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MMH Board hears operational review

by Janet Felderhoff

Members of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors met on Tuesday, Dec. 17 to hear the annual operational review for the fiscal year July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996. Brandon Durbin of Durbin and Company gave the report.

In the report Durbin noted that the hospital had an increase of 512 inpatient days which represents an increase of 36 percent between 1995 and 1996. There was also an increase of 117 discharges, or 13 percent from the previous year which is in line with the increase in inpatient utilization. Durbin reported that the average length of stay was 3.31 days in fiscal year 1996 and 3.09 in 1995. Total inpatient revenue increased by 73 percent and outpatient revenue increased by approximately 44 percent.

"Under the prospective payment system, hospitals are reimbursed based on discharges, not patient days, therefore, discharges are a better measure of the changes in utilization for Medicare and Medicaid sources," reported Durbin. "Currently, 64 percent of the hospital's patient volume is from Medicare and Medicaid sources. The payer mix as a

percentage to total patient discharges consists of Medicare (50%), Medicaid (14%), and other payers including self-pay (36%). This payer mix reflects the wide range of services offered by the hospital and its staff physicians. Between 1995 and 1996, Medicare discharges increased by 22 percent."

Total operating revenue for fiscal 1996 was \$3,023,131.00 compared to \$1,931,226.00 in 1995. Total operating expenses for MMH during fiscal 1996 was \$3,197,081.00 and during 1995, \$2,538,625.00. Loss from operation in 1996 was \$173,950.00 compared to \$607,399.00 in 1995.

Non-operating gains such as tax revenue, investment income, donations, etc., was \$421,138.00 in 1996 and \$527,497.00 in 1995. Therefore the hospital showed a gain of \$247,188.00 in fiscal 1996 compared to a loss of \$79,902 in fiscal 1995.

Jack Endres, MMH Administrator, had good news on the hospital's operation during November 1996. Statistics were good in most areas including the delivery of eight babies during the month. "The statistics are borne out by a good financial report for the month," said Endres. Total operating revenue for

November was \$295,895, and total operating expense was \$260,807, for a gain of \$35,088, for the month.

"We've had a very nice turn around, both in our operations and the speed at which we're collecting our tax revenues," noted Endres. "Mr. Preston is doing a very nice job over there (at the Cooke County Appraisal District) in getting our bills out and collecting our taxes."

Mr. Endres explained the hospital's need to purchase a different ultra sound unit. The contract on the present unit is expiring and it does not do all the tests required so patients are being sent to Gainesville at times. The board gave Mr. Endres approval to contract for another unit.

In other business coming before the board:

- Endres informed the board that the copier they had approved purchase of at the October meeting was too large size-wise for the hospital. They are still looking for another copier.
- Approved renewal of contract with Cooke County Appraisal District.
- Discussed opening of Lindsay Clinic.
- Discussed need for new carpeting in hospital and possibility of the Auxiliary's assistance with the project.



Bryan Hudspeth (33) reaches for a rebound along with an unidentified teammate against the Celina giant. Also pictured is Eric Miller. The Hornets won the Cooke County Holiday Classic Tournament last week. See related story on page 7. Janie Hartman Photo



New Lindsay High School - Students at Lindsay will begin second semester classes in a new \$1.07 million high school wing. The 15,600-square-foot wing will be combined with the former middle school area to provide facilities for high school students and staff. Middle school students will be housed in what was formerly the high school building. Courtesy Photo

New high school wing opens at LISD

Lindsay ISD students and staff will begin the second semester in new facilities after making the move into a new high school wing.

The building that formerly housed Lindsay's middle school will be used for the high school along with \$1.07 million in new construction that was built on the north and west side of what was the existing middle school.

Students and staff switched buildings just before the Christmas holidays began. Students in grades 5-8 moved into the building that had formerly housed high school students. High school students and staff moved into their new facilities which will provide for a growing enrollment for the Lindsay ISD. Lindsay has moved up to 2AA competition this school year with a present enrollment of about 530 students in grades kindergarten through 12.

The new wing of the high school will hold up to 200 students and is expected to take care of Lindsay's

classroom needs for about eight to 10 years, Lindsay Principal Will Steger said.

The new high school wing is about 15,600 square feet with the highest point 37 feet to the ceiling in the foyer to the entrance to the high school. The hallway adjoining all the classrooms is 162 feet long and 12 feet wide. The new wing features six classrooms and a foyer for the students' break area. The rooms include new home economics, science and computer-aided drafting areas. Other classes to be held in the new wing are English, business and math. The high school entrance area will include administrative offices and the foyer which will feature a Knight constructed with tile and inlaid into the floor. The remaining high school classes will be held in what was the existing middle school, including special education, social studies, foreign language, computer and library.

The new high school construction began in May and was built by BJ Company contractors, Inc. of Gainesville.

Texas sales tax rebates improved from last year

A total of \$158.9 million in December sales tax payments were delivered to 1,084 Texas cities and 117 counties.

This month's payments to Texas cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the Comptroller in November.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1996 are 9.2 percent higher than total rebates for 1995, as the Texas economy continues its healthy upward trend," said John Sharp State Comptroller of Public Accounts.

December rebates for Muenster, \$10,153.00, improved 44.81 percent over the December 1995 rebate. In

1996 rebates to Muenster totaled \$137,735.48. That is an improvement for 3.65 over the 1995 total.

Lindsay's rebate of \$5,071.81 was an increase of 37.08 percent over last December. In 1996 Lindsay received a total of \$64,241.57, an improvement of 16.91 percent over last year.

For Gainesville the December payment was \$258,080.19, an increase of 43.17 percent over December 1995. Improving 50.14 percent over 1995 was Gainesville's total 1996 payments, \$3,033,537.60.

Valley View received \$2,747.59 in December rebates. That was an improvement of 19.57 percent from last

December. All payments in 1996 to Valley View totaled \$37,968.58, an increase of 7.23 percent.

Oak Ridge has a rebate check of \$3,232.06 in December. It was 5.93 percent less than the amount received in December 1995. Oak Ridge's total payments for the 1996 year were down 0.57 percent compared to 1995.

City sales tax rebates totaling \$144.9 million, 25.9 percent above last year's December payments of \$115 million, the larger amounts due at least in part to several days of additional processing time this year. Rebates of \$13.9 million to Texas counties were 20.7 percent above the \$11.5 million allocations in December 1995.

Cooke County claimed a December rebate check of \$101,281.24, an increase of 31.41 percent when compared to December 1995. In 1996 total rebate payments received by the county, \$1,168,853.24, improved 3.20 percent from the 1995 total.



Urban Endres (R) congratulates Kirk (L) and Karl Klement (C) on their acquired ownership and recent name change of Endres Motor Co. The dealership's new name is Klement Ford of Muenster. Photo by Janie Hartman



Elsie Endres, Lou Ann Spaeth and family have presented \$5,000 to the Muenster Public Library Building Fund earlier this week. The donation was made in memory of Gilbert Endres.

Good News!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.

PSALM 92:1-2

Expanded local calling for Forestburg approved

The Public Utilities Commission in Austin has reported back to Forestburg on the results of balloting for extended local calling. Residents of Forestburg voted to approve all five of the proposed exchanges. Forestburg will receive two-way, toll-free calling to Alvord, Bowie, Decatur, Montague and Saint Jo exchanges.

The balloting came about as a result of a petition by subscribers, within the local Forestburg exchange, to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The language contained in this petition was prescribed by the PUC and indicated that service would be provided for up to five additional exchanges at a flat rate service cost of \$3.50 for residents and \$7.00 for businesses. It required each subscriber to vote yes or no for each individual city petitioned.

The additional service cost is the maximum increase that can result from approval of up to five requested cities. A cost study must be completed by Muenster Telephone Corporation for the local service to each city approved on

the ballot. This study is sent to the PUC for its review and approval of the proposed charge or a smaller charge, depending on the cost of providing expanded local calling. The cost study and an implementation plan must be approved by the PUC, but it is expected that expanded local calling will begin around May, 1997 for all exchanges other than to Bowie.

The petition for the Bowie exchange has been placed in a separate docket proceeding by the PUC. Since Bowie is a city served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company that is across a LATA boundary, Southwestern Bell Telephone must be granted permission by the Federal Communication Commission to allow it to participate in the expanded local calling area for Forestburg. This waiver approval will likely result in a delay in implementing local calling to Bowie.

Persons requiring additional information on this matter may contact the telephone company for assistance at 817-759-2251.



Joe Yosten, kneeling, shows Lindsay Mayor Robert Walterscheid the Lindsay Fiber Optic Connection to the Muenster CATV system. Courtesy photo

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Driving north on I-15 through west central Montana in early October, we took note of the many wild animals that came into our view.

A coyote on the prowl, the largest herd of Pronghorns since New Mexico, a pair of Mule deer, and a couple White-tails. Also saw a Chuckwagon that appeared to be ready for use, but was sitting idle.

Later, at a rest stop a few miles south of Helena, where we stopped for some exercise, we saw a rather amusing sign that I thought to share with you.

It told the following story: "Time was when ox and mule teams used to freight along this route. A five ton truck doesn't look as picturesque but there hasn't been much change in the language of the drivers. Jerk line skimmers were plumb fluent when addressing

their teams. They got right earnest and personal. It was spontaneous--no effort about it. When they got strung out they were worth going a long way to hear. As a matter of fact, you didn't have to go a long way, providing your hearing was normal. Adjectives came natural to them, but they did bog down some on names. They had the same ones for each of their string.

Those times have gone forever.

We did get a kick out of the mental image of a modern day teamster having a problem with his great big shinning new Peterbilt, getting out and shouting obscenities, calling it a lazy flop-eared, slab-sided son of a jack-ass, etc.

Well, you use your own imagination.

We hope all of you have a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, January 6, 1997.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of the December 2, 1996 and December 16, 1996 meetings.
3. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
4. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act upon establishing a Wellhead Protection Program with Phyllis Hicks, Texas Rural Water Association, explaining the program.
2. Discuss the status of road projects, including repair of Eddy Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive the preliminary report on the Phase I Water Distribution System Analysis by Bill Pembroke and Jason Gehrig of Bady & Associates.
2. Discuss funding the elevated water storage tank and required pipeline improvements. As a minimum, discussion will include:
 - a. possibly increasing the city sales tax by \$0.05 for five years,
 - b. increasing the city's water and/or sewer rates and fees, and
 - c. taking out a loan via a note for a period of less than seven years.
 - d. Other funding options brought up during discussion.
3. Consider and act upon approving the conversion of 25 Mercury Vapor street lights to Sodium Vapor street lights.
4. Consider and act upon amending the FY 97 budget: (Oct 4, 1996 - \$19,700 Water Analysis; Nov 4, 1996 - \$9,500 Jet Router; Dec 29, 1996 \$21,000 Boyles property).
5. Review the annual water and wastewater usage, as well as discuss the inflow and infiltration problem and the improvement in Lagoon #1.
6. Consider and act upon approving changes to the 1996 property tax statements.
7. Consider and act upon authorizing purchase of a chain for the hydraulic pipe cutters.
8. Consider and act upon approving the following policies:
 - a. City of Muenster - Safety Rules and Practices Manual
 - b. City of Muenster - Community Right-to-Know Policy
9. Schedule a Personnel Policy Workshop.
10. Review October - December 1996 Budget Summaries.
11. Review and act upon monthly bills.
12. Adjourn.

NCTC spring courses include flying, fishing

North Central Texas College's Continuing Education division has announced the release of the spring schedule of classes. The new course schedule has some traditional classroom favorites along with new courses designed to keep up with technology.

With the announcement of a campus-wide computer upgrade and the installation of Windows '95 on all college computers, NCTC is proud to offer a variety of comprehensive computer courses. For the beginning computer user, NCTC continuing education offers "Introduction to Personal Computers," and "Keyboarding." Also offered this spring are computer classes focusing on "Windows '95" and "Microsoft Works" for the experienced computer user.

Prominent spring computer courses feature the rapidly expanding information superhighway in a series of four and eight-hour workshops. Classes designed specifically with the public school teacher in mind (but open to anyone) include "Introduction to the internet," "Introducing the Internet Into the Classroom" and "Managing Internet Resources." Other computer courses designed with the teacher in mind include a series of networking concepts to teach basic (LAN) local area network installation, management and problem solving, and a series regarding computer repair and maintenance for hardware and software.

This spring's lineup of community education classes also concentrates on communication for the family with the "Foster and Adoptive Family Training Program" which features a variety of programs designed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory

Services. The design of this program is family support to more than 900 foster families located in 19 counties of North Texas. Classes earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for foster parents, CPS workers, social workers, educators, child care providers and students in the social services field. Classes like "Temperament Development of young children" and "The Family Cycle of Child Abuse," complete the Foster and Adoptive Training Program. Classes are also offered to meet state training requirements for licensed child-care providers. To meet the need of mandatory continuing education units, NCTC offers courses like "Puppets With a Purpose," "Teaching Children To Draw," "Creative Storytelling," "Licensed Child Care Provider Training," "Pediatric CPR" and "First Aid."

Another series of courses offered this spring in NCTC continuing education falls under the umbrella, "School Board Member Training." This class is a level III training structure and accountability course which addresses a board's responsibility to insure that the district and campuses are in compliance with state and federal requirements and that the criteria for state accreditation by Texas Education Agency are met. Participants in this course will also explore the board's role in the district/campus planning process with an emphasis on prioritizing goals and allocating resources in a way that increases achievement for all students.

Favorite community education coursework also returns this spring. For those who wish to fly, NCTC continuing education offers "Private Pilot Ground School" at a new reduced rate. This

class meets all of knowledge requirements of the federal Aviation Administration in preparing the student to pass the written exam requirement for a private pilot certification.

Classes designed specifically for seniors focus on Gainesville attractions including the overview course, "Colorful Cooke County." Senior studies, in response to last semester's enthusiastic response, has brought back the "Walking Tour-Fairview Cemetery" which covers the history of the largest Cooke County cemetery dating back to the 1850s.

In the spirit of spring activity, NCTC provides the public popular arts and crafts recreation such as the "Fort Worth Botanical Garden Tour" led by NCTC horticulturist Doug Robinson. The cost of this class includes admission to the Japanese Garden and tropical Green House. For the people who prefer to grow, continuing education is offering a tour to the "Scented Garden" in Anna, Texas. Participants in this class will be provided transportation to hear the curator, Lisa Shaddox, give an informative lecture regarding the growing herbs, cooking with herbs and tips on drying and storing herbs. For this group, there will be a special luncheon utilizing the unique flavor that herbs have to offer. A guided tour through the herbal display gardens, greenhouse, barn and herb shop will also be provided in the cost of the course.

Another important aspect of horticulture is addressed in the water conservation class, "Xeriscape." With the drought of 1996 still fresh in the minds of many gardeners and farmers, landscaping for efficiency has become a common concern. By learning the principals of xeriscaping, yards can be beautified while

water usage is maximized. The utilization of water-wise plants and designing for tough beauty are achieved through bed preparation, specific watering patterns and conserving moisture.

Continuing Education has more for true outdoor enthusiasts in the class, "Introduction to Flytting." This introductory course will cover choosing the necessary tools, materials and accessories to be used in the techniques of flytting. The flies designed and developed in this class can be used for flyfishing for trout, bass and/or panfish. Flytting tools needed for the course will be discussed in the first lecture.

NCTC won't let you forget about the inside of your house either. For those who want to make sure their next party or get-together is a successful one, they can enroll in "Buffets and Baskets." This class, taught by Tom Thumb Page's food service manager Roger Dieter, will teach how to decorate for special occasions. This class will not only concentrate on decoration for seasonal and special events, but will also teach how to create bountiful baskets and containers as well as Hors d'oeuvres ideas.

Community members of Cooke, Montague, Denton and surrounding counties can take advantage of the low-cost community courses by following the registration procedures detailed in this spring's Community Education Course Schedule. Registration begins on January 2 and continues until the class is filled or until one week before the first scheduled class meeting. The community Education Course Schedule is available from NCTC located at 1525 California Street in Gainesville or call (817) 668-7731.

Holiday trash pickup was confusing

by Stephen Broyles
We apologize for the mix-up on trash pick-up days after Christmas. Hopefully you heard of the change in time to

adjust for New Year's so there wasn't confusion there too:

Thursday pick-ups on Friday, and Friday dumpster pick-ups on Friday-Saturday. We're

back on normal schedule next week. We've talked with the contractor about making sure the City knows its holiday pick-up schedule in advance, so that we can notify city customers

ahead of time, instead of after the fact. We've also suspended ourselves to check with the contractor before the holidays start next year. We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

landfill space, extending the life of the landfill. If you want to recycle your Christmas tree, take all of the decorations off and take it to the city yard with the recycling bins on Main Street. Please put the tree in the corner to the left (northwest corner) as you drive through the gate, the trees will be chipped into mulch sometime after January 6 1997.

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

Sunday, January 5	Monday, January 6	Tuesday, January 7	Wednesday, January 8	Thursday, January 9	Friday, January 10	Saturday, January 11
JELLY T-shirt Day, 2-4:30, Comm. Ctr. Teen Life T-shirt Day, 7-9 p.m., Comm. Ctr.	MISD School Resumes Muenster City Council, 7:30 SHJH G/B vs Forestburg, here, 6 p.m.	SH JVG vs Nocona at Gold-Burg, 4:30 p.m. SH VG/B vs Gold-Burg, there, 6 p.m. Muenster Hornets JVG/B, VG/B at Collinsville, 4:30 p.m.	SH Alumni Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria Muenster Youth Basketball Meeting, 5:30 p.m., MHS Gym	SHJH G/B at Montague Tournament, TBA		
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster 7-8 G/B vs. Saint Jo, here, 4:30 p.m.	Muenster Hornets JVG, VG vs. Valley View, here, 6 p.m.	Muenster 8 G/B Tournament, here, TBA Muenster 7B at Ponder Tournament, here, TBA Muenster Hornets JV in Callisburg Tournament
				Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		
Sunday, January 12	Monday, January 13	Tuesday, January 14	Wednesday, January 15	Thursday, January 16	Friday, January 17	Saturday, January 18
Cub Scout 664, Den 1 Pinewood Derby Life Teen Sin and Reconciliation, 7-9 p.m.	Muenster VFW Meeting, 8 p.m.	SH VG/B vs. Masonic Home, there, 6 p.m. Muenster JVG/B, VG/B vs. Ponder, here, 4:30 p.m.	Early Childhood Screening 8:30 a.m.-noon, B.T. Washington School MMH Board Meeting, 8 p.m., Adm. Office	Daisy 1st Grade Brownies Meeting, 3:45-4:45 Muenster 7-8 Grade vs. Sidel, there, 5 p.m. SH JVG vs. Nocona, here, 3:30 p.m. SH JVB, VB/G, here, 4:30 p.m.	Muenster JVG/B, VG/B vs. Era, there, 4:30 p.m.	SH VG/B vs. Abiene Christian, here, 1 p.m. Muenster 7 G/B Tournament, here
		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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Service held for two Myra residents on December 21

by Elfreda Fette

A two-vehicle accident on FM 1198 took the lives of two Myra residents, cousins Anita Ann (Allen) Sherrill, 26, and Vickie Francine Sherrill, 37, on Dec. 18, 1996. Both died at Harris Methodist Hospital of Fort Worth, where they had been transferred by Careflight. Both were in the same car, and were returning from work.

Mass of Christian Burial for both was held in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Saturday, Dec. 21, offered by Father David Bellinghausen, OSB, and Father Frowin Schoech, OSB.

Participating in the special funeral liturgy for the Mass were Barbara Fuhrmann and Jill Hess, who gave the Readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament. Charlie Sue Switzer and Chelsie Switzer presented Offertory gifts at the altar. Mass servers were Jana Truebenbach, Chuck Bartush Jr. and Kimberly Hess. Sacred music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff of Muenster, Wendell Black and Sharon Muller, both of Myra.

Anita Ann Sherrill was born on June 29, 1970 in Dallas to James Lloyd Allen and Barbara Anna Benninger Allen. She was a Catholic; grew up in Grand Prairie, lived in Arlington about 10 years and moved to Myra in March 1996, and went to work for Boeing in Denton as an assembly worker. She enjoyed training horses.

Surviving Anita Ann Sherrill are one daughter, Alyssa Danyelle Allen of Myra; and one son, Logan Russell



Anita Ann Sherrill



Vickie Francine Sherrill

Childress of Grand Prairie. Also her mother, Barbara Ann Allen of Myra; and her father, James Lloyd Allen of Grand Saline; one brother, Timothy Edward Allen of Dallas; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents, Edward and Gladys Benninger, and James and Effie Allen.

Pallbearers were Bob Paroski, Steve Paroski, Christopher Wall, Jeremia Wall, Vaughn Redmon and Kevin Switzer.

Vickie Francine Sherrill was born Sept. 24, 1959 in Muenster to Charles Allen Sherrill and Marilyn Marie Benninger Sherrill. She was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, lived in Myra most of her life, graduated from Era High School, was currently attending North Central Texas College, was employed at

Boeing Defense and Space, Inc. as an assembly worker.

Surviving Vickie Francine Sherrill are two sons, Tracy Ray Hess and Jesse Allen Hess, both of Myra; her father, Charles A. Sherrill of Myra; and two sisters, Mary Ann Hill and Sally Switzer, both of Myra; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her mother, Marilyn Sherrill; grandparents, Roy and Wilma Sherrill and Edward and Gladys Benninger.

Pallbearers were Leon Fuhrmann, Jerome Fuhrmann, Melvin Hess, Clarence Hess, Sammy Smith and Darrell Mullins.

The Rosary service for both was held in McCoy Funeral Chapel at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. on Dec. 20.

Burial in Reed Cemetery near Myra was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster.



Standing proudly by the newly constructed aluminum can recycling trailer are (left to right) Father David Bellinghausen, OSB, Robert Miller, Alan Miller and Werner Becker Jr. Photo by Janie Hartman

Trailer constructed for can collection

Sacred Heart Church has a brand new enclosed trailer for collecting cans. Materials and construction for the trailer were a parish cooperative effort. Bill Miller invited the workers to use his garage. Helping with the construction were Robert and Alan Miller, Werner Becker, Jr., and Fr. David Bellinghausen. Materials were donated for the framing of the trailer by R and

R Pipe of Muenster, JAW Construction donated trim and labor, and Muenster Building Center helped with the siding. By donating materials and labor, parishioners saved approximately \$2,000 on this project. Parishioners are invited to donate their empty cans to this project, the proceeds going to buy a bus for Sacred Heart School. If there is sufficient response to the can

collection, a monthly pick-up route will be set up.

The trailer is painted in an attractive red and white color scheme, and it is located east of the Sisters' Convent. You may drop off your cans at any time.

Sacred Heart Parish thanks Sylvan Walterscheid for the use of his trailer for can collection while the trailer project was underway.

PRC officers elected for MHMRST

Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST) is committed to providing services in a manner which preserves the dignity and rights of its consumers. Any person who has a concern about the welfare of any MHMRST consumer or who has a concern about the services being provided by MHMRST to an individual is invited and urged to submit this concern in writing to the Public Responsibility Committee (an independent, impartial body available to

receive complaints, comments or suggestions regarding the health, safety, welfare, or legal and human rights of persons receiving services from MHMR Services of Texoma).

The Public Responsibility Committee for MHMR Services of Texoma consists of seven volunteers who are not affiliated with MHMR and serves MHMR consumers in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties. In December the Committee conducted its quarterly meeting and elected officers for the coming year: Chairperson-Nancy Barton of Sherman and Vice-Chair/Secretary Carol Hutchinson of Cooke County. Other members of the Committee are Susan Haight of Denison, Charles Estes of Grayson County, Claire Skotnik of Fannin County, and Carol Chance of Gainesville.

committee may do so by writing: Chairperson, PRC, P.O. Box 1251, Gainesville, TX, 76241.

Attention!

Muenster Youth Basketball Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Muenster High gym. All interested persons are invited to attend. Coaches, referees and concession stand workers will be needed. For more information, call David Felderhoff at 759-4887.

Former Muenster coach passes away

John Morris Hosea, former Muenster coach, passed away Monday, December 30 at Scott and White Hospital in Temple at the age of 79. Hosea coached the Hornets from 1954 to 1957.

Coach Hosea was born in Knoxville, TN on March 16, 1917. He was a teacher, R.R.C.A. Cowboy, and a W.W.II Navy veteran, and a member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jim Marie Hosea of Mullin, TX, two daughters, June Hite and Marcie van Buskirk and two sons Johnny and Mike Hosea, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The 1954 football team stands as one of Muenster's best, when the Hornets outscored their opponents 319 to 68 for a 9-1 record.

Hosea also coached the boys track team, including Joe Noggler, who ran in the state meet four consecutive years.

Coach Hosea's final Muenster football team, the 1956 Hornets went 7-3 with co-captains Hubert Richey and Dickey Cain paced by Dave Flusche, Dee Kaderli, and Jerry Wimmer.

Johnie Graham, 78, dies on Dec. 12

Johnie (Wolfenberger) Graham of Saint Jo died in Nocona General Hospital on December 12, 1996 at 4:12 am. Funeral service was held Saturday, December 14 at 2:00pm in the First Baptist Church in Saint Jo, officiated by Rev. John Sursa.

Mrs., Graham was born on August 28, 1918 in Marysville to Jacob Wolfenberger and Josephine Shiflett Wolfenberger. On November 9, 1938 she married Grady R. Graham in Gainesville. She was a very active member at the First Baptist Church in Saint Jo; lived most of her entire life in the Saint Jo area; worked as a grocery clerk; was a driver for Meals on Wheels; and loved working outside and helping others.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law Obie Lee and Don Haney of Saint Jo; two grandsons Donald Haney Jr. of Carrollton and Dustin Haney of Saint Jo; one sister Mary Brackeen of Nocona; and one brother Joe Wolfenberger of Farmers Branch.

Preceding her in death were her husband on May 14, 1984;

her parents; two sisters Lois Reeves and Alice Reeves; and one brother Emmitt Wolfenberger.

Burial in Mountain Park Cemetery of Saint Jo was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Eddie Joe Reeves, Tom Reeves, Bill Lawler, Therrell Lawler, Steven Wolfenberger and Jeral Lawler.

School Age Parents

Want to finish your high school education or GED and gain a vocational skill?

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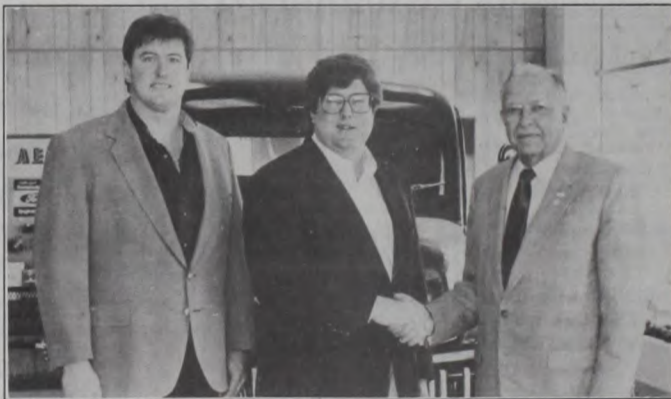
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Lifestyle

Henley, Hess profess vows Dec. 21

by Elfreda Fette
The wedding of Carol Ann Henley of Gainesville and James David Hess of Muenster was held in Sacred Heart Church on Dec. 21, 1996, with Father Frowin Schoech OSB celebrating the Catholic Nuptial Mass at 7:00 p.m. and officiating the traditional double-ring ceremony.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Stevens of Lake Kiowa, the bride is a teacher employed by the Gainesville Independent School District. She is coordinator of the Gifted Program for GISD for grades K-12, and presently serves as a teacher of gifted classes for grades K-5.

The groom is retired from Santa Fe Drilling and is a rancher in Muenster. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hess of Muenster.

The bride's sons, Rob Henley of Lewisville and Lance Corporal Jonathan W. Henley, U.S. Marine Corps of Camp Pendleton, CA presented her at the altar.

For her wedding she was wearing an elegant ivory, ankle-length A-line gown designed with lace and pearl

embroidery around the V-neck and on the edge of the sleeves. She carried a nosegay of white flowers.

ATTENDANTS
Maid of honor was Jennifer Kathleen Henley of Gainesville, daughter of the bride. She wore a full-length midnight blue gown and carried three long-stemmed white flowers. James Gary Hess served his father as best man.

Gary Endres, a brother-in-law of the groom, gave special readings selected by the couple for the wedding liturgy. Aaron Hess, groom's nephew and James Hess, a nephew and god-child of the groom presented Offertory gifts at the altar.

Eucharistic Ministers were Debbie Hess, Stevan Nasche, Paul Hesse, Claude and Mary Bayer, Art and Frances Bayer, all relatives and friends of the couple.

Altar servers and candlelighters were Noah Hess and Luke and Lisa Endres, nephews and niece of the groom.

Ushers were Jason Hess and Aaron Hess.

Music Ministers were Ruth

Felderhoff, organist and Mary Endres, Linda Flusche, Karen Davis and Mary Lin Knabe, vocalists.

Selections included "Come and Journey With Me" and "Wherever You Go" for the prelude; "The Greatest Gift" at Offertory; "Only A Shadow," "Like A Seal On Your Heart," and "Seek Ye First" for Communion songs.

The bridal processional and couple's recessional were played by the organist Ruth Felderhoff.

Church decorations were enhanced by the Christmas theme. Spiral candelabra stood on both sides of the high altar. Hurricane candles and globes marked center aisle pews.

RECEPTION

A reception followed in the VFW Hall in Muenster, hosted by the couple for 350 guests. Nieces of the groom, Liliana Nasche and Hannah Hess presided at the guest book. A buffet of hors d'oeuvres and pick up foods was catered by Doyle and Debbie Hess.

The bride's table was skirted in ivory and covered with an ivory lace tablecloth. A Christmas garland and

hurricane globes with navy tapers and navy bows enhanced the table decor.

Guest tables held green Christmas garland entwined with burgundy. Lighted votive candles and touches of navy glitter added another festive glow. Two Christmas trees with white lights were placed near the stage. White miniature lights and garlands were used throughout the reception area. Decorations were created by brothers and sisters-in-law, and sisters and brothers-in-law of the groom.

The food table was decorated with garland and held accents of navy bows. A hurricane globe and candle, fresh greenery, white flowers and streamers formed the centerpiece.

The wedding cake was baked and decorated by Betty Rose Walterscheid, with fresh white flowers and greenery.

Wedding coordinators were Mary Endres, groom's sister and Debbie Hess, groom's sister-in-law.

The couple planned a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.



Mr. and Mrs. James David Hess

New Arrivals

Greene

John and Connie Jo (Flusche) Greene are proud to announce the birth of a son, Taylor Thomas Greene in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1996 at 12:53 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 4 1/2 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. He is a brother for Timi Meyer of Arlington, Texas and Leigh Greene of Florida. Grandparents are Don and Cookie Flusche of Muenster and the late Dorma Taylor. Great-grandparents are Hazel Flusche of Muenster and Melba Taylor of Gainesville.

Weinzapfel

Ronald and Tina Weinzapfel announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter Elizabeth Noel Weinzapfel in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 27, 1996, weighing 9 lb. 4 oz. and measuring 22 3/4 inches in length. She joins a sister Christina Julia age 10 and a brother Michael Joseph age 2 years. Their grandparents are Henry and Janie Weinzapfel and George and Leoba Mollenkopf. The great-grandmother is Mrs. Elizabeth Mollenkopf. All are of Muenster.

Nieto

Rafael and Connie Nieto of Ciudad Madero, Tamaulipas, Mexico are parents of a son, Daniel Andrew, born on Dec. 13, 1996 at 2:00 a.m., weighing 10 lb. 2 oz. Daniel joins brothers Rafa, Mark, Joseph and Michael and sisters Helen, Christy, and Anne. Their grandparents are Mrs. Helen Yosten of Muenster and Señor and Señora Rafael Nieto, Sr. of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Breeze

Darrell and Danielle Breeze of Nocona are parents of a son Caleb Montana, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 14, 1996 at 3:53 a.m. weighing 8 lb. 9 1/2 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are June Emberlin and Otis Breeze of Nocona.

Dawn Marie Green is TWU graduate

Dawn Marie Knabe Green received her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Woman's University in Denton, with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in Early Childhood Education. She earned Areas of Certification in Elementary Education and Early Childhood.

Commencement ceremonies were held Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996 in Margo Jones Performance Hall on the TWU campus at 11:30 a.m.

Attending the graduation ceremonies were her husband, Marvin Green, Jr. and their son Eland Green; her parents Herbert and Edna Knabe and her sister Alison Knabe all of Muenster, and her brother Tim Knabe of Fort Worth.



Dawn Marie Knabe Green

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Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

Kristen and Michael Stone of Spokane, Washington visited Odessa and Jack Berry Friday evening.

Mrs. Mozelle Hutson visited Mrs. Jo Dell Gaston and Rickie Gaston in Saint Jo and Ruth Smith Sunday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Willard Bewley of Decatur visited Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson visited Lois and Clyde Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hudspeth met Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips of Wichita Falls and all had lunch together in Bowie.

Gary and Brenda Greanad visited Mrs. Juanita and Mrs. Jennifer Stapleton and Shadi during the weekend.

Thank all of you for your news for my column. Thank all of you for reading my column. Thank you for the nice compliments you have extended me through the past year. May your Christmas be merry and bright and may all the good things life can bring come your way in the New Year - are my wishes to all of you.

"Love" Ruth

Christmas day guests for dinner of Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde were Mrs. Ima King of Bowie, Mrs. Winona Russell of Whitesboro, and Mrs. Ruth Cotton of Fort Worth. Mrs. Agnes Brandon presented Lois and Clyde a nice Christmas basket of fruit and lots of other goodies from the Rosston Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson had as their holiday guests Brad, Betty, Kenda and David Hutson, Kimberly Keeling of Victorville, CA, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Hutson of Hardy, and Rickie Gaston of Saint Jo. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson visited Mr. and Mrs. Julian Walterscheid during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore of New Roads, LA are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth and other relatives during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth were

in their home Monday evening for a holiday dinner. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore of New Roads, LA, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Peers of Krum, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nivens, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hudspeth, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dill.

Mrs. Juanita Greanad had as her holiday guests Mrs. Cornelia Holzbog, Doug Holzbog, Kevin and Trevor all of Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne, Trey Payne and friend Carmel all of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Greanad of Burleson, Mrs. Jennifer Stapleton and Shadi, Mrs. Beth Mitchell and Rayne of Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Ran Greanad and Matt of Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Settle and Ruth Smith had Christmas dinner together in the Settle home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson had as their dinner guests Christmas day Jewel and Carroll Dill, Mrs. Faith Sandusky and Mrs. Juanita Cote visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry had as their guests Sunday evening Dr. and Mrs. Jerry McKown, Kimberly and Casey and their exchange student from Germany, Robert Bach of Valley View, and Kristen and Michael Stone of Washington State.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian started their Christmas holidays by driving over to Springtown to their son Jimmy and Sandy Christian and family Christmas Eve. Then they drove to Stephenville to their son Bill and Dorothy Christian where they enjoyed an Italian dinner. Others attending were: Jeff and Debbie Giles and son Chase of Albuquerque, NM; Donna Christian of Lewisville; Barry and Toni Christian and Christopher of Lewisville; Mike and Debbie Christian, Tara, Austin, Tess and Mara of Stephenville; Fred Christian and son Brady of Stephenville. Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian returned to their home here Wednesday evening.



David Walter McCollum, second from right, was honored in recognition of his 65 years of membership in the Masonic Lodge. Present at the ceremony were, from left, Alton D. Hord, Worshipful Master; Jim Trisler, District Deputy Grand Master; and Joan McDaniel, Activity Director at St. Richard's Villa. Courtesy Photo

David W. McCollum receives Mason award

On December 1, 1996, David Walter McCollum, a resident of St. Richard's Villa in Muenster, was presented an award from The Grand Lodge of Texas recognizing sixty-five years of membership in the Masonic Lodge. Brother McCollum, a member of Burns City Lodge #600 in Valley View, was presented the award by 1996 District Deputy Grand Master, Jim Trisler of Gainesville. Assisting with the presentation was James W. Lane of Gainesville, the incoming 1997 District Deputy Grand Master.

Others attending the presentation were Alton D.

Hord, Worshipful Master, Tim Masten, Senior Warden and Bill Maughan, Secretary, all of Burns City Lodge in Valley View. Mrs. Joan McDaniel, Activity Director at St.

Richard's Villa and other staff members helped with the arrangements and photographs.

Brother McCollum is a long-time resident of Valley View and a Past Master of his lodge. He has served in various other offices during his long Masonic career. With this award, he joins the ranks of a very small and elite group of Masons.

CC Home Hospice still accepting LUAL donations

In the true spirit of giving, volunteers from all over Cooke County sat at Home Hospice Light Up A Life trees during this busy holiday season. Volunteers sat at three trees located at Bealls Department Store, Tom Thumb and the Gainesville Factory Stores accepting donations to the Home Hospice Light Up A Life campaign. They gave a grand total of over 400 hours.

Kay Broyles earns award in backyard wildlife

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department awarded the Texas Wildscapes Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certificate to Kay Broyles in recognition of her efforts to provide backyard wildlife with the essential requirements: food, cover, and water. After researching what trees and plants are best for this area and which ones use little water, Kay designed and landscaped her yard with native plants and grass. She plans on planting more in the spring. Kay is a member of the Muenster Garden Club and the Native Plant Society of Texas.

Baptisms

Shallenberger

Jessica Lynn Shallenberger, infant daughter of Dave and Sharon Shallenberger of Newark, Ohio, received the Sacrament of Baptism December 28, 1996 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The Sacrament was officiated by Father David Bellinghausen.

Godparents were an uncle and aunt, Curtis and Pat Rohmer. Jessica received a gold cross necklace from her maternal grandmother which she wore at the ceremony.

After the church service, dinner was served to family members in the Viola Rohmer home. A special christening cake made by Betty Rose Walterscheid was the table

centerpiece. Gifts were opened and pictures taken.

Attending were Jessica's parents, her sisters Christina, Melissa and Julia; her grandmother Viola Rohmer of Muenster; Kathy Rohmer of Dallas; Alan and Connie Rohmer and children Lisa and Tyler of Muenster; Gary Rohmer and children Lauren and Drew of Southlake; Curtis and Pat Rohmer of Plano; and Brian Rohmer of Muenster. Unable to attend but sending best wishes was Robin Rohmer of Southlake.

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Madison turns Four!

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Those attending were Madison's parents Jayna Hofbauer and Dewayne Williams, grandparents Dale and Dolores Hofbauer, aunt Retha Sparkman, Krystle and Lance, aunt Angie Hofbauer and Jeff, Cindy, and Chad Tempel, uncle Jason Hofbauer and Tonia Evans, uncle Stephen Hofbauer and cousin Christina Eckart. Those unable to attend were Michael Eckart, Larry and Shane Sparkman and great-grandma Helen Hofbauer.

Madison also celebrated with all her friends at Ethel Hesse's



MADISON MARIE HOFBAUER

by bringing cupcakes to share on Dec. 10.

Madison celebrated her birthday with her grandparents Herman and Sylvia Williams, and Dean and Ida Mege, all of Oklahoma, on Christmas.

Lindsay students give gifts

Eight graders from Lindsay presented holiday gifts to the residents of the Fish Creek Ranch just before Christmas. The students also designed, made and signed a poster sized card. Gifts were presented at a get-together in the Lindsay Cafeteria.

Fish Creek Ranch is a 250-acre ranch located in northern Cooke County. Directors and founders Robert and Linda Hickman provide a ranch experience for up to 12 teenage boys at a time. On-site schooling using a Christian curriculum is provided.

Theatre classes to begin January 9

Registration for Butterfield Stage's youth theatre classes (Spring semester) will begin Thursday, January 2 and will continue through the first day of class scheduled for January 9. The semester classes for youth 5 to 17 years of age are conducted over a ten week period and designed to provide students with the tools necessary to become not only theatrical artists, but creative problem solvers, self-confident leaders, and effective communicators.

This Spring, classes will be divided into three sessions: *Creative Dramatics* (for ages 5-8 yrs.) designed to acquaint children with the joys of acting with an emphasis on movement, stage positions, confidence, projection, and imagination. These classes will be held on Thursdays from 4-5 p.m., commencing on January 9; *Youth Theatre* (for ages 9-17) explores theatre Basics I of projection, diction, eye contact, ownership of lines, characterization, body control, and body movement. Classes

will be held on Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m., commencing on January 9; and *Advanced Theatre* (for ages 12-17 who have completed at least two previous semesters) focuses on the delivery of lines, characterization, and Basics I. Classes will be held on Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m., commencing on January 11. At the end of the semester, students will have the opportunity to share their talents in an acting showcase, theatrical performance, or at the second annual Texas Non-profit Theatres' Youth Conference.

Parents may register their child by mail (P.O. Box 251, Gainesville) or in person at the theatre (201 S. Denton) Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Tuition is \$45.00 and a limited number of scholarships are available for those restricted by monetary constraints. For more information concerning the classes or to obtain registration/scholarship forms, contact the theatre at 817-665-8152.

Early childhood screening set for January 15

On January 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., an early childhood screening will be held at B.T. Washington School to identify children who may have handicapping conditions or might have low potential for success in school.

A child who needs to be screened is one who does not appear to act, see, hear, speak, understand or learn as others of his age.

Children who are handicapped are eligible to attend school from age 3, from birth if visually or hearing impaired. If you have a child who is suspected of having a handicapping condition and is three (3) years old, please call the Special Education office at

665-0773 for an appointment. If your child is younger than three but you are concerned call Project Kind at 665-1464. The tests include vision and hearing and motor ability procedures, as well as some learning tests.

Before screening, each child must have a permission slip, signed by a parent, giving consent for screening. Forms are available at the Special Education office located at 1420 Rice Avenue or Booker T. Washington school located at 701 Muller. Babysitter may bring the child to be screened, but the form signed by the parent is a necessity.

If your child is enrolled at Headstart there is no need to attend this screening.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 6 - 10

ERA ISD
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Mon. - Steak strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, pears, hot rolls, milk. SNACK BAR: Corny dog, pickle spears, salad, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tues. - Nachos w/ground beef, Pinto beans, tossed salad, flour tortilla pineapple, sunshine bar, milk. SNACK BAR: Tuna sandwich, potato chips, salad, pickle spears, peaches, milk.

Wed. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, breadsticks, peaches w/whipped topping, milk. SNACK BAR: Pepperoni hot pocket, pickle spears, salad, pears, milk.

Thur. - Chicken nuggets, green beans, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter cookie, milk. SNACK BAR: Cheese pizza, corn, salad, pineapple, milk.

Fri. - Hamburger, cheese slice, French fries, trimmings, ice cream, milk.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL SNAP MENUS

Mon. - Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, celery, apples, milk.

Tues. - Spaghetti and meat, green beans, salad, applesauce, hot rolls, milk.

Wed. - Baked ham, potato salad, baked beans, pineapple, bread, milk.

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

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, oranges, milk.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Burritos, refried beans, applesauce, fruit, bread, milk.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, broccoli and cheese, creamed potatoes, iced cake bread, milk.

Wed. - Spaghetti and ground meat, okra, cole slaw, fruit bread, milk.

Thur. - Baked potato and trimmings, lettuce salad, fruit, bread, milk.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream, milk.

Muenster ISD lunch menu was unavailable at press time.

Allison Pagel is Three!

Allison Pagel was three years old on Dec. 29, 1996. She was honored with a birthday party hosted by her parents in their home. They served hamburgers, hot dogs, a Winnie, The Pooh birthday cake and ice cream.

Guests included grandparents John and JoAnn Pagel, and Jerry and Monica

Hess; great-grandparents Jerome and Gertie Pagel and Gary and Caroline Hess; aunts and uncles Ryan and Tina Hess; Floyd and Penni Haverkamp; Jean Pagel; Mike and Brenda Pagel and guest Sherri Rodgers; Dianne Pagel and guest Jason Endres. Also cousins Trevor Hess, Olivia Haverkamp and Courtney Haverkamp.

Unable to attend were the great-grandparents Herbie and Marie Herr of Gainesville. Also Glenn, Jeanie and Shawn Hess; Mark, Melanie, Mitchell, Megan and Morgan Hesse; and Mark, Carol, Taylor and Shelby Klement.



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Sports



Muenster Hornets capture tourney title

The Muenster Hornets won the KGAF-NCTC Classic championship Saturday night with a 65-50 victory over the Pilot Point Bearcats. It was the Big Red's best shooting game of the tournament as they made 25 of 47 field goal attempts, and despite 20 turnovers, Muenster never trailed in the game.

In first round action Thursday, Muenster met up with district rival Era and won 76-63. Friday the Hornets hooked up with the AA Lindsay Knights and clawed out a 79-74 victory.

"Our boys hustled and really began to show they are learning to block out. We rebounded well and created good shot opportunities, but our turnovers have got to decrease," said Hornet Coach Ted Heers. "It was fun to win the County Classic. Hopefully, with expectations rising, our guys will work that much harder."

Facing a balanced Era team the Hornets raced out to a double-digit lead that Era could only cut to nine points in the second half. Junior Shane Sparkman scored 24 points with 8 rebounds, 4 assists, and 6 steals. Corey Anderle added 14 points. Eric Miller pulled down 11 cars and scored 12 points. Jake Luke hit 11 points, Scott Hermes 7, Steven Reiter 6, and Aaron Klement 2 points.

Against Lindsay the Hornets went into half-time with a slim 39 to 38 lead. The lead topped out at 70 to 55 before the Knights fought back to cut it to two at 74-72. Key free throw shooting by Steven Reiter and Corey Anderle helped preserve the 79-74 victory. Anderle paced Muenster with 25 points and a season-high 11 rebounds. He also hit 9 of 13 free throws. Sparkman contributed 12

points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, and 5 steals. Luke scored 11 points, Miller 9, and Reiter scored 9 points. Klement popped in 7 points and Hermes added 6.

The Knights had four players hit the double digits, led by Zach Bowman with 16. Zach Fuhrmann got 13 and 11 each by Robert Sharp and Chris Garner. Bryan Covington put in 8, Trent Endres 6, two each from Steven Tepera and Mickey Meurer and a point from Aaron Krebs.

"Records mean little when Muenster and Lindsay play. It was a typical Knight-Hornet contest, lots of effort, sweat, and a little blood," commented Heers.

Saturday's finale had the Hornets up against a taller team again, and a hot-shooting group from Pilot Point who had beaten Nocona, Valley View, and Callisburg. Tough defense sparked Muenster as they had 13 steals and created 13 more Bearcat turnovers.

Sparkman raced to 26 points. Anderle added 18, Luke 11 points with 10 rebounds. Miller had 3 steals, and 5 points. Reiter and Klement added 2 points each, and Hermes 1 point.

Sparkman and Anderle were named to the all-tournament team along with Jay Price of Pilot Point, Jeremy Posey of Callisburg, Kelsey Ramsey of Nocona, Zach Bowman of Lindsay, Jacob Krahl of Valley View, and the MVP was Jimmy Rogers of Pilot Point.

The Hornets have a 13-5 record. They will be 0-0 Tuesday night when district play begins at Collinsville. Support the Hornets against the Pirates as the girls varsity tips off at 7:00 p.m. followed by the boys contest.

Tigerettes 41 Lady Knights 23

Outstanding defense by the Tigerettes gave Sacred Heart an opening tournament victory Thursday afternoon.

Leslie Grewing was high scorer for Sacred Heart with 13 points. Melinda Vickers added 7 and Crystal Klement 5. Teresa McCarty, Dobe Fleitman and Kayla Felderhoff each scored 4. Jill Hess and Brandy Gilpin had two apiece.

Molly Trammell hit in 8 points for the cold shooting Lady Knights. Also scoring for Lindsay was Amanda Hellinger with 5, Donna Lester 4, Megan Sandmann 3, Jo Sparkman 2 and Erica Fuhrmann one. SH 6 8 16 11 41 L 6 1 7 9 23

Tigers 30 Knights 66

The Lindsay boys jumped out to an early lead and wouldn't give an inch to allow the Tigers to make a comeback.

Sacred Heart was short-handed four players. "This left us thin," said Coach John Nasche. "Lindsay's depth wore us out and our cold shooting really plagued us."

Paul Swirczynski led the Tigers with 11 points. Jonathan Grewing added 6 with John Knabe and David Hesse each getting 5. Jeff Yosten scored 2 and Matthew Fuhrmann one.

The Knights were led by Zach Bowman and Trent Endres, each scoring 13 points. Robert Sharp and Aaron Krebs each added ten while Steven Tepera got 8. Chris Garner and Bryan Covington got 4 apiece while Zach Fuhrmann and Mickey Meurer both added two. SH 3 10 15 2 30 L 18 11 21 16 66

Lady Hornets 41 Era 44

In Muenster's opening game of the tournament, Era took away the win. After falling behind the first quarter, Muenster fought back but could not get the winning shot at the buzzer.

Brandi Lutkenhaus led the Red Lady Hornets with 19 points. Keisha Dill added 8 with Heather Hess and Emily Felderhoff each scoring 5. Mindy Endres and Stephanie Huchton got 2 points each. M 5 13 9 14 41 E 10 10 11 13 44

Lady Hornets 49 Lady Knights 35

Friday afternoon, in the consolation bracket, Muenster and Lindsay had a close fought contest in the first half, before the Lady Hornets pulled away the third quarter for the win.

Senior Brandi Lutkenhaus led all scorers with 25 points, 12 of those in the 3rd quarter. Keisha Dill put in 10 points, with Allison Endres and Stephanie Huchton each scoring 4. Kristen Grewing added 3, Maggie Fisher two and Mindy Endres one.

Donna Lester was Lindsay's high scorer with 10 points. Molly Trammell put in 8, Amanda Hellinger 5, and Erica Fuhrmann 4. Scoring two points apiece were Megan Sandmann, Amber Geray, Carrie Hundt, and Sadie Trammell. M 6 12 21 10 49 L 6 10 9 10 35

Tigers 41 Era 84

Friday afternoon saw the short-handed Tigers out-matched by the Hornets of Era.

"Era was definitely more aggressive," commented Coach Nasche. "We were flat and they capitalized on us early. Turnovers and a lack of rebounding gave Era too many chances for us to overcome." The Hornets jumped out to an early lead, gaining a 36-15 score at half-time.

Paul Swirczynski led the way for the Tigers with 23 points. Waylon Hess put in 9, Matthew Fuhrmann 6 and Jonathan Grewing 3. "Paul was our bright spot. They couldn't stop him," Nasche added.

Five Era boys scored double figures, led by Robert Fever with 22 points. SH 9 6 11 15 41 E 21 15 22 26 84

Tigerettes 52 Era 54

After leading 26-22 at half-time, Sacred Heart's shooting went cold, before fighting back the final period to tie the game 43-43 for an overtime battle Saturday afternoon.

Two 3 pointers helped the Tigerettes, but Era got the overtime lead and stayed out in front for the win.

"This was our best game of the year," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Dobe Fleitman was high scorer for the Tigerettes with 20 points, with seven other teammates scoring. Kelly Rigler put in 8, Crystal Klement 6, with Leslie Grewing, Jill Hess, Teresa McCarty and Kayla Felderhoff getting 4 apiece, Melinda Vickers added 2.

Kelly Graves led the Lady Hornets with 24 points, which included 8 of 8 free throws and two first quarter 3 pointers. SH 13 13 5 12 9 52 E 14 8 14 7 11 54

Tigerettes 50 Valley View 84

Sacred Heart and Valley View kept an even scoring game the first half, 30-33, Saturday morning, but a 30 point 3rd quarter for the Lady Eagles took the Tigerettes out of the tournament.

"We played a good first half but ran out of gas and made some turnovers," said Coach Jon. "Good teams take advantage of mistakes."

Dobe Fleitman led Sacred Heart with 18 points, half of those from the free throw line. Leslie Grewing put in 12 points and Kayla Felderhoff added 10. Also scoring for the Tigerettes were Crystal Klement with 4, Melinda Vickers and Kelly Rigler 2 apiece and a point each from Brandy Gilpin and Teresa McCarty.

Sarah Schindler and Ambre Sessums led the Lady Eagles with 31 and 20 points. SH 12 18 9 11 50 VV 16 17 30 21 84

Knights 47 Valley View 58

The Eagles took the Knights out of the tournament after taking a big half-time lead.



Kayla Felderhoff (21) moves around Lindsay's Donna Lester (41) in recent Sacred Heart action. Janie Hartman Photo

Lindsay came back the second half, but couldn't overcome the Eagles' lead.

Robert Sharp was Lindsay's high scorer with 12 points. Steven Tepera added 9 with Bryan Covington and Zach Bowman each getting 8. Mickey Meurer put in 6, with 2 each from Jeremy Rinner and Trent Endres. L 5 6 23 13 47 VV 11 20 19 8 58

Lady Hornets 38 Pilot Point 58

In the girls consolation championship game Saturday afternoon, Muenster was out-scored by Pilot Point's Cassie Darwin, who scored 36 points.

"The team played well in the tournament even though we

came up short in a few games," Coach Donnie Vernon said. "The 5 day lay-off really hurt us, especially coming off all the injuries we had. We are looking forward to district play. This is what we've worked for all year."

Brandi Lutkenhaus led Muenster with 17 points. Keisha Dill and Emily Felderhoff each added 8. Mindy Endres and Allison Endres scored 2 points apiece while Stephanie Huchton got one. M 7 9 12 10 38 PP 12 10 21 15 58

Brandi Lutkenhaus was named to the All Tournament team. She also received the honor of the Academic All Star.

The girls MVP was Erin Noble of Nocona with Era's Kelly Graves named outstanding Sophomore. Also named All Tournament were Sarah Schneider and Ambre Sessums of Valley View, Cassie Darwin of Pilot Point and Tracy Acuna of Nocona.

Nocona's Lady Indians took the girls championship with a 69-44 win over Era.



Jonathan Grewing gets the shot for the Tigers. Also pictured is Knight Chris Garner (55). Dave Fette Photo



Lady Hornets Stephanie Huchton and Keisha Dill block in a Notre Dame player in a pre-holiday game. Dave Fette Photo

Private School Best Tourney set for Saturday

Sacred Heart Tigerettes will participate in the Private School's Best Tournament in Waco this Saturday. The Tigerettes will play Hilltop Baptist at 8:15 a.m. Hilltop, 12-4, is led by Carol Hamilton, who averages 35 points per game and is being recruited by Texas, Nebraska, Baylor and Texas Tech.

"We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to compete in Waco," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Throughout the day some of the state's best players will be participating along with some of the best players in the nation." Coach Jon said the games will showcase the talents of many players to some of the top college programs in the nation. "Our girls will be out to show that we belong."

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A direct-vent heater requires outside air to support combustion and is typically installed on an outside wall. Be sure to check the location of the outside vent to ensure that it is free of debris.

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Homeowners should also become familiar with the odor of propane gas. An odorant that smells like rotten eggs has been added to propane gas for easy identification. If you do smell gas, whether the heater is operating or not, follow these steps:

1. do not touch any electric switches, light matches or use the phone;
2. exit the structure immediately;
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The Railroad Commission also suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer about having their propane delivery account put on "automatic," so there is always adequate supply of the gas no matter how cold the weather or how treacherous the road conditions.

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by Janie Hartman

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IRS tax ruling may be costly to area farmers

With farm income up 19 percent from the average of the last six years and fixed payments going to farmers as provided by the 1996 farm bill, the Internal Revenue Service recently decided farmers should pay more taxes.

"Not taking into account that farm program payments have been reduced by more than 50 percent over the next seven years, IRS took it upon themselves to issue a new interpretation of an old tax law that has always allowed farmers to use various deferred pricing and payment of sales of grain as a means of transferring tax liability into the following tax year," said Dan Shaw, NGSP Washington Representative.

The practice of deferring income taxes has been a common risk management tool for many farmers who want to protect their farm income in a low income year. Other farmers are gambling that a Republican controlled Congress will change the tax code and lower the tax rates in 1997.

IRS took both of the above situations into consideration and decided on a course of action that would cancel the tax deferral provision and therefore make due the lion's share of these taxes in 1996.

Shaw said that in October,

the IRS used a December 21, 1995, technical advice memorandum as authorization to treat deferred payments as income in the year that the contract to sell was signed - not when the actual income from the sale was received. Court cases in Washington and Iowa have recently upheld the IRS actions. This tax rate is 26 percent and payable in the 1996 tax year. The sale principal is still subject to additional tax liability which may accrue in 1997 depending on the calculation of regular income taxes due then.

These rulings were at the regional levels and not an IRS-wide ruling from the IRS office in Washington, D.C.

"These are just regional office pursuits of miscellaneous cases against farmers, but these rulings are spreading to other regions in other states, and IRS is going back three years in most cases," Shaw said. "We are extremely concerned about the interest, penalties and legal and accounting fees, not to mention the extra taxes, that will undoubtedly result from this recent interpretation."

Deferred tax liability has been practiced by many farmers for years and has become a standard operation for farm management. The elimination of this option is an injustice to those who have historically depended on this tax provision.

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County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

"Money and Quicken are running neck and neck once again in the race to attract personal finance users" according to Windows Magazine. The December 1996 article goes on to state "As usual, however, Intuit (Quicken) is ahead by a nose when it comes to understanding how you really manage your money." Ken Stokes, Economist with Texas A&M's Agricultural Extension Service, states, "I've been teaching farm financial record keeping using Quicken for several years and I'm pleased with the new features. Each new Quicken version has increased users' ability to assess their financial position. Version 6 for Windows will be easier for first-time users to learn."

According to Stokes, the new release is not overloaded with new features, a blessing since he believes the program already contains many options that most farmers and ranchers will never use, such as the online banking and investment tracking features.

Stokes, often asked whether he receives commissions on Quicken sales, says "No, but I will continue to recommend it until a better program comes along."

Agricultural producers have found either Quicken or Money makes financial record keeping less time consuming and frustrating than hand-kept records. "Producers tell me the computerized check writing feature is the biggest time saver," said Stokes, "even if they continue to use some hand written checks. Many have found the ease of checkbook and bank statement reconciliation has eliminated many mistakes. Others say the best thing about computerized record keeping is having all their income tax information to their accountants in January with the push of a button." Stokes believes the best thing is that producers can generate quality financial information about their operations with less effort and stress.

Stokes recommends agricultural producers start with simple checkbook records and use the computerized check writing feature. He says "Quicken allows you to hand write some checks and computer print others. Paying bills with a computer prepared check keeps procrastinators such as myself from

getting behind in their record keeping."

Stokes had hoped to teach producers how to use Quicken to produce accrual-adjusted financial statements. He now realizes that producers have only a limited amount of time to devote to record keeping. His current recommendation is that Quicken is used only for checkbook record keeping to monitor cash flow. At year-end, the producer gives his accountant the Quicken file and a complete list of all assets and liabilities. With this information, the producer's accountant can prepare accrual-adjusted financial statements for management purposes and a cash-basis income tax return.

Many producers have asked if they should step up to an accounting program designed for businesses such as QuickBooks or Peachtree. Stokes says, "Since most farmers and ranchers do not prepare sale invoices, monthly statements or purchase orders, they are better off to steer clear of programs with account receivable and payable capabilities. These features are not needed and they complicate matters."

Stokes will teach both new and experienced computer users the features of Quicken Version 6. Special emphasis will be placed on adapting Quicken to meet the management information needs of agricultural producers. Each student will have individual hands-on computer access. "While the pace of instruction will be geared toward the new computer user, current Quicken users will discover many features they've been overlooking," said Stokes. These workshops are part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Services' award winning "Have Computer, Will Travel" project that allows teaching computer courses anywhere there is a demand.

Registration fee is \$75 and is on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, contact the County Extension Offices in Cooke (Jan. 21-22), Grayson (Jan. 23-24) and Hunt (Jan. 27-28) counties.

Call the County Extension Office in Cooke County to register for the course at 668-5412.

EPA targets industry, ag particulate matter

Now that the election is over, the Environmental Protection Agency has been given the green light to go ahead and publish their recommendation on particulate matter for industry and agriculture.

"EPA will publish a proposed rule that will tighten the standard for secondarily formed - meaning man made or man responsible - air pollutants down to a 2.5 micron level or less," reports Dan Shaw, NGSP Washington Representative.

The standard now in place is a 10 micron level or a PM-10. This standard was adopted in 1987 in a mandatory review process which, by law, is to be repeated every 5 years.

In 1992, the EPA recommended no changes and continued with the PM-10 requirement, but now the agency believes the technology is available to bring their regulating authority down to particles that measure at the level of PM-2.5.

"This concern literally is over specks of dust particles so tiny that 28 of the PM-2.5 particles could fit in the width of a human hair - the average human hair is 70 microns," Shaw said. "This ruling will affect agriculture as well as manufacturing, construction, and transportation. In fact, some fear the proposal will hurt everything from field plowing to feedlots to fertilizer use."

Shaw said he asked an EPA official if this new ruling would affect western farmers who, by

their field work, increase the blowing of dust. The EPA official said it was very possible, but, no official monitoring of tillage practices has been done.

This same contact did admit that the new standard could affect ammonia emissions from feedlots and other animal containment areas and the use of fertilizer on farmlands.

It could also cost the agricultural industry money to reduce the nitrous oxide emissions from farm tractors since there is no exemption for off-road equipment and all diesel emissions would come under the new regulation.

Agriculture and industries will have until January 31 to comment on the proposed rule.

"If you recall the voter reaction in this last election - the environmental community targeted Republican incumbents who, in the past, had voted to reduce environmental regulations and over 50 percent were defeated at the polls," Shaw said.

"This rule by EPA, if allowed to go unchecked, could be devastating for agriculture."

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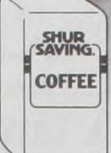
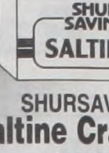


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