

SACRED HEART WINS STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



State Champions - above - the Sacred Heart Tigers - at right - the Tigerettes. See pages 9 & 10 for TAPPS meet results and photos. Courtesy photos



City agrees to new swimming pool fees

By Janet Felderhoff
All seems to be on schedule for the opening of the new Muenster swimming pool on Saturday, May 26. There will be a slight increase in the rates. A day of swimming will now cost all over two years of age \$3 a day, a \$1 increase. Rates for private parties will be \$90 an hour with a two hour minimum. If there are 50 or more swimmers, an additional life guard will be required at a cost of another \$10 an hour. These rates were approved by the Park Board at its May 1 meeting. The City Council also approved the suggested rates.

The City will be purchasing pool furniture. That cost was not included in the original estimate. A large tree limb broke in the City Park on Sunday morning during Germanfest. There was not a large crowd in the area at the time and nobody was injured. Stick Lamar expressed concern that there may be a lot of damage to the many old trees in the Park. The damage is not always easily observed by the average person. He suggested hiring an arborist to climb the

trees, inspect them, and remove any damaged limbs. City Administrator Stan Endres noted that it is quite costly to have this type of work done. He feels that with the recent high winds, any damaged limbs would have blown down. Park Board President Ben Bindel said he is concerned because there are a number of large older trees in the area of the MSB Stage where crowds gather. He feels the trees should be checked for damage.

The Council tabled a decision until cost estimates could be acquired.

Several Muenster Knights of Columbus members attended the Council meeting. The organization asked to use the City Park on Saturday, June 9 from 1 p.m. to midnight for a concert. It would involve closing the pool for the day.

A charge of \$10 per person attending would be collected. This would pay the cost of the nine area bands hired to play for the event. The KCs also want to sell beer and margaritas. Proceeds will be used to fund the \$2,000 the KCs pledged to the City Pool project. Vendors includ-

ing the Boy Scouts will offer food.

The Park Board approved use of the Park for this event if the KCs have insurance to protect the City and if they hire adequate security.

Bindel said that they are making arrangements with Muenster Police Chief Mark Blankenship to use off-duty officers at the expense of the KCs. Endres suggested that the KCs sign a contract similar to the one that the Chamber of Commerce signs for Germanfest. They

agreed and the City Council approved closing the Park and pool and waiving the 5% gate fee to allow the KCs to hold the concert.

Street repair projects for the summer received Council attention. Bids were sought and received from five contractors. The City asked for bids on the option of hot mix or oil and chip with both methods including the remixing and adding of cement.

Only two of the five bid on both methods. The other

three bid hot mix only. Bolen Construction had the lowest bid on oil and chip while Jagoe-Public of Denton had the lowest hot mix bid. The difference between the two methods is about \$48,000, Endres said.

The Council decided to wait and see what the sales tax rebates would be like in May before making a decision on the bids. A decision will be considered at the special May 16 meeting.

"I know the hot mix always makes a street that looks a

lot better when it's finished, but if the oil and chip is put down correctly it makes just as good a street," Endres commented. "You have a little problem with the oil and chip for the first period until the chips settle into the oil and is packed. I recommend going with it simply because of the difference of almost \$50,000."

Alderman Jack Flusche disagreed. "I think oil and chip isn't going to last with the trucks when they are turning off backing into Fischer's. They are going to rip it right out. And I sure don't want oil and chip at the baseball park. Kids get out in flip

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Lake boat ramp opened

By Janet Felderhoff
Fishermen anticipating taking their boats on the Muenster Lake may now do so. At their meeting on Monday, May 7, the Muenster Water Board voted to open the previously unused boat ramp.

According to Water Board spokesman Henry Weinzapfel, there are some rules that boaters must follow. Nothing with motors over 30 HP are allowed. Skiing is not allowed nor is any personal watercraft such as jet skis. Creating wakes with lists also comes under the list of not allowed. A picnic area is under con-

struction and mostly completed. Signage will soon be up to give Lake patrons needed information.

At Monday night's City Council meeting, the aldermen amended an ordinance concerning the Lake. A previous amendment from several years ago made it unlawful to move or damage the rock rip rap on the Lake's dam. The amended ordinance includes all the Lake property, not just the dam. More rip rap was added with the construction of the boat ramps and parking lot. Recently, the rip rap from the boat ramp was removed by vandals.

Alderman Pat Stelzer said, "Rocks from boat ramp rip rap had been taken and tossed onto the boat ramp itself. Somebody did a lot of work because it was 15-20 rocks. My information is the rip rap on the dam cost the taxpayers \$850,000 and I suspect the rip rap on the boat ramp probably cost another \$150,000."

Also, someone broke out the security lights at the Lake.

City Administrator Stan Endres said that the Water Board also agreed to post a sign offering a \$500 reward to anyone who reports an act of vandalism at the Lake.

Hess is State medalist



Muenster Lady Hornet Erin Hess placed second at the State Golf Tournament last weekend. See story on page 9. MISD photo

Muenster joins Click It or Ticket effort

Motorists who refuse to wear their seat belts - beware. The 2012 national Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization kicks off May 21 to help save lives by cracking down on those who don't buckle up.

Muenster Police Department is joining with other state and local law enforcement officers and highway safety advocates across the country to help save more lives by strongly enforcing seat belt laws around the clock.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2010 nationally, 61% of the 10,647 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes overnight (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the fatal crash, compared to 42% during the daytime hours.

"Too many drivers and passengers on the road at night are not wearing their seat belts, and it all too often ends in tragedy," said Chief Blankenship. "Our goal is to save more lives, so Muenster Police Department will be out enforcing seat belt laws around the clock."

Seat belt use saves thousands of lives across America each year and Muenster Police Department is helping spread the word. NHTSA statistics show that in 2010 alone, seat belts saved an estimated 12,546 lives nationwide.

Yet, too many motorists may need a tough reminder. In 2010, 22,187 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in motor vehicle crashes, according to NHTSA, and 51% of them were NOT wearing seat belts at the time of their fatal crashes.

Younger motorists and men are particularly at risk. NHTSA data shows that among teen and young adult passenger vehicle occupants in 2010, ages 18-34, who were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes, 62% were not buckled up at the time of the crash - the highest percentage of any age

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ALL-STATE ACADEMIC ATHLETES



Five Muenster High School basketball players were recently selected to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches prestigious Academic All-State Team. From left, Paige Hennigan, Lana Heers, Landon Presnall, Andi Felderhoff, and Emily Hellman not only excelled on the court, but also in the classroom. These senior varsity members all maintained an overall 92 academic average throughout their high school career. MISD photo

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Price joins Muenster Police Department

By Janet Felderhoff
Muenster will have fuller police coverage with the addition of a part-time officer. Leonard Price of Pilot Point signed on with the Muenster Police Department about three weeks ago. He will be filling the gaps in coverage that occur as the full-time officers have days off, vacations, etc.

Price began his career in law enforcement in 1986 when he went to work as a jailer for the Denton County Sheriff's Department. He attended Police Academy at Tarrant County Junior College where he received his basic peace officer's license. He said he went out as a patrol officer from 1989 until 1992. Then he transferred to Criminal Investigations for two years. He then worked auto theft investigations and was on the SWAT team in Denton County. He returned to street patrol in 1997 making corporal three months later, and sergeant in 2001. For the last 10 years in Denton County, he served as a sergeant with 10 guys working under his supervision. Price retired on Feb. 21, 2011.

That retirement was short-lived as Price decided to join the Muenster Police Department on a part-time basis. He is building a home on his parents' property to be nearer to help care for them. Becoming a police officer was something Price always felt he wanted to do, but didn't act on until he was 28 years old. A captain with the Denton County Sheriff's Department approached Price while he was working at a car dealership in Sanger and asked him to go to work as a jailer. Price applied and within two weeks was hired and working for the Sheriff's Department.

"They put me through jailer's school and through the academy," noted Price. "It just worked from there. They just kinda pushed me when they came over and asked me if I wanted to go into it." When it comes to law enforcement, Price said, "I'm not out there to arrest people and put them in jail just for the heck of it. I'm out there to do a job and that's the way I do it. I treat people the way I would want to be treated if I was in that situation until they give me a reason not to. I try to be nice and courteous to everybody. If they want to get wild and crazy after that, I'll get wild and crazy with them."

While in Denton County, Price had a program that he put on called Beat the Heat. He explained that it is similar to the DARE Program, but targets older kids who are about to get or who have their driver's license. Price said, "Instead of going out on the street and drag racing and stuff like that, we'd get them to come down to the

track and drag race with us in a controlled environment. If they would stay in school and keep their grades up, then they could go with us on some of our trips if they wanted to, help work on the car, and stuff like that. They had to keep their grades up."

Other things that keep Price occupied are his horses, woodworking, and handyman projects.

"I'm just here to help the people and to be a good officer for the City of Muenster," Price remarked. "I'm not trying to make a name for myself or anything except help the people and the community have a better area to live to not have the crime and the criminals around there."

Price added that he would be willing to start a youth program here if people feel there is a need and are willing to support it. It takes donor support to fund the trips, to build the motors and transmissions, etc. He said that if the community wants to start the program, he'd be more than happy to do so.

"It's a good school program and it also helps bridge that gap between the police officers and the teenage kids because they think we're all after them and we're not."

Price and his wife Venus have four sons and a daughter between them.

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group. The number jumps to 66% when just men in this age group are included.

While this year's Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization runs from May 21 through June 3, motorists should know that officers are out enforcing seat belt laws year-round. "Those who choose not to wear a seat belt will feel the heat from our officers who will be out cracking down on Click It or Ticket violators. Motorists should buckle up every time they go out, both day and night," said Chief Blankenship. "Our officers are prepared to ticket anyone not buckled up ... no warnings and no excuses. Click It or Ticket."

For more on the national Click It or Ticket mobilization, visit www.nhtsa.gov.



Muenster Police Officer Leonard Price

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO

May 9, 1947

City Council okays 40' X 80' warehouse and fire station - its estimated cost is \$6,000 and will be located beside City water well No. 1. Henceforth the City has a standing reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone caught tampering with the city fire whistle; provoked by last Monday morning's prank, the city council made that decision Monday night. Obituary: R.R. Tucker, 65. Wedding: Bernice Haverkamp and Raymond Kupper. Ed Eberhart & Son advertise hay baling anywhere -- anytime 10¢ per bale.

50 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1962

Sacred Heart High sophomores and their class sponsor Sr. Theresina are jubilant after learning they won 1st place in the Ceylon Mission stamp Bureau of Mobile, Ala. nationwide contest. Muenster swimming pool opening set with admission charge of 40¢ adult, 20¢ children. New Arrival: Mark to Joe and Theresa Grewing. Wedding: Sharon Mabry and Gerald Prewitt. Valley View dedicated new Post Office Sunday. Community Lumber Company advertises: Open

House at our newly completed house across from Sacred Heart Church; hair dryer will be given as attendance prize, with every visitor except those under 16 invited to register for the drawing.

25 YEARS AGO

May 8, 1987

Sacred Heart Tigerettes are State Champions in track. The Outstanding Conservation Farmers in Zone III for 1986 are Tom and Mary Binford, whose farm is located near Marysville. Obituaries: Margaret Eckart, 87; Allison Sicking, 16 months old. Wedding: Jennifer Hellman and Bruce Bezner. New Arrivals: Terry to Chris and Sandy Felderhoff; Christopher to Joe and Shellie Hoedebeck; Marcus to Marc and Shelly Tate. Merle and Clifford Hudspeth observe Golden Wedding anniversary.

Remember to VOTE May 12 and May 29!!!

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flops or barefooted. We don't want that."

Alderman Tim Felderhoff agreed with Flusche. He lives on a chip and tar street and said that every time you turn sharp or have a heavy vehicle start and stop, you dig out. The edges wear close to the curb each time it rains. Felderhoff reminded them that last year, they all agreed that hot mix was worth the extra cost because it lasts longer.

Streets being considered for repairs include Oak Street from Third Street to Hwy. 82 and Third Street from Main to Mesquite. Oak has a lot of truck traffic.

Land will be purchased from Urban Endres south of the existing water tank on which to place a new water tank as part of the City's water improvements. The cost is \$15,000. Administrator Endres said the cost was determined by using the cost per square foot used by the Appraisal District on property in the City limits. Urban Endres is allowing the City an easement for the water line to cross his property also. The vote to purchase was unanimous.

Boy Scout Blake Haubold hopes to earn his Eagle Scout award. He chose landscaping the Muenster Museum for his project and asked approval from the City Council before beginning. He proposes to remove existing plants from the front beds, put down weed block fabric, and put plants. The bed will then be covered with a layer of crushed granite to cut down on maintenance. He also offered plans for other area of the Museum grounds, all using low maintenance plants and methods of weed control.

The Council approved the project. Haubold anticipates starting the project this week and completing it in about 10 days.

Police Chief Blankenship presented his monthly report noting the Germanfest was a success on their part with no major offenses or incidences reported. The County arrested two people on Friday night outside of the grounds. DPS informed him that their focus on drunk drivers was quite lower than normal. "I think the added visibility of the police during the Germanfest, in town as well as there, really had an impact on people's demeanor."

Game Warden Darla Barr will conduct a training class in Muenster for Marine Officer Certification. Muenster and some Gainesville officers will take part. After the three-day training, the officers will be able to en-

force law on the water at the Muenster Lake, said Chief Blankenship.

Blankenship reported that the Muenster ISD Superintendent requested that a drug dog do a sweep through the school. Gainesville PD offered their dog and the two Police Departments performed a sweep of the high school and junior high school. No drugs were found by the dog that was looking for cocaine, marijuana, meth, and drugs of that nature. Blankenship noted that some drugs can't be detected. More sweeps are expected.

It was noted that there was some parental concern that prescription drugs might be a problem.

Endres updated the Council on several matters. A letter from Gary Fisher concerned building inspections, especially of older buildings being sold and usage changed. "It does say in our code book that we are supposed to issue certificates of occupancy to a landowner or business owner when a building is sold or the type of business changes," noted Endres. "We hadn't been enforcing that and we are going to start enforcing that."

In other business, the City Council:

- Proclaimed May 21 to June 3 as National Ticket or Click It enforcement period. They urged all citizens to always wear seat belts.
- Approved purchase of a new generator with funds from a Homeland Security grant applied for by Cooke County Emergency Management Director Ray Fletcher. The City's cost will be \$3,022 plus the cost of the natural gas connection and wiring.
- Approved budget amendments from unknown costs at the time the budget was done. These included the new pool, water systems improvements, and police department salaries.
- Set Wednesday, May 16 meeting at 5 p.m. to canvass votes from May 12 election. Aldermen with term up in May will be sworn in for another term and street repair bids reconsidered.
- Renewed two-year contract with Muenster ISD for their use of City water well #3.
- Approved Fain Group of Fort Worth as the general contractor for the City Water Capital Improvements Project. They submitted the lowest bid of \$619,488.60.
- Renewed contract with Jim Robertson, attorney, for the City's delinquent tax collection.
- Approved payment of bills totaling \$231,262.70.

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

Sunday, May 13, 2012	Monday, May 14, 2012	Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 16, 2012	Thursday, May 17, 2012	Friday, May 18, 2012	Saturday, May 19, 2012
 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	MMH Aux. mtg. KMB mtg. 6:45 pm VFW mtg. 8 pm Early voting begins on primary elections MHS Spring Awards Banquet 6 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MISD Band Concert 6pm Cafetorium	Library open 1:30-5:30 Kiwanis mtg. noon Center Rel. Ed closing Mass 7 pm MISD Board mtg. 7:30	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm Muenster Museum open 1-4pm SHCS Field Day SH Moving Up ceremony 6:30 pm	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm SHCS High School graduation	Library open 10:30-2:30 G'ville Bass Club tourn. Little Elm, Lewisville Lake
Sunday, May 20, 2012	Monday, May 21, 2012	Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Wednesday, May 23, 2012	Thursday, May 24, 2012	Friday, May 25, 2012	Saturday, May 26, 2012
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Bass tourn. cont.	VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm	Library open 10am-6:30 pm MMH Board mtg. 7 pm	Library open 1:30 -5:30 pm Kiwanis mtg. noon, Center MISD Elem. Talent Show in Cafetorium MISD JrHi End of Year Awards Ceremony	Muenster Museum open 1-4 pm Library open 10am-6:30 pm MISD early release	Muenster Museum open -1-4 MISD early release LAST DAY OF SCHOOL SHCS 8th grade promotion MHS graduation 7pm Gym Early voting ends	Library open 10:30 - 2:30

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Obituaries

Dorothea Mathews 1921 - 2012

Dorothea Elinor Mathews, died at her home in Gainesville on Friday, May 4. A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church on Friday, May 11 under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. No visitation is planned.

Born March 5, 1921 to Lillie and Ed Smith in Galveston, she grew up on an island and developed a life-long love of the beach. Dorothea received her degree from Baylor University, and after graduation in June 1941, she married her college sweetheart S. J. "Bunco" Mathews. Throughout their married life, they followed Bunco's career in the oil business to the Gulf coast, west Texas, and eventually to Europe. They lived

in The Hague, Madrid, and Copenhagen, and traveled extensively throughout Europe and the middle east.

An active member of First Baptist Church Gainesville for almost 50 years, she loved the Lord and took joy in helping, praying for, and encouraging others in His name.

She is survived by her sister LaVerne Newton of Littleton, Colorado; children Bob Mathews (Janis), Mary Kelly (John), and Don Mathews; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County, or Missions Fund at First Baptist Church Gainesville.

Nellie Stambaugh 1912 - 2012

Nellie G. Kopman Stambaugh of Abbottstown, Pennsylvania (mother of Nancy Walter of Muenster) died at the age of 99 on March 29, 2012 at her home.

Nellie was born July 15, 1912 in Hamilton Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, to Ralph H. and A. Blanche McIntire Kopman. She was a member of Emmanuel U.C.C. and a 1930 graduate of New Oxford High School. She retired in 1975 from the Abbottstown Post Office where she was Postmaster for 34 years, and was a member of the U.S. Postmasters Association and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Nellie is survived by daughter Nancy A. Walter and her husband Claude of Muenster; sons B. Wayne Stambaugh and wife Jane of Dover, Pennsylvania, Gordon H. Stambaugh and wife Sherry of Abbottstown, and William F. Stambaugh and wife Karen of New Oxford, Pennsylvania; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brother Ralph Kopman of Florida; and brother-in-law Robert Berkheimer of New Oxford.

She was predeceased by her husband Ellis H. Stambaugh who died Aug. 2, 1974; and sisters Bessie Kohr, Ruth Mumper, and Nettie Berkheimer.

After cremation, a memorial service was held May 5 at Emmanuel U.C.C. with burial in St. John's Church Cemetery, Abbottstown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel U.C.C. or to VNA/Hospice, 440 N. Madison St, Hanover, PA 17331.

Call 811 before you dig



The Texas Railroad Commission would like to remind Texans that state law requires residents to call 811 before any digging project to have underground pipelines and other utilities marked.

"Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811," said Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones. "Utility lines need to be properly marked because even when digging only a few inches, the risk of striking an underground utility line may still exist."

A recent report by Common Ground Alliance determined that underground pipelines are damaged during digging projects every three minutes nationwide. In Texas, digging also known as excavation damage is the top cause accounting for 76% of pipeline incidents in the state, most of which are minor.

The call to 811 is free and must be made two business days before digging. When calling 811, homeowners, excavators, and contractors are connected to one of the two state One-Call Centers operating in Texas. Professional locators are then sent to the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint, or both.

Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines, and inconvenient outages. Not calling 811 before digging, or incorrectly marked pipelines, can result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day per violation. In addition, the Commission may assess an enhanced violation of up to \$25,000. In calendar year 2010, the Commission collected more than \$1.7 million in penalties for excavation damages.

Visit www.call811.com or www.rrc.state.tx.us for more information about 811 and safe digging practices.

Department of Labor drops child farm labor proposal

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced it is withdrawing the proposed regulation that would have prohibited children under the age of 16 from working on family farms. National Sorghum Producers submitted comments opposing the proposed rule back in December.

Earlier in April, a spokesperson said the department had received over 10,000 comments. The agriculture community showed strong opposition, fearing the vast impact the proposed rule might have on farming operations and farm education. The DOL release said the rule will not be pursued for the duration of

the Obama Administration. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack told members of the press he would like to focus on education about child safety on the farm, rather than regulation.

If there's smoke on the road - don't drive into it!

Many Texans have lost their lives during severe wildfire seasons because a wildfire overtook them in their vehicles.

This fact has prompted officials with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to warn motorists that they should never drive into dense smoke or they could become a fire fatality.

High winds may cause wildfires to spread rapidly and jump across natural barriers such as roads and even waterways. Strong winds can force smoke to stay low to the ground, obscuring roadways and traffic signs. Texas wildfires have been propelled by wind gusts as high as 60 mph. During severe fire seasons, Texans are asked to pay attention to TV and radio broadcasts BEFORE they travel. They should be aware of fire and weather conditions along their route.

Other tips include avoiding traveling into areas where wildfire activity has been reported and possibly even delaying trips. As motorists travel, they are advised to watch for highway signs providing information on fire danger.

Also:

- Watch for traffic control personnel, fire fighters, and law enforcement officers.
- Slow down and prepare to stop if signaled to do so.
- Slow down when preparing to stop and turn around.
- Activate emergency flashers to warn other vehicles behind you that you have decreased your speed or stopped.
- Check for oncoming traffic before turning around safely.

For more information on fire danger and advisories, see the Texas Forest Service website at: texasforestservice.tamu.edu

Beat the rush, skip the trip

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is advising residents to avoid the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online. Residents can beat the rush and avoid longer lines during the summer – the busiest time of year at driver license offices – by renewing their driver license or identification card before the summer begins. Residents who are eligible can skip the trip to the office completely by renewing their license or identification card online – or changing their address – at Texas.gov.

"Summertime is the busiest time of year at our driver license offices, with more residents than usual renewing their driver license or identification card," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "These busy months typically lead to longer wait times for customers, so we're encouraging Texans to come in early to beat the rush, or they can skip the trip to the office altogether by renewing online."

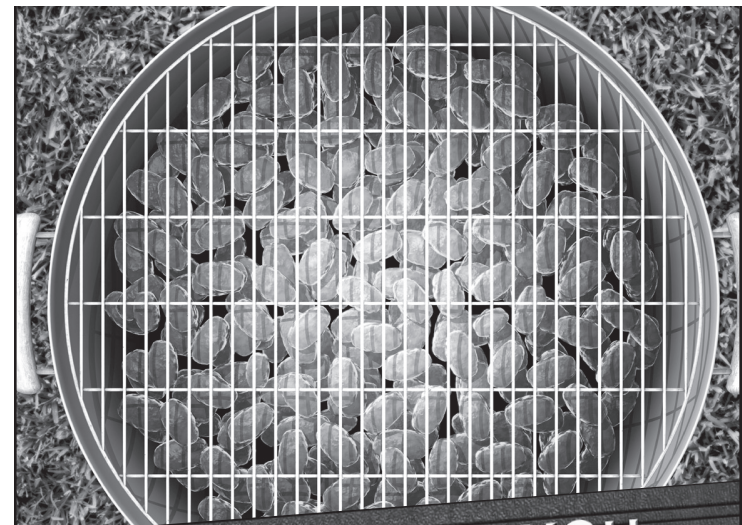
To be eligible to renew online, the expiration date

on the card must be within one year. When a resident renews their card, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. (Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight tested.)

The renewal fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

Through Texas.gov, residents can also renew their vehicle registration, apply for a concealed handgun license, request a copy of their birth certificate or driving record, and link to additional official state government websites. Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20 character code on the front of their current license or card.



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Our special thanks goes to Father Ken Robinson from Sacred Heart, Father Raymond McDaniel from St. Peter's, and Father B. George from Denton's St. Mark's for the beautiful service.

We are grateful to the dedicated members of the Catholic Daughters of America for their hard work and delicious meal, the Veterans' Color Guard and Rifle Corp who represented our country so well, and all those friends,

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Precinct #3 Commissioner candidates voice views

By Janet Felderhoff
There are two candidates on the Republican ballot seeking nomination for the Precinct #3 Commissioner position. Incumbent Al Smith of Era is challenged by Alan Britain of County Road 343, Forestburg. The Republican winner will not have an opponent in November since there is not a Democrat running for this office.

Al Smith has lived in Era for 17 years and has served as Commissioner of Precinct #3 for the past eight years. He said he has one great wife Rita, four wonderful children one daughter, three sons, and eight outstanding grandchildren. Al and Rita will be married 50 years this year.

Britain has lived in Cooke County since 1962, when his family moved from Irving to a farm. He still lives on that family farm, as does his sister Terri and brother Roy.

Currently Britain is a farmer and rancher and has been for 25 years in Cooke County. He was previously employed as a machinist for 25 years after working at Tony's Seed and Feed during high school and for two years after graduating.

Alan is the son of Jimmie and the late Johnny Britain. He married Norma Switzer and they have been married for 34 years. They have three sons. Their oldest son Jason has two daughters, Jessica and Michelle. Their second son Justin and his wife Monica have four girls, Alexia, Athena, Alana, and Adriana. Their youngest son is Jared. They have a daughter, Diane. She and her husband Randy Grewing have twin boys, Peyton and Collin, and a daughter Liv.

Each candidate received a set of questions. Their written responses follow.

Are you willing to serve as a County representative on boards and committees other than those required by the office of commissioner?

Smith - Yes, I am willing to serve on boards and committees as a County representative and with the approval of Commissioners' Court, I strive to do so. Board participation is important as it simply helps our Commissioners' Court be effective as we serve the citizens in a responsible way because of

a more complete knowledge base and the latest information available.

Currently I serve on three Boards: the Board president for the Texoma Council of Governments, Board member of the Texas Association of Counties for Employee Health Benefits, and the County representative for Cross Plains Transportation Council.

Britain - I am willing to serve on those boards or committees for which I feel that I would be qualified and could do the most good. As I learn and become more familiar with the processes involved with the various committees, I would feel comfortable lending my services wherever needed. One interest I have is learning more about how decisions made by officials at the state level impact us here in Cooke County and what influence or power county officials have regarding these decisions. I would like to see Austin return more of the governing power back to the county. In my many years ranching, I have used my own farm equipment to help neighbors or other ranchers/farmers when they have needed help. I think our own successes depend on being willing to work together to accomplish goals. I think one of the important aspects of being commissioner should be the willingness to listen to the concerns and priorities of the residents of the County.

Precinct #3 currently has a lot of activity due to the Barnett Shale. What do you see as the pluses and minuses that this brings to Precinct #3 and Cooke County?

Smith - Barnett shale development rescued Cooke County from what would have been a very difficult economic environment for us to survive. The County, every city, every school, every hospital, and virtually every volunteer-funded organization met their needs on the flow of the Barnett's development.

With the Barnett it was truly all about the money and has been a tide that lifted every boat.

For Precinct 3, the destruction of our road infrastructure preceded any realized tax revenue increase by



Alan Britain

three years. For residents living on the front line of the Barnett's development, life changed quickly overnight. One day no truck traffic passed by their house, then the next day an 18-wheeler loaded to the max passed every 30 seconds. It seemed endless. Paved County roads looked like war zones in three days. Improvement plans were put on the shelf for basic survival plans to keep industry flowing and make roadways as safe as possible in the conditions that prevailed. County and State road maintenance workers suddenly were thrust into very dangerous working conditions with limited resources. For some, adapting to the new environment proved difficult.

Have we paid a price for this Barnett economic engine? Sure, people have died in related accidents, tragic events have happened at their workplaces, and we remember these losses.

Environmental issues surrounding groundwater usage, soil erosion, and pollution exist and remain an important issue. The Shale production is just in its infancy and will be with us for a long time. It is clear Precinct 3 alone cannot resolve all of these concerns, but as Barnett Shale development slows in an area we will repair and restore the road surfaces.

Britain - I would say the economic effect and the jobs created through this business are positives. Revenue from the oil and gas taxes help our local economy. Money from oil and gas royalties has been circulated into the



Al Smith

local economy by those property owners. I have two sons who are currently employed with and have learned many skills while working in the oil field industry. The negative impact has been an increase in traffic on our County roads. The damage caused by large trucks and hauling oil field equipment has increased the need for repair of these roads. We know that there are concerns with the environmental effects of the continued drilling. Many Cooke County residents, myself included, are concerned with how drilling has and will effect the water supply. The oil company has also applied for a permit to operate a "mud farm" or "pug mill" on County Road 343. There are concerns here as well regarding the chemicals that will be used for building drilling locations and oil field roads on land owners' properties. These are a few of the issues that need further investigation.

Several of the County owned facilities require attention. What are your views in regard to them?

Smith - The attention our County facilities receive is driven by our economic condition and the needs of its

occupancy. The two facilities most discussed as needing replaced or remodeled have been the EMS and the library structures.

It is my view that these two structures can be repaired, cleaned, or remodeled to meet our current County's needs.

The risk of spending dollars for new structures is that we will build an inefficient and obsolete new building. Often following an economic slowdown, new technology helps lead us to a recovery. We know technology development is underway in both the EMS and library industries. Let's wait and see the upcoming regulations for Emergency Healthcare Services before we dive in with bricks and mortar. Let's understand more clearly the needs of our library in this digital age and how it will serve the public.

I propose "Save the Money and be prepared to act after a well-defined need is present."

Britain - If elected as commissioner, I would want to get with the people who are operating in these facilities to learn about the use of various buildings and the repairs that are needed. Each facility would need to be assessed to see if repairs are possible and at what expense, as well as on what time frame. I would want to collaborate with commissioners from the other precincts as well as the employees who work in those facilities before making/taking any action. I want County facilities to be up to date; however, I want to find a way to accomplish this without an increase in taxes. I have received a great deal of feedback from County residents who are concerned with what they consider already high tax rates, so I want to work hard to prevent raising taxes any further.

Cooke County earned a sound AA credit rating this year. What do you feel contributed to this good rating and what is being done or should be done to safeguard it?

Smith - Cooke County received an "AA" rating because we adopted a balanced budget; have very strong finances and general fund reserves; limited debt needs; below State averages for unemployment; and a large manufacturing and industrial component contributing to economic growth.

Safeguarding an "AA" credit rating for our future requires us to remain conservative in budgeting and be vigilant in helping protect our industrial base. Ten taxpayers account for 15% of our 2012 assessed value tax base, six of which are oil and gas related entities. This means we must also retain a higher than so-called industry norm to protect us from a non-diverse tax base.

Britain - Cooke County officials have done a good job of "living within their means." They made smart decisions regarding budgeting. For this trend to continue, elected officials must continue to make educated decisions after first gathering all the information available to them. It is important to research and communicate with all persons involved to come to the most efficient solutions. "Going green" is not only the trendy thing to do these days--It's smart. The County can be efficient by following the green motto of "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle," when applicable.

Early voting for the Primary Election begins May 14 and ends on May 25. To vote early in Cooke County, go to the Annex building east of the Courthouse. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on regular business days. Election Day is Tuesday, May, 29.



Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police
Mark Blankenship

The Police Department responded to 38 CALLS FOR SERVICE during the month of April; 42 Citations were issued; three persons were ARRESTED/BOOKED; and four INCIDENT REPORTS were logged. Six hundred thirty man hours were recorded.

The Germanfest has come and gone, being a success on the law enforcement side. There were no major incidents reported. We had an orderly crowd that seemed to have a very good time. Our streets were crowded, however everyone did an outstanding job handling it.

Leonard Price is a new addition to the Police Department. Leonard will be filling in our voids in officer coverage. Leonard is a seasoned officer and we are proud to have him on our staff.

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SH Parish to celebrate two ordination anniversaries on Saturday, May 19

By Janet Felderhoff

Sacred Heart Parish plans to acknowledge the anniversaries of the ordinations of Pastor Fr. Ken Robinson and Muenster native Fr. Kyle Walterscheid. Both were ordained in May. On May 16, 1992 in Fr. Ken's home parish St. Rita's Catholic Church in Fort Worth, Bishop Joseph Delaney ordained him as a Roman Catholic priest. Fr. Kyle was ordained in Sacred Heart Parish in Muenster on May 25, 2002. They will share in a celebration on Saturday, May 19 beginning at the 5 p.m. Mass. A reception will follow in the Community Center with the CDA serving pickup foods.

In honor of their ordination anniversaries, both Fr. Ken and Fr. Kyle asked to share some of their experiences with our readers.

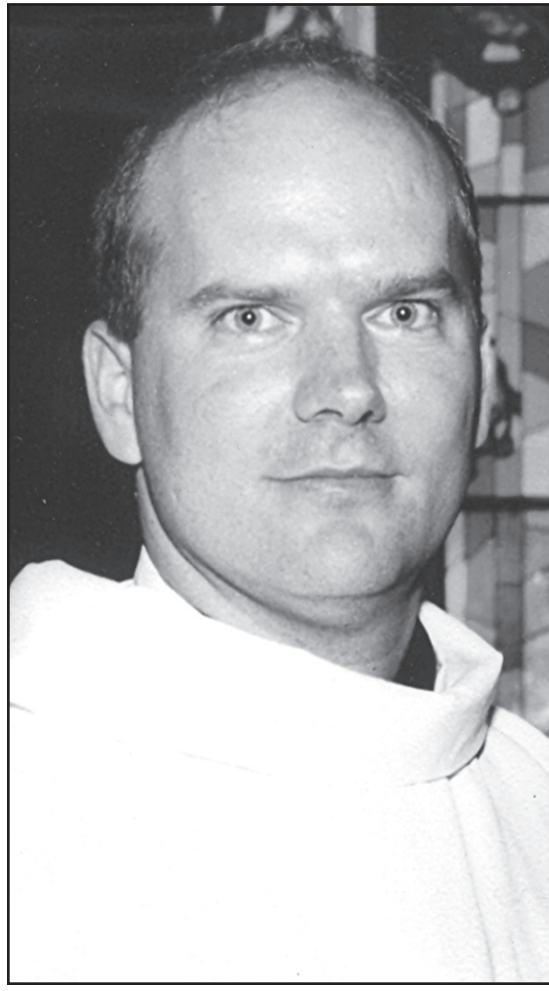
Fr. Ken earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education - History and English from Baylor University in 1971 and an MA in History from Ohio University in 1973. In 1976, from Southwestern Medical School, Fr. Ken received a BS degree in Medical Technology and from Oblate School of Theology a Masters of Divinity in 1992.

In the 20 years since being ordained, Fr. Ken was assigned from 1992-94 as associate at St. Michael Catholic Church in Bedford, 1994-97 as pastor at St. George Catholic Church in Fort Worth, 1997-2007 as pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Grapevine, and from 2007 to present as pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Also, from 2006 to present he has served as dean of North Deanery.

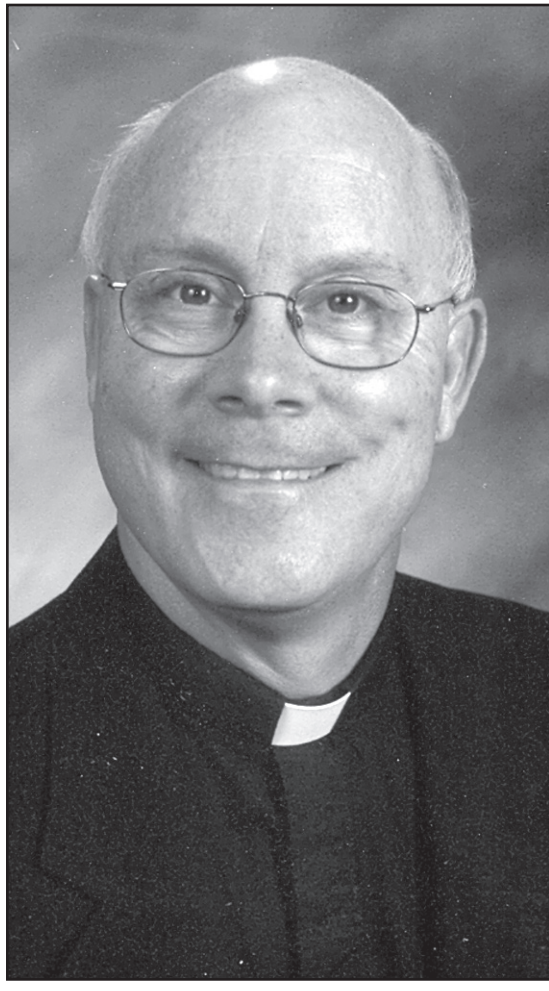
Fr. Kyle Walterscheid grew up on farm south of Muenster. "Being the baby of the family, my sisters loved me a lot," he chuckled. "They boss me around even when I'm 44 and I take advantage of it!"

A 1985 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, Fr. Kyle had completed college and was working as an engineer when he answered God's call to the priesthood. "That was one of my bigger concerns," he recalled. "I was in the engineering field with mathematics and physics. To go from that world, which I was very comfortable with, not in my soul, but it was simply where I felt comfortable. I'm a strong introvert and to go to a world that's extroverted, where you are promulgating the Gospel of Jesus Christ, immediately you become a public figure. That was very uncomfortable for me, but you take it a step at a time and God reminded me in the ability to do those things."

The first three years Fr. Kyle spent at St. Matthew's in Arlington, a 90% Hispanic parish with about 80% attending the Spanish Masses. He learned Spanish there. Next, he moved to the vocation office of the Fort Worth Diocese. "That's where my engineering came where, structurally speaking, how to run an office, doing some restructuring of the church for the vocations office to spread its wings out further beyond vocations to the priesthood." It helped him make the office fiscally sound also. After seven years doing vocational



Fr. Kyle Walterscheid



Fr. Ken Robinson

work, Fr. Kyle was assigned his own parish. He is a pastor starting a new parish and notes that he is learning a lot. Since April 1, he is in Denton at John Paul II, a university parish serving Texas Woman's University and the University of North Texas.

He said, "Very directly we will affect Muenster, Lindsay, Gainesville, Pilot Point because within a year we will have a young adult program that is an extension of our ministry for young adults who are post college. I will try to fill in the gap that exists between graduating from college and getting mar-

ried. Being able to sustain them in their Catholic faith, they will have at least one place to go to and be able to grow in their faith."

Kyle is the son of Julian and Carrie Walterscheid. He said his parents never pushed religion on any of them, but had a nice prayer life together. "There were never arguments or those types of things, so I didn't realize the dysfunctionality of the world until I left Muenster," he said. "It's a rude awakening to see how many people and how many kids are kind of lost in this world. I had taken for granted the people in Muenster and how the Parish is really close together and all the things that it does to make a very vibrant community. I had taken much, if not all of that, for granted growing up. People just take care of you. I wanted to give back. It led me to lots of different thoughts and eventually being at Mass, the thought of being a priest came up and scared the hell out of me."

Fr. Kyle said his prayer life led him deeper and deeper into considering vocation as a priest. At 24 he began asking questions and at 27 finally entered the seminary.

While in Sacred Heart School, Fr. Kyle had almost a daily opportunity to attend Mass. He said, "Just that daily experience of the enjoyment of being a participant in the Mass - I like it all. It was something extremely holy that I always wanted that to be part of my life. I think that was my first call (to the priesthood), being drawn into the Eu-

ring and the Mass and the singing."

In college, Kyle struggled with understanding his faith and life while keeping Christ and the Eucharist as the centerpiece of his life. "The sacrament of Reconciliation also played a sizeable role in that to know that you are forgiven no matter what is going on as long as you have a contrite heart and go back to the confessional. I think that all played a big role in following what the Lord wanted me to do rather than what I was doing with my life."

Asked how he came to realize that God was calling him to become a priest, Fr. Ken responded, "Although I cannot claim a dramatic vocational experience such as Paul experienced on the road to Damascus, I have felt since I was an early teenager a call to ministry in the Church. Although my immediate family was not Catholic, my uncle was married to a Catholic and my cousins were raised in the Catholic Church so that on occasion I went to church with them. In the back of my mind there was always the suggestion that I would be Catholic someday and that perhaps I might even be involved in pastoral ministry. In college I began attending Mass and went through instruction in the faith, although this was a difficult reality for some members of my family. Given this family challenge, while I attended Mass regularly I did not make any move toward discerning priesthood. In the early 1980s, a priest friend of mine, emphasizing that God's call was

not something to be ignored, challenged me to begin discernment for priesthood. I took the plunge and told my family what I had in mind. They were challenged by my decision, but most were supportive, especially my Mother. As she told me, you need to do what God is calling you to do. I began courses in theology and philosophy at University of Dallas and in the fall of 1985 began seminary at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. Following a year at Holy Trinity Seminary, the diocese sent me to Assumption Seminary in San Antonio. After four years of study of philosophy, theology, scripture, canon law, and a year of Pastoral Internship in the Diocese of Fort Worth at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Arlington, I was ordained a Roman Catholic priest."

The two were asked to reflect on their years serving God as a priest. Fr. Ken said, "Reflecting on 20 years of priesthood, perhaps one thing that has been something of a surprise is that priesthood is never boring. Having worked for a number of years in the secular world before entering seminary and being ordained, I recognize that most jobs can become routine, even boring at times. However, with priesthood there never seems to have been a dull moment. Although there is considerable routine in priesthood, the people are always different and the circumstances, although similar, are often quite different. This realization has encouraged me to strive always to be open to whatever it is that the Lord has in store."

Fr. Kyle remarked, "I see people suffering much more than I ever saw them suffer. After being in it for so many years, you see the suffering of people. You also see the goodness of the Lord and you see the ability for the Lord to touch their life. You see the joy and the happiness after the suffering. I have gotten to see the healing of hundreds of people. True, deep healing of people that their lives are forever changed in a good way. Being a participant in that is just awesome."

What inspired them most, Fr. Ken commented, "Working with people in sacramental and pastoral ministry has always been a source of inspiration for me. Whether it is celebrating Mass or any of the sacraments, offering marriage or baptismal preparation or visiting homes in hospitals or their homes, each encounter is a potential source of inspiration as they share their faith journey, their challenges, and their attempts to live faithful discipleship. It is remarkable that at times when I get discouraged, when it appears that ministry is not as successful as I perhaps hope or want, the Lord always sends someone to share their faith in such a way that I am renewed in my ministry. In this way, my faith is constantly being deepened by the experiences of sacramental and pastoral ministry with the people in the parish in which I am serving."

Fr. Kyle responded, "I would say who inspires me. Teenagers inspire me the most. They've got lots of activities and very involved in their faith. To see teenagers with a whole life ahead of them willing to give their life to the Lord early in life. To see that energy and the good that they want to do and to be able in some way to inspire that or nurture it or water it and to be part of a community that helps teenagers grow in faith to be that generation that is going to be remarkable. They are going to do things that we could never do because they have access to knowledge and technology and to promulgate Christ like we've

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Patrick and Janet Bowman of Muenster and Curtis and Rhonda Pagel of Muenster announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Michelle Lynn Pagel of Mineral Wells to Tyler Charles Terry of Mineral Wells. Tyler is the son of Tam and Shela Terry of White Deer. Their marriage is planned for Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Hopp Ranch, Muenster. Mr. Dennis Taylor will officiate. Michelle is a 2005 Muenster High School graduate and a 2010 graduate of Tarleton State University. She is employed as an inside sales representative for Animal Health International in Graham. Tyler graduated from White Deer High School in 2003 and from Texas Tech University in 2008. He is a ranch foreman for Firewater Ranch in Mineral Wells. After their marriage, the couple will reside in Mineral Wells.

Ballpark Raffle to benefit Jaycee ballfield complex improvements

This year's annual Jaycee Ballpark Benefit Raffle will once again benefit the new fields at the Muenster Jaycee Baseball Complex. As always, only 300 tickets will be sold.

However, this year's drawing style will be different. Names will be drawn out periodically throughout the night until three names are left. The final three have an opportunity to split the \$10,000 equally or they can continue drawing where 3rd place will win \$2,000, 2nd place will win \$3,000, and 1st place will win \$5,000. All names drawn before the final three will have an opportunity to buy back into a separate pot that will be drawn at the end of the night.

Tickets for the event are \$100. This \$100 donation admits two people into a dance with music by the Entertainer. A fried chicken meal and beverages will also be provided. The event will be held at the new VFW Hall on May

19, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at Neil's Subway or from most Jaycee members.

With the addition of the new batting cage, this baseball complex has been a huge asset to the community. High school teams from both local schools use the facility regularly, as well as numerous local youth baseball teams. It is also used for both the Jaycees' and KC's Youth Summer Baseball leagues which are free to the local youth.

Improvements that have been completed in the last year or are in progress are: new scoreboards for both fields (with the help of some local businesses), new bleachers, fence painting, new lights for the south field, and new fields to the west.

Some future plans are playground equipment for children and coverings/shade over the bleachers. The Muenster Jaycees hope you can support this worthwhile project.

Family celebrations held

Children from Sacred Heart Parish recently received their First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster. Families celebrated that milestone with parties and family gatherings. The following are some of the First Communion stories.

Gavin Pagel

Gavin Pagel was honored at a party at his home in celebration of his First Communion on Saturday, April 21. Lunch and cake was served. Those in attendance were his parents Joe and Laura Pagel; sisters Allison, Abby, and Katie; grandparents Jerry and Monica Hess and John and JoAnn Pagel; and uncle, aunt, and cousins Jason, Dianne, Colby, and Erica Endres.

Nathan Hartman

Nathan Hartman, son of Tony and Misty Hartman, was the honoree at a party in honor of his First Communion. Following Mass, a brisket lunch prepared by Tic Block was served at the home of Wayne and Tudor Klement. Nathan's special cake was made by Claudia Zimmerer. Guests included Nathan's parents; his brother Cooper; grandparents Wayne and Tudor Klement and Tom and Debbie Hartman; great-grandmothers Jeanette Popp and Eleonore Klement; aunts, uncles, and cousins Craig, Mattie, Parker, and Addison Hartman, Chris, Mindy, Carter, and Brady Klement, Jeff and Lauren Klement, and Kami and Karli Creed. Some of the gifts Nathan received were a First Communion Remembrance book to document his journey toward this special sacrament, a St. Christopher necklace, a St. Francis Beginner's Bible, a new crucifix, and many cards.

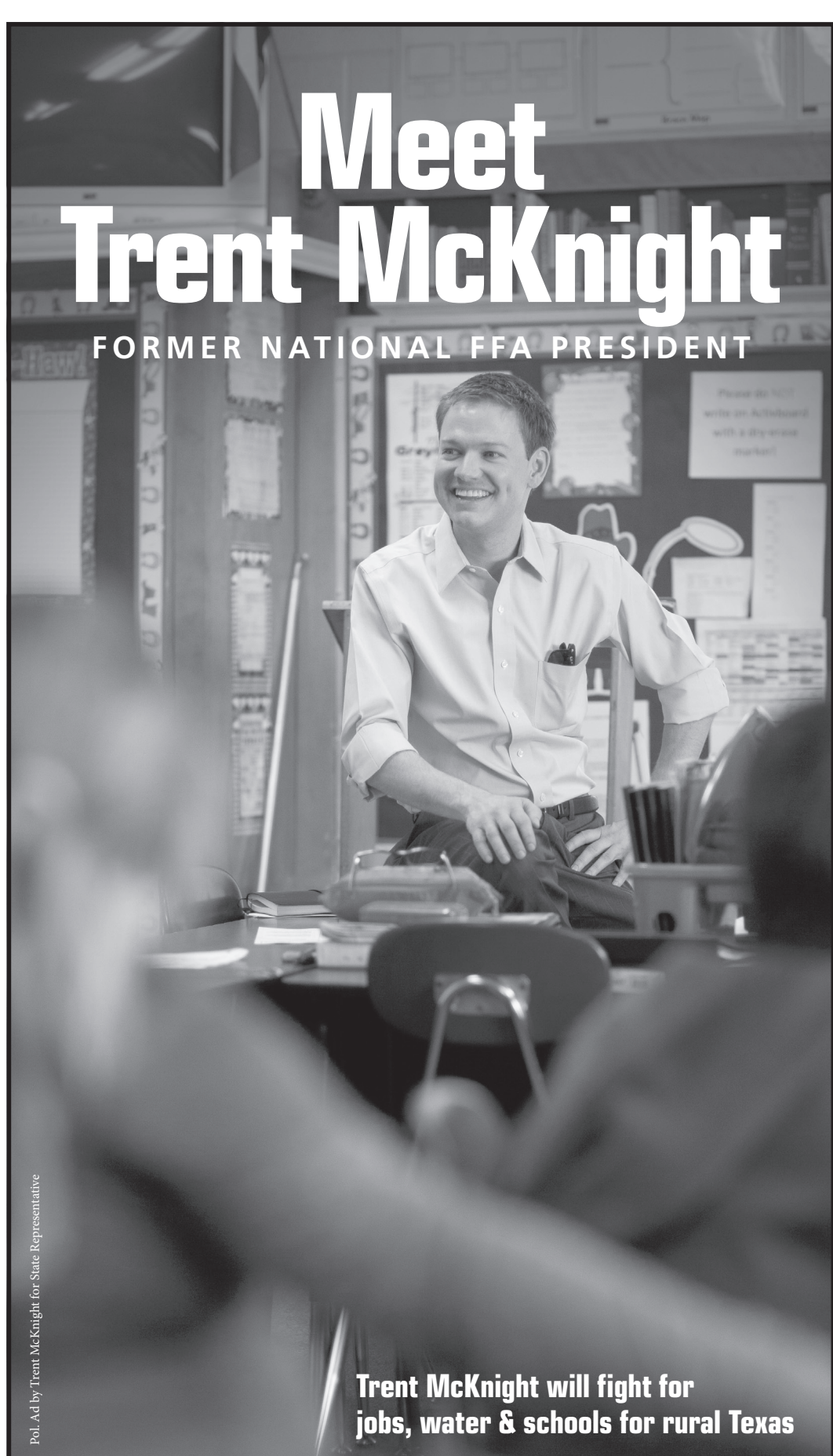
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Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group will meet in the North Texas Medical Center Board Room on Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. Diabetes Complications "The bittersweet ending, but it doesn't have to end that way" will be the program presented by Dr. Jack Childress, hospitalist at NTMC.

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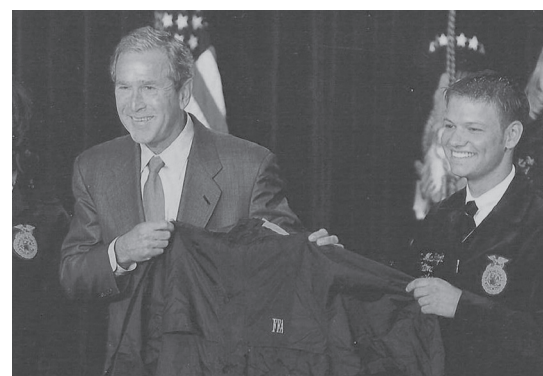
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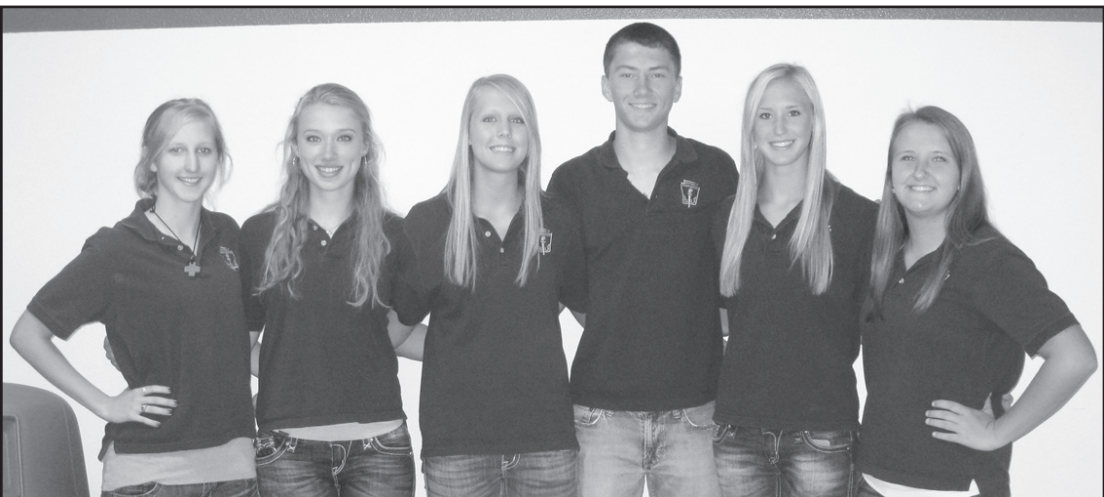
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Muenster High School National Honor Society officers for 2012-13 are, from left, Payton Sanders, Brooke Walterscheid, Lauren Rohmer, Hunter Klement, Andi Walterscheid, and Sydney Huchton. MISD photo

Muenster High NHS elects officers for 2012-13

Muenster High School's National Honor Society (NHS) held their annual breakfast meeting at Rohmer's Restaurant to elect new officers for the 2012-13 school year. Senior Andi Hess conducted the meet-

ing before passing on the title of NHS president to junior Lauren Rohmer. Other elected officers include juniors Payton Sanders as vice president, Hunter Klement as treasurer, Brooke Walterscheid as Student Council

representative, Amber Walterscheid as historian, and sophomore Sydney Huchton as the Chapter's secretary.

The newly elected officers are looking forward to start another successful year of NHS activities.



Catholic Daughters scholarship winners pictured are, from left, Paige Hennigan, Chloe Schneider, Andi Felderhoff, Austin Miller, Emily Hellman, Shelby Dangelmayr, and Kalyn Dangelmayr. Courtesy photo

Catholic Daughters State Court awards scholarships

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Texas State Court has announced their 2012 scholarship winners. Seven seniors of Sacred Heart Parish were awarded scholarships from the Memorial Scholarship Fund of Texas State Court. Applicants were judged on their school activities (25%), their church involvement

(25%), and a written essay concerning service to God (50%). Awarded \$1,000 scholarships were Kalyn Dangelmayr and Paige Hennigan. Winners of \$500 scholarships are Shelby Dangelmayr, Chloe Schneider, Andi Felderhoff, Austin Miller, and Emily Hellman.

Weather Whys - Allergies

Q: So far this spring, it seems like everyone's allergies are a big problem. Is the weather contributing to this?

A: Very much so, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Springtime in Texas means allergy season is here, but that is especially the case this year. "Pollen counts have been very high. Higher than usual," he notes. "The high amounts of winter rain have allowed flowers and trees to develop large amounts of pollen, and this has been enhanced by the fact that much of Texas was coming out of a severe drought. The much wetter than normal weather has been a boom for all kinds of flowers and plants, and this means an explosion in the pollen count. As a result, many people - even pets - are suffering right now."

Muenster boasts two Terry Scholars

By Pat Springer

Andrea Hess, a Muenster High School senior, and Austin Springer, a senior at Sacred Heart Catholic School, have been awarded prestigious Terry Scholarships. Andrea will be attending Texas Tech in the fall, while Austin will be attending Texas A&M in College Station.

The Terry Foundation is a private Houston-based scholarship program founded to provide scholarships to outstanding Texas high school graduates for attendance at Texas public colleges and universities.

Established in 1986 by Houston philanthropists Nancy and Howard Terry, the Foundation has assisted hundreds of Terry Scholars in meeting the founder's goal of helping young people to help themselves. To be considered for a Terry Foundation Scholarship, applicants must demonstrate a record of leadership, strong academic abilities, graduation from a Texas high school or home-schooled, and attend the fall 2012-2013 academic year as a full-time freshman.

It was Mr. Terry's hope that Terry Scholars will have a significant impact on the future leadership of the state and the nation. These scholars begin by participating in the betterment of the university community, maintaining academic achievement and participation in social and professional events with other Terry Scholars at their universities.

Andrea Hess, known as Andi, is the daughter of Brent and Mary Hess of Muenster. Andi has consistently been on the academic honor roll throughout her four years at Muenster High School and is currently president of the National Honor Society. She has been a member of the Student Council since her freshman year and now serves as the Council's vice president. As a member of the Student Council, Andi has participated in various volunteer activities at MISD and in the community. She was a 2012 Homecoming candidate.

Andi began competing in UIL academic events as a freshman, concentrating on math and science. She qualified for Regional competition all four years. Her senior year she won numerous UIL meets and placed eighth in the state for the Texas Math and Science Coaches' Asso-



Andrea Hess



Austin Springer

ciation Number Sense and seventh in Science.

As a member of the FFA, Andi has competed in the Cooke County Youth Fair in Cross Pig division as well as baking and arts and crafts. Other extracurricular activities pursued by Andi have been Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and varsity golf.

This year, Andi and the Lady Hornets golf team have won first place at three area tournaments, placed second in District and took fourth place at the State tournament in Waco. Along with her school sponsored activities, Andi has volunteered for many community events, including KMB, Community Easter Egg Hunt, and the Sacred Heart Parish picnic. She is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Sacred Heart Youth Group.

Andi has been employed as a server at the Center Restaurant since 2009.

Andi will be pursuing pre-medicine at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Austin Springer is the son of Drew and Lydia Springer of Muenster. Austin has followed in his family tradition of attending Sacred Heart Catholic School. While at Sacred Heart, he has taken college prep curriculum and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Austin has been heavily involved with the Robotics team since the eighth grade. In 2007, Austin served as a driver and builder of the winning robot at the TI Best National Championship. The Machinators, as the team is known, received TI Best Re-

gional Founders Award for best engineering 2007-10, Best Regional Champion robot in 2010 and TI Best Regional Runner-up of the multi-state completion in 2011. Austin served as captain of the Machinators in 2010 and 2011.

Excelling on the athletic field as well as in the classroom, Austin was a member of the Tiger Varsity Football Team 2008-2011. He was Captain of the 2011 season and received District offensive and defensive linemen honors, as well as being named to the 2011 All-State Offensive Line.

Austin was captain of the 2011 and 2012 Tiger basketball teams and participated in varsity track in both the discus and shot put.

For four years, Austin was a member of the Sacred Heart golf team and was captain 2011 and 2012. He was a State qualifier this year and played in the TAPPS State golf tournament in Killeen.

During his attendance at Sacred Heart, Austin has volunteered for KMB, assisted with Muenster Volunteer Fire Department projects, and taught Vacation Bible School at Sacred Heart, where he is a parish member and Eucharistic minister.

Austin has worked at Turtle Hill Golf Course throughout high school and part-time at Superior Machining and Fabrication.

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MISD participates in Bluebonnet Awards

The Texas Bluebonnet Award (TBA) is formally presented to the winning author at the Texas Library Association's Annual Conference. On April 19, Tom Angleberger accepted the 2012 Texas Bluebonnet Award for his winning book, *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*. This author entertained all attending the luncheon with his sense of excitement, humor, and creativity as he described his inspiration for creating this book. Referring to himself as an "Aspy," his book tells the story of two main characters who (he revealed during his presentation) have Asperger's Syndrome and are just trying to survive middle school.

Creating and wearing an Origami Yoda allowed 6th grade student Dwight to offer advice to his friends that really seemed to make sense. This book visits with the other students who describe their encounter with Origami Yoda as they try to decide if Origami Yoda is real or not.

This book was such a hit that he came out with the second in this series, *Darth Paper Strikes Back* in 2011, and the third, *The Secret of the Fortune Wookiee*, is set to be released on Aug. 7.

Keeping 1,000 plus librarians entertained by his stories he also had each of them

create their own Origami Yoda while he created a giant one on stage.

The Muenster ISD Library promotes student participation in this wonderful reading program that encourages Texas children to read more books while exploring a variety of genres. This award is unique from others because the students across the state of Texas ultimately decide on the winning book. This year 176,569 students voted and the winning book received 28,961 votes.

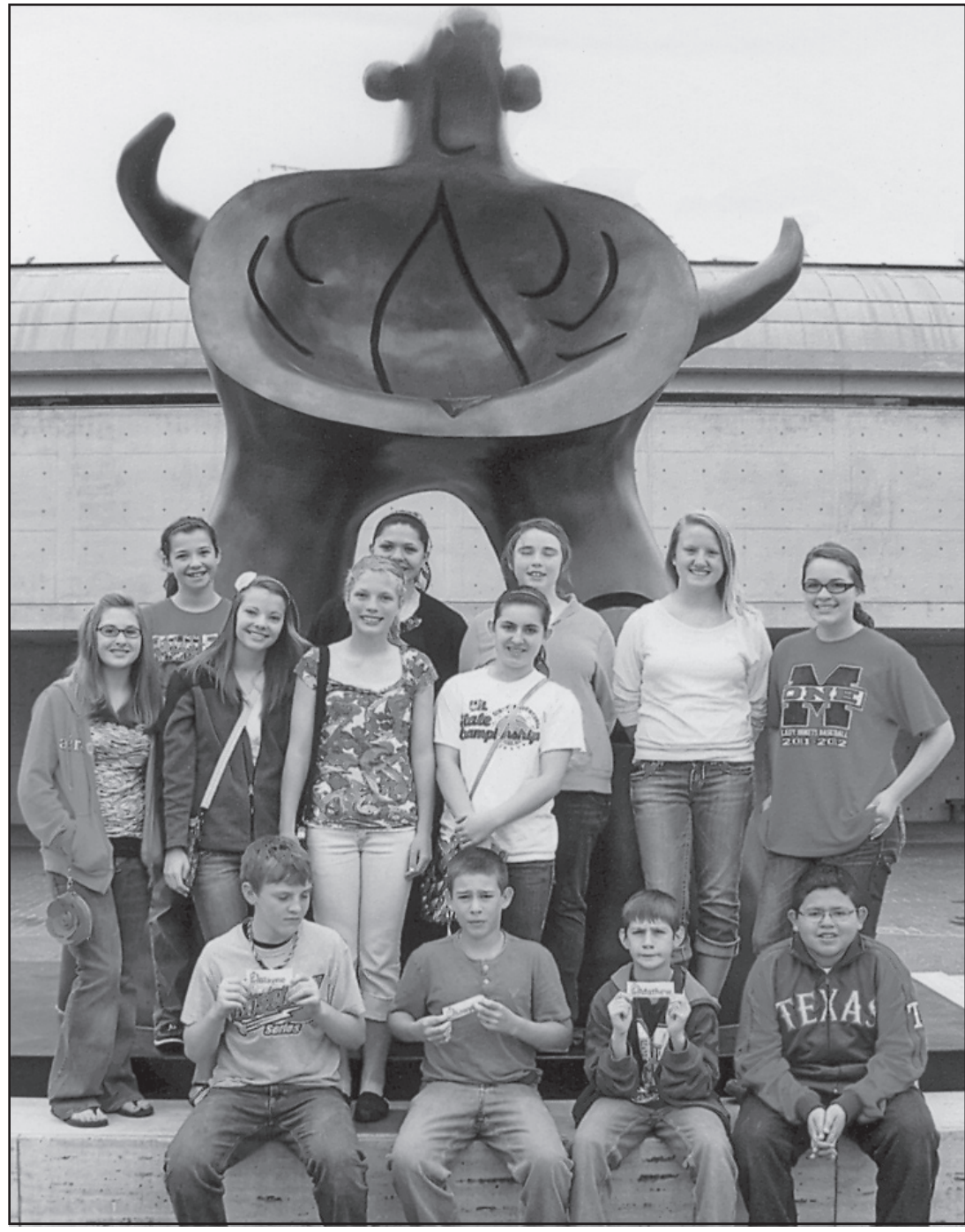
Students in the 3rd - 6th

grade who read five or more from the 20 book master list are able to participate by voting for their favorite Texas Bluebonnet book.

This year, 72 Muenster Elementary students were able to participate in the vote held in the MISD library in January while enjoying pizza and cookies donated by the Muenster PTO. Two sixth grade students, Sterling Walterscheid and Ethan Flaming, read all 20 of the TBA books. Great job students and keep on reading!!



Sterling Walterscheid, right, and Ethan Flaming with the 2012 Texas Bluebonnet Award winning book, *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger and his sequel, *Darth Paper Strikes Back*. MISD photo



Muenster Art students in front of sculpture *Woman Addressing the Public, 1981* by Joan Miro at the Kimbell Museum in Fort Worth. Pictured, from left, back - Bailey Klement, Carrie Nasura, Ashley Fleitman, Katie Hudson, Katie Kresge; middle - Emma Wood, Haiden Shook, Amy Luttmier, Macie Pagel; front - Blayne Jones, Sawyer Sanders, Matthew Porter, Jesus Ibarra.

Photo by Carmen Reiter, MJHS Art educator

Students view Impressions in Art

Muenster Junior High students studied and viewed the Impressionists at the Kimbell Museum of Art.

Impressionism is an art movement first started in Europe in the 19th century.

The goal of the impressionist artist has been to capture light and movement in the moment; an emphasis on accurate depiction of light in its changing qualities and the inclusion of movement as a crucial element of human perception. Most of their paintings were painted

outdoors concentrating on specific times of the day.

In the classroom, the Junior High Art students have studied the American impressionist Mary Cassatt. She is one of the women artists all children need to know about for two important reasons. This artist being that she is an American and the second, she is a woman.

Much to the good fortune of the class, the Kimbell Museum in Fort Worth is housing the first-ever international touring exhibition

of the renowned collection of the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts. The 73 paintings in the exhibition include 22 Renoirs and six Monets, along with works by Degas, Manet, Pissarro, Gauguin, Toulouse-Lautrec, and Bonnard. The students were able to view a small Mary Cassatt and had a special introduction to pointillism by a gracious guide, the art movement which followed the impressionistic era.



The 8th grade class of Sacred Heart Catholic School went to the Fort Worth Zoo and had the opportunity to learn about the habitat of the wildlife there. After going to the zoo, they went to eat and enjoyed each other's company. Chaperones/bus driver were James and Cathy Dangelmayr and Dan Aedo. Students pictured are, from left, back - Ramsey Hernandez, Kason Reeves, Grant Springer, Zach Flusche, Katie Luttmier, Alana Endres, Katie Davidson, Rogelio Orocio; middle/front - Jared Dangelmayr, Garrett Truebenbach, Daniel Hesse, Michael Fleitman, Catherine Fleitman, Tyler Spruill, and Ethan Henry. SHCS photo

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SPORTS

Sacred Heart earns two State Championships

The Sacred Heart Track teams participated in the TAPPS State Track and Field Championship Meet last weekend and brought home two State Champ trophies to add to the school's collection.

The Tigers dominated the meet, finishing with 109.5 points. Sugar Land Logos Prep took 2nd place with 66. Abilene Christian and Covenant followed with 41 and 40 points.

On the girls side, the Tigerettes waited until the last race to take the point lead of 63 for the State Championship. Austin Waldorf settled for 2nd at 61, followed by Shiner St. Paul 59.5 and Marble Falls Faith with 58 points.

Earning the Gold were Tigerettes Mikayla Fleitman (X2), Mikenzie Fleitman, Bailey Walterscheid, and Peyton Reiter; and Tigers Bob Bartush (X3), Michael Davis, John Paul Hesse, and

Keith Metzler. Sacred Heart participants and their places are as follows:

BOYS
High Jump: 6, Michael Davis.
Triple Jump: 2, Michael Davis, 40' 10.75".
Discus: 7, Michael Weinzapfel; 8, Justin Brown.
Shot Put: 2, Benjamin Yosten, 42' 0.75".
Pole Vault: 5, Omar Colmenero; 6, Aaron Davis.
100m: 5, Justin Brown.
400m: 1, Bob Bartush, 51.26; 6, Justin Brown.
800m: 1, Bob Bartush, 2:00.92; 2, John Paul Hesse, 2:02.02.
1600m: 2, John Paul Hesse, 4:46.74.
110m Hurdles: 2, Michael Davis, 15.89.
300m Hurdles: 2, Michael Davis, 40.84.
400m Relay: 3, Keith Metzler, Mark Bartush, Josh Biffle, Justin Brown, 45.51.
800m Relay: 5, Keith

Metzler, Mark Bartush, Josh Biffle, Austin Aldriedge.

1600m Relay: 1, Michael Davis, Keith Metzler, John Paul Hesse, Bob Bartush, 3:33.77.

GIRLS
High Jump: 3, Bailey Walterscheid, 4' 8".
400m: 7, Mikenzie Fleitman.
800m: 1, Mikayla Fleitman, 2:29.29; 3, Mikenzie Fleitman, 2:31.90.
1600m: 4, Mikayla Fleitman.
100m Hurdles: 6, Bailey Walterscheid; 8, Brooke Henry.
300m Hurdles: 4, Bailey Walterscheid.
400m Relay: 6, Karli Anderle, Sara Davidson, Madeline Hanson, Peyton Reiter.
800m Relay: 5, Karli Anderle, Sara Davidson, Madeline Hanson, Peyton Reiter.
1600m Relay: 1, Bailey Walterscheid, Peyton Reiter, Mikenzie Fleitman, Mikayla Fleitman, 4:22.57.



Finishing for the Gold - Mikayla Fleitman takes the stick from Mikenzie Fleitman as the Tigerettes take the Gold in the 4x400m relay and the State Championship. Courtesy photo



State Gold medalists - the Tigers 4x400 Relay team of, from left - John Paul Hesse, Bob Bartush, Michael Davis, and Keith Metzler. Courtesy photo

Lady Hornets finish 4th at State

The Muenster Lady Hornets had the experience of a lifetime last week when they competed in the State golf tournament at Lions Golf Club in Austin. The course, built in 1928 by the local Lions Club, has seen the best players in the world as well as the raw beginners in its 85 year history. Hogan, Nelson, Kite, Crenshaw, and scores of others have gone through the heartbreak and ecstasy just the same as the Lady Hornets endured last week. "Hogan's Hole," the 16th hole, a hard par 4, has him quoted as saying "Where's the fairway! I'll take a bogey here and never look back!"

"Number 16 proved to be every bit as hard as noted. The best we could do was double bogey. It ruined what could have been a good round for all of us," noted Coach Dan Hamric.

After qualifying in the bottom tier of the eight team field, the Lady Hornets jumped up to third place by posting a 398. However, fourth, fifth, and sixth were all within five strokes. The red team posted another 398 on day two only to be beaten out by one shot, just missing the Bronze medal.

Memphis 348-337/685 easily claimed first place, followed by Grapeland 372-352/724, Gruver 400-395/795, and Muenster 398-398/796. The Lady Hornets were once again led by sophomore Erin Hess 82-80/162, followed by seniors Andi Hess 107-101/208 and Chloe Schneider 107-105/212, and

juniors Payton Sanders 102-112/ 214 and Miranda Pagel 112-112/224.

In individual competition, Erin Hess came up one stroke short of claiming the State championship. After posting a day one 82, which included double bogies on #16 and #17, Erin was three behind April Barnett of Memphis. On day two, playing the back nine first, the score was all even after nine holes, where Erin began to make her move to hold a two shot lead with four holes to go before disaster struck. A double bogey on #6, followed by a bogey on #7 pulled the match to dead even. April and Erin both birdied the 8th hole to set up the final "winner take all" hole. After a perfect tee shot, adrenaline kicked in and Erin flew the green to an unplayable lie which resulted in a double bogey to allow the Junior from Memphis to take the championship.

However, the drama was not over, as Mandy Mayo from Paducah also finished with an 80-82/162 to tie for the silver medal. Mandy, a Facebook friend of Erin's, met for the first time on #10 for a sudden death playoff for second place. As it turned out, Erin played four perfect shots and tapped in a par while her Paducah counterpart missed the green and made bogey.

The prospects for 2013 look promising for the Lady Hornets. Coach Hamric said, "The loss of the two playoff-experienced seniors Andi

Hess and Chloe Schneider will be hard to replace. We'll need lots of help from the rest of the team and the incoming freshmen. We can't wait until next year!"

Submitted by Dan Hamric

Lady Knights take Area Championship

The Lindsay Lady Knights won the Area Championship for the 4th year in a row by defeating Goldthwaite by a score of 12-0 in five innings. Taylor Atkins pitched a no-hitter, striking out 12 batters and walking only 2.

"The girls did a great job at the plate, pounding out 12 hits and only striking out twice," noted Coach Robin Hess. "We did a great job putting the ball in play which allowed us to score some runs."

Megan Caillier hit a home run. Also scoring runs were Liz Wallace, Katelyn Neu, Taylor Atkins, Hayley Skinner, and Briley Fleitman.

The girls will play Moody at Mansfield Legacy High School at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in the next round of the playoffs.

Good Luck to the Lady Knights softball team

District Champion Hornets prepare for baseball playoffs

Last Friday, the Hornets traveled to Electra for a non-conference game against the Tigers. Muenster won the contest 15-6.

Scoring runs for the Hornets were Garrett Hanes, Chase Hammer, Andy

Flusche, Clint Sidwell, Trevor Hess, Mark Jones, Mason Binder, Cole Walterscheid, and Tyler Anderle.

On Saturday, the Hornets took on State 2A leaders, the Brock Eagles. Brock has only one loss this season and 13

wins after defeating Muenster 7-4.

Blake Voth, Flusche, Sidwell, and Hanes scored runs. Flusche also hit a home run.

The Hornets now hold a 22-4 record going into the playoffs. After receiving a Bi-District bye, Muenster faces the Hubbard Jaguars who defeated Rice in the first round.

Weather permitting, the Hornets and Jaguars met at Fort Worth Brewer High School Thursday evening. The first of the best two out of three series was set to start at 6 p.m. Game 2 is set for Friday at 5 p.m. at Brewer. The tiebreaker game, if needed, will be played 30 minutes after game 2.

Hubbard has a 9-10-0 overall record and 7-5-0 league standing.

Good Luck to the 2012 Hornets Baseball team

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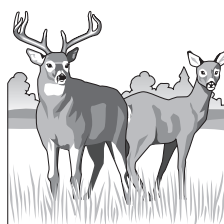
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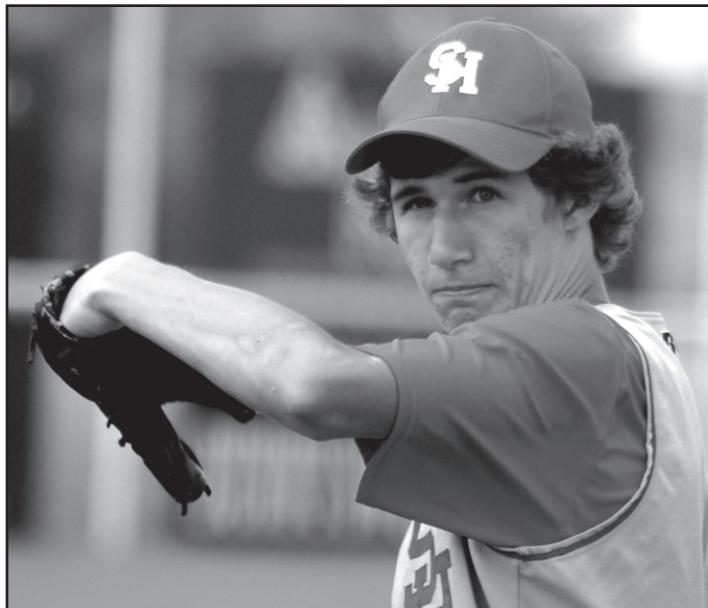
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never seen before." He is also inspired by marriages that are strong with a couple dedicated to each other. His fellow priests lift him up and move him on and is very inspiring Kyle said.

To what deepened your faith, Fr. Ken said, "We live in a scientific and technological world and there is a real urge to demand scientific proof of everything, even God's existence. Ultimately, however, although God is an absolute, belief in God is a personal choice. With seemingly so many reasons not to believe in God, I am constantly overwhelmed by the faith of people. I suspect that comes at least in part from a desire to look for signs of faith, and in that regard my Mother was the primary person who formed my faith. She was a good Baptist all her life, but it was not a particular religious tradition which always impressed me about my Mother, but rather her consistent faith. She knew God existed and believed that Jesus had died for her salvation, and she lived each moment in that truth. In the joys of life as well as the challenges, she believed. I have witnessed that in the lives of many others and that experience helps me. I would be less than truthful to suggest that there are not things in life

which could cause me to doubt the value of faith - goodness and truth and right do not always triumph; there are those oppressed by others, physically as well as spiritually and economically; poverty is rampant, even in the United States; cruelty, gossip, lack of caring all exist alongside goodness -- but at my core I know that God is still there and when I and others act in accord with God's will, then evil is kept at bay and there is a possibility for God's Kingdom to be present."

Fr. Kyle has deepened his faith, in part, seeing other people in their life journey in Christ and how they have transformed and grown with the Lord. He added, "The other side has to be prayer. You get accustomed to the morning prayer and evening prayer, but then when I got in the ministry I realized that my prayer life was insufficient. The first three or four years I struggled trying to improve my prayer life and trying to learn how do you improve your prayer life. Eventually I took the stand that I need an hour of prayer every day. You just have to do it. You have to be renewed every day as a priest because it would be so easy to get some type of temptation or to mislead others because you are not being led by

the Lord yourself. My most difficult thing was to say I have to put myself first. It involves that interior communion with God and neighbor and the only way to get that is by praying to God and praying for your neighbor. That is what's gotten my inner strength and inner desires going."

Experiences that Fr. Kyle has had that leave him without a doubt that God exists are many spiritual things while in prayer. He said, "Maybe praying a passage or reflecting and a distinct thought or phrase that you know didn't come from you makes you ponder on it. Those moments lead me to think that there is no doubt that God is in charge and there is the Christ and the Lord is come to us."

"In the lives of others to see their testimonials thirdly to see true miracles happen. I think they happen more often than people are willing to give credit to God. I have seen true miracles of people. You may anoint 100 people and one of them is mind boggling. Someone who is supposed to die is told by the doctors that are going to die and it doesn't happen. They can be truly healed. I've seen quite a few of those type of situations. It leaves me no doubt."

"My first pastor gave me good advice," recalled Fr. Ken. "He told me that during my priestly career I would be called upon to

serve in various parishes and ministries, not because of my personal preferences, but in obedience to the local Bishop. He reminded me that I was called not to be served, but to serve. Perhaps some assignments I would desire and others hesitate to take on. He recommended, however, that I look on each new assignment as a positive opportunity to serve God through priestly ministry. 'If you go with an open heart and an open mind and with the intent to serve to the best of your ability, you will never lack for peace in your heart. If you will celebrate the sacraments, visit the sick, and serve your parishioners with love, to the best of your ability, they will always be able to respect you, even if they do not always agree with you.'

He was right. In that sense, my favorite 'faith story' is my own life and especially my priestly ministry, since through these experiences God has given me the opportunity to grow closer to Him and to His people. There are times when I am tired, even discouraged, times when life

can be challenging, but each day brings with it the joy of that peace and contentment that come from knowing that I am doing what I am called to be. Not an easy call, perhaps, but a profoundly satisfying one. This past weekend I spoke about priestly vocation during the homily and included a story about a religious sister interviewed about her call. When asked why she had become a religious sister, she responded: 'Not that I could not have done something else, but that nothing else would do.' I can easily appreciate that sentiment. I could have done many things with my life, but responding to God's call to priestly vocation is the one thing that has given ultimate value and meaning to my life."

Fr. Kyle recalled the story of Deacon Ruben Chen who is soon to be ordained. Chen had a dream that he was an altar server. All the altar servers are to be recognized on a special day. Chen is excited because he has worked hard to be an altar server. Each server receives a

special token of recognition that they will always be an acolyte of the church. The sacristan passes Chen up and he gets nothing. He is upset and the sacristan notices this and asks what is wrong. Chen said because he didn't get anything. The sacristan told him it is because he is different and gives Chen the chasuble and stole and told him he would be a priest for the church. This month, Chen will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Dallas, said Fr. Kyle. He said the Lord speaks to us in dreams. "This is a powerful story that gives testimony that the Lord is in charge and that the Lord yearns for this."

Fr. Kyle is now working hard to establish his new parish. They need a larger space to hold Mass since the facility they now have seats only a portion of those who attend Mass there. He noted, "We will build a church eventually, but that will be a few years down the line. I have some immediate needs to take care of and I have no idea of how we are going to do that."

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