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Tax abatements granted to two area industries

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court has agreed to tax abatements for two companies now operating in the county. CRS Poly Pipe and Spirex Southwest, Inc. have each requested abatements on buildings and machinery that would result from expansion and relocation plans.

At their Jan. 13 meeting Commissioners were asked to grant a 10 year, 90 percent tax abatement to Poly Pipe. The matter was tabled until further study could be done. A resolution in place until June 29, 1997 limits the length of an abatement to six years and it would have to be changed before a 10 year abatement could be considered.

Poly Pipe is seeking a

location, either in Gainesville or another area, depending on financial feasibility, to consolidate their plants. Should Gainesville be selected the new facility would be built on Corporate Square. Land valued at \$400,000 would be added to the tax rolls immediately. The company's two plants in the county would be moved to the new facility. There are now 55 employees at the two plants. If a new facility opens it would employ an additional 81 people.

At a special meeting called on Jan. 16 Commissioners Court amended the resolution to a maximum of 10 years on tax abatements and unanimously agreed to Poly Pipe's requested tax abatement. County Judge Paul Hesse said that after

consultation with the Attorney General's office, the Court decided to vote on the request during a regular monthly meeting and so put it on the agenda of the Jan. 27 meeting.

According to Greg Solomon, executive director of the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, Spirex qualifies for a 75 percent 10-year abatement. The company builds industrial type screws for injection molding machines. It is now housed in a bay at the National Supply building and employs 20 people.

Plans for Spirex include the purchase of 7.5 acres from the City of Gainesville. The land is located in the southwest corner of the municipal airport. The value of the land is \$20,737.50. Estimated cost of construction of the building for the new

facility is \$748,166 and value of equipment is \$181,000 for a total project investment value of \$929,166 during phase one. Eventually the plant would employ 57 more people.

Kevin Corley of Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) requested that Tom Woods be re-appointed as Cooke County's representative on the Texoma Housing Finance Corporation. The appointment to the three-year term was unanimous.

Commissioners also gave their approval to a general certificate authorizing Texoma Housing Finance Corporation to issue Series 1997 mortgage revenue bonds.

In other business coming before Commissioners during the Jan. 27 regular meeting, Commissioners:

- Reviewed and approved the annual Cooke County Historical Commission report. It was presented by Ona Reed.

- Added to employee manual that results of pre-employment drug test must be received before an employee starts working for the county.

- Approved changes to the Cooke County Sexually Oriented Business Order as recommended by Holly Stark, assistant county attorney.

- Acknowledged the Texas Department of Transportation's need to acquire more right of way on FM 372 located 6.7 km south of FM 902. Safety was the reason for the request. The county pays 10 percent of the cost of the purchase.

- Appointed Ona B. Reed, Margaret Hayes, Mary

McCain, Sandra Idom, Joe Stout, Betty Buttolph, Eunice Nelson, Mary Jean McElreath, Shana Powell, John Powell, J.D. McCain Ron Melugin, Topsy Meusse, and Dr. Gerald McDaniel to serve another two-year term on the Cooke County Historical Commission.

- Amended plat of Lake Kiowa subdivision, Maps #3, 10 and 12 to include corrected spelling of Pueblo Street and to properly name another street.

- Appointed John Kubicek, Robert Heying, Glen Fisk, Jerry Acker, David Isbell, and Lynn Vowell to serve on the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Approved minutes of last meeting and Jan. 16 special meeting; monthly bills; and monthly reports.

Officers for '97 announced at C of C meeting

by Daryl Ferber
Chamber of Commerce officers for 1997 will be John Pollard, president; Milton Knauf, vice-president; Christi Klement, secretary; and Jewel Otto, treasurer, as announced at the meeting Jan. 15.

A proposal was made to change meetings back to luncheons to see if it would be more convenient for members to attend. After a discussion, it was voted to continue meetings at the breakfast hour of 7:30 a.m.

It has been a yearly problem to borrow and transport picnic tables for Germanfest. It was suggested that the Chamber start buying some each year, donating them to the park for all organizations to use at their activities. A discussion of the types of materials and cost followed and will be investigated.

Margie Starke reported on progress of Germanfest plans. One primetime entertainment slot has to be filled after cancellation of a band.

Members were urged to pay their dues before Saturday to receive their free banquet tickets.



Muenster Chamber celebrates '96 growth, welcomes '97 board at annual banquet



Directors of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce were introduced at the annual Chamber banquet Saturday, January 25. Pictured above are: (l-r) Peggy Grewing, director, John Pollard, President, Christi Klement, Secretary, Frank Cromeens, director, Kim Felderhoff, director, Brian Herr, director, Milton Knauf, Vice President, Margie Starke, Executive Secretary, Jewell Otto, Treasurer. Retiring directors, Lorna Dempster, Don Hess and John Pagel were honored for their service in a speech by President John Pollard and presented with plaques.

Margie Starke was also thanked for her valuable work handling Germanfest. President Pollard presented her with a bouquet of roses and a gift for her dedication to the Chamber.

Tom Carson (l) of KGAF Radio acted as emcee for the evening which included entertainment by (r) cowboy poet, storyteller and humorist, Biscuits O'Bryan from Sutton County, Texas and dinner, catered by Rohmers Catering. Carolyn Bayer chaired the banquet.



Library board welcomes new members at Jan. meeting

by Daryl Ferber
New board members were given information on responsibilities, library operations and recent activities, at the Jan. 21 meeting. They are Ramona Felderhoff, Bert Hesse and Janie Hartman.

Aaron Klement appeared at the meeting, with a plan concerning the library for his Eagle Scout project. The board gave its approval for his plan and made suggestions to help implement it.

City Administrator Steve Broyles spoke to the board, explaining the zoning change needed for their property and the building of a new library.

The board president reported on the status of the "Friends of the Library Building Fund." The Luke Foundation has matched up to \$60,000. So, starting on a new match with \$5,500, the building fund needs to raise \$34,500 for the balance of the Foundation commitment.

Lorna Dempster, a committed board member these past two years with activity work and donations, has resigned due to moving to Dallas.

Officers for 1997 are Daryl Ferber, president; Bert Hesse, vice-president; and Janie Hartman, secretary-treasurer. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to appear, contact the president to be put on the agenda.



Sacred Heart Swim Team traveled to Palo Alto College in San Antonio Saturday, January 25 to compete in the TAPPS State Swim Meet, Division II. The Tigerettes came home with the State Championship title and the Tigers finished in second place. The two teams won a total of 43 medals: 17 first place, 13 second, 8 third and 5 fourth. Pictured above (l-r) standing: Tyler Bradley, Lee Skinner,

Becky Endres, Duncan Campbell, Josh Walterscheid, Kristin Knauf, Jill Hesa, Kelly Rigler, Tanya Knauf, Leah Rigler, Yvonne Martin, Allison Bayer, Anne Flusche, Joanna Gehrig, Michael Flusche, Gina Yosten; kneeling front: Stephen Bartush, Matthew Nasche, Matt Bayer, Jana Coker, Sarah Kelley, Melanie Minor. Look for full coverage of the meet results next week. Courtesy Photo

VFD logs 2,087 hours

by Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Volunteer Firemen experienced a busy agenda during 1996, especially during the first few months. During February alone they spent 575 hours fighting fires. Low humidity and dry conditions sparked wildfires that were destructive to Cooke County and surrounding counties. Much of the February time was mutual aid to other fire departments. Muenster Volunteer Fire Chief Herbie Knabe noted that there were only five days in February that they didn't make at least one run a day.

"Last year was a bad year for everybody in the state of Texas," noted Knabe. "It was the worst year in the history of the state. Ours wasn't really that bad. The lower the humidity the worse conditions are for fire. When the humidity is in the teens you can expect anything. We'll probably have the same problems this year with the good growth and the way things look."

Total volunteer hours in 1996 was 2,087. That comes to approximately 87 hours for each of the 24 firemen per year and about 8 hours per fireman per month. During the past year the department made four fire runs in town and 36 out of town. They were called on 14 medical runs in town and 18 outside town. They also assisted at 10 Care Flite calls, four good intent and six mutual aid.

Currently the department is building a tank truck to transport water. They have purchased a 1992 model truck to replace the 1972 model which has a worn out tank that leaks. The new tank will be able to carry 1,000 more gallons of water than the old model.

Officers for 1997 are Herbie Knabe, fire chief; Assistant Chief, Bert Walterscheid; Ben Bindel, secretary/treasurer; Ronnie Felderhoff, Jim Koelzer, and John Yosten, trustees. Joe Pagel is the outgoing trustee.

Men serving as volunteer firemen besides the officers are Ken Ahrens, Alan Baldwin, Karl Barnhill, Ryan Bayer, Bob Endres, Clinton Endres, Doug Fleitman, James Gehrig, Steve Henscheid, Brent Hess, Mark Hesse, Henry Knabe, Milton Knauf, Joe Pagel, Rick Stewart, Tom Swirczynski, Brent Walterscheid, and Duane Walterscheid.

Knabe said that some people have been wondering why the firemen respond each time the ambulance is called in this area. He explained that the main reason is to cut response time. In the case of a heart attack or a bad bleeder, the fire department can be tending to the person while waiting for Please See VFD, Page 2

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The legislative battle is on in Austin as our State Legislature convened on January 14, 1997 and on 1-22-97 a phone call to the Legislative Reference Library (1-800-253-9693) revealed that SJR 6 by Senator Jane Nelson was before the Senate State Affairs Committee, so now is the time to contact that committee either for or against the Initiative and Referendum issue.

Any citizen of Texas interested in this most vital issue either for or against should contact members of the Senate State Affairs Committee by letter or by phone or by setting up an office visit with them or with their aides. The following senators comprise the State Affairs Committee. (all numbers have

1-512 area codes): Kenneth Armbrister 463-0118; Drew Nixon 463-0114; David Cain 463-0102; John Carona 463-0116; Rodney Ellis 463-0113; Troy Fraser 463-0124; Mario Gallegos 463-0104; Jon Lindsay 463-0187; Gregory Luna 463-0126; Jane Nelson 463-0109; Florence Shapiro 463-0108; John Whitmire 463-0115. Lt. Governor Bob Bullock 463-001 is president of the Senate and Kenneth Armbrister is chairman.

Mail addressed to all Senators may be sent to PO Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711. Bullock's address is The Capitol, PO Box 2243, Austin, TX 78768.

Prompt action is needed as timing is vital.

Yours for a better Texas.
Edward F. "Kit" Carson
Valley View



The Muenster Jaycees placed a patriotic floral tribute on the monument in City Park to mark the anniversary of the Space Shuttle disaster. In 1986 the Jaycees put the marker up and planted seven trees to honor the seven astronauts who lost their lives January 28, 1986.
Photo by Janie Hartman

Mailbox bashing is a federal offense

It's called "Mailbox baseball", it's as old game highlighted in the movie "Stand By Me"; it's a Federal offense, and the Postal Inspection Service is not laughing. The game is playing by driving past mailboxes on posts and hitting them with a baseball bat. The newest wrinkle is to hook a chain around brick mailbox stands and pull them down with a car.

U.S. Mail receptacles and the mail inside are protected by federal law from theft, damage and destruction. The violations are felonies which carry penalties of between three to five years imprisonment and/or fines between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Postal Inspector K.E. Roberts said her agency is out to catch the vandals; noting, if her department gets their cuffs on the person or persons and they are over eighteen, they have earned themselves a federal arrest record. Inspector Roberts adds that throughout the country the incidents of vandalism to mailboxes

coincided with the showing of the movie "Stand By Me." The movie is not presently playing in Texas, but was popular at one time.

The inspector said about thirty arrests have been made nationwide, with the majority of the youths saying they got the idea from the movie.

The best way to prevent the destruction and vandalism of mailboxes is through education. Parents with young children should take a few moments to explain the importance of an individual's mail to them. They should also let their older children know that what may be intended as a harmless prank is actually against the law, and that everyone involved loses; the prankster who can end up in jail; the customer who has to pay for the repair or replacement of the damaged mailbox and mail; and the community who pays the local sheriff or police to investigate the incident.

MMH hosts Open House

Muenster Memorial Hospital is sponsoring an Open House Sunday, Feb. 2, from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon at the Lindsay Health Clinic. The clinic is located at 117 Main Street in Lindsay, across from The Wooden Spoon.

Clinic hours are: Wednesday,

9 a.m. until noon; Edd Advincula, M.D., F.A.C.P., Internal Medicine.

Thursday, 9 a.m. until noon; Diana Arnouk, M.D., Pediatric Medicine.

Friday, 1:30 until 4:30 p.m.; Thomas Currier, M.D., OB/GYN.

Muenster Museum now open on Fridays

After being cleaned and rearranged, the Muenster Museum is again ready for visits by the public. At first the only regular hours will be on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 7 is the first scheduled opening. Visits by appointment can always be made by calling the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, 759-2227. The

Muenster Historical Commission hopes that in the future there will be more days and hours that the museum will be open to the public.

There are many items of local interest in the museum. One item of special note is a 100 year old altar cloth from the old church.

VFD

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the ambulance to arrive. They have some training. It usually takes the ambulance at least 15 minutes to arrive.

As many firemen as answer the call go to the scene since there is often no way of knowing how many will be needed nor has any manner been established of determining who should go and who should stay. The pagers purchased by the county for all of the volunteer fire departments has improved response, said Knabe.

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RESOLUTION

Whereas, Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 26 to February 1, 1997, and;

Whereas, the theme is "Catholic Schools Beyond Expectations," and;

Whereas, Sacred Heart School has educated hundreds of students from Muenster, and;

Whereas, the National Catholic Education Association is sponsoring the National Day of Appreciation for Catholic Schools on January 29, 1997, therefore be it

Resolved that we recognize the commitment of parents sending their children to Sacred Heart School and recognize the commitment of the teachers and other personnel who provide an outstanding Catholic education to the students.

Henry G. Weinzapfel,
Mayor of Muenster

Reiter joins First State Bank of Gainesville

Lloyd Reiter, a native of Muenster and former resident of Gainesville, has been named vice-president of the First State Bank of Gainesville. He will assume his duties there on Monday, Feb. 3, 1997.

Reiter is the son of Wilfred and Polly Reiter of Muenster. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is a 1982 graduate of University of North Texas where he earned a Bachelor's degree in banking and finance.

Reiter was employed by Gainesville National Bank from 1982 until 1988. From 1988 to the present, he has been employed by the Meyers Corporation. During this time he served as vice-president and branch manager of the Rhome branch of Continental State Bank of Boyd. He also served as president of First Bank and Trust in Springtown for two years before First Bank and Trust was sold and made into a branch of Continental Bank of Boyd where he continued to serve as branch president until his move to First State Bank of Gainesville.

Lloyd has served in many civic organizations including: president of Springtown



Lloyd Reiter

Chamber of Commerce; vice-chairman of Springtown Economic Development Corporation and vice-president of the Springtown Optimist Club.

Lloyd and his wife, Mary, have four children, Travis, 9, Karissa, 7, Austin, 5, and Chisam, 1. They currently live in Decatur, but are looking forward to returning to their home in Cooke County.

City officials visit Canton water plant

by Stephen D. Broyles, City Administrator

Milton Knauf, Chris Yosten and Steve Broyles recently visited the Canton Surface Water Treatment Plant. Their purpose was to visit a semi-automatic plant which might be the type constructed at Muenster Lake by the Muenster Water District.

The visit was very informative. All agreed that this type of surface water treatment plant is feasible for operation locally. The plant can remain operational when employees are not present due to automated chemical analyses tests, emergency shut-down if parameters are exceeded, and a telephonic notification system to the on-call employee that there is a problem at the plant. The employee must respond within 30 minutes, or the telephonic notification system starts over.

The plant structure is simplified compared to the Granbury plant. Basically, there is one room for laboratory testing, monitoring of the operational status of the plant and updating the computer data. Another

large room is used to store chemicals, as well as house some of the chemical operations. The plant uses gravity as much as possible to flow the water to the various parts of the plant, and then pumps the water throughout the distribution system. The plant can operate all the time, or be shut down during low usage, such as during the winter.

The Canton plant combines lake water with well water. Steve Broyles tasted the water and the combined water quality was good. Muenster lake water will probably be mixed with well water some time in the future. The Canton plant operators experience little problem with water quality due to the mixing.

Since surface water requires more chemicals to process, more laboratory test analyses, and more manning of the plant, the operation and maintenance expenses to run the plant are greater than the operation of a well system. The Canton plant operators provided recommendations on what the Muenster Lake water treatment plant should include and exclude.

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Violets are gold,
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Brenda!!

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Can you guess which of these classics is still around?

2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, February 2	Monday, February 3	Tuesday, February 4	Wednesday, February 5	Thursday, February 6	Friday, February 7	Saturday, February 8
Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet Life Teen Sin & Reconciliation, 7-9 p.m. JELLY - Relating 1:30-3:30 Wurst for the Best, KC Hall, Meal 11 a.m., Bingo 1 p.m. GROUND HOG DAY	City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Muenster 7/8 G/B vs. Era, there, 5 p.m.	Cooke Co. Pro-Life, 7 p.m., St. John's Parish Hall, Valley View Muenster JVG/B, VG/B vs. Era, here, 4:30 SHVG/B vs. Masonic Home, here, 6:00	MISD old gym open for volleyball C of C Board Meeting, 5 p.m.	Daisy 1st Grade Brownies Meeting, 3:45-4:45 p.m.	SHHS Honor Society Induction Muenster Museum Open, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Muenster JVG/B, VG/B vs. Saint Jo, there, 4:30 p.m.	Catholic Schools Banquet, Fort Worth
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		
Sunday, February 9	Monday, February 10	Tuesday, February 11	Wednesday, February 12	Thursday, February 13	Friday, February 14	Saturday, February 15
Life Teen Rugby, 2-4 p.m., SH Practice Field	VFW Meeting, 8 p.m.	Muenster 4-H Meeting, 7 p.m.	SH Alumni Meeting, 7:30 p.m. C of C Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m., The Center ASH WEDNESDAY	2nd & 3rd Grade Brownies Meeting, 3:45-4:45 p.m.	Muenster Museum Open 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. VALENTINE'S DAY	
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		

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Della Ann Hartman dies at age 84

by Elfreda Fette

Della Ann (Fette) Hartman died in Denton Regional Medical Center on Jan. 24, 1997, at 4:05 p.m. at age 84, following an illness of slightly more than one week, and a period of failing health. Mass of The Resurrection was held in Sacred Heart Church on Monday, January 27 at 10 a.m.

She was the devoted wife of Herman J. Hartman, the loving mother of Tom, Roy, Joe, and Don Hartman, and the treasured grandmother of Ashley, Justin, Lucas, Grant, Sam, Tony, Craig, Jeff and Cindy Hartman.

Della Hartman was born on August 19, 1912, to Conrad John and Erna (Huchton) Fette. She attended Sacred Heart School; graduated from Our Lady of Victory Academy in Fort Worth; attended Draughan Business College in Dallas; and was later employed as a bookkeeper.

On May 29, 1939, she was married to Herman Justin Hartman in Sacred Heart Church. She was an admired, serene, and dedicated homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Church; and loved gardening and flowers. As a mother, she was sincerely committed to the scholastic achievements of her four sons; and supported and encouraged them throughout their years as Boy Scouts, seeing each of them and a grandson attain Eagle Rank. She was a source of encouragement to other scouts and their parents.

Survivors include the husband; sons and daughters-in-law Thomas J. and Debbie Hartman and children Tony and Craig; Roy C. and Irene Hartman and children Ashley, Justin, Lucas and Grant all of Muenster; Joseph D. and Liz Hartman and son Sam of Austin; Donald L. and Kathy Hartman and children Jeff and Cindy of Muenster.

Also surviving are two



Della Ann Hartman

sisters, Thelma Trubenbach and Agnes Stormer both of Muenster.

Preceding her in death were her parents, one infant son Charles and one sister, Sr. Antoinette Fette.

On Sunday a Rosary Service was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel at 4 p.m. led by Vina Voth, a cousin. Vigil was held in the chapel at 7 p.m.

Officiating for the Mass of The Resurrection were Father David Bellinghausen OSB, Father Frowin Schoech OSB, and Father Harry Fisher. Altar servers were Della's granddaughter Cindy Hartman, and family friends Clint and Chris Fuhrmann.

Participants in the special funeral liturgy included granddaughter, Ashley Irene Hartman with the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9 and the second reading from 2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10. The Gospel was from John 14: 1-6.

Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by Della's two sisters, Thelma Trubenbach and Agnes Stormer.

Eucharistic Ministers were

friends Roger and Janie Taylor, Sam and Karen Endres, and Judy Flusche.

Music ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, Emily Klement, and Christy Hesse.

Sacred Music included "On Eagles Wings," "Wherever You Go," "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling," "Song of the Good Shepherd," "Send Us Your Spirit O Lord," "How Great Thou Art," "Ave Maria," and "Song of the Angels."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Justin, Tony, Lucas, Craig, Jeff and Grant Hartman. Honorary pallbearers were grandchildren Sam Hartman and Ashley Hartman.

Relatives and friends who attended from a distance included Gene Hartman of Denton; Wayne Trachta of Decatur; Delores Swirczynski of Mineral Wells; Kenneth and Paula Hermes of Denton; Don and Krista Fazzino, Jr. Mrs. Don Fazzino and Steve Scarmardo all of Bryan; Margaret Fette Ratliff of Lubbock; Karen Stormer Partridge of Libertyville, Ill.; Kris Stormer of Oldsmar, Florida; David Stormer of Houston; Jacob Bezner of Dallas; Don Vogel of Dallas, Glenn Trachta of Denton; Diane Patronella of Austin; Larry and Peggy Berend of Wichita Falls; Jim Hosea of Mullins; Chuck and Patty Bone of Marietta, OK; Bill and Debbie Fette of Kilgore; Edna Tompkins of Arlington; Sid Ramsey of Arlington; Walter and Sylvia Walterstein of Dallas; Elmo Hartman of Goliad; Jerry and Delette Fette of Waco; Barbara Moronka and Nancy Johnson of Houston; Chris Mason, John Mason and Regina Fuller of Sugarland; Kathy Thompson of Grapevine and Karla and John Kintz of Temple.

Terese Miller dies suddenly at 67

by Elfreda Fette

Mass of The Resurrection was held on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, for Terese Mary (Walter) Miller. She died suddenly at age 67 in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Jan. 27 at 12:44 a.m., after becoming ill about an hour earlier.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1929 in Muenster to John V. Walter and Susanna (Trachta) Walter. She attended Sacred Heart School and was the valedictorian of the 1947 high school graduating class.

On Aug. 23, 1948, she was married to William J. "Bill" Miller in Sacred Heart Church. A member of Sacred Heart Church, she was also a member of St. Anne's Society, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, the Sacred Heart Choral Group and was a lector at Sacred Heart Church. She was a talented homemaker, a devoted wife and loving mother and she took special delight in her grandchildren, and welcomed every opportunity to babysit for them.

Enjoying crossword puzzles for herself, she also had infinite patience helping the grandchildren with jigsaw puzzles. Terese was always supportive of her husband's business activities. They traveled frequently and were even in California at Fisherman's Wharf when the famous earthquake struck. She was noted for her hospitality, and guests were always welcomed with enthusiasm. Terese had one other bout with illness when she underwent surgery in 1969 for a tumor on the pituitary gland, and made a spectacular recovery.



Terese Mary Miller

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Linda Miller Flusche of Muenster; four sons, Robert Joseph Miller of Muenster, Terry Paul Miller of The Colony, Alan John Miller of Muenster and Mark Don Miller of Arlington. Also, five sisters, Romana Bayer, Rose Hofbauer, Marie Endres, all of Muenster, Sylvia Everette of Olney, Illinois, and Genie O'Dowd of Houston; and one brother, Joe Walter of Gainesville. There are 14 grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one daughter, Joan Terese Miller; three brothers, Al "Shorty" Walter, Oscar Walter and Alfred Walter.

Officiating for the Mass of The Resurrection were Father David Bellinghausen, OSB, Father Frowin Schoech, OSB and Father Harry Fisher.

Altar servers were Matthew and Christopher York and Danny Felderhoff.

Those who participated in the special funeral liturgy included Bert Miller, a godson, with the First Reading from the Old Testament; Jeannine Flusche, a goddaughter, with the Second Reading from the New Testament. Also grandchildren Melissa Miller with Prayers of the Faithful; Julie Miller, Clint Miller, Alison Miller, Karen Flusche and Jared Flusche, who presented Offertory gifts at the altar.

Eucharistic Ministers were Herb and Dolores Miller, Robert and Betty Miller, and Rosabel Yosten.

Music Ministers were Pam and Dave Fette, Christy Hesse and Ruth Felderhoff. Sacred music included "I Am the Resurrection" for the entrance; "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," "Where Charity and Love Prevail" at Offertory; "I Am the Bread of Life" and "You Are Near" at Communion; "Song of the Angels" for the Farewell and Incensing, and "On Eagles' Wings" for the recessional.

Special services preceding the funeral included the Rosary at McCoy Funeral Chapel at 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Vigil at 7 p.m.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were grandsons Shawn Miller, Chad Miller, Eric Miller, Bryan Miller, Greg Flusche, John Flusche, Patrick Miller and Michael Miller.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to Sacred Heart Trust Fund or Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Sen. Phil Gramm lends backing to IRA expansion

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, a member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, is pushing bipartisan legislation that would expand individual retirement accounts to all working Americans, saying it will encourage personal savings. Gramm is co-sponsoring the Savings and Investment Act of 1997, which would create a "Super IRA" - one that is fully deductible for all Americans without income limits, allows penalty-free early withdrawals if the funds are used for a first-time home purchase, or for edu-

cational, unemployment or medical expenses. "I want to encourage people to work so we can put America to work, so we can create more jobs, more growth and more opportunity," Gramm said. Specifically, the senator said, the legislation before the Senate would eliminate income limits - \$40,000 for joint filers and \$25,000 for singles - for fully deductible IRA contributions by 2001. "This IRA package will also create tax-free withdrawals after retirement, and penalty-free

withdrawals for younger account owners buying a first home, or for college," Gramm said. Last year, Congress ended the tax law's discrimination against homemakers by allowing them to save as much as their spouses who work outside the home. It also allowed for penalty-free withdrawals from an IRA for some medical expenses. The Senate Finance Committee is expected to take up the Super IRA legislation later this spring.

SBDC broadcasts successful methods

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), headquartered in the halls of North Central Texas College, will be offering a series of video workshops broadcast to four North Texas sites in order to reach small business owners across the county. "Getting Started in Business" is the series' first course offered by the SBDC to provide straightforward business and financial planning. This course will aid a business developer to move from the idea stage to reality

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Dec. 27 vows solemnized in Sacred Heart Church

by Elfreda Fette
Mr. and Mrs. Cy Clinton Binder were married in Sacred Heart Church on Dec. 27, 1996 at 6 p.m. and are residing in Muenster. The bride is the former Amy Leah Otto, daughter of Darlene Otto and Ed Otto. She is a 1994 graduate of Muenster High School, attended Grayson County College and North Central Texas College, and will graduate this spring from NCTC with an Associate of Science degree. She is employed as a waitress at The Center Restaurant.

The groom is the son of Tom and Jackie Binder of Matador, Texas. He is a 1991 graduate of Era High School, attended NCTC and is employed as a welder by Andrew Corporation of Denton.

Grandparents of the bride are Tony and Sis Klement and Tillie Otto of Muenster and the late John Otto. Grandparents of the groom are Gene and Martha Cowles of Denton and Carl and Deb Binder of Rockwall.

The couple chose the bride's home parish for their traditional ceremony and the date, Dec. 27,

because it was their fifth dating anniversary.

Father Frowin Schoech, OSB, officiated for the Nuptial Mass and exchange of vows.

The bride was presented at the altar by her father. She wore a formal heavily embroidered silk wedding gown designed with off-shoulder neckline, short sleeves and sweeping train. She had a brief illusion veil, and carried a bridal bouquet of fresh poinsettias.

ATTENDANTS

Dalana Chism of Muenster, bride's cousin, was matron of honor. Amy Sturm, a friend of the bride; Lori Klement, a cousin of the bride, both of Muenster, and Cara Massengale, sister of the groom of Gainesville, were bridesmaids. They were attired in full-length, red sleeveless dresses, designed with a V-shaped back neckline and a long-off-white bow. They also wore long, off-white gloves and each carried a cream-colored fresh poinsettia.

Flowers girls were Lauren and Taylor Massengale, nieces of the groom. Ring bearer was Mason Binder, son of the couple.

Curtis Pierce of Valley View, friend of the groom, was best man. Eric Ceballos of Sanger, friend of the groom; Aaron Binder of Matador, brother of the groom; and Jonathan Otto of Muenster, brother of the bride, were groomsmen.

Gary Don Klement, bride's uncle of Saint Jo, Jason Huchton, bride's cousin of Muenster, and Kenny Ruff, friend of the groom of Gainesville, were ushers.

Mass servers were Dustin Walterscheid and Frank Klement, both of Muenster.

Melissa Cheshier and Theresa Kubis gave the Readings selected by the couple for the special wedding liturgy.

Traditional wedding music was presented by Anetta Earle, organist, and Kerri Kennedy-Reiter and Lori Earheart, vocalists.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the church, with lighted Christmas trees, lighted candles, wreaths and an altar background of red poinsettias.

RECEPTION

A reception followed in the Sacred Heart Community Cen-

ter, hosted by parents of the couple for about 300 guests.

Marlene Walterscheid presided at the bride's book.

The four-layered wedding cake was decorated with red poinsettias. The groom's cake was German chocolate.

The Christmas theme was carried out in elegant and romantic decorations throughout the reception area, with lighted trees, twinkling miniature white lights and wreaths. Guest tables held clusters of lighted candles and poinsettias.

Family members and friends were reception assistants, including Marlene Walterscheid, Emily Stoffels, Emily Hays, Katie Pike, Brianna Klement, Mindy Walterscheid, Imogene Zimmerman, Patsy Dangelmayr and Ginny Schneider.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the home of Kevin and Terri Klement. Assisting them were Gary Don Klement, Marlene Walterscheid and Patsy Dangelmayr.

Since returning from a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple is residing in the new home they bought recently in Muenster.



Mrs. Cy Clinton Binder
...nee Amy Leah Otto...

Lindsay Lay Franciscans hosted by Elvira Flusche

The Lindsay Lay Franciscan Fraternity met in the home of Elvira Flusche on Jan. 14. Ritual opening ceremonies included the Song of St. Francis, the prayer to the Holy Spirit and traditional prayers. Theresa Hermes read a Scripture verse from Matthew 2:25-29.

Reports were given on Christmas gifts sent to Father Eugene Luke, pastor, and to the Sisters of the Lindsay convent.

Communications and Christmas greetings had been received from the Lindsay Sisters; the Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity, from John Zimmerman, who ministers to the prison in Beeville, Texas, thanking for rosaries sent. Other communications included a letter from Alan Quimet of Madison, Connecticut, which told of visiting Bishop Peter Chemparompil in India and seeing the projects undertaken there by the bishop. The Lindsay Fraternity sent a contribution of \$100 to help operate the apostolate.

In Brazil, Father Greg Joeright, OFM, of the Franciscan Missionary Union had another ordination when Father Juroric was ordained on Jan. 19, 1997, in Santorem. He will begin his ministry in Alauquer, where another church will be built. The Lindsay Fraternity also sent him a donation of \$100. Another donation of \$100 was sent to Father Glen Phillips, OFM, who works among the Red Cliff Band of the Chippewa Native Americans in Bayfield, Wisconsin.

The Lindsay Fraternity received a request from James B. Flukinger, SFO, for money to help the lepers and poor children of the Amazon. The Lindsay Fraternity sent a donation of \$200.

Ritual prayers, petitions and the healing prayer closed the meeting. Following adjournment, the hostess Elvira Flusche served refreshments of angel food cake, oatmeal cake, nuts, candies and coffee.



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Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

Mrs. Elna Milligan 91, of Slidell passed away Monday, January 20, 1997. Her funeral was Tuesday, January 21, 1997, in the Slidell Baptist Church with interment in Slidell Cemetery.

Her son Rev. Rondal Milligan conducted the funeral. She is survived by her son Rondal Milligan and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Milligan was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Gladys Balthrop of Rosston.

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop, Mrs. Anna Kirk, David Wayne and Becky, Mrs. Sandra Lehman of Iowa Park, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Balthrop, and Rodney Balthrop all attended the funeral.

Miss Ermina Dutton of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian Saturday. Miss Dutton and Ruth Christian are sisters.

Miss Lois Bewley and

Clyde were in Gainesville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nivens were hosts in their home for a dinner Sunday evening honoring Archie Peers, sister Mrs. Malley Ferrin and a friend who are visiting here from Duluth, Minnesota. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Peers of Krum and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson had as their guests this weekend Larry Dill who visited them Friday and Ruth Smith visited them Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Dill attended the singing Sunday evening at the Rosston Baptist Church.

Guests of Mrs. Juanita Greanad this weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne, Trey Payne and friend Carmel and three other friends all of Arlington, and Mrs. Cornelia Holzbog and grandson Rayne Mitchel of Denison.

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Stacie Elizabeth Wimmer

Saturday, Jan. 25 was a special day for Stacie Elizabeth Wimmer. She celebrated her second birthday with a party, held at Lake Ray Roberts. Her actual birthday is Jan. 26.

Stacie enjoyed riding down all the bike trails in the park. Dinner included fried chicken, ham, and potato salad. There was a special decorated ballerina birthday cake. She also opened birthday gifts.

Guests were aunts, uncles, cousins and Stacie's brother Daniel and sister Angela. She is the daughter of Randy and Linda Wimmer of Muenster.

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MMH Auxiliary revamps meeting dates and projects

After determining that there was a need for an active hospital auxiliary, members of the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary elected officers at the Jan. 22 meeting. Officers serving for the next year are: Betty Rose Walterscheid, president; Betty Miller, vice-president; Denise Pagel, secretary; Laura Pagel, treasurer; and Carol Klement, parliamentarian.

Instead of sponsoring several fund raisers a year, the organization will only take on the Germanfest gate project. This project takes the volunteer assistance of about 170 people. Anybody who can help with the project this year is asked to contact any of the officers.

A newsletter and dues reminder will be mailed out during the first part of February. Dues are now \$10

per year. New members can mail dues to Laura Pagel, 621 N. Main, Muenster, Texas 76252.

Active members are encouraged, but support members are just as important to the success of the organization. Support members pay dues but aren't expected to attend or help out at all functions of the auxiliary. The hospital needs the support of everyone in the community.

Regular meetings will now be held four times a year and called meetings will be held if necessary. March 26 at 7 p.m. is the next scheduled meeting and it will be used to finalize Germanfest and spring events.

On Sunday, Feb. 2 Muenster Memorial Hospital and the Auxiliary will sponsor an Open House at the Lindsay Clinic from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to attend.



Cindy G. Reiter of Muenster and Greg H. Roller of Forestburg have chosen Feb. 22, 1997 for their wedding day. They will be married in Sacred Heart Church at 3:00 p.m. with Father David Bellinghausen OSB officiating. Cindy is the daughter of Johnny and Jeanette Reiter and Greg is the son of Grady and Linda Roller. Attendees in the wedding will be Julie Walterscheid as maid of honor and Pat Corcoran as best man. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Muenster High School and is attending North Central Texas College. She is employed by Encore Video and is a Southwest Decor Sales Clerk. The future groom is a 1988 graduate of Lindsay High School and attended North Central Texas College. He is employed as Kitchen Manager at Metzler Bros. BBQ and Drive-In. The couple will reside in Rosston.

SHYM events planned

by Eric Gray

J.E.L.L.Y.! Calling all 7th and 8th graders! We're having an afternoon of the first "R", Relating. We'll look at friendship and all that it entails. In the process, we'll do games, activities, snacks (but only if you bring them!), and more! Come to the Community Center Main Hall this Sunday, Feb. 2, at 1:30 p.m. and we'll go until 3:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share and the drinks will be provided. See you there!

The next two Saturdays, the Diocese of Fort Worth is very busy with youth. This Saturday, Feb. 1, students meet in Jacksboro to plan diocese youth events. Sacred Heart parish has three representatives to go. More later... Then on Saturday, Feb. 8, the junior high volleyball tournament will take place at Saint Andrew's in Fort Worth. Those 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who would like to participate, form a team of six people (no more than four of one sex) and contact Eric Gray immediately for registration. The parish already has one team going. We are eligible for two teams, so there is space yet. Act now!

Yo High Schoolers! The Life Teen Life Nite on "Sin and Reconciliation" is this Sunday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center Main Hall! The weather looks like it will cooperate with us and so it's a go! This will be a night to remember! You'll laugh! You'll think! You'll eat! You'll get a whole new look at life! This one is an awesome night! See you there!

High Schoolers! You kept asking for it and now it's here: Rugby! We'll play on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. make your plans now to come, to learn, and to play! See you soon!

New Arrivals

Dangelmayr

Ron and Karen Dangelmayr announce with joy the birth of their third child, Kassie Ann Dangelmayr, on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1997 at 7:19 p.m. in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Kassie weighed 5 lb. 12 oz. at birth and measured 19 1/2 inches in length. She is welcomed by two sisters, Amanda, age 4, and Shelby, age 2. Grandparents are Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr and Adam and Alma Wolf of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Tony and Sis Klement of Muenster and Albert and Catherine Kubis of Lindsay.

weighing 8 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

Sparkman

Scott and Lisa Sparkman of Valley View announce the birth of their first child, a son, Aaron Thomas Sparkman in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Jan. 17, 1997, at 5:34 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 12.5 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches in length.

Schedule of Meetings

There will not be a meeting of the St. Anne Society in February. The regular meeting date was scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 2 which is the same day as the KC's ABBA fund raiser. Meeting cancellation was made so that the St. Anne's members will be able to attend the ABBA benefit.

Cooke County Pro Life will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4 in St. John's Parish Hall in Valley View. Preparations for the ABBA fund raiser scheduled for March will be discussed.

Hale

Krystal and Scott Hale of Bowie are parents of a son, Colby Scott Hale, born on Jan. 18, 1997, at 11:22 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. He joins brother Bryan, age 6, and a sister Victoria, age 3.

Scott

Tia Scott of Gainesville announces the birth of her son, Gage Miekalonde Scott in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Jan. 23, 1997, at 5:31 a.m.

Hollie Fuhrmann named to Dean's List at UNT

Hollie Fuhrmann achieved a GPA of 4.0 for the 1996 Fall semester at University of North Texas. Her name was placed on the President's List along with the names of other students who earned a 4.0

grade point average and carried a course load of 12 or more hours during the semester.

Hollie is the daughter of Ron and Pat Fuhrmann of Muenster.

35 contribute to Texoma Blood Drive

The Texoma Regional Blood Drive sponsored by the Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, benefited from the contributions of 35 donors. It was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Jan. 16. The auxiliary expressed thanks to Charles Wimmer for help setting up; also the Muenster State Bank, the Knights of Columbus and especially to all blood donors.

The next drive will be held on March 29, 1997 in the KC Hall, 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM, sponsored by the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary.

S.H.Y.M. activities

by Eric Gray

Last Sunday, January 26, a bunch of J.E.L.L.Y. folks assembled to learn and ply the fastest growing sport of the Southern Hemisphere: tough rugby league! Going from knowing nothing to making incredible rugby moves, the seventh and eighth graders were awesome examples of quick-thinking good sportsmen. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. they ran back and forth, stopping only long enough for a quick snack at half-time. These folks honked!

And at the risk of forgetting a name, the participants were Dana Miller, Jonathan Yosten, Paul Fleitman, Jr., Jeremy Yosten, Sara Sapaniski, Kelly Bayer, Ernie Martin, Elizabeth Fette, Janie Fisher, Luke Endres, Chris York, Grace Cochran, Kelly Fetch, Michael Miller, Kristen Yosten and Eric Gray.

Super Bowl XXXI provided the action (at least in the first half for sure!), the KC's provided the pizza, the youth provided the drink, the core provided snacks, and God provided it all! What a great event it was!

The evening started out with a message from Irving Fryar of the Philadelphia Eagles, All-Pro, and veteran of Super Bowl XX, not to mention 13 years in pro football and still going stronger. On video, he shared his life story. His life seemed so empty, he even attempted suicide! Then he had a conversion experience as he lay in a jail cell one night. Since then, life has just gotten better, bit by bit, because of his faith developing and his active pursuit of things of God. He is an incredible story to hear.

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School News



Many of the Sacred Heart Kindergarten class presented Fire Chief Herbie Knabe with cards of appreciation for dedicated service to Muenster Tuesday on Community Service Day during Catholic Schools Week. The children made cards for each volunteer fireman and Sister Genevieve contributed visor clips that read "God bless our courageous fire fighters". Photo by Kathy Bauer



Sacred Heart students prepare for Citizen Bee regionals held in Dallas in March. The competition is oral and written including topics such as; US History, Geography, Civics and Economics. Qualifying are (l-r) Nicholas Yosten, first place, Joe Becker, third place, Joseph Reiter, alternate, and Laura Klement, second place. Mr. Joe Caserta directed local competition. Photo by Kathy Bauer

Sacred Heart Honor Roll

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Seniors - Corey Hess, Tanya Knauf, Kelly Rigler; **Junior** - Valerie Bartush; **Sophomores** - Deann Felderhoff, Janet Fetsch, Russell Fette, Courtney Grewing, Patrick Miller, Betty Trevino, Debra Voth; **Freshmen** - Adriene Bartel, Kayla Felderhoff, Anne Flusche, Michelle Fuhrmann, Joanna Gehrig, Jennifer Hess, Sarah Hess, Sarah Kelly, Gina Yosten; **Grade 8** - Jacqueline Bartush, Keith Felderhoff, Jessica Koesler; **Grade 7** - Elizabeth Fette, Ashley Hess, Sara Sepanski; **Grade 6** - Thomas Whitecotton; **Grade 5** - Cindy Hartman, Lisa Endres, Kate Sepanski; **Grade 4** - Andy Davis;

"A" HONOR ROLL

Seniors - John Bartush, Jennifer Campbell, Ian Desmuke, Jill Hess, Leslie Grewing, Amanda Russell, Brad Schilling, Paul Swirczynski; **Juniors** - Shauna Endres, Trish Endres, Elizabeth Fuhrmann, Crystal Klement, Laura Klement, Jessamy Sicking, Amanda Wimmer; **Sophomores** - Duncan Campbell, Lucien Gehrig, Amanda Mollenkopf, Joseph Reiter, Nicholas Yosten; **Freshmen** - Andrea Bartush, Jessica Berres, Debra Dangelmayr, Kristen Knauf; **Grade 8** - Melanie Bartush, Travis Bayer, Diane

Becker, Grace Cochran, Jeff Hartman, Holly Hartman, Dana Miller, Charlie Moster, Kendal Sellers, Nicholas Taylor, Jonathan Yosten; **Grade 7** - Andrea Bauer, Kelly Fetsch, Lisa Rohmer, Mattie Sicking, Aaron Walterscheid, Kristen Yosten; **Grade 6** - Raney Bauer, Michael Bayer, Joseph Davis, Clint Fuhrmann, Chris Fuhrmann, Jana Truebenbach; **Grade 5** - Karen Gehrig, Lilly Nasche, Amy Trevino, Christina Weinzappel; **Grade 4** - Paul Bartush, Rose Bartush, Katie Flusche, Kristen Hess.

"B" HONOR ROLL

Seniors - Glen Dangelmayr, Dobe Fleitman, Michael Flusche, Joel Schilling, Bart Sicking, Melinda Vickers, Tara Yosten; **Juniors** - Matthew Fuhrmann, Angel Sicking; **Sophomores** - Carrie Coker, Leah Rigler; **Freshmen** - Matthew Bayer, Stephen Bartush, Melissa McCarty, Matthew Nasche, Joshua Walterscheid; **Grade 7** - Audrey Barnhill, Luke Endres; **Grade 6** - Daniel Bartush, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Michael Voth; **Grade 5** - Zachary Barnhill, Jayna Biffle, Brooke Endres, Adam Taylor, Laura Taylor, Kevin Walterscheid; **Grade 4** - Jacqueline Bauer, Daniel Cochran, Christine Fetsch, Stephanie Henscheid, Chris Hoedebeck, Thomas Otto, Jon Pels.



On Thursday, January 23, the Voice of Democracy winners for the 1996-97 program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars were recognized in brief programs at both the Muenster I.S.D. and Sacred Heart High School. This year's theme was "Democracy - Above and Beyond." Beginning at 10:00 a.m. Paul F. Hesse, Commander of Muenster VFW Post 6205 and Dorothy Hesse, President of the Muenster VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 6205 presented checks of \$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively to the first three winners at each school. The winners from Sacred Heart High School (above) are: Jennife Campbell, first place, Amanda Russell, second place and Kelli Rigler, third place. Their moderators are Debbie Endres and J. Bedowitz. From Muenster I.S.D. (below) are: Jennifer Sicking, first place, Tony Hartman, second place, and Laurel Green, third place. Their moderator is Martha Koesler.



Co-op announces contest for Washington, D.C. tour

Rachel Laster, Andrea Klement, Greg Brooks and Marlene Hess describe their experiences as one of the brightest highlights of their young lives when they talk about their Cooperative-sponsored trips to Washington, D.C.

The four are previous winners of Cooke County Electric Cooperative's Washington Youth Tour Contest. Each has visited the nation's capital as a member of Texas Electric Cooperatives' Government-in-Action Youth Tour. They describe the trip as inspiring, fun and well worth the effort put into winning the contest.

High school students aged 14 through 19, who live in homes served by Cooke County Electric Cooperative, are eligible to enter the contest, except for previous winners. Students can enter the contest by delivering an essay to the Cooperative's main office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, 1997.

The essay must be an original composition by the student on one of the following topics: (1) Wise use of electrical energy; (2) A current perspective on the ramifications of deregulating the electric utility industry; (3) How electric cooperatives improve the quality of life in rural America (current or historical perspective); (4) The energy efficient all-electric home of the future.

The essays will be evaluated by a panel of judges from outside the Cooperative, and five finalists will be selected. Each finalist will deliver an oral presentation of their essay for a different independent panel of judges on Sunday, March 23, with the winner receiving an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. during the month of June.

The winner will join and interact with outstanding young people from all across Texas and New Mexico. All entrants will receive a Cooperative T-shirt and cap. Anyone who wants to enter should contact the Cooperative office at 817-759-2211.



Andrea Klement at the Capitol. Courtesy Photo

School Lunch Menus

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Week of Feb. 3-7
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Tues. - Sausage, creamed potatoes w/ gravy, sauerkraut, corn, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

Wed. - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, lettuce salad, green beans, fruit, bread, milk.

Thurs. - Barbecue sandwiches w/ onions and pickles, potato chips, fruit, cookies, milk.

Fri. - Choice of sandwiches, french fries, fruit, pudding, milk.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Burritos, fried beans, Mexican rice, fruit, bread and milk.

Tues. - Taco salad, applesauce, pinto beans, fruit, bread and milk.

Wed. - Chicken nuggets,

creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cobbler, bread and milk.

Thurs. - Pizza (beef and cheese), corn, jello, bread and milk.

Fri. - Hamburgers with trimmings, french fries, ice cream and milk.

SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS

Mon. - Ravioli, corn, salad, garlic bread, cookies, milk.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, green bean, fruit, bread, milk.

Wed. - Baked Ham, Potato Salad, baked beans, pineapple bread, milk.

Thurs. - Lasagna casserole, California blend vegetables, lettuce, garlic toast, jello, milk.

Fri. - Hamburgers with trimming, french fries, fruit, milk.

Paw Prints

News on Preschool by Trisha Endres

The holidays have passed and the Sacred Heart Preschool students have returned to start the new year. The Christmas spirit was enjoyed by both the students and the teachers. Upon their return, a surprise awaited the students of the morning class. A new student, Madison Hofbauer, joined their class. She is the four-year-old daughter of Jayna Hofbauer and Dawayne Williams. There are 23 children enrolled in Sacred Heart Preschool.

The children have enjoyed "show and tell" sessions which

take place every other Friday. A recent highlight was a visit by Kathy Satree's prize-winning heifer, "Snow White."

Along with the fun, the students have been studying the season of winter. They have studied the signs, the weather and the animals of the winter season. They recently created their own construction paper penguins as an art project.

The students are continuing to work at all they do. They are enjoying the activities of the winter but are looking forward to the arrival of a new season of learning and adventure.

Junior High Chatter

6th Grade by Andrea Bauer

The sixth graders are all busy. They are working on a banner to carry at the opening Mass of Catholic Schools Week. The class is also preparing a liturgy for this special week. Studies at present include animal adaptations, the Roman Empire and taking a crack at figuring decimals. The winner of the school's Geography Bee competition was 6th grader Joseph Davis. This is his second year to win.

Seventh Grade Class by Mattie Sicking

The seventh grade class is working very hard to get ready for Catholic Schools Week. They are turning their classroom into the Alamo to remind people how it looked. They are also sending Valentine cards to the residents of St. Richard's. Some of the students are studying very hard for ACTs. They plan to publish their own newsletter in the future.

8th Grade by Ashley Hess

The class is preparing for the

1997 Diocesan Eighth Grade Mass to be held Feb. 5 in Fort Worth. They are trying to find and proclaim a personal commitment dealing with the Good News. The students are decorating a basket for offerings. They are also making invitation cards for all priests in the Diocese. Science projects or inventions are being worked on by each student.

Sports

by Aaron Walterscheid

The Cubs had one of their best football seasons in a long time. Now that the pigskin has been retired, basketball is equally successful. The Lady Cubs have a record of 5 victories and 2 losses. The Cubs, however, have not fared as well. They have a record of 3 wins and 4 losses. The best showing for the Lady Cubs was at the Montague Tournament where they won first place; the Cubs placed second. The final game for the year is approaching. It is almost time to polish your old track shoes as the season is just around the corner.

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Nolan Hartman with teacher Anne Poole

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Sports

Sacred Heart teams travel to Abilene for district games

The Tigers had problems against Abilene Christian Saturday, falling 47-86. "Most of our problems were due to numbers," Coach John Nasche reported. "Waylon Hess and Jonathan Knabe both played with the flu. That's two of our best players. Matthew Fuhrmann is about 80% on his sore ankle and still has problems jumping." Nasche believes the Tigers played okay the first half, then fell apart in the second and are still having problems from the free-throw line.

Paul Swirczynski led the Tigers with 21 points, eleven rebounds and 9 assists. Jonathan Grewing added 9 points and 11 rebounds. Other Sacred Heart players scoring were Matthew Fuhrmann with 7, Jeff Yosten, Lucien Gehrig 3 and Jonathan Knabe 2. Nasche noted Grewing and Gehrig as standouts in the game.

SH	7	14	14	9	47
AC	21	21	23	25	86

The Tigerettes kept the district record clean with a 55-40 victory over the Abilene girls. "This was a very impressive win. The girls controlled the tempo from start to finish," Coach Jon LeBrasseur said. The Tigerettes made 13 of 15 free shots in the final quarter, "and when you nail your free shots down the stretch, your team is stepping up a new level." Coach Jon continued.

Kayla Felderhoff led all scorers with 17 points. Dobe Fleitman added 11 and had 8 assists, while Kelly Rigler and Crystal Klement each scored 9. Rigler also took away with 5 steals. Leslie Grewing was the Tigerettes leading rebounder and added 7 points while Melinda Vickers scored 2.

SH	10	10	12	23	55
A	5	7	12	16	40

Sacred Heart will host Alamo Catholic of Amarillo this weekend. The upcoming series could decide the girls district title. Varsity action begins at 6 p.m. Friday and at noon on Saturday.



Lady Hornet Stephanie Huchton turns the ball away from a Collinsville defender.

Photo by Dave Fette

Hornets win to start 2nd round: girls come up short

Friday night the Muenster Hornets started the second-half of district play with a rousing 69-55 victory over the Collinsville Pirates. After two consecutive games of coming from behind in the fourth quarter, the Big Red again found themselves trailing 48-46, as the fourth quarter got underway.

Senior Eric Miller, who finished the third frame with two consecutive buckets, opened the fourth with two more field goals. His eight straight points gave Muenster a lead they would never relinquish. A 14-2 run to open the period put the Hornets in control.

"We talked of playing as though we were six points behind," said Coach Heers. "Twice we had made runs only to give them back, and we were not going to give it back to Collinsville, again." The boys kept their intensity.

Corey Anderle paced the Hornet attack with 20 points and ten rebounds. Miller hit 16 points with 6 rebounds. Scott Hermes added 10 points, 6 assists, and 5 steals. Jake Luke scored 7 points along with 8 caroms. Shane Sparkman and Aaron Klement each scored 6 points, and Steven Reiter added 4 points and 3 assists.

Collinsville was led by Levi Morgan with 16 and Fancy Johnson 12.

The Lady Hornets took an early lead last Friday, but lost it in the second quarter for a 14-20 score, and the Lady Pirates never looked back.

"The team played really well on defense but the shots would not fall!" Said Coach Donny Vernon. "The team improved a great deal from the first time we played Collinsville."

Eight Muenster girls scored, with Brandi Lutkenhaus leading with 8 points. Heather Hess added 6, with Keisha Dill and Mindy Endres each scoring 5. Allison Endres put in 4, Stephanie Huchton 3 and one each from Dee Dee Walterscheid and Emily Felderhoff.

Allison Endres, Heather Hess and Mindy Endres were the Lady Hornets outstanding defensive players.

M	8	6	5	14	33
C	6	14	8	21	49

The Muenster teams travel to Ponder Friday night then return home Tuesday to face Era. If the Hornets win two of the three remaining games (also Saint Jo) they will finish district in second place. "There are no gifts in this district. A play-off spot has to be earned," Coach Heers concluded.

Lady Knights win at Chico in overtime

The Lindsay Lady Knights brought home a district victory Tuesday night, but it took extra minutes to get it done. Lindsay took the early lead, but the Lady Dragons came back the second half to tie it 36-36 to put the game into overtime. Lindsay's defense held Chico to only 2 points while scoring 9 to get the win.

Molly Trammell burned the boards with 21 points, including 3 in overtime. Megan Sandman added 11 (2 in overtime) and Amber Geary 3. Erica Fuhrmann put in two points (during extended play) and Donna Lester scored a free throw.

Krum pounded the boards and played tough defense throughout the game. Not until less than 4 minutes remaining in the game and a 50 plus lead, did the Bearcats

bench relieve their top two starters.

The Lady Knights host Nocona this Friday with 5-20, 3-7 records.

L	14	8	5	9	7	43
C	5	8	10	13	2	38

The Lady Knights didn't get a win last Friday when Krum invaded the Lindsay gym. The undefeated (in district) Lady Bearcats took an easy 87-27 win from Lindsay.



A Krum player passes the ball around Karlee O'Dell. Other Lady Knights pictured are Stacey Hogan and Carrie Hundt. Photo by Janie Hartman



Eric Miller (12) and Shane Sparkman block out a Saint Jo Panther in a recent Hornet victory. Photo by Dave Fette



Zack Fuhrmann and Robert Sharp pull down a rebound in the Knights district loss to Krum last Friday. Photo by Janie Hartman

Sacred Heart pipeline to Univ. of Dallas

Nicole Endres, a 1996 Sacred Heart High School graduate, is providing University of Dallas Coach Rachelle Leonard with some quality minutes off the bench at the forward position.

Endres is the third Sacred Heart player in the last two years to play with the Lady Crusaders. Currently she and Julie Felderhoff are teammates. Sarina Fuhrmann also attended the University.

Coach Leonard, in her first year, has the team at 5-8 with a homestand against conference opponents on the horizon.

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Junior High Action

Lindsay Seventh 27
Chico 9

Hannah Trammell and Jacque Bezner led the young Lady Squires in a big win last week. Together they scored 19 points.

After a slow first quarter, the Lindsay girls scored 12 points and held Chico scoreless for a big 14-3 half-time lead.

Also scoring for Lindsay were Alex Hayyan with 4 points and two apiece from Faith Skinner and Staci Sandmann.

L	2	12	4	9	27
C	3	0	2	4	9

Lindsay Eighth 24
Chico 27

It was a close scoring contest throughout the game, with Lindsay trailing a point or two throughout the competition.

DeAnn Fuhrmann and DeAnna Meurer led the Lady Squires with 7 points apiece. Karah O'Dell added 6 and Ellen Bezner 4.

L	5	2	9	8	24
C	4	5	10	8	27

Sacred Heart 28
Gold-Burg 32

A loss last week Monday put the Cubs season record at 5-5. "We have been steadily improving," commented Coach John Nasche, "This was one of our better games. We let it slip away from us in the final period."

Chris Smith led the Cubs with 11 points. Jon Yosten added 6 with Luke Endres and Jeff Hartman each scoring 4. Kenneth Grewing hit 3 points.

SH	5	7	6	10	28
G	13	2	9	8	32

Muenster 11
Ponder 27

Muenster's Stingers had a tough game against the basketball school of Ponder Monday night. "The guys are gaining more confidence and playing better every time they set the court," Coach Blair Kellner commented.

Only three Muenster boys got the ball into the basket. Chris York and Shan Minyards each scored 4 points with Nathan Hess adding 3.

M	4	0	7	0	11
P	11	4	6	6	27

Muenster Seventh 14
Collinsville 20

On Thursday, January 23, Muenster hosted Collinsville's young Buccaneers, with the seventh grade girls walking the plank.

Ashley Klement scored 5 points for the young Lady Stingers, with Brittany Haverkamp adding 4, Crystal Lutkenhaus 3 and Pamela Lutkenhaus 2.

M	1	0	4	9	14
C	12	2	0	6	20

Muenster Eighth 22
Collinsville 16

The Lady Stingers won the battle over the Lady Buccaneers with 5 girls putting points on the board.

Diane Brittain led with 8 points. Megan Hennigan and Terri Wimmer each scored 4, while Kristie Lutkenhaus and Mary Skinner had 3 apiece.

Muenster got the lead in the second quarter, out scoring Collinsville by 9 points.

M	2	10	2	8	22
C	2	1	7	6	16

Muenster Seventh 13
Ponder 26

Ashley Klement put 9 points on the score board as the young Lady Stingers fell to the Ponder Lady Cubs.

Lacy Endres and Pam Lutkenhaus also scored with 2 points each.

Ponder took their lead in the second quarter, scoring 10 points while Muenster was scoreless.

M	5	0	6	2	13
P	7	10	7	2	26

Muenster Eighth 13
Ponder 24

Seven Lady Stingers scored, but none over 2 points as Muenster fell to the Lady Cubs Monday night. After an even first quarter, Ponder took a 14-6 half-time lead, extending it to 12 points in the final quarter. Muenster couldn't recuperate in the final period.

Scoring 2 points each were Kristie Lutkenhaus, Kristin Smith, Mary Skinner, Megan Hennigan, Terri Wimmer and Kerri Felderhoff. Jennifer Jewkes added a free throw.

M	4	2	0	7	13
P	4	10	4	6	24

Lindsay 7th 36
Krum 26

The young Lady Squires traveled to Krum January 16 and brought home a victory. Two Lindsay girls scored in the double digits. Hannah Trammell led with 12 points, with Jacque Bezner adding 10. Stacie Sandmann, Alex Hayyan, and Anna Beth Calhoun each scored 4, and Robin Neu 2 points.

L	13	4	6	13	36
K	4	11	4	7	26

Lindsay 8th 19
Krum 38

The Lady Squires started out cold, and couldn't warm up as they allowed Krum 26 points the second half. Deanna Meurer and Karah O'Dell were leading scorers for Lindsay with 7 and 6 points. Two points each were added by Ellen Bezner, Maggie Luttmer, and Courtney Miller.

L	0	4	7	8	19
K	8	4	16	10	38

Sacred Heart 24
Terral 56

Cold shooting plagued the Cubs from the field and on the free throw line in their season final on Monday night. "We had plenty of chances, but we couldn't get a shot to fall through the hoop," stated Coach John Nasche. The Cubs shot a dismal 2 of 17 from the charity strip.

Chris Smith was Sacred Heart's leading scorer with 11 points. Jeff Hartman added 7, Charlie Master 4 and Nick Taylor 2. "These boys have a lot of potential. I look forward to seeing them in high school," Nasche concluded of the team.

The Cubs finished the season 5-6 and 3-5 in district, a tie for third place with Montague.

Undefeated Terral was the district champion. Gold-Burg (6-2) finished second and winless Forestburg was last.

SH	3	0	6	15	24
T	15	12	12	17	56

Sacred Heart 29
Terral 22

The Lady Cubs finished their season Monday night with an exciting win. "Tonight the girls just kept going. What an effort and what a season," bragged Coach Jon LeBrasseur. The girls finished with an 11-2 season.

Andrea Bauer was high scorer for the night with 16 points. Holly Hartman added 6, Mattie Sicking 4, and Audrey Barnhill 3.

Defensive standouts were Jessica Koesler, Melanie Bartush, Jackie Bartush, Dana Miller and Grace Cochran.

"We look forward to the eighth graders joining the Tigerettes and the seventh grade stepping in next year to challenge for that conference title," Coach Jon concluded.

SH	3	15	8	3	29
T	7	4	6	5	22

Lindsay 7th 36
Krum 26

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K	4	11	4	7	26



Robert Sharp goes up for the shot. Photo by Janie Hartman



Courtney Haverkamp and Crystal Sparkman keep a Lady Pirate from getting under the basket in junior varsity action last week.

Photo by Dave Fette



Amber Geray and Molly Trammell go after a loose ball in last Friday's game.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Junior Varsity

Muenster 66
Collinsville 68

The young Hornets were challenged by the Pirates Monday night in an exciting overtime game.

"This was a heart-breaking defeat," said Coach Blair Kellner. "It's the kind of game that you would like to forget, but I don't think we ever will."

Muenster led by one in the first quarter, then the Pirates had a 2-point advantage at the half time break. Going into the final quarter, the Hornets had taken a six-point lead, only to allow Collinsville to tie it 60-60 at regulation play and take the win in overtime.

Brian Miller was Muenster's high scorer with 28 points. Darren Hennigan put in 2. A scoring for the Hornets were Justin Fleitman with 6, Jon Flusche 5, Jeff Klement 3, and Casey Walterscheid 2.

M	10	18	22	10	66
C	9	20	15	16	68

Sacred Heart 33
Callisburg 42

The young Tigerettes saw action last week Saturday, but came short on the score board.

"The boys played very well defensively. Turnovers and miscues allowed the Wildcats the advantage they needed to beat us in this close game," Coach John Nasche said. "We need more work on ball handling." Nasche named Jon Walterscheid and Pat Miller defensive standouts.

Walterscheid was high scorer with 10 points. Russell Fea added 7, Miller 6, Steve Hofbauer and Nicholas Yosten apiece and Matthew Nasche 2.

SH	0	11	12	10	33
C	2	9	14	17	42

Sacred Heart 50
Nocona 14

The young Tigerettes hosted the Nocona Freshmen Monday night and got a season final victory.

"We started out hot and our defense was excellent," Coach John LeBrasseur bragged. "These guys had a great season and with a good off season they could meet up to the varsity next year."

Courtney Grewing and DeAnn Felderhoff were high scorers with 15 and 10 points respectively. Sarah Hess added 8, as Janie Coker and Betty Triveno each scored 5. Ann Flusche added 4 and Andrea Bartush 3.

Defensive standouts included Hess, Flusche, Triveno and Debra Voth.

SH	17	20	7	6	50
N	0	1	2	11	14

Varsity Basketball

Tigers 70 Abilene 78

Sacred Heart was down by as many as 23 points at one time in the game after a 34-16 first quarter. "After that we played the best defensive game of the year," bragged Coach John Nasche. "Jon Grewing had an excellent defensive game. He held Abilene's 6'6" post to no points in the second half."

The Tigers closed the gap to as few as four points late in the fourth quarter, but their

opponents hit 4 consecutive free throws and maintained their lead.

Paul Swirczynski led all scorers with 28 points in the Jan. 18 game. Waylon Hess added 17 and Jonathan Grewing 16 points. Also scoring were Jeff Yosten with 4, Duncan Campbell 3 and Jonathan Knabe 2.

SH	16	16	23	15	70
A	34	17	17	10	78

Robert Sharp goes up for the shot. Photo by Janie Hartman

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10 YEARS AGO
November 15, 1946

Drive to raise funds for a lawn mower factory begins when promoter seeks backing of local businessman. Urban Endres is appointed new Ford dealer. Unofficial reports are that more than 30 persons applied for dealership. Slump in milk producing shows receipts down by 20 percent. Garage fire at John B. Klement's home is extinguished with garden hose - was noticed when smoke was coming out doors and windows - spontaneous combustion from oil soaked rags is blamed. Community turkey production falls to mere 600 birds received at FMA. In the late 30s and early 40s, peak production sent more than a dozen railroad car loads of dressed turkeys annually. Each one of those car loads held three times as many turkeys as this community produced this year.

30 YEARS AGO
November 11, 1966

Western Week and National Cutting Horse Finals are big and keep getting bigger. Muenster voters favor Senator John Tower. Obit. Henry M. Schmitz dies at age 80; Mike Fuhrmann of Lindsay dies at age 87. New arrivals: a son for Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hoenig; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Christian; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vicari. Football: Sacred Heart 28, Dallas Christian 0; Muenster 0, Era 40; Lindsay 6, Tom Bean 20. Weddings: Norma Lutkenhaus and John H. Kubicek are married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster; Kaye Dolle and Richard Pagel are married in Sacred Heart Church of Littlefield.

\$17,688.81 in sales tax rebate for November. Representatives of Operation Clean Sweep will ponder use of the \$20,000 won by the community from "Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc." Weddings: Renee Ann Rohmer and Adam Schniederjan are married in Sacred Heart Church. New arrivals: Rufus Elbert Bezner to Richard and Sharon Bezner; Andrew Justin Bayer to Larry and Denise Bayer. Football: Sacred Heart Muenster 21, Collinsville 8.

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The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Betty Mills Bancroft and Charles M. Wilson are Plaintiffs and The Heirs of Susie Thomas are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: To appoint a receiver to sell and convey the undivided one-fourth interest of The Heirs of Susie Thomas in a parcel of real property described as 52 acres out of subdivision #33 of the Cooke County School Lands, on the water of Elm Creek, about 12 miles southeast of Gainesville in Cooke County, TX as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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How does cow size impact efficiencies, profits

Tom Brink, Cattle-Fax economist says the results of their recent survey confirmed bigger cows obviously equal bigger feed bills.

Cows weighing under 1,000 pounds had annual cow carrying cost of \$297 over head, \$78 of which was winter feed costs.

Cows weighing 1000-1,100 pounds had annual costs of \$311, of which \$105 was wintering costs.

When weight jumped to 1,200 pounds, annual feed costs rose to \$324. When cows weighed more than 1,200 pounds, costs went to \$332, with wintering costs of \$159.

With calf prices of \$70/cwt., the 1,200-pounds-plus cows would need to produce calves at least 50 pounds larger at weaning just to cover additional costs of carrying the bigger cows. The cheaper the calf prices, the more bigger cows have to produce just to remain competitive with smaller cows.

That alone may explain why several of the larger exotic breeds of cattle have put so much emphasis on downsizing cow sizes. It's more important now than when feeders were a buck a pound.

Low cost producers in the Cattle-Fax survey had average annual cow costs of \$270 and cows that weighed 1,054 pounds. High-cost producers, on the other hand, had annual cow costs of \$375 and cows weighing 1,127 pounds.

Low-cost producers in the group had low break-even costs. If this group, 75% had low cow costs, 30% had high production and 22% of the group had both.

"Even beyond the effect of cow size or differences in feed efficiencies, the pounds of calf weaned per cow exposed (reproductive efficiency) is number one in determining cow/calf profitability," says Doug Hixon, University of Wyoming.

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

TOPDRESSING SMALL GRAIN

So far this year we have seen very good growing conditions for our wheat crop. Even late planted grains are looking good in the county. Those who planted small grain early should have gotten a tremendous amount of forage production and grazing. Now is the time that we need to be considering our fertility on our small grains. As a rule of thumb, it takes 2 pounds of nitrogen and 1 pound of phosphorus for each bushel of wheat to be produced. Grazing eliminates a lot of the fertility and this must be replenished through topdressing with nitrogen. Both small grains for grazing and grain production should be topdressed now. Wheat will respond through tiller development, head size and seed size if topdressing occurs before wheat growth stage 3. We should see head size and seed size response from topdress through growth stage 5. And, we can get some response as late as our second node or growth stage 6 or 7. A good rule of thumb is to apply 50 pounds of actual nitrogen topdress before jointing begins. Most of our wheats are fairly early and jointing should begin under warm weather conditions sometime in latter February.

Also, producers wanting to make a grain crop should remove grazing cattle before jointing starts.

WHEAT AND SOYBEAN SEMINAR

Dr. Travis Miller, Extension Agronomist from Texas A&M, will be in Cooke County on February 5 to present two programs to county producers. These programs will concern updates on small grain and wheat production along with soybean production. Travis will cover many of the herbicides currently available for both pre and post-emerge grass and weed control in both wheat and soybeans. We will offer 1.5 Continuing Education Units toward your private commercial or non-commercial pesticide license. The programs will be held at 12:30 at W.B. Hudspeth, Inc. at Era, and at 3 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Meeting Room on Highway 82 in Gainesville.

AG MARKETING CLUB

The first meeting of the Ag Marketing Club for 1997 will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, February 6, at the First State Bank - North Branch, located on Highway 82 in Gainesville. The Ag Marketing Club provides a forum for producers and resource persons to meet and evaluate various marketing alternatives and strategies for agricultural commodities. Dr. Ken Stokes, Extension Economist, will be on hand at the Marketing Club Meetings. Grain and livestock producers are invited to attend.

Out of the wind

Cattle sheltered from the cold winter wind, consume less feed and stay in condition better than unprotected cattle. Keeping the wind off cattle, even when it gets real cold, helps lessen the stress.

Research shows that cattle in unprotected sites on winter pasture require 50% increase in feed to carry out normal activities. Estimated energy requirements for cows in good condition increase 13% for each 10 degree drop in wind-chill temperature below 30 degree F. Also feed requirements for calves and yearlings are 7% greater in open pastures than sheltered areas.

Man-made artificial wind barriers that form a circular shell work well on open winter pastures. Wind hitting the barrier are pushed up and over the wall. It creates a clear area behind the barrier. When building a wood type barrier, there is a general rule: the width and the widest point should be more than 15 times the height of the structure. If designed properly, the wall will give much as an 80% wind reduction.

Expect lower wheat prices

The extremely poor 1996 winter wheat crop and the tight US and world supply/demand situation for wheat and feed grains combined to push prices to record highs last summer.

Since that time, a huge spring wheat crop has been harvested and most of the world competition had large increases in production. As a result, prices have declined dramatically since summer. Supplies are still relatively tight, however the rest of the world are more than adequate and will get little help from exports to boost prices the rest of the marketing year. All in all, prices should rally a bit this winter, but don't expect anything like last year, unless something extreme happens.

PROCLAMATION by the County Judge of Cooke County

Greetings:

The Texas Farm Bureau, with more than 300,000 member families, is influential in both state and national affairs on behalf of agriculture.

Farm Bureau is a grass-roots organization. Its foundation is the county unit. There are 211 organized county Farm Bureaus in the State, including the Cooke County Farm Bureau, which has 3,097 member families.

Because agriculture is important to our county, state and nation, and because the Farm Bureau is an important voice of agriculture, I, Paul F. Hesse, County Judge of Cooke County, do hereby designate February 3-7 as FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP WEEK in Cooke County, and urge our citizens to give due recognition to its worthy efforts.

In official recognition thereof, I hereby affix my signature this 22nd day of January, 1997.

/s/ Paul F. Hesse
Cooke County Judge

The cattle cycle told

In the past, most cattle cycles have required a 6 to 8% cow herd liquidation to trim production enough to tighten beef supplies, to begin pulling prices back. Today beef producers are producing 24 to 29% more beef per cow in the herd than in the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. Beef per cow this year is projected to be about 8% higher than the mid-1980's. As a result, the industry may only need to trim the cow herd 4 to 5% to cut total beef production a comparable amount to previous 6 to 8% beef cow liquidation.

Beef cows slaughtered through the first 10 months of 1996 averaged 23% higher than 1995. Despite the big cow kills, the Jan. 1997 cow inventory shouldn't be down more than 2% from the Jan. 1996 level.

Cattlemen who sell cows and keep calves can have a jump on other producers. "If the Jan. '97 beef cow inventory shows a significant drop, save some heifers stockers for beef replacements. If the cow herd has not been cut enough, sell the stockers as feeders," suggest Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University economist. "If you choose to move the stockers as feeders,

you can grow 1997 crop calves in a stocker program and decide in 1998 whether to keep more heifers for herd replacements."

"Either way," Peel concluded, "You'll be positioning to go into the next small inventory, high price phase of the cattle cycle with a younger, more productive cow herd. The only question is timing."

Sodbuster's Sentiment

Whoever gossips to you, will gossip of you.

Don't think you are necessarily on the right track just because it's a well beaten path.

Preparations begun for 1997 County Youth Fair

Plans are underway for the 1997 Cooke County Youth Fair to be held March 6-7-8 at the Cooke County Fair Grounds.

This year according to secretary Denise Pearse the show has expanded to include an equine division with halter classes under show superintendent Jodie Vance. The equine division will be at 1:00 on March 6.

The Home Ec. division has expanded to include a clothing category and creative arts category to their existing food category. This division along with the metal and wood projects will be displayed on the east end of the show barn in the recently built project room.

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