

CCAD to move?

by Janet Felderhoff

Members of the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) Board of Directors were united in the decision to adopt a resolution to go forward with the acquisition of the TU building at 201 N. Dixon in Gainesville. It is their hope to move the CCAD office from its present location on California Street to the TU location. The CCAD presently leases the space from the county.

"I think we have a rare moment," said CCAD secretary Ken Kaiser of the TU building purchase. "We need to get it done. We need a better facility that is in compliance with the fire laws of the city and the ADA (American Disabilities Act). I would certainly hope that the taxing entities will support this and recognize that if we don't get it done, it might be 10 more years before we get it done. I hope that we seize the moment."

It was noted by Board member Stephen Cole that the only other alternative to the TU building is the Lee Elementary School building. He feels that Lee building is the lesser of the two in quality for the following

reasons, "Number one, to pay \$120,000 for the building and then better than \$200,000 to renovate it would be more of a cost than this building that we're going to buy that's already in ADA compliance and doesn't have the asbestos that Lee School has. Secondly, Lee School has a basement that sometimes floods, the building is very, very old, a parking lot would have to be built to get the people of the appraisal district a place to park. In the proposal we wouldn't get the whole school grounds and buildings. We'd only get the building and a portion of the land." He added that the TU building is more adequately built and the utility costs would be much less and insurance costs would be more.

Board member Leon Klement stated, "Common sense dictates as much as anything which building of the two is the best. The TU building's advantages by far out-weigh any advantage that the Lee building would have."

Vice-chair Donna Doty added that she felt it would be to the entities' advantage to own or have an interest in a newer building than to have a

90-year-old building such as Lee Elementary. "The upkeep is going to be much less on an ongoing basis on a younger building than on a 90-year-old building. Our employees deserve a safe and properly working atmosphere that they can function in and even more so, our tax payers deserve a professional atmosphere that will provide them confidentiality in conducting their business."

Doty added that the TU location meets all of the Board's criteria and that it is very rare to find such a location in Gainesville. She fears that it will be some time before another suitable location could be found.

Chairman Jane C. Carlton reminded all present that there is an inspection of the TU building scheduled and that if there are any mechanical or structural problems found with the building that will be reported to the entities.

CCAD's attorney Peter Low advised the Board, "I understand that you've been warned about fire problems in this building (present location). Once you get

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Above: Texas Rangers Annoncer Vince Cotroneo speaks to the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet crowd flanked by Tudor and Wayne Klement, left, and John and Cherilyn Pollard. At left: Dan Hamric assumes the presidency from John Pollard. Below: the 1999 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors include, from left, Troy Sicking, Pam Fette, Dan Hamric, Jewel Otto, Brian Herr and Milton Knauf. Dave Fette Photo



Hamric will lead Chamber in '99

by Dave Fette

Muenster Chamber of Commerce members and friends got a dose of early season baseball talk at Saturday's annual banquet. Texas Rangers Annoncer Vince Cotroneo was guest speaker for the event held at Sacred Heart Community Center. Cotroneo used the occasion to bring everyone up to speed on Rangers' personnel and plans for the 1999 season and chase for the League Pennant.

Also featured after the buffet meal by Rohmer's Catering was the introduction of the new Chamber of Commerce President Dan Hamric. John Pollard, owner of Bayer's Kolonialwaren, passed the president's gavel to Hamric after serving as Chamber leader for three years.

Cotroneo was introduced by Urban Endres. The Rangers' official announcer paid tribute to his partner and close friend, Eric Nadel. They work together to tell the Rangers'

story on Radio 1080 KRLL. Cotroneo talked about the attraction and devotion to baseball quoting Wes Westin, who said, "Baseball is like church - many attend but few understand." He said he relates with those to whom it is a ritual to check the daily box scores in the newspaper. He told some stories about great players he knows and added "few fans understand just how hard it is to play major league baseball."

Master of Ceremonies Wayne Klement praised Incoming President Hamric as a community leader and friend who would do a great job for the Chamber of Commerce and the community. Dan has a long history in Muenster as a retailer, coach and educator. He worked many years as the superintendent of Montague School and has now returned to Muenster with his wife Faye to build their home. Hamric is currently the Customer Relations Specialist for Muenster State Bank.

Former President John Pollard now retires from the Chamber Board as does Christi Klement of Christi's Jewelry and Gifts. New board members Troy Sicking of Rohmer's Restaurant and Catering and Pam Fette of Sisters' Gift Shop join current members Jewel Otto, Brian Herr, Milton Knauf, Katherine Hicks and J.T. Pagel. Officers for 1999 joining President Hamric are Pagel, vice-president; Fette, secretary; and Otto, treasurer.

Special recognition was given during the evening to Texas State Senator Tom Hayward of District 30. Chamber Executive Secretary Margie Starke got a special thank you for her talented service to the Chamber and leadership of the annual Germanfest in Muenster.

Banquet '99 chairpersons were Lora Hennigan, Carolyn Bayer and Cherilyn Pollard.

Muenster ISD finishes district planning instrument for 1999

by Steve Cooper
Muenster ISD Superintendent

Muenster ISD recently finished its district planning instrument for 1999. This is a state mandated requirement and is done each year. Each campus has a site based committee composed of teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. They meet to formulate a campus plan geared to instructional improvement. The campus plans are then brought to the District Site Based Management Committee (DSBM). The DSBM is composed of members from each campus committee and members at large. The DSBM evaluates each campus plan, prioritizes areas they would like emphasized, and then submits the plan to MISD's School Board for final approval.

While the plan addresses all aspects of school improvement, this article will deal with what Muenster High School currently offers students. Muenster High School currently offers all the core curriculum courses: math, science, language arts, and history. The district also offers a full range of elective courses to satisfy each of the three different degree plans required by the state. These plans are the Minimum plan, the Recommended plan, and the Distinguished plan. MHS has and is tailoring its curriculum to provide good, solid course

work for each of the plans mentioned above.

MHS is one of the few Class A schools, in this area, that offer band and Industrial Arts (woodshop) classes. MHS also offers a full range of Agricultural Science classes. A few examples are welding, animal care, landscaping, metal fabrication. Homemaking classes are offered too. Classes such as: child development, basic homemaking (sewing, cooking, etc.) and home design allow hands-on activities that give students an opportunity to learn practical skills. As a matter of fact the entire vocational program (now called Career/Technology) provides each student with practical skills and knowledge that not only prepares them for everyday life but also gives them skills that contribute to a future vocation.

Muenster High School's math and science offerings are extensive for a school this size. Algebra I is available for 8th graders as well as 9th graders. Geometry, Algebra II, PreCal and AP Calculus are offered. The science offerings include Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, and Anatomy.

MHS students are also exposed to an excellent technology program. This is reflected in the district efforts to expose students to as much computer training as possible. The district has four computer

labs and will have five when the new high school is finished. The district has at least one instructional computer in each classroom. All computers are networked and all have instant access to Internet. The district has well over one hundred computers with almost all of these being less than three years old. The computer curriculum includes keyboarding in the elementary and middle school with a computer literacy course also required of middle school students.

Basic Computer Instruction System (BCIS I) is a basic computer class recommended for 9th graders. Computer Science I, II, and III are also offered. One computer credit is now required for graduation. Next year another computer credit will be required for graduation. It is obvious that being able to function with practical computer skills is critical to a youngster's success, and to short change our youngsters in this area, denies them an equal opportunity for a productive future.

MHS currently offers two Advanced Placement (AP) courses (AP Calculus and AP English); AP Government had been offered in the past and will be considered again along with other AP needs. These courses allow students to acquire college credit if a minimum score is made - usually a 3. Dual Credit and

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Tharp tangles with Commissioners over communications for "office"

by Janet Felderhoff

Precinct #1 Constable David Tharp received no support from Commissioners in his quest for better communications with the public. He requested approval to use \$35 per month from his office's budgeted miscellaneous expenses to pay for a cellular phone to be used solely for business pertaining to his office of constable. He also asked for a pager at the cost of \$11 per month.

"I'm not furnished with an office," remarked Tharp. "I have no way of communicating with the public without having an office where they can come by and get a hold of me. The only way the public can get a hold of me is to page me. This would greatly enhance my availability to the public and to the (JP) courts."

Tharp reminded Commissioners that they had approved payment of half of the cellular phone bill for Doug Dixon when he was constable. County Auditor Gloria Parrish reminded Commissioners that this agreement was made with Dixon because he had no radio or other means of communication when he asked for assistance with half of the cellular bill.

Commissioners asked if Tharp had a radio in his truck which Tharp said he did, but that the JP Courts and the

public had no way of contacting him on that radio. Commissioners said that anyone who needed to could contact him through the Sheriff's office. Tharp responded that he wasn't always in his vehicle.

Commissioner Bill Cox noted that he has a pager and a cellular phone, but he pays for them himself. Commissioner Jerry Lewis said he also has a cellular phone and pays for it out of his pocket. Commissioner Virgil Hess said that he has neither. Phil Young, Precinct #1 commissioner was absent due to illness.

"I don't think I'm asking for anything different than what the Sheriff's Department has as far as pagers for their investigators and cellular telephones for their investigators," Tharp said. "They also have radios. And they have an office. I don't have an office. I'd be more than happy to trade that for an office if you'd find me an office space."

Hess responded, "Our past history has always been that if you had radio communications that was funded by the county that if you needed any other sort of communication you had to take that on yourself."

Cox noted that he would like the county to pay for his cellular phone, but stressed that he wasn't going to ask

because it's not in the budget. Lewis told Tharp to ask again at budget time.

Tharp complained that his radio was old and often didn't pick up in the county and that at times he couldn't get out on it. That's probably why they were replaced, he said. Constable Terry Murphy added that he was left in a dangerous situation recently when he tried to call for backup and couldn't get through to the Sheriff's Department on his radio which is hand-held. The radio in his vehicle is old and no longer works.

Commissioners said that communication was important for the constables and agreed 4-0 to purchase two new radios for the use of Tharp and Murphy. Sheriff Mike Compton said that the new radios can be programmed to the fire channel and then get excellent reach anywhere in the county.

On Friday, Jan. 22 Commissioners Hess and Lewis, Sheriff Compton, and Jail Administrator David Province met with the Texas Jail Commission. They've always told us we needed 19 jailers, but now say that we can get by with 18, reported Lewis. "That means we're going to have to hire two more and as soon as we get those hired they will come back to

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Sacred Heart plans special week

"Catholic Schools Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the successes our children enjoy at Sacred Heart," remarked Sacred Heart Principal Jack Murdock. Feb. 1-5 has been designated Catholic Schools Week and Sacred Heart has a full agenda of activities planned to observe the occasion.

A special Mass at 8 a.m. Monday will open the celebration. That day is also designated Student Appreciation Day. Tuesday is Community

Recognition Day. Parents and grandparents are invited to join the students for lunch in the cafeteria that day. Those planning to eat at the cafeteria should notify the school.

Wednesday is Parents Appreciation Day. The feast of St. Blaise will be observed with a prayer service in church at 8 a.m. There will be a blessing of the throats. There is an Open House from 5:15 to 6:15 when the students' work will be displayed. At 7 p.m. everyone is invited to the Winter Arts Festival in the Community Center.

On Thursday the many businesses that help support Sacred Heart School will be shown appreciation. Friday morning there will be a special closing Mass. Service organizations that are essential to the school's success will be appreciated.

The following week the Sacred Heart Eighth Grade class will join other eighth grades from the Fort Worth Diocese at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph P. Delaney. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

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warned, if you have a fire and there is personal injury, you've got problems. In addition, this building is not ADA compliant or anywhere close to it and you have a problem with your open meetings because of this building. You've had controversy in the past. It's been a few years back. First because of the parking and second you came under a good bit of criticism because of not being compliant with the open meetings act when you have something controversial you can't get everyone in this room. My only comment is that I think you need to move. Which building you pick is your choice, but this building has had nothing but service problems."

The Board approved 5-0 moving the \$19,943.59 from 1997 budget surplus and \$49,190.99 from the 1998 surplus funds to the 1999 budget for the purpose of moving, renovating, and maintaining the TU building until such time as the budget can be proposed in the year 2000.

Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson was directed by a motion made by the CCAD

Board of Directors to develop information showing the cost of other available alternatives to the purchases of the TU building. That information, along with a copy of the board's resolution, is to be hand-delivered to the presiding officer of each entity. This was one of several actions taken after a lengthy executive session.

Another action resulting from the executive session was to instruct the CCAD's attorney Peter Low to proceed with the Schachar lawsuit as discussed in executive session.

Smithson informed the Board that ARS, the computer program company that they are interested in, will be at the TAD conference in February. Board members are invited to attend and the CCAD pays their transportation and hotel expenses. Cole said he plans to attend and Klement will consider attending. All others said they would be unable to attend this year.

According to Smithson, re-appraisals in Callisburg ISD are complete up to Hwy. 82 and they are starting Kiowa. Gainesville ISD was mostly completed before Callisburg was started. GISD is about 90 percent complete with some rural residential areas left to appraise. Smithson also noted that about 50 percent of the commercial properties hadn't been done. "You're talking about a difference of 90 percent on 5,000 houses and on the commercial side, you're talking about 400 commercial properties to be looked at," Smithson explained. He said they should be finished by May 15. The Board encouraged him to consider hiring temporary appraisers to ensure completion of the required re-appraisals. Cole suggested Brenda Ureka of Irving who he feels is excellent at commercial properties.

Feb. 11 was the date set for the next regular meeting of the CCAD board.

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re-inspect the jail and give us a good certification or not," said Lewis. The vote to hire two more jailers was unanimous.

Overcrowding is another issue being addressed at the Cooke County Jail. That is being overseen by the Sheriff and Jail Administrator, said Lewis. Compton assured the Court that the situation was being monitored closely on a daily basis.

County Judge Bill Harris announced that he had appointed a committee to study the Cooke County Jail situation. Those appointed and serving on the committee are Sheriff Compton, Commissioners Hess and Young, Frank Lorne, Patti Wallace, John Schmitz, and Mack Barnhart who will serve as chairman. The committee is expected to report back to Commissioners Court in about 90 days. Judge Harris noted that the committee was authorized to hold public hearings if they like.

Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) board members Jane Carlton and Leon Klement sought the approval of their current landlords, the Cooke County Commissioners Court, to purchase the TU building in Gainesville. It is the CCAD's goal to move its offices to a more suitable space.

Carlton presented the facts that led the CCAD to select the TU building over the other alternative, the Lee Elementary building. The TU building is approximately 5,000 square feet and arranged in a fashion that closely meets the CCAD's needs. Only minor modifications are needed, she said. The purchase price is \$320,000 and the CCAD plans to pay \$15,000 down and holds a letter of commitment from GNB for a loan at five and three quarters percent.

Payments would be \$2,133 a month. Currently the CCAD pays about \$1,700 rent to the county per month. "The space over there is somewhere between 1,800 and 2,000 square feet and we have 16 employees trying to work in that space," Carlton commented. "Needless to say, it's very, very crowded."

The SOS building was offered to be renovated to the CCAD's needs and then leased to them. An elevator would be required, there wasn't enough parking area and after the needed renovations it was expected to be cost prohibitive, said Carlton.

Lee School was looked at as another alternative. It is 18,000 square feet which is much larger than needed. Other problems include a basement that floods, asbestos in the building, and needs an elevator installed to be ADA compliant.

Carlton urged Commissioners to attend an open house at the TU building on Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m.

No action was taken on the agenda item to consider approval of Taylor Vestal as a

non-paid deputy constable for Constable David Tharp. Vestal withdrew his name shortly before the meeting Monday morning.

In other action taken at the Jan. 25 regular meeting of Commissioners Court:

- No action was taken at the request of Commissioner Virgil Hess on the TXDOT Replacement Agreement concerning Bridge AA0207-002 at Valley Creek. Hess hopes to change to another structure.
- Approved replacement agreements with TXDOT for Bridge AA0420-003 at Buck Creek and Bridge AA0261-002 at Loring Branch.
- Accepted sole bid on diesel fuel and gasoline from Douglas Distributing of Sherman. The Douglas bid was for a profit margin of .0275.
- Approved public official bonds for Jody Lyons, Tommy Southerland, and Calvin King of the Cooke County Sheriff's Department.
- Approved, subject to corrections, the preliminary plat of Cross Creek Subdivision in Precinct #2.

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Sunday, Jan. 31, 9-10:30 A.M., Open House at Seyler House, 420 N. Main - future home of the Muenster Museum. Refreshments will be served.

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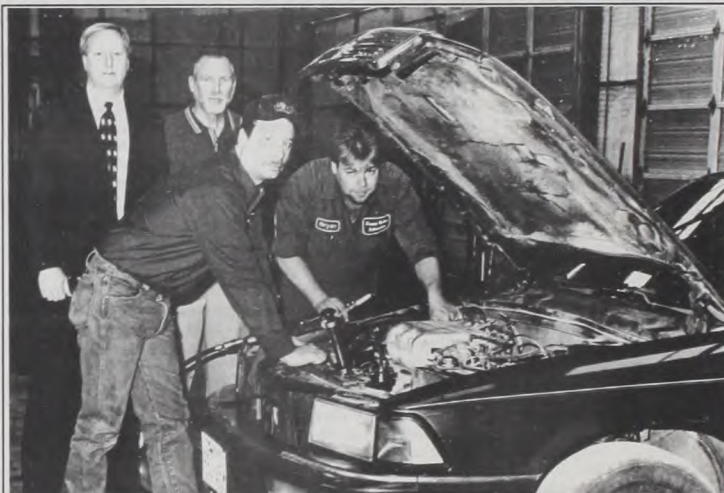
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Sunday, January 31 Life Teen Super Bowl Bash Open House at Seyler House for Muenster Museum, 9 - 10:30 A.M.	Monday, February 1 SHS Student Appreciation Day Muenster Jr. Hi vs. Valley View, T, 5 P.M. City Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M.	Tuesday, February 2 SHS Community Recognition Day Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Check, 2-5 P.M., Lindsay Clinic Muenster jvg/b, VG/b vs. Saint Jo, H, 4:30 P.M. SH jvg/b, VG/B vs. Ambassador, H, 4 P.M.	Wednesday, February 3 SHS Parents Appreciation Day, Open House, 5:15-6:15 P.M. SH Winter Arts Festival, 7 P.M., Com. Ctr. Religious Ed. Classes, 7 P.M. Adult Volleyball, 7 P.M., old Muenster gym C of C Board Meeting, 5:30 P.M. Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Check, 2-5 P.M., Lindsay Clinic	Thursday, February 4 Immunization Clinic, 9-11 A.M., Cooke Co. Co-op SH VG/B vs. Highland, H, 5 P.M. Blood Drive, noon-8 P.M., Muenster KC Hall Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Check, 2-5 P.M., Lindsay Clinic	Friday, February 5	Saturday, February 6 TAPPS State Swimming & Diving Championships
Catholic Schools Week						
Sunday, February 7	Monday, February 8 VFW Meeting, 8 P.M.	Tuesday, February 9 Muenster jvg/b, VG/B vs. Valley View, T, 4:30 P.M. SH VG/B vs. Lakehill, H, 6 P.M. Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Check, 2-5 P.M., Lindsay Clinic	Wednesday, February 10 C of C Breakfast, 7:30 A.M., The Center Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Check, 2-5 P.M., Lindsay Clinic Religious Ed. Classes, 7 P.M. Adult Volleyball, 7 P.M., old Muenster gym	Thursday, February 11 SH jvg, VG/B vs. Harvest Christian, H, 4:30 P.M. MISD Board Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Adm. Building Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Check, 2-5 P.M., Lindsay Clinic	Friday, February 12 Muenster jvg, VB vs. Era, T, 6 P.M.	Saturday, February 13
FHA Week						
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		

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Water line construction to begin

by Steve Broyles
City Administrator

The City of Muenster is about to experience a lot of construction and inconvenience at one time. Last week's article discussed the elevated water storage tank foundation construction which started this week. Now I need to alert people to the water line construction that will begin next week.

The water line will be put in just west of the east curb on Main Street. Thus, there will be some inconvenience to residences and businesses on the east side of Main Street since their driveways will be blocked for a short period. In addition, water may be turned off for short periods while water taps are being made. Finally, the city will bore under Main Street, as required.

At the same time that the city is doing this work, the City of Muenster hired Bil-Mik, Inc. to install 12-inch and 8-inch water lines along North Main Street (Fourth St. to U.S. Highway 82) and along U.S. Highway (Main St. to South Hickory St.) This work will cost about \$258,000 and will take about three months to complete.

Bil-Mik's work consists of digging in Main Street to install a 12-inch water line. It will also make water taps to existing water lines and do some boring. This work may cause some inconvenience to businesses and customers on the east side of Main Street. There will be periods of time when there will not be parking on the east side of Main Street. People are encouraged to either park on the west side of the street, or to use a side street. In addition, there will be short periods of time when the water to businesses is turned off

while water taps are made. We will work with the contractor to keep the timing of the no water periods as short as possible.

Bil-Mik, Inc. will also install an 8-inch water line south of the curb on U.S. Highway 82. This will require Bil-Mik, Inc. to bore under U.S. Highway 82 and across Main Street. In addition, the contractor will cut through concrete driveways, etc. to lay the water line. Thus, there will also be some periods of inconvenience to businesses on the south side of U.S. Highway 82, with short periods of time without water.

Bil-Mik, Inc. should cover open ditches at the end of each day so that minimum disruption occurs. The contractor should also restore the area to the condition it was in before the digging began. For instance, if the contractor digs through a concrete driveway, the contractor will replace the concrete.

While this may be inconvenient for many people and businesses during construction, the city will have a better water system when it is completed. For the first time in years, the city will meet the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission standards for elevated water storage. The City will also have increased water storage capacity, increased water pressure, new major water lines, and fewer failing lines.

Valley View senior citizens jump start foundation fund

by Edward F. "Kit" Carson

The Valley View Senior Citizens Foundation jump starts their first \$100,000.00 planned Trust Fund, hosting a meal at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. January 21. After the meal door prizes were given. Then Mr. Allen Baca of Round Rock, Texas told of his experiences in helping a number of Senior Centers successfully establish a charitable foundation that insured their perpetual existence and enhanced operation - citing many he had helped establish before he retired from the Texas Department Of Aging.

A brief question and answer period followed and within a very brief period, checks for \$4,125.00 appeared as did a commitment for \$10,000.00. Now add this to the \$200,000 received on December 30, 1998 and to the \$20,000.00 received on December 31, 1998. To this add the \$2,492.00 we had on deposit before this drive began, and you can see we are on our way.

We will have a permanent honor roll at the center of both people and business establishments who help us raise this first \$100,000.00 Trust Fund. Now is the time - opportunity is knocking - get on the wagon - we are over the hump going down hill.

Sister of Laura Fanning dies at age 82

Elwee (Dottie) B. Potts of Clinton died at age 82 on Jan. 11, 1999 at Ozark Health of Clinton. She was born April 6, 1916 in Waco to John A. and Carrie Sue Hale Brown. Survivors include a son, Douglas Potts of Boliver, Missouri; one brother, Jim D. Brown of Corpus Christi, and one sister, Mrs. Earl (Laura) Fanning of Muenster. Also two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Thursday, January 14 at 11:00 a.m. in Roller-McNutt Chapel with James Point and Danny Brown officiating.

Among local relatives attending were Mrs. Earl (Laura) Fanning, her daughter Tammy Hudspeth and sons Kevin Fanning all of Muenster, and Dennis Fanning of Houston. Also attending was Jim Brown of Corpus Christi.



Subcontractors for Phoenix Fabricators, builders of the new 200,000-gallon elevated water storage tank for the City of Muenster, drilled pier holes this week and built reinforced concrete piers three feet wide and 17 feet deep. Eight piers go down to a load-bearing shale formation. The slab foundation for the elevated tank should be finished by Feb. 5. It will include the main service pipe which is 12 inches in diameter. The bottom photo shows steel reinforcement assembly.

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor, SERVICE TO HUMANITY
If you had to choose which of Muenster's assets were of most value, which would it be? If you've lived here for any amount of time, the answer is clear - it would be our citizens, our people, our friends. Muenster has always been a place where anyone could talk to anyone. If someone needed a favor, they didn't have to ask twice, and if anybody was "down on their luck" or ill, people stumbled over one another trying to help.

Muenster can also pride itself in the numerous civic organizations that work to make this even a better place to live and raise our families. These organizations are doing their best to help anyone that is really having a tough time. Recently we've had several friends in our community suffer setbacks. Of course, people came "out of the woodwork" to come to their aid, but sometimes that's just not enough.

The Muenster Jaycees are trying to help the Allen (Bodie) Truebenbach family as much as they can. Over the years, the Jaycees have held dozens of projects and donated tens of thousands of dollars to families who were "hurting." The Jaycees could not have done this had it not been for Germanfest and the good, generous people of this community who help us fund our projects and back us.

We have a plan to help Bodie's family and have a lot of fun, too! On February 13, we are sponsoring a benefit

Valentine's dance. All proceeds will go to Bodie, and we want to make it a great one! We've had some help, but we need more!

"The Old and Same" Hard Times Band have donated their time and talents supplying the music. They may be a little older, but they'll offer the same great time as years earlier. The Jaycee wives are supplying the food, and Ed and Ginny Schneider are preparing it. Bodie's family has been helping with raffles and coordinating this benefit. It will be a fun-filled night with lots of surprises including chances for weekend get-away trips.

We are still asking for help. If you can send food, we'd appreciate it. If you can send money, Bodie would appreciate it! All donations will be posted on a giant billboard at the dance.

The best part of this project is that it involves the entire community. We've never had as many people volunteering their time and help for a friend in need! The last line in the Jaycee creed states "Service to humanity is the best work of life." You can make your best work of life on February 13. The Jaycees and the Truebenbach family hope to see you there!

For food donations contact Ginny Schneider at 759-4153. For table reservations or monetary donations, contact Claude Klement at 759-4579 or Wayne Klement at 759-2739.

Wayne Klement
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NFIB/Texas to help host Small Business Day at Capitol Feb. 17

The National Federation of Independent Business/Texas announced that it will help host the Small Business Day at the Capitol in Austin on Wednesday, February 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"There is no greater way to further strengthen the voice of small business than to attend this event," NFIB/Texas Executive Director Robert Howden said. "The Small Business Day is a rare opportunity for our members and other small business owners to meet and discuss issues with the decision makers in Austin. I encourage all of our members to make the trip to Austin."

Invited speakers include Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, and Texas Department of Economic Development Executive Director Rick Thrasher. Discussion sessions will address issues like workforce/employment legislation, emerging business opportunities, business climate legislation, and infrastructure legislation.

Small Business Day is open to all Texas small business owners and participants are asked to pay \$39.00 and can register in advance by calling 800-460-2448 or can register by fax to 512-477-9697.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Driving through Muenster a while back I was trying to remember what buildings stood on the west side of Main Street when I was a kid, and what businesses they housed.

The Katy depot, an old landmark that was the southernmost structure along Main, has disappeared as has the railroad itself.

Then moving northward, Henry Stelzer's home. Just to its north J.P. Flusche established his home which still serves.

As I remember it, a two-story frame structure known as the KC Hall graced the west corner of Main and U.S. 82. This building later was removed when Hubert Wilde established a Pontiac car, and Allis Chalmers implement agency.

This building still stands, but has served as a warehouse for Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (A.M.P.I.) for many years. A.M.P.I. has since closed its doors and sold the property that covered more than a full city block just north of U.S. 82.

My Dad once owned the same area that in his earlier days supported a wagon yard, some two-story frame buildings that once housed various businesses, a millinery shop, Henry Bernauer's grocery store, and the Post Office.

Later these buildings were rearranged to house the fledgling Farmers Labor Union (F.L.U.) which evolved into the Farmer's Marketing

Association (F.M.A.) which later put in a cheese plant that gave a number of people employment for years before the advent of A.M.P.I. when dairying became big business around Muenster and the surrounding area.

In the 30s, Dr. T.S. Myrick set up his medical practice in the Kaiser two-story brick structure just north of the F.M.A. setup. Later, he arranged the upper story to house his office and his "Muenster Clinic" where many babies, including three of ours, got their first breath of life.

Doc Myrick, or "Doc," died unexpectedly in October of 1959, leaving the town without medical facilities for several years.

Louie Bernauer's home and cafe was next in line. He sold many, many Coney Islands for 5c each (and they were delicious), along with other good foods and drink.

Then there was Gus Stelzer's home and butcher shop. These two places later gave way to the present Ben Franklin and Ace Hardware and variety store.

I find that I have only touched on two blocks of the west side of Main Street. There's much more to tell, but it will have to wait for another time.

Quite a lot of Muenster's history unfolded along Main Street and in the old buildings that once stood along side it.

AUSTIN UPDATE

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HOUSE DISTRICT 62

New Constitution Proposal, continued



Last week I discussed the proposal for a new Texas constitution and highlighted the suggested changes to the executive branch. This week, I'd like to continue the discussion, and outline the proposal's changes to the legislative and judicial branches of government. I am interested in your thoughts.

Legislative Branch-The new constitution would increase the terms for senators from 4 years to 6 years and representatives from 2 years to 4 years. Salaries would be set by an appointed salary commission, as opposed to the current salary of \$600 per month. Members would be limited to nine regular sessions (18 years) in the house and nine regular sessions in the senate.

Proponents argue that increasing the length of term for members will reduce the time, effort and money spent on such frequent campaigns. Opponents believe that frequent elections are necessary to keep politicians accountable to their constituents.

Supporters of a salary commission feel that giving legislators a competitive salary will allow them to do the job more thoroughly. Opponents suggest that keeping the current salary helps ensure a "citizen legislature" in which lawmakers must live and work under the laws that they pass.

Judicial Branch-The constitutional proposal would combine the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals into one single supreme court with 15 justices, with civil and criminal divisions of seven justices each and a single chief justice. Justices as well as all the appellate judges and district judges would be appointed by the governor and subject to a nonpartisan retention election with no opponent at the end of each term. Voters would simply vote "yes" or "no" on whether or not they want to keep a particular judge. Supporters feel that campaign financing in judicial elections undermines the ability of a judge to be impartial. The proposed method would eliminate the possibility that judges might have to hear a case in which a contributor is one of the parties. Opponents argue that this places too much influence in the hands of the governor and that allowing voters to select their judges is still the best means by which to ensure accountability.

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, February 1, 1999.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
 2. Approve minutes of the January 4, 1998 meeting.
 3. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 4. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and act upon entering into a Phoenix First contract with Phoenix Fabricators concerning leasing space on the new elevated storage tank to telecommunications companies.
 2. Consider and act upon entering into a preventive maintenance contract with Phoenix Fabricators on the new elevated water storage tank.
 3. Receive a quarterly report on Property Clean-Up.
 4. Receive a police activities report from the Police Chief.
 5. Consider and act upon purchasing a boring machine.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Read a proposed Ordinance #236, Texas Utilities Electric Company's Rate Options (Reading #1).
 2. Consider and act upon Approving Resolution #2-1-99, Annexation, recommending non-support of House Bill #7, which requires a three-year annexation plan.
 3. Consider and act upon approving Resolution #2-2-99 supporting Cooke County Appraisal District's purchase of the TU-Electric building at 201 North Dixon Street in Gainesville.
 4. Consider and act upon approving locations for snow cone operations and permits within the city in 1999.
 5. Consider and act upon payment of insurance.
 6. Consider and act upon approving construction of a two-foot barrier on the east and northeast sides of the Jaycee ballpark on North Mesquite Street.
 7. Consider and act upon defining areas to be annexed.
 8. Consider and act upon Closing South Maple Street (U.S. Highway 82 to Cross St) from April 19-27, 1999, for the carnival and Germanfest activities.
 9. Consider and act upon authorizing the sale, dispensing, distribution, etc. of alcoholic beverages of any type in the City Park during Germanfest on April 23-25, 1999.
 10. Consider and act upon amending the 1998 tax roll.
 11. Consider and act upon increasing the hourly pay rate of the part-time position in City Hall.
 12. Invite the members of the City Council to attend an "I LOVE NCTC" luncheon which is the official "kick-off" event for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the North Central Texas College.
 13. Consider and act upon approving the purchase of reflective street signs.
 14. Consider and act upon setting aside FY 1999 funds for purchase of an emergency siren in FY 2000.
 15. Consider and act upon approving amendments to the FY 99 General Fund budget and the FY 99 Water and Sewer budget.
 16. Consider and act upon approving the General Certificate and Certificate for Ordinance concerning the approval of the sale of the Muenster Water District captioned bonds.
 17. The Mayor will call the election for the positions of Mayor, Alderman Place #3 (Ted Henschel), and Alderman Place #5 (Stan Endres).
 18. Review the status of the water projects.
 19. Review the Monthly Budget Summary.
 20. Review and act upon monthly bills.
 21. Adjourn.

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Tech Prep courses also allow students to earn college and high school credit for the same course. These are available at MHS and many students take advantage of this vehicle to gain college credit while in high school.

Several years ago MISD started a Careers Program for its students. The targeted students, in specified grades, perform activities that will lead them to formulate a basic idea of what job or jobs they would like to pursue after graduation. One of the unique tools used for this is the Discover Activity. This is software used on lab computers that allow students to determine their aptitudes, interests, and skills. It identifies many different job opportunities that are compatible to areas identified in the activity. It even tells where to go to get training, whether college or trade school and how much various jobs pay.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) mandates that each planning document sets objective performance goals for each campus. These performance goals are tied to the districts' TAAS test results, attendance figures, drop-out rates, the SAT and ACT tests, etc. This type of goal setting is designed to maintain the highest standards of excellence and, of course, they go way beyond the subjective of "Our school did great last year." All performance goals are objective and validated by TEA in a statistical format so that the proof is "in the pudding" and not in nebulous statements of subjectivity as mentioned above.

Education is a multi-faceted process that involves the whole child, but the bottom line is, we educate the youngster to be functional and competitive in the world we live in. Public education in Texas is held to the highest levels of

accountability by its rating system and each district puts its results up to the spotlight with factual evidence of attaining these goals.

Muenster ISD and its schools have been exemplary for 5 years in a row. This means that this is an annual validation of academic excellence and consistency in meeting objective standards of academic performance. It's one thing to reach the top, but something else entirely to remain there year after year.

The TAAS test is the main objective measure of performance goals. It was developed in 1990 and originally tested reading, math, and writing in grades 3-8 and exit level. Since that time the test has evolved to include science and social studies for 8th graders, end of course exams for Algebra I and Biology I, with U.S. History and English II added in 1997. The TAAS test is now quite comprehensive and is recognized throughout the United States as a powerful tool for accountability.

Another interesting aspect of the TAAS test is that it is now used to exempt high school graduates from the TASP, which is a college test that must be passed before the student can take regular classes for credit. If you fail the TASP, then you must take remedial classes that do not count for credit. Over 80% of Muenster ISD seniors have been exempt from the TASP since the exemption started. Prior to that, about the same percentage of our graduates passed the TASP.

MISD students also excel on the SAT test, as their results reflect scores well above state and national averages. MISD can certainly be proud of its academic prowess, consistency in its yearly exemplary rating, and its reputation statewide for excellence in education.



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Lifestyle

Margaret Kupper honored on 90th birthday

The 90th birthday of Margaret Kupper was celebrated on Sunday, January 24, 1999 on a day blessed with glorious sunshine and springtime weather. She began the day by attending Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, a number of relatives and hundreds of friends.

The birthday celebration was hosted by her children and their spouses, Ginger Kupper of Rockwall, Betty Rose and Jerry Walterscheid and Joan and Dave Walterscheid of Muenster, Tom and Helen Kupper of Lewisville, Jimmy and Janell Kupper, and Billy and Lisa Kupper of Valley View.

The family gathered after Mass for a catered dinner at Rohmer's Restaurant. Special guests were Father Tom Craig;

Amanda Fuhrmann of Muenster; Robert and Florene Kupper of Marlin; Florence Kupper of Kaufman. An Italian Cream cake made by Betty Rose Walterscheid was served for dessert, when all joined in the Birthday song.

During the afternoon, a come-and-go party was held in the Sacred Heart Community Center meeting room. Decorations of pink and burgundy were featured. The food table held a two-tier birthday cake trimmed with pink roses and topped with a "90" numeral in a heart, and an arrangement of two dozen pink roses. Pick-up foods, auts, mints and birthday cake were served. A round table held the silver coffee service and crystal punch bowl. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren took turns with hostess duties.

A basket of birthday cards

was placed on the piano. Baby pictures of the honoree, her current portrait and the 50th anniversary picture of John and Margaret Kupper were displayed.

The guest registry was covered with a burgundy cloth. One hundred and sixty guests signed the book. Floral arrangements from family and friends were placed about the reception area for the viewing pleasure of all.

Guests delighted in reminiscing. Many took pictures. Margaret wore a navy blue dress trimmed in white, and a pink rose corsage.

Family, relatives, neighbors and friends came from a wide area, including Margaret's sister, Agnes Gore of Holly Lake, Texas; Kristin and Craig Vinci and children Abby and Kelsey of Paris, Texas; Tim and Lynn Kupper of San Antonio; Joey Kupper and son Bradley of Austin; Doyle and Phillip Kupper of Arlington; Eric Kupper of Aledo; Doris and Jerry Wiesman of Mesquite; Doug, Leigh, Traci and Chris



Margaret Kupper

Walterscheid of Grapevine; Andy Kupper of Levelland; Daryl, Wilyn, Whitney and Brooke Kupper of Wichita Falls, Diann Jacobs of Richerson, Jason and Julie Walterscheid of Dallas and many friends from Muenster, Lindsay, Gainesville, Saint Jo and Lake Kiowa.

Health Notes

Wash iron down with orange juice

If you take iron supplements, consider washing them down with orange juice.

Iron deficiency is a common nutritional problem, especially for women. Although the body readily absorbs iron from meat, and to a lesser extent from plant foods like tofu or black-eyed peas, some people need supplementation.

Vitamin C boosts iron absorption if taken at the same time as either dietary or iron supplements. Foods high in vitamin C, like tomatoes or orange juice, can help your body take full advantage of the iron in pills you take and foods you eat.

Avoid drinking milk or tea with iron supplements because the calcium and phosphorus in milk, and the tannic acid in tea, interfere with iron absorption.

St. Anne's Society hears report on communications

The St. Anne's Society met in the Sacred Heart Community Center Snap Room at 3:00 p.m. on January 3. The minutes were read by Brenda Flusche and the treasurer's report was read by Tillie Otto. Both were approved. Tillie read a Christmas card from the sisters. A "thank you" card was read from Mother Angelica for \$25, and a letter from Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman, Sr. for rosaries sent to them was also read. Further, Toni Hess read a letter from the sisters for \$50 sent to them.

Viola Rohmer was sent a get well card. Hilda Sicking won the door prize. The meeting ended with prayer.

Quilt chances are still for sale. The goal is to sell \$1,000.00 worth of chances. Each member is asked to buy or sell \$10.00 worth of chances

for the quilt in place of the bake sale.

Members are hereby notified that membership dues for St. Anne's Society are payable in January.

Reunions

The date for the annual Henry and Mary (Hessel) Fleitman reunion has been set for Sunday, June 13, 1999. It will be held at the Muenster City Park Pavilion, with a covered dish noon meal, and visiting and reuniting throughout the afternoon. Those attending are urged to bring food and drink for their families, and extra lawn chairs.

Gospel concert features nationally recognized groups

There will be a gospel concert held at the Gainesville Civic Center in Gainesville on January 30 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Headlining the event will be the nationally recognized Florida Boys from Pensacola, Florida along with The Toney Brothers from Allen, Texas, and Gainesville's own 1 A Chord. The concert is designed to bring Gospel Music to the north Texas area which has been a stronghold for this type of music for many years.

For more information you can call toll free 1(888)390-1452.

Valerie Bartush is honor student

Valerie Jean Bartush, daughter of John and Lanie Bartush of Muenster has been listed on the President's Honor Roll at Benedictine College of Atchison, Kansas. She is a freshman, and a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. Valerie ranks first in her freshman class, maintains a 4.0 g.p.a., and assists with service projects sponsored by wives of the Knights of

Columbus in Atchison.

According to the Registrar's office at Benedictine College, 173 students were named to the President's and Dean's honor roll for the fall semester. To qualify for the President's honor roll, the student must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, and have earned a grade point average of 4.0. The semester ended Dec. 15, 1998.

American Cancer Society has new "key to services"

In the fight against cancer, the American Cancer Society places great importance on cancer patient services--hoping to ease cancer's impact on people's lives. The fact that more people are surviving cancer today than ever before--over 50 percent live at least five years--reinforces the need to help people get back into life's mainstream.

The hopeful side of cancer, the survivability, is why the American Cancer Society offers its new "Key to Services" resource guide. "A person with cancer may experience many lifestyle changes and needs as a result of the diagnosis or its treatment," said Mary Endres, Patient Services Chair of Cooke County. "The purpose of our new resource guide is to give the patient and family basic information about services and resources that can assist in meeting these needs close to home."

Some of the topics included in the guide include: transportation, gift items, counseling, support groups, visitation programs, and patient and family education programs.

Cancer patients and family members can receive a complimentary "Key to Services" by calling the Patient Services Department of the American Cancer Society at (817)737-9990 or locally, Mary K. Endres at (940)759-2226. The American Cancer Society is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-ACS-2345 to give information on cancer sites, treatment, research, prevention, or early detection. Or, visit the web site at www.cancer.org.

New Arrivals

Beattie

Elizabeth Marie Beattie arrived at 2:29 p.m. on January 7, 1999 at the Rogue Valley Medical Center of Medford, Oregon. She weighed 6 lb. and measured 19 inches long. Elizabeth Marie is the daughter of Brian and Julia

(Bright) Beattie, and a sister of Audrey Sterling Beattie. Her grandparents are Donna and Jack Beattie of Hendersonville, North Carolina, and David and Juanita Bright of Muenster. She has lots of Bright and Beattie aunts and uncles, and about a dozen cousins.

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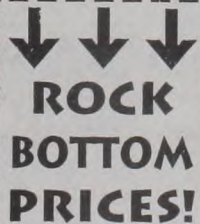
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Valley View News ...

The Valley View Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Banquet is set for February 27 at the Gainesville Holiday Inn. A prime rib dinner will be served prior to awards being presented. Awards include Outstanding Business, Outstanding Sr. Citizen Man and Woman of the Year, and Teacher of the Year.

Tickets are available at \$13.50 each and must be purchased by February 12. Ticket order forms are being mailed this week or call 726-3251 to purchase yours. Guest speaker is Mr. Don Henson of Goldwaite, Texas. Mr. Henson is a former Chamber of Commerce Pres. Agriculture Educator Leader in Texas.

The city park is already making progress with volunteers. Doug Neu, Brad Calhoun, Jimmy Meyer, and Brian Stedham began work as volunteers. Other volunteers are still needed and can sign up by calling 940-726-3740.



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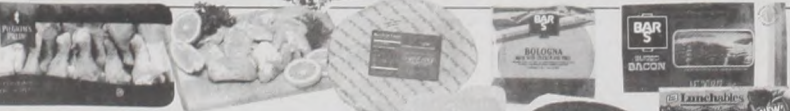
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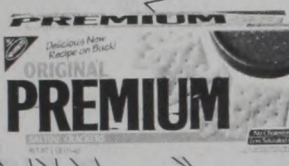


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School News

Sacred Heart Honor Roll



Muenster ISD played host to Dr. Fred Cummings on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Dr. Cummings is an obstetrician/gynecologist who practices in Denton. He often travels to schools in the area for the purpose of teaching students the dangers of premarital sex. He addressed the issues of sexually-transmitted diseases, self-respect, self-discipline and self-esteem. He also shared that there is no such thing as "safe sex." Dr. Cummings stressed abstinence until marriage. Students were able to hear the program in age and gender appropriate groups. Shown are students, from left, Kristen Fleitman, Dee Dee Walterscheid, Dr. Cummings, Krystal Sparkman, Casey Walterscheid and Bryan Miller.

Janie Hartman Photo

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Russell Fette, Patrick Miller, Betty Trevino. Grade 11: Jennifer Hess, Gina Yosten. Grade 10: Jacqueline Bartush, Diane Becker, Keith Felderhoff, Dana Miller, Kendal Sellers. Grade 9: Kelly Fetsch, Elizabeth Fette, Sara Sepanski. Grade 8: Mary Jane Callahan, Michael Voth. Grade 7: Andrea Bonin, Lisa Endres, Karen Gehrig, Cindy Hartman, Kathryn Sepanski. Grade 6: Andrew Davis, Adam Vinson. Grade 5: Debra Yosten, Whitney Wimmer, David Walterscheid, Leah Vinson, Diana Knabe, Shannon Hartman, Joelle Fuhrmann. Grade 4: Mitchell Sellers.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Duncan Campbell, Lucien Gehrig, Joseph Reiter, Leah Rigler, Thomas Daniel Smith, Debra Voth, Nicholas Yosten. Grade

11: Adrienne Bartel, Debra Dangelmayr, Kayla Felderhoff, Anne Flusche, Michelle Fuhrmann, Joanna Gehrig, Glenn Gleason, Sarah Hess, Sarah Kelley, Kristen Knauf. Grade 10: Melanie Bartush, Grace Cochran, Holly Hartman, Jeff Hartman, Jessica Koesler, Charlie Moster, John Skotnik, Nicholas Taylor, Jonathan Yosten. Grade 9: Audrey Barnhill, Andrea Bauer, Lisa Rohmer, Aaron Walterscheid, Kristen Yosten, Kristen Zimmerer. Grade 8: Joseph Davis, Christopher Fuhrmann, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Liliana Nasche. Grade 7: Jayna Biffle, Patrick Knapp, Anthony Koesler, Lynn Sicking, Adam Taylor, Amy Trevino, Kevin Walterscheid, Christina Weinzapfel, Weston Wimmer. Grade 6: Paul Bartush, Rose Bartush, Christine Fetsch, Jordan Smith. Grade 5: Mark Gehrig, Abby Endres, Nicole

Bayer, Adam Dangelmayr. Grade 4: Micah Flusche, Heather Pittlekow, Jessica Walterscheid.

"B" HONOR ROLL

Grade 11: Andrea Bartush, Jessica Berres, Stephen Hofbauer, Jordan Kohler, Matthew Nasche, Josh Walterscheid. Grade 10: Travis Bayer. Grade 9: Sara Rogers. Grade 8: Daniel Bartush, Alicia Cochran, Katherine Cox, Jessica Davies, Martin Farrell, Clint Fuhrmann, Jeffrey Reiter, Tiffany Richey, Haley Rogers, Gretchen Schmoke, Joseph Skotnik, Jana Truebenbach. Grade 7: Laura Taylor. Grade 6: Jacqueline Bauer, Daniel Cochran, Margret Farrell. Grade 5: Sarah Whitecotton, Hannah Hess, Karen Flusche, Jacqueline Flusche. Grade 4: Charlotte Bartush, Jessica Bartel, Zach Bartush, Mark Fleitman, Kristen Miller, Jessica Schilling.

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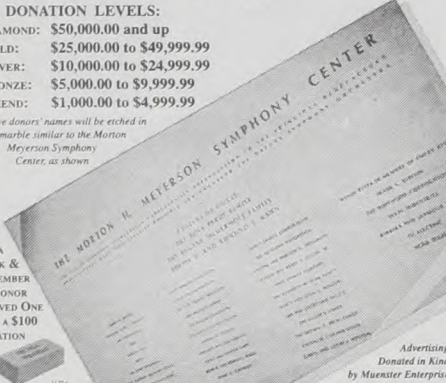
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I just want to say "Thanks" to all my friends and family for the support shown this past year for ThatJoeGuy, Joe Koesler. I couldn't have even imagined the amount of work available that I would encounter. My first thanks goes to Tom Flusche, for giving me the idea, and the support, that a handyman could support himself in the area. Second thanks goes to both local lumber yards, Muenster Building Center and Community Lumber Co., who have given numerous jobs and opportunities to help local folks get things fixed, repaired and working again. I would also like to thank Don Flusche at Rubberline, Don Eckart, Max Koesler and Jim Myrick for the chance to work with them. I want to also thank all the folks who called and had me fix electrical, plumbing and computer problems in their homes. I appreciate the trust you have in me (and the patience while waiting). The rest of the thanks goes to my wife, Kristy, and to my family and friends for the support and work given me. I've had jobs from Ardmore to Denton and all points in between, and I've enjoyed every minute of it. And with your continued support, I'll make sure 1999 is even better. Remember my slogan, "HONEY DO'S, WHEN HONEY CAN'T."

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Davis snags Geography Bee championship!

Joseph Davis, eighth grade student, won the Sacred Heart Geography Bee on Tuesday, Jan. 19. His brother Andy Davis took second place. Andy is a sixth grade student. They are the sons of Kelly and Karen Davis.

Selected students in grades fourth through eighth participated in the Bee. The top three in each class were:

Fourth Grade Micah Flusche, Mitchell Sellers, and Charlotte Bartush; Fifth Grade Leah Vinson, Mark Gehrig, and Deana Knabe; Sixth Grade Andy Davis, Jordan Smith, and Jon Pels; Seventh Grade Kate Sepanski, Amy Trevino, and Cindy Hartman; Eighth Grade Joseph Davis, Michael Voth, and Lilly Nasche.



Sacred Heart Principal Jack Murdock presents award certificates to VFW Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Essay contest winners. Winners were Sacred Heart students, from left, Jacqueline Bartush, second place; Glenn Gleason, first place; and Jennifer Hess, third place. Courtesy Photo

Youth Fair plans underway

The Cooke County Youth Fair Committee met at the Fair Grounds. Byron May presided and Denise Pearse reviewed the entry list. Jack Flusche and Pearse reported on the awards, Shelley Hughes

signs, and judges were reviewed. A work time for Wednesday, March 10 was set. Show assignments were reviewed and the next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEB. 1-5

ERA ISD
 Mon. - Meatloaf or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, pears, hot roll.
 Tues. - Pizza: sausage or cheese, corn, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, rice crispy treat.
 Wed. - Tamales, chili sauce, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn bread, blueberries w/whipped topping.
 Thurs. - Chicken pot pie or ravioli, green beans, tossed salad, peaches, slice of bread, peanut butter cookie.
 Fri. - Hamburgers, cheese slice, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

MUESTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs, chili and cheese, macaroni and cheese, beans, fruit, pumpkin bread.
 Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, fruit, cake.
 Wed. - Chicken and rice soup, ham sandwiches, cheese slices, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, cornbread and crackers.
 Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit.
 Fri. - Hamburgers, French fries, cheese slices, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, and onions, fruit, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Barbecue sandwich, pinto beans, cole slaw, chips, fruit.
 Tues. - Lasagna, mixed veggies, lettuce salad, apple crisp, bread.
 Wed. - Turkey and noodles, glazed carrots, English peas, fruit, batter bread.
 Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.
 Fri. - Lemon pepper chicken, corn, lettuce salad, fruit, bread.

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Mon. - Sloppy Joes, tator tots, fruit.
 Tues. - Turkey, dressing, gravy, peas, cranberry sauce.
 Wed. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, corn, Jello, pumpkin bread.
 Thurs. - Pizza, black-eyed peas, lettuce, fruit.
 Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.



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Farm Bureau prepares for "Membership Week" Feb. 1-5

February 1-5 is Farm Bureau membership week in Texas, and the Cooke County Farm Bureau will be talking to farmers, friends, neighbors and others about the benefits of Farm Bureau membership. All over Texas, membership drives and other activities will showcase the advantages of belonging to one of the largest membership organizations in Texas. Farm Bureau, representing agriculture wherever important decisions are made, also is a guardian of conservative principles in government, according to Tim Hartman, president of the Cooke County Farm Bureau. Tim stresses the lobbying clout of Farm Bureau, more

cost of producing various commodities, and operation characteristics are some of the topics to be measured during February, March and April 1999. Fewer than 20,000 of the nation's two million farm and ranch operators will be asked to participate in the study, so every response is critical. Approximately 1,100 operators in Texas will be included in this important study. The agricultural producers selected to participate in the Agricultural Resource Management Study will be

\$\$\$ awarded to community improvement clubs

more than 312,000 member families strong. "Farm Bureau works for property rights, responsible government and other issues important in rural Texas," he said. Annual dues in Farm Bureau counties average about \$35 and include a membership publication and access to service programs. Tim says many people belong to Farm Bureau because of the organizations' commitment to youth. An active scholarship program, an annual Citizenship Seminar and other activities benefit the children of Farm Bureau members. For more information on Farm Bureau, call the Cooke County Farm Bureau at 940-665-1763 or 940-759-4052.

making an important contribution to the overall welfare of the U.S. agricultural community. This is the only study which objectively measures the current financial situation of our farms and ranches. The study will examine the changing role of farm and off-farm employment and management practices and will evaluate the effects of adverse weather in 1998 on producers' net income and cash flow. Additionally, selected participants will be asked to provide detailed cost of production information on wheat to help analyze this important commodity. Texas producers selected to participate in this year's Agricultural Resource Management Study are being notified by letter, and interviewers will visit them personally to complete the report. Individual producer data is protected by law from disclosure. USDA will publish the results of this study later this year in a series of reports on the farm financial situation. The study results will be used by commodity analysts, producer organizations, government policy makers, and others to benefit farmers and the rural community.

Combs cautions producers about phone sales

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently advised farmers and ranchers to be cautious when dealing with solicitors peddling pesticide products over the phone. The Texas Department of Agriculture has already heard from producers who have been contacted at their home by telephone marketers offering products for the start of the planting season. "Legitimate pesticide dealers may call to see what you're going to need this year, but most don't initiate sales through telemarketing," Combs said. "Products that are pushed over the phone are usually touted as more concentrated, more effective or just cheaper. In many cases, producers who take up the offer end up very disappointed." Combs noted that TDA frequently gets calls from

pesticide applicators who are unhappy after purchasing products over the phone. In some instances, the product is not even labeled for use in Texas. Taking extra time to know what you're buying can prevent headaches and possible violations of state pesticide laws.

"The best advice is just buy pesticide products from your local licensed dealer," Combs said. "These are folks who can answer all your questions regarding a product's safe use, its effectiveness and its success in your particular area."

Combs advised applicators to follow some precautionary steps if they choose to deal with telephone marketers:

- Remember all products must be used according to label. The seller may claim the product can be used on a particular pest or crop, but

unless the label permits it, the applicator can be held liable for misapplication.

- Ask for details in writing (such as the label and Material Data Safety Sheet).

- Ask for references.
- Ask for the price, ingredient and concentration so you know what you're getting and can compare prices. Some products have been diluted, so it's crucial to get all the facts.

- Hang up if a telephone marketer won't answer all your questions. Any legitimate dealer will provide all the information you request.

Combs also reminded producers that if they want to know if pesticide product lives up to the hype from a phone salesman, they can always call the Texas Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Division at 1-800-TELL-TDA.

Ray Powell, Chairman of Cooke County Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors, presented checks to seven clubs in Cooke County and two in Montague County. These included Community Improvement clubs at Hoot Mountain Springs, Woodbin Callisburg, Downard Fairplains, Rosston, Myr Forestburg, and Illinois Bend.

The Community Improvement Annual Awards dinner was held recently at the Cooke County Electric Co-op in Muenster. The awards dinner is jointly sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Cooke County Electric Co-op. Following the dinner prepared by Cooke County Extension Agent Evelyn Yeatts and Montague County

Extension Agent Barbara Holeman, a program was held on the Cooke County Sesquicentennial. Sharon Sullivant, Co-chairman, told about events already taking place and told of future sesquicentennial plans. Shawna Powell, Director of Morton Museum, came costumed and shared some of Belle Rogers' early pioneer memories.

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The purpose of the organization is for greater enjoyment of life for those in the individual communities. Activities throughout the year include educational programs, community socials, community improvement, beautification projects and service projects. All clubs have fund-raisers to allow them to beautify the community and provide services to others.

Clubs were judged for the accomplishments and traveling plaque is presented each year to an outstanding club in each county. This year the Downard Fairplains and Illinois Bend clubs were recognized.

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Steers, medium & large frame, 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 89-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-89; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 85-1.04; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-85; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 80-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 68-80; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 75-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-75; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 70-79; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-74; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-65; Heifers, medium & large frame, 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 75-89; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-75; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 72-86; Nos. 2 & 3, 62-72; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 70-86; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-70; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 65-78; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-65; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 60-70; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-60; 700 lbs.: No. 1, 57-70; Nos. 2 & 3, 45-57.
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Texas farmers unions convene in Lubbock on Feb. 5-6

Texas Farmers Union (TFU) members from throughout the state will meet February 5-6 in Lubbock for the organization's 95th annual convention. Key speakers will include National Farmers Union President Leland Swenson, Texas House of Representatives Pete Lan and Vice President of Rock Mountain Farmers Union Kathleen Kelley.

"1998 was a difficult year for production agriculture, and Farmers Union rose to the challenge by leading the charge that eventually resulted in Congress allocating \$7 billion in aid and tax cuts for America's farmers and ranchers," said TFU President Wes Sims of Sweetwater. Concentration in agricultural markets, commodity price risk management tools and trade policies are sure to be among the primary concerns TFU members discuss in amendments and additions to the 1999 TFU policy program. "I am very proud of Farmers Union's grassroots approach of developing policy and electing its leadership. Anyone attending our convention has the opportunity to witness the democratic process at work," Sims said.

Texas Ag Facts

- Sales of cattle and calves account for almost half of agricultural sales in Texas.
- Pecans are native to 12 Texas counties.
- Almost 1 million head of hogs are marketed in Texas each year.
- Texas producers shear about 2 million head of sheep each year.
- Texas produces about 20 percent of the world's cotton fiber and fabric.