

County to apply for State road grant

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

At the Monday, Dec. 23 meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court, there was a unanimous vote to approve a contract between Cooke County and Allison and Bass for legal services regarding the TxDOT County Road Grants. This will help the County apply for a grant that requires several things to be done. The contract was for \$5,000.

After the meeting, Commissioners Al Smith, Precinct #3, and Leon Klement, Precinct #4, spoke of the grant and its possible impact on Cooke County. These are the two precincts in the County most impacted by heavy traffic from the oil and gas industry.

Klement said, "With all the shale oil problems they had with destroying the roads, they (State) passed a law SB 1747, and the State is going to reinvest some money back into the county road system through TxDOT. It is a grant type program."

Commissioner Smith explained that the State earmarked \$225 million for Texas counties. The formula they used is 50% well completions in preceding year, 20% overweight truck permits for county, 20% oil and gas severance taxes paid from county, and 10% base on injection well volume in County. He said that Cooke county qualifies for about \$1.2 million and Montague County for \$2.5 million.

The application process kicks off with a public hearing that was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. in the County Courthouse regarding the creation of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ). This is one of the required steps of the application process. Thirty days after the hearing, the CETRZ can be adopted. There is a tight time line since the application must be filed by Feb. 7. The Commissioners noted that the rules were not released until a couple of weeks ago.

An advisory board will be appointed for the CETRZ. Smith said, "What this CETRZ does is it locks the tax that we are receiving off this plot of ground to the 2013 tax level.

Then, if there is any growth in that tax level beyond what it was levied in 2013, that goes into a special fund for re-investment into roads and transportation infrastructure. This CETRZ lasts for 10 years."

Smith said that the Commissioners will then have to take the roads that they believe are damaged by the overweight trucks and create a prioritized plan of which ones they want to spend the money on across the County. All of that information will be submitted to TxDOT and TxDOT will administer the plan and decide whether the County will receive the grant.

Smith said that this grant is the result of the many counties with huge damages from overweight trucks on county roads lobbying for financial assistance from the State. Cooke County was part of this lobbying process. He added that Representative Drew Springer was instrumental in making this happen. Commissioner Klement spent a day in Austin visiting with representatives hoping to get help for counties.

Smith commented, "We've been advised to go very cautiously into this CETRZ thing. Not to make all the County one, not to make all of a precinct a CETRZ. Just to pick a fairly small area that would be encumbered by this. Basically, the County could not use the money except for road and bridge infrastructure.

Commissioner Smith noted that the damage could be as much as \$15 million county-wide.

Asked about the new opportunity, House District 68 State Representative Drew Springer remarked, "Those of us in the oil and gas parts of the state know we have benefited from drilling activity economically, however the side effect is the destruction the traffic does to the county roads that were not built for such volumes and weight. The O&G industry pays a large amount of severance taxes which all goes to the state. We in the 83rd legislature recognized that this was not fair to the citizens of those counties and it was my pleasure to debate this point and vote for funds to come

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Travis Tritt

Tritt kicks off Muenster Concerts

The Muenster Chamber of Commerce is launching its Muenster Music Concert Series for 2014. This series will bring some of the country's top performers to the new Heritage Pavilion. The inaugural concert for 2014 will be on Friday, Jan. 24 with Grammy Award winner Travis Tritt.

This highly acclaimed solo acoustic show will bring the audience up close and personal to the music that made Travis Tritt a Nashville star. "I feel so humbled and blessed to be where I am right now," said Tritt. He will release his new album "The Calm After..." on his own Post Oak Records. "My voice has never been stronger, I'm constantly playing and working to become a better guitar player, banjo player, vocalist, and songwriter. I am honestly as excited about the creative process and performing now as I was the day I signed my first record deal."

Audiences across the country have been treated to Travis' show that spotlights his music and vocal talents. A recording session for a Sam Moore album proved fateful when producer, musician, and American Idol judge Randy Jackson complimented Travis on his vocals. His new album had a great response putting it mildly. People Magazine wrote of Jackson's collaboration with Tritt, "Jackson effectively brings out the soul in the country singer on cuts that venture into gospel and blues terrain." The Associated Press said, "Tritt roars back with The Storm." Boston Phoenix called the album "proof that even today the difference between rural blues and rural country is just a matter of pigmentation."

Travis finds himself in an enviable position with the continuation of his successful music career plus he is also seeing improvements in his work. "We've even joked about having t-shirts made up that say, 'I Never Knew Travis...' followed by phrases like, 'Played The Banjo Like That,' 'Can Sing Like That,' 'Had That Many Hits,' 'Is That Good A Guitar Player,' etc. You know, it's fun," he smiles. "At 50, to still have a career and be able to surprise people with music - I'm humbled and very thankful. It's a God-given gift."

Muenster Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Broyles said, "The Muenster Chamber would like to encourage the citizens of Muenster to help support the new Heritage Park project by purchasing tickets for this event. The Muenster Chamber is looking forward to inviting many more musical acts to Muenster and with the support of local citizens we can."

Tickets are on sale online at www.heritage-park.net. Reserved seating for this performance is \$45 online and \$50 at the door. General admission is \$35 and \$40 at the door.

For more information on this event, you can contact the Chamber at 940-759-2227. Or by email at john.chamber@ntin.net.

Longtime Muenster physician dies at 96

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Dr. Alfredo Antonetti, longtime Muenster resident and physician, died on Dec. 15 at the age of 96. He opened his medical office in Muenster in March 1968. He treated the medical needs of people in the community with skill and compassion for many years. He closed his office in 1985, but continued to see patients at St. Richard's Villa and to assist with some surgeries. Dr. Antonetti continued to make weekly visits to his friends at Muenster Memorial Hospital as long as he lived in Muenster.

A native of Cuba, Antonetti graduated from the University of Havana where he received his medical degree and continued special training and studies in chest surgery. His family was well-

known in Cuba. He, along with his brother and father, built the Antonetti Clinic and Hospital in Havana. It

was a 120 bed, seven operating room facility which they opened in 1955. The Castro government confiscated the

hospital in December 1961. The brothers were asked to remain on staff, but declined.

In 1962, Dr. Antonetti came to the United States. Prior to opening his office in Muenster, Dr. Antonetti worked in Wichita Falls as head of the surgery department of the State Hospital. He passed his state medical exam and obtained his license to practice medicine. He then had a private practice on the staff of a Wichita Falls clinic for about two years before choosing to make the move to Muenster where another physician was much needed.

He and his wife Angela became very involved in the Muenster community. They made their home here until the Fall of 2009 when they moved to Irving to be closer to their sons.



Dr. Alfredo Antonetti

Auditor details benefits of Muenster Hospital's CAH designation

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News Editor

Michael Oatman, CPA of BKD, LLP delivered the annual audit report to Muenster Hospital District's Board of Directors on Tuesday, Dec. 17. A slide show presentation detailed financial information that he felt would be useful to the Board and administration.

According to Oatman, the Hospital's condition is slightly improved from the previous year. He said the audit opinion is "unqualified," which is the kind of opinion that you would expect to receive.

Oatman noted that the Critical Access rule has been threatened in two aspects. For MMH, Critical Access reimbursement was worth \$2.2 million in 2013 and of that \$1.8 million is a Swing Bed benefit. The Office of Inspector General is saying that hospitals less than 35 miles apart should not be Critical Access (CA), and even if they are CA, they should not get the Swing Bed benefit. Both those threats popped up in early summer and have fallen off the radar for now.

"If they do away with CA benefit or if they do away with Swing Bed benefit, you are going to see 30 or 40 hospitals in Texas close or affiliate within the next couple of years. They can't make it without the cost-based reimbursement. I think rural hospitals get about 6% of the Medicare money. Whether there is political clout and will to keep the program in place, I think there is. You guys are a low cost provider and you do a good job providing a place in your community for the Swing Bed patients, and it's cheaper than having them in Dallas and other places. Whether the federal government will be sensible about that, you'll have to make your own determination."

Department heads Lillian Barker, Business Office; Duana Johns, HIMS; Renee Gregory, Social Work; Kim Gobble, Hospital Pharmacy; Julie Ness, Radiology; Richard Acayan, Lab; and Adelia Wilson, Marketing were present as requested by the Board. They were asked to attend in order to better understand changes facing the District in the immediate future.

Following an executive session, the Board approved the Wage/Salary and Incentive plans as presented by CEO Michael Kent.

Also approved was for Kent to begin contract negotiations with a physician interested in setting up practice in Muenster under general terms discussed in the closed session. The vote was unanimous.

In his CEO report, Administrator Kent explained that they are still working through issues with Meditech, the EHR (electronic health records) system. Two employees went to Boston the prior week to begin training on the patient portal.

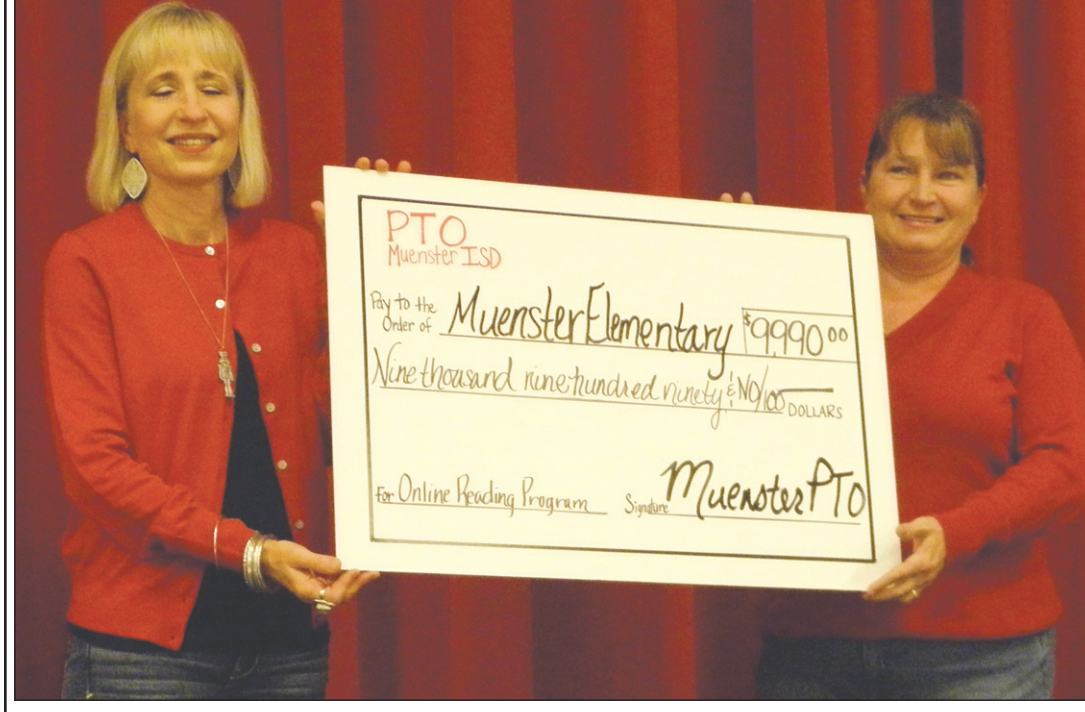
Kent told of a physician who had visited Muenster and

is interested in coming to practice at MMH. He has several children and is interested in enrolling them in a Catholic school and being part of a Catholic community. He is currently practicing in a CAH and working in several ERs. Board President Ronnie Weinzapfel noted that he feels the physician would fit in very well in Muenster.

CNO Diane Neu reported having an average of 12.47 patients per day last month. There are currently seven patients in would care and seven in cardiac care.

- In other business, the Board:
- Approved bad debt write offs for the month of November totaling \$19,600.
 - Approved physician credentialing and reappointment to the Medical Staff with active privileges for Donald Simmons, M.D. and approval to the Medical Staff for Bradley Purkhiser, M.D. (ER physician).

Muenster's PTO at work



Muenster ISD PTO Treasurer Charla Haubald, at right, presented Muenster ISD Elementary Principal Lou Heers with a check in the amount of \$9,990 for the purchase of an on-line reading program that will benefit students in the Elementary School. See PTO story on page 5.

CCRW to host GOP candidates

The next meeting of the Cooke County Republican Women will be held on Thursday, Jan. 9, beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the First State Bank Conference Center, 837 East California Street in Gainesville. The evening's program will be a forum for Republican candidates running in statewide races in the March 4 Primary Election, such as Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Land Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner, and Railroad Commissioner, as well as important judicial races. Invitations were extended to all 50 candidates in contested races, including eight Republican candidates for the U. S. Senate seat currently held by Senator John Cornyn who is running for reelection, and three candi-

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DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
Dec. 31, 1948

Remodeling job in KC Hall basement nears completion. Jerry Fuhrmann has tonsils removed. Obituaries: Peter Hellingner, 76; Peter Kappas (no age). Wedding: Minna Lou Harrison and Harvey Grammer. New Arrivals: Sandra to the James Hotts; a daughter to Edgar and Margaret Mages. Jacob Pagel advertises "Announcing the Opening of our Dress Pattern Department." Classified ad reads "Warning to youngsters who go hunting along the creek south of town. Be careful about the bull on my place. He's vicious. Give him lots of room. If you can't move fast, better stay out. Joe Swirczynski."

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 3, 1964

Only 21.32 inches of rain recorded here last year. Walter Klement is KC Grand

Vernon Austin dies

Vernon Austin, age 86 of Gainesville, died Dec. 29, 2013. Funeral was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Jan. 1 from 6 to 7 p.m. Vernon once served as a guidance counselor for Muenster ISD.

Knight. Jerry Klement, assistant Denton County agricultural agent, assumes duties of Tarrant County assistant agent. New Arrivals: Angela to the Michael Driewers; Lyle to A.J. and Theresa Huchton; a son to the Melvin Schoechs; Adrienne to Pete and Jeanette Hellingner; James to Larry and Ann Gilley. Ed and Margaret Schmitt observe 25th anniversary, celebrating their Feb. 9 wedding date early while relatives are in town for the holidays.

25 YEARS AGO
Dec. 30, 1988

Paper closed for Christmas vacation.

Banish bad news batteries

A 2012 study by the Journal Pediatrics reports every three hours, a child under age 18 goes to an emergency room due to button battery ingestion. These small batteries are often used to power toys, watches, remote controls, and other electronic devices. Batteries that become lodged in the throat or intestine can generate and release hydroxide, resulting in dangerous chemical burns.

• Install batteries in toys before wrapping them to keep them out of the hands of curious kids.

Vaccination, prevention encouraged as flu increases

With flu season ramping up in Texas, the Texas Department of State Health Services reminds people who haven't gotten a flu shot yet this season not to put it off any longer.

The level of flu-like illness is currently classified as "high" in Texas, and medical providers are seeing an increase in flu in multiple parts of the state. Getting vaccinated is the best way for people to protect themselves and their families from the flu during the holiday season, when there is typically an increase in flu cases.

DSHS recommends everyone six months old and older get vaccinated. People should talk to their health care provider about the best way for flu vaccine for them. A nasal spray version is available for

healthy people ages 2 to 49 who are not pregnant, and a high-dose vaccine is approved for people 65 and older.

Flu is a serious disease that kills an average of 23,600 Americans a year, according to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. People over 65, pregnant women, young children, and people with chronic health conditions are most at risk for complications, so it's especially important for them to be vaccinated.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to stop the spread of the flu. Additionally, cover all coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, and stay home if sick.

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dates for Congress to represent House District 13, currently held by Rep. Mac Thornberry, also running for reelection.

Candidates and/or their representatives will be present to meet and mingle with voters.

First order of business will be the installation of the officers. The 2014 officers are President Rosina Salsman, Vice President-Programs Dianne Helms, Vice President-Membership Sharron Acker, Vice President-Campaign Activities Sarah Hess, Vice President-Fundraising Sharon McCormack, Secretary Christi Klement, Treasurer Marci Gilbert, and PAC Treasurer Dorothy Lewis.

Guests are welcome. For additional information, contact Dianne Helms at 940-368-0007, or Sarah Hess at 940-736-0503.

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back to Cooke, Montague, and the other 20 counties I represent. This does not create new taxes for the citizens of HD 68 nor does it put additional taxes on the O&G industry. It was prioritizing this need with the funds that were available. I look forward to working with the elected county officials to seeing this be an improvement in the quality of life for rural Texas."

Klement remarked, "I've read that this is the first time that Texas has given any money back to the counties to do roads of any kind. So this is a historical thing and there is a possibility that if they get good participation and it works well, this could happen again. It could be something that happens on a recurring basis if we all figure out how to make it work."

Smith continued, "These roads were damaged because these trucks, which were permitted legal by TxDOT, are so heavy that they destroy (county roads) in one pass. They fall through the county road. If it is raining, they make ruts."

Some facts with the grant are that the money can be spent on other roads in the County that have not been damaged by oil and gas production. The County determines which roads get the money. The creation of a CETRZ will not increase or decrease taxes. The CETRZ will utilize taxes from any increase in value within the CETRZ for transportation projects.

Consent agenda items approved included:

- Annual hardware maintenance agreement between Cooke County and Net Data for the Infini Vault Model 30.
- Indigent cremation of Christopher Glen Henry and of James Wesley Pope.
- Receiving additional payment from the Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program in the amount of \$35,484.
- Allocation funds from North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council for the amount of \$8,865.
- A rider for Rebecca Lawson, County Clerk's bond, changing the coverage amount.
- Agreement between Cooke County Sheriff's Office and Harris Global Software for CAD maintenance upgrade.
- Contract with Woodbine Water Supply for the installation of a fresh water line on CR243.
- Allowing the Cooke County Library to be closed from Jan. 21-24 for continuing collection inventory.
- A contract between Cooke County and Moss Lake VFD for fire services.

AGENDA MEETING DATE - January 6, 2014

The following is the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, January, 6, 2014.

- Call meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Opening prayer.
- Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on December 2, 2013.
- 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:**
- Discuss City Parks with JAYCEES, take any needed action.
- Approve changes to Employee Policy Handbook.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- Conduct a Public Hearing for the Property Owner initiated rezoning of property located at 410 E. Division Street.
- Consider approving Ordinance # 362, changing the zoning on the property discussed in the above Public Hearing.
- Approve Interlocal Agreement authorizing the City to become a member of "Buy Board".
- Approve new two year terms for Muenster Industrial Development Corp. Board Members.
- Approve Employee Salary increase for earning new Ground Water Operator License.
- Consider approving MISD's request to make the 900th block of N. Walnut St. "ONE WAY" during school hours.
- Receive monthly update on Police Department from Chief Blankenship.
- Receive status report on City Projects and Activities. Take any needed action.
- Review and act on monthly bills.
- Adjourn.

Brenda Simpson, City Secretary

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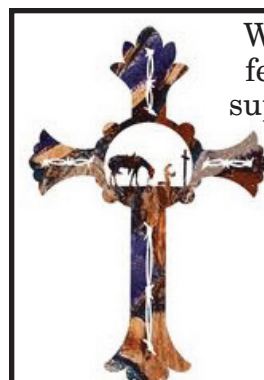
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One kind word can warm three winter months.
~Japanese Proverb



Words could never fully express the deep gratitude that we feel towards everyone for their outpouring of love, prayers, support, flowers, food, and gifts during our time of great loss.

A special thank you to Brother Ralph Gourley and wife Sandy and the First Baptist Church for their outstanding love and support, beautiful service, Praise Team music, and meal.

From the depths of our hearts,
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Sunday, January 5, 2014	Monday, January 6, 2014	Tuesday, January 7, 2014	Wednesday, January 8, 2014	Thursday, January 9, 2014	Friday, January 10, 2014	Saturday, January 11, 2014
Muenster Museum open 1-4pm	MISD & SHCS Back to School City Council mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Religious Ed class 6:45 pm SH Alumni & Supp. mtg. 7:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 SH Geography Bee	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP lunch mtg. 11:30 am MISD report cards	Library open 10 am - 2:30 pm
Sunday, January 12, 2014	Monday, January 13, 2014	Tuesday, January 14, 2014	Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 16, 2014	Friday, January 17, 2014	Saturday, January 18, 2014
Museum open 1-4 pm	SH Spelling Bee 4-H mtg. 3:30 pm MMH Aux. mtg. 5:30 pm KMB mtg. 6:45 pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MISD PTO mtg. 7 pm Rohmer's	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Rel. Ed class 6:45 pm MISD Board mtg. 7:30	Muenster Museum 1-4 pm Library open 10-6:30	Museum open 1-4 pm	Library open 10 am - 2:30 pm

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Florence Fisher
1915 - 2013

Mass of Christian Burial for Florence Louise Schmitz Fisher, age 98 of Muenster, was held on Saturday, Dec. 28 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Rosary/Vigil was at McCoy Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 27. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Services were officiated by Rev. Ken Robinson and directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Florence died early Monday morning, Dec. 23, 2013 in Fort Worth.

Florence was born June 15, 1915 in Lindsay, the daughter of Joe and Mary Lang Schmitz. Her mother died when Florence was three years of age. Florence, her brother, and father then moved to Southmayd. One year later, her father married Mary Roeder. After living in Southmayd for several years, they moved to Sherman where Florence attended grade school at St. Joseph's Academy.

The family moved to Muenster in November 1930. Florence graduated from Muenster Public High School in 1934. She married Charlie Fisher on Sept. 10, 1935 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The family lived southeast of Muenster. There they became parents of two daughters Mildred and Clara.

their daughters bought a place and moved to the Valley View area in 1938. A third daughter, Emma, was born there in 1939. The family returned to Muenster in 1944. Florence worked as a nurses' aide at Muenster Memorial Hospital, where she continued employment until her retirement in 1981. She was a member of Catholic Daughters and St. Anne's Society and Sacred Heart Parish.

Florence continued living on the farm after Charlie's death in 1972. In 1974, she moved to her new home in Muenster where she lived until moving in with Emma and Clara in Fort Worth. She lived there for the past four years.

Florence was a very sweet lady, a hard worker, a great family wife and mother, and very dedicated to her religion.

Survivors are daughters Mildred Shenk of Seal Beach, CA, Clara Fisher of Fort Worth, and Emma Fisher of Fort Worth; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charlie; her parents; and brother Alphonse Schmitz.

Assisting during the funeral Mass were altar servers



Florence Fisher

Sylvan Walterscheid, Willie Fisher, and Butch Fisher. Theresa Walterscheid gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Don Pledger. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Pam Bailey. Mary and Jim Schwartz carried up the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Theresa Mae Walterscheid, Theresa Walterscheid, Joann Pagel, Janie Taylor, and Barbara Pledger.

Music ministers were Christy Hesse, vocalist, and Isaac Davis, pianist. Songs included "How Great Thou Art," "Shepherd Me, O God," "Amazing Grace," "I Am the Bread of Life," "Ave Maria," "Songs of the Angels," and "On Eagle's Wings."

Pallbearers were Robert Shenk, Don Pledger, Pat Pledger, Gary Fisher, Steve Taylor, and Edward Pick.

The family requests memorials be made to: Community Hospice of Texas (6100 Western Place, Suite 105, Fort Worth, TX 76107), Sacred Heart Catholic Church, or a charity of your choice.

Funeral held for Yosten

Funeral Mass for Herbie Yosten of Muenster was held Tuesday, Dec. 31 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Herbie died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013 at the age of 85.

Alfredo Antonetti, MD
1917 - 2013

Alfredo Guillermo Antonetti was born May 11, 1917 in Santiago, Cuba, the first of two sons born to Alfredo R. Antonetti II and Maria Muniz. He had a Catholic upbringing, having attended first the Dolores Jesuit School in Santiago followed by La Salle Academy in Havana. During Alfredo's childhood, his father attended the University of Havana School of Medicine. After his father's graduation, the family moved to Paris, France where Alfredo's father completed additional medical training at the Pasteur Institute. They lived in Paris two years and his mother home schooled him.

After the family's return to Cuba in 1930, the political situation was very bad and many schools had been forced to shut down. His mother continued to home school him until the Havana Institute reopened several years later. At the age of 20, he graduated from the Institute (BS degree) and entered the University of Havana School of Medicine. He became a medical doctor in 1943, as did his brother Carlos. After graduate training, he worked as a surgeon at Sacred Heart Clinic Hospital in Havana, an institu-

tion that had been founded by his father, who was also professor of medicine at the University of Havana.

Alfredo married Gloria Cancio on Christmas day 1944, with whom he had three children, Alfredo, Roberto, and Emilio. In 1955, the Antonetti Clinic Hospital was founded in Havana by Alfredo, his brother Carlos, and their father. In 1960, Alfredo separated from Gloria, and she and the three boys fled the revolution in Cuba at that time and came to the United States. Alfredo stayed in Cuba for two years until the Cuban communist government nationalized and confiscated the Antonetti Clinic Hospital. He came to the United States in 1962. After a brief stay in Miami, Alfredo moved to Wichita Falls, where he was able to work as a medical assistant at the Wichita Falls State Hospital until he was able to pass all his exams to once again be able to practice medicine.

After passing all exams, which he accomplished in spite of a language barrier, he worked for several years as a surgeon at the Medical and Surgical Clinic in Wichita Falls until moving to Muenster in January 1968. He practiced medicine

in Muenster until the age of 86, when he finally decided to retire. At age 93, he moved to Dallas to be close to sons Robert and Al.

Alfredo died Dec. 15, 2013, five months before his 97th birthday.

He is survived by his brother Carlos Antonetti MD and wife Olga of Houston; sons Alfredo Antonetti IV, MD and wife Judy of Dallas, Robert Antonetti, PhD and wife Tamara of Dallas, and Emilio Antonetti, MD and wife Lucy of Pensacola. His grandchildren are Alfred Antonetti V, MD and wife Ruby of Colleyville, Robert S. Antonetti, MD and wife Laura of Colleyville, John Antonetti, MD and wife Faridy of Plano, Ana Marie Antonetti, MD of Pensacola, Gregory Antonetti of Dallas, and Andrew Antonetti of Pensacola. His great-grandchildren are Alfredo Antonetti VI, Antonio Bo Antonetti, Robert Antonetti III, and Steven Antonetti.

Dr Antonetti was an inspiration to his three children and all his grandchildren to pursue careers in medicine. He spent the last years of his life in retirement taking care of his late ill wife and enjoying the company of his family.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster.

Mary Kindiger
1915 - 2013

Funeral for Mary Ruth Moseley Kindiger, age 98 of the Leo Community, was held Friday, Dec. 27 at Rosston Methodist Church with friend and neighbor Harold Bowles officiating. Burial was in Rosston Cemetery under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home. The family received friends at the fellowship hall of the church prior to the service.

Mary Ruth died on Dec. 24, 2013 at River Valley Health and Rehabilitation where she lived since a heart

attack in May. Prior to that time, she lived on the family farm between Leo and Rosston since 1944.

She was born on July 28, 1915 to Burt and Lizzie Wilson Moseley. At the age of five her mother died, leaving Burt to raise his four children alone. All of her siblings, Inez Stevens, John "Doe" Moseley, and Edwina Case, are deceased.

Mary Ruth married A.V. "Hus" Kindiger on Feb. 19, 1936 and to this union were born eight children, "four boys and four girls."

Survivors include daughters Bobbie Hanford of Bolivar, Gail Knight of Era, and Karen Chapman of Austin; and sons Jimmie Kindiger of Whitesboro and Eddie Kindiger of Callisburg; and 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband A.V., daughter Ruth Ann McKinney, and sons Joe Frank Kindiger and Jerry Lynn Kindiger.

Please share your memories of Mary Ruth Kindiger online at www.geojcarroll.com.

Florence Frank Grizzaffi

Florence Frank Grizzaffi, age 89, died Dec. 15, 2013 after a lengthy illness. She was born in Hammond, LA. She was preceded in death by her husband John Michael Grizzaffi. Florence was active in the Catholic Church, and participated in many volunteer efforts her entire life.

Survivors include sons Luke Michael Grizzaffi and his wife Margaret and John Anthony Grizzaffi and his wife Jerilyn; five grandchildren; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Florence had the ability to make friends of all ages, and mentored many who were always welcome in her home.

The family will have a private graveside service officiated by the Rev. Ken Robinson.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that memorials can be sent to the James Bruner TK Ranch, P.O. Box 879, Bowie, TX 76230, or Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 714 N. Main, Muenster, TX 76252.

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CASA volunteers and staff recently sworn in are, from left, Beverly Woodlock, Carla Johnson, Pat Springer, Ron Raney, Sheri Raney, Dawn Bennett, Sue Baldrige, Jerry Metzler, Billie Grewing. Seated is Judge Janelle Haverkamp.

CASA trainees take oath

Seven new CASA volunteers were sworn in recently by 235th District Judge Janelle Haverkamp to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children placed in foster care by the state.

Jerry Metzler, Beverly Woodlock, Sue Baldrige, Billie Grewing, Dawn Bennett, and Ron and Sheri Raney pledged before the Court to be a voice for these children; to pursue the best outcome for each child. Also sworn in were two new CASA staff members - Pat Springer, case manager, and Carla Johnson, volunteer recruiter/trainer.

When a home is determined no longer safe and a child must enter foster care, a judge may appoint a CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocate. A CASA volunteer gets to know the child while also gathering information from the child's family, teachers, doctors, and anyone else involved in the child's life in order to make recommendations to help the judge decide what is best for the child.

"We are so happy to have these new advocates ready to be here for our little ones," said CASA Director Vicki Robertson. "The Judge will assign each of these amazing people cases quickly so that several children who've been without an advocate will now have one. I wish I could say today every child in our county who needs a CASA volunteer has the advocate they deserve. Unfortunately, even with seven new volunteers, that is not the case; there are six Cooke County children who still don't have a CASA volunteer looking out for them. The truth is, even as we celebrate this group of great people stepping up for our kids, more still are needed if we're going to give these little ones the best we can give them."

CASA will be hosting informational meetings soon for people interested in getting involved with training classes planned for January.

For more information about becoming a CASA volunteer advocate, call 940.665.2244 or visit www.becomeacasa.org.

Nortex celebrates Christmas

The clock struck six o'clock as employees, spouses, and guests filed into the beautifully decorated Nortex building for an evening of fun, games, food, and great company.

As guests arrived, they were welcomed with a table of snacks prepared by Donna Neu and Donna Endres. Chris McNamara gave thanks for the food, which was catered by The Center Restaurant.

After the meal, President and CEO Alvin Fuhrman began with a highlight of the past year. Mr. Fuhrman began by thanking the employees for their hard work and introducing the CFO Alan Rohmer and COO Joey Anderson.

Mr. Rohmer reviewed the company's financials for 2013 and the positive forecast for 2014. Recently, the company purchased a new site to build a tower in Bowie, putting them in a prime position for 2014.

Mr. Anderson discussed how technology is always changing, therefore, Nortex is always changing with technology to offer the best

products and services to its customers. He thanked the employees for their hard work and the way they treat their customers with exemplary service.

Mr. Fuhrman presented awards to dedicated employees including: Shelly Sicking and Pam Hair for five years of service; Deb Bishop, Joey Anderson, Julian Hernandez and Lisa Rohmer for 15 years of service; Kevin Anderle and Francine Walterscheid for 20 years of service; and Alan Rohmer presented a plaque to Alvin Fuhrman for 65 years of service.

After the program a fun game of Chinese Gift Exchange was played. Throughout the night, names were drawn for gifts of table centerpieces, tools, jewelry, and more. The highlight of the drawings was a day off with pay, which was won by the lucky recipient Sharlene Schilling.

The evening ended with another trip to the snack table, shared stories of fond memories, and a round of thanks and appreciation for the good time made possible by Nortex.

New Arrival



Garrett Sloan

Sloan

Megan Hesse and Brandon Sloan of Wichita Falls joyfully announce the birth of their first son Garrett Wade Sloan who was born on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013. He arrived at 2:50 p.m. at United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls weighing 7 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Mark and Melanie Hesse of Muenster, Rene and Mike Lining of Olney, and Bill and Lisa Sloan of Olney. Great-grandparents are Ethel Hesse of Muenster and the late Leo Hesse, Rita Richey of Muenster and the late Wendell Richey, and Bob and Janie Wilson of Olney.

There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers.

- St. Teresa of Avila

8th grade boys from Sacred Heart Catholic School attend Vocation Retreat Weekend

The weekend of Dec. 13-16, 8th grade boys from Sacred Heart Catholic School attended a Vocation Retreat at the Coury House Retreat Center in Subiaco, Arkansas. Gary Endres and 8th grade Home Room Teacher Annette Bayer accompanied the boys.

Upon arriving, the boys were welcomed by Bro. Francis Kirchner, OSB, vocation director, and were given room assignments and had their first session, planning the weekend.

The boys attended daily Mass and prayer including the Office of Readings, morning and noon prayer, with Vespers in the evening, with the monks. During many of the meals, the boys observed monastic silence, except on Sunday at lunch and dinner.

They also had an opportunity for confession and to visit the Abbey Gift Shop. Throughout the weekend there were several sessions in which the Benedictine brothers talked to the boys about their call to the monastic life, including Brother Roch, Bro. Damian, Bro. Matthais and Bro. Patrick, as well as Bro. Francis.

Highlights of the weekend were a tour of the Abbey; the greenhouse, laundry room, Abbey museum, the Health Center, weight room, and woodshop, as well as other aspects of monastic life. It was during their stop in the woodshop that the boys had an opportunity to engrave their names on a wooden plaque to bring home to remember their visit to the Abbey.

Current Abbot Jerome

Kodell was busy in the woodshop as well. During their tour, facilitated by Bro. Matthais, the boys also talked to Bro. Jude and Bro. John Paul. On Sunday afternoon, the sun broke from the clouds and the boys enjoyed a climb to "St. Peter's Chair" on the hilly grounds of the monastery. That evening in the Abbey Chapel, Subiaco Academy and the Monks presented "Lessons & Carols," their Christmas program attended by all.

On Monday, following Morning Prayer at 5:45, Mass was celebrated by Fr. Nicholas Fuhrmann, OSB. After breakfast, the group bid a fond farewell to Subiaco Abbey and to Bro. Francis, thanking him and all the monks who made the weekend so memorable.



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Pictured at Subiaco Abbey are, from left, Bro. Francis, Gary Endres, Robert Hanson, Julian Hesse, Sam Hesse, Roy Endres, Thomas Hennigan, Mason Van Briggie, Hunter Hess, Jon Hess, and Bro. Patrick.

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SCHOOL

Hoo, hoo knows what owls like to eat?

In Science class, the fourth grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School have been studying the interactions of living things in their environments. In order to better understand food chains and food webs, they dissected owl pellets to determine what owls consume. While this was a rather grisly Science lab, the students were excited to discover and identify a variety of skulls and bones from their specimen. They could have just read about an owl pellet in a text book, but it was much more interesting and educational to explore it themselves.

The overheads, bone charts, and special science tools were donated to Sacred Heart School by North Central Texas College (NCTC). The Texas Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching (TRC) is an award-winning network of P-16 partnerships that provide sustained, high intensity, professional development to P-12 teachers in science and mathematics. North Central Texas College provides training to north Texas schools through hands-on training and interactive training. Most trainings are after school hours to accommodate teacher schedules and all are free of charge.

Sacred Heart teachers including fourth grade teacher Michele Knauf and math teacher Barbara LaChance, frequently attend these classes and bring back exciting new ideas and activities to their classes.



SHCS photos

Weslee Sprouse examines contents of an owl pellet.



Emma Bayer determines which bone she's found.



Jake Felderhoff matches his find to the chart.



Emily Flusche checks out her discovery.

Weather Whys - sleet

Q: Can you have freezing rain, snow, and sleet at the same time?

A: Yes you can. McRoberts adds, "Winter storm systems frequently contain all three. Very often, you can have more than one precipitation type at the same time. All three types of precipitation begin falling from clouds as snow. If a snowflake doesn't encounter air warmer than 32 degrees as it falls to the surface, you will have snow. If the snowflake encounters a pocket of warmer air beneath the cloud as it falls, it will melt. Sleet occurs when the melted snowflake has a chance to refreeze before reaching the ground, while freezing rain occurs when it doesn't freeze until contacting the surface. Forecasting the type of precipitation is difficult because just one or two degrees in temperature difference can change whether an area receives rain, snow, freezing rain, sleet, or a mixture."

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Pajama Party

Muenster ISD Pre-K (right) and Kindergarten (below) classes came to school dressed in their PJs. The pre-Christmas Pajama Party featured the showing of the movie *Polar Express*.

Janie Hartman photos



Muenster ISD's PTO needs your help

If you are looking to make a big difference in how the children perform at Muenster ISD, then take a look at the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of MISD.

The PTO of MISD is in so many ways. Here is an attempt to list a few:

1. Supports our students that enrich academics such as the on-line reading program which PTO was able to purchase for the Elementary school, as well as other teaching tools like books, maps, etc.

• PTO helps host the annual Arts and Craft Show.

• PTO, on occasion, brings a little fun into the daily lives of students by providing pizza for special occasions such as Bluebonnet Reading Club participants or ice cream for the class that wins the Perfect Attendance Award.

• PTO provides the food for "Dogs for Dads," academic events, hospitality rooms at UIL competitions, etc. Let's face it, everyone does better when well fed.

• PTO sponsors the Junior High and High School banquets.

2. Supports the teachers: Every year, teachers submit a list of items they would like to have for their classrooms. Depending on the PTO budget, the committee tries very hard to meet these needs.

• This year, PTO was able to help provide funding for a new refrigerator for the teacher break room in the new Elementary school.

• PTO shows their support for teachers by providing them with assortments of goodies at Christmas time and a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at the end of the school year.

3. Supports the campus: PTO supports the campus with items it deems in need of updating or acquiring that benefits the campus but may not be in the school budget. For example PTO purchased the lighted marquee sign in front of the JHS. It also purchased a light system in the new Cafetorium and contributed funds towards the purchase of a new Buzz costume.

4. The PTO also benefits the community through their concession stands at football and basketball games. After all, it is nice to have that bag of popcorn and soda while watching a good game.

Where does the funding for the PTO come from? The Muenster ISD PTO

is funded solely through the sales proceeds from the concession stands. Running the concession stands through football and basketball seasons requires volunteers. The PTO acknowledges the teachers, parents, and grandparents who have spent some time volunteering. This is where your help is very much needed. Those of you who frequent the concession stands may have noticed that you always see the same wonderful people

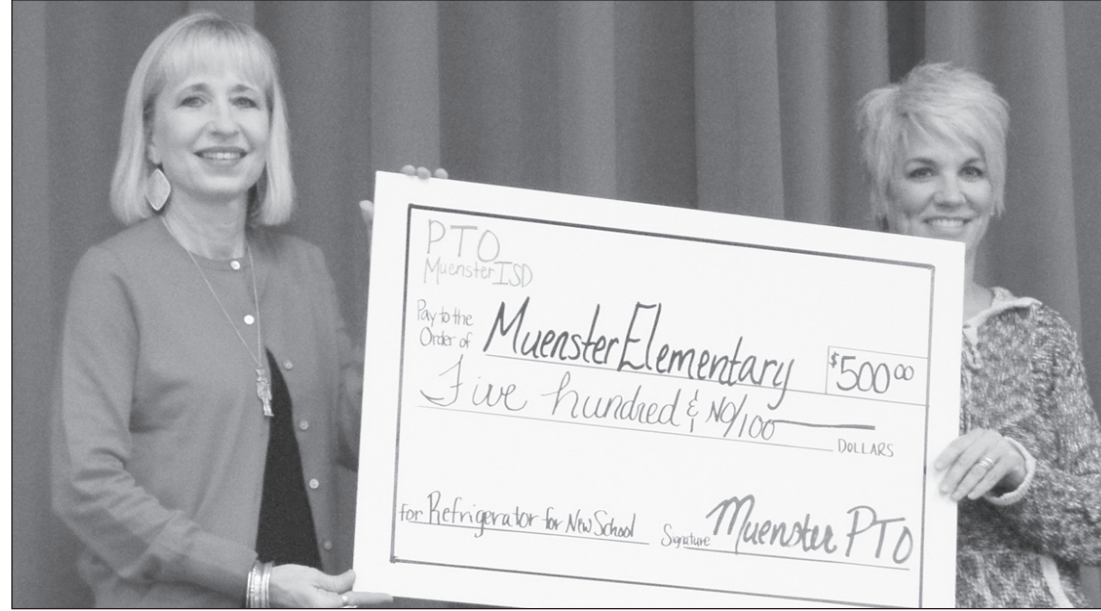
serving you. While they love serving you, they would also like to have a break sometime and they may be missing out watching their own children perform.

A little bit of working together and a little time volunteered goes a long way. Remember, it is ALL for the children and the school and when adults set an example of giving back, the children will do the same when it's their turn.

Here is how to contact

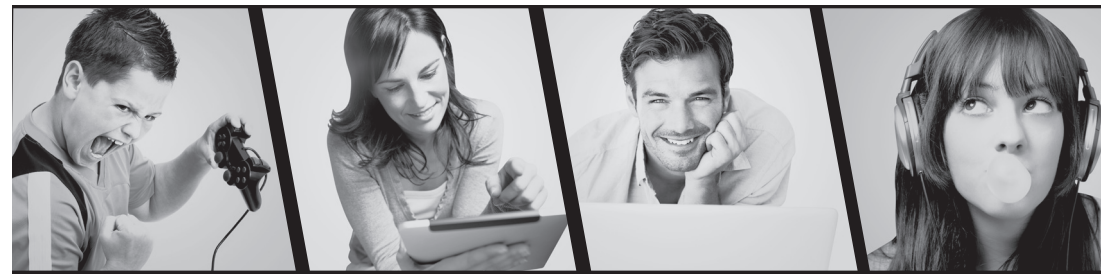
PTO officers: President - Position open; Vice President Judy Trubenbach 736-0473; Treasurer Charla Haubold 736-9963; Secretary Lynne McGrew (214) 507-1222; Public Relations - Angelika Lamar 736-9010; Volunteer Coordinators Susan Hermes 736-0473 and Michelle Gressett 736-4682.

The PTO meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Rohmer's restaurant. They would love to have you join them.



MISD photo

Elementary Principal Lou Heers, left, accepts a \$500 donation from Judy Trubenbach, vice-principal of the MISD PTO. It will purchase a refrigerator for the teacher break room in the new Elementary school.



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SPORTS

Hornets win Holiday Classic at NCTC

The 26th Annual Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament was held Dec. 26, 27, and 28 at North Central Texas College. Winning this year's championship trophies were the Aubrey Lady Chaps, and two in a row - the Muenster Hornets, defending tournament champions. Muenster's Lyndon Cook was the boys tournament MVP. Cole Walterscheid was named to the All-Tournament Team, along with Kollin Meyer of Valley View, Alan McClung of Era, Cory Powell of Pilot Point, Mason Langthorn of Callisburg, and John Cleveland of Trinity Valley.

Kristen Reiter of Muenster and Tigerette Peyton Reiter made the girls All-Tournament Team, along with Sydney Beuthien and Logan Knabe of Era, Ellen Jacobs of Trinity Valley, and Scarlett Gregory of Aubrey. Kendyl Wright of Aubrey was the MVP.

DAY ONE

Sacred Heart vs Era

The Tigerettes lost a tough match 49-38 to the Era Lady Hornets in the opening tournament game. Peyton Reiter led the scoring with 14 points. Kylie Hess added 9, Bailey Walterscheid 6, Karleigh Reeves 5, and Michelle Zimmerer 4.

SH	11	9	8	10	38
E	4	8	18	19	49

Sacred Heart vs Era

The Tigers of Sacred Heart defeated the Era Hornets 61-48 to advance on the championship side of the bracket. Four Tigers scored double digit points led by Hayden Schilling with 14. Brady Endres added 12, with Isac Walterscheid and Kason Reeves each scoring 10. Keith Metzler added 6, Zach Flusche 4, Grant Springer 3, and Stephen Kessler 2.

SH	15	17	16	13	61
E	5	21	7	15	48

Trinity Valley 48
Valley View Eagles 34

Trinity Valley 55
Valley View Eagles 40

Lindsay Lady Knights 33
Ponder 44

Gainesville Leopards 30
Pilot Point 68

Muenster vs Aubrey

The Lady Hornets of Muenster couldn't pull out a win, falling 40-36 to the Aubrey Lady Chaps. (Game results not available at press time).

Muenster vs Callisburg

Day one action ended Thursday night with the Hornets defeating the Wildcats of Callisburg 50-31. "The rust of Christmas game was evident in this break," noted Muenster Coach Lynn Cook. Lyndon Cook led the scoring, dropping in 23 points. Cole Walterscheid added 15, Logan Cook 7, Trey Anderle and Brandon Hennigan 2 apiece, and Ryan Hoepfner 1.

M	14	11	11	14	50
C	6	12	9	4	31

DAY TWO

Sacred Heart vs Valley View

The Tigerettes fell again, this time to the Lady Eagles of Valley View with a score of 50-49. After falling behind by 5 at halftime, the 4th

quarter attempted comeback came up short. Reiter was high point maker for Sacred Heart with 21. Zimmerer added 10, Ky. Hess 6, and 4 apiece from Walterscheid, Reeves, and Alane Bartush.

SH	10	15	13	11	49
VV	14	16	14	6	50

Era 50
Valley View Eagles 52

Muenster vs Lindsay

Muenster Lady Hornets advanced to the consolation contest with a 52-29 win over the Lady Knights. (Game results not available at press time).

Gainesville JV 16
Callisburg Wildcats 61

Era Lady Hornets 42
Trinity Valley 32

Sacred Heart vs Trinity Valley

The Tigers lost a hard fought battle in their day two game against the Trojans, 45-41. Endres and Reeves led the Tigers on the scoreboard with 15 and 11 points. Schilling added 8, Walterscheid 4, and Metzler 3.

SH	11	12	9	9	41
TV	10	13	12	10	45

Ponder 31

Aubrey Lady Chaps 50

Muenster vs Pilot Point

The Hornets continued advancing the bracket with a low-scoring 34-20 win over the Bearcats. Scoring for Muenster were Ly. Cook 12, Walterscheid 9, Lo. Cook 5, Hoepfner and Anderle 3 each, and Hennigan 2.

M	7	5	11	11	34
PP	2	3	9	6	20

DAY THREE

Sacred Heart vs Lindsay

The Tigerettes took 7th place in the tournament with a Saturday morning 49-37 victory over Lindsay. "The game is hard when the shots don't drop," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

"We played an awesome 1st half, but we ran out of gas in the 2nd half," noted Lindsay Coach Robin Hess. "They pressed us the whole game."

Sacred Heart's Reiter led all scorers with 35 points. Reeves added 6, Zimmerer 4, and 2 apiece by Kinzie Hess and Walterscheid.

Hayley Skinner led Lindsay with 13 points. Sarah Fuhrmann and Kailei Klement each added 9, with Taryn Stringfellow, Maddy Zimmerer, and Liz Hellman scoring 2 apiece.

SH	22	5	10	12	49
L	13	13	6	5	37

Era Hornets 80
Gainesville JV 38

Muenster vs Valley View

The Lady Hornets and Lady Eagles battled for the consolation prize early Saturday afternoon, with Muenster taking home the trophy in a 39-31 victory. (Game results not available by press time).

Valley View Eagles vs Callisburg.

The Eagles took the boys consolation with a 44-42 win over the Wildcats.

Trinity Valley vs Ponder Lady Lions

Girls 3rd place went to Trinity Valley with a 37-31 win over the Lady Lions.

Continued above right ...



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Hornet Chance Herr (5) goes up for a high pass at the Classic.



Janie Hartman photo

Hannah Bayer (33) attempts to move around a defending Lady Lion who is called for a foul.



Janie Hartman photo

Kason Reeves (24) takes the ball down court. Also pictured is Tiger Hayden Schilling.



Janie Hartman photo

Tigerettes guarding the goal include Peyton Reiter (21), Kylie Hess (11), and Karleigh Reeves (31).

Sacred Heart vs Pilot Point

The Tigers fell to the Bearcats 48-37 in the 3rd place contest Saturday. "The boys are continuing to show improvement," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. Schilling was high point maker with 13. Reeves added 11, Endres 7, and 2 apiece by Walterscheid, Metzler, and Flusche.

SH	8	8	15	6	37
PP	13	11	15	8	48

Era Lady Hornets vs Aubrey

The Lady Hornets and the Trojans faced off in Saturday night's final game of the tournament - the boys championship. After four tough quarters, Muenster won 37-

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Muenster vs Bonham

The Bonham Warriors conquered the Hornet gym Tuesday night pulling out a 32-26 victory. For the Hornets, Blayne Jones scored 17 points. Bryce Herr added 5 and Chase Deeken 4.

M	9	2	9	6	26
B	7	4	11	10	32

Muenster vs Era

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Muenster vs Olney

On Monday, Dec. 16, the JV Lady Hornets took an early lead over their visitors and never looked back for a 49-18 victory. Bailey Klement scored 18 points and Morgan Eldridge 14 to lead Muenster on the scoreboard. Macie Pagel and Sarah Binford each added 6, with Nicole Rains and Zina Haverkamp scoring 2 apiece,

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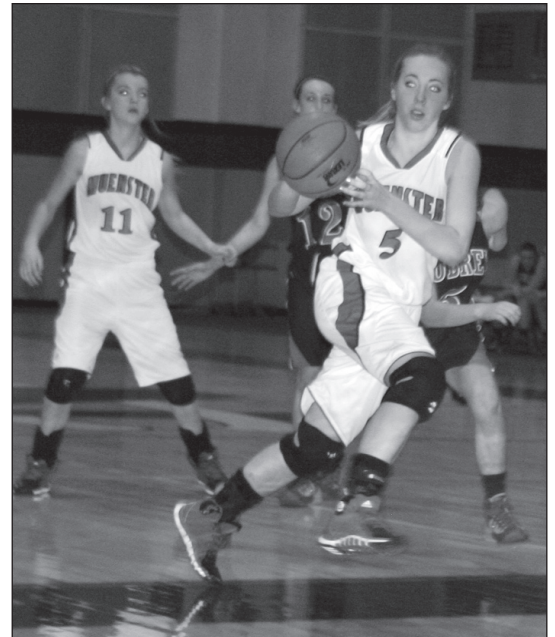
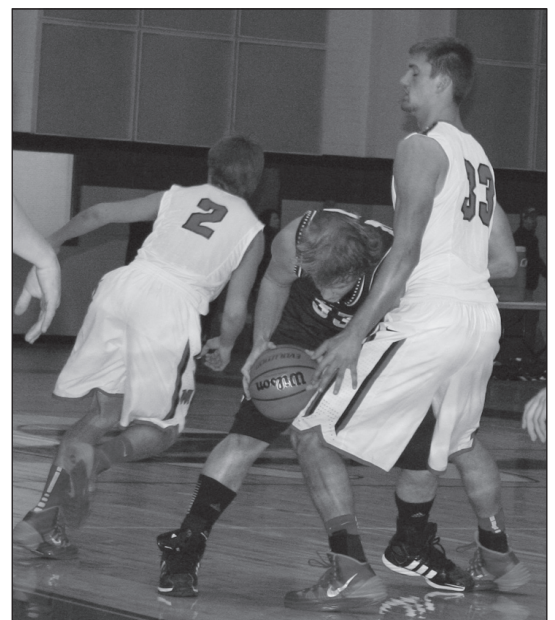
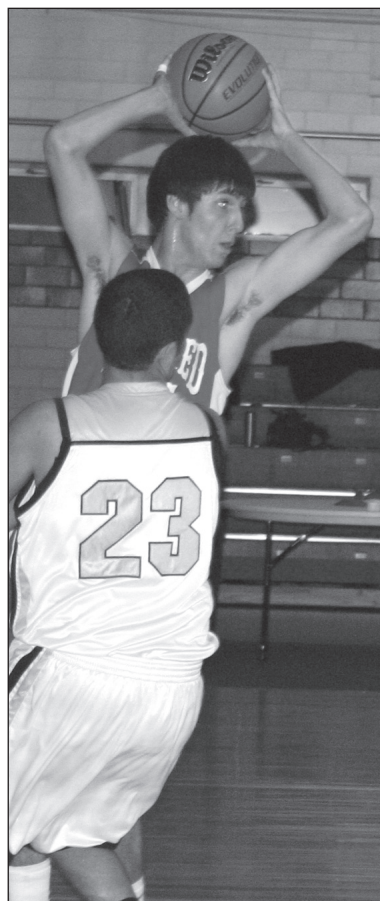
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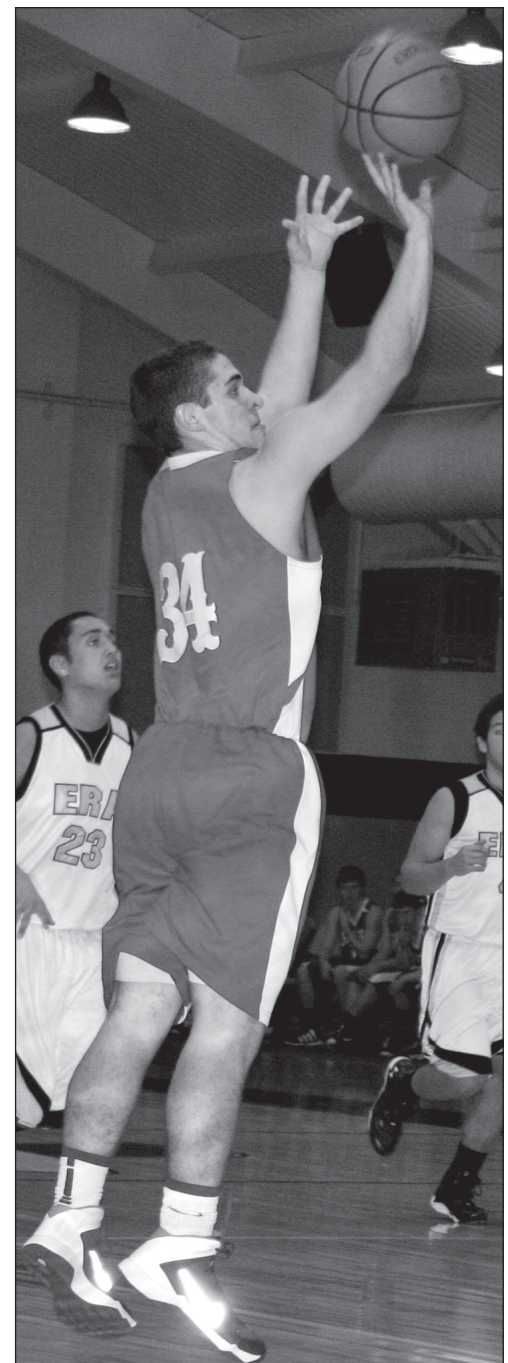
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It's Stock Show time in Fort Worth

The official opening of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Ticket Office took place Dec. 2. Many longtime Stock Show patrons showed up early at the Rodeo Ticket Office, located at 3401 West Lancaster, in order to beat the last minute rush by purchasing their rodeo tickets before the Show opens on Jan. 17.

"This annual tradition reminds us of how supportive our local community is of the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo," said Bradford S. Barnes, president and general manager. "Some of our best advocates have attended our ticket office opening for decades - it is a yearly ritual for them."

Rodeo tickets are on sale for these traditional favorites:

- Best of the West Ranch Rodeo - Jan. 17 and Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Eight prestigious ranches from the southwest compete for bragging rights in traditional working ranch events, presented by Western Horseman®. Tickets are \$25.

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With the purchase of a rodeo ticket, patrons will also have access to: Stock Show grounds, Coors Rodeo Roadhouse, all livestock and equestrian shows, National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, and Cattle Raisers Museum.

The rodeo ticket office will remain open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Fans can purchase tickets by calling 817-877-2420 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Ticketmaster convenience charges will apply. The 2014 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, Jan. 17-Feb. 8, promises Rock, Stock and Barrel - This thing is legendary®.

Court lifts hold on horse slaughter

A federal appeals court ruled that animal protection groups—including the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)—failed to meet their burden of proof and removed a temporary ban on domestic horse slaughter.

The judge of the 10th U.S. Circuit of Appeals ruled that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) followed proper procedure in issuing permits to Valley Meat Co. in New Mexico, Rains Natural Meats in Missouri, and Responsible Transportation in Iowa.

According to the *Albuquerque Journal*, the decision lifts the emergency status of the case, but it will likely be months before a final decision is issued. The plants would become the first slaughterhouses to operate in the U.S. since 2007. Congress effectively banned horse slaughter in 2006 by halting USDA plant inspections.

HSUS and other animal rights groups plan to continue to file appeals for a permanent ban.

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Vilsack says farming is under-appreciated

Americans spend as little as 6% of their annual income on food, but farming still is under-appreciated, according to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

"Farming is under-appreciated and misunderstood," Vilsack said. "It is a sophisticated business."

The average age of farmers is nearing 60 years old, but Vilsack is optimistic, listing strategies for the future of agriculture. Farmers are getting more personal with their customers, converting agricultural products like corn cobs into plastic bottles, and cooling the wastewater from electrical plants by farmers planting shade trees along streams.

Vilsack also told *Politico* that the farm bill is treated as a political football and is made controversial because it controls food stamps.

"We need to have a better appreciation of the contribution of rural America, not for well-to-do farmers but for all America," Vilsack said.

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Moderate increase forecast for food price inflation

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Economic Research Service (ERS) forecast for 2014 food price inflation will increase, returning to a "range closer to the historical norm." The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for food, food-at-home, and food-away-from-home are expected to increase 2.5 to 3.5% over 2013 levels.

Inflationary prices for 2014 will be moderate given the outlook for commodity prices, animal inventories, and ongoing export trends, according to the Food Price Outlook. But if severe drought returns to key agricultural areas, food prices could change, ERS reports.

Annual inflation for 2013 should be lower than the 20-year historical average of 2.8%, and 2013 inflation for 2013 food prices is predicted to be 1.25 to 1.75%, based on current conditions. The report states grocery store items "are on track for the fourth-lowest annual increase since at least 1980."

Decreased exports and increased imports of many U.S. agricultural products, a stronger U.S. dollar, low energy price inflation, and decreased prices for many commodities unaffected by the drought have contributed to the decreased 2013 inflation.

U.S. hog inventory down

The U.S. hog and pig inventory totaled 65.9 million as of Dec. 1, down 1% from a year ago and 2% from three months ago, according to a quarterly report released by the USDA.

The breeding inventory is at 5.76 million head, down 1% from last year and 1% from Sept. 1. At 60.2 million head, the market hog inventory also is down 1% from last year and down 2% from last quarter, the USDA said.

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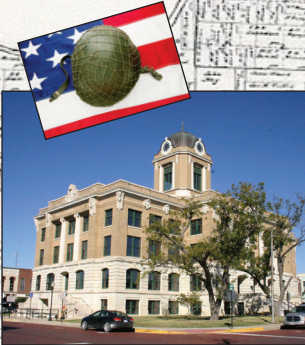


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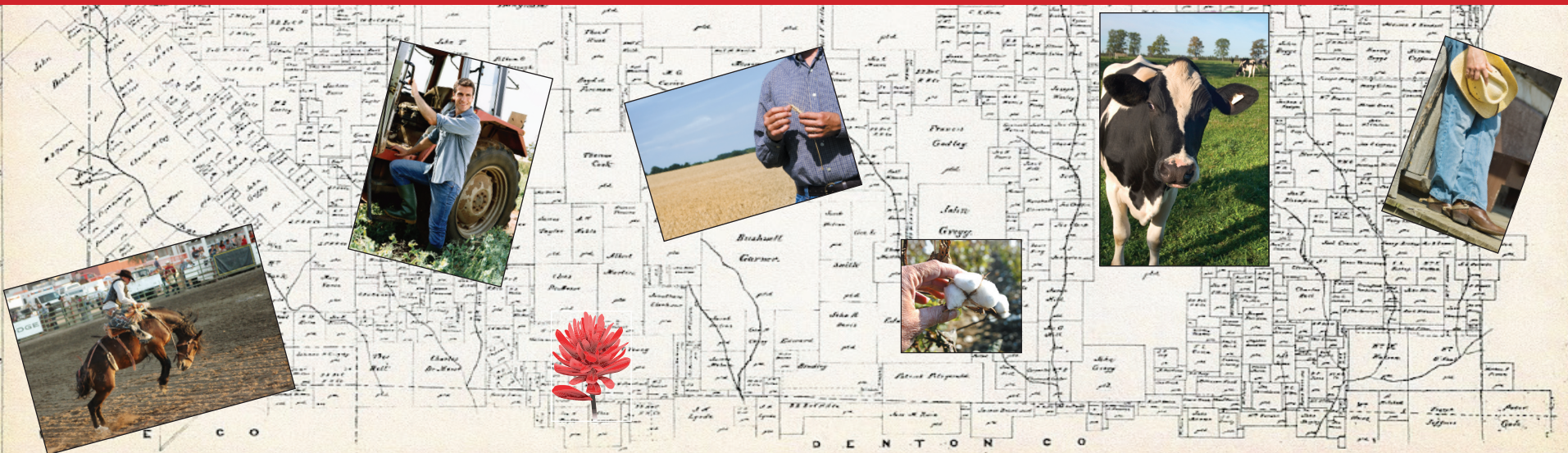
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An interactive dig pit provides Zoo visitors with an opportunity to uncover a prehistoric skeleton. Children may also climb on a baby T-Rex to have their picture taken. Admission to the Frank Buck Zoo is the only charge you will be required to pay to see these creatures from a time before man.

Even without the Dino Walk exhibit, the Frank Buck Zoo offers a memorable experience to visitors. The animal exhibits give close-up views of various creatures. An exciting and popular experience is the giraffe feeding. Every morning at 10:30 a.m., the zookeepers feed the tall, graceful giraffes that reside there. Visitors are allowed to assist with the feeding. Zoo visitors are on a walkway that brings them up to eye-level with these amazing animals.

There is also a petting zoo filled with goats, sheep, ducks, and a pot-bellied pig just waiting for children to lavish them with attention.

It is the zoo staff's goal to bring in new animal exhibits every year. An African Savannah includes an elevated walkway that takes visitors to the center of a couple of acres of grassland. Here, visitors can sit in a covered outpost watching giraffes, zebras, Ibex goats, and ostrich. A koi pond and waterfall complement the scene. Further down the walkway, an outpost with a larger platform area provides a viewing area for camels and donkeys.

Besides the African savannah, Zoo exhibits include a South American section, Hoof Stock section with animals from North and Central America, and there are plans for more.

The zoo got its name from Gainesville native Frank Buck. He was a wild animal collector, circus ring master, and a film actor, writer, and director.

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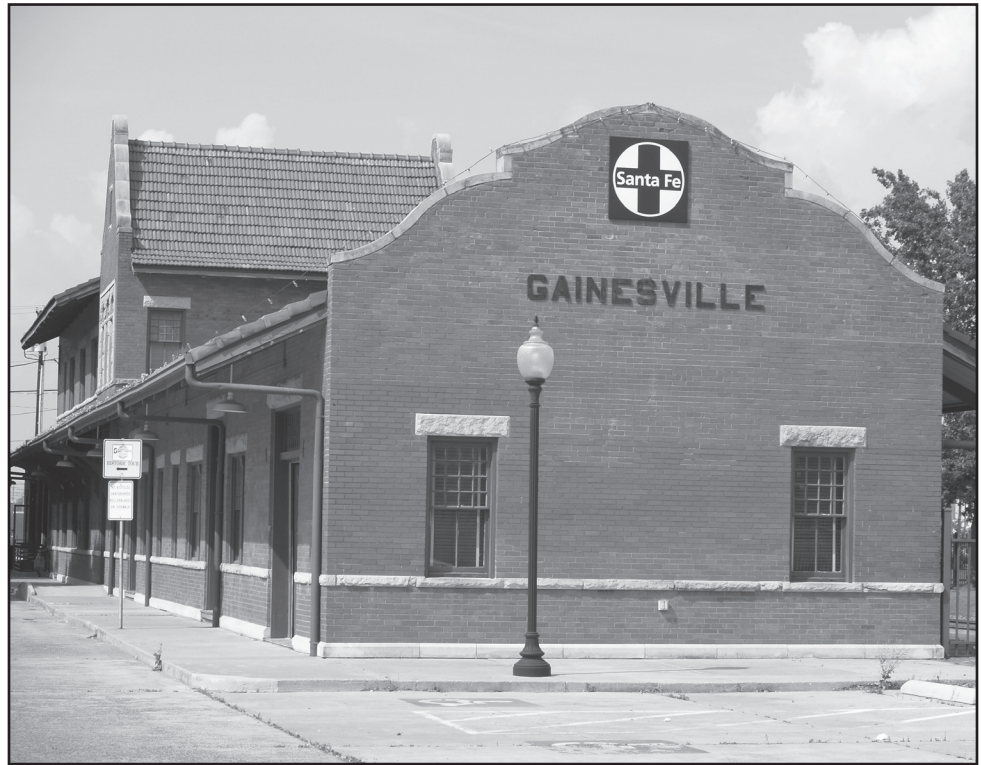


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The Santa Fe Passenger Depot in Gainesville was built in 1902 to handle the increased traffic on the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railroads. The red brick structure contained a Harvey House Restaurant until 1931, and now serves as an Amtrak Station.

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Welcome to Muenster

By Janet Felderhoff

Founded in December 1889 by German Catholic settlers, Muenster has grown into a thriving rural community. Many of its routine activities revolve around family. Residents know their neighbors and most appreciate hard work, honesty, and respect for one another.

About 1,550 people reside in Muenster, but there are many more who live in nearby subdivisions or farms and ranches that make up this community. Muenster is located along Hwy. 82 about 14 miles west of I-35.

There are two churches located in Muenster. Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 714 North Main and First Baptist Church at 121 North Pecan.

Muenster Memorial Hospital provides 24-hour emergency care. As a Critical Access Hospital,

they offer a swing bed program to help rehabilitate patients following illnesses such as strokes or surgeries. The facility has a therapy center for inpatients and outpatients. A FIT Center located in the Hospital offers memberships to the public. Many types of exercise equipment are available and a fitness program can be designed for individuals if they wish. The Hospital District also has a medical clinic and home health services. There is a privately owned health clinic in Muenster, several dentist offices, a chiropractor, a pharmacy, and a massage therapist.

Since 2000, Muenster's library has been located in a new facility filled with books, DVDs, audio books, music, and several computers for use by the public.

Visitors to the Muenster Museum on Main Street can travel through some of the area's history through displays, photos, scrapbooks, and other memorabilia housed there. It is open three afternoons a week or by appointment.

The City Park is equipped with play equipment, two lighted tennis courts, sand volleyball court, and outdoor basketball courts. In 2012, a new swimming pool opened. Slides, a water-spewing frog, and other water features add to the fun at the pool. A pergola provides shaded seating.

Mature shade trees spread their branches over picnic tables and other parts of the park. A creek meanders through it and two bridges allow easy access to both sides.

Keep Muenster Beautiful plans to use its Governor's Community Achievement Award winnings to put in a walking path on the west side of the park.

Fischer's Market features the only known glockenspiel in the state of Texas and there are only three or four known in the United States.

The dictionary defines a Glockenspiel as a percussion-type instrument played with a hammer or mallet. Often a Glockenspiel is an ethnic celebration honoring the people of the world through a presentation of music, bells, animated figures, and a clock.

Fischer's Glockenspiel consists of the playing of traditional German celebration music and the rotation of seven animated characters. The Glockenspiel is played during business operating hours, every hour on the hour.

About eight miles north of Muenster, golfers will find a USGA regulation golf course nestled in scenic hills.

Besides many private lakes, fishermen can choose between Weinzapfel's Lake behind the hospital, Lake Muenster a few miles west of town, the Red River several miles to the north, or a number of area lakes within an hour's drive.

There are two baseball complexes and a soccer field. The Muenster Jaycees have plans to add a walking path to the complexes. Walkers can also take advantage of the all-weather track at Muenster ISD or take the rugged path by walking the course set out at Muenster Lake.

Two restaurants serve homestyle cooking, German specialties, and other delicious dishes. There is also a drive-in, sub sandwich shop, and several convenience stores with selections of sandwiches, salads, and hamburgers.



Janet Felderhoff photo

Lake Muenster is now open to the public for fishing. Last year, fishermen reported catching 2-3 pound bass and 12-13 inch catfish. A fishing pier was installed on the west side of the Lake to allow ease of fishing without a boat. Boats are allowed on the Lake, but they may not have a motor any larger than 30 hp. Personal motorcraft are not allowed because it is too dangerous at this time. Picnic tables have been added. Some are under shade and others in sunny locations. There is also a bench facing the Lake to sit and observe Lake activities.

Muenster is known for its sausages and cheeses. These items can be purchased at the local grocery and convenience stores. The town also has a bakery/convenience store with sweet items that range from cookies and doughnuts to strudel, breads, and muffins.

Retailers include jewelry, clothing, household goods, floral arrangements, hardware, automobile accessories and parts, lawn and garden accessories, and much more. Antiques are sold at several locations.

Muenster's industries include meat processing plants, metal fabrication plants, metal construction companies, cabinet shops, landscape companies, oil and gas, custom tooling manufacturers, and a custom saddle and leather goods shop.

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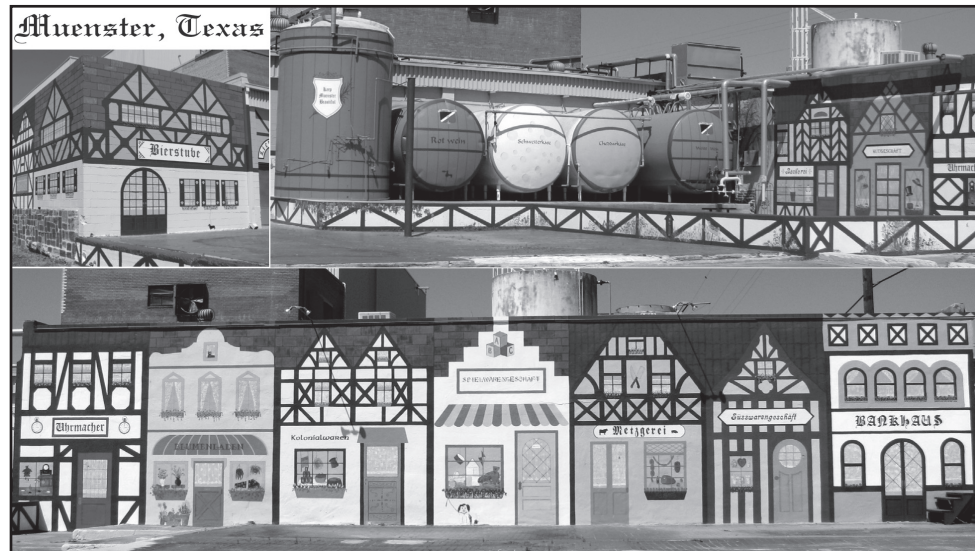
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Muenster was founded in 1889 by people of German heritage and Catholic faith. This unique German community located in North Texas, of approximately 1,500, is a close-knit family in both kinship and kindred spirit. Muenster proudly displays its heritage every April with the annual weekend-long Germanfest sponsored by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce.

POPULATION

1,544

POLICE

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LOCATION

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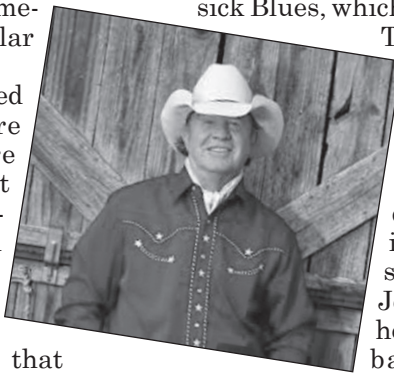
Summer Sounds is live music on three summer nights on historic brick streets of Downtown Gainesville. The Summer Sounds Concert Series is sponsored by Gainesville Chamber of Commerce and is free to the public. Each Friday night concert will take place on the west side of the courthouse square with food and drink sales starting at 5 p.m. and live music starting at 6:15 p.m.

The music artists chosen for this year's series are Gary P. Nunn on May 30 with special guests Midnight Drive and Andy Serna; Deryl Dodd on June 27 with special guests Classic Recall and The Hollar Time; and Hayes Carll on July 25 with special guests Oliver White and Bad Habit II.

Gary P. Nunn

Gary P. Nunn has been singing the praises of Texas for more than 40 years. His latest album, *Taking Texas to the Country*, paints a picture of Texas that proves this Oklahoma born musician loves his adopted state. He is also considered the father of the progressive country scene that started in Austin in the early '70s.

If he is still not familiar to country fans, one should know him for his most famous song, *London Home*—the late Rusty Weir. Nunn further in the local music scene, playing bass for Jerry Jeff Walker and he became a member of the *Lost Gonzo Band* that



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Lost Gonzo Band (including Nunn) released six albums through MCA Records over the course of four years. The *Lost Gonzo Band* parted ways with Walker in 1977, after which they produced three albums for MCA and Capitol Records, finally disbanding in 1980. Nunn then moved on to pursue a solo career.

And within today's thriving Texas and Red Dirt (Music) scene, he's a revered elder statesman to countless performers and songwriters who teathed and grew up on his music. "They've let me know I inspired them and showed them how it could be done," Nunn said on his website.

His concert date in Gainesville is May 30.

Deryl Dodd

Deryl Dodd is an American Texas country music artist. Originally a regular on the Texas club circuit, he moved to Nashville, Tenn., soon finding work as a background vocalist and songwriter. By 1996, he was signed to a recording contract, releasing two albums for Columbia Records Nashville before a debilitating bout of viral encephalitis put his career on hiatus.

With the disease, he remained bedridden through 18 months of rehabilitation, how to play the guitar. Once attended several and was later signed McGraw and Faith He released a third 2002, followed by two tone Records. Overall, studio albums and a live nine singles on the Bill-Songs charts. His high-Bitter End", peaked at No. No. 88 on the Billboard Hot Academy of Country Music Vocalist of the Year.



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Awards also nominated Dodd for New Male

His concert date in Gainesville is June 27.

Hayes Carll

Fiercely individual, Carll's banged-up take on classic country is honed by the road – sometimes as a man and guitar, sometimes with his scrappy band, but always taking in the vistas and humanity before him.

"It comes down to the songs and the people," he wrote on his website. "You

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write about what you see, the things that cross your mind... and then you wanna get out there and play it back to 'em. You kinda know how you're doing when you see how the people respond."

But for whatever reason, ten years into a recording career, Hayes Carll shows no signs of having arrived at his creative apex. Each album expands on his country, extreme thump-extreme heartbroken ways to take on the fate

"Like so many Texans agony in the ecstasy—just the perfect character in beers down on a 12-pack Carll understands. At a in your own backyard or some jam-packed bar – that's the best kind of friend to have," wrote a music critic on his website.

One of his most famous songs, *She Let Me for Jesus*, won Song of the Year in 2008 at the Americana Music Association Awards. Carll was also nominated for Artist of the Year at Americana Music Association awards in 2011. The Houston Post also voted him Best New Artist in 2002.

His concert in Gainesville is July 25.



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Lindsay Park was established in 1905 when Judge J.M. Lindsay deeded just over nine acres of land to the City of Lindsay to be used as a community park. It was originally decided to hold a Fourth of July picnic at the park each year, but over time the use of the park has grown.

The Jaycees, the City, and numerous volunteer organizations have made a number of improvements to the park since its inception. A large pavilion was erected with a closed-in kitchen attached, restrooms, tennis courts, a baseball field, water fountains, and bridges spanning the creek that flows through the park have been added.

Keep Lindsay Beautiful, a non-profit civic organization, holds an annual "clean-up" day at the park to clear away weeds and debris, as well as plants new shrubs and flowers before the spring season. Their efforts help make Lindsay Park one of the finest in the area.

Lindsay Park has become one of the busiest sites in the city. Numerous church picnics, band concerts, family gatherings, and community events are held at the park each year. Hardly a day goes by that you don't see children playing on the teeter-totters, swinging high on the swings, or sliding down the winding slide. You might find adults pitching horseshoes or teens playing sand volleyball.

In 1980, the Jaycees and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department co-sponsored the construction of two tennis courts at Lindsay Park. The high school tennis team practices on the courts weekdays, but on weekends and during summer months, players of all ages can be found on the courts.

A number of organizations utilize the park for events, including the Boy Scouts Day Camp, the Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs, and school classes. The largest annual event to be held at Lindsay Park is Oktoberfest, held the first Sunday in October. Oktoberfest brings visitors from all over the country to sample Lindsay's German heritage.

The Knights of Columbus took over Oktoberfest in 1972 when it was billed as a "family, food, and fellowship" event. The Knights turned it into an all-day, citywide celebration that includes a 5-K run, game booths, horseshoe pitching contests, volleyball games, a barrel train ride for the kids, face painting, bounce houses, bingo, and a live auction.

The Knights serve sausage, German potato salad, beans, and all the trimmings. There is music, a little dancing, and lots of fun. The event benefits the

Lindsay Knights of Columbus and the Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department and showcases Lindsay Park.

If you want to take the kids to enjoy time on the playground equipment, sit quietly under the canopy of a spreading oak tree and read a book, have a picnic, play some tennis, take in a festival, or just take a serene stroll on the walking path, Lindsay Park is the place to be.

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Lindsay



Photo by Austin Lewter

J.M. Lindsay Park plays host to the annual Oktoberfest celebration in Lindsay, Texas.

POPULATION

1,007

POLICE

608 N Ash S
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LOCATION

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- 9 miles east of Muenster

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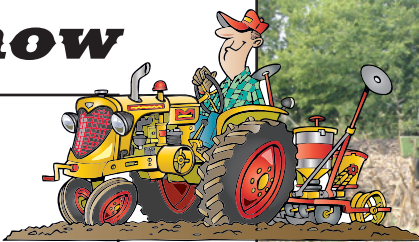
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Muenster Museum safeguards community's history

Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Enterprise

Born of a community's desire to celebrate its 100 years of history, the Muenster Museum was established in 1988, the year before the town would reach the century mark. Interest in the Museum waned after the celebration year passed, but some residents wanted to keep a place to preserve history. This is when the Muenster Historical Commission formed with this as its purpose.

The Historical Commission kept the Muenster Museum going in a home that once belonged to Muenster's first mayor. Efforts were put into educating school children on the community's history and preserving as many objects of historical value as possible. The number of items for display slowly grew.

Then a wonderful thing happened. The children of Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler donated their family home on Main Street to the Historical Commission to use as the location of the Museum. Work began on fixing the home up and getting it ready for its new purpose. On Dec. 8, 1999, a grand opening was held for the Ben and Aggie Seyler Muenster Museum located at 420 N. Main Street. This new home allowed space for more displays of a large variety of items.

In the kitchen, one can imagine what it once took to get a meal on the table. Items on display include a wood burning kitchen stove from the Fette family, butter churns, and various other utensils. And if you are still wondering what women did with their time back then, there is a wash board for cleaning clothes, various irons for getting out the wrinkles, a sewing machine for making and repairing clothing, etc.

Men may find many things that appeal to them in the attached shop area. There are farm-related items, tools, a printing press, Camp Howze cook stove, an old stop light, and much more.

There is a collection of military memorabilia that ranges from World War I to present. Old uniforms on display come from various branches of the military.

An area is designated to medical-related items. Many items displayed there came from the old Myrick Clinic, which is now Doc's Bar & Grill. Many locals were born in the Myrick Clinic.

Celine Dittfurth, long-time president of the Muenster Historical Commission and volunteer at the Museum, said that often people who are traveling through Muenster stop to spend the night or they stop for lunch and hear about the Museum. They often come and spend a couple of hours going through the Museum. She added, "We have a lot of people call from the Metroplex, different clubs that want to come up and go through the Museum." She added that they get a lot of "snow birds" from up north who are on their way to or from south Texas. "They will spend time in the Museum, just relaxing," she said.

Visitors to the Muenster Museum often express delight in the displays. "Everybody is impressed with our Museum," noted Dittfurth. "They say we really have a good museum for such a small town. They are impressed with our displays and our pictures. They always stop and look at the pictures. They always ask a lot of questions. You really have to be up on our history! I tell you one thing about working here, you learn a lot about Muenster." She reads the town's *Centennial History* book and anything else Muenster-related that she finds.

Asked what her favorite displays are, Dittfurth exclaimed, "Oh, I like everything! I'm really partial to the military displays and the School Room. We have uniforms from World War I to the present. We see how the uniforms changed and advanced. Since I like to see everything about kids, that's what I like about the School Room." She is partial to an accordion on display there. It reminds her of a music teacher that she had as a child and all the memories of those times.

Dittfurth stated "I think that anyone who would come in would find interesting things in the Museum and we are always here to explain different displays and answer any questions they might have. They would be surprised how interesting they would find it. Everyone who sees it always says they will come back."

Children especially enjoy the shop area. A favorite of theirs is the corn shucker. They enjoy seeing a corn cob being run through the shucker. Another attraction is old lawn mowers that were once made in Muenster.

Last Summer, two school teachers, Kay Hickey and Nicholas Taylor, dedi-

cated a portion of their summer vacation to redoing displays in the Muenster Museum. They began their quest by first visiting area museums to get ideas. Then the work began.

Taylor said that he is especially proud of the Research Room. He noted, "The Museum has a number of scrapbooks, school yearbooks, church directories, and other items that relate to the history of Muenster. We also have nearly 40 years worth of *Muenster Enterprises*. Formerly, all of the items were dispersed between three different rooms. They are now centrally located in one room. We have a large oak table in the room where researchers or curious individuals can look at the items. Hanging on the walls of the room are numerous pictures of Muenster from the past."

Kay shares, "The Museum is a passion of mine because of the family ties. I remember when the Seyler daughters donated the building to the city for the Museum's use. It was my first year of teaching and I had 12 kindergarten students. I wanted to take them down to see the dedication. I did a quick family tree on the board to show them how I was kin to Aggie Fette Seyler, starting with her Grandfather Edward. It just so happened that out of my 12 students, five were descendants of Edward. They were so excited. Since then, it has been my privilege to show many other children and adults alike the connections we have because we all belong to this community. Most people who come through are so very surprised that our museum has so many articles on display. It is a



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Historical Commission President Celine Dittfurth arranges items in the kitchen area of the Muenster Museum.

work in progress because we are always open to hearing the stories that connect with our artifacts.

"Nicholas is very interested in our history and he is going to use some of the things from his hospital presentation to show off in our Hospital Room. The Muenster Hospital just marked its 50th year with a big celebration and walk through its past years.

"That is just one of the new exhibits this year," continued Kay. "The Catholic Daughters are planning on doing a little history exhibit of their organization in celebration of their anniversary. I guess the best part is that Johann Bezner (one of the Seyler sisters) is continually sharing our family history and the community history with us. We are always glad to have a copy of any family history from our community to keep in our reading room. Please, come see us and if you see something that you know the history or additional facts about please write

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them down for us and put your name on them. I now have a scanner at the Museum and will scan any old family pictures for free if you allow us to keep a copy and the documentation with it.”

There is even a small selection of souvenir items available to purchase at the Museum. Each year, on the last full weekend in April, the Muenster Historical Commission mans a booth at the annual three-day Germanfest celebration. The items offered at Germanfest are also offered all year round at the Museum. These include a selection of collectible cloisonné bells, tee-shirts, shot glasses, and coffee mugs.

The Museum is open from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. Tours can also be made by appointment.



Janie Hartman photo

This room of the Museum has many religious items and school treasures from years ago.

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Valley View



Photo by Austin Lewter

Settled in 1870, the cotton patch town of Valley View saw great expansion with the arrival of the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railways in 1886. It was incorporated in 1979.

POPULATION

788

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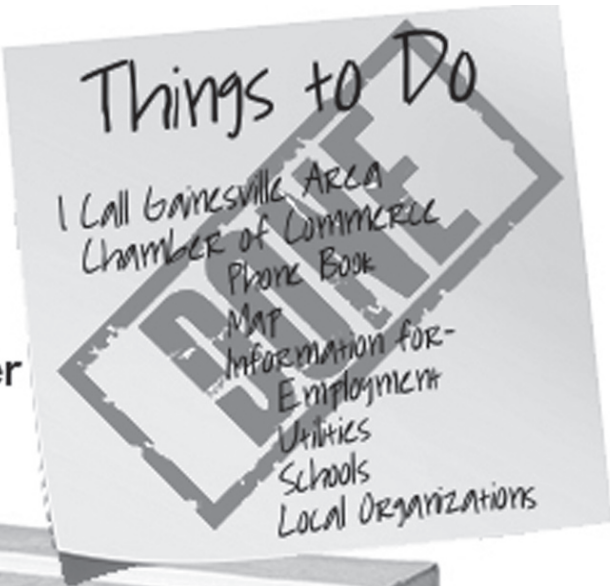
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And it's haunted

Shady Lady, Sarah's have friendly, but playful spirits

Cathy Krahl
Lindsay Letter

There seems little doubt that the building on the northeast corner of California and Commerce Streets in Gainesville is haunted.

According to owner, Donna Haverkamp Hertel, too many people have told the same stories about their experiences that are related to the paranormal. "People are intrigued by it," Hertel said. Most of the tales come from guests in the Shady Lady Bed and Breakfast. The upstairs rooms will have lights turn on at odd times. Some guests have related how they wake up in the middle of the night to find lights on in their rooms. And it is not

the same light that is turned on but various lights in different locations.

Guests have also reported hearing footsteps walking down the hall, even though they are the only ones in residence.

And in Madam's Room, the themed upstairs suite decorated in luxurious satins and tapestries fit for the owner of the establishment, the temperature has been known to drop considerably.

"It has happened three times," Hertel recalled. Each time the temperature has dropped to 56 degrees.

And then there is the lock on the door to the back stairs.

Hertel believes the back stairs was a second egress in case of fire, but it was also an exit for the soiled

doves to go down and take care of their laundry. Today, the employees use those same stairs to take down the dirty linens and towels for cleaning. There have been a few times that when they walked back up the stairs, they have found the door had been locked from the inside.

In Sarah's on the Square, the downstairs restaurant, there have been at least two occasions that someone, or something, showed their displeasure, or maybe, just wanted to be noticed.

One day when the restaurant was full of guests, a large dish on display on top of the hutch fell off and landed perfectly on a pile of napkins below. "There is a plate rail on top, so that bowl couldn't just fall off like it did," Hertel related.

Also in the restaurant, the staff uses brass bus tubs. When not in use, they are stacked in such a way that they are connected. One day, one of the tubs came undone and dropped to the floor.

Hertel said the staff are used to the shenanigans of the friendly spirits, but sometimes guests are startled by the events.

"Some people are very sensitive to that," Hertel said. "They come in and tell me immediately, 'It is haunted.'"

And finally there is a photo taken during the Grand Opening celebration of Sarah's on the Square that shows orbs floating in the air.

"That is one I've kept for my collection," Hertel stated.



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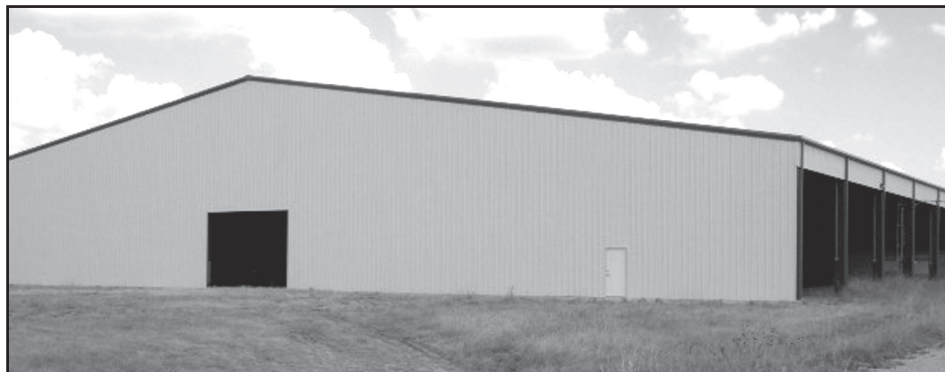


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The Sandy Creek Bridge, originally constructed in 1892, was removed in 2004 and incorporated into the walking trail at Parkhill Park in Callisburg.

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Muenster honors German heritage with three-day festival

By Janet Felderhoff

Muenster, a small German community, welcomes visitors to its annual Germanfest on the last full weekend of each April. The three-day event is sponsored by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce and has been held since 1976.

"It's hard to believe that this is the 39th annual Germanfest in Muenster," remarked Muenster Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Broyles. "The Muenster Chamber of Commerce and the various service organizations in Muenster have done such a great job of maintaining and growing this festival each year."

According to Broyles, "One change this year is that we are using tickets for all food, beverage, and activities inside the park. There will be three ticket booths inside the park for convenience." The ticket sales will be handled by the Muenster Jaycees who normally sell the beer tickets. The three ticket sales locations are the ticket windows at the swimming pool, the south side of the stage, and inside the food tent.

He added, "We also made a change in our Saturday music on the Muenster State Bank Stage to the very popular "Red Dirt" country artists such as Jacob Powell, Mike Ryan, and Wade Bowen. Sunday our headliner is Dave Alexander & His Big Texas Swing band.

Three areas, MSB Stage, Tanze Halle, and Children's Stage, provide a variety of entertainment during the Fest. Bands perform country, polka, and pop music. Performing are well known singers and groups and area celebrity bands. On the Children's Stage, clowns, mimes, magicians, story tellers, and balloon artists capture the attention of the young and young-at-heart.

Flashback Friday music returns again this year with a flashback to the 80s with the band "LIVE 80s" performing a decade-long list of hits from the 1980s. Flashback Friday on the Muenster State Bank Stage also features the '60s with tribute band Tommy & The Dee Wops starting at 6 p.m. "It's all about crowd fun," said Broyles. "On that Friday, we're really trying to build that up into a fun, get out party atmosphere for that evening," stated Broyles.

Two of the usual German bands were unable to make this year's event, but Germanfest was able to book some popular replacements. "We are excited about booking our new German music bands for the polka tent this year. Alpine Ex-

press, 3rd Generation, Das Is Lustig, Valina Polka, and Alpine Village will be our polka entertainers this year," said Broyles.

For the athletic and competitive, there are several events and activities. One of these is the Nägelschlagen, a German competition where a nail spike is hammered into a tree stump by the contestants. Each contestant takes a turn to see who can hammer the spike into the stump with the least amount of hits. Winners go on to compete against one another until a grand champion is named. Prizes and a trophy are awarded.

On Saturday, there is the annual Metric Century Bicycle Rally. Participants choose between three courses - 100 kilometer (63 miles), 65 kilometer (40 miles), and 35 kilometer (22 miles). The scenic courses follow paved roads that wind through hills and prairies dotted with trees and painted with colorful patches

of wildflowers. Sponsor of the event is Sacred Heart School Alumni & Supporters.

Runners fill Muenster streets on Sunday to participate in the Fun Run. The Run began with the first Germanfest and only a few hundred runners. It has grown in size until the number of runners is at times in the thousands. Runners either select the 5K or 15K. The courses begin on Main Street and follow paved roads to the north of town that turn back and end in town.

Carnival rides are for the little ones as well as older children, teens, and adults. This event is sponsored by the Muenster Kiwanis Club.

Instead of the children riding a barrel train, children and their parents can experience a ride on a bigger train. Other children's activities include sand art, paint ball, a duck pool where everybody wins something, bubble runners (hamster balls), bumper boats, and face painting.

A variety of food aromas fill the air, tempting festival attendees to taste and enjoy. German foods offered include schnitzel, German sausages and potato salad, strudels, and even German pizza. Other food choices include hamburgers, kettlekorn, funnel cakes, and tater twisters.

On Friday and Saturday, the 8th Annual BBQ Cook Off takes place on the

west side of the Muenster Park. It is a Lone Star Barbecue Society sanctioned event. This is the second largest sanctioned BBQ cook off in Texas. Many of the cookers are unique, drawing people just to check them out. According to Broyles, this year, the BBQ Cook Off winner will be qualified to participate in the World Food Competitions in Las Vegas.

Although there is parking in areas near Germanfest, most of these are at a charge. For those who wish to park at no charge, a TAPS shuttle service operates on Saturday and Sunday, picking up passengers from various places around town and dropping them off at the Germanfest entry gates. Signs indicate pick up places. This year, parking will be allowed in the Heritage Park parking lot at no charge. It is located north of the City Park on Ash Street. Those who park there can catch a ride to the festival with the TAPS shuttle service since they have agreed to make that part of their route.

Germanfest is April 25, 26, and 27 this year. Come see what it's all about!



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Janie Hartman photos

German music and dancing in the Tanze Halle



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Above - the Germanfest Cook-off. Below - the Bike Rally.



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