead by Cal Ripken, Jr.; *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt; *Where She* Went by Gayle Forman.

CD Books

Unlimited: How to Build an Exceptional Life by Jillian Michaels; *Miles to Go* by Richard Paul Evans; Born to Win by Zig Ziglar; Plain Proposal by Beth Wiseman; Emily and Einstein, Stopping stress before it stops you by Dr. Kevin Leman; Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton.

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### SCHOOL



Muenster High School State UIL in Journalism team, from left, Payton Sanders, Brooke Walterscheid, and Paige Hennigan.

### **School Lunch Menus**

WEEK OF MAY 16 - 20 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans,

beans, pineapple, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes,

Thurs. - Sausage w/kraut, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.

cookies, crackers.

garlic bread.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti,

Wed. - Salisbury steak, po-

green beans, mixed fruit,

vegetables, pears, hot rolls. Thurs. - Chicken crispitos,

Spanish rice, corn, apple-

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Nachos supreme w/ taco meat, cheese sauce, refried beans, fresh fruit.

Tues. - Chili dogs w/cheese,

Wed. - Baked potato w/

Thurs. - Popcorn shrimp, macaroni and cheese, black-

Fri. - Ćhicken on a bun w/trimmings, tator tots, ice

**ERA ISD** Mon. - Corn dogs, Califor-

nia mixed vegetables, baked

peas, breadstick, fruit. Wed. - Egg roll, fried rice

Thurs. - Chicken fajitas, shredded cheese, bell pepper

and onion, pinto beans, corn-

Tues. - Chicken nuggets,

diced ham and cheese, let-

tuce salad, peaches.

beans, fruit, cookie.

broccoli, fruit.

bread, pineapple.

chips, fruit, ice cream.

eyed peas, applesauce.

Fri. - Pizza burger, potato rounds, peaches, ice cream

Fri. - Pepperoni pizza, let-Tues. - Lasagna, lettuce tuce salad w/dressing, pork tatoes, brown gravy, mixed salad w/dressing, green and beans, applesauce, ice

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Grilled cheese sandbananas, carrots, wich, tomato soup, peaches,

### Baccalaureate announced for high school graduates

On Wednesday, May 18 at A short reception and Se-7 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish nior gift presentation will baked beans, carrot sticks, is celebrating Mass with bac-follow in the Parish Center. calaureate blessing service.

Please RSVP by calling This is for ALL high school Dan at (940)372-9281 or egraduating Seniors (please mail him at daedo2010@

### SHCS to hold annual Spring Concert May 17

Sacred Heart High School Choir will be presenting it's annual spring concert. The concert will consist of Broadway favorites old and new, and feature soloists from Sacred

The concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 in Sacred Heart Community Center. There is no admission

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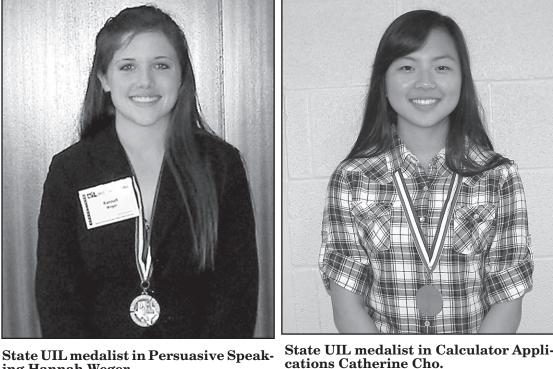
Catherine Cho, Paige heid, 1st, Headline Writing; Hennigan, Payton Sanders, Payton Sanders, 8th, News Brooke Walterscheid, and Hannah Weger from Muenster High School did well at the State UIL Meet in Austin competed in Persuasive on May 5-7. On Thursday, Speaking and broke into the peted and won the following took a 4th place medal for places: Brooke Waltersc- MHS.

Writing; Paige Hennigan, in Calculator Applications.

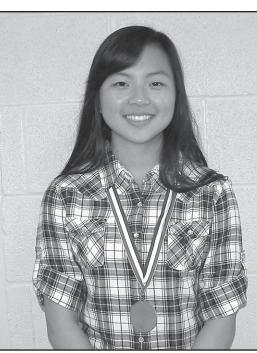
10th, Feature Writing. These competitors brough

On Saturday, Catherine Cho won a 5th place medal

These competitors brought On Friday, Hannah Weger Muenster High School a total of 40 points in Austin! These phenomenal students put the Journalism Team com- Finals on Saturday, then forth hard work with much dedication to achieve these honors.



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cations Catherine Cho.



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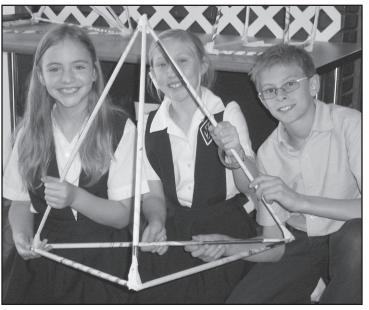
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Program. The county-wide

mitigation plan allows Cooke

County to submit for miti-

gation grant projects. The

money comes from declared

disasters. With the next de-

clared federal disaster, 10%

of the FEMA monies allo-

cated to that state have to be

spent on mitigation projects,

he explained. The legwork is

being done now so it is ready

for submission when the

It is for in-ground storm

shelters. It is not for con-

structing a safe room as part

of a new home or remodel.

They must be installed by

a certified builder. It is for

individuals and will pay up

to half the cost, but no more

than \$3,000. Those who are

Depository bids from four

had the required bond check

with the bids. Submitting

money is available.

project.

forthcoming with information on the seriousness of these contaminates. She was also concerned about the affect on cattle, crops, and the area's water supply. She spoke for a number of neighbors, she noted.

COUNTY

Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement assured the concerned residents that he is aware of the plant, is concerned, and had been trying

Proposals for architects

for the main Cooke County EMS building were received from eight firms. They were recommendation sought, and EMS Director Kevin Grant announced that coming out on top was Southwest Architect of Fort Worth. The RFQ was for a potential new EMS building or remodeling the current one. The architect would determine which was more cost

Jeff Heffelfinger and Justin Gilmore of Southwest interested in applying for the Extension Office. Architect were present and grant money or who want addressed the Court and more information should call If you haven't time to answered questions on the Fletcher at 668-5400. proposed to do project. They in two parts. The firm's fees for a new building would be \$12,500 and an existing building \$15,750 because it is more work and requires asbestos testing. The fee would be paid from the \$100,000 building/remodel fund. The feasibility study

fee will be credited into the overall total. Only one firm can be interviewed at a time. If references or negotiations fail, then you go to the next one.

The hiring must be done by

qualifications, not by price. Southwest was approved



Sacred Heart 5th Grade students have fun while they learn Geometry. Pictured clockwise starting at right are, from left, -Sam Hesse, Tanner Eddleman, Thomas Hennigan, and HunterHess; Harper Crisp;

Zoe Klement, and Samantha Muller; Kendra Flusche, Kate

Mason,

**SHCS** photos

Mackenzie

that she felt EOG should be as the architect for the EMS bids were Landmark Bank, First State Bank, Muen-Emergency Management ster State Bank, and Prosperity Bank. A committee of the County Treasurer Judy Hunter, County Auditor Shelly Atteberry, and County Judge John Roane will study the proposals and recommend one at the next In other business, Com-

missioners Court:

 Approved request by EOG Resources, Inc. to install a 10" poly pipe SDR7 within a 16" steel casing for transporting disposal water. This proposed road bore will be located 5,200' north of CR 324 in Precinct #3.

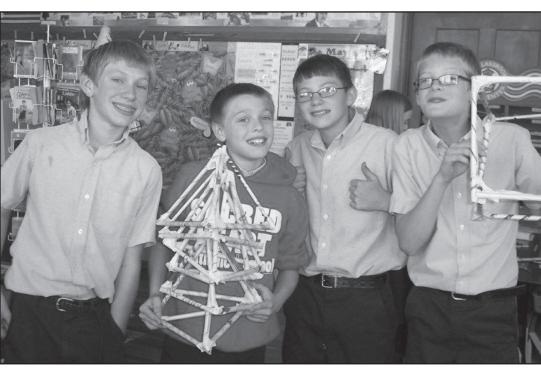
• Approved EMS Director shelters or slab mounted Kevin Grant to apply for a \$50,000 grant with the Texas State Department of Health and Human Services.

• Approved 2011 Homeland Security Grant Investment Justification.

• Approved Xerox contract for copier for Cooke County

respond to a tug at banks were opened. Each your pants leg, your schedule is too crowd-~ Robert Brault

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### Learning Geometry proves to be fun

lic School 5th Grade recycled old newspapers to make dowels for a Geometry lesson. After they rolled the newspaper into dowels, they practiced making and identifying key math concepts such as: parallel and perpendicular lines, types of angles and the students explored the knowing it! triangles, congruence, and polygons (two-dimensional shapes). Next, they quickly became happily engaged using their polygons to design

It is a greater act of faith to plant a bulb than to plant a

(three-dimensional tures).

Through trial and error, they figured out how to make cubes, tetrahedrons, octahedrons, dodecahedrons, and fun project and the 5th grade icosahedrons. While totally engrossed and having fun,

The Sacred Heart Catho- and construct polyhedrons relationship between shape and structure. They discovered what geometric shapes offered the most stability in constructing buildings and bridges. All in all, it was a expanded their knowledge of Geometry without even



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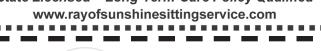
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### SPORTS

# Tigers take State

Class 2A Track and Field Championship last week. The Tigers earned 79 points to out-score 2nd place Cedar Park Summit Christian by 22. Third place went to Austin Waldorf School with 44.

The Tigers brought home six Gold medals. Bob Bartush owns three of those six. Bartush took the gold in the 400m race, the 800m, and as a member of the 1600m Relay team of Kevin Flusche, John Paul Hesse, and Keith

Sacred Heart earned no

The Sacred Heart Tigers Silver, but got five Bronze brought home the TAPPS awards. John Paul Hesse awards. John Paul Hesse finished 3rd in the 1600m and 3200m races. Michael Davis ended the 110 and 300 Hurdles in 3rd place, and Matt Hesse's Discus throw was good enough to medal.

Sacred Heart's places, times, and distances that were available are as fol-

John Paul **1600m**: 3, Hesse, 4:49.77. **3200m**: 3, John Paul

Hesse, 10:44.95. 110m Hurdles: 3, Michael

Davis, 17.16.

**Discus**: 3, Matt Hesse, 115' 6". 100m: 5, Justin Brown.

300m Hurdles: 3, Michael

800m Relay: 6, Josh Bif-

**1600m Relay**: 1, Bob

fle, Austin Aldriedge, Keith

Bartush, Kevin Flusche,

John Hesse, Keith Metzler,

Metzler, Mark Bartush.

Davis, 43.61.

200m: 5, Justin Brown. 400m: 1, Bob Bartush,

800m: 1, Bob Bartush,

Long Jump: 4, Bob Bar-

Winning the Gold at State - Tigers, from left - Keith Metzler, John Paul Hesse, Bob Bartush (x3), and Kevin Flusche. Courtesy photo

### FISHING GEAR BASICS

In fishing, it is very important to an angler's success that he starts with the proper equipment. He may purchase or own the finest equipment in the world, but when it is assembled and put into use, it may prove to be a very decided

To guard against this, it is important that the individual items of tackle be properly balanced one with the other. Unbalanced equipment has been responsible for more difficulties and failures of beginners than any other single factor.

Fishing rod

To fish with a good rod is to really enjoy fishing. It is much easier to learn with a good rod than with one of an inferior quality. This is no commercial plug to encourage the sale of expensive rods, but just a word of warning to prevent any possible or unnecessary discouragement because of using a rod that would be a decided handicap to a competent caster.

Fishing lines

This item of fishing gear must be selected with some careful considerations if anglers are expecting to enjoy fishing

This is because the size and weight of fishing lines made by various manufacturers are not entirely uniform, that is, the diameter of the line by one manufacturer may be slightly larger or smaller than a line by another manufacturer even though both bear the same size marking.

The leader

The leader is also a very important item, and unless it s selected with care and consideration in comparison with the size of the line, the caster will have trouble in making it extend straight out from the line when casting.

The chief function of the leader is to serve as an invisible connection between the line and the lure.

Fishing flies or lures

The flies may range in size, from the tiniest used, which might be number 18 or 20, up to flies tied on number-2 hooks or larger. The heavier flies or lures create; more wind is needed. It also requires the use of heavier equipment or more power on the part of the caster during the back cast and forward cast.

The reel may be automatic or single action, but in any event, it should be large enough to hold the usual 30 yards of fishing line without crowding it on the reel spool.

The reel should weigh from 1½ to 1½ as much as the bare rod. The reel itself is of no specific use in casting or fishing except as a storage place for the line.

Consequently, the entire equipment should always be in ing. Some fish can easily be good condition. Otherwise, achieving success in fishing is caught with one kind while

### **Fishing Texas**

Here are some tips that will help anyone who wants to go fishing in Texas:

1. The first thing to do is get the right equipment: a good boat, fishing rod, reels, and bait.

2. If one is not familiar with the place, it is best to ask the locals where the best fishing ground is, then start from there.

3. Hooks can be in different sizes. The right hook for fishing is dependent on the kind of bait that will be used.

4. To prevent injury, especially when taking out the fish caught in the hook, it is advisable to do it using wet hands.

5. Some fish stray when the water is clear, but it is quite difficult since the fish can also see the bait. To be able to catch more fish, the best place to do it is in deep water.

6. It is also advisable to try a variety of bait when fishothers are not.

### Sacred Heart girls settle for 4th

Shiner Saint Paul, Marble Fleitman in the 800m race. Falls Faith, and Victoria Mikenzie Fleitman followed Faith all scored in the 70s to take the top team places in the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet at Baylor University last week. The Tigerettes of Sacred Heart settled for 4th with 59 points.

The Sacred Heart girls failed to bring home a State Gold medal, but earned 5 Silver and 6 Bronze. The 800m Relay team of Peyton Reiter, Kaitlin Hesse, Šara Davidson, and Karli Anderle finished 2nd, as did Mikayla

Mikenzie Fleitman followed for a 3rd place. Bailey Walterscheid's Pole Vault earned the Bronze, as did the 1600m Relay team of Fleitman, Fleitman, Hesse, and Reiter. The Tigerettes' places,

times, and distances that were available are as follows:

800m: 2, Mikayla Fleitman, 2:32.16; 3, Mikenzie Fleitman, 2:33.50.

3200m: 6, Mikayla Fleit-

**100m Hurdles**: 6, Taylor Hesse.

1:53.81.1600m Relay: 3, Mikayla

800m Relay: 2, Kaitlin

Hesse, Sara Davidson, Kar-

li Anderle, Peyton Reiter,

Fleitman, Mikenzie Fleitman, Kaitlin Hesse, Peyton Reiter, 4:29.11.

Discus: Swank. Shot Put: 4, Mikaela Bar-

Pole Vault: 3, Bailey Wal-

terscheid, 7'6". 200m: 5, Sara Davidson.

**Triple Jump**: 6, Kaitlin

### **Area Champ Lady Knights**

The Lindsay Lady Knights nings, facing 32 batters, alwon the Area Championship in softball by defeating the Lady Eagles of Goldthwaite 11-1 and 19-3. Lindsay combined with a total of 31 hits, 21 RBIs, and 22 bases.

In game one, Elizabeth Zwinggi scored 3 runs, Kassidy Gum 2, and a run each by Megan Caillier, Bethani Eberhart, Taylor Atkins, Ranee Morrison, Erin Copeland, and Emily Ambuehl.

Atkins pitched all 7 in-

lowing 6 hits, striking out 8, walking 5, and allowing 1

In game two, Lindsay won in 5 innings. Atkins had 4 runs, Morrison 3, and Alyx Ethington, Ambuehl, Copeland, Eberhart, Gum, and Caillier each scored 2.

The Lady Knights faced the Moody Lady Bearcats Thursday evening in Fort Worth, with game two, and game three if needed, played

The Knights, after a 1st round bye, played the Hubbard Jaguars, also in Fort Worth Thursday, with the second and possible third rounds played Friday.

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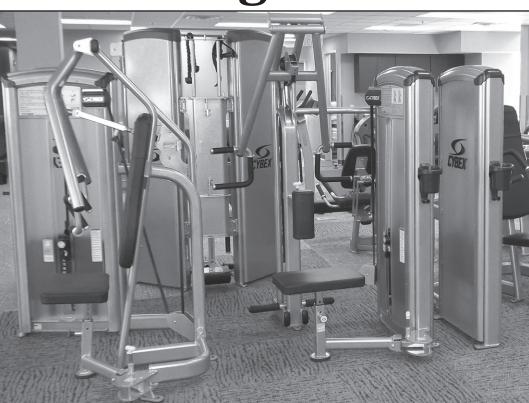
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■ T-Ball = Boys entering Kind. & 1<sup>st</sup> grade Girls entering Kind., 1st & 2nd grade

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3-4-5 = Coach's Pitch6-7-8 = Jr Fast Pitch

9-10-11-12 = Fast Pitch

WILL HELP COACH: Yes

**Boys Little League** = Going into grades 5, 6, & 7

Boys Coach Pitch = Going into

grades 2, 3, & 4

\*\* All entries received by Wed. May 11 will be entered into a drawing for Chevy Kids Take the Field, sponsored by Luttrull-McNatt and Chevy

Parental Permission

Parent/Guardian Signature

Leagues:

■I give my child permission to participate In the Muenster KCs'/Jaycees' summer baseball program In the summer of 2011 and I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors, promoters and all other persons and entities, their agents and assigns, associated with this League from any liability for injury or damage my child or children may sustain, whether it be caused by accident or for any negligence of the sponsors or promoters or other persons or entities, their agents or assigns, associated with this event of their employees, or otherwise.

All applications are due May 15, 2011 Contacts: T-ball=Tommy Huchton-736-5878, Girls Softball=Lee Aldriedge-736-4824 Boys Coach's Pitch=Darren Bindel-727-8498, Boys Little League=Shawn Flusche-736-0624



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### Texas Game Warden Reports

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement re-

Night hunters see

the light On Dec. 7, Polk County Game Wardens Ryan Hall and David Johnson were called out at 3 a.m. by the sheriff's department in reference to a night hunting complaint. Three subjects had just shot a deer from the roadway near a residence and had been followed by the homeowner back to their residence. Deputies arrived just as the subjects pulled into their driveway and detained them after they tried to flee

Arriving a short time later, the wardens seized a freshly killed antlerless white-tailed deer. Both subjects admitted to their part in killing the deer from the roadway and named an accomplice. The two subjects were arrested and placed in Polk County Jail for possession of an illegally taken white-tailed deer and Class Ahunting at night. Warrants are pending for the third subject.

Road hunt goes to pot, so

to speak On Dec. 2 at approximately 9:30 p.m., Uvalde County Game Warden Henry Lutz received a call from a hunter north of Sabinal reporting that someone was shooting from a vehicle on the road near his hunting camp. Warden Lutz was nearby and located the vehicle, which was occupied by two subjects. The warden found two freshly killed deer in the bed of their truck as well as a small amount of marijuana.

Uvalde County Warden Rachel Kellner later arrived and assisted with trying to locate any other downed deer. Both subjects were arrested and booked into the Uvalde Jail. One was charged with hunting white-tailed deer at night, a Class A misdemeanor, and possession of marijuana, a other subject has been caught for night hunting twice previously in Uvalde County, one of the cases as far back Class A conviction for hunting ment are pending.

white-tailed deer at night. Warden Lutz is preparing a state jail felony case on this

Tipster a bit too tipsy Wilson County Warden Jesse Garcia received a call Dec. 2 that a deer with its head cut off had been found on the side of the road. The subject who found the deer agreed to meet the warden at the location. Garcia arrived and was inspecting the deer when the man who reported it drove up. The warden noticed the man appeared very unsteady when he got out of his vehicle and had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. The subject said he loved having his beer in the afternoon, and he hoped Garcia was not going to take him in. After administrating a field sobriety test, Garcia arrested the subject for DWI and transported him to the Wilson County Jail. Garcia filed a second offense DWI due to a prior conviction, a Class A misdemeanor.

Small caliber equals big

trouble for night hunter Floyd County Game Warden Mark Collins received a landowner call on Nov. 30 advising a mature mule deer buck had been shot and left dead in a remote wheat field near the South Plains community the previous night.

The warden responded, gathered evidence, and took photos of the scene. While doing so, he discovered an even larger mule deer buck roughly 500 yards from the first deer. Though mortally wounded, the deer was still alive. After dispatching the second buck, Collins followed the same evidence-gathering procedure and determined both deer had been shot with a small caliber bullet.

After a brief interview with the landowner, the only known people on the property that night were determined. Having a suspect name but little else, Collins contacted Floydada Police Chief Darrel Gooch, who proved to be Class B misdemeanor. The of great assistance. After following several leads, a suspect was arrested and taken before a judge, where as 1992, and already had a Restitution and final pay- persons were arrested.

#### Some hikers' backpacks hold more than extra

socks Game Wardens Daniel Kessler, Andrew Banda, Erin Albright, Matt Bridgefarmer, and Captain Jim Porter teamed up with U.S. Customs and the Texas Department of Public Safety on March 25 to apprehend three drug smugglers who had been operating in the remote areas of Jeff Davis County for some time. When arrested, the three subjects each had backpacks stuffed with marijuana. The total amount came to 145 pounds. The game wardens knowledge of the area was a key factor in the apprehen-

> Hole in one alligator proves costly for violator

Harris County Game Warden Bobby Apple received information about someone hunting at night on an abandoned golf course and began a stakeout that extended for several nights over a few weeks. Apple finally found the man on the golf course one evening. After questioning, the man confessed to killing a 7-foot alligator in one of the ponds on the golf course with his bow. The hide, meat, and head were later seized from the man's house. Several citations were issued.

Frustrated crime victim gets help from wardens and (satellites) above

Harris County game wardens Kevin Creed and Susan Webb along with Liberty County game warden Daniel Diaz and the Liberty County Sheriff's Department on March 27 recovered a 4-wheeler ATV and other items stolen in a burglary. The victim had lost several 4-wheelers, trailers, air conditioning units, copper wire, and a lot of other items in thefts on his property, where he offers hunts for various groups of mobility impaired people and wounded military personnel. He finally had enough and placed a GPS tracking devices on his equipment. With help from the GPS equipment and the game wardens, the missing multiple charges were filed. ATV was recovered and three

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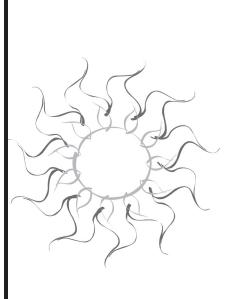
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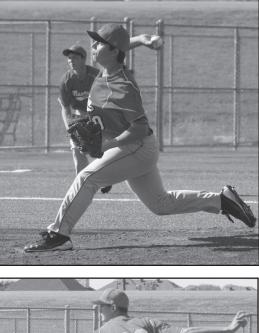


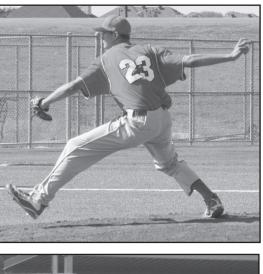
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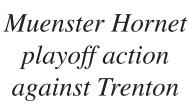




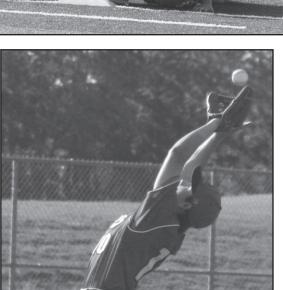




















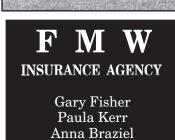


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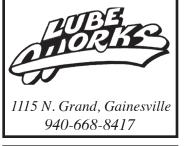
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ike the classic cane fishing rods, the fishing gadget is thick at the handle (bottom) and is tapered and thinner at the tip. This very basic design allows handling stability and flexible movement of the entire length of the shaft.

Types of fishing rods and specifications

A typical fishing rod measures six to 16 feet and varies in capability to tolerate most popular today. They strain in fishing activity. The length has a lot to do with withstanding force exerted by the fish to the pole and determines for the most part the performance of rods used for angling.

Cane poles

smallest and less sophisticated gadgets in fishing. It is usually made of bamboo or other flexible wood material with the most basic fly line attached to it.

Unlike other more sophisticated fishing rods, cane poles do not usually contain reels or its equivalent to be used for reeling in or retrieving fish caught on bait. This

angling

**Spinning rods** 

These types of rods are the can be used either for heavy weight or lightweight fish, although they were proven best for trout, walleye, and bass fish. They vary in measurements from five to seven

Spinning poles are com-Cane poles are one of the monly used in bass fishing competition, accounting for their flexibility and tolerance to stress. They accommodate bigger and tougher fly lines and stabilize them to avoid line tangles during uncoiling of float lines

Jigging rods

These rods are best for heavy lures and baits especially when reaching around 180 to 200 feet under the

very same action is known as ocean's surface. They are made of fine, solid materials, which accounts to their heaviness. The use of jigging rods is specifically due to alternating currents during the fishing activity.

> Some oceans have erratic undersea current. That is why the bait and fly lines should be kept in place.



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tal Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson, the agency is not intending to put family farms out of business. She and other Cabinet officials are touring farm states in an effort to address complaints from state lawmakers against the agency's tactics and regulations.

However, claims that there is no motivation to regulate American farmers out of business are not getting too far on Capitol Hill, where Democrats and Republicans alike have criticized the EPA's

According to Environmen- farm policies and regulatory it." Illinois Republican Tim authority.

A Politico article noted a recent House Agriculture Committee hearing where California Democrat Dennis Cardoza told Jackson her agency was "the most unpopular agency in farm country from sea to shining sea, bar none.'

The committee's top Democrat and former chairman, Collin Peterson of Minnesota. said the EPA appears to farmers like "an out-of-control agency that doesn't understand agriculture and doesn't ity. seem to want to understand

Johnson continued the sentiment when he told Jackson that her agency has been the poster child for usurpation of legislative authority.

Among the most hotly debated EPA issues are the agency's plans to clamp down on farm dust, regulate spilled milk, and impose a "cow tax" on farmers for the greenhouse gases emitted by livestock.

Jackson insists that the EPA has no plans to regulate dust on farms, although she hasn't ruled out the possibil-

#### Japan may revise '20-month rule' on American beef Officials at the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) say that Japan could be easing its strict regulations on U.S. beef exports soon. In 2003, Japan imposed the "20-month rule," banning U.S. beef over 20 months of age. The restriction followed the discovery of bovine spongiform

encephalopathy (BSE, or "mad cow disease") in two U.S. cattle eight years ago. However, the rule, which left a considerable amount of U.S. beef production ineligible for the Japanese market-

place, now is being questioned. USMEF's Phil Seng says that, once Japanese officials resolve the ongoing nuclear crisis, he expects a breakthrough on the issue. Seng believes a phased approach, such as that in South Korea, could apply to Japan, initially easing the standard of beef from cattle 30 months of age

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has estimated that a revised Japanese rule of a 30-month standard could generate another billion dollars annually for U.S. cattlemen.

#### Raising prices of wheat products

Major restaurant chains reached \$9.1675 per bushel and food brands have announced they plan to raise their product prices in response to higher commodity prices. Wheat, in particular, is more expensive as crop vields have suffered under intense drought in Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Wheat futures are up 57%over last year. The price

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on Feb. 14, the highest price for a most-active contract since August 2008. As of May 2, wheat futures for July delivery settled at \$7.9175 per bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Production in Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma-three of the United States' largest wheat-producing states—may be down by nearly a third to a half this season. Drought has threatened supply and pushed prices upward.

### Texas House passes grain fund bill

The Texas House of Representatives passed HB 1840, authored by Rep. Larry Phillips of Sherman, that supports the development of a grain indemnity fund. The fund would be totally financed by producers and would be similar to the Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association's check-off program.

In the last two years, sev-

The bill now moves to the Senate Agriculture Committee and if passed there will head to the full Senate for consideration before landing on the governor's desk for signature into law.

# indemnity

eral grain elevators across the state have gone bankrupt. During this time, farmers have lost millions of bushels of grain with little hope of recovering the monetary value. The indemnity fund would allow a 90% payment to a farmer who lost grain due to elevator foreclosure.

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Sold at Friday's sale MAY 6 were **1424**, compared to **1660** the previous week. Sold at Tuesday's sale MAY 10 were **307** Goats, **97** Sheep, and **80** Hogs. The numbers from last week were **221** Goats, **49** Sheep, and **125** Hogs. Results follow:

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Feeder, 400 or less: .50-.65;
Light wt., 400-500: .60-.66;
Med. wt., 500-600: N/T;
Heavy wt., 600+: N/T;
Boars: (per lb.)
300 lb. up: - .5-.10 -; 200300 lbs.: .N/T; Light wt.:

<u>Stocker</u>: .60-.75 <u>Thin</u>: .5-.40; <u>Fat</u>: NT.

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lbs., \$50-\$85.

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grain prices continue to influ-

ence markets. Fed cattle cash

prices followed wholesale

Corn and grain sorghum

One-half inch or more of

prices declined on forecasts

for favorable planting weath-

rain fell in an area from

east of San Angelo to Texar-

kana with the heaviest totals

northeast of the Dallas-Fort

Worth area. Little or no rain-

fall was recorded elsewhere

in the state. Except for parts

of north and East Texas,

topsoil moisture conditions

remain mostly short to very

The winter wheat crop is

80% headed and reported

in mostly very poor to poor condition. Corn planting

was 87% complete and grain

sorghum is 71% planted, both

ahead of the normal pace.

Corn and rice were reported

in mostly fair to good condi-

tion, while grain sorghum

was mostly fair to poor. Pas-

tures remain in mostly very

poor to poor condition and

Feds deny Texas

disaster

declaration

request

Management Agency (FEMA)

has recently denied a request

to declare Texas as a major

disaster area in light of the

wildfires that have burned

more than two million acres.

The declaration would aid in

disaster recovery and make

additional resources avail-

able to entities battling wild-

fire. However, the agency says Texas did not show a

Since late last year, more

than two million acres have

been scorched and more than

400 homes have been lost in

one of the state's worst pe-

riods for wildfires in recent

history. Texas requested the

major disaster declaration on

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TEXAS BURÉAU

### AG TALK

Bv Mike Barnett **P**ublication director

#### Pain at the pump is gassing farmers, too

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Did you hear the one about the young man who gave a week's paycheck to fill up his tank? It's a gas.

Trouble is, the price of fuel is no joke. Yesterday, I heard a report on the morning news that the price of oil had gone up for 35 consecutive days. I get indigestion every time I pull into the self-serve. At the first of the year, I was paying \$75 to fill up my Avalanche.

I hit a hundred bucks at the pump last weekend. Can you imagine what would happen if the price of food

went up that much? There'd be riots in the streets.

To put things in perspective, gas prices have risen over 20% since the first of this year. Food prices are expected to rise only 3 to 4% for the entire year, according to the latest Consumer Price Index report.

The bad news is that oil prices are expected to ramp up even more as we close in on summer. I'm not sure how much more consumers can take. Think of the pain at the pump when you fill up a 14 gallon

tank on a car. A big John Deere 8030 tractor can hold 180

gallons of diesel--almost 13 times as much fuel as your car. Consider that petroleum products are used for everything from fueling farm machinery to running irrigation pumps even as the source of fertilizer to grow healthy crops and grasses—and it's easy to see how budgets are being busted in rural America. Speculators and political unrest in the Middle East are reasons Big Oil is expected to report record profits for the

first quarter. I wish I could say the same for farmers. Prices for most commodities are high. But it's only a shell game when the money shuffles out of farmers' pockets into barrels of dough for the oil companies. High fuel prices are significantly affecting the bottom line

for farmers and consumers.

Both are getting gassed this year.

#### Hunger is an obscure notion for well-fed Americans

At least it is for me. I plead guilty for taking my food for

That realization came to me as I sat in front of the television the other night; fork in hand, a steak and baked potato sitting on the tray in front of me. A report came on the evening news about the unrest in Egypt spreading to other third

world countries. The focus of the report was soaring world

food prices and it partially blamed the high cost of food for Although I blame the political regimes which foster policies that encourage poverty more than I blame the rising cost of food, I realize hunger is a powerful motivator. Penniless people not knowing where their next meal is coming from does not encourage political durability. Knowing your children are hungry as you put them to bed; not knowing if you

A bite of steak had to bypass a big lump in my throat as swallowed hard. A shiver ran down my spine as I thought how fortunate Americans are.

can feed them tomorrow fosters a climate for change.

We live in a country where food is abundant. Sure, some wrestle with the economic downturn while others struggle to escape their station in life. But food is available to every American. Every grocery store is stocked. There's a restaurant on most every corner.

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