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New CCAD Board fires chief appraiser

by Dave Fette

Just minutes after being sworn in to service, the Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors voted unanimously to terminate Chief Appraiser Robert Lewis. The new board members are Betty Buttolph, chairman; Arthur Felderhoff, vice-chairman and the only carryover member from the previous board; Stephen Cole, secretary; Robert Eggleston and Ken Kaiser.

The board members declined to give reasons for Lewis' termination. Arthur Felderhoff said Wednesday, "He (Lewis) was terminated as a result of discussion in closed session. The board then voted to appoint Debbie Rinner, an appraiser of several years' employment with the CCAD, as interim chief appraiser."

The next board meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Appraisal District meeting room.

Domestic situation escalates into stabbing

by Janet Felderhoff

Jeffrey Butler was critically injured about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 after receiving a knife wound in the lower left rib cage. Butler was transported to Muenster Memorial Hospital and Care-Flited to Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

Chief Deputy Dick Rodgers of the Cooke County Sheriff's Department was one of the officers who responded to the call. He said that the stabbing was a result of a domestic violence situation that had been going on off and on all day

long. Alcohol was involved, he said. A suspect, Teresa Males, is in custody. She was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The incident took place in Butler's home located off FM 373 just north of Muenster city limits. The last word on Butler's condition according to the Sheriff's department was that he is listed in critical condition.

Both the Muenster Police Department and Cooke County Sheriff's Department responded to the call.



NEW YEAR'S DAY 1996 started out wet and cool, but soon became cold with rain turning to sleet and then snow by midafternoon. Mother Nature seemed to be in an especially artistic mood as wet snow painted trees and buildings white. Snowdrifts more than two feet tall were sculpted

and swirled into fluffy mounds. In the above photo, taken along County Road 426, the snow coating appeared as light and fluffy as if splattered with meringue topping.

Janie Hartman Photo



COOKE COUNTY JUDGE PAUL HESSE, left swears in the new Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors, 1 to r, Arthur Felderhoff, Betty Buttolph, Robert Eggleston, Stephen Cole and Ken Kaiser.

Dave Fette Photo

Four electric utilities look for ways to cut costs

Brazos Electric Cooperative of Waco and three other electric utilities have joined forces to search for new ways to cut costs and be even more competitive.

Brazos Electric, the Lower Colorado River Authority, the City of Austin and the Texas Municipal Power Agency have taken the first step to form a cooperative alliance to find ways to save money and operate more efficiently by purchasing materials in large quantities and pooling their resources.

resources in six specific areas: spare parts inventory, tools, technical and engineering resources, maintenance outages, operations planning and contractual services.

"Electric cooperatives have long been known for their efforts to constantly look for ways to benefit their consumers by reducing costs," said Richard McCaskill, Brazos Electric's Executive Vice President and General Manager. "Now we want to learn if an alliance with

others in the industry will present us with still more opportunity to do so."

Brazos Electric is the largest member-owned generation and transmission cooperative in the state. It provides wholesale electric power to 20 member cooperatives and seven other wholesale customers. These systems serve about 271,000 consumers in a 66-county area of Central and North Texas.

Reminder ...

The Cooke County Republican Women will host five Republican candidates for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals at their meeting Thursday night, Jan. 4, at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce building at 7 p.m.

50th anniversary celebration at St. John's in Valley View

by Elaine Schad

St. John's Catholic Church in Valley View will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary as a parish during a golden anniversary celebration Sunday, Jan. 7. The parish was established with a formal Mass of Dedication on Jan. 3, 1946.

Bishop Joseph P. Delaney will celebrate the anniversary Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by the dedication of the church's new catechetical wing. A catered meal will be served in the Parish Hall, where visitors and parishioners will have a chance to view the parish anniversary quilt along with the Fort Worth 25th anniversary quilt. There will be fellowship and refreshments throughout the afternoon. Cost of the meal is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children age 12 and under.

St. John's came about mainly from the displacement of several Catholic families who moved to Valley View just before World War II. The William Bierschenk family first moved to Pilot Point after their land in northern Cooke County was purchased to build the 5,800-acre Camp Howze. An opportunity to purchase property in the Valley View area resulted in the Bierschenk family moving there.

Good farm land was also another motivation for moving to the area. The opportunity to purchase land had been virtually exhausted in the German Catholic communities of Muenster and Lindsay, so some Catholic families moved to the Valley View area as the nearest area where farmland could be purchased, according to Lorene Sandmann, a charter member of St. John's.

The Bierschens were instrumental in establishing St. John's, Mrs. Sandmann said. "The Bierschens pushed the hardest," she said. "Mary Schmitz gave in

every way possible," she remembers. "We had church in their house."

On Sept. 16, 1945, a meeting was called and led by Rev. Paul Charcut, pastor at St. Thomas Parish of Pilot Point. The group decided to purchase four acres of land across from the public elementary school along Lee Street from the Newton Estate.

Work on the foundation began shortly after. "I remember when they brought the church building from Sanger," said Frank Neu, another founding member of the church. "I helped work on it a little, and then helped later with the rectory," he said. Neu recalls the many years he also helped with the harvest and plowing of the surrounding four-acre plot, which is still farmed today, mainly for a small wheat income.

The old Catholic Church from Sanger was moved and renovated in late 1945. "The church was cut into sections," Mrs. Sandmann recalled. The 50x30 foot building was placed on the foundation and final touches put on. The parish received a tremendous boost in its efforts from the Catholic Extension Society, which donated \$5,000 to the effort. The sacrifices of those early families in raising the additional funds was especially noteworthy due to the hardships of war, Mrs. Sandmann said. "People were poor back then," she said. "It was just after the war, and people just didn't have money."

Those early families put in long hours, however, and worked together to get the church ready for its first Mass on Jan. 3, 1946. Bishop Joseph Lynch, Bishop of Dallas, officiated, assisted by Fr. Charcut. Rev. Charles Smid of Denton delivered the homily. The

Muenster Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus participated in the rites in full regalia and the choir of St. Thomas of Pilot Point sang the High Mass.

"There was a little old wooden organ," Mrs. Sandmann said. "I remember the bishop saying that this was a good parish to grow up in, and he talked of St. John's being his smallest parish."

While records are incomplete, among the charter members of the parish were the families of Frank Rauschuber, Theo Rauschuber, Henry Sandmann, George Spaeth, John E. Kubicek, Bill Bierschenk, Frank Neu, Joe Schmitz, Al Kuntz, Ferdinand Hundt, as well as Lena Arend and A.J. Schmitz.

St. John's remained a part of the Diocese of Dallas until 1970 when the diocese was split into two portions, with Valley View included in the new Diocese of Fort Worth.

For a while, Bishop Lynch appointed Rev. William Botik, then assistant at Pilot Point, to travel to Valley View to say Mass on Sundays. Work began soon thereafter in the summer of 1946 on the rectory after Rev. Botik was appointed St. John's first pastor.

Neighboring parishioners also had a hand in making the parish at St. John's a reality. Henry Berend of Pilot Point related that he made the cement blocks for the rectory in his spare time. Rev. Botik hauled them to Valley View, and Joe Berend, Henry's father, helped Rev. Botik with the construction of the rectory. Work on the rectory was completed by October as Bishop Lynch returned for another dedication ceremony.

During the summer of 1947, new pews, altar and Communion rail were installed. An Altar Society and Men's Club were established in



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH of Valley View, the Rectory at right and new Parish Hall at left, are evidences of continued growth of the Parish that was only a dream of a few Catholic families who moved to Valley View just before WWII, bought farm land, planned and developed first a church, then added two more buildings on four acres on Lee Street.

Courtesy Photo

those early years, and a Catholic section of plots was purchased in the nearby cemetery.

The parish has been blessed with five pastors since its inception. Father Botik served St. John's for two years and was followed by Rev. Thomas Weinzapfel, who was pastor until 1952. Father Weinzapfel established the parish religious education program. Mary Bierschenk served as the first CCD coordinator and was assisted by her daughters in teaching religion to the children for more than 20 years. Mrs. Bierschenk retired as DRE in 1983.

The CCD program brought about a need for classroom space, so the late Mrs. Schmitz, who also served as the priests' cook for many years, again opened her house to the church, this time for the children to have classes. The Sisters of Divine Providence from Lindsay also lent a helping hand during those years, offering their talents and experience to teach the children each Sunday after Mass.

Rev. Canon Anthony Gajda was

the longest serving pastor of St. John's. He was welcomed in October 1952 by the parish with a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Rev. Gajda came to St. John's after narrowly escaping execution during the war as he fled his homeland of Poland following the invasion of Nazi Germany. In his opening remarks to his new parishioners, Rev. Gajda said he never liked to talk about two things: his age and his weight.

While Rev. Gajda was pastor, the construction of a Parish Hall at St. John's was completed in 1964 to serve the needs of the parish and the religious education program. The hospitality room was added in the early 1980s. A new organ was installed during that time as the parish continued a steady growth, serving parishioners from Cooke and Denton counties.

On Dec. 10, 1982, Rev. Gajda was named an honorary canon of the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Lublin, Poland. The honor was due to his faithful service to the Catholic Church both in the United

States, in Europe, and in his homeland of Poland. The parish said farewell to Rev. Gajda on March 30, 1984, when he died a day following surgery. He is buried in the St. John's section of Valley View Cemetery.

Rev. Gerald Cooney became St. John's pastor on Sept. 1, 1984. A native of Tyler, Rev. Cooney oversaw the painting of all the parish buildings, the installation of new carpet in the church, installation of a new organ, and the addition of heating and air conditioning in the rectory during his service to the parish.

Rev. Harry Fisher is St. John's current pastor, in his seventh year of service to St. John's. Rev. Fisher oversaw the construction of the new catechetical wing to the Parish Hall as well as putting a gardener's touch to the parish landscaping. The parish has grown to approximately 40 families with more than 80 children in its religious education program in grades pre-kindergarten through 12.

To the Editor:

The federal budget battle is more than politics as usual. It is a battle for the very moral and economic future of our nation.

The truth is that the Republican budget and attendant reforms are the bare-bones minimum for anything that can remotely save this nation. On the other hand, rigged opinion polls goad our president to defend the status quo...to our own peril. While Clinton fiddles with lies and scare tactics, Rome burns.

"Something for nothing" and "What's yours is mine" are the mottoes of the status quo. These constitute detrimental incentives for dependency, break-up of the family, and moral decadence. Contrary to their Orwellian rhetoric, the bottom line is that these are what Clinton and Co. are fighting to defend.

Facts to ponder:
1. Interest on the national debt is now the third largest item on the federal budget. Under Clinton's proposals it will grow to nearly half of the total budget in 10 years. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Welfare will take the rest. What happens when we're all in the wagon and no one is left to pull us?

2. Medicare now consumes 68 cents on the dollar in waste, fraud, and administrative overhead. Only 32 cents reaches beneficiaries. How can we continue to ignore this huge waste? Proposed private market

reforms will increase efficiency while trimming waste. How can any honest person defend this sad commentary on government healthcare?

3. Within 17 years Medicare and Social Security taxes will virtually swamp the working man and woman. Are we deluded into thinking that, without reforms, a 2:1 ratio of workers to retirees will not spawn a massive taxpayer revolt by the year 2013?

4. The economy is not static. Lower taxes will lower the federal debt. Raising taxes will raise the debt. Cutting the capital gains tax in half, allowing indexing, will unleash as much as 3.5 trillion presently pent-up dollars into the economy, creating more jobs and growth opportunities than anything we've yet seen. These are time-proven principles that Clinton and liberals keep ignoring!

We can only hope that the American people will begin to see through the distortions and demagoguery, and will support the Congress. Now that we finally have a good number of men and women with the back-bone to make long over-due change in governance, let's give them our full support.

Respectfully,
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Ferd Yosten dies at 81

F.J. "Ferd" Yosten, native of Münster and longtime resident of Fort Worth, died in Fort Worth on Dec. 26, 1995. He was born to Frank Yosten and Mary (Henscheid) Yosten on Dec. 17, 1914 in Münster. A member of Sacred Heart Church in Münster, he attended Sacred Heart School and was employed by Herr Motor Co. and Ford Sales. Ferd Yosten was a retired 35-year employee of Frank Kent Cadillac of Fort Worth and a founding member of St. Paul Catholic Church.

He was a veteran of WWII and served in the Army Air Forces, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with five bronze stars, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

Survivors include his wife, Harriette (Schoeh) Yosten; two sons, Harry Yosten of Denver, Colorado and Teddy Yosten of Fort Worth; two daughters, Judy Vetter of Houston and Suzy Gardner of Azle; and their spouses; two brothers, Henry Yosten and Felix Yosten of Münster; one sister, Josephine Mayer of Chicago; grandchildren, Amber Louise Yosten, Autumn Noel Yosten, Marshall Paul Yosten and Ashlea Joy Yosten, all of Denver; Krista Leigh Yosten, Kevin Russell Yosten and Kelly Robin Yosten, all of Fort Worth; and Stacy Jaye Gardner and Shelly Kay Gardner, both of Azle.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son-in-law, Bill Vetter, and a sister, Veronica Durbin.

A Rosary Vigil was held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Greenwood Funeral Home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Paul Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, officiated by Father Tom Wiggington. Burial in Greenwood Memorial Park was directed by Greenwood Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were cousins Stan Yosten, Paul Yosten and Leonard (Spike) Yosten; and grandchildren, Amber, Autumn, Krista, Kevin and Marshall Yosten.

More than 500 friends were present for the funeral. Among Münster relatives attending were L.J. and Frances Yosten; Mildred, Melvin and Doug Yosten; Monica McCoy; Tom Yosten; Carl Mages; Julian and Carrie Walterscheid; Denis and Della Walterscheid; Bonnie Hess; Armella Cler; Dolores Miller; Al Yosten; Janette and Sarah Hess; Kathy Bonner; Sharon and Clyde Walterscheid; Regina Pels; Gene and Jason Vogel. Also, Ed and Hazel Swirczynski and Albert Wiesman of Fort Worth.



F.J. "FERD" YOSTEN

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Münster will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at the Münster City Hall, 400 N. Main St., in regard to the proposed paving of North Elm Street from First Street to Third Street and of West Second Street from Main Street to Maple Street and in regard to curbing these streets where no curb exists.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow landowners of property abutting the improvements an opportunity to discuss and provide input on how much special benefits the improvements may put upon their land. The city encourages these landowners to participate in this discussion and to make their views known at this public meeting. Landowners unable to attend may submit their views and proposals to the City Administrator's office during regular office hours. Handicapped individuals who wish to attend this meeting should contact Micallee Matson, City Secretary, at 817-759-2236 to arrange for assistance.

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Münster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Tuesday, January 9, 1996.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of the December 4, 1995 meeting.
3. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.

- OLD BUSINESS**
1. Consider and act upon the paving of Elm and Second Streets.
 2. Consider and act upon a resolution concerning carrying of concealed weapons.
 3. Review the status of delinquent property taxes.
 4. Consider and act upon recommendations of the engineer in resolving the pH problem in the sewer treatment lagoons, including purchase of a portable pH meter.
 5. Consider and act upon the City's sick leave policy.

- NEW BUSINESS**
1. Open sealed bids for the sale of the farm and approve sale of the farm.
 2. Consider and act upon Park Board recommendation concerning repaving swimming pool and building an access ramp to the pool.
 3. Consider and act upon Park Board recommendation concerning approval of a nominee to the Park Board.
 4. Consider and act upon revising the speed limits on Highway 82, Division Street, by passing a new ordinance to replace the Speed Zone Ordinance #127, May 3, 1971, as amended June 7, 1971.
 5. Consider and act upon passing an ordinance which makes placing litter in someone else's dumpster a violation, which will result in issuance of citations.
 6. Consider and act upon purchasing a timer for the street light at Sixth Street and Main Street.
 7. Consider possible involuntary annexation of property contiguous to the city limits.
 8. Consider and act upon hiring an engineer to start planning for an elevated or pressurized water storage tank, as well as to compute water capacity throughout the city.
 9. Consider and act upon city discipline policies.
 10. Schedule two ordinance Codification Workshops.
 11. Advise Council members of the Special Council Meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 1996. Bill Brooks, Red River representative, will brief Council members on Red River bonds and loan opportunities.
 12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.074 - Personnel:
 - a. Consider review of the job performance of the City Administrator.
 - b. Consider an annual salary raise of the City Administrator, effective January 15, 1996.
 - c. Consider possible absence of the City Administrator.
 - d. Consider total hours of Holiday Pay for Police Officers.
 13. Return to open session. Act upon items discussed during the Executive Session, as necessary:
 - a. Consider and evaluate job performance of City Administrator.
 - b. Consider and act upon annual salary raise of the City Administrator.
 - c. Consider and act upon total hours of Holiday Pay for Police Officers.
 14. Review October 1995 - December 1995 Budget Summaries.
 15. Review and act upon monthly bills.
 16. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

Oil & Gas Report

The Commission issued a total of 889 original drilling permits in November compared to 994 in November, 1994. The total included 628 permits to drill new oil and gas tests, 59 to re-enter existing well bores, and 202 for recompletions.

So far in 1995, there have been 10,325 drilling permits issued.

Permits issued in November included 348 oil, 173 gas, 321 oil and gas, 43 injection, and 4 other permits.

In November operators reported 335 oil, 281 gas, 34 injection and one other completion.

Total well completions for 1995 year-to-date is 7,775, a one percent increase from the 7,210 recorded during the same period in 1994.

Operators reported 1,303 holes plugged and 52 dry holes in November.

Enterprise Policy

News items must be submitted to The Enterprise within 30 days of the event, which includes time to be typeset and published before the 30-day deadline. Example: a birthday party held on Jan. 3 would have to be turned in to The Enterprise in time to be published in the Feb. 3 issue. News items submitted later than this deadline will be printed at regular advertising rates.

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2 WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, January 7 St. John's Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration Mass, 10:30 a.m. - dinner follows	Monday, January 8 VFW Meeting 8 p.m. SHJH vs. Terral, 6 p.m., T	Tuesday, January 9 Münster 4-H Meeting 7 p.m. C of C Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., The Center Restaurant SH JVG, VG vs. Parlegio Christian, 4:30 p.m., H SH VB vs. Emanuel Baptist, 7:30 p.m., H Münster JVG/B, VGB vs. Ponder, 4:30 p.m., H	Wednesday, January 10 Religious Ed. Classes 7 p.m. Exercise Class 10:30 a.m. S.N.A.P. Center	Thursday, January 11 Münster JH BGB, AGB vs. Ponder, 4:30 p.m., T Exercise Class 10:30 a.m. S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, January 12 AARP Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Stanford House, covered dish SH Home-School Chili Supper SH JVB, VB vs. Calvary Christian, 6 p.m. Münster JVG/B, VGB vs. Era, 4:30 p.m.	Saturday, January 13 SH JVB, VGB vs. Prairie Valley, 5 p.m., T Münster Jr. High Tournament SHJH at St. Mary's Tournament
Sunday, January 14	Monday, January 15 SH - No School - Teachers' Inservice VFW Auxiliary Meeting, 8 p.m. SH JVG vs. Saint Jo, 8 p.m., H SHJH vs. Montague, 6 p.m., H	Tuesday, January 16 Münster JVG/B, VGB vs. Saint Jo, 4:30 p.m., H Exercise Class 10:30 a.m. S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, January 17 Religious Ed. Classes, 7 p.m. MMH Board Meeting, 8 p.m. Exercise Class 10:30 a.m. S.N.A.P.	Thursday, January 18 SH JVG, VG vs. Grace Christian, 6 p.m., T Münster JH BGB, AGB vs. Era, 4:30 p.m., H Exercise Class 10:30 a.m. S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, January 19 Münster JVG/B, VGB vs. Lindsay, 4:30 p.m., T SH VGB vs. Covenant Christian, 6 p.m., T	Saturday, January 20 SH JV Tournament Münster in Collinsville JV Tournament

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Lifestyle

NCTC will return to five-day class schedule in Fall 1997

North Central Texas College trustees, meeting recently in regular session, approved an administrative recommendation to return to a more traditional five-day class schedule beginning with the fall semester of 1997.

According to NCTC President Ronnie Glasscock, the five-day schedule of Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday classes will "make a tremendously positive difference in regard to more efficient use of facilities."

Currently, the majority of daytime classes meet on a Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday schedule, a structure which has been in place since 1980 when the NCTC governing board approved a "modified four-day" schedule as part of a strategy for dealing with what was then a serious energy crisis characterized by gasoline shortages.

In so doing, however, the trustees at that time specified also that the modified schedule was to include an extensive offering of one-meeting-per-week Friday classes to help offset the loss of variety and flexibility resulting from the compression of a five-day schedule into four days.

"Unfortunately, after a very few semesters," Dr. Glasscock commented, "the Friday offerings dwindled to almost nothing. Frankly, from a cost-efficiency standpoint, we simply could no longer justify having so many classrooms empty and idle one day out of five."

He explained that idle classrooms don't translate to utilities savings because heating and air conditioning cannot be turned off on a room-by-room basis. Therefore, buildings cannot be shut down even if only one Friday class is meeting in that building. In addition, most buildings also contain faculty, student services and/or administrative offices which must remain open on Fridays.

Dr. Glasscock reported that the issue of returning to a five-day schedule has stirred some controversy around the campus, and

one faculty member and three students appeared before the board during its customary "open forum" session to voice their concerns-most of them relating to fears that the new schedule might restrict a student's ability to schedule classes around work.

The NCTC trustees were shown a proposed new five-day schedule matrix, however, which would actually allow many students to take in just three days the same course load they must currently attend four days to achieve.

Under the new five-day schedule, a total of five "morning" time slots-

Daniel has 4-wheelin' 2nd

On November 25 Daniel Lutkenhaus celebrated his second birthday. His parents, Duane and Dayna Lutkenhaus, hosted a party in his honor.

A 4-wheeler theme was carried out in Daniel's party decorations and birthday cake and ice cream.

Helping celebrate the event were grandparents Rose Stoffels and Bobby and Angie Lutkenhaus; Sherry, Mindy and Amanda Wimmer; Yvonne, Casey and Brandy Gilbreath; Daryl, Missy, Jeremy, Joyce and Cassie Hinkle; and Troy, Tina and Matt Lutkenhaus.



DANIEL LUTKENHAUS

from 7:00 through 11:50 a.m.-will be available on Monday-Wednesday-Friday, as compared to only three currently available on Monday-Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. through 12:20 p.m.

The NCTC trustees agreed with Dr. Glasscock's assessment of the situation and unanimously endorsed his recommendation to return to the five-day schedule. Their only point of contention was over when the change is to be implemented.

Trustee Alan Ritchey argued that he saw no reason to delay, and his motion to go ahead and implement the change next fall (1996) was seconded by Charles Draper. After lengthy discussion, during which Dr. Glasscock pointed out "some possible risks of implementing the change during a base funding year," as well as "possible benefits of giving faculty and staff plenty of time to make this major transition as thoroughly and effectively as possible," the motion was defeated.

Draper then moved to implement the five-day schedule beginning in fall 1997, and the motion, seconded

by Karon Sullivant, passed with only Ritchey casting a dissenting vote.

In other business, the NCTC trustees:

- Heard an "unqualified" annual audit report from Al Brown of the accounting firm of Albert Brown & Associates of Sherman, Brown, who also conducted the college's annual audit last year, reported to the trustees that the college appears to be in exceptionally good financial health and has progressed "light years" ahead of where it was a few years ago in regard to its financial management and record keeping practices.

- Examined three new financial report formats that will be submitted to them on a monthly basis in the future. All three reports incorporate extensive historical data aimed at enabling college officials to much more accurately monitor, compare and forecast income and expenditures on a month-to-month basis.

- Head a comprehensive report on

Institutional Effectiveness, a year-around process which impacts NCTC's accreditation and which involves college faculty and staff at all levels. Peggy Connolly, government instructor who is serving as coordinator of the institutional effectiveness process, reported on progress made toward establishment of various outcomes and assessment techniques. She pointed out that these will form a basis not only for measuring accountability but also for development of an institutional strategic plan.

- Reviewed new bids for computer equipment, for which previous bids had been rejected out of concern that the specifications, as written, would not allow the college to provide students with equipment that is sufficiently "state of the art."

New specs called for Pentium processors, and the bid for 20 computers, a backup tape drive and network server was awarded to North American Computer Company in Sunnyvale, CA for \$32,526.

- Awarded a bid for long distance telephone service to U.S. Long Distance. Jerry Metzler, dean of administrative services, acknowledged the assistance of outside consultant Brian Boring in evaluating bids. Boring is director of telecommunications for Collin County Community College District.

- Awarded a bid for replacing sunken floors in two additional classrooms in the 500 (Business) Building to DKJ Concrete Construction, Inc., of Pilot Point. Amount of the bid was \$14,650.

J.J. Dowd gets degree at Tarleton State Univ.

Johnna Jean Dowd (J.J.), daughter of Johnny Dowd and Norma Clifton, graduated Dec. 16, from Tarleton State University with a BBA in Marketing and minor in Spanish. The ceremony was held in Wisdom Gym in Stephenville, TX. J.J. is a 1991 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. She was recognized as a Distinguished student by the faculty of Tarleton State by maintaining a 3.6 GPA. Those attending the graduation ceremony included: Will Sowders; Norma Clifton; Johnny and Judy Dowd; Gladys Dowd; Gina and Andi Wisdom; Marsha, Jake, John, and Carlee Hofbauer; Brad and Lisa Laxson; Brian Mancini; and Amy Greenwade.



J.J. DOWD

Kaileigh and Mandy Hess celebrate birthdays

Kaileigh and Mandy Hess celebrated their separate birthdays twice. Kaileigh was seven years old on Dec. 15, and Mandy turned two on Dec. 13. They are daughters of Tonya and Stanley Hess.

The grandparents, Butch and Eileen Fisher were hosts for a family gathering on Thanksgiving Day at their farm. Guests and the birthday girls were surprised with hot dogs, smores and cold drinks, and decorations in a Lion King theme. Cake and ice cream were



KAILEIGH HESS

served at Butch and Eileen's home that evening. Guests included Gail, Scott, Austin and Allie Killian; Steven Fisher; Aunt Janie Fisher; Kaileigh and Mandy and their brother Tyler and parents Tonya and Stanley Hess. Guests enjoyed watching Mandy and Kaileigh open gifts, and break open a piñata.

On Dec. 15, Kaileigh invited girls in her first grade class to her home. They made treat bags, played Bingo and other games, ate hot dogs, cake and ice cream, and watched the honoree open and display gifts. A Pocahontas theme was carried out.



MANDY HESS

Endres household has two college graduates

The Clinton Endres family saw the graduation of a son and a daughter in 1995. Jason Endres graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls in August. He completed the requirements for the Radiologic Technology Program, a division of the Health/Sciences Department. Affiliation training was acquired at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman. Jason is presently employed by Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Angela Endres attended commencement ceremonies from Texas Woman's University in Denton on Dec. 16. She was a cum laude graduate from the School of

Occupational Therapy. Affiliation and training were completed at the TWU campus in Houston, Cook's Children's Hospital, Arlington Memorial Hospital and Wichita Falls Rehabilitation Hospital.

While at TWU, Angela was a member of Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society, SOTA, Student Occupational Therapy Association and Phi Theta Epsilon, an honor society for occupational therapy majors. She is presently employed as an occupational therapist for Community Rehabilitation, Inc. in Dallas.

Christmas reunion held

Christmas celebration began early at the home of Pat and Alice Hennigan on Dec. 19 with the arrival of their daughter and son-in-law Sheila and Jean Gebman and family, Heather, Ryan and Michael Gebman of Santa Monica, CA. They drove the distance in slightly less than 24 hours.

A reunion and gift exchange were held Christmas night with a 5 o'clock dinner. Other guests

included Mike and Janie Hennigan and children Michelle, Mindy, Megan and Meredith; Tom and Lora Hennigan and sons Darren, Ryan and Garrett; Joe and Kim Hennigan and daughter Paige, all of Muenster; Tim Hennigan of Gainesville; Patrick Hennigan Jr. and daughters Melissa and Stacey, and son Corey of Lewisville. Melissa Hennigan is a recent graduate of Texas A&M University, on Dec. 15, with a degree in Anthropology.

Antonetti, Pearse honored

An afternoon party was held recently in the Lake Kiowa home of Jane Kilcrease to honor Angela Antonetti and Denise Martin Pearse. Mrs. Antonetti and Mrs. Pearse have been co-chairwomen of "Light Up A Life" for the Home Hospice Auxiliary. This has been the fifth successful year that Angela and Denise have been chairwomen of this money-making project.

The honored guests, officers and members of the Auxiliary were served pick up foods from a beautifully appointed Christmas table.

Mrs. Antonetti and Mrs. Pearse were presented lovely Fenton angels, symbolic of Light Up A Life, to honor them for their years of successful work in the project.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Christmas morning dawned clear and a bit nippy, about 27°, but it was a beautiful and pleasant day.

After a sumptuous dinner, also enjoyed by two of our sons, Jim and Tony, we spent some time trying to set up a new telephone and answering system, but I must confess it is not yet in operation.

Oh well, when all else fails, read the instructions. Maybe next time!

Later, our son Gary called from Snohomish, WA, to give us Christmas greetings, and we enjoyed visiting with him and Mary. Gary's business is located just south of the town of Snohomish, in a building located on Snohomish Airport, which is located in the Snohomish River Valley, a flood prone area.

Gary reported that his shop stood in some three feet of water during the recent floods in the area. We thought of Gary at the time but not of his shop. He said he was

fortunate in that he had gotten almost all of his equipment and materials stacked high enough to keep them out of the water. After getting the shop dried out, he is back in business.

Gary also related that the water floated his propane tank off its base and, as he put it, "I was lucky I had turned the gas off because after the flood abated the tank lay there upside down with all four legs sticking up like a dead cow."

We are glad that his losses were minimal, but he said cleaning up was quite a job.

NOTICE

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Second birthday celebrated by Whitney Yosten Dec. 15

On December 15, Whitney Brooke Yosten celebrated her second birthday. Family and friends gathered at the church fellowship hall to enjoy finger foods and cake with ice cream.

Whitney's cake was chocolate, her favorite. It was topped with coffee icing -- just like the coffee in Grandpop's cup. The event was attended by her parents Michelle and Joe Yosten; sister Natali Yosten; grandparents Ronnie and Vicky Huddleston and Frances Yosten; great-grandparents Jake and Lucille Huddleston; uncles Clayton Huddleston, Wesley Huddleston,

Jerry Yosten, Chris Yosten, and James Yosten; cousins Matthew and Andrew Yosten, Nicholas, Jonathon, Kristen and Debra Yosten; Ken and June McDougle; Bill, Sharon, Jared and Jordan Ledbetter.

Sending love and birthday wishes were an uncle and aunt Mark and Danette Yosten and Adam; grandmother Adaline Devers; uncle Kenny Yosten; Aaron Yosten; Cody and Geri Williams; Tara and Toby Chapman; Kerri, T. J., Tyler and Kayla Acuña; and Allen and Martha Sicking and Quinn.

New Arrivals

Schinigoi

A new daughter arrived December 24 at 3:05 a.m. for Joe and Stacie Schinigoi at Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Alyssa Jo weighed 6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces. She has two sisters, Taryn Lee, 6, and Laticia Grace, 4.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Franco Schinigoi of Concord, Minnesota; Larry Campion of Kasson, Minnesota; and Rick and Micallee Matson of Muenster.

Great-grandparents are Lou Christian of Clouquet, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Russel Virville of Modesto, California; Jack Campion of Oronoco, Minnesota; and Daryl Ferber of Muenster.

Personal

Jerry and Evelyn Sicking spent a busy two days added to the usual pre-Christmas rush. On Saturday Dec. 16 they attended the funeral of her uncle Lawrence Flusche at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Decatur; and on Monday, Dec. 18 they were in Windhorst to attend the funeral of her aunt Leona (Hoff) Flusche at St. Mary's Catholic Church.



COOKE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service jointly sponsor local Community Improvement Clubs over the county. Annually, an Awards Banquet is held to honor officers from each club. At this time, a Traveling Trophy Award is given to one of the communities who has made outstanding accomplishments in their community during the past year. The Awards Banquet was held on Dec. 5 with the Mountain Springs Community receiving the Traveling Trophy. Pictured are, l to r, Scott BaumBach, Cooke County Electric; Nadine Pitzinger, Mountain Springs Community Club; and Evelyn Yeatts, County Extension Agent. Communities attending were Mountain Springs, Woodbine, Downard-Fairplains, Myra, Hood, Ross Point and Callisburg.

Madison turns three!



MADISON HOFBAUER

Madison Marie Hofbauer celebrated her third birthday with family and friends on Dec. 10. Her actual birthday is on Dec. 18.

A grilled hamburger supper was served with chips, dip and soft drinks to the guests. A Barney cake, decorated by Madison's mother, was also served with ice cream. Gifts were then opened.

Those attending the party were Madison's parents, Jayna Hofbauer and Dwayne Williams; grandparents Dale and Dolores Hofbauer; great-grandmother Helen Hofbauer; aunts Angie Hofbauer and Retha Sparkman; uncles Stephen and Jason Hofbauer; Gerri, Michael, and Christina Eckart; and Tonia Evans.

Those unable to attend were Jerry Eckart; Larry, Shane, Krystle, and Lance Sparkman.

Madison celebrated her birthday with great-grandmother Opal Sutton, and grandparents Ida and Dean Megee and Herman and Sylvia Williams on Dec. 3 in Oklahoma.

Scout News

Pack #1167 met at the KC Hall in Gainesville on Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. The bear scouts entertained the pack with Jingle Bells. Packmaster, Bob Webster presented the Bear Scouts their Conservation Good Turn Patches, Donor Awareness Patches, and Jamboree-on-the-Air Patches. Scott Neu, Jeffrey Zimmerer, and T.J. Krebs received the Bears-Imagination and Reality Patch. Following more games and songs the pack and family members enjoyed cookies and drinks.

Meetings Notice

The AARP Board Meeting will be held Friday Jan. 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the Stanford House.

There will also be an AARP Meeting on Friday, Jan. 12 at the Stanford House at 11:30 a.m. It will be covered dish. Chapter dues of \$3.00 will be collected.



WHITNEY YOSTEN

Rebekah is 3!

Rebekah Anne Hesse chose an Indian theme for her third birthday party on December 18 at the home of her parents. Her favorite meal, enchiladas, was served. Dessert was a chocolate birthday cake. Decorating the table was a teepee centerpiece.

Helping Rebekah celebrate were her parents Bert and Christy Hesse; brothers, Joe and John Paul; grandparents Ethel Hesse and Joe and Ruth Felderhoff; aunt and uncle Anne and Neil Hesse and Matt and Kaitlin.

Sending a special singing birthday message were godparents Jenny and Jack White of Houston.

Taylor Miller and Pocahontas celebrate

On December 2 Taylor Miller had her fourth birthday. A party was held in the home of her parents Randy and Lisa Miller on Sunday, Dec. 10 to celebrate the occasion.

A Pocahontas theme was carried

out in the party decorations. The birthday song was sung and gifts were opened.

Attending besides the hosts and honoree were Taylor's brother Kailob; grandmother Barbara Luke; Glenda and Bryan Russell; Amanda Russell and Jason Hess; Renate, Derek and Kelsey Page; Denise and Nicole Page; Marlene, Lacy, Kelly and Sandy Endres; Ryan, Tina and Trevor Hess.



TAYLOR MILLER

THANK YOU

Sam and I wish to express our appreciation for the many, many kindnesses and prayers, cards and phone calls during and after Sam's accident. From the bottom of our hearts, thanks again.

Special thanks to Ted and Carol Henscheid, Betty Rose Walterscheid, Danny and Mary Alice Bayer, Jim and Lynda Hacker and Norma Mosley. And especially to cousins LeRoy and Colleen Hess and children for giving me a place to stay while Sam was hospitalized. Thanks to Dr. Antonetti and Joan Walterscheid and all the nurses at Muenster Memorial Hospital who got Sam ready for the ambulance ride to Parkland. We will be going back sometime this month, possibly for heart surgery. Please keep Sam in your prayers.

Sincerely, Sam and Norma Jean



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School News

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 8 - 12 MUESTER ISD

Mon. - BREAKFAST: Donuts, juice, milk. LUNCH: Enchiladas, red beans, fruit, lettuce salad, pumpkin bread, milk.

Tues. - BREAKFAST: Grilled ham and cheese on toast, juice, milk. LUNCH: Fried Chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, milk.

Wed. - BREAKFAST: Pancakes w/syrup, juice, milk. LUNCH: Vegetable Beef Soup, choice of sandwich, fruit, cornbread/crackers, milk.

Thur. - BREAKFAST: Cinnamon toast, juice, milk. LUNCH: Barbecue Sandwich, potato chips, pickles and onions, fruit, cookies, milk.

Fri. - BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, juice, milk. LUNCH: Steak Fingers, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, milk.

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Mon. - Toasted cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, crackers, celery, fruit, milk.

Tues. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, peaches, cinnamon rolls, milk.

Wed. - Fiesta salad, Ranch Style beans, lettuce, tomatoes, corn chips, iced graham crackers, milk.

Thur. - Oven fried chicken, rice, gravy, peas, pineapple, bread, milk.

Fri. - Cheeseburgers

w/trimmings, French fries, rainbows, milk.

ERA ISD

BREAKFAST MENU: Oatmeal, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL: Cinnamon rolls.

Mon. - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, peach half, hot rolls/butter, milk. SNACK BAR: Pepperoni Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

Tues. - Chili cheese dog, French fries, salad, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookie, milk. SNACK BAR: Hamburger, French fries, trimmings, fruit, milk.

Wed. - Chicken pattie or salmon pattie, green beans, salad, macaroni & cheese, sunshine bar, milk. SNACK BAR: Taco pizza, green beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Thur. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, buttered corn, salad, garlic toast, peach cobbler, milk. SNACK BAR: Tuna fish sandwich, pickle spears, fruit, salad, milk.

Fri. - Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, pickle spears, potato chips, pear half, ice cream, milk.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chili dogs, baked beans, pickle spears, fruit, milk.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, broccoli & cheese, macaroni salad, iced cake, bread, milk.

Wed. - Lemon pepper chicken,

new potatoes, green beans, fruit, bread, milk.

Thur. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream, milk.

Fri. - Vegetable beef soup, choice of sandwiches, lettuce, pickle, crackers, cookie, milk.

Paw Prints

The Gracious Loser
by Chrissy Yetter

What makes up the criteria of a loser? Many things make a loser what he or she is. Failing at whatever particular task one is trying to accomplish does not always make a loser. Bad sportsmanship is one the most common traits of a loser. A bad loser could very easily be that one person you see out on the field or court who just cannot seem to accept the fact that they have made a mistake.

The gracious loser, however, is the person on the team who is always ready to share a courteous handshake with you at the end of a particularly bad ending of a game. The gracious loser very rarely gets angry at a poor judgment call made by a referee. Winners do not always win the game and losers do not always lose the game.



WOODED AREAS, above, dressed in white after Monday's snow took on an air of serenity. The inviting scenes could be enjoyed by children still on school holiday, but Sacred Heart students could only look wistfully. It was back to school as usual Tuesday morning. Roads were covered with snow and ice but passable when traveled with caution. At left, thick layers of snow coat leafless weeds.

Janie Hartman Photo

Bear Cubs enjoy party

The Bear Cub Scouts of Pack #1167 met on Dec. 5. Head Denner for the meeting was Jacob Fuhrmann. Treasurer Denner was Pete Russell and Refreshment Denner was Caleb McLaughlin. The scouts built tool boxes. All scout members were in attendance.

The den also met on Dec. 21 for a Christmas party. The scouts played

charades and had Christmas cookies and drinks. Head Denner for the meeting was Scott Neu, Treasurer Denner was Jacob Geray, and Refreshment Denner was T.J. Krebs. Three scouts were congratulated for perfect attendance at all pack and den meetings September through December. They were: Jeffrey Zimmerer, Scott Neu, and T.J. Krebs.



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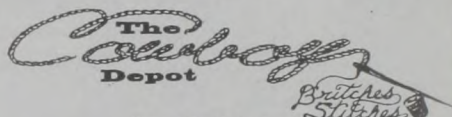
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Sports

Muenster teams win Reunion Arena games

Muenster's varsity basketball teams took two big victories, Tuesday afternoon in preliminary games before the Dallas Mavericks-Utah Jazz game in Reunion Arena.

The Lady Hornets dominated the Perrin-Whitt Lady Pirates in a big 46-15 victory. "We did a super job on the boards and our shooting percentage was good in the big arena," Coach Kent Josselot commented. "We played 16 girls and they had a good experience at Reunion."

Carrie Hess was the game's leading scorer with 19 points. Hollie Fuhrmann chipped in 12, Brandi Lutkenhaus 6, Misty Klement 4, Kenzie Gerstberger and Mindy Endres 2 each and Andrea Klement 1.

M	12	10	15	9	46
PW	2	2	4	7	15

The Hornets dropped the Pirates in Reunion Arena 43-33 with

Muenster leading from start to finish. A 9-of-29 cold free throw shooting kept the game close. "We can shoot better," said Hornet Coach Ted Heers, "but our half-court defense is ready. When we get back and stop transition, don't turn the ball over, we are getting tough to get a really good shot on. Our district is shaping up to see some low-scoring close encounters."

Darrell Charles was the Hornets' leading scorer with 15 points. Scott Hermes added 13, Jake Luke 7, Corey Anderle 6 and Steven Reiter 2.

A large turnout by the Muenster fans helped them in the win.

"We wish to thank everyone who came or purchased tickets. It was great to see our children have so much fun. Maybe we can do it again in a couple of years," added Heers.



TIGERETTES Crystal Klement (10) and Nicole Endres (21) go for the ball in action at the Holiday Classic Tournament. Janie Hartman Photo

Varsity Basketball

Tigers 38, Prairie Valley 83
Prairie Valley exploded early Tuesday night and jumped on the Tigers for a 23-0 early lead. "After that, we played pretty well until the final minutes of the game," commented Coach John Nasche. "Their press really killed us in the early going."

Jonathan Grewing was Sacred Heart's leading scorer with 16 points with Jake McCoy adding 15. Toby Hess added 3 with Michael Becker and John Klement each scoring 2.

SH	6	13	6	13	38
PV	25	17	20	21	83

Tigerettes 59, Prairie Valley 29
Leslie Grewing picked up the tempo for the Tigerettes Tuesday night, putting in 19 points to lead Sacred Heart in a big win. Dobe Fleitman added 13 and Crystal Klement 10 to assist in the victory. Also scoring were Kelly Rigler with 9, Leah Rigler 4 and 2 each by Theresa McCarty and Nicole Endres.

SH	10	15	14	20	59
PV	8	6	9	6	29

Lady Knights 45, Slidell 39
Christine Fuhrmann led Lindsay in scoring with 15 points in Tuesday night's victory at Slidell. Molly Trammell added 12 points and Keleigh O'Dell 11 for the Lady Knights. Andrea Gieb put in 5 and Amber Geray 2 to round out the scoring.

L	10	7	18	10	45
S	10	15	10	4	39



MELINDA VICKERS gets a jump shot from under the basket. Defending is Amanda Eldridge for Forestburg. Janie Hartman Photo



BRANDON BAYER and Willy Conway in a layup battle to the basket in Sacred Heart's tournament win over Forestburg. Janie Hartman Photo

Collinsville Tournament

Lady Hornets 64, Prairie Valley 13
In the opening tournament game, Muenster easily handled their opponents. "We shot the ball well and did a good job of running the offense," said Coach Kent Josselot.

Carrie Hess as high scorer with 28 points. Brandi Lutkenhaus put in 17 with Julia Fleitman adding 9, Hollie Fuhrmann 6, Keisha Dill 4 and Misty Klement 2.

M	16	23	12	13	64
PV	2	7	4	0	13

Hornets 54, Prairie Valley 48
Muenster won their second consecutive game for the first time in over two years, downing Prairie Valley in the first round of the Collinsville Tournament.

After being down 10 points early in the game, the Hornets tied the game 25-25 by halftime. Darrell Charles hit 10 2nd quarter points to start the comeback, then added 12 second-half points and finished the game with 27 points, 20 rebounds and 7 assists. "Darrell carried us, we were proud to count him on our side."

Jake Luke scored 10, Eric Miller 8, Cody Sicking 4, Steven Reiter 3 and Scott Hermes 2.

Lady Hornets 38, S&S 50
The Lady Rams jumped out to an early lead and Muenster shot their lowest percentage of the year. "S&S did a super job with their inside game and we had too many unforced errors," said Coach Heers.

Carrie Hess and Hollie Fuhrmann led with 12 and 10 points. Brandi Lutkenhaus added 6, Andrea Klement and Keisha Dill 4 points each and Julia Fleitman 2.

M	9	10	9	10	38
S&S	13	16	8	13	50

Hornets 57, Slidell 64
Trailing 33-12 and seemingly unable to avoid the dreaded turnovers, the Muenster Hornets showed some character and skill as they closed within 2 points (56-54) with 2:23 left to play against the Slidell Greyhounds.

Muenster missed 2 consecutive shots and, after fouling Slidell down the stretch, came up short 64-57. It was the 3rd place game in the Collinsville Tournament.

Corey Anderle sparked the comeback with 11 points in the 3rd quarter, finishing with 16 points. Darrell Charles pulled down 10

boards and scored 14 points. Jake Luke had his 7th double figure game in 9 games with 10 points. Scott Hermes added 8, Steven Reiter 5 and Eric Miller 4.

"We were extremely pleased with the mural victory. We showed the ability to overcome poor play in a hurry, which will serve us well somewhere in district play," Coach Heers commented. "Our half-court defense is getting tougher and tougher."

Lady Hornets 39, Collinsville 33
Muenster won their final tournament game, edging past the host Lady Pirates.

"The girls were very poised in their offensive execution. We hit key free throws down the stretch and had only 9 turnovers," bragged Josselot.

M	9	14	5	11	39
C	12	4	6	11	33



LONGHORN SCOTT FARRELL moves in and knocks the ball away from John Klement in Sacred Heart's big tournament win over Forestburg. Other Tigers pictured are Jon Grewing, Matthew Fuhrmann and Michael Becker. Janie Hartman Photo

Muenster basketball begins district play

District action begins this Friday when Muenster travels to Alvord. A preseason pull out Ponder in the boys' driver's seat followed by Saint Jo with everyone else nipping at the heels, Coach Ted Heers concurred.

"There will be some close tussles," he said. "It's hard to differentiate between any of the teams. Free throws will probably decide who gets the two playoff spots. It will be that close."

The Alvord and Ponder girls are

again picked above the rest of the district. Both are ranked in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll. Lindsay, Muenster, Era and Saint Jo will try to play the spoiler.

The Muenster JV girls open the evening with a game scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. The JV boys will tipoff at 5:45 followed by the varsity girls, then the boys.

Muenster will play at home Tuesday, Jan. 9, against the Ponder Lions. Games will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Bald eagle survey volunteers needed

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is looking for volunteers to assist in the annual midwinter bald eagle survey scheduled for January. The survey has been conducted by the department each year in conjunction with the Raptor Research Center located in Idaho.

The midwinter survey is conducted at 22 historic survey locations across the state. It is designed to help assess long-term trends in wintering eagle populations in Texas. The 1995 counts revealed a total of 303 bald eagles at 21 sites. One survey site was not surveyed in 1995 due to inclement weather conditions. This volunteer effort involved approximately 230 observers.

The counts will take place on Jan. 12-14. Volunteers are needed for 14 locations including Lake Texoma, Lake Fairfield, Lake Tawakoni, and Lake Whitney.

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Holiday Classic

Knights 39, Callisburg 44
Lindsay fell to the Wildcats in their opening tournament game. With less than 15 seconds in the game, Callisburg led 41-39. Two missed free throws by the Knights, then 2 completed by Callisburg handed the Knights the loss.

Robert Sharp was leading scorer with 11 points with Aaron Krebs adding 8.

Lady Knights 50, Callisburg 49
The Lindsay Ladies took a close hard-fought 1 point win in their opening battle with the Lady Wildcats. After a tied score going into the final quarter, the Lady Knights took a 7-point lead before Callisburg bounced back with 6 unanswered points.

Keleigh O'Dell was Lindsay's leading scorer with 17 points with Donna Lester adding 12. Amber Geray and Molly Trammell each scored 6. Christine Fuhrmann put in 5 and Andrea Gieb 4.

L	19	8	12	11	50
C	6	17	15	10	49

Tigerettes 51, Forestburg 39
Crystal Klement put in 18 points in Sacred Heart's opening tournament game against the Lady Longhorns. Melinda Vickers added 11 points and Leslie Grewing 9 in the Tigerettes' big win.

Kelly Rigler scored 7 points with 2 points each by Dobe Fleitman, Nicole Endres and Theresa McCarty.

Catrina Balthrop was Forestburg's leading scorer with 12 points. The Lady Longhorns shot 92% from the free throw line.

The lineup of the bracket gave Sacred Heart a bye to round 3.

SH	11	12	11	17	51
F	9	14	8	8	39

Tigers 47, Forestburg 40
The Tigers opened the Classic with Forestburg, leading by more than 20 points in the first half. "That was a new feeling for this team," commented Coach John Nasche. "We let Forestburg get back in, but held them off in the end to win."

Brandon Bayer burned the basket with 19 points while John Klement put in 14. Other Tigers scoring were Matthew Fuhrmann with 6 points, 5 for Jonathan Grewing and Michael Becker 3.

Scott Farrell and Jeffery Balthrop led the Longhorns with 12 points each.

The Tigers advanced to the semifinal round with a bye.

SH	16	15	8	8	47
F	6	4	11	19	40

ROUND TWO
Lady Knights 47, Valley View 36
After trailing 20-18 at halftime, the Lindsay girls came out the second half to dominate the game.

Molly Trammell led all scorers with 17 points, 10 which came in the 3rd quarter. Christine Fuhrmann added 11 and Keleigh O'Dell 10. Also adding to the victory were Donna Lester with 5 points and 2 each by Amber Geray and Andrea Gieb.

L	12	6	16	13	47
VV	8	12	5	11	36

Knights 37, Saint Jo 36

With 21 seconds remaining in the game, Robert Sharp put in 2 free throws to tie the game 36-36. A last second missed basket by Saint Jo was rebounded by Zach Bowman, who was fouled with no time left on the clock. In a one-and-one situation, Bowman sank the first shot giving the Knights the win.

Lindsay's leading point man was Robert Sharp with 12 points with Bowman adding 10.

Joseph Hennigan led the Panthers with 14.

Tigerettes 28, Gainesville 58
The Class 3A Gainesville Lady Leopards outplayed the Tigerettes at the Classic Tournament.

After an even 2nd quarter and behind 34-20 at halftime, the Sacred Heart girls went ice cold, scoring only 8 points the second half.

Dobe Fleitman led all scorers with 18 points. Leslie Grewing added 6, Kelly Rigler 3 and Nicole Endres 1.

SH	10	10	1	7	28
G	24	10	11	13	58

Tigers 26, Pilot Point 82
Pilot Point's depth and height wore the Tigers down in Sacred Heart's 2nd tournament game. "Our 6-player rotation was not enough to keep it close. Although we still played a good ball game," said Coach John Nasche. "We only had 20 turnovers, a season-low for the Tigers. That's encouraging considering Pilot Point's press."

The loss put the Tigers in the 3rd-place game.

Jonathan Grewing was Sacred Heart's leading scorer with 12 points. Brandon Bayer and Matthew Fuhrmann each added 6 with John Klement getting 2 free throws.

SH	4	8	7	7	26
PP	24	17	20	21	82

FINAL ROUND
Tigerettes 42, Valley View 59
The Sacred Heart girls again came out on the short end of the stick, when the Valley View Lady Eagles eliminated the Tigerettes in tournament action.

Crystal Klement and Dobe Fleitman led the Tigerettes with 12 and 10 points. Kelly Rigler added 9, Theresa McCarty 7 and 2 each by Nicole Endres and Melinda Vickers.

Leading Valley View were Amy Bryant and Barbara Devers with 19 and 12 points.

SH	7	19	7	9	42
VV	13	3	13	20	59

Tigers 44, Nocona 84
Nocona's speed and height was too much for the Tigers, giving Sacred Heart a 4th place in the tournament.

Four Tigers put points on the board, each scoring 11 points. They were John Klement, Brandon Bayer, Jake McCoy and Jonathan Grewing.

Grewing and McCoy also led the Tigers in rebounds.

"We had a great tournament, even though we struggled the last 2 games. Our overall play has improved a lot - we are heading in the right direction," concluded Coach Nasche.

SH	12	16	14	12	44
N	24	18	20	22	84

Lady Knights 31, Gainesville 69
The Class 3A Lady Leopards dominated Lindsay for the Classic Tournament championship.

After a close 27-18 first half, Gainesville took total control in the 3rd quarter to take a 30-point lead going into the final period. The Lady Knights finished in 2nd place.

Christine Fuhrmann led Lindsay on the scoreboard with 10 points. Amber Geray put in 9 and Keleigh O'Dell 7. Megan Sandmann and Donna Lester each added 2 with Molly Trammell getting a free throw.

L	8	10	4	9	31
G	16	11	25	17	69

Knights 48, Krum JV 64
In the consolation round of the Classic Tournament Saturday, Lindsay was unable to control the Bobcats' attack.

The Knights were led by Robert Sharp's 15 points. Aaron Krebs added 10 and Stephen Tepera 8.

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Academic All-Star Team
Sacred Heart: Nicole Endres, Brandon Bayer, Michael Becker, John Klement, Toby Hess, Jake McCoy; **Lindsay:** Christine Fuhrmann, Jennifer Bezner, Andrea Gieb, Keleigh O'Dell. **M.V.P.:** Brandon Bayer.

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ROBERT SHARP reaches for a loose ball to regain possession for Lindsay before Callisburg's Shawn Clark moves in. Janie Hartman Photo



CALLISBURG'S Tara Hogan attempts a basket, but Lindsay's Donna Lester (41) and Keleigh O'Dell (14) get a hand on the ball. Also defending for the Lady Knights is Andrea Gieb (33). Janie Hartman Photo

Varsity Basketball

Tigers 36 Knights 80

In a pre-Christmas game at Lindsay, the Knights outscored Sacred Heart 52-17 the second half to get a big win.

"This one really hurt, Lindsay took us completely out of our game plan," commented Coach John Nasche. "I told the boys to forget about it."

John Klement and Scott Poole led Sacred Heart with 8 points each. Jake McCoy added 7, with 4 each from Brandon Bayer and Jon Grewing. Joseph McCoy and Michael Becker scored 2 apiece and Joey Martin one.

Three Knights scored in the double digits. Aaron Krebs and Brian Covington led with 15 points each and Robert Sharp added 13. Zack Bowman had 9, and 8 apiece from Alex Krahl and Richard Haayen. Garret Hellinger put in 6, Stephen Tepera 4 and Mickey Meurer 2.

SH	12	7	3	14	36
L	13	15	28	24	80

Tigers 52 Forestburg 49

The Tigers rebounded after a poor performance at Lindsay and played one of their best games all year according to Coach John Nasche. On Thursday, Dec. 21, Sacred Heart earned another win. "We really got after Forestburg. I'm very pleased with our play execution," concluded the Coach.

John Klement led all scorers with 22 points. Matthew Fuhrmann added 10 2nd half points with Brandon Bayer putting in 7, Jake McCoy 6 and 3 points by Michael

Becker. Joey Martin and Jonathan Grewing each scored 2.

Forestburg's leading scorers were Jeffrey Balthrop, Clay Forshee and Danny Agan.

SH	13	13	11	15	52
F	14	8	12	15	49

Lady Hornets 43, Celina 54

In a pre-Christmas wrap-up, Muenster fell to the Class AA Lady Bobcats.

"We came out with extremely flat-shooting and we coupled that with over 25 turnovers," commented Coach Kent Josselet. "Celina shot extremely well and did a nice job of running the floor."

Carrie Hess led the Lady Hornets with 20 points. Hollie Fuhrmann added 8, Brandi Lutkenhaus 7, Julia Fleitman 5, Misty Klement 2 and Audrey Knabe 1.

M	9	13	9	12	43
C	15	12	11	16	54

Hornets 87, Tom Bean 56

Muenster put its record at 2-5 with a home victory over the Tomcats on Dec. 19. The Hornets led 36-28 at halftime and went for 51 second half points for the win.

"We showed some life tonight. Our passing looked better and our shooting improved," remarked Coach Ted Heers. "It was nice to get 4 guys in double figures."

Eric Miller led the scoring with 19 points. Darrell Charles hit 15 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Steven Reiter added 13, Jake Luke 10, Cody Dill 9, Corey Anderle 8, Scott Hermes 7, Matt Chisam 4 and Cody Sicking 2.

Junior Varsity Action

Sacred Heart 21, Lindsay 40

The JV Tigers started out slow and allowed the Knights to get an early jump on the scoreboard. "We played well, but allowed Lindsay too many second chances."

Only 3 Tigers scored, led by Lucian Gehrig's 11 points. Joey Martin added 8 and Waylon Hess 2.

Chris Garner and Richie Alfrey led with 12 and 11 points. Kacey Sandmann added 8, Shawn Hanks 7 and Jeremy Rinner 2.

SH	2	10	2	7	21
L	10	8	11	11	40

Sacred Heart 55, Prairie Valley 51

The junior varsity Tigers picked up their first win of the season Tuesday night in a big come-from-behind victory over Prairie Valley. Sacred Heart was down by as many as 15 points in the first half.

With 1:32 left in the game, Patrick Miller hit 2 free throws to take the lead. From then on, the Tigers never trailed.

Matthew Fuhrmann led the

Tigers with 25 points. Waylon Hess added 8, with David Hesse and Patrick Miller 6 each. Lucian Gehrig put in 5, Nick Yosten 3 and Duncan Campbell 2.

SH	8	13	15	19	55
PV	16	15	12	8	51

Sacred Heart 22, Lindsay 37
The junior varsity Tigerettes fell to the Lady Knights in a pre-holiday contest at Lindsay.

Scoring for Sacred Heart were Brandy Gilpin and Shauna Endres with 5 points each. Leah Rigler added 4 and 2 points were scored by Betty Trevino, Debra Voth, Allison Bayer and Janet Fetsch.

Nine Lindsay ladies scored, led by Erica Fuhrmann with 11 points. Karlee O'Dell added 7, Ashley Zimmerman and Sarah Eberhart each scored 4 and Sadie Trammell 3.

Andrea Fuhrmann, Carrie Hundt, Lea Ann Smith and Stacey Hogan each got 2 points.

SH	5	6	4	7	22
L	10	6	5	16	37



STEVEN TEPERA (11) reaches for a rebound after the ball got by teammate Aaron Krebs (41) and Callisburg's Shawn Clark (44). Janie Hartman Photo

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson left Christmas Day for Hobbs, N.M. where they visited Mrs. Hutson's brothers Ray Gaston and family and Chris Gaston and family. While there for sightseeing they went to Carlsbad Caverns and returned home Thursday. The Hutsons had their Christmas dinner at their home Saturday Dec. 23. Those attending were Brad, Betty, David and Kenda Hutson. Mrs. Mozelle Hutson visited her mother Mrs. Jewel Gaston and Aunt Mrs. Jo Dell Gaston and brother Ricky Gaston all of Saint Jo.

Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde had as their guests for Christmas Eve Mrs. Cindy Ferguson and Mrs. Kay Peters of Gainesville. Christmas Day, dinner guests of the Bewleys were Mrs. Winona Russell of Whitesboro and Mrs. Ima King of Bowie.

Jimmy Christian of Springtown visited Tip and Ruth Christian Tuesday. Bill Christian and Harry Keller of Stephenville visited Tip and Ruth Christian Thursday. Saturday Tip and Ruth Christian went to Springtown to the home of Jimmy and Sandy Christian and had their Christmas. Other family members attending were Fred and Brady Christian; Rickey Christian and family; Kevin Christian and family; and Chad Christian and family.

Rita and Allen Settle and Ruth Smith had their Christmas dinner together in the Settle home. There was lots of good food - turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Of course they all ate too much but they decided to drive around and look at the cattle and land - so that helped some. They enjoyed neighborly Christmas fellowship together. Ruth visited and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sicking and their family, then visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bierschenk and family Saturday evening. The neighbors all have a gift exchange and enjoy Christmas together.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sims and children of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth. Sunday evening for dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore of New Roads, LA; Mrs. and Mrs. Archie Peers of Krum; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nivens of Rosston; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hudspeth; and Mrs. Virginia Lynch of Forestburg. They all enjoyed having dinner together.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry were Frank Cook and son John of Forney; Larry Cook of Louisville, KY; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McKown, Kimberly and Casey of Valley View; Michael and Kristen Stone of Seattle, WA; Mrs. Ima King and friend John of Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Penton, Angela, Jon and Trosha had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Penton.
 Mrs. Gladys Bathrop's family gathered at the Ross Point Community Center Saturday before Christmas for their family get together. Mrs. Gladys Bathrop accompanied the Jeff Bathrop family to Gainesville for the Holiday Classics. Gladys Bathrop had two great-grandchildren playing.
 Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Dill were hosts in their home Christmas Day for dinner and a gift exchange for their children and grandchildren.
 Mrs. Juanita Greanad was host in her home Christmas Eve for pick up foods and snacks and a Christmas tree with a gift exchange. Seventeen family members attended including Mrs. Greanad's sister Mrs. Cornelia Holzboog and family from Denison.

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 The clogging process occurs as cigarette smoke causes the platelets in the blood to become sticky and cluster. This situation, in turn, can lead to atherosclerosis, which means the artery walls have become thickened due to deposits of fat, cholesterol and other substances. That reduces the flow of blood in the narrowed arteries.
 Need further convincing? The nicotine in tobacco smoke can increase your blood pressure temporarily, while carbon monoxide reduces the amount of oxygen the blood supplies to the body.
 Obviously, just as smoking is tied to brain attacks, it is also linked to heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer. Even worse, smoking-related illnesses accounted for the deaths of about 417,000 Americans in 1990.
 To learn more about the dangers of tobacco or obtain information about brain attacks, contact your nearest American Heart Association, or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721).

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Clinton vetoes package containing Farm Bill

by Dan Shaw
National Grain Sorghum Producers Washington Rep.
President Clinton officially vetoed the Balanced Budget Act of 1995 that was submitted to the White House by Congress. This act contained the recommended farm transition proposal that was agreed upon by the Agricultural Conference Committee.

In his veto statement, Clinton promised to submit a counter proposal to Congress. Although the farm issues are low priority items, they will be addressed. USDA will carry the administration's torch for the 1995 farm program. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has already agreed with the initial concepts of the Freedom to Farm Act but has a different opinion on how to calculate payments to farmers.

The increase in spending for the major programs will probably add more money to the ag provisions. Many believe that the door will be opened to divert added funds and unearned deficiency payments to noncommodity programs such as rural development, conservation and environmental needs.

Of all the proposals that were submitted for review, only the reconciliation package would put money in the hands of most farmers next spring to provide financial assistance in planting spring crops.

The administration's blue book plan would rely on the status quo system for payments to farmers. Since no deficiency payments are expected for 1996 crops except rice, farmers would receive no advance payments and would still be obligated by past law to repay the advanced deficiency payments that were issued to them in 1995.

Congress' version of the farm bill was set during the final hours of negotiating, when the Conference Committee chose to structure the 1995 farm bill after the House version of the Freedom to Farm Act (FTF).

The committee adopted the planting flexibility and the fixed decoupled payments as a basis to build this proposed farm bill.

The committee decided to implement the Congressional Budget Office payment rate that the Senate proposed. This payment schedule took into account the

savings that each commodity contributed to the farm program and the predicted needs (deficiency payments) of that commodity in the next seven years.

The FTF paid a fixed sum based on the average of all payments that were made to a commodity in the years 1991 through 1995. The committee also adopted the FTF provision that all payments that were due to producers and repayments by producers on pre-1996 crops would be incorporated in the 1996 and 1997 payment schedules.

The annual fixed payments under the seven-year contract that is proposed in the Congressional farm bill are \$5.5 billion in 1996, \$5.4 billion in 1997, \$5.8 billion in 1998, \$5.6 billion in 1999, \$5.1 billion in 2000, \$4.1 billion in 2001 and \$4 billion in 2002.

Table 1 shows the net payment rates. Final deficiency payments for the 1994 corn and sorghum crops have been deducted from the 1996 total payment and the projected advance deficiency repayment for the 1995 crops have been added to the total commodity payment due the 1997 crop.

USDA has projected that all or a portion of the advance deficiency payments for the 1995 crops of sorghum, corn, barley, wheat and cotton will have to be refunded.

Instead of each producer sending in a check, USDA will offset the refund in making 1997 contract payments.

To estimate your payment under this proposed plan:

- Multiply your sorghum base acres by 85%.

- Take that figure and multiply it by your FSA program payment yield for sorghum for that farm.

- Multiply that figure by the payment rate for sorghum.

Example: A farm has 1000 acres of sorghum base and a FSA program payment yield of 60 bushels per acre.

The 1997 sorghum crop payment will be calculated as follows using the 1997 payment rate of 42 cents per bushel:

- 1000 x 85% = 850 acres

- 850 ac. x 60 bu/ac = 51,000 bu.

- 51,000 bu x \$0.42 = \$21,420

- \$21,420/850 acres = \$25.20/ac.



A RUSTIC BARN provides shelter for three horses as cold winds blew across this snowy rural landscape northwest of Muenster. An afternoon and night of snow covered some areas with snow several inches deep and created drifts deeper than two feet. The snow started around midafternoon Monday, Jan. 1. *Janie Hartman Photo*

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

BEEF MANAGEMENT CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The Cooke County Livestock and Forage Committee has designed a Herd Management Calendar to benefit beef producers in Cooke County. This calendar gives suggestions and recommendations on herd health, nutrition, management and forage production that will assist beef operators.

The calendar is designed to give reminders of health, nutrition, and forage management monthly. In addition, calving and weaning records, vaccination programs, soil sampling information, using EPD's, and cow body condition scores are in the calendar.

The calendars are free and available to all livestock producers in the county. You can obtain one by coming by the County Extension Office or one of the participating calendar sponsors which include: B & H Ag Products, Barnes Brothers Feed Store, Barthold Tire Company, J.H. Bayer & Sons, C.B.J. Tire & Alignment, Cattle-Lac Liquids, Inc., Farm Bureau Insurance, First State Bank of Gainesville, Fischer's Meat Market, Friedrich Breeding Service, Fulton Supply & Recycling, Inc., Gainesville Livestock Market, Inc., Guaranty National Bank, H & W Meat Company, W.B. Hudspeth, Inc., MFM Martindale Feed Mill, Muenster Milling Company, North Texas Bank & Trust, Red River Farm Co-Op, Inc., Refinery Road Veterinary Clinic, Inc., S & W Tractor Company, Sicking Tractor & Bearing Company, Smith Feed Store, and Tony's Seed & Feed, Inc.

BEEF MEETING AT B.I.G. TO FEATURE COST CUTTING AND CALVING TECHNIQUES

Beef producers at the 1996 Blackland Income Growth (B.I.G.) Conference will be shown how to cut costs on supplemental feedstuffs, reduce cow and calf losses during difficult deliveries, and hear estimates of how long the current downswing in cattle prices will last.

Scheduled January 16 and 17 at the Waco Convention Center, the conference is aimed at improving the overall agribusiness economy of the Central Texas Blacklands.

The conference also offers commodity programs on grain, forage, cotton, horses and commercial horticulture. Other special sessions feature the Texas Family Forum, ostriches, the wildlife management business and horticulture for homeowners.

Remember ...

Agricultural chemicals should be stored in a locked building away from stored grain or hay. Some chemicals should be stored separately. Use proper protective clothing and equipment when working with chemicals.

TABLE 1. PROPOSED COMMODITY PAYMENT RATES BY YEAR

Commodity	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Wheat	Dirbu	.66	.64	.68	.65	.59	.47	.46
Corn	Dirbu	.27	.37	.41	.39	.36	.29	.28
Sorghum	Dirbu	.34	.42	.46	.44	.40	.32	.31
Barley	Dirbu	.31	.28	.29	.28	.25	.20	.19
Oats	Dirbu	.03	.04	.04	.04	.03	.03	.03
Cotton	Dir/cwt	7.93	7.53	8.06	7.74	7.09	5.71	5.50
Rice	Dir/cwt	1.52	2.86	2.86	2.77	2.53	2.04	1.98

Source: Senate Ag Committee Staff

Texas Forest Service nursery offers seedlings

'Tis the season to plant your windbreaks, wildlife plantings and tree crops, so grab your seedling list, check it twice, and contact the Texas Forest Service's Indian Mound Nursery.

The nursery offers a variety of low-cost pine and hardwood seedlings to private landowners planning reforestation projects. (These seedlings aren't intended for landscaping or ornamental use).

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nursery: call (409) 858-4202; fax (409) 858-4303; or write, Indian Mound Nursery, P.O. Box 617, Alto, Texas 75925-0617.

Railroad Commission suggests safety check for propane tanks

With cold weather gripping the state, the Texas Railroad Commission suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer for a safety check of their propane tank and regulator.

Although it doesn't happen often, safety officials warn that if the regulator vent ices over or is clogged by insect nests or debris, high pressure gas can be released directly to home appliances. Homeowners should participate

with their propane dealer in a regular safety inspection program each year.

Regulators on most home tanks are located under a protective metal dome on the top of the tank, shielding them from weather and insects. On some tanks, however, the circular regulator is installed outside the dome cover. Owners of these tanks should make sure the regulator is properly installed and operating correctly by contacting the local dealer that fills and

services their tanks.

Some Texans buy propane in portable tanks for use in barbecues or as a supplemental heat source. Colder weather may prompt such users to bring the portable cylinders indoors. But Railroad Commission officials say all propane cylinders and containers must stay outside for safety, as required by the Commission's safety rules.

Propane is commonly used as a residential and commercial fuel throughout Texas.

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