

Happy THANKSGIVING

Parade 1 p.m.
Saturday



Michele Knauf accepts a pie for the Sacred Heart Parish Thanksgiving Picnic meal from Irma Koelzer. Janet Felderhoff photo

Picnic draws large crowd

By Janet Felderhoff
Sacred Heart's Community Center was the place to be last Sunday as the Parish hosted its Annual Thanksgiving Picnic. According to event chairman Leslie Eddleman, they served 1,498 meals and speculate that it was another record setting year. Not all the totals have been tallied, so she doesn't yet have firm numbers. The serving line for the meal stretched around the outside of the building at times. "The hall stayed full all afternoon, with no down time," noted Leslie. "People stayed through the middle of the afternoon when it usually thins out some."

This year, a car raffle served as a new source of revenue. Justin Hartman won the vehicle. As top ticket seller having sold more than 40 tickets, Ammie Hennigan received a laptop computer and carrier. Donnie and Treston Lutkenhaus sold the second most, earning a \$100 gift certificate. Dr. Dana Fuhrmann came in third place and won a facial at Luminous Looks. There were 51 couples signed up for the meal at Giles and Marlene Walterscheid's home. That brought in about \$25,000 since Walterscheid's matched the amount donated up to \$15,000. Babe and Lisa's baby rick meal for 25 people was one of the many hot items on the auction. It went over so well, he graciously donated another meal.

Winners for the main raffle were John Dangelmayr - Great Wolf Lodge overnight stay for six and the 32 inch Toshiba TV; Donna Biffle - \$250 gift certificate to Cabelas; Charlotte Dangelmayr - \$100 to Bed, Bath & Beyond; Shirley Stewart - \$100 certificate to Whitecotton's Nursery; Brenda Flusche - \$100 dining card; Michael Koesler - four dozen cookies; Aileen Knabe - \$50 gift certificate to Whitecotton's; Gary Fisher - \$50 gift certificate to Whitecotton's; Loretta Felderhoff - \$25 Starbucks card and a new coffee maker. Winning the gun raffle was Sam Hesse, son of Anne and Neil Hesse. There were numerous craft items, a multitude of sweet shoppe items, and lots of outdoor fun for the children.

Construction update, test results heard by MISD Board

By Janet Felderhoff
At the Wednesday, Nov. 14 Muenster ISD Board meeting, Construction Management Agent Charlie Price spoke of Phase II in the District's construction plans. Site work is about 90% complete on the elementary building. Peers are being drilled and filled with concrete. For the Ag building, excavation is complete and the foundation formed up, underground plumbing and electrical in, and the slab will be poured soon. Price brought the requested estimated cost of salvaging part of the Ag shop and converting it for use as a maintenance storage/ship building (32'x68' with overhead doors) with a new sloped roof. That estimation was \$135,000 and the cost of building a new metal 40'x70' with overhead doors facility for that purpose was \$181,000. No decision was made since it wasn't an action item and there is still plenty of time to consider it. Four bids were received for canopies between the school buildings. Three were for aluminum and one was for steel such as the ones already being used at the

school. Price said he favors the steel because he feels it is more durable. The steel would have to be repainted from time to time. There is a big difference in price, with the bids for the aluminum costing about \$110,000 compared to \$34,000 for the steel. "For the \$80,000 difference, you can do a lot of maintenance on them over the years," advised Price. Board member Kim Walterscheid noted that going with the steel would be using a local business also. The Board agreed and voted 6-0-1 for the steel canopy bid by Structures, Inc. Neal Flusche abstained from the vote. Two bids for chain link fence and two electric gates, and two swing gates for the Ag shop area were received. The bids were \$39,089 and \$27,005. Board members felt these prices were too high and tabled that item. Architect W.C. Ferrell reported that as of April this year, they had to comply with changes in the Texas Accessibility Standards. This has about 200 pages of changes to be dealt with. Ferrell failed to pick up on one of them. This was dis-

covered by an inspector and will result in minor changes in the plans for every single toilette room. Superintendent Clay Richerson reported that enrollment is down five students from last month. He noted, "We've had some families move in and we've had some families move out. This is the most student turnover we've had since I've been here." Elementary Principal Lou Heers said that MISD's teachers are 100% highly qualified for 2012-13. Superintendent Richerson explained EOC/STAAR and TAKS scores made by students during 2011-12. Looking at the test results he noted, "Our Math Department does a great job preparing them for what we didn't know on these first tests." In Algebra I, 100% of the students taking the tests scored 95.5% and Geometry 100%. After reviewing all of the secondary level test results he noted, "All those scores were very, very good for our secondary level." He then told results from the elementary tests. He remarked, "Again with not knowing what's on the test, our teachers prepared them very well."

On Richerson's recommendation, the Board unanimously voted to pay an accountability stipend in December. An audit report presented by Ted Neeb of Freeman, Shapard, and Story was accepted by the Board. They expressed appreciation of the clear explanations he gave. **REPORTS**
In her Elementary Principal's Report, Heers agreed with Superintendent Richerson, "It has been my most transient year of families coming and going. It's been an eye-opener." Principal Heers reported that for the first six weeks, 78 (38%) of the students in grades 1st-6th were on the A Honor Roll, 81 (40%) were on the A/B Honor Roll, and 159 (77%) were on either the A or the A/B Honor roll. Out of 203 students, 1st-6th 10 (5%) did not pass at least one class during the first six weeks. Nine (6%) of students 3rd-6th (140 students) did not pass at least one class and three (30%) of the above 10 students failed more than one class. Junior High/High School **See MISD, pg. 2**

Regents approve summer schedule

By Darin Allred
NCTC Public Relations
North Central Texas College will go to a four-day work week beginning in June. NCTC regents Monday night approved a recommendation to change the work week from June 3 through Aug. 2, 2013 to a four-day format. The College will now be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the two-month summer period. According to the administration, the College can expect to save a minimum of \$12,600 a year with the new four-day work week. In other business at Monday's meeting, Regents approved a tax abatement for Schlumberger Technology Corporation of 50% for a period of 10 years, but only for years in which Schlumberger has property on site with a tax value of \$100 million or more. Gainesville City Manager Barry Sullivan was on hand at Monday's meeting to brief

trustees on the tax abatement. He said the College could gain \$125,000 in tax revenue even with the abatement. Regents also unanimously voted to award a contract for custodial services on the Gainesville campus to AHI Facility Services in the amount of \$167,202.07. AHI is the current contract holder for custodial services. The Board also voted to approve RAM COMM as the vendor to relocate cables and fiber optics associated with the transfer of Information Services to their new location in the 600 building on the Gainesville campus. The Board had previously approved the expenditure of just over \$1.4 million to renovate the west wing of the 600 building and restrooms of the 100 building. Part of that expenditure included \$260,000 for technology expenses. Regents also approved the hiring of Nimia Amaya as bilingual retention specialist. **See REGENTS pg. 2**

NCTC nursing students teach safety at Sacred Heart School

By Darin Allred,
NCTC public relations
The North Central Texas College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program hosted a Safety Fair for elementary students at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Muenster last Wednesday morning. A total of 34 first-semester ADN students from NCTC joined members of the Muenster and Cooke County community to set up several stations where Sacred Heart students learned about farm equipment safety, fire safety, dog safety, stranger danger, when to call 911, poison control, internet safety, electric and power line safety, bike safety, and street safety. Joining the NCTC nursing students were volunteers with the Muenster Police Department, Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, Cooke County Electric Co-op, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Nortex Communications, and the Fort Worth Police Department. Eddie Hazzard and Bella Rose also provided a therapy dog that was used in a demonstration of dog safety. The ADN program hosted a Health Fair at St. Mary's School in Gainesville last spring, but decided to focus on personal safety for their program this fall. "Safety is a health promotion," ADN instructor Nicole Goodman said. "It is impor-



Students from North Central Texas College's Associate Degree Nursing Program flairs sheets in the air to mimic smoke and teach Sacred Heart Montessori Pre-school children what to do in a smoky fire. Montessori teacher Pam Dangelmayr watches the children's excitement during the drill. Janet Felderhoff photo

tant that we keep our healthy kids healthy by teaching them how to stay safe in order to prevent injury." Sacred Heart students went from station to station to watch demonstrations and participate in games meant to teach various safety techniques. While the younger students were learning, the NCTC students also seemed to enjoy the experience. "One of the most rewarding parts of being an instructor is being able to see your students positively affect the community," Goodman said. "This project is fun for my students because they are able to look further than a textbook. The students take the knowledge gained in their courses and implement amazing health promotion that positively impacts children." Despite the cool temperatures, the Sacred Heart students had a good time. "The children at Sacred Heart seemed to really enjoy having the nursing students along with the community volunteers at their school," Goodman said. "The students were so excited and I even heard one say 'I learned so much.'" For more information about the Associate Degree Nursing program at NCTC, contact program coordinator Sharon Forney at 940-668-7731 Ext. 4388.

Obituaries

Samuel A. Sparkman 1921 - 2012

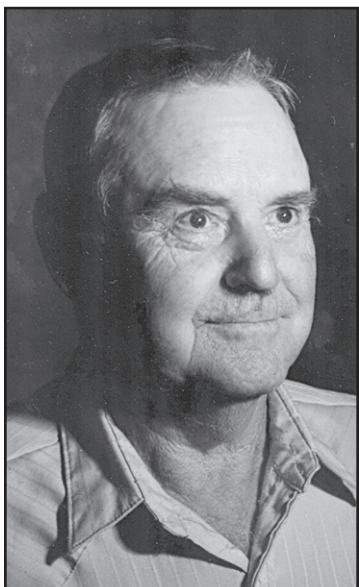
Muenster resident Samuel Arthur Sparkman died at the age of 91 on Friday, Nov. 16, 2012 at Gainesville Health and Rehab Center. Services were held Monday, Nov. 19 at Muenster First Baptist Church with Rev. Eddie Ramsey officiating. Interment was in Morrow Cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday at Meador-Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

Sam was born Sept. 2, 1921 in Valley View, the son of John Buck and Melissa Roberson Sparkman. He served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. Sam married Pearl Inez Ramsey Sept. 21, 1941 in Gainesville. He worked for Trumpler Petroleum for 40+ years before retiring. Mr. Sparkman was a member of Fish Creek Masonic Lodge #344.

Survivors are sons and daughters-in-law Larry and Retha Sparkman of Myra and Sam and Peggy Sparkman of Lindsay; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death

by his wife, daughter Linda Gayle Sparkman, parents, two brothers, three sisters, and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Muenster First Baptist Church or Morrow Family Cemetery.



Samuel Sparkman

Lou Dillard 1930 - 2012

Winnie Louise "Lou" Dillard, age 82 of Gainesville, died Nov. 19, 2012 in Muenster. Graveside service was held Wednesday, Nov. 21 in Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Ben Willingham officiating. Services were directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Lou was born Sept. 10, 1930 in Sivells Bend to Rufus and Winnie Lynch. She married William Eugene "Bill" Dillard on July 30, 1950 in Gainesville. Mrs. Dillard taught third and fifth grades

and retired from Gainesville ISD. She enjoyed sewing and gardening, but above all, cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren.

Survivors are son Mark Dillard and wife Aleta of Marietta, Oklahoma; daughter Cindy Fry and husband Greg of Gainesville; three grandchildren and their spouses; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brother Eldon Lynch.

Dale Mock 1940 - 2012

Memorial service for Dale Sheldon Mock of Lake Kiowa was held Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Chapel with J. Ray Smith officiating.

Dale was born Jan. 11, 1940 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to Sheldon and Barbara Mock. He died at the age of 72 on Nov. 15, 2012 in Denison.

Mr. Mock married the love of his life, Barbara Ann Adams, on May 12, 1962 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was very proud of his hometown, Johnstown. Dale played and excelled at basketball and baseball while attending Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Following school, Mr. Mock enjoyed a long career with U.S. Steel, retiring after 38 years.

Survivors include wife Barbara of Lake Kiowa; sons Gregory Mock of Winter Park, Colorado, Brian Mock and wife Maria of Southlake, Brett Mock and wife Jennifer of Mebane, North Carolina, Kerry Mock and wife, Kristin of Cumming, Georgia; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter Megan.

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and Judi Archer as a public relations/marketing specialist on the Corinth campus. They also accepted the resignations of Donna Merrick in the Admissions office and Jim Winslow in Lifelong Learning.

All members were present for Monday's meeting.

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Mind the gap – supplemental insurance for Medicare

**By Bob Moos
Officer for the Centers
for Medicare & Medicaid**

Every day, another 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 and qualify for Medicare. As welcome as the health care coverage is, many soon discover it comes with gaps.

What the government pays in benefits doesn't always cover what the doctors and hospitals charge. People with traditional Medicare must pay deductibles and often 20% of the cost of their doctor visits and tests. Those out-of-pocket expenses can add up.

To protect themselves, many beneficiaries buy supplemental coverage from private insurers. The "Medigap" insurance, as it's called, helps fill the gaps that deductibles, co-payments, and coinsurance leave. It makes out-of-pocket costs more manageable.

Not everyone should consider buying a Medigap policy. You don't need to supplement your Medicare coverage if you're on Medicaid or signed up for a private Medicare Advantage plan or enrolled in a group health plan through an employer or former employer.

About 20% of beneficiaries do add a Medigap plan to their traditional Medicare coverage.

The best time to purchase a supplemental policy is within six months of turning 65 and enrolling in Medicare's Part B medical insurance. During that time, insurers can't refuse to sell you a policy, or charge you more than other people, because of a health problem.

If you try to buy after those six months, there's no guarantee an insurer will cover you.

There are 10 kinds of Medigap plans, so that you can choose which gaps you'd like to fill. Each plan is labeled

with a letter, from A to N. All insurers selling a particular kind must offer the same package of benefits. You can visit www.medicare.gov to learn the details of each.

All 10 supplemental health plans cover these basic benefits: the coinsurance for extended hospital stays, the coinsurance for doctor visits and outpatient services, the coinsurance for hospice care, and the cost of the first three pints of any blood you might need.

Beyond those fundamental benefits, different Medigap plans pay for other out-of-pocket expenses, like the coinsurance for skilled nursing care, the hospital deductible, the outpatient deductible, and the cost of medical emergencies while traveling outside the country.

Each Medigap plan charges a premium on top of Medicare's Part B premium. And, although insurers must offer the same benefits within a certain kind of plan, there can be big differences in their premiums. So it's smart to shop around for the best price.

One note of caution: Medigap insurance doesn't plug all the holes. It's not a way to pay for long-term custodial care, dental care, eyeglasses, or hearing aids. And new Medigap policyholders need to buy separate drug coverage under Medicare's Part D if they want it.

Still, for many people, adding a Medigap plan to traditional Medicare coverage can make out-of-pocket health care expenses more predictable and easier to budget.

If you're interested in supplemental insurance, here are four steps to follow:

- Decide which benefits you want and what kind of Medigap plan meets your needs. Besides checking www.medicare.gov for an overview of benefits, you

may call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 and request a free copy of the Medicare publication, "Choosing a Medigap Policy."

- Find out which companies sell Medigap policies in Texas. Visit www.medicare.gov/medigap for a comparison of supplemental plans. Or call the Texas Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program at 1-800-252-9240 or the Texas Department of Insurance at 1-800-252-3439.
- Do some research on the insurers that interest you.

Compare premiums, since they will differ company by company. But also check the companies' customer service. The State Department of Insurance will have a record of consumer complaints against particular insurers.

- Buy the policy that best fits your needs from an agent you trust. Read your policy as soon as you receive it. If you're not satisfied, you have 30 days to return it and get a full refund. Otherwise, you can keep your insurance as long as you pay your premiums.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Nov. 21, 1947

Catholic Daughters admit 35 members at reception on Sunday. Gas explosion blows section of wall out of Huchtons Laundry. Leonard Bengfort, Lindsay 4-H Club member, wins trip to Chicago for 4-H achievement. New Arrivals: Rachael to Roy and Elitha Endres; Randolph to Charles and Isabell wimmer. Miss Billie Wimmer has joined the clerking staff at Fisher's Market. Myra Feed and Hatchery advertises baby chicks for sale. Relax Theatre advertises *How Green Was My Valley* starring Walter Pidgeon and Maureen O'Hara.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1962

Donnie and Weldon Vogel and Robert Klement named to 10B All-District First Team and James Whitt and Roy Monday named to Second Team. Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Bruns have both been shut-ins this week due to the

mumps. Lindsay Knights win Bi-district. Jerry Wimmer joins Tom Herr at Tommy's Barber Shop. Obituary: son of Anton Fleitman, died at birth. Wedding: Patricia Bayer and Kenneth Otto. New Arrival: Samuel to Anton and Stella Hess. Donald Vogel is on crutches since he cracked a bone in an accident at school.

25 YEARS AGO Nov. 20, 1987

All Babies Born Alive (A.B.B.A.) membership grows in past year. Stoffels brothers Craig and Chris win Muenster Enterprise football contest - 1st place Craig \$100, 2nd place Chris \$50. The late Lola Bright, sister of David Bright of Muenster, is given posthumous award by the state of Alabama for her volunteer work in the category of Human Services - Elderly. New Arrival: Travis to Toni and Jay Lankford. Ronnie Kubis receives the Army Achievement medal as a Combat Engineer.



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Mark Blankenship

The first half of November has passed and the Police activity results are in. There were 19 CALLS FOR SERVICE made with one INCIDENT REPORT made as a result. Officers made one ARREST/BOOKING. 25 TRAFFIC CITATIONS were issued and NO vehicle accidents reported.

The forthcoming Thanksgiving holiday is near and there will be many travelers coming through and to our City. We all need be extra careful behind the wheel. Let's all remember our family, friends, and our military this season. The Police Department is thankful to have such a great City to serve.

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Principal Sharon Browning informed the Board that the Junior High One Act Play competition would be held on Nov. 27 at the NCTC Performing Arts Center at 1 p.m. She told of activities including senior night at the football games and the Veterans Day program.

Technology Director Jeff Presnall's report noted that new desktop computers have been ordered and configured for two Odysseyware course recovery students as well as two desktop computers for the high school learning lab aides.

Online game video analysis has been set up for the girls' varsity basketball team. Coaches, players, and parents may gain access to the site for film trade, analysis, and even to order full game or highlight videos. The Hornet football team used the system this season also.

Athletic Director Brady Carney updated the Board on football and cross coun-

try. The Varsity High School Football team is still in the playoffs. He said the JV team finished a perfect 10-0. He said, "I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of those guys. That's a tough deal because you don't know from week to week who you are going to have in the backfield or offensive line or quarterback because we'll pull kids up or kids will get hurt."

Junior High did really well too. They finished the season 5-0 for 7th graders and didn't allow a point the last five games of the season.

Carney stated that he is proud that they only lost two players to grades. Zero junior high and varsity players were lost to grades. He added that on Monday, grades came out again and he lost a varsity player and a couple of JV players.

The Board approved the TASB Policy Update 95.

Delinquent tax collections for October 2012 totaled \$2,196.36.

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

Sunday, November 25 2012	Monday, November 26, 2012	Tuesday, November 27, 2012	Wednesday, November 28, 2012	Thursday, November 29, 2012	Friday, November 30, 2012	Saturday, December 1, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4		Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center Religious Ed class 7 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am-4 pm Blood Drive MMH 1-8 pm MMH Aux meet to decorate - 4 pm	Museum open 1-4 SHCS - NO SCHOOL NTIL Academic Meet	Library open 10:00 - 2:30
Sunday, December 2, 2012	Monday, December 3, 2012	Tuesday, December 4, 2012	Wednesday, December 5, 2012	Thursday, December 6, 2012	Friday, December 7, 2012	Saturday, December 8, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 MISD Band Concert 3 pm Cafetorium	City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Religious Ed class 7 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Museum open 1-4 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 AARP Board mtg. 10 am	Library open 10:00-2:30 M. Historical Comm. Bake Sale- Fischer's Santa on the Square - 6 pm - Santa Jo

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The VFW Ladies Auxiliary #6205 is again sponsoring their annual fundraiser "In Lieu of Christmas Cards." The project raises monetary funds for their community service programs and the Auxiliaries General Operating Fund.

For a donation of \$10 or more to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary #6205, the requested name(s) will appear on an Auxiliary Christmas card ad in the *Muenster Enterprise* Christmas issue of

the paper. When considering the amount of your donation, please think of the cost of the cards, stamps, and the ad, and especially all the "good" that can be accomplished through your generosity and kindness.

The deadline for the names and donations is Dec. 17. Mail to chairpersons: Frances Bayer, 136 S FM 373 Muenster, TX 76252 or to Ida Mae Bindel, 408 N. Hickory, Muenster, TX.



SACRED HEART PARISH'S THANKSGIVING PICNIC drew a large crowd to enjoy a delicious meal and a variety of activities. Clockwise from above - bidding at the auction; from left, Beth Trubenbach, Nancy Walter, and Dyan Huchton sell raffle tickets; Fr. Ken gets in on action at the cake walk; Stacie Miller stirs the dressing.

Janie Hartman and Janet Felderhoff photos

New Arrivals



Zayley Schilling

Schilling

Michael and Jo Schilling of Muenster, along with protective big brothers Zadok and Zechariah, joyfully announce the birth of Zayley Jo Schilling. Zayley was born on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012 at 5:24 a.m. at Denton Presbyterian Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 6.5 oz. and measured 19.5 inches in length. Also wel-

coming Zayley as their first granddaughter are Sam and Peggy Sparkman of Lindsay. Additional family includes grandparents Jr. and Eileen Schilling of Muenster. Great-grandparents include Sam A. Sparkman and the late Pearl Inez Sparkman, the late Ed and Betty Sicking, the late Joe and Marie Knauf, and the late Frank and Caroline Schilling.

Hellinger

Garret and Julia Hellinger of Richardson announce the birth of their son Adler James. Also welcoming him is his big sister Cecilia. Adler was born Friday, Aug. 31, 2012 at 10:13 p.m. at Baylor Medical Center in Frisco. He weighed 7 lb. 3 oz. and was 19 inches long. His grandparents are John David and Patsy Fleitman of Muenster and Clara Hellinger of Lindsay and the late James Hellinger.

NCT Chorale to present Handel's Messiah

The North Central Texas Chorale proudly presents Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, Dec. 8. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay. Tickets will be available at the door - adults \$10 and students and St. Pe-

ter's parishioners \$8. The Chorale is under the direction of Daniel Banke, director of Music Ministries at First United Methodist Church of Gainesville. Visit the website www.northcentraltexaschorale.com for more information.

Meeting Notice

Brown Bag Book Review

The Brown Bag Book Review will be held at the Morton Museum on Thursday, Dec. 6 at noon. "A German Christmas" will be reviewed by Barbara Baker and Robin Cole-Jett.

Six not-so-great trees for Muenster

By Greg David, Registered Consulting Arborist, Muenster

Last week, we featured six great trees to consider planting in the Muenster area. That list included: Chinkapin Oak, Bur Oak, Pecan, Cedar Elm, Chinese Pistache, and Texas Ash.

Here's a list of trees to avoid planting in the Muenster area:

- Autumn Maple (Acer x freemanii) - this relatively-new hybrid is a cross between Silver Maple and Red Maple. Autumn Blaze Maples are inexpensive, and this species has become quite popular across north Texas recently. Unfortunately, as we work with these trees over time, we are finding that a lot of undesirable Silver Maple characteristics are beginning to crop-up. This is probably going to be a good tree to avoid.
- Bradford Pear (Pyrus calleryana) - this is a beautiful tree with inherently-weak branch structure. Most Bradford Pear trees only offer 10 to 15 years of useful lifespan before breaking apart in a wind or ice storm. If you really like this type of tree, consider planting an Aristocrat Pear. Although still not a great choice, Aristocrat, or one of the related cultivars of Callery Pear, offer improved branching structure over Bradford Pear.
- Eldarica Pine (Pinus el-

darica) - also known as Afghan Pine. Although Eldarica Pine grows rapidly when young, this species performs poorly in the north Texas area after the first few years. It is especially susceptible to Pine Moth damage, which usually kills the tree within the first 10 years.

- Coastal Live Oak (Quercus virginiana) - this may be a surprise to many, but Muenster actually sits too far north to be good Live Oak country. The Live Oak species that is sold in most area nurseries is Coastal Live Oak (Q. virginiana). The Live Oak that is native to the Cooke County area is Escarpment Live Oak, (either Quercus fusiformis or a hybrid), which is hard to find in nurseries. Coastal Live Oak tends to be more susceptible to snow, ice, and freeze injury than Escarpment Live Oak, so it would be wise to avoid the typical Live Oak trees found at most

retail outlets.

- Pin Oak (Quercus palustris) - often found north of the Red River, Pin Oak can be a beautiful tree in acidic soils, but it will rapidly turn yellow in the alkaline soils around Muenster.
- Leyland Cypress (x Cupressocyparis leylandii) - while often planted as an ornamental, screen, or wind-break tree, Leyland Cypress is a tree to avoid in the Muenster area. Most trees last less than 10 years due to heavy Seiridium canker infection.

The list shown above is certainly not exhaustive. Here are a few other trees that rank pretty low for the Muenster area: Ailanthus, Arizona Ash, Boxelder, Cottonwood, Fruitless Mulberry, River Birch, Silver Maple, and Weeping Willow. "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The next best time is now." - Chinese proverb.

Weather Whys - Cold fronts

Q: What causes cold fronts?

A: The simple explanation is that the leading edge of a cold air mass is moving into an area previously occupied by a warmer air mass, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The air mass behind the cold front is noticeably colder and it pushes out the warmer air," McRoberts explains. "As a cold front moves into an area, the heavier, colder air lifts the warmer, lighter air upward. If the warm air is humid enough, water vapor in it will condense and rain can occur. A greater contrast in temperatures between the two air masses will lead to stronger upward motion, which is why strong cold fronts often trigger thunderstorms."

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Sacred Heart Catholic School holds first quarter honors ceremony

Fr. Ken Robinson presented awards to Sacred Heart Catholic School students for accomplishments made during the first quarter of the 2012-13 school year. This

included honor roll awards, certificates to students who won at the State Fair Art Contest, and recognition of the Robotics Team that won Second Place in the 2012

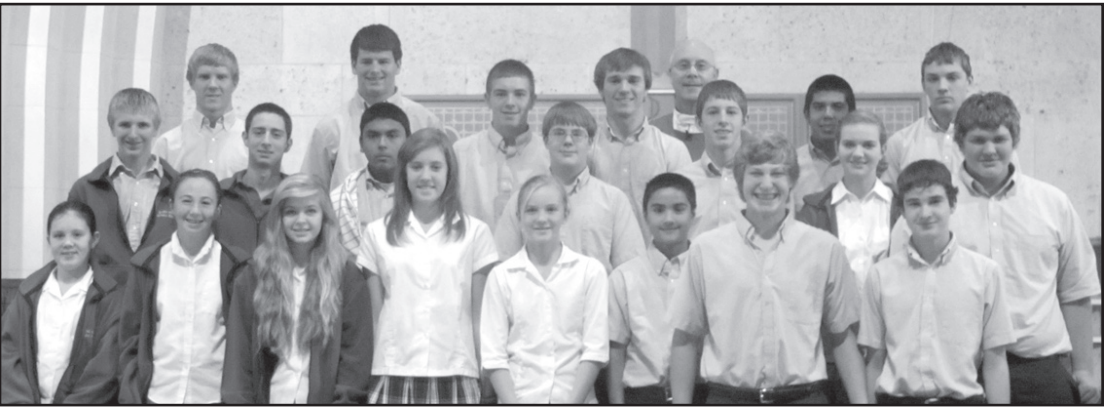
Texas BEST Regional Robotics Game Championship. Sacred Heart students entered items in the Creative Arts Division of the Texas State Fair. Their art work

was displayed all during the State Fair for its millions of visitors to view.

Students who won, their place, and category entered are as follows: Mikaela Bartush - 3rd place, fused glass; Hannah Cornelison - honor-

able mention (4th place), folk art plaque; Garrett Wheeler, 1st place, rose sculpture; Rylee Reiter - 1st place, ceramic VW and 2nd place ceramic dish; Katie Bezner - 2nd place, ceramic piano; Nick Turner - 3rd place, foil relief hat; Isaiah Bayer

- 3rd place, clay sculpture; MacKenzie Mason - 2nd place, ceramic dish; Devin Sicking - 1st place, ceramic plane; Marbella Hernandez - 1st place, scrimshaw; Bob Bartush - 2nd place, stained glass and honorable mention, assemblage.



Students honored for their participation in the Robotics competition were, from left, front - Catherine Fleitman, Amanda Aldriedge, Rylee Reiter, Alane Bartush, MacKenzie Mason, Benjamin Ganzon, Grant Springer, Nicholas Turner; 2nd row - Michael Fleitman, James Proctor, Rogelio Orocio, Devin Sicking, Mark Davis, Bailey Walterscheid, Jason Knabe; 3rd row - John Paul Hesse, Michael Weinzapfel, Aaron Davis, Keith Metzler, Juan Orocio, Darian Peters; and back - Pastor Fr. Ken Robinson. SHCS photo



MUENSTER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD winners for the 2nd six weeks - from left, front - Anna Kay Hennigan, Kaydence Boaz, Shelbie Hofbauer; Row 2 - Elena David, Alexis Hofbauer, Derek Cox, Mary Ashcraft; Row 3 - Natalie McMinn, Savannah Bohl, Martie McCoy, Audrey Kubis; back - Jaden Walterscheid, Kyle Wolf, Kenadie Hess, and Alex Pierce. Not pictured - Sterling Miller. MISD photo



Sacred Heart students winning with their entries in the State Fair Creative Arts Division included, from left, front - MacKenzie Mason, Rylee Reiter, Katie Bezner; back - Isaiah Bayer, Devin Sicking, Nicholas Turner; with Fr. Ken Robinson. Not pictured are Mikaela Bartush, Hannah Cornelison, Garrett Wheeler, Marbella Hernandez, and Bob Bartush. SHCS photo

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NCTC Nursing students teach safety

Elementary students at Sacred Heart Catholic School enjoyed the Safety Fair hosted by NCTC's Associate Degree nursing students. The nursing

students make the Safety Fair fun and interesting while relaying important safety information. Their information ranged from farm and electrical safety to Internet and stranger danger to how to approach a dog and what to do in case of a fire. Janet Felderhoff photos



Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Burrito, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, fresh fruit and vegetables, peaches, teddy grahams.

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Wed. - Ham and cheese hot pockets, lettuce salad w/ dressing, pinto beans, mixed fruit, fresh fruit and vegetables, cake.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, fresh fruit and vegetables, pears, wheat rolls.

Fri. - BBQ sandwich, oven fries, pork and beans, fresh fruit and vegetables, applesauce.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - BBQ on a bun, carrots, pickles, applesauce,

corn on the cob (9-12).

Tues. - Pizza, broccoli, lettuce salad, fruit.

Wed. - Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, fresh carrots, fruit, bread (9-12), rice krispie treat.

Thurs. - Beef and cheese nachos, refried beans, rice (9-12), corn, fruit.

Fri. - Hamburger (or cheeseburger 9-12), trimmings, fries, fruit, baked beans (9-12), ice cream.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Nachos, ground beef, salad, fruit.

Tues. - Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, green peas, salad, fruit.

Wed. - Fish sticks, mac and cheese, green beans, salad, fruit.

Thurs. - Pizza, carrots w/ ranch, salad, fruit.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/ cheese, trimmings, fruit, chips, dessert.

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SPORTS

Tigers end season



Hornet Clint Sidwell (22) takes advantage of the big opening in the offensive line for a good run. Also pictured are Trevor Hess (7) and Andy Flusche (44).

"Best game we played all year," noted Sacred Heart Coach Dale Schilling on the Tigers' playoff loss to the Colleyville Covenant Cougars last Friday night. "The kids executed our game plan to perfection. We were ready to play." The Tigers came up short 14-7. "We had our chances. Covenant's athleticism is what beat us. They made big plays when they had to."

Sacred Heart received the opening kick, driving 62 yards and taking 11 min-

gaining only 3 yards on the play to end the scoreless 1st half.

Covenant took the 3rd quarter kick at their 32 yard line, taking nine plays to find the end zone. With 9:08 on the clock, the Cougars led 7-0.

The Tiger offense gained 8 yards in four runs, but got the ball back two plays later when Schilling intercepted the ball and returned it 34 yards to the Covenant 27 yard line. Two plays later, a Reeves to Walterscheid

on their 10 yard line with 2 minutes left to play. Two Hesse runs and two Reeves to Walterscheid passes were followed by a 42 yard Reeves to Metzler pass to the Cougar 25. Reeves and Hesse connected for a 20 yard gain to the 5 yard line. With less than a minute to play, Hesse ran for 1 yard, but two incomplete passes followed. The final Tiger play was intercepted and the contest was over.

SH	0	0	7	0	7
CC	0	0	7	7	14

Hornets sting Buffaloes 49-0 for Bi-District Championship

The District 8A DII Runner-up Muenster Hornets dominated their Bi-District playoff game with District 7 3rd placer Cross Plains last Friday night in Fort Worth with a 49-0 victory.

Cross Plains' only three wins in the 2011 season, were the first wins in two years as the Buffaloes again made a playoff appearance with a 6-4 2012 record going up against Muenster.

"We had a really good performance from our defense, offense, and special teams," noted Muenster Coach Brady Carney. "Defensively, we held them to only two 1st downs in the 1st half. Our offense controlled the line of scrimmage and averaged 10 yards per carry. And on our special teams, Hunter (Klement) hit 7 of 7 PATs, and they were stopped inside their 20 on most kick returns, while we had 4 punt returns for over 40 yards." Overall, Coach Carney was pleased with the Hornets' performance. "We got the win without any injuries," he added.

In the 1st quarter, Muenster ended three drives with touchdowns, before throwing two interceptions, then scoring two more TDs in the 1st half of play.

The first offensive play was a 41 yard run by Trevor Hess. Clint Sidwell added 8 yards as did a Hunter Klement to Andy Flusche pass to the 15 yard line. With 9:06 on the clock, Mason Binder scored. Klement added the point after for a 7-0 score.

It was three plays for 6 most yards and punt for the Buffaloes. The short kick in Cross Plains territory was returned 35 yards to the 6 by Hess. Two plays later, Steven Flusche scored from the 4. Klement's PAT gave the Hornets a 14-0 lead with 6:13 remaining in the 1st quarter.

The Buffaloes got in four plays and punted. Hess returned the ball 39 yards to the Buffalo 33. The next play, a Klement to Sidwell pass was good for 6 more

points. The PAT by Klement gave Muenster a 21-0 lead with 3:43 still on the clock.

Three plays gained 4 yards and Cross Plains punted again. Sidwell's 18 yard return put the Hornets in the Buffaloes' pasture. Four plays later, Cross Plains picked off a Hornet pass. The Buffaloes carried the ball into the 2nd period, then punted.

Two long runs by Hess and S. Flusche helped move Muenster to the Buffalo 19, but another interception stopped the drive.

Cross Plains punted after the Hornet defense kept them deep in their own territory. Sidwell returned the ball 44 yards to the Buffalo 22. Two plays and Hess crossed the goal line from the 15. Klement's PAT extended the Hornet score to 28-0 with 4:39 on the clock.

The Buffalo offense couldn't break Muenster's defense and punted after gaining only 6 yards. Three plays later, 35-0 after a 31 yard TD run by S. Flusche and Klement's extra point.

Cross Plains got in six plays and Muenster two before the clock ticked down to zero to end the 1st half.

The 3rd quarter started as the 2nd ended - three plays, no gain, and punt for the Buffaloes, then three runs and a touchdown for the Hornets on an 18 yard run from Hess. Klement's PAT gave Muenster a 42-0 lead.

Cross Plains got in 10 plays for their second longest drive of the game, before running out of downs on the Hornet 35. A Klement pass to Sidwell gained 14, followed by a 21 yard run by Hess and a Klement to Cole Walterscheid completion for 22 yards to the Buffalo 3. With 1:17 on the clock, A. Flusche scored. Klement put on the last point for the 49-0 score.

The Buffaloes ran 11 plays to the Hornet 26, but a loose ball covered by Binder stopped the drive with 6 minutes remaining in the

game.

Tavi Saldana and Dalton Bartel shared seven runs for a total of 42 yards to the Buffalo 12 yard line before running out of downs. The Cross Plains offense played the remaining 3 minutes but was unable to get onto Muenster's side of the field.

M	21	14	14	0	49
CP	0	0	0	0	0

Team Stats		
M	CP	
10	8	1st downs
28/289	46/112	Rushes/yds
6/11/2	2/11/0	Comp/att/int
95	8	Passing yards
0/0	7/35	Punts/avg
0/0	1/1	Fumbles/lost
5/35	1/5	Penalties/yds

Individual Stats

RUSHERS: Trevor Hess 7/118, Steven Flusche 6/86, Mason Binder 4/28, Dalton Bartel 5/25, Tavi Saldana 2/17, Clint Sidwell 1/8, Hunter Klement 2/4, Andy Flusche 1/3. **RECEIVERS:** Clint Sidwell 2/47, Cole Walterscheid 1/22, Andy Flusche 2/21, Trevor Hess 1/5. **TACKLES:** Mason Binder, Andy Flusche, Steven Flusche, Cole Walterscheid, Clayton Rohmer, Hunter Klement, Trevor Hess. **FUMBLE RECOVERY:** Mason Binder. **FORCED FUMBLE:** Hunter Klement

Next Action

The Bi-District victory advances the Hornets to Area this Friday against the McCamey Badgers, District A Champions. The Badgers are 7-3 on the season and 5-1 in their four-team district, winning over Wink and Van Horn twice and defeating Iraan in their second round match.

"McCamey's coach was once in Petrolia, so we have some history. He gets the most out of his kids," Coach Carney said. "They play really hard and really fast." McCamey is a run oriented team, so the Hornets need to stop their running game and force the Badgers to pass to have success according to Carney. "Their defensive strength is their line. We

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Sacred Heart Coach Dale Schilling talks to the Tigers and their fans after last Friday's playoff loss to Colleyville Covenant. Pat Springer photo

utes off the clock with runs by Juan Salinas, John Paul Hesse, Keith Metzler, Justin Brown, and Isac Walterscheid. An incomplete pass on 4th and 6 stopped the Tigers at the Cougar 17 yard line.

The Tiger defense held Covenant to a loss on the Cougars' first offensive attempt, forcing a punt to end the 1st quarter of play. Sacred Heart failed to get 10 yards, giving their opponents possession on the Cougar 35. After a dozen plays, a field goal failed and Sacred Heart took over on their own 25. Four runs by Hesse gained 21 yards, with a Kason Reeves to Walterscheid pass picking up 11 before the Tigers punted on 4th and 9.

Covenant fought to move the ball down field, with a grounding flag and quarterback sack by Hayden Schilling delaying the drive. With 2 seconds on the clock, the Cougars faked a field goal,

pass play put 6 points on the board. Reeves added the extra point to tie the game 7-7 with 5:14 remaining in the 3rd period.

The teams exchanged punts. A Schilling tackle for a loss was followed by an interception by Brown at the Sacred Heart 38, returned to the Covenant 45. The quarter ended four plays later with a Tiger punt to the 7 yard line.

The next play, Metzler covered a loose ball 18 yards from paydirt. Three runs by Hesse moved the ball to the 6. Hesse then gained 5 more yards to the 1 yard line. The Tigers' chance to score ended with a fumble, turning the ball over to the Cougars. Six plays later, Covenant scored on a 74 yard pass play. With 6:04 remaining in the game, Colleyville led 14-7.

The teams again exchanged punts, with the Tigers starting their final drive

Team Stats		
SH	CC	
13	13	1st downs
46/108	22/77	Rushes/yds
118	192	Passing yds
7/16/1	12/25/2	Comp/att/int
4/27	3/36	Punts/avg
1/1	3/1	Fumbles/lost
5/50	5/45	Penalties/yds

Individual Stats

RUSHERS: John Paul Hesse 32/105, Juan Salinas 7/22, Isac Walterscheid 1/2, Justin Brown 4/4, Keith Metzler 2/-17. **RECEIVERS:** Isac Walterscheid 4/50, Keith Metzler 2/48, John Paul Hesse 1/20. **TACKLES:** Justin Brown, Isac Walterscheid, Hayden Schilling, Luke Cochran, Omar Colmenero, Juan Salinas. **FUMBLE RECOVERY:** Keith Metzler. **INTERCEPTIONS:** Hayden Schilling, Justin Brown.

The Tigers end the 2012 season as Division III District 1 Runner-up and Area qualifiers with a 7-4 season record.



Bringing down a Buffalo included Hornets Blayne Styles (50), Cole Walterscheid (82), Andy Flusche (44), and Steven Flusche (33). Janie Hartman photo



Tiger quarterback Kason Reeves (10) and the Sacred Heart offensive line behind center Garrett Wheeler (71). Pat Springer photo

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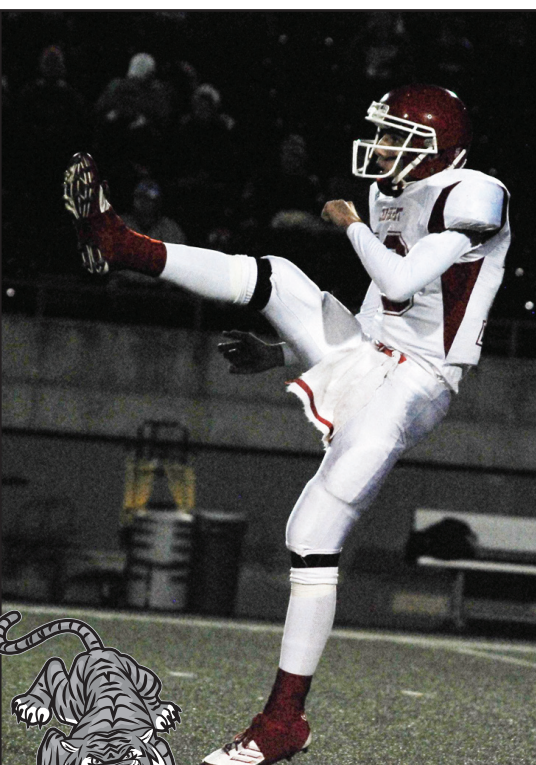
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S.H.C.S. Tigerettes win Bethesda Tournament

The Tigerettes played in the Bethesda tournament this past weekend and came away the tournament championship. All-Tournament honors went to Danielle Berend who was also named MVP, Kaitlin Hesse, and Mikaela Bartush.

In game one, the Tigerettes beat the Weatherford Express 60-12. Mikaela Bartush and Bailey Walterscheid hit double digits with 11 and 10 respectively. Kylie Hess hit 9, Peyton Reiter and Mikenzie Fleitman 6 each, Michelle Zimmerer 5, Danielle Berend 4, and Devan Henry, Karleigh Reeves and Kaitlin Hesse 3 apiece.

Game two was the Tigerettes over Nazarene Christian by a score of 47-25. Berend led with 13 points. Bartush popped in 8, Hesse 7, Hess 6, Reeves 5, and Walterscheid and Reiter 4 each.

In the Championship game, it was Sacred Heart over Colleyville Covenant 52-23. Walterscheid led with 14 points and Berend and Reiter 10 each. Reeves put in 6, and Hesse, Mikayla Fleitman and Bartush 4 each.



Senior Tigerette Kaitlin Hesse goes around Lady Cat defenders to make the shot. Thomas Otto photo

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Lady Hornets JV
The Muenster JV Lady Hornets played in the Bridgeport Tournament on Nov. 15 and 17, taking three wins and one loss.

The first game was a victory over the Bowie JV, 36-12. Abby Pagel led with 12 points. Katie Pagel and Adrien Rohmer scored 6 each, and Allie Walterscheid, Morgan Flusche, and Nicole Rains 4 points apiece.

Game two was a 23-13 win over the Celina JV. Leading scorer was A. Pagel with 11. Flusche put in 5, Walterscheid, K. Pagel and Rains 2 apiece, and Rohmer 1.

In game three, Muenster beat Jacksboro 30-25. It was 11 points for A. Pagel, Flusche and Rohmer 7 each, K. Pagel 3, and Allison Mor-

ris 1.

Game four was a loss for Muenster, beaten by Decatur 25-17. Rohmer led with 10 points. K. Pagel put in 4, A. Pagel 2, and Walterscheid 1.

Lady Knights JV
The Lindsay Lady Knight JV basketball team was defeated by Howe by a score of 44-19 Friday evening. Scout Tatum led with 13. Alex Harrell scored 5 and Morgan McClure 1.

Lindsay hosted Callisburg on Monday and defeated the Lady Cats by a score of 43-39. Leading scorer for Lindsay was Sarah Snider with 15. Tatum followed with 13, Alison Gunderson 6, Erin Early 5, and Harrell and McClure 2 each.

Lady Knights start basketball with a 76-35 loss to Howe

The Lady Knight Varsity team lost to Howe on Friday night by a score of 76-35. "The ladies have been in the gym for four days of practice and it showed," said Coach Tony Brazeal. "However, there were many signs and sparks of good things to come." The girls had been in the volleyball playoffs, which didn't give them time to practice basketball.

Hayley Skinner and Syd-

ney Ott hit double digits with 11 each. Tara Atkins put in 3, while Nicole Fleitman, Kailei Klement, Teresa Boles, Jalyn Anderle, and Sara Fuhrmann scored 2 apiece.

Just a thought
It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.

REPORT SHOWS TEXAS OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY GROWING

Since the Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) commissioned the first economic study on outdoor recreation in the United States in 2006, the outdoor industry still grew by an average of 6.1% annually, reveals the OIA's latest State of the Industry Report. Released this summer, the report notes that despite a historic recession, massive unemployment, and painful governmental deficits and budget cuts, more than 140 million Americans make outdoor recreation a priority, spending \$646 billion on their recreational pursuits each year, money that supports direct impacts to 6.1 million jobs. Other facts in the OIA report include:

- * Americans spend more on outdoor recreation each year (\$646 billion) than they do on pharmaceuticals (\$331 billion), according

Lady Hornets fall to Gainesville, beat Nocona

The Muenster Lady Hornet Varsity took on Gainesville on Saturday, Nov. 17 and lost in overtime 61-59. Michelle Sicking, Lauren Rohmer, Amber Walterscheid and Cedy Burnett all hit double digits with 15, 14, 11, and 10 points respectively. Paige Herr added 5 and Hannah Bayer 4.

On Monday, the girls played Nocona and took a 64-35 victory. Rohmer burned the boards with 18 points. A. Walterscheid added 12, Sicking 11, Kristen Reiter 6, and Burnett 5. Putting in 3 each were Kassie Dangelmayr, Bayer, and Sydney Huchton, and 2 points for Brooke Walterscheid.

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have to control the line of scrimmage. They have a good punt return athlete we have to stop.

"We have to come out and continue to improve. We have to take it week to week and not look past this game."

The Hornets and Badgers will face each other this Friday in Clyde, Texas in an afternoon game. Kickoff is at 2 p.m. Muenster is the visiting team.

Rounding out Region 2 is Munday, Albany, Eldorado, Iraan, Hamlin, and Wink.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Muenster B 14 Collinsville B 9
The Muenster Junior High "B" Lady Hornets began their basketball season with a win over Collinsville Monday night, 14-9. Rylee Cain put in 6 points while Carrie Nasura and Emma Wood scored 4 each.

Muenster 7th 21 Collinsville 7th 11
In the 7th grade game, Muenster girls beat Collinsville 21-11. Erin Schniederjan and Natalie Dangelmayr

led with 7 each, while Megan Rohmer, Sterling Walterscheid, and Alaina Kubis scored 2 each and Jenna Sicking 1.

Muenster 8th 41 Collinsville 8th 4
The 8th grade Lady Hornets began their season with a 41-4 slaughter over Collinsville. Morgan Eldridge hit double digits with 12. Bailey Klement put in 8, Haiden Shook 6, Macie Pagel 5, Amy Luttmer and Katie Kresge 4 each, Courtney Wilson 2.



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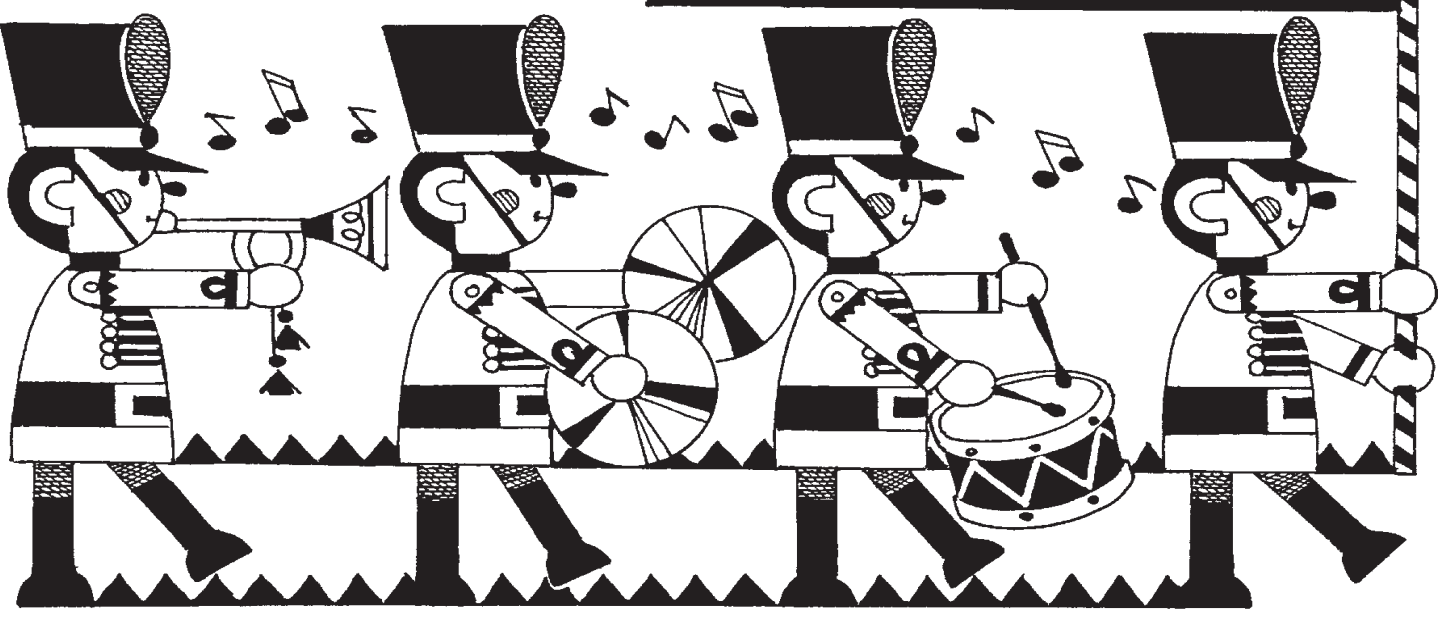
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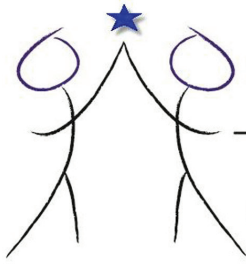
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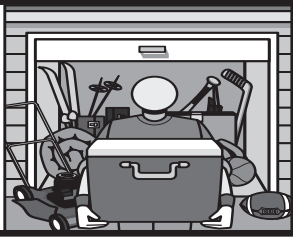
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Leaf wax may be key to drought and heat tolerance in wheat

Wax build-up is not always a bad thing, according to a Texas A&M University soil and crop scientist.

Dr. Dirk Hays, associate professor of cereal grain developmental genetics, has been researching leaf wax, its variability in different genetic wheat lines, and what difference the wax can make in heat and drought tolerance of the crop.

Hays recently returned from seven months of traveling on a Fulbright Regional Research Scholarship to India and Bangladesh. "They have a similar problem to ours with terminal heat stress in wheat," Hays said. "Their problem is chronic, steady increases in heat, which impairs wheat development and decreases yield and quality.

"Our problem is sporadic, where the stress occurs with spiked temperatures. Under both cases, wheat, as in most crops, is extremely sensitive to flower and early seed abortion due to high temperature stress."

"What I have been looking at is a wheat mapping population, trying to find genes that are regulating heat and drought tolerance," he said. "The main goal was to define the genes that regulate leaf and glume wax, and how increased wax content improves heat and drought tolerance."

Hays said his research has found big genetic variations in the amount of leaf wax on leaves and glumes between

different genetic wheat lines. This variation can be as high as 10- to 20-fold in the amount of leaf wax between cultivars.

"But you can't visually score that; you have to chemically quantify it," he said. "We've found if leaf wax is quantified and mapped, it can result in up to a 25% increase in yield. The higher wax keeps the plant cooler

and reduces the amount of water the plant uses to keep itself cool."

Hays said during his seven months overseas, he was working with the local scientists to convey how to measure the wax content in different lines and then how to use that as an improved selection tool for drought-tolerant wheat.

"While I have done extensive work on leaf wax here, this was another environment where I could verify these characteristics make a difference in improving heat and drought tolerance." Bangladesh and India are potential hot spots for global warming, he said, and both have grown wheat for more than 1,000 years.

In India, the farmers grow primarily a spring wheat crop under both dryland and irrigated conditions. But they are facing dropping water tables and more sporadic monsoon seasons, Hays said. Crop yield trends have shown a plateau, indicative of the negative impact of global warming.

"It's imperative that we stay ahead of global climate change and improve the ad-

aptation of wheat and other crops to increased high temperature stress, especially during the vulnerable reproductive stages (flowering and early seed development)," Hays said.

"Their crops are probably better adapted to heat stress than ours are, so the learning was definitely a two-way collaboration," he said. In India, he worked at Banarus Hindu University with Dr. V. K. Mishra, and in Bangladesh he was at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute working with Dr. Naresh Barma.

"Bangladesh has a population of 160 million in a country the size of Louisiana," Hays said. "They are self-sufficient with their rice and a dynamic vegetable market. India is on the margin of being able to feed itself. They have the highest amount of arable land, and it is very productive."

Hays said the Fulbright scholarship offered him a good chance to build on this collaboration and make use of the two countries and their tremendous sources of environmental tolerance.

"We are working to improve the selection process," he said. "We are looking at what they are already selecting for and what phenotypic traits are there." "No one has analyzed the detail of leaf wax and the chemical composition," Hays said. "But the growing interest now in genetic plant breeding is to package together traits - find optimal root or leaf structures and patch those into a cultivar that gives you ideal performance."

Finding these optimal traits can be done by using genetic marker-assisted breeding to track the genes that regulate wax and root leaf structure for optimal performance under heat and drought stress, he said.



TDA market recap

For the week ending Nov. 17, feeder cattle price trends reported by Texas auctions ranged from \$5 higher to \$6 lower per hundredweight (cwt), with the largest discounts on lightweight, unweaned calves. Texas direct feeder cattle sales were \$1 lower. The Oklahoma City National Stockyards were steady to \$3 lower. Feeder cattle prices continue to be pulled in both directions, with tight supplies supporting the market, but high grain prices, negative cattle feeding margins, and dry conditions in many areas applying downward pressure. Fed cattle cash prices were near unchanged, while wholesale beef values were higher for Choice-grade offerings, but lower for Select beef.

Wheat prices were lower as large world supplies and weak export demand for U.S. wheat continued to weigh on the market. Corn and grain sorghum were lower as weak export demand for U.S. corn and more favorable weather in South America more than offset the tight domestic supplies.

Little rain fell statewide during the week with amounts less than one-half inch limited to parts of South and West Texas.

According to the weekly USDA NASS crop progress report, cotton harvest advanced to 80% complete, well ahead of the 65% average for this date. Corn harvest has been completed and grain sorghum harvest was 91% complete compared to the normal 87%. Winter wheat planting advanced to 94% complete, slightly ahead of the 91% average, and 79% of the acreage has emerged. Wheat was reported in mostly fair to good condition, with much of the crop in need of rain. Pastures were rated in mostly fair to poor condition.

Side businesses help support rural economies

Almost a third of the nation's farming families are deriving their income from an outside business.

A recent report from the USDA's Agricultural Research Service indicates that on-farm diversification efforts like agricultural tourism and off-farm ventures each accounted for half of the outside business activities.

Off-farm businesses generated approximately 80% of the total alternative business income for farm families creating the largest impact on local economies.

The report can be viewed at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/eib-economic-information-bulletin/eib101.aspx>.

County Agent's Report

Fall is a great time for thistle control

Over the past several years, the Texas Thistle and the Canadian Thistle have become a real problem in Cooke County. These weeds are the tall plants with the spiny leaves and the purple blooms which bloom during the early spring. They are especially a problem because they mature earlier than most of the weeds that we are accustomed to trying to control.

The thistle can be an annual or a biennial. In Texas, seeds produced in summer germinate to form young rosettes in the fall. The rosettes overwinter and resume development in the spring. Stems elongate from March to April and the plant typically flowers in April and May. Determinate blooming continues through June, with seeds dropping in June and July. A wide range of growth habits, plant heights, and plant densities are possible primarily in response to local moisture levels.

Controlling these invasive weeds is a priority for many rural residents. If it isn't one of your concerns, chances are good that it is a concern of your neighbors! The reason for this is the way the seed is spread by the wind, like a dandelion. Whether you prefer to kill them with herbicides or if you prefer to hoe them out, the best time to do this is now.

If you take a stroll through the pasture or bar ditch where the thistles were last year, you can see the new rosettes all over the ground right now. These are the new plants that will bolt upward next spring. Usually we react when we see them bolt upward; this is often too late to stop them from seeding out and producing more.

Hoeing thistles is much more enjoyable in the fall when they are not poking you in the arm as you work! Also spraying them is much easier, as you can get a more uniform distribution of the spray on the leaves while they are lower to the ground. The easiest control method is by chemical application if you have large numbers to eliminate. A number of herbicides are labeled and effective for control of musk thistle. These include 2,4-D, dicamba, picloram, and metsulfuron methyl.

Dates to remember

Nov. 27 - Cooke County Marketing Club, Cooke County Farm Bureau Building, Gainesville, 7 p.m.

Beef quality report highlights new trends in production

Meat processing plants across the nation are seeing more black-colored cattle and fewer cattle with bruising, according to the 2011 National Beef Quality Audit.

The report, comprised of data received from National Meat Processing Plants, indicates that the amount of cattle with predominantly black hides is up 16% from 45.1% to 61.1% over the last 12 years.

The audit also revealed a significant reduction in the amount of mud and manure found on cattle hides signifi-

ing an increased awareness of cattle cleanliness and a reduction in the amount of contaminants brought into a processing facility by cattle.

Branded beef programs also are on the rise, according to the audit. Processors now tend to pre-sort cattle based on their age and origin and then harvest them instead of sorting the cattle post-harvest.

The use of individual electronic identification has risen 16.5% over the last seven years, according to the report. Metal clip tag usage also is on the rise.

The number of bruised cattle at processing plants across the nation is on the decline. According to the audit, bruised cattle decreased by 77% over the last year due to concerns over the treatment of beef cattle.

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- ARMOUR ASSORTED VARIETIES
Vienna Sausage.....5 OZ. **3 FOR \$2**
- LA CHOY BEEF, CHICKEN, OR BEEF PEPPER
Chow Mein.....42 OZ. **\$3⁴⁹**
- SOLO
Plastic Cups.....20 PK. 18 OZ. **\$2¹⁹**

Fischer's Quality Meats

BONELESS
**Pork
Chops** **\$2⁴⁹** LB.



TENDERIZED
PORK
**Cube
Steak** **\$2⁶⁹** LB.

FRESH
GROUND BEEF
**Chili
Meat** **\$2⁵⁹** LB.



MARKET SLICED
ECKRICH
**Beef
Bologna** **\$2⁴⁹** LB.

- PILGRIM'S GRADE "A"
Whole Chickens.....LB. **79¢**
- COOK'S ASSORTED VARIETIES
Ham Steak.....LB. **\$3⁴⁹**
- MARKET SLICED
American Cheese.....LB. **\$2⁵⁹**
- OWEN'S REG. OR HOT
Sausage.....LB. **\$2⁵⁹**
- SHURFINE
Bacon.....LB. **\$3¹⁹**
- ECKRICH
Chopped Ham.....14 OZ. **\$2³⁹**
- ECKRICH JALAPENO & CHEDDAR
Smoked Sausage.....14 OZ. **\$2⁵⁹**

- ARMOUR
Hot Dogs.....12 OZ. **\$1¹⁹**
- SHURFINE CHICKEN, TURKEY OR HAM
Sliced Lunchmeats.....2 OZ. EA **49¢**
- OSCAR MAYER REG. OR LITE
Beef Bologna.....8 OZ. **\$2⁷⁹**
- OSCAR MAYER
Boiled Ham.....6 OZ. **\$2¹⁹**
- ASIAN GOLD (WITH COCKTAIL SAUCE)
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
Shrimp Ring.....10 OZ. **\$2⁹⁹**
- SHURFINE
Corn Dogs.....3 LBS. **\$5¹⁹**

Health & Beauty Care

- WESTERN FAMILY
Non-Coated Aspirin 100 CT. **\$1¹⁹**
- VICK'S SELECT VARIETIES
VapoRub.....1.76 OZ. **\$3⁹⁹**
- DENTURE ADHESIVE
Fixodent.....2-2.5 OZ. **\$4⁶⁹**
- WESTERN FAMILY ASSORTED VARIETIES
Toothpaste.....6.4-8.2 OZ. **\$1²⁹**

Fresh Produce



FANCY
**Navel
Oranges** 2 **\$1**
lbs.

- LARGE
Avocados.....2 FOR **\$1**
- SWEET & CRUNCHY OR SPINACH & ARUGULA
Fresh Express Salads 5-6 OZ. 2 FOR **\$3**
- CELLO PACK PEELED
Baby Carrots.....1 LB. **\$1⁰⁹**
- GARDEN FRESH
Broccoli.....LB. **\$1²⁹**
- FRESH
Green Onions.....2 FOR **\$1**
- SWEETIE
Sweet Yellow Onions.....LB. **79¢**
- FRESH JUICY
Kiwifruit.....4 FOR **\$1**
- GLOSSY BLACK
Eggplant.....LB. **99¢**

Health & Beauty Care

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FREE

One (1) Simply Potatoes Hash Browns
20 oz. with the
purchase of One (1) Simply Potatoes
Hash Browns 20 oz.

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**Coca
Cola**
2 liter
Various flavors
99¢

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**Natural
Light**
\$20

**Milwaukee's
Best Light**
24-PACK CANS
\$17

ASSORTED VARIETIES
6-PACK BOTTLES
Shiner Beer
\$6⁴⁹



JIMMY DEAN
SELECT VARIETY
**Breakfast
Sandwiches**
13.6-18.4 OZ. PKG.
\$4²⁹

SHURFINE REDUCED FAT
Buttermilk or
REGULAR
Chocolate Milk
HALF GALLON
2 **\$5**
for

- SHURFINE ASSORTED VARIETIES FROZEN
Orange Juice.....12 OZ. **\$1⁷⁹**
- SHURFINE SELECT VARIETIES
Frozen Vegetables.....16 OZ. **89¢**
- 48 Pieces
**Fisher
Boy**.....EACH **\$2⁴⁹**

- KRAFT PRE-PRICED \$3.89
American Singles.....16 OZ. **\$2⁹⁹**
- SEE IN AD COUPON: SELECT VARIETIES
Simply Potatoes.....20 OZ. 2 FOR **\$5**
- PILLSBURY SELECT VARIETIES CRESCENT OR
Sweet Rolls.....8-13.9 OZ. **\$1⁹⁹**