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MISD Board orders Chapter 41 Election in November

year, Muenster ISD was notified by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) that the District had been named as a Chapter 41 district. Chapter 41 school districts are districts that exceed the amount the State allows for wealth per pupil, and must

To determine if a school district is Chapter 41, divide the District's Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA) into the District's taxable value which will equal wealth per pupil.
There are two levels the
state looks at; first level is \$319,500 per pupil, second level is \$476,500. In 2010, Muenster ISD's value was \$633,333 per pupil.

During the 2009-10 school first level, a formula contain- Consolidate tax bases with ing estimated Chapter 42 another district. WADA, which is 582.285, divided into 2012 certified property value of \$367,023,435. This calculation equals district to have an election \$630,316 per WADA at the first level of Chapter 41. pay recapture. The District Muenster ISD's Chapter 41 WADA is 663.595. To figure estimated Chapter 41 wealth per WADA you divide \$367,023,435 by 663.595, which equal \$553,083 at the

> There are five ways TEA will allow school districts to pay recapture.

second level.

Option 1: Consolidate with another district; Option 2: Detach property; Option 3: Purchase attendance credits from the state; Op-To figure 2013-14 wealth nonresident students from per pupil for Muenster ISD's a partner district; Option 5:

In order for the state to not have an ad valorum tax, the state requires the pay recapture. The District should have had an election when first notified of becoming Chapter 41 in 2010. For three years, Muenster ISD has been using Option 3 to pay recapture, and has been approved by TEA to pay recapture through Option 3. In a letter from TEA this summer, TEA will not accept any option until the District has an election. Also, the letter stated that MISD can only choose Option 3 or Option 4.

On Aug. 26, the MISD tion 4: Contract to educate Board chose to have a Chapter 41 election with voters to

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Janet Felderhoff photo

Voters must now produce photo IDs at Texas polls

 $\frac{\textbf{Janet Felderhoff}}{News\ Editor}$

In future elections, voters in Texas must produce an accepted form of photo identification (ID) before being allowed to cast their ballots. Voter registration cards are not enough. The accepted forms of photo IDs are: • Texas driver license is-

sued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by

• Texas personal identification card issued by DPS; • Texas concealed hand-

gun license issued by DPS; • United States military identification card containing the person's photograph; • United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph;

• United States passport.

the identification must be current or have expired no ing presented at the polling

Since June 26, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) began issuing Election Identification Certificates (EIC) to individuals who do not have an acceptable form of photo ID to completing an EIC applica-tion and showing documentation to the office verifying good for six years. EICs for tor" appears on the face of citizens over age 70 have no the card. expiration date.

Cooke County elected offi-With the exception of the cials Billie Jean Knight, tax U.S. citizenship certificate, assessor/collector in charge of voter registration, and Rebecca Lawson, County clerk more than 60 days before be- in charge of elections, attended a seminar on July 20 for county election officials. It was sponsored by Texas Secretary of State John

The law requiring an ID card became effective as of June 26 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Secpresent when voting. An EIC tion 4 of the Voting Rights may be obtained at a Texas Act of 1965 is unconstitudriver license office upon tional. That decision ended pending litigation regarding the Voter ID Law passed in 2011 by the Texas Legisla-U.S. citizenship and identity. ture. These forms of ID will The EIC is free of charge to not be accepted if "limited qualifying applicants and is Term" or "Temporary Visi-

Muenster Memorial Hospital's first day to go live with its Meditech Electronic Health Records (EHR) system was Monday, Sept. 9. Meditech sent many specialists to assist with the set up and training. Pictured using the EHR computers at the nursing station are, counterclockwise from front, CNO Diane Neu, Tiffany Lutkenhaus, RN, Meditech personnel, Katy Pike, CNA, Meditech personnel, Meditech Coordinator Debbie Neu, and two more people from Meditech.

ERH now up and running at Muenster Hospital

Janet Felderhoff

Months of research, meetings, training, and much more culminated in a day of celebration on Monday, Sept. 9 as Muenster Memorial Hospital brought its Meditech Electronic Health Records (EHR) system on-line. To mark the momentous occasion, the entire staff wore Go Live T-shirts. And the entire staff is im-

d.
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That the chart stall is in pacted by the new system from ancillary services such as housekeeping and dietary

to ER and admissions all the other desired goal for EHRs. way to administration.

Šimply put, MMH Administrator Michael Kent explained, "Electronic Health Records is your medical records now on computer which will allow anybody who needs access in the Hospital to be able to access the medical records from nurses to physicians to radiology to lab." Eventually, Health Information Exchanges (HIE) will enable MMH to pull up a patient's records from another location, or a doctor or that is with natient consent.

EHRs are now required Achieving the first stage of by law. Hospitals who are Meaningful Use is the next non compliant by the government's deadline will face a reduction in reimbursements from Medicare and

Medicaid.

(CNO) Diane Neu remarked, "If you put the government issues aside, patient safety is first and foremost with this. The use of bedside medication verification modules, being able to scan the patient's wristband, to be able to scan the patient's meds in front of the patient and make sure the dose is correct, from the physician entering orders, the whole thing is geared toward patient safety.'

Kent added, "Not only the drug verification. There's plenty of background checks that happen as far as drug to drug interactions, allergies, side affects, everything else that will send up warnings."

Ease of access for patients to their medical records is an-

Kent added that sometime next year, there will be a patient portal that will allow patients to log in and be able to access portions of their medical records. "Which is Stage 2 of Meaningful Use, so every facility will have to offer those services. We won't have that up and going until sometime in 2014," Kent said.

IT Director Steve Fowler commented, "I think the patient portal is a big advantage for the community once other health care facility to we have that in place. I'm pull up a patient's records sure that once we have that from MMH. Kent stressed in place, we will be putting on training seminars for the community.'

> big step in the EHR goal. The government has set out several goals that must be

edicaid. Fowler stated, "It means Chief Nursing Officer we have to prove that we can do so many things that they are requiring of us." "Such as computer physician order entries (CPOE)," added Neu. "Our physicians must enter 80% of their orders in the computer themselves. We have to show that we can meet that 80%. That goes back to patient safety again because before, the doctors wrote the orders, the nurses took them off and gave them to the pharmacy. Sometimes, the nurses could write the orders with a verbal order, but with each hand that touches that can make a mistake." She added that the allergies are listed and if a physician orders a medication that the patient is allergic to, the See RECORDS, pg. 2

Lunch served with a touch of Muenster's history



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Historical Commission served free hot dogs and drinks and opened the Muenster Museum to visitors on Saturday. Pictured, from left, are Fay Hamric with her granddaughter Halle Hess and daugh-

NCTC Regents vote to renovate

North Central Texas College Regents voted Monday night to approve contractors for two projects on the Gainesville campus.

Mart, Inc., was unanimously chosen as the contractor to perform repairs to the First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts. The contract is for \$988,400 and will be paid from funds received from a mediation settlement with the original building contractor.

The Board also voted 6-1

to approve Links, Inc., as the contractor to perform the demolition of the 300 building. That contract is for \$172,000. Demolition should begin later this month with an anticipated completion date of mid November. Regent David Flusche was the lone dissenting vote.

from discretionary board reserve funds. The \$1,038,400 amount for the CPA includes

a contingency of \$50,000. In other action items, Regents approved an Associate of Applied Science degree in Surgical Technology effective January 2014. NCTC currently has a Level 1 Certificate technical program fall. A breakdown was given in Surgical Technology. The new 60-hour degree program will give students the option and also online courses and of choosing the existing certificate program or taking additional academic courses

to complete an Associate's The Board also voted 7-0 to

Regents then voted 7-0 to approve new fees for the Textransfer up to \$1,038,400 as Success Initiative (TSI) as Success Initiative (TSI) for the Center for the rel-forming Arts project and up to \$172,000 for the de-ing, writing, mathematics) or \$25 for all three sections. Beginning this fall, the new statewide TSI assessment is the only approved test and replaces the COMPASS and the THEA tests used in the past by the College.

Regents also heard a report on enrollment, which reached a record 10,320 students system-wide this showing enrollment and contact hours at each campus dual-credit courses. It was also announced that the residence halls on the Gainesville campus were at 100% capacity.

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Janie Hartman photo

Many people participated in Muenster's Community-Wide Garage Sales on Saturday. What some no longer wanted found a home with others.

approve or disapprove Option 3. The election will be Nov. 2. In researching Option 4, there are no districts available to purchase WADA to educate students in another district. All schools that are eligible to partner with Chapter 41 districts are already partnering with Chapter 41 districts. Another part of Option 4 is to partner with neighboring districts and form a Technology Consor-tium. Muenster ISD would benefit minimally from such a partnership compared to what it would take to set up a consortium. This is a basic explanation

on recapture and Chapter 41. If you have questions concerning this issue, then please call Clay Richerson, superintendent, Muenster ISD at 759-2281.



MMH photo

To show their excitement at finally getting the Electronic Health Records system up and running, staff at Muenster Memorial Hospital all wore Go Live T-shirts. The new system impacts every facet of the Hospital from housekeeping to administration and everyone in between. Its main purpose is patient safety.

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In personnel items, Natalie Rose was hired for the position of coordinator of Foundation/Alumni Relations, and Rose Smith was hired as the Skills Development grant coordinator for Zodiac Aerospace. Regents also approved the resignation of Maria Cecilia Salisbury as a Spanish instructor effective All Regents were present

for Monday's meeting.

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computer software blocks that doesn't help out."

It has been about a year since MMH contracted with Meditech to purchase its EHR system. Several MMH staff traveled to Boston for training. Besides the EHR ter seeing them, saving some system, Meditech does the time. There are triple checks financial reports. Home in place for medications. Health went live with electronic record even before the Hospital. Next to go live will be the Family Health Clinic.

"It really has become a colossal group effort. We couldn't have implemented it if everyone didn't help out," said Fowler of the new system. Neu confirmed, "It really has. There's not any - Richard Braunstein one department manager

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Benefits of the new system should be a dramatic increase in efficiency, said Fowler. The physicians can admit

patients from the Clinic af-Alerts pop up to let the physician know that a patient has an abnormal lab even before the lab paperwork results delivered. The physician can check on patients' labs from any computer that he or she logs on to.

Fowler noted, "Meditech is an infinitely intricate system and as big of a system as it is, we don't have the facilities to house all of that IT equipment so, we are running from a cloud base. Meaning that all of our servers are in Ohio. It is very safe, very secure with built in off-site back ups. Disaster recovery is built into that all."

Kent said that if something happened to the system in Muenster, all of the data would be safe and backed up at the off-site location half a country away.

CNO Neu reported that if someone were to steal a laptop or computer from the Hospital, there would be no information on it. All information is immediately stored with the cloud. Kent said, "With the thefts of the VA computers that had all

the patient data, we don't go-live has gone much bet- many 1,000 plus bed hospihave that.

tor Kent, the Hospital's version of Meditech is the newest that they have out and is a very advanced system. "It will put us ahead of other hospitals in the North Texas area that currently have Meditech," he said.

Patients who need copies of their medical records still need to come to the Hospital and request them, said CNO Neu. You can get paper copies or get them on a flash drive if you prefer. Asked how the system is

working so far, Fowler said, "Relatively speaking, the

ter than what it could have.' According to Administra- Neu added, "Of course, it's always a learning curve and that first week was awful." Fowler noted, "Considering we have folks here who have done paper their whole lives and are essentially having to relearn everything they do, I think we are doing great. No change is without some growing pains."

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Neu said that they are still in training and the ER department is not yet up and running, but should be soon. Muenster is one of the first small hospitals that Meditech has equipped with an EHR system. They have

The system cost the Hospital District \$1.5 million with expenses still coming. The government will reimburse the Hospital about 80% of the cost. This does not happen until Meaningful Use has been met.

Kent expressed appreciation for all the hard work and support put forth by the staff to make the new era in health care a possibility. Neu added that the patients during the first week are to be commended for their patience since it may have taken longer to be seen as an outpatient.

The new requirements will be in effect for all future elections, including the Nov. 5 amendments election. Texas election officials for counties, cities, schools, and other political subdivisions are being urged to enforce these new provisions in future elections.

Persons with at least a 50% disability rating who do not have any of the required forms of photo identification may request a permanent exemption from the requirement to present identification other than the voter registration certificate at the time of voting. "This can pertain to elderly people if they don't have an ID. They'll attach documentation to

it," noted Voter Registrar within Cooke County will Knight. This application request should be made to the County Voter Registrar.

County Clerk Lawson reminds those who are not registered to vote that the deadline to do so is Monday, Oct. 7. Early voting for the November election begins on Oct. 21 and runs for two weeks. It takes place in the Courthouse Annex from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during that

Knight reminds voters that if they are currently registered, they do not have to register again. Their voter certificates will be mailed automatically.

Voters who have moved mailed soon.

need to provide the Tax Assessor Collector's office their new address. The voter will not receive their new card if they do not provide the new address information to the Tax Assessor Collector's office. Voter cards are not forwarded, they are returned to the voter registrar office.

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A change of name also requires that the individual fill out a new application. If you have recently moved

to Cooke County, you need to register to vote in this county. A voter MUST be registered 30 days prior to ANY

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NCTC sets another enrollment record

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other enrollment record. One year after system-

wide enrollment reached 10,000 students for the first time, NCTC surpassed that mark. School officials announced

that enrollment on the College's five campuses has hit an all-time high with 10,320 students enrolled in credit courses. Enrollment at NCTC was

at 10,175 on the official cen-sus date last year, so this have surpassed the 10,000 Fall's enrollment marks a 1.4% increase. In Fall 2011, NCTC had 9,919 students system-wide.

NCTC has campuses in Gainesville, Corinth, Flower Mound, Bowie, and Graham. Four of the five campuses either had an increase in enrollment or had the same number of students as last

swell to 6,045 students, a high mark for the Den- Fall 2012. ton County campus. At the

North Central Texas Col- rollment go up to 597 stu- waivers for students with Inrollment stayed even at the Gainesville cam- high schools," Dr. Roessler pus where 2,343 students said. enrolled. That is the exact same number as last Fall. The Graham campus saw a decrease to 262 students, mainly due to a decrease in dual-credit students.

NCTC Vice-President of Student Services Dr. Billy Roessler said the College is happy to set yet another enrollment milestone.

we look forward to having 10,320 successful students this semester," he said.

continues to see growth is NCTC's dual-credit program, where high school students can take classes that give them both high school and college credit. This fall, 1,767 students are taking Corinth saw enrollment advantage of dual-credit. well to 6,045 students, That is a 5.9% increase from

We continue to have en-Flower Mound campus, en- rollment growth of dual-credrollment rose 11% to 1,802. it students where we have The Bowie campus saw en- the reduced tuition rates and

free/reduced lunches in

Another area of growth is online classes, where enrollment grew 2.3% to 3,121 students this Fall.

"Our online course offerings are popular and growth continued in both the number of sections offered and enrollment," Dr. Roessler said.

Head counts for NCTC's Lifelong Learning program were not included in the mark for a second year and 10,320 tally since those are non-credit courses.

One of the areas that I, with a deeper instinct, choose a man who compels my strength, who makes enormous demands on me, who does not doubt my courage or my toughness, who does not believe me naive or innocent, who has the courage to treat me like a woman.

Anais Nin

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

Sunday, September 22, 2013	Monday, September 23, 2013	Tuesday, September 24, 2013	Wednesday, September 25, 2013	Thursday, September 26, 2013	Friday, September 27, 2013	Saturday, September 28, 2013
Muenster Museum Open 1-4		Library open 10 am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 10 am-5:30 Kiwanis mtg, noon Religious Ed 6:45 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10 am-6:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 pm SHCS Homecoming Tigers vs Era Pre-game 7 pm	Library open 10:00-2:30 Rosston VFD BBQ fundraiser
Sunday, September 29, 2013	Monday, September 30, 2013	Tuesday, October 1, 2013	Wednesday, October 2, 2013	Thursday, October 3, 2013	Friday, October 4, 2013	Saturday, October 5, 2013
Museum open 1-4 pm	N	Library open 10 am-6:30 pm MISD Family Night @ Book Fair IISD Scholastic	Library open 10 am-5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg, noon Rel. Ed 6:45 pm Book Fair	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm @ MISD Library	VFW Aux. Bake Sale @ Fischer's 8 am-? AARP Board mtg.	Library open 10:00-2:30





MUENSTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Obituaries

Rita Tucker 1918 - 2013

died Thursday, Sept. 12,

The funeral was held Saturday, Sept. 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Moloney, celebrant. Rite of Committal followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery under direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Wichita Falls.

Rita was born Jan. 23, 1918 in Muenster to John and Lena Hesse Felderhoff. She worked as a nurse aid, and later as a cook at Academy of Mary Immaculate for many years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She enjoyed being active in the church, volunteer work, and quilting and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her husbands Aubrey Jennings and Kenneth

Rita Felderhoff Jennings Jennings, and Leon Jen-Tucker, 95, of Wichita Falls, nings; sister Agnes Felderhoff; brothers Frank, Lawrence, Vincent, Alphonse, Henry, and Leo Felderhoff; and grandson Bobby Dail Bennington.

She is survived by her children Helen Bennington and husband Jimmy of War Acres, Oklahoma, James Jennings and wife Annette of La Place, Louisiana, Ann Forsgren and husband Wilford of Wichita Falls, Karen Cook and husband John of Muenster, Larry Jennings and wife Rhonda of Arlington, and Rose Patton of North Highlands, Califordren; 34 great-grandchilnia; step-daughters Katy dren; and numerous nieces Offet and husband John and and nephews. Patty George and husband Rosary service was held at Friday, Sept. 13 in the fu-Emma Elliott and husband neral home chapel. Monte of Illinois, Phyllis Ladd and husband John rials may be made to Hosand Celine Schrage Scrog-Tucker; her parents; sons gins and husband Urban, John Jennings, Joe Henry all of California, and Selma



Rita Tucker

Wright and husband John of San Antonio; 20 grandchil-

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DAYS GONE

65 YEARS AGO Sept. 17, 1948 Andy and Sammy Harrison

purchase Texaco Service Station from Marty and Rody Klement. Frank "Wimpy" Kathman quits bread route for employment at F.E. Schmitz Motor. Catholic Daughters will have square dance Tuesday. Larry Hofbauer, 13, has appendectomy. Geraldine Neathery Garrett, 45, and her mother-in-law Malina Garrett, 91, die after ambulance in which they are riding is in head-on collision. New Arrival: Linda to the Charlie Claytons. Terese Miller is assisting with clerking duties at Pagel's Store. Melvin Voth, 8, has tonsillectomy.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 20, 1963

Armadillo vs. skunk race set Monday at Forestburg. Scotty Felderhoff steps on broken glass and gets eight stitches to close the wound. Denise Haverkamp is treated for pneumonia. John Paul Endres has appendectomy. New Arrivals: David to Dick

and Celine Dittfurth; a girl to of the waste disposal plant. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harris; Laura to Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dobbs. Weddings; Carol Hess and Ted Henscheid; Lou Rena Wolf and C.W. Hammond. Ray Blockus has short story published in Jack and Jill. Hofbauer's advertises Schick razor blades 4 for 79¢; Fisher's has Ajax cleanser 2 for 29¢; Pagel's has Mrs.

Muenster shows its caring Friday night when friends turned out to search for Steve Moster who wasn't able to return home from his evening stroll (due to age, fatigue, and illness); he was found after midnight near the area year.

Obituaries: Dick Ferber, 58; Frank Rauschuber, 93. Wedding: Carol Haverkamp and Mark Klement. New Arrivals: a son to the Gene Lowreys; Bradley to Carmen Sicking Davis; Levi to Larry and Kitie Hermes; Brad and Chad to Jim and Shirley Endres; Sarah to Frankie and Traci Stoffels; Jeffrey to Kevin and Laura Pels. Paul and Maxine Sandmann celebrate Silver anniversary. Yard of the Month honors go to Jim and Diane Grewing. Dora Henscheid, age 86, has a never-before distinction with a grandchild or great-grandchild in every grade at Sacred Heart School for the current school

THANKS

"Museum Day" a success. Thanks for stopping in to tour the Museum and

Hope everyone enjoyed the dogs.
A special thanks to the Muenster Jaycees for furnishing and grilling 150 hot dog sandwiches.

Muenster Historical Commission

to all who made last Saturday's

hanging around to visit.

Bonnie Moore 1930 - 2013

Bonnie Farr Moore died Sept. 10, 2013 at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. She was born to O.G. (Hart) and Reba (Kennedy) Farr in Gainesville on March 27, 1930. She was married to Joe Moore and to that union three children were born.

Bonnie graduated from Gainesville High School and was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church. She was very involved with church activities including Sunday School, Training Union, and Vacation Bible School. She also participated and helped with her children's school and extracurricular activities whether it be PTA, scouts, room mother, sports, drill team, etc. Bonnie owned and managed The Tree House, a children's boutique and specialty store, for almost 20 years.

Bonnie was an amazing mother and friend. She had a great personality and always had a smile. Her love of gardening, flowers, cooking, and entertaining were a passion and she did it all with such style and beauty.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her brother Don Farr, her parents, and her ma, a community outreach former husband Joe Moore.

Survivors are children and their spouses Susan Moore is shedding light on a topic Gentry and Jerry of Dallas, that many avoid -- commu-Scott Moore and Paula of Durant, and Steve Moore and Kelli of Norman, Oklahoma; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are A.J. Beyer, David Buttolph, Mike Hargesheimer, Charles Kennedy, Everett Marler, and Steve Snuggs. Honorary pallbearers are Dick Buttolph, Kenneth Kaden, Tom Stark, and Charlie Stringer.

Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Sweeney for Children with Diabetes, P.O Box 918, Gainesville, TX 76240, or the charity of your choice.

Visitation_is planned for 6-7 p.m., Friday at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral

Following a private graveside service, a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, in the funeral home chapel.

nicating your wishes for endof-life care. This workshop, sponsored by Lake Kiowa Chapel, called The Great

Bill Shannon

1932 - 2013

Graveside services for Bill Shannon, 80, of Gainesville, are set for 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20 at New Resthaven Cemetery. The family received friends Thursday, Sept. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funer-

al Home. Bill died Sept. 17, 2013 in Corinth after a lengthy illness. He was born to John and Ella Mae Shannon on

Nov. 4, 1932. Bill graduated from Gainesville High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served honorably from January 1953 to January 1955.

A talented musician, Bill played the fiddle for 68 years with various bands in North Texas, the most recent being Doug Martin and the Rusfor 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept.

He is survived by his wife
tlers. He was also a memJoy Aytes Pace of Lewisville;
boug Maturi and the Rustlers. He was also a member of Harvey Street Baptist

Survivors are wife Phyllis brother Nita of Pilot Point; stepsons Gregory Murrill and Eric ephews. and stepdaughter Pamela He was preceded in death LaMore; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

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> and others. This workshop will be offered on Monday, Sept. 23 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Lake Kiowa Lodge located at 905 Kiowa Drive West in Lake Kiowa. This program is offered at no cost to anyone, but registration is requested by Sept. 20 so that adequate materials can be prepared.

> To register or for more information, call 940-665-9891. To learn more about advance care planning visit www.homehospice.org/advance-planning.

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family interment will follow in Reed Cemetery. Visitation ley Pace and fiance' Noriko Shannon of Gainesville; son will be held from 6 to 7:30 Scott, and Joel Pace; two James Shannon and wife p.m., Friday, Sept. 20 at the grandchildren; funeral home.

Billy Earl Pace

1943 - 2013

Funeral Home. A private sons Charles Pace and wife $\,$ Church in Gainesville. Wendy, Steve Pace, Wes-James Pace and wife Ge-Billy was born Oct. 28, neva; and many nieces and Murrill and wife Rebecca; 1943 in Freeport to Homnephews.

Funeral for Billy Earl at Mercy Hospital at Rogers, Pace, 69, of Lewisville, is set Arkansas.

er and Lela Mae Edwards

Pace. He died Sept. 11, 2013 by his parents. Advocate training seeks participants

session will be held at Valley View Christian Gathering, 301 Center Street, Valley View, and again on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Whaley Methodist Church, 701 Rosedale,

Gainesville. Training covers domestic violence statics in our

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LIFESTYLE

Duane and Mary Lin Knabe of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Diana Knabe of Plano to Thomas Servage of Plano. Thomas is the son of Randy and Patricia Servage of North Richland Hills. The couple will be married Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Bride's attendants will be Amanda Knabe, Courtney Hartman, Katie Flusche, Jessica Bartram, Chelsea Evans, and Jennifer Bradley. Groom's attendants will be Taylor Roth, Joseph Dillon, Dave Holbrook, Keith Hanson, Derek Austin, and Will Roth. Serving as house party attendants will be Kelly Servage, Megan Servage, Kristen Mitchell, and Emily Edwards. The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic School. She graduated from University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a Master of Science degree in Taxation in 2011. She is a certified public accountant employed by BKM Sowan Horan in Addison. The future-groom graduated from Richland High School in 2006 and earned his Bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of North Texas in 2010. He is a financial analyst employed by Country Place Mortgage in Addison. After their marriage, the couple will reside in Plano.



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Robert and Linda Coursey, who reside on small acreage on Hwy. 51, Gainesville, will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 28. The couple was married Sept. 28, 1968 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Muenster.

Robert is a retired machinist, having worked 34 years for Victor Equipment Co., Denton, and previously three years for General Dynamics, Fort Worth. He has served six years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a member of the American Legion Post 263 and the Knights of Columbus Council

Linda is a journalist and has written many articles of the classical world, one of the great composer Ludwig van Beethoven and other composers of the Enlightenment Era; featured story of her teacher, Edwardo G. Scheel of N.C.T.C.; one book of Dr. Bohdan Francis Hejduk, area physician in the '60s; and is currently working on another book. Having an Associate of Arts degree with studies in German and medical science, she tutored foreign students at the N.C.T.C. campus during the '70s. She has been a member of the North Central Texas Chorale since 1980. The couple are members of both St. Mary Catholic Church,

Gainesville, and St. William Catholic Church, Montague. Linda teaches catechism at St. William and is a lector there

Both are active taking care of their sheep and other animals and enjoy nature and the country way of life.

The couple has two Godchildren, Brittany Renee Hess and Alexander Nicolas Nervo.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coursey on their wedding day



Kenny and Rhonda Hartman of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Courtney Renee Hartman of Muenster to Travis Colton Sutton of Gainesville, son of Cheryl Sutton and Lloyd Sutton of Gainesville. Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 is the date chosen by the couple for their wedding. It will take place in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. The brideelect graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School in 2004. She is employed by Muenster Farm Mutual Insurance. The future-groom attended Saint Mary's Catholic School and graduated from Gainesville High School in 2005. He is employed at Muenster Machining Inc. The couple will reside in Muenster after

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF SEPT. 23 - 27 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Rib sandwich, corn, green beans, mixed fruit. AM -Bologna and cheese sandwich.

Tues. - Frito chili pie, glazed carrots, lettuce topping, honeydew. AM - Turkey/cheese sand.

Wed. - Chicken quesadilla, Mexicali corn, refried beans, applesauce. AM - Ham/cheese

Thurs. - Steak fingers, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh cantaloupe. AM - Tuna sand.

Fri. - Tony's pepperoni pizza,

tator tots, baked beans, pineapple tidbits. AM - Po-boy combo. LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Italian meatball sub sandwich, veggie tray, pickle spears, potato chips, fruit.

Tues. - Cheese pizza, corn, lettuce salad, fruit.

Wed. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, wheat bread.

Thurs. - Ham and cheese sandwich w/trimmings, carrots, potato chips, fruit, cherry jello.

Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, American cheese, baked beans, fries, fruit, ice cream.

After beginning probation,

Woman has overwhelming life obstacles

"My first suicide attempt was our family problems. He drank and my mother worked all the time to avoid being with him. They were both gone most of the time, so I felt like no one really cared for me. I had a roof over my head, food, and my other needs were met, but there was verbal, emotional, and some physical abuse in my home. My father died when I was 15 and my mother remarried," states Michelle (not her real name).

"Early in my life, the verbal not know how to interact with very hurting and devastating. Broken bones and bruises will heal, but words are there forever. Since infancy, I have had a hearing problem that has made me feel left out. I did not hear everything, and I did not communicate well. I never felt like I belonged or that I fit into any group at school or in the community. I did not participate in school activities and my social

at age 13. My parents were hav- and emotional abuse shaped ing marital problems, and I my feelings of inferiority and thought if I was not here things caused depression to set in. You that is the only place I felt com- By working the TCOOMMI would be better. I never took hear the saying, 'Sticks and fortable. I wanted to go to Bible program, she has found she into account that my father stones will break my bones, College, but my step-father can be successful. She received was an alcoholic and had bipobut words will never hurt me.' thought I should go to a comthe Hardest Worker Award lar disorder that caused most of Well, that is not true. Words are munity college first and get my this month for attending all skills were not developing. I did

the other kids. I felt loved and a Michelle was at an all-time low. part of the group at church, but basic courses," she said. "At 19, I was working and started smoking and drinking a

little with some of my co-workers. Not married, I got pregnant at 21 and had my son. I could not care for him, so my mother and step-father took him. I have not been able to hold a job for over a year since I was 19. I have suffered lots of guilt and shame over the pregnancy. I also have a self-punishment complex. I pushed my family away," she ends. Over the next 14 years, Mi-

chelle moved over 25 times. She was in and out of school, but never finished her courses. She had poor relationships with four men due to her co-dependency and low self-esteem. She did use marijuana for about six months when she was 22 but stayed drug free until 27. Then she found herself pregnant again and had a daughter. She had postpartum depression after the birth and went to street drugs to treat the depression. Her sister got the baby and is keeping her as part of her fam-

In 2010, she came to Texoma Community Center for help. She was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, a mental illness, and post-traumatic stress disorder. She did not want to follow the program and finally the police caught her with drugs, and she was put on probation. Then she was required to be part of the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI). TCOOMMI has community based interventions such as service Coordination/Case Management for adults, Continuity of Care, and Jail Diversion. The TCOOMMI team works with the adult felony offender population providing case management, rehabilitation/psychological services, psychiatric services, medication and monitoring, individual/group therapy and skills-training, benefit eligibility services, screening and linkage to medical services, jail screening, court intervention, and pre-release referral

process for jails and families.

She knew she had to change. the group sessions and making all her appointments. She really tries hard to get all she can from the group sessions. These sessions help her find solutions and follow through to the overwhelming problems that used to defeat her. She can now handle those problems on her own, or she can ask advice about what she should do. She is working to improve herself and to help others. She has found that she must release the negative thoughts that have plagued her all her life. She knows that her attitude makes her a success or dooms her to failure. She thinks everyone needs hope and having hope can turn a life around.

She also contributes success to finding her spiritual self again. She also credits her grandparents for helping her. They supported her and tried to get her back on a spiritual track. Their prayers and guidance made her realize how much she needed to change her life. She attends Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) on a daily basis and has found much support, encouragement, friends, and love there. She believes that she had to go through all of her experiences to be where she is today. She learned to set goals in her group sessions, would like to finish her cosmetology course, open her own salon, and begin a group home for people with drug problems who want rehabilitation and job training to begin new productive lives. If you are experiencing a men-

tal disability, contact Texoma Community Center. TCC has provided services in Grayson, Cooke, and Fannin counties since 1974. The center provides a variety of services for people of all ages with mental illness, mental retardation, and developmental delays.

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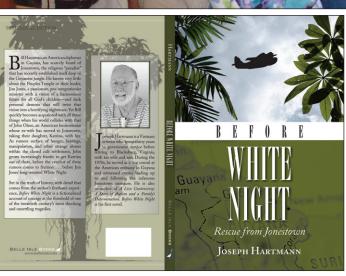
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Pictured at \mathbf{the} breakfast are, from left, Francis Fuhrmann, Joseph Hartmann, Clara is the theme for this year's Fuhrmann, Erwin Banned Books Week. Fuhrmann, and Jerome Fuhrmann. At left is the jacket cover of Joseph Hartmann's newest brings together the entire those materials. Challengbook.

Author has local ties to Cooke County

at Northeastern University in Boston. At the age of

three, Mark was diagnosed with Child Disintegrative

Disorder (under the Autism

Spectrum) and lost his abil-

ity to speak. Iris and Joseph

published a book entitled A

Live Controversy, based on Mark's journey with autism through the public school

system. Just prior to his

visit to Texas in mid-August,

Joseph released his second

book, a historical novel, entitled Before White Night... Rescue from Jonestown.

Both are available through

deeply respects the portion

of their roots that is deeply

planted in the rich Texas soil

of Muenster and Lindsay.

Joseph's mother Anna Marie Fuhrmann, daughter of

Henry and Mary Fuhrmann,

grew up in Lindsay. She be-

came a nurse and worked in

Cooke County before marrying George Hartmann of Pesotum, Illinois. They

married in Lindsay with her sister Veronica Fuhrmann

and George's cousin Herman

Hartman serving as brides-

maid and best man. George

and Anna Marie made fre-

quent trips to Texas to stay

close to the family roots. George loved hunting coy-

nurse practitioner in psychi-

atry), Rose Marie (deceased

(retired senior executive in

the paper industry), Michael

(deceased at five years old),

Joseph, Paul (senior engi-

neer for Tampa's Trolley Car

operations), and Veronica (deceased at five years old).

Joseph and his family are

The Hartmann family

Amazon.com

Muenster, Joseph Hartmann ra is currently finishing her the next visit. enjoyed a breakfast gather- PH.D in English Literature ing at Rohmer's Restaurant for family members who are direct descendants of Henry and Mary Fuhrmann of Lindsay. Since this was Joseph's first trip to Muenster in several years, it was very exciting for the Fuhrmann cousins to exchange stories and share experiences.

While _visiting Cooke County, Joseph stayed at the home of aunt and uncle Clara and Erwin Fuhrmann, and cousins Denise and Jack Dangelmayr.

Joseph brought slides and pictures which were presented as an historical account of his parents George Hartmann and Anna Marie Fuhrmann Hartmann and their family. One special memory was his brother, George, Jr., coming to Texas with Anna. When the passenger train door was opened, they said it was like standing in front of an oven. But Joseph fell in love with the hard work and independence that permeated the rural life style that his relatives enjoyed in Texas.

At age 14, he found a way to return to Lindsay to spend most of his summer with his Aunt Clara and Uncle Erwin and their family. Joseph commented that there was always ample times on Sundays to go hunting and fish- otes and jack rabbits with ing with his cousins Michael, his cousins in Muenster and Leon, Jerome, and Francis, continued to make trips to sons of his Uncle Henry and Texas with their seven chil-Aunt Lena Fuhrmann. It dren, Marianna (a retired was all exciting and good fun

for a city boy. Joseph Hartmann is now a at 23 years old), George, Jr. retired Foreign Service Officer, having worked for more than 30 years as an American diplomat throughout the world, but primarily in Latin America. He married Iris Roxana Villalta in Costa Rica and they have two chil-

Auxiliary plans bake sale and membership drive

The annual bake sale for gram available to all VFW Cancer Aide & Research sponsored by the VFW who are fighting the dis-#6205 Ladies Auxiliary is ease. On a local level, the scheduled for Friday, Oct. monies are put in a special 4 at Fischer's Market. It fund available to #6205 will begin at 8 a.m. and end cancer patient members when all the home-baked who are needing treatment goodies are gone.

Proceeds from the sale programs. The Texas Auxil-

Ladies Auxiliary members care.

Members are geared up to are used for two Auxiliary provide a lot of home-baked goods for all those who wish iary program participation to come by and participate of Cancer Care Research as buyers or just to visit also includes a grant pro- and/or make a donation.

Also, the Auxiliary is seeking new members and invites ladies who are interested to come and find out what it takes to become a part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary.

The Muenster Auxiliary #6205 is 65 years old this year. They are seeking new members to keep their organization going, so if you feel your are eligible, be sure to join them.

Banned Books Week 2013 celebrates freedom to read

through Saturday, Sept. 28, Cooke County Library will be "Celebrating the Freedom to Read," which

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It and open access to information. Banned Books Week book community – librarians, booksellers, publishshared support of the free-While on a recent visit to dren Laura and Mark. Lau- already looking forward to ideas, even those some con- ing the access of others. Library to learn more.

23 sider unorthodox or unpop- As such, they are a threat

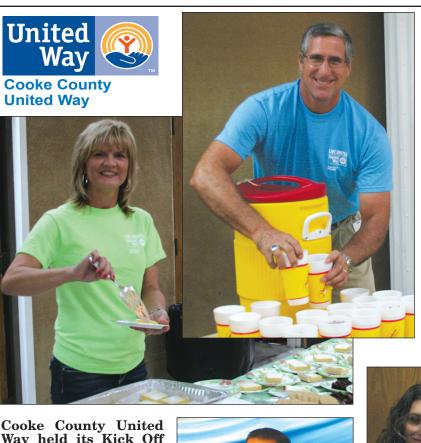
Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores, and libraries. A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materihighlights the value of free als based upon the objections of a person or group. A banning is the removal of es do not simply involve a person expressing a point ers, journalists, teachers, of view; rather, they are and readers of all types – in an attempt to remove material from the curriculum dom to seek and to express or library, thereby restrict-

to freedom of speech and choice. Many popular books were

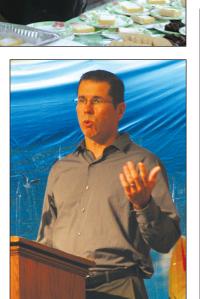
banned at one time, including Call of the Wild, Gone with the Wind, The Hunger Games, and Fifty Shades of Cooke County Library

will have several special displays during Banned Books Week. The Library will also have fliers and lists of the banned books for patrons to take.

You can go to the Banned Books Week website, http:// www.bannedbooksweek. org, or visit Cooke County



Cooke County United Way held its Kick Off Luncheon on Sept. 5. Shown are some of the Board members and Pacesetters. Pictured clockwise from above - Pam Sidwell of Muenster State Bank; John Walterscheid of Cooke County Electric; Meals on Wheels of Texoma Executive Director Greg Pittman; Power of the Purse crew; and Joey Anderson of Nortex.







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unusual displays, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. When skies are stormy and lightning is present, St. Elmo's Fire can occur. "Ít's an electrical disof appearing like a lightning thunderstorm occurs, the air

Q: Sometimes you hear of bolt, it appears like a glow between the clouds and the around an object, especially tall ones like church steeples A: It's one of nature's more or masts on ships," he explains. "It is scientifically lightning in that it is condischarge, where the elec- an object can last for several trical field strength reaches minutes. It's the same prin-1,000 volts per centimeter. ciple used to create fluores-It can only occur during an charge in the air and instead electrical storm. When a

ground can become statically charged, resulting in a 'glow discharge.' It's different from known as a corona or point tinuous and its glow around cent tube lighting.'

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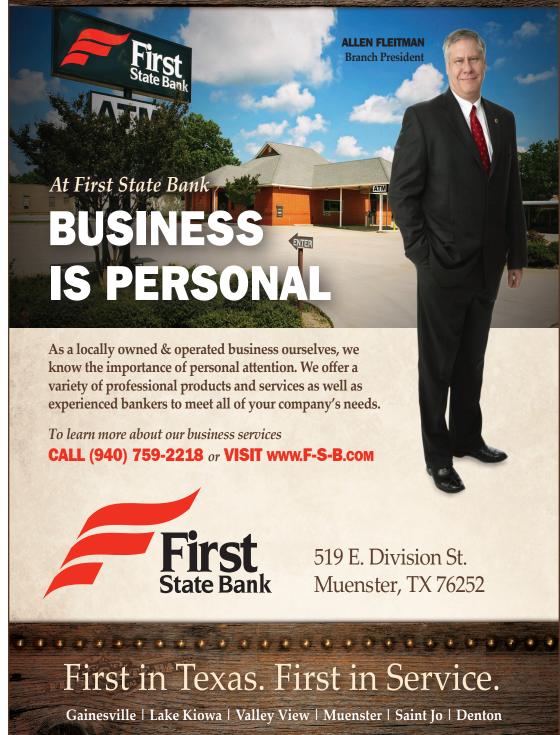
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- You do not have to have all of the answers. If someone discloses to you, it usually means that you are someone they trust. Often, they just want to be heard.





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SHCS prepares for Homecoming Week

School will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 27 as the SH Tigers play the Era Hornets. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Pre-game activites begin at 7 p.m.

Members of the 2013 Queen's Court are Seniors: Kylie Hess, daughter of Gary and Clarissa Hess, who will be escorted by Keith Met-zler; Michelle Zimmerer, daughter of Alan and Brenda Zimmerer, who will be escorted by Garrett Wheeler; Karleigh Reeves, daughter of Kevin and Sandra Reeves, who will be escorted by Kevin Flusche; and Bailey Walterscheid, daughter of Wade and Rhonda Walterscheid, who will be escorted by Dylan Clure.

Princesses are Junior Megan Powell, daughter of who will be escorted by Isac Walterscheid; Sophomore Gary and Mary Endres, who

Sacred Heart Catholic Kessler; and Freshman Leah beginning at 7p.m. Sacred Knabe, daughter of Steven Heart Tigers vs. Era, 7:30 and Katrina Knabe, who will be escorted by Tyler Walterscheid.

Special activities planned for each day of Homecoming Week. The theme is colors and each the game. They will be rechigh school class selected a color. The chosen hues are Seniors - Purple, Juniors -Pink, Sophomores - Blue, and Freshmen - Orange. Activities include:

Monday - Pajama Day; Tuesday - Career Day;

SH Gym;

Thursday - Formal Day, Queen's Court Luncheon at noon, Junior High Football vs. Era, there, 5 p.m. JV Mike and Carolyn Powell, Football vs. Era, follows JH

Friday - Extreme Spirit Alana Endres, daughter of Day, SH Homecoming, Pre- at Vegas Night in the Comsentation of Queen's Court munity Center. Doors open will be escorted by Stephen and Crowning of Queen at 6p.m.

p.m., Movie Night following game for Sacred Heart High School students.

Alumni from the years of 1943, '53, '63, '73, '83, '93 and '03 will be honored guests at ognized at halftime of the game on the field.

After the game is the Homecoming social in the KC Hall. All Alumni and friends of SHCS are invited to enjoy snacks, drinks, and good company. Honor grads Powder Puff at 6 p.m., Tiger are especially encouraged to attend.

Wednesday - Nerd/Rock-star Day, Pep Rally, 8 p.m. Sturday, Sept. 28 brings a fun-filled, busy day with the 5th Annual Sacred Heart Golf Classic at Turtle Hill Golf Course with lunch at 11 a.m., and a shotgun, fourperson scramble at noon. Call John Bartush for info, 736-3633. A great evening of Vegas-style fun can be found



SHCS photo

Sacred Heart Catholic School's Homecoming Queens Court, from left, front -Junior Megan Powell, Sophomore Alana Endres, Freshman Leah Knabe; back · Senior Queen Candidates Kylie Hess, Michelle Zimmerer, Karleigh Reeves, and Bailey Walterscheid.

Muenster ISD to celebrate Homecoming

The Muenster Hornets' 2013 Homecoming celebration is Sept. 20. Hornet alumni, friends, and fans are invited to join the festivities as this year's Hornet team battles the Lindsay Knights in the annual Kraut Bowl at 7:30 p.m. in the Hornet Stadium. Come and cheer the Hornets on to victory and visit with former classmates. Former queens from 1973, 1993, and 2003 will receive special recognition during pregame festivities.

The pre-game program will begin at 7 p.m. with the presentation of the Homecoming Queen Candidates and Princesses along with their parents. Alumni from the class of 2013 will escort the Homecoming Royalty during the halftime coronation. Returning students are Sean Chism, son of Steve and Dalana Chism, Andy Flusche, son of Neal and Susan Flusche, Steven Flusche, son of Shari Flusche and Shawn Flusche, Trevor Hess, son of Ryan and Tina Hess, Hunter Klement, son of Doyle and Carla Klement, Paul Mouring, son of Paul and Paula Mouring, Trevor Muller, son of Dave and Diane Muller, and Blayne Styles, son of Chris and Darla Styles.

Queen candidates include Hannah Bayer, daughter of Tara and Ryan Bayer, Kendi Bayer, daughter of Deano and Jeannene Bayer, Erin Hess, daughter of Brian and Danna Hess, Sydney Huchton, daughter of Neil and Peachie Huchton, and Mariah Rocha, daughter of Stephanie Rocha. Class princesses include junior Kristen Reiter, daughter of Jill and Randy Reiter, sophomore Courtney Stevens, daughter of Mark and Michelle Stevens, and freshman Morgan Eldridge, daughter of Curtis and Vicki Eldridge.

Students decorated the halls Sunday, Sept. 15 with this year's theme of Welcoming the Seasons. On Monday, students dressed as "Nerds vs. Jocks," Tuesday was "Twin Day," Wednesday was "Color Day" with each class sporting a different color, and Thursday was "Season Day" with each class

dressing as their chosen season: Seniors lightened it up with Summer, Juniors dawned Fall, Sophomores warmed up Winter, and Freshmen jumped into Spring. Friday wraps up the week as Spirit Day.

Also on Friday afternoon, the Hornet varsity and junior high cheerleaders will lead a schoolwide pep rally in the gym at 3 p.m. Student Council members and football players will present Homecoming mums to each Queen candidate and Princess.

A dance in the school's cafetorium for MHS students in grades 9-12 will take place after the game until midnight with some pick up foods, drinks, and music by The Entertainer provided by the Student Council and the Booster Club. Admission is free to high school students and their guests.

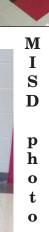


"German twins" Brianna Rohmer and



HOMECOMING WEEK at Muenster ISD. Classes decorated for the event and had fun activities all week. clockwise **Pictured** from above - Freshmen; Sophomores; Sophomores Class on Twin Day; Senior Clayton Hess; Junior Kassie Dangelmayr; and Junior High students.









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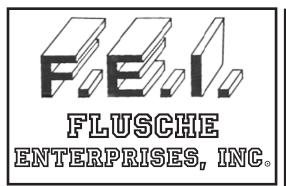
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Hornets fly past Eagles

Thomas Otto

Sports Editor

The Muenster Hornets traveled over to Valley View and beat the Eagles on their home turf 25-14 on Friday, Sept. 13. The Hornets relied on 282 yards of total offense led by quarterback Trace Klement who proved to the Eagles he did have an arm of the pair of quarterbacks. Klement's breakout passing game of 148 yards on eight passes was his best effort so far.

The Hornets high flying passing game was led by Cole Walterscheid with 92 yards on four catches. Tavi Saldana had 23 yards, Mason Binder 20, and Dalton Bartel 13.

The finishing glory work from the Hornets came from running back Dalton Bartel who had two touchdowns on 32 yards. Clint Sidwell handled most of the running game with 90 yards and one touchdown. Clayton Hess also found pay dirt with six carries, 14 yards, and one touchdown.

The Hornets were able to piece together a drive starting from their own 38 and made their way down the field to score with 27 seconds left in the first quarter. Saldana and Walterscheid each had catches for 14 yards and 18 yards respectively. The scoring play was on a Bartel four yard run which was good for a 6-0 Muenster lead.

The Eagles were shut down in the second quarter and the Hornets were able to capitalize on the situation.

Muenster took possession at 5:22 left in the second quarter and made quick work of the Eagles. Klement found Walterscheid down field for 34 yards and later found Bartel and Binder for 13 and 20 yards respectively in the drive. Bartel capped off another drive on a four yard run to make it 12-0 with 2:40 left in the second quarter.

The Hornets scored in the closing seconds of the first half after an Eagle fumble which was picked up by Hess at the 25 yard line. Four running plays later, a Sidwell run from three yards back was enough for the touchdown. Chance Herr kicked in the PAT to make it 19-0.

The Hornets' defense held the Eagles to zero points in the first half which surely bummed out the Eagles' hopefuls in the stands.

Valley View looked to turn it around in the second half and put together a successful drive starting from their 40 yard line. The play of the drive was an Ethan McCollum pass to receiver Landon Boaz for 29 yards. The Hornets held onto a 19-6 lead.

Muenster's Hess answered back for the Hornets and got on the scoreboard with an 11 yard rumble into the end zone for Muenster with 5:03 left to go in the third. This put the score at 25-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Valley View closed out the scoring in the fourth after an interception from Cole Seese on the 41 yard line. A one play

wonder for the Eagles showed off a 41 yard shot from Mc-Collum to Boaz. Boaz broke loose for the second time in the matchup, but proved to not be enough to conquer the strong Muenster team.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Eagles blocked a punt and were within scoring distance of the Hornets at the 11, but a clutch interception from Chance Herr ended any Eagle

The Eagles' McCollum finished with nine completions, two touchdowns, and 130 yards. Boaz finished with 17 carries, 59 yards, four receptions good for 74 yards, and two touchdowns.

The Hornets held onto the ball for 61 plays and held onto the ball for 20 minutes, 11 seconds, compared to 44 plays on 16 minutes, 9 seconds from the Eagles.

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282	Offense	215
45/134	Rush/yds	23/73
8/13	Comp/att	10/21
148	Passing yds	142
2/1	Fumbles/lost	2/1
15	First downs	10
9/55	Penalties/yds	4/25
4/33.5	Punts/yds	6/24.5



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Tiger Darian Peters (54) moves in on an Eagle ball carrier in Sacred Heart's tough loss to Frisco Legacy.

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Lindsay has yet to win a game this season, falling to Howe 9-5, Pilot Point 43-7, ster goes into week four undefeated with victories over Ponder 35-6, Nocona 31-12, and Valley View 25-14. The Kraut Bowl could change these records with just one big play by either team.

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Tigers lose lead, fall 41-34 to Frisco Legacy Eagles

Thomas Otto

Sports Editor

Sacred Heart lost against the Frisco Legacy Eagles 41-34 and fell 1-2 on their campaign after a strong 21 point first quarter, but couldn't find the magic back on Friday, Sept. 16.

The Tigers lacked a consistent running game and rendered negative yardage in that aspect. The Tigers 'passing game nearly made up the difference, but too little too late from Sacred Heart hampered their efforts.

Legacy quarterback Ryan Davis scored from 30 yards back on a run, the PAT from Matias Hermanson was no good with 9:36 to go for a 6-0 Frisco lead.

The Tigers did not take long to answer back with a one play wonder from quarterback Kason Reeves to Keith Metzler down field for 63 yards with 9:23 to go, for a 7-6 Tiger lead after the PAT was good from Reeves.

gers led 14-6, as they scored into the end zone. twice on only two offensive plays; a pass from Kason Reeves to Isac Walterscheid was good for 75 yards back with 7:03 to go.

Tigers' running back Will Boyd scored from 15 yards out. Just like that the Tigers made it look easy and were up 21-6 with 41 seconds left in the first quarter. All was well in the Tigers' jungle after one stanza.

The Eagles' nest must have been stirred as Frisco Legacy quarterback Davis scored from 15 yards out on the opening drive of the second quarter. Legacy owned the second quarter from here on, 21-12 with 7:29 to go. Frisco's Davis scored from

the 27 yard line with 3:11 to go in the half, 21-19; Sacred Heart clung onto a two point

The Tigers' claws slipped up when the spots of rain were sprinkling down. Possession was lost when they fumbled the ball with a 21-19 lead with 1:26 to go. Legacy defender Christian Gregory

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made it to the six yard line before Brady Endres stopped his progress.
The Tigers could not hold

the advancing Eagles off as they punched it into the end zone from running back Blaine Billmyre's stride from 6 yards back.

Tigers were left of their back foot, and not able to score any further. A last ditch attempt was made anyway at the end of the first half. Endres caught a pass from Reeves but was not quite able to break free. The Tigers were down by five at the end of the half, scratching their heads as to what happened, 26-21.

The second half started on a flop for the Tigers, Frisco scored to make it 32-21 with 8:30 to go in the third quar-

Sacred Heart went backwards on their next drive with 7:56 to go; they curiously went for it on 4th and 10 at

the 48 yard line.

The Tigers were finally able to put together a suc-A three and out from Leg-cessful drive with 1:39 left SH acy gave the ball back to the in the third quarter 33-27, and S&S 21-18, while Muen-Tigers. In a moment, the Ti- a Metzler catch and rumble

Frisco then took full advantage of their next possession and scored from quarterback Ryan Davis' run to cap off their drive from 10 yards out to make it 41-27, PAT good

Tigers quarterback Reeves found receiver Metzler open down field from the 50 yard line, touchdown for the Tigers after running up the left side of the field, 6:57 to go, PAT good, 41-34.

Frisco quarterback Davis' was sacked by Will Boyd with 4:48 to go, the Tigers now had an added amount of spring in

but failed to take advantage of a prime opportunity from a perfect pass from Reeves, Metzler dropped the ball after he looked downfield

picked up the loose goods and before he caught the pass with open field ahead of him. Metzler was devastated as they were looking to tie the game up with plenty of time on the clock.

> Frisco was able to get the ball back and get another first down with 2:04 left to go at the 15 yard line.

> Tigers were able to stop Frisco on fourth and 2 with 49.7 seconds left to go, down by 7. They had 93 yards to go to tie the game. Brady Endres and Reeves hooked up two quick pass plays to get down the field in the closing seconds with no timeouts.

Kason Reeves was sacked at the end of the game after he couldn't find anybody open down field and was gobbled up for the last time by the Frisco defense, 41-34.

Receiving for the Tigers was: Metzler 3-160, Endres 6 for 103, Walterscheid 2 for 86, and Tyler Spruill 2-11. Defensive tackles: Hayden Schilling 11, Aaron Davis 14,

and Clure 14.

First Downs 27 Rushes/Yds 54/348 Passing Yards 126 3/35Punt/Average 3/43 2/1Fumbles/Lost 1/0Penalties/yds 8/95 5/60

The Tigers will have to lick their paws this week but will get the opportunity to watch the Kraut bowl across the street at the Hornets' nest for their bye. On Sept. 27 will be homecoming against the Era Hornets.

CORRECTION

Sacred Heart Coach Dale The Tigers got the ball back Schilling was misquoted in last week's Tigers vs. Covenant game story. The Muenster Enterprise apologizes for anv misunderstandings this may have caused.

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Up in the air, but no catch. Hornet Cole Walterscheid

(82) can not catch the pass with Eagle Cole Seese (7) defending in Muenster's victory over Valley View

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Clockwise, ing above left: Isac Walterscheid (6); QB Kason Reeves (10) behind the blocking of Aaron David (30); Brady Endres (17); at left - Tyler Spruill (21) makes the tackle, Garrett Wheeler (71) also pictured.







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Hornets

vs Valley

View

Pictured above left

Below left - Jace Fredrick (10) and

Dalton Bartel (44)

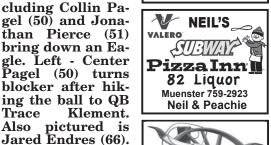
make the tackle as Mason Binder

(11) and Pagel (50) move in. Below Bartel (44) cruises

into the end zone.

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(40) took 1st and 2nd in the girls division. The Lady Hornet were 3rd with 68. Individual runner results

are as follows:

JV GIRLS

Katie Pagel, M, 15:04.53; 11 Rachel Hare, M, 15:09.01; 23, Kristen Reiter, M, 15:55.41; 25, Sophie Wachtel, M, 16:01.84; 27, Kassie Dangelmayr, M, 16:19.32; 32, Morgan Flusche, M, 16:32.46; 44, Kelsie Sicking, M, 17:48.09.

JV BOYS

Lyndon Cook, M, 20:47.93; 18, Blake Hoepfner, M, 22:43.48; 20, Mathew Porter, M, 23:01.69; 31, Billy Felderhoff, M, 25:01.36; 32, Logan Cook, M, 25:03.57.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS 4, Theresa Wyrick, L,

13:35.24; 8, Natalie Dangelmayr, M, 13:52.54; 19, Ashley Fleitman, L,

er, SH, 15:33.05; 37, Jenna Sicking, M, 15:46.97; 50, Alaina Kubis, M, 16:31.76; 57, Alaina Dennison, L, 16:37.30; 58, Paige Saucer, M, 16:43.01; 62, Rylee Cain, M, 17:01.58; 65, Olivia Hertel, L, 17:10.88; 80, MacKenzie Fleitman, L, 18:01.76; 81, Megan Rohmer, M, 18:03.73; 91, Morgan Hennigan, M, 18:31.43; 100, Ashleigh Fisher, M, 19:26.40; 101, Ixel

Lindsay, 188.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS

2, Kagen Dangelmayr, M, 11.23.14; 11, Brandon Craigie, L, 12:21.74; 14, Hayden Otto, M, 12:27.13; 17, Jacob Hesse, M, 12:45.29; 19, Hunter McClure, L, 12:57.83; 26, Josh Brinkley, M, 13:21.52; 28, Blair Waneck, M, 13:24.67; 33, Nathan Hacker, M, 13:43.00; 34, John Hess, SH, 13:49.44; 40, Andrew Stoffels, M, 14:17.83; 49, Brooks Knight-step, M, 14:52.22; 50, Bear Osteen, M, 14:52.59; 60. Dane Huchton, M, 15:43.76; 78, Kyle Wolf, M, 17:39.53; 82, Alex Sims, L, 18:06.97; 84, Mason VanBriggle, SH, 14:52.90; 33, Kate Spring- 18:35.96; 86, Trevor Sims, L,

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Team Standings: 1, Pilot Point, 47; 2, Muenster, 74;

3, Founders Classical Academy, 105. **FUN RUN GIRLS**

1, Annie Anderle; 2, Hannah Lamar; 3, Susanna H; 4, Kaley Berkley; 5, Abby Walterscheid; 6, Chloe Hacker; 7, Audrey Kubis; 8, Jada Binder; 9, Kenzie Short; 10, Emma Walterscheid; 11, Bailey Otto; 12, Hillary Meza, M, 19:29.87.

Team Standings: 1, Bowie, 28; 2, Era, 90; 3, Gunter, 156: 6 Muenster. 184; 8, 11, Bailey Otto; 12, 1111a1y Klement; 13, Landri Richardson; 14, Xarely Prado; 15, Alexa Waneck; 16, Whitley Klement; 17, Gabriella Fleitman; 18, Mary Fisher; 19, Madeleine Fisher; 20, Whitney Newton; 21, Emily Muller; 22, Shae Budish; 23 Prestin Van Bragg; 24, Lilly Muller; 25, Stella Brown; 26, Lanie Binford; 27, Ansley

Budish; 28, Taylor Patrick; 29, Lenzie Sandmann. FUN RUN BOYS

1, Jace Lamberson; 2, Stephen Fuhrmann; 3, Luke Walterscheid; 4, Danny Luttmer; 5, Trent Anderle; 6, Major Eldridge; 7, Braeden Hacker; 8, Cade Stevens; 9, AJ Christopher; 10, Caden Klement; 11, Sean Sicking; 12, Caleb Newton; 13, Matthew Klement; 14, Kelan Williams; 15, Carson Crawford; 16, Elijah Bayer; 17, Landon Hacker; 18, Seger Richardson; 19, Alec Becker; 20, Andrew Flaming; 21, Jackson Becker; 22, Jackson Hofbauer; 23, Gracyn Fields; 24, Landon Davis; 25, Dax Binder; 26, Luke Anderson; 27, Trever Rains; 28, Owen Hofbauer; 29, Adam Hofbau-

Lady Cubs Volleyball

On Aug. 29, the Sacred Heart Lady Cubs Volleyball team opened their season with a win against Sivells Bend. The match was won in two sets with Scores of 25-22 and 25-13. Serving percentages were high across all players, but Carmen Settle and Emma Ploeger led the team with the most points off serve. One kill was awarded to Stephanie Koesler with an assist from Mackenzie Mason.

The Lady Cubs second match of the season was against STORM. They won in the third set making their record 2-0 for the season. Scores were 25-20; 21-25; and 15-8. Mackenzie Mason and Carmen Settle led the team in points off serves. Mackenzie Mason, Emma Ploeger and Megan Ploeger earned kills with assist from Danielle Hess and Megan Ploeger.

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Adam Wolf, at left, and Nicholas Wolf participated in a Mid Cities Tennis Tournament on Sept. 7 at Denton Golf Field Tennis Center. Nicholas won all four of his matches 8-2, 8-0, 8-0, and 8-2 for first place in the boys 18 year old division. Adam lost his first match 4-8, sending him into the consolation bracket where he won all other matches 8-5, 8-5, winning the boys 15 year old consolation bracket. Adam is a freshman at Era High School and Nicholas is a senior at Era High School. They are the sons of Phil and Cindy Wolf.

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Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the per of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the The proposed amendment will surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 vears, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operation-

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up surviving spouse of a memproposed amendment would language of the required notice permit taxing entities to extend is prescribed in the resolution. the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

> appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organi-

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: 'The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice sumto 175 days before being sub- marizing risks and conditions ject to ad valorem taxation; the of a reverse mortgage. The

> The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

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Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: 'The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.'

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

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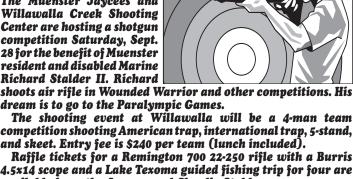
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.'

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tential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

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Groundwater in Texas serves more than five million Texans

The Texas USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) joins with the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) and other partners to promote ways Texans can protect their groundwater.

Ninety percent of Texans depend on public drinking water supplies. All Texans are encouraged to protect the public health and the environment through simple steps that will go a long way to ensuring a clean, healthy water supply for future gen-

In Texas, more than 5.3 million people rely on groundwater-supplied community water systems, while another 2.23 million residents rely on groundwater from their own household water wells. Proper management of groundwater and private well systems greatly impacts water quality.

Households that do not rely on a private well can make a difference in groundwater quality, too. Appropriate storage, use, and disposal of hazardous household substances, in addition to septic system maintenance, can improve groundwater quality for everyone.

"Protecting groundwater through conservation is more important than ever," said NRCS State Conservationist Salvador Salinas. "Drought, which is a significant problem throughout the state, has the potential to put a strain on household water wells and public drinking supplies, but there are conservation programs and financial assistance through NRCS such as well decommissioning and brush clearing that can help protect and enhance the state's groundwater."

Surface water is also affected by groundwater because natural aquifer discharge is needed to maintain the flow in streams and rivers, especially during periods of little or no precipitation.

Here are some actions that individuals can take to protect and conserve ground-

• Store cleaning products and other household chemicals properly and in a secure

• Use household products according to the manufac-

turer's recommendations. Dispose of household

American view of agriculture improves

According to a new Gallup poll agriculture has improved over the past year.

The Gallup Work and Education Poll ranks 25 business sectors and industries on a five-point scale from a very positive view to a very negative view. The net rating for the poll is the difference between a positive view and a negative view.

According to the poll, farming and agriculture improved 10 points over the past year from a 32 to a 42 net positive ranking.

products safely.

- •Install water-saving devices such as plumbing fixtures and aerators on fau-
- Check for household leaks. A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water each day.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads.
- Private well owners should take the following steps to prevent contamination and ensure water qual-
- Move possible contamination sources, such as kennels or livestock operations, waste systems, or chemical storage areas for paint, fertilizer, pesticides, and motor oil, a safe distance away from the
- wellhead. Test well water annually for coliform bacteria and nitrates, and anything else of local concern.
- Inspect and clean the septic system regularly.
- Inspect water well systems annually.
 - Work with NRCS to decommission any abandoned wells properly.

National Farm Safety and Health Week

The International Society for Agriculture Safety and Health has been encouraging American farmers, ranchers, and others involved in agriculture to promote awareness of safety solutions through the National Farm Safety and Health Week, which is Sept. 15-21.

The theme of this year's observance is "Working Together for Safety in Agriculture."

According to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF)'s Executive Newswatch, fatalities in agriculture are on the decline, but ag still holds the highest rate of deaths over any industry sector. Deaths in the agriculture field fell

Although the observance is Sept. 15-21, the Society promotes and encourages awareness of safety solutions year-



Farmers are the ultimate survivor

I was flipping channels last night and ran across the newest version of the Survivor-type shows.

You all know what I'm talking about—those series where a group of people are cast on an isolated island or the middle of the jungle with nothing but the clothes on their back.

This newest series is different than Survivor, whose new season kicks off fairly soon. Called Naked and Afraid, a man and woman are cast away, buck naked, in a remote location. That's right. No clothes. It is a bit awkward...and challenging for the crew to film.

All the front view is blurred out, thank goodness. The rear riew isn't...more buns here than a hamburger cookout on

the Fourth of July. Anyway, all this got me thinking about a new Survivor

Participants are placed on a large tract of land.

They must procure seed, fertilizer, and pesticides.

They must have the skills of an agronomist, businessman, and mechanic.

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She challenges them with drought. She hits them with flooding rains, high winds, and hail. If that's not enough, she'll send in hordes of insects. Or

challenge the players with diseases and blights.

The players must juggle all the adversity and plant seed, tend the crop, and bring it to harvest.

Then another challenge ensues. They must overcome environmentalists, government regulators, and foreign governments to sell their crop at a profit.

The players may not come out on top every year, but they're

always eager to come back the next. So who wins this drama, played out locally every day across the nation? You. Me. All of us who enjoy the security of three meals a day.

The series is called Farmer.

It doesn't get a lot of publicity. Only a select few are qualified to play. And participants keep their clothes on.

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Texas Crop & Weather report

While Hurricane Ingrid has been a terrible, destructive houseguest in eastern Mexico, Texas Winter Garden growers would have welcomed her with open arms, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticul-

Most years, hurricanes and tropical storms are a mixed blessing to South Texas, but this year, with reservoirs critically low, heavy rains could have made a big difference, said Dr. Larry Stein, AgriLife Extension horticulturist, Uvalde.

One of the leading producers of irrigated winter vegetables in the U.S., the Winter Garden area has been particularly hard hit by the long-standing Texas drought, he said.

While Winter Garden vegetable farmers remain optimistic about this year's crop despite the drought, the hope was Hurricane Ingrid would turn north and bring in moisture from the Gulf to replenish water levels, Stein

said.
"We actually got a little been spotty showers, and it's been more so to the south of Uvalde and west of San Antonio. We're hopeful we'll get a little more later in the

However, a little rain, though welcomed, is not going to turn things around. Many rivers have stopped running, and though the Edwards aquifer still has 'pretty good water," regional farmers are facing stage 3 or stage 5 drought restrictions, depending upon where they're located, according to

"Others are pumping out of the Carrizo Sands and that seems to be holding. And there are a few other wells that are also holding,'

"As far as the outlook goes, it's not good, but it looks like we're going to have water to plant some crops starting in October," he said. "There has been cabbage planted back in late July, the cooler weather has helped, and the brief showers have helped a bit too. We're okay, but we need help."



When Roosters Crowed

Preserving the Past for the Future

Faithful farm dogs

Every farm had a dog or two. Many had a collie or shepherd that would go after the horses, sheep, or cattle and bring them in. Even the untrained "mutts" liked to chase the livestock.

The boys generally walked or rode a horse to the back pasture to get the cattle and the dogs always went along

Some dogs were good squirrel or rabbit dogs. Some were just good fighting dogs. Dogfights were common. "We never missed a chance to holler, 'sic-em' if we were close by another dog," one story goes. "It did not take long for the dogs to settle who was boss. There were those who would get their dogs together just to see whose dog would win."

Once some kids found a paintbrush with wet paint and dabbed some paint on their dog. The paint dried and the dog was in pain. Feeling sorry for the dog, one boy decided to get the paint off, got some gasoline and poured it on the dog. That was the wrong thing to do. The dog started after him and the lad ended up in a tree until the gas dried enough so the dog was out of pain and let the boy alone.

There were some farmers who had hounds for hunting coons. They could be heard in the timbers along the creek.

Rabbit hunting

Rabbit hunting was a great sport. People hunted with guns or with dogs. If you had good hounds, they were all you needed.

Dogs weren't fed for a day, so they were very aggressive. The good rabbit dog was not only fast, but good on sight. Rabbits could dodge them for a while, but the dogs usually won.

Early hog farming

The barnyard was a noisy place the morning the pig farmer put rings in the hogs snouts to keep the hogs from rooting. Each would squeal as if it were dying, then the old sows would let out a squeal each time another was caught. If that wasn't enough noise, the dogs joined in by barking, which continued until the last hog was rung.

Some of the hogs ran in the pasture with the cattle, but were fed ear corn separately from the corncrib. Others were raised around the buildings in hog sheds

Back then, there were two main diseases of hogs. One was Scours-inflammation of the intestines. Hogs often got the disease and it took a long time before they would get better. Many died. Whole oats soaked in lye water was the main treatment.

Another disease was hog cholera, which was fatal. Vaccinations in the 1920s began the slow cure to wipe out the sickness in the United States.





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