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Rollback election set for Saturday

by Elaine Schad

Cooke County voters on Saturday will determine whether the county's 1994 tax rate will remain at a 26.32 percent increase over last year's rate or be rolled back to an 8 percent increase during a special election.

Early voting totals indicate significant interest in the election, with 499 ballots cast, which includes 38 by mail, at the conclusion of early voting on Tuesday.

Voters are being asked to cast ballots for or against reducing the tax rate of Cooke County for the current tax year from 48 cents to .4143556 per \$100 valuation of property.

Voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday in the regular voting precincts around Cooke County. In the Muenster and surrounding area, Precinct No. 11 voters will cast ballots at the Fellowship Hall of the Valley View First Baptist Church; Precinct 12 will vote at the Era Community Center; Precinct 14 will vote at the Rosston Fire Station; Precinct 15 will vote at the Myra Community Center; Precinct 16 South Lindsay will vote at the Matt Bezner Home, 130 S. Willow Street in Lindsay; Precinct 17 South Muenster will vote at the VFW Hall, 113 S. Main Street; Precinct 18 North Muenster will vote at the First Baptist Church, 111 N. Pecan Street; Precinct 19 will vote at the Frank Sandmann Home in Lindsay; Precinct 21 North Lindsay will vote at the Lindsay Parish Hall.

An information release of a sample tax statement provided by the County Judge's office estimated that a county resident with a net taxable value of \$69,107 will leave in place a county tax increase of \$83.10 if the rollback is defeated. Officials with the Cooke County Appraisal District estimate it will cost the county about \$30,000 in computer work and supplies to cut checks for county property owners who will qualify for refunds should the rollback succeed.

Voters will decide whether to roll back the 1994 county tax rate of 48 cents per \$100 valuation. The tax rate is a 26.32 percent increase from last year's rate of 38 cents. Should the rollback succeed, the tax rate would be reduced by about 7 cents.

This is the second time in four years that county voters have attempted a rollback effort. County commissioners in 1989 approved a 20.18 percent tax increase for fiscal 1990 when the county's new half-cent sales tax was figured into the rate. Petitions containing almost 1,696 signatures were turned in to the county clerk's office. Commissioners on Dec. 11, 1989, rejected the petitions on a 4-1 vote, on a legal question of whether petitions could be submitted on separate days to the county clerk's office and whether it was legal to submit the petitions the next working day after a holiday. The county clerk's office was closed on the Thanksgiving holiday, the final

business day of the petition deadline.

Cooke County commissioners last month proposed budget reductions should Saturday's rollback election be successful that would include no layoffs of full-time county personnel and that would retain more than a half million dollars in county's reserve funds, which presently total some \$1.5 million of what County Judge Ray Russell calls "usable" funds, and \$866,000 in dedicated funds for FM and Lateral roads, interest and sinking and the law library.

Since 1 penny generates about \$77,000 in revenue, total county reserve funds of \$2.3 million are a rough equivalent of more than 20 cents of comparable tax rate. Commissioners have included in the 1994 budget the depletion of \$289,000 in county reserves and will reduce reserves by about \$157,000 more should the rollback succeed.

About \$594,000 in budget reductions would be needed should the rollback election succeed, according to County Auditor Gloria Parrish. Cuts recommended should the rollback succeed include \$164,000 that would fund an additional ambulance and personnel that was added to the fiscal 1994 budget. Each road and bridge project fund was proposed to be cut by \$25,000. Courthouse renovations costing \$100,000 would be put on hold which includes stonework on the outside of the historic building. Other smaller cuts

recommended included subsidies to the Muenster Public Library in the amount of \$4,000; Cooke County Historical Commission, \$1,000; Morton Museum of Cooke County, \$5,000; Mental Health Mental Retardation; County Judge conference expenses, \$1,000.

Commissioners have proposed to take \$31,075 in voluntary cuts submitted by county department heads and elected officials plus take an estimated \$157,925 from county reserve funds. Total county reserves would remain at about \$500,000 by the end of fiscal 1994 if the rollback is successful, officials said. Among cuts proposed in various departments, the district clerk's office will take a reduction of \$6,000 added to the fiscal 1994 budget for extra help. The district judge's office proposed to reduce conference expenses and the addition of an extra bailiff when

needed in case two trials are being held simultaneously in the courthouse, cuts which totaled \$6,500. The Cooke County Public Library volunteered cuts of \$3,250, which would include closing the library on Saturdays and closing meeting rooms to the public during off hours to save on utility costs. The library presently operates on a half-day Saturday schedule during school months. The county would also delay a \$5,000 expenditure for records management.

Compared to its neighboring counties, Cooke County will continue to carry healthy reserves if the rollback succeeds, according to figures provided by Wise County and Montague County, Cooke County's neighbors to the south and west. Montague County Commissioners have approved an 8 percent tax increase for fiscal 1994, and the county hopes to have

between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in its general fund reserves by the end of 1994, officials there said. Total reserves for all four road and bridge precincts combined will be about \$35,000 by the end of fiscal 1994, according to figures provided by the county auditor's office. The last time Montague County had fairly large reserves in the general fund was in 1985, when the county had a surplus of about \$350,000.

The situation is similar in Wise County, according to Wise County officials. Wise County, which is slightly larger than Cooke County, set the 1994 county tax rate at 47 cents, an increase from 43 cents, to fund a \$10.88 million budget for fiscal 1994. Wise County totally depleted its reserves last year, using more than \$400,000 to fund its 1993 budget. Wise County is expected to carry zero reserves in its general fund throughout 1994.

State Representative speaks at annual Chamber banquet

The Muenster Chamber of Commerce has elected Stan Endres as its 1994 president. Outgoing President Scott Felderhoff passed the ceremonial gavel to Endres during the Chamber's annual banquet Saturday evening at the Sacred Heart Community Center. Newly-elected board member Don Hess was named vice-president. Jack Flusche continues in his position as secretary and Jewel Otto will take over as treasurer from retiring board member, Jack Murdock.

The featured speaker on the program was State Representative, Ric Williamson of Muenster's District 63. He is the Republican incumbent candidate for the congressional seat in this year's election.

Williamson spoke about his philosophy of the representative's job in state government. "All politics is not local," he said, "but all politics is economics and the policies are economic. Our economy has changed. Cultures that survive are those that recognize the change and adapt. In Texas, our economy has changed but Texas government is not adapting." Williamson said we must



STATE REPRESENTATIVE Ric Williamson was guest speaker at the Chamber Banquet.

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simplify what we expect from government. "Government can't do it all for us anymore. Smaller groups make better decisions so the decision-making needs to be local." He called on everyone to re-

establish a sense of community. "We have quit relying on our neighbor and helping our neighbor. Instead, we rely on government. We must demand our own responsibility and make our own decisions."

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Phil Stater. The opening and closing prayers were offered by Rev. Frowin Schoech, OSB. Mayor Bill Miller extended welcome and compliments to members and guests and Chamber President Scott Felderhoff gave special credit to Chamber Secretary Margie Starke for the great job she is doing. Urban Endres introduced the guest speaker.

Other highlights included the president's remarks of new and expanded businesses in and around Muenster and introduction of new board members John Pagel, Don Hess, Stand Endres, Jewel Otto, Bob Hermes, John Pollard, Jack Flusche and Gary Fisher.

Retiring directors Scott Felderhoff, Louise Fisher and Jack Murdock received thanks for their services.

Jewel Otto organized the 1994 Annual Banquet which was catered by Rohmer's Restaurant.



THE 1994 MUENSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Board of Directors include, l to r, Bob Hermes, John Pagel, Jewel Otto, Stan Endres, Don Hess and John Pollard. Board members Jack Flusche and Gary Fisher were not present for the picture.

Dave Fette Photo

Grand Jury returns indictments

by Elaine Schad

Two Cooke County Jail inmates have been indicted in connection with a Dec. 19 disturbance at the jail in which three officers were injured.

A Cooke County grand jury indicted Larry Wafford, 25, for aggravated assault, a third-degree felony. The indictment charged that Wafford assaulted by kicking Cooke County Sheriff's Sergeant T. A. Demetrio while Demetrio was performing his duties as a peace officer. Bond was set at \$10,000. Wafford has been transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville where he is serving a 35-year sentence on a murder conviction.

The grand jury returned three indictments against Stephen Allen Dewey, 18, of Gainesville. Dewey was indicted for deadly assault on a peace officer, a first-degree felony, in which bond was set at \$25,000. The indictment charged that Dewey caused injury to sheriff's deputy J. O. "Butch" Williams. Cooke County District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp said the deadly weapon used in the attack were large dominoes which shattered when they were thrown during the disturbance. Williams suffered loss

of vision in one eye when a domino hit his eye, shattering the retina, Haverkamp said.

Dewey was also indicted for aggravated assault, charging that he hit Sgt. Demetrio on the head with his fists and hands, and a third indictment for aggravated assault for striking Gainesville Police Officer Jim Carter in the face with the dominoes, causing facial abrasions. Bond on each of those counts was set at \$10,000. Dewey remains in the Cooke County Jail on an earlier indictment in connection with an unrelated aggravated burglary.

Haverkamp said the grand jury is expected to meet next month to consider evidence that could lead to at least one more indictment in the case.

Cooke County Sheriff Joe

Nichols said a disturbance occurred in one cell block of the jail about 5:30 p.m. Dec. 19 after an inmate requested to be moved to another area. Prisoners in other cell blocks were unaffected by the disturbance, Nichols said. The disturbance escalated when inmates in Cell Block No. 2 began throwing trays of food, utensils and other items. The jailer called for assistance from sheriff's department deputies, the Gainesville Police Department and the Department of Public Safety. In addition to the injuries to law enforcement officers, two inmates were examined for superficial injuries at Gainesville Memorial Hospital, Nichols said. Officials have attributed the disturbance partially to overcrowded conditions at the jail which has escalated the past several months.

Lindsay City Council sets May 7 election to fill terms

by Elaine Schad

The Lindsay City Council has called a May 7 election to fill terms that will expire on the council.

The two-year terms of Mayor Robert Walterscheid, City Secretary Wilbert Block, and Councilman Danny Zwigg are set to expire. Those interested in filing for the mayor's spot or a council position should contact Block. The council this week appointed Alberta Badgett as election judge.

The council, during its regular February meeting, briefly met with Les St. John of Hawkins and Associates concerning the status of the city's plans to expand the sewer system. The council requested that engineers meet with representatives of the Texoma Planning Commission to provide cost estimates and other information so

that the city can apply for a community block grant. Walterscheid told the council that more grant money will be available to cities during 1994, and that Lindsay might have a better chance of receiving the grant if it submits an application. Walterscheid said the city is considering an application for a grant which would include work on the city's water and sewer systems.

Walterscheid said the city's attorney, Belvin Harris, will meet with an engineer to determine how to proceed in dealing with the company which holds the city's cable television franchise. An agreement reached as a result of a court settlement expired Feb. 2, but the city is still receiving customer complaints about the service. Walterscheid said the council hopes

to have more information by its March meeting. The settlement reached two years ago included the city and cable company jointly hiring an engineer to determine what changes would be needed to upgrade the system. The company also agreed to pay economically feasible costs to upgrade the system. In other business, the council:

--Discussed the installation of a water line to the north edge of property owned by Danny Nortman, who plans to build a new home in that area.

--Heard a police report from city officer Jody Henry. Henry requested the council consider an ordinance to determine the hours in which the City Park will be open to the public. In another matter, the council authorized Henry to determine where street lights are in need of replacement throughout the city. It was reported that the city's new police car will arrive around the end of February.

--Authorized Block to seek estimates for the purchase of a new copier for City Hall.

--Discussed lighting in the park. The council will look into installing a coin-controlled switch for the lighting system.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary hosts District 1 president

The Ladies Auxiliary to Muenster VFW Post #6205 will host District 1 President Ruth Carey at the District Convention to be held at the Muenster Post on Feb. 5 and 6. Dorothy Hesse is president of Ladies Auxiliary to Muenster Post #6205.

Ruth Carey, District 1 president, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is a member of Thomas Glen Caraway Post #7426, Farmersville. She has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW for 15 years.

She assumed the duties of her office, of the second largest district in the state of Texas, after installation of state officers on June 25, 1993 during the State Convention held in Corpus Christi.

During her term of office, Ruth will be visiting the 22 auxiliaries to the VFW Posts in District 1, which is made up of Hunt, Collin, Denton, Cooke, Grayson and Fannin counties.

Ruth is married to Curtis Carey. They have four children, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She is affiliated with the Baptist church, a member of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge, where she is Past Roble Grand, retired from



RUTH CAREY

Texas Instruments after 29 years. Ruth enjoys doing volunteer work for the local nursing home, Bonham VA Hospital and helping the elderly. At Post level, she has held the offices of Guard, Junior Vice President, Senior Vice President and President (two terms). At District 1 level, she has held the offices of guard, senior vice president and president.

Good News!

If anyone has given offense, he has hurt not only me, but in some measure, to say no more, every one of you. The punishment already inflicted by the majority on such a one is enough; you should now relent and support him so that he may not be crushed by too great a weight of sorrow.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-7

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Fifty (50) thousand determined pro-life marchers braved sub-freezing temperatures to walk in the annual Pro-Life March in the nation's capitol Friday, Jan. 21, 1994. Chanting and singing "Heh, heh, ho, ho, Roe vs. Wade must go. Life yes! Abortion, no! What do we want? Life! When do we want it? Now!" their voices rang out.

Stevan Nasche made his 2nd annual March for Life to the Capitol with 40 other Benedictine College students. They went with three busloads from the Kansas area. They were accompanied by Julie Brown, daughter of Judy Brown, publisher and editor of the Pro-Life magazine *All About Issues*. Arriving in the Capitol the day before the march, the students stayed up all night to finish their large banner to be used in the parade. On the chilly morning of the march, all government offices were closed and Washington, D.C. was nearly shut down due to the freeze, but this did not hamper the spirit of the pro-life groups. After hearing speeches from a few congressmen and dignitaries, the 50,000-strong marchers took it to the streets.

They marched, chanting and singing their songs of hope with voices of determination. Their voices rang out to the shut windows and closed doors of our national government. Their voices rang out to the silent massive statues of our forefathers. Their voices rang out to those brave soldiers who died protecting our right to life, and their voices rang out to any warm body who happened along.

Stevan's father,
Angelo Nasche
Box 427
Muenster, TX 76252

To the Editor:

As I have stated before, John Q. Citizen has very little influence in any form of government - local, state or national. The only time our voices are equal is at the polls. So, by all means, register and vote. Do your best to understand the issues and make your wishes be made known.

Recently, all we read about in the local news is the loud cry of our public officials about the terrible cost of the tax rollback election. You've heard their cry - please hear mine.

Here is my story - local tax bill: 1993 - \$2,557.99; 1992 - \$2,381.36; 1991 - \$2,153.61; in two years, up \$404.88.

If it is not the county tax rate, it is raised values by the appraisal district.

Yes, I have rendered my property - I have gone before the review board - I have even sued the appraisal district, all to no avail. I don't know your situation, but here is mine.

E.F. Carson
100 West Lone Oak Rd.
Valley View, TX 76272
817-726-3586

Hi,

Enclosed is my check for one year's subscription to your wonderful newspaper. I have enjoyed it so much.

Louise Horn
P.O. Box 135
Windthorst, TX 76389

Dear Folks,

Enclosed is my check covering a year's subscription.

The reason for the delay is that I was involved in a terrible car accident on Jan. 5. The car was almost totaled but luckily the fellow ruined my left door in the back, skipped the driver's side, took my fender, light, etc. off and cut the front bumper in two - and left hanging a few inches from the ground. The driver never stopped to render aid but drove at an enormous speed with no license plate. I had just had the car checked and bought a new battery and it is running fine. Thank God - I was not injured but in terrible shock. After all, my driver's license does not expire until 1995. Two weeks ago, my eye doctor told me I have a 20-20 vision. However, I can't walk too well. Enough of all this problem.

Still enjoy reading your paper, but you seem to favor news from surrounding territory than Muenster. I realize the town has grown since 1931, when I married and moved to Amarillo. Many of my old friends have passed away and I'll be 92 on Feb. 23. Time brings many changes.

My best wishes to all the friends that remember me.

As ever,
Angela Furbach
Amarillo, Texas

Muenster Enterprise!

Enclosed is my payment for one year for the Muenster Enterprise. I look forward every Friday to getting my Muenster paper.

I have several friends in Muenster. I worked at the Muenster dress factory for several years. I still love Muenster.

Yours truly,
Edith Richardson
409 S. Clement
Gainesville, TX 76240

Rosie Walterscheid dies "Civic Outlook"

by Mayor Bill Miller



ROSIE WALTERSCHEID

Funeral services for Rosie Walterscheid were held Wednesday morning, Feb. 2, 1994, at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Father Victor Gillespie, OSB, Father Frowin Schoech, OSB, and Father Joe Weinzapfel officiated the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral home.

Rosie died early Monday morning in St. Richard's Villa, after a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 16, 1903 to Angeline Rohmer Kleiss and Mike Kleiss. She married Conrad M. Walterscheid on Feb. 6, 1923. She was a devoted wife and homemaker and mother of nine children, and a member of the St. Anne's Society.

Rosie is survived by two daughters, Mildred Lawson of Gainesville and Bernice Mollenkopf of Muenster; three sons, Donald, Robert Dale and Conrad Jr., all of Muenster; two sisters, Helen Hofbauer of Muenster and Sister M. Aloysia Kleiss, OSB, of Jonesboro, Arkansas; a brother, John Kleiss of Muenster; and 31 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She preceded in death by her husband, Conrad M. Walterscheid; four sons, Earl, Ervin, Tommy and Herbert; and six grandchildren.

Palbearers were Jimmy Lawson, Robin Hess, Tracy Skrivaneck, Mark Mollenkopf, Rickey Walterscheid, Craig Walterscheid, Damian Walterscheid and Mike Walterscheid, all grandchildren.

A service for the family on Wednesday morning at McCoy Funeral Home began with rosary, led by Donald and Evelyn Walterscheid. Her daughter, Mildred Lawson, played the accordion and sang two of her mother's favorite songs, "One Day at a Time" and "My Hands Belong to You."

It looks like the Muenster Chamber of Commerce members did it again! The 1994 "Moving Muenster Forward" annual banquet Saturday night was a special treat. The candidates running for elected office in Cooke County were there to mingle with the crowd. It was good to have the opportunity to meet the candidates before going to the poll to vote for them.

As mayor, I was asked to speak at the banquet. In writing my speech, I came to realize that there are many good things happening in Muenster.

The Chamber, along with all the other volunteer organizations, have been a real asset to our town. The time and effort devoted to Germanfest has made it a success year after year. If we would have taken pictures of the park, the Mid-Park and store fronts 20 years ago, before Germanfest, and then compare them to now, we would see the improvements and progress we have made all over town.

We can be grateful to everyone who dedicated their free time and talents to these projects. Your high ideals have carried us through the '80s with success and there is nothing stopping us now. The '90s will be another 10 years of progress as we work together to reach our new goals.

The greatest challenge ahead is attracting new business to our area. I'm mad. The economy of Cooke County has not increased over the past several years, but our taxes have. With the exception of Wise County, our county tax is higher than any county in North Texas. We

can successfully attract business and residents to our county if we begin now to down-size our county government. Therefore, I am going to vote for the county tax rollback. The county taxes are too high with the county economy as it is.

The root of the tax problem in Cooke County is the lack of a large industrial tax base. Cooke County has an industrial tax base of \$814,000. Both Denton and Grayson Counties have an industrial tax base in the billions of dollars. Cooke County government is operating as if we have the big industrial tax base to support it. Since we do not, individual taxpayers and farmers are hard hit to make up the difference. This is not right. There are now 144 county employees supported by our taxes. Business has had to down-size their payroll and it is time the government does the same.

In addition to the sheriff, courthouse, library, tax appraisal and commissioners' departments, Cooke County also supports the ambulance service. There are only six counties left in Texas that support the ambulance service because this is the most expensive way to provide the service. Along with re-doing the ambulance service, it is time to investigate the job description of every employee and weed out all waste. Taxes are higher than they should be to attract individuals and business to our area. We need to tax the same as neighboring counties.

So, exercise your democratic right. Vote for the tax rollback!

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FOR COOKE COUNTY
FEBRUARY 5, 1994
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Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

FOR
 AGAINST

Reducing the tax rate in Cooke County for the current year from \$0.48 per \$100 valuation to \$0.41356 per \$100 valuation.

O'Grady opens new insurance agency

There is a new insurance agency in Muenster. It is the Farmers Insurance Group Agency. Farmers Insurance Group was started in California in 1922 and now operates in 39 states with several new states scheduled to start operations in 1994. Farmers is the second largest property and casualty writer in the state of Texas. Farmers, through its nine companies writing in Texas, offers full homeowner, automobile and commercial insurance to meet all needs. In addition, Farmers New World Life Insurance Company offers all types of life insurance and annuity products to fit client needs.

The Farmers Insurance Agency is owned and operated by George O'Grady. George is a 1957 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. After serving 21 years active duty, he left the military to make a home in Texas. He was active in international marketing for 14 years and gave up that to find a home where he could be, most of the time, instead of continually traveling around the world.

He and his wife, Betty, now live on a modest farm/ranch about nine miles north and west of Muenster.

near Capps Corner. George joined Farmers in 1991 and has recently relocated his insurance agency from Fort Worth to Muenster to serve the community where he lives and eliminate the 82-mile drive to work. For more information, call 795-4571.

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Haywood hits home run with baseballs

Tom Haywood is counting on former Texas Ranger pitcher Nolan Ryan to help him hit a home run in his bid to unseat Steve Carraker from the Texas Senate District 30 seat.

Haywood is holding a drawing for three baseballs autographed by the future Hall of Famer who retired after playing 27 seasons in the major leagues. Ryan pitched a record seven no-hitters during his incredible career.

"To be eligible, people only have to complete a short survey telling me the issues that they think are the most important. No contribution is required," said Haywood, "but I sure appreciate any financial support as well."

The baseballs will be given away on Oct. 1, 1994, around the time of the World Series.

Haywood said, "I am really interested in hearing from the voters. Giving away baseballs signed by Nolan Ryan is a fun way to encourage people to tell me how they feel about the problems facing Texas today."

A brochure explaining the giveaway has just begun being distributed. Anyone who would like a brochure can get one by simply calling Haywood at (800) 866-7330 or by writing him at P.O. Box 8552, Wichita Falls, TX 76307.

Stop Gripping!
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VOTE!

CANDIDATES

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Representative, District 13 - Wayne Collins; Governor - Ray Hollis; Lieutenant Governor - Tex Lelar; State Treasurer - Mike Wolfe; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2 - Sharon Keller; Member, State Board of Education - Leland Dysart, Richard Watson; State

Senator, District 30 - Tom Haywood, Doyle High; State Representative, District 61 - David Kubosh, Ric Williamson; Chief Justice, Second Court of Appeals District - John Cayce; Justice, Second Court of Appeals District, Place 6 - LeeAnn Campbell Dauphant; Justice, Second Court of Appeals District, Place 7 - Terrie Livingston.
In local races: County Commissioner Precinct 3 - Richard Brown; Judge - Paul Hesse.

Our love and gratitude to all who were so caring in our loss of Judy. May God bless you.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who sent flowers, brought food and helped in so many ways with cards and loving tributes of their memories of Judy.

Special thanks to the ladies that cooked and served the meal, the C.D.A., and the KC's for the use of the hall, as you will be in our prayers.

*May God bless you,
Louise Trubenbach & Family*

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2 WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR							To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!
Sunday, February 6 St. Anne's Society 100th Anniversary	Monday, February 7 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. SH Cubs vs. Gold-Burg there, 6 p.m. CDA Meeting 8 p.m. KC Hall	Tuesday, February 8 Exercise Class 11 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center C of C Breakfast 7:30 a.m. SH Tigers vs. Masonic Home VG/B, there, 6 p.m. Muenster vs. Ponder G/B, g, here, 5:30 p.m. 4-H Meeting 7 p.m. SH School	Wednesday, February 9 Religious Ed. Classes 7 p.m.	Thursday, February 10 Exercise Class 11 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center SH Tigers vs. Harmony/Ambassadors VG/B, here, 5 p.m.	Friday, February 11	Saturday, February 12	
Sunday, February 13 Mardi Gras Carnival	Monday, February 14 Beta Kappa Meeting 7:30 VFW Meeting 8 p.m.	Tuesday, February 15 Exercise Class 11 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center SH Bi-District BB VG/B, TTBA	Wednesday, February 16 Religious Ed Classes 7 p.m., Mass 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, February 17 Exercise Class 11 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, February 18	Saturday, February 19	

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THE ENGAGEMENT and approaching marriage of Darlene Ann Hess and Jordon Jean Bayer, both of Muenster, have been announced by her parents Earl and Mary Ann Hess of Muenster. Saturday, February 26, 1994, is the date the couple have chosen as their wedding day. They will be married at 5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Muenster, by Father Victor Gillespie, OSB. Darlene is a 1993 graduate of Muenster Public School and is now attending Cooke County College. She is employed as a sales associate at Factory Brand Shoes in the Gainesville Outlet. Jordon is the son of Donna and Paul Bayer of Rt. 1, Muenster. He graduated from Sacred Heart High in 1993 and is now employed with Martindale Feed Mill. Marlene Hess will be her sister's maid of honor. Alethea Brawner, bride's sister and Bernadette Walterscheid, groom's aunt, will be bridesmaids. Jeremy Bayer will be the best man and the groomsmen will be Jerry Brawner, bride's brother and Karl Barnhill, friend of the groom. Also in the wedding party will be Arlie Bayer, groom's brother, as candle boy; Jeff Walterscheid, groom's cousin, ring bearer; Sunni Bayer, groom's sister; and Jessi Walterscheid, groom's cousin, flower girls.

CCC professor retires

Cooke County College will be losing government instructor Peter Hyde, after 31 years of service. "Hyde has certainly left an indelible mark on CCC," said Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, CCC president. "I've been very blessed," said Hyde. "I've done everything a man can do here at CCC."

CCC presented Hyde with several handcarved gifts. Ray Green, Gainesville resident, carved several things from an elm tree that was killed by lightning. The tree was salvaged from the grounds of the college by Pam and Lee Switzer, CCC faculty and staff.

"John Parker, past CCC president, was very persuasive in getting me to come to CCC," said Hyde. Hyde explained that he had two choices. "I could move to California or go back to school and get my master's while teaching at CCC." Hyde has been teaching at CCC ever since.

"The students here at CCC have been the most satisfying aspect of the job," said Hyde. "I have always encouraged my students to get politically involved."

"A four-year education is not always the answer," said Hyde. "It depends on what you want to do with your career." Hyde feels that students need a well-rounded education. Literature, art, science,

math and history are the bases of a well-rounded education.

"Technical skills are very important, only 20 percent of the jobs in the job market require a four-year degree," said Hyde. "Two years of technical education never hurt anybody." Hyde explained that students who have a well-rounded education will be able to explore their minds while doing their technical jobs. Hyde feels that a higher education can help students survive better and give them more options in life.

"Hyde always had personal contact with his students," said Elaine McHorse, former student. "Hyde is just super neat." McHorse added that Hyde made you feel like you were the only student in his class.

"His classes were structured, but he always made them interesting," said Ann Franks, former student. "When we were studying special events like the signing of the Declaration of Independence he made you feel like you were right there."

"I've learned a lot more from my students than they have learned from me," said Hyde. Hyde will be teaching part-time at CCC this spring semester. Hyde and his wife will be relocating to Subiaco, Arkansas.



SHOWN in the photos above and at right are two activities of Sister Mary John's 9th grade Religion Class at Sacred Heart School. Accompanied by several parent-drivers, the group's field trip took them to Bluebonnet Restaurant for lunch, a tour of Joe Walter Sheltered Workshop and Thrift Store, and a tour of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Gainesville by Rev. Phillip Reed on Jan. 26. These activities were planned to help the students grow in understanding the handicapped, and to grow in understanding of other religions.

Photos courtesy Jeannine Flusche



Mary Kay Cosmetics director attends conference

Jan Cain of Muenster joined more than 5,000 Mary Kay independent Sales Directors from the United States and Canada for the company's annual business conference held exclusively for Directors Jan. 13-15. The three-day meeting - held each year in a different city - convened at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida.

The focus of the Leadership Conference was bringing corporate staff and the independent Sales Directors together for motivation, education and achievement recognition of sales force members. At the conference, Cain picked up tips on business management and improving leadership skills crucial to the success of her businesses.

More than 60 career enhancement classes at the conference centered on topics such as increasing efficiency and productivity; improving business and presentation skills; and learning the importance

of positive reinforcement and encouragement. Other classes covered developing goal-setting consistency and how to implement ideas and techniques necessary to build and lead a dynamic sales unit.

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For more information, contact John Hunt, director of Children's Mental Health Services at MHMR Services of Texoma, 903-786-2902.

Erica Schilling chosen as scholastic semi-finalist

From more than 110,000 applicants nationwide, Erica Schilling, daughter of Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling of Muenster, and a senior at Sacred Heart High School, has been chosen as a semifinalist in the 1993-94 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

As one of the 1,814 semifinalists, chosen for their balance of leadership, character and achievement in school and the community, Erica Schilling must complete by Feb. 1 additional materials, which will be screened by the Program Review Committee. If selected as one of the 150 Coca-Cola Scholars, Erica will attend the national competition in Atlanta from April 14-16 to compete for designation as a national or regional scholar. The 50 national scholars will receive awards of \$20,000 and the 100 regional scholars will receive \$4,000.

This program, which is the largest business-sponsored scholarship program in the country

with an annual outlay of \$1.4 million, is funded by participating Coca-Cola bottlers and The Coca-Cola Company.



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New Arrivals

Anderle
Darla and Kevin Anderle are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Tyler John Anderle, in Denton Community Hospital on Jan. 31, 1994 at 4:28 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 5 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. Tyler John's grandparents are Harold and

Luke
Ray and Tawni Luke of Lewisville announce with joy the birth of a daughter, Peyton Elizabeth Luke, in Lewisville Memorial Hospital on Jan. 27, 1994 at 4:42 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 18-3/4 inches in length. Peyton Elizabeth joins two brothers, Preston age 6, and Parker age 3. Their grandparents are Lynn and Glenda Vowell of Valley View and Barbara and Dan Luke of Gainesville and the late Dolores (Henzler) Luke. The great-grandmother is Olga Vowell of Dallas.

Sug Bindel and first-time grandparents, John and Annette Anderle. The great-grandparents are Mrs. Ollie Klement of Muenster, Mrs. Eugene Anderle of Windthorst and Marcus and Catherine Fuhrmann of Lindsay.

It's not too late to save your life: End of winter is prime for heating fires

It's not too late to save yourself and your family from a needless heating fire. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection warns that the largest number of deaths caused usually happen during January and February, the final months of winter.

According to news reports, 11 people have died in heating-related fires so far this fall and winter. Another 22 have been injured and more than 50 families have been displaced.

"One victim was quoted as saying, 'You think it can never happen to you,'" said Michael E. Hines, executive director of the Commission on Fire Protection. "But fires do happen, and you are the one who can stop them."

Portable local heaters -- what most people call "space heaters" -- cause the majority of fire deaths, according to statistics from the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System. During 1992, 65 percent of all heating-fire deaths occurred in January and February.

The Commission on Fire Protection recommends these steps to prevent heating fires:

Do not operate a faulty heater. Look for these warning signs: frayed cords on electric heaters, damaged hoses on gas heaters, excessive popping sounds, unusual smells, or "tripping" the circuit breaker. If you notice any of these warning signs, have the heater checked by a qualified service technician or replace the heater.

Keep space heaters three feet away from anything, especially walls and furniture. This action could have prevented more than half of the heating fires in which someone was killed or injured in 1992.

Do not leave space heaters on while you are sleeping, use layers of clothing and blankets to stay warm.

Clean dust and clutter from central heating unit areas. Clean filters monthly.

Do not use your oven, stove burners, heat lamps or hot plates to heat your home.

Test your smoke alarms to be sure they are working. Know what you would do in case a fire occurred. Practice your emergency plan.

If you do not have adequate heating equipment, contact your local fire department or local social service agency for help.

If you know someone who has faulty or inadequate heating equipment, offer to help. Talk with your neighbors and family, especially those with young children or older persons, about the safety of their heating equipment.

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What Catholic Schools Week means to me

by Donetta Hess

During the opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart, one child represented each grade, Preschool through 12th, and carried the "hearts" of their classmates before the altar and gently placed them down. On each heart was a student's brief explanation of why they cherish Sacred Heart School. I believe it was to symbolize everyone's thoughts, joys and memories joining together and supporting our school.

Throughout Catholic Schools Week, I felt it was a special time to be aware of the things we have and to be thankful. We took time out, with many other Catholic schools nationwide, to realize how important everything is in this world - especially our education. That is why the theme was "Support Catholic Schools - Your Choice for Education."

My thoughts about my education at a Catholic school is within one little word - Catholic. The C is for Children called by God to be taught in a special way. The A is for the Adults who support our school unconditionally. The T is for the Teachers who give their best to inspire us all. The H is for Hope that someday our children and families will have the same experience. The O is for Offer given by the community of their time and effort to this school. The L is for the Love that lingers everywhere in our school and parish but has no boundaries. The I is for Inspired in which everyone is touched by this school. The final C is for Christ because he is the foundation and strength of our school. We are the heart of Christ. We are called Children, Adults and Teachers to Hope, Offer and Love through the Inspiration of Christ!



DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, classes express appreciation to many Muenster businesses for their work in the community. On Wednesday afternoon, Sacred Heart 7th graders Lucas Bayer, Leah Rigler and Courtney Grewing brought their smiles and baskets of goodies to **The Muenster Enterprise**. It sure was nice to get a treat (and on a long deadline day!), but the smiles and good wishes were even better. Thanks, very much!
Dave Fette Photo



WINNERS and finalists of the Sacred Heart Elementary School Geography Bee, held on Jan. 14, are, l to r, Jeff Hartman, Jessica Koester, Joanna Gehrig, Michelle Fuhrmann, Joseph Reiter (1st place), Patrick Miller, Stephen Hofbauer (runner-up), Laura Klement, John Flusche and Jackie Bartush. The first picture didn't work, thus this late retake. Thanks.
Dave Fette Photo

Baptism

Boles

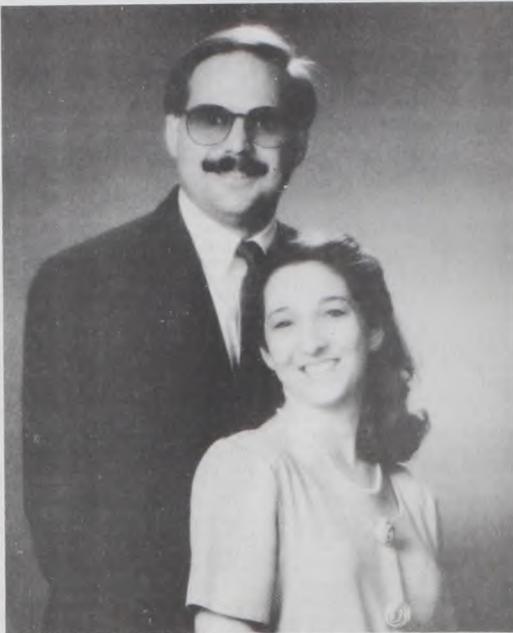
Adam Gabriel Boles was baptized Jan. 23, 1994 by Deacon Loren Seely during the late 9 a.m. Mass in St. James Church of Sulphur Springs. Parents are Charles and Ann Boles. Helen Yosten of Muenster is Adam's grandmother; godparents are Allen and Christy Bayer.

Adam wore a white christening gown designed and made by a longtime friend of the Boles' family, Jean Allen. She had also made the

christening gown for Adam's father, Charles.

Attending the baptism were Ruth Klement, Crystal and Frank; Lanie Bartush and Valerie of Muenster; Vivian Thacker, Michelle and Jennifer of Sherman; Martin Yosten, Matt Yosten, Richie, Vanessa and Sarah of Sulphur Springs; Jean Allen of Celeste; Beth Boles of Dallas; and Allen, Christy and Robert Bayer of Lewisville.

After the baptism, dinner was served at the home of Uncle Martin Yosten.



THE ENGAGEMENT and approaching marriage of Amy Lynn Caudle and Gregory Robert Luke have been announced by her parents, Dan and Virginia Caudle of Katy, Texas. Parents of the future-groom are Dan and Barbara Luke and the late Dolores (Henzler) Luke. The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Sharpstown High School in Houston, a 1991 graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed with the law firm of Sullins and Johnston, Houston, Texas. Luke is a 1983 graduate of Muenster High School and a 1988 graduate of Texas A&M University and received a Master's degree from TAMU in 1991. He is employed with AMOCO Production in Houston. The wedding will be held in Houston on March 19, 1994.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEB. 7-11

Lindsay Schools
 Mon. - Corn Chip Pie, combination salad, pinto beans, assorted fruit, bread, milk.
 Tues. - Vegetable Beef Soup, sandwiches, lettuce, pickles, cookies, crackers, milk.
 Wed. - Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cobbler, bread, milk.
 Thur. - Chalupa w/Trimnings, beans, Mexican rice, fruit, bread, milk.
 Fri. - Hamburgers w/Trimnings, fries, ice cream, milk.

ERA ISD
 Mon. - Chicken Pattie, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, milk.
 Tues. - Enchilada w/Sauce, Mexican salad, pear half, cornbread, butter, jello, milk.
 Wed. - Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, salad, potato chips, pickle spears, Rice Krispy Treat, milk.
 Thur. - Pizza, salad, peaches, peanut butter cookie, milk.
 Fri. - Frito Chili Pie, grated cheese, corn, mixed fruit, cornbread, butter, ice cream, milk.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL S.N.A.P. MENUS

Mon. - Sloppy Joes, tator tots, oranges, milk.
 Tues. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, peaches, cinnamon rolls, butter, milk.
 Wed. - Oven Fried Chicken, potato salad, peas, jello w/fruit, bread, milk.
 Thur. - Taco Salad w/Ground Beef, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, picante sauce, shredded cheese, fruit, milk.
 Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/Trimnings, French fries, fruit, milk.

MUENSTER SCHOOLS
 Mon. - Corny Dogs, potato rounds, baked chili beans, pumpkin bread, fruit, milk.
 Tues. - Fried Chicken, potatoes and gravy, sweetened rice, English peas, fruit, milk.
 Wed. - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, green beans, lettuce salad, fruit, milk.
 Thur. - Barbecue Sandwich, potato chips, pickles, onions, fruit, cookies, milk.
 Fri. - Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, lettuce and tomato, nachos, fruit, cake, milk.

Barney Party marks Sydney's first birthday

Sydney Hoedebeck celebrated her first birthday on Thursday, Jan. 6 with a party hosted by her parents Joe and Shellie Hoedebeck. Her actual birthday was Dec. 28.

A Barney theme was carried out in the party decoration and the cake baked and decorated by Sydney's mother.

Games were played and gifts opened during the party. Cake and ice cream were served.

Celebrating with Sydney were her parents; sister Jennifer, brother Christopher; grandmothers Elsie Hoedebeck and Annette Walterscheid; and uncles, aunts and cousins Renata Knabe and Jessica; Jeannine Walterscheid and Ben and David; Mary Hess and Ashley, Kristen, Haylee and Andrea; Chris and Terri Cagle; Ricky and Kelley Grewing; and Linda Knabe.



SYDNEY HOEDEBECK

The working family's guide to survival released

by Evelyn Yeatts, County Extension Agent-H.E.
 Balancing work and family and all their responsibilities can be a challenge today. It's difficult for families with both spouses working, as well as for single parent families.

An 8-topic, 4-part mailout series is currently available from the County Extension office. Topics included in the guide are:

- Delegation - everyone's participation in responsibilities of running a home.
 - How to talk about money.
 - Kids and cash.
 - Managing two or more incomes: yours, mine and ours.
 - Coping with the single parent role.
 - Child care options.
 - Managing time - don't let it slip away.
 - Couples need time together, too.
- To receive the free mail-out series, call the County Extension office at 668-5412 or stop by the office in the Courthouse basement.

Morton Museum's 25th anniversary was 'on track'

The "train" doors opened at the KC Hall in Gainesville on Jan. 21 to a festive crowd of more than 200 people ready to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Morton Museum of Cooke County. Dressed as Harvey House waitresses, hobos, railroad engineers, a gunfighter and in outfits from turn-of-the-century, 1950s and 1960s, the crowd danced the night away to the music of Dave Tanner and enjoyed a delicious buffet provided by Tom Thumb.

Angela Antonetti, president of the Board of Directors of the Cooke County Heritage Society, welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of the founding of the Heritage Society and museum. She introduced Margaret Hays, one of the charter members of the society, who drew the name of the door prize winner. The door prize was won by Mrs. Carol Glasscock, wife of the president of Cooke County College.

The Board of Directors and the staff of the Morton Museum want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this event such a memorable evening for everyone.



CHARLES and LINDA DRAPER, Board members of the Cooke County Heritage Society, Inc., are shown enjoying the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the opening of Morton Museum.
Photo courtesy Angela Antonetti

Sacred Heart completes Marathon

Sacred Heart Elementary students collected a total of \$1,717.77 from their recent Marathon benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Students who participated will receive a special certificate for their efforts.

Thanks to all sponsors whose generous donations helped to make this project so successful.

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SUZETTE LYNN FUHRMANN and **Joe Randol Vandervort** will be married on March 12, 1994 in St. Luke Catholic Church in Irving. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, James and Carol Fuhrmann of Irving. The future-groom is the son of Joe Vandervort of Irving and Mrs. Jackie Wright of Nesbit, Mississippi. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mrs. Gen Pels and Val Fuhrmann, both of Muenster. Suzette is a graduate of Nimitz High School in Irving and is employed at CVC Travel Services as a travel consultant in Irving. Vandervort, also a graduate of Nimitz High School, is employed at Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas.

College Honor Rolls

Melissa Diane Miller, daughter of Robert and Betty Miller, was named to the Dean's List at Midwestern State University, with a straight A average. A graduate of Sacred Heart High School, she is majoring in Biology and is carrying honors courses. She also does volunteer lab work in the Genetics Lab.



MELISSA DIANE MILLER

Angeline (Angie) Marie Endres has been named to the University Honor Roll of Midwestern State University. Daughter of Sam and Karen Endres and a 1991 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, Angie maintained a 3.5 grade point average to qualify for the Academic Honor Roll. She is enrolled in the Radiologic Technology Program.



ANGELINE MARIE ENDRES

Gaye Lanette Fisher, daughter of Willie and Janet Fisher, has been named a Distinguished Student by Blinn College which has campuses in College Station, Bryan and Brenham. Lanette completed freshman and sophomore years at Blinn and is now a junior enrolled at Texas A&M University, where she is majoring in Political Science/Pre-Law. She has maintained a grade point average of 3.9 in a possible 4.0 ratio. She is a 1991 graduate of Muenster High School.



GAYE LANETTE FISHER

Tax Talk

by: Duane Knabe, CPA

This week's topic is surviving spouses. A surviving spouse may use the joint tax rates for two years following the death of the spouse, but only if the survivor remains unmarried and maintains a household that, for the entire tax year, is the principal abode for a son or daughter, adopted child, foster child, or stepchild who is a member of the surviving spouse's household and for whom the taxpayer is entitled to a dependency exemption.

A widow or widower who qualifies as a "surviving spouse" uses the joint return rate schedule or Tax Table and must use Form 1040 or 1040A. This benefit is afforded a survivor only if they were entitled to file a joint return with the deceased spouse during the latter's lifetime.



1994 SACRED HEART NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

S.H. Honor Society holds induction

by Donetta Hess

It was a special honor to be at Mass on Friday, Jan. 28, in Sacred Heart Church. After Mass, Father Frowin and Principal Jack Murdock proceeded with an induction ceremony for the National Honor Society.

The new junior members are Tiffany Fisher, Tammy Fleitman, Jennifer Fuhrmann, Sarina Fuhrmann, Stephanie Grewing, Jason Hess, Loretta Reiter and Lorinda Whitecotton.

Probationary members are sophomores Brandon Bayer, Michael Becker, Karri Endres, Nicole Endres, Toby Hess, John

Klement, Joey Martin, Jake McCoy, Scott Poole and Jeanna Trammell.

Members of the Honor Society are chosen because of their community service, character, leadership abilities, grade point average and their involvement in school activities. It took time and effort from the new members to earn a position in the Honor Society. The students set a good example for the youth of the school.

Kelly Bayer, treasurer of the Honor Society, and Donetta Hess, president, assisted with the presentation of pins and special cards to the new members and

probationary members. Sr. Carmelita, sponsor of the Honor Society, helped organize a small reception after Mass, held in the high school library for the members, teachers and parents.

Other senior officers joining Kelly and Donetta are DeAnna Hess, vice-president; Brian Rohmer, secretary; Erica Schilling, reporter; Jennie Endres, parliamentarian; and Michael Gehring, sergeant of arms.

Julia Beattie promoted

Julia Bright Beattie has been appointed to the position of commercial lending officer of Western Bank's Crater Branch of Oregon. Beattie came to Western from Union National Bank of Texas in San Antonio where she was the bank's special assets analyst.

Born in Bad Godesburg, Germany while her parents, David and Juanita Bright, were stationed there with the military and raised in Muenster, Beattie graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Texas with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas.

She is active in the Southern Oregon Symphonic Band and is on the Finance Council of her church.



JULIA BRIGHT BEATTIE

HELP!



Several years ago a scout uniform exchange was started in Cooke County to recycle experienced Cub and Boy Scout uniforms. The exchange has helped many boys who may not have been able to afford a new uniform.

If you have a uniform that your son has outgrown and it is just taking up space in the closet, please consider donating it to the uniform exchange.

To donate uniforms you may contact any Scout Leader or call Shirley Knabe (759-2888) in Muenster and Michaela Shera (665-9818) in Gainesville. Please remove your sons patches, he worked hard for them. Thank you.

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Sports

Varsity Basketball

Lady Hornets 55, Era 45
In the 4th meeting of the Lady Hornets, Muenster came out on top again. "We didn't shoot well from the field, but our free throw shooting was excellent," said Coach Brian Strother. Muenster was 25 of 34 at the charity stripe.

Danell Reiter is noted for having a good game with 17 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 assists and 8 of 9 from the free throw line. Theresa Kubis also had 17 points with 9 rebounds, while Candise Abney had a career high of 7 blocked shots. Abney also grabbed 7 rebounds and added 4 points. Amy Otto put in 14 points for the Lady Hornets with Andrea Klement adding 2 and Brandi Lutkenhaus 1.

M	14	12	8	21	55
E	5	8	8	22	45

Hornets 61, Era 59
Muenster jumped out to an early lead only to lead by 6 points at the half last Friday night. "The boys believe in close games and giving their fans their money's worth," commented Coach Strother. "Once again, it came down to defense and free throws."

Muenster's field shooting was cold, but their free throw shots clinched the victory. With 2 seconds left, Era put an offensive rebound back up. It rolled around and out for a Muenster Hornet victory.

Jay Hennigan led Muenster with 24 points and 8 rebounds in a big win to allow Muenster to stay in the race for the playoffs.

M	19	7	16	19	61
E	9	11	21	18	59

Knights 43, Ponder 66
Ponder proved too powerful for the Lindsay girls last Friday, handing the Lady Knights another district defeat.

Raschelle Sharp pumped in 12 points to lead her team. Mary Tepera added 8. Putting in 4 points each were Andrea Gieb, Michelle Dennis and Brandy Bezner. Others scoring were Keleigh O'Dell, Stephany Pearson and Christy Zimmerer 3 each and Christine Fuhrmann with 2.

L	11	12	10	10	43
P	29	10	14	13	66

Tigers 78, Evangel 53
The Tigers started slow with cold shooting landing them 8 points down at halftime.

After picking up the pace on defense and starting to shoot, Sacred Heart got back on track. "We had to fight back from a deficit, in Evangel gym versus a hostile crowd," Coach John Nasche told. "This was their homecoming, but the Tigers answered the challenge and rose to the occasion."

Jason Hess led the Tigers with 25 points while Michael Gehrig hit in 13 and Aaron Berres 10. Others scoring were Jason Hofbauer with 8, Paul Swirczynski 7, Kelly Bayer 5, Jake McCoy and Weldon Bayer 4 each and Neil Berres 2.

SH	9	21	21	24	78
E	17	16	8	12	53

Sacred Heart's Tigerettes were awarded a district win after Evangel girls forfeited their game.

Lady Hornets 75, Valley View 33

Muenster's Lady Hornets put on a show Tuesday night for the home crowd, taking Valley View right out of the game. "Our presence was too much for them to handle," said Coach Brian Strother. "The first half was poetry in motion."

Amy Otto was in a shooter's zone with Danell Reiter doing everything right on offense. Theresa Kubis was stealing the ball and scoring, and Candise Abney was swatting shots to set a new school record with 15 blocks. Otto had 24 points at half of a 46-12 massacre.

The second half, Muenster's offense cooled just a little, but the bench played well and kept the Lady Hornets well ahead of the Eagles.

Audrey Knabe played her best

game off the bench, hitting 3 of 3 from the field and 9 of 11 at the free throw line for 15 points.

Otto was high scorer with 28 points. Reiter added 14 and Kubis 8. Carrie Hess put in 4, with Candise Abney, Andrea Klement and Sabrina Truebenbach each adding 2.

"We are coming together and playing well at the right time of the year," concluded Strother.

M	20	26	12	17	75
VV	7	5	14	7	33

Hornets 63, Valley View 39

Muenster played a complete game for four quarters Tuesday, with everyone contributing. "Our team defense looked like a swarmed Hornets' nest," bragged Coach Strother. "We allowed very few second opportunities and our offense clicked the whole game."

Jay Hennigan had a payback for Valley View as he hit three 3's at crucial times in the first half to bury the Eagles. Hennigan led with 21 points. A.J. Knabe added 13 with a great defensive game. Jason Huchton and Darrell Charles each hit in 9 points, Eric Miller 7 and Cory Knabe 6. "This is the kind of game I have been expecting all year," continued Strother. "The main key is not offense or defense, but that we are playing excellent as a team in all phases."

M	18	18	8	19	63
VV	7	11	6	15	39

Knights 53, Era 28

Mary Tepera and the Lindsay girls turned on the heat Tuesday night in the Lindsay gym, taking an easy district win from Era.

Tepera tipped in 14 points, assisted by Christine Fuhrmann and Stephany Pearson with 9 points each. Andrea Gieb and Michelle Dennis each added 5 while Raschelle Sharp and Brandy Bezner hit in 4 each. Keleigh O'Dell had 2 and Christy Zimmerer 1 for the Lady Knights.

L	15	13	10	15	53
E	4	3	11	11	28

Tigers 69, Meadowbrook 55

Sacred Heart moved one step closer to a playoff berth Tuesday night with a big district win. "Meadowbrook had the height and speed advantage, but we never let up," said Coach John Nasche. "Our aggressive style of play wore them out in the 4th quarter." The game was tied going into the final quarter. "I knew we were going to win because our opponents began to tire," continued Nasche. "The Tigers played their best defensive game this season."

Jason Hess was the game's high scorer with 15 points. Jason Hofbauer added 11, while Kelly Bayer scored 9. Michael Gehrig and Aaron Berres each hit 8, Neil Berres 7, John Klement 6, Jake McCoy and Paul Swirczynski 2 each and Douglas Novak 1.

SH	19	11	12	24	69
M	17	12	16	10	55

Tigerettes 48, Meadowbrook 19

The Tigerettes clinched the district championship Tuesday night, undefeated in district and a 20-7 overall season record.

Erica Schilling was high point maker with 10 points, with Kelly Dangelmayr adding 9. "Erica is coming out of her slump at just the right time," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Kelly also had a nice game."

Dobe Fleitman scored 7 points with Tiffany Fisher, Deanna Hess and Sarina Fuhrmann getting 4. Jennifer Fuhrmann and Nicole Endres each had 3 with Donetta Hess scoring 2.

"We were very flat. If we continue this trend, our season will end in bi-district," concluded LeBrasseur.

SH	20	9	10	9	48
M	2	4	4	9	19

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DONETTA HESS (40) reaches out for a rebound in the Tigerettes' district win over Meadowbrook Tuesday night. Also pictured are Nicole Endres and Jennie Endres (42).
Dave Fette Photo



MUESTER HORNETS swarm around a Valley View player after the rebound. Muenster team members pictured are Jason Huchton (23), Cory Knabe, Rodney Vogel (40) and A.J. Knabe (21). The Hornets won big over the Eagles Tuesday.
Janie Hartman Photo



THERESA KUBIS (15) outstretches two Valley View opponents to get possession of the ball. Lady Eagles in action include Stacy Hieb (40) and Christa Vaughn (24). Also shown are Muenster's Sabrina Truebenbach and Hollie Fuhrmann (25).
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KELLY BAYER (30) strips the ball away from a Meadowbrook player. Other Tigers pictured are Jason Hess (22), Jason Hofbauer, Michael Gehrig and Aaron Berres.
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MGA holds tournament
The Muenster Golf Association will sponsor a golf tournament on Sunday, Feb. 5, at Turtle Hill Golf Course, beginning at 10:30 a.m.



SARINA FUHRMANN moves in for the shot.
Dave Fette Photo

VV advances to Class AA UIL releases district alignment for 1994 - 1996

The University Interscholastic League released the tentative district alignment for the 1994-95 and '95-96 athletic seasons Tuesday.

District 17A will lose Valley View and pick up Alvord, Muenster, Lindsay, Era and Saint Jo, along with Collinsville, round out the football district.

In basketball, Alvord again replaces Valley View with Ponder again in the district, without Collinsville. Valley View will join District 10AA with Chico, Callisburg, Millsap, Nocona, Paradise and Peaster (no football).

Forestburg is in district competition with Gold-Burg, Prairie Valley and Slidell. Gainesville remained in 3A, lined up with Frisco, Lake Dallas, Little Elm, Pottsboro, Princeton, Sanger and Whitesboro.

Breakdown of the UIL biennial realignment according to students' average daily membership of schools is Class 1A - 144 and down; 2A - 294 to 145; 3A - 714 to 295; 4A - 1599 to 715; and 5A - 1600 and up.

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SACRED HEART JV TOURNAMENT

Sacred Heart 30, Liberty 22
The junior varsity Tigers won their opening game playing short-handed. "The boys have been improving steadily in the last month," commented Coach John Nasche.

Paul Swirczynski led the Tigers in scoring and rebounding with 14 points. Douglas Novak added 9, Brandon Bayer 5 and Michael Flusche 2.
SH 12 1 8 9 30
L 2 7 6 7 22

Sacred Heart 44, Gainesville 9th 60

Paul Swirczynski and Douglas Novak led the Tigers to a second place tournament trophy with 20 and 18 points. "Paul and Douglas singlehandedly almost gave us a win," said Nasche.

Sacred Heart was down by only 6 points going into the final quarter but, as the game continued, the 6 Tigers began to tire.

Also scoring for the Tigers were Glen Dangelmayr with 4 points and Toby Hess with 2.
SH 12 6 18 8 44
G 12 16 14 19 60

Sacred Heart 34, Liberty 25
Both teams started slow, but the Tigerettes' defensive pressure turned the game to Sacred Heart's favor.

Leslie Grewing put in 10 points with Karri Endres adding 6, Jill Hess 5, Jennifer Fuhrmann 4, Tonya Knauf 3 and 2 points each by Melinda Vickers, Kelly Rigler and Corey Hess.

SH 12 14 7 11 34
L 0 9 5 11 25

Sacred Heart 24, Gainesville 9th 29

The Tigerettes started slow and missed too many rebounds but, in the 2nd half, Sacred Heart's full court, man-to-man defense pulled the Tigerettes within 3 points with 2 minutes remaining in the game. "I was very pleased with the girls' effort," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "The girls did a great job to finish in 2nd place."

Scoring for Sacred Heart were Leslie Grewing with 7, Kelly Rigler and Brandi Gilpin 5 each, Corey Hess 4 and Jennifer Fuhrmann 3.
SH 3 3 4 14 24
G 11 4 6 8 29

ERA TOURNAMENT
Lindsay 51, Ponder 49

The Lindsay Ladies' first tournament game went into an overtime win over Ponder Saturday morning.

Molly Trammell slammed in 20 points for the Knightettes with Donna Lester adding 12. Amber

Geray and Jennifer Bezner put in 6 points each with Christina Metzler having 4 and Amber Griffith 2.
L 8 3 15 17 8 51
P 6 6 15 16 6 49

Lindsay 25, Era 41
The young Knightettes brought home the 2nd place trophy after falling to the host team.

All six of the Lindsay JV girls scored with Molly Trammell leading with 8 points. Donna Lester, Christina Metzler and Amber Geray each added 4. Jennifer Bezner scored 3 and Amber Griffith 2.
L 11 6 0 8 25
E 14 4 15 8 41

Muenster 24, Era 25
The Muenster JV girls had only 5 players and couldn't execute in the last minute to get a victory. "The girls played hard in this see-saw battle," said Coach Brian Strother.

Julia Fleitman led the Lady Hornets with 10 points, LeAnn Klement added 7, Misty Klement 5 and Mary Knabe 2.
M 6 3 4 11 24
E 6 2 5 12 25

Muenster 27, Ponder 32
The Lady Hornets couldn't get anything to fall. "I was proud of the girls for playing good, even though they were exhausted," commented Strother. "They never quit fighting to the end of the game."

Julia Fleitman was high scorer with 11 points. Others included DaLana Endres and Mary Knabe 4 each, Misty Klement and LeAnn Klement 3 each.
M 4 10 9 2 27
P 9 5 8 10 32

Muenster 45, Era 33
"This game was a defensive battle the first half," said Coach Strother, "then Muenster got some breathing room and put Era away."

Tony Hartman led the Hornets with 10 points, with Jeff Walterscheid and Steven Reiter each getting 9. Jamie Hellman put in 6, Jake Luke 4, Greg Fisher 3 and Cody Klement 2.
M 11 7 14 11 43
E 7 7 11 8 33

Muenster 51, Ponder 37
The Muenster boys had another defensive struggle the first half, then opened up to take the tournament championship. "This was a payback game and we took it right to them, dominating the inside game," said Strother.

Tony Hartman was the Hornet's high point maker with 21. Jeff Walterscheid added 11 and Jamie Hellman 8. Others scoring were Steven Reiter 5, Greg Fisher, Jake Luke and Cody Klement 2 each.
M 8 11 17 16 51
P 8 4 8 19 37

Lindsay 31, Era 38
Lindsay's JV fell short to the Lady Hornets Tuesday night. Five Knightettes put points on the board, led by Molly Trammell with 11. Donna Lester added 8, Amber Geray 6, Christina Metzler 4 and Jennifer Bezner 2.
L 3 14 5 9 31
E 10 11 11 6 38

Sacred Heart 43, Nocona 34
The young Tigerettes made some defensive adjustments and turned the game around in the 2nd half for a win.

Kelly Rigler is credited with her best game of the year, with a good defensive game from Karri Endres and Corey Hess.
SH 6 12 7 18 43
N 2 11 8 13 34

Sacred Heart 45, Nocona 51
A slow 3rd quarter in shooting, foul trouble and excellent free throw shooting by Nocona gave the Tigers 3 strikes in a close game.

Douglas Novak led the Tigers with 14 points, Paul Swirczynski had 11 and John Klement 10. Jake McCoy hit 5, Brandon Bayer 3 and Toby Hess 2.
SH 19 10 4 12 45
N 4 14 16 17 51

Muenster 26, Valley View 42
Brandi Lutkenhaus led the young Lady Hornets on the scoreboard Tuesday night with 15 points. Misty Klement added 5 with 2 points each made by DaLana Endres, LeAnn Klement and Jodi Theewart.
M 2 10 1 15 26
VV 15 4 12 11 42

Muenster 38, Valley View 22
The JV Hornets had a good defensive game over Valley View. Seven players contributed to the win, led by Steven Reiter and Jamie Hellman with 13 and 11 points. Tony Hartman put in 5, Cody Klement 3 with Bradley Fisher, Jake Luke and Greg Flusche each scoring 2.
M 17 2 16 9 38
VV 6 5 5 6 22

Sacred Heart 42, Prairie Valley 30
The Cubs started slow, but had a high-scoring 2nd half to win Monday night. "The team has improved into a contender," said Coach John Nasche. "We always start slow and finish strong, mostly because we are the only school in our district that plays football."

The Cubs have an outside shot at 3rd place if they beat Gold-Burg in the final game Tuesday night.
SH 5 8 17 12 42
PV 6 9 5 10 30

Sacred Heart 25, Prairie Valley 6
The Lady Cubs improved their season record to 12-3 Monday night. "The girls did an outstanding job on defense," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Seven Sacred Heart team members scored, with Crystal Klement leading the way with 9 points. Valerie Bartush added 6, Angel Sicking 4, Tammy Hennigan and Laura Klement 2 each with Jessamy Sicking and Sherrie Bonner each adding 1.
SH 10 4 5 6 25
PV 2 2 0 2 6

Gavin Kohler is finalist for FINA/Morning News All-State Scholar-Athlete Team

FINA has announced that the 40 finalists from which the 12-member 1994 FINA/Dallas Morning News All-State Scholar-Athlete Team will be selected soon.

The 12 team members, to be selected in March, will each receive a \$4,000 college scholarship and will be honored, along with his or her parents and school representative, at a June banquet in Dallas. At that time, the Honorary Team Captain will be announced and awarded the Tom Landry Award for Outstanding Achievement by the former head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Because of the outstanding quality of all 40 student athletes, the

sponsors announced they will increase the number of scholarships given to include all finalists. Each of the 28 students not named to the Team will receive a \$500 FINA/Dallas Morning News All-State Scholar-Athlete Scholarship to the college or university of his or her choice.

From the Northeast Region, Era High School senior Gavin Mathew Kohler was named as a finalist.

Kohler is the top student in his class involved in honor courses and the leadership program. He is the Student Council president and a track participant. Gavin is the son of Steve and Jane Kohler of Rosston.



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 Services for Mrs. Peggie Ann Howard, 38, of Saint Jo were held Monday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Saint Jo. Rev. Tim Williams and Rev. Ricky Kerr officiated. Interment was in the Petyman Cemetery at Forestburg under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Howard passed away Thursday in her home in Saint Jo.
 She was born June 9, 1955 to Earnest Umberson and Bonnie Ruth Herring.
 She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Saint Jo. She was employed at Billy Bob's in Fort Worth as a bartender for 13 years.
 Survivors include her husband, Don Howard; two sons, Brandon Kirkins and Jeremy Howard, both of Saint Jo; her parents, Bob and Bonnie Ruth Herring and Earnest Umberson; two sisters, Joyce Bearden of Norman, Oklahoma and Judy Sorrel of Anchorage, Alaska; and other relatives in the Forestburg area.
 Mrs. Josephine Berry and other ladies from the Ross-Point Women's Texas Ag Extension Service Club attended the meeting of all the clubs at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op building in Muenster. Lunch was served and prepared by the Cooke County Council. Business and reports were given.
 Mrs. Louise Shults had as her overnight guests Wednesday Mrs. Delia Roach and her nieces, Mrs. Martha Walker and daughter Linda from Crosby, Texas.
 Jerry McKown of Valley View visited Odessa and Jack Berry Tuesday afternoon.
 Mrs. Marilyn McKown visited Odessa and Jack Berry Wednesday afternoon.
 Faye and Lee McKown of Dallas were overnight guests of the Berrys Saturday night.
 Bill and Dorothy Christian of Stephenville visited Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian Wednesday and Thursday.
 Mrs. Laura Belle Jackson and Mrs. Jewel Dill were in Gainesville Monday.
 The Singing, sponsored by the local church, is scheduled to be Sunday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Church of Nazarene at Prairie Point. Everyone is invited to come.
 Rev. Marshall Stewart was taken to Dallas last week to Zale Lipps University Hospital. He is undergoing tests there.
 Ruth Smith attended the dinner Thursday evening, hosted by the Fettes of The Muenster Enterprise, in the Taiwan Chinese Restaurant in Gainesville. The Fettes treated all their employees to a nice Christmas dinner. The food was delicious. My thanks to the Fettes for a nice evening of food and fellowship.

Farm & Ranch

Soybean production seminar scheduled for February 9

Soybeans have provided Cooke County producers an alternative cropping source in the past several years. Last year's production was tight due to summer temperatures, however, under good conditions, soybeans can provide alternate income for county producers.

A special Soybean Production seminar will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 9, Dr. Travis Miller, Extension Agronomist, with responsibilities in soybeans and wheat, will be the featured speaker at the programs. The seminar will be held at 8 a.m. at W.B. Hud-

speth, Inc. at Era and at 11 a.m. at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op Building on Highway 82 at Muenster.

Travis will discuss various aspects of Early Group 4 Soybean Production for Cooke County and North Texas. Topics include Planting Dates, Techniques, Herbicide Selection, Harvest and Other Production Factors. One Continuing Education Unit toward Pesticide Licensing will be offered at either location. If you have any questions, contact the County Extension Office.

Fort Worth Stock Show Sale includes three local men

Three Cooke County cattlemen will be among those selling 550 head of select commercial Female Cows at the Fort Worth Stock Show's 7th annual sale.

The auction will be Sunday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. in Fort Worth with \$10,750 in prize money to be given away.

Consignors from the area and their livestock include: John Fisher

- 8 two-year-old Brangus bred heifers; heavy bred to Limousin bulls as of 5/1/93. Bob Vogel - 10 1/2-black Maine x 1/2 Angus bred heifers, all A.I.'d safe to Cunia, Stoney and Gizmo as of 10/1/93; 7 1/2 Maine x 1/2 Angus bred heifers, all safe to Gizmo. Thurman Ward - 10 purebred Simmental heifer pairs, these 2-year-olds have calves at side by Limousin bulls and will sell open, sired by 7P Ranch bull.

Local FFA, 4-H members to exhibit livestock in Houston

Joining other 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for the upcoming Houston Livestock Show will be 19 FFA members and 8 Cooke County 4-H members. The show-ring competition will be held Feb. 19 through March 6 at the Astorhall.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show - the junior show division. The other division, the open show, attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry, who are primarily professional breeders and ranchers.

Representing 878 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior

show is expected to draw more than 11,000 entries this year. A variety of animals are shown in the junior show division: market steers, market swine, market sheep, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

Jeremy Bayer will be representing Muenster 4-H with a market steer. Seven from the Gainesville 4-H will show market barrows, steers and heifers.

Valley View FFA is well represented with 17 members showing different livestock, while Gainesville FFA has two participants.

\$2.7 million in low interest loans available through TDA

The Texas Department of Agriculture's Linked Deposit Loan Program has \$2.7 million available in low interest loans for companies involved in enhancing the production, processing and marketing of certain crops, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

The Texas Legislature also expanded the program last year to include assistance for crops that have dropped markedly in production due to natural disasters and for water conservation equipment purchases used in crop production, Perry said. Until this change, only projects involving ag processing and alternative crop or livestock production qualified for financing under the program.

"Low interest loans are offered by the Linked Deposit program at a minimal cost to taxpayers," Perry said. "And under the program's expanded guidelines, we can encourage water conservation in agriculture and assist agricultural sectors that have been hurt severely by natural disasters."

The Legislature also increased the maximum loan amounts from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for production loans for alternative crops and from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for processing and marketing loans. Production crops affected by a natural disaster and water conservation loans are eligible for up to \$250,000 in loans.

Through the Linked Deposit Program, the state treasurer deposits

funds at qualifying banks at less than prevailing rates, which enables banks to loan money at below market interest rates.

For more information about these loans write to: Linked Deposit Program, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or call (512) 475-1614 or 475-1619.

Perry applauds restriction removal on insurance

Farmers and ranchers who have small operations of 10 acres or less can now qualify for a farm and ranch owners policy after a 10-acre minimum requirement was removed Jan. 27 by the Texas Department of Insurance, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

The previous acreage restriction required, in some cases, the owners of small agricultural operations to buy multiple policies for their homes, livestock and barns if they owned less than 10 acres.

"Removing this acreage restriction will help those involved in organic vegetable production and other niche ag markets such as emu and ostrich operations," Perry said. "I applaud Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Hunter for eliminating this restriction."

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

CORN PRODUCTION FOR COOKE COUNTY

In the past three years corn acreage in Cooke County has increased significantly. Newer varieties, planting strategies, markets, and price have all contributed to this resurgence of corn plantings.

Recently Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension Corn Specialist, was in Cooke County reviewing cultural practices needed for corn success. Some of Cloyce's recommendations included:

Planting Dates:

As a rule of thumb, we need to be planting corn when the soil temperature is approximately 50 degrees at your seed planting depth. Check the soil for three days prior to planting at 7 o'clock in the morning at your seed planting depth. This range usually comes about ten days prior to our last killing frost date. Our last killing frost date in Cooke County is on an average March 15. Considering these two factors, we would be looking at around the 5th of March or the first or second week of March. All of these factors depend on temperature for a particular year.

Plant Density:

Due to the potential for dry summers in Cooke County, our plant density should be somewhere around 18,000 to 20,000 plants per acre. We try not to overplant so that we will have ample moisture to hopefully eliminate some problems associated with aflatoxin. When planting, you might consider planting five to eight percent additional seed to alleviate some problems associated with dry or cloddy soil conditions. If you are planting corn for silage, you might want to hold off one to two weeks. Earlier planted corn tends to result in a somewhat shorter plant. Use the 115 to 118 day varieties as they have tended to do best in past years for county producers.

Fertility:

Corn uses approximately one pound of nitrogen per bushel produced. Therefore, optimum rate for us is to apply about 120 pounds

of nitrogen prior to planting. Most of the research that has been conducted in the past has shown that topdress or late applications of nitrogen are less successful in yield production. If you plan to use anhydrous ammonia, this should be applied one to two weeks before planting. Planting just following anhydrous applications can cause some germination problems. High phosphorus levels which occur in most Cooke County soils can cause problems with zinc fertility in corn. For this reason, always have a soil sample done that will show zinc deficiency in soils that are to be planted to corn. Zinc is a needed nutrient in both corn and sorghum and can be applied as liquid or granular. Most of our soils are high in phosphorus and corn shows little response to phosphorus so generally phosphorus is not needed at corn planting.

Aflatoxin:

Aflatoxin can always be a problem in corn. Producers who plant corn must be aware of this contaminant and assume the risk associated with it. Cropping strategies help producers to cope with the aflatoxin problem. These strategies include conserving soil moisture, early planting, seeding rate, fertility, and early harvest. All of these factors help to eliminate stress to the corn plant which helps to suppress infection by aflatoxin fungi. We are still at the mercy of the weather and the fungi in dealing with aflatoxin. Producers who are not willing to take this risk should not plant corn.

Right now many seed companies are holding meetings for county producers to inform you of their varieties. In recent tests for the past several years on corn varieties in Cooke County, it has been shown that all the companies should have a variety that is adaptable to our soil and climatic conditions. Visit with your seed dealer as to your corn planting needs. Additional information concerning varieties and herbicides associated with corn result demonstrations performed in Cooke County are available at the County Extension Office.

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Ag News Briefs...

Three aides to former Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower have been found guilty by a federal jury in Austin of a conspiracy to divert public funds to political uses. Former deputy agriculture commissioner Mike Moeller, his assistant Peter McRae and division chief Billie Quicksall face up to four years in prison for using public money to hire consultants who traveled the state soliciting political contributions.

Cattle imported from Mexico each year to the United States numbers about a million head, 99 percent of which are for slaughter.

Wheat producers in Texas have seeded 5.8 million acres for the 1994 winter wheat crop, 5 percent below the 6.1 million acres planted last year, and 2 percent below the 5.9 million acres planted in 1992, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. Nationally, U.S. seedlings of winter wheat for 1994 totaled 50.6 million acres, down 2 percent from 1993.

No residues were reported for fed-steer and heifer carcasses in USDA's annual report on residue monitoring. The report, which covers 1992 tests, also showed limited residues in meat from cows, confirming that the beef industry continues to clean up its act.

From My Side of the Fence
by Ed Cler

Well, it's been years now since we found a Montgomery Ward or Sears mail order catalogue in our mailbox, and likely the person happiest about that was the mail carrier. Some of these big books had as many as 500 or more pages, and weighed several pounds.

Since I was six or seven, I can recall getting two big catalogues, one from each of the above-mentioned concerns each spring and fall, and throughout the year, there were numerous smaller sale books delivered from time to time.

In the years before electricity made its debut in the rural areas in 1939, these big books were almost eagerly awaited. They were a source of entertainment and information to many, who at times took their leisure by browsing through these catalogues, noting the newer styles, prices and types of wares available; in fact, they went on a shopping trip without leaving home. Even the kids got a lot of pleasure looking at many of the items, reading the descriptions and wishing.

Many of us ordered a lot of merchandise from these two books over the years.

My parents were married in 1906, and their entire original household furnishings from furniture to flatware, pots and pans, stoves, linen and all in between were ordered from Montgomery Ward. Mom told me that when they received the order, they found quite

a number of extra items that Wards sent along as wedding gifts. Also, there was a letter of appreciation thanking my parents, stating they had never sold an entire household before.

The six dining room chairs are still in use and in pretty fair condition. One of our sons has the old table, and is in the process of restoring it. He hopes to someday acquire the chairs, to complete the set.

When we were kids, much of our clothing, other than shoes, was purchased through the mail order system. Sears boasted of their "24-hour service," and usually lived up to it, at least when the trains were still running. As time went on, good roads, shopping malls with convenient parking and competitive prices lured buyers away from the mail-order houses and the business became unprofitable. Wards was the first to shut down and Sears soon followed their lead.

Many will remember the big catalogues and some of the many uses they were put to after they lost their status in the home. Often one or two stacked on a chair allowed a child to better sit at a table when there was a crowd.

But then, eventually, the books were discarded, many being relegated to the family outdoors where, page by page, they came to an end.

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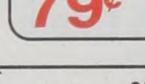
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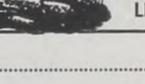
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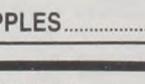
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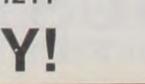
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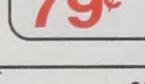


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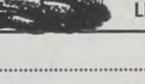
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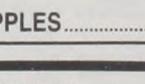
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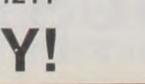
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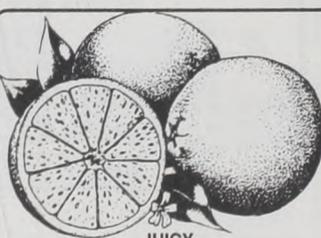
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