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DIGNITARIES and members of the 1991 Board of Directors of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce were honored at the annual banquet held on Saturday, Jan. 26. Shown, l to r, are David Flusche Sr., Louise Fisher, Phil Slater, Henry Weinzapfel, Lora Hennigan, Pat Dennis, Jacob A. Pagel, Jack Murdock, and Charles Bayer. Dennis, Bayer and Beth Trubenbach (not shown) were retiring directors. Pagel was elected new president, Flusche vice-president, Slater secretary, and Murdock treasurer.

Dave Fette Photo

Carriker opens Gainesville office

by Elaine Schad

Area residents now have local access to one of their state representatives in Austin with the opening of an office in Gainesville by District 30 State Senator Steve Carriker on West California Street just across from the post office.

Carriker (D-Roby), whose district includes Cooke and northern Denton counties, is serving his first term in the House of Representatives.

Elaine Aldridge, Carriker's aide in Gainesville, is returning to her home and has experience in serving legislative needs of constituents. She was a former aide to Dist. 67 Representative Gerald Geistweidt for five years and to Sen. Dist. 1 Representative Bill Ratliff for two years.

"The Senator felt he needed more of a presence up here," said Ms. Aldridge of the office opening in Gainesville. "We're here to see what the needs are for the constituents so that bills can be drafted."

Senator Carriker has been named to several key committees for the current session of the Texas Legislature.

With the early focus of the Legislature on ethics reform, Lt. Governor Bob Bullock has assigned Carriker to chair the Senate Subcommittee on Elections and Ethics. Bullock has already referred a proposed ethics reform bill, co-authored by Sen. Carriker, directly to Carriker's subcommittee.

In addition, Carriker has been named to the chairmanship of the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture. As the only member

of the Senate who makes his living from farming, Carriker said he will use his experience to help protect farmers and ranchers from "burdensome regulations and meddlesome state agriculture inspectors." He also would like to assist in furthering the economic development potential for value-added processing of Texas' basic crops.

Carriker will serve on the full committee on Natural Resources, handling water, energy and environmental issues. He has been named to the Committee on Economic Development and to its Subcommittee on Insurance, which is expected to deal with representing consumer interests and additional accountability of the in-

urance industry and the State Board of Insurance as was stated in Governor Ann Richard's election platform.

Finally, Senator Carriker has been named to the Special Subcommittee on Legislative Districts and will continue his position on the Sunset Commission.

Aldridge said Senator Carriker is available for speaking engagements and to meet with his constituents. Carriker, whose hometown is Roby, represents some 30 Texas counties stretching from the Sherman-Denison area to the Texas Panhandle.

Carriker's Gainesville office number is 665-8531. He can also be contacted through his Austin office at (512) 463-0130.

Lindsay ISD discusses classroom addition

by Elaine Schad

The Lindsay school board began some preliminary discussions about adding on to their present middle school building this week during their regular January meeting.

Trustees met with Dale Rabe, a Dallas architect, who outlined a proposed addition of six classrooms to the building. The board will study the plans before the regular February meeting.

Lindsay, which completed a new middle school building about two years ago, has shown a fairly dramatic enrollment growth over the years. This year's enrollment

districtwide is 450 students, an increase from 385 students last year.

In other business, the board heard that the present football field will be used for at least the next two years. There has been discussion for several years about moving the field due to a proposed expansion of the cemetery to the west.

Trustees also:

-Approved the purchase of a 72-passenger bus for about \$35,000.

-Voted to extend the contract of Superintendent Gilbert Hermes by one more year.

Courthouse receives restoration

by Elaine Schad

Cooke County's most prominent landmark is getting a facelift, with residents and visitors edging their eyes upward to view a shimmering new copper dome as workers complete the first two phases of refurbishing the exterior of the historic Cooke County Courthouse.

The new copper will eventually tarnish, but that's okay, said Precinct 2 County Commissioner Kenneth Alexander who has been supervising the work since it started last fall. "Everyone seems to be pleased with the new shiny copper, but it will tarnish," said Alexander. "The original copper tarnished. This courthouse is going to be more original than it was by the time we're finished, plus it'll be watertight."

The courthouse received a Texas Historical Marker last year and is waiting for designation on the National Registry of Historic Places, officials said. It is the county's fourth courthouse since the county seat was established in Gainesville in the late 1940s.

With the help of local historical groups and with the guidance of state historical officials, county commissioners decided last summer that it was time to implement a long-range repair and maintenance plan so that the courthouse would not deteriorate. The prominent structure, built in 1909, has experienced some leaks and some seepage between bricks, something that could spell doom for any building if allowed to continue.

The county hired architect Karl Komatsu of Fort Worth, whose firm specializes in restoration of historic structures, to develop short-term and long-term restoration plans that would take care of the courthouse exterior through the year 2025.

So far, crews have stripped the old copper and all the decking from the dome, replacing it with new decking. The new copper being placed at the top is of the 16-ounce variety. Workers have completed replacement of the one-foot square copper pieces, but still must complete the soldering of the joints, which should take until the end of January.

Residents will do a doubletake later this spring when they see the four new eight-foot long by six-foot wide windows that will be installed just below the copper, with one window facing each direction of north, south, east and west. "The old courthouse had those windows, so we're going back to the way it was originally, but we'll have more modern-type windows," said Alexander.

Workers still need to install a complete new roof. The county has been able to save some money on the project and expects to come in below the contract price because of a decision to leave the old roofing instead of stripping it off. "The architects decided it would work just as well to fasten down the old roof and put the new roof over it, and we would not have the problem of hauling the

old roofing off," said Alexander.

Leaded glass will be placed at the top of the dome, and then the scaffolding will come down. A few chunks of the old copper have been kept for the local museum, but the rest was sold for salvage at a price of \$1,170, said Alexander.

The first two phases have gone well, except for the consistently cold weather, said Alexander. "You can probably imagine that it gets pretty cold when you're working that high up," he said.

Lindsay ISD excels at TAAS

by Elaine Schad

Lindsay students far exceeded the statewide averages in their mastery of the new Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test (TAAS), according to results released by the school district.

This is the first year students in Texas school districts have taken the TAAS test, which has replaced the TEAMS test. The new test hopes to measure student perfor-

Chamber welcomes new officers and directors

"I'm not going to talk to you about conducting festivals. Talking to Muenster about conducting festivals is like talking to God about conducting miracles." This comment accented the lighthearted and encouraging remarks by Tom Johnson, economic developer with the Texoma Council of Governments. He was the guest speaker at the Muenster Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet.

Johnson spoke about catering to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, calling it the major market for Red River Valley tourism. He said that proper development and use of brochures was a great tool of economic development through tourism. Johnson urged everyone who deals with the public to make area brochures available to their customers.

Outgoing Chamber President Charles Bayer presented several special awards. He presented plaques to Urban Endres and Carl Smith in appreciation for their many hours of help and dedicated support during last year's Valenite project. Bayer praised Endres and Smith for always being available with their experience, energy and support in their completely volunteer work to attract industry to Muenster.

Bayer presented bouquets to Margie Starke, Chamber secretary, and Daryl Ferber, special projects

assistant, saying that the Chamber could not operate without them.

The new officers, board of directors and retiring directors were recognized in a unique way when Bayer introduced each one and gave them a personalized Old West "wanted poster." The posters were part of the decor for the evening developed by Cathie and Francis Fuhrmann of The Farmer's Kitchen. They followed the theme "Where German Customs and Texas Hospitality Meet." Hospitality was gracious and the menu, sumptuous. The Fuhrmans deserved the many accolades, along with Roger Endres who strummed and sang songs and ballads during the reception hour.

Receiving thanks for their service were retiring directors Pat Dennis, Beth Trubenbach and Charles Bayer. The 1991 Board of Directors includes David Flusche Sr., Lora Hennigan, Jacob A. Pagel, Phil Slater, Jack Murdock, Henry Weinzapfel and Louise Fisher.

Bayer welcomed Jacob Pagel to the Presidency of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce. Then, Pagel presented the traditional gavel plaque to Bayer with thanks for his service as the previous president. Other 1991 officers are David Flusche Sr., vice-president; Phil Slater, secretary; and Jack Murdock, treasurer.



TOM JOHNSON

The evening's program included a special prayer for soldiers and for peace in the Mid-East by First Baptist Church pastor, Chuck Frazier.

Former mayor and honorary King of Muenster, David Bright Sr., was master of ceremonies. Mayor Ted Henscheid gave a formal welcome. Sacred Heart Church pastor, Fr. Victor Gillespie, blessed the evening with invocation and benediction. Beth Trubenbach and Pat Dennis were co-chairpersons who organized the event.

Armed robbery occurs at Red River Liquor

An armed robbery took place at Red River Cut Rate Liquor, 518 East Division, Muenster around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday night. An undetermined amount of money was taken, mostly in bills.

A white male, between 25-35 years of age, entered the store and pulled a small handgun on the clerk, Larry Busby, of Saint Jo and demanded money. After Busby handed over the money, he was told to lie down on the floor. The robber then fled the scene on foot.

Cooke County Sheriff's Dept. and the Muenster Police Dept. responded to the call. The description given by Busby to police officials was of a white male about 5-ft. 9-inches tall, wearing a bandana on his head with sunglasses and a blonde mustache.

Search continues for doctors

Muenster Memorial Hospital's doctor recruitment committee, headed by Debbie Hess, has been using several means of finding doctors to add to the medical staff.

There are three doctors who seem very interested in coming to Muenster scheduled to talk to the committee in January and February, said Mrs. Hess. One is an orthopedic, another an internist and the third is a female pediatrician.

The recruitment committee is planning to talk with doctors in John Peter Smith's training program on March 14.

A Muenster native, Pat Endres Owen, has a recruitment firm in Arizona and is now working with the Muenster Hospital. "We just want everyone to know that we haven't given up and are optimistic about finding the right doctors for Muenster," remarked Hess.

Hospital Board members ask people to remember that even when they have to use doctors outside Muenster it is usually possible to have lab work and X-rays done at MMH. Also, ask your doctor if he has staff privileges in Muenster. If so, it might be possible to have your surgery done at MMH also.



ATTENDING OPEN HOUSE during Catholic Schools Week were many families who enjoyed viewing samples of children's work. Here, Mindy Wimmer, a kindergartener, explains a book to her parents, Sherry and Ricky Wimmer.

Janie Hartman Photo

Good News!

"If anyone in this faithless and corrupt age is ashamed of me and my doctrine, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes with the holy angels in his Father's glory."

MARK 8:38

God Bless America!



In seventh grade, 95 percent mastered the writing, 97 percent the reading and 92 percent the math. Statewide, 72 percent of Texas seventh graders passed the

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Valley View votes for school transfer fee

by Elaine Schad

Following heated debate and numerous split votes, Valley View school trustees have decided to assess a transfer fee of \$360 per family for those students who live outside the school district boundaries.

The board voted 4-3 last month to begin charging a fee for the first time in the district's history, but waited until this week to set the fee. The board is expected to make a decision at its February meeting

whether or not transfer students of district teachers will be exempt from the fee.

Board member Jerry McKown strongly opposed the fee. He was supported by board members Harold Alexander and Ernie Brinkley, who said a fee would send the message that the district does not want transfer students. "I think it would be a loss if we charge a transfer fee, and it won't run the district any more efficiently," said McKown. "It doesn't make sense to lose that much state aid."

The district receives about \$2,000 in state aid for every student enrolled at Valley View, including transfer students. It costs the district an average of \$3,625 to educate each student, based on the district's budget. Board members Jimmy Kupper, Charlene Ritchey and Jerry Neighbors said it was simply a matter of economics.

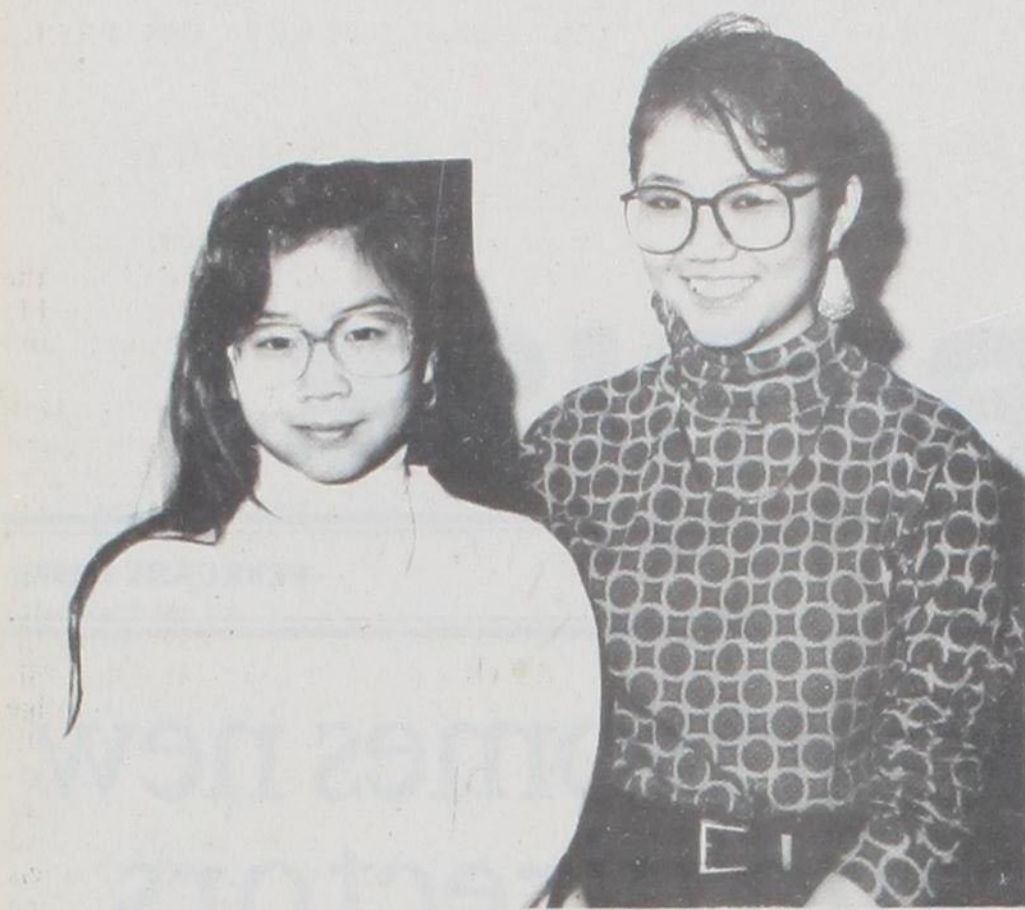
"Most other school districts are charging transfer fees," said Mrs. Ritchey. "The money would be used to educate their children. It's our responsibility to the taxpayers of this district to ask those parents to contribute."

McKown moved that the district set the fee at \$10 per family, stipulating numerous exemptions. That motion failed on a 4-3 vote, with Board President Cecil Neu joining Kupper, Ritchey and Neighbors in defeating the motion. "A \$10 fee is a slap in the face to the people of our district," said Kupper.

Kupper motioned that the fee be set at \$500 per student, the average charged according to a study done of surrounding school districts of similar size. That motion failed on a 4-3 vote, with Neu changing his vote, stating he thought \$500 was excessive. After three additional

motions, all defeated 4-3, Neu then switched his vote and agreed to the \$360 fee.

The Valley View School District has 58 transfer students, representing about 10 percent of its enrollment of 550 students. The fee will take effect with the 1991-92 school year, officials said.



GRACE WAN-CHI, 10, (left) and her sister Julie Wan-Chi Lee, 14, became United States citizens on Jan. 29, 1991. The sisters live in Gainesville with their parents David Hsiung-Bin Lee and Susan Sue-Mei Lee. The Lees are owners of the Peking Restaurant in Gainesville. Julie, a ninth grader, and Grace, a fifth grader, are students in Lindsay I.S.D. Their parents became U.S. citizens about two months ago.

Williamson reappointed to House Committees

"Once again, Cooke County has a direct and strong voice on the two most powerful committees of the Texas House of Representatives," Ric said upon learning of his appointment to the House Appropriations Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. Williamson was named Vice-Chairman of the Appropriations Committee which means that he will be in charge of the research effort that is currently ongoing to reorganize state government. With the prospect of tax restructuring creeping closer on the horizon, Williamson is positioned to be a major player in building the tax system for the 21st Century Texas as a member of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. "I am extremely pleased that Speaker Lewis has put me right in the middle of the two most significant committees of the House. From this platform, I can continue my efforts to bring conservative values to the way that we spend the taxpayers money in our state. I can also continue my work on reducing the property tax burden," Williamson said.

Williamson is serving his fourth term in the House. He was re-elected after a costly and bruising fall campaign with over 58 percent of the votes cast. He has been recognized by the *Texas Monthly* magazine, the *Dallas Morning News*, the Texas Farmers Union and the Texas Youth Commission as one of the best legislators in the state. Several Austin observers were surprised at the double appointments given Williamson given his independent voting record over the past few years.

US troops in Persian Gulf exempt from income tax

In designating the Persian Gulf an official combat zone, President Bush has cleared the way to exempt American troops from paying taxes on their military pay, reports US Sen. Phil Gramm.

"The President's order covers the land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and several smaller nations, as well as the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea and most other areas of water in the region," he said.

"It is traditional to exempt military pay, earned in a combat zone, from income tax," the senator noted.

The president's decision also offers extra time for troops to file their tax returns, delaying the actual filing until six months following their departure from the area.

Vet Land Sale to be held on February 26

by Elaine Schad

Three land tracts near Muenster are included among those available in Cooke, Grayson, Collin, Montague and Wise counties eligible for sale to Texas veterans through a special sale set for February 26.

The Texas Veterans Land Board is offering approximately 456 tracts of land for sale exclusively to Texas veterans.

Located in 118 Texas counties, these tracts can be purchased with no down payment. In addition, the VLB will finance the entire amount of all winning bids.

Four tracts, all about 10 acres each, are available in Cooke County, with three located in the Muenster area near FM 1630 and another near Woodbine east of Gainesville.

Two tracts, totaling 10.01 acres each, are located about four miles south near the intersection of FM 1630 and FM 373 in the Landmark Estates, phase one and two. The third tract, 10.35 acres, is located near that same area. A fourth Cooke County tract, 10.38 acres, is located near Woodbine, about two miles from the junction of FM 3164 and FM 902.

Eleven tracts are available in Wise County, ranging from six to

just over 10 acres each. Four are located near the Agnes community, two near Cottondale, and one each in Alvord, Sunset, Springtown, Bridgeport and Decatur.

Six tracts are available for sale in Collin, one in Montague and five in Grayson. Other tracts are available throughout the North Central Texas area.

The sale will be by sealed bid only, and all bids must be received by 1 p.m. February 26. Bidders need not be present at the bid opening.

Tracts not sold in the February sale will be offered to both veterans and non-veterans through local real estate agents.

A \$25 non-refundable bid fee must be submitted for each bid. In addition, bidders must submit \$320 to cover closing costs. Unsuccessful bidders will have all money refunded except the \$25 bid fee.

Successful bidders receive a 7.99 percent interest rate with a 30-year assumable fixed rate loan.

A bid form, list of all tracts included in the sale, and other information may be obtained by calling the VLB tollfree at (800) 252-VETS.

School funding... What are our options?

by Ric Williamson, State Representative, District 63

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1991, the current Texas Supreme Court ended over a century of discriminatory public policy when it gave final instructions to the Legislature to either fairly fund schools or turn the problem over to the courts. This is it, folks, there is no more tomorrow. During the 1990 Special Sessions on public education, I consistently supported a plan that would have, at that time, passed the court test. Unfortunately, the plan that I supported fell just eight votes short of adop-

tion in the House and the plan that was eventually adopted has now been thrown out the window - just as I expected.

What do we do now? We have three options: first, we can raise the sales tax every year as the property wealthy school districts increase their local tax rate, or, we can level a uniform tax rate across all school districts and share the proceeds on a per student basis, or, we can overhaul our state tax system.

I want to go over each of these options in detail, but, first, let's be sure that we all understand the basic problem. Texas has over 1000 independent school districts. These school districts are not just education systems, but taxing districts as well. The primary measure of financial strength is the amount of taxable wealth located within the geographic boundary of each school district. As it turns out, the wealth per district is not even close to equal. The state attempts to make up for the imbalance by sending more state aid to the school districts that are not the wealthiest. If the state had unlimited wealth, this would be a good system, but the truth is that the state has very limited resources. We are one of the lowest taxing states in the nation. Our constitution requires that we offer equal education op-

COURTHOUSE

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sent the bulk of expenses on the restoration, said Alexander. The money for the project is coming from the county's permanent improvement fund. "We decided to combine the first two phases so we could get it in the dry and because it was cheaper to bid it that way," he said. "The rest will probably remain until we get a little more money in the bank."

When the two phases are completed, the next steps will be to do more stone work, replacing mortar between the bricks that has cracked and fallen out. Workers will also attempt to remove the white, chalky-looking spirals that stream down the stone due to water leaks that have run down the side of the structure. "We hope when we get done with this, we'll have a courthouse that will last at least another 80 years," said Alexander.

LINDSAY

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writing, 59 percent the reading and 61 percent the math.

At the ninth grade level, 95 percent mastered the writing, 97 percent the reading, and 92 percent the math. Statewide, 67 percent of Texas ninth graders passed the writing, 76 percent the reading, and 57 percent the math.

In the eleventh grade, 97 percent mastered the writing, 100 percent the reading and 97 percent the math. Statewide, 83 percent of Texas juniors passed the writing, 88 percent the reading and 74 percent the math.

Of all regular Lindsay students tested, 94 percent passed the writing section, 96 percent mastered the reading and 94 percent the math. Totals including special education students indicate that 91 percent of all Lindsay students passed the writing, 92 percent the reading and 92 percent the math. This compares to the state totals of 74 percent mastering the writing, 75 percent the reading and 67 percent the math section.

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While a student at Muenster Public School, John was active in Band and various UIL events. He graduated in 1989.

John's mailing address is PFC John R. Herr, 453-25-4069, ACP 3/41 INF 2AD, APO New York, NY 09371-0010.



A/R STANLEY KNABE

Stanley Knabe, 19, is the son of Herbie and Edna Knabe of Muenster. He joined the United States Navy in August 1989 and was deployed to the Middle East in August 1990.

The John F. Kennedy is the aircraft carrier to which Stanley is assigned. It is located somewhere in the Red Sea. He checks the aircraft to be sure that they are ready to fly and that the pilot has all the necessary equipment.

The Knabes talked to their son several weeks ago and received a letter on Monday that was dated two weeks ago. Wednesday of this week a letter dated Jan. 19 arrived. In the letter Stanley told his parents that he was spending his time eating, sleeping and launching airplanes. He also said that he felt much safer aboard ship than if he were in Saudi Arabia. Stanley graduated from Sacred Heart School with the Class of 1989.

His address is: A/R Stanley Knabe, 459-417-332, USS John F. Kennedy, CV-67 Div. VA-75 line, FPO NY, NY 09538.



PFC JOHN R. HERR

John R. Herr, 20, is the son of Richard and Anna Herr of Muenster. He joined the U.S. Army in June 1989 and is now stationed in Saudi Arabia where he is a driver for a sergeant.

Herr was deployed to the Middle East on Oct. 9. He last talked to his parents in December and his sister on Jan. 6. He is in very good spirits according to his mother, but wishes "We'd hurry up and get it over with so we can all come home."

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Students receive academic recognition at assembly

An assembly on Friday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. in the Muenster High School Auditorium recognized students and teachers for the outstanding Texas Assessment of Academic Skills performance.

Academic Recognition. Muenster ISD students earned such recognition at a much higher percentage than other Texas students. Several of the students missed only one or two items on the entire

Klement, Douglas Knabe, Raegan Koessler, Jason Lutkenhaus, Bryan Miller, Jessica Schoppa, Krystle Sparkman, Shelley Stewart, Jim Stoffels, Casey Walterscheid. Third grade teachers are Carol Dyer and Becky Scott.

Fifth graders - Corey Anderle, Michael Boydston, Kristen Dickerson, Bryan Dumas, Valerie Erwin, Brad Escobedo, Emily Felderhoff, Barry Fleitman, Brian Fleitman, Michael Grewing, Joyce Hacker, Chrisyon Harris, Kristine Hartman, Lucas Hartman, Scott Hermes, Bryan Hudspeth, Cody Perryman, Telisha Reid, Leigh Ann Reiter, Chad Roller, Aaron Sicking, Larry Sparkman, Jerry Stoffels, Kim Sturm, Jeremy Walterscheid, Jeff Wilde. Fifth grade teachers are Margie Alsup and Theresa Walterscheid.

Seventh grade - Melissa Biffle, Justin Camp, DaLana Endres, Jeffrey Felderhoff, Jeffrey Flusche, Allan Haverkamp, Carrie Hess, Andrea Klement, Stephen Klement, Audrey Knabe, Mary Knabe, Cody Sicking, Jason

Sicking, Toni Trubenbach.

Ninth grade - Candise Abney, Christin Cain, Misty Gieb, Amy Fette, Brandi Grewing, Kay Grewing, Jay Hennigan, Charles Johnson, Shelley Klement, Albert Knabe, Cory Knabe, Theresa Kubis, Amy Otto, Danell Reiter, Kim Stewart, Amy Sturm, Rodney Vogel, Tracey Vogel, Brandon Walterscheid.

11th grade - Kristi Bierschenk, Connie Black, Amy Dankesreiter, Kelli Ford, Charity Gilbreath, Mike Gobble, Doug Hennigan, Julie Hess, Dee Ann Hamilton, Nicki Hofbauer, Rex Huchton, Leslie Klement, Tina Klement, Chris Kubis, Jennifer Lippe, Tony Perryman, Justin Ramsey, Ryan Sicking, Noel VanSwearingen, Michael Vogel, Sam Walterscheid, Kelley Wimmer, Stephanie Wimmer.



GRADES 7 and 9 of Muenster Public School are shown with their teacher during an assembly Friday, announcing high test scores. Dave Fette Photo



JUNIOR STUDENTS of Muenster High School were recognized for outstanding TAAS test results during an awards program on Jan. 25. Dave Fette Photo

(TAAS), shown in tests administered in October 1990.

Students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 were tested in areas of reading, mathematics and writing. Muenster ISD students mastered the objectives in each area at rates much higher than those of the rest of the state.

Students who mastered every objective in a particular subject area received the special designation of

TAAS test. Such excellent results are achieved by the combined efforts of students, teachers, parents and a supportive community.

Students recognized during the assembly program included:

Third graders - Jennifer Black, Allison Endres, Polly Fette, Justin Fleitman, Kristen Grewing, Randy Grewing, Jessie Harris, Craig Hartman, Melanie Hellman, Darren Hennigan, Heather Hess, Jeff

Sp. WILLIAM YOUNGBLOOD

William (Billy) Youngblood, 20, is now reportedly somewhere in Saudi Arabia about 60 miles behind the lines. He is with the U.S. Army Infantry and has been transporting supplies from ships to the troops in the desert.

On Dec. 15, Sp. Youngblood was transferred from Fort Riley, Kansas to the Middle East. His mother, Phyllis Youngblood of Muenster, last heard from him on Jan. 15 before war was declared.

Youngblood told his family that some of the men on guard duty had been shot during sniper action by terrorists who were trying to instigate fighting before war was declared.

"Billy said that he is very busy, but bored when not working," commented his mother. He joined the Army while a senior at Muenster Public School and began training in June 1988 shortly after graduation.

His mailing address is Sp. William Youngblood 45774568, Operation Desert Storm, Echo Company 701st Support Battalion, APO New York, NY 09785.

New Arrivals

Klement

Curtis and Cindee Klement of El Paso are parents of a daughter, Sage Marie, born on Jan. 22, 1991, at 9:50 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 14 oz. She joins a brother, Griffin, at home, almost two years old. Their grandparents are Marcie Klement of Muenster and the late Roddy Klement and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Travis of El Paso. The great-grandparents are Joe J. Wimmer of Gainesville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Travis and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Earp.

Jessika parties on second!



JESSIKA FRANZISKA HARTMAN

Jessika Franziska Hartman, daughter of Tim and Janie Hartman, celebrated her second birthday with two parties. A Friday night family supper was attended by her grandparents, Leonard and Emily Hartman and Andrew and Mary Ann Arendt; godmother Jeanann Biffle; her parents and sister Kristine and brother Kirk.

After gifts were opened, her birthday cake, especially made by Kirk, was served and the viewing

of "The Little Mermaid" video, one of her gifts, was enjoyed.

Jessika was also honored Tuesday at Tender Loving Care Day Care Center. Cupcakes were served to 44 friends.

Jessika's birthdate is Jan. 26.

Era Honor Roll

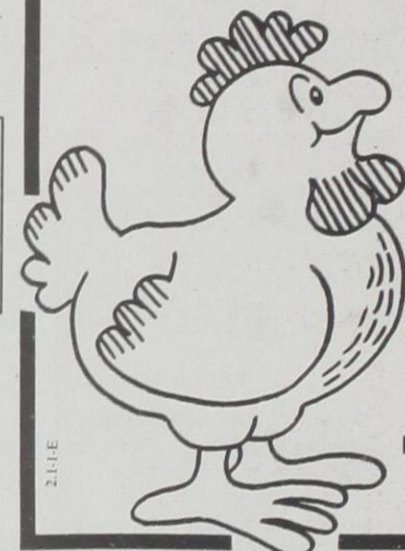
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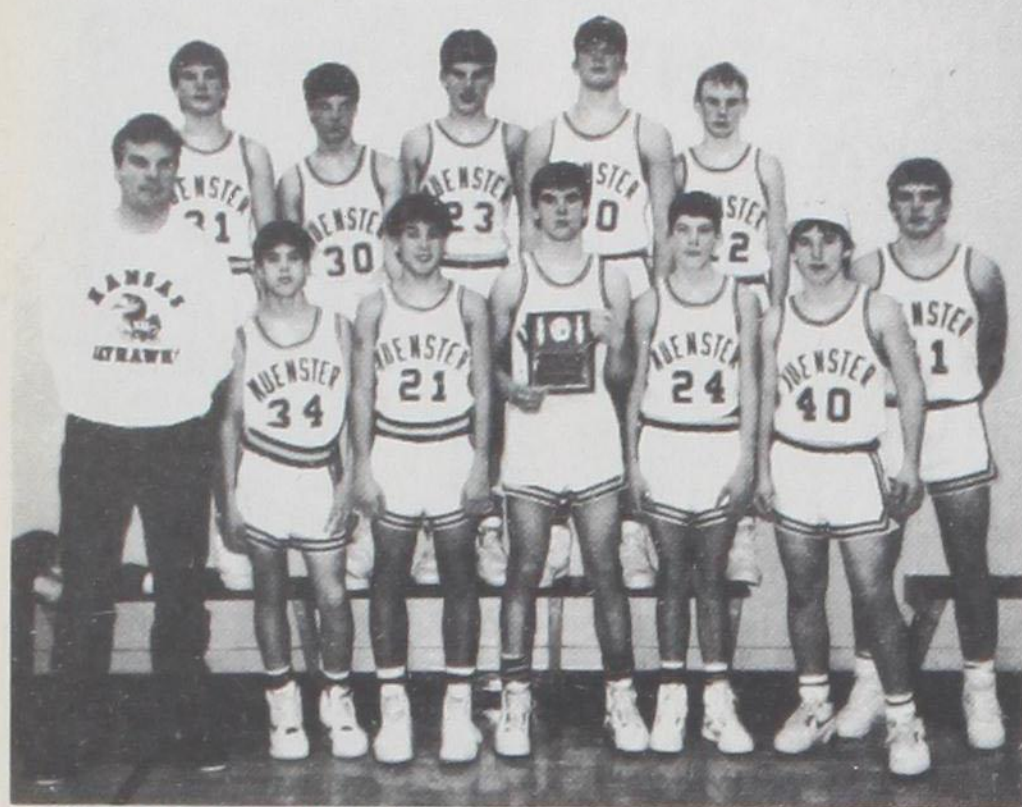
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MUESTER JV SQUAD won the Era Junior Varsity Classic Saturday. JV Hornets are, l to r, top - Rodney Vogel, Darren Bindel, Brian Knabe, Mike Hacker, Jay Hennigan; bottom - Coach Brian Strother, Eric Van-Swearingen, A.J. Knabe, Kody Truebenbach, Cory Knabe, Harvey Hubbard and Kelly Colwell. Photo courtesy Linda Knabe.

Knights victorious over Saint Jo on Tuesday

Lindsay traveled to Saint Jo Tuesday night and came home victorious, winning both varsity district games.

Cassandra Fuhrmann was high scorer for the Lady Knights with 12 points. Kristi Krebs added 9, Gretchen Hoenig 8 and Jessica Fuhrmann 7. The Pantherettes were led by Sarah Conway and Jo Botello.

Lindsay took a 14-8 lead the first period with a 21-13 halftime score. "We played a lot of different groups together to allow the bench to get more experience," said Coach George Thomason.

The Knightettes outscored Saint Jo 22-7 the third quarter, then slowed down the final period, winning 55-29.

Four Knights hit the double digits in scoring a 66-38 victory over the Saint Jo boys. John Krebs led Lindsay with 19 points. Scott

Hermes assisted with 15 and Ronnie Dieter and Kenny Fleitman each scored 10.

The Knights had a 27-11 opening period lead with a 45-22 halftime score. Things slowed down the second half with Lindsay hitting 21 points to the Panthers' 16.

"The second half was low scoring because we needed to work on a different offense," said Thomason.

Chris Reyling was Saint Jo's leading scorer with 19 points.

"If everything goes as it has and we beat Collinsville, we'll have to have a playoff (both girls and boys) with Era to decide first and second place in the district," concluded the Lindsay coach.

Collinsville girls have been defeated by Muenster and Saint Jo the second round, while the boys beat Saint Jo after losing to Muenster.



TERRY FELDERHOFF (42) and Troy Pagel (34) try to block a Lindsay shot by Scott Hermes. Dave Fette Photo

Paw Prints

Articles submitted by Sacred Heart Journalism Class

Sacred Heart Basketball managers by Jenny Yosten

The most important part of any team is undeniably the players and the coach who keeps them together. Fans help any team by building spirit. The least noticed, but still an important part, are the managers. Managers of a team are there to pick up after the team, help boost spirits and run errands for players and coaches.

In the game of basketball, there are many jobs for managers. This year, the Sacred Heart Basketball team has five managers. Kim Cler runs the scoreboard for home games. Jayna Hofbauer runs the time clock and keeps track of possession of the ball. Dawn Knabe is the bookkeeper. Katherine Vickers keeps fouls and fills water bottles. Jenny Yosten films the games. Being a manager is hard work at times but it has benefits: free admission into basketball games and if your team does well, a trip to the play-offs.

Letters to Spain
The seventh grade Texas History class of Sacred Heart School, under the direction of Sister Mary John Seyler, participated in an educational project to bring a better understanding of the feelings and lives of the first settlers in Texas. Each student assumed the role of a young child settling in Texas during 1821 and wrote letters to friends who remained in Spain. Of these letters, one was chosen for publication.

The following letter was written by John Klement. John is the son of Pat and Ruth Klement.

September 4, 1821
Dear Juan Gonzalas,
I am still nice and I remember you. I hope that my dad can take time off to bring me back to Mexico for a visit. I'm still sort of mad that my dad became the viceroy. I miss Mexico very much.

About a week ago I learned that Mexico gained its independence from Spain. I'm glad, and I hope you are.

Our journey was tough but we reached San Antonio happily. Our house is about the nicest in the city. We are very wealthy and the food is good. Everyday I visit the mission on the north side of town.

About a week ago the Indians attacked the city and forty men died and they stole a bunch of food and started a couple of buildings on fire. It was a shock to our city. The families of those who died want revenge on the Indians. My dad is worried that a war will break out and he'll be in charge of it. I think the Indians have a right to be mad because we took their land.

Here in San Antonio the weather is nice. It's beginning to cool off though, I think it feels better here than in Mexico. Sometimes on hot days at school we get to go to the creek and swim. One day one of my friends drowned. Now we have to have more adults come and supervise. My dad said if the teachers said I did good I will get a horse for my very own.

In the woods I built a club, its almost as good as the one we built. Its made of rocks, branches, leaves and dirt.

Every Saturday I go hunting. The first months I didn't get anything, but then one day I got a deer, then a squirrel, and a turkey. Since then I improved my shot and I hardly every miss the wild game. My dad is very proud of me.

About a month ago my family visited the viceroy of Goliad. The viceroy gave me an arrow and some watermelon, he was very nice. When we was gone the Indians attacked but there was no harm done.

My mother is expecting a child, she is pregnant, she wants it to be a girl but I want it to be a boy. I really want someone to play with.

One day I was in a cave and I found some gold and I traded it to a man for a boat. This boat is just wood, but I always fish in it. I love fishing, especially with my mom. The only thing I hate about our city is the people are sort of rebellious. My dad is expecting to be viceroy for about three more years. After he isn't viceroy we might come back to Mexico, or we will live in Goliad. Right now I am sick. I got a cold and my mom won't let me go outside. I am very bored.

Now I'll tell you about my pets. I have a dog, he is a little wild but I like him. I have a turtle and his name is Leonardo. He is adorable. I miss the animals back in Mexico. Especially the cows. We don't have many here.

Tomorrow the city is hanging a guy because he stole a herd of cattle from the official. We have thirty servants. I don't think they should have to stay if they don't want to. The servants were once criminals and they got their freedom by being a servant. Well that's all I got to tell you.

Your friend,
Jose Conseco

Local 4-H specialist is state assistant director

by Cassie Bullock
County Extension Agent

We in the Cooke County Extension office are excited about the promotion of one of our State 4-H and Youth Development Specialists, Dr. Lynne Thibodeaux, to Assistant Director for 4-H and Youth for the state agency.

Lynne came to Cooke County in September of last year to speak at a 4-H Parents and Leader Rally held at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. She made useful suggestions to our 4-H parents and leaders as well as involved them in a practical application activity.

Dr. Thibodeaux fills the position held by H.T. "Tom" Davison who retired August 31, 1990.

"We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Thibodeaux assume this key position," said Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, Extension Service director. "She brings a solid leadership base to the position, and she is committed and dedicated to enhancing the potential of youth over the state."

"Our youth are our most valuable resource, and the Extension Service is committed to programs that will help our youth develop leadership and coping skills," Carpenter said. "With Dr. Thibodeaux's leadership, I believe we will make rapid strides in this effort, including reaching out to more diverse youth audiences across the state. I want every young person to have the opportunity to receive the 4-H experience."

Enrollment in the Texas 4-H program increased more than 30 percent in the past year, topping

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Sharon Fuhrmann receives scholarship by Katherine Vickers

Sharon Fuhrmann, a senior at Sacred Heart High School, recently was notified that she was chosen as a Sam Rayburn High School Scholar. This entitles her to receive the W.L. Mayo Housing Scholarship at East Texas State University of \$1,000.00 a year. She also was invited to attend the Sam Rayburn Symposium at East Texas State University in March.

Sharon Fuhrmann was nominated for this award by Jeanne Greathouse, counselor at Sacred Heart, in October, 1990.

Sharon stated that she was very happy for receiving this award. The scholarship will help her to be able to attend a college.

Numbers listed

The Department of Defense has created several around-the-clock telephone numbers that are designed to help family and friends of troops in the Persian Gulf area obtain information regarding casualties.

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