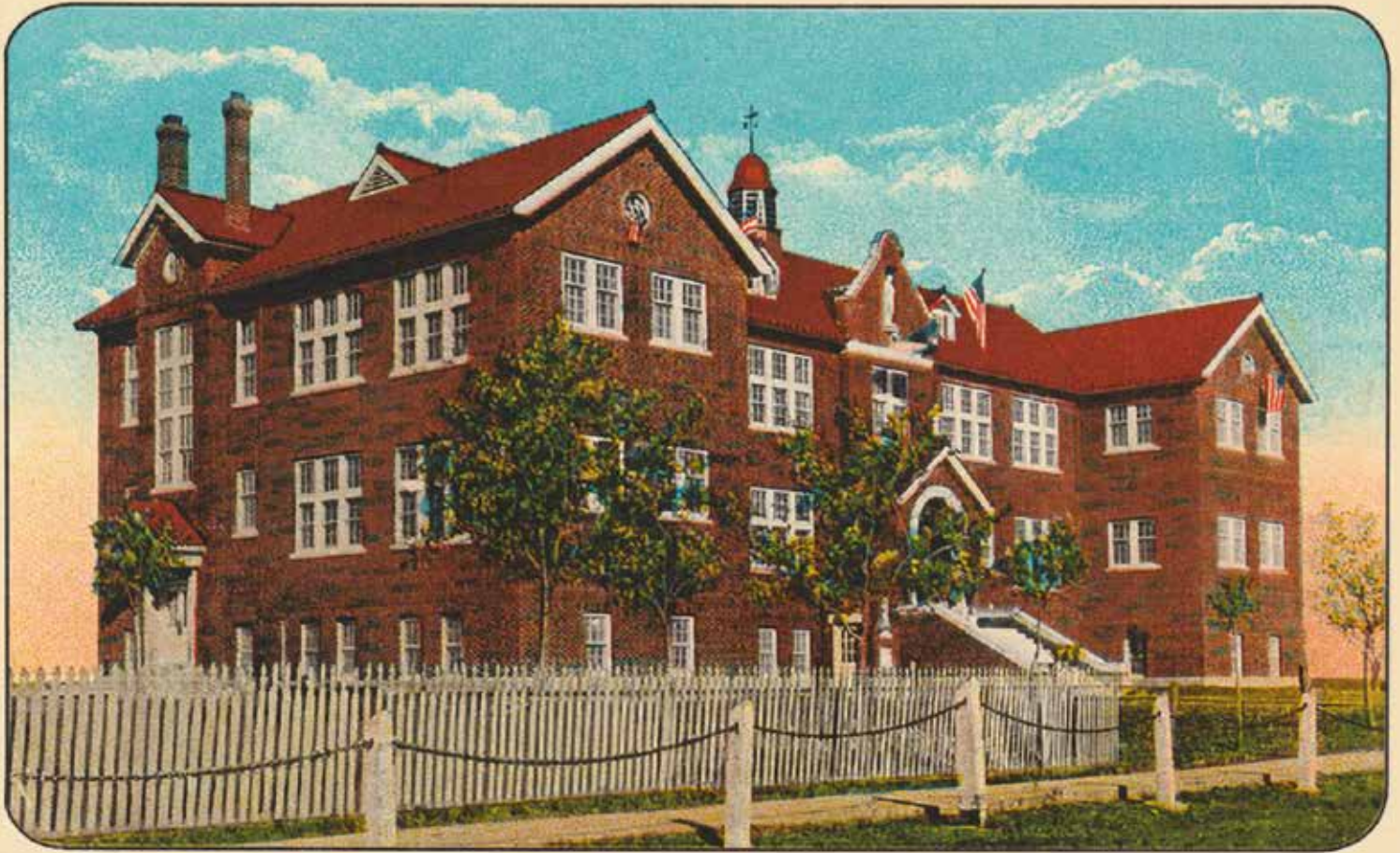


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DEAR ALUMNI OF SACRED HEART,

Dear Alumni, I'd like to give a brief update on the status of our parish's Capital Campaign: Our Time, Our Community, Our Future.

Our next project within the Capital Campaign is to install a modern heating and air-conditioning (HVAC) system in the Sacred Heart grade school. Within the last month, we have selected a contractor to build the system at a cost of \$900,000. Currently, we have about \$700,000 in cash – just \$200,000 short of the funds needed to complete the project. The plan is to begin work the day after school dismisses for the summer and to have the new system installed by August 9.

It is very important that we get the HVAC updates completed this summer, because we can't complete the next phase—the bathroom renovations—without removing the old boiler first. Also, as we have all experienced over the past few years, the longer it takes to complete a project, the more expensive it will become due to inflation and rising construction costs. It is fitting that our Campaign title is "Our Time, Our Community, Our Future", as this is very much our time to help cross the finish line of the HVAC project. This will be the largest project of the entire Campaign, so reaching this goal will give us a massive boost of momentum as we work to finish the remaining projects. What a great way to honor the old school house as she turns 100 years old this December!

To help us reach our goal, I invite you to our Heat & Air Campaign Update Event at the Sacred Heart Community Center on Sunday, April 7th – Divine Mercy Sunday. Doors open at 4pm, and the programming will last from 4:30pm until 6:00pm. Complimentary food and drinks will be provided. Also, in addition to the fundraising portion of the event, we will have our engineers and building committee present the design, functionality, and installation of the new HVAC system. Finally, there will be a live Q&A session about the HVAC project and upcoming Campaign projects. See you there!

To donate to the Capital Campaign, please visit shchurchmuenster.com/capital-campaign. Thank you for your loving care of our parish and school! - *Reverend Joe Keating*



Rev. Joe Keating
Sacred Heart Pastor



Brad Schilling ('97)
SH Alumni President

Spring Break is over and now we are in the last quarter of school. Time just seems to pass by so quickly. As always, we would like to thank our amazing staff here at Sacred Heart for going above and beyond for our school and students. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful faculty, which seems more like a family to us. Congratulations to our graduating seniors. I know the alumni newsletter staff and all the readers can't wait to hear about your endeavors. May God lead you all on the path that leads you to happiness.

The 44th Annual Bike Rally is right around the corner. This event involves many volunteers to make it a success. Most of the volunteers already know the job at hand, however, if you would like to help, give one of the organizers a call and they will set you up. Many positions are open and are needing filled. Thanks for your support.

Crawfish boil was another success! Blackout Betty & 90 Proof put on a great performance for all to enjoy. The Muenster Volunteer Fire Department & the SH Crew of volunteers stepped up with another awesome job with the cooking. Thanks to all the amazing sponsors, MVFD, and all the wonderful volunteers that help put this event on! And a special thanks to all who attended and

supported this the Crawfish boil. We look forward to having you again next year. This annual event just keeps getting better. Be sure to mark February 22nd on your calendar for next year's 12th Annual!

Please continue to pray for the school, teachers, and Fr. Joe
God Bless, Brad Schilling

Sacred Heart Catholic School Community,

This spring of 2024 Sacred Heart Catholic School had the accreditation visit by the Texas Catholic Council of Bishops (TCCB-ED). The final report will be sent in May.

The Accreditation Team in the closing session was very complimentary. One team member spoke very passionately about the Catholic Identity permeating everything done here at Sacred Heart. Another team member spoke to the hard work done by all that she saw exemplified. Yet a third team member spoke to the hospitality received and her amazement at the politeness of the students. Everyone at Sacred Heart rose to the occasion and should be proud.

During this time of accreditation, it was noted, that in a post Covid time, Sacred Heart enrollment has held relatively steady, in fact, we had two bus riders from Denton four years ago and now we have a full bus. Our student scholarships to college post Covid have gone up significantly, showing that colleges are recruiting and wanting Sacred Heart students. Sacred Heart students are shining bright and so are the teachers, along with you, their families, who support them and guide them each day.

Our Catholic Identity is strong, and it is beautiful to have implemented saying prayer as a school over the intercom, these past few years, all together morning, lunch time and dismissal. What a special bond among all this has created.

Have a blessed spring and may Our Heavenly Father touch your hearts in a special way during the end of this Lenten Season as well as the coming Easter Season. - *Principal Nisa Lagle*



Nisa Lagle
SHCS Principal

Built on a Foundation of Faith

This December 8 will mark the 100th Anniversary of a significant moment in the history of our Parish: the laying of the cornerstone of Sacred Heart Catholic School's red brick elementary building in 1924. Just like Sacred Heart Catholic Church, this beloved structure truly stands as a testimony to the faith and generosity of our predecessors. It's hard to think of a better symbol of their love of God, willingness to sacrifice for Him, and desire to educate and pass on their Catholic faith to their children.

A Golden Jubilee History of the Sacred Heart Parish, 1889-1939, Muenster, Texas, authored by Rev. Joseph P. Fuhrmann, O.S.B., Ph.D., gives a wonderful account of how this definitive building came to be. The original frame school building erected in 1890, and its later additions, had become "somewhat dilapidated and not quite up to date" by 1919, according to Father Frowin Koerdt, O.S.B., Sacred Heart's pastor at the time. Knowing something had to be done, and that before anything could be done money must be available, Fr. Frowin started a School Building Fund on May 11 of that year. Fundraising activities began—monthly Sunday special collections, the urging of parishioners to make donations, socials, picnics, and entertainment, and finally, taking up pledges of contributions.

After five years of fundraising, the time to begin construction arrived. Plans for the new school building were drawn up by Ludewig and Dreisoerner of Saint Louis, MS, and the building contract was awarded to A. H. Richter of Fort Worth. Further demonstrating our ancestors' love for

God and willingness to sacrifice for Him, it was agreed at a Parish meeting held on July 13, 1924, that Parish members would do the needed excavating and haul the materials to the building site without pay.

Come July 19, members of the School Building Committee staked the plot, and Fr. Frowin blessed the site. A few days later, actual work began. Then, on December 8, 1924, the 25th anniversary of Muenster's founding, came the laying of the cornerstone. It truly was a day of celebration! The laying was preceded by a Solemn High Mass, an address, a dinner, and a procession. Abbot Ignatius Conrad, O.S.B., and His Excellency, Bishop Joseph P. Lynch, then solemnly blessed the cornerstone, engraved with the monogram of the St. Benedict's medal. Also blessed was a commemorative document to be enclosed within the cornerstone. The document's opening words: "May God be glorified in all things and the Blessed Virgin Mary!"

The building, "*fix und fertig*" (ready to go), was blessed by Bishop Lynch exactly one year later, December 8, 1925.



100 YEARS STRONG 1924-2024

One must look back in history to realize what a marvel this building really was, how advanced it was for its time, especially for a small town like Muenster. An article by Joe M. Leonard appearing in The Gainesville Register on June 27, 1926, and reprinted in A Golden Jubilee History of the Sacred Heart Parish, gives a detailed description of the building:

The accompanying illustration gives only slight indication of the magnificent monument to education that has been erected in the little town of Muenster, 17 miles west of Gainesville. To say that it is one of the finest plants of the kind in any town of equal size in Texas, and that few if any cities of 25,000 population have an institution of greater magnitude, is well within the bounds of reason. The school has been occupied since September, 1925. Whoever visits it, praises those who planned and built it and expresses admiration for the spirit of self-sacrifice and progress displayed in its erection by the people of Muenster. The school cost approximately \$100,000.00, all of which was raised by private contributions of the people in that community.

The materials used were steel, concrete and rugged face brick in four colors. The building is 128x62 feet; contains eight classrooms, each 23x32 feet; an auditorium, a dining room, a kitchen; a library, a teachers' restroom; and spacious halls, besides everything that can contribute to the health and comfort of the pupils and teachers.

An Impressive Building

Entering the building from the west, one is impressed by the

immaculate appearance of the school. Just inside, the floor is of tiling. The walls are tinted a rich cream color. Steam radiators are suspended on the walls, out of way. The steel stair railings are painted black, while a portion of the walls alongside the stairways are a deep maroon.

Most of the classrooms are of uniform size, containing from 40 to 50 steel desks. On the walls are sturdy slate blackboards. Upper portions of the sidewalls and the ceilings are tinted plaster, with panels on the ceilings. Adequate light and ventilation are furnished by numerous windows and doors. Each classroom has its cloak room, also built in bookcases.

On each floor one finds drinking fountains. Toilets and lavatories also are provided on each floor, and numerous rooms have been provided for teaching music and for other uses, later to be turned into classrooms when the need arises. The building is amply supplied with electric lights. The long halls are floored with red tiling, which harmonizes nicely with the surroundings. Irish green tile is used on the sidewalls of the south entrance lobby.

The "inner man" has not been overlooked, provision being made

for him with a kitchen and a large dining room, where meals may be prepared and served when desired.

The auditorium will seat a large crowd. It is equipped with a splendid stage, two dressing rooms, and a motion picture machine. It also affords room for displaying specimens of the work done by the pupils, and recently there was such a display shown there. The auditorium has two entrances from the outside, on either side of a ticket door.

Practically Fireproof

Safeguarding the lives of the occupants of the building, there is an adequate fire escape with swinging doors that cannot be locked. The entire building is practically fireproof. The outside guttering is of copper and practically indestructible. All windows are screened.

Heat is supplied from a big boiler in the basement. The equipment of the entire building is complete and modern to the last degree. Ninety thousand face bricks and 240,000 common bricks were used in the construction.

On top of the building, facing the south, is an imposing statue, made of Italian marble, presented to the school by Edward Fette. Beneath the statue is an inscription, "Sacred Heart School."

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100 YEARS STRONG 1924-2024

Nearly one hundred years later, how blessed we are. This same building still provides students with the outstanding, faith-filled education their ancestors so willingly sacrificed to ensure for future generations. The building's importance in the history of the community of Muenster was officially recognized on December 8, 1995, when it was Designated Historically Significant by the Muenster Texas Historical Commission.



This thoughtfully constructed edifice has stood the test of time, still beautiful and well preserved, inside and out. Through the decades, whenever the need arose, parish family members have donated time, talent, and treasure to help with its upkeep. Performing a labor of love, volunteers painted its classrooms and restrooms, varnished, refinished wood floors, washed windows, deep cleaned, culled and organized its attic, cultivated its flowerbeds, whatever the need.

Today, beholding the interior's immaculate appearance, much praise and many thanks go to its cleaning crew of one, Lorena Hernandez, for the tremendous and professional service she has lovingly performed for more than 20 years. Single-handedly, she keeps the building shining top to bottom, even waxing the tile hallway floors every summer. Says Lorena, "The school is my second home. I take care of it the way I take care of my own home. I feel good making the school nice and clean for everybody."

In addition to its refurbishments, the building has seen major enhancements through the years, among them ceiling fans, AC window units, a new roof, rewiring, additional exterior lighting, new windows and blinds, and new varnished wood entrance doors.

Currently, two still-needed enhancements remain, the completion of which is contingent on the Parish Capital Campaign. First, HVAC installation to provide a more quiet and comfortable learning environment, helping both teachers and students better focus, be the climate hot or cold. Secondly, renovations to the restrooms to make them ADA compliant and allow for increased privacy.

In honor of those generous, faith-filled souls who came before us, may we all help to make sure this grand old building, which has served so many, be it in schooling, religious education classes, or Vacation Bible School, continues to be a monumental tribute to "the little town of Muenster."

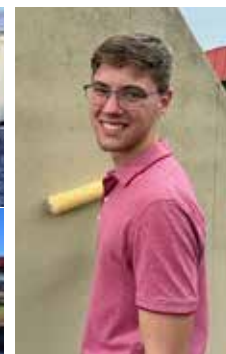


JOE GEHRIG PAINTS MONTESSORI AS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Please join us in recognizing Joe Gehrig for his hard work and selfless service to the Sacred Heart community. Joe is a Senior this year at Sacred Heart and the son of Mike ('94) and Kelly Gehrig. He is on his way to obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. For his Eagle Scout Project, Joe spent a significant portion of his time this summer giving the Sacred Heart Montessori building an upgrade. Joe repainted the walls and trim of the entire interior of the Montessori building. We thank him for a job well done and appreciate his time and efforts!

CLINT BEZNER ENHANCES SCHOOL POTTERY SHED FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Clint Bezner is the son of Dan and Christy ('93) Bezner and a Senior at Sacred Heart. He is working towards his Eagle Scout and decided to take on a project to enhance Sacred Heart. The project consisted of pouring a new concrete slab for the school's pottery shed to sit on in order to keep water from damaging the equipment inside when it rains. Also, adding the addition of a sidewalk from the school to shed, making it possible to enter the shed without walking through mud and water. Thank you, Clint, for your hard work on this project!



BENJAMIN STRABALA ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL SQUADRON BASED IN DENTON, TX

Sacred Heart Catholic School junior, 2nd Lieutenant (CAP), Benjamin Strabala achieved a major milestone when he assumed command of the Civil Air Patrol Squadron -TX413 (Nighthawk) based in Denton, TX.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Program is a dynamic and comprehensive youth development initiative designed to instill leadership, citizenship, and aerospace education skills in young individuals aged 12 to 21. Cadets engage in a structured curriculum that covers a wide range of subjects, including aerospace science, leadership theory, and physical fitness. The program places a strong emphasis on hands-on learning experiences, encouraging cadets to participate in real-world activities such as search and rescue missions, disaster relief operations, and aviation-related activities. Through mentorship, character development, and exposure to aviation and military principles,



Lt. Colonel Jared Cryer passes unit flag to 2nd Lieutenant Benjamin Strabala

the CAP Cadet Program empowers young participants to become responsible citizens and future leaders.

The Nighthawk Composite Squadron is one of the largest and most accomplished units in the Texas Wing, with approximately 69 cadets and 41 senior members. Of 1600 squadrons in the nationwide,

Nighthawk Squadron is only one of five squadrons nationwide (the only one in Texas) to be recognized with the Quality Cadet Unit Award every year since its inception in 2010. Nighthawk Squadron members have attended or provided leadership for encampments, schools (e.g. ground school, survival, glider, powered flight, etc.), and ceremonies in Texas and surrounding states. Nighthawk cadets have flown in the Boeing CH-47 Chinook and the Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, the squadron's own CAP Cessna 172, and simulators courtesy of Southwest Airlines.

Nighthawk Squadron meets every Monday evening from 6:30-8:30 PM at 4633 Spartan Drive, Denton, TX 78207. This is at a hangar at the Denton Airport. If you are interested in learning more go to dentoncap.org or call 2nd Lt. (CAP) Benjamin Strabala at 720-470-3619.



New Student Altar Servers: This December, fourth graders Joseph Dill, Robert Rickman, JJ Elliott, Leo Hartman and eighth grader Barrett Walterscheid successfully completed Altar Server training and began serving at Mass.



4th Grade Field Trip to Bloomfield: As part of their Farmer Boy novel study, the fourth grade class went on a field trip to the Bloomfield one room schoolhouse to experience what school was like in the late 1800's.



John Kintz receives 10 Year Service Pin: During the Diocesan Inservice in October, Bishop Olson presented English teacher John Kintz with a 10 year service pin, recognizing his hard work and dedication to Sacred Heart School.



Knights of Columbus Donation: Consisting of many SH Alumni members, the Knights of Columbus Council 1459 continue to support the ministry of Catholic education in our community. This fall, members of Council 1459 made an appearance at halftime of the Tigers game to present a \$50,000 check to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School. That check represented a \$30,000 donation to the Parish Capital Campaign and a \$20,000 donation to the school. Presenting the check to school principal Nisa Lagle is Grand Knight John D. Bartush ('97) along with other members of the Council.



John Kintz - VFW Teacher of the Year Award: Mark Peniston from VFW Post 6205 and Catherine Bartush-Otto ('77) from the Post Auxillary awarded John Kintz their Teacher of the Year award. Kintz also won the Texas District 1-level VFW award and is in the running for the state award.



Isabella Walterscheid - DAR Good Citizen Award: Senior Isabella Walterscheid was selected as the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen of the Rebecca Crockett Chapter! She received this award for demonstrating the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.



Hats off to our Sacred Heart Tigers for another successful football season! They fought hard all the way to Regionals, took 3rd in District and ended the season with a 7-4 record.

FOOTBALL ALL DISTRICT & ALL STATE: **Kameron Knabe** - All District Honorable Mention Defensive Back; **Geo Cadena** - All District 1st Team Kicker, All District Honorable Mention Punter, All State Honorable Mention Kicker; **Sawyer Huchton** - All District 2nd Team Running Back, All District 2nd Team Defensive Lineman; **Gage Campbell** - All District Honorable Mention Offensive Tight End; **Gus Ganzon** - All District 1st Team Running Back, All District 1st Team Defensive Back, All State 2nd Team Running Back, All State 2nd Team Defensive Back; **Luke Felderhoff** - All District Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman; **John Dill** - All District Honorable Mention Offensive Lineman, All District Honorable Mention Defensive Linebacker; **Shooter Hess** - All District 2nd Team Defensive Linebacker; **Matthew Spaeth** - All District 2nd Team Offensive Lineman; **Joe Gehrig** - All District 1st Team Offensive Lineman, All District 1st Team Defensive Lineman, All State 1st Team Offensive Lineman, All State Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman; **Isaac Salinas** - All District 2nd Team Offensive Linebacker



Sacred Heart Hoops! The Tigers and Tigerettes have been working hard and are off to a good basketball season so far this year!



Sacred Heart Robotics competed at Marcus High School Roboplex for round two qualifiers in the FIRST Texas League this December. The CyberTigers rocked it and are excited for their next competition at TAPPS this April.



Congratulations to junior Katie Becker on being awarded SHCS Drill Team Line Member of the Year!



Our Tigerettes had a great volleyball season this fall! The team finished fourth in district with an overall record of 10-16-1. Senior Isabella Walterscheid and sophomore Bella Walterscheid were named 2nd Team All-District. Seniors Sophie Huchton and Celeste Villa were named All-District Honorable Mention.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHILI COOKOFF



Congrats to Mrs. Wolf and her 5th graders for their champion chili at the Capital Campaign Parish Block Party this fall! On top of winning the Overall Best Chili award, they also won Best Presentation for their chili booth theme and decor.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Our SHCS students performed a beautiful Christmas Program in Church this December.



COOKE COUNTY DAIRY JUDGERS



Cooke County Dairy Judges make Nationals: Anna Marie Becker ('23) along with SHCS sophomores Emma Clark and Heidi Becker were part of the Cooke County Dairy Judges team that took first at state this fall. They went on to compete at the World Dairy Expo in October, becoming the first Cooke County team to compete at nationals since 2006.

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW ART CONTEST WINNERS



Three SHCS students received awards in this year's Fort Worth Stock Show Art Contest. First grader Ryder Wilson took 7th place in the 5-6 year old Division, winning \$100 and a rosette. Senior Clint Bezner took 3rd place in the High School 3D Division, winning a \$4000 scholarship and rosette. Sophomore Heidi Becker took 7th Place, winning a \$500 scholarship and rosette. This year, there were more entries than ever before with 2041 total and 38 of those from SHCS students.



Heidi Becker Grand Champion in CC Junior Livestock Show: Sophomore Heidi Becker earned Grand Champion in the Art Division of the Cooke County Junior Livestock Show in January. She spent over a month producing her piece, which was selected among over sixty other entries. Heidi has been chosen as the Grand Champion for three straight years.

ALUMNI HO HALF MAKES T

On October 13th, eight decades of alumna returned to Sacred Heart Tiger Stadium for the Homecoming game to perform a halftime show.

In preparation for the event, alumna from the 1950s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s, 2010s, 2020s, and current dance team members were given instructional videos of choreography set to a medley of iconic songs from each era. For six weeks, the groups practiced at Sacred Heart School's gym.

Each era performed their own routines to songs ranging from "Wooly Bully," "Rock around the Clock," Elvis' "Hound Dog," "Shake Rattle and Roll," "Jail House Rock," "At the Hop," "Freak Out," "Shake Your Groove Thing," "Greased Lightning," "Billie Jean," "Eye of the Tiger," "Gonna Make You Sweat" (Everybody Dance Now), "Ice, Ice Baby," "Fireball," and N'SYNC "Pop." But the grand finale was when all 120 women took the field at one time, spanning from goal line to goal line, and danced to "We are Family" which included a high kick routine.

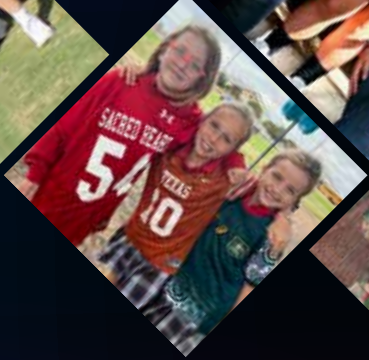
The crowd roared as the history of Sacred Heart and its future came to life on the field. Even the opposing team's fans gave a standing ovation. After the event, the women commented on their experiences. Some of their comments were, "The best night of my life!" "It was a lot of fun!" "So good to see people that I don't get to see often." "It was a great way to reconnect." "This does a heart good." One of the onlookers commented on the show saying, "You guys did it in a big way!! This was the best halftime show EVER!!" The special event even made local television news as NBC-5 highlighted the halftime performance on their morning show.

Leslie Hess Eddleman, a 1986 alumna organized the event and stated, "I hope to do this every year. Every single alumna is invited to participate. This is what homecoming is about: celebrating our past, bringing our alumni home and making them feel special. After all, without our alumni, we are nothing. Our legacy, our hope for the future lies within our members— past, present and future alumni."



MEET THE NEWS! IT'S TIME TO COME COMING





RED RIVER PROMISE

The Red River Promise is a last dollar scholarship that covers tuition and general use fees for up to 8 semesters.

Red River Promise aims to provide accessible and affordable pathways to college for all students. In partnership with the community, high school seniors will have opportunities for guaranteed tuition and a success coach to support them as they earn their certificate or degree.

The Red River Promise, in partnership with our communities, will build a stronger college-going culture, produce students ready to achieve their educational goals and provide well-educated and trained graduates to strengthen our local and state-wide workforce.

The Promise is available to all graduates in 14 participating high schools across 3 counties—Cooke, Montague, and Graham. All eligible graduates, regardless of GPA or family income, have the opportunity to earn a last-dollar scholarship that will cover any gap between what a student’s state and federal financial aid cover and the cost of tuition at a Promise Partner college.

Red River Promise program is funded by a grant from the Greater Texas Foundation, with additional support from the Rural Community College Alliance, the National College Promise Campaign, and Phi Theta Kappa.



2023-24 VAL & SAL

Congratulations to our 2023-24 Salutatorian Joe Gehrig and Valedictorian Clint Bezner.





What do you do when you can't find a product or tool in your local grocery or hardware store? You might drive a short distance to find another vendor with a wider selection. You might even plan a longer trip on the weekend to reach a remote supplier when the item is specialized. From Sears and Roebuck to Amazon, distant providers have even allowed us to purchase our necessary items based on a line drawing and a paragraph of description in a catalog mailed to our door (or emailed to our inboxes). So when the families and administrators of Sacred Heart Catholic School experienced a shortage of teachers to teach specialized coursework, they similarly reached out beyond their local area to find what they needed.

Kolbe Academy is one of several faithful Catholic schools specializing in distance learning in 2024. Courses can be delivered live via an Internet connection, like visiting with a distant family member over FaceTime or Zoom. The teacher delivers a lecture and engages several students in dialogue and learning like an in-person class, but across a video screen. Self-paced learning is delivered via a prepared video and/or audio of the instructor and visual aids to reinforce the textbook reading. It is not delivered real-time so there is no instant interaction with the teacher but it can be viewed at any time, allowing the accommodation of pre-existing obligations, like another school schedule. The final option is independent study, wherein the student reviews material independent of an instructor and submits to ongoing tests to demonstrate their developing understanding.

Sacred Heart has launched a pilot with Kolbe Academy to explore the possibilities and impact of offering honors and other specialized coursework at a distance. Similar to attending a community college, the materials, instruction, and grading are all handled by Kolbe Academy. But unlike the community college, the courses target the high school learner and deliver the Catholic worldview we're seeking to instill by providing our children a Catholic education.

A generous benefactor has fully funded 10 students to take advantage of one class each in this pilot to include a classroom set of foreign language textbooks that will remain with the school after the pilot completes this

summer. Families are welcome to enroll in additional classes beyond the pilot at their own expense. Use of the self-paced learning model allows Sacred Heart to easily accommodate the new courses into their existing schedule while contracting with Kolbe teachers to consult with and grade students, lifting the burden of additional preparations from an already fully-engaged Sacred Heart staff.

The Spring pilot offers Honors Theology at the 10th and 11th grade levels as well as Spanish and Latin languages. A full K-12 course catalog is available through

Kolbe. Partnerships with authentically Catholic universities are established for dual (college credit), focusing on Theology and other topics, delivered from a decidedly Catholic worldview. Sacred Heart families eagerly embraced the pilot with twenty, first-time applications for the scholarship funds and several students seeking to enroll in more than one course.

As a pilot, only time will tell the impact but short term, it's clear that families and students alike are empowered by the opportunity for

exploring expanded learning options. In the twenty-first century nothing seems more certain than the need for our Catholic faith. Encouraging our young people to challenge themselves with learning prepares them for the ever-changing world with which they are faced. Ensuring that learning is based on the solid Rock of Jesus, is what learning at Sacred Heart Catholic School has always been about.



SHCS PROUDLY WELCOMES NEW STAFF



Montessori

KAYLA FELDERHOFF

ABOUT KAYLA FELDERHOFF: Hey! I'm Kayla. I obtained a degree in Family and Child Development from Texas State University and I'm a mom of two; James is 6 and Jaelyn is 2. I grew up in Lindsay but spent the last 10 years moving where the military told me to. That included Florida, Corpus Christi, North Carolina, California, and back to Texas. It's been good to be back "Home".

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SACRED HEART? Go Tigers! My goal is to uphold Sacred Heart Catholic School's Mission Statement as well as my personal mission statement to help form the whole child to be the best they can be whether that be emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually.

I chose to teach at the Sacred Heart Montessori program because I believe that "What the hand does, the mind remembers." I have very fond memories of my early childhood days and I loved being able to learn and explore through experiences. I hope to do the same for the children entrusted to me. By being in the classroom, my goal is to be able to provide optimal learning opportunities for our students.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR POSITION? "Early childhood education is the key to the betterment of society." What we do as educators matters. It matters to the individual, it matters to the family, it matters to the community, and it matters to our society. If we want to change the world, we can start with our children. I love that and I love the students.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES OR PASTIMES? Where to start? I like anything outdoors: hiking, camping, fishing, boating, kayaking, gardening, snowboarding, backpacking, and playing softball. I love crafting, making pottery, reviving abandoned furniture, and decorating. I love traveling, photography, videography, taking way too many photos, and Instagram. I love baking, anything chocolate, and iced coffee. I also like trying new recipes, good food, appetizers, charcuterie, and naps.

WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCORPORATE INTO YOUR POSITION THIS YEAR? After accepting the teaching position, I toured and observed a neighboring Montessori program. The program inspired me as it was exceptional, peaceful, and well organized. I plan on implementing positive language into the classroom and building relationships with the children that fosters learning to enrich the classroom environment and experience. I plan on implementing new classroom management techniques to make that observation experience a reality for my students.



KAYLA FELDERHOFF



SACRED HEART WISHLIST! Sacred Heart has been blessed by so many benefactors with a generous spirit who have given time, talent and treasure to the school. Many inquire as to our needs as we continue to refine and grow together as family in Christ. Below is a link to view teacher wishlists for those interested in giving to SHCS.

♥ www.shmuenster.com/teacherwishlists ♥

SHCS PROUDLY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

3rd Grade Teacher

ANNDRA MANN



ANNDRA MANN

ABOUT ANNDRA MANN: I grew up in “the big city” of Euless and attended L.D. Bell High School where I was very active in lots of organizations and played varsity fast-pitched softball. Wanting to stay close to home I accepted a softball scholarship to play at Collin County Community College. I stayed there a year before moving on to Texas A&M-Commerce and played on the school’s golf team while working on both a B.S. and M.S. in Health and Kinesiology.

I met my husband while managing the Texins Activity Center, a fitness center for Texas Health Instruments in Dallas and Sherman. We married in 2003 and are now blessed with six children ranging in ages from a senior in high school down to kindergarten. They are involved in multiple sports, piano, and band so we are always busy trying to keep up with everyone’s schedule.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SACRED HEART? I homeschooled my children for many years and assisted in organizing a classical homeschool co-op with some amazing women from the St. Elizabeth Catholic community in Keller. When I found out Sacred Heart had moved to a classical model approach I was really eager to be part of the program.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT TEACHING? I love laughing and the funny parts about teaching. I love the joy that children have and the excitement they transfer from one to another and the hilarious things they think (on paper) and say. I also love when I see a child who struggled with a concept gain so much self-esteem after they finally “get it”. I want to help each child succeed and grow in virtue and excellence.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES OR PASTIMES?: My current hobbies are spending as much time as I can with my family ;) I also enjoy golf and camping. I also coached my daughters pixie level softball teams the last three years.

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCORPORATE INTO YOUR CLASSROOM THIS YEAR?: For this year, I would like to incorporate a model for encouragement and an attitude of “I Can, I Ought, I Will!”.



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SHCS PROUDLY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

4th Grade Teacher



LAURA TAYLOR SCHEID

ABOUT LAURA TAYLOR SCHEID: My name is Laura Taylor Scheid. I am married to my loving husband, Geoffrey Scheid. I am a graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic School class of 2004. I began my teaching career in 2013 as a TA for Kindergarten. Since becoming certified in 2014, I have taught in Ft. Worth ISD, Everman ISD, and Arlington ISD. The previous grade levels I have taught are Pre-K through 1st grade. In my time as a teacher, I have been both a team lead as well as a coach for new incoming teachers to the profession. I am very excited to be in a challenging new grade level for my Alma Mater!

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SACRED HEART? I grew up attending Sacred Heart Catholic School from Kindergarten all the way through 12th grade. My husband and I also recently decided to move from Arlington to Muenster. I have loved teaching so much and it is an exciting change to be able to come back to where I grew up to teach!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR POSITION? I absolutely love that my new 4th grade position challenges me to teach things I have not taught before! The kids are absolutely amazing and I feel like I am learning so much from them as I teach them.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES OR PASTIMES? I love spending time with my loving husband as well as my family and friends. I also love to read and listen to various kinds of music.

WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCORPORATE INTO YOUR POSITION THIS YEAR? Something I have been incorporating into this new position is creativity in the classroom! I have always loved learning through art and I am making opportunities for that to continue in 4th grade!



LAURA TAYLOR SCHEID ('04)



A NEW BEGINNING:

The Sicking Family's Transition to Muenster



For the past 16 years, the Sicking family has woven the fabric of their lives in the vibrant tapestry of Argyle, Texas. Jennifer ('97) and Cody Sicking, accompanied by their four boys – Jacob (20), Seth (16), Ben (15), and Eli (12) – have been active members of St. Mark's Catholic Church, grounding their family in shared values of faith, service, and a sense of belonging.

However, change beckoned last year, urging the Sicking family to seek a community that resonated more closely with their core principles. The rapid growth of the DFW Metroplex prompted them to explore an alternative, leading them to Muenster. Muenster emerged as an inviting destination for a family seeking solace, community, and a shared commitment to values.

Central to their decision was the prospect of enrolling their children in Sacred Heart. The move was not just a geographical shift but a deliberate choice to provide their children with an environment that nurtures growth, instills a sense of service and encourages the weaving of faith in all that one does.

Cody is a software engineer at Lockheed Martin. Jennifer is a partner at KHA Accountants, PLLC – a public accounting firm specializing in business advisory, tax, and assurance work. Jacob is a junior at the University of North Texas, pursuing a business degree. Seth is a sophomore at Sacred Heart and enjoys robotics and video games. Ben is a freshman at Sacred Heart and is enjoying all the sports offerings and is a member of Student Council. Eli is a 6th grader, enjoying the participation in junior high sports and meeting new friends.

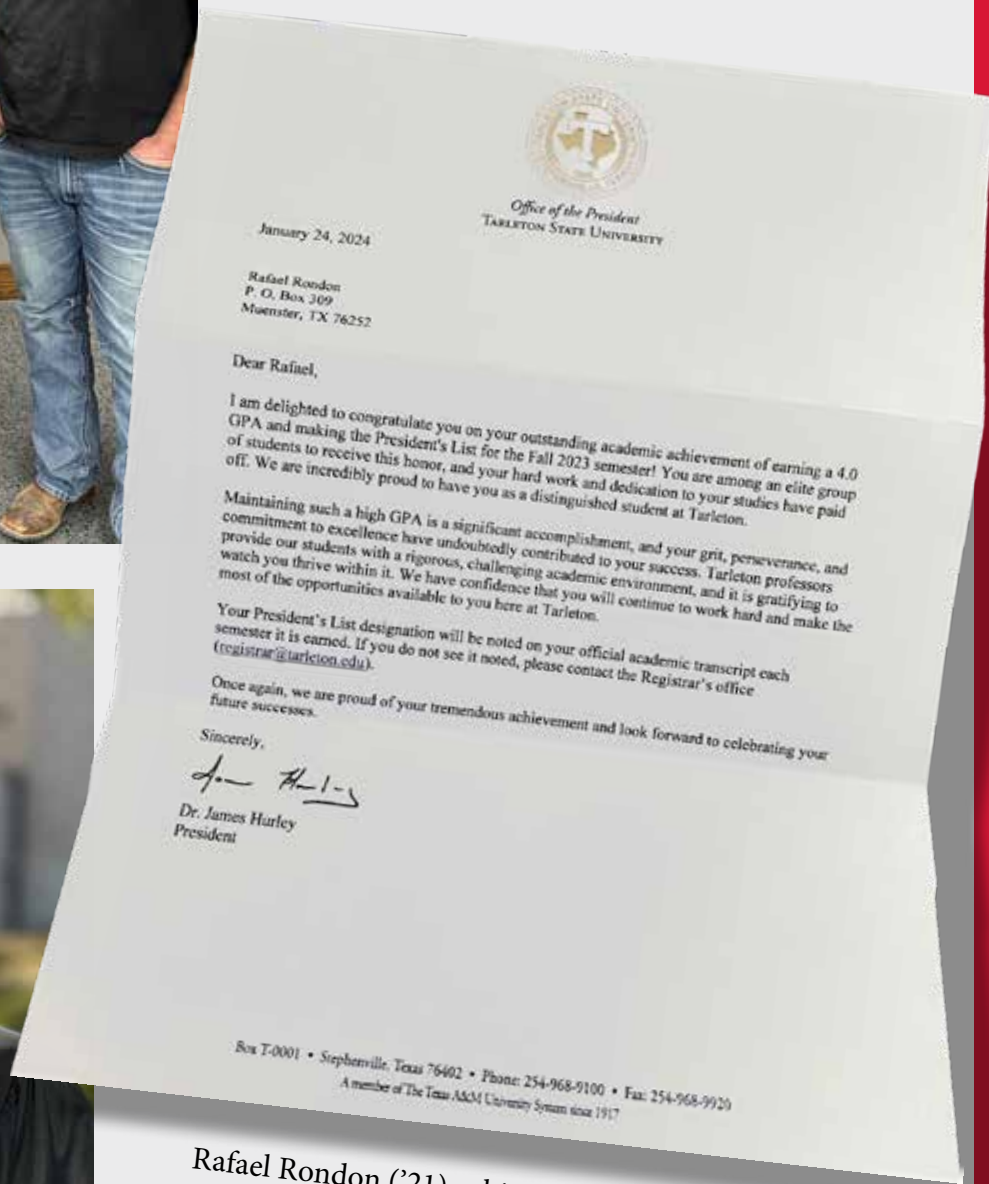
As they embrace this new chapter, the Sicking family wants to thank those who have welcomed them home with open arms. They are glad to be back and eager to put their time and talents to work when called to do so.

UPDATES ON ALUMNI

Micheal Fleitman ('16) was awarded the prestigious honor of MVFD Fireman of the Year. Congratulations Micheal!



Ian Joseph Kintz ('19) joined DLP at Texas Instruments as a Digital Design Engineer on January 22, having graduated from UTD with a degree in Computer Engineering. He is excited to be contributing to the semiconductor industry.



Rafael Rondon ('21) achieves President's List at Tarleton.

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Every year Sacred Heart Catholic School participates in the Muenster community wide garage sale. This is usually held the 2nd Saturday of September, however, because of numerous conflicting community events, the 2023 garage sale was pushed to the following weekend.

Setup started the Sunday before, which gave volunteers an “extra” day to put up fencing, assemble shelves and racks, and sort/price/put out all the donated items. A bonus that volunteers look forward to is the support that is received from the high school students. It is a great opportunity for the youth to witness volunteer spirit in action, to learn more about reusing, and help with some of the manual labor that occurs the entire week. Our youth come in like a rush of fresh air, willing to help where needed.

The official sale began Friday morning at 7:00am and continued until Saturday afternoon. So many items were donated and sold. Especially high demand items were the delicious baked and canned goods. These are not your normal garage sale items but are a highlight that are treasured. Cakes, pies, jams, salsa, cinnamon rolls, bread, fresh okra, cookies; it's hard to leave empty handed.

By late Saturday, remaining items were boxed and loaded into trailers for donation to another charitable organization. The shelving and racks were disassembled and stored in containers for our next event. If you haven't participated in the past, please consider volunteering for this event. Volunteers and community support is what makes this event a success every year. **We are scheduled for September 6th and 7th, with set up starting Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day).**

EXES GAME:

Alumni of all ages laced up their basketball shoes and gave it their all in the Annual Exes Game! Afterwards they found a seat (and maybe an icepack) at the Christmas Social held at the KC Hall. Start training now and join in the fun this December!



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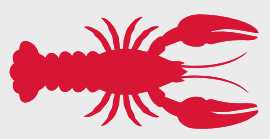


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SACRED HEART ALUMNI CRAWFISH *Boil*

The 11th Annual Crawfish Boil was held on February 24th at Heritage Hall in Muenster. There was initially worry that crawfish would be unavailable due to the tough growing season, but in the end there was plenty for all those in attendance! Between a silent auction, two live bands, a poker chip raffle, corn hole tournament and the delicious food, there was something for everyone. This has become a wonderful event and a successful fundraiser. We hope to see you all there **February 22nd, 2025!**



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It was a blast from the past as Vegas Night was brought back for a night of fun and socializing. This was a new event for the committee who took it on, but with the support of the community it was a great success!



Please save the date for this year's Vegas Night which will be the day after Homecoming. It will be even bigger and better!
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LEGACY CLUB STATS FROM FALL 2023

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1ST PLACE

- SH Class of 1974
- SH Class of 1980

2ND PLACE

(1 person behind 1st Place)

- SH Class of 1972
- SH Class of 1982
- SH Class of 1997

3RD PLACE

(1 Classmate behind 2nd Place)

- SH Class of 1968
- SH Class of 1981
- SH Class of 1983
- SH Class of 1992

4TH PLACE

(1 Classmate behind 3rd)

- SH Class of 1966
- SH Class of 1973
- SH Class of 1975
- SH Class of 1986
- SH Class of 1999
- SH Class of 2002
- SH Class of 2004
- SH Class of 2005
- SH Class of 2008
- SH Class of 2011

5TH PLACE

(1 Classmate behind 4th)

- SH Class of 1943
- SH Class of 1961
- SH Class of 1976
- SH Class of 1977
- SH Class of 1978
- SH Class of 1979
- SH Class of 1991
- SH Class of 1994
- SH Class of 1998
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- SH Class of 2015
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1ST PLACE

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- SH Class of 2004

3RD PLACE

- SH Class of 1974

4TH PLACE

- SH Class of 1972



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LEGACY CLUB PIZZA

The Legacy Club members gathered at the Fleitman barn on January 21st, for brick oven pizza, football, and a great time. This is one of the annual events planned for the club members. It was a highly attended event in spite of the cold weather. Nothing can keep this wonderful group of people from showing their support!



TRUST FUND DINNER

On the December 9, 2023, the Sacred Heart Community Center resonated with warmth and camaraderie as guests, friends, and supporters of Sacred Heart Catholic School gathered for a truly special occasion—the 2023 Sacred Heart Catholic School Trust Fund Dinner. This event served not only as a testament to the strong bonds within our community but also as a platform to delve into the exciting initiatives that are shaping the future of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

One such initiative took center stage during the evening—the school's earnest efforts to once again be designated in the Cardinal Newman Society School Guide. For those unfamiliar, the Cardinal Newman Society is a distinguished organization committed to promoting and defending faithful Catholic education. The Society's School Guide, a prestigious recognition, is bestowed upon schools that exemplify a steadfast commitment to Catholic identity, academic excellence, and spiritual formation.

To learn more about the Cardinal Newman Society and its School Guide, visit [Cardinal Newman Society](https://www.cardinalnewmansociety.org/).

The highlight of the evening was the keynote address delivered by Dr. Denise Donohue, Vice President for Educator Resources at the Cardinal Newman Society. Dr. Donohue, a familiar face to Sacred Heart Catholic School, shared a personal connection as she reminisced about sending her son, Matthew (Class of 2003), to school here. Her address centered around the vital role that the Cardinal Newman Society plays in championing faithful Catholic education.

Dr. Donohue emphasized the critical importance of ensuring the seamless integration of Catholic identity into every aspect of a school's mission, vision, curriculum, and policies, highlighting the impact that a steadfast Catholic identity can have on shaping the educational experience for our students.

Under the direction of Principal Nisa Lagle, Sacred Heart Catholic School is actively engaged in our self-assessment and the moving on documentable integration of Catholic identity into its curriculum. This commitment is a pivotal step towards earning designation as a Cardinal Newman Guide school—a recognition that would truly set Sacred Heart apart as a example of authentic Catholic education in North Texas.

As we move forward, let us carry the inspiration from Dr. Denise Donohue's address into our collective efforts to further strengthen Sacred Heart Catholic School. Together, we can continue to nurture an environment where faith, knowledge, and community thrive.

In closing, we express our sincere gratitude to all who attended the Sacred Heart Catholic School Trust Fund Dinner and those who worked so hard to make it happen. Your presence and support are instrumental in shaping the promising future that lies ahead for Sacred Heart Catholic School.



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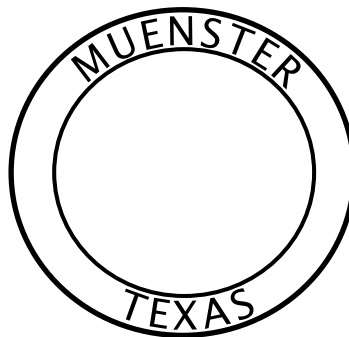
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