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City adopts new building code ordinance

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News Editor

As recommended by Muenster VFD Chief Bert Walterscheid and City Building Inspector Mike Doughty, the City Council adopted the 2009 Edition of the International Building Codes. This was done by passing Ordinance No. 368. The City had been operating under the 2003 Edition.

Fire Chief Walterscheid remarked, "It helps with our key rate. Plus, I like to see everybody be safe. It gives us and the City something to go by." He said the 2015 building codes came out in November, but said they didn't want to adopt those for about five years.

City Administrator Stan Endres added that Doughty, the building inspector, said the updated codes would not affect most of the structures in town.

Chief Walterscheid said that new structures would be required to have a KNOX-BOX Rapid Entry System. This is a small, wall-mounted safe that holds building keys for fire departments, Emergency Medical Services, and sometimes police to retrieve in emergency situations.

Referring to a call answered by the MVFD the previous night, Walterscheid said, "If the residence would have had it last night, we would not have had to kick the door in and it would have saved the front door. It's a good thing and they are cheaper than a front door."

Mayor Joey Anderson said, "We went through a big effort years ago to come in line with the current building codes. Now it's just evolving over time and I don't know that there has been any negatives to that."

A public hearing took place. It is a requirement to start the process of applying for a grant to improve the City's sewer lines. This Texas Community Development Block Grant would be used to replace and reroute the sewer line on the east side of Main Street in the 800 block between Seventh and Eighth streets. Currently, the sewer lines run from each house under Main Street to connect with the City's main line located on the west side of Main Street. A number of these lines regularly experience blockage. The sewer lines from the houses would be connected to a new line on Seventh Street that was installed during Muenster ISD's construction. The old lines are clay tile.

This grant has a possible $200,000 available. If there are enough grant funds available, the old clay tile line under U.S. Hwy. 82 at Maple Street would also be replaced.

Notice of the public hearing was posted as required at City Hall and placed in the *Muenster Enterprise* and sent to the required agencies. Nobody from the public commented on the grant application.

A committee of the mayor, public works employee, city secretary, city engineer, and grant consultant was appointed to develop a specific project for the grant. It is a two to three year process to get the grant.

As discussed at the November meeting, the City Council considered Ordinance No. 367 regarding refunding water and sewer account deposits. Administrator Endres explained that there is a $35 fee that everyone opening a water account has to pay, but those who are renting must also put up a $150 deposit. There is not a method of refunding the deposit until that account is closed. There is money ($20,000) on the City books from some very old deposits.

The amending ordinance allows that those who have a good payment record on their bill every month for one year will get the deposit refunded to them as a credit on their account. It also requires that any mobile or manufactured home must put up the $150 deposit.

Endres said that they went through the list of 168 names that he'd submitted to the Council last month. Those who were known to be home owners had their deposits credited back to their accounts. This dropped the total remaining money to under $18,000. The majority of people listed with old deposits still held by the City are renters, Endres noted. With the approval of the new ordinance, their payment records will be checked and all who have a good record of paying their bills on time will have the deposit amount credited to their account.

The Council approved Ordinance No. 367.

Street construction drew discussion. Targeted as being in need of work are streets around the schools. Seventh Street between Main and Hickory will need major work. Oak between Seventh and Eighth streets is in disrepair. Work on these streets will be delayed until the new construction work is completed and demolition done.

Ninth Street, which is north of the new MISD Elementary building, needs work to prepare it for paving. Precinct #4 Commissioner Leon Klement offered his crew's assistance in hauling gravel for the road base. The road is 30 feet wide and needs about six inches of gravel for the road base. The gravel would be packed and allowed to settle in preparation of paving. Endres said

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Janie Hartman photo

Santa comes to town!

CDA to mark 100 years of service

On Dec. 6, 1914, Sacred Heart Parish founded Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary's #249 in Muenster. Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) is one of the oldest and largest service organizations of Catholic women. On Saturday, Dec. 6, Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate the 100 years of service given by the local CDA and its members.

Members of Muenster's CDA will gather for a celebration of Mass at 5 p.m. Following Mass, the Parish will host a dinner at the Community Center for members and their guests who have RSVPed their intention to attend. Special guests expected are Most Rev. Bishop Michael Olson of the Fort Worth Diocese and a board member from the national CDA and Texas State Court.

Parade lights the way for Christmas

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

Muenster's first lighted Christmas Parade drew a large audience. "It was very good, an absolute success. We had a big crowd," declared Muenster Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Broyles.

There were 23 entries in the Christmas Parade. Winners were selected in several categories. Those categories and the winners are: Most Creative - Cub Scout; Drill Team - Sacred Heart Varsity Cheerleaders; Best Religious - Muenster Antique Mall; Equine - Saint Jo Riding Club; and Best Business - NTMC.

Sherry Rivers and Casey Osborne of KMOC 89.5 FM radio in Wichita Falls served as judges for the Parade. They also served as masters of ceremonies for the Parade.

Those attending the Parade and who had previously put their name in one or more of the boxes placed at various local businesses, had an opportunity to win Muenster Marks. Winners of $100 in Muenster Marks were Shirley Reiter and Whitley Klement; $50 - Sadie Stoffels, Travis Dangelmayr, Kathy Creed, and Morgan Flusche; $20 - Faye Hamric, Danny Silmon, Nick Silmon, Rhonda Silmon, Nick Silmon, Lucy Klement, Emma Bayer, Frances Bayer, Dale Scott, and Colt Haverkamp.

It was a "must be present to win" raffle. The following names were drawn, but no prize awarded since they were not present to claim the prize: $50 - Matt Hesse and Dylan Clut; $20 - Whitney Wimmer, D.D. Dangelmayr, Zane Styles, Tom Dangelmayr, Annette Bayer, Mike Walter, and John Klement.

Broyles anticipates another lighted Christmas Parade next year. He said, "We appreciate all who participated in the Parade and look forward to their participation again next year."

He added that the local merchants had a lot of business with the Parade and were also happy with the evening event.



Janie Hartman photo

Muenster Family Medical Center was just one of the entries in last weekend's lighted Christmas parade. See page 11 for more parade pictures.

Council honors City Museum

Janet Felderhoff
News Editor

At the Monday, Dec. 1 meeting, the City Council proclaimed Dec. 7-13 as Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler Muenster Museum Week. The proclamation said in part, "The descendants of Ben and Aggie Seyler desired to honor their parents and wished to contribute to the Muenster community. They accomplished this by donating the house and property on Main Street to the City of Muenster for the purpose of serving the community as the City's museum.

"The Muenster Historical Commission has worked diligently and donated many hours to the preparation and upkeep of the Museum and the preservation of the history of Muenster.

"People in Muenster, as well as those visiting Muenster, now have the opportunity to visit the Museum.

"Dec. 8, 2014 will mark the anniversary of the opening of the Museum at 420 N. Main Street and the 125th anniversary of the founding of Muenster, therefor the Muenster City Council declares Dec. 7 to 13 as Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler Muenster Museum Week."

On Sunday, Dec. 7, the Historical Commission invites everyone to come to the Muenster Museum between 1-4 p.m. There will be a continuous slide show of old photos and knowledgeable people present to answer any questions that visitors might have.

Tolar siblings to dance in 'Nutcracker'

Cathy Krahl
Staff Writer

The music, costumes, and characters of *The Nutcracker* have been around for about 130 years, making this holiday ballet a classic.

For Muenster siblings Chloe and Truett Tolar, they have qualified for the cast of the 27th year of performances on Denton's Festival of Ballet.

This is Chloe's second year to dance in *The Nutcracker*. Last year she was a seraphim and wore an angelic costume. In 2014, she plays a polichinelle on Pointe. This means she will wear Pointe shoes in the performance instead of the regular ballet slippers.

"I am really excited to be chosen," Chloe said. "I am really glad I got a part."

The 11-year-old takes dance classes at Jubilee Creative Arts Center in Muenster with her instructor Sarah Stoffels. This is her ninth year of dancing. Sarah's mother Stephanie Stoffels owns the Cooke County Ballet Academy and also made the cast.

Chloe's costume is bright green and pink with a white stripped full skirt, a white top, and a sash in front. She will also carry a white wand with pink and green ribbons she will use in the performance.

"The ribbons on the end make it fun," Chloe said.

For the performance, her hair is fixed to have tight ringlets.

"We use sponge rollers and I sleep in them," Chloe said. "It takes about 30 minutes to put the curlers in."

Her makeup takes another hour or so and her mom Edie Tolar does a lot of it.

"It's fun and bright," Chloe said of her makeup. "It's pretty much a lot more than regular day makeup."

She doesn't go on stage until the second act during Clara's dream scene. As a member of the C/D cast, she will dance at the Saturday night performance, Dec. 13 and the Sunday matinee, Dec. 14.

Her brother Truett also made the cast this year. This is the seven-year-old's first time to perform on stage.

"When we went to watch Chloe last year, he wanted to know what it takes to do it," Truett's mom said. "We wanted him to wait and see

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Sheriff promotes two County officers

The Cooke County Sheriff's Office has recently made two command advancements. The Sheriff's Office is proud to announce that Fin Jones is now Chief Deputy and Sharon Baughman the Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigation Division.

Newly appointed Chief Deputy Fin Jones, a former Marine Corp officer from Kentucky, has been a Texas Peace Officer for 30 years. Initially, he served with the Denton Police Department and then with the Denton County Sheriff's Office as the Patrol and SWAT Lieutenant. He was appointed as a police academy director and administrator by the U.S. Department of Justice for multiple police development projects in Haiti, Rwanda and Liberia, Africa, Bosnia, and Albania, including five years in Afghanistan as administrator for the Afghan Counter Narcotics Academy. He is the only American police officer to receive the Afghanistan King's Award Medal for Meritorious Achievement for police development. In both the Marines and as an international police trainer, he has lived and worked in more than 20 countries. Previously, he was a deputy for the Cooke County Sheriff's Office from 1998 to 2001 and then returned by request to the department at the beginning of Sheriff Terry Gilbert's term on Jan. 1, 2013.

Newly appointed Lieutenant of Criminal Investigations Sharon brings many talents, insights, and experience with her 30+ years serving law enforcement. Sharon began her career as a licensed vocation nurse, who then went on to become a police officer in 1984 with the City of Denton. She served as a Death Investigator for the Medical Examiner's Office of Denton County for 20 years and is a Registered and Board Certified Medicolegal Death Investigator.

She has also worked with Child Protective Services from 2010 thru 2013 as a Special Investigator. And since joining the Cooke County Sheriff's Office, she has specialized in crimes against persons and specifically concentrating on crimes against children.

Sheriff Gilbert said, "We welcome both Fin and Sharon in their new command roles. They both bring vast experiences, leadership, and knowledge to help us make Cooke County a better and safer place for all."



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From left, Chief Deputy Fin Jones, Sheriff Terry Gilbert, and Lieutenant of Criminal Investigations Sharon Baughman at promotions ceremony.

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the cost of the gravel is estimated between $12,000 and $15,000 and will be paid by the City.

The cost of paving the street is shared among the adjoining property owners - Muenster ISD, the City, the Knaufs, and the Schillings.

The Council approved the purchase of the gravel for use as a road bed base for Ninth Street.

Administrator Endres reported that the City streets and Park decorations had been put out by City employee with the help of Alderman Jewel Otto. "The guys really take it to heart and they made it look good as if it were their own things. I'm proud of what they've done there," remarked Endres.

One of the gear boxes on the City's clarifier at the wastewater plant is out. A new unit has been ordered to replace it at a cost of $5,000.

The City participated in a study through the University of Texas at Arlington. It was to determine if fracking in the Barnett Shale had any affect on the groundwater in wells in the area. Samples from all four of the City's wells were taken in April. Results were recently received and showed not detected or below EPA standards. The PH was slightly high on all four wells.

A contractor is scheduled to stripe parking spots on Main Street on Sun., Dec. 7.

In other business, the City Council:

- Welcomed Boy Scouts Stetson McGrew, working on his Citizenship in the Community merit badge, and Andrew Stoffels, working on his Citizenship in the Nation merit badge, along with Assistant Scout Master Craig Stoffels.
- Approved the purchase of Muenster Marks for City employees as Christmas bonuses. Each will receive $100 in Muenster Marks.
- City Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Council also approved allowing City Hall to close that Friday.
- Heard monthly reports from Police Chief Tom Barr and MVFD Walterscheid.
- Approved payment of bills totaling $112,553.76.

Hazardous chemicals meeting set for Jan. 6

Cooke County Office of Emergency Management will host a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting on Jan. 6 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Cooke County EMS training room, 305 S. Chestnut Street in Gainesville.

The Cooke County LEPC consists of emergency responders, producers, consumers, public officials, local residents, and those interested in the safe production, transportation, use, and disposal of hazardous materials in Cooke County. Its purpose is to help increase public knowledge and access to information on chemicals at individual facilities, their uses, and release into the environment. More information can be obtained at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/tiertwo/default.shtm.

Facilities that have certain hazardous chemicals in specified amounts must report these materials to the state, county LEPC, and local fire department. A list of the reportable materials/chemicals is available at http://www2.epa.gov/epcra/consolidated-list-lists.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1949

James Sims loses car in brazen theft Monday afternoon; it has still not been located. Gene Hoenig, age six, is recovering from mild case of polio. Richard Wimmer suffers broken neck in oil field accident; he is uncomfortable, but out of danger. Olive Haverkamp is named Thanksgiving Festival Queen. New Arrival: Joseph to the Sidney Huchtons. Wedding: Lucille Cler and Charles McClaflin. Mary (Mrs. Steve) Moster is new employee at Muenster State Bank. Bill Zimmerer, 14, has broken right knee.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 4, 1964

Mary Pels gets nurse's cap in ceremony at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Worth. Weddings: Agnes O'Rourke and Mark Burrowes; Shirley Horn and Edmon Vieth; Virginia Wolf and Leroy Kupper. Pat Hennigan and Martin Klement took sons Tom, Mike, and Tim Hennigan, and Karl Klement to Dallas Cowboys - Green Bay Packers game Sunday. Harvey Schmitt advertises 1/2 inch, square drive impact tool for sale.

25 YEARS AGO
Dec. 1, 1989

Dr. Enrique Juarez announces his retirement after 45 years as a physician and surgeon. Obituaries: Alois Trubenbach, 76; Henry N. Stoffels, 70. Wedding: Gayle Miller and Sean Burke. Article by Janet Felderhoff highlights Maurine Griggs and her china painting. Michael Abney and Yoshitaka Nakamura are named to All-District Band. New Arrival: Richard to Wayne and Peggy Grewing.

Meeting Notice

Gainesville Christian Women's Connection

The Gainesville Christian Women's Connection (GCWC) December Christmas Lunch will be Thursday, Dec. 18 at 401 W. Garnett, Gainesville. The event time is 11:15 a.m. until 1 p.m. and the cost is $14 per person. Lunch will be catered by Sarah's of Gainesville.

The keynote speaker will be Donna's Skell, a successful entrepreneur and marketing concepts consultant. Donna theme is "Where is Your Ladder Leaning?" Special feature will be "Sounds of Christmas" presented by Linda Ford, Barbara Mock, and Shirley O'Dell. Immediately following the luncheon, baked goods may be purchased with all proceeds going to the Fort Hood Military Outreach program.

GCWC is a non-denominational organization affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries open to women of all ages. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here a long time, come join them. For reservations, call Judy DeField at (940) 612-3130 or email gcwcreservations@yahoo.com by Thursday, Dec. 11.



From left: Christina Johnson, H. Kirk, *R.Ph.*, Patty Hostetter, *CPhT*, Christi Rickman, *CPhT*

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, December 7, 2014	Monday, December 8, 2014	Tuesday, December 9, 2014	Wednesday, December 10, 2014	Thursday, December 11, 2014	Friday, December 12, 2014	Saturday, December 13, 2014
Muenster's 125th Birthday Open House Muenster Muesum 1-4 pm	M. 4-H mtg. 3:30 pm VFW & Aux mtg. Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm M PTO mtg. 5:30 pm	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm Rel. Ed Mass 7 pm M school board mtg. 6:30 pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 M Elem host UIL meet MISD NO SCHOOL M Hist Comm mtg/Christmas breakfast 8 am	Museum open 1-4 pm AARP member lunch 11:30 am SH Alumni Bake Sale 7am-1pm SH Comm Center	Library open 10 - 2:30 
Sunday, December 14, 2014	**Monday, December 15, 2014**	**Tuesday, December 16, 2014**	**Wednesday, December 17 , 2014**	**Thursday, December 18, 2014**	**Friday, December 19, 2014**	**Saturday, December 20, 2014**
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm 	In lieu of Christmas cards VFW Aux deadline	Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm SHCS Christmas Concert	Library open 10 am - 5:30 pm NO Rel. Ed. class SH Alumni & Supp. mtg 7:30pm	Museum open 1-4 Library open 10-6:30 MISD Elem. UIL Awards Assembly 1:45	Museum open 1-4 pm MISD early release 12:30 SHCS noon dismissal	Library open 10 - 2:30 M Historical Comm. Bake Sale @Fischer's

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Dorothy Hartman
1919 - 2014

Mass of Christian Burial for Dorothy Hartman, age 95 of Muenster, was held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 26 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. A Rosary/vigil was held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25, also at the church. Dorothy died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014 at her home.

Born on the Hartman farm on Oct. 27, 1919, to John J. and Helena Hess Hartman, Dorothy lived there most of her life, helping with the farming, milking cows, picking cotton and corn. She was baptized by Fr. Frowin in Sacred Heart Church and attended the red brick school house.

At age 18, she went to work for Dr. T. S. Myrick as a night nurse for the Muenster clinic he was opening. She had on-the-job training for babies and the women who had them. She worked for two years at night, then switched to days. She worked as an office nurse, bookkeeper, and clinic nurse. She did everything except surgery. She assisted in bringing hundreds of babies into the world, treating many of her own nieces and nephews and their children.

She served with Dr. Myrick until his death in 1959, then with Dr. S.E. Saiken who came from Gainesville several days a week. She also worked with Dr. Kenneth Dobbs before he moved to Dallas. During a two-year time period when there was no doctor and no hospital in Muenster, she was a checkout clerk at Hofbauer's Grocery Store.

She was involved in the fund drive for the new hospital and helped with the moving in of supplies. When Muenster Memorial Hospital opened its doors, she served on the staff for six months. She then went to work for Dr. B.F. Hejduk, the resident physician and surgeon, working as his office nurse and assisting in surgeries. She worked for Dr. Kralicke for eight years and Dr. Juarez for nine years. She retired in 1984.

Dorothy served as the local registrar for precinct 8 for 37 years. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters of America, served as a Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart, and served on the parish liturgical commission.

In May of 1975, she received the Jaycees Outstanding Citizen Award. In 2003, she was honored for 25 years of service to the Muenster Senior Center. Muenster Memorial Hospital recognized her at their 50th anniversary as the first employee, Nurse Assistant, Feb. 3, 1964.

She was very active in SNAP, and loved crocheting and quilting. She enjoyed traveling, crafts, and playing cards and dominoes. She was an avid Texas Ranger and Dallas Cowboy fan, rarely missing a game on TV. She was a citizen of Muenster her entire life.

She is survived by 30 nieces and nephews, numerous great-nieces and nephews, and many great-great-nieces and nephews.

During the funeral Mass, altar servers were James Dangelmayr, Jared Dangelmayr, and Ian Kintz. Nancy Walter gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by John Kintz. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Ashley Hartman. Nathan Hartman, Parker Hartman, Jessie Dangelmayr, and Jena Dangelmayr brought up the Offertory Gifts. Eucharistic ministers were Janie Taylor, Roger Taylor, and Karla Kintz.



Dorothy Hartman

Music ministers were Joe Hartman, Diane Grewing, Linda Flusche, Doug Yosten, and Jim Endres. Songs included "Softly and Tenderly," "And I Will Follow," "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "Songs of the Angels," and "I'll Fly Away."

Mary Dangelmayr gave the eulogy. She spoke of Dorothy's medical career and observed that Dorothy "was a master at giving shots... She was an ace at dominoes.. rarely missed the Sunday crossword puzzle in the paper... has done more than 140 afghans for all of the members of her family... She was our official family historian...

"She was a smart, straightforward, tell-it-like-it-is kind of person with a lot of class. If she did not care for something, she let you know it. She had a heart as big as Texas and shared it willingly with all.

"She was a good Christian woman and we know she has a special place in Heaven..."

Pallbearers were Steve Corcoran, Justin Hartman, Craig Hartman, Jacob Endres, Jeff Flusche, Joseph Dangelmayr, Grant Fuller, and Kirk Hartman.

Mary Alice Jordan
1936 - 2014

Funeral for Mary Alice Jordan, age 78 of Gainesville, was held Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Commerce Street Church of Christ with Jay Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under direction of Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home. The family received friends on Dec. 2, at 1 p.m. at the church. Mary Alice died peacefully after a brief illness at Denton Regional Hospital in Denton on Nov. 26, 2014.

Mary Alice was born June 19, 1936 in Bartlett, TX to Flavil and Mary Elizabeth Yeakley. She graduated from Weslaco High School in 1954 and Denton Vocational School of Nursing in 1974. She married Richard Liston Jordan on Dec. 20, 1955, and worked as an LVN for many years before retiring. Mary Alice was a member of the Lions Club, and an active member of the Commerce Street Church of Christ.

Survivors are sons and spouses Paul Jordan of Gainesville, Sam and Janet Krahl Jordan of Sherman, and Tim and Barbara Jordan of Saint Jo; brother Flavil Yeakley, Jr. and his wife Maydell of Searcy, AR; several grandchildren and their spouses; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard in 2006; her parents; brother Benny Allan Yeakley; and grandson Alex David Jordan.

Pallbearers were family members.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lions Club Camp P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, TX 78029.

Walterscheid dies

Former Muenster resident Leonard Walterscheid, age 85 of Grand Junction, CO, died at his home on Tuesday morning, Dec. 2.

Funeral is Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Grand Junction.

Cards will reach his wife Betty and family at 2290 Ash Avenue, Grand Junction 81506.

To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.

– Oscar Wilde

SH Alumni Bake Sale set for Dec. 12

The Annual Sacred Heart School Bake Sale will be held on Friday, Dec. 12 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Snap Room. They offer a variety of homemade goodies such as jellies, breads, cinnamon rolls, pies, cookies, cakes, strudels, and candies.

Mark your calendar for Dec. 12 and stock up for Christmas.

We are to love God for Himself, because of a twofold reason; nothing is more reasonable, nothing more profitable.
-St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Police Notes

from Muenster Chief of Police Tom Barr

November 2014 Activity

All Statistics are as of November 25. Calls for Service (CFS) - 49; Incident/Offense reports generated - 4; Arrests - 1; Accidents Investigated - 2; Citations issued for the month - 47; Officers logged 699 hours on duty; Patrol vehicles logged 3,921 miles for the month

90 day stats: August - CFS 75, Incidents 5, Arrests 4, Citations 71; September - CFS 92, Incidents 5, Arrests 2, Citations 66; October - CFS 99, Incidents 12, Arrests 2, Citations 45. Vehicle stats: '14 Ford F-150 - 2,816, #2 - 2011 Crown Vic - 48,594; #3 2010 Crown Vic - 51,293.

November was a very slow month for the Police Department. I completed the state required classes at the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. I am thankful that our team of veteran officers were capable of "carrying on" in my absence.

As we get into this holiday season, keep in mind that thieves are always eager to ruin your festivities. Help us watch your neighborhoods for suspicious persons and activity. Remember to keep all valuables out of sight in your cars while you are out shopping.

Helen Berry Salzar
1928 - 2014

Memorial services for Helen Berry Salzar, age 86 of Gainesville, are set for 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. There is no visitation.

Helen was born May 25, 1928 in Rosston to Lon Hix and Hallie Viola DeBorde Berry. She died Dec. 2, 2014 in Gainesville.

Survivors are her daughters Movita Harris and Bettie Sieger and her husband Lawrence, all of Gainesville; son Rodger Foster and his wife Leshya of Graham; sister-in-law Jaurice Berry of Nashville, TN; 10 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; husband Dean Salzar; son Lloyd "Duke" Foster; sisters Edith Perryman and Nell Johnson; brother Dale Berry; and grandson Lawrence Dale Foster.

When some high-sounding institute states that a compound is harmless or a process free of risk, it is wise to know whence the institute or the scientists who work there obtain their financial support.
~Lancet, editorial on the "medical-industrial complex," 1973

Those who wish to pet and baby wild animals "love" them. But those who respect their natures and wish to let them live normal lives, love them more.
~ Edwin Way Teale, Circle of the Seasons, 1953

The family of Maurus Rohmer would like to thank all who helped with his care while at home; to Father Ken and the Eucharistic ministers for their ministry in the years he was unable to make it to church. We thank the Soroptomist Club in Gainesville for the Time Out program that he enjoyed so much, and the staffs at the Muenster and Gainesville rest homes. We appreciate the support of the families of other residents and those who visited him.

Thank you to all who sent food, memorial contributions, flowers, telephone calls, and cards. Also to Father Ken and Les Scott who made the services so memorable. Thanks to the faithful musicians, Doug, Diane, Linda, Christi, and Christy for their beautiful music, and altar servers, Sylvan and Alvin, and the others who assisted with the liturgy.

To the Catholic Daughter cooks who served such a good meal and the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall, and the 4th Degree Honor Guard at the service, we also extend our thanks.

God bless all of you for your care and concern for Maurus.

Pat, David and Karissa Rohmer

Fay Hamric, with her children Bob, Danna, and Lisa, would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support during the time of our loss of Dan. So many of you came by, brought food, supplies, flowers, spent time with us, and we thank you for those visits. For the generous donations in Dan's memory to the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department, Cooke County Home Hospice, Muenster Museum, Muenster Public Library, Jaycees, Memorial Masses, and Sacred Heart Trust Fund, we thank you. To Emily Klement, Christy Hesse, and Pat Hennigan, we thank you for the beautiful music that lifted our spirits. To the Catholic Daughters, we thank you for the preparation and service of the meal for our family and friends.

To the Knights of Columbus, we thank you for providing the 4th Degree Knights Honor Guard for the service and for the use of the hall for the meal.

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LIFESTYLE

November "Rising Star" named at MMH

Another "star" is on the rise at Muenster Memorial Hospital and this honoree shows a flexibility and a willingness to help others that co-workers give thanks for on a daily basis.

So it was entirely appropriate that Ashley Knabe of Central Supply was named the November honoree for the "Rising Star" employee recognition program immediately prior to the Hospital's annual Thanksgiving potluck meal.

Ashley has worked at Muenster Hospital in a variety of positions since February 2007. She is a busy, industrious little bundle who can be seen all over the Hospital, delivering supplies and keeping the storeroom humming. What you don't see, however, are the extra things Ashley does.

According to Tiffany Reed, who is responsible for human resources at MMH, Ashley has often been seen working to help cover a department when staff is short or coming up to get needed supplies from the storeroom in the middle of the night.

"She worked in the kitchen one day when staff was out unexpectedly, and she also helped nursing in the ward clerk position," Reed noted. "She is always first to step up to help other departments."

"Flexibility and teamwork is something to be highly valued within an organization," said Reed. "The 'Rising Star' program is designed to recognize exceptional staff members, like Ashley."

When it comes to the recognition, Ashley is very humble. "I enjoy working in a small, community hospital."

Ashley and husband John Knabe have been married over a year. And, though you would not know it by looking at Ashley, the couple is expecting their first child, a baby boy, in March. John is employed by Hess Meat Market in Muenster.

Ashley enjoys spending time with her dogs, family and friends (not necessarily in that order) and hunting for sport and for bargains (shop 'til you drop!).

The next "Rising Star" will be named at the monthly Birthday Lunch in December.

VFW Auxiliary meets

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6205 held their regular meeting Monday, Nov. 17 in the Post Home with Frances Bayer presiding.

The opening ritual was given by Chaplain Rosemary Dankesreiter pro tem, Conductress Linda Knabe, and Patriotic Instructor Hilda Sicking. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were given by Ida Mae Bindel, secretary. Agnes Hesse read the treasurer's report for Lucille Hesse. Frances Bayer read updates from *Two Cents* magazine.

Armella Cler reported on upcoming events. A youth Christmas party is being planned for Dec. 6, which will include the children and grandchildren of veterans. Winners of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests were announced.

Sandra Hennigan, Linda Knabe, Angela Hennigan, and the Girl Scouts were acknowledged for putting up all the flags at Sacred Heart Cemetery for Veterans Day. Clint Kelly and Sacred Heart 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade were also acknowledged for the patriotic program they performed at the VFW in honor of Veterans Day.

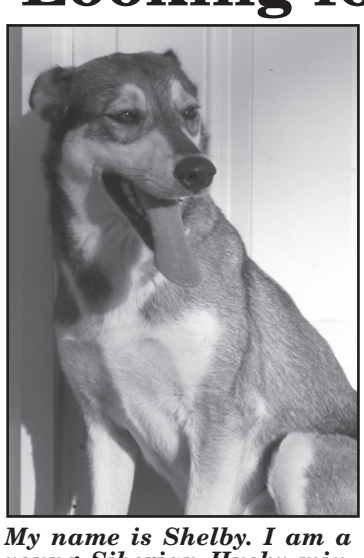
President Bayer reported on the District I meeting she and Arthur attended in Gainesville on Nov. 16. The Mid Winter Roundup is planned for Jan. 28 to Feb. 4.

Members heard that Bonham VA is asking for items for Christmas by Dec. 12. That includes shave cream, shampoo, lip balm, playing cards, toothpaste, tablets, envelopes and stamps, and gloves.

Members also signed several thank you cards.

Sandra Hennigan served refreshments to members.

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New Arrivals

McCoy



Maximilian McCoy

Joseph and Amanda McCoy of Muenster joyfully announce the birth of their son Maximilian Joseph McCoy on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014. He was born at 8:06 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital of Denton weighing 6 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. Maximilian is welcomed to the family by siblings Bennigan, age 15, Michael, age 13, Ivan, age 6, and Roseline, age 3. Grandparents are Ricky Wimmer, Sherry Davidson-Wimmer, and Maria McCoy, all of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Rose Stoffels of Muenster and Rafael Gonzales of Mexico City, Mexico.

Maximilian was baptized Nov. 9 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Randy and Linda Wimmer as Godparents. His baptismal gown was worn by all three of his brothers, and was purchased in Mexico City. Following the baptism, the family gathered for lunch and cake at their home. Those in attendance were family and friends. Special guest was great-grandfather Rafael Gonzales who was visiting here from Mexico City. He was able to celebrate the baptism and his 90th birthday while with his family here.

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if he was still interested. He was. It was all his idea."

Truett is one of the party boys in the first scene. He wears knickers and a brown corduroy coat. He is glad his part doesn't require him to wear makeup.

"We march and do a little dance," Truett said of his role. "We just pretend we are at a Christmas party."

Performing before a crowd can be a bit scary.

"When I'm on stage, I am excited and a little bit nervous," Truett said. But it helps that Stephanie Stoffels is in the same scene. "She's my partner," he added.

When the scene is over and they leave the stage, Truett leaves with Stephanie.

Truett doesn't take dance classes but he made it in the auditions.

"The boys have it easy," Stephanie said. "If they can move, just get to march, and listen well, they make the cast. Little girls cannot get by without formal instruction."

The brother and sister qualified for a part in the ballet, and have been practicing since late August. They did auditions before judges who chose who would make the cast. With over 200 cast members chosen, it can be a bit chaotic.

"They do a very good job," Edie said of the production. "It often seems to be a bit of chaos but they pull it off. It is a beautiful performance."

Tickets are still available for the public performances: Saturday, Dec. 13 matinee at 2:30, Saturday, Dec. 13, night at 7:30 and Sunday, Dec. 14, matinee at 2:30.

For Chloe, the excitement of the performance is only part of the desire to be among the performers. She also loves meeting others.

"I love how I can dance with other girls from other studios and make new friends," Chloe said.

"It's a whole new little world of friends for Chloe," her mother said. "She really loves it."

After all, how often can one be in a group of same age girls who love to do the same thing? It makes it easy to make new friends.

And Truett doesn't know if he will try again next year for a role or even if he will take ballet with his sister. He does know there is one part he can hope for.

"I would love to be a soldier," Truett said.

CASA hosts Art Contest

Tis the season to be jolly…. and draw about it. This year, CASA hosted a Christmas Art contest for the students of St. Mary's school. The theme was simply " Christmas" but, as you can imagine, this sparked an inspiration that produced some beautiful, creative, and even some humorous works of art.

"It's always a pleasure to see the sincere art work of children. They're so honest about what Christmas means to them. We saw art encompassing everything from divine intervention in Christmas tree selection, to nativity scenes, to snow ball fights," said Volunteer Recruiter Jamie Davis. "We love to have the children's art on the front of our Christmas cards, in our newsletters, and in the office, because it's a reminder that the children are what we are all about."

Results were as follows: K-2nd grade - Roberto Longoria 1st, Jacob Salinas 2nd, Lane Foster 3rd; 3rd-5th grade - Natalie Putnam 1st, Grant Hess 2nd, Lisette Moreno 3rd; 6th-8th grade - Jessica Sinclair 1st, Laura Fallon 2nd, and Karli Kuhn 3rd. The winners were all awarded art supply kits and will hopefully keep up the Yuletide doodling.

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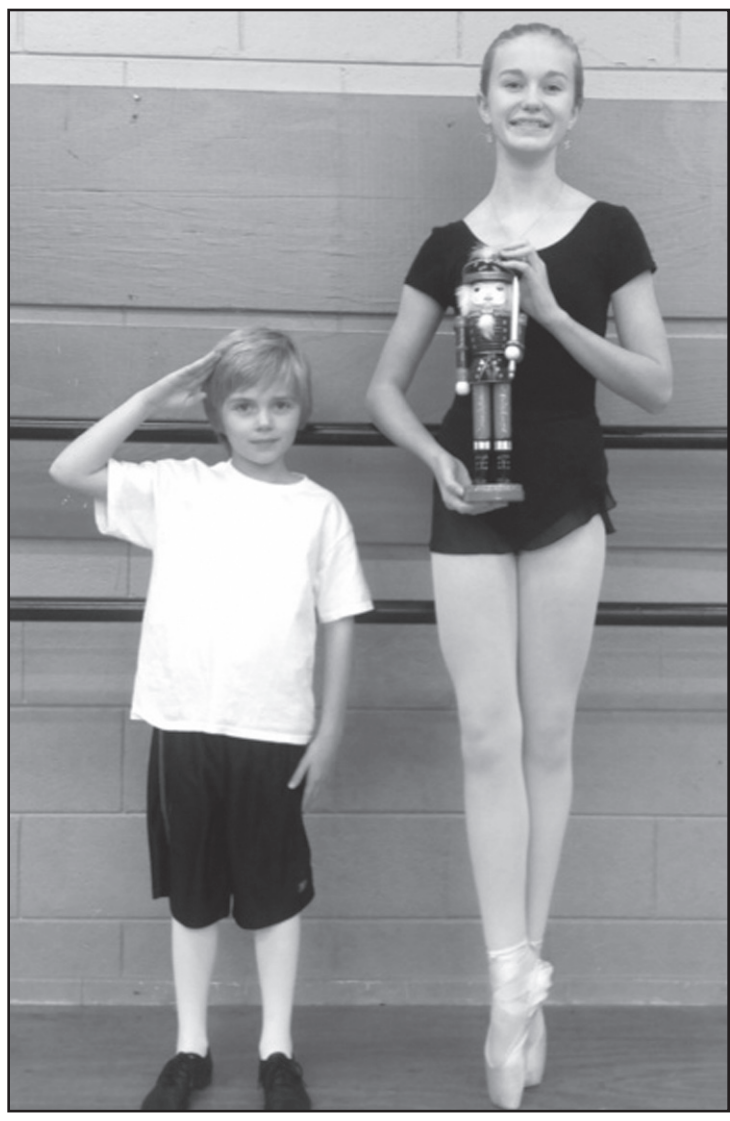
Outreach Angel Program seeks Christmas donations

Sacred Heart Parish's Christmas Outreach Angel Program began on Nov. 29. It assists children from newborn to age 18 by providing gifts of clothing, shoes, and toys for Christmas.

To select your Angel, go the Angel tree in Sacred Heart Church and select an ornament with the name and needs of an Angel. After purchasing your Angel Christmas gift, return the gift and Angel ornament tag to SH Church by Sunday, Dec. 14.

Two wrapping parties are planned for the Angel gifts. They are Monday, Dec. 15 and Thursday, Dec. 18 from 6-8 p.m. It is a come and go event. Bring your own scissors. Wrapping paper, tape, snacks, and holiday music will be provided.

If you have questions or need more information about the Outreach Angels, contact Candise Kubis (940) 736-4482 or Michell Sicking (940) 391-3895.



Courtesy photo

Truett Tolar, left, and Chloe Tolar practice for their parts in *The Nutcracker*.

Mini Encounters to visit Library's children's class

Tuesday, Dec. 9, Miniature Encounters and their therapy horses will visit the weekly children's class at the Cooke County Library.

Miniature Encounters provides trained mini therapy horses to nursing homes, veterans, and rehab centers. Mini Encounters is a volunteer organization that provides trained mini therapy horses for interaction for animal assisted therapy and visitation located in Melissa, TX.

For pictures and more information on the horses, you can find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/miniencounters.

This children's class will take place at 10:30 a.m. at the Library at 200 S. Weaver Street in Gainesville.

Dec. 6 is Century Club Scholarship Quilt Raffle

Saint Jo's Century Club presented its annual Scholarship Quilt last June. Featuring the Stonewall Saloon as a point on the Chisholm Trail, the quilt has traveled around the area for the last six months allowing the opportunity of purchasing raffle tickets to support the 2015 Scholarship Fund for local Spring graduates. The quilt is currently on display at Trailtown Treasures, and will be raffled off Dec. 6 during the Santa on the Square festivities. Chances are $1 apiece or 6 for $5.

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Muenster ISD photo

Pictured are members of the cast and crew of Muenster's One Act Play *Cinderalla Confidential*. They are: from left, front row - Anna Proffer, Hannah Lamar, Alex Deeken, Hunter Haverkamp, Savannah Bohl, Kacie Grewing, Brooke Hammer, Lauren Trubenbach, MacKenzie Sicking; middle row - Dana Klement, director, Zach Sanders, Kyle Wolf, Ryan Huchton, Morgan Hennigan, Dane Huchton, Warren Williams, Gynell Oppermann, director; back row - Blair Waneck, Kody Walterscheid, Sadie Sandmann, Tanner Corcoran, Tom Davis, Nathan Hacker, and Logan Pagel.

Muenster Junior High OAP takes 3rd place

Muenster ISD's Junior High took third place in UIL One Act Play competition recently. Muenster's play *Cinderella Confidential* took 3rd place of the six plays competing. The play featured two reporters trying to get the story of the century regarding the "Mystery Woman and the Missing Shoe."

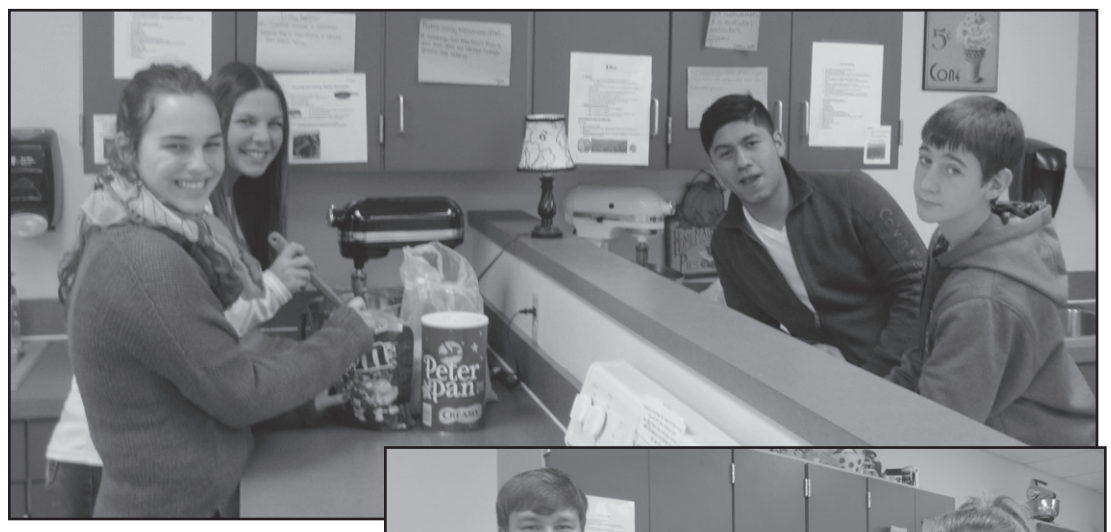
Several students took awards for their performance: **All Star Cast** - Morgan Hennigan and Tom Davis; **Honorable Mention All Star Cas**t - Savannah Bohl and Kyle Wolf; **Technology Award** - Lauren Trubenbach.

Muenster FCCLA makes cookie "dough"

This year, Muenster FCCLA sold monster and sugar cookies as a fundraiser. They programmed an order form for all members to advertise and sell the cookies. A variety of options were offered - dough, baked cookies, and pre-portioned dough. The orders were taken from Nov. 3-10.

The participation of all high school and junior high students was a big part of the job. FCCLA students managed the money, inventory, and organized the whole system of making, packaging, and delivering the cookie dough products. They also made their own ingredient label for the orders.

After calculating how much money they spent on ingredients and supplies, they were extremely pleased with the final profit of $1,889.23. FCCLA plans to continue this fundraiser by selling the baked cookies at home basketball games.





MISD photos

Muenster FCCLA members prepared their own cookie dough to sell as a fundraiser. Above, from left, Tara Gunnels, Kristen Reiter, Noel Rodriguez, and Matthew Porter shown producing some of the delicious Monster Cookie dough. At right, Zach Trubenbach and Kassie Dangelmayr, Muenster FCCLA Fundraiser organizers, show two of the packaging methods for the cookie dough products.

MISD Honor Rolls

ALL "A" HONOR ROLL
2nd Six Weeks

Grade 1: Sarah Ashcraft, Jackson Becker, Ethan Bevers, Casen Carney, Emma Grewing, Ellie Hacker, Shawn Henderson, Anna Hennigan, Garrett Hess, Emma Krebs, Bailey Newton, Danni Paulin, Nolan Peel, Paityn Price, Donald Schad, Addison Snuggs, Kalyn Walterscheid, Rhett Walterscheid, Lillian Wimmer.

Grade 2: Krista Bayer, Logan Flusche, Jasmine Hacker, Della Hartman, Parker Hartman, Brisan Hermes, Caden Klement, Carter Sicking, Zachary Smith, Von Khemer Tai, Emma Walterscheid.

Grade 3: Reece Acayan, Mary Ashcraft, Lainey Grewing, Rosemary Hartman, Abigail Hendley, Halle Hess, Maggie Hess, Addison Huchton, Preston Kubis, Taylor Reed, Stormi Richardson, Lenzie Sandmann, Jonathen Smith, Lexie Walter.

Grade 4: Althea Acayan, Marcus Anderle, Michael Berkley, Devon Bindel, Derek Cox, Erica Endres, Kaci Ford, Josey Grewing, Keith Huchton, Whitley Klement, Samantha Lockhart, Bradley Lutkenhaus, Hunter Peel, Connor Walterscheid, Meadow Walterscheid.

Grade 5: Andrew Christopher, Gracyn Fields, Haley Flusche, Chanel Grohman, Nate Hesse, Cade Huchton, Timothy Luttmer, Martie McCoy, Landri Richardson, Eli Saucer, Luke Walterscheid.

Grade 6: Trent Anderle, Mikaley Berkley, Sarah Davis, Mary Fisher, Chloe Hacker, Erin Hesse, Wade Trubenbach.

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

Grade 1: Aeden Anderson, Makayla Broyles, Baylie Busby, William Cox, Ryder Gann, Raven Giles, Desiree Lutkenhaus, John Richardson, Allie Stoffels, Adrian Suarez Nava, Brady Walterscheid, Ella Walterscheid, Anna Warren.

Grade 2: Addison Aldriedge, Annsley Budish, Carson Crawford, Gavin Doughty, Gregory Giles, Ayden Gray, Daegan Harris, Karissa Harrison, Ava Henley, Ty Hess, Owen Hofbauer, Carter Klement, Faith Sicking, Austin Spaeth, Marlee Walterscheid, Kelan Williams, Raegan Wolf.

Grade 3: Lilly Brock, Daultyn Dunn, Gage Eberhart, Braeden Hacker, Macy Hess, Alexis Hofbauer, Jakson Hofbauer, Landry Huchton, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Emily Muller, Whitney Newton, Trever Rains, Andie Schroeder, Jackson Sicking, Seth Stoffels, Dawson Voth, Owen Walterscheid.

Grade 4: Annaliese Cisneros, Brooklyn Duncan, Madeleine Fisher, Gabriel Grewing, Debra Huchton, Rebecca Klement, Caleb Newton, Victoria Rodriguez, Sean Sicking, Jordan Taylor, Isaac Wolf.

Grade 5: Andrew Flaming, Alexander Hacker, Makayla Hacker, Emily Harrison, Nathan Hartman, Briannah Keeling, Hillary Klement, Lilly Muller, Ty Sanders, Clayton Spaeth, Logan Stewart, Landon Williams.

Grade 6: Annie Anderle, Jada Binder, Shae Budish, Libby Duncan, Makenna Forshee, Kelsey Hennigan, Alyssa Huchton, Dylan Huchton, Paden Jarosz, Katherine Klement, Matthew Klement, Audrey Kubis, Sarah Monday, Bayley Otto, Lance Smith, Cade Stevens, Rallen Marie Tai, Ty Trubenbach, Jaxon Truebenbach, Prestin VanBriggle.

DPS urges - prepare for Winter weather

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to begin preparing for possible Winter weather, which can impact the state during the coming days and months.

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/.

• 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.

• Winterize your vehicle by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire pressure, tire tread, fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:

• Blankets/sleeping bags and extra clothing, mittens, and hat.

• Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries.

• First-aid kit and pocket knife.

• High calorie, non-perishable food, bottled water.

• Sack of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires.

• Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope, and shovel.

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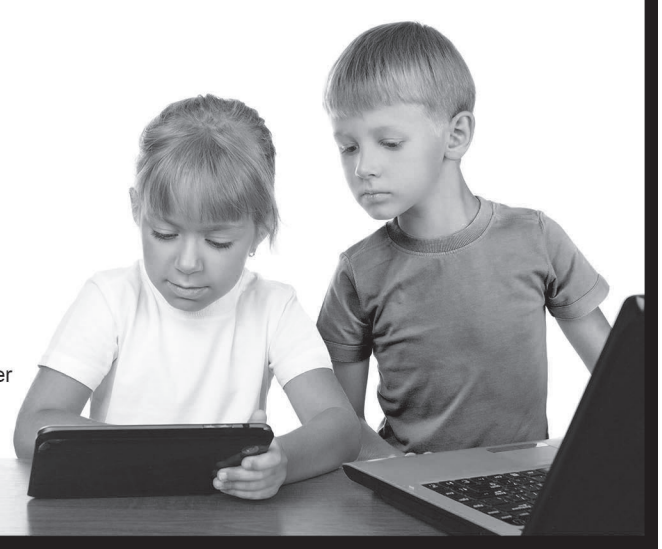
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SHCS students tour the Chickasaw Cultural Center

Sacred Heart fourth and fifth grade students toured the pride of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, OK. This Campus has many different areas to visit and explore. The Exhibit Center was the children's favorite because they learned traditional Chickasaw dances and games, and how to speak words in the native Chickasaw language. They also experienced cultural demonstrations of sewing and beadwork and other exhibits including "The Spirit Forest" and "The Removal Corridor" which are special displays where visitors learn about the history and living culture of an ancient, vibrant people.

Furthermore, students toured the Dugout Canoe Exhibit. This is the world's largest archaeological find consisting of 101 ancient dugouts discovered in a dry lake bed in Florida just a decade ago. Along with the canoes, tools, fishing equipment, and model canoes and paddles were also on display. Many hands-on activities invited the children to explore and learn.

In the Orientation Theater, the students were treated to a video detailing the history of the Chickasaw people starting with their roots in parts of Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. The movie detailed how the Spanish invaded and tried to conquer the Chickasaw in the early 1500s. The Chickasaw pushed back the Spanish only to have the United States government remove them from their lands in the late 1800s. "The Removal Corridor" and the movie document this plight.

The final exhibit the children visited was "The Living Village." Here they were able to explore the world the Chickasaw knew before being removed to Oklahoma Indian Territory. The children saw buildings of timber with thick walls and thatched rooftops that kept summer houses cool and winter houses warm. Chickasaw life combined survival skills and domestic chores along with artistry and spirituality including the ceremonial mound. The entire village can be toured on foot or seen from the sky pavilion which gives spectators a bird's-eye view of the village and adjacent Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Also available for touring if time had allowed were "The Aapisa Art Gallery" which is home for fine art and rotating exhibits and "The Honor Garden" where the Chickasaw Nation pays tribute to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees in a beautiful, serene setting of native plants, stone, and water.

Over and over during the day long trip, chaperones heard students say, "This is the best field trip ever."

Michele Knauf, 4th grade teacher, and Janet Gaston, 5th grade teacher, planned the trip and accompanied the students.

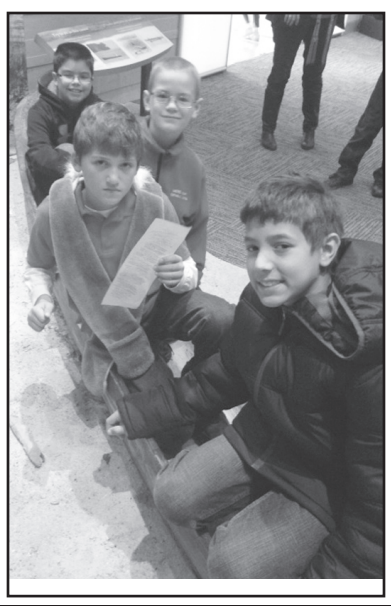


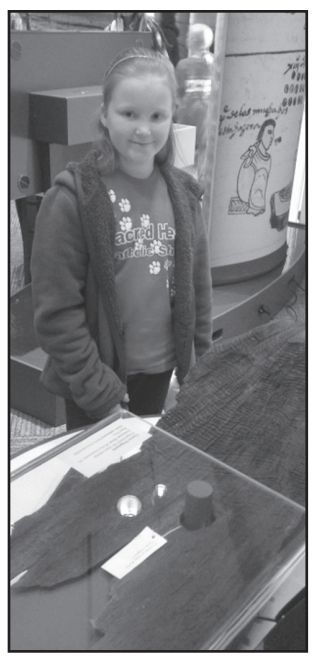


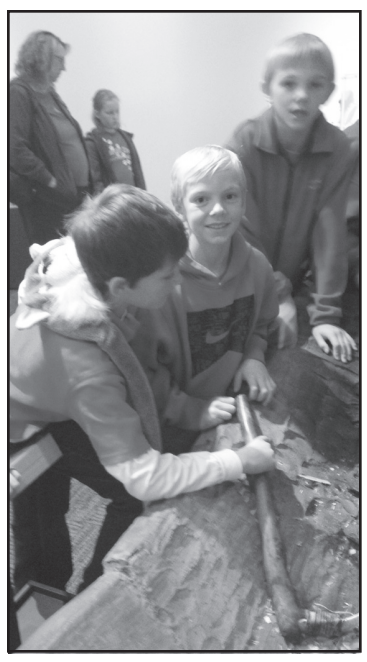
SHCS photos

Clockwise, from above, Sacred Heart Catholic School 4th and 5th grade students and their teachers on their tour of the Chickasaw Cultural Center - group photo in the Center's gardens; from left - Weslee Sprouse, Nathan Hesse, Connor Vogel, and Emily Flusche at the Dugout Canoe Exhibit; Exploring hands-on exhibits - Denise Dangelmayr, Melanie Bayer, Eli Hess, Nathan Hesse, Jackson Knabe; Melanie Bayer; Dawson Jones, Eli Hess, Michael Koesler, Devon Dickerson; Isaac Schilling and Eli Hess.











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Muenster FCCLA members put up notices to students about the dangers of tobacco use. Pictured are, from left, Ashleigh Fisher, Rut Rodriguez, and Morgan Hennigan. At right, stickers placed on lockers with message discouraging tobacco use.

FCCLA teaches harms of tobacco

For the Great American Smokeout project, Muenster FCCLA members set out to educate the students of the high school about the harmful effects of smoking cigarettes. To accomplish this, they created fun locker notices with shocking facts about smoking each day.

For example, one said "NO SCHOOL TOMORROW! NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY! Jk….now that we have your attention….5.6 million children alive today will ultimately die early from smoking. That is equal to 1 child out of every 13 alive in the U.S. today."

These notices were liked by the students, especially the one on the last day. They provided the last fact with a fun sticker for the students.

By informing Muenster ISD students about the harmful effects of cigarettes and tobacco use, FCCLA members hope those students will not become the next generation of users.

A game plan for preventing staph infections

Participation in school athletics should start with a program for personal hygiene to help avoid staph infections and the more severe methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (known as MRSA) bacteria.

Football players and wrestlers should be particularly wary. Studies by the Texas Department of State Health Services have found that the staph infection rate among football players was 16 times the national average.

Signs of infections include reddening of the skin, swelling or pus around sores, abrasions, or cuts. The sores may be mistaken for spider or bug bites.

"Have your athlete check in the mirror for any unusual red spots or lesions, particularly those that don't seem to be healing, and don't be afraid to alert the coaches to any issues so it doesn't spread to others," says Dr. Robert Dimeff, of Sports Medicine at UT Southwestern.

If the skin is broken, wash the wound immediately with soap and warm water, then dry off the wound and ensure it is properly bandaged.

To help reduce the potential for infection:

- Keep hands clean by washing them thoroughly with soap and water or antibacterial hand sanitizer.
- Avoid sharing towels, deodorant, razors, or other items that touch bare skin.
- Put a clean towel on the bench when weight training or using other shared equipment.

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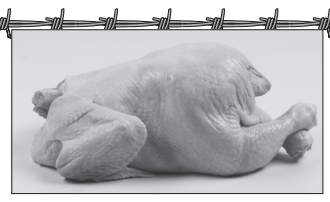


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SPORTS

Hornets #1 - Girl's teams in top 20

The Muenster Hornets start the 2014-15 basketball season with the top Class AA ranking in the state, according to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Dec. 1 poll. Muenster is the only Cooke County boys team to make the top 20 in all classes.

Following Muenster are Martin's Mill, Clarksville, Smyer, and Mumford in the top five.

On the girls side of the ball, the Muenster Lady Hornets are ranked 14th in AA. Plains leads the pack, followed by Crawford, Weimar, Wellington, and Canadian.

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes have a placement of 18th in the Private Girls Small School division. Midland Classical takes the number one spot, followed by Marble Falls Faith, Sherman Texoma Christian, Fort Worth Lake Country, and Houston Lutheran.

Youth leadership development focuses on natural resources and the environment

The Texas Brigades program is looking for a few good leaders. Actually, they are looking for 170 leaders. The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. This will be the 23rd year of the Brigades.

The application deadline is March 16, 2015 and may be found at http://www.texasbrigades.org/Applications/applications.html.

Participants are selected through a competitive application process. Helen Holdsworth, executive director, says they are looking for youth ages 13-17. No experience is necessary, but applicants should have a strong interest in learning about wildlife, natural resources, livestock, and/or the environment. "We are looking for those with an interest in learning and then sharing what they have learned with their communities," reports Holdsworth.

The 4.5 days camps are held on private ranches across the state. "These landowners open their gates to us for five days, allowing us to utilize the land as a living laboratory. Natural resource professionals give of their time to mentor the youth. This is a valuable networking opportunity," she said.

The cost of the camp is $400, but scholarships and financial assistance are available. "We do not want the fee to be a barrier to anyone. We have donors who are willing to support the youths' educational experience," says Holdsworth.

For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS or 210-556-1391or email hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

Texas Game Warden Reports

Just turkeying around

A Hemphill County game warden was called when a rancher and his son saw two men in a pickup trespassing on their property, shooting at turkeys with a bow. The rancher said he watched the pair for several minutes and noticed that the men appeared to be circling a flock of turkeys while attempting to get within shooting range. This continued until the suspects noticed the rancher's truck. They quickly threw something into the brush and made a hasty retreat to the country road.

At this time, the warden was en-route nearly 20 miles away and instructed the rancher to call him if the suspects returned. When the landowner and his son returned to the area where the suspects had thrown the object, they discovered a compound bow and a dozen arrows. Driving back to the county road, the rancher was surprised to find the two suspects parked in their truck near the ranch entrance. He greeted the pair and asked if they were having car trouble, to which they replied "No" and explained they had just seen a snake and were considering capturing it. "Okay, good luck," said the rancher, as he crossed the county road and drove out of sight into another portion of his ranch where he could still see them.

He watched them as they returned to the location, now barren, where they had dropped their gear. The rancher then called the warden, who was 1.5 miles away now, to report that the suspect's truck was in view behind him traveling at a high speed and about to close in on him. The warden instructed the rancher to continue driving the same direction until the warden could meet up with him and the suspects.

Just as the two oncoming vehicles came to a stop, the warden was able to pull past the rancher and get behind the suspect's truck before they knew what was going on. The two suspects were from Oklahoma and worked at a nearby oil rig. When asked why they were chasing the rancher, they responded that the rancher had something they needed back. After the warden explained the many laws they had broken, they attempted to convince him they were only after jack rabbits. They finally admitted to turkey hunting when the warden retrieved their bow and arrows from the rancher. Multiple charges and warnings were issued.

Chivalry's not dead, just drunk

When a Kimble County game warden noticed a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road, he attempted to make a traffic stop. After following the vehicle with lights and sirens for two miles, the driver slowly pulled into a driveway and was detained by the warden. When asked why he didn't pull over sooner, the driver said he figured since he was drunk and presumably going to jail, he wanted to get his girlfriend home and avoid having his vehicle towed. A Standard Field Sobriety Test revealed he was intoxicated, and he was arrested for DWI.

Weight issues

A game warden in Galveston County filed a citation on a captain of a commercial bait shrimp boat for exceeding his limit of bait shrimp. The shrimper was a hefty 320 pounds over the legal limit.

High-strung

Two Val Verde County game wardens assisted a national park ranger with a call on Lake Amistad near Del Rio. After acquiring consent to search a vehicle, the wardens seized a small amount of suspected cocaine and marijuana from the two suspects in the vehicle. The wardens arrested the two suspects and, when searching them, retrieved several more small bags of suspected cocaine in one of their wallets. One subject was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance, and the other for misdemeanor possession of marijuana under two ounces. Cases are pending.

Young, wild, and fined

While patrolling Lake Conroe, a Montgomery County game warden saw three people drinking alcohol - a violation of Wildlife Management Area rules. All three individuals were under the legal drinking age. Additionally, the warden found a glass jar of marijuana in their ice chest. One of the suspects also had a bag of marijuana in his pocket. Just three weeks prior, one of the three individuals had been issued a citation from this same warden for possession of a marijuana pipe. Cases are pending.

Busting bundles

A local game warden was contacted when a car and truck parked near Military Point concerned a local citizen. The caller said a boat was near the vehicles along the shoreline of Falcon Lake, and the vehicles were being loaded with large bundles. Immediately, the warden began driving toward the reported location and called the Zapata County Sheriff's Office to advise them of the situation. When the two vehicles were spotted near an intersection, the warden stopped the truck, and the ZCSO unit stopped the other car approximately a half-mile away. The truck contained eight bundles of marijuana, totaling 179.2 pounds, and the car contained seven bundles, totaling 150.5 pounds. Both drivers were arrested for second degree felony possession of marijuana.

Tigerettes in tournament

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes participated in the Bethesda Christian Basketball Tournament Nov. 20-22, winning game two while handed two losses.

First round was a 35-26 loss to Crowley. Kenzie Hess led the scoring with 9 points. Avery Truebenbach added 8, Leah Knabe 5, and Amanda Aldriedge 4. Hess and Truebenbach each had five steals, with Truebenbach also pulling down 10 rebounds.

SH	10	5	5	6	**26**
C	13	7	7	8	**35**

Game two was a 44-35 victory over Garland Christian. Seven Tigerettes put points on the board, three scoring double digits. Truebenbach had 16 points and 16 rebounds. Aldriedge added 10 points with eight assists. Rylee Reiter put in 10, and 2 apiece by Hess, Alana Endres, Samantha Palmer, and Kate Springer.

SH	6	10	12	16	**44**
GC	8	6	10	11	**35**

The final game in the tournament was a 44-29 loss to Colleyville Covenant. Hess was the leading point maker for Sacred Heart with 14. Reiter added 7, with Truebenbach and Knabe scoring 4 each. Truebenbach also pulled down 17 rebounds and got five steals.

SH	10	8	5	6	**29**
C	12	13	11	8	**44**

Making school history you'd rather forget

Nineteen sixty-seven was one of the worst, if not the worst, basketball season in Muenster High history.

"A sad basketball season for the Muenster High School teams," noted the Feb.10, 1967 issue of the *Muenster Enterprise,* "as they remain winless ... both teams hold the cellar position with a record of 0-10."

In the boys race, Saint Jo earned the District Championship, followed by Era, Valley View, Callisburg, Lindsay, and Muenster. Callisburg led the girls, followed by Era, Saint Jo, Lindsay, Valley View, and Muenster.

In the second round of play, the scores were as follows:

Team	boys	girls
Saint Jo	75-33	51-23
Callisburg	70-43	73-23
Era	65-31	67-21
Lindsay	50-38	40-21
Valley View	71-27	30-22

Leading scorers for the girls were Linda Wilson, Sue Flusche, Jill Swirczynski, and Debbie Cain. Chris Cain, John Monday, Sam Sparkman, and Ken Stormer were regular scorers for the Hornets.

Linda Wilson and Chris Cain earned a place on the District 28B All District 2nd Team.

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Sat 11am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
Sun 11am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30
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Dumb & Dumber 2 (PG13)
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Big Hero 6 in 2D(PG)
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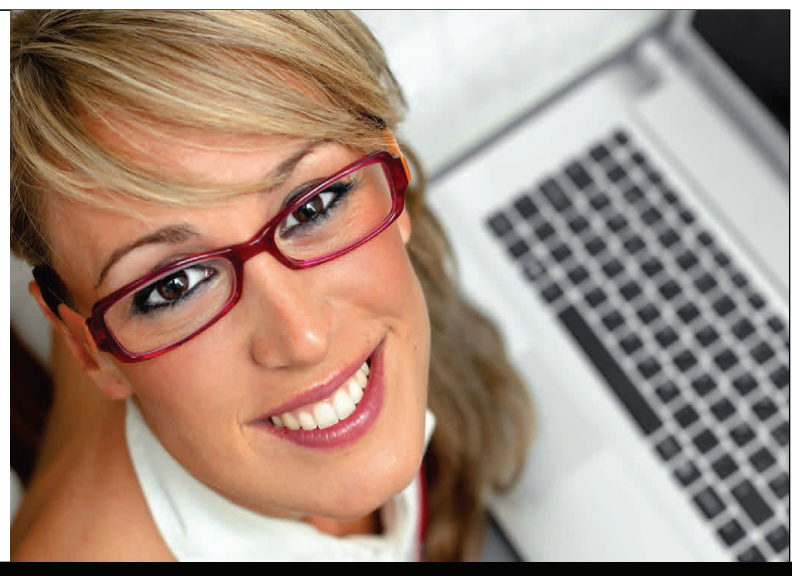
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Nov. 3	Honey Grove (scrim)	JVG/VG	T	4:30
Nov. 8	Pilot Point (scrim)	JVG/VG	H	TBA
Nov. 13-15	Muenster JV Tourn.	JVG	H	TBA
Nov. 11	Bellevue	VG	T	5:00
Nov. 18	Springtown	JVG/VG	H	5:00
Nov. 20-22	Bells Tourn.	VG	T	TBA
Nov. 25	Nocona	JVG/VG	H	5:00
Dec. 2	Dallas Gateway	JVG/VG/JVB/VB	H	4:30
Dec. 4-6	Denton Guyer Tourn.	JVG	T	TBA
Dec. 4-6	Fairfield Tourn.	VG	T	TBA
Dec. 4-6	Jacksboro Tourn.	VB	T	TBA
Dec. 9	Whitewright	JVB/VB	H	5:00
Dec. 11-13	Poolville Tourn.	VB	T	TBA
Dec. 12	Gainesville	JVG/VG	H	5:00
Dec. 16	**Valley View**/Whitesboro	**JVG/VG**/JVB/VB	T	5:00
Dec. 19	**Poolville**/Pottsboro	**JVG/VG**/JVB/VB	T/H	5/5:30
Dec. 22-26	*** GYMS CLOSED	UIL RULE ***		
Dec. 29-30	Pilot Point Tourn.	VG	T	TBA
Dec. 29-31	Whataburger Tourn.	VB	T	TBA
Jan. 2	**Alvord**	**JVG/VG/JVB/VB**	**H**	**4:30**
Jan. 6	**Collinsville**	**JVG/VG/JVB/VB**	**H**	**4:30**
Jan. 9	**Chico**	**JVG/VG/JVB/VB**	**T**	**4:30**
Jan. 13	**Lindsay**	**JVG/JVB/VG/VB**	**H**	**4:30**
Jan. 16	**Era**	**JVG/JVB/VG/VB**	**T**	**4:30**
Jan. 20	**Valley View**	**JVG/VG/JVB/VB**	**H**	**4:30**
Jan. 23	**Poolville**	**JVG/JVB/VG/VB**	**H**	**4:30**
Jan. 27	**Alvord**	**JVG/JVB/VG/VB**	**T**	**4:30**
Jan. 30	**Collinsville**	**JVG/JVB/VG/VB**	**T**	**4:30**
Jan. 30-31	JV District Tourn.	JVG/JVB		TBA
Feb. 3	**Chico**	**JVG/JVB/VG/VB**	**H**	**4:30**
Feb. 6	**Lindsay**	**JVG/VG/JVB/VB**	**T**	**4:30**
Feb. 10	**Era**	**JVG/VG/JVB/VB**	**H**	**4:30**
Feb. 13	**Valley View**	**JVB/VB**	**T**	**5:00**
Feb. 17	**Poolville**	**JVB/VB**	**T**	**5:00**

Head Coaches: Lynn Cook (Boys)
Griffin Fields (Girls)
Assistant Coaches: Jeff Presnall (Boys)
Amy Binder (Girls)
Athletic Director: Brady Carney

District Games in Bold



2014-2015 Muenster JH Basketball

Nov. 13	Valley View	Girls	T	5:00
Nov. 13	Valley View	Boys	H	5:00
Nov. 17	Lindsay	Girls	H	4:30
Nov. 17	Lindsay	Boys	H	4:30
Dec. 1	Collinsville	Girls	H	5:00
Dec. 1	Collinsville	Boys	T	5:00
Dec. 8	Alvord	Girls	H	5:00
Dec. 8	Alvord	Boys	T	5:00
Dec. 15	Poolville	Girls	H	5:00
Dec. 15	Poolville	Boys	H	5:00
Jan. 8	Chico	Girls	H	5:00
Jan. 8	Chico	Boys	T	5:00
Jan. 10	Gainesville JH Tourn.	Girls	T	TBA
Jan. 12	Era	Girls	T	5:00
Jan. 12	Era	Boys	H	5:00
Jan. 17	Gainesville JH Tourn.	Boys	T	TBA
Jan. 22	Valley View	Girls	H	5:00
Jan. 22	Valley View	Boys	T	5:00
Jan. 26	Lindsay	Girls	T	4:30
Jan. 26	Lindsay	Boys	T	4:30
Feb. 2	Collinsville	Girls	T	5:00
Feb. 2	Collinsville	Boys	H	5:00
Feb. 7	JH District Tourn.	Girls	T	TBA
Feb. 7	JH District Tourn.	Boys	H	TBA

Junior High Coaches:
Trey Gray (Girls) and Mark Stevens (Boys)

Sacred Heart Tigers & Tigerettes Basketball 2014-2015

Nov. 18	Legacy Ch.	JVG - VG	H	5:30
Nov. 20-22	Bethesda Tourn.	VG	A	TBA
Nov. 25	Era	JVG - VG	H	5:00
Dec. 2	Dallas Covenant	VG-VB	A	5:00
Dec. 4-6	Forestburg Tourn.	VG-VB	A	TBA
Dec. 9	Valley View	JVG-JVB-VG-VB	H	4:30
Dec. 11-13	Red River Shootout	VG-VB	H	TBA
Dec. 15	Final Exam Week			
Dec. 19	TBA			
Dec. 29-31	NCTC Holiday Classic	VG-VB	A	TBA
Jan. 3	Forestburg	VG-VB	H	6:00
Jan. 6	Red River Rattlers	JVB-VB	H	3:45-7:45
Jan. 6	Gainesville	JVG-VG	H	5:00-6:30
Jan. 10	Abilene Ch.	VG-VB	A	1:00
Jan. 16	Calvary	JVG-JVB-VG-VB	A	4:30
Jan. 20	Harvest	VG-VB	H	6:00
Jan. 23	Bethesda	JVB-VG-VB	A	4:30
Jan. 27	Texoma	JVG-JVB-VG-VB	A	4:30
Feb. 3	Calvary	JVG-JVB-VG-VB	H	4:30
Feb. 6	Harvest	VG-VB	A	6:00
Feb. 10	Bethesda	JVB-VG-VB	H	4:30
Feb. 13	Texoma	JVG-JVB-VG-VB	H	4:30

Tigers Head Coach: Jon LeBrasseur

Associate Head Coach: Kris Creed



2014-2015 Lady Cubs and Cubs

Nov. 13	ICCS	BG-BB-AG-AB	H	5:00
Nov. 17	Walnut Bend	BG-BB	A	5:00
Nov. 20	ICCS	BG-BB-AG-AB	H	5:00
Nov. 24	Saint Mary	BG-BB-AG-AB	H	4:00
Dec. 1	Saint Mary	BG-BB-AG-AB	A	4:00
Dec. 8	ICCS	AG-AB	A	4:00
Dec. 15	Sivells Bend	BG-BB	A	6:00
Jan. 8	Saint Mary	BG-BB-AG-AB	H	5:00
Jan. 12	ICCS	BG-BB-AG-AB	A	5:00
Jan. 20	ICCS	AG-AB	H	4:00
Jan. 22	Saint Mary	BG-BB-AG-AB	A	4:00
Jan. 24	Forestburg Tourn	AG-AB	A	TBA
Jan. 29-31	NTIL Tourn	BG-BB-AG-AB	H	TBA

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Much to be thankful for, but price/drought challenges remain

Texas farmers, ranchers, and growers have a lot to be thankful for this November, but they still face many challenges, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"Much of the state got excellent rains over the weekend, and if they have winter wheat out or winter pastures, that rainfall will go a long way toward taking those crops through the winter," said Dr. Travis Miller, interim associate director for AgriLife Extension state operation, College Station. "These rains are very beneficial in recharging moisture in soil profiles and providing water for stock tanks and other surface water supplies.

"But looking at the overall picture, despite the rainfall, there are still some very dry conditions out there, leading to a number of issues relating to crop and water supply," Miller said.

One challenge farmers must currently contend with is depressed prices for crops, he said.

"That encompasses most of the major crops we grow, including all the feed grains and cotton," Miller said. "Corn and sorghum and cotton prices are low. Wheat prices are not quite as low, but they've dropped too. So growers are looking for alternatives that might make them a little money."

The other challenge is one farmers and ranchers face every year: low water supplies and drought, he said. "Irrigated agriculture depends largely on water supplies," Miller said. "We have to look at not only how much we have in the soil profile, but also our surface water supplies, such as reservoirs, lakes, rivers, and stock ponds."

Despite 2014 being a much wetter year than the four previous years, a lot of surface water supplies that agriculture depends upon remain low, Miller said. For example, the Colorado River Authority is seeking permission to deny water for rice production for a fourth year in a row on the Gulf Coast. That's due to lack of rain in the Highland Lakes area northwest of Austin.

There are also significant water supply issues in the Rolling Plains, he said.

Long-term solutions include upgrading water delivery systems so they are more efficient at minimizing water loss than current canals and ditches, such as ongoing projects by AgriLife Extension irrigation specialists, Miller said.

It's Stock Show time in Fort Worth – coming on Stock Show strong!

The official opening of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Ticket Office took place Monday, Dec. 1. Many longtime Stock Show patrons showed up early at the Rodeo Ticket Office, located at 3401 West Lancaster, in order to beat the last minute rush by purchasing their rodeo tickets before the Show opens on Jan. 16. This annual, timeless tradition still signifies the beginning of Stock Show season in Fort Worth.

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

Rodeo tickets will be on sale for these traditional favorites:

- Best of the West Ranch Rodeo – Jan. 16 - 17 (sold out)
- Best of Mexico Celebración – Jan. 18.
- Cowboys of Color Rodeo – Jan. 19.
- Bulls' Night Out - PRCA Extreme Bull Riding – Jan. 20 - 21
- Fort Worth Super Shootout® – Jan. 22.
- World's Original Indoor Rodeo® – Jan. 23 through Feb. 7.

With the purchase of a rodeo ticket, patrons will also have access to: Stock Show grounds, The Coors Light Roadhouse, all livestock and equestrian shows, National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, and Cattle Raisers Museum. For more information visit www.fwssr.com or download their free mobile app.

The rodeo ticket office will remain open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Fans can purchase tickets by calling 817-877-2420 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Ticketmaster convenience charges will apply. The 2015 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo comes to town Stock Show Strong, Jan. 16 - Feb. 7.This thing is legendary®.

China signs agreement to import Argentine sorghum

China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) signed an agreement with the Argentine Minister of Agriculture Nov. 24, indicating China will begin importing sorghum from an approved list of Argentine companies.

The agreement included the inspection and quarantine requirements for imported sorghum from Argentina as well as a published list of 25 registered Argentine companies allowed to export sorghum to China. While no start date for the agreement is specified, it appears as though it will begin immediately.

"Argentina's supply alone cannot meet the growing needs of China's sorghum demand," Sorghum Checkoff Executive Director Lopez said. "Efforts by the Sorghum Checkoff and the U.S Grains Council have helped U.S. sorghum become a valued feed ingredient and will assure U.S. sorghum remains so into the future."

Lopez said an increase in world sorghum demand helps promote sorghum in general, and Argentina exports will help competition of U.S. sorghum in other markets both domestically and internationally.

"This can be a turning point for U.S. sorghum," Lopez said. "China's demand and potential price shifts will help increase overall demand for sorghum and industry growth while also allowing the checkoff to share more information about U.S. sorghum."

According to a recent report from the Foreign Agricultural Service, China imported 569 million bushels of coarse grains last marketing year. Of the total bushels, 169 million were reported as U.S. sorghum.

Sorghum appears to be in even stronger demand this marketing year, which began Sept. 1, 2014. In fact, the most recent FAS export sales report indicated sorghum sales have surpassed 166 million bushels, of which China represents 84% of the total commitments. The Nov. 28 reporting period signified a marketing year high for sorghum, with commitments for the week reaching 18 million bushels.

If China continues to increase the amount of sorghum they buy, Lopez said it will reduce their dependency on other coarse grains. He said with China's current policies against unapproved traits, sorghum should benefit due to its non-transgenic qualities.

FDA issues calorie labeling rules on menu and vending machines

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued two final rules requiring calories be listed on certain menus in chain restaurants, other places selling restaurant-type foods, and on certain vending machines, according to an FDA news release.

"Americans eat and drink about one-third of their calories away from home and people today expect clear information about the products they consume," said FDA Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D. "Making calorie information available on chain restaurant menus and vending machines is an important step for public health that will help consumers make informed choices for themselves and their families."

Restaurants or retail food establishments that are a part of a chain of 20 or more locations will be required to display calorie information next to the name or price of the item for standard items on menus and menu boards. Establishments will have one year to comply with the menu labeling requirements.

Under the vending machine final rule, operators who own or operate 20 or more vending machines must disclose calorie information for food sold from the vending machines. Operators will have two years to comply with the requirements.

Oklahoma F. B. delegates set priority issues

Voting delegates at the 73rd Oklahoma Farm Bureau (OKFB) Annual Convention selected two issues as top priorities for the next year. The right-to-farm legislation and working against federal overregulation, such as the EPA's proposed changes to Waters of the U.S., will both be a focus of the organization's policy.

"The issue of right-to-farm is very important to modern-day production agriculture not only in Oklahoma but also across the nation," said Tom Buchanan, OKFB president. "We are working to protect one of the primary economic drivers in the state of Oklahoma so our industry can continue to function as new technologies develop."

The delegate body also addressed agricultural issues such as wind and water, along with private property rights, which is a cornerstone of OKFB policy.

"Protecting the private property rights of farmers and ranchers is continually a top priority for Oklahoma Farm Bureau and its members," said Buchanan.



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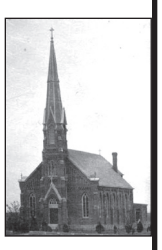
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