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APRIL 25, 2014

MISD Board approves final program changes

Janet Felderhoff News Editor

Directors, with all members proposed program changes. These changes are required because of a huge budget

By Janet Felderhoff

News Editor

"It's hard to believe that

this is the 39th annual Ger-

manfest in Muenster," re-

marked Muenster Chamber

intendent Clay Richerson's affect only Band Director program. Jason Bell. They had decided to eliminate the Band Superintendent's because there were few stu- mendation and directed the dents taking that class - 10

39th Germanfest celebrated

ing this festival each year.

"We will be holding the

of Commerce Executive Di- the festival can be moved to joining parking lot. It now rector John Broyles of this the new facility, but not at sprawls over the Muenster

weekend's Germanfest. "The this time." There are plans City Park and offers many

Muenster Chamber of Com- to move the festival to the more forms of entertain-

merce and the various ser- new Heritage Park facil- ment and varieties of food

ster have done such a great Park, but it is not ready for See GERMANFEST, pg. 6

vice organizations in Muen- ity located north of the City and beverages.

Richerson informed the juniors and no 8th graders Board that he was asking to replace them when they them to vote on the last part move on. He recommended Muenster ISD's Board of of the program change. The that they go through a nonrecommendation for contract renewal process with Bell present, agreed to Super- employees. He said it would and to eliminate the band

The Board accepted the recom-

See SCHOOL, pg. 3

When it was first held in



Janie Hartman photo

Sandy and Carl Bayer have been busy getting their new business Fresh Fellas ready for opening on Friday, April 25. They are offering an assortment of home

Fresh Fellas opens Fríday

doors on Friday, April 25 ofnew furniture, lighting, and

A new store is opening in bleware and bed linens will finds for the shop.' Muenster. Fresh Fellas Furnishings, LLC will open its fering antique, vintage, and home décor items. Casual ta-

be a staple for this unique The owners are Sandy and

Carl Bayer. "We have been refurbishing the store's interior and exterior at 215 N Main since the beginning of February in hopes to have it completed and ready for our of Germanfest," remarked Sandy. "Carl and I are happy that the hard work is almost complete so we can start the ing and re-purposing our

Sandy's love of interior design began as a child. "I watched my mother decorate and carefully curate pieces for our home to make it a warm and relaxing place for family and friends," said Sandy. "Our goal is to make Fresh Fellas that same cozy grand opening the weekend environment where everyone leisurely shops and finds those unique pieces to call their own."

According to Sandy, she hose the name Fresh See BUSINESS, pg. 2

Estes to speak on BLM at CCRW meeting

Senator Craig Estes will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Cooke County Republican Women on Thursday, May 1. Senator Estes will speak about Battleground Texas and the Republican Victory 2014 campaign, as well as key issues that will be addressed when the Legislature meets in January 2015.

He will also discuss efforts by the Bureau of Land Management to take land from Texas property owners along the Red River. The meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church in Gainesville, beginning at 7 p.m., and visitors are welcome.

For more information, contact VP-Programs Dianne

Helms, 940-368-0007, or President Rosina Salsman, 940-



job of maintaining and grow- an event such as German-

Germanfest in the City Park 1976, the Germanfest took

on Maple Street as usual. We place in the Sacred Heart

look forward to the day when Community Center and ad-

fest at this time.

Janie Hartman photo

The main tent for Germanfest was nearly empty earlier this week, but will be overflowing with happy Germanfesters enjoying the variety of food and drink offered there this weekend.

Four candidates seek two Muenster ISD Board seats

Janet Felderhoff News Editor

Place 3 and Place 4 on the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees have terms that exrently held by Ben Bindel. He hopes to be elected to another term. He is opposed by Matt Sicking. Place 4 is now held by Doug Hermes who also filed for re-election. Brandan Walterscheid also filed for that position.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 10 in the Muenster Competition Gym foyer. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Early voting begins on Monday, April 28 and ends on Tuesday, May 6. Early voting is conducted weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the MISD Administration building, 135

East Seventh Street. Place 3 incumbent Ben Bindel is employed by Luttrull-McNatt in Gainesville as a sales consultant. He and

his wife Tina are the parents of three children - Danielle, Brandan, and Briana and ing is self-employed. He is High School and a daugh- - Owen, Ella, and Rhett. pire in May. Place 3 is cur- married to Michell and his ter Savannah who is in the Alex, and Jackson.

Hermes is co-owner of V & an equipment and controls H Oil, LP. He and his wife technician for Kinder Mor-

Each candidate was given

their answers follow:

What do you feel makes you Place 3 candidate Matt Sick- who is a senior in Muenster and they have three children the Muenster ISD's Board of Trustees?

Bindel - I feel that I make children are Angel, Mattie, 8th grade in Muenster Ju- a set of written questions the best candidate for the nior High. Place 4 candidate and a deadline to return the Board of Trustees because



Matt Sicking

Place 4 incumbent Doug Brandan Walterscheid is answers. The questions and of my experience serving on the Board the past six years. I want every child to have have a granddaughter Kylie. Susan have a son Darrell gan. He is married to Blaine the best candidate to serve on the best education possible. I have a better understanding of day-to-day operations and concerns of the school district. My biggest motivation is the fact that we as Board members can truly make a positive impact in our community.

Sicking - I've lived in or around Muenster all my life and I care about our community. I try to do what I think is right and fair for everyone. I want the best for all grade levels at the school, not just the ones my son and grandkids are in. I'm not tied to any one particular interest group. I believe all groups and organizations within the school are essential to the success of MISD. Hermes - The fact that

I have served on the Board for the past three years, and I am currently on the build-See CANDIDATES, pg. 2



Ben Bindel Brandan Walterscheid



Doug Hermes

CANDIDATEScontinued from pg. 1

ing committee for the new elementary/junior high construction. I have the experience of running my own business for the past 25 years as well. I have also served as president and held other officer positions, including JCI senator of the Muenster Jay-

Walterscheid - I attended Muenster ISD from K-12 and have an immense sense of pride and appreciation for the outstanding education I received there. I feel the experience I gained in the military and working for several Fortune 500 companies will broaden the work experience of the Board.

Why would you like to be elected to this position?

Bindel - I want to be elected so I have input into our future - our future is children. I would like to attain the highest moral, ethical, and academic standards for our students so they will be prepared for their success when they go out into the

Sicking - The schools have always been an important part of our community and I want to help MISD continue their tradition of excellence.

Hermes - To continue to be involved in keeping MISD a safe and great place to educate our children. I would also like to continue with the last phases of construction of the school's new facilities.

Walterscheid - I feel it gives me the best opportunity to have an influence on the quality of the education of my children and the other children and teenagers of the community.

How involved do you think the Board should be in planning the budget, curriculum, and future finances for the $School\ district?$

Bindel - The Board of Trustees is the educational policy-making body for the school district to efficiently meet the challenges of public education. School Boards and the superintendent must function together as a team. School Board trustees approve the budget for the local school district. Trustees must adopt a budget that incorporates sound fiscal and business practices. They also monitor expenditures, set the tax rate, and may call for a bond or tax rate election. School Board Trustees are responsible for preparing and reviewing reports that measure the effectiveness and efficiencies of instructional programs, student achievements, budget decisions and policies.

Board should be directly involved, especially since school finances seem to be so complicated. We should have community input as well by encouraging participation in the Board meetings. Budget decisions are very important and can have a great and long lasting impact on those in our schools and our community. These decisions need discussion and input from several perspectives in order to determine the best solution.

Hermes - As far as the budget is concerned, the Board needs to be somewhat involved, but not to micromanage the superintendent. He/she has the tools and support from the service center and the school auditors to adopt a budget. Of course the Board is there to help make recommendations if needed. As far as the curriculum, MISD has a com-

Board supports this commit-classroom daily because it tee since the teachers know can be easily abused. Curwhat is best for the students. rently, I believe our teach-For future finances, the ers have great monitoring Board looks ahead and de- of school technology on site. velops a plan to continue the The improvement would be

adhering to changes in state policy guidelines.

Walterscheid - The Board of Trustees MUST play an integral part in planning the budget, curriculum, and finances for the District. Board members are representatives elected by the voting taxpayers; therefore the Board should have influence on how tax dollars are

What do you see as the school district's biggest challenges/advantages and what would you suggest to improve

Bindel - Muenster ISD's biggest advantages and assets are our children, teachers, parents, and the community. One of our biggest challenges is school finance. In 2011, the Texas Legislature chose to cut \$5.4 billion of funding from public schools. The legislature greatly increased both the rigor and complexity of state rent certification system by assessments and the accountability system under which public schools must and years of work experience operate. At that time, the in their fields, the ability to Legislature chose to change the public school finance system that resulted in the structural deficit; they also created something called targeted revenue. Simply stated, each school district was given an amount of money per student on which to operate. This amount was frozen, mandating that the only way a school could get more money from the state was to have an increase in

Obviously, along with an increase in enrollment comes an increase in costs. No mechanism was put in place to account for natural increases in costs. Fuel for buses, electricity or supplies and materials for classroom instructions increased, schools were left with few choices but to cut in other areas to include freezing salaries and/or reducing staff. So what is the answer to this predicament? These issues were created by the Texas Legislature and they must be resolved by the Legisla-

Sicking - One of MISD's challenges appears to be There is one item I believe communication. Members of needs to be changed. The the community have a mis-school needs to have its own understanding regarding representative to inspect the **Sicking** - I believe the school finances. For example: Why did we build an elementor. tary building if we are in a budget shortfall? The issue needs a major overhaul at could be helped by encourag- the state level. MISD is ining participation and discussion with the community, to talk out issues and concerns some changes made. Howand make sure everyone is on ever, taxpayers need to conthe same page. MISD is fortunate with their students, staff, and the community. It now is not working, and takes hard work to have an maybe speed up the process exemplary school district. The students are motivated to work hard and be successful, the school staff is dedinew buildings and our overcated to teach and motivate the students, and the community is proud and very

supportive of the school. Hermes - I believe the are on the right track. biggest challenge at MISD is the internet superhighway. This is so much information Muenster ISD is a SCHOOL. - both good and bad - available at everyone's fingertips. As an advantage, it is a great ed in an effort to balance the research tool for education, it saves on resources, and lar opinion, but cutting back mittee of teachers in place of course, communication is on some of the athletic proto look over what the state enhanced. As a challenge, grams may be the only fea-

Monday, April 28, 2014

best for our students. The it must be managed in the same quality education that to continually educate all MISD is known for, yet still students on internet abuse using current world events and having school assemblies to enforce this informa-

> **Walterscheid** - The biggest challenge is definitely finance. I've heard countless complaints about Muenster tax rates and it all boils down to not understanding the implications of Chapter 41. I still don't fully understand Chapter 41, but I'm learning as much as I can. We should all seek more education on school finance.

In light of the recent public financial discussion on school finances, what do you believe are some of the solu-

Bindel - There are several cost-driving and unnecessary state-driven regulations that make it difficult for school districts to get the most bang for their buck. School districts should be able to cut the red tape of the curgranting professionals with college or advanced degrees teach in the classroom such as an industrial arts teacher. I feel Texas should remove its 22: 1 K-4 class size cap. The K-4 class size cap raises the cost of public education significantly. I believe the 22:1 limit interferes with the ability to staff campuses cost efficiently, exerting that classes with up to 25 students can operate without any loss of instructional effectiveness. I would suggest that the 22: 1 requirement be based upon average class size rather than apply to all classes, giving districts more flexibility to set class size, allocate resources, and limit costs. The Legislature must take advantage of the opportunity to pass meaningful reforms in Texas education that move towards a more efficient funding system for public education.

Sicking - Not being on the Board, I don't know the whole situation on all the issues. I'd like to have additional discussions to find out more information and the different perspectives before recommending any solution.

Hermes - School finance volved in a lawsuit with a lot of others schools to get tact our elected officials and tell them that what we have of change. To get more revenue at MISD, we need to get more students. With the all success as a school district, we have the space and quality teachers to provide a great education. I think we

Walterscheid - It's important to remember that Some educational programs have already been eliminatbudget. It may not be popurequires and decide what is from a children's standpoint, sible route to meet budget.



The Muenster Chamber of Commerce welcomed Muenster's newest business Fresh Fellas on Monday evening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured, from left, are John D. Bartush, Robert Weinzapfel, Travis Bayer, Kenda Bayer and Krista Bayer, Mark Bayer, Sandy and Carl Bayer, Kelly Corbett and Chloe, Cindy Bartush, Sue Fisher, and John Broyles.

DAYS GONE BY

65 YEARS AGO April 22, 1949

FMA cheese plant shifts into high gear spurred by the annual spring increase in milk production. Golden

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to reflect what she does in giving the furniture a fresh new look or a new purpose. She said she likes Fresh because it can mean many things. Fellas is because Sandy falls in love with the pieces that she is working with as she adds new material, paint, etc.

Weddings: Emil and Anna and Sis Stelzer; Alexis to Er-Vogel; John and Annie Fette. Jerry Fette has broken arm due to a fall at the Saint Jo skating rink. New Arrivals: a daughter to the Ted Neus; a son to the Albert Hoelkers. 'Nig" Wilson's car trunk was the center of attraction on the main drag; he had a vicious bobcat in a trap which he caught that morning.

50 YEARS AGO **April 24, 1964**

The Jack Biffle home in Myra and all its contents are destroyed by fire of undetermined cause. Coach James Polk is named manager of Muenster swimming pool. New Arrivals: Rene to Pat

win and Clara Fuhrmann; Curtis to Tommy and Lucille Hesse; Karen to Henry and Annette Fleitman. Wedding: Sharon Klement and William Don Wolf. Flusche's Pipe & Salvage advertises "We buy any iron and metal. The home for 'Tired Iron'." Hamric's advertises white coats for First Communion \$5.95 for regulars and \$6.95 for slims.

25 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1989 Friday-Fleitman opens travel agency "My Girl Friday's." Obituary: Bernadine Roberg Malone, 69. Frank and Caroline Schilling celebrate Golden Anniversary. New Arrivals: Collin to Glenn and Jean Walterscheid; Jessica to Phil and Bernadette Walterscheid; Griffin to Curtis and Cindee Klement; China to Archie and Cathy Walker.

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Sunday, May 4, 2014	Monday, May 5, 2014	Tuesday, May 6, 2014	Wednesday, May 7, 2014	Thursday, May 8, 2014	Friday, May 9, 2014	Saturday, May 10, 2014
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Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Friday, May 2, 2014

Paula Fleitman 1948 - 2014

Mass of Christian Burial for Paula Cheryl Richardson Fleitman, age 65 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m.. Monday, April 21, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Rosary/vigil led by Fr. Ken was held at 6 p.m., Sunday, April 20 at the funeral home. Mrs. Fleitman died Tuesday, April 15, 2014 in Corinth.

Paula was born Dec. 31, 1948 to Elmer Homer and Pearl Edna Jigout Richardson in Gainesville. She married August Andrew Fleitman on June 29, 1968 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Upon marriage, they resided in the Muenster area. As a wife, mom, and grandmother, she cared and loved her husband, children, and grandchildren deeply. In the early '90s, Paula graduated with high recognition when she earned her GED. She enjoyed playing board and card games and playing electronic video games with her children and grandchildren. She also loved her favorite television shows and movies. Family and friends were very important to her and she loved spending time with them.

Paula was diagnosed with leukemia about 10 years ago, and suffered several medical complications, and was limited on mobility. The last few weeks, her body was very weak and had multiorgan failure and she died of a massive heart attack. She was surrounded by her family when she went to Heav-

Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

Rose Elizabeth Kuhn Zim-

Alcuin lived his entire life

in Lindsay and was a life-

long member of St. Peter's

Marie Zimmerer of Lindsay,

Let's talk.

Son Funeral Home.

Catholic Church.

Paula is survived by her husband August of Muenster; son Randy Fleitman of Muenster; daughters and sons-in-law Jan and Brett Marion of Lindsay, Melinda and Mark Cameron of Roanoke, Kerry Fleitman of Muenster, and Kristen and Rocky Roberts of Saint Jo; brothers Lesley Richardson of Lubbock and Mark Richardson of McKinney; sisters Camilla Young of Callisburg, Linda Kay Zachary of Ennis, Delores Bush of Roswell, Springs, Stephen Marion, Ashley Fleitman, Hayley Fleitman, Maleina Cameron, and Macayla Cameron.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her sister Laverna Snodgrass.

During the funeral Mass, niece Catherine Fleitman was an altar server. Carol Hernandez, niece, gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by niece oriented. She even had her of the Faithful were read by enjoyed playing board and Brandy Klement, niece. Her grandchildren carried the Offertory Gifts to the altar. Serving as Eucharistic min-Bartush, Barbara Rohmer, an overcomer..." and Annette Anderle.

Music ministers Klement, vocalists, and Pat Art" on the trumpet. Hennigan, pianist. Songs included "Amazing Grace," "I Am the Bread of Life," "On Eagle's Wings," "Songs of the Angels," and "How Great Thou Art."

Zimmerer of Lindsay; sis-

and sister Sr. Herman Mary

may be made to the St. Pe-

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Funeral Mass for Al- Sr. Mary Rose Zimmerer of

cuin H. Zimmerer, age 82 San Antonio, Agnes Betzen

of Lindsay, was held at 10 of Hereford, Sr. Barbara

a.m., Wednesday, April Zimmerer of San Antonio,

23, at St. Peter's Catholic and Betty Hellman of Lind-

Church with Fr. Phil Petta say; brother and sister-

officiating. Burial was in St. in-law Bill and Marcella

Rosary was recited Tuesday ter-in-law Lucille Zimmer-

evening at Geo. J. Caroll & er; and numerous nieces,

20, 2014 in Denton. He was by his parents; brothers

say, to Herman Joseph and Jr., Clarence, and Alvin;

Survivors are his sisters 148, Lindsay, TX 76250.

Have IRA questions?

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Zimmerer.



Paula Fleitman

the eulogy. She remembered NM; grandchildren Darrin Paula as, "a wife, mom, and grandmother, $_{
m she}$ for and loved her husband, Marion, Marissa Cameron, children, and grandchildren Makenna Cameron, Nevaeh deeply. She loved being a homemaker... and made sure she attended all of her kids' school events. She loved having a garden and growing her own fresh fruits and vegetables.

"Paula loved singing along with her favorite songs and she loved all kinds of music... Paula was very detail-Tammy Fleitman. Prayers calendar color-coded... She card games with the fam-

"Through the years, Paula was strong, even during the isters were Roger and Janie storms of struggles she suf-Taylor, Carol Fleitman, John fered medically... Paula was

At the graveside, Paula's son-in-law Rocky Roberts Christy Hesse and Emily played "How Great Thou

Pallbearers were Stephen Marion, Darrin Springs, Russell Fleitman, Aaron Fleitman, Scott Crum, Kyle Graham, Matthew Fleitman, Mark Fleitman, Brian Rexann Crum, niece, gave Prescher, and Jay Prescher.

Services set for

Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Ann Herr of Muenster on Friday, April 25 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muen-Visitation was held Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at Scott Funeral Home in

Mrs. Herr died at the age

Superintendent to deliver to come back to the Board school year a final Notice of Proposed should they select an area Nonrenewal to Bell and ennot covered.

sure that it was delivered to

include the time limitations

and procedure for request-

ing a hearing before the

Board. Should a hearing be

requested, the Board agreed

to engage an attorney to as-

Other program changes

involve at-will employees.

Custodial services will be

outsourced which is expect-

nate all but two aides. "With

all the cuts in those areas

and in our budget we won't

buy as many computers.

pro-books, and ipads. We'll

gain about \$40,000 in the

budget there. So, I'm close to

hearings in regard to a wind

Muenster. There was nobody

The first hearing was for a

reinvestment zone. Officials

for Muenster Wind Farm,

LLC stated that the proposed

wind project had a value of

\$130 million. If constructed,

it would be over one and a

half years and would show

that they would also ask for

a job waiver because the nor-

mal minimum is 10 jobs, but

there were only three per-

manent jobs associated with

this project. The norm is one

for a \$20 million limitation

that would be in place for

eight years for M&O taxes.

He said, "That is the basis for

the tax savings. The differ-

ence between that and what-

ever their actual tax value

is. The Appraisal District

each year will make a de-

termination. The full project

value is taxed for I&S value.

We're applying for limitation

for their M&O taxes, but

whatever full project value

they have, you have acces-

sible to you for taxation for

The Board viewed a map

of the reinvestment zone

proposed by the wind farm.

It was noted that the rein-

vestment zone was much

larger than the area where

the wind turbines would be

placed. This is because the

where the turbines will be

I&S purposes."

The company also asked

job per 15 turbines.

The representative said

up on the 2016 tax roll.

There were two public

\$340,000 being cut."

the hearings.

sist with the hearing.

The Board voted to aphim no later than the 10th prove the creation of the Dana Klement, Stephanie day before the last day of in- Muenster Wind Farm Reinstruction. The notice was to vestment Zone with a vote of 4-0-3.

> Three Board member Neal Flusche, Doug Hermes, and Richard Dangelmayr abstained from voting. Attorney Annabel Canchola advised any members of the Board who had contracts with the Wind Farm or owned property in indicated parcels to recuse themselves from vot-

ed to save \$85,000 and elimi-The Board also voted 4-0-3, with the same members abstaining, to approve findings under the Texas Economic Development Act on the Application for a limitation on appraised value of property for School District maintenance operation taxes submitted by Muenster Wind Farm, LLC.

farm proposed for north of The Board voted 4-0-3 to from the public present for approve the waiver of job creation requirement requested by Muenster Wind Farm.

> As recommended by Elementary Principal Lou Heers, the Board unanimously rehired the following teachers to be placed on a 10-month one-year probationary contract for 2014-15: Kara Richerson and Casey

> Rehired and placed on a 10-month, one-year term contract for 2014-15: Kenet Richerson, Jill Reiter, Lisa Pagel, Deb Klement, Deanna Hellman, Dyan Huchton, Amy Huchton, Beth Saucer, Amy Anderle, Cheryl Presnall, Cicily Waneck, Kay Hickey, Collin Walker, Kim Budish, Dianne Endres, Bernadette Otto, and Jennifer Walterscheid:

> Rehired and placed on a 10-month plus 10 days, oneyear term contract for certified librarian for 2014-15: Vicki Eldridge (Mel Walterscheid abstained);

> Rehired and placed on an 11-month, one-year term contract for IT/teacher/webmaster for 2014-15: Debra Rehired and placed on a

dual assignment teacher/ coach one-year term contract, 10 month plus 10 days for 2014-15: J.B. "Trev"

Rehired and placed on a 10-month, one-year term contract for 2014-15 as school nurse: Marlene Fisher.

company is unsure exactly As recommended by Juplaced until they quantify nior High/High School Printhe wind resources from cipal Jason Atcheson, the the test towers, and a large Board unanimously hired zone allows them not to have the following for the 2014-15

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One-year term, 10-month teacher contract: Rebecca Felderhoff, Danna Hess, Krebs, Caroline Lutkenhaus, Gynell Oppermann, Carmen Reiter, Molly Sicking, Michelle Stevens, Lisa

Walterscheid; Probationary one-year 10month teacher contract: Afton Vieth;

Term one-year 11-month dual teacher/coach contract: Amy Binder, Lynn Cook, Griffin Fields, Mark Stevens, Jeff Smiley;

Term one-year 11-month contract as school counselor: Kristi Schneider;

Term one-year 12-month teacher contract: Daniel Waneck, David Skeans;

Term one-year 12-month multiple duty contract as teacher/coach/technology coordinator: Jeff Presnall; Term one year nine-month

contract for retirees: Martha Koesler and Joni Sturm. In other business, the

Approved an attendance

waiver for three snow days. Heard that delinquent taxes for the month of March

 Set a Budget Workshop for 6:30 on May 14 before the regular Board meeting.

totaled \$3,182.14.

Reminder

Just a reminder to those who would like to donate an item for either the live or silent auction for the upcoming Claude Klement benefit. The benefit will take place

Saturday, May 17. Call Mark

Klement at 940-727-3852 if

you would like to donate an



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Living Stations of the Cross



Members of SHY, under the direction of Sacred Heart Youth Minister Dan Aedo, acted out the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday afternoon. Those taking part included Zach Flusche, Juan Orocio, Julian Hesse, Daniel Hesse, Amy White, Nicole Rains, Abby Luttmer, Rogelio Orocio, Alaina Reiter, Bailey Klement, Kelsie Sicking, Katie Luttmer, Bailey Walterscheid, Alaina Endres, Morgan Eldridge, Isac Walterscheid, Kassie Dangelmayr, Claire Schneider, Hayden Schilling, Brady Endres, Karleigh Reeves, Kason Reeves, Shelby Kle-ment, Lora Walterscheid, Allie Walterscheid, Savannah Hermes, and Alaina Kubis.

Grewing named CASA **Volunteer of the Quarter**

CASA of North Texas has named Billie Grewing of Muenster "Volunteer of the Quarter." Grewing was chosen because of the great attitude and unbiased commitment she continuously demonstrates on her case. "She goes above and beyond what we expect of our volunteers," said CASA Case Manager Lori Jacobs. Helping everyone involved in the case is what Grewing enjoys most about being a CASA and developing relationships, especially with the parents of

When asked why she became a CASA, Grewing said, "I had been looking for a way to make a difference. CASA was everywhere I turned so I prayed and asked for direction and confirmation. The very next Sunday someone from CASA spoke at my church about the need for volunteers".

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a nonprofit organization that recruits, trains, and supervises community volunteers who act as advocates for Cooke County's children placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers visit the children and their caregivers, the parents, the children's teachers and medical caregivers, and report their findings to the District Court.

Billie Grewing is employed full time in Muenster, is married ,and the mother of two children.

If you are interested in learning more about CASA, please visit www.casant.org or call 940.665.2244.



Billie Grewing is CASA's Volunteer of the Quarter.

VFW Auxiliary elects officers

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Unit for their scholarship next year by acclamation. meeting April 21 in the Post Home with President Frances Bayer presiding. The opening ritual was given by Conductress Linda Knabe, Patriotic Instructor Hilda Sicking, and Chaplain Rose Hudspeth pro tem. Lucille Hesse's treasurer's report and are in order. was read by Agnes Hesse.

Members voted to send a donation to the National Home to help update their computers and printers. They also voted to send a officers, a motion was made

Post #6205 held their regular fund, and a donation to the Auxiliary Student Nursing signed by members. Scholarship.

> All reports were sent in before the deadline, as reportthat the books were audited

Members planned to participate in the Memorial Day When you service on May 25 and Buddy Poppy sales.

In regards to election of donation to the Junior Girls to accept all officers for the hang on.

Two get well cards were

Agnes Hesse served re-

freshments to the members. The next meeting will in-

ed by President Bayer, who clude installation of officers also sent in more Campbells and will be held May 19 in labels. Agnes Hesse reported the Post Home at 7:30 p.m. A meal will be served at 7 p.m., preceding the meeting.

> to the end of your rope, tie a knot and

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

For all of their love, support and hard work, special thanks to our children Mark, Travis and daughter-in-law Kenda and granddaughter Krista. Thank you Joe David and Samuel Bayer for good humor and new lighting. Hugs and many thanks to Brenda Wimmer Nix for hours of hard work on hands and knees.

Many thanks to Alan Britian. Thanks to Joel Hale for his artistic work on Fresh Fellas logos and signs. Thanks to Rufus Henscheid and Steve Yosten for getting the floor repaired. Thank you to family and friends for all of your support, and a special thanks to Sandy's sister Sharon Leumas for driving from New Orleans to help with the opening. And a big thank you to our fellow shop owners for their enthusiastic encouragement and support and to John Broyles and the Muenster Chamber of Commerce for the Ribbon Cutting.

> Fresh Fellas owners Sandy and Carl Bayer

Service set for Divine Mercy **Sunday**

St. Peter's Catholic Church will host the Divine Mercy Sunday service on Sunday, April 27. The service will begin at 3 p.m., with confessions held from 2 to 2:45 p.m. There is no Mass at this service. The service will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

A special blessed image of Jesus, the Lord of Divine Mercy, and a first class relic of Saint Faustina will be present for veneration.

Notice

Brown Bag Book Review The May Brown Bag Book Review will be on Thursday, May 1 at the NCTC Library Lyceum. Patsy Wilson will review The World's Strongest Librarian by Josh Hanagar-

friend!

Chili's "Give Back" to benefit HH

M-o-o-ving Thru' The Mud With Landon is happy to join forces with Chili's on April 29 for Chili's community "Give Come and invite and Back" program. The Give Back event will take place all day, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and includes dine in, take out, and drinks ordered from the bar. M-o-o-ving Thru' The Mud With Landon will receive 10% of the sales when their event flier is presented, either by printed handout, or shown digitally from their phone or tablet. Patrons may also mention M-o-o-ving Thru' The Mud With Landon to their server to

participate in the Give Back event. Proceeds from the sales of the evening will go to the 501(c)3 non-profit Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas (HH) Be sure to check the M-o-o-ving Thru' The Mud With Landon Facebook page and their website, www.mudwithlandon.com, to print a flyer and for the latest activities and

Jim Bowie Days seeking vendors

Jim Bowie Days Association is seeking vendors for June 26 thru 28 (Thursday thru Saturday) in the climate-controlled Community Center in Bowie. The details and application can be found on the website www.jimbowiedays.org. Many activities are being held in the same building in dif-

ferent areas on Friday and Saturday. Deadline is May 15.

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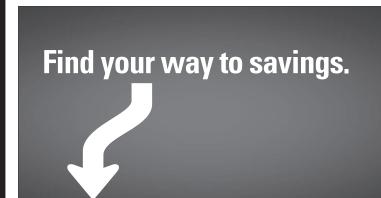


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SCHOOL

Muenster High excels at District academic competition



Students competing at District UIL are, back row - Zach Trubenbach, Chase Deeken, Allie Walterscheid, Jared Endres, Noel Rodriguez, Devon Brinkley, Lyndon Cook, Logan Cook, Morgan Eldridge, Bailey Klement, Austin Creswell, Clayton Hess, Jay Patel; middle row - Haiden Shook, Claire Schneider, Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Shelbi Sicking, Shelby Klement, Kalee Hennigan, Sydney Huchton, Alaina Reiter, Makayla Moster, Karli Mouring, Mason Binder, Reagan Weger; front row - Mahayla Bohl, Kristen Reiter, Alyssa Barnes, Mikaela Lamar, Rachel Hare, Emma Wood, Macie Pagel, Hannah Bayer, Tara Gunnels, Blake Haubold, Kevin Barnes, and Mason Davis.

Muenster Band earns Superior at **District competition**

The Muenster Hornet Ride," "Maesong," and the Band, the Pride of Muenster, earned a Superior rating at District competition held in Vernon on April 16.

"Valley Forge March." For their performance, they earned a One rating from all three judges - a perfect

In the Sight Reading competition, the Band received an Excellent rating.

The last public performance of the Muenster High School Band was April 13.

The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as *in what direction we* are moving.

Muenster High School stu-Saturday, March 29 at Tar- Haiden Shook. rant County College in Fort Worth. The students placed na Reiter; 4th, Macie Pagel. 2nd overall, and 15 students are advancing to Regional 3rd, Austin Creswell. competition in Abilene on May 2 and 3.

The following are student 2nd, Sydney Huchton. individual and team places: Accounting: 3rd, Mason Noel Rodriguez; 6th, Lyndon

Binder; 6th, Kalee Hennigan; 2nd place team with Shelby Klement.

Calculator Applications: 4th, Hannah Bayer; 2nd place team with Kristen Reiter, Allie Walterscheid, and Kalee Hennigan.

Applica-Computer tions: 2nd, Alaina Reiter; 4th, Claire Schneider.

Current Issues: Lyndon Cook; 4th, Logan 1st place team with Noel Rodriguez.

Editorial Writing: 5th, Georgia Taylor Saavedra. Feature Writing:

Sydney Huchton.

Tara Gunnels; 6th, Reagan tin Creswell. Weger.

Lincoln-Douglas dents competed in District bate: 2nd, Mikaela Lamar; 13-A academic competition 3rd, Zach Trubenbach; 4th,

News Writing: 1st, Alai-

Prose Interpretation: Ready Writing:

Georgia Taylor Saavedra; Social Studies:

Spelling & Vocabulary: 1st, Tara Gunnels; 4th, Makayla Moster; 6th, Morgan Eldridge; 1st place team

with Shelbi Sicking.

Students advance to Regional competition at Abilene Christian University by individually placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd and by placing 1st as a team. Those advancing are Mahayla Bohl, Alaina Re-Cook; 5th, Mahayla Bohl; iter, Mikaela Lamar, Georgia Taylor Saavedra, Sydnev Huchton, Tara Gunnels, Makayla Moster, Morgan Eldridge, Shelbi Sicking, Mason Binder, Lyndon Cook, Logan Cook, Noel Rodriguez, Headline Writing: 4th, Zach Trubenbach, and Aus-

The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by go-- Oliver W Holmes ing beyond them into the impossible. - Arthur C. Clarke



Muenster FCCLA students, from left, back - Jori Magee, State VP of Peer Involvement; Alaina Kubis, Erin Schniederjan, and Jenna Sicking (1st place/National Qualifiers- Jr. Chapter Service Project), Makayla Pumphrey, and Mariah Rocha (3rd place Sr. National Program in Action); front - Megan Rohmer, Bailey Anderle, and Paige Saucer (4th place Jr. Chapter in Review).

FCCLA attends State Conference

Muenster FCCLA (Fam- scholarships. well represented at the State Conference April 10-12. This year's theme was FCCLA: A World of Opportunities at Corpus Christi, Texas. Jori Magee led the delegation of over 3,000 in three sessions and a talent show as State VP of Peer Involvement. Mariah Rocha

was on stage for two FCCLA

tion) Event teams medaled as well. One team will represent Texas FCCLA at National Leadership Conference July 6-10 in San Antonio. There were over 1,500 STAR Event competitors.

Two featured speakers, Judson Laipply and Aric Bostick, inspired members in two sessions with goal setting and following their speakers focusing on national programs of STOP (Students Taking On Prevention) the Violence, Student Body (fitness and wellness),

and Dressing for Success. The nine students returned to school the following week ready to share their exciting experiences.



ily, Career and Community
All three STAR (Students dreams. Leadership tracks
Leaders of America) was Taking Action with Recognialso featured dynamic Forty-seven Sacred Heart Catholic School Elementary students par the Six Flags Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Club Program. Each participant read for at least 360 minutes between Jan. 6 and Feb. 28 to qualify for a free ticket to enjoy the day at any Six Flags theme park. Tickets can be used anytime between selected dates this summer only.



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2014-15 Muenster Varsity Cheerleaders, from left, front - Soph. Amy Luttmer, Jr. Courtney Stevens, Soph. Macie Pagel, Sr. Head Caroline Gressett, Soph. Haiden Shook; back - Jr. Claire Schneider, Sr. Kristen Reiter, Jr. Kimber Walterscheid, Jr. Allie Walterscheid, Jr. Mascot Alaina Reiter, Fresh. Sterling Walterscheid.



2014-15 Muenster Junior High Cheerleaders, from left, front - Alex Deeken, Brooke Hammer, Lauren Trubenbach, MacKenzie Sicking, Cydney Cromer, Mascot Ashleigh Deweber; back - Merrett Jones, Morgan Hennigan, Kaitlin Hennigan, Celene Burke.



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Pictured, from left, is Abby Walterscheid with the Texas Bluebonnet Award Winner and Colby Endres holding Muenster ISD's local winning book.

Lunch Menus

<u>APRIL 28 - MAY 2</u> **MUENSTER ISD**

Mon. - Tasty rib sandwich, sweet corn, green beans, mixed fruit. AM - Bologna and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Tues. - Frito chili pie, glazed carrots, lettuce topping, fresh honeydew. AM - Turkey and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

Wed. - Chicken quesadilla, Mexicali corn, refried beans, sour green applesauce. AM -Ham and cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, fresh vegetable.

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

Fri. - Tony's pepperoni pizza, tator tots, baked beans, pineapple tidbits. AM - Povegetable.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Roasted chicken, corn on the cob, lettuce salad, veggie tray, fruit, bread.

Tues. - Fiesta salad w/lettuce and cheese, ranch style beans, fritos, salsa, fruit.

Wed. - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit, bread. Thurs. - Ham sandwich

w/trimmings, veggie tray, chips, fruit, spice cake.

Fri. - Grilled chicken sandtator wich w/trimmings, tots, fruit, ice cream.

Students cast their vote for favorite Texas **Bluebonnet book**

A tradition starting in 1981, the Texas Library Association (TLA) forms a committee to select 20 books as nominees for the Texas Bluebonnet Award (TBA). However, it is the Texas students in the third through sixth grades who vote for the award winner. Students may participate in the program by reading at least five of the Texas Bluebonnet Books and voting for their favorite in January. Librarians then electronically send the voting totals to the TLA committee. The book that receives the most votes is named the Texas Bluebonnet Award Winner for that At the Muenster ISD Li-

brary, the third through boy combo, fresh fruit, fresh sixth grade students are introduced to the 20 books on the current Bluebonnet Book list in August and they have until Jan. 31 to read at least five of those books to be considered eligible voters. This year, 63 Muenster Elementary students read at least five of the Texas Bluebonnet Books. The goal of this reading program is to promote recreational reading in a variety of genres. Considering that 299 TBA books were read this year. students are finding time in their busy schedule to do what this program is trying to accomplish. Sixth grade

students Colby Endres and Abby Walterscheid read all 20 of the Texas Bluebonnet Book nominees.

On Jan. 31, the eligible voters cast votes for their favorite Bluebonnet Book. Participants enjoyed pizza and cookies, compliments of Muenster PTO. They anxiously awaited the news of the local winner which was The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. The reading celebration ended with the distribution of party favors and door prizes. After all votes were tabu-

lated, the Texas Library Association was excited to announce that 181,734 students across the state of Texas read at least five books and voted. The 2014 Texas Bluebonnet Award was given to Ten Rules You Absolutely Must Not Break if You Want to Survive the School Bus, written by John Grandits and illustrated by Michael Allen Austin, receiving 28,398 votes. It was followed by Wonder by RJ Palacio and Giants Beware! by Jorge Aguirre.

For more information about this reading program, http://txla.org/TBA. Students can start reading now for next year's program. MISD's next scheduled librarv event is the Scholastic Buy-One-Get-One-Free Book Fair held in the MISD

Library during the week of May 19-23. This is a great opportunity to purchase books for summer reading.

Weather Whys -**Dust devils**

Q: What exactly is a dust

A: It's really not that sinister, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. He said a dust devil is a swirling wind that looks like a small tornado, but is not. "Dust devils often occur on sunny days with no clouds in the sky," he explains. "They may look like a small tornado because of their funnel shape, but they are usually harmless. The winds produced by a dust devil rarely exceed 30 to 40 miles per hour, not really capable of doing any damage, but fast enough to and dirt. They few seconds."

Q; Where do they usually

A: They can occur almost

See Dust devils below



SHCS photo

Sacred Heart Catholic School 2nd graders enjoyed a Paschal meal on Holy Thursday.

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According to Broyles, "One change this year is that we are using tickets for all food, beverages, and activities inside the park. There will be three ticket booths inside the park for convenience. This has been a change the Chamber Board has discussed for several years and they decided that this would be the year to make the change to the use of tickets instead of cash." 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. Only the craft vendors will accept cash this year.

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."

Some of the talent slated for the 2014 Germanfest are Valina Polka - Das Is Lustig, Wade Bowen, Jacob Powell, Dave Alexander & His Big Texas Swing Band, Side Street Circus, and Balloonytick Betty.

Flashback Friday music returns again with a flashback to the 80s with the band "LIVE 80s" performing a decadelong list of hits from the 1980s. "It's all about crowd fun," said 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 Express, 3rd Generation, Das Is Lustig, Valina Polka, and Alpine Village will be our polka entertainers this year," said

For the athletic and competitive, there are several events and activities. 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 Muenster Knights of Columbus Fun Run. Runners select either 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.

Instead of the children riding a barrel train, children and give you a mouth full of dust 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, petting zoo, pony rides, bubble runners, bumper boats, and face painting.

> 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. 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. 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. The shuttle will operate on Friday from 5-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dust devilscontinued from above

anywhere, but most often in dry, arid areas in the Southwest, he adds. "They form in response to surface heating during fair, hot weather," he explains. "So the desert and arid areas most often see dust devils, which are called a 'willy willy' in Australia and have other unusual names in other parts of the world. Dust

devils have been photographed on the planet Mars by one of the rovers that landed there, and Mars has considerable dust for them to form. Their appearance on Mars is identical to that of dust devils formed on Earth.'

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

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SPORTS

Tigers District Champs

The Sacred Heart Tigers outlasted Watauga Harvest to clinch the District Championship title with a 9-5 win April 14. Kason Reeves managed to get 11 strike outs during his six innings of work and Brady Endres came in to close and secured the win in the 7th.

Key at bats by Darian Peters, Keith Metzler, Kason Reeves, Will Boyd, Hayden Schilling, Stephen Kessler, and Tyler Walterscheid contributed to successful Tiger

This young Sacred Heart Tiger team had their last District game Tuesday evening, winning over Harvest

14-2. Endres was the winning pitcher. Sacred Heart finished the regular season with an undefeated 10-0 record.

The Tigers will advance to the playoffs which will begin on April 29 in Muenster. Team and time to be announced.

Tigers District results: Notre Dame 12-3 Abilene 8-3 Fellowship 12-2 Calvary 13-6 Notre Dame 10-2 Calvary 2-0 Abilene 9-6 Fellowship 13-2 Harvest 9-5





District Champions - the undefeated Sacred Heart Tigers

Sacred Heart takes District championships

were joined last Thursday at the Area Meet in Valley View by Gateway, Triple A, Fort Worth Harmony, Harmony School, Italy, and Itasca to try to earn a trip to the Regional Track and Field Meet April 25 and 26 in Abilene.

& Field Meet

Eight Hornets in nine events and five Lady Hornets in six events will advance. They include: Allie Walterscheid, 100m Hurdles and 300m Hurdles; Hannah Bayer, 100m Dash; Courtney Stevens, Long Jump; Claire Schneider, 100m Hurdles and 300m Hurdles; the 4x100m Relay team of Claire Schneider, Allie Walterscheid, Shelbi Sicking, and Hannah Bayer; and the 4x200m Relay team of Hannah Bayer, Claire Schneider, Shelbi Sicking, and Courtney Stevens.

Hornets competing will be: Cole Walterscheid, Long Jump; Chase Deeken, Triple Jump, Long Jump, 110m Hurdles, and 300m Hur-Hurdles; Zach Trubenbach, Triple Jump; Lyndon Cook, High Jump; Collin Pagel,

Muenster, Lindsay, Era, Discus; Dalton Bartel, 100m; Collinsville, Valley View, and the 4x200m Relay team and Tioga's top District of JT Gregg, Cole Waltersc-Track and Field finishers heid, Trevor Cheaney, and Dalton Bartel.

Area results were as fol-

VARSITY GIRLS

Shot: 3, Teresa Boles, L,

Long Jump: 3, Courtney Stevens, M, 15' 7.5"; 4, Chloe

Larabee, L, 14'6". 3200m: 5, Jessica Martin, L, 13:35.56.

100m: 2, Hannah Bayer, M, 13.426; 4, Tara Atkins, L, 13.76; 5, Erica Davis, L,

200m: 3, Tara Atkins, L, 27.87; 5, Hannah Davis, L,

Discus: 5, Elizabeth Hellman, L, 83'4".

Triple Jump: 3, Nicole Fleitman, L, 32'1"; 5, Courtney Stevens, M, 31'2".

100m Hurdles: 1, Allie Walterscheid, M, 16.77; 4, Claire Schneider, M, 17.804. 400m: 3, Scout Tatum, L,

1:03.67. 1600m: 1, Lauren Gibbs, L, 5:37.16.

High Jump: 1, Nicole dles; Trevor Cheaney, 300m Fleitman, L, 4' 8"; 3, Elizabeth Wallace, L, 4'4".

Pole Vault: 1, Lindsey See REGIONAL, page 9

Sacred Heart hosted the TAPPS District Meet on 14:26; 5, Alane Bartush, 9'6"; 4, Tyler Walterscheid, April 15 at Hornet Stadium, dominating the other six schools that competed, winning both boys and girls championships, while earning 63 total medals. The Tigers won 22 Gold medals (12 in the relays), while the Tigerettes collected 14 (also 12 in the relays). The Tigers

also had the first three finishers in the 3200m, High Jump, Long Jump, and Shot Put, with the girls sweeping the 100m Hurdles, and Shot

> In the boys division, Sacred Heart had a total of 278 points for 1st place. Watauga Harvest followed with 66, Abilene Christian 65, Fellowship Academy 53, Denton Calvary 44, and Amarillo Holy Cross 18. The Tigerettes won the meet with 172 team points. Abilene followed with 143, Calvary 79, Harvest 78, Holy Cross 67, Texoma Christian 20, and Fellowship 18.

> Sacred Heart placers, their times and distances

are as follows: **VARSITY GIRLS** 15:15; 6, Avery Truebenbach, 15:40.

800m: 5, Mikenzie Fleitman, 3:03.22.

400m: 4, Mikenzie Fleitman, 1:07.98.

1600m Relay: 1, Sacred Heart, Leah Knabe, Sara Davidson, Mikayla Fleitman, Mikenzie Fleitman, 4:31.67.

Triple Jump: 4, Alane Bartush, 27' 11.5"; 5, Rylee Reiter, 25' 11.5". Shot Put: 1, Morgan

Hesse, 29' 6.25"; 2, Michelle Zimmerer, 27' 6.75"; 3, Elizabeth Weinzapfel, 25' 11.25".

Pole Vault: 2, Bailey Walterscheid, 7'.

400m Relay: 1, Sacred Heart, Leah Knabe, Bailey Walterscheid, Amanda Aldriedge, Sara Davidson,

100m Hurdles: 1, Bailey Walterscheid, 18.34; 2, Brooke Henry, 19.96; 3, Alana Endres, 20.23.

800m Relay: 1, Sacred Heart, Leah Knabe, Sara Davidson, M. Fleitman, Bailey Walterscheid, 1:57.79.

300m Hurdles: 2, Mikayla Fleitman, 54.20.

1600m: 5, Amanda Aldriedge, 6:35.67; 6, Rylee Reiter, 6:42.77. **High Jump**: 2, Bailey

Walterscheid, 4' 9"; 4, Mikayla Fleitman, 4'3". Long Jump: 4, Samantha

Palmer, 14'6". Discus: 5, Katie Luttmer,

58' 10". VARSITY BOYS

3200m: 1, Michael Fleitman, 12:18; 2, Daniel Hesse, 12:30; 3, Hudson Eddleman,

800m: 4, Daniel Hesse, 2:21.51.

100m: 2, Chris Bartush, 11.63; 4, Ethan Henry, 11.86; 5, Tyler Walterscheid, 11.93. 400m: 1, Zach Flusche, 56.05.

200m: 3, Ethan Henry, 25.38; 5, Chris Bartush, 25.81.

1600m Relay: 1, Sacred

Heart, Keith Metzler, Brady Endres, Isac Walterscheid, Will Boyd, 3:59. Triple Jump: 1, Kason

Reeves, 41' 4"; 3, Isac Walterscheid, 37' 0.5"; 4, Will Boyd, 35' 7.25". Shot Put: 1, Hayden Schilling, 43' 6.25"; 2, Gar-

rett Wheeler, 36' 8"; 3, Jason Knabe, 36' 2.25".

Pole Vault: 1 (tie), Aaron

400m Relay: 1, Sacred man, 5:24.26. Heart, Keith Metzler, Kason Reeves, Zach Flusche, Will Boyd, 47.28.

110m Hurdles: 1, Aaron dres, 5'4". Davis, 16.63; 3, Markus Shaw, 18.99.

Heart, Keith Metzler, Chris 17'6.25". Bartush, Ethan Henry, Will Boyd, 1:37.48.

300m Hurdles: 1, Aaron vis, 85' 10'.

3200m: 4, Rylee Reiter, Davis and Isac Walterscheid, Davis, 42.79; 2, Markus Shaw, 47.80.

1600m: 2, Michael Fleit-High Jump: 1, Isac Wal-

terscheid, 5' 5"; 2, Grant Springer, 5' 4"; 3, Brady En-Long Jump: 1, Kason

Reeves, 19'; 2, Isac Waltersc-800m Relay: 1, Sacred heid, 18' 4.25"; 3, Will Boyd, Discus: 1, Hayden Schil-

ling, 116' 9.5"; 5, Mark Da-

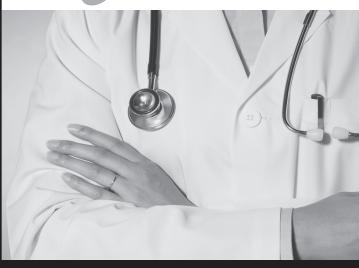


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Hornets force Knights into tie-breaker



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The Muenster Hornets defeated the Knights 11-2 Tuesday at Lindsay to force a tie-breaker battle for the District Championship. Pictured above, the Hornets work up a double play against Lindsay. The two teams will meet next week at a neutral site with the winner earning first place.







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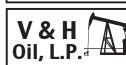




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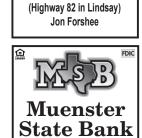












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Cubs win District, Lady Cubs take 2nd

Sacred Heart Junior High Track teams participated in the North Texas Independent League Track and Field Meet on April 10 at Gainesville High School's Leopard

The Varsity Cubs brought 14.84. home the team championship with a commanding 213 points. Incarnate Word followed with 139, St. Mary's 90, Sivells Bend 18, and Walnut Bend 1.

Incarnate Word won the girls varsity with 155 points. Sacred Heart earned 122, St. Mary's 114, Sivells Bend 14, and Walnut Bend 0.

There were also junior varsity divisions, in which several Cubs participated, but no girls competed.

Sacred Heart results are as follows:

VARSITY BOYS

Long Jump: 1, Thomas Hennigan, 18' 5"; 3, Hunter Hess. 16' 8.5".

Shot Put: 1, Thomas Hennigan, 10.84M; 2, Sam Hesse, 10.44M; 3, Julian Hesse, 9.24M.

Discus: 1, Hunter Hess, 103' 6"; 2, Sam Hesse, 102'

2400m: 2, Robert Hanson, 9:33.80; 4, John Hess, 10:02.51; 5, Tanner Eddleman, 10:23.77.

400m Relay: 1, Hunter Hess, Thomas Hennigan, Sam Hesse, Julian Hesse,

800m: 2, Robert Hanson, 2:32.34; 3, Ben Ganzon, 2:38.87; 4, Roy Endres,

100m: 1, Thomas Hennigan, 11.42; 5, Jeron Juntado,

800m Relay: 1, Sam

Hesse, Julian Hesse, Jeron Juntado, Roy Endres,

400m: 1, Hunter Hess. 59.61; 3, Ben Ganzon, 4, John Hess, 1:08.24;

1:10.40. 200m: 1, Thomas Hennigan, 25.71; 3, Jeron Juntado,

1600m: 2, Roy Endres, 6:03; 3, John Hess, 6:27; 6,

Mason VanBriggle, 7:25. 1600m Relay: 1, Hunter

Hess, Sam Hesse, Julian Hesse, Robert Hanson, 4:05.

VARSITY GIRLS

Mason, 10' 6.5".

Shot Put: 2, Emma

67' 4"; 6, Makenzie Mason,

2400m: 1, Danielle Hess,

400m Relay: 1, Samantha Muller, Sophia Jones,

800m: 1, Kate Springer, gan, 5.86M. 2:59.04; 6, Makenzie Mason,

100m: 3, Emma Ploeger,

800m Relay: Samantha Muller, Sophia Jones, 1, 2:12.05.

1:18.38; 4, Kate Springer, 1:19.38. Samantha 1:18.31; Muller, 34.81; 5, Stephanie 1:20.71.

400m: 3, Danielle Hess,

Koesler, 38.06. 1600m: 2, Makenzie Ma-

son, 8:09. 1600m Relay: Sophia Hess, Megan Ploeger, 1, Bezner, Ian Kintz, 5:32.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

Shot Put: 1, Jackson Carr, 8.62M; 6, Colby Ho-

400m Relay: 2, Collin Knabe, Jared Walterscheid, Logan Muller, Rhett Sprouse, 1:02.99.

800m: 5, Ethan Muller, 3:16.78; 6, Collin Knabe,

3:17.96. 100m: 2, Logan Muller, 15.07.

400m: 4, Keith Bezner, 5, Ian Kintz,

200m: 1, Isaiah Bayer, 34.08; 2, Logan Muller,

1600m Relay: 1, Collin Jones, Kate Springer, Dani Knabe, Rhett Sprouse, Keith

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Gibbs, L, 7'6".

300m Hurdles: 1, Mariah Noggler, L, 48.79; 3, Allie 4:37.10. Walterscheid, M, 51.20; 4,

Claire Schneider, M, 52.30. 4x100m Relay: 3, Muenster, Claire Schneider, Allie Walterscheid, Shelbi Sicking, Hannah Bayer, 52.11; 4, Lindsay, Hannah Davis,

Scout Tatum, Jalyn Anderle, Tara Atkins, 52.18. 4x200m Relay: 3, Muenster, Hannah Bayer, Claire Schneider, Shelbi Sicking, Courtney Stevens; 1:52.81; Davis, N/A, Mariah Noggler,

4x400m Relay: 1, Lindderle, Scout Tatum, Lauren scheid, Trevor Cheaney, Dal-Gibbs, 4:15.20.

VARSITY BOYS

Shot: 1, Travis Krahl, L, 47' 5.5"; 3, Connor Pelzel, L, 43' 4"; 4, Zach Mlinar, L, 42'

Long Jump: 1, Cole Walterscheid, M, 20'2"; 2, Chase Deeken, M, 19' 7.5"; 5, Justin Ott, L, 18' 7.5".

3200m: 3, John Price, L, 10:16.50.

100m: 4, Dalton Bartel, M, 11.91.

200m: 1, Wade Hanks, L, total of 199. Discus: 1, Travis Krahl,

Long Jump: 5, Makenzie L. 139' 0.5"; 2, Connor Pelzel, L, 137' 5"; 4, Collin Pagel, M, 116'6".

Triple Jump: 1, Chase Discus: 3, Sophia Jones, Deeken, M, 39' 11.5"; 3, Zach Trubenbach, M, 37'6".

110m Hurdles: 2. Chase Deeken, M, 16.63; 3, Matt Block, L, 17.70.

400m: 2, Kaleb Anderle, 800m: 1, Lauren Gibbs, L, L, 51.028; 5, JT Gregg, M,

1600m: 3, John Price, L,

High Jump: 3, Lyndon Cook, M, 5' 10"; 5, James Fuller, L, 5' 10"

Pole Vault: 1, Tanner DeBorde, L, 11'; 4, Wade Hanks, L, 10'.

300m Hurdles: 2, Trevor Cheaney, M, 42.4; 3, Chase Deeken, M, 45.33.

4x100m Relay: 2, Lindsay, Dakota Ellender, Wade Hanks, Kaleb Anderle, Elijah Walker, 44.31; 5, Muen-5, Lindsay, Erin Early, Erica ster, JT Gregg, Cole Walterscheid, Trevor Cheaney, Dalton Bartel, 45.476.

4x200m Relay: 3, Muensay, Erin Early, Jalyn An- ster, JT Gregg, Cole Walterton Bartel, 1:34.45.

4x400m Relay: 2, Lindsay, Dakota Ellender, Brandon Worth, Wade Hanks, Kaleb Anderle, 3:31.66.

Correction!

In last week's Regional Golf tournament story, leading Muenster Hornet scorer Darrell Hermes was miss-named. Hermes scored the two day

Watch out for cyclist on Saturday, runners on Sunday and lots of visitors all weekend!

Wolf State Bound!



Era Hornet Nick Wolf, pictured with his grandfather Adam Wolf, is headed to the State Tennis Tournament on April 28 in College Station. Wolf played four matches at the Regional Tournament on April 16 and 17. He won all four matches, winning the Gold at Regional. His first match was 6-0 6-3, second match 6-0 6-0, Semi Final match 6-3 6-4, and Final match 6-2 6-2. The Era girls doubles, Kara Anderson and Sophia Zavala, won second place at Regional and they will also be going to the State Tournament. Wolf is the son of Phil and Cindy Wolf.

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Peyton Reiter Bailey Walterscheid 2nd Team Kylie Hess Mikenzie Hess Michelle Zimmerer **Honorable Mention** Alane Bartush Mikenzie Fleitman

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1st Team Kason Reeves Hayden Schilling 2nd Team **Brady Endres** Isac Walterscheid **Honorable Mention**

Zach Flusche Keith Metzler Tyler Spruill

Game Warden Field Notes

Running out of excuses

A Parker County game warden completed an investigation and charges were brought against three subjects for killing six deer from a public road and dumping the deer off a bridge. It is unknown how many deer the subjects actually wounded and never found. One of the men said that they had run out of ammunition for the rifle and were shooting at the deer with a shotgun, using duck load.

Sniffing out the truth

While checking for fishing violations in east Travis County, two game wardens saw three male subjects smoking marijuana in plain view at a picnic table. The wardens along with K9 partner, Ruger, contacted the subject and the dog searched the vehicle previously occupied by the shooting across the property subjects and alerted the war- line. Case is pending.

den to the driver's-side door. Case of the missing antler Inside the vehicle, Ruger located a marijuana roach. Paraphernalia citations were issued to all subjects, who admitted to partaking in the illegal activity.

Aiming for trouble

A Williamson County game warden met with a hunter who had made an Operation Game Thief call about a hog hunter who shot across the property line about 15 yards from his position. The hunter shouted at the shooter after they shot onto private property. The hunter said the shooter wasn't shooting at a hog or deer. The warden tracked down the hunters who lived nearby along the San Gabriel River and found the person he was searching for. Within a couple of minutes, the man confessed to

A Polk County game warden discovered a white-tailed buck, with a missing antler, at a local processor. The antler looked to have been recently broken off. After speaking to the hunter, the warden discovered that the deer was originally a six-point buck, which is under the 13-inch antler restrictions.

Too many deer, too little

spread Two Polk County game wardens investigated a local man suspected of exceeding his white-tailed deer bag limit. After a short interview, the subject confessed and produced the antlers from 8-point and 10-point whitetailed bucks he killed during the first week of the season. Case filed for exceeding the annual bag limit of whitetailed buck deer with less than 13-inch antler spread.

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New American Meat Institute (AMI) polling found that only 34% of Americans know that meat plants are cleaned and sanitized daily. In fact, in most plants an entire eight hour shift is dedicated to sanitation each day a plant

"As part of our efforts to increase transparency and show what happens in meat plants, we want people to know how thoroughly plants are cleaned everyday," said AMI Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Member Services Janet Riley. "We clean each piece of equipment

Thorough cleaning of meat after use, though we ensure to clean an operating room. it isn't just visibly clean, but While I pride myself on havmicrobiologically clean before ing a clean kitchen at home, we process. The steps we take my efforts pale in comparison in our plants are similar to to what happens every day in

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A serving of meat a day keeps the doctor away

Eat meat my friend, it keeps the doctor away says a

What does mental health and eating meat have in common? According to the Medical University Graz, Austria, it's

A recently published study found that research subjects who regularly went with the meat option were overall healthier than their vegetarian peers – and happier.

The cross-sectional study observed subjects' demographics, lifestyles, and dietary habits from an Austrian Health Interview Survey.

"Our study has shown that Austrian adults who consume a vegetarian diet are less healthy (in terms of cancer, allergies, and mental health disorders), have a lower quality of life, and also require more medical treatment," says researchers



Waldo Escapes the Butcher

It was promoted as a feel-good story by the Minnesota television station that reported about Waldo, the Holstein steer that escaped the butcher shop. But reality is that the story only underscores the fact that our society is far removed from the farm and that some of us just have more money than sense. You see, when Waldo kicked down a gate and ran out of the slaughterhouse to roam through Casselton, Minn., it caught the attention of an animal lover in Michigan, who bought the steer and paid to have it shipped to a Michigan animal sanctuary called Sasha Farm to live out its days. The Good Samaritan no doubt believes saving Waldo helps make the world a better place. We're animal lovers, too, but we believe more would have been accomplished had Waldo been returned to the butcher and the meat sent to a homeless shelter.

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Depressing lifestyle

We've always thought a vegetarian lifestyle would be depressing, but now there's evidence to support such ideas. In fact, a new study of 1,320 Austrians published in Nutrition and Health says vegetarians are more likely to have cancer, food allergies, and anxiety and depression. Researchers also found vegetarians take fewer vaccines and have fewer preventative checkups. "Overall, our findings reveal that vegetarians report poorer health ... and have a lower quality of life," the researchers wrote. Of course, if you're a vegetarian, you're likely to dispute the study, as the folks at Grist do. As for us, we've never seen a depressed person eating barbeque

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Electricity at \$40 per Head

Drought is not a concern for Parker Ranch CEO Neil "Dutch" Kuyper. Located on the big island of Hawaii, the famed 130,000-acre Parker Ranch gets plenty of rainfall, but it's the \$40-per-calf electricity costs that keep Kuyper awake at night. The ranch has an extensive water system with large reservoirs and water tanks, but much of the water must be pumped. With 17,000 head of cattle, the ranch's annual electricity bill is about \$680,000.

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Silky Smooth Situation

You've heard of milk baths for beauty, but these Siberian milk and cheese plant workers took things a little too far when they bathed in large vats of milk, and then posted pictures of the event on Russian social media. While that thought might curdle your desire for a glass of moo juice at breakfast, the incident actually highlights the tremendous lack of sanitation oversight in the country's food industry. In the last five years, Russian law limited inspections of such facilities to only once every three years.

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Agriculture **Market Summary**

19, feeder cattle prices reported by Texas auctions were mostly \$4 lower to \$4 higher per hundredweight (cwt) compared to their previous sale. Heavier cattle and weaned, preconditioned offerings posted the largest increases, with prices as much as \$9 higher at a few locations. Texas direct feeder cattle prices were mostly steady. Tight supplies and strong demand continue to support the feeder cattle market. Fed cattle cash prices were \$1 lower. Wholesale beef values were higher. Weekly beef export sales were the highest of the marketing year at 21,900 metric tons (MT), up 18% from the previous week and 42% higher than the previous four-week average. The top buyers were Japan, Mexico and South Korea. Shipments of 12,700 MT were up 3% from a week earlier and equal to the average. The leading destinations were Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong.

Wheat prices were higher amid concerns about the dry conditions in winter wheat

AFBF survey shows increase in egg prices

Results from the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) Semi-Annual Marketbasket Survey show retail egg prices are historically high at \$1.98 per dozen. That's nearly an 8% increase from last year, according to AFBF Newsline.

But there will be plenty of eggs available for consumers to fill Easter baskets and for Passover celebrations, because farmers are responding to the market. Egg production has steadily increased during the past few years, with forecasts showing another increase for this year.

Increased egg demand is due in part to the high price of meat items and strong egg exports to Mexico.

For the week ending April areas, poor planting conditions in spring wheat areas, possible freeze damage early in the week and the continued turmoil in Ukraine. Wheat export sales for the week totaled 438,000 MT, more than 10 times higher than the previous week's marketing year low and up 48% from the prior fourweek average. Shipments of 556,300 MT were unchanged from the previous week, but up nine percent from the av-

erage. Corn and grain sorghum prices were lower due to weak export data, forecasts for improved planting conditions and ample current corn supplies. Corn export sales totaled 601,900 MT, down nine percent from a week ago and 36% from the the contiguous states reprior four-week average. Export shipments of 1,111,000 MT were down nine percent from the previous week and

seven percent lower than the

average. Most of the state recorded rainfall last week, with totals of one-half inch or more common in North Texas, the Trans-Pecos, the Upper Coast and East-Central Texas. Last week's U.S. Drought Monitor showed little change in overall conditions in Texas, with 82% of the state still rated as abnormally dry or in some degree of drought. However, the percentage in the worst category of exceptional drought increased by three points to 10%, all in the High Plains and Northwest Texas. Much of East and South Texas and the Trans-Pecos remain drought-free. Nationally, conditions improved somewhat with 49% ported in some degree of abnormal dryness or drought, down one percentage point from a week ago.

Red meat exports remain strong

Despite growing concerns about tight supplies and rising prices, statistics released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) show red meat exports remain strong Beef sales to Mexico in the first two months were up 26% in

volume and 40% in value, and pork exports were 16% higher in volume and 21% in value.

February pork exports were up 2% from last year and export value also rose 2%.

Reflecting a smaller variety of meat exports, February beef export volume was down slightly from last year.

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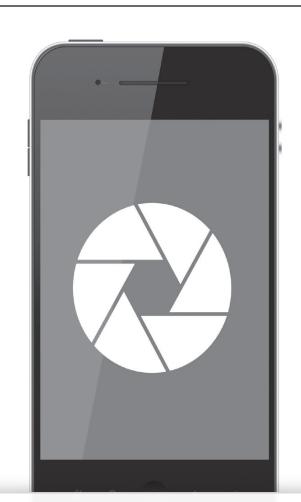
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