

MMH Board votes no to gun signs

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

After two months of indecision, the Muenster Hospital District Board of Directors came to a unanimous decision about the posting of gun carry signs at the Hospital. With the open carry law that takes effect on Jan. 1, all hospitals had to decide whether they would post either no concealed handguns, no open carry of handguns, both signs which would mean no open or concealed carrying of handguns on hospital property, or no sign at all. Administrator Brian Roland said that he met with

Muenster Police Chief Tom Barr regarding the signs. Chief Barr told him that if the signs are up and there is a problem, it would help with prosecuting somebody. If there are no signs up and there were to be an altercation with somebody with a gun, it would be harder to prosecute.

Roland also did a poll of some of the employees. He got different feedback depending on who it was. A nurse working at night wanted the signs up. Clerical people working during the day had no preference either way.

"A sign on the door is not

going to deter somebody from carrying a gun into the facility," stated Roland. "Regardless of what happens with a sign or without a sign, there are five things that we're working on to help from a safety standpoint within our facility. The Police Department said that if we ever have a problem, don't hesitate to call. They said they would help with any training or education that we'd like to do."

Board members Paul Becker and John Aytes said that they felt having no signs would be the best. Becker said that by seeing the signs, someone would think that

there was no gun inside the facility.

The vote for no signs referring to Sections 3006 and 3007 of the Code was taken and it passed unanimously.

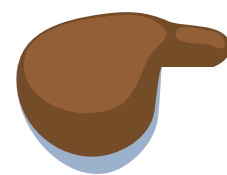
The next step for MMH in the Meaningful Use program that hospitals are required to put in place is the E-prescribing which is electronic prescriptions. It must be done by Jan. 1, 2017. The process should begin in April. Administrator Roland said the cost should be about \$70,000. He asked for Board approval to move forward with the expected expenditures. The District should be reimbursed by the government in a couple of years. The Board voted to allow Roland to move forward with the E-prescribing and the cost of about \$70,000.

The financial report for October showed a loss of \$353,888.41. Operating revenue for the month was a negative \$397,278.68 and other revenue was \$43,390.27. Total expenses for the month were \$989,807.11.

Revenue over expense to-date (July 1 through October 31) was a negative \$1,018,906.28. Administrator Roland explained the numbers, "That's why I brought up the adjustment of 41.1% in the month of October. If you go back, we were at 26%, 28%, 33%, and then jumped to 41%. A big chunk of that was Home Health cleanup." He said 84% of the Home Health revenue got adjusted off because of the take backs and cleanup that is being done. This will continue to happen as Home Health cleanup is done. The take backs are from 2013 and 2014 will follow.

Administrator Roland noted that they need to work on the Clinic volume, especially the Medicare part which is low. The majority of the Hospital's inpatient volume is Medicare. All doctors except one in Gainesville have stopped taking new Medicare patients, so MMH District has been advertising that its doctors are still taking new Medicare patients.

The Board approved the fi-
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Offering a consoling hand



Amy Binder photo

Muenster Hornet Travis Vogel (51) broke from the after-game lineup to offer a beaten Hubbard Jaguar a goodwill handshake. Muenster won the Regional playoff game 49-6. See Sports for game report and more pictures.

DPS reminds Texans of winter safety tips

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) urges Texans in all regions of the state to make preparations for winter weather as Texas enters into the cold weather season. Texans should stay informed about weather conditions in their area and remain prepared for possible winter weather, which could impact the state during the coming months.

"Ensuring the safety of Texans is paramount for the Department and our law enforcement partners, and DPS is urging individuals to do their part by preparing now, staying alert about weather reports, and heeding warnings by their local officials during severe winter weather," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

Inclement weather over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend – when parts of the state experienced wintery precipitation – highlights the importance of being prepared and the need for extra caution during hazardous winter weather.

"As the busy holiday season continues, it is crucial that Texans stop to remember that significant weather threats can emerge at any time and bring the potential for heavy rains, low temperatures, and freezing precipitation," said DPS Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd. "Individuals should make preparations now to ensure their homes and vehicles are adequately equipped and maintained to handle storms or hazardous conditions."

Last weekend, Texas experienced rain, freezing rain, sleet, and snow that created hazardous travel conditions in the Texas Panhandle and West Texas, which led to swift water rescues in areas of North Texas. While the heavy rains have subsided and temperatures continue to rebound, more rainfall, flooding, and below average temperatures that aid wintry precipitation will persist through the winter months

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NASCAR driver races for Donate Life Texas

Local recipient pictured with her hero donor's father

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News Editor

Laura Taylor Scheid had a life saving liver transplant in 2002. Since that event, many things have come to pass that she never dreamed before that time.

Born with a rare liver disease called Biliary Atresia, Laura eventually needed a liver transplant. She was placed on the transplant list when she was 13. On Oct. 24, 2002, at the age of 16, she received that life-saving transplant.

Laura and her parents Steve and Doreen Taylor were very grateful to the person who had donated their liver to Laura and to the donor family who, in their time of grief, allowed the donation giving to others the gift of life. In 2011, Laura, her parents, and her boyfriend traveled to Lubbock to meet the donor family Juan and Terri Contreras.

Laura remarked of the couple, "They are amazing! That was the day we learned that Juan Contreras, the father of my donor, was in need of a liver transplant himself.

They are such wonderful people and I just knew he would receive his liver just as I did from their beautiful daughter." Since then Juan has received a successful liver transplant.

"We have remained in close contact with them since we met, talking, emails, and what not," Laura noted. "Since then, my boyfriend at the time, Geoffrey Scheid and I became engaged. We just knew that we wanted to honor them at the wedding somehow! Geoffrey walked Terri Contreras down the aisle for the procession of the mothers along with Doreen Taylor and Susan Scheid and Juan helped my father, Steve Taylor give me away."

After the wedding, Laura learned that a picture of her donor Celeste Contreras and a picture of Juan Contreras and Laura dancing at her wedding were chosen by Donate Life Texas to be represented on a NASCAR vehicle. Joey Gase would be driving the NASCAR car that would be speeding around the race track at Texas Motor Speedway the weekend of Nov. 7. His car #52 would feature

photos of donor heroes, organ and tissue recipients, and some still on the waiting list.

Gase's mother died when he was 18 and her organs were donated. From the impact that he learned this had on 66 people's lives, he began promoting organ donation. Gase also uses his career as a NASCAR driver to do this.

Donate Life Texas posted this message on the race car #52, "It's about the people whose lives have been touched by organ, eye, and tissue donation. We remember the Donor Heroes who have given the gift of life to others in their passing. We celebrate the transplant recipients who make each day of their second chance count. And, we hope for The Call to come for those still on the transplant waiting list."

Laura commented, "A picture of my donor, Celeste Contreras and a picture of Juan Contreras and me dancing at my wedding were chosen from Donate Life to be represented on the car of Joey Gase, #52 race car. We were so excited! Though

none of us could attend the events, we were still very thrilled to see that our pictures were chosen to be on the side of a race car! That was a once in a lifetime experience for both of us and we were so happy that they chose our pictures to be displayed at such a nationally watched event!"

To see more, go to <https://www.donatelifetexas.org/donate-life-texas-nascar>.

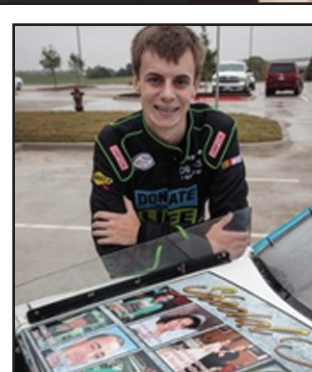
FACTS

- An average of 22 people die every day while waiting for a transplant.
- Every 10 minutes, someone new is added to the national transplant waiting list.
- Nearly 124,000 men, women, and children are awaiting organ transplants in the United States. More than 11,000 are Texans.
- Donate Life Texas is the official organ and tissue donor registry in Texas. Registering takes only moments but can be the gift of a lifetime for those in need of a transplant. See: [donatelifetexas.org/learn-more/#sthash.5qye5GTc.dpuf](https://www.donatelifetexas.org/learn-more/#sthash.5qye5GTc.dpuf).



Courtesy photos

Above - Laura Taylor Scheid at her wedding dancing with Juan Contreras, her liver donor's father and also a liver recipient himself; at right - NASCAR driver Joey Gase with the car covered with donor pictures. Laura is the one on the top row in the middle in the wedding dress. Her donor is just to Laura's left in a white dress and tiara.



Klement seeks Precinct #3 HOSPITAL Commissioner nomination

Gainesville resident John Klement is seeking election as the Republican nominee for Precinct #3 Commissioner. He is a lifetime resident of Cooke County.

"I would like the opportunity to help all of Cooke County not only by improving the road conditions, but also by promoting good stewardship of our taxpayers' monies with reasonable tax rates and spending."

John remarked, "I was raised on my family's dairy farm in Hood where hard work, honesty, and respect were some of the many values I was taught. My wife Suzy and I have been married for 28 years and we have two sons, Ryan and Casey, and three granddaughters."

Twenty-five years ago, Klement ventured away from his family's farming business to pursue a profession in manufacturing. "Through hard work and determination, I steadily advanced in my career," he said.

Throughout the last nine years, Klement was a Production Manufacturing Engineering Planner for a leading aerospace company, providing operational manufacturing instructions and processes with 3D models and drawings of complex machine parts. This position required documentation, cost controls, and communication with the FAA and the military through government audits.

"Although I enjoyed my work and the challenges it presented, after 25 years of working in the Metroplex I felt the need and desire to work closer to my family and community. I was blessed to be given an opportunity to work for Precinct #3 as a road and bridge employee, which has been both exciting and challenging. The recent May floods have extensively damaged our roads and that has kept my co-workers and me busy with repairs. Currently, I am working with FEMA to provide documentation of all emergency repairs and estimates of material needed to bring roads back to pre-flood conditions.

"I feel I am qualified for the position of Commissioner of Precinct 3. I will continue to work hard to serve the public



John Klement

and will do the very best I can for Cooke County.

"I ask you for your vote, and I appreciate your support."

We can never be certain of our courage till we have faced danger.

- Duc Francois de La Rouchefoucauld

AGENDA MEETING DATE - December 07, 2015

The following is the Agenda for a regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, December 07, 2015.

1. Call meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on November 02, 2015.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. n/a.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive proposal for request for leasing rights to Water Tower for communication equipment to provide Internet Services to the City.
2. Review and possibly approve renewing contract between CITY and THE FRIENDS OF THE MUENSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.
3. Consider and possibly approve "DECLARATION OF HAZARDOUS STRUCTURE."
4. Approve purchase of new lights and decorations for street lights.
5. Act on Muenster Museum Week December 6-12.
6. Approve the Purchase of Muenster Marks for City Employees.
7. Approve Deed to correct descriptions of boundary lines between JAYCEES and City.
8. Receive monthly update from the Fire Department.
9. Receive update on Police Department, from Chief Barr.
10. Receive status report on City projects and activities.
11. Review and act on monthly bills.
12. Adjourn.

Ammie Hennigan, City Secretary

financial report as presented.

Muenster Hospital District hopes to become a participant in Service Organization program. According to Roland, this could net the District around \$225,000 next year. He said it would take a lot of work in the next 60 days to get in on the program in a timely manner.

Board President Ronnie Weinzapfel commented, "It is a way of getting money. Some of it comes from the federal government and some comes from the state. But, the way they are doing is a paperwork thing." It involves partnering with a larger hospital such as Denton Regional.

Seeing the Service Organization as win-win situation for MMH, the Board gave unanimous approval to move forward on working with a private hospital with Service Organization.

In his CEO report, Administrator Roland said that Dr. Ammar, a cardiologist, is now at Denton Regional and MMH has a contract with Denton Regional. Dr. Ammar will be able to continue coming to Muenster at least one day per week and potentially two days a week.

Roland said that he attended the Cooke County Thoroughfare Planning and Action Committee meeting recently. Its purpose is to consider what role each entity or municipality attending would play in Cooke County over the next 20 years, what would be happening with I-35 and other expansion possibilities. Roland noted that it is an interesting group and over the next year, they will be talking about things and trying to come up with a long-term plan for Cooke County.

Also approved was contracting with Cooke County Appraisal District for the assessment and collection of taxes.

All nine Board members - Ronnie Weinzapfel, John Aytes, Jon Reed, Aaron Hess, Paul Becker, Mary Del Olmo, Kenny Klement, Don Richardson, and T.J. Walterscheid were present at the meeting.

Notice

Cookie Wonderland

A Cookie Wonderland event will be held Saturday, Dec. 12 at St. Paul's Episcopal Parish Hall located across from the Turner Apartment parking lot. It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. The annual homemade Christmas cookie bonanza allows you to select from their awesome cookie collection. Fill a bag for \$10.

Twenty percent of the profit is donated to VISTO.

Enlarge your consciousness. If your consciousness is small, you will experience smallness in every department of your life.

- Robert Pante

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor

To date, we have a President who is working at circumventing our United States Constitution that was ratified on June 21, 1788 and the Immigration and Nationality Act that was passed June 27, 1952. For the ones like me who believe in God and Country and like to stay informed and verify this Act as Public Law 414. To read the law, go to this site and scroll down to Chapter 2, Section 212: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-66/pdf/STATUTE-66-Pg163.pdf>

Although our President states that these so called (Islamic refugees) will be vetted and are not a security threat. Our laws call for refugees not to be allowed to set foot in the U.S. until they undergo a vetting process that typically takes 18 to 24 months.

The Immigration and Nationality Act passed June 27, 1952 revised the laws relating to immigration, naturalization, and nationality for the United States. That act, which became Public Law 414, established both the law and the intent of Congress regarding the immigration of all Aliens to the U.S. and is still in effect today.

Among the many issues it covers, one in particular, found in Chapter 2 Section 212, is the prohibition of entry to the U.S. "if the Alien belongs to an organization seeking to overthrow the government of the United States by force, violence, or other unconstitutional means." This by its very definition, rules out any Islamic immigration to the United States, this law is being circumvented by the "White House."

The law prohibits entry of "Aliens who the Consular Officer or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe seek to enter the United States solely, principally, or incidentally to engage in activities which would be prejudicial to the public interest, or endanger the welfare, safety, or security of the United States." It also prohibits the entry of Aliens who are members of or affiliated with any organization that advocates or teaches the overthrow by force, violence, or other unconstitutional means of the U.S.

If Congress so desired to hold the White House accountable to the current immigration of all refugees (which also must comply with the law) it has the Immigration and Nationality Act to cite. This current Administration is breaking the law. My question is "does Congress have the fire in the belly and political will to do something about it?" I think you know the answer.

According to a new global Pew Research Center Poll, nearly half of American Millennials think the government should prevent public statements being made that could offend minorities. Thank God I still have the First Amendment to say, and write what I choose, as my mother use to say, (if you can not take the heat stay out of the kitchen.)

Ken Arterbury
Whitesboro, TX

Large item pick up set

Due to the Christmas holidays, large item trash pick up is rescheduled for Saturday, Dec. 19. Contact City Hall to have your name placed on the list for large item pick up or your item will not be picked up.

Come celebrate with us!!!!

Dr. Gerald Graham D.D.S. retirement

and

Dr. Mindy Klement D.D.S.

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Cost = \$7.00 (kids 8 & under free) (to go plates available)

Hold'em Tournament @ 7:30 \$100 Buy-In (includes chili supper)

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, December 6, 2015	Monday, December 7, 2015	Tuesday, December 8, 2015	Wednesday, December 9, 2015	Thursday, December 10, 2015	Friday, December 11, 2015	Saturday, December 12, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Saint Nicholas Day CHRISTMAS PARADE 6 pm Main Street	City Council Mtg. 6:30 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm MISD PTO Mtg. 5 pm Rohmer's MISD Elem/JrHi UIL Academic Competition SHCS Noon dismissal Immaculate Conception Holy Day	Library open 10-6:30 Religious Ed Mass 7pm MISD Board mtg. 6:30 pm	Library open 10-6:30 M Historical Comm. Christmas breakfast mtg 8 am Rohmer's MISD Elem. host UIL District Meet MISD NO SCHOOL Prescribe Burn Program	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm AARP member lunch 11:30 MISD JrHi UIL meet @ Era	Library open 10-2:30 Museum open 1-4 pm 
Sunday, December 13, 2015 	Monday, December 14, 2015 MMH Aux mtg. 5:30 pm VFW Aux mtg 7pm VFW mtg. 7:30 pm	Tuesday, December 15, 2015 Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Wednesday, December 16, 2015 Library open 10-6:30 NO Religious Ed SH Alumni & Supp. mtg. 7:30 pm	Thursday, December 17, 2015 Library open 10-6:30 BLOOD DRIVE 1-7 pm @MISD SHCS Christmas Concert	Friday, December 18, 2015 Muenster Museum open 1-4 SHCS - Noon dismissal	Saturday, December 19, 2015 Library open 10-2:30 Museum open 1-4 pm Muenster Historical Commission Bake Sale @ Fischer's

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**Clara Walterscheid
1914 - 2015**

Mass of Christian Burial for Clara Mary Pels Walterscheid, age 100 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 25 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Rosary and vigil were held at 7 p.m., Nov. 24 at the funeral home. Mrs. Walterscheid died Monday, Nov. 23, 2015.

The third child of Henry and Anna Lummel Pels, Clara was born Dec. 6, 1914 on a farm 4½ miles northwest of Muenster and was baptized Dec. 8, 1914 at Sacred Heart Church. She attended Sacred Heart School. After graduating, she worked at various jobs in and around Muenster.

On Aug. 1, 1939, she married Paul Walterscheid. Fr. Francis Zimmerer performed the ceremony at Sacred Heart Church. They were married for 49 years until he died of cancer on Feb. 4, 1988.

At the time of their marriage, Paul operated a filling station and was a wholesale gas distributor. Clara helped with the business until their first child was born, later working part-time for the next 10 years. Raising five children consumed most of her time.

After all their children were married, she continued helping out with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved gardening and yard work.

Clara is survived by her daughters Paulette Hudspeth of Dallas, Marilyn and husband Kenneth Bierschenk of Jacksboro, and Kathy and husband Dennis Hess of Muenster; sons James and wife Theresa Walterscheid of Muenster and Clyde and wife Sharon Walterscheid of Gainesville; 16 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and siblings Edward Pels, Esther Weske, Leona Irene Pels, Marie Knauf, Agnella Martin, Theresa Muller, Henry Pels, Jr., and Sr. Imelda Pels.

During the funeral Mass, the First Reading was given by Brooke Walterscheid. Jordanne Hellman gave the Second Reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Jamie Walterscheid-Sherril. Offertory Gifts were brought up by Marina Walterscheid, Anna Kendrick, Lindsay Hudspeth, and Emma Krebs. Eucharistic ministers were Hannah Bayer, Viola Rohmer, JoAnn Pagel, Janet Voth, and Betty Rose Walterscheid. Altar servers were Willie Fisher, Alvin Hartman, and Leon Knauf.

Music ministers were Diane Grewing, Doug Yosten, Linda Flusche, and Christi Klement. Songs included "How Great Thou Art," "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," "Only In God," "Holy Is His Name," "Just A Closer Walk," "Edelweiss Blessing," and "More Precious Than Silver/I Exalt Thee."



Clara Walterscheid

Kim Walterscheid gave the eulogy. She recalled the last 100 years of Clara's life and all the changes that have taken place in that span of time. Gardening had a special place in Clara's heart. It was a favorite of hers when she lived at home as a child with her parents and continued to be, even in her 90s. She canned the garden's produce and filled their cellar with jars of canned goods. Clara was also known for her delicious baking and cooking, especially bread, cinnamon rolls, and Christmas cookies.

A very special event for Clara was celebrating her 100th birthday on Dec. 6, 2014 with a large gathering of family and friends at Renaissance Care Center where she lived for the last two years of her life.

Pallbearers were Joe Walterscheid, Ricky Walterscheid, Jeff Walterscheid, Sam Walterscheid, Brian Hess, Michael Bierschenk, James Hudspeth, and John Hudspeth.

**Tammy Youngblood
1973 - 2015**

Tammy Lynn Youngblood, age 42 of Valley View, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2015 at her home. The daughter of Marvin Leroy and Minnie Pearl Barnett Green, she was born Nov. 16, 1973 in Denton.

On July 9, 1993, she married the love of her life, Steven Mark Youngblood in Gainesville. They made their home in Valley View where they were raising their six daughters. Tammy loved her girls and loved being a grandmother.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Funeral was at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4 at Prairie Grove Baptist Church, 1723 Prairie Grove Road, Valley View. The services were officiated by Tammy's uncle, Wayne Hagle.

Pallbearers were Lee Adams, Eland Green, Michael Green, Johnny Green, Devon Hagle, and Geordon Hagle.

Those who will cherish her memory are her husband Steve of Valley View; daughters Lacey Cundiff of Princeton, Stacy Youngblood, Samantha Youngblood, Erin Youngblood, Meagan Young-

blood, and Mackenzie Youngblood, all of Valley View; her parents; sister Brenda Adams of Whitesboro; brothers Marvin Green, Jr. of Gainesville and Johnny Green of Muenster; and five grandchildren.

SAFETY

with an El Niño weather pattern in place according to the National Weather Service. Additionally, river flooding is still ongoing along several Texas rivers and creeks from previous rain events.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe during possible winter weather:

- Monitor local weather broadcasts and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions, at <http://www.weather.gov/>.
- Purchase an all-hazards weather radio for up-to-date warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information.
- Sign up for your local emergency notification system.
- On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.
- Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip.

Keep your gas tank full. Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain, or snow is predicted, and monitor road conditions by visiting www.drivetexas.org.

Winterize your vehicle by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire pressure, tire tread, and fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing.

I discovered that the horse is life itself, a metaphor but also an example of life's mystery and unpredictability, of life's generosity and beauty, a worthy object of repeated and ever changing contemplation.

- Jane Smiley

In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:

- Blankets/sleeping bags, extra clothing, gloves, and hat.
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- First-aid kit and pocket knife.
- High calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water.
- Bag of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires.
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope, and a shovel.

Here are some additional steps to prepare for winter weather:

- Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls.
- Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated, and in good working condition.
- Make arrangements for proper shelter and an emergency supply of food and water for your pets and livestock.

Stock up on firewood and supplies, including canned goods and bottled water.

If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55° or higher and open cabinets under sinks.

Make sure you have inclement weather contact numbers for schools and work.

Check on friends and family members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

Love God, serve God; everything is in that.

- St. Clare of Assisi

The Family of Clara Mary (Pels) Walterscheid would like to thank all who have offered prayers, shown kindness, love, and concern during Mom's last few years and after her passing. Thanks to the staff at the Renaissance Care Center; to Father Ken Robinson for his compassion and love, for presiding at Clara's vigil and rosary, Mass and funeral; Thanks to the Mass servers, Eucharistic ministers, and to the music ministers for providing the beautiful music. Thanks to the Catholic Daughters for the delicious meal, the KCs for the use of the hall; the many who brought food, memorial donations, and cards ... All brought much comfort during this difficult time.

James Walterscheid, Clyde Walterscheid, Paulette Hudspeth, Marilyn Bierschenk, Kathy Hess

**Erwin Fuhrmann
1923 - 2015**

Mass of Christian Burial for Erwin Sylvester Fuhrmann, age 92 of Gainesville, was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Fr. Phil Petta, Fr. Bruno Fuhrmann, and Fr. Ken Robinson con-celebrating. Interment followed at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Mr. Fuhrmann, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015 in Muenster, surrounded by his wife and children, one day after his 92nd birthday. He was born Nov. 28, 1923 in Lindsay to Mike and Mary Mosser Fuhrmann.

Mr. Fuhrmann and Clara Stoffels were married Nov. 3, 1948 at St. Peter's and lived on a farm about five miles north of Lindsay their entire lives. They have 11 children, 35 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. A dairy farmer for more than 50 years, Erwin was a good neighbor and friend to many.

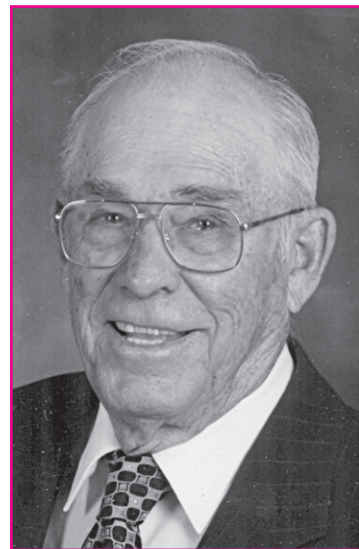
He was a faithful member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and an officer of St. Peter's Society. More than anything, he loved farming and working beside his sons on the dairy. He cherished his family, and time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Survivors are his wife of 67 years Clara Fuhrmann; children and their spouses Barbara Rohmer and husband Don of Muenster, Joan Sedge and husband Ray of Denton, Elizabeth Baker and husband Philip of Denton, Arnold Fuhrmann and wife Cecilia of Lindsay, Diane Hermes and husband John of Lindsay, Martha Sicking and husband Allen of Muenster, Karen Davis and husband Kelly of Muenster, Denise Dangelmayr and husband Jack of Muenster, Alex Fuhrmann and wife Kathleen of Missouri

City, Laura Neusch and husband James of Lindsay, and Ted Fuhrmann and wife Laura of Muenster. Grandchildren include Leah Hodge, Kimberly, Nathan, and Rose Hermes, Joseph, Andrew, Stephen, Isaac, Michael, Aaron, Mark, Thomas, and Sarah Davis, Crystal Bayer, Amber Harrison, Cletus and Abe Fuhrmann, Quinn, Devin, and Shane Sicking, Jacob, Patricia, and Shawna Neusch, John and Mary Baker, Jessica and Jena Dangelmayr, Heather, Kyle, and Dylan Fuhrmann, Levi, Julia, and Abigail Fuhrmann, along with step-grandchildren Brent Sedge and Stefanie Hudson. Great-grandchildren include Luke, Lewis, Gregory, Rafael, Konrad, Blaise, Camillus, George, Francis, Georganne, Edward, Sophie, Toby, Catherine, and Caleb. Survivors also include many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers and sisters Henry Fuhrmann, Anna Hartmann, Aloys Fuhrmann, Veronica Klement, Sr. Henriann Fuhrmann, CDP, Sr. Michael Marie Fuhrmann, CDP, John Fuhrmann, Val Fuhrmann, Father Aloys Fuhrmann, OSB, Regina Lewis, and Arnold Fuhrmann.

Assisting during the funeral Mass were altar servers Jessica Dangelmayr, Jacob Neusch, Mark and Tom Davis, and Shane Sicking. Leah Hodge gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Quinn Sicking. Michael Davis read the Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory Gifts were brought up by Sarah Davis, Jena Dangelmayr, Dylan Fuhrmann, Levi, Julia, and Abigail Fuhrmann, and Shawna and Patricia Neusch. Eucharistic ministers were Elizabeth Baker, Joan Sedge, and Ted



Erwin Fuhrmann

Musicians were Isaac Davis, organist, Diane Grewing, guitarist, Christy Hesse and Roger Dieter, cantors, and members of St. Peter's choir. Songs were "I Am the Bread of Life," "Parable," "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled," "You Are Mine," "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman," and "Holy God We Praise Thy Name."

Cletus Fuhrmann gave the eulogy, remembering that "Erwin started with a grade A dairy in February 1953, but before that he already had been milking cows by hand since he was a kid at home during the depression... He was a good husband and father. When the children began going to school, he and his neighbors purchased a bus and started a bus route.

"With respect to the Catholic faith, his commitment showed in several ways. He of course went to weekly Mass, First Fridays and Saturdays, and prayed the rosary daily... He raised his children to keep the faith..."

"Erwin enjoyed time working with his sons on the dairy and spending time with his relatives. He enjoyed his grandkids immensely... He also loved giving the grandchildren rides on his Gator..."

Rosary/wake service was held Tuesday, Dec. 1 at St. Peter's, with the Rosary led by Cletus Fuhrmann. Isaac Davis and Quinn Sicking presented the songs "Only In God" and "Holy Is His Name." Visitation followed at Conrad Hall.

Pallbearers were Abe Fuhrmann, Cletus Fuhrmann, Brent Sedge, Nathan Hermes, Devin Sicking, Joseph Davis, John Baker, and Kyle Fuhrmann.

**Mary Tibbets
1933 - 2015**

Funeral for Mary Alice Tibbets, age 82 of Gainesville, was held Monday, Nov. 30 at the First Baptist Church

Mary was born on July 12, 1933 in Enid, OK to Cullen Root and Mattie Alice Strickland Hunsucker. She died Nov. 26, 2015 in Grapevine.

Mary received her Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech in 1954, and her Master's degree from Texas Woman's University in 1969. She taught school in Odem and Texas City briefly before marrying Neil Tibbets. The couple moved to Gainesville in 1957.

She is survived by her sons Michael Tibbets and his wife Penny of Paris and Martin Tibbets and his wife Susan of Newton, KS; seven grandchildren and their spouses; two great-grandchildren; a brother and sister.

She was preceded in death by her husband Neil Tibbets; and her parents.

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Taylor and Scheid exchange vows in Sacred Heart Church

Laura Gayle Taylor of Fort Worth and Geoffrey Robert Scheid of Arlington were married in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Their double ring ceremony was officiated by Fr. Ken Robison at 2 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Doreen Taylor of Muenster. Her grandparents are Regina Pels of Muenster and the late Henry Pels, Jr. and the late Charles and Lorena Taylor. Her honorary parents are Juan and Terri Contreras.

Parents of the groom are Geoffrey and Susan Scheid of Arlington. His grandparents are Charles Scheid II and the late Mary Scheid and the late Haley and Edgilee Parker.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father Steve Taylor where they were joined by Juan Contreras, father of Celeste who was the organ donor for Laura. The two men together gave Laura in marriage.

The bride was wearing a lovely ivory ball gown featuring a sweetheart neckline and cap sleeves, with lace throughout the bodice. The waistline was accented with a Swarovski crystal brooch, and lace that continued to cascade into a full tulle skirt. She wore a cathedral length veil.

Her bouquet was of roses

with gold accents and stems wrapped in ivory ribbon. A special pin belonging to Celeste Contreras, from whom Laura received a lifesaving liver transplant upon Celeste's death in 2002, was attached to the bouquet on the wrapped stems. For something old, the bride wore her grandmother's pearls to her by her husband and worn by the mother of the bride at her wedding.

Silver bows with ivory hydrangeas decorated the pews in church.

The First Reading was given by Jane Taylor of Muenster, Godmother of the bride. Charles Scheid III, uncle of the groom of Wagoner, OK, gave the Second Reading. Petitions were given by Emma Bayer of Muenster, cousin of the bride.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Jaime Taylor, sister-in-law of the bride, pianist, and Mary Del Olmo, vocalist.

Cousins of the bride Faith Sicking, Cheyenne Valentine, and Carter Sicking gave out programs to guests at church.

Andrew Bayer of Muenster, cousin of the bride, assisted on the altar.

ATTENDANTS

Maid of honor was Karen Schmid of Jacksonville, FL, childhood friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were friends



Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Scheid ... 'nee Laura Taylor ...

of the bride Kimberly Fitts of Muenster, Lynn Burge of Alba, TX, Ashley Fisher of Muenster, and Jessica Pick of Lewisville, and sister-in-law of the bride Lauren Taylor of Muenster.

Their silver Morilee gowns had sweetheart neckline and lace overlay bodice. The full-length chiffon skirt gathered at the waist and was embel-

lished with a brooch at the waist. They carried bouquets of roses with stems wrapped in ribbon.

Flower girls were Taylor Sicking, cousin of the bride, and Kalissa Marbut, friend of the couple. They were attired in ivory, ankle-length dresses.

Hayden Sicking, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

The ring pillow was created by the bride's mother.

Serving as best man was Chad Marbut of Weatherford, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were brother of the groom James Scheid of Arlington, and brothers of the bride Nicholas Taylor and Adam Taylor, both of Muenster.

Ushers were uncles of the groom Robert Parker of Arlington and Kevin Scheid of Alexandria, VA, and bride's uncle Roger Taylor of Muenster.

RECEPTION

Dinner and dance hosted by the parents of the couple was held at the VFW Post #6205 in Muenster. Michelle Lutkenhaus was guest book attendant. Guests signed fabric squares to be later made into a quilt by the mother of the bride.

The VFW hall was elegantly decorated in gold, silver, and ivory. Tables held mirrors, ivory flowers in gold and silver vases, and votive candles. There were gold and silver chargers at each place setting.

The bride's cake was an ivory frosted, three-tiered square creation with the top and bottom layer featuring a gold ribbon and fresh roses accenting the corners of the layers. The couple's initials topped the cake. The groom's chocolate square cake held chocolate-covered strawberries on top.

Three other cakes were topped with the wedding cake tops of the parents of the bride, and the bride's grandparents Charles and Lorena Taylor and Henry and Regina Pels. Pictures of the couples' cakes were beside each cake.

Janet Voth and Rita Bayer, aunts of the bride, cut the cakes while cousins of the bride served them.

The wedding dresses of the mother and grandmothers of the bride and mother of the groom were on display on mannequins.

For their wedding trip, the couple honeymooned in the Big Bend area over the Thanksgiving break. They are at home in Arlington.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Koesler Haus in Muenster. Family and the wedding party attended along with special guests Juan and Terri Contreras, organ donor parents.

The bride graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Texas Woman's University. She is employed at Kirkpatrick Elementary in Fort Worth ISD as a Pre-K teacher.

The groom graduated from Arlington High School. He will graduate with his Masters degree in Civil Engineering in December from University of Texas in Arlington. He is a structural engineer for Jaster Quintanilla.

New Arrivals



Alyssa Grace Flusche Flusche

Brienna Hazel Flusche, age 2, proudly announces the birth of her little sister Alyssa Grace Flusche on Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 at Las Colinas Medical Center in Irving. Their parents are Greg and Ginny Flusche of Keller. Alyssa was born at 8:12 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 12 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. Grandparents are Bob and Ginger Whisnant of Albuquerque, NM and Jack and Linda Flusche of Muenster.

Carroll

Owen Robert Carroll was born on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015 at 1:53 p.m. His parents are RJ and Bridgette Carroll of Rowlett. Owen weighed 9 lb. 7 oz. and was 22 inches long. He is also welcomed by his proud big brother Carter. Owen's grandparents are Leon and Christi Klement of Muenster and Bob and Estela Carroll of North Richland Hills.



Owen Robert Carroll

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

Dec. 1, 1950

Bernice Reiter wins title of Thanksgiving Jubilee Queen. Obituary: A.G. Hutton, 63. New Arrivals: Cynthia to Wilfred and Ida Mae Bindel; Rita to Joe and Marie Fuhrmann; Bryan to Herbert and Dorothy Russell. Weddings: Charlotte Corcoran and Sgt. Roy Zwigggi; Mary Janelle Kline and Henry Holland. Tonsillectomy: James Bezner. E.A. Schmitz Furniture going out of business sale advertises 9x12 rugs \$8.50, linoleum 69¢ per yard, and bedroom suite \$114.95.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1965

Ola Roberg, owner and manager, and 15 workers start new sewing factory, Dres-Tex Mfg. Co. Bridgette Jaska recovers from pneumonia. Broken arms: Bobby Knauf and Damien Luke. New Arrivals: Stanley to the Jerry Fosters; Troy to Leroy "Buddy" and Dorothy Mae Yosten; Eric to Julius and Elsie Hess; a daughter to the

Lee Tischlers. Home of Fashions is bought and opened by LaVerna Nasche and Caroline Hess. Weddings: Alma Herr and Sp. 5 Fred T. Marr; Sara Welch and Kenneth Mitchell, Jr. Obituaries: C.B. Martin, 66; Mrs. Dan Bradley, 73.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 30, 1990

GTE-Valenite chooses Gainesville for the site of their new consolidated manufacturing plant. Area plagued by burglaries. Muenster to crack down on vandals. Dave Flusche accepts job of 1991 Germanfest chairman. Ribbon cutting held for Edelweiss Kindershaus owned by Marlene Fisher and June Bartush. Wedding: Kimberly Eldred and Joseph Hennigan. New Arrivals: Kasey to Allin and Karen Hacker; Joseph to Bert and Christy Hesse. Brothers Maj. Joseph Bright and First Lt. James Bright are both participating in Operation Desert Shield. Tigers lose in State Semi-Finals. Muenster takes Area Championship title.

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Home Hospice to hold Christmas Rummage Sale

Home Hospice of Cooke County will be hosting their 2nd Annual "Deck The Halls Christmas Rummage Sale" on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Civic Center in Gainesville from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds from the event will be donated to their Light Up A Life Annual Giving Campaign which raises funds to help patients who cannot afford care.

"Last year was the first time we hosted the rummage sale and this year we are packed with great bargains! We've received things from Department 56 Christmas collectibles to Christmas trees and everything in between," said Cathy Kinsella, Home Hospice Volunteer Coordinator. "Holding the sale at the Civic Center this year will provide more room to display the items and for shoppers to shop! The generosity from our community is overwhelming."

Santa Claus will be visiting the sale at the Civic Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to ensure all have a jolly shopping time and allow you to have your Christmas photo made with Santa. If you're hungry and thirsty from all your shopping, the 4-H club will be selling tasty treats for lunch! And there is plenty to shop with Christmas decorations, garland, tinsel, lights, candles, centerpieces, gift wrapping paper, Christmas bags, outdoor decorations, ribbons, bows, or anything Christmas!

For more information about the Deck The Halls Christmas Rummage Sale, contact Cathy Kinsella at 940-665-9891 or cathy.kinsella@homehospice.org or Jan Thies at 940-668-7297.

Christmas donations needed for TCC

Texoma Community Center is seeking Christmas donations for clients including: shampoo, bath soap, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, body lotion, toilet tissue, hair spray, shaving cream, cotton swabs, disposable razors, laundry detergent, facial tissues, paper towels, dish washing liquid, staple and canned and packaged foods, etc. Cash donations are accepted to purchase these items or other needed items for individuals receiving services. Anyone wishing to make a donation may call 903-957-4865 for more information.

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Grade 3: Krista Bayer, Benjamin Cox, Logan Flusche, Jasmine Hacker, Della Hartman, Carter Sicking, Zachary Smith, Emma Walterscheid.

Grade 4: Reece Acayan, Logan Flusche, Rosemary Hartman, Abigail Hendley, Halle Hess, Maggie Hess, Alexis Hofbauer, Jakob Hofbauer, Alexander Huchton, Preston Kubis, Matthew McPherson, Emily Muller, Whitney Newton, Taylor Reed, Stormi Richardson, Lenzie Sandmann, Jonathen Smith, Dawson Voth, Lexie Walter.

Grade 5: Marcus Anderle, Michael Berkley, Devon Bindel, Derek Cox, Brooklyn Duncan, Erica Endres, Madeleine Fisher, Kaci Ford, Rebecca Klement, Samantha Lockhart, Bradley Lutkenhaus, Hunter Peel, Connor Walterscheid, Meadow Walterscheid.

Grade 6: Andrew Flaming, Haley Flusche, Nathan Hartman, Nate Hesse, Cade Huchton, Timothy Luttmmer, Martie McCoy, Landri Richardson, Eli Saucer, Luke Walterscheid.

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Grade 1: Jackson Dill, Cooper Graves, Douglas Hacker, Angelina Hermes,

Spencer Jarosz, Emma Marshall, Colt McCaslan, Callaway Mofield, Kaiden Moseley, Seth Paulin, Jack Rosson, Jesus Samperio, Colt Walterscheid.

Grade 2: Ethan Bevers, William Cox, Emma Grewing, Ellie Hacker, Emma Krebs, Addison Snuggs, Ella Walterscheid, Kalyn Walterscheid, Rhett Walterscheid.

Grade 3: Annsley Budish, Gavin Doughty, Ayden Gray, Parker Hartman, Ava Henley, Brisan Hermes, Owen Hofbauer, Caden Klement, Faith Sicking, Von Khemer Tai, Marlee Walterscheid, Kelan Williams.

Grade 4: Ava Almaraz, Daultyn Dunn, Gage Eberhart, Gabriella Fleitman, Braeden Hacker, Macy Hess, Landry Huchton, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Andie Schroeder, Jackson Sicking, Conner Silmon, Owen Walterscheid.

Grade 5: Althea Acayan, Gabriel Grewing, Debra Huchton, Keith Huchton, Whitley Klement, Natalie McMinn, Caleb Newton, Chloe Paraco, Victoria Rodriguez, Sean Sicking, Jordan Taylor, Isaac Wolf.

Grade 6: Andrew Christopher, Gracyn Fields, Alexander Hacker, Makayla Hacker, Emily Harrison, Zoe Hicke, Briannah Keeling, Hillary Klement, Lily Muller, Gavin Pagel, Logan Stewart, Landon Williams.

ALL "A" HONOR ROLL
Grade 7: Makenna Aldriedge, Mikaley Berkley, Jada Binder, Sarah Davis, Libby Duncan, Mary Fisher, Erin Hesse, Bayley Otto, Lance Smith, Rallen Marie Tai, Wade Trubench.

Grade 8: Savannah Bohl, Ashleigh Deweber, Major Eldridge, Colby Endres, Brit-tany Green, Daniel Luttmmer, Alexis Markwardt, Zachary Sanders, Riley Stewart, Lane Trubench, Abby Walterscheid, Brenton Wilson.

Grade 9: Ashleigh Fisher, Morgan Hennigan, Rut Rodriguez.

Grade 10: Bailey Anderle, Graeme Lamar, Jenna Sicking, Clay Stevens, Andrew

Stoffels, Sterling Walterscheid.

Grade 11: Logan Cook, Morgan Eldridge, Amy Luttmmer, Lea Tarnowski.

Grade 12: Jordan Buddy, Alaina Reiter, Allie Walterscheid, Kimber Walterscheid.

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

Grade 7: Annie Anderle, Trent Anderle, Alec Becker, Shae Budish, Abigail Cox, Kyle Fields, Makenna For-shee, Chloe Hacker, Cooper Harrison, Kelsey Hennigan, Rebekkah Hill, Alyssa Huchton, Paden Jarosz, Katherine Klement, Matthew Klement, Audrey Kubis, Sarah Monday, Ceely Morgan, Daniel Rodriguez, Cade Stevens, Ty Trubench, Jaxon Truebenbach, Alexa Waneck.

Grade 8: Eve Brogdon, Alexandra Deeken, Dayton Gressett, Kacie Grewing, Brett Hammer, Brooke Hammer, Hunter Haverkamp, Kaitlin Hennigan, Kenadie Hess, Jenna Hudspeth, Hannah Lamar, Roger Looye, Anna Proffer, Anthony Rodriguez, Colby Smith.

Grade 9: Garrett Bindel, Thomas Davis, Nathan Hacker, Rudy Saucer, Joshua Tamplin, Kody Walterscheid.

Grade 10: Natalie Dangelmayr, Travis Dangelmayr, Ethan Flaming, Seth Flusche, Savannah Hermes, Zoe Klement, Taylor Knabe, Alaina Kubis, Stetson McGrew, Michael Moseley, Megan Rohmer, Paige Saucer, Erin Schiederjan, Carson Trubench, Mason VanBriggle, Dean Walterscheid, Madysen Walterscheid, John Weger, John York.

Grade 11: Brennan Binder, Sonja Eichenhofer, Bryce Herr, Blayne Jones, Bailey Klement, Mathew Porter, Sawyer Sanders, Haiden Shook.

Grade 12: Sarah Binford, Ashlyn Burke, Devon Hacker, Dalton Hess, Kyle Klement, Trevor Lancaster, Abby Luttmmer, Karli Mouring, Nicole Rains, Claire Schneider, Courtney Stevens.



Courtesy photo

The Gainesville Soroptimist Club honored November and October Soroptimist Girls of the Month at their recent November meeting held at the Civic Center on Nov. 30. The senior girls honored are, from left, Raquel Elias and Anna Beall from Gainesville High School, Reagan Weger from Muenster High School, and Marlowe Sappington from Valley View High School.

Weather Whys - the child

Q: You hear a lot about El Niño and La Niña. What's the difference?

A: The main difference between the two involves water temperature, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. More specifically, El Niño and La Niña – both Spanish for “the child” – refer to anomalies of sea surface temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean.

“During an El Niño event, which can last almost a year, the waters in that region are warmer than usual,” he says. “The opposite occurs during

a La Niña event – the waters tend to be cooler than usual. But the important thing is that both events can affect weather patterns in the United States and around the world.”

Q: How do they change our weather?

A: Both El Niño and La Niña events are more likely to affect the seasonal temperature and precipitation patterns during the winter than in any other season, McRoberts said. “In general, a La Niña period means drier weather patterns for Tex-

as, whereas El Niño is more likely to bring wetter weather during the cold season. There have been numerous studies done on how El Niño and La Niña affect weather patterns in other seasons, and this includes hurricanes and their intensity. Some research indicates that the types of hurricanes that affect Texas are more common during La Niña periods than during neutral or El Niño periods.”

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

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Hornets celebrate Regional championship victory over Hubbard

The Muenster Hornets added another win to their playoff season last Friday night in a rain-soaked, cold victory over the Jaguars of Hubbard. The 49-6 Regional win improves the Hornet season record to 12-1 and advances Muenster to the Quarterfinal round of the UIL 2A, Div. 2 State Championship playoffs.

"For the conditions, we played well early on," commented Muenster Coach Brady Carney. "After a few mistakes, we adjusted, settled down, and played well against a good team." Carney added that offensively the Hornets ran the ball really well when they couldn't throw because of the wet conditions and that the Hornet defense played well all night, doing a good job against Hubbard's run, which was the Jaguars' strength. "Bryce Herr had a great night kicking the ball," Carney concluded.

The Hornets received the opening kick, losing the ball on a fumble two plays later. Hubbard ran 10 plays before running out of downs at the Muenster 27 yard line.

Dalton Bartel gained 3 yards, Blayne Jones 37, and Clay Stevens 25 to the Jaguar 8 yard line. With 6:26 on the clock, Trace Klement crossed the goal line. Brennan Binder ran in the 2

point conversion for an 8-0 Muenster lead.

Bryce Herr's kickoff return was fumbled by Hubbard and recovered on the 24 yard line by Chase Deeken. The Hornets couldn't move the ball against the Jaguars, then allowed Hubbard to get in 11 plays to the Muenster 28 before the Jaguars ran out of downs.

Muenster carried the ball into the 2nd quarter with runs by Parker McGrew, Stevens, and Jones. McGrew, Binder, and Bartel continued the drive to the Hubbard 13. A 4th and 8, 30 yard field goal by Herr increased Muenster's lead to 11-0 with 9:56 on the clock.

It was three plays and punt for Hubbard, giving the Hornets possession on their own 41. Jones had an 11 yard run, followed by McGrew gaining 28 and Bartel 9 to the Jaguar 11 yard line. Jones ended the drive in the end zone. The 2 point conversion failed for a 17-0 score with 7:14 remaining in the 2nd quarter.

The Jaguars got in 14 plays, driving to the Muenster 18 before the Hornet defense sacked the quarterback on 4th and 3.

With 1:14 on the clock, Muenster's next drive included runs by Stevens, Bartel, McGrew, and Jones to the 2 yard line with 4 sec-

onds on the clock. A flag lost 15. A 34 yard field goal by Herr increased Muenster's lead to 20-0 at halftime.

Hubbard's offense was first on the field to start the 2nd half. A bad snap on an attempted punt gave Muenster the ball on the Jaguar 27. A Jones to Deeken pass play picked up 16 yards followed by a Jones pass to McGrew to the 2 yard line. Jones gained another yard, with Klement getting the final yard for the touchdown. Herr's PAT was good to give Muenster a 27-0 lead with 9:14 remaining in the 3rd period.

It was four plays and punt for Hubbard. From their 42, Bartel broke away for a 41 yard run to the Hubbard 17. McGrew scored the next play and Jones ran in the extra points for a 35-0 score with just over 6 minutes on the clock.

Hubbard ran for 16, then lost 11, losing the ball on downs at their own 37. A

short run and personal foul moved Muenster to the Jaguar 27. With 2:53 on the clock, McGrew scored. Herr's kick gave Muenster a 42-0 lead.

The teams exchanged possessions going into the final period. An interception by Bryce Herr at the 10 minute mark gave the Hornets the ball on their own 10 yard line. Seven plays later, Seth Flusche scored on a 14 yard run. Herr's PAT made the score 49-0.

After again exchanging punts, Hubbard got in a scoring drive, finding the end zone for 6 points with 16 seconds on the game clock, for the final 49-6 score.

M	8	12	22	7	49
H	0	0	0	6	6

Team Stats

M	H
19	15
63/456	40/234
21	1
3/14/0	2/8/1
2/2	1/1
2/26	5/23

7/60 Penalties/yds 5/45
Individual Stats

RUSHERS: Dalton Bartel, 10/155; Parker McGrew, 7/131; Blayne Jones, 9/55; Clay Stevens, 3/34; Brennan Binder, 2/32; Trace Klement, 4/26; Seth Flusche, 1/14; Stetson McGrew, 1/7, JV 3/2.
RECEIVERS: Chase Deeken, 1/16; Parker McGrew, 2/5.
TACKLES: Dalton Bartel, Zane Kemp, Sammy Saucer, Travis Vogel, Brennan Binder, Carson Trubebach, Chase Deeken, Parker McGrew, Logan Pegg, Clay Stevens, Dalton Hess.
TURNOVERS: *Interception* - Bryce Herr. *Fumble Recovery* - Chase Deeken.

Next Action

The Hornets' next opponent is the Tenaha Tigers. Tenaha started the season with five pre-district losses - Joaquin (38-35), Brookhill (33-32), White Oak (34-10),

Alto (52-7), and Santo (32-6); followed by five district wins - Maud (47-13), Fruitvale (2-0 forfeit), Timpson (24-14), Overton (47-6), and Mount Enterprise (54-8).

Playoff victories began with Colmesneil 63-14 in Bi-district, Era in Area 69-0, and Normangee last week 24-12.

"Tenaha's strength is their athleticism and tradition. They're playing for their fifth straight playoff victory," noted Coach Carney. "They have a new coach and a young team. They took their bumps and bruises early and are playing well, with eight victories in a row. It will be a tough contest."

The Quarterfinal round Friday will be played at City Bank Stadium (800 FM 741) in Forney (75126). Muenster will be the visitors. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

Hornet basketball begins with high scoring victory

The Muenster Hornets tipped off the 2015-16 basketball season with trip to Dallas to play the #20 Gateway Charter Academy Gators. In a game that could never be accused of being a defensive struggle, the Hornets were able to pull out a four point road win - 90-86.

"The youth and inexperience that is and will be the varsity Hornets this season was on full display last night," noted Coach Lynn Cook. "Turnovers, fouls and missed defensive assignments plagued the team the entire game. Besides getting the win, the experience gained by the young guys will go a long way towards season-

ing them for district play and beyond."

Coach Cook added that two bright notes from the game was Blake Hoepfner recorded a double-double with 42 points and 15 rebounds, while Logan Cook recorded a triple-double with 17 points, 23 rebounds and 13 assists. Also adding points to the victory were John Weger 12, Cal York 7, Michael Moseley 6, Mathew Porter 4, and Billy Felderhoff 2

The Hornets travel to Jacksboro Dec. 3-5 to defend their title at the Jacksboro Tournament.

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Muenster basketball teams ranked 8th in State

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' boys and girls high school rankings for Nov. 30 placed Muenster in the top ten Texas 2A teams.

In girls 2A, Muenster's Lady Hornets are ranked 8th in the State. LaPoyner tops the list followed by Canadian, Martins Mill, Mason, Weimar, Windthorst, and Panhandle. No other local team made the top 25 list.

The Tigerettes of Sacred Heart who were on the small private schools list last week at 23rd were removed from the top 25. Marble Falls Faith, Houston Lutheran

North, Lubbock Christian, Fort Worth Lake Country Christian, and Beaumont Legacy Christian take the top spots.

In the boys 2A class, the Hornets were also #8, with Big Sandy taking the #1 position, followed by Canadian, Schulenburg, LaPoyner, Grapeland, Martins Mill, and Stratford.

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On Monday, Nov. 23, the Muenster Junior High Hornets hosted the Valley View Eagles for three games. In the combination game, Muenster won 22-2. Scoring for the young Hornets were Warren Williams 12 points, Cooper Harrison 8, and Gavin Growing 2.

The 7th grade also won over the Chicks 36-10. Cade Stevens led the scoring with 13. Wade Trubebach added 8, Trent Anderle 5, Tyler Cook 4, and 2 apiece by Preston Smith, Matthew Klement, and Kyler Fields.

The 8th grade Hornets took a 42-22 win from the visitors. Danny Luttmr was

high scorer with 19 points. Major Eldridge added 9, Brett Hammer 8, and Zach Sanders 6.

Monday, Nov. 30, the Hornets hosted Collinsville for two games, with Muenster winning both. The 7th grade Hornets won 35-25. Stevens led the team with 15 points. Fields and Trubebach each added 6, with Cook and Anderle scoring 4 apiece.

Danny Luttmr put 20 points on the board in the 8th grade's 43-23 win over the young Pirates. Hammer added 14, with Williams, Ridley Stewart, Sanders, and Hunter Haverkamp each adding 2, and Eldridge 1.

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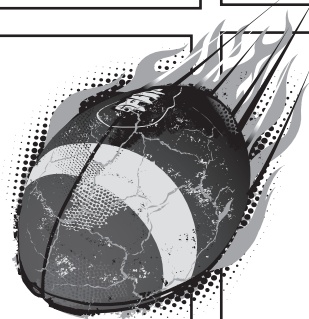
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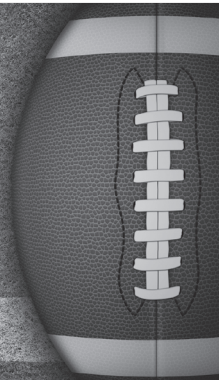
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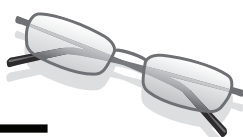


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Wet spring, fall prompts wheat planting issues in some areas of Texas

By Kay Ledbetter
Texas A&M AgriLife

Mother Nature planted a wheat crop, and now producers want to know if it has value. The short answer is “yes,” according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

“Torrential spring rains destroyed or otherwise prevented wheat harvest in some areas last spring, primarily in the Blacklands region,” said Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension statewide small grains specialist in College Station. “This left a unique situation that is unfolding for many wheat producers across the state of Texas this fall.”

The unharvested wheat last spring left a large seed-bank in the soil, Neely said. Fields were abandoned or insured out, and drought set in for much of the summer months, allowing seed to sit dormant in the soil. Another round of intense and widespread rain at the end of October set the stage for a timely and uniform stand of volunteer wheat.

“With wet conditions continuing through November, the excessive rain this fall has prevented a number of acres from being planted and leaving many producers wondering, ‘Will my volunteer wheat make a grain crop?’”

Neely said the short answer is “yes it can” under the right conditions. But if not, replanting or spot seeding might need to be considered.

Due to the timing of the rains in October, many volunteer wheat fields emerged close to the optimum planting window for wheat in the Blacklands and Central Texas, he said.

Producers need to estimate their wheat stands and uniformity to determine if they have the potential to make a good crop, Neely said.

The general recommendations for wheat stand establishment are 10-25 plants per square foot, though irrigated or high-rainfall environments favor the higher end of this range, he said. Yield will generally begin to decline below 10 plants per square foot, unless favorable weather conditions—a warm winter and/or cool spring—allow for additional tillering.

Stand counts above this range can lead to lodging. High rainfall and high fertility can exacerbate lodging problems, especially with thick stands in wheat. Straw strength also varies considerably among varieties.

Neely said Fannin and Duster are two common varieties in Texas that are known to lodge more easily than other varieties, while varieties such as TAM 304 and WB Cedar are rated as very good or excellent for straw strength.

“Some producers may consider a growth regulator in the spring to shorten internode length and overall crop height in hopes of reducing lodging potential,” he said. “While there is research showing that these products can shorten plant height under certain scenarios, results have been inconsistent on reduced lodging.”

Another major consideration for growers should be disease observed in their wheat crop from the previ-

ous year, Neely said. Head smuts and bunts can survive in infected seed and infect the following year’s crop.

“These diseases can multiply rapidly from one year to the next,” he said. “They are easily treated with seed treatments, but that is not possible with volunteer wheat.”

Also, any viruses such as barley yellow dwarf and wheat streak mosaic virus present in the previous crop will be transmitted to the following crop via the seed, Neely said. These diseases can be devastating, and symptoms are typically worse the earlier a field is infected.

“And finally, producers need to remember that volunteer wheat is uninsurable, which does provide additional risk for their farm,” he said.

For planted wheat with unevenly emerged stands due to the weather or other factors, spot planting might be considered. Neely said while this decision is often not clear-cut, the best tool a producer has is to take stand counts and determine if stands are less than ideal. Generally, replanting is considered once stands are below 50% of the desired level in a given area.

When planting on top of a thin stand, it is best to seed at a 45-degree angle to the original row direction, he said. Double disk openers are preferred over hoe drills as they do not destroy what remains of the original stand.

When overseeding on a previous stand with a double-disc opener, a 40 to 60 pound-per-acre rate may be desirable, but rates should increase slightly with hoe drills, Neely said. This rate will need adjusting depending on the remaining stand and timing of the replanting.

When spot seeding or overseeding poor stands, an earlier maturing variety may be considered to compensate for planting later; however, it is difficult to align harvest timing of the two plantings and only works if the original variety was medium or later maturity, he said.

In the case of delayed planting due to wet fields, Neely said producers may want to consider increased seeding rates or selecting an earlier

maturing variety, although seed availability this late in the season may be limited.

The general consensus is seeding rates should increase by 30-60% for late planting wheat, so a 60 pound-per-acre rate under an ideal planting date would now be 78 to 96 pounds per acre for delayed planting, he said. Increased seeding rates are thought to compensate for reduced tillering in plants due to a shortened growing season.

Neely said the majority of winter wheat planted for grain in the Rolling Plains and Blacklands is planted between mid-October and mid-November.

Producers may want to consider increasing seeding rates after Dec. 1. The final planting date for individual coverage plans for insurance is Dec. 15 for the Rolling Plains and Blacklands.

Some examples of early maturing varieties include WB Cedar, Billings, TAM 401, and Fannin for hard red winter wheat, and AGS 2035, USG 3120, SY Cypress, and LA 754 for soft red winter wheat, he said.

“If planting is delayed into January, producers will need to seriously consider whether it is worth planting wheat,” Neely said. “Generally, winter wheat receives enough chilling hours to vernalize if planted on or before early January in the Blacklands or Rolling Plains.”

However, he said, wheat planted in late January or later may not have enough cold to switch the plant over from vegetative to reproductive growth and prevent the formation of a seed head. In this case, spring wheat would be advised since it does not require vernalization.

“In either case, yield potential is greatly reduced by planting that late into the season,” Neely said.

For additional information on planting/replanting decisions, refer to the AgriLife Extension publications: Wheat Replanting Considerations, <http://bit.ly/1Tahbt5>; or Stand Establishment of Small Grains and Annual Grasses for Grain and Winter Pastures, <http://bit.ly/10bJHhL>

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Farm Toys For Tots

Last week, we noted the petition at Change.org asking Wal-Mart to stop selling “slaughter trucks,” which is what vegans want to call toy livestock transport trucks. The petition has over 12,000 signatures, but some ingenious advocates have started their own campaign—Farm Toys For Tots. A GoFundMe campaign raised more than \$6,000 in four days to buy toy livestock trucks and other farm-themed toys to be distributed to the Toys for Tots campaign.

But don’t plan on ordering the now-infamous “slaughter truck.” Wal-Mart says they’re out of stock because the ruckus the vegans created only raised the demand for the toys. It’s a five-star item, and all the reviews happened on or after the Nov. 17, when the nonsense began.

Nov. 23, 2015

Fatter Cattle (The Cowboy & the Packer)

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Farm-In-A-Box

Scouring the Internet for news you need to know, we often find uplifting stories that make us optimistic about farming’s future. This is not one of those stories. In fact, the success of Freight Farms provides further evidence we’re all gonna starve before modern ag technology is accepted over silly ideas the fields of the future are on skyscraper rooftops. Freight Farms is a Boston-based start-up that sells fully outfitted hydroponic shipping container farms. Yes, shipping containers. The containers offer 320 square feet of climate-controlled growing beds—complete with grow lights—so an urban farmer can raise lettuce year-round. We’re guessing the lettuce would be kinda expensive, since the farm-in-a-box costs \$75,000 each. (Yeah, that’s sustainable... or not!) But, the pricey potting house also comes with “pink-hued LED light strips” which give “a party vibe to the whole operation.” (We’re not making this up.) There’s also “Bluetooth-connected speakers embedded in the ceiling to make it easy to rock out to your favorite playlist.”

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Farm Credit to recognize 100 rural visionaries during 100th anniversary

This is the final month to submit nominations for Farm Credit 100 Fresh Perspectives, a program that will recognize rural visionaries across the United States who are changing the future of rural communities and agriculture for the better.

Fresh Perspectives will honor the top 100 leaders next year, when the Farm Credit System will celebrate its first 100 years of supporting agriculture and rural communities with reliable, consistent credit and financial services. Nominations for the program are open until Dec. 18.

Of the final 100, one distinguished visionary from each of 10 nomination categories will receive \$10,000 to further their contributions to thriving rural communities and agriculture. The top 10 honorees will be recognized during a special event at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Farm Credit 100 Fresh Perspectives is accepting nominations for farmers and ranchers, as well as individuals or groups who represent agribusinesses, cooperatives, academic institutions, government agencies, and community and nongovernment organizations in 10 categories: Leadership (over 21); Youth Leadership (21 and younger); Rural Policy Influence; Beginning Farmer or Rancher Achievement; Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Sustainability and Natural Resource Conservation; Financial Stewardship; Mentoring and Volunteerism; Agriculture Education and Community Impact; Rural and Urban Connection.

Visit www.FarmCredit100.com/Fresh for more information and to submit a nomination, including a brief essay, by Dec. 18, 2015.

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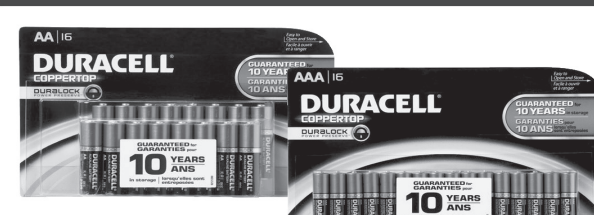
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Raffle features fire ring, garden bench and more



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Home Sweet Home raffle, sponsored by the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary, offers the items pictured above which include a metal garden bench and fire ring. The winner will be drawn on Monday, Dec. 14.

Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary once again has a Christmas raffle to earn money for one of its projects. This year, it is called the Home Sweet Home Raffle and it has a patio theme. Some of the prizes are a metal garden bench, fire ring with cover, outdoor rug, pocket hose, birdhouse with pole, Faith plaque, bird feeder and bird seed, blanket, thermometer, hot chocolate and cider mixes, Fischer's gift certificate, daisy garden stakes, and more.

Proceeds from the raffle will fund a new Abbott Precision Xceed glucometer for the Hospital. The glucometer, which is used to monitor blood sugar levels in patients, will be used in all clinical areas including the

Emergency Department, Medical Floor, and Day Surgery. It has the capability to connect to Meditech, the Hospital's electronic health record (EHR). Once connected, the patient's blood sugar levels will automatically upload to the EHR, which will be a time-saver for the nursing staff.

The chances are one for \$10 or six for \$50. They are

available in the front lobby of the Hospital, at Ace Hardware, Fischer's Market, or from MMH Auxiliary members. The winner will be drawn on Monday, Dec. 14 at the Auxiliary meeting.

For more information call Auxiliary President Janet Felderhoff at (940) 736-4759 or Vice President Adelia Wilson at (940) 759-6191 or (214) 287-5219.

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The Farmer's Marketing Association was located on the corner of Main and Division streets (Hwy. 82), on the present vacant lot just south of Doc's Bar and Grill (building at far right). This building was later replaced by a \$25,000 brick building. The FMA Store sold local produce, meats, and milk products, including cheese made in the plant. In 1943, FMA voted to sell out to North Texas Producers Association. In their 23 years of operation, the FMA plant produced 40,000,000 pounds of cheese.

RRC Chairman Porter warns against job-killing, frivolous oil & gas lawsuits inspired by Hillary Clinton's radical climate change agenda

Railroad Commission Chairman David Porter recently sent a letter to Attorney General Ken Paxton warning of frivolous state lawsuits and investigations currently being carried out and considered by other state attorney generals. Chairman Porter's letter points out these suits are inspired by presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's radical environmental claims that energy companies should be financially punished for their alleged contribution to climate change.

"Radical environmentalist ideology is increasingly masquerading as scientific fact and causing a chilling effect on credible climate science and free speech," said Porter, who also serves as the chairman of the three-member Texas energy authority. "In reality, it's nothing more than an effort by liberal ideologues to punish entities that do not share their religious zeal on the issue, and ultimately force the energy industry into a position in which its own resources are unjustly and unfairly used against itself in the war on fossil fuels."

Earlier this month, the New York Attorney General began an investigation into whether Exxon Mobile Corp. should be held responsible for its alleged contribution to climate change. Clinton prompted the charges in October at a campaign stop.

Chairman Porter concluded, "I encourage you to be wary of similar efforts in Texas, so that together we can continue protecting our state's natural resources, as well as the economic vitality of the industry that produces these resources, employs hundreds of thousands of Texans, and paves the way for American energy independence."

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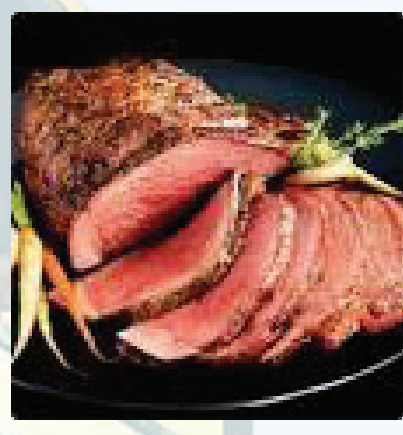
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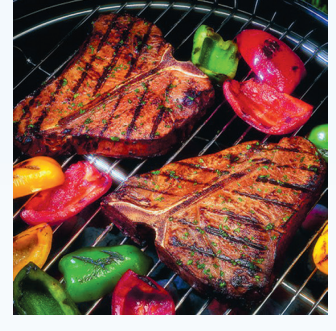


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