



The Muenster Bands performed Tuesday night at their annual Christmas program. One of the members of the trombone section is Wesley Koelzer. Watch for more concert photos in next week's Muenster Enterprise. Photo by Janie Hartman

County Appraisal District Board member retires on a sour note

by Janet Felderhoff

In her last meeting as a member of the Cooke County Appraisal District held on Dec. 12, Betty Buttolph made a thought-provoking statement to the board. Mrs. Buttolph noted that it was, and is, her goal to provide Cooke County taxpayers with the best representation on the board of directors. To do this Buttolph said she attempted to solicit the best professional advice and to ask the pertinent questions.

Buttolph said that other members of the CCAD board disagreed with her analysis of what requirements were necessary to assure a CCAD staff who had the taxpayer as their foremost responsibility. Other members of the board labeled Buttolph as a "non team player," which Buttolph remarked actually meant that she didn't go along with some of the issues, recommendations or discussions that were being made.

"I would strongly recommend, that if you are interested in your tax burden in Cooke County, that you obtain a copy of the minutes of the board meetings for the years 1996 and 1997," Buttolph stated. "I believe you will be amazed at some of the decisions that were made by the board which are contrary to what you, the taxpayer, thought your representation was providing for you. More specifically, the entities which have contracted with the CCAD for collection and distribution of their share of the tax collection, would be questioning some of the budget and expense items in the CCAD budget."

"A letter dated Feb. 16, 1997 addressed to the Chairman, CCAD Board of Directors alluded to the irresponsible behavior of the board of directors as it pertained to the taxpayers' money. This was in regard to board member [Ken] Kaiser, by memo dated Feb. 14, 1996 offering [Will] Presson the use of a pick-up truck (owned

by the District), for his use in his official duties, plus a salary of \$47,100 per year. (Who ever heard of a job offer being set forth in a memo, which was not approved by the board of directors, but subsequently (after the fact), agreed to by four of the members, with the 'non team-player' disagreeing). In October of 1996 [Bob] Eggleston colluded with the chief appraiser for use of a new leased 1997 Ford Explorer, which was not authorized initially by the board of directors, but subsequently approved for the use of the chief appraiser, by the board, with one abstention. After dogmatic controversy and a discussion with the Attorney General's Office, by the 'non team-player', it was determined that the lease of the vehicle was illegal.

no longer produce copies of these bills as the file cannot be found!

"Credit Card ... In January 1997 the board of directors authorized the obtaining of a credit card to be used for securing hotel rooms for business purposes. No other use was authorized. During the year 1997, the Chief Appraiser has illegally used this credit card for his personal use, and in fact has been delinquent in paying the credit card bill, which has cost the CCAD additional expense in finance fees as well as a late fee when a personal check was returned for insufficient funds. In another instance the GNB, issuer of the credit card, was forced to demand payment from CCAD. Interesting to note, this file has also mysteriously disappeared."

accountable for his actions."

To this statement Mr. Cole replied, "First off I thought that article in the paper was in extreme poor taste. I expressed my views to the other people involved here. I did not have any part of that particular thing. I do not know how my name got in it and I'm sorry that it did. I think our problems on this board should have been aired in this room. I don't think it was right of the newspaper to air them as they did."

Cole went on to say that he felt that the board hired the only person available who met every expectation that they had for the district. He feels that the CCAD is now the model rather than the laughing stock of their industry. With the help of the CCAD employees he hopes to bring the district to near perfection.

Mr. Presson declined to make any comments on the record about Mrs. Buttolph's statement claiming he didn't want to play the game. He suggested people check with members of boards of taxing entities to see if they are happy with his work with the CCAD.

Ken Kaiser stated that the information in the statement was old news and he felt it was time to get on with life, not to rehash old battles. "I feel embarrassed for Betty," he said. "It made me uncomfortable. Not by content, the content is all very well documented by meetings. We have public meetings."

Kaiser claims that the meetings all followed the open records acts, minutes were recorded and discussions were made in open sessions with seconds done. "Nothing underhanded went on," he said.

Present members of the CCAD board of directors are Stephen Cole, Ken Kaiser, Betty Buttolph, Robert Eggleston, and Arthur Felderhoff. In January Buttolph and Eggleston will step down and Donna Doty and Jane Carlton will take their places.

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MISD School Board approves '96-97 audit

by Janie Hartman

At the monthly meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of trustees, Ted Neeb of Flynn & Neeb of Windthorst went over the 1996-97 audit report on the school district's financial statement. "Muenster School is kept with the county standard," Mr. Neeb noted. Expenses were down from last year, revenue up and 99% of the taxes were collected.

Mr. Neeb did find some things that the school needs to address after going through last year's and this year's findings, what was done and what should be done. These included:

- General ledger out of balance - January through July - but now in balance.
- When the books were out of balance, the bank account was also out of balance.
- Correctly coding all accounts.
- Attach worksheets from budget amendments when not written in the minutes.
- Phone system lease paid, but not cash credited.
- Make sure school tax assessor-collector is bonded.

Mr. Neeb compared tax rates with area districts and noted that Muenster is at the bottom of the scales. "Muenster's tax rate is the lowest and that makes the budget tight," he concluded. The board approved the audit.

The board also listened to bond consultants John Martin and Leon Johnson of Southwest Securities as they explained that the bond buyers index is at an all time low. "A great time to borrow - bad time to buy," they noted, saying that Texas school bonds are rated AAA, with good credit rating, and are much in demand, giving the lower interest rates.

The consultants went on to explain that a bond election is a peoples' election. One needs

to focus that the bond is for the children, their best interest and their needs.

"Most people are pro-school, but if they don't vote, the negative vote takes over," noted the consultants, who gave 6 points to remember when pushing for a bond election: What do we need? Why do we need it? What's the plan? What's the cost? Where's the Election? and Where can one get more information?

The School Board is leaning toward a bond issue," Steve Copper superintendent noted, "but that has not been decided."

In other business, elementary principal Gwen Trubenbach stated, "The school year is going great. We have the best elementary team we've ever had."

Mrs. Trubenbach also explained a possible sight-eye exam for problem students. Dr. Cynthia Fleitman has offered staff development so teachers can be aware of students' eye sight problems that can cause other learning problems.

Other business brought up at the meeting included:

- Passed the exemplary signs design and expense. %600 for bracing and \$506 for the signs.
- Approved charter campus policy.
- Approved early dismissal Dec. 19, 1997.
- Approved special ed co-op interlocal agreement.
- Approved an extended leave policy, giving 15 extra days for sick and personal days taken. Staff members must give up half their salary to help pay for a substitute.
- Several corrections were made to the minutes from previous meetings and after a lengthy discussion and many questions, the board approved the accounts payable for November.

Moon seeks commissioner position

by Janet Felderhoff

Don Moon of Marysville filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Precinct #4 Commissioner position. Moon was born in Gainesville and grew up in the Saint Jo and Marysville areas. He returned to Cooke County three years ago.

After graduating from Muenster High School, Moon served for four years in the United States Air Force. He has held several positions since

that time including working for Kraft Foods and in sales in the glass business. He owned several car washes in the Seagoville, Rockwall area. Moon owned and operated a restaurant in Kaufman for 11 years and says he gained much of his business sense there. Besides overseeing a number of employees, he learned what it takes to run a business, keep it operating, and how to cut corners.

When Moon returned to Cooke County he was employed

by Cooke County Precinct #4 for several months while one of the regular employees was out on sick leave. He now works for Alan Ritchey.

Moon says he is qualified for the job of Precinct #4 Commissioner because he knows the area and its roads and has business sense.

Virgil Hess, incumbent, has filed on the Democratic ticket. Candidates have until January 2, 1998 to file for offices in the county primaries.

commissioners appointed Russell Duncan to fill the remaining term of Judge Hesse.

"I have talked to Rusty Duncan about my candidacy and thanked him for the job he has done in filling Judge Hesse's term. I think Rusty has done a great job and understand he wants to honor his pledge to finish out the term. I see Rusty's time as Judge as a bridge from Paul Hesse to mine and I see my time as a bridge to the next century. The big question that has come to me has been 'why are you running for such a low paying position?'. The answer is that right now is a time in my life when I have the knowledge to lead this county and the energy to follow through with what needs to be done. I want to take action not just react to what will be confronting this county as we finish up this century and start the next."

Attending the announcement were Sheriff Mike Compton, Cooke County Republican Chairperson Pat Peale and Mr. Berry's Treasurer Gary Endres.



Don Moon

Berry pursues county judge position

Byron Berry, a Cooke County business owner, licensed C.P.A. and attorney, announced last week his candidacy for County Judge. Mr. Berry, a sixth generation Cooke County resident has been an active civic worker, serving on steering committees for Leadership Gainesville, Adopt-a-School, and the Chamber of Commerce Political Relations Committee.

"Anyone who knows me, knows of my commitment to this county. As County Judge I will provide conservative financial policy, energetic leadership and be a workhorse for helping bring in business for the county and programs for our youth.

Berry was given consideration for the position upon the death of former Judge Paul Hesse earlier this year. During considerations, Berry's business experiences as a C.P.A. were strongly noted by Commissioner Richard Brown. Also brought to light was the fact that Judge Hesse had considered Berry as his successor should Hesse run for state representative. After several stalemate votes the



Byron Berry, right, discusses campaign plans with supporters Arthur Felderhoff and LaVerna Nasche, president of the Cooke County Republican Women's group. Berry is running for county judge.

Photo by Dave Fette

"I look forward to working with Byron and watching his energy in action. I have known him for a long time and have yet to see him in low gear. We have talked and his concerns and vision for crime prevention in Cooke County are the same as mine," said Mike Compton.

"Byron was the first attorney to come out and work with us in the party and has been active ever since. He is an asset to our county and will bring his conservative views to the position of County Judge," said Pat Peale, Chairperson of the Cooke County Republican Party.

"I am happy to work with Byron. He has great business credentials as a C.P.A. as well as an attorney and his civic work shows where his heart is," remarked Gary Endres, businessman.

"I have known Byron's reputation as an attorney for years now and he is considered energetic and forthright. In fact he currently is a member of the state bar grievance committee for this region. You don't rise to that level without a clean reputation," said Dan Endres, attorney and businessman.

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Vehicle policy finally adopted by CCAD Board

by Janet Felderhoff
After six attempts Betty Buttolph succeeded in submitting a policy for vehicles that was acceptable to the majority of the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) board of directors. The policy was approved at the Dec. 12 regular meeting by a vote of 3-1-1. Buttolph, Arthur Felderhoff, and Stephen Cole approved, Robert Eggleston was against the policy, and Ken Kaiser abstained from voting. It will be included in both the operations manual and the employee hand book.

up her remarks and Mr. Cole brought the resolution to make his point. Mrs. Buttolph feels that the card is being used in a manner not approved by the board. Cole disagreed.

Buttolph read the following minutes, "Mr. Cole explained the credit card would be used in place of the employees having to use their own personal credit card to reserve rooms and other things by phone. Mrs. Buttolph said she would rather use reimbursement. The county uses reimbursement. Mr. Presson presented the resolution to the board and Mr. Eggleston said the credit card is essentially a guarantee to secure a block of rooms without having to send a check. Mrs. Buttolph said this would be used for business related vestiges and expenditures which cannot be made by check in an ordinary course of business or delayed until an invoice is received. It does not include lunches and things like that. She asked if the credit bills would come before the board as bill to be paid."

Buttolph noted that the discussion the CCAD members had before passing the resolution is important to her since it explains how they felt about the use of the credit card.

Cole read the resolution, "Be it further resolved that once the credit card is received both the chief appraiser, Will Presson, and business manager, Rosalee Wood, and their successors to these positions be authorized to charge purchases and expenditures related to appraisal district business and



Cooke County Appraisal Board Chairman Stephen Cole, left, presents gifts of appreciation to outgoing board members Robert Eggleston and Betty Buttolph.

Photo by Janet Felderhoff

affairs when it is the sound judgment use of the credit card and deemed appropriate."

"I think that although we did not get all of the points of what we discussed in the meeting, the resolution was passed by this board and it is being used in that particular manner," said Cole.

Buttolph recalled that at the last meeting Presson had admitted using the card to take Senator Haywood to lunch.

Presson said if there was a problem they should just cut the card up and do away with it. At the AAD conference it was recommended that appraisal districts not have credit cards, said Mrs. Buttolph. "Then having it not be paid properly and affecting our credit I think is disgusting," she said.

The discussion concluded with Cole saying, "I do not appreciate putting things on my credit card to do business for this free job. I think that we need a credit card and I think it was used in an appropriate way and I think that we need to move on."

Chief Appraiser Presson reported that they are having problems with the enhancement part of their computer programs. He has notified CPS Systems of the problems. The problems surfaced after an update was installed due to changes made by the Legislature. Chairman of the Board Cole instructed Presson to write the CPS representative telling him that he needs to be at the next board meeting to solve the problems.

According to Presson the 1997 tax statements were mailed later than he had hoped for with 38,745 being mailed. Tax collections as of Dec. 1 were up slightly from the same time last year.

Presson expects that they will come in around \$6,000 to \$8,000 under budget. Lindsay, Valley View and Moss Lake will be reappraised in 1998. Gainesville ISD was worked in 1997. "The city of Gainesville had a 15% increase in value, but at the same time had a 10.56% decrease in their rate," remarked Presson. "That's how the system should work. As values go up the rates should go down."

Cole made a presentation to the two outgoing board members, Buttolph and Eggleston. "This board as it sets right here assumed the responsibility two years ago in some of the most awful circumstances I think that anybody had assumed before," remarked Cole. "We acted and reacted almost on a weekly basis under the guidance of Mrs. Buttolph the first year. We tackled everything. Every

person on this board had an expertise in an area and they looked at those areas. We looked at all of the insurance. We looked at the vehicles, the personnel. We looked at the equipment, the chief appraiser, all of those things in the first month. We fired and hired a chief appraiser and redid all of our insurance. We redid about two thirds of our policy manual in this district. The accomplishments of this board are just absolutely astounding in this two years."

In other business conducted by the CCAD Board at the December meeting:

- Approved 5-0 the request of two employees to buy back their retirement funds which had previously been forfeited. The county's part will be \$607.

- Approved changing the Christmas holidays to follow the county by closing at noon on Dec. 24 and closing on Dec. 25 and 26.

- Moved line items within budget as suggested by auditor with a 5-0 vote.

- Approved minutes of Oct. 9 board meeting and payment of bills.

Some area tax refunds remain unclaimed

The IRS has been unable to deliver \$1,727,002 in tax refunds to North Texas residents. The smallest refund check is \$1. The biggest undelivered check is \$22,657. Nationwide, nearly 100,000 taxpayers have yet to receive their 1995 refunds which total about \$62.6 million.

These refunds were returned by the post office because they were unable to deliver them. People often move without

giving the IRS their new address. Incorrect names and addresses are other common reasons why refunds are returned to the IRS.

In the Cooke County area, the IRS had reported about a dozen names of taxpayers whose refund checks were undeliverable. Those who were known or their families were contacted. Perhaps our readers know the whereabouts of the following and would pass along

"Taxpayers could eliminate the possibility of lost, stolen or undeliverable refunds by electing Direct Deposit," said Ellen Murphy North Texas Acting District Director. "Direct Deposit is easier than ever — just two extra lines to complete on the tax form." In addition, taxpayers can avoid delays in getting their refunds by sending IRS their new address on Form 8822, Change of Address, when they move.

the information: Mary M. Smith (deceased), Billy and Phoebe Brinlee, Emma Clark, Charles L. Collins (deceased), Derek L. Collins, Charles and Belinda Bailey, Laura N. True, Monta and Kimberly Sewell, John and Gwendolyn Melton, Kenneth D. and Becky Davis, all listing Gainesville as the address on their 1995 tax forms. Tax payers who have not received their tax refund checks can call 1-800-829-1040.

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Sunday, December 28 Life Teen softball, 7 p.m.-? at ballpark	Monday, December 29	Tuesday, December 30	Wednesday, December 31 SH Preschool Parents New Year's Eve Dance, 7 p.m., Comm. Ctr. Muenster Library closed	Thursday, January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY No city trash pick-up Muenster Library closed	Friday, January 2 Muenster VGB vs. Forestburg, here, 6 p.m.	Saturday, January 3 SH JVG/B, VG/B vs. Abilene Christian, here, 11 a.m. Muenster 7gb, 8 gb vs. Saint Jo, there, 5 p.m.	

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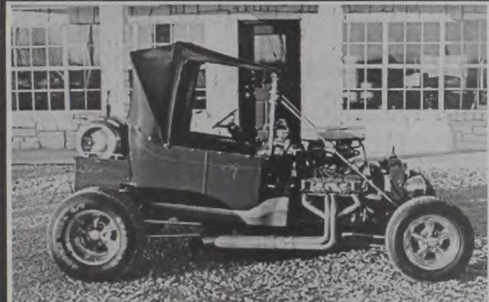
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A team from Fort Hood, Texas from C Company 3rd Battalion 66th Armor 4th Infantry Division conducted full military rites with honor guard, rifle squad and TAPS at the funeral of Major Catherine "Kate" Harris, 93, of Saint Jo on December 11 at Brushy Mound Cemetery north of Muenster. They are shown entering the rural cemetery, one of several she helped maintain. In the military she served in Europe, Japan and Korea; treated injured from the Normandy invasion on D-Day; made many helicopter runs to the front lines; served as General Eisenhower's nurse during his coronary illness. In retirement she served in public school nursing and community service.
 Photo by Janie Hartman

Services held Dec. 15 for Dr. W.C. Roper, 57

The funeral of Dr. W.C. Roper, 57, was held on Monday, December 15. Memorial service at noon in the Ellis Chapel of Park Cities Baptist Church was officiated by Dr. Steve Sadler of the Department of Religion at Baylor University and Rev. Leslie Kenney of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Private family graveside services were held Tuesday, December 16, at the family ranch near Muenster, directed by Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral of Dallas.

Dr. W.C. Roper was born Feb. 12, 1940 in Rosebud, Texas to Helen and Cleo Roper. He graduated from Baylor University and then Baylor College of Dentistry. In 1962, he married Suzanne Rector. He served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps from 1966 to 1968 at Fort Stewart, Georgia. He practiced dentistry in Waco until he was diagnosed with leukemia in 1984. His practice of dentistry resumed in 1989 in Dallas and continued until this year.

Dr. Roper has served as a Director of the American Orthodontic Society, as well as President of the Central Texas Dental Society. A member of the Dallas County Dental Society, he also served as the Professional Division Chairman of the Waco Chapter of the United Way, on the City

Alfred Luttmier dies at age 72

Alfred Gilbert "Al" Luttmier died at his home in Muenster on Dec. 17, 1997, at 7:40 a.m. at age 72. His funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Other arrangements were incomplete at press time and will be printed in next week's paper, with a picture and liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial.

City office holiday schedule

City Hall will close at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, December 24 and will re-open for business at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 26. In case of a water/sewer emergency, call 736-6276.
 City hall will also be closed on Thursday, January 1.

Holiday trash schedule noted

The trash will **NOT** be picked up on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, or New Year's Day, January 1, 1998. Instead, trash will be picked up the next day, on Friday, December 26 and January 2, respectively.

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Peale discusses Red River Boundary with officials

The Texas Red River Boundary Commission met Friday, December 12 in Austin to discuss and respond to the most recent proposed agreement between the States as to the boundary along the Red River.

The Commissions were created by both the Texas and Oklahoma Legislatures to negotiate an identifiable boundary between the States along the Red River. The actual legal boundary between the States is the gradient boundary line along the south bank of the River. This is an artificial line that moves when the river moves. The boundary thus cannot be identified or marked permanently causing a number of problems that have plagued the residents of the Red River Valley since the boundary was created in 1819.

Texas proposed the vegetation line be adopted as the boundary in September of 1996 which proposal was adopted in concept by the Oklahoma Commission at that time. Since that time the Commissions have traded proposals pertaining to language and details of the Compact.

Both Commissions agree that any change in the legal boundary will not affect private property rights. Private property ownership can only be changed by agreement between the owners and any change in the jurisdictional boundaries between the states will have no affect upon private property rights of landowners along the river.

The Commission discussed a number of definitions pertaining to the vegetation line. Due to the differences in vegetation along the 540 mile distance from the Arkansas Border to the Texas Panhandle the Commissioners determined that care must be taken to insure that the definition is

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Lifestyle

Columbian Squires hold first meeting Dec. 7

by Nicholas Taylor
The newly formed Columbian Squires Circle in Muenster held its first meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1997. The primary purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and set up their first service project. The Columbian Squires is a group of young Christian men, from the ages 12 to 18, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The primary purpose of the Columbian Squires is leadership development. To be a leader, a person must acquire certain attitudes and skills of leadership. It is these attitudes and skills that the Squires program promotes through a well-rounded activity program. The newly elected officers for the local Squires Circle are

Russell Fette as Chief Squire, Chad Felderhoff as Deputy Chief, Eric Fisher as Notary, Adam Barnhill as Bursar, and Nicholas Taylor as Reporter. The Squires first service project is a canned food drive for the needy of Muenster. The drive will continue until shortly before Christmas. To help the Squires with their canned food drive, take any canned food item to Fischers, Bayer's, or Kountry Korner. At any of these designated drop-off points, you can place your item in a box decorated by the Squires. The Squires appreciate your help with this service project. If you are interested in joining the Columbian Squires, contact Ken Hesse at 759-4468 for more information.

Library Book Review

by Kay Broyles

Beta Kappa recently donated a generous collection of books to the Muenster Public Library. This collection is for and about women and women's issues. Some of the titles are: *The May Clinic's Complete Book of Pregnancy and the Baby's First Year*, *The American Academy of Pediatrics' Guide to Your Child's Symptoms*, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families* by Sandra Covey, *The Seven Spiritual Laws for Parents* by Deepak Chopra, *The Mother and Baby Exercise Book* by Emma Scattergood, *The New A to Z of Women's Health*, *Giving the Love that Heals: a Guide for Parents by Helen Hunt, Alcoholism and the Family* by Gilda Berger, and other titles as well. These books enhance our collection, and will be a great benefit to our community. Sue Bell donated a collection of educational books. This collection is for teachers.

Employees recognized for years of service

Muenster Telephone held its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 6 in their meeting room. During the hospitality hour which began at 6 p.m. a golf putting contest was held. Winners were Michelle Yosten and Gene Fuhrman. The steak dinner was catered by The Center Restaurant. Alvin Fuhrman, company president, reviewed what the company had accomplished during the year and projected what they might look forward to in the coming year. Service pins were presented by Mr. Fuhrman. Recipients were Service Center Technician Brian Hess, five years; Accountant Richard Corley, 10 years; Administrative Coordinator Donna Walterscheid, 15 years; and Director of Administration Gracie Fuhrman, 40 years. Alvin also presented Gracie with a plaque from the company for her 40 years of service. Steve Sandusky presented Gracie with a crystal

clock, a gift from all of the employees. Mr. Fuhrman presented Bill Miller with a plaque in recognition of his late wife Terese Miller and her 36 years serving on the board of directors. New employees and their spouses were introduced by Alvin Fuhrman. These included Lester Tucker, cable maintenance coordinator, and wife, Mary; Terry Bartel, construction assistant, and wife KaTina; Deano Bayer, construction assistant, and wife Jeanenne; Robin Engelbright, customer service representative, and guest Steve Sparks; John Klement, construction assistant, and guest Dobe Fleitman; Mary Ann Anderson, customer service assistant (cellular store), and Eric; and Scott Farrell, Internet help desk technician, and guest Dana Beckendorf. Following dinner and the awards program, Bingo was played.

Mikaela is three!



Mikaela Hope Bartush

Mikaela Hope Bartush celebrated her third birthday on November 22, with a party at home, with her parents Mike and Angie Bartush and brother Ryan. Her party used the Barney, Baby Bop and BJ Theme. Hot dogs, hamburgers and trimmings were served. Gifts were opened and displayed, and then everyone enjoyed ice cream and birthday cake. Guests included the honoree's grandmothers, Dorothy Serna and Mary Bartush and aunts, uncles and cousins, Beth and Paul Bartush and Paul T., Zach, Chris and Mark Bartush; Uncle John, Bob and Ginger Bartush; Aunt Angie, Tito, Raúl and Michael Caballero; Aunt Cathy Otto, Tom, Tim, Ted and Tad; Laura and Cade Rains.

Grandmother surprises Whitney Hultstrand on 12th birthday

Having a birthday around the first of the month sometimes brings disappointments to those who live far away from home. The birthday is often forgotten until the calendar is turned, and there it is, December 2, with a big circle around it! Whitney Hultstrand says so it has been for her ever since they moved to Raleigh, North Carolina. But not so this year! Whitney's grandmother, Evie Felderhoff, flew to Raleigh, North Carolina on December 2 as a special surprise on her twelfth birthday. Arriving at 1:30 p.m., and met by her daughter, Diann Hultstrand at the airport. Evie was in their home before school was out, and waiting in Whitney's room. Sent upstairs to pick up one of her gifts, the 12 year old birthday honoree found her grandmother, Evie Felderhoff, seated in a chair with a big red bow tied across.

Throughout the family, said Evie, made it a very happy trip. She returned home Friday, December 5 about noon.



Whitney Hultstrand

Country Tidings by Ruth Smith

The annual Jackson Reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson Sunday. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gage, Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Brogdon, Miami; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jackson, Briane, and Jeremy, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Don McCandles, Dana and Tera, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McCandles, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. John Ragsdale, and Laura, Lewisville; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bird, Amber and Scarlett, Longview; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dill, Brady Dill and a friend, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dill and Cody, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dill all of Forestburg. Ted Jackson is seriously ill in the Saint Jo nursing center. Family members and friends are attending his bedside. Mrs. Vera Holly and Mrs. Ruth Ferguson visited Miss Lois Bewley Saturday. Clayton and Verna Wilson of Denton visited Miss Lois Bewley Saturday night.

Whitesboro has moved a mobile home close by Miss Lois Bewley's place. Kevin Christian and two friends of Springtown visited Kevin's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian Saturday. Ran Greanead of Decatur visited his mother, Mrs. Juanita Greanead Friday.

In the Service

Relatives and friends of Jeff Felderhoff will want to know about his new address. Cards, letters and Christmas greetings will reach him sent to: ATAA Felderhoff, Jeffery, W. AIMD IM3 w/c 650 USS NIMITZ CVN-68 FPO AE 09521-2820 E-Mail address is: AV2@NIMITZ.NAVY.MIL Put in subject box ATAA FELDERHOFF w/c 650

Baptisms

Wimmer
Maria Anne Wimmer's baptism was celebrated Sunday, Dec. 7 in Sacred Heart Church with Father Thomas Craig officiating. At the time of her birth because of illness, Maria received conditional baptism from her grandmother, Margie Krahl. Maria wore a long, white lace dress and white bonnet. The outfit was worn by her sisters, Angela and Stacie, at their baptisms. She was wrapped in a white lace blanket made by her grandmother Margie Krahl. Barbara and Mitch Kralis of Howe, family friends, were baptism sponsors. Their gift to her was a relic of St. Anne. It is an actual piece of bone from St. Anne which is encased in gold and diamonds. Family attending the ceremony included Maria's

parents Randy and Linda Wimmer; brother Daniel and sisters Angela and Stacie; grandparents Charles Wimmer and Eddie and Margie Krahl; uncles and aunts Ricky Wimmer, Sam and Janet Jordan, David Krahl; and Steve and Lisa Hughes; and cousins. Following the ceremony a dinner was hosted in the family home. Guests were served chicken spaghetti. There was a baptismal cake decorated with a cross and dove and inscribed, "God bless you Maria Anne". Gifts were opened.

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School News



Voice of Democracy Winners and VFW representatives, from left, Michael Grewing, Michael Boydston, Joyce Hacker, Johnny Rohmer, Frances Bayer, Valerie Bartush, Deann Felderhoff, and Russell Fette.
Photo by Janie Hartman

Winners announced for Voice of Democracy

Local Veterans of Foreign Wars #6205 and the Ladies Auxiliary have announced the winners of the Voice of Democracy essay and tape contest on the theme "My Voice In Our Democracy."

Winners at Sacred Heart School are: 1st, senior Valerie Bartush, daughter of John and Lanie Bartush, and tying for 1st Russell Fette, junior, son of David and Pam Fette; 3rd place honors went to junior Deann Felderhoff, daughter of Ross and Janet Felderhoff.

First place at MISD went to Joyce Hacker, senior and daughter of Jim and Linda Hacker; 2nd place was Michael Boydston, son of Joyce Boydston; and 3rd place was Michael Grewing, son of Jim and Diane Grewing.

All received checks of \$75, \$50, and \$25 respectively. Frances Bayer, President of the Auxiliary was the local chairman.

Teachers who were instrumental in helping these students were Martha Koesler of Muenster ISD and Jo Bedowitz of Sacred Heart School.

Voice of Democracy winners for District I were also announced by Frances Bayer, Chairman. Valerie Bartush took 2nd place and will receive a \$500 scholarship to the college of her choice. Joyce Hacker received 3rd place honors and will receive a \$300 scholarship. Russell Fette received an Honorable Mention.

First place in District was from Gunter and was sponsored by Sherman Post #2772. She receives a \$1,000 scholarship. There are 21 posts in District I which includes an area from Bonham to Muenster to Roanoke to Lake Tawakonie, Greenville, Lewisville, Lake Dallas, Gainesville, Denton, Denison, Princeton, Farmersville, Plano and Allen.

TIPS honors earned by eight Sacred Heart students

Sacred Heart School has identified eight seventh grade students for the 1997 Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). Duke Scholars for 1997 are Daniel Bartush, Mary Callahan, Katherine Cox, Joseph Davis, Oliver McElroy, Joseph Skotnik, Michael Voth, and Thomas Whitecotton.

TIPS is a prestigious program sponsored by Duke University to identify bright 7th grade students. To qualify, students must have scored at the 97th percentile or above on the national norms of a

standardized test. Some exceptions are made for Texas Public Schools.

If a student chooses to continue in the TIP program, he/she will be asked to take the ACT or SAT. These are the same tests that college-bound juniors and seniors take. Benefits are gained from the testing experience and students will receive information about their abilities and educational options available to them. Students that score well on the ACT or SAT may receive state and national recognition.



Sacred Heart TIPS Qualifiers

Cubs receive surprise!

Just as the December 9 den meeting for the Tiger Cubs was about to begin, a loud knock came at the door. It was Santa Claus! What a fun surprise. He awarded the orange and white beads the boys had earned for Big Ideas #1 and #6. The Cubs then told Santa what they wished for. Each received a candy cane and had their picture taken. Everyone then played bingo, with den leader, Ben Bindel calling out the numbers. There were many winners. Each cub also received a Christmas present.

For Big Idea #7, Helping Others, the Tiger Cubs brought a can of food for the needy and will work on family activities. Tiger Cub, Paul Crabtree, brought Christmas cookies to share with the den.

Notice

The Muenster Public Library will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 for the holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the library staff. They look forward to seeing all of you in 1998.

Parents and students, please note!
School will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, at MISD, to begin the Christmas holidays. This is a change in the time originally announced.

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6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 2,127,414	\$ 185,016	\$ 80,250	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 2,392,680
1100 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 67,481	\$ (2,761)	\$ (17,889)	\$ --	\$ 19	\$ 46,850
7020 Other Resources	--	1,576	17,857	--	--	19,433
8030 Other (Uses)	(19,433)	--	--	--	--	(19,433)
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 48,048	\$ (1,185)	\$ (32)	\$ --	\$ 19	\$ 46,850
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	44,369	2,595	551	--	603	48,118
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JV Action

Muenster 29 Lindsay 43
 What started as a slow, low scoring contest, ended with a big win for the Lady Knights.
 "The girls are getting better, but they are not getting to play a lot," commented Muenster Coach Randy Tankersley.
 Kristie Lutkenhaus and Jackie Henschel led the Lady Hornets in scoring with 8 points each. Diane Britain added 5, with 2 points apiece coming from Krystal Sparkman, Jessica Anderson and Dee Dee Walterscheid. Lauren Dangelmayr scored a free shot.

Lindsay 58 Valley View 54
 The Lady Knights took the championship away from the host, Valley View, Saturday in an exciting overtime victory.
 Courtney Miller was Lindsay's leading point maker with 18 points. Courtney Hoelker and Maggie Luttmr each added 11. Melanie Brown and Jo Sparkman put in 6 points apiece, while Stacie Sandmann added 4 and Sarah Trammell 2.
 L 11 13 14 13 7 58
 VV 10 9 9 23 3 54

Maggie Luttmr was the game's high scorer with 16 points. Courtney Hoelker added 7, with Sarah Trammell and Stacie Sandmann each getting 5. Melanie Brown scored 4 points with Abby Trammell, Jo Sparkman, and Ashlie Privett each making two.
 M 7 11 6 5 29
 L 8 15 10 10 43

Sacred Heart 43 Saint Jo 57
 "It's fun to watch these boys play," commented Coach John Nasche about the JV Tigers. "They really hustle and play hard defense." Nasche noted there are weaknesses the team needs to correct - turnovers, free throw shooting, and ball handling. The Tigers were 14 of 38 from the free throw line.
 Jonathan Yosten led the Tigers on the boards with 11 points. Kenneth Grewing added 8, Matt Bayer 6, Jordan Kohler 5 and 4 each from Josh Walterscheid and Chris Smith. Matthew Nasche put in 3 points and Keith Felderhoff 2.
 SH 15 8 9 11 43
 SJ 10 27 8 12 57

VALLEY VIEW TOURNAMENT
 The junior varsity Lady Knights brought home the championship trophy last weekend after winning both games.
Lindsay 53 Paradise 30
 In the tournament's first round, ten Lindsay Ladies scored in a big win Friday. Scoring for the young Lady Knights was led by Melanie Brown, Jo Sparkman, Courtney Hoelker, and Maggie Luttmr, each scoring 8 points. Courtney Miller added 6, with Stacie Sandmann and Abby Trammell each getting 4. Sarah Trammell added 3, with 2 points each scored by Angela Kirby and Ashlie Privett.
 L 10 16 19 8 53
 P 4 17 2 7 30



Tonya Hess attempts a shot in the Lady Cubs victory over Tioga. Photo by Dave Fette



Jack Biffle grabs the rebound. Other Cubs shown in action include Matthew Grewing and Marty Farrell. Photo by Dave Fette

Jr. High Action

Sacred Heart 43 Tioga 14
 The Lady Cubs defense held their opponents scoring down in last week's match. "Audrey Barnhill played outstanding defense," noted Coach Dale Schilling. "She had countless steals."
 Mattie Sicking was the game's high scorer with 16 points. Tanya Hess, who just came back after an ankle injury, picked up where she left off and hit 10 points. Barnhill put in 8, Elizabeth Fette 5, Sara Sepanski 4 and Andrea Bauer 2.
 The Lady Cubs remain undefeated.
 SH 8 10 23 2 43
 T 0 0 12 2 14

Sacred Heart 8th 32 Tioga 43
 The Cubs lost their battle last week. Matthew Grewing was the "Hot Dog" with 20 points. Marty Farrell added 4 before fouling out. Aaron Walterscheid got 3, 2 each from Chris Fuhrmann and Luke Endres, and one point from Clint Fuhrmann.
 SH 16 16 32
 T 24 19 43

Sacred Heart 7th 20 Tioga 18
 The young Cubs played two halves against Tioga. Down 4

Texas Wildlife

by Thompson Temple

After my return from my mule deer hunt in the panhandle of Texas, I packed my bags for the brush country of South Texas. It is a tough life, but someone has to live it.
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large buck with 8 points. Shortly after daylight I could see 8 points and I took a 20 inch outside spread 8 pointer.
 The hunt was fantastic. The food was fabulous. Our host Buddy Temple was magnificent. If he became a hunting guide, then I would have to do something else. He would get all the hunters.
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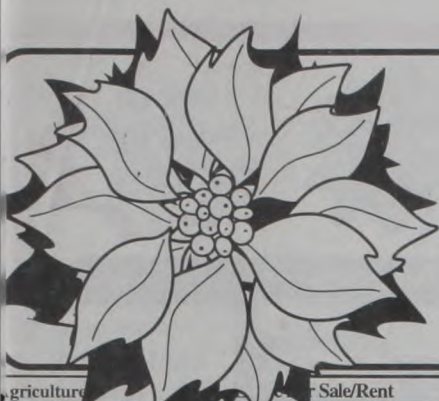
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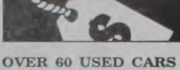
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Ring in the new year ... Looking back in '97 ...



A glance back at the year now ending recalls incidents of outstanding interest. It has been an eventful year for Muenster, year characterized by joyous accomplishments for some; by heartaches and great loss for others. Some of those who were with us have gone to their eternal reward. New friends have moved to Muenster; old friends have moved to other places. Notable advancement has been made in the direction of immunity progress. To refresh your memory, the *Muenster Enterprise* presents a series of notes, gathered from its files of the present year. In this issue we will include many of our best features published during the past year, along with Christmas greetings from your friends.

December 20, 1996
Area agencies intensify help for those in need through ISTO, Friends of the Family, Social Concerns Committee in Muenster, Love Funds, Little League and others. MISD holds regular business meeting; ears audit report and discusses possible future expansion. Chamber of Commerce and Marge Starke receive praise for varied November activities. Muenster State Bank donates \$10,000 to Muenster Public Library for building fund. Muenster telephone completes fiber optic cable to connect Lindsay Cable system Muenster Cable. Obituaries: Georgia (Cole) Wolf Vann dies in Dallas at age 87; Grady Reed of Forestburg dies at age 57; Herbert Shrodes, relative of several Lindsay residents, dies in Dallas; Donal Steadham of Forestburg died at age 68. First place winners in hamper of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest: Herbie Miller - Religious; Jessie Walterscheid - Best residential; Cedar Street between 8th and 9th - Best street block; Arthur and Frances Bayer - Rural. Thirty-seven receive Sacrament of

Confirmation in Sacred Heart Church. College graduates: Denise Porter at UT of Austin; Amber (Grewing) Parsons and Connie (Walterscheid) Grewing at NCTC; Erin Murdock at TWU; Kevin Murdock at UNT; Darrin Joseph Russell at UT of Arlington. At MISD, Counselor Emily Klement directs "Force 2000," beginning with freshmen. Basketball: MHS/SHHS co-host Red River Classic. Lucas Hartman of MISD is named second team All State in football. Lady Knights finish in second place in Red River Classic. Upper Elm-Red Conservation District wins Grand Award District in 49th annual Conservation Award Program sponsored by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and National Association of Conservation Districts.

January 3, 1997
Muenster Memorial Hospital hears reports on improvements in fiscal status and inpatient utilization. Lindsay ISD occupies new high school wing on January 1, 1997. Ownership changes announced by Kirk and Karl Klement and Urban Endres as business name and dealership change to Klement Ford of Muenster from Endres Motor Company. Obituaries:



Jaycees make donation to library.

Two cousins, Myra residents, Anita Ann Sherrill and Vickie Francine Sherrill are fatalities in two-vehicle accident; John M. Hosea, 79, former Muenster Hornet coach dies in Temple. Wedding: Carol Ann Henley and James D. Hess are married in Sacred Heart Church. Graduate: Dawn Knabe Green is TWU graduate. New Arrivals: Taylor Thomas to John and Connie Jo (Flusche) Greene; Daniel Andrew to Rafael and Connie Nieto; Elizabeth Noel to Ronald and Tina Weinzapfel. Basketball: Muenster Hornets win KGAF-NCTC Classic championship in 65-50 victory over Pilot Point Bearcats.

January 10, 1997
Muenster City Water Distribution System is analyzed by Rady and Associates. The study is needed to plan for present and future water requirements for the city. Three local Boy Scouts, Jeff Hartman, Royce Knabe, and Michael Flusche attain Eagle Rank. Muenster Memorial Hospital greets first New Year's baby, born on January 3, 1997. He is Baltazar Lozano, Jr., son of Maria and Baltazar Lozano, Sr. of Saint Jo. The family also includes two daughters Myriam and Roxanne. They have lived in Saint Jo for 13 years. Obituaries: Ruby Wimmer, native of Muenster, dies in Oklahoma City at age 47; Dorothea Pasqua, 76, dies in Muenster - was resident of Saint Jo; Genevieve Jakubec, Muenster native, dies in Garland at age 81. Wedding: Blessing and Nuptial Mass held for Tony and Billie Grewing. Golden Wedding Anniversary: Gene and Elsie Hoedebeck celebrate 50th. New Arrivals: Rachel Nicole Hare to Leslie and J'Lynn Hare; Matthew Christopher Block to Glenn and Sonya Block. College Graduates: Ryan

Evelyn Luke Foundation, making their total donation to reach \$60,000 to date, honoring his parents Joe and Bettie Luke. Progress continues on major expansion at Fischer's Market. Obituaries: Caroline (Wimmer) Hennigan dies at age 89; John T. Willis, 77, dies in Forestburg; Elton McEntire, former Muenster resident dies at 71. Graduates: Allison Klement is Texas Tech graduate; Susan Arendt is TWU graduate. New Arrivals: Sarah Ashlee BaumBach to Scott and Gayle BaumBach; Chance Thomas Herr to Brian and Sylvia Herr. At MISD, Grant Hartman is Geography Bee winner.

January 24, 1997
MISD School Board faces building options in anticipation of, and to accommodate student growth. Lindsay High School holds Open House to show beautiful new wing. Wes Fuson offers to sell St. Richard's Villa to Muenster Memorial Hospital. Fine Arts Festival marks Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart School. Lindsay establishes Knights of Columbus Council #11905. Golden Wedding; Marcus and Catherine Fuhrmann observe 50th. John Hoening is magna cum laude graduate of TAMU. Dianne Pagel is magna cum

laude graduate of UNT. In Sacred Heart School Geography Bee, Joseph Davis is first and Jeff Hartman wins second.

January 31, 1997
Cooke County Commissioners Court grants tax abatements to two area industries, CRS Poly Pipe and Spirex Southwest, Inc. Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. spends 2,087 hours of training and fire fighting and serving the community. Muenster Chamber of Commerce celebrates 1996 growth; hosts 1997 annual banquet; Tom Carson is MC and cowboy poet, storyteller and humorist is guest speaker. Muenster native Lloyd Reiter returns to Cooke County and is named vice-president of First State Bank in Gainesville. Obituaries: Della (Fette) Hartman dies at age 84; Terese (Walter) Miller dies suddenly at age 67. Wedding: Amy Leah Otto and Cy Binder are married in Sacred Heart Church. New Arrivals: Kassie Ann Dangelmayr to Ron and Karen Dangelmayr; Colby Scott Hale to Crystal and Scott Hale; Gage Miekalonde Scott to Tia Scott; Aaron Thomas Sparkman to Scott and Lisa Sparkman. Sacred Heart teams go to Abilene for District games.



Lindsay High School gets new building.

With Warm Regards

May peace and joy burn brightly throughout your heart and home this holiday season.

Happy Holidays to all and best wishes for a glowing year.



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Behold the Glory of Our Lord!



In the hustle and bustle of giving and receiving, we pause to count our blessings and contemplate the miracle that is Christmas. May you and your family enjoy a most miraculous holiday season. We thank you one and all for your loyal patronage.

Holiday Greetings from the Staff of the **Muenster Enterprise**

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior,
Was born on Christmas Day.

— Carol

On this most holy occasion, we'd like to join you and your family in praying for worldwide peace and harmony amongst all God's creatures.

May the light of His love brighten your home and warm your heart this holiday season.

Merry Christmas!

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- Jerry and Betty Rose Walterscheid
- Clara Endres
- Marie E. Endres
- Sis & Pat Stelzer
- Charlie A. Stelzer
- Juanita Knabe
- Eddie & Maryanne Fleitman
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- Norbert & Ella Mae Rohmer
- Margaret Kupper
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- Toni Hess
- Evelyn Monday
- Hugh & Geneva Tarleton
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- Jerry Kindiger & Joyce Stan & Janet Endres
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- Tom & Lucille Hesse
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- Steve & Judy Grewing
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- Holly A. Koch
- Carolyn & Joe Hoyt
- Mary Ann Walterscheid
- Jerry & Billie Fleitman & Family

"In Lieu of Christmas Cards," these friends are sending their Christmas greetings to you. In doing this, they have made contributions to a special charity supported by the Auxiliary to VFW Post 6205. This project raised over \$500 for the 1997 holiday season.

Hornets win to start second round.

February 7, 1997
Muenster's antiquated water system must be brought up to approved standard to face future requirements. City Council hopes sales tax increase is the most fair way to go. Sacred Heart High School swimmers take state championship in TAPPS District II. Muenster Memorial Hospital opens Lindsay Clinic. Wedding: Sherry Kay Hacker and Philip Reiter are married in Sacred Heart Church. C.J. and Mary Nell Newman celebrate 40th wedding anniversary. New Arrivals: James Albert Dangelmayr to James and Cathy Dangelmayr; Kyle Nicholas Vogel to Stephen and Judy Vogel; Michelle Marlana Stoffels to Frankie and Rhonda Stoffels; Craig Thomas Holts to Thomas and Jennifer Holts; Emily Ann Otto to Keith and Patricia Otto; Natalie Paige Zimmerer to Doug and Lisa Zimmerer. Basketball: Tigerettes win TAPPS District Championship.

February 14, 1997
Al Mulrean speaks at Cooke County Commissioners Court meeting, to explain tri-county nutritional report on 20 senior citizen centers in Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties and tells that about 1500 people are served Meals On Wheels. Gianna Jessen, abortion survivor brings powerful testimony at ABBA fund-raiser. Forestburg hosts Cowboy Poet Red Steagal in his hometown. Muenster Memorial Hospital opens expanded service at Lindsay Clinic. Obituaries: Mary Settle of Rosston dies at age 99; Olan King of Saint Jo dies at 92.



Endres Motor becomes Klement Ford of Muenster.

Terry Martin, classroom teacher is front page feature in Ft. Worth Star Telegram. New Arrivals: Morgan Renee Flusche to Shawn and Shari Flusche; Michael David Logan to Jeffrey and Anne Logan; Alley Jean Hilton to Wayne and Shari Hilton; Alora Dannon Johnston to Debra and Willis Jamie Johnston; Brian Joseph Tompkins to Chris and Melissa Tompkins. Basketball: SHH Tigerettes advance to play-offs. Muenster ISD names Coach Randy Tankersley as its Athletic Director.

February 21, 1997
Sacred Heart Parish will lose

Subiaco Abbey priests, as Abbot Jerome Kodell OSB and Bishop Joseph Delaney announce recall and urgent need for them at the abbey. Subiaco Benedictines have provided pastoral care to Sacred Heart since 1893. Muenster Chamber of Commerce begins to focus on Germanfest with increased intensity. Muenster City Council faces problems of funding for imperative water improvement projects. Second traffic accident occurs in one week near turnoff at Kountry Korner. Muenster's sales tax rebate is up 2.28 percent from

last year. Obituaries: Bruno Fleitman dies at age 85; Leona Lehnertz dies at age 80. New Arrival: a son, Karson Lee Heady to Kevin and Stephanie Heady. Dorothy Bengfort will be honored at annual Catholic Education Banquet, representing Sacred Heart School. The Association of Texas Professional Educators grants charter to Muenster

future. Muenster students in 4-H, FFA, FHA and Industrial Arts begin preparations for project shows.

February 28, 1997
911 rural addressing encounters delay, so changes can be made to include information required by the Post Office. MISD will observe Texas Public Schools Week March 3-7. Muenster Memorial Hospital acquires new digitized GE Logic 400 High Definition Ultra Sound equipment. Obituaries: Jake G. Biffle dies at age 82; Angelina Arami, mother of Sister Cabrini, dies at 94; Bill McCollum, husband of LaQueta (Cain) McCollum dies at 63. ABBA Women's Center holds Open House February 16 to celebrate a year's worth of accomplishment. New Arrivals: Nathan Conrad Walterscheid to Conrad and Paula Walterscheid; Trey Anthony Anderle to Kevin and Darla Anderle; Johanna Faith Kasper to Paul and JoAngeli Kasper; Jonathan Chance Jones to Jonathan and Crystal Jones. SHS Spelling Bee won by Melanie Bartush. MISD Spelling Bee won by Kelly Grewing. Tigerettes win second place in TAPPS basketball state championship.

March 7, 1997
Muenster City Council is introduced to the Wellhead Protection Program by a ground water technician of the Texas Rural Water Association. Cooke County Relay For Life gears up for June 6 and 7 event in support of cancer survivors

Garden issue. Cooke County Youth Fair and Cattle Sale o 1997 holds successful auction. Cooke County Commissioner Court strengthens security a court house during two trial; this week. Successful Arts & Crafts Show highlight. Muenster Public Schools Week. Gianna Jessen, abortion survivor, is highlight at ABBA fund-raiser at Lindsay Centennial Hall. Obituary; Ray Swirczynski dies at age 83. Wedding: Rose Felderhoff and Mauro Ganzon wed in Sacred Heart Church. New Arrivals: Ross Fisher Killian to Gail and Scott Killian; Wade Thomas Fisher to Dick and Mary Kay Fisher; Zachary Joseph Trubench to Ron and Judy Trubench; Madison Nicole Hesse to Mark and Melanie Hesse. Cody Perryman, junior at MHS wins third place in Upper Elm Red Soil and Water Conservation District 37th annual essay contest. MHS Hornets win Lindsay Track Meet. Tigerettes take District championship in TAPPS Class 2A.

March 21, 1997
MISD School Board meeting considers options on building program to encompass projected growth in enrollment. Working cowboys will compete in Sacred Heart Alumni Ranch Rodeo. Muenster's sales tax rebate is up 26.25 percent over March, 1996. Muenster State Bank announces election of two new directors, Butch Fisher and Robert Weinzapfel. Obituary: Roger Pautler, 54 dies here. Wedding: Cindy Reiter and Gregory H. Rollei are married in Sacred Heart Church. Pat Fisher is honored on 90th birthday. Muenster Public School PTO will host three awards banquets: honoring students. Celina High School girls take first place at Hornet Relays and Lindsay Knights win boys division. New Arrival: Joseph Matthew Tepera to Andy and Cheryl Tepera.

March 28, 1997
District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp asks Cooke County



Muenster Milling gets new addition.

ISD teachers: local officers are Irene Hartman, Kristi Schneider, Mary Dangelmayr and Darla Lile. SHH Tigerettes win over Lakehill and advance to TAPPS Final Four. MHS Lady Hornets gain basketball experience and build for the

and cancer research. Lindsay ISD educator Craig Hertel wins statewide UIL Denius Excellence Award. Obituary: Sister Liboria Schad dies at 91. New Member Relations Coordinator at Cooke County Electric Co-op is Kathy R. Bauer. Weddings: Julie Hess and Lance Kendrick are married in Sacred Heart Church; Jennifer Dittrich and Mark Flusche are married in St. Mary's Catholic Church of College Station. New Arrival: Donald Glen Woodall Jr. to Don and Judie Woodall.

March 14, 1997
Muenster Enterprise publishes special Home and

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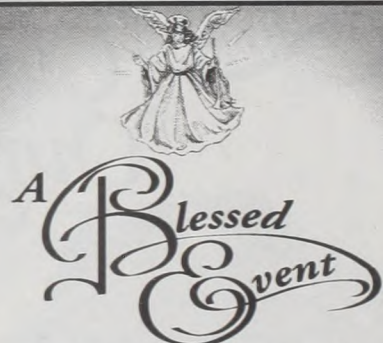
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Muenster One Act Play — "The Trip to Bountiful".

Commissioners Court to provide two new computers for her office. Nocona's Boddy Ranch takes winner's title at Rodeo sponsored by Sacred Heart Ranch Rodeo Committee. David Wiese wins in speech-essay contest sponsored by Cooke County Electric Cooperative, and will spend a week in Washington, D.C. Sacred Heart High School wins TAPPS District Academic Meet and will advance to Austin. Obituary: J.T. Barker, former resident dies in Valley View at age 85. Wedding: Deann Walterscheid and Kelly Jacobs marry in San Fernando Cathedral of San Antonio. Hilda Sicking honored on 80th birthday. New Arrivals: Lora Lynn Walterscheid to John and Dana Walterscheid; Emilie Kay Sandler to Leonard and Kathryn Sandler; Nicole Renae Fleitman to Chad and Debra Fleitman. MHS wins in One Act Play competition and advances from Zone A to District 9 in Wichita Falls, with "The Trip To Bountiful." SH Tigerettes win first and MHS Lady Hornets take second in Sacred Heart Relays in Muenster in track meet.

April 4, 1997

Lindsay High School sweeps District 10-AA at Regional UIL competition in Stephenville, with 529 points to 244 points by Callisburg. Leslie Grewing is semi-finalist winner in 1996 Christian Athlete of the Year Award. Obituaries: Joan Williams of Saint Jo dies at age 65; Eddie Reed of Saint Jo dies in Wichita Falls hospital at age 48. Wedding: Amy Dawn Hoenic and Kurt J. Hermes are married in Vicksburg, Mississippi. New Arrivals: Jason Theodore Knabe to Greg and Reneta Knabe; David William Huddleston to Tammy and David Huddleston; Madison Danielle Ramsey to Brad Ramsey and Sydonia Gates. Eight persons join Sacred Heart Church at Easter Service. Both Sacred Heart High and Muenster High School set new records at Callisburg Track Meet. The Texoma Chapter of the Texas Cattlewomen's Association meets at Illinois Bend in April and will tour ranches in the Saint Jo area.

April 11, 1997

New Myra Post Office is dedicated on April 9; Rose Hudspeth is Postmaster. Muenster High wins District 9, Region 2 for 1A schools Academic meet. Muenster Livestock Commission is under new ownership by Austin, Austin and Gaston. Muenster and Lindsay schedule school board candidate forums preceding elections. Joseph Davis competes in statewide Geography Bee. Weddings: Carol Koesler and Gene Luttmir marry in Sacred Heart Church; Stephanie Diane Yosten and Michael Todd Pankey marry in Sacred Heart Church.

April 18, 1997

Cooke County Commissioners Court accepts new regulations on liquid and solid waste disposal problems, licensing and enforced state



TAPPS State Academic Meet Runners-up.



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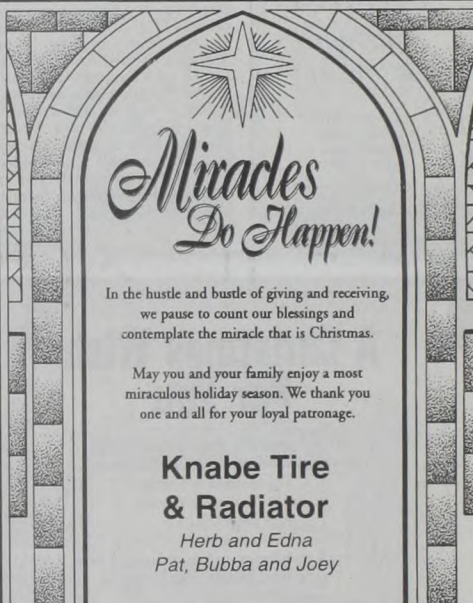
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regulations. Sacred Heart High School places second in Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state academic competition. Betty Trevino wins speech contest at Texas Garden Club Convention in Granbury. Obituary: Frank Hennigan, former SHH coach and native of Muenster, dies in Albuquerque. Sacred Heart Elementary sweeps North Texas Independent Conference Academic Meet. Muenster Elementary School earns Distinguished School status. Margaret Fisher honored on 90th birthday. Muenster Hornets win District 20-A Track championship and will compete in Regional. Lindsay Knights win District 10-2A District Track meet. Karl Klement Racing Team takes two first place awards in Daytona Motorcycle Series.

April 25, 1997

The red carpet is out and the Muenster Chamber of Commerce anticipates large crowds for 22nd annual Germanfest. Months of intense preparation have resulted in an exciting entertainment agenda. Muenster Enterprise wins first place for Special Edition on Muenster Memorial Hospital tabloid - judges have



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Muenster ISD school board election debate.

good comments on stories, photos and ads and Janet Felderhoff. Brenda Rigsby and Janie Hartman attend Press Association convention where awards are announced. Muenster ISD Board of Trustees continue to discuss need of expanding to serve the growing enrollment. Sales tax receipts decrease in April for Muenster, Lindsay, Valley View, Oak Ridge, Gainesville has slight gain. SHS celebrates "Week of the Young Child." Obituaries: Ryan Michael Davidson dies at age of 5

Wolf to Kent and Lori Wolf; Nicholas Shane Fleitman to Scott and Karen Fleitman. Albert and Imogene Zimmerer are Zone 3 winners in Soil and Water Upper Elm-Red Conservation District. May 23, 1997
Disastrous weather for Germanfest affects all of Muenster sponsoring groups. Annual awards banquet honors Muenster High School students. Lindsay High School graduates 26 on May 23.



Dr. Alfredo Antonetti retires.



Rainy weather moves Germanfest activities indoors.

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months; James Dennison dies at age 90; Jon T. "Jack" Herr dies in Arlington at age 63. Sacred Heart High School Drama and Music Departments present musical comedy "Lil' Abner" to sell-out crowds two nights. New Arrivals: Emily Ann Fette to Chuck and Susie Fette; Emily Marie Brogdon to Jason and Juline Brogdon; Tyler Shane Hagood to Ernie and Amber Hagood; Derek Lane Sicking to Buffit Bushell and Weldon Sicking; Bailey Rae Burris to Charles and La Becah Burris; Mikinzie Cheyanne Hess to Gary and Clarissa Hess;

Bradley Thomas Bezner to Pat and Tammy Bezner; Jazmin LeAnn West to Sheila McBride and Billy West; Timothy Brian Meek to Robert Meek and Janice Johnson; Colton Devon Reed to Devon and Mary Reed. Muenster ISD Elementary School wins first place in Zone 4 Academic competition. Era School receives Title I Distinguished Awards School. SHHS Tigerettes and SHHS Tigers take first place in District 1AA Track and Field Meet.

Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District is honored as Outstanding District in 51 counties. Oath of office administered to Mayor and Aldermen at City Council meeting. Muenster School Board election draws record 436 voters. Dr. Alfredo Antonetti retires at Muenster Memorial Hospital after 29 years dedicated to healing and caring for the sick. Obituaries: "Sadie" O'Connor dies at age 95; Anna Moffett, mother of Marilyn Luke, dies at 84; Clarence Schnitker dies at 74. New Arrival: James Michael Cochran to Danny and Debbie Cochran. Record-breaking crowd of over 900 attend annual meeting of Cooke County Electric Co-op. Wedding: Denise Russell and Daniel Boynton are married in First Baptist Church of Muenster. SHHS Tigers and Tigerettes take state track title in TAPPS.

Annual parish bazaar set for June 22. Adam Schniederjan wins Trane Achievement of Excellence award. College graduates: Melissa Miller at Midwestern State; Joy Tisdale Black at TWU; Jeanann Biffle at NCTC; Janet Bayer and Greg Zimmerer at LeTourneau University; Darren Bindel at Tarleton State; Melinda Fleitman and Jeremy

May 2, 1997
Rain, mud and very chilly weather greet first day of Germanfest. But Sunday dawns clear, but cold. In its 22 year history sponsors, vendors, volunteers and visitors must contend with drop in attendance and income. 1997 festivities prevail despite soggy conditions. Improvement on Sunday tries to recover the spirit of Germanfest. Three places on MISD school board are up for election, sparking heightened interest. The ATPE of MISD hosted a candidates forum on April 22. Lindsay High School wins Regional UIL academic competition in 11AA. Wedding: Kayla Blanchard weds Kevin P. Simon. 40 children receive First Eucharist in Sacred Heart Church. New Arrivals: twins, Luke Travis Wimmer and Lindsey Jo Wimmer to J. Shane and Tina Wimmer. Four Muenster High students qualify for academic State meet. Muenster Junior High wins academic meet.

May 9, 1997
Muenster Enterprise publishes annual Soil Conservation issue. Muenster Enterprise wins State Media Award from Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, at Stephenville Banquet. Upper

May 16, 1997
Fisher's Meat Market and Grocery will celebrate Grand Opening of completed expansion, culminating 70 years in business; May 19-24 has been selected as Grand Opening Week, with daily celebrations. Eighteen-year-old Knighten, who was guilty of aggravated assault on John Fangman, is sentenced, escapes, and is captured. Lindsay High School places 2nd in State UIL Academic Meet. Obituaries: Father Stephen Eckart OSB dies at age 67, of complications of Alzheimer's Disease; Kenneth Zwinggi, 73, dies of kidney cancer. College graduates: Michele Yosten is valedictorian of nursing graduates at NCTC. Leslie Dangelmayr passes Certified Public Accountant exam. New Arrivals: Danielle Marie Yosten to Mark and Danetta Yosten; Kelli Marie



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Thompson at NCTC; Amy Hoenig at MSU; Melissa Trubench at UT of Arlington. Lucas Hartman is elected president of MHS Student Council; Russell Fette is president of SHHS Student Council. Spanish Club of SHHS takes field trip to Austin.

May 30, 1997

Tornadoes strike south of Muenster on Sunday night, June 1, leaving widespread damages to houses, electric light poles, trees, oil field pump jacks, fences and hay fields. Greg Flusche is valedictorian and Brandi Lutkenhaus is salutatorian at Muenster High School. SHS students bid farewell to Sister Genevieve McConnell after her 62 year teaching career - 38 in Muenster. Muenster VFW and Ladies Auxiliary hold Memorial Day services at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Wedding: Rebecca Fleitman and David Wayne Morris are married in Sacred Heart Church. College graduates: Ryan Sicking is Texas A&M graduate; Tina Klement and Keith Klement, brother and sister earn degrees, she at UNT, he gets Masters degree at University of Wyoming; Amy Dankesreiter graduates at Midwestern State. New Arrivals: Collin Anthony Pagel to Renate and Jacob Pagel; Heather Lynn Fuhrmann to

Alex and Kathleen Fuhrmann; Tabatha Shae Vrla to Melton and Lois Vrla.

June 6, 1997

Jennifer Campbell is SHHS valedictorian; Kelly Rigler is SHHS salutatorian. Muenster City Council awards new contract to Bell Group of Wichita Falls, in deciding between three competing waste management companies. Three Cooke County Electric Co-op men are honored for heroic

action in saving life of co-worker in high voltage accident. Weddings: Julie Ann DiStefano and Phillip Kenemer are married in Sugar Land; Amy Rose Miller and Mark Heinen marry in Sherman. College graduates: Mandy Barnhill is graduate of Austin College; Ray Stewart is graduate of UNT. New Arrivals: Mitchell Ryan Hoenig to Aaron and Ann Hoenig; Brandon Joseph Hennigan to Joe and Kim Hennigan; Tyler Gene Hermes to Gene and Cindy Hermes; Zachary Alan Hermes to David and Melissa Hermes; Hayle Dawn Gauna to Johnny Gauna and Mariah Dees; Erin Marie Hammons to Cindy and Jeff Hammons.

June 13, 1997

County Judge Paul Hesse dies suddenly of apparent heart attack at 59. Wide area is stunned by the great loss. Cooke County Relay For Life exceeds goal and earns \$47,200 plus. Corpus Christi celebration at St. Peter's

Church ushers in "Year of the Eucharist." Weddings: Janelle Ann Fuhrmann and Kelly Colwell marry in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Lindsay; Beverly Burleson and Matt McCorkle exchange vows in Tyler. San Antonio's Sisters of Divine Providence are withdrawn from Lindsay Parish. New Arrivals: Kyla Marie Haverkamp to Floyd and Penni Haverkamp; Riley Austin Dixon to Tommy and Jennifer Dixon. Sacred Heart Kindergarten and Preschool classes hold "Moving On" ceremony for close of school.

June 20, 1997

Cooke County Commissioners Court appoints Russell Duncan to fill the unexpired term of Paul Hesse as Cooke County Judge. Muenster ISD accepts resignation of Principal Bob Chisam. Obituary: Ben Martinez dies following heart surgery. Wedding: Jeanette (Klement) Jones marries Michael Fitzpatrick. At Muenster ISD, JoAnn Pagel and Leigh Hale are named Teachers of the Year. New Arrivals: Christopher Michael Dennington to Christopher and Tonya Dennington; Jerad John Pratt to Gerald and Mary A.



Fischer's Meat Market has grand re-opening.

Pratt; Philip Michale Peterson to Anthony Peterson and Kelly Ditmore. College Graduates: Jessica Odelia Lutkenhaus at Northwestern University; Nathan K. Endres at Brown University; Michael Cain at Texas A&M University. Vacation Bible School attended by 212 children at Sacred Heart Church.

June 27, 1997

Trauma Survey conducted at Muenster Memorial Hospital passes inspection "with flying colors!" leading Hospital Administrator Endres and Board of Directors to anticipate Texas Department of Health to designate that it has reached Level 4 trauma status and is a trauma center. "Muenster Memorial Hospital excelled" said the surveyors. Center for Rural Health Initiatives notifies hospital that Yvonne Ambrose and Melissa Trubench have been chosen as Outstanding Rural Scholars. Sacred Heart High School captures TAPPS All Around Championship. Dobe Fleitman and John Bartush are named the Outstanding Class 2A athletes; Trisha Endres and



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Russell Fette named TAPPS top Fine Arts students. David Wiese wins tour of Washington D.C. from Cooke County Electric Co-op. Muenster Chamber of Commerce holds planning and funding meetings concerning Germanfest. Bishop Joseph Delaney announces August 22 arrival of Father Thomas Craig of Carrollton as new pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. Farewell party and reunion of Benedictine priests set for July 9. Obituary: Mary Cecelia Felderhoff dies in Waco at age 53. Wedding: Amy Green and Brad McDaniel are married in St. Mark's Catholic Church of Waco. Robert Weinzapfel is graduate of Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU. New Arrivals: Nicholas Vincent Nasche to Mark and Libby Nasche; Canyon Clay Ramsey to Justin and Cori Ramsey. College Graduate: Darren Bindel honored as one of 17 Outstanding Graduates of Tarleton State University.

three awards in TPA newspaper competition on special section for Muenster Hospital new Birthing Center; on advertising in the Christmas and Oct. 25, 1996 issues; and on photo of helicopter dumping water on an area grass wildfire. Muenster's sales tax rebate is down 5.18 percent. Muenster



County Judge Paul Hesse dies unexpectedly.

Muenster Enterprise wins



Cancer survivors kick off Relay for Life.

Water District Board of Directors describe progress on Muenster Lake. Muenster State Bank President Earl Fisher retires; Henry Weinzapfel is appointed new President by bank's Board of Directors. Heritage Magazine, statewide publication of Texas Historical Foundation, features Muenster State Bank in Spring issue and depicts original picture of first building on front corner. Lindsay VFW honors Tim Wimmer for 18 years of service to the department and the town of Lindsay. Wedding: Cristie Darlene Berg and Corey Daniel Schmitt are married in Sacred Heart Church of Prosser, Washington. Graduates: Tommy Greathouse is Summa Cum Laude graduate of Northern Arizona State University with merged Physics and Astronomy degree. Alison Knabe is graduate of



Tornadoes strike south of Muenster.

and Auction, Inc. remodels facility with extensive changes. July 18, 1997

Cooke County grants two more tax abatements: one to Molded Fiber Glass MFG Companies of Texas, and Lone Star Heavy Haul. Cooke County Commissioners Court appoints 1997-98 election judges and their alternates. Benedictine Monks of Subiaco Abbey are honored by Sacred Heart Parish at Mass and reception on July 9 on eve of the Order's departure and recall to the Abbey. Commissioner Jerry Lewis is

installed as President of Texoma Council of Governments. Muenster's July sales tax rebate shows increase of 33.82 percent. Weddings: Cindy Marie Schilling and Max Koesler are married in Sacred Heart Church; Kelly Catherine Hermes and Ty Dagan Russel are married in St. Peter's Church; Barbara Fuhrman and Don Rohmer are married in Sacred Heart Church. New arrival: Denise Dennington and Sergio Huerta announce a son. Andrea Klement returns from study in England. Forestburg plans Ranch Rodeo.



Brenda Rigsby, Janie Hartman, and Janet Felderhoff with awards at the TPA convention in Amarillo.

College of the Atlantic at Bar Harbor, Maine. New Arrivals: Derek Darnell Eudy to Ricky and Robin Eudy; Julio Cesar Lizalde to Reynalda and Dora Lizalde. Cub Scout Day Camp held in Muenster Park for one week. Eight Muenster Girl Scouts receive prestigious Silver Award. Keith Klement, Muenster native, named County Extension Agent/Agriculture for Archer County.

Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska as members of the Leukemia Society of America's Team in Training program. Muenster Livestock Sale Barn

July 11, 1997

Muenster City Council has busy meeting July 7; appoints Ted Heers to Park Board; approves Chad Felderhoff Eagle Scout project; authorizes assessments for certain separate paving projects; tables decision on closing of swimming pool. New principal at MISD will be James Hopper. Building business booms in Muenster and Lindsay. Obituary: Cynthia Hendricks dies in Saint Jo at age 62. Wedding: Annette Gruber and Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Arnold Schmitz are married in St. Peter's Church on May 10, 1997. New Arrivals: Alley Lea Roof to Tony and Shawn Roof; Daniel Robert Hesse to Bert and Christi Hesse; twins: Alexander James Hamilton and Nathaniel Edward Hamilton to Chris and Jacqueline Hamilton. Laurie and Amy Walterscheid compete in the mayor's Midnight Sun

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Advertisement for The Center Restaurant & Tavern. Includes text: 'Glory to the Newborn King' and contact information for E. Highway 82, Muenster, TX.

Advertisement for Muenster Milling Co., Inc. Includes text: 'WITH HEARTFELT THANKS' and contact information for 202 S. Main Muenster.

Advertisement for GERMANIA. Includes text: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every living creature.' and contact information for Joe J. Bezner.

July 25, 1997
 Cooke County Commissioner chard Brown registers jectio to clauses 3 and 4 of oposed 1997-1998 fire-fighting agreement between ty of Muenster and Cooke unty. Muenster Chamber of mmerce plans "Family Fun ay in the Park" for July 27. uenster School Board eeting addresses roof repairs, nchroom price increases, etc. eddings: Felicia Ann endoza and Jason Carl ehrig are married in unication Catholic Church Houston; Connie Rose Black id Bobby Lee Wolf are rried in First Baptist urch of Gainesville; Ulys irier and Christopher Aaron ette are married in Montreal, anada. Forestburg atermelon Festival set for ugust 16. Angie (Wiesman) eiter honored on 90th rthday. Old church building id community center building . Hood provide scenes for ouchtone Pictures filming of ience thriller: "Armageddon." ew Arrivals: a daughter, adalyn Rose Zimmerer to ammy H. and Diane E. immerer; a daughter, akenzie Kate Bradley to ichard and Shelley Bradley; a uughter, Chelsie Beatrice eed to Chris and Angela eed. Graduate: James elderhoff is honor graduate of ubiaco Academy.

publishes annual special School Issue. Muenster Jaycees honor Shirley Knabe as Outstanding Citizen of Muenster, and name award winners among Jaycees for 1997, during annual Jaycee banquet. Muenster Volunteer Fire Department will continue to provide rural fire protection for the Muenster area. Highway accident Wednesday morning takes life of Phil Rigsby. Angela Fuhrbach dies in Amarillo. Weddings: Suzanne Michelle Goldsmith and Michael Raymond Cunningham are married in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gamesville; Anita Elaine Ethridge weds Clayton Bradley Johnson. New Arrival: James



Earl Fisher retires from Muenster State Bank.



Shirley Knabe receives the prestigious Citizen of the Year Award from retiring Muenster Jaycee President Neal Flusche.

Andrew Herr II to Jimmy and Laurie Herr. Jennifer Campbell receives Soroptimist International award. Greg Flusche and Tanya Knauf each receive \$500 scholarships from Muenster Kiwanis Club. Special School Tab tells that Sacred Heart High School shines after summer overall restoration project. Muenster ISD begins the 1997-98 school year on August 8 with a teacher staff development day. Instructions for students begin on Tuesday, August 12.

August 8, 1997
 City Council meeting hears property owners in opposition to paving of Eddy Street and

its cost. Cooke County Commissioners Court considers items that could result in improved rural fire fighting capabilities for area volunteer fire departments. Muenster Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Barbecue set for Saturday, August 9. Obituaries: Phil Rigsby dies at age 45 in highway one-vehicle accident; Evelyn Meurer dies at age 90; Cory Nissen succumbs to cancer at age 17; Kirk Myers, nephew of Sr. Carmelita dies at 26 in traffic accident. Golden Wedding: Dr. and Mrs. Martin Kralicke observe 50th wedding anniversary. New Arrivals:

Dalton Klancy Bartel to Terry and Katina Bartel; Megan Elizabeth Uhlig to Donnie and Mary Uhlig; Jeremy Hunter Hess to Tim and Vickie Hess; Nathan Kyle Strauser to Anthony Strauser and Lafawn Maxwell. Three friends, Claude Walter, Doyle High and Richard Dill achieve goal of riding from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean on their bicycles during a 43 day trip across the continent, from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine.

August 15, 1997

Cooke County EMS will increase its rates, with approval of Cooke County Commissioners Court. Muenster ISD is recognized for fourth successive year by the Texas Education Agency as an Exemplary District. This is the highest academic rating a district can receive from the state agency. Dr. Michael O. Mahan DC opens Chiropractic Clinic in former Hofbauer building. Forestburg Watermelon Festival set for August 16. Obituaries: Father Leo Koessler dies August 1 at Subiaco Abbey at age 76; Eva Walterscheid dies at age 63 following struggle with cancer; John Ward, Father of Eileen Fisher dies at age 96. Wedding: Amy Michelle Sandmann

marries Steven Paul Whaley. Sister Anselma Haverkamp celebrates 75 years as a Benedictine nun at Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro, Arkansas, at age 99. New Arrivals: Eli Joseph Dangelmayr to Tom and Hayle Dangelmayr; Elena Catherine Jaramillo to Ricardo and Joyce Jaramillo; Joshua R. Calderon to Jorge R. Calderon and Rosanna Hellingner; Jamie Leigh Miller to Mr. and Mrs. James Miller; Mason Drew Mannon to Rusty Mannon and Ashli Puckett; Kaitlyn Corey



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First National Bank opens.

Ditmore to Kimberly Ditmore. Jerry and Billie Fleitman announce adoption of a daughter, Destin Kirby Fleitman upon finalization of adoption proceedings.

August 22, 1997
Sacred Heart Parish welcomes new pastor, Father Tom Craig, who arrived here on August 20, appointed by Bishop Thomas Delaney, following the departure of the Benedictine monks recalled to Subiaco Abbey by Abbot Jerome Kodell. Smoke pouring from an air vent in the roof of Pepitos Mexican Restaurant about 1:05 a.m. on August 15 is noticed by an alert trucker, who turns in the fire alarm. Smoke and heat damage occurred and also spread to

adjoining Red River Liquor. However, the building still stands solid. Precinct #4 Justice of Peace, Royce Martin, resigns, leaving 16 months remaining to fulfill elected term. Nurse Practitioner, Holly Wellman joins the office staff of Dr. Thomas Currier OB/GYN at Muenster Memorial Hospital. Oak Street, approaching Sacred Heart School, is receiving much-needed repair. Obituaries: Frank Felderhoff dies at 80; Mary Rohmer dies at 88. Wedding: Jayna Hofbauer marries Dewayne Williams in Sacred Heart Church. Area High School football is underway!! Twelfth annual Antique Tractor Show of 1997 is set for August 30 and 31,

north of Lindsay.

August 29, 1997
Cooke County Commissioners Court appoints John Roane Justice of the Peace Precinct 4. Cooke County Commissioners Court will enforce the law against dumping or littering on county roadways and other unauthorized places. A litter control officer has been hired by the county. Guaranty National Bank officially opened its Muenster Branch on August 25 at 1000 E. Division, Suite A, Hillcrest Center. David Fette accepts Scoutmaster of Troop 664 position. Obituaries: Lillian Fette Gallery dies in

California at age 85; Ida Bengfort Frank dies in Amarillo; Albert Bauer dies of cancer in LaFeria. Graduates: Claudette Fette is Magna Cum Laude graduate at TWU with Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy and minor in Psychology; Kelly Dangelmayr graduates at Midwestern State University with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiography. Greg Flusche earns TILF Fasken Scholarship. Joe Hennigan makes his first "hole-in-one" at golf course in

Sept. 5, 1997
News of layoffs and rumors of layoffs astound Muenster community after announcement of 61 percent reduction in workforce at AMPI; 46 employees were laid off and 31 remain on the job. "Muenster Plant is still a viable operation in a strategic role," says Plant Manager Mike Heffernan. MISD School Board votes to entice teachers to pursue Masters Degrees and participate in continuing education courses, by offering teacher stipends. Muenster Industrial Development Corporation, Inc. action taken to monitor the expenditure of funds after passage of additional sales and use tax to fund elevated water storage tank and associated water and road improvements. Ribbon cutting held for new owners of Wooden Spoon in Lindsay. Obituaries: Albert Bauer, 69

Susan Lancaster; Toni Jean Richardson to Don and Tonya Richardson; Caitlin Elise Corcoran to Steve and Jenny Corcoran; Kierstin Anne Mollenkopf to Hal and Cindy Mollenkopf; Amber Renee Mathews to Randy and Crystal Mathews. John and Karen Cook buy Wooden Spoon Restaurant in Lindsay. Ida Mae Herr honored on 90th birthday. Descendants of early day Muenster residents Frank and Nick Endres hold reunion. Football: SHH Tigers 41, Savoy 34; Muenster Hornets 39, Petrolia 0; Lindsay Knights 25, Windthorst 13.

September 19, 1997
MISD Board of Trustees schedules September 17 for vote on tax rate increase - no citizens attended the public hearing on September 11 on the proposal. Memorial service honoring Mother Teresa of Calcutta held by SHHS students. "See You At the Flag Pole" ceremony draws students, teachers and parents for 7:30 a.m. program on Wednesday, September 17 for prayers for the welfare of our country. Sales tax rebate decreases by 1.25 percent for Muenster. Obituaries: Cecilia Rose (Haverkamp) Cooper dies in Winnsboro at age 72; Lona Pierce, former resident dies in Gainesville at age 91. New Arrivals: Abigail Elizabeth Fleitman for Larry and Rachel

Fleitman; Barkley Grant Hayes for Billy and Heather Hayes; Christopher Wae Hanks for Chris and Kriya Hanks; Tasha Leighann Moe for Frank and Brandi Moe. Mr. and Mrs. John Fleitman observe 64th wedding anniversary. Football: MSH Hornets 0, Nocona 22; SHH Tigers 0, Era 46; Lindsay Knights 6, Bells 26.

September 26, 1997
Cooke County Commissioners Court takes note of citizen concern regarding speed on grave county roads. One-car accident on Hwy. 82, 1.8 miles east of Muenster takes lives of two teens, Jessica Tompkins, age



Dr. Cynthia Fleitman joins Muenster office.

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dies in LaFeria; Tony Hoenig of Muenster dies at 91; John F. Neu of Lindsay, dies at 90; Christine Gieb, Muenster native dies in Lindsay. Feature by Janet Felderhoff tells story of The Wildflower Lady. Football: Injuries plague MHS Hornets; season opens with game hosting Petrolia. SHHS Tigers open season at Savoy. Lindsay Knights host Windthorst.

September 12, 1997
Muenster City Council grudgingly accepts rural fire protection contract offered by Cooke County Commissioners Court. Commissioners Court levies 4035 property tax rate. Muenster Memorial Hospital Board approves tax rate of .26498 per \$100 valuation. Two Muenster Meat Processors win big at Texas Association of Meat Processors Convention: Fisher's Meat Market won Grand Champion honors with their entry of a Cured and Smoked Ham; H&W Meat Company won Reserve Grand Champion honors with their entry of Snack Sticks. Obituary: Lonia Gieb Tubb dies in Oklahoma City at age 86. New Arrivals: a son, Trevor Elton Lancaster to Joey and

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and Amy Hilton, age 15; Jennifer Tompkins, age 16 is admitted to Harris Hospital; Corey Sicking, age 5 is released after treatment for injuries. All four were taken from the vehicle. Texas State Senator Tom Haywood is honored at reception at Muenster's Meat Market, while announcing his bid for a third term. Boddy Ranch Team of Muenster earns top spot in 97 Jaycee Ranch Rodeo. Muenster Queen at Lindsay High School is Megan Lindemann. Score of the football game is Lindsay 33, Sacred Heart 14. Other Friday night games: Muenster Hornets 43, Callisburg 27. Huge green, inflated, blow-up turtle is stolen from atop Tom Herr's truck. Theft of the \$6,500 insurance is a state felony. Lennie Tomkin, 82, mother of Harvey Tomkin, dies in Nocona. Wedding: Shirley Henscheid marries Raymond Arthur Ewert IV in Sacred Heart Church. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ewert celebrate golden wedding anniversary. New arrivals: Brandon James Hanceller to Tim and Tammy Hanceller; Jordan Leah Eddy to Lee and Donna

Buddy; Casey Lee Reamy to Spencer and Jennifer Reamy; Mariah Leigh Noggler to Kenny and La Nell Noggler. Lindsay will observe its 25th Oktoberfest.

October 3, 1997
Dr. Margie Felderhoff York, D.O. welcomes Dr. Cynthia Fleitman D.O. to her optometry practice in Muenster. "Restoring Faith in Education" is theme of Sacred Heart's annual academic awards program on September 30. Muenster Hornet Homecoming Week is October 6-10. Sacred Heart Tiger Homecoming Week is October 5-11. City of Muenster is awarded \$194,606 grant for building 200 gallon elevated water storage tank and replacing failing water lines. Lindsay Knights of Columbus sponsor annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 5, in Lindsay Park. Obituaries: Sister Victorine Klein CDP dies at Lady of the Lake Convent at age 101. Wedding: Jeanne Swirczynski and Darryl Sistrunk are married in Nassau, the Bahamas. New Arrivals: Joshua Michael Jordan to Sam and Janet Jordan; Natalie Rose Fangman to Frank and Rhonda Fangman; Derek Thomas



Ledbetter receives KC Good Neighbor Award.

Miller to Bert and Debbie Miller; Ethan Thomas Henry to Noelle and Will Henry; April Sue Chritton to Robert and Edna Chritton. Football: MHS Hornets 47, Blue Ridge 7; SHH Tigers 7, Godley 58; Lindsay Knights 49, Electra 3.

October 10, 1997
Muenster Memorial Hospital receives official Level IV (Basic) Trauma Designation presented by Texas Department of Health. MMH is the first hospital in Cooke County to receive a Trauma Designation by the TDH. Texas developed the system to lower the number of fatalities in rural counties. Award is presented to Jack Endres Administrator, Pat Wimmer Trauma Coordinator and Dr. Edd Advincula Trauma Medical Director. Cooke County 4-H Gold Star Awards go to Bonnie Brooks of Woodbine and Yvonne Martin of Muenster. Muenster City Council nominates Arthur Felderhoff to Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Muenster Volunteer Fire Department team wins first place in a fire-hose-handling skill contest at Depot Days; Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department wins second place. Muenster State Bank announces appointment of Dan Hamric to position of customer relations and advertising. Obituaries: Herman Fleitman dies at age 81. City of Muenster is awarded grant of \$28,050 for preparing a city master plan for next 20 years. Cooke County annual Life Chain is attended by more than 100 people. Feature about Father Gary Swirczynski, Franciscan, who serves in the Gila Indian Reservation area of

Callisburg 12. Band Boosters Club formed at MISD. Feature in Muenster Enterprise tells story of Marine Major James Bright who presented program to juniors and seniors of Muenster High School. New Arrivals: Robert and Linda Lutmer announce birth of a daughter, Katherine Louise Lutmer; Lisa Alford and Michael Ratliff announce birth of a daughter, Maegan Cheyenne Maldean Renee Ratliff.

October 24, 1997
MISD celebrates fourth consecutive Exemplary Rating Award. United Way of Cooke County focuses on "The Power of U." Democratic Party in Cooke County honors three County officials with dinner and with attendance of U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall. GNB Muenster Banking Center holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Muenster City Employees conduct smoke-testing to search out leaks in city's older sewer lines. New Arrivals: Madeline LeAnn Lamkin to Eddie and Carol Lamkin. Classes of 1940 hold reunion for graduates of 1947 of both schools. Football: SHH Tigers 0, Masonic Home 20; Celeste 27, MHS Hornets 19; Lindsay Knights 6, Paradise 16. Laura Klement wins Farm Bureau Speech Contest and \$1,000 college scholarship.

October 31, 1997
Cooke County Judge Russell Duncan voices concern at Commissioners Court meeting, in opposition to truckloads of sludge being trucked in from out of County, dumped on private property in Precinct #3 near Era; also on the intent to build a 1920 foot FM radio tower for Dallas near

Greenwood, potentially dangerous to airplanes hoping to land at Gainesville airport. Appreciation dinner honors three seeking re-election: Democrats Evelyn Walterscheid, Janet Johnson and Virgil Hess. Commissioners Court seeks to set speed limits on several county roads. Both local schools host second session of "Aim For Success" and presents nationally-acclaimed Marilyn Morris as speaker on

ABSTINENCE: The New Sexual Revolution. Obituaries: William J. Fuhrmann at 77; Alvin Zimmerer at 66. Weddings: Tracie Renee Voth and Keith Walker McCormick marry in Gainesville First Baptist Church; Chrystal Lea Yosten and Ricky Darrell Cox are married in St. Peter's Catholic Church; Sandra Jean Hess and Jerry Joseph Schumacher are married in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay. Sgt. Sandy Dittfurth graduates from Southwestern Law Enforcement Institute School of Police Supervision. Top 4-H State honors go to Lydia Felderhoff. New Arrivals: Colton Lloyd Morris to Randall and Aletha Morris; Virgil Stephen Woods to Virgil and Amy Woods; Alexandria Paige Harrell to Jerry and Joye Harrell; Haileigh Brianna Bacon to Jerry and Amanda Bacon; Mardi Marie Wisdom to Rocky and Gina Wisdom. Football: MHS Hornets 70, Savoy 0; SHH Tigers 13, Lakehill 20; Lindsay Knights 30, Chico 0. Gina Yosten wins second in a Red Steagall Cowboy/Cowgirl Poetry Contest and earns scholarship and pair of Justin boots. MISD adds 13 students to Duke University TIPS Program.

November 7, 1997
Muenster City Council invites speaker from Southwest Consultants to explain the Texas Community Development Program Grant

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Top Tin Street Rods hit Muenster.

Arizona, is prepared by Elfreda Fette. Wedding: Kimberly Anderle and H. Scott Neeb are married in Sacred Heart Church. New Arrivals: Matthew Loren Blake Sumpter to Robin and William O. Sumpter Jr.; Devon Russell Hacker to Jimmy Hacker and LeAnn Klement; Alison Nicole Morris to David and Becky Morris. Football: MHS Hornets 6, Detroit 22; SHH Tigers 9, Notre Dame 37; Lindsay 43, Gainesville State School 12.

October 17, 1997
Bill Ledbetter named "Good Neighbor of 1997" by Muenster Knights of Columbus Council #1459, during annual observance of Columbus Day. Leigh Ann Reiter is crowned Homecoming Queen at MISD; Crystal Gail Klement is crowned at SHHS as Homecoming Queen; Both ceremonies at their football games. Muenster Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Halloween Dance with music by Kenny and the Kasuals, with popular '60s music, as promotion for Germanfest. Muenster Chiropractic Center holds ribbon-cutting ceremony and Open House. Obituaries: Mildred Yosten dies at age 69; Marjorie Schniederjan dies at 75; mother of Judy McDaniel dies at 74. Weddings: Dana Ruth Wells and Doyle Wayne Lewis are married in St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Gainesville; Amy Louise Whitt marries Christopher Sims in First United Methodist Church of Lubbock. Football: Muenster Hornets 53, Fannindel 0; SHH Tigers 20, Rockwall Christian 0; Lindsay Knights 27,

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and to alert them to the enormous amount of paperwork involved concerning water tower grant. Less than 10% of registered voters turn out November 4 for Texas Constitutional Amendment election. Denton's Top Tin Street Rod Association will hold their annual Goat Roast and Bean Bash for fifth consecutive year in Community Center. Lindsay ISD Superintendent Gilbert Hermes announces his retirement when contract expires, after 34 years in teaching. Obituaries: Sister Amora Felderhoff dies at Holy Angels Convent at age 101; Robert Dixon Jr. dies in California at 76; M.H. Gaston dies at 74. Wedding: Cheryl Baranski and Ashley Fuhrmann marry in St. Mary's Catholic Church of College Station on August 16. New Arrivals: Matthew William Muller to Wm. Coy and Judy Muller; Jacob Bradley Reynolds to Rod and Kelli Reynolds; Kaleigh Brooke Eason to Mark and Angie Eason. Mrs. Elsie Fuhrmann honored on 103rd birthday. Football: SHH Tigers 6, Balch Springs 64; MHS Hornets 7, Era 13; Lindsay Knights 27, Valley View 7. Kiwanis Students of the Month at Muenster ISD are Chris Jackson, Stevie Tankersley and Dolly Patel.



Muenster Volunteer Fire Department — prepared.

United Way Victory Luncheon honors award recipients in Cooke County. Muenster Volunteer Firemen called to smoky structure fire at 609 N. Main on Wednesday about noon. Wedding: Donna Louise Hennigan and Nick Nervo are married in Denton at TWU Chapel-in-the-Woods. Football: Lindsay Knights win Bi-District; will meet Bangs in Area competition; Sacred Heart Tigers 0, St. Paul's of Shiner 39, closing season for SHH. Basketball season now begins; Tigerettes open season with a win and a loss; Muenster

Hornets lose to Tom Bean. November 28, 1997 Muenster Enterprise begins its 62nd year, publishing Volume 62, Number 1. Muenster Memorial Hospital gleans praise from auditor for exemplary performance in 1997-98 fiscal year. Board of Trustees of Muenster ISD approve a floor plan for new high school building, selecting Option 5 which includes revamping the existing administration building. Muenster Volunteer Fire Department seeks funds to buy AED device (automatic

external defibrillator) and to train all local first responders on the use of the AED. Obituaries: Josephine English dies at age 89; Lois Ann Cook dies at 78. New Arrivals: John Alphonse Hess to Gary and Margo Hess; Stormee Cheyenne Chisum to Robert Chisum and LaVonda Duke; Maria Anne Wimmer to Randy and Linda Wimmer; Roman Lawrence Bayer to Allen and Christy Bayer. Double golden wedding celebrated by Joe and Elfrieda Hundt and Ed and Louise Schad. Football: Lindsay Knights 19, Bangs High School 15 in Area. Now Lindsay advances to Regional Semi-Finals.

December 5, 1997 Police Chief Helen Tompkins is speaker for the City Council's December meeting, concerning the new rules for citizens under 18 years of age, regarding the penalties of underage smoking and drinking while driving. She will also alert parents concerning these rules. Leonard Hartman receives an award from Farm Bureau as one of 14 Texans honored for lifetime achievement serving agriculture. Muenster Social Concerns committee asks for donations for those people who need even the simple necessities, especially children. Jack Murdock, principal of Sacred Heart School, honored by School Advisory Council, Home-School Society, students, parents and teachers, during week set aside by National Catholic Education Society. Christmas Concert scheduled by Cooke County Chorale for December 16. Brandi Gilpin wins endowed scholarship from Muenster State Bank to NCTC. Obituaries: Marcella Fetsch dies at age 73; Anna Schmitz dies at age 99. New Arrival: Kyle Anthony Grewing to Tony and Billie Grewing. Mike Stoffels and Ted Heers win first and second in Muenster Enterprise Football Contest. Lindsay Knights reach bi-district, area, then regional semi-finals in their drive in football 1997, but fall to Italy Gladiators 48-18. Coach Meurer tells them: "You have no reason to hang your heads. You have over-achieved tonight as you have all season. It was a great season. I am very proud of you."

December 12, 1997 Cooke County Republicans hear Congressman Sam Johnson of 3rd District at fund raiser dinner on Dec. 6, held in Sacred Heart Community Center. Muenster Volunteer Firemen First Responders put their training to good use Tuesday, Dec. 9 as they rendered care to three people injured in a three vehicle accident about 9 a.m. at the intersection of US Hwy. 82 and FM 373. Cooke County Commissioners support feasibility study on Event Center. Jim Lohmeyer files as

Republican candidate for 4th Congressional District. Obit: Catherine "Kate" Harris of Saint Jo dies at age 93, traditional military honors conducted by team from Fort Hood. Golden Wedding: Ed and Louise (Felderhoff) Knauf celebrate golden wedding anniversary. New Arrivals: Dalton Lane Hess to Ryan and Tina Hess; Devon Rae Jeffries to Melissa Diane Jeffries; Weston Henzler Luke to Ben and Annette Luke; Abbey Rose Luttmir to Gene and Carol Luttmir; Ryan Dillon Price to Robin Eugene and Tonya Price; Mark Jordan Isaias West to Mark and Candy West; Bianca Mercedes Walker to Mike and Angela Walker Bryce; Armond Royal to Beverly and Malcolm

Royal. Michael Becker is named All-Lone Star Conference South Division First Team Kicker. Basketball: SHH Tigerettes 59, Saint Jo 54; MHS Hornets 64, Lindsay 51; Lady Hornets 45, Lindsay 42. Three SHH Tigers receive TAPPS AA All State First Team honors and two receive Honorable Mention. Seventeen Hornets named to All District honors. Red River Farm Co. at Gainesville hires new manager.



Muenster Fire Department assists in automobile accident.



911 Rural Addressing hits Cooke County.

November 14, 1997 The Top Tin Street Rods Club of Denton held its annual Goat Roast and Bean Bash last Saturday in Muenster at Sacred Heart Community Center, and showed off their antique customized vehicles. Cooke County Chorale sets presentation of Mozart's Requiem for tonight at Sacred Heart Church at 7:30 p.m. Red River Arts Roundup will present show on Saturday and Sunday here this weekend. Obituary: Raymond "Handsome" Walterscheid dies at age 71. Wedding: Denise Diane Porter, formerly of Lindsay marries Michael E. Hanneschlager in First Baptist Church of Gainesville. Muenster's November 1997 sales tax rebate jumps 38.07 percent over last year's November rebate. Zambian Accappella Choir will present a program at SHS. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hundt are honored by their children on 50th wedding anniversary. Football: MHS Hornets 61, Collinsville 15; SHH Tigers 41, Winston 12; Lindsay Knights 38, Nocona 14. SHHS Tigerettes win Cross Country championship; Tigers take third place.

November 21, 1997 Adequate means of locating rural residences is being implemented for a 911 Rural Addressing system by EMS, telephone companies and the U.S. Postal Service; it is the subject of a feature story written by Janet Felderhoff.

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Santa visits at VFW

On Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. Santa Claus made his yearly official visit to 15 children and 11 adults at the Veterans of Foreign Wars #6205 Post Home.

Santa arrived on time and visited, had pictures made with each child and presented each child a gift. The children then sang Christmas songs for Santa. The Auxiliary presented Santa with a special thank you gift.

After Santa went on his way, the group remained and enjoyed a social of cakes, coffee, cokes and cookies.

VFW and Auxiliary chairmen of the event were Linda Knabe, toys; Ethel Hesse, social goodies; Art Bayer, Ethel Hennigan and Frances Bayer, tree decorations. Santa's arrival was arranged by Frances Bayer with special assistance of Jim Myrick.



Tiffany, left, and Allison Teafatiller visit with Santa during the Muenster VFW's annual Christmas party Dec. 6. They are the daughters of Donna and Lee Buddy. Courtesy photo

Cancer updates

Children's Art Project at M.D. Anderson

The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center's Children's Art Project 1997 Holiday Collection is set to bring seasonal cheer with whimsical new cards. The collection features original artwork by young cancer patients at M.D. Anderson on cards, ornaments, gift bags, tote bags, scarves, aprons, and long distance calling cards. Proceeds from the sale of Children's Art Project items fund programs for the educational, emotional, and recreational needs of pediatric patients. For a free catalogue, call 1-800-231-1580.

square-foot Nellie B. Connally Breast Center offers access to mammography, diagnostic testing and individualized treatment planning. For information about cancer treatment at M.D. Anderson, call 1-800-392-1611, option 3.

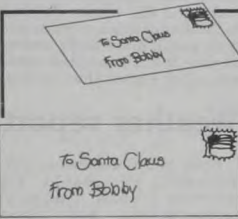
M.D. Anderson Breast Cancer Program Named Among the Best

The new Nellie B. Connally Breast Center at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center is home to one of the nation's 10 best breast cancer programs named by *Self* magazine. M.D. Anderson is the only institution in Texas named to the "top 10" listing. The 18,000

VFW Aux. delivers to VA Hospital

Frances Bayer, President of Auxiliary #6205 and Ethel Hennigan, member, made a visit to the Bonham VA hospital on Wednesday, December 10 in order to deliver comfort items and clothing etc. for the patients' and residents' Christmas.

Donations of these items were made by the Ladies Auxiliary and other local citizens.



EDITOR'S NOTE:
If anything will put us in a true Christmas mood, these surely should!

Dear Santa,
We have had a great year and hope that you have too. We are very excited about Christmas!

We have been getting ready for Christmas by learning about some of the traditions and where they come from. Because we want to be sure that all good boys and girls get something they want for Christmas, we are only asking for one special gift. We love you, Santa! Tell Mrs. Claus we love her, too!

Jon Britain - a drum set
Winter Dittfurth - a bike
Toby Dyess - a brontosaurus
Scott Endres - some tools
Patricia Fraga - a princess crown and dress
Jackie Klement - a My Size Barbie
Abigail Loyd - a Doctor Barbie
Jeremy Lutkenhaus - a drum
Joseph Meek - a toy pickup
Taylor Miller - a Swimming Pool
Tyler Pagel - a hunting flashlight
DeLana Sicking - a Barbie Kitchen
Levi Trubenbach - a bow and arrows
Sara Walterscheid - a Barbie Horse
Have a Merry Christmas, Santa! We love you!
Mrs. Davis' Kindergarten Class - MISD

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you. We hope you have had a very good year and that you are as excited about Christmas as we are! Everyone is so happy at Christmas time. It's fun!

In Kindergarten class, we have been learning all about Christmas and how much better it is to give than to receive. We would like to ask you to be especially good to the kids who don't have very much and we are asking you to bring us only one special gift each. We love you, Santa. Be very careful on Christmas Eve.

Shaina Felderhoff - a talking doll
Camille Hale - a real dog
Christina Hale - a play Santa Claus
Lia Heers - a play Christmas tree
Eric Hellman - a toy clown
Amanda Hundt - a Christmas Barbie
Andrew Koesler - a drum
Dustin Pumphrey - a talking Buzz
Corey Sicking - a Star Wars light sable
J.D. Tankersley - a black & white soccer ball
Tiffany Teafatiller - an angel
Christopher Valliere - a lazer tag
Natalie Valliere - a Barbie with a Ginger dog
Steven Valliere - a lazer tag
Bianca Velasquez - a real cat
Natali Yosten - earrings
Merry Christmas, Santa!
We love you!
Mrs. Ledbetter's Kindergarten Class - MISD

Bring joy through recycling

As you prepare to Deck the Halls, think environmentally and make it a happy holiday for creatures great and small.

While you're out shopping, take your time. Look over what you've bought. Wouldn't it be easier and quicker to buy reusable gift bags to wrap your holiday presents? It would be better for the environment.

"Approximately 35 million cut trees, 29 million rolls of wrapping paper and 17 million bows are expected to be purchased this holiday season," said Andrew Neblett, director of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Recycling of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. "Reducing these numbers through our trash trimming tips will save valuable landfill space and save you money, too."

If you still want that personal touch with your wrapping, how about using paper sacks from the market? Buy some non-toxic markers, invite in some friends for eggnog, and draw on their talents to help decorate your packages.

Cards from holidays past can be trimmed or modified to make the season bright. A little effort here turns a simple holiday greeting into a keepsake for those you care about. If your talents lie in spending, look for cards made on recycled stock.

While shopping, make it a recycled holiday for all. For the gardener, there are flower pots and hoses made from recycled materials. For the craft person, there are colorful beads made from recycled glass. Outdoor enthusiasts will stay toasty wearing a new jacket that's filled with recycled plastic fibers rather than down.

Throwing a party? Cloth napkins, real plates, and silverware are friendlier to the environment than their paper counterparts.

When decorating, use live plants and flowers, or buy materials that can be composted or stored for use at your next gala.

A potted fir tree that you decorate can be added to your yard when the holidays are done. The ficus tree you own would set a festive holiday mood with some lights, tinsel, and love. Artificial trees can be used again next year. If you do buy a tree, be sure to check if your community has a tree recycling program.

Lastly, for the New Year, recycle all of the resolutions you didn't keep last year. If recycling wasn't a part of your resolution, make it and keep it. And have an environmentally friendly holiday.

Green Tip

Fact: Every year, enough printer cartridges are thrown out to stretch from New York City to Los Angeles and back again.

Tip: Most cities have local toner recyclers. If yours doesn't, contact the toner manufacturer. Be sure to buy a recycled toner cartridge.

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St. Nick tradition continued by Dangelmayrs, Felderhoffs

Continuing a family's treasured tradition that originated in the earliest days of this community, and that was brought over from their native Germany is the intent of descendants of the late pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dangelmayr. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren meet annually with great anticipation to celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas.

Hosting the Dangelmayr-Felderhoff family gathering on Saturday, Dec. 6, were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Felderhoff. Returning to the home of the late Tony and Theresa Felderhoff made the event more special for about 90 of the descendants. Joining them were Aunt Bertha Fleitman of Muenster and Sara and Don Lester of Era.

Group singing of favorite Christmas carols led by Christy Hesse and Ruth Felderhoff was followed by arrival of St. Nicholas bearing sacks of goodies. All the children were eager to sit on his lap, give him their Christmas letters and watch in awe as he visited with the grown-ups.

It is a tradition to sing "Happy Birthday" to Aunt Bertha Fleitman. Pictures were made with St. Nicholas who was holding the beautiful crozier that had belonged to their late uncle and great-uncle, Bishop Augustine Dangelmayr. Visiting and refreshments followed.

Earlier, on Saturday, Bertha Fleitman, Theresa Mae Walterscheid and Joanie Hartman visited with Uncle Joe Dangelmayr and Aunt Betty Dangelmayr sharing sacks of goodies.

Together for the event were: Joan and Alvin Hartman; Monica, Jon, and Kristin LeBasseur; Bobby, Sharlene, Shannon, and Dainah; Kenny,

Rhonda, Holly, Courtney, and Nolan; Joe and Ruth Felderhoff; Christy, Bert, Joe, Rebekah, John Paul, and Daniel Hesse; Jenny, Jack, Emily, and Alyssa White; Anne, Neil, Matthew and Kaitlyn Hesse; Rose Ganzon of Dallas; Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid; Danny and Isaac Walterscheid and Nannette Henley; Laurie Walterscheid of Lewisville; Greg, Julie, Eric, Alexandra, Hilary Walterscheid of Lewisville; Amy Walterscheid; Charles Felderhoff of Waco had visited with the family the week before and unable to attend. Girlie Felderhoff of Gainesville; Steve, Donna, Kerri, and Kelli Felderhoff of the Colony; Kristen Zimmerer of Denton; Mary and John, Joseph, Michelle, Matthew Fiala of Dallas; Ronnie, Patsy, Anthony, James Felderhoff of Austin; Nicholas and Tara Alford of San Marcos; Kathy, Karl, Melissa, R.J., Katie, Nathan, and Jacob Metzler of Era; Judie, Don, Daniel, Daryl, Danny Woodall of Aledo, Bertha Fleitman, and Sara and Don Lester.

On the following Saturday, the Alvin Hartman and Sylvan Walterscheid families had their annual Christmas tree hunting party, followed by a cookout and s'mores. The day was a cool 20 degrees when they started, but a fun time was had by all.

Alvin and Joan Hartman and Gene and Judy Hartman of Denton spent several days in Branson, Missouri, attending the beautiful Christmas shows and enjoyed a pretty snow covering on the ground one day. Alvin and Joanie stopped in Subiaco for a visit with Father David and Father Dennis. They also saw Brother Thomas busy making his famous "Abbey Peanut Brittle."

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Follow directions to control drift

Producers who are worried about complying with new pesticide drift regulations need only follow directions on the pesticide label, says Jim Criswell, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension pesticide coordinator.

Criswell says producers need to be concerned about droplet size and drift, but there is nothing new they need to be worried about.

"Companies have redefined their labels, but these same companies have always had some kind of drift reduction wording on most of their labels," he says.

Criswell explains, "the wording that companies put on labels now is more specific. What this means for producers is that if they don't follow the label directions when applying a pesticide, that application may be an illegal application."

Criswell suggests two easy ways to avoid drift problems.

First, always read and follow the manufacturer's directions on the pesticide label, he says.

"By following the directions the applicator is ensuring the legality of the pesticide application," Criswell says. "If

the applicator is doing something not on the label, he is performing an off-label application, which is illegal."

To avoid drift, it's very important that producers use the recommended nozzle size when applying a pesticide, Criswell says.

"Producers can find out the proper nozzle for the recommended droplet size on

the pesticide label by consulting a nozzle catalogue," he says. "These catalogues provide information on droplet size produced by those nozzles at various pressures."

Criswell points out that producers who don't have a nozzle catalogue can go to their dealer, who will have the necessary information and a nozzle catalog.



Twelve voting delegates from Cooke County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 64th annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 in Arlington. They were, bottom row from left, Gloria Klement, Ann Knight, Edwin Knight; top row, Leonard Hartman, Robert Klement, Martin Krahl, and Tim Hartman. Not pictured were Anthony and Nancy Dresser, Imogene and Albert Zimmerer, and Nancy Krahl. Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized Farm Bureaus. Featured speaker at the convention was Gov. George Bush.

Ag in the News ...

Expect feeder cattle and calves to trade in a relatively narrow range through the rest of this quarter and into early winter. The availability of abundant winter grazing and roughage supplies should add support to feeder prices. However, rising grain prices and higher fed supplies may result in a softening of the fed market, which would put pressure on feeders. Winter weather also will have an effect on calf price levels through the remainder of the year.

According to USDA, the average American spent \$190 per capita for beef in 1996. Beef purchases were approximately 43 percent higher than pork, at \$109 per capita; and 34 percent higher than chicken, at \$125 per capita.

Are you in agriculture? Make sure your farm is counted!

Have you been counted? If you were involved in an agricultural operation in 1997, then you should have received a 1997 Census of Agriculture report form in December or January. According to Dennis Findley, NASS - Texas State Statistician, "Report form for the 1997 Census of Agriculture were mailed to all known agricultural operations, yet some may have been missed."

Your report is important, and the results of the census will have an effect on you. It is important to the agricultural community as a whole that the 1997 Census of Agriculture be complete and accurate. Farm organizations, farm suppliers, bankers, local, state, and federal policy makers and

many others use this information to make decisions. They all are depending on complete and accurate data to make decisions which will ultimately affect you and your neighbors.

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, you should have received a 1997 Census of Agriculture report form.

- Did you have day-to-day control of an agricultural operation from which agricultural products were sold in 1997?
- Did you grow any crops or raise livestock for other than home use in 1997?
- Did you own or rent land and operate the land for agricultural purposes in 1997?

What is El Nino?

In Spanish, El Niño means "the little baby" and is a reference to the Christ child. It was so named by fishermen off the coast of South America because the weather phenomenon tends to occur around Christmas.

El Niño is a naturally occurring but irregular climate cycle born in the Pacific Ocean. Warmer than normal surface waters, a huge pool of it that currently is up to 10 degrees warmer than normal in some parts - shift from one sector of the ocean to the other. That pool of hot water is currently farther north and east than during normal El Niños. In fact, it's off the west coast of Mexico.

Called the second largest factor in worldwide weather patterns (next to the seasons), El Niño's waters force changes in oceanic and atmospheric conditions and weather patterns. It produces a huge concentration of tropical rainfall which affects the frequency, severity and direction of storms in the Pacific. That, in turn, can make both the monsoons of India and the winter flooding in California much more severe than usual, and Pacific waters on the South American coast are a foot higher than normal

due to the increased mass of the warm water.

In the summer following an El Niño, the effects are usually just the opposite. If it's warm and wet in the winter, it's often dry and cool the next summer. That effect has been dubbed either "La Niña" (the little girl) or "El Viejo" (the old man) by the scientific community.

There have been three outlandishly large El Niños in this century: 1905-1906, 1972-1973, and 1982-1983. Even the last of these could not be predicted. But today, with a lot of data now coming from satellites, ocean buoy sensors and other sources, computer models have been built that forecast potentially severe climatological changes from this El Niño.

"Oh yeah, it's real," says Dan Cayan when asked if all the hoopla about El Niño is

justified. Director of the Climate Research Division of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, California, and a researcher for the U.S. Geological Survey, Cayan explains that, statistically, weather from El Niño is just as much an odds game as at any other time. But, he adds, the odds are about double that in the Southwest U.S., for example, will see the kinds of weather associated with the worst El Niños of history - including intense rain and snowfall during the winter and early spring.

"This is not cast in concrete," Cayan says. In fact, the probabilities are that the El Niño that started in spring of 1997 will die out in spring of 1998 and lead to a colder and drier winter in the southern part of the country next winter.

Weather report

From mid-December to mid-January, we should see warmer than normal temperatures, and above average rainfall for the period.

Variable cloudiness should move over Texas skies this weekend, with precipitation confined to the northeast. Early next week, rains should return statewide.

Prospects are good for dry weather Christmas day and into the weekend. However on December 28, rain and snow could occur in the north.

Variable cloudiness, mild temperatures and scattered precipitation are likely the last week of December.

Fair, mild weather is expected to start the New Year, with rain and cooler temperatures dominating the area by the 5th and 6th.

Prospects are good for warm, dry weather January 7-9, followed by continued mild temperatures and a chance of rain on the weekend of the 10th and 11th.

January 12 through 18 should see variable cloudiness and scattered showers.



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