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911 rural addressing hits snag in Cooke County

by Janet Felderhoff

Residents of Cooke County will have to wait a little longer than first expected to learn their new addresses. The change is being made due to 911 Rural Addressing. On completion of the ongoing project each structure in the county should be listed with an address that can be located by Global Position System (GPS).

Originally the contracted price was for \$45,000 and the county has already paid \$29,000 of that amount. In November it was discovered

that more work would be required to meet needs of the post office and to exactly locate by latitude and longitude every structure.

At the Feb. 24 regular meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court, there was a change order made in the agreement with Spatial Data Research (SDR). Commissioners learned that when SDR originally drove the county noting locations, the instrument they used to collect data wasn't equipped with a

correction device. According to County Judge Paul Hesse the readings are taken from a satellite. The defense department programmed the satellite to put out information that contains some degree of error and a special device is needed to get correct readings.

Judge Hesse said that they had the option of using the data as collected, but it would eventually have to be corrected. If this first option was selected the county would have to pay an additional \$8,000 to cover

the requirements by the Post Office for numbers in driving sequence order. Total cost would be \$53,000.

The second option was to have the correct information collected by having SDR re-drive all the county roads using the proper device and take new readings at each location. This option would include the information required by the Post Office. Total cost would be \$104,000. Since this was the option recommended by the Rural Addressing Committee,

it was the one unanimously decided on by the Court.

Judge Hesse pointed out that the county would be refunded by the state for the cost of the project. He said there are sufficient funds to cover the cost and he understands that the state will probably add more money.

Steve Broyles, Muenster city administrator, sent a letter requesting that the past-due taxes for lots 13-15 in block 25 of the city of Muenster be waived. Apparently there was some lack of communication, bills were sent to an incorrect address and the city was not aware that taxes were being accrued until a recent title search. Commissioner Virgil Hess asked that the item be tabled until he could again speak with the county tax attorney Jim Robertson. Commissioners agreed to table it.

On Feb. 16, 1996 Commissioners declared the county courthouse and all other county buildings and offices smoke free in common areas with smoking in office areas being left to the discretion of department heads. It was recommended by the Smoking Committee that the courthouse be declared smoke free within six months to a year.

The item was put on the agenda for consideration because of the committee's recommendation. Department heads were surveyed and most seemed to agree on the smoke free courthouse, said Judge Hesse.

A suggestion from the maintenance department was that the courthouse be a tobacco free facility. This is due

to the nuisance of cleaning where the containers have been deposited in the courthouse. Also the district judge requested that the district court jury room be available for jurors to smoke in (with windows open) during trial recesses.

Commissioner Richard Brown argued that if the courthouse were declared smoke free, then all county buildings including the jail and county barns would have to be smoke free. Others disagreed with his interpretation.

Sheriff Mike Compton asked that the jail not be made completely smoke free. "I think it would be an extraordinary mistake to limit smoking in all county buildings because that would include the jail," commented Sheriff Compton. "It would create a situation for me that can cause a lot of problems for me. I'm not one to pamper prisoners, but there are certain things that if you allow them to do, it keeps them from popping open electric plugs, taking pages out of the Bibles and rolling anything that they can find to roll ... We can't ban the Scriptures and if we didn't give them that they'd roll it in toilet paper. They're going to smoke and it gets to the point that they will smoke anything that they can get."

County Auditor Gloria Parrish added that the county had banned smoking in the jail before and there was the expense of (nicotine) patches requested from doctors by the prisoners.

The item was tabled. Judge Hesse later explained that it will be placed on the agenda. See COURTHOUSE, Page 2



Sacred Heart Tigerettes went to TAPPS II A State Final Four competition and after two highly exciting games were honored as State Runners-up. Shown above (l-r) back row: Crystal Klement, Leah Rigler, Jennifer Hess, Joanna Gehrig, Sarah Hess, Jill Hess,

Dobe Fleitman, Melinda Vickers and Leslie Grewing. Kneeling (l-r) are: Kelly Rigler and Kayla Felderhoff. Photo by Dave Fette

See game story and more pictures on page 12.

MISD invites visitors to school March 3-7

The road to the future brings many challenges for today's young people, and our public schools in Texas are focused on giving them the skills they need to clear those obstacles.

In fact, Texas public schools are ensuring there are no limits on learning for almost 4 million Texas school children. See for yourself how opportunities for learning are endless. You can do this by visiting your public schools during Texas Public Schools Week, March 3-7.

As we all know, education is the key to the future - it is the link to a successful and productive life. It is also everyone's business. That's why it is important for the parents, families and citizens of Muenster to take time out this week to visit your local public schools and get involved in making a difference in the lives of children.

No other country in the

world has emphasized education and lifelong learning with greater results than the United States. Education is a big business across our nation, throughout Texas and certainly in Muenster, where the public school system is one of the community's largest employers.

In Texas, funding for public schools takes the lion's share of every tax dollar, and on the local level, school taxes are the biggest chunk taxpayers must pay. Yet many taxpayers in many communities may never take the time to make sure their dollars are being spent wisely in educating local children.

Any time is a good time to visit your schools, but you've been issued a special invitation over the next five days during Texas Public Schools Week.

Take time this week to check up on your investment, and ensure there are no limits on learning in your community.

Bynum demonstrates X-ray equipment, Hospital seeks candidates for election

by Janet Felderhoff

Members of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board were given a demonstration of the facility's latest piece of equipment during their Feb. 19 regular meeting. Director of Radiology Kay Bynum, MRT demonstrated the digitized GE Logic 400 High Definition Ultra Sound.

With the machine the hospital will be able to do studies at the facility that it would not otherwise be able to do. The radiology department has had an equipment upgrade and all of its equipment is state of the art, said Mrs. Bynum. In 1995 the portable equipment was upgraded, the radiographic room was completed in 1996 and the addition of the ultra sound unit this year completes the planned upgrade.

The City of Muenster leased the property where the Muenster Museum is housed. An agreement was made that no taxes would be assessed as long as the city was leasing it for city purposes. Due to some misunderstanding or something being overlooked, the property was left on the tax rolls.

Since tax statements were never received, the city wasn't aware of this problem until a title search was being conducted to enable the city to purchase the property. A letter was sent to each taxing entity

requesting that the back taxes be waived.

Members of the hospital board agreed to the request citing the city's assistance in putting in a water line during recent construction and their willingness to help when property was donated to the hospital.

An election was ordered for May 3. At that time three seats are up for election. Board members whose terms are expiring are Lora Hennigan, Jerry Hess, and Werner Becker Jr. Filing deadline is April 2. The board voted to appoint Jack Endres the early election judge.

Endres and Dennis Hess have been looking into possible retirement plans. There are presently only three active employees using the plan now in place. Low usage is attributed to the antiquated nature of the plan. It was discovered that the hospital has an excess of \$200,000 in the present plan. It cannot be withdrawn until the plan is canceled. Action will be taken as soon as all details have been worked out.

Endres reported that he received notice that there will be an increase in the amount of Disproportionate Share payments that the hospital is receiving. The increase is \$16,000 more per year over last year's. Total amount this year

is \$85,800. Disproportionate Share Payments are from the state and are intended to offset some of a facility's cost for treating Medicaid patients.

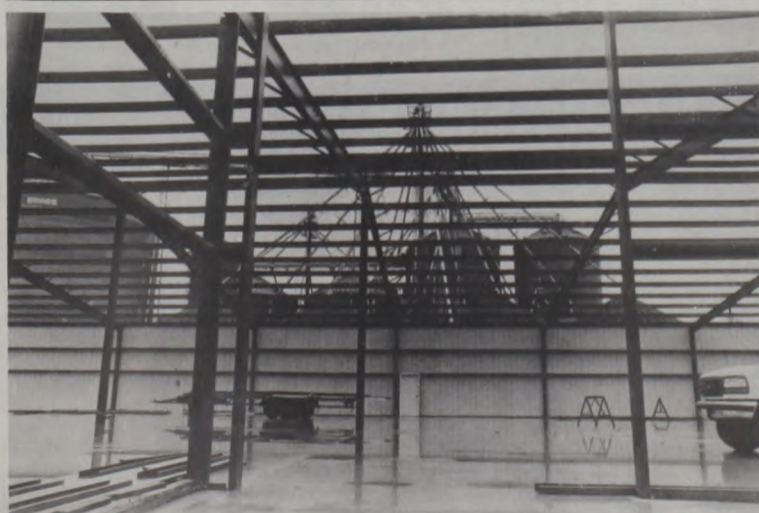
In other business coming before the board:

- Endres described various pieces of equipment that would soon need to be replaced in the hospital, especially laboratory equipment. He also reminded the board that carpeting would

also need replacing in the near future.

- The Lindsay Clinic has been open for its first full week and is doing well, especially for Dr. Tom Currier.

- An update on physician recruitment was given: the doctor from Alabama decided to set up practice in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; a family practitioner will be visiting Muenster soon.



Construction at the new Muenster Milling Company building on South Main Street nears completion. (above) The office and warehouse for retail sales will occupy the building immediately. With approximately 20,000 square feet there is enough space to allow the eventual move of the manufacturing portion of the business. Construction on the building began in October of last year and without further weather delays will be completed by the end of April. At right, during earlier stages of construction, Dave Flusche Jr. of Structures, Inc. and Steve Henschel of Muenster Milling work to set a corner post. Photo by Janie Hartman



Good News!

We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his decree. ROMANS 8:28

Resolutions, grants could aid county sheriff's department

by Janet Felderhoff

Two resolutions and a grant approved at the Feb. 24 Commissioners Court meeting could prove advantageous to the Cooke County Sheriff's Department and the county tax payers.

The resolutions considered at the meeting were on unfunded costs related to the Sheriff's Department and mandated by the State of Texas. "One is counties are not eligible for the discounted airfares rate received by the state in carrying out tasks mandated by the state, that is holding and caring for state parole violators and also counties are not reimbursed for carrying out Blue Warrants in the state," explained Judge Hesse. "For these we have two resolutions on each one of these items and if they are approved they will be sent to our state senator and our two state representatives and to others who are interested in this ... both would save money for the tax payers of Cooke County."

As explained by Judge Hesse, the county sheriff sometimes uses air transportation to transfer or pick up prisoners. If the resolution is passed during the 75th session of the Texas Legislature, the county could be saved some of this expense.

Blue Warrants are when parolees from prisons violate their paroles and are held in county jails until they can be transferred back to the penitentiary. Hesse said that sometimes they are held in the county jail for weeks or months before they can be transferred. The county pays the cost presently with no reimbursement from the state. If the resolution is adopted, the county could receive \$35 a day for each prisoner of that type cared for in a county jail.

Cooke County has the Commissioners Court's approval to apply for a grant to obtain state funds for litter control. Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) funds are available to fund a part-time litter control officer or to pay half the cost of a full time litter control officer. The

county has the priority to apply for the funds. If the county hadn't applied, the City of Gainesville would have put in their application. Money available is \$16,238 and no matching funds are required.

Judge Hesse noted that the job could start as soon as mid April. The job must be filled by a licensed and deputized officer so that he can issue citations.

Sheriff Compton said that he would welcome the officer in his department. "I think he would perform a dual purpose, not only would he be a trash officer, but he would be one more deputy that we would have out working," said the Sheriff. "I think that he would fit in good as long as when we hired him we hired him at exactly the same wage as a deputy sheriff and he was provided a vehicle separate from the fleet that exists now, the radio and the equipment necessary and the specialized training that he would need to have to keep up with this particular problem."

It was explained that part of the \$16,238 could be used to purchase equipment and supply a vehicle.

Sheriff Compton's request for a new computer for the county jail was tabled until it could be studied and recommendations made by the Technology Committee. His reasons for requesting a new computer included a broken color printer that could only be repaired by sending it to California which would cost more than a new printer; a computer hard drive that was so full it can't be used to back up files and can no longer hold much of the information important to the jail's system.

Compton explained that Southwestern Bell supplied the jail with a computer, monitor, keyboard, tape back-up system, and color printer as part of the deal when they contracted the inmate phone system. That agreement is in effect until December 1998. The only way the company will replace or repair the computer system is if the county extends the contract with Southwestern Bell for an additional three

years and forgoes any profits from the inmate phone system until after December 1998.

Compton suggested that there are phone systems with better deals and that the county could purchase its own computer for the jail, leaving the county free to negotiate a new contract after 1998.

To create more room for data on the jail's computer, Compton said they have deleted all digital pictures of employees. Digital images require so much memory that the system is slowing down. They no longer take digital images of prisoners. "Pictures of prisoners are valuable beyond belief," he said. "When you are looking for someone on a serious crime, you just call up their image and print out a quality photo that can be

distributed so we all know who we are looking for."

Another function of the digital pictures and color printer are for use in line-ups. It saves time and expense for the county. "We are going to have to go back to the old way, creating hard copies of everything, finding file cabinets to keep them in, manual labor to file and fill out forms," Compton said. "We'd just get further and further behind."

In other business concerning the Sheriff's Department, bids were opened for two new 1997 automobiles. Glenn Polk Ford and Mercury in Gainesville had the lowest bid which included a trade in on two used patrol cars. The bid was \$34,468.18 total, after trade-in, for the two vehicles.



It only takes a shower to threaten flooding, as the already saturated ground can not accept any more water. The rain fall for the month of February was reported by radio station WBAP as a new all-time record. Photo by Janie Hartman

TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK March 3 - 7, 1997

WHEREAS, Texas has historically been dedicated to a strong public education system and for more than 40 years has placed special emphasis upon education with the celebration of Texas Public Schools Week; and

WHEREAS, Muenster ISD is an important and integral part of our community; and

WHEREAS, "No Limits on Learning" has been designated as this year's theme to show the state's commitment to preparing and educating today's students for the road to tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve a free public education with unlimited opportunities for learning; and

WHEREAS, Muenster schools and the Muenster community are full partners in paving the highway for our children's future;

I, Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor of Muenster, do hereby proclaim

March 3-7, 1997 as Texas Public Schools Week

and urge all citizens to make a commitment to public education and to the future of Muenster children by visiting our schools, and by contributing time and talents to enhance the education of our children.

Signed this 26th day of Feb., 1997
Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor

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, March 3, 1997.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of the February 3, 1997 and February 7, 1997 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 the paving projects.
3. Open sealed bids for 1997 truck. Consider and act upon approving a bid for a 1997 truck.
4. 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
 - c. City of Muenster - Personnel Policy, Rules, and Regulations
5. Consider and act upon proposed Ordinance #213, The City Code of Muenster Texas, which codifies all previous policy ordinances into one manual. (Reading #2)
6. Consider and act upon proposed Ordinance #214, Section 4B Sales Tax Election of 1997, which proposes a \$0.005 city sales tax increase and calls for a city election. (Reading #2)
7. Consider and act upon paying delinquent taxes on a leased property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act upon approving the FY 95-96 audit.
2. Consider and act upon approving an Eagle Scout project to refinish the south jungle gym which has been recommended by the Park Board.
3. Consider and act upon approving a new member to the Park Board.
4. Consider and act upon changing the zoning use from R-1, Single Family Residence District, to a B-1, Local Business District, for the city library at the corner of North Elm Street and West 4th Street, Lots 19-24 of Block 23.
5. Read the proposed ordinance #215, Water and Sewer Rates and Fees (Reading #1)
6. Consider and act on approving the wording of the ballot on a city sales tax increase.
7. Review key city election dates.
8. Consider and act upon closing South Maple Street from April 21, 1997 to May 2, 1997 for Germanfest activities.
9. Consider and act upon approving changes to the 1996 tax statements.
10. Receive a report on delinquent taxes.
11. Consider and act on the Quarterly Investment Report.
12. Consider and act upon approving a temporary employee for the water department from April - September 1997.
13. Review October 1996 - February 1997 Budget Summaries.
14. Review and act upon monthly bills.
15. Consider and act on request for beer & wine license at 202 E. Division.
16. Adjourn.

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COURTHOUSE

after the east steps of the courthouse have been repaired. There will be a covered area there that can be used as a smoking area. Completion is expected in May or June of this year.

Cooke County's subdivision regulations were amended to establish minimum sizes as one acre.

In other business conducted:

- Veda Elliott Simmons was appointed to the Cooke County Child Welfare Board, Place 3.
- A Preliminary Plat for Section III of Lakeview Subdivision in Precinct #2 was approved.
- County Judge was given

go-ahead to sign resolution approving submission of Criminal Justice Division Grant.

• Bonds were approved for two deputies and one jailer for Sheriff's Department.

• A zoning change was made for 105 acres of land on Bloomfield Road in Precinct #2. It was changed from agricultural to residential.

• Preliminary Plat was approved for Wolf Creek Estates Subdivision in Precinct #2.

• Approval was given to minutes of last meeting, monthly reports, and monthly bills.


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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, March 2	Monday, March 3	Tuesday, March 4	Wednesday, March 5	Thursday, March 6	Friday, March 7	Saturday, March 8
Junior/Senior Retreat, KC Hall, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	Public Schools Week City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. JELLY deadline for Shallowater Retreat MISD Pre-K Open House, 5:30-7 p.m.	MISD Open House, 6:30-8 p.m. Arts & Crafts Show & Science Fair Cooke County Pro-Life, 7 p.m., St. John Parish Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	MISD Dismiss at 12:30 p.m. Staff Development Workshop C of C Board Meeting, 5 p.m. Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Cooke County Youth Fair Show, 1-7 p.m. MISD Kindergarten Lunch with Adult, 7-7:45 a.m. Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Cooke County Youth Fair Show, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. MISD 2nd Grade Breakfast with Adult, 7-7:45 a.m. Muenster Museum Open, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Youth Fair Sale ABBA Fundraiser/Dinner MHS/SH at Lindsay Meet NCAA at SHHS, G2 vs. 3, 10 a.m. B2 vs. 3, 11 a.m. NBA at SHHS, G2 vs. 3, 8 a.m. B2 vs. 3, 9 a.m.
JELLY & Life Teen Gianna Jessen Youth Rally 2-4:30 p.m.	Beta Kappa Meeting, 7:30 p.m. SHS Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. VFW Meeting, 8 p.m.	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	C of C Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m., The Center SHS Alumni Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 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	SH/MHS at Muenster Meet NCAA at MHS, B3 vs. 1, 10 a.m. G3 vs. 1, 11 a.m. NBA at SHHS, B3 vs. 1, 8 a.m. G3 vs. 1, 9 a.m.

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Jake G. Biffle dies at 82

Jake G. Biffle of Myra died at age 82 in Denton Regional Medical Center on Feb. 19, 1997. Services were held on Feb. 23, Sunday, at 2 p.m. in Geo. J. Carroll and Son Chapel, presided by Rev. Elwood S. Poore, pastor emeritus of First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Reed Cemetery near Myra, directed by George J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home.

Jake G. Biffle was born Nov. 28, 1914, at Hood to Jake G. and Lexa Mae Aldridge Biffle. On May 14, 1942, he married Daurt Elizabeth Strait in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Survivors are a daughter and son-in-law Kim and Rick Burt of Gainesville, and two sisters Marjorie French of Dallas and Myra, and Darlene Huebner of Muenster.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and his beloved wife Daurt Elizabeth Biffle, (who died on Jan. 3, 1996).

Pallbearers were Baron French; Steven French; and Biffle French; Alvin Fleitman; Frank Scoggin; and Billy Felderhoff.

Mr. Biffle was for many years a prominent resident of the Myra community and

passed away following a brief illness. He was buried in the Reed Cemetery where he had been the official caretaker for the past 25 years.

Mr. Biffle lived his life in the Myra Community as a 4th generation stockman/farmer. He was a veteran of WWII, enlisting in the U.S. Army's Airforce on Jan. 8, 1942. He served on six battlefields across Europe, Africa and China, receiving the EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star. He was discharged on September 4, 1945.

Biffle was a member of the Myra Methodist Church until its closure and recently began attending the Spring Creek Methodist Church with his special friend, Teresa Stevens.

He worked for many years in the local ASC office and won a special award for Soil Conservation work on his own farm. He was a conscientious conservationist and was known for his life-long struggle against the pollution and destruction of his beloved Texas land.



Without a roadside ditch to handle all of the rain, a plowed field gets cut in two, washing away the fertile soil and leaving gravel and trash. With the continuing rains through out the month, farmers will have to wait before any planting can begin. Photo by Janie Hartman

Severe Weather Week is observed on March 2-8

by Stephen Broyles
Next week has been designated Severe Weather Week to raise our awareness of the start of severe weather, including tornadoes. Tornado season is from April through June.

As part of a Tornado Alert Drill, the City of Muenster will turn on the siren for 15 minutes at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 1997. The siren will sound a steady tone for 55 seconds, followed by 5 seconds of silence. This sequence will then repeat. If the weather is threatening at the time of the drill, the drill will be postponed until the following day at 10:00 a.m.

During the drill, no response is needed by citizens. However, if the siren goes off in this pattern without prior notice, people should take cover in preparation for severe weather, including a possible tornado, hitting the city very soon. In addition, people should listen to the radio or TV to obtain current weather information. Keep a battery-powered radio available for the latest weather information.

A tornado watch means that weather conditions are such that a tornado may form and strike in the watch area. When a tornado watch is issued, be prepared to abandon your car or mobile home. A tornado warning means that a tornado has touched down in our area. Fast action is crucial when a tornado warning is issued. Go to the basement or an interior hallway. Get under something sturdy and stay away from windows. If you are in an automobile or mobile home, leave it immediately and head for a permanent shelter or get in a low-lying ditch.

Remember, preparation means survival.

One clue to an oncoming tornado is the loud roar of a freight train or jet airplane that it produces. If you hear this sound during severe weather, a tornado could be nearby. Head for cover immediately. It takes a tornado only a few seconds to level a building or toss a car through the air.

Severe weather also includes floods and flash floods. If a flood threatens, stay away from low-lying areas and streams. Make sure you have plenty of first aid supplies, keep a full tank of gas in your car, and be ready to leave for higher ground quickly.

Flash floods are caused by torrential rainfalls and occur suddenly. When a flood watch is issued, have a battery-powered radio and flashlight handy, in addition to the full tank of gas in your car. When a flood warning is issued, a flash flood is imminent. Act immediately by getting away from streams, canyons, washes, and other flood-prone areas and head for high ground. Don't attempt to cross a stream of water on foot, if the water is above your knees, or if it is a fast-moving stream. Don't park near streams and washes during severe weather conditions. Similarly, don't drive or walk on a flooded road or bridge. Seventy percent of all flood-related deaths are caused by motorists crossing flooded areas. Electricity may be cut off, so store water in containers and have plenty of non-perishable food stocked. Listen to the battery-powered radio for the latest weather advisories.

Angelina Arami dies at 94

Mrs. Angelina Vicari Arami, 94, died after a long illness, at home in Montague on Feb. 24, 1997, at 10:20 a.m. She was born in Prato Sesia, Italy, on Sept. 16, 1902, to Carlo Vicari and Florence Nobile Vicari. Her family came to America in 1906 and settled in Montague, TX. In October, 1927, she was married to Amadeo Arami in Montague. She was a member of St. William's Catholic Church in Montague, a homemaker, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and loved farming.



Angelina Vicari Arami

Survivors include two daughters, Sister Cabrini Arami OSB of Muenster, TX, and Jonesboro, AR, and Velva Sloan of Arlington; one son Herman Arami of Montague; four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband (who died on April 9, 1959); her parents, two brothers, three sisters and one grandson.

Rosary service and Vigil were held at Scott-Morris Funeral Chapel in Nocona at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. William's Church at 10 a.m. by Father John Stasiowski, pastor.

Participants in the sacred

liturgy were Sister Carmelita Myers with the First Reading from the Old Testament; Randy Nobile with the Second Reading from the New Testament; Sister Mary John Seyler with Prayers of the Faithful at Offertory.

Interment was in St. William's Cemetery of Montague directed by Scott-Morris Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Melvin B. Fenoglio, Bill Vicari, Tony Masiello, Fenix Fenoglio, Lynn Nobile and Hobie Meekins.

Bill McCollum dies at 63

Bill "Billy Wayne" McCollum, 63, of Dallas, passed away unexpectedly after suffering a heart attack at his residence on Feb. 23, 1997. He was born on Feb. 21, 1934 in Gainesville; grew up there, attended school there and graduated from Gainesville High School in 1952. In 1959 he graduated from North Texas State University with a Bachelor's Degree. He established his own commercial art business, McCollum Studio.

He retired in 1993 and dedicated his remaining years to loving his family. Bill McCollum was a man of character and grace, with a warm smile and sincerity of purpose.

Surviving are his loving wife of more than 39 years, LaQueta Cain McCollum of Dallas; daughters and sons-in-law Kelley and Carty Prewett of Terrell; Tracey and Brad Nichols of McKinney; and grandchildren Tara Nichols and Cooper Prewett; his father, David McCollum of Muenster; sister Peggy Johnson of Houston; brother Kenneth McCollum of Alvin; mother-in-law Mrs. Richard Cain of Muenster; and a host of other family members; and friends, Pearl Evans and the late Ray Evans and their family members.

Services were held Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at Northway Baptist Church, Dallas, TX. Officiating



Bill McCollum

at the funeral service was Rev. Andy Cherry, a family friend. Sacred music was presented by son-in-law Brad Nichols who sang "Amazing Grace" and "The Lord's Prayer." Accompanying him on the piano was Keith Orsburn.

Graveside service was held at 4:30 p.m. at Valley View Cemetery in Valley View, with burial directed by Rhoton Funeral Home of Carrollton. Pallbearers were Brad Nichols, Carty Prewett, Bobby Mosman, Richard Mosman, Dwayne Garner, Bobby Moss, Eddie Ballew and Gene Stewart. Honorary pallbearers were fellow members of the Thursday night Poker Club.

Elizabeth Keeffe dies in Virginia

Elizabeth Ann Keeffe, a relative of the Koesler families, died on Jan. 21, 1997 at Virginia Beach, VA after an extended illness, at age 56. She was born on Sept. 10, 1940 in Vinita, OK, to Lawrence and Kunigunda Koesler Lodes, and was a member of the Star of The Sea Catholic Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Survivors include her husband Patrick L. Keeffe; daughter Shannon E. Keeffe of Virginia Beach; and sons Mark J. Keeffe of Lamont, Ill., Douglas H. Keeffe of Vienna,

VA and Kevin P. Keeffe of Emporia, Kansas; her mother Kunigunda Koesler Lodes of Vinita, OK; one brother Henry L. Lodes of Enid, OK and sisters Mary Sue Reed of Vinita, OK and Clara Mae Tyler of Marietta, GA; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Friday, January 24 at the Catholic Church of Virginia Beach, by Father E. Dodson. Burial was at Princess Ann Memorial Park in Virginia Beach.

Library Board meets Feb. 18

The Muenster Library Board met at the library on Tuesday, February 18, for their monthly conference. Attending were members Daryl Ferber, Bert Hesse, Janie Hartman, Tom Valliere, Lou Heers, Ramona Felderhoff, and newly appointed Pat Stelzer. Also City representative Jewel Otto and librarian Pat Weaver.

Mr. Stelzer read to the other board members several letters he had written to corporations requesting foundation grants that could be donated to the library building fund.

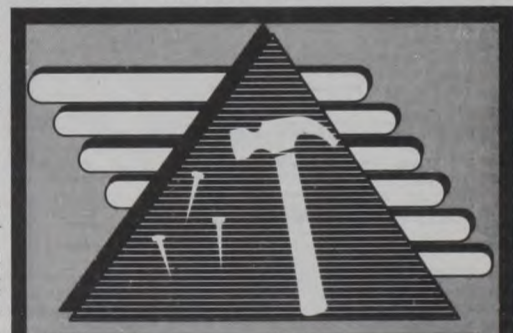
At the March 3 city council

meeting, the land for the new library will be officially rezoned for building.

Other discussion included photographs taken at several different libraries to show possible ideas for Muenster's new library.

Board president Daryl Ferber reported that the building fund, as of January 31, had \$96,682.72 in a certificate of deposit (CD) and \$6,607.30 in the regular savings account.

Anyone is welcome to attend library board meetings, but are asked to call the president if you need to be on the agenda.



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Opinion/Editorial



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
Our Governor George W. Bush has made a very bold move in an effort to give some relief property taxes in Texas. (tangible property)
Here is the property tax plan Governor George W. Bush has offered for consideration by the Texas Legislature. He calls it the Texas Property Tax Cut Act of 1997. (in brief)
Lower local school property taxes by about \$2.8 billion. Replace the money with \$1 billion of the state's cash surplus, a half cent increase in the state sales tax and a new business activity tax. (here are the specifics)
Increase the homestead exemption by \$20,000 (to \$25,000) in 1997.
Cut property tax rates in every school district by 20 cents per \$100 valuation, effective Jan. 1, 1998.
Require the state to reimburse local school districts for the full cost of the higher homestead exemption and rate rollback.

Exempt business inventory from school maintenance and operation taxes, effective Jan. 1, 1998.
Repeal the corporation franchise tax, effective Jan. 1, 1998.
Enact safeguards to keep property tax rates from rising again.
After the rollback, an increase in local property taxes would require a two-thirds vote of a school board. Increases of 2 cents or more in one year, or cumulative increases of 4 cents or more over 3 years would need voter approval.
Property appraisal increases would have to be accompanied by corresponding tax rate decreases, or that would be considered a tax increase subject to the rollback process.
Create a one and one fourth cent Texas business tax, effective July 1, 1998.
The tax would apply to all forms of business. It would be calculated by taking total receipts or sales, subtracting

the cost of goods and other expenses, subtracting capitol invested and a \$500,000 standard business deduction. That figure then would be multiplied by one and one-fourth. The tax applies to receipts and sales in Texas only.
Raise the sales tax from 6.25 cents on the dollar to 6.75 cents.
Raise the state motor vehicle sales tax from 6.25 cents on the dollar to 6.75 cents.
Not only has our Governor taken a bold stand on property taxes, but he also supports the freedom of the people to have an effective voice in Texas government through the power of the petition better known as initiative and referendum (I&R). To validate that statement I am including a machine copy of a letter from his so stating.
Yours for a better Texas,
Edward F. "Kit" Carson
Valley View, TX

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
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Clear Guidelines on Mammograms are Needed

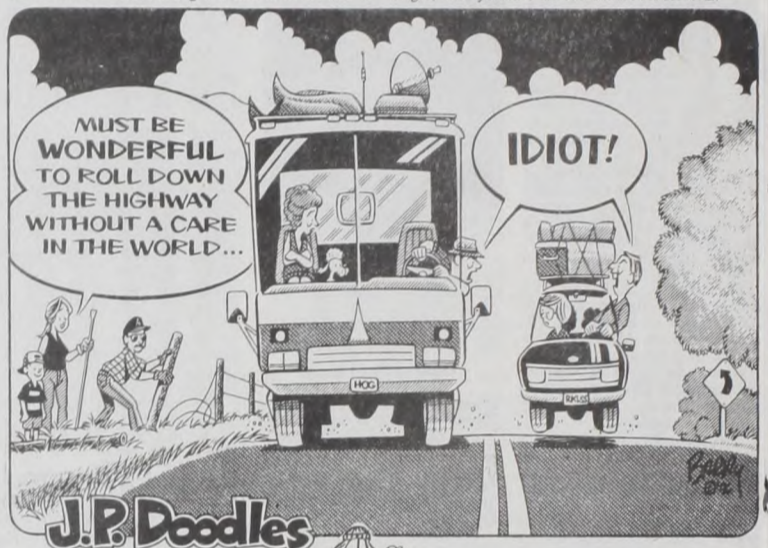
This year, about 10,000 women between the ages of 40 and 49 will hear four of the most terrifying words known to their gender: "You have breast cancer."
Breast cancer is the second-most common cause of cancer death among American women. Despite that grim prospect, a handful of some of our nation's top cancer researchers still disagree on when women should begin regular mammography screenings for the disease.
Of the 180,000 women who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, many have none of the risk factors that are most associated with the disease. Every woman alive today is considered a potential candidate for the disease. Why then would America's premier cancer agency discourage the use of mammography — one of the only medical tests that can detect a breast tumor early — when scientists have not been able to find a cure for the disease?
I don't know, but in 1993 that's what the National Cancer Institute did, making a U-turn in its crusade to

reduce the number of breast cancer deaths in America. Based on data from a Canadian study that said women in their 40s did not benefit from mammograms, the NCI rescinded its recommendation that women begin regular mammograms at 40. The NCI replaced its earlier guidelines with a much weaker "statement of scientific fact" that the Canadian data disproved the need for regular mammograms for women in their 40s.
Although two major studies subsequently refuted the Canadian results, participants in a second major debate regarding mammograms for women in their 40s could only agree to disagree. The two studies showed 44 percent and 36 percent fewer deaths among women in their 40s who have had mammograms.
Since the National Cancer Institute's 1993 decision, an estimated 40,000 women between the ages of 40 and 49 have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Women that age have a one-in-64 chance of developing the disease, which is well-known for its virulence among premenopausal women.
On February 5, the Senate passed a resolution 98-0 demanding a clear set of NCI mammography guidelines for women in this age group. Any marginal risk presented by mammography is clearly outweighed by the benefits of early detection.
Just ask my friend, Nancy Brinker.
Her late sister, Susan Komen, was 36 when she died of breast cancer. Nancy was later diagnosed at 37 with breast cancer. Luckily and thanks to mammography, Nancy caught her cancer early, received treatment, and today is disease-free. When I speak publicly about breast cancer, nearly everyone in the audience tells me they know someone like the late Susan Komen or Nancy Brinker.
Until we know how to prevent or cure the disease, mammography is our only weapon to beat it in its earliest stages, when you have the best chance for survival.

Letter to the Editor:
Initiative and Referendum, I & R, will give back some power to the people, which some Legislators do not want us to have.
We have been working for I & R for over 10 years. At a meeting of Texas Association of Concerned Taxpayers, TACT, in San Antonio, several years ago we listened to Senator Jane Nelson speaking for I & R. She also spoke at a Cooke County Republican Women meeting last fall on I & R. At a TACT meeting in Cameron, Ric

Williamson spoke, saying he was for I & R. There are several different organizations working for I & R, including North Texas Taxpayers League and Cooke County Taxpayers Association. Mike Ford has an organization in Austin, working hard on I & R. Cooke County Silver Haired Representative, Kit Carson got I & R as one of the top ten in priority for the Silver Haired Legislative.
Senator Jane Nelson now has this bill, SJR-6, I & R, in the Senate State Affairs

Committee and all these organizations are getting signatures on petitions for I & R.
Governor Bush is for I & R, also Bob Bullock, Tom Haywood, Ron Clark, to name a few.
We do our own work and do not have lobbyist doing it for us, we want to give the people of Texas a voice in their state government.
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Think Indoor Swimming Pool

by Jeannine Flusche, committee member
Walk the dream with me for a moment.
Visualize an indoor swimming pool that would benefit all ages, from infant to senior adult.

Let's also consider reality. This facility will require money to build and maintain. Our ideal would be a minimum cost of membership with outside funding and donations to finance. Your response will affect how the committee will proceed in investigating this possibility.

Please give us your input on such an aqua center by answering the following survey and returning it to: THE INDOOR POOL COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 10, Muenster, TX 76252.

- Who in your household would use an indoor pool facility?
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 - Youth 5-11 yrs.
 - Adolescent 11-18 yrs.
 - Young adult 18-25 yrs.
 - Adult 25-39 yrs.
 - Seniors 39+ yrs.
- Please check activities that interest those in your household.
 - Swim lessons
 - Aerobics
 - Swim teams
 - Therapy or rehabilitation (arthritis, post-surgery, etc.)
 - Power/weight lifting
 - Water sports - polo, basketball, volleyball
 - Recreational swim
 - Other _____
- How frequently would this facility be used by your household?
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Initiative and Referendum

Initiative and referendum are measures designed to give more power to the voters. Initiative allows citizens to propose laws on a statewide ballot. Referendum allows citizens to petition for a vote on a law which has been passed.

Senator Jane Nelson has introduced a bill to allow an initiative that proposes a statutory measure if a petition is signed by a number of registered voters equal to at least 4% of the total number of votes received by all candidates for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election in each of at least two-thirds of the congressional districts as well as statewide. For an initiative petition that proposes a constitutional measure the number of signatures rises to 6%.

A referendum petition to repeal a law must also be signed by a number of registered voters equal to 4% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election in each of at least two-thirds of the congressional districts as well as statewide.

Opponents say that special interest groups can finance a large scale petition movement with deceptive advertising for a measure that does not represent true public sentiment. I would be interested in your opinion.

In another area, bills have been introduced to curtail drinking by minors. A minor who drives or appears in public after drinking any alcoholic beverages could face driver's license suspension. Do you think this is too harsh or do you believe this will reduce teenage drinking?

I welcome your input on these and other issues of importance to you. As always, my staff is ready to help if you are having problems getting a direct response from a state agency. You can contact my staff, Barbara and Steve, or me using the information below.

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Write On

by Janie Hartman

Once upon a time there was a Little Red Hen who scratched about and uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her barnyard neighbors and said, "If we work together and plant this wheat, we will have some fine bread to eat. Who will help me plant it?"
"Not I," said the Cow. "Not I," said the Duck. "Not I," said the Pig. "Then I will," said the Little Red Hen... and she did. The wheat grew tall and ripened. "Who will help me reap the wheat," asked the Little Red Hen.
"Not I," said the Duck. "Out of my classification," said the Pig. "I'd lose my seniority," said the Cow. "I'd lose my unemployment insurance," said the Goose.
So she reaped the wheat herself.
Later, when she made the wheat into flour, she asked for help to make bread. "That's overtime for me," said the Cow. "I'm a dropout and never learned how," said the Duck. "I'd lose my welfare benefits," said the Pig. "If I'm the only one helping, that's discrimination," said the Goose.
"Then I will do it myself," said the Little Red Hen... and she did.
She baked five loaves of bread and held them up for her neighbors to see.
"I want some," said the Cow. "I want some," said the Duck. "I want some," said the Pig. "I demand my share," said the Goose.
"No," said the Little Red Hen. "I will rest awhile and then eat those five loaves myself."
"Excess profits," cried the Cow. "Capitalistic leech," said the Duck. "Company fink," screamed the Pig. "Equal rights," yelled the Goose.
And they hurriedly painted picket signs and marched around the Little Red Hen singing, "We shall overcome." And they did.
For when the farmer came to investigate the commotion, he said, "You must not be greedy, Little Red Hen. Look at the disadvantaged Duck. Look at the underprivileged Pig. Look at the less fortunate Goose. Look at the unlucky Cow. You are guilty of making second-class citizens of them."
"But... but ... I earned the bread," said the Little Red Hen.
"Exactly," the wise farmer said. "That is the wonderful free enterprise system; any body in the barnyard can earn as much as he wants. You should be happy to have this freedom. In other barnyards, you would have to give all five loaves to the farmer. Here you give four to suffering neighbors and keep one for yourself."
And they all lived happily ever after, including the Little Red Hen, who smiled and clucked, "I am grateful."
But her neighbors wondered why she never planted wheat or baked anymore bread.
Note: This story is reprinted from an approximately 25 year old clipping from an unidentified newspaper. The writer is also unknown.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Looking back over the years, I can recall several instances when I announced to my family, that in a few days I would stop smoking.
Well, that day arrived and as usual, all I did was stop, only to start again. A friend told me he had stopped a thousand times, and it was after that remark that I came to realize there was a big difference between stopping and quitting.
One stops smoking each time a cigarette is finished, but quitting the habit, getting rid of it, saying "no more," is a far tougher commitment.
Some twenty years ago, after finally making a decision to "quit," I told no one, but after a few days Aileen asked if I had quit. She said she had not seen me smoke for some time and was a bit curious.
"Well Hon," I answered, "let's just say I didn't smoke yesterday. We'll see what happens today."
Knowing that I could do without for a day, I took it one

day at a time. Never looked ahead more than the next day, and soon learned that telling myself, "No smoking for a day," was a lot simpler than saying, "Forever."
The urge to indulge was, I must admit, almost overwhelming at times, but as the weeks elapsed, these urges not only lessened but occurred much less often, and doing without became easier and easier.
Yet, after enjoying a cup of coffee or a beer with friends, the desire to indulge in a cigarette was still strong.
Fortunately for me and my family, the desire to smoke no longer exists and I, like many others who "overcame," can only see the downside of the "acquired habit."
I firmly believe that anyone who has a real desire to quit, has only to firmly make up his or her mind to rid themselves of the habit, and perhaps addiction, and by taking it one day at a time, they can truly be winners.

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Rising operational costs lead to tuition increase at NCTC

Responding to steadily rising operational costs and a desire to stay on pace with other regional two-year colleges, North Central Texas College trustees voted unanimously this week to increase tuition rates for all students, effective this fall.

The action also provides for hikes in out-of-district fees paid by students who are non-residents of the college taxing district (Cooke County).

Effective with the beginning of the Fall 1997 semester, tuition for all students enrolling at NCTC will go up by \$2 - from \$16 per semester credit hour to \$18. Fees for in-district students will remain unchanged.

"Right now we're very near the bottom of the list when comparing total costs - both tuition and fees - to those charged by eight other public community colleges in the northern Texas region," reported Regina Organ, dean of student services.

"Even with this increase," he added, "We'll still rank around the middle, but it's important to note that this is comparing our increased rate to the rate currently being charged by those other schools."

Organ said she is fairly certain that a number of the other schools are also planning to increase rates for the coming fall semester.

"The bottom line is that, comparatively speaking, we should remain very competitive," said Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, NCTC president. "Raising tuition is something we'd prefer never to do, but we made every effort to keep the increase as low as possible out of consideration for our students. I'm still convinced that NCTC will continue to be one of the best educational bargains around."

Jerry Metzler, dean of administrative services, pointed out that the increase in both the tuition rate and the out-of-district fee "will help us narrow the gap substantially between revenues from our extension campuses in Denton County and elsewhere and what it actually costs to operate those sites."

"The enrollment at these sites continues to go up," he commented, "But so do operational expenses, and the bulk of these expenses must therefore be offset by what amounts to 'user fees.' Remember that no local tax dollars can be used to support our out-of-district operations, and no state appropriated funds can be used to cover maintenance and operation expenses at any site - including our Cooke County Campus in Gainesville."

In other action, the trustees approved reinvestment of a matured treasury note and approved the proposed 1997-98 official college calendar.

After hearing a brief presentation by Greg Solomon, executive vice president of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, the trustees unanimously approved a

request for a 75 percent tax abatement for 10 years on some \$929,000 in planned new construction, machinery and equipment by Spirex Southwest, Inc.

In a final action item, trustees formally approved the awarding of a contract to Anita Lang as new program coordinator for the college's Equine Science Program. Holder of both a bachelor's and master's degree in animal science from Texas A&M University, Lang is scheduled to complete her doctorate in stallion management at Texas A&M this spring. She has taught in the equine program at College Station for six years and is a recognized authority on equine reproduction.

Prior to getting to this and other action items, NCTC trustees heard a report from Organ on enrollment for the current spring term. Official headcount totaled 3,893 - 32 students ahead of last spring but down 126 from the spring of 1995. Organ said reports of decreases or "just about even" were most common from other schools around the region. Very disappointing enrollments, she said, were reported by two of the large urban community college districts to the south.

Metzler also reported to the board on a proposed renovation project which would relocate the Counseling Center to the second floor or mezzanine area of the Student Center, move Financial Aid into the area vacated by the Counseling Center and move the Administrative Services office into the space vacated by the Financial Aid Office.

The mezzanine area would be closed in with permanent walls, two existing study areas that are now open would be glassed in for office space, a new soundproofed testing center area would be created, and - as a centerpiece of the project - a wheelchair lift would be installed to provide handicapped access. One of the two existing stairways would be removed as well, providing greater space and flexibility for the activity area downstairs.

Trustees authorized the college administration to seek bids on the project, with a final go-ahead pending availability of funds.

The NCTC governing board also:

- Heard a report from Debbie Zimmerer, director of institutional advancement, on recent activities among faculty and staff to kick off a major strategic planning initiative at the college;

- Were brought up to date by Gene Hetsel, director of information systems, on several issues related to technology, upgrading of computer labs, online connection with the Denton and Lewisville campuses and completion of the fiber optic backbone for the Cooke County campus network;

- Were given a brief tour of the college's new web site by Roger Boyce. The site, which Boyce said will remain under construction for some time due to its sheer size and scope, can be accessed at www.nctc.cc.tx.us.

CITY OF MUENSTER POLICE LOG January 1997

- 5 Assistance to motorist
- 1 Report of domestic disturbance
- 1 Pick up runaway from Montague County
- 3 Report of accident
- 1 Secure unlocked business
- 1 Report of incident involving a child
- 2 Check business alarm
- 1 Assistance at funeral
- 1 Report of disturbance
- 1 Report of forged checks
- 3 Report of theft
- 1 Report of intoxicated person
- 1 Report of criminal mischief
- 1 Report of harassment
- 1 Assistance to Emergency Medical Services
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Education program stresses pipeline safety on March 4

Sheriff Mike Compton to give tour of jail

Newly elected sheriff, Mike Compton will provide the program for the Cooke County Republican Women's March 6 meeting. All interested persons are invited to meet at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce Building at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6. From there, all will proceed to the nearby Cooke County Jail where Compton will give a tour of the facilities. After the tour and return to the chamber building, Compton will speak and answer questions concerning law enforcement in Cooke County. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 759-4386.

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 South Weaver (1 block east of the Holiday Inn), in Gainesville, Texas. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by The Neu Ranch House for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Cooke and Grayson counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of One-Call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

Sponsors provide promotional materials that include notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber optics cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

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1996 Mercury Mystique, green, GS, 4 cyl., auto, loaded. Stock #RT294.....	\$13,995
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1996 Mercury Cougar, red, XR7, loaded, 14k. Stock #RT284.....	\$15,995
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Lifestyle



ABBA Women's Center hosts open house

The ABBA Women's Center recently celebrated a year's worth of accomplishments by hosting an open house for donors and special guests.

Director Jeanne Greathouse said the center — located at 414 E. Elm St. in Gainesville — actually opened its doors to the public during March of 1996, and has seen its share of little miracles ever since.

For one thing, Greathouse said, everything at the center — designed to help people in crisis pregnancies — has been donated. Even the building's rent comes from donations. However, the center is not affiliated with any one church, with a national organization, nor with any governmental program. And while various groups, such as the Muenster Knights of Columbus and St. John's Parish in Valley View have organized fund raisers for the center, ABBA itself only sponsors one fund-raising event each year, with those proceeds funding the center throughout the year.

The guest speaker for this year's event will be Gianna Jessen, who herself survived an abortion as a

baby — a reminder that "abortion happens to real people," Greathouse said. Additional information on the March 8 fund raiser may be obtained by calling the center.

Greathouse said the open house was purposely held during tax statement time so that last year's donors could see just what their money has been used for.

Guests of the open house, held 2 to 5 p.m. Feb. 16, were toured through each room of the facility where the volunteer counselors explained the center's functions.

ABBA stands for All Babies Born Alive, and the facility offers free counseling and a wide range of informational presentations, along with baby clothes, maternity clothes and other related items such as baby food or furniture, or whatever else may be available from donors at the time.

Every day at the center begins and ends with a prayer, Greathouse said, and it has truly been amazing to see how the Lord has worked through the center to meet people's needs.

She cited one example of a twin stroller being needed, and how that exact item was donated to the center the next day by someone who had no idea it had been requested. "We are so blessed by the Lord here. If we have a need, it walks in the door," Greathouse said.

Of course, the center also offers free pregnancy tests, and Greathouse said a big hit has been the free parenting classes at the center on Tuesday evenings which are open to the public. The classes cover the first trimester of pregnancy until a baby's 18-month birthday. Videos are shown and a door prize is given away at each class. Anyone watching six of the 12 videos is given a Christian parenting manual donated by the Muenster Knights of Columbus, Greathouse added.

During its first year, Greathouse said, the center was able to offer 70 free pregnancy tests, and issued clothing and/or baby items to more than 100 people. "We have a total of 16 active volunteer counselors," Greathouse said, and the center is in the

process of training more. Greathouse said the center is also prepared to offer post-abortion counseling which is a program that spans for several months.

"We see a lot of sadness," Greathouse said, "but once it gets in here, it's like it's OK. God is going to help us. It's just wonderful," Greathouse said. "Every appointment is a divine appointment."

The center's hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but Greathouse said that appointments can be made for after-hours by calling ahead. The number is 668-6391 or 800-400-6010. And Greathouse encouraged visitors or "people who want to see the center" to come in any time.

Greathouse said the center's primary concern is to be a confidential source of help to people who need it. In fact, she and the center's counselors will only acknowledge or speak to a client on "the street" if the client acknowledges them first.



Beta Kappa President, Christine Weinzapfel, center, and member Kay Broyles present Jack Murdock (r), with a \$500 check for the Sacred Heart School Library. Photo by Janie Hartman



Gerri Eckart, Muenster I.S.D. Librarian, accepts a \$500 check from Beta Kappa President, Christine Weinzapfel (c), and member Sharon Felderhoff. Photo by Janie Hartman

Lindsay Lay Franciscans meet, receive thank you's

The Lindsay Lay Franciscans met on Feb. 18, 1997, hosted by Frances Zimmerer in her home. Ritual opening ceremonies included Song of St. Francis, Prayer to the Holy Spirit and traditional prayers. Theresa Hermes read a Scripture verse from Matthew Ch. 16:24-27.

The Secular Franciscans of San Antonio appealed for prayers to include in a Crusade of Prayers and the Rosary for vocations for priests and sisters. Mission Hosea is also praying for all their friends. The "Los Tres Companias," Brother Leo, Brother Angelus and Brother Rufines are Friars who wrote about the life of Saint Francis.

Letters of thanks were received from Father Greg Joeright OFM and Thomas Gardner for help received, help for the poor natives of Red Cliff, Wisconsin who were also remembered with special intentions in Bethlehem by Rev. Glen Phillips OFM at his Christmas Mass.

After a motion to adjourn, closing prayers, petitions and the Healing prayer, members signed get-well cards for Ollie Kuhn and Lawrence Zimmerer.

Hostess Frances Zimmerer served angel food cake, prune cake, jello, coffee and tea for refreshments.

Father Eugene Luke OSB sent a letter of thanks for a Christmas gift sent by the Lindsay Fraternity. Franciscan families sent their thanks for Christmas letters and gifts. Ninety rosaries and a box of reading materials were sent to the Chaplain of the Corrections Center in Cedarville; and more than 100 rosaries and a box of reading materials were sent to the Chaplain at the Corrections Center at Lovelady, TX. —Fraternity members viewed and discussed quilt blocks and Christmas patterns for sewing during the year.

Troop 664 holds elections

Elections for offices to lead Boy Scout Troop #664 were held on Feb. 24, 1997.

Elected were Russell Fette, Senior Patrol Leader; Keith Felderhoff, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; Chad Felderhoff, Scribe; Eric Knabe, Quartermaster; Stephen Bartush, Chaplain's Aide; Jonathan Bayer, Historian; Michael Voth, Librarian.

Rattlesnake Patrol - Chad Felderhoff, Patrol Leader; Stephen Bartush, Assistant Patrol Leader; Eric Fisher, Quartermaster. Eagle Patrol - Jonathan Bayer, Patrol Leader; Adam Bayer, Assistant Patrol Leader; Joseph Dangelmayr, Quartermaster. Wolverine Patrol - Jack Biffle, Patrol Leader; Karl Fisher, Assistant Patrol Leader; Tice Rippy, Quartermaster.

New Arrivals

Walterscheid

Conrad and Paula Walterscheid of Muenster announce the birth of their son, Nathan Conrad Walterscheid, in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Feb. 18, 1997 at 12:48 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 12 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. He has a brother, Aaron Walterscheid age 9 years, and a sister, Tracey Skrivaneck, age 27. Grandparents are James and Cynthia Hendricks of Saint Jo; Mae Landers of Sanger and the late Nolan Landers; and the late Conrad and Rosie Walterscheid. Great-grandparent is Metta Miller of Saint Jo.

Anderle

Kevin and Darla Anderle are proud parents of their second son, Trey Anthony Anderle, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on February 24, 1997 at 2:20 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 5 1/2 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Trey Anthony joins a brother, Tyler, age 3. Their grandparents are Harold and Sug Bindel and Johnny and Annette Anderle all of Muenster. Great-grandparents

are Ollie Klement of Muenster, Ethel Anderle of Windthorst and Marcus and Cathy Fuhrmann of Lindsay.

Kasper

Rejoicing over the birth of their first child are Paul and JoAngeli Kasper of Gainesville. They have named her Johanna Faith Kasper. She was born on Feb. 11, 1997 at 5:03 a.m., weighing 8 lb. 7 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Her grandparents are Elsie Zertuche of San Antonio; Jose and Esther Zertuche of Hacienda Heights, CA; and Paul D. Kasper of Azusa/Glendora, CA. Great-grandparents are Eloi and Lydia Guerrero of San Antonio.

Jones

Jonathan and Crystal Jones of Gainesville announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Chance Jones, in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 13, 1997 at 11:43 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. He joins a brother Antony David Patrick Jones, age 7 years. Grandparents are James and Betty Long of Gainesville and Jennifer Jones of Lewisville.

Bridal shower honors Deann Walterscheid

A bridal shower honoring Deann Rose Walterscheid, daughter of Joan and Dave Walterscheid, was held on Sunday, February 16 in the home of her aunt and Godmother Betty Rose Walterscheid. Julie Walterscheid and Joan Huhne both of Dallas also hosted the shower.

The special shower was unique as the bride requested gifts that were sentimental or something that the guest had used, things that were meaningful in the guest's life or something that had a special memory or story to bring joy to her new home.

Guests had fun reminiscing about times past as gifts were opened.

After the gifts were opened the bride-to-be surprised the guests by showing slide pictures from 25-30 years ago of her parents' wedding, baby pictures of her and her grandmothers and great-grandmothers, aunts, cousins and friends. This was fun for all and kept in the theme of memories.

Guests were served an assortment of pick-up foods including heart and bell shaped sandwiches, petit-four cake squares, nuts, mints, punch and coffee.

Deann Rose will become the bride of Richard Kelly Jacobs on March 1 at the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, TX at 7 p.m.

Meetings Notice

The Cooke County Pro-Life Group will meet Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. in Saint John's Parish Hall in Valley View. For more information call 759-2907.

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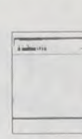

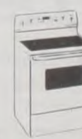


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Surprise party honors Fedors' 25th anniversary

Sharon and Mike Fedor were the surprise honorees at a party hosted by their children Teri Lynn, Dana, and Jeff on Sunday, February 23 in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary, and held in the home of Mrs. Edna Tompkins.

Friends, neighbors and relatives gathered, and were joined by local family members, including Mrs. Margaret Hartman (Sharon's grandmother); Alvin and

Joanie Hartman, John and Pat Yosten, Della and Harvey Schmitt all of Muenster; Georgia and Walter Wolf of Gainesville; Gene and Judy Hartman of Denton; and Carolyn Hartman of Killeen.

A buffet of pick up foods was served, with a decorated anniversary cake for dessert. Movies made at the wedding 25 years ago were shown. Pictures were taken and guests enjoyed visiting and reminiscing.

Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop, Mrs. Anna Kirk, David Wayne and Becky were in Gainesville Saturday. Then attended the Forestburg ISD Red Steagall performance.

Mrs. Marilyn McKown of Valley View visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Brian and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood of Wichita Falls spent Saturday night with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth. They all attended the Forestburg ISD - Red Steagall performance.

Mrs. Ruth Christian attended the bridal shower Sunday evening at the Ross Point community center for Tonya Hellinger and Don Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson and their granddaughter Kenda Hutson had supper Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Brad Hutson and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson and Kenda Hutson attended the Forestburg ISD - Red Steagall performance Saturday evening.

Ellis and Jo Stofel if Tioga visited Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde Sunday evening.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson during the weekend were Jess and Frankie Shields and daughter June Dickerson of Saint Jo, Joe Phillips and Rev. Marshal Stewart. Jewel and Carroll Dill had lunch with the Jackson's Sunday.

Years Ago ...

50 YEARS AGO

January 10, 1947
Pioneer of community dairy industry, Joseph Kreitz dies at age 89. Hoping to put a stop to burglaries that have become monotonous during the past year, city council and local businessmen propose a plan to share the expense of employing a night watchman. Mercury plunges to 8 degrees below zero, breaking 48 year record. Muenster Chick Hatchery begins its 13th season.

30 YEARS AGO

January 6, 1967
Muenster Volunteer Firemen answer 50 calls in 1966, sixteen of them in December. Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Wolf is New Year's baby at Muenster Memorial Hospital - a year ago their son was the New Year's baby at the same hospital. Mrs. B.G. Lyons dies in Marysville at age 80. WEDDING: Suzanne Hesse and Thomas Williams are married in Sacred Heart Church.

50 YEARS AGO

January 17, 1947
Report to members of Farmers Marketing Association during their January meeting, indicates dollar volume increased substantially over 1944 and 1945 in spite of decreases in quantities of milk, eggs and poultry. Comparative plant sales were: in 1944 over \$722,000, in 1945 over \$779,000; in 1946 over \$892,000. Special News Item: "Wanted by T.P. Percy Frost: The So-and-So who stole his bath tub that was awaiting installation. He had acquired it at the Camp Howze surplus

sale, after hours of standing in line. WEDDINGS: Marcus Fuhrmann and Catherine Fuhrmann are married in Sacred Heart Church; Josephine Hirschy and Joe Gehrig are married in St. Edward's Catholic Church; Della Mae Moore and Joe Cason married in Bulcher.

30 YEARS AGO
January 13, 1967
Purchase of a more efficient type of chlorinating unit for the Muenster water system is approved by the city council to cut cost of treating water. Mrs. J.H. Otto, 80, dies - she was a resident here for 75 years. Voter registration deadline is Jan. 31. Exceptionally high fire and storm damages cause 1966 to break all-time record of losses by Muenster Fire Insurance Association. Norman J. Luke native of Muenster is newly appointed treasurer of three related gas companies.

10 YEARS AGO

January 16, 1987
Annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on Jan. 23 will feature Director of Tourism with East Texas Chamber of Commerce, Donald R. Brown, as speaker. Rebate check to Muenster is \$5,036.63, showing a slight decline. Jam-the-Gym night promotes full house attendance for basketball games against Forestburg. Obituary: A.J. Schilling, 82, dies in Seymour. Graduates: Gene Fuhrman is cum laude graduate of NTSU in Business Computer Information Systems; Carolyn Luke Powell is graduate of NTSU with Interior Design degree. Wedding: Nancy Ann Sicking marries Sonny Barnes.

Health Notes

Ear infections can cause problems

About 25 million times a year, young children become fussy, their fevers exceed 102 degrees, their appetites diminish, they wake up at night and they tug at their ears. They are suffering from otitis media, or an ear infection, which can cause much more serious problems if not treated.

If the infection spreads to the brain, it can cause meningitis report medical authorities. Ear infections can impair hearing, causing significant delays in speech development.

As many as one-third of childhood ear infections are otitis media with effusion, which is a buildup of fluid. This infection often goes unnoticed because the only symptom is hearing loss, and parents might not notice their young child isn't hearing properly.

Morton Museum features writer Sherrie McLeroy

The fourth event in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's 1997 Spring Series will feature writer Sherrie McLeroy. She will be doing a book review of and program on her book *Red River Women*. It will be held at the Morton Museum of Cooke County at noon on Monday, March 3, 1997.

Among her publications are: *Mistress of Glen Eden: The Life and Times of Texas Pioneer Sophia Porter; Black Land, Red River: A Pictorial History of Grayson County, Texas;*

Texas: 150 Years of Statehood, 1845-1995; and Daughter of Fortune: The Bettie Brown Story. Copies of Red River Women will be available for purchase and Ms. McLeroy will be autographing. Refreshments will be served. The seating is limited. For members of the Heritage Society the cost to attend the program is \$3. For non-members of the Heritage Society, the cost to attend is \$4. Please call the museum at 668-8900 for information and to reserve a seat.

Lindsay Jr. 4-H make plans for Cooke County Youth Fair

Twenty-two members attended the February 11 meeting of Lindsay Jr. 4-H Club. Eight adult leaders were present. Phillip Fleitman conducted the business meeting. The 4-H Pledge was led by Josey Kyle and the USA Pledge by Chad Stoffels.

Planning for the future included an alert for preparation for the Youth Fair. A play "Daddy's Workshop" was performed. It was also

presented at 4-H "Share The Fun," when the Lindsay Jr. 4-H Club won alternate Presenters were Sarah Reed, Randi Reed, Kevin Lutkenhaus, Phillip Fleitman, Erin Wyrick, Jarad Schroeder, Brandon Schroeder and Cheryl Bayer.

The next meeting will be held on March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Lindsay Cafetorium Chelsea Laux is Jr. 4-H Club reporter.

Baptisms

Dangelmayr

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to James Albert Dangelmayr, son of James and Cathy Dangelmayr, by Rev. David Bellinghausen OSB in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Feb. 23, 1997, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Baptismal sponsors were the infant's sister, Kristen Creed and the uncle, Jack Dangelmayr. James Albert wore a white christening suit, and was covered with a crocheted blanket made by his paternal grandmother Betty Dangelmayr.

Dinner was served at Betty Dangelmayr's house. Special guests were Kristen Creed, Grandparents Victor and Frances Sicking and Betty Dangelmayr. Other guests were John, Mary, Lauren and Joseph Dangelmayr; Jack and Denise Dangelmayr; Richard, Missy, Deann, Megan and Brandy Dangelmayr; Judy, Tom, Jeff and Jami Flusche; Jennifer Sicking; Carl, Diane, Delana and Michele Sicking; LeAnn and Danielle Lewis; Billy, Brittany and Bill Haverkamp; and Yvonne Martin. Gifts were opened and displayed.

Annual Arts and Crafts Sell-O-Rama reservations now being accepted

The dates for the Annual Arts and Crafts Sell-O-Rama have been set for 1997. The Sell-O-Rama, which is sponsored by the Cooke County Family and Community Education Council, will be held on Fri., Nov. 14, and Sat., Nov. 15. The Sell-O-Rama will be held in the Gainesville Civic Center.

The Annual Sell-O-Rama is designed to provide an outlet for the many people in the area who enjoy doing one or more of the many different types of crafts, needlework or other handcrafted items. It will also provide an opportunity for people, who do not have the time or talent to make quality craft items, to purchase them.

Reservations are currently being made for people who want to have

a display table of sale items. To obtain a reservation form, call the Cooke County Extension Office at 817-668-5412.

Reservations must be made on the proper form and mailed to Mrs. Sharon Simmons, 1303 Belmont, Gainesville, Texas 76240.

Individuals, as well as organizations, are invited to have a crafts display.



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Health Notes

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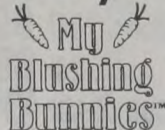


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School News



March 9th Youth Rally features abortion survivor

Gianna Jessen, a survivor of a saline abortion, will bring a message of sexual abstinence and testimony to young people of the North Central Texas area March 9 when the nationally-known speaker will appear at a 2 p.m. youth rally at the Lindsay Centennial Center.

The rally is free and is open to all area young people of junior high age and above. The rally is being sponsored by ABBA, a pro-life organization in Cooke County, which also sponsors the ABBA Women's Center in Gainesville.

Jessen, 19, considers herself "a normal teenager who likes to

do normal things," and shares her music and testimony at youth rallies nationwide. A devoted Christian, Jessen's strong faith and compassionate way of presenting the most emotional issues confronting America today have brought a strong following of fans and friends from across the nation.

"Kids really accept what I say about abstinence," Jessen said. "I'm just amazed at how the media tried to make it look like such a foreign, old-fashioned thing that kids won't respond to."

For more information about the youth rally, contact Eric Gray at 759-4743 or Kenneth Bierschenk at 759-4197.



Spelling Bee winners from Sacred Heart are (l-r): Champion, Melanie Bartush, runner-up, Michelle Bayer, and third place, Ashley Hess. Photo by Janie Hartman

Melanie Bartush takes SHS Spelling Bee title

Sacred Heart School held the 1997 Spelling Bee on Monday, Feb. 24. There were 37 students from grades five through seven competing for the title of spelling champion. Eighth grader Melanie Bartush won the Bee by spelling asparagus after runner-up Michelle Bayer misspelled it, and then correctly spelling the next word, terrain. Ashley Hess was third.

Melanie is the daughter of John and Lanie Bartush. She will represent Sacred Heart at the Cooke County Spelling Bee on March 12. Runner-up Michelle Bayer is the daughter of Bill and Annette Bayer.

Father David Bellinhausen presented awards to the winners. Ruth Felderhoff called the spelling words. Judges were juniors Trisha Endres, Shauna Endres and Elizabeth Fuhrmann. Eighth grade students who weren't competing in the Bee were on hand to give dictionary

definitions and kept track of winners.

Placing in the top three from each class were: Fifth grade Jayna Biffle, Christina Weinzapfel, and Cindy Hartman; Sixth grade Michelle Bayer, Thomas Whitecotton, and Katie Cox; Seventh grade Ashley Hess, Jacob Endres, and Kelly Fetsch; and Eighth grade Melanie Bartush, Diane Becker, and Jackie Bartush.

Other participants were Kenneth Grewing, Elizabeth Fette, Matthew Grewing, Michael Voth, Daniel Bartush, Luke Endres, Grace Cochran, Karen Gehrig, Amy Trevino, Kate Sepanski, Jeff Reiter, Nicholas Taylor, Chris Fuhrmann, Clint Fuhrmann, Lilly Nasche, Jonathan Yosten, Lisa Endres, Joseph Davis, Jonathan Bayer, Kevin Walterscheid, Sara Sepanski, Charlie Moster, Jessica Koesler, Dana Miller, Ashley Walterscheid.

SHYM Events

by Kelly Bayer
NET AGAIN?!

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, NET again! Last Sunday, at 2:30 in the Centennial Hall in Lindsay, that marvelous group of Netters that blessed us with retreats a couple of months gave us another retreat. This time people from around the diocese came. The title of the retreat was "The Search." If you think about it, we are all searching for something in our lives until we figure out that what we have been looking for was always here - God. Many people do not believe that God can satisfy their needs, but why not, God made and owns everything and can and does give us whatever we need. All we must do is get to know Him and all else will follow.

The reason for NET to give a retreat in Lindsay was to satisfy the North Deanery, but NET is so awesome that others happened to show up. Those who attended the retreat were from the following parishes: St. Paul's Church (Ft. Worth), St. Thomas Aquinas (Pilot Point), St. Mary's (Gainesville), St. Mary's (Jacksboro), St. Mary's (Windthorst), St. Peter's (Lindsay), Sacred Heart (Muenster), Sacred Heart (Seymour), and St. John's (Valley View) for a total of 9 parishes and 106 students who attended!

Life Teen

This Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the KC Hall there will be juniors and seniors going through the Antioch Retreat. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Texas' "wealthy" school districts not always rich

Lt. Governor Bob Bullock noted that an analysis of nearly 100 school districts that are required by the "Robin Hood" law to share property tax money with Texas' poorer school districts shows more than half have per capita personal income below the state average.

"This pokes a hole in the idea that many so-called rich districts are filled with rich people," Bullock said. He said 54 of 91 school districts subject to the state's Robin Hood funding law have per capita income of less than \$19,716 based on the county census figures where the districts are located.

"Property wealth that can come from a Major industry, a plant or oil wells does not always mean the people are rich. That is as good a reason as any to re-examine that the systems not the fairest way to fund education," he said.

Bullock again has urged lawmakers to take a look at the states' Robin Hood provisions that require 91 Texas school districts to send tax money to other schools.

"I have never been a fan of Robin Hood. School property tax relief is high on the Legislature's agenda and that should go hand in hand with a close review of school funding formulas," he said.

"Our goal should be a formula that is fair, equitable and effective."

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School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAR. 3-7 MUENSTER ISD

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Tues. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

Wed. - ELEMENTARY: Sack Lunches. HIGH SCHOOL: Lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, fruit, bread, milk.

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

Fri. - Choice of sandwiches (grilled cheese, peanut butter), French fries, fruit, pudding, milk.

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Mon. - Cook's choice.

Tues. - Barbecued turkey, potato salad, baked beans, pineapple, bread, milk.

Wed. - Crisпитos, corn, lettuce, fruit, bread, milk.

Thur. - Salisbury steaks, potatoes, green beans, cinnamon apples, bread, milk.

Fri. - Salmon patties, potato

wedges, mixed vegetables, fruit, bread, milk.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, fruit, bread, milk.

Tues. - Spaghetti and meat sauce (separate), corn, lettuce salad, fruit, batter bread, milk.

Wed. - Deli sandwiches (ham & cheese), potato salad, green beans, apple crisp, milk.

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

Fri. - No School! Weather day.

Take Note

Muenster ISD will be dismissing classes at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5. The remainder of the school day will be devoted to teacher staff development.

Guidelines for Healthful Eating

The American Heart Association says - that on average - your daily diet should not include more than:

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Grewing wins Spelling Bee at MISD Feb. 14

On Friday, February 14, Muenster Junior High held the annual Dallas Morning News Spelling Bee campus contest in the library of Muenster High School. Fourteen participants from grades 6 and 7 were on hand to try their skill. When the smoke had cleared, Kelly Grewing was declared the champion. Miss Grewing and Adam Bayer, last year's champ, were left from the field to do battle for the final word. Miss Grewing correctly spelled

daffodils and then appetite to be declared the winner. Adam Bayer was awarded second place honors and Layla Khalil placed third.

Kelly will represent MISD at the county bee to be held at North Central Texas College on March 13, 1997. Thanks go to Mrs. Stephanie Tankersley for pronouncing the words and to Mrs. Martha Koessler and Mrs. Gerri Eckart for assisting as judges.



Representing Muenster I.S.D. are Spelling Bee winners; seated l-r: Kelly Grewing, Champion, and Layla Khalil, third place, and standing: Adam Bayer, second place. Photo by Janie Hartman

John Sparkman selected merit scholarship finalist

Muenster High School is pleased to announce that John Sparkman has been selected as a finalist in the 1997 National



John Sparkman

Merit Scholarship Program. The National Merit Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Being a finalist, places John in a group of students that represent about half of one percent of U.S. graduating seniors. John not only becomes eligible for a National Merit Scholarship award, but becomes eligible for awards by sponsoring institutions and corporate sponsors.

John is the son of Sam and Peggy Sparkman. He attended elementary at Lindsay and Sacred Heart Schools. He works part time at Bryan's Paint and Body. John is currently planning to attend Texas A&M this fall.

Health Notes

Angling for a healthy posture

Neck and back problems often can be avoided if you sit correctly while working at your desk or computer. That is why it is important to have a good chair and to use it properly.

Chairs with separate back and seat sections are best since the height and depth of the chair can be modified to accommodate for the user's height. You should sit with your back fitted snugly against the chair's backrest. Feet should be flat on the floor or a footrest so that hips and knees are at a 90 degree angle. When using a keyboard, arms should be supported on armrests with elbows bent slightly more than 90 degrees.

The Bobwhite Brigade is looking for few good recruits

The Bobwhite Brigade is seeking 30 top high school recruits for its next two quail camps this summer. Camps are at the Krooked River Lodge near Abilene, June 22-26, and the Pineywoods Conservation Center near Lufkin, July 27-31. Both offer a hands-on learning experience for Texas youth interested in the outdoors.

Each camp offers a 4-day curriculum designed to make quail experts of its members. Cadets are given intensive training on quail biology and management by leading Texas wildlife scientists. After graduation, each member is expected to present educational programs in his or her home county.

Camp graduates consistently rate the Brigade as the best youth camp they've ever attended.

Most return home from the hardest week of work they've ever been through, then work through the coming year for the chance to return as assistant counselors.

No matter what the cadets' future profession choice is, it's important that they develop the ability to think, plan, and present their ideas to others. A major component of The Brigade involves developing the communication skills necessary to tell others about wildlife conservation and management.

To that end, cadets are taught to write news releases, present educational programs, and to present themselves on television and radio.

Though the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is a major camp sponsor, applicants are not limited to Extension's 4-H youth program.

Any high school age student with a least a "B" grade average is eligible.

Prospective applicants should contact their local county Extension office for the necessary paperwork or write:

Bobwhite Brigade
Texas Agricultural Extension Service
7887 US Highway 87 North
San Angelo, Texas 76901-9714
Applications also may be obtained via the Internet by contacting Dr. Rollins at "d-rollins@tamu.edu". Additional information on the Bobwhite Brigade is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://texnat.tamu.edu/specpgms/bwbrigad/bwmain.htm>.

All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1. All applicants will be evaluated by a steering committee in early April. The committee will select 30 cadets and two alternates for each of the two camps. Successful applicants will be notified soon after the selection process.

Camp tuition is \$200 per cadet. The cost covers meals, lodging and supplies. Cadets are encouraged to solicit all or part of the tuition fee from their local Soil and Water Conservation District, bank, civic group, or conservation organization. The Bobwhite Brigade will help locate sponsors if requested.

Major camp sponsors include: Quail Unlimited, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Texas Farm Bureau offers scholarship

Cooke County graduating seniors planning to enter college in Fall, 1997 whose families have been Texas Farm Bureau members since April 15, 1995 or before, are eligible to apply for the Cooke County Farm Bureau 1997 Scholarship.

The \$1000 college scholarship will be awarded in May on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities, involvement, and other considerations, including recommendations and financial need.

Scholarship applications have been sent to all county high schools and more applications are available at the Cooke County Farm Bureau offices in Gainesville and Muenster.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 1997.

Applications may be sent to: Cooke County Farm Bureau, Attn: Scholarship Dept., P.O. Box 1035, Gainesville, TX 76241.

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

6th Grade - Michael Endres, Ricky Endres, Kami Klement, Megan Lippe, Tyler Walterscheid.

7th Grade - Chisam Cain, Grant Hartman, Christopher York.

8th Grade - Chris Grewing, William Scogins.

9th Grade - Karen Cler, Kelly Felderhoff, Justin Fleitman, Darren Hennigan, Jackie Henscheid, Raegan Koessler.

10th Grade - Stephanie Bierschenk, Kristen Chisan.

11th Grade - Joyce Hacker, Kristine Hartman, Lucas Hartman, Stephanie Huchton, Bryan Hudspeth, Leigh Reiter.

12th Grade - Greg Flusche, Andrea Goodwin, Brandi Lutkenhaus, Holly Mullins, Jonathan Otto, John Sparkman.

HONOR ROLL

6th Grade - Amanda Felderhoff, Lisa Felderhoff, Mitchell Felderhoff, Christopher Rains.

7th Grade - Paul Fleitman, Krystal Hale.

8th Grade - Diane Britain, Kristin Smith, Bronya Vogel, Terri Wimmer.

9th Grade - Allison Endres, John Flusche, Jeffrey Klement, Douglas Knabe, Jim Stoffels, Casey Walterscheid.

10th Grade - Jaclyn Bell, Melinda Fanning, Mandy Gieb, Dolle Patel, Matthew York.

11th Grade - Corey Anderle, Michael Boydston, Kristin Dickerson, Keisha Dill, Valerie Erwin, Brian Fleitman, Michael Grewing, Cody Perryman, Jerry Stoffels, Kimberly Sturm, Erik Walterscheid, Jeremy Walterscheid.

12th Grade - Tara Chapman, Gregory Fisher, Laurel Green, Jacob Luke, Jennifer Sicking.

Fourth Six Weeks "A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Mrs. Jones) Kendra Ahrens, Emily Endres, Jessica Fisher, Craig Grewing, Cassandra Hale, Matthew

Harrison, Jordan Hiser, Lanie Lile, Alex McGhee, Alison Miller, William Vogel, Anne Walterscheid, Lindsey Watson. (Mrs. Lile) Christina Eckart, Adam Fredrick, Cameron Gilliland, Megan Harrison, Laura Heers, Dillena Hundt, Kinal Patel, Hillary Swirczynski, Alison Teafatiller, Andrew Yosten.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Fuhrmann) Brittiany Ahrens, Jessika Hartman, Michael Valliere, Roman Vogel, Bret Walterscheid, Collin Walterscheid, Krystal Wolf. (Ms. Hettler) Brad Endres, Megan Felderhoff, Zachary Swirczynski.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Popp) Michael Eckart, Jenni Endres, Kelly Endres, Ryan Fuhrmann, Ryan Hennigan, Keith Walterscheid. (Mrs. Scott) Danielle Bindel, Katherine Endres.

4th Grade (Mrs. Schneider) Chase Cain, Derek Felderhoff, A.J. Fleitman, Carrie Grewing, Shannon Grewing, Laura Hellman, Candice McCrary, Clint Miller, Tara Swirczynski. (Mrs. Walterscheid) Eric Endres, James Fanning, Lana Fisher, Sean Fuhrmann, Shelbi Jolliff, Stevie Klement, Whitney Watson.

5th Grade (Mrs. Alsop) Robyn Hermes. (Mrs. Hale) Kyle Endres, Kristi McAden.

"B" HONOR ROLL

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3rd Grade (Mrs. Popp) Joseph Cowden, Jenna Felderhoff, Patrick Lutkenhaus, Jordan Walterscheid. (Mrs. Scott) Megan Dangelmayr, Derek Endres, Brianna Fleitman, Jacé Koelzer, Casey McAden, Dustin Wimmer, Aaron Yosten.

4th Grade (Mrs. Schneider) Whitney Britain, Russell Endres, Kallie Gerstberger, Tiffany Rains, Erin Shears, Aaron Walterscheid. (Mrs. Walterscheid) Donald Dickerson, Dustin Felderhoff, Joanna Felderhoff, John Fredrick, Allyson Moody.

5th Grade (Mrs. Alsop) Rachel Clark, Deann Dangelmayr, Joseph Dangelmayr, Kristian Koessler, Daniel Russell, Melinda Walterscheid. (Mrs. Hale) Chelsea Felderhoff, Justin Thweatt, Alisha Walterscheid.

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The proposed increase in the service ordering charge, central office access charge, trip charge and line access connection charge is intended to better reflect the cost of providing service. Muenster has not increased its local exchange rates since 1976. Muenster offers extended area service (EAS) to some exchanges at no additional charge. Muenster also offers expanded local calling service (ELCS) to customers, but the cost of providing ELCS exceeds the revenues generated by the monthly fees for this service.

The proposed effective date for the minor rate change is May 1, 1997. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Company is \$40,971 or 1.36% of total regulated intrastate gross annual revenues.

Current and proposed access line rates are:

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Valley View	\$7.45	\$8.19	\$13.45	\$14.79
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Current and proposed service charges are:

	Residence		Business	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Service Ordering Charge	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$10.00
Central Office Access Charge	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$10.00
Trip Charge	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00
Line Access Connection Charge	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$15.00

A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed by March 31, 1997 to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Information Office at (512) 936-7140 or (512) 936-7136, teletypewriter for the deaf. For answers to any questions regarding the minor rate increase, or to obtain a copy of the proposed tariff relating to the minor rate increase, please contact your local business office at (817) 759-2251.

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Tigerettes bring home silver in TAPPS



Crystal Klement goes in with a lay-up. Photo by Dave Fette



Up the middle, Kayla Felderhoff scores a basket. Photo by Dave Fette



Dobe Fleitman moves in to steal the ball from a Faith West player. Photo by Dave Fette

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes traveled to Waco last week to compete in the Final Four TAPPS class 2A Basketball State Championship.

After a come-from-behind victory over Saint Paul's of Shiner Thursday, the Tigerettes took on the Lady Eagles of Faith West of Katy, Texas on Friday afternoon, falling in the last minutes of the game.

Sacred Heart had three players named to the All-State Tournament team: Seniors Dobe Fleitman and Leslie Grewing, and Freshman Kayla Felderhoff.

In round one, versus the Lady Cardinals of Shiner's Saint Paul, the Tigerettes took a 51-46 victory.

"We started out like hungry Tigers. The girls were well prepared and ready to play," bragged Coach Jon LeBrasseur, whose team took a 13-8 first quarter score and a 10 point, 27-17 half-time lead.

Late in the third quarter under two minutes, the Lady Cardinals tied the game 30-30, then took a 30-32 lead, after a 3-15 period, going into the final quarter.

Dobe then began the fourth quarter free throw frenzy, hitting two to tie the game. A Saint Paul jumper quickly gave the Lady Cardinals the lead 32-34, but in a one and one situation, Dobe hit 5 consecutive free throws to keep the game tied 37-37 with 5:36 still on the clock.

A lay-up and free throw gave Shiner a 37-40 lead and fouled out Crystal Klement.

Leslie made a free throw to close the gap to 2, but Shiner came right back to take a 4 point lead. Kayla added 2, followed by 2 Saint Paul free throws, two by Kelly Rigler and two free throws from Kayla to tie the game 44-44 with 2:45 remaining. Shiner quickly took back the lead, then Kayla made a basket, was fouled, hit the free throw and the Tigerettes had a 47-46 lead with 2:08 on the clock. Dobe added another point with 1:05 for a 48-46 score. The next score came at 27 seconds from Dobe, 49-46.

Saint Paul's got possession, missed the shot and in the struggle for the rebound, Kelly Rigler was fouled with 14.3 on the clock. She made the second shot for a 50-46 score. Shiner also missed their next shot, Sacred Heart rebounded and Dobe was fouled to stop the clock at 4.2 seconds. Dobe made one basket for the 51-46 final score.

"We ran into some foul trouble, but Leah (Rigler), Jennifer (Hess), and Melinda (Vickers) gave us great help off the bench and the injury to Dobe was a concern in the 3rd quarter, but Joanna (Gehrig) gave us some good minutes." Coach Jon continued, "Once we got our lead back in the fourth quarter, our #4 offense was excellent. We played with four

guards and with Kayla and Dobe attacking the basket, it is a good offense for us."

Three Tigerettes hit double figures on the scoring sheet. Dobe Fleitman led with 17 points, two threes and 11 of 18 free throws. Kayla Felderhoff added 13 and Kelly Rigler 12.



Kelley Rigler prepares to move the ball to the Tigerettes end of the court after pulling down a rebound. Photo by Dave Fette

Also adding to the victory were Melinda Vickers with 4, Leslie Grewing 3, and Crystal Klement with 2 points.

The Tigerettes were challenged by Faith West of Katy on Friday for the State Championship. After a close zigzag scoring contest, Sacred Heart settled for a 57-60 second place.

"It was a great effort by our girls," bragged Coach Jon. "I am very proud of them, especially when you consider where we were and to just get to the final game was a great accomplishment."

Throughout the first quarter, Faith West's Dickey continued to stick out her long arm and block the Tigerettes' shots, with turnovers also hurting Sacred Heart early in the first. Inside 30 seconds on the clock, the game was tied 11-11 before a Lady Eagle 3 pointer made it 11-14 at the end of the period.

The Tigerettes quickly tied the game as the second quarter began, then allowed Faith West to take a 13-19 lead. Dobe then made 2 points with an extra point from the free throw line. Kelly added another basket and Crystal a 3 pointer for an 8 point run to take a 21-

Dobe and Kayla kept the score see-sawing through the remaining time. With less than a minute remaining in the quarter, a basket by Kayla gave the Tigerettes the lead, the first since the first quarter, 45-43.

Four minutes into the final quarter, Sacred Heart took a 5 point lead 52-45, but Faith West came back, scoring 10 straight points for a 52-55 lead. With 2:06, Kayla made a basket, but the Lady Eagles came right back to keep their 3 point lead. With 50 seconds and the clock ticking away, Faith West stalled the action, forcing a foul that added another point 54-58. At 41 seconds Kayla drew the foul, but not being in the bonus, the Tigerettes attempted to bring the ball in, but it was knocked out of bounds. A time out was called at 37 seconds. At 28 seconds, Dickey fouled out when Leslie went up for the basket and was fouled. The extra point was good and the Tigerettes trailed by one, 57-58.

Kelly, in a good defensive effort, almost stole the ball, but was called for a foul. The freshman Lady Eagle made both shots to take a 57-60 lead with 23 seconds remaining in the game.

The Tigerettes attempted a 3 pointer, and Faith West rebounded at 5 seconds and kept possession as the time ticked off the clock.

"Anytime you hit 16 of 18 from the free throw line, you expect to win," noted Coach Jon of his Tigerettes. "With a 7 point lead at the 6 minute mark, I wanted to go to our #4 offense, but Faith was 4 fouls away from sending us into the bonus and with Dobe's sore knee she was not herself." The Tigerettes never did get into the bonus in the 2nd half and a key to their success was getting to the charity line.

Kayla Felderhoff led the Tigerettes with 15 points. Leslie Grewing added 11, Dobe Fleitman 10 and Crystal Klement 9. Kelly Rigler put in 7 and Leah Rigler 3 while Joanna Gehrig hit two free throws.

"A great senior class is leaving us: Dobe, Leslie, Kelly, Melinda (Vickers) and Jill (Hess)," Coach Jon noted. "Crystal will be our leader next season and we expect another great year from her. Leah and our four freshmen, Kayla, Joanna, Sarah (Hess) and Jennifer (Hess) know what it will take for us to return to the final four."



Leslie Grewing pops the ball to the net. Photo by Dave Fette



Trapped by a Lady Eagle Melinda Vickers passes the ball away. Photo by Dave Fette

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SH Tigers begin track

The S.H. Tigers enter the 1997 Track season with high hopes of regaining the state track title they lost to Midland Christian and Faith Outreach last season. Midland moves on to 4A and the Tigers beat Faith at the state cross country meet.

"I'm very optimistic about this Tiger track team," stated Coach Nasche. "We have 31 players reporting for practice. That is the biggest track team I've ever coached." Three seniors John Bartush, Paul Swirczynski, and Jonathan Knabe will lead the Tiger tracksters this season. Bartush will be one of the areas best distance runners. He ran a 10:26 in the 2 mile and a 54.09 in the 400M at the Bridgeport track meet this past weekend. He holds the school record in the mile at 4:26 and tied the school record in the 800M at 2:01.1. Paul Swirczynski is back to form after a broken ankle a year ago. He ran a 55.5 at the Bridgeport meet. "This early that's an excellent time," said Nasche. Jonathan Knabe ran a 23.97 in 200M dash in practice and that's an excellent time, unfortunately he pulled a hamstring in the 400M dash at Bridgeport.

Derek Fuhrmann, Jon Grewing, Aaron Hess, Brandon Grewing, Adam Barnhill, Daniel Smith and Matt Muller are the weight men this track

season. "I expect a lot from this group this season. We really need these guys to make major strides this season. They have a lot of potential and now it's time to make that into performance," commented Nasche.

The hurdlers are Matthew Fuhrmann, Waylon Hess and Duncan Campbell. "These guys are way ahead of where they were last season," Nasche continued.

Chad Roller, Jeff Yosten, Nicholas Yosten, Lucas Bayer, Matthew Nasche, Josh Walterscheid and Stephen Hofbauer are the sprinters for the Tiger track team. "These guys have worked extremely hard early on, I'm excited about their work ethic," said Nasche.

For years the Tigers have been led by their distance runners, this season that duty will reside on a very young but talented group, Nasche noted. Lucien Gehrig, Dave Hesse, Charlie Schilling, Stephen Bartush, Joseph Reiter, Russell Fette, Pat Miller, Tyler Bradley, Lee Skinner, Matt Bayer and Adam Klement. All these distance runners are sophomores and freshman except of course for Bartush and Hesse.

The Tigers first team track meet is the Red River Relays this week in Saint Jo or Muenster if it rains.

Write On by Janie Hartman

More Texas brags

Tex-Mex
Most "Mexican" food found in Texas is not like anything found inside Mexico, except where Mexicans have copied it from Texas.

Texans invented Enchiladas, which are toasted tortillas with chili powder gravy folded around grated cheese and onions. But the tortillas are Mexican.

Tacos are another Texas dish as is guacamole salad. Mexico gets all the credit for the tamales. Texans also claim to be the originators to the popular chili dishes. Dishes containing cheese, onions, lettuce of tomato are more than likely Texan.

More Critters
The Road Runner is something that motorist soon get to know. The fastest bird afoot, he lets you chase him down the highway and laughs

at you. If he decides to run across the road in front of you, don't blink, or you won't see him. With long straggly tail and rumpled top-knot, he usually looks as if he just came out the loser in a fight with a wildcat. But he is usually the winner. Rattlesnakes are choice prey for him.

Javelinas are one of the fiercest of wild animals. They are small boars. When they are hunted, they spit your first bullet back at you and then race toward you with fangs bared. If you are lucky your second shot gives you a chunk of meat. If unlucky, try squirrel hunting after you are patched up.

Texas also has lots of deer, turkeys, quail, dove, coyotes, ect, ect, ect. There are over 200 species of birds in Texas and we feed most of North America's duck and geese in the winter.

If you see a log across the road, look twice. It may be a Texas rattler enjoying the sun and amusing himself wrecking cars.

Texas also has over 120 varieties of fresh water fish and over 110 salt water species.

Family Health and Safety Tips:



AUSTIN—Texashunters: What's the first thing you do when you get home from a long day's hunt?

Hint: Don't forget to unload and lock up your guns.

With Texas' various fall hunting seasons either already under way or approaching opening day, hunters are moving gear in and out of their homes with increasing frequency.

This means some Texas children may have greater access to sporting firearms, which could lead to tragic accidents.

"Gun Safe" and its secure storage standards are approved by Texas Parks & Wildlife, a member of the Texas Firearm Safety Coalition. Gun Safe is a program coordinated by the Texas Nurses Foundation for the children of Texas.

The Texas Firearm Safety Coalition is a broad-based, nonpartisan group representing both Texas gun owners and citizens who don't own any guns. The coalition established a public education project called Gun Safe to help support Texas House Bill 44, which was passed in the last legislative session.

The bill amended the Texas Penal Code to create an offense for negligently allowing access by a child to a loaded firearm and also amended the educational code to authorize school districts to participate in fire-

arm safety programs.

"Gun Safe is not anti-guns; it is pro-family," said Texas Nurses Foundation President Ellarene Dui-Nittsche. "Gun Safe is an important public education program which promotes awareness among Texas parents and children. Its message is simple: There are no unlocked guns in a Gun Safe home."

Key Gun Safe tips:

1. Secure guns in a safe container.
2. Your storage container should be secured with a combination or key lock.
3. Only adults should lock up guns.
4. Use locks that are designed for the type of container in which your guns are stored.
5. Only adults should have access to lock keys and combinations.

This fall, Gun Safe materials — including large posters for display in high-traffic areas; and certificates, for students who complete a Gun Safe training session — are finding their way into schools across the state, thanks in large part to the Texas Association of School Nurses and Texas Nurses Foundation.

Meanwhile, other participating organizations such as Texas PTA are getting in on the family safety message. For more information, call the Gun Safe hotline at (888)862-6877.

SACRED HEART VARSITY TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	SITE
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March 8	Lindsay
March 15	Muenster
March 22	Sacred Heart
March 29	No Meet
April 5	First Baptist
April 11-12	Trinity Christian (Addison)
April 19	District (Muenster)
April 27	Fun Run
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Below is a listing of all names compiled by the committee as of February 25, 1997.

Please call the following numbers with any additions or corrections:

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Farm & Ranch



Corn kernel dry down does not affect yields

Letting corn dry down naturally in the field does not reduce yields, University of Nebraska research shows.

Research found no evidence of kernel dry matter loss at physiological maturity in research during 1995 and 1996.

The Nebraska findings contradict Purdue University studies from 1991 to 1994, that found that natural field dry down can reduce corn yields by 1% in dry weight for every point of moisture reduction.

Researchers planted five hybrids. Two ears from each of the plots (160 ears total) were picked for laboratory storage and shelled the same day as the respective field harvests. On eight different harvest

days, two ears from each plot were picked, shelled, weighed and dried. Also on those eight harvest days, a set of subplots were machine harvested. Two samples for each subplot were gathered for moisture and kernel weight measurements.

Although kernel moisture contents from the machine-harvested samples decreased over the eight harvest dates, grain yield and moisture content differed among the hybrids, but these differences stayed constant across all harvest dates, the researchers said.

Growers shouldn't change their practices until they see more data. There is room for differences in the research result.



A plowed field along Elm Creek south of Myra was robbed of its enriched soil. Flood waters last Thursday morning left many area fields stripped of top soil and turned into mud holes as rain showers continued through out the week. Photo by Janie Hartman

Bill has been reintroduced to aid beef producers

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry reintroduced legislation to allow Texas producers to market products across state lines.

The bill follows up on legislation Thornberry introduced in the 104th Congress last year. Both pieces of legislation are intended to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act of 1967 and the Poultry Products Inspection Act of 1968, which prohibit interstate shipment of state inspected beef and poultry.

"It's not that these laws are outdated," Thornberry said. "It's that they don't make sense."

"What makes this prohibition even harder to understand is that it does not apply to other countries. Consequently, meat imported from a plant in Mexico that is not subject to U.S. federal inspection can be sold anywhere in the U.S., while meat from a state inspected plant in Amarillo can only be sold in Texas."

"In Texas alone, lifting this prohibition could produce benefits," Thornberry continued. "For example, there are currently over 360 state inspected plants in Texas that are prohibited by federal law from selling their product in other states. These plants employ about 6,000 people. Exemptions were granted to every one of these plants, so estimated that another 1,800 jobs would be created."

"Sales would also increase. These plants gross about \$5 billion annually. According to the Texas Association of Meat Processors, Gross sales would increase by an additional \$40 million if the prohibition is lifted."

Ag Briefs

Spring crop deadlines
Fifteen Texas crops have deadlines for buying crop insurance in January, February and March. Several crops have three different deadlines, depending on where you are. The safest course is to check with a crop insurance agent.

Agriculture target of emission claims
Agriculture is being blamed unfairly in a pending international treaty for greenhouse gas emissions with no consideration of the industry's positive role in reducing such gases, according to U.S. ag organizations.

The groups wrote President Clinton because participants in the second Conference of Parties of the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change have agreed to negotiate potentially legally binding limits on greenhouse gas emissions.

Reports blame agriculture for more than 20 percent of human-caused greenhouse gas emissions, they note.

Practical price risk tips

Joe Dial, of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, has made suggestion that will help farmers with the radical changes that are shaping global agriculture as we know it today.

"As a result of these paradigm shifts, farmers are finding themselves in a new era of agriculture," said Dial. "This new environment will require many farmers to change their attitudes and behaviors in order to become business specialists in production agriculture."

Dial said in the future producers will have more opportunities to apply different strategies to manage production and price risk. "As a business specialist in production agriculture, you will have a written marketing

program that includes a prudent risk management plan."

Some common sense guidelines to managing production at price risk offered by Dial were:

*Past performance is no guarantee of future success.

*Waiting to sell at the top of the market means you won't.

*If something sounds too good to be true, than is probably is.

*Explain the risk management strategy you are considering to your spouse or partner. If they can't explain it back to you so that it makes sense, don't do it.

"You can hold on to that way of life but just remember, doing things right and being a good farmer no longer guarantees success," said Dial.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

RENOVATION OF IMPROVED BERMUDAGRASS STANDS

To renovate means "to restore life, vigor or activity" or "to restore to a former better state". Any practice or combination of practices that restore or improve bermudagrass stands are considered renovation. These practices may be minimal or extensive depending upon need.

As long as a stand of bermudagrass is thick and productive, renovation practices might increase costs with improving production. Conditions that may indicate the need for renovation practices are:

- 1) Reduced yields,
- 2) Thin stands,
- 3) Invasion of weeds and weedy grasses,
- 4) Poor drainage (ponding), and
- 5) Poor water and air penetration into soil profile.

According to Dorsett, the following renovation practices may be used individually or in combination depending on circumstances.

1. Soil Testing and Fertilization.
The first consideration for reduced yields and thin stands is the fertility program. If you have not been fertilizing according to a recent soil test, you may be causing your problem by inadequate amounts of elements in fertilizer. Studies done at Overton, Texas, and Homer, Louisiana, have shown that poor stands can result from inadequate potassium applications that result in leaf disease and poor rhizome development and then thin, non-productive stands. Only by soil testing regularly and properly fertilizing can good thick, productive stands be maintained.

2. Weed Control.
Weeds use nutrients, moisture and sunlight that would otherwise be utilized by the bermudagrass. Early season weed control allows the bermudagrass to be as productive as possible. Result demonstrations in the Gulf Coast have shown that three to five pounds of

grass can be produced for each one pound of weeds controlled.

3. Prescribed Burning.
Prescribed burning of dormant bermudagrass just prior to green-up can provide weed control, insect control, break down residue and cause a rapid green-up. Burning can cause problems when the fire gets away and destroys a neighbor's property, a late freeze occurs or the resulting bare ground erodes to some degree. Timing of a prescribed burn is a prime consideration. Burn too early and you open the area to more weed problems. Burn too late and the first growth of the grass is hurt and production is lost.

4. Physical Disturbance by Aerating, Chiseling, Subsoiling, Discing, or Plowing.
Physical disturbance breaks surface crusting, breaks hoof and plow pans, allows air and water to penetrate the soil, and may stimulate new plant growth from rhizomes.

Physical disturbance may be minimal with aerators and shallow chisels or severe with subsoilers, discs or plows. Severe physical disturbance will set back production unless timed properly. It will also allow weeds to become a problem unless weed control measures are a part of the renovation plan. Mixed results have been obtained in physical disturbance renovation research and demonstrations. Studies at Denton and Stephenville show no benefit while at Ben Hur a 300 percent increase in forage production occurred. At multiple sites in south Texas, parallel plowing has given increases of from 19 percent to 119 percent.

5. Replanting.
If conditions exist where there is less than a 25 percent stand, replanting of the pasture may be a viable option. Conditions that caused the stand reduction should be eliminated before the expense of re-establishment is undertaken.

Alternative minimum tax rules

Cooke County Farmers and Ranchers are grateful the Internal Revenue Service has issued a notice which delays the enforcement of its ruling that deferred payment contracts fall under the Alternative Minimum tax rules until the 1997 tax year.

A Senate bill to exempt deferred payment contracts from the AMT has 57 co-sponsors and a similar House bill has over 100 co-sponsors. The IRS determined, following a recent federal court ruling, that farmers and ranchers who use cash accounting methods must include the total value of a deferred payment sales contract as income in computing the AMT.

However, most crop and livestock producers had been calculating their AMT only on the income actually received during a tax year. The IRS had been auditing some of

these farmers and ranchers and had been requiring them to pay extra tax. This notice says that IRS will not require producers to change the way they had calculated their taxes for 1996.

For the 1997 tax year, IRS will issue procedures for taxpayers to follow to include all income from deferred payment contracts in their 1997 taxes for AMT purposes. Farmers and ranchers will not be required to request individual rulings or to pay the user fee.

Producers who take advantage of the automatic change procedure will be protected from IRS audits from previous years, unless they are currently under audit. The change must be made for the 1997 (filed in 1998) tax year.

However, this provision would be canceled with the passage or proposed legislation.

Clinton's budget sees more corn, less wheat

Assumptions contained in the Clinton Administration's fiscal 1998 budget request to Congress anticipate farmers planting more corn and less wheat for harvest in 1997 than they did for 1996.

According to budget documents from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corp., USDA expects farmers to plant 81.50 million acres of corn in 1997, compared to 79.49 million last year.

Total 1997 wheat plantings, including winter wheat planted last fall, were estimated at 72.00 million acres, compared with 75.64 million planted for the 1996 crop.

Total U.S. corn production in 1997 was estimated at 9.625 billion bushels, compared with 9.29 billion in 1996. The estimate for 1997 is based on an average yield of 128 bushels per acre, compared with 127.1 in 1996. Average market price for 1997-98 corn is estimated at \$2.45 per bushel.

Total 1997 U.S. wheat output was put at 2.345 billion bushels, up from 2.281 billion in 1996 despite the lower planting. But an average higher yield of 37.5 bushels an

acre, compared with 36.3 in 1996, is expected to push output higher. Average market price for 1997 wheat is estimated at \$3.75 per bushel.

High oil corn will enhance feed value

Narrow profit margins combined with feed price instability have many livestock producers searching for new ways to get more from every corn kernel fed. These producers are turning to corn with higher oil content to reduce feed costs and improve livestock efficiency.

Larger corn embryos, which are responsible for the increase in oil, also contain higher levels of lysine and tryptophane amino acids. This combination of higher energy can improve performance of cattle.

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