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MUENSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL received commendation for achievement with students served in the Chapter I Mathematics and Language Arts Program, during an awards program on Dec. 13. Special guests were Carmoline Holloway, Field Service Agent, and Kay Jacoby, Coordinator of Teaching Accelerated Learning. Shown are, l to r, front row - Kay Jacoby, Janie Weinzapfel, Patsy Bayer, Dorothy Fleitman, Kim Walterscheid, Amy Popp, Gwen Trubenbach, principal K-5; middle row - Becky Scott, Darla Lile, Theresa Walterscheid, Melinda Fuhrmann, Lisa Hettler and Carmoline Holloway; back row - Marjorie Alsup, Leigh Hale, Sheila Jones, Michele Darling.

## Muenster Elementary receives commendation

In a brief assembly, Muenster Elementary School received commendation for achievement with students served in the Chapter I Mathematics and Language Arts Program.

Muenster Elementary Student Council members opened the program by saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing "The Grand Old Flag."

Gwen Trubenbach introduced guests Carmoline Holloway, Field Service Agent, Region XI Education Service Center and Kay Jacoby, Coordinator of Teaching Accelerated Learning, Region XI. Kay also serves as a State Officer for Compensatory Education and is a member of the Association of Compensatory Educators.

Kay Jacoby presented the

Certificate of Commendation to Muenster Elementary teachers, "for accelerating the learning of children to a level where: Sixty-five percent or more of students participating in the campus Chapter I program passed all sections of the 1994 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills."

Ms. Jacoby praised and commended Chapter I teachers, Janie Weinzapfel and Kim Walterscheid, and aides Patsy Bayer and Dorothy Fleitman. She also commended and praised classroom teachers, Darla Lile, Sheila Jones, Lisa Hettler, Melinda Fuhrmann, Becky Scott, Amy Popp, Theresa Walterscheid, Michele Darling, Leigh Hale and Marjorie Alsup.

Kay Jacoby expressed her

admiration for the outstanding efforts of the 50 Muenster Chapter I students because they exceeded the percentage commended by the state. Seventy-one percent of the Muenster Elementary Chapter I students passed all sections of the TAAS test.

"Muenster's accelerated program succeeds because Chapter teachers, classroom teachers, parents and students work closely with one another to ensure student success," said Gwen Trubenbach, Elementary principal. "Also, the accelerated program encourages and helps students not only catch up but excel academically. Students having difficulty mastering the mathematics and/or language arts curriculum receive extra help in the Chapter I program."

## Hall will not switch parties

Rep. Ralph Hall (D-Texas) has ended media speculation that he might switch to the Republican Party if conservative Democrats are shut out of leadership positions. "I'm a conservative Democrat, and I'll continue to vote with conservatives of both political parties to try to solve our nation's problems," Hall said.

The Democratic Caucus met last week and elected a minority leader, minority whip, caucus chairman and vice-chair. None of those elected represented the conservative wing of the party. Hall had supported Rep. Charles Stenholm, a fellow Texas conservative, for the position of Minority Whip.

"The November election sent a strong message that Americans are tired of business as usual and that we need to promote policies that are more in line with mainstream America. I hope the leadership will pay attention to this message," Hall said.

It had been widely reported in the media following the November election that Hall and half a dozen

other conservative Democrats might switch parties, particularly if conservatives were shut out of leadership positions. Reports cited their conservative voting records and their opposition to the Democratic leadership on such issues as the President's Budget, the Crime Bill, and health care reform.

"My first responsibility is to represent the people of the Fourth District of Texas," Hall said. "I have consistently voted the views of my constituents, even when those views differ from my own party's philosophy. Although I would never say 'never,' switching parties would have no effect on my voting record or my representation of the Fourth District."

"It is generally known that Democrats who switch can switch and carry with them their seniority into the Republican Party. I believe this would not be fair, for there are many Republican Members (many of them friends of mine) who have waited ten or twelve years for a chairmanship," Hall said. "I doubt that it would be right to step in front of long-time regular

Republican Members. In addition to that, I am not at all uncomfortable staying in the Democratic Party and continuing to work and pull them back toward the middle. Miracles do happen—they just did!"

"Instead, I'll continue to work for those goals that are important to the Fourth District," Hall said. "I'll continue to support a balanced budget amendment and efforts to reduce the size and scope of the federal government. I'll continue to help ensure a strong economy that benefits both hard-working Americans and business—and will fight to get the government out of our daily lives as much as is possible and practicable."

"This is an historic time in Congress. We have a powerful mandate from the American people to make some important changes in government," Hall said. "I'm optimistic that the 104th session will pass some key legislation that will make those necessary changes, and I'm honored to represent the Fourth District of Texas and to be part of this historic opportunity."

## Recyclers "eye" needy children

Six year old Mayra is looking at the world through new eyes now. "Fuzzy shapes on the blackboard are clear to her at last thanks to New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., a unique recycling organization in Short Hills, NJ.

"Children who can see, can read, can stay in school, can go on to get jobs," said New Eyes President Joan Daeschler, "and we are asking people to help us help the thousands of children who, like Mayra, cannot afford eyeglasses."

Since 1932, New Eyes for the Needy has helped more than 4 million people both in the United States and overseas through a unique recycling program. Individuals and organizations donate reusable eyeglasses and precious metal scrap such as old

watches, jewelry and silver pieces, and dental gold. The metal scrap is sold to a refiner and the jewelry is sold in the New Eyes gift shop. Funds from these sales pay for new prescription glasses for needy Americans of all ages. Plastic framed glasses are sorted and classified by some of our 200 community volunteers and sent to homeless American veterans and medical missions and hospitals in

25 countries as far afield as Ukraine, India, Zaire and Brazil.

Please send your tax deductible recyclables to New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., Room A, 549 Millburn Avenue, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078, or call 201-376-4903 to order posters and brochures to conduct a community collection drive. One hundred percent of cash donations are used to purchase eyeglasses for needy Americans.

## Good News!

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world. JOHN 16:33

## Commissioners award fuel bid to Douglass Distributing

by Janet Felderhoff

Bids submitted by three companies on fuel for the county were opened at the December 12 meeting of the Cooke County Commissioners Court. Douglass Distributing of Sherman had the low bid and the contract was unanimously awarded to them. The amount will vary depending on the price of fuel at the time. Also submitting bids were two Gainesville companies Enderby, Inc. and Barthold Oil Company.

Acting on the request of a number of people, Commissioners Court discussed changing the New Year's holiday which was set for Friday, December 30, 1994, to Monday, January 2, 1995. This will coincide with the days being taken by banks and other businesses. The change was made with three in favor and Judge Ray Russell and Precinct 2 Commissioner Kenneth Alexander abstaining.

Bonds were renewed for eight county employees. These included Constable Jody Vance and deputies with the Cooke County Sheriff's Reserves or employees of the Cooke County Sheriff's Department, Glen A. Fisk, Charles K. Owen, Bobby Sharp, Terry Gilbert, reserve deputies; James Westfall, David Province and Harold Ellender.

A two-year contract for the

collection of delinquent taxes was again signed with local attorneys Jim Robertson and Phil Adams who presently perform the task for Cooke County. They have collected the delinquent taxes for about a year now. "It is more a matter of efficiency of collection rather than selecting the best deal," remarked Judge Russell. The rate that can be charged is set by law, he said. Each member of the Commissioners Court verbally noted that he was satisfied by the firms work in the past. Robertson and Adams added that they now have contracts with Gainesville Memorial Hospital and Gainesville ISD to collect taxes for those entities.

Dr. James R. Cole was re-appointed as Cooke County Health Authority. He has held the position for a number of years.

Rider Booth, a representative with Chevron USA Production Company, requested permission for that company to lay pipeline under County Road 406 in the Sivells Bend area of Precinct 4. Approval was granted.

Discussion was held concerning what should be done with money in the employees' fund. The money accrues from vending machine profits in the court house. There is now about \$5,000 in that fund. According to Cooke County

Auditor Gloria Parrish, in the past some of the funds have been used for an employee banquet or Christmas luncheon. Attendance has been poor in the past with most saying they would attend and then less than half following through.

Parrish suggested that perhaps each employee could receive something from this fund for Christmas and everyone would then benefit equally. "A \$15 gift certificate would be about \$2,400," said Parrish.

Commissioners Virgil Hess and Murrell Harrison were appointed to a committee to determine how the funds are to be dispersed.

In other business:  
•Monthly bills were approved  
•Minutes from the last meeting were approved

•Monthly reports were approved  
•Granted permission to Southwestern Bell to lay cable under County Road 149 in Precinct 1

Special guests of Judge Russell were two Lindsay High School students, Lori Hoberer and Angela Luttmir. Miss Hoberer had won the county judge position in a mock election. Miss Luttmir was her campaign manager. The two spent the day with Judge Russell to observe the routine of his office.

## Local numbers continue improving trend in sales tax rebates in '94

"Steady economic growth and strong employment by the services and construction industries prompted a 9.2 percent increase in local sales tax rebates in December," State Comptroller John Sharp said as he delivered payments of \$122.2 million to 931 cities and 111 counties.

While tax rebates for December's holiday shopping will not be returned to Texas cities until February, Sharp is closely monitoring consumer shopping, and will release a special report on Christmas sales during the week of December 19.

Sharp reported that new jobs in the service and construction industries have continued to increase in all of Texas' major metro areas, contributing to 15 consecutive months of three percent or better employment growth, and accounting for new economic

activity in all parts of the state. That in turn, produced higher sales tax returns.

Texas cities received \$110.4 million in monthly sales tax payments, up 9.3 percent from the \$101 million they received last December. Counties were delivered \$11.6 million in rebates, 8.4 percent above \$10.7 million for December 1993. Another \$160.6 million in payments went out to six mass transit authorities and two city transit departments.

Muenster received \$8,601.41 in sales tax rebates this month, up 20.49 percent from the payment in December of 1993. Also up by 2.31 percent from last year are total payments to date. Thus far in 1994 Muenster has deposited sales tax rebate checks totaling \$132,956.96.

Lindsay's December rebate check was for \$3,793.49, up 1.79 percent from that of a year ago. Total

payments to date in 1994, \$53,778.88, are up 8.71 percent from the total at this time a year ago.

Gainesville's December rebate of \$121,217.16 was an increase of 6.45 percent from December 1993. Total payments to date for Gainesville are up 25.27 percent from last December.

A check for \$3,537.92 went to Oak Ridge. This showed an increase of 11.47 percent from December 1993. Valley View received a December rebate of \$1,220.23 which was 29.18 percent less than December 1994.

Cooke County's December 1994 sales tax rebate check was for \$72,527.06, an increase of 11.02 percent from a year ago. Total payments to date, \$1,023,274.15, shows an increase of 22.57 percent from December 1993.

## Humanities grant will fund ethnic public forum series at NCTC

North Central Texas College will be joining a statewide "Building A New Texas" initiative by presenting a special series of public forums in 1995 that will focus on important issues related to ethnic diversity at the local and state levels.

NCTC officials were recently notified that their application for grant funds to support the public forum series was approved by the Texas Committee for the Humanities.

The title and theme of the series, according to Dr. Gerald McDaniel of the NCTC English faculty, will be "Breaking the Silence: Voices of the New Texas." Professor McDaniel helped write the grant application and, as humanities advisor at the college, will serve as a coordinator of the project.

"This lecture series will not only provide a public forum through which the views of ethnic groups on various public issues can be voiced but also an opportunity for representatives of these groups to come together and interact among themselves and with humanities scholars," Professor McDaniel said. "Our major goal," he added, "is to contribute to the reduction of ethnic-origin biases when considering contemporary public issues in the New Texas - issues like educational and job opportunity, illegitimacy, public services and so on."

Three individual forums are scheduled, each drawing representatives from the primary targeted ethnic populations of the area - German-American, African-American and Hispanic-American - to air contemporary public issues

from their own humanities experience.

Writers of the grant application observed that "literacy in the 'new Texas' must consist of more than the acquisition of basic language skills, such skills being of no great avail if the people of Texas cannot put what they read into a legitimate and viable social context."

Professor McDaniel said an effort was made to schedule each forum to coincide as closely as possible with other ethnic-related or historical observances. The African-American forum is set for Feb. 9 (Thursday) in observance of Black History Month, followed on

March 2 - during Texas History Week - by the Hispanic-American forum. The German-American forum will be held March 22 in celebration of St. Joseph's Day, an important feast day in the early history of the Muenster area.

In addition to the remarks to be made by invited speakers, each forum will include a question-and-answer session to encourage input from and interaction among audience members.

All three Thursday forums will take place in the Lyceum Meeting Room of the NCTC Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. The general public is invited to attend at no charge.



MUENSTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS sponsored a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner on Nov. 6, serving 438 plates. This event made possible a \$1,000 contribution to Muenster Memorial Hospital's OB/Nursery Fund. Pictured are, l to r, Jerry and Betty Rose Walterscheid, MMH Administrator Jack Endres and Grand Knight Ed York.

Dave Fette Photo

**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Friends,  
During this year of '94 two large checks have been sent to our missions from the Sacred Heart Community in Muenster. May I take this opportunity to thank you again and to explain a little of how we use your donations.

This morning, Sunday, a truck came into the village from Kinshasa. Among other things, there were 30 sacks of cement for the reconstruction of a dormitory in our dispensary. It might be interesting to know that the distance from Kinshasa to our village is 300 kilometers or 480 miles. The truck left Kinshasa at 14:00 Saturday and got here at 9:30 Sunday morning. The roads are very bad and now during the rainy season they are worse than ever. Of the 30 sacks, 8 were broken open by the bumps and jerks of the truck because of the bad roads. We have one machine to make cement blocks. It makes one brick at a time, and naturally all is done by hand. I have hired four men to work tomorrow. Two will work in the morning with two sacks of cement and two in the afternoon with another two sacks. This way, in two days we will have saved the 8 broken sacks of cement and we can finish the reconstruction.

Last week we ordered sand. That is, we notified all the families in the village that if they brought up a half barrel of sand from the river we would give them 4 note books for school work. Believe me, the sand came. Every kid in the village had either a bucket, or a pot or a calabash of sand. They dumped it on a designated spot and then ran down to the river for another load. By eleven o'clock in the morning we had what would amount to 40 barrels of sand. The biggest joy was to hand out the note books at the end of the day. All of our construction in this area is done this way, for there is no truck to be hired or called to do the work. Even if there were a truck, there is no road.

If all goes well, the dormitory will be finished in three weeks and we can again welcome twelve more hospitalized patients. Our dispensary has 82 beds which include 14 at the maternity ward. We have no doctor, but very good RN Sister nurses. For the moment, we have serious cases of measles. With good nursing care, medicine and food, the children get well quickly. The patients suffering from tuberculosis take on a new life with this care. You must know that we are able to function thanks to your donations. The check in April was that of \$3,850.00 and in August it was \$2,800.00. That is very much money. We now have three rebuilt buildings with new tin roofs, cement floors and patients who receive medicine and food far beyond their own possibilities. All of this is thanks to you.

The people tell us "thank you" and we receive their beautiful smiles. But actually, it is meant for you. Only God can bless you for your generosity. You give to people who do not know you, and you do not know them...Jesus said: What you have done for the least of the brethren, you have done it to me. The Lord sees your generosity and He will reward you.

Is it impolite to say that our next project is to buy new beds? You, the mothers of Sacred Heart Parish would cry if you saw our beds. They are metal but the legs are broken off by rust. We bought the beds twenty years ago. Later on, maybe after the year 2000 we will think of running water and electricity. For now, it is medical aid and food, given in clean hospital wards, warmed by sunshine and love. Thank you again. Love to all.

Sister Roberta Hesse  
Kingala-Matele

Dear Muenster, Texas,  
On behalf of the entire Horse Detachment, I just want to say THANK YOU for everything you did for us over the Thanksgiving weekend. Even my greatest expectations were surpassed. A special thanks to Frank Cromcents, the Chamber and Jaycees, the Kiwanis Club, the V.F.W., Muenster High School and Steve Cooper, and the Catholic Daughters. Your support was extraordinary! Thank you David Fette and staff for the time, effort and foresight required to make it all happen.

Once again, Muenster has outdone itself and gone beyond the call of duty. My guys were in awe the entire weekend. They are still talking about how friendly and well mannered everyone was. All I've heard since we've been back is, "Sir, when are we going back to MUESTER?"

As for myself, I just can't say enough. I have never been more proud of my community. I can tell you one thing, I had a lump in my throat as I rode down the parade route. It was a wonderful feeling of pride, thankfulness and happiness. As a Detachment, we've been to many Texas towns this year to perform. Muenster is #1 in our book!

Thanks again for the warm reception and for everything each of you did. It makes my heart glad to call MUESTER my home.

Drue Bynum  
Commander  
1st Cavalry Division  
Horse Cavalry Detachment  
Fort Hood, TX 76545

Letter to the Editor,  
To all my Gainesville Register customers, as some of you know I will be quitting paper delivery on Dec. 30. A new carrier has already been found. Beginning next week, she will ride with me until the end of the year and take over the route on Jan. 1.

During my time as a paper carrier I've met so many nice people and I appreciate your cooperation and thoughtfulness during those years.

C. R. Harris  
318 Cunningham  
Gainesville, Texas 76240

My very dear friends,  
It looks as though I am going to spend Christmas on earth, and therefore I shall joyfully write another Christmas letter.

I received the first Christmas card today. It was from Brother Thomas Mosler, OSB. Among other things he said: "I always like to read your letter in the Muenster Enterprise."

I used to start with the Christmas mail on the 15th of November and your letter was always first. Well, it is the 6th of December that I am copying from the first scrap paper.

Such marvelous events have happened in Muenster lately! The Blue Ribbon Elementary School is an accomplishment of the highest kind in education.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Jack Murdock as the prime source whence came forth the heroic ambition to achieve that glorious goal for Sacred Heart Elementary School.

And then, like a fire the faculty, students, parents, why the entire parish pitched in. It was hard and extensive work. Result? In May 1994 Sacred Heart Elementary was declared a Blue Ribbon School.

And how can I find words to extol the Tigers and their brilliant coach, John Nasche? A thousand congratulations on your winning the State Championship. I am sorry that I don't have the copy of the Muenster Enterprise any longer on hand so that I could be more specific.

Please, don't think that I am completely unaware of the MISD's football team, the Hornets. My sincerest congratulations on the honors that they reaped this season. As above, I miss the Enterprise so that I could be more specific. (I pass on the Enterprise as soon as I have read it).

Finally I take the privilege to congratulate Mr. Paul Hesse on having been elected as the next Cooke County's Judge. What honors you have brought upon the entire city of Muenster!

Thanks a million for the subscription to the Muenster Enterprise, the Sacred Heart Church Bulletin and the Sacred Heart School Newsletter by its Principal, Mr. Jack Murdock.

Thanks likewise a million times for all the beautiful Christmas cards or letters from friends. It is impossible to answer them individually.

And lastly my dearest friends, I wish each person who reads the Muenster Enterprise the special gifts of Christmas: "Peace, Good Will and abiding Happiness."

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**Congressman Stenholm accepting intern and page applications**

Congressman Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 1995 Washington, D. C. Internship Program, as well as applications for page positions in the House of Representatives.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by January 17, 1995, to be considered for either position.

Pages perform a variety of duties, including delivering packages to offices within the Capitol complex, and answering telephones in the Members' Cloakrooms. The pages answer directly to the Director of Page Services and they are paid a monthly salary, which covers basic living expenses.

Pages are housed in supervised dormitories and study junior level curriculum at the U.S. Capitol Page School.

Page positions are open to students in the 17th Congressional District who will be juniors in September 1995. Pages must have a "B" average in four major courses, excluding electives.

Four interns are selected to work in the Congressman's office for one month intervals in June or July.

Interns are involved in the daily operation of the Congressman's office and will help research constituent inquiries.

College students from the 17th Congressional District or those attending college inside the district, teachers and administrators are eligible for the internship program. The interns are paid a one-month stipend to cover basic living expenses.

Page and intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Elaine Talley in the Abilene district office at 915-673-7221.

Applications are due by January 17, 1995. They will be forwarded to a Selection Committee who will notify finalists by February 22, 1995. Interviews for all positions will be held in Abilene on March 18, 1995, and selections will be made at that time.

**Blood Drive for GMH**

The Texoma Regional Blood Center mobile unit will be conducting a blood drive at Gainesville Memorial Hospital Friday, December 16, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The mobile unit team will set up for blood donations in the hospital's first floor conference room. The public is invited to participate.

Requirements for donors include these:  
--Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 71. Age 17 requires written permission from a parent or guardian.  
--Donor must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds.

--A donor must not have had Hepatitis (Any type of hepatitis or jaundice, other than at childbirth, is a rejection); active tuberculosis; malaria (Prospective donors who have had malaria, lived in a malaria area or have had malaria treatments are deferred for three years);

rheumatic fever, heart disease, liver disease, shortness of breath, persistent cough or chest pain; bleeding abnormalities or blood disease.

--Diabetic donors are acceptable if the diabetes is controlled by diet or oral medication. Donors requiring insulin are deferred.

--Other deferrals may come from: recent cold, sinus or respiratory infection; active allergies or asthma; recent shots, vaccinations or inoculations; recent major surgery; unexplained weight loss; stomach ulcers, etc.

A complete list of donor selection criteria is available from the Texoma Regional Blood Center, but the basic requirement is simply general good health.

For more information on the GMH blood drive, contact Gayla Blanton, director of community relations 665-1751, Extension 401.

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Please sit down some evening soon, relax, and let your thoughts recall Christmases that make your childhood come alive for your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and your friends.

If you wish, we will accept your words as written. If you are a bit uncomfortable in expressing such memories, please call, tell us about them and let us help you compose your memories and put them on paper. Several times before, we have requested your help on similar Christmas features, and always we have received favorable responses. But rarely have we found anyone willing to "tell their own story." Most people usually say, "Oh, I'd love to read such things about others, but I don't want to do it myself!"

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**Civic Outlook**

by Mayor Bill Miller

No longer will America have a rural electrification program called REA. The Rural Electrification Administration (REA) became Rural Utilities Service (RUS) in October, doubling its staff size to nearly 1000 and adding more than \$1.4 billion in loan and grant money for improving rural water and sewer service.

The change will create openings for rural electric co-ops to provide water and sewer service to customers in rural areas. The co-ops are eligible for the \$900 million water and waste water loan program, with some money available at 4.5% interest.

Rural electric cooperatives in Texas have paid off their REA loans in full and are taking no federal subsidies.

All co-op profits are returned to the co-op members.

The question for each of the existing rural electric companies to answer now is whether to expand and offer water and sewer in their service area or allow a new water and sewer co-op to develop.

RUS will offer technical assistance, training, and emergency and waste management grants.

RUS will also provide funding for the computerized Distance Learning and Medical Link grant program that used to be offered through REA.

During 1994, REA made \$13.5 million in interest-free rural development loans which created about 2300 jobs. A total of 46 loans were made and 37 of these went to electric companies. Since the loans are made with matching funds, an additional \$88.7 million was financed by the companies.

REA also approved 14 rural development grants totaling \$5 million. 12 of those grants went to electric companies.

Thirteen electric cooperatives in Texas have paid off their REA loans in full and are taking no federal subsidies.

All co-op profits are returned to the co-op members.

The question for each of the existing rural electric companies to answer now is whether to expand and offer water and sewer in their service area or allow a new water and sewer co-op to develop.

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**2 WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR**

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

Sunday, December 18	Monday, December 19	Tuesday, December 20	Wednesday, December 21	Thursday, December 22	Friday, December 23	Saturday, December 24
	MISD Christmas Holiday begins	SH School dismisses 12:30 p.m.	Muenster VG/B vs. Nocona, there, 6 p.m. SH FRG, JVG/B, VG/B vs. Lindsay, here, 4 p.m. MMH Board Meeting 7:30			
Sunday, December 25	Monday, December 26	Tuesday, December 27	Wednesday, December 28	Thursday, December 29	Friday, December 30	Saturday, December 31
CHRISTMAS DAY		MUESTER ENTERPRISE CLOSED	KGAF Classic Basketball Tournament			

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# Ray Emmett Evans dies Dec. 9 at age 86



RAY EVANS

Ray Emmett Evans, 86, long-time resident of Muenster died on Dec. 9, 1994 at 10:05 p.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Jan. 5, 1908 in Madill, OK to William H. Evans and Mary Carolyn Roper Evans. On Sept. 17, 1932 he married his high school sweetheart, Ella Pearl Dickerson. They moved to Muenster in 1935.

Ray Evans was a retired superintendent of Phillips Petroleum; a member of First Christian Church of Gainesville; a 32nd degree Mason, member of Lodge 878 at Myra and a Shriner. He was associated with Moslah Temple in Fort Worth, and with Scottish Rite in Fort Worth. He worked diligently with the Crippled Children and the Burn Center. Just

last week he received his 50 year Masonic pin.

Survivors are his wife Pearl Evans; one daughter-in-law Lupe Evans of Muenster; two grandsons Murlin Ray Evans of Austin and Douglas Winfield Evans of San Marcos; one brother Murlin "Mutt" Evans of Tishomingo, OK.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one son, Murlin Joe Evans, one brother Douglas Evans, one sister Irene Meadows.

Funeral for Ray Evans was held Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994 at 2 p.m. in McCoy Funeral Chapel of Muenster, officiated by Rev. Ken Cole, pastor of First Christian Church of Gainesville.

Eulogies were presented by Dan Hamric and Shirley Weems.

Sacred music was presented by Dr. Martin Kralicic, Pam and Dave Fette, including "How Great Thou Art," "In The Garden," and Malotte's "The Our Father."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Bill McCullum, Dickie Pagel, Dan Hamric, Pat Stelzer, John Dave Meurer and Kim Walterscheid. Honorary pallbearer was Terry Walterscheid.

Among relatives who came from a distance to attend the funeral were the brother of Ray Evans, Murlin "Mutt" Evans of Tishomingo, OK; and nieces and nephews Carolyn and Horace Self of Carrollton; Elaine and Douglas Gibbons of Dallas; and Mary Evelyn Dickerson Edwards of Dallas; Ruby Dickerson of Midwest City, OK; a great-niece Vicki Worley and son Gregory Scott Worley (great-great nephew) and "Muggs" Smith of Dallas.

# MADD affects changes in Happy Hour policy

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Monday, November 28, adopted changes to the agency "happy hour" rule which has been in effect since 1986.

The Commission acted in response to a request from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) who earlier in the year had asked the Commission to consider banning happy hours altogether. While an outright ban was at that time further than the commission members thought to be reasonable in that it interfered with a business' right of free enterprise, it was apparent that there were certain abuses that needed addressing.

## Fox's Morris Brothers take message to Era students

Homer and Rupert Morris, The Morris Brothers, who host the Fox 33 Kids Club took their 50 minute presentation to the students at Era High School on Thursday, Dec. 15. Three programs were presented, one at 1:15 p.m. for the junior high and high school, one at 2:30 p.m. for the elementary and an evening program which started at 7 p.m. for everyone.

The two men, whose appearance is described as "nerdy" with taped glasses and pen-stuffed pockets, have a mission - to educate kids on having a healthy self concept. Their motto is "It's not what you look like, but how you feel about yourself that is important".

Topics discussed during the assemblies included: drug awareness; dealing with peer pressure; making good decisions; building self confidence; acceptance of differences; getting a good education; taking pride in your family, school and nation; teamwork; goal setting; and motivation.

After several months of working with participants from MADD, the Texas Restaurant Association and interested club and bar owners, some compromise language was developed. While no consensus was ever reached, "the amendment addressed the major problems that are currently occurring. The main points of the new amendment are: It will allow only one complimentary drink to be served to any customer during any business day; no more than two drinks may be served to any individual customer at any one time and no bar or club may charge a cover charge and them sell discounted drinks. Since 1986, the agency banned "all you can drink for one price" schemes. However, recently several clubs around the state sought to get around that prohibition by charging a fixed cover charge and then drinks for a penny, nickel, or any coin. This amendment will close that loophole.

Commission Assistant Administrator Randy Yarbrough stated that it is the intention of the Commission to hopefully slow down consumption and to get the obviously dangerous practices under control. It is hoped that by modifying their practices, bars will be more conscious of both the

number of drinks that their customers drink and in certain cases be better able to keep tabs on minors that come into establishments to ensure that they are not consuming alcohol. Yarbrough said, "If this will slow people down and keep them from drinking as much and from drinking and then driving, it will go a long way to making our highways and streets safer." The amendment will become effective December 20, 1994, and will be effect for the Christmas and New Year holiday periods. Establishments violating the rule may have their licenses suspended or may pay a fine, if convicted.

Created in 1935 by the 44th Legislature, the TABC is the state agency responsible for inspecting, supervising, and regulating every phase of the business of manufacturing, importing,

exporting, transporting, storing, selling advertising, labeling, and distributing of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale or otherwise.

Members of the Commission include: Roy Orr, chairman, of DeSoto; Martha Dickie, Austin; and Steven Baker, Houston.



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## Ed Endres dies Dec. 13

Ed Endres, 73, died on Dec. 13, 1994 at 8:28 p.m. in Denton Regional Medical Center. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time. The obituary, liturgy and photo will be printed in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

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## Gus Jones to retire Dec. 31 in Sherman

On December 31, Gus Jones, long-time manager of the Sherman Social Security District Office, will retire. A reception to honor him will be held at the Sherman Social Security Office, 810 North Travis, on Tuesday, December 20, 1994 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members of the public are invited to visit the office during those hours to honor Mr. Jones.

Since his tenure at Sherman, the office has received numerous citations as a superior office in its classification. Jones has been cited twice by the Regional Commissioner and has also been awarded the Commissioner's Citation, the highest honor bestowed by the agency.

Jones is active in numerous community and civic affairs. He is a past president of the Sherman Rotary Club; former "boss of the year" by the Sherman B & P W; founder of the Grayson County Social Services Association; Christmas Chairman for Salvation Army; and chairperson for RSVP. He has served on the boards of transportation and aging committees. At his church, Jones has served numerous times as a ruling elder and as vice-moderator of the governing board.

Jones has completed more than forty-one years of Federal service. Of those, thirty-three have been as manager of the Sherman District. He is married and his wife, Mary Lynne, is a teacher at Sherman High School. Their older daughter, Angela, is an assistant city attorney for the City of Waco and their younger daughter, Amy, is a claims representative with Social Security in San Antonio.

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# Lifestyle

## Christmas memories are fondly recalled

### Christmas 1977

by Christi Koessler Klement  
A baby doll for Christmas - that's what I wanted even if I was 22. Our first baby was due to arrive on Dec. 18, 1977 and Leon and I were ready for the big event. The 18th came and went. So did the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

Working for my parents at Koessler's Jewelry that Christmas season helped to expedite the last week while I was "in waiting." Well-wishing shoppers asked the three most popular questions: "When is the baby due?" "How are you feeling?" "Do you want a boy or girl?" Mary, Gretchen and Mom jokingly decided a nice sign with the answers hung on a chain would save time.

Just after 12 a.m. on Christmas Eve we were awakened by nature's cue - the time had come.

Main Street in Muenster is very lonely at 4:30 a.m. Dr. Juez met us at Muenster Memorial Hospital to spend the entire Christmas Eve with us to wait.

The remainder of my family was busy working what was traditionally the busiest day of the year at Koessler's.

Dad was known for his wit and he lovingly sent verbal quips to me with Gretchen during the day to cheer me. Gretchen would then report back to the store with the progress report from the labor room.

At 4:20 on Christmas Eve, Leon and I were blessed with a red-headed 8 lb. 10-1/2 oz. baby girl we

named Andrea Lee.

Mom, Dad and the rest of the gang made it after closing the store at 5:30 in time to be introduced to the newest member of the family.

I missed the party at Mom and Dad's that night, but I realize now as I watch with my three children the videos Leon took of Dad dancing with my nieces that night and my family enjoying the holiday that no Christmas can compare with that one 17 years ago when Andrea and I were guests at MMH and their gracious staff. The celebration of life was never more clear than the Christmas of 1977.

### Christmas Potpourri

by Robert Miller

As most former Sacred Heart elementary students can remember, we learned to sing Christmas songs and others from Sister Leonarda in the old "Tin University." Also in later years we honed our skills with Sister Richard in the basement of the elementary building.

When I was in about fifth grade or so, the boys in our class welcomed the chance to get out of some class time for singing practice. Grades five through eight were invited to sing before Midnight Mass. We sang from about 11:00 p.m. to 11:45 p.m., then the Sacred Heart Men's Choir took over. Some of us got to serve at Mass. This practice entailed going over to church and singing from the choir loft. As in many

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**MUESTER ISD KIWANIS** Students of the Month for December are, 1 to r, Cory Cain from high school and Justin Fleitman from junior high. Cory is the son of Chris and Jan Cain. During high school, he participated in football, basketball, golf, tennis and track. He is a member of the Student Council and is a class officer. Cory's future plans include attending a small college and playing football while majoring in Business Administration. Justin, the son of Ray and Dorothy Fleitman, is usually a straight A student. He likes to participate in football, basketball and track, watch movies and was a UIL participant.

Janie Hartman Photo

## Former resident marries in Tyler on December 3

Marianne Byrd Blackwell and James Bruce Naegeli both of Tyler were married on Dec. 3, 1994 at Trinity Lutheran Church, officiated by Steve Henze.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Byrd of Troup, the bride is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and attended Tyler Junior College. She is employed by Southwestern Bell Co.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Naegeli of Whitehouse, a graduate of Whitehouse High School and Tyler Junior College and is employed by TU Electric.

Carrie Blackwell of Tyler, daughter of the bride was flower girl. Ushers included the groom's brother Steve Naegeli.

A reception followed at the church. The couple will reside in Tyler upon returning from a wedding trip to the Caribbean.

The groom's father was employed by the Upper Elm Red Soil and Water Conservation District and the groom's mother was employed at Muenster Elementary School while the family lived in Muenster.

## "Lights on for Life" remembers lives lost

"Lights on for Life" is an observance to remember lives lost to impaired drivers. On Friday, Dec. 16, the National 3D Prevention Month Coalition is sponsoring "Lights on for Life," a nationwide daytime headlight observance in recognition of National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month in December.

In remembrance of persons killed and injured in alcohol-related collisions, law enforcement, businesses, government agencies and private citizens throughout the country will keep their vehicle headlights on as they drive during

the day on Friday, Dec. 16. "Lights on for Life" is also intended to be a strong reminder of law enforcement's watchful eye on drunk drivers during the holidays.

Beginning on Dec. 16, officers from state police, highway patrol and their counterparts from city police agencies throughout the nation will participate in "National Holiday Lifesaver Weekend." The weekend, which will last through midnight on Sunday, Dec. 18, is intended to encourage motorists to observe traffic safety laws, including DWI, speed and safety belt laws.

## Holiday in the Park begins vacation run

As schools let out for Christmas vacation, Six Flags Over Texas will present its Holiday In The Park festival on a nightly basis starting Friday, December 16.

The Christmas event's tenth anniversary edition features a country theme, complete with a huge Santa Claus in a fringed jacket and western boots towering over the park's entry mall.

The featured musical production, "Santa Country," has played to capacity houses in the Southern Palace Music Hall since its opening the day after Thanksgiving.

Unseasonably warm weather during the first weekends of the

event put the theme park's ice plant staff on overtime. More than 150 tons of ice were fed into the special machine which creates "snow" for the popular Snow Hill ride.

Most of the park's regular rides are open during Holiday In The Park.

After Christmas the event will begin two hours earlier each day, providing more daylight time for ride fans. Current hours are 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. After Christmas, the park will open at 2 p.m.

Six Flags will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Holiday In The Park runs through New Year's Day.

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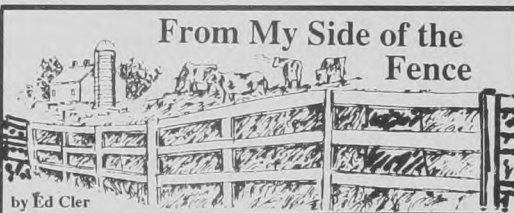
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One of my cousins and her husband used to play the part on Christmas Eve, and our family was on their list.

It was their custom to arrive well after dark with a loud clatter and a "Hee Haw" by the donkey, played by the husband.

The donkey consisted of a homemade head mounted on a broomstick. This head was held near a window so that it was not too visible to anyone inside the living room, but with a few movements and appropriate sound effects it held the "believers" interest.

While Santa was busy inside, one of my older brothers and myself decided to go outside and meet the donkey. I think we kind of slipped up on the husband who, on seeing us, stopped braying long enough to ask what we were doing out, and told us to "Get back in the house."

Well, we knew him well enough to try to tease a bit, asking him why he needed a disguise to play a donkey. While he didn't really become angry, he never-the-less threatened to "swat us one" if we

didn't go inside. After a bit more teasing by the two of us, he put the donkey head down and made a sudden movement in our direction, and we made a dash for the door, almost crashing into Santa, who was just making an exit.

Santa asked why we were in such a hurry, and I don't think we endeared ourselves to her or her husband, when we told her that "a jackass was chasing us."

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**Rules:**

1. You must use only ballots from **The Muenster Enterprise**. They may not be copied in any way.
2. Each and every person in the community is eligible to cast their vote.
3. Voting is to be completed and be in the Chamber of Commerce Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 1994.
4. If you are not sure who lives at a residence, go to their door and ask, or ask a neighbor.
5. Only **ONE** ballot per person will be counted.

**CATEGORIES:**

**BEST BUSINESS -- NAME**  
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**BEST RESIDENTIAL -- NAME**  
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**BEST RURAL -- NAME**  
ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

**BEST RELIGIOUS -- NAME**  
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ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

**MOST HUMOROUS -- NAME**  
ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

**BEST STREET BLOCK -- NAME**  
EXAMPLE: Elm St. between 6th and 7th St.

**BEST ADOPTED VACANT LOT or BUSINESS -- NAME**  
ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA

Prize money for each category except "Best Street Block" is: 1st prize, \$100.00; 2nd prize, \$50.00; 3rd prize, \$25.00. Street block is \$175.00, total to be divided; used for a block party; or to buy more decorations for the street block for next year's decorating contest.

Nominees can win in only one category; if they are one of the top three in more than one category, the top award will be given and another nominee awarded the other award.

**New Arrival**

**Weinzapfel**

Eight and one-half year old Christina Weinzapfel joyfully announces the birth of a brother, Michael Joseph Weinzapfel, on Monday, Dec. 5, 1994, at 8:04 p.m. in HCA Hospital in Denton. He weighed 8 pounds and measured 20 inches in length. Also welcoming Michael are his parents Ronnie and Tina Weinzapfel of Muenster. Grandparents are George and Leoba Mollenkopf and Henry and Janie Weinzapfel, all of Muenster. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Elizabeth Mollenkopf.

**Fund set up for needy in Muenster**

Muenster's Social Concerns Committee has established a fund at the Muenster State Bank to collect money for the needy for Christmas. Baskets have been set out at Fischer's Market and Ben Franklin. Also items can be dropped off at Wanda's Day Care Center or at Patsy Bayer's.

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## Christmas Memories

situations there were a few "bad" apples in the barrel. Sometimes when Sister Carmelita turned her back to confer with the organist, a few monkey shines and shenanigans took place. Eventually the culprits were caught and were asked to leave as this was serious business. We practiced nearly every day during the month of December until we got the sounds "just right."

Being an altar boy with Brother Thomas Moster in charge at Christmas time was a special delight! For our annual Christmas party, (one of four parties during the year) we were handed printed song sheets (bring your own flashlight) and went caroling around town. Later we gathered in the Sacred Heart gymnasium for organized games, scavenger hunts, cookies and cokes etc. We looked forward to this all year!

At home one year when I was a youngster, Mom popped some popcorn to string on the tree. She was in the kitchen. My brothers and I were in the living room with the stringed tree. Mysteriously there appeared many bare spaces of thread where the popped corn had been. We didn't think she would notice. Apparently she did because that was the last year to decorate the tree with popcorn!

As long as I can remember, our family always went out to Grandpa T. Miller's on Christmas Day. It was very exciting as uncles, aunts and cousins came from Fort Worth and all over. Being the oldest grandson, I was one of the first to bring an (as yet) non-relative to the gathering (Betty Stoffels). I was very shy and embarrassed as everyone was asking: Who is she, etc.? It is hard to hide when there are children and grandchildren by the bunches in every corner of the house. Eventually I got over it as this was the first of many family gatherings to which I brought my favorite gal.

In later years after we were married, Betty and I were invited to Charles and Carolyn Bayer's (on the hill) for Christmas caroling and wiener roast. It was great fun riding on hay trailers and singing around town and at the rest home and hospital. The Christmas spirit comes easily when warming by a large campfire while eating and singing Christmas carols. Many friends both young and old were invited to this annual event.

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: This week The Muenster Enterprise is indebted to Robert Miller and Christi Koesler Klement, the first ones to respond this year to our request for personal Christmas Memories from our readers.)**



MHS STUDENT COUNCIL members Julia Fleitman and Andrea Klement hung lighted Christmas wreaths in the windows of the school's lobby. Lora's Flowers and Gifts generously created the festive decorations using their talents, trimmings and the artificial tree which had previously graced the school's hall each December for the last decade.

Janie Hartman Photo

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### Tour of Homes

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### Decorations

Sacred Heart Student Council; Neil Berres, Karri Endres, Nicole Endres, Shauna Endres, Trish Endres, Tiffany Fisher, Dobe Fleitman, Mike Flusche, Jennifer Fuhrmann, Sarina Fuhrmann, Leslie Grewing, Stephanie Grewing, Corey Hess, Jill Hess, Crystal Klement, John Klement, Tanya Knauf, Yvonne Martin, Joseph McCoy, Kelly Rigler, Brad Schilling, Angel Sicking, Amanda Wimmer, and Chrissy Yetter: Lamp Post Decorations

### Gary Fisher, Milton Knauf: Wooden Figures

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### Other Thanks

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## Dangelmayr kin celebrate Feast of St. Nicholas

Descendants of Herman and Elfreda Dangelmayr, who are also descendants of Muenster pioneers Joseph and Theresia Dangelmayr, continued a family tradition established by the late great-grandparents in observance of the Dec. 6 Feast of St. Nicholas. It was a treasured celebration the great-grandparents recalled from their infancy in Germany.

The local celebration was held in the new home of Donna and Craig Walterscheid on Sunday, Dec. 4, when relatives gathered in anticipation of a visit from the children's favorite St. Nick.

Special guest was Father David Bellinghausen, OSB, who imparted a special new-home blessing. He related the story of Saint Nicholas to the children, and led the group in Christmas carols. When St. Nick arrived, with bags full of goodies for all, everyone had a turn to talk to him, and give him their Christmas wishes. He led the children in a prayer before departing.

Family members attending were Donna, Craig, Ashley and Chad

Walterscheid: Don and Betty Ann Flusche; Karl, Beth, Levi and Lacey Trubenchach; Steve Trubenchach; Charlotte and Bill Dangelmayr; Janet, Matt and Lydia Bezner, and Amy, Jessica and Michelle Pangel; Tom Dangelmayr and Hayle Fenton; Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr; Mike, Kerry and Rashae Dangelmayr; Ron, Karen, Amanda and Shelby Dangelmayr; Chris, Leslie and Katlyn Dangelmayr; Joe, Pam, Kelly, Glenn, Debra and Adam Dangelmayr.

Other guests attending were Donnie and Evelyn Walterscheid; Claudia, Jeffrey, Richey and Steven Stalder; Josh McCoy and Jackie Bartush.

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## Dangelmayr-Felderhoff kin hold annual "St. Nick" party

The annual traditional Dangelmayr-Felderhoff St. Nicholas party was held this year in the home of Mrs. A.J. (Girle) Felderhoff in Gainesville. Held early so family members could attend following Thanksgiving holiday visits, the honored guest also came early to carry on the tradition begun several generations ago by Muenster pioneers Joseph and Theresia Dangelmayr.

All descendants of Tony and Theresia Felderhoff were present except Chad Felderhoff of Houston who was recuperating at his parents' home in Waco from a car accident, and Larry Felderhoff of San Marcos who was unable to get time off from his job.

Christmas carols were led by Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. St. Nick arrived carrying a huge sack of goodies for all. More than 90 people were present.

The decorated refreshment table held punch and cookies. Pictures were made with all the children and their much-beloved St. Nicholas; prayers were said; songs were sung and letters were submitted by the little ones.

Present were Joan and Alvin Hartman; Monica, Jon and Kristin LeBrasseur; Bobby, Sharlene, Shannon and Dainah Hartman; Kenny, Rhonda, Holly, Courtney and Nolan Hartman.

Joe and Ruth Felderhoff; Christy, Bert, Joe and Rebekah Hesse; Jenny, Jack, and Emily White of Houston; Anne, Neil, Matthew and Kaitlyn Hesse; Rose Felderhoff of Dallas.

Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid; Danny Walterscheid; Laurie and Amy Walterscheid and friend Wayne Sims of Lewisville; Greg Julie, Eric Alexandra and Hilary of Marietta, Georgia; Charles and Mary Felderhoff and Cecilia of Waco.

Mrs. Girle Felderhoff, the hostess; and Anthony and Jan Felderhoff of St. Louis, Mo.; Steve and Donna Felderhoff and Brad, Kerri and Kelli of The Colony; Carol and Bobby Zimmerer and Jessica, Russell and Kristen of Denton; Mary and John Fiala and Joseph, Michelle and Matthew of Dallas; Kathy and Karl Metzler and Milissa, R.J., Katie and Nathan of Era; Ronnie and Patty Felderhoff and Anthony and James of Austin; Cindy and Terry Alford and Nicholas, Tara, and T. Madden of New Braunfels; Judie and Don Woodall and Daniel and Daryl of Ft. Worth; Jeff and Claudia Felderhoff of Midlothian.

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- \* Keep trees and flammable decorations a safe distance from open flame heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves.
- \* Check children's new toys for potential safety hazards.
- \* Buckle up and be especially careful on the road. Out-of-town travelers, drinking drivers and weather conditions all pose special risks this time of year.

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## NCTC benefits from a decade of Hospital Auxiliary scholarships

A presentation of three scholarships to North Central Texas College health care students in November marked a decade of the Gainesville Hospital Auxiliary's mission to not only render aid to recovering hospital patients, but also to give a hand to the caregivers.

The GMH Auxiliary has donated close to \$18,000 over the past 10 years.

Paula Clements and Marcia Murphy are both NCTC RN students at the NCTC Gainesville campus. Shannon Beavers is the first ER student of the Lewisville and Denton campus to receive a scholarship. She is currently working in ER at the Gainesville Memorial Hospital.

"I have been able to use the scholarship to go towards books, uniforms and gas," said Clement. "Every little bit helps and receiving the scholarship has been a great asset to my financial needs."

Murphy explained that she would use the scholarship to go towards her books for next semester.

"I greatly appreciate the scholarship and the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary volunteers," said Beavers.

The scholarship program originally started with only two scholarships for students enrolled in nursing programs at NCTC. The fund has grown so, that the auxiliary is able to give several scholarships not only to nursing students, but any student in an allied health field of study at NCTC.

"Since the first year that the scholarship fund was established, the program has continued to grow as the hospital and the auxiliary has grown," said Ruth Goudy, scholarship chairman.

In addition to the auxiliary's NCTC scholarship, the group now provides in-house scholarships to GMH employees and volunteers who wish to further their education.

Each May two scholarships are awarded to graduating Gainesville High School students who are planning a career in the allied health field.

In April 1992, the Auxiliary established the Julie Turbeville Eberhart Memorial Scholarship. Any NCTC student enrolled in the AND program is eligible for the scholarship.

A legacy from the Oneita Hill Memorial Scholarship was established in the spring of 1994. Two awards are given each May to graduating seniors who are interested in a health-related career. Students must be from the following schools: Callisburg, Era, Lindsay and Valley View.

"The success of the gift shop and the funds raised have made it possible for the Auxiliary's extensive scholarship program," said Goudy. The gift shop is staffed by volunteers seven days a week and is located on the first floor of GMH.

Other fundraising activities include jewelry sales, style shows, quilt raffles, bake sales and bus trips to Amish Country.

"The scholarship program has not gone unnoticed by NCTC administrators," said Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, NCTC president. "There's no way of measuring how many lives have been touched in the past 10 years with the scholarships given by the auxiliary."

Persons wanting more information about NCTC scholarships should call the NCTC Foundation Office at 817-668-4213.



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## Muenster Telephone Corp. celebrates Christmas Dec. 3

Muenster Telephone Corp. hosted its annual Christmas party Saturday, December 3. It was held in its newly remodeled meeting room. During hospitality hour all of the employees, spouses and guests had a tour of the new and remodeled offices.

Richard Corley gave the invocation before dinner. The Center Restaurant catered the steak dinner.

After the meal, President Alvin Fuhrman gave a talk on the achievements of the company this past year and also some of the things that are coming in the future. Mr. Fuhrman presented Gene Vogel with his 10-year service award pin. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Alvin Fuhrman presented Gracie Fuhrman with a plaque in appreciation for her work with the new construction and remodeling of the corporate offices this past year and one-half.

Various drawings were held for gifts. Bingo was also enjoyed by the fifty-seven people in attendance.



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## MHS Class of '97 hosts Bake Sale Dec. 17

The MHS Class of 1997 will sponsor a Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 17, 8 a.m. until 2 at Fischer's Market. A good assortment of baked goods and Christmas goodies will be available.

## Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

**Seasons Greetings from the Dill Garage in Forestburg.** Those pretty Christmas lights you see across the main street in downtown Forestburg are Jewel and Carroll's way of wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas and may all your days be merry and bright throughout the New Year."

Mrs. Lucille Litell entered the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Friday for treatment and was dismissed Sunday.

Ruth and Tip Christian are on the sick list and were unable to attend church Sunday.

W.C. Hutson and grandson Dan visited Kenneth and Mozelle Hutson during the weekend and all attended the Saint Jo Opry Saturday night.

Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde and Marie and Louis Ford visited Mrs. Ima King in Bowie Sunday afternoon.

The Rosston Baptist Church will have their Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. They will begin with the program, followed by the Christmas tree and Santa's arrival. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift for someone of your own gender.

On Christmas Day, the Rosston Baptist Church will have church service from 10 to 11 a.m. with no Sunday School. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Rosston United Methodist Church will have their Christmas program on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Della Maberry accompanied Mrs. Maurine Griggs to Gainesville Saturday where they attended the regular DAR meeting in the home of Mrs. Linnie Shobe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson were hosts in their home Sunday for their regular family Christmas gathering. They had their Christmas tree with gift exchange, followed by dinner. All their children and most of their grandchildren attended, with approximately 30 relatives present.

The Forestburg United Methodist Women had their Christmas program Wednesday evening at the church with a good attendance.

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop, Mrs. Anna Kirk and Becky attended the birthday party for Mrs. Townsend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rancy Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Balthrop, Mrs. Kirk, David Wayne and Becky, along with Mrs. Agnes Brandon, drove over to the Decatur area to see the Christmas lights Sunday evening.

## Cooke County Home Hospice fund reaches halfway point

The Cooke County Home Hospice Auxiliary "Light Up A Life" campaign has reached the halfway point this week. To date the group has raised \$10,000 according to chairman Denise Martin-Pearse of Valley View. The group is still manning tables at Tom Thumb, Bealls, and the Gainesville Factory Shops to accept donations

or you can mail your contributions to Box 1352, Gainesville, Texas 76241.

To date volunteers from all over Cooke County have donated over 600 hours to the LUAL fund-raiser. All funds raised go to the care of Hospice patients in the county. To date Hospice has served over 268 patients.

## It Was News Then ...

### 50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 17, 1944

John Lehnertz dies at age 69 of heart attack. He was resident of Muenster for 44 years. Charles James Wolf, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolf, dies of ruptured appendix. Mrs. Steve Fette buys Ezell's Cafe, renames it Clara's Cafe. Muenster women are asked by Cooke County Red Cross to bake 100 dozen cookies for soldiers confined to Camp Howze Station Hospital to enjoy on Thanksgiving Day - ration board offers free sugar for the baking. Freak hail storm hits on Nov. 13 at 8 p.m., some hail stones large and jagged, or shaped like stars, and some like chunks of ice from a refrigerator. Around town measurements varied from 6 to 8 inches in circumference. Storm lasted for only five minutes, and was not preceded or followed by rain, thunder or lightning. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Metzler honored on 25th wedding anniversary.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1964

The biggest community picnic ever and a substantial boost to the Muenster Memorial Hospital Fund are goals of the Muenster Jaycees as they prepare for the traditional Thanksgiving observance. Dr. Martin Kraicik is Muenster's new city health officer. Area saturated by 6.65 inches of rain. Football: SH Tigers 6, Bishop Lynch Friars 28; MHS Hornets 24, Callisburg 16. La Verma Otto is SHHS Homecoming Queen - anniversary dinner attended by 225 former students. New arrival: Thomas Michael McDonnell to Lt. and Mrs. John McDonnell. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dangelmayr celebrate 25th wedding anniversary. Rev. Peter Shea of the Paulist Mission Unit of Austin will conduct 6-day Mission of St. Peter's Church of Lindsay.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 16, 1984

Plans are in high gear for the Muenster Chamber of Commerce annual parade and Christmas lighting contest, themed "Light The Town," - Saturday, Dec. 8, will be parade day. Gary Fisher is lighting contest chairman and Dave Fette is

parade chairman. Prizes will be awarded in a number of categories: most unique, most creative, special extensive use of lighting. Muenster 4-H Club is now the proud owner of a Flag which waved over the national capitol on July 4, 1984. The Flag was acquired with the assistance of Congressman Charles Stenholm by Evelyn Sicking, adult 4-H leader when she accompanied a Texas 4-H delegation on a Citizens' Washington Focus tour. Wedding: Donna June Reiter and Kirk Ken Clement are married in Sacred Heart Church. "Yard of the Month" honors in November are awarded to Frank and Eleanor Felderhoff. Weather of the past week has been bland - not rough or wet, or hot or cold, just fall. Football: Muenster Hornets 14, Valley View 28 - Eagles advance as North Zone runner-up; SH Tigers 19, Notre Dame Knights 32; Lindsay Knights 0, Era 13.

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## Peña sets goals for highway safety control

President Clinton's health care and injury control proposal calls for increased individual responsibility for health and safety. Further improvements in highway safety will assist in the national effort to reduce health care costs.

Nearly 40,000 people die in traffic crashes each year, and 5 million are injured. One hundred seven people die each day from traffic crashes. (In comparison, about 25,000 murders and 1 million aggravated assaults occur each year.)

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for people between the ages 6 and 33.

Motor vehicle crashes cost the nation \$137 billion annually, including \$14 billion in health care costs (\$3.7 billion of which is paid directly by taxpayers). The cost to employers is \$37 billion each year. We save \$35,000 in health care costs alone for each serious injury we prevent. In comparison, crime of all sorts costs the nation \$19 billion each year.

Secretary of Transportation Federico Peña has set tough new goals for increasing seat belt use and decreasing drunk driving, the two actions that hold the most promise of saving lives, preventing injuries, and reducing traffic-related

health care and other economic costs.

Reducing the percentage of alcohol-related fatalities to 43 percent of total fatalities and related injuries by a proportionate amount would save 1,200 lives and spare American taxpayers \$282 million in health care costs, \$73 million of which is publicly funded. Another \$208 million would be saved in income taxes and public assistance.

Increasing seat belt usage in passenger cars alone to 75 percent from the current 62 percent would save 1,700 lives and many times that number of injuries. Health care costs would be reduced by \$684 million (\$180 million of which is publicly funded) and another \$328 million would be saved in income taxes and public assistance.

The Department of Transportation will meet Secretary Peña's highway safety/health and injury control goals by working with states, communities, and private organizations to encourage strict enforcement of state seat belt and anti-drunk driving laws, and through intensive public information activities to alert Americans to the savings in lives and dollars that will accrue from these activities.

## Baskets for the Needy sought by Social Concerns

Social Concerns is sponsoring Baskets for the Needy this holiday season.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. What better way to show your love than by helping our needy.

The committee is in need of toys, food items, meats, paper items, shampoos, soaps, lotions.

Carts are set up at Ben Franklin and Fischer's.

There are several families that are in great need. Ages of children are boys - 11, 8, 5, 4 and 6 months. Girls are ages 4 and 6. Items may be left off before Dec. 18 at Wanda's Day Care Center or call Patsy Bayer, 759-2814.



MUEENSTER'S CCD CLASSES ended the 1994 season with a Christmas Play last week Wednesday night. The Kindergarten "B" class, supervised by Susie Fleitman and Denise Landers, reenacted the first Christmas. Students taking part were, l to r, back - Laura Drachenberg, Evan Koesler, Bill Haverkamp, Amanda Rohmer, Sandy Endres, Chad Endres and Crystal Wolf; front - Collin Walterscheid, Brad Endres and Katie Hobbs. The 5th grade "A" class, under the direction of Janie Hennigan, were the choir. Janie Hartman Photo

## Friends: Here's how you can help Alzheimer's patients and caregivers

The ways in which friends and family are able to help the person with Alzheimer's disease and their caregiver have no limit. Friends offer unique abilities and gifts to really make a difference in another's life!

These suggestions are written from a spouse's point of view but could well apply to the parent/child caregiving relationship as well.

1. Offer to sit with my husband/wife even if I do not leave the house. This will give me the time to do other things around the house and garden.

2. Come for a visit when you can, but call first to confirm that it will be convenient. We both get lonely and bored. Don't assume that the Alzheimer's patient needs rest at the expense of communication or that communication must be a two-way street.

3. Talk to my spouse, who can understand some things even though he/she cannot respond. Even if there is no understanding, it is comforting to have a friend there to pretend that my spouse does understand. We do not know what gets through.

4. Be patient and understanding. Put yourself in my spouse's place and imagine what you would feel like when memory fades and you become more and more helpless.

5. Make a specific offer of help. Say, "I want to come over Monday at 3:00 to bake, clean house, do laundry or whatever." If you say, "Call me anytime for anything," I won't know what you want to do or when you are free... and I probably won't ask.

6. Offer to watch TV with my spouse some afternoon when an old movie is on. Bring a book or magazine in case he/she falls asleep. This will give the feeling that his/her company is still enjoyable without either having to entertain the other.

7. Suggest coming over to take my spouse for a walk. Exercise is terribly important, but I sometimes cannot find time for a walk, and my husband/wife enjoys it; be ready to hold his/her hand.

8. Encourage your wife/husband to come over to visit us in the

evening. My spouse enjoys company and it gives me a chance to have a normal, sensible conversation, when my spouse cannot do so.

9. Cook a dinner or other meal and stay to eat with us if you can. Familiar company helps both of us. Be prepared to eat slowly and don't be surprised if food gets spilled.

10. Bake cookies, brownies, bread, etc. or something special that my spouse likes - a favorite recipe. If possible make enough so some can be frozen.

11. Run errands. Find out what needs to be done. Take my spouse along while you do some shopping or do an errand.

12. Once in a while, when I can get a sitter, join me for an evening meal at a restaurant and/or some evening entertainment such as the theater, a concert or a movie. I need to have some stimulating and enjoyable time.

13. Offer to help at holiday and birthday times. Assist in buying gifts, wrapping presents, trimming the Christmas tree or anything else you can think of.

14. Even if the joke is terrible, tell it! Bring Reader's Digest or other material and read aloud. Describe what is funny out there. It may not tickle my spouse's ribs but it won't hurt. Speak to that part of my spouse that is alive, for that is the real person.

15. Touch or hug my spouse if you feel like it. The isolation of being mentally "out of it" is pretty devastating.

16. Bring some music - cassette tapes or records. If you play an instrument, bring it along, even for practice. Sing some old-time song with my spouse ("Let Me Call You Sweetheart," etc.). Music brings pleasure and even memories - when non-musical memories are gone.

17. Tell my loved one how great he/she looks, even if you have to stretch the truth a bit. Self-esteem is terribly important when the power to do things has weakened or gone.

18. Tell us about the real life you live. This will help my spouse feel

less like an untouchable and may give the sense that he/she is still involved in the world of normalcy. One of the hardest things about Alzheimer's disease (for both of us) is the problem of conversation. If you don't talk to us about the real world, we are left with meals, birds, flowers, weather and TV to talk about and gradually most of those disappear from my spouse's world.

19. Go to a meeting (most any kind) with my spouse. You may meet friends who will enliven his/her life for a moment, even if forgotten two minutes later. Take him/her to Senior's lunch so I can get away by myself or have time to catch up on correspondence, house cleaning or even a nap.

(Reprinted with permission of the Marin Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, inspired by the late Wendy Bergin, a member of the Walnut Creek (CA) Presbyterian Church, who wrote a similar manuscript while suffering with terminal cancer.)

## Schad and Felderhoff named to Honor Roll

Two area students, attending Subiaco Academy in Subiaco, Arkansas, have been recognized for their outstanding academic achievement and school citizenship during the first grading quarter.

Eddie Schad, son of Edward and Veronica Schad of Valley View, was named on the Honor Roll, and James Felderhoff, son of August and Loretta Felderhoff of Muenster, was named on the Faculty List.

Subiaco Academy is a Catholic boarding school for boys, operated by the Benedictine priests and brothers of Subiaco Abbey since 1887. Located in western Arkansas, the school offers a college-prep program for young men in grades 9-12. Approximately 200 students from across the U.S. and seven foreign countries are enrolled in the Academy.

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## It Was News Then

**50 YEARS AGO**  
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Sixth War Loan Drive is underway - quota is \$75,000. Tin can clean-up day set for Nov. 25. Cooperation of residents is urged. FMA will furnish the truck to haul rubbish that is boxed or sacked. The truck will begin its rounds at 8:30 a.m. There will be a minimum charge of 25 cents. Mrs. Mary Gremminger, 74, dies in Windthorst. Vincent Felderhoff, veteran of famous 36th Division, receives honorable discharge and is back at home after month of hospitalization - has 150 days in actual battle to his credit as combat infantryman - entered the service in 1942 and was discharged in November 1944. Sister Anastasia, OSB, receives first mail from her parents in France since Hitler came into power. Boys 4-H Club organized in Muenster. Wedding: Armella Flusche and Gus Lutkenhaus are married in Sacred Heart Church.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Nov. 27, 1964

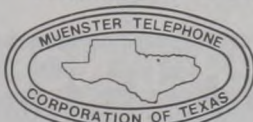
Sacred Heart Parish of Muenster joins worldwide movement by the Catholic Church of changing from Latin to the vernacular. For the first time, the priest will recite Mass prayers in English; and will face the congregation to celebrate prayers with the priest. Grand Opening celebration set by Koester's Jewelry. The value of flood control reservoirs on Elm and Clear Creek watersheds is clearly apparent after abnormally heavy rains dumped about 7 inches on North Texas. Football: Muenster Hornets 8, Chico 2. New arrivals: Joseph Norman to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bordeaux; Lisa Christine to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pat Bohac.

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# Sports

## Maurus Hacker named on 1A All-State Team

Muenster Hornet senior Maurus Hacker was named to the Class 1A All-State Football Team. As a State First Team defensive end, Hacker is credited with 114 tackles, 9 quarterback sacks and 4 fumble recoveries during the 1994 regular football season. "Maurus is an excellent defensive end and one of the best defensive players I have ever coached," commented Muenster Coach Grady Roller.

This season, Hacker was also awarded District 17A Most Valuable Defensive Player and First Team Offensive Lineman. In 1993, he was named 2nd Team Tackle and in '92 earned an Honorable Mention.

Jason Huchton and Darrell Charles earned places on the State's Honorable Mention list. Huchton, as a Defensive Secondary, got 67 tackles, 2 interceptions and 1 fumble recovery the past season. A 3-year letterman, Huchton earned the District's First Team Quarterback and 1st Team Secondary in 1994. In '93, he also earned the top quarterback position with an honorable mention his sophomore year. "Jason's a very good team leader and very coachable," Roller said.

Junior Darrell Charles was named on the Offensive Line with 61 tackles, 3 fumble recoveries and 5 quarterback sacks.

This past season, Charles earned First Team All-District honors as Offensive Lineman and Honorable Mention as Defensive Lineman. In 1993, Charles was also named to the honorable mention list. "Darrell is a good technical blocker and good team player," commented Roller. "He has another year to look forward, too."

The Lindsay Knights also had 4 team members earning a mention. They were seniors Shawn Cartwright, Brian Hermes, George Lutkenhaus and Robert Sharp.

This past season, Cartwright earned District First Team position on the Offensive and Defensive lines. Lutkenhaus, too, earned both side honors as First Team Tight End and Defensive End. Hermes was chosen First Team Defensive Linebacker and 2nd Team Offensive Lineman. Sharp made the District's 2nd Team Defensive Secondary.

The selections for All-state are voted by the Associated Press Sports Editors, based on regular season statistics.



ALL-STATE FOOTBALL HONOREES, 1 to r, Darrell Charles, Maurus Hacker and Jason Huchton. Janie Hartman Photo



JEFF WALTERSCHEID puts the ball up against Collinsville Tuesday night. Ready to rebound if needed are Jason Huchton (23) and Eric Miller (20). Dave Fette Photo

## Varsity Basketball

**Tigers 70, Calvary 39**  
Sacred Heart improved their district record to 3-0 and their season to 7-2 with a district win Tuesday night.

"We're finally starting to box out and crash offense boards," commented Tiger Coach John Nasche. "That's a key reason for our success so far."

Jason Hess was the Tigers' leading scorer with 23 points. Paul Swirczynski added 13. Nine other Tigers scored, including Neil Berres with 8, Jake McCoy 6, Douglas Novak, Scott Poole and Brandon Bayer 4 each. Adding 2 points were John Klement, Joey Martin, Michael Becker and Scott Frost.

The Tigers had a season-high 67 total rebounds, led by McCoy, Hess and Swirczynski.

SH	11	24	21	14	70
C	7	15	12	5	39

**Lady Hornets 43, Collinsville 36**  
Muenster's varsity girls had a cold-shooting night Tuesday, except for Audrey Knabe who was the game's leading scorer with 13 points, 11 of those made in the 2nd half.

Carrie Hess added 10, Sabrina Truebenbach 8, Julia Fleitman 6, Andrea Klement 4 and Brandi Lutkenhaus 2.

M	8	12	13	10	43
C	6	11	12	7	36

**Hornets 47, Collinsville 60**  
The Pirates took home a big win Tuesday, when a slow first half got Muenster behind 13 points at the halftime break. A stronger second half couldn't close the gap.

Only four Hornets scored, three in the double digits. Jason Huchton put in 15 points, followed by Eric Miller's 14 and Darrell Charles with 12. Also scoring was Steven Reiter with 6.

Brian Childress and Barry Vannoy teamed up to score 39 points for Collinsville.

M	6	9	20	12	47
C	18	10	16	16	60

**Forestburg Tournament**

**Tigerettes 80, Gold-Burg 19**  
Everyone on the Sacred Heart's girls' team put points on the board in the Tigerettes' big opening round victory.

"Our defense got us off to a good start and then, in the 2nd half, we worked on our passing game," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Dobe Fleitman was high scorer with 19 points. Nicole Endres added 12 and Crystal Klement 10. Stephanie Grewing and Tiffany Fisher each had 9 points, while Jennifer Fuhrmann and Karri Endres added 7 each. Scoring 4 points were Kelly Rigler, Sarina Fuhrmann and Leslie Grewing.

SH	26	25	16	13	80
GB	4	3	2	10	19

**Tigerettes 68, Callisburg JV 34**  
"We were a little tight about this game," commented Coach Jon. "The Callisburg junior varsity girls were so much taller, but I felt our girls did a good job of blocking out and rebounding."

Dobe Fleitman was the game's high scorer with 22 points. Leslie Grewing and Tiffany Fisher added 13 points each. Others adding to the victory were Nicole Endres 6, Stephanie Grewing and Jennifer Fuhrmann had 3 each. Crystal Klement, Kelly Rigler, Karri Endres



CARRIE HESS goes over a Collinsville defender to get the shot. Dave Fette Photo



PAUL SWIRCZYNSKI sets up the play for the Tigers. Dave Fette Photo

and Sarina Fuhrmann each had 2 points.

SH	10	18	16	24	68
C	1	4	15	14	34

**Tigerettes 59, Forestburg 27**  
Sacred Heart took the tournament championship Saturday at Forestburg, defeating the host Lady Longhorns. Dobe Fleitman and Tiffany Fisher were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Again, Fleitman led the Tigerettes with 19 points with Fisher putting in 13. Nicole Endres added 7, Leslie Grewing 6, Sarina Fuhrmann and Jennifer Fuhrmann 5 each. Also, Stephanie Grewing and Crystal Klement each scored 2.

Jamie Smith led Forestburg with 12 points. Other Lady Longhorns

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SACRED HEART TIGERS earning positions on the TAPPS All-District 1A Team. Janie Hartman Photo

### TAPPS 1A ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Jason Hess, *Offensive Player of the Year, MVP*, Sacred Heart  
Scott Bickle, *Defensive Player of the Year*, Masonic Home

**DEFENSIVE LINE**  
1st Team - Hugo Ramos, MH; Brandon Bayer, SH; Isael Sanchez, MH; Chris Vaughan, Pantego.  
2nd Team - Jake McCoy, SH; Toby Hess, SH; Anthony Elmore, MH; Jackie Rowell, MH.

**RUNNING BACKS**  
1st Team - Hugo Ramos, MH; Scott Frost, SH; Neil Berres, SH; Murray Johnson, T.  
2nd Team - Scott Bickle, MH; Jamar Herford, L; Maury Williams, T; Nate Van Cleave, P.

**RECEIVERS**  
1st Team - John Klement, SH; Jacob Wacker, P.  
2nd Team - Jake McCoy, SH; Anthony Elmore, MH.

**KICKERS**  
1st Team - Nate Van Cleave, P.  
2nd Team - Michael Becker, SH.  
**LINEBACKERS**  
1st Team - Mike Schilling, SH;

Scott Frost, SH; Mike Gunter, P.  
2nd Team - Ricky Massey, MH; Matt Jocko, L; Maury Williams, T.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS**  
1st Team - Jason Hess, SH; Neil Berres, SH; Sean Moreno, MH; Jason Boyd, L.  
2nd Team - John Klement, SH; Tim Noah, P; Brandon Whittall, T; Ernest Hart, L.

**PUNTERS**  
1st Team - Hugo Ramos, MH.  
2nd Team - Jason Hess, SH.

**OFFENSIVE LINE**  
1st Team - Mike Schilling, SH; Royce Zilkey, MH; Mike Gunter, P; Todd Johnson, SH; Matt Brutsche, L.  
2nd Team - Toby Hess, SH; Matt Jocko, L; Arthur Calcaterra, MH; Tony Carter, MH; Matt Hensinger, P.

Sacred Heart players receiving Honorable Mention were: Todd Johnson, John Bartush, Paul Swirczynski, Doug Novak, Brandon Bayer and Scott Poole.  
SH = Sacred Heart L = Lakehill  
MH = Masonic Home T = Temple  
P = Pantego

## Golf Gab

by Dot Endres

Muenster Golf Association held its monthly scramble Dec. 4 at Turtle Hill Golf Course. A large group took up clubs to battle for 1st and 2nd places. Coming out winners for 1st: Kenny Hartman, Larry Wimmer, Ricky Walterscheid and Earl Hess; 2nd: Mike Hesse, Kim Walterscheid, Larry Gobble, Melvin Hess and Willie Wimmer. Both teams shot 10 under, score card playoff used to determine the winners.

Rule: A player played his first stroke from teeing ground and barely moved the ball, he may hit it from where it lies; but, if the ball is re-teed, a one-stroke penalty is incurred.  
That's par from Turtle Hill!

## Fishing Report

Ray Roberts: Water conditions normal; black bass good on artificials; no report for crappie; catfish fair.

Texoma: Water conditions fair; one and a half feet high; 57 degrees; black bass slow on crank baits and pig and jigs; striped bass fair on Sassy Shads and live bait; white bass fair; crappie fair on live bait; catfish good on cut bait in 20 feet of water.

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# Varsity Action

putting points on the board were Stephanie Garrett, Stephanie Covington, Katrina Balthrop and L. Hudspeth.

SH	14	18	9	18	59
F	8	9	7	3	27

**Tigers 77, Gold-Burg 44**  
Jason Hess put in 24 points to lead Sacred Heart to a first-round victory. John Klement and Paul Swirczynski each added 10. Scott Poole popped in 9, Jake McCoy 8, Scott Frost and Neil Berres 6 points each. Brandon Bayer and Michael Becker each added 2 points.

SH	24	17	21	15	77
GB	12	15	9	8	44

**Tigers 72, Callisburg JV 54**  
"I was pleased with our full court press, which was a determining factor to keep the other team off balance," commented Coach John Nasche.

The Tigers were again led by Jason Hess with 24 points. John Klement added 13 and Neil Berres 10. Jake McCoy put in 8, Paul Swirczynski 6, Scott Poole 5, Brandon Bayer 4 and Michael Becker 2.

SH	17	13	18	23	72
C	12	17	9	16	54

**Tigers 67, Forestburg 45**  
Sacred Heart took the championship trophy for the second consecutive year from the Forestburg Round Robin Tournament. Jason Hess and Neil Berres were selected to the All-Tournament Team. "The boys are starting to come together," said Coach Nasche of his Tigers, who have averaged 70-plus points a game.

Jason Hess had a game-high 28 points with 9 other Tigers scoring in the win. They include John Klement 9, Paul Swirczynski 8, Neil Berres 5, Michael Becker 4, Brandon Bayer, Matthew Fuhrmann and Scott Poole 3 points each, Scott Frost and Jake McCoy 2 each.

SH	13	25	6	23	67
F	10	17	7	11	45

**Chico Tournament**  
**Lady Hornets 44, Nocona 57**  
Carrie Hess and Brandi Lutkenhaus both got double digit scores in Muenster's opening tournament game last Thursday, but four of Nocona's five scorers also scored big to give the Lady Hornets a loss.

Hess and Lutkenhaus put in 16 and 15 points, Sabrina Truebenbach added 4, Andrea Klement 3, and 2 apiece by Julia Fleitman, Hollie Fuhrmann and Audrey Knabe.

M	7	11	18	8	44
N	13	14	9	21	57

**Hornets 40, Nocona 49**  
The Indians edged out Muenster in a low scoring game last Thursday. Darrell Charles and Jacob Luke were leading scorers for the Hornets with 9 points each. Jason Huchton added 8 and James Klement 6. Tony Hartman and Steven Reiter each scored 4.

M	11	6	14	9	40
N	11	16	4	18	49

**Lady Hornets 52, Lake Dallas 43**  
The Muenster girls bounced back Friday with a big win over the Lady Falcons. Brandi Lutkenhaus was high scorer with 15 points. Carrie Hess added 12 and Andrea Klement

11. Audrey Knabe put in 8, Sabrina Truebenbach 4 and Hollie Fuhrmann 2.

M	19	11	11	11	52
LD	13	10	5	15	43

**Hornets 41, Paradise 62**  
Two cold quarters kept Muenster behind on the scoreboard in another low shooting game.

Jeff Walterscheid with 9 points was the Hornets high scorer. Darrell Charles popped in 8, Tony Hartman 7, Jacob Luke 6, Jason Huchton 5, and Steven Reiter 4.

M	5	10	17	9	41
P	17	14	16	15	62

**Lady Hornets 72, Poolville 58**  
The Lady Hornets were named Consolation winners in a big win over Poolville Saturday.

Brandi Lutkenhaus led all scorers with 24 points. Hollie Fuhrmann and Carrie Hess each added 13, while Audrey Knabe hit 8, Sabrina Truebenbach and Andrea Klement 7 points each.

M	21	18	20	13	72
P	15	14	12	17	58

**Hornets 62, Perrin Whitt 54**  
Muenster won their final tournament game finally getting points on the board.

Jeff Walterscheid was the game's big scorer with 20 points. Steven Reiter hit in 14, Darrell Charles 13 and Jason Huchton 9. Adding 2 points each were Tony Hartman, Jacob Luke and Matt Chissam.

M	11	5	14	32	62
P	11	14	16	13	54

### Prosper Tournament

**Knightettes 30, Little Elm 35**  
The Lindsay Ladies lost a close opening tournament contest to class 3A Lady Lobos last week Thursday. After a very weak first half, the Knightettes out-scored their opponents 24-9 the second half, but couldn't get the win.

Leading Lindsay was Keleigh O'Dell hitting 11 points. Christine Fuhrmann added 5 with Meredith Bowman, Molly Trammell and Andrea Gieb getting 3 each. Donna Lester and Christina Metzler each scored 2 and Amber Geray one.

L	3	3	12	12	30
LE	16	10	2	7	35

**Knightettes 48, Anna 42**  
The Lindsay girls won their second tournament game edging out the class 2A Lady Coyotes. Keleigh O'Dell and Molly Trammell scored in the double digits with 17 and 10 points. Amber Geray added 4, Christine Fuhrmann and Amber Griffith 2 apiece. The Knightettes were 16 out of 26 from the free throw line.

L	15	11	5	17	48
A	6	15	10	11	42

**Knightettes 46, Forney 53**  
The Knightettes fourth quarter scoring comeback left Lindsay short of the consolation prize. Keleigh O'Dell again was the high scorer for the Knightettes with 18 points, Andrea Gieb dropped in 15, Meredith Bowman added 5, Christine Fuhrmann 3 and Molly Trammell one.

L	14	9	5	18	46
F	14	11	14	14	53

# Junior High/Junior Varsity Basketball

**Muenster 7th 16, Lindsay 5**  
Muenster's 7th grade girls' basketball team edged by Lindsay Tuesday evening. Jonna Schneider was the game's high scorer with 6 points. Raegan Koesler added 4, with Kelly Felderhoff, Allison Endres and Kristin Grewing each getting 2 points.

Scoring for Lindsay were Jennifer Seeds and Amanda Tamplin with 2 points each and Jenny Huchton with 1.

M	0	6	8	2	16
L	1	0	0	4	5

**Muenster 7th 22, Lindsay 17**  
The young Hornet Stingers outscored the young Squires with a hot-shooting 3rd quarter.

Three Stingers scored, led by Daren Hennigan's 12 points. Bryan Miller pumped in 8 and Casey Walterscheid 2.

James Thomason was Lindsay's leading scorer with 9, Blake Crutsinger put in 4 and Scott Metzler and Daniel Hellinger each added 2.

**Muenster 8th 26, Lindsay 23**  
Mickey Ricks led the Lady Stingers with 21 points to squeeze out a win over the Lady Squires. Melinda Fanning added 3 and Dolly Patel 2 points for Muenster.

Elizabeth Luttmr and Erica Fuhrmann led Lindsay with 6 points



MICKEY RICKS moves in for a basket against Lindsay's Amy Arendt. Janie Hartman Photo



LINDSAY'S NICK PRICE (10) attempts to move the ball into play as Eric Fisher (15) and Brent Sicking guard the zone. Janie Hartman Photo



KRISTEN CREED takes the ball down court. Also pictured are Dee Dee Walterscheid (33) and Dee Dee Dudenhoffer (10) of Lindsay. Janie Hartman Photo

each. Sarah Eberhart added 5, Karlee O'Dell 4 and Stacy Gieb 2.

M	4	9	6	7	26
L	6	4	5	8	23

**Muenster 8th 33, Lindsay 20**  
Muenster dominated their game with the Squires, taking an early lead that they never gave up.

Brent Sicking put in 10 Stinger points with Josh Luke adding 7. Chad Felderhoff and John Roller each scored 6 with Justin Klement getting 4.

Lindsay was led on the boards by Chris Garner with 8 points. Levi Seeds and Richie Alfrey each had 4. Jeff Bezner added 2 and John Bezner and Shane Hair each got 1.

M	6	15	4	8	33
L	2	8	4	6	20

**Sacred Heart 50, Calvary 27**  
Sacred Heart's junior varsity Tigers saw their first action Tuesday night and got their first win.

"The post offense did great," commented Coach John Nasche. "The boys did a good job rebounding."

Jonathan Grewing was the game's high scorer with 19 points. Matthew Fuhrmann added 13 and David Hesse 11. Joey Martin dropped in 5 and Heath Bayer 2.

SH	10	13	12	15	50
C	6	7	6	8	27


**Sacred Heart 30, Gold-Burg 21**  
The Cubs got their first win Monday night with 7 boys putting points on the board.

Adam Barnhill and Lucien Gehrig led the team with 8 points each. Matthew Nasche added 6, Duncan Campbell 3, Russell Fette and Nicholas Yosten 2 each and Josh Walterscheid 1.

SH	11	8	4	7	30
GB	2	5	8	6	21

**Sacred Heart 27, Gold-Burg 18**  
The Lady Cubs "A" team remained undefeated in a come-from-behind win Monday night.

"Our defense continued to play hard and things turned in our favor the



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See question 6

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## Pheasant numbers down, Northern Panhandle looks good

In areas where pheasant numbers are down, they are way down; on the few survey routes that counted high, they were very high.

Across the Panhandle District, the number of pheasants sighted along the 44 survey routes in late October and early November decreased by 32 percent from last year, but bird numbers are down by only 12 percent compared to the five-year average. Some of the highest numbers were recorded in the northern and western portion of the Panhandle.

A drought affects pheasants reproduction and survival in a

number of ways, especially in areas with few irrigated crops. It may result in a shortage of green plants that provide carotenes and Vitamin A that are important to the hen in the egg-laying process. A drought can reduce the amount of weed seeds that available, which can be important before grain crops become available in the fall.

Droughts can limit insect production, an excellent source of protein and calcium for nesting hens and the primary dietary component for pheasant chicks the first eight to 10 weeks of life.

The Panhandle pheasant season runs December 10-25. The daily bag limit is three cocks per day, six in possession.

## Lack of timely rainfall key to poor quail season

Most hunters have had poor quail hunting so far this year as expected. The annual quail census, a survey based on 158 20-mile routes, indicated 994 should be a poor year. Quail counts in all of the major areas were about half of what they were last year.

Rainfall is the key (on good habitat) to good quail populations in Texas. The major bobwhite quail ranges in Texas occur in the South Texas Plains, the Cross Timbers and the Rolling Plains ecological regions. These areas are located on the western edge of the bobwhite range. About half of the time these areas receive enough rainfall at the right time of the year to produce a good quail year.

Those areas that go through droughts, typically see the same thing happen when a drought breaks -- good nesting conditions, good brooding conditions and the production of good winter food plants, which produces a "boom" year. These good years rarely last more than three years before drought returns and the cycle begins again.

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Bidders must submit with their bids a Cashier's or Certified Check in the amount of Five (5%) percent of the maximum amount of bid payable to the City of Muenster, Texas or a Proposal Bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guarantee forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without check or proposal bond will not be considered.  
The successful Bidder must furnish bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price from an approved surety company holding permit from the State of Texas to act as surety and acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of Treasury of the United States, or other surety or sureties acceptable to the Owner.  
CITY OF MUENSTER, TEXAS  
/s/ William J. Miller, Mayor

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF LEANDER (LEE) WOLF, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO. 14002  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**  
TO: All persons interested in the Estate of Leander (Lee) Wolf including its creditors:  
Take notice that on December 12, 1994 Elizabeth Jeanette (Betty Jean) Wolf, Route 1 Box 800, Gainesville, Texas, was appointed Executor in Cause No. 14002, styled Estate of Leander (Lee) Wolf, now pending on the docket of the County Court of Cooke County, Texas.  
All persons having claims against the above estate shall present the same within the time prescribed by law.  
/s/ Elizabeth Jeanette (Betty Jean) Wolf  
Executrix

**NOTICE**  
Muenster is a city of attractive homes with well-kept yards, for the most part.  
Muenster encourages and invites tourism. While visitors are in Muenster visiting local businesses, they also enjoy driving through the residential areas.  
As discussed, Monday night by the City Council there are some areas of the City that need mowing and a general cleanup. All citizens are encouraged to work toward cleanup of the City within the next sixty days. After sixty days, further steps may be taken to enforce the ordinance.  
The following is taken from SECTION I of Ordinance 132. It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firms, corporations, or any individual who shall own, use, occupy or rent any lot, lots, or building, dwellings or other premises or property within the City of Muenster, Texas to permit or allow to remain thereon unattended any of the hereinafter conditions:  
(a) Any stagnant water to remain on any lot, lots, yard or premises.  
(b) Any high weeds or tall grass to grow thereon.  
(c) Any accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish, cans, bottles, paper, carton, wood, iron and/or any other type of imprp, unightly or unwholesome matter or any substance of any kind that is classed as junk or trash.  
(d) Any old and/or unoperative vehicles, whether left remaining on any lot, lots, yard or premises or whether left standing or parked on any street or alley ways, whether abutting the owner of such vehicle's property or lots or whether left parked or standing on any public street or alley way within the limits of the City of Muenster, Texas.

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## Rick Perry's response to USDA office closings

Responding to the news that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will close or consolidate 1,070 field offices, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said that if this realignment provides more efficient service, then it is a good move.

"Taxpayers and constituents deserve a government that is responsive to their needs," Perry said. "Since I became Texas Agriculture Commissioner, I have worked to make the Texas Department of Agriculture into a model of how smaller government can better serve the citizens. One of the things I had to do was close some field offices."

"We have continued to provide efficient and extraordinary service to the farmers, ranchers and consumers of Texas. I trust this realignment of USDA field offices will not lower the quality and quantity of service that our agricultural producers need."

The reorganization will also affect 3 federal government agriculture offices in Cooke County: The Farmers Home Administration, the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Office and the Soil Conservation Service. It is not yet known when or where the umbrella office will be, but chances are it will be located in one of the 3 present offices.

The new government office will be called a USDA Service Center, with three agencies under one roof. They will be the Farm Service

Agency (ASCS), the Rural Economic and Community Development Agency (FMA) and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (SCS). The Conservation Service will maintain a Cooke County office and will not be part of the Farm Service Agency, but will be co-located. The Center will also handle Federal Crop Insurance and federal loans.

USDA offices also closing in the area include Denton and Bowie.

## Education Board to stop tilting left, Hasie says

For six years, Montie Hasie, the state Board of Education's staunchest conservative, has railed against the "liberal" leanings of the 15-member body. But with the election of George Bush as governor and three more Republican board members, Hasie is promising a more conservative agenda for the public schools, says the Abilene Reporter News.

The board adopts textbooks and curriculum for the public schools. TSCRA last month expressed concern to the board that a textbook on science proposed for adoption did not offer a balanced view of environmental issues and was biased in some chapters against humans, agriculture and free enterprise.



VOTING DELEGATES representing the Cooke County Farm Bureau at the 61st annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention in Dallas Nov. 27-30 were, 1 to r, top row - Harold Nortman, Tim Hartman, Robert Klement, Daniel Reiter, Edwin Knight and Leonard Hartman; bottom row - Lavern Nortman, Janie Hartman, Gloria Klement, Juanita Reiter and Ann Knight. Courtesy Photo

## USDA reorganization examined and clarified

On Oct. 13, 1994, President Clinton signed into law the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. The act provides for the restructuring of the USDA, which includes consolidating and redistributing the duties of some agencies, some restructuring of administrative positions and cutbacks in agency personnel over the next few years.

The following are some of the highlights of the act:

- Establishes six Under Secretary positions (Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Rural Economic and Community Development; Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Natural Resources and Environment; Research, Education and Economics; and Food Safety); establishes three Assistant Secretary Positions (Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Congressional Relations; and Administration).
- Orders reduction in USDA personnel and streamlining of field offices.
- Combines farmer programs under new Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA).
- Maintains local farmer committees to oversee programs.
- Elevates USDA's food safety functions.
- Makes rural development a priority.
- Strengthens USDA's natural resource conservation efforts.

The act established several new agencies and offices which will assume the responsibilities of old agencies and offices as well as other duties as the reorganization develops.

These are some of the new agencies and offices and their responsibilities:

- Consolidated Farm Service Agency: Agricultural price and income support programs, production adjustment programs and the conservation reserve and agricultural conservation programs now performed by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS); supervision of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC); farm-related agricultural credit programs now performed by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).
- Natural Resources Conservation Service: Soil and water conservation programs now performed by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS); the Wetlands Reserve, Water Bank, Colorado River Basin Salinity Control and Forestry Incentives programs now performed by ASCS, the Farms for the Future Act program now performed by FmHA.
- Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service: Cooperative state and other research programs now performed by the Cooperative State Research Service, all cooperative education and extension programs now performed by the Extension Service.
- National Appeals Division: All administrative appeals now performed by the National Appeals Division of ASCS and by the National Appeals Staff of the FmHA, appeals arising from decision of the FCIC and the SCS, appeals arising from decisions of the successors to these agencies.
- Office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis: Assessing the risks to human health, human safety, or the environment, and for preparing cost-benefit analyses, with respect to proposed major regulations, and for publishing such assessments and analyses in the Federal Register.

## 27 million crop acres return to production in '95

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract holders may return as many as 27 million CRP acres to crop production when their contracts begin to expire in 1995, according to SWCS' latest, most comprehensive national survey.

The survey was conducted to determine landowner plans for use of CRP acres when contracts expire and to determine what incentives contract holders might be willing to accept as a means of keeping at least some of their more fragile CRP acres out of crop production.

The first SWCS survey was conducted in 1990 and the latest one in late 1993 and early 1994. The 1993-1994 survey involved a 5-percent sample of all contract holders - about 17,300 individuals.

The key findings from the recent study are as follows:

1. Contract holders will return more of their CRP acres to crop production than the 1990 survey showed. When contracts begin to expire in 1995, 23 to 27 million acres could be returned to production within a few years. This will impact agricultural commodity supplies and prices, soil erosion, water quality improvement, wildlife habitat enhancement and other environmental benefits associated with CRP.

2. There seems to be relatively little interest in keeping CRP acres in grass for haying and grazing purposes. The most interest in this option was found in the Great Plains.

3. Contract holders expressed relatively little interest in post-contract options other than contract extensions, and rental rates of 80 percent or more of current rates would be needed to attract a significant acreage into 10-year contract extensions.

4. About 25 percent of all CRP acres apparently will revert to crop production following contract expiration regardless of the options offered to continue in a CRP-type program.

In the 1993-1994 survey, respondents said they would return 63 percent of their CRP acres to crop production. Another 23 percent of the acres are likely to remain in grass for haying and grazing. The remaining 14 percent will remain in trees for timber production, stay in grass and trees for wildlife habitat, or be sold. These figures are compared to the 1990 responses when survey participants said that 53 percent of the acres would be returned to crop production, 34 percent would remain in grass for haying and grazing, and the remaining 13 percent of CRP acres would remain in trees for timber production, in grass or trees for wildlife habitat, or sold.

## County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

### FINAL FIVE CEU'S FOR 1994

Private Applicators in Cooke County have one more opportunity in 1994 to receive five Continuing Education Units. A Video Short Course covering two hours in Laws and Regulations, one hour in Integrated Pest Management, one and one-half hours in Environment Concerns, and one-half hour in General Pesticide Use Questions and Answers will be held on Tuesday, December 20, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the North Central Texas College Little Theatre. This is the same course offered at the Farm Bureau on December 7. If you were unable to attend the December 7 meeting, you can attend this rescheduled meeting. Those producers who attended the December 7 meeting can attend this session and receive an additional five hours. However, the program will be the same. There will be a \$5 base registration fee to cover this recertification session.

In review, the following is a list of requirements for your Private Applicators License.

**Certified Private Applicators:**  
A. Certified before Jan. 10, 1989:  
Option 1 -- Obtain 15 Continuing Education Units including 2 Credits in Laws and Regulations and 1 Credit in Integrated Pest Management\* by Dec. 31, 1995, and repeat every 5 years thereafter; or  
Option 2 -- On a one time basis, take the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service Private Applicator Training Course, pass the Texas Department of Agriculture Private Applicator Test, and apply for a Private Applicator License along with the required fee.

**B. Certified between Jan. 10, 1989 and Dec. 31, 1989:**  
Take the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Private Applicator Training Course, pass the Texas Department of Agriculture Private Applicator Test, and apply for a Private Applicator License along with the required fee by Dec. 31, 1994.

**Licensed Private Applicators (Beginning Jan. 1, 1990):**  
Obtain 15 Continuing Education Units including 2 Credits in Laws and Regulations and 1 Credit in Integrated Pest Management\* every 5 years (must obtain credits by Dec. 31 of the year preceding license expiration).

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
If you need to know how many Continuing Education Units you currently have, this information can be obtained by calling the Texas Department of Agriculture at 1-800-835-5832.

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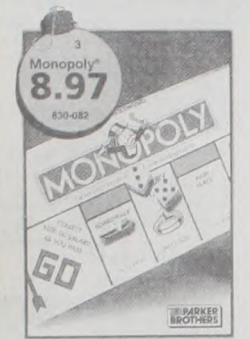
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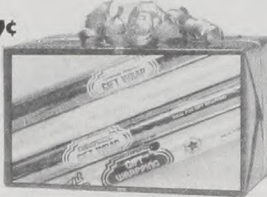


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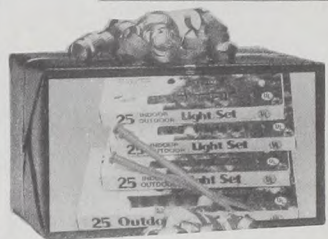
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