



Judge Duncan comments on time in office

by Janet Felderhoff
 "The person who sits in this position does not do the job on their own," said outgoing County Judge Russell Duncan in closing remarks at the Dec. 29 Cooke County Commissioners Court meeting. There are probably 200 people that I looked to and have helped me fill this position."

Duncan noted that he has great respect for the courthouse family. He noted that there hasn't been a time at night or on the weekend that he's come in to do work and not found someone at work in an office in the building. "We have very dedicated, loyal people and I'm pleased to have been associated with them," he said.

Judge Duncan pointed out that of the 400 votes made by Commissioners Court, only one were not unanimous. That's pretty remarkable," continued Duncan. "It showed that we did work together, that we were interested in the county's business and taking care of our people."

The next time the court meets it will be changed by 40 percent. Bill Harris will then be the county judge and Bill Cox the commissioner for Precinct #2 replacing Richard Brown. Duncan credited Brown with making many of the very tough motions that they had and with asking some tough questions. Judge Duncan stated that he appreciated Brown's acting as parliamentarian for the court.

Duncan remarked that he would look back on his time as county judge as a rewarding experience. He jokingly added, "I mentioned to Bill Harris that I had the best of both worlds — it only took me four votes to get into office and I held the same position that he will hold."

Evelyn Yeatts of the Cooke County Extension Agent Office explained to commissioners that their secretary of 23 years was retiring. With a new person coming in and an increasing workload, Yeatts and County Agent Craig Rosenbaum felt that it would be best to change the part-time secretary's position to full-time to help take up the slack. Ms. Yeatts said that often the part-time secretary

works more than half a day with no pay to get the required work finished.

Yeatts also noted that the department is receiving a federal grant that will allow them to hire part-time help. Commissioners approved the change from part-time to full-time.

Although an executive session was scheduled to discuss the duties of Constable David Tharp, all agreed to hold the discussion in the open meeting. Tharp took office on Nov. 10 replacing Doug Dixon who resigned earlier.

Tharp explained to Commissioners Court what he felt his duties were and that he was willing to bailiff for courts other than those of Justices Dorothy Lewis and Bill Freeman when time from his other duties allowed it.

As he was trying to determine if he wanted to run for the constable position, Tharp told commissioners that he could find nothing in the county records as to what the local expectations were as to his duties. The only thing he found was under Vernon's Civil Statutes.

"My position has always been that as constable of Precinct #1 I have to serve two Justices' courts, Judge Freeman and Judge Lewis. I have a tremendous amount of citations, executions, and processes," Tharp remarked. "I guess you never know what you're getting into until you just get in there. I found that there is a lot of processing comes through both these courts because my precinct basically covers all the main populous areas of Cooke County — Gainesville, Muenster, Lindsay, Callisburg, Woodbine, Walnut Bend area. I've got about 20,000 people which is going to be more processing done."

When he took office Tharp said he was handed a docket book in which to log all of the papers he served. That was all of the instructions that came with his job and Tharp said he has been teaching himself the job.

Papers on small claims lawsuits can be served in a 90 day period, said Tharp. Evictions must be served in four to five days and

executions have a certain time-frame for property to be seized and a sale held. "I'm a one-man department serving two JPs," said Tharp. "It's quite time consuming. I feel that as a department head or an elected official we should all help one another where we can when we can. That's the way I see and that's what I will continue to do. People are going to have to understand

that I can't be everywhere." Judge Duncan thanked Tharp for clarifying the issue and noted that it seemed to be a matter of scheduling.

Non-elected county employees for 1998 will receive \$25 gift certificates from Tom Thumb or Scivally's. The money will come from funds accumulated from coke and candy machine money (not from tax payers' funds).

County Auditor Gloria Parrish said this is done as a holiday bonus when enough money is available from that fund.

Public official bonds were approved as follows: Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis, \$5,000; County Judge Belvin (Bill) Harris, \$5,000; County Auditor Gloria Parrish, \$5,000; County Surveyor Delbert West, \$500; County Treasurer Judy Hunter, \$100,000.

The Texas Forest Service approved Cooke County's request for cost share assistance in the dry hydrant program. Cooke County will pay the cost of installing up to 50 dry hydrants and the Texas Forest Service will reimburse the county up to \$500 for each hydrant. This will make water more accessible in the county for fire suppression. All of the county's volunteer fire departments have been notified of this grant and are encouraged to find private ponds to install the hydrants where they will be most beneficial. Acceptance of the grant was approved 5-0.

Other action taken by Commissioners Court included:

- Signed a contract with the Department of Transportation for the replacement of three bridges in the county. One is over Pecan Creek in Precinct #2 and two are for William's Creek and Clear Creek in Precinct #3. The county's portion of the cost to replace these bridges is \$70,829, and that amount was unanimously appropriated.
- Public Hearing in consideration of amending plat for The Ranch at Mountain Springs subdivision phase 3. There was nobody present to speak against it. Mary Nell McKay, president of the board of directors for Pioneer Valley, asked questions, but made no protests. The amendment passed 5-0.

- Approved contract with Cooke County Appraisal District for assessment and collection of property taxes.
- Appointed James R. Cole, M.D. as the county health authority.
- Approved final plat for Phase 1 of Shenandoah Subdivision in Precinct #2.
- Tabled approval of escrow deposit to guarantee road construction in Shenandoah Subdivision.
- Approved minutes after amendments suggested by Richard Brown.
- Approved monthly bills.
- Read some courthouse history from reprint of "First 100 Years In Cooke County". The book is now available. Also available are post cards depicting the work of several area artists.



Winners of the county election held Nov. 3 took the oath of office on Jan. 1 at 10 a.m. in the Cooke County Courthouse. Family, friends and co-workers gathered in the rotunda to observe as District Judge Jerry Woodcock administered each official's oath of office. Shown shortly after taking their new oath of office were, from left, Justice of the Peace John Roane, Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis, Commissioner Bill Cox, District Clerk Pat Payne, Treasurer Judy Hunter, County Judge Bill Harris, County Clerk Evelyn Walterscheid, Commissioner Virgil Hess and, at right, outgoing County Judge Russell Duncan. Janet Felderhoff Photo

Littering: it's a costly toss

by Steve Broyles
 City Administrator

The Muenster Proud organization has heightened our awareness of littering the roads and neighborhoods. What does the city ordinance say about litter control within the city limits?

Basically, it is illegal for any person to throw, discard, place or deposit litter in any manner or amount on any public or private property within the city limits, except in containers provided for that purpose. Police officers are authorized to enforce the litter control ordinance. People who violate this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Each

person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day the violation is committed, continued, or permitted. Upon conviction, such person shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500).

Residents and business establishments are responsible for keeping their property free of litter. This includes sidewalks and driveways. So if wind blows trash on your property, please take a few minutes to pick it up. In addition, residential brush, limbs, discarded furniture, appliances, and other debris should be deposited on the curb for pick-up before 8:00 a.m. on

Mondays and Thursdays. Brush and limbs should be no longer than four feet in length and tied in bundles. Other loose materials should be placed in bags or containers and tied so that materials do not blow or scatter. The tied bag or secure containers should repel animals.

Businesses are required to keep containers that can handle the amount of trash the business generates and to have it picked up frequently enough to ensure that the containers aren't overflowing. Containers should be kept covered or secured at all times. Businesses may only use their Please See LITTER, Pg. 2

Carlton named to chair CCAD Board in '99

by Janet Felderhoff
 Cooke County Appraisal District's Board of Directors is now under the chairmanship of Jane Carlton. Donna Doty is the new vice-chair and Ken Kaiser accepted the position of secretary. The new officers were elected at a special meeting held Jan. 5 at 10 a.m.

Carlton replaced Ken Kaiser with a vote of 3-0-1. She abstained and Donna Doty, who was in another meeting, was not present for the first part of the meeting. Doty was voted in 4-0 and replaces Stephen Cole. Carlton handed the secretary duties to Kaiser after he was voted in with a 3-0-1 vote. He abstained from voting.

Leon Haney used the Public Comments portion of the meeting to request information under the Open Record Act 6252-17A. He also asked that the information be notarized.



Cooke County Appraisal District Board members, from left, are Ken Kaiser, secretary; Stephen Cole; Jane Carlton, board chair; Donna Doty, vice-chair; and Leon Klement. Janet Felderhoff Photo

Haney asked for the appraisal information set by Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. on

property owned by several businesses including three owned by Brammer Pipe &

Steel, Alan Ritchey Trucking, Inc., Weber Aircraft, Inc., the National Supply building, and Wal-Mart.

Board Chairman Ken Kaiser told Haney that he was entitled to the requested information under the Open Records Act. The CCAD Board isn't in charge of the information and would contact Pritchard & Abbott and the chief appraiser to have the information presented to Haney, said Kaiser.

After an Executive Session the meeting was re-opened to the public. With a unanimous 5-0 vote the Board agreed to consult an attorney in the matter of the Texas Workforce Commission Hearing that is in progress and based upon review and opinion of that attorney, retain said attorney to represent the Cooke County Appraisal District in such matters.



Alvin Hartman was honored at the KGAF-NCTC Holiday Classic basketball tournament last week when he was awarded the Bill King Memorial Sportsmanship Award. The 1997 recipient, Charles Brown of Brown Motor Company, made the presentation. Janie Hartman Photo



Kirk Klement of Klement Ford of Muenster presents Urban Endres, representative of the Muenster Library Building Fundraiser's Committee, a donation of \$5,000 to the Friends of Muenster Public Library. This latest donation brings Klement Ford's contribution total to \$6,250. Janie Hartman Photo

Muenster City Council views boring machine

by Daryl Ferber
 The Muenster City Council, considering the purchase of a boring machine, inspected a model at the January meeting, Monday.

John Short explained the operation of his company's boring machine and stated that it is operated by two persons. The company sends representative to teach the procedure. The council will check with other users before making any decision.

A boring machine would make possible going under streets, instead of ripping them up, in the process of laying the new water lines for the new water tower system. The city will be doing some of the work. The main water line project contract was awarded to Water Products Inc. of Oklahoma for \$39,451.30. February 4 is the starting date with a completion in 90 days. The new tower is expected to be on line in July.

The bad snow storms affected even Muenster Council

meeting as Bob Sterling of Phoenix Fabricators, due to speak, could not fly from his snow-bound city.

John Pagel explained the street repair situation and jobs to be finished for 1999, including Eddy Street, East Fourth, West Sixth, and City Park (after Germanfest). Some larger jobs will be contracted out. City Administrator Broyles added that with all the projects ahead, it is going to be a very busy year for the city crews.

It was approved to send the mayor and two council members to the Texas Air Quality Coalition meeting January 25. Another item approved was the mutual aid agreement between City of Muenster and City of Gainesville.

Steve Broyles was authorized to submit grant proposals for the waste-water treatment facility.

The bills for the month amounted to \$63,347.82.

Railroad Commission urges winter gas safety check

Will this be a particularly hard winter? No one knows for sure, but the old scout motto about "being prepared" certainly can't hurt. The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's chief energy agency, says the two best ways for homeowners with propane gas heating systems to be prepared are: 1) scheduling a gas check of all the gas system, including appliances, and 2) making sure the propane tank stays full all winter long.

Propane gas provides home heating, water heating and cooking for millions of Texans in every part of the state. Your local propane gas supplier will send a specially trained service technician to check the entire propane gas system for leaks, and will ensure that all local regulations and industry standards are met. He or she will also check the tank, piping, regulator, gauges, connectors, valves, vents, thermostats, pilots, burners and appliance controls to make sure they are in good working condition.

The Railroad Commission also encourages homeowners

who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane to have their local dealer put their delivery account on "automatic." That way a homeowner never has to worry about having an adequate supply of propane, no matter how cold the weather or treacherous the road conditions. It is certainly not comfortable or safe to be left out in the cold without enough propane to heat the house or run appliances like stoves or clothes dryers.

Homeowners should check all gas appliance intakes and exhaust vents for the clothes dryer, furnace and water heater to make sure they are kept clear of debris, snow or ice. The home's propane tank should have a protective cap or "dome" to cover the regulator, relief valves and fill valves.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, look under "gas/propane" in the Yellow Pages for your nearest propane dealer, or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 1-800-64-CLEAR.



Top photo: Virgil Hess signs a pledge to serve Cooke County Precinct #4 as commissioner for four more years. District Judge Jerry Woodlock, left, administered the oath of office and Virgil's wife Judy held the Bible during the ceremony. Below: Evelyn Walterscheid takes oath of office as county clerk while her husband Donnie holds the family Bible. District Judge Jerry Woodlock, left, administered the oath of office.



Janet Feiderhoff Photo

TU Electric and Lone Star Gas Co. imposters

TU Electric and Lone Star Gas Company remind its customers that sometimes people aren't who they say they are. If someone claiming to be an employee of TU Electric or Lone Star Gas wants to enter your home, ask for identification. This is the first step in preventing criminal activity by an imposter. Real employees of the electric and gas company will be glad to show an identification card bearing their picture.

In recent months, imposters have tried to enter homes in Dallas, Fort Worth and Wichita Falls. Most were turned away, but an elderly Dallas woman had her purse stolen in one case.

Gas employees who have a need to enter a property or home wear Lone Star Gas uniforms. They also drive vehicles marked with the company logo.

"Generally, the only reason a gas employee would have a need to go inside your home would be to reinstate gas service after an interruption of during a leak investigation," said Terry Tombaugh, Manager. "Gas employees never knock on doors to collect for a past due bill," he added.

TU Electric employees also carry photo IDs. The company does not authorize contractors to enter customers' homes. Customers who still have doubts about the person's authenticity after seeing an ID should call Lone Star Gas or TU Electric to verify that the visitor is an employee.

The company cautions customers: DO NOT allow strangers into your home unless the person has a proper identification card. Customer who suspect they have seen an imposter are urged to call police.

The family of Joe M. Knauf wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the kindness and generosity shown to us at the loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Thank you for the many Mass offerings, plants and floral arrangements, food brought to the house and food donated to the family dinner, cards and words of comfort.

Thank you to Father Tom and to Father Harry for the service and to all who participated in the liturgy. Thank you to Ruth and Christy for the beautiful music. We are grateful to the Catholic Daughters for the preparation of the family meal and the KCs for the use of the Hall.

Thank you to the staff of Muenster Memorial Hospital for their care and to the Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. and Cooke County EMS for their quick and expert response; and special thanks to granddaughter Reneta Knabe and to the Eucharistic Ministers for care given this past year.

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Milton Knauf
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assigned containers. Similarly, pedestrians and motorists should not put their trash in a business dumpster. The businesses rent the containers and pay to have them emptied; it is unlawful for someone else to use the containers the businesses pay for.

Motorists transporting loose materials are required to secure or cover litter in the vehicles so that litter does not blow out and trash public or private property. The operator of the vehicle is responsible for securing the litter and is held responsible for litter thrown or discharged from the motor vehicle. If reported that littering from a vehicle has occurred, then lack of adequate covering or other adequate security constitutes proof that a litter violation has occurred.

People distributing handbills, leaflets, flyers, or any other advertising and informational material are required to take whatever measures may be necessary to keep such materials from littering public or private property.

Construction sites should have commercial containers or other adequate means to place or control litter and to prevent it from the wind spreading it to adjacent properties.

Demolition operators shall use due diligence to prevent loose debris from escaping the demolition site.

What happens if a property does not pick up its litter? The

City shall first warn the owner, agent, occupant, or lessee that litter needs to be picked up. If the latter fails to pick the litter up, the City may serve written notice to the individual. If it is still not picked up, the City may do such work and charge the owner for the work performed. In addition, the City may fine the person and make necessary improvements at the property owner's expense. The City may then file such charges as a privileged lien against the property, until the amount is paid.

If everyone accepts responsibility for the litter they are responsible for, then they will pick it up or secure it. This results in a cleaner and prouder Muenster! Keep Muenster Beautiful!

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Entries due January 30, 1999 (include name, address & phone#)

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, January 10	Monday, January 11	Tuesday, January 12	Wednesday, January 13	Thursday, January 14	Friday, January 15	Saturday, January 16
JELLY, 2-3:30 P.M., CC Main Hall	VFW Meeting, 8 P.M.	Muenster jvg/b; VG/B vs. Collinsville, H, 4:30 P.M. SH jvg/b; VG/B vs. Ambassadors, T, 4 P.M.	C of C Breakfast, 7:30 A.M., The Center Restaurant Religious Ed. Class, 7 P.M. Adult Co-Ed Volleyball, 7 P.M., old Muenster Gym SH Alumni & Friends Meeting, 7 P.M., Comm. Center Cafeteria Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	SH VG/B vs. Highlands, T, 6 P.M.	Muenster jvg/b; VG/B vs. Saint Jo, T, 4:30 P.M.	Muenster JV Tournament Muenster 8th g/b in St. Mary's Tournament SH jvg. VG vs. Harvest Christian, T, noon
Life Teen, 7-8:30 P.M., Comm. Ctr. Main Hall	SH - NO SCHOOL VFW Auxiliary Meeting, 8 P.M. Muenster Jr. High vs. Saint Jo, H, 5 P.M.	SH VG/B vs. Lakehill, T, 6 P.M.	Religious Ed. Class, 7 P.M. Adult Co-Ed Volleyball, 7 P.M., old Muenster Gym	SH jvg/b vs. Liberty Christian, T, 5 P.M. SH VB in Harvest Tournament	Muenster jvg/b; VG/B vs. Valley View, H, 4:30 P.M.	Muenster Jr. High Tournament, 7 b/g
		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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Melvin John Fisch

1918 - 1998

by Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held in Sacred Heart Church for Melvin John Fisch on Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., officiated by Father Tom Craig, pastor.

Mr. Fisch died suddenly on Dec. 28, 1998 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital at 2:47 p.m. He was a resident of Muenster since 1980. "Mel" Fisch was born March 4, 1918 in Chicago, Illinois to Richard Fisch andillian Sistek Fisch. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and in Central Europe. He was a lifetime member of Muenster VFW Post #6205, and was a floor coverer by trade. An avid sports fan, both as a participant or observer, he particularly enjoyed fishing, golf, and loved bowling.

On May 27, 1944 he married Henrietta Margaret Wiesman at the chapel at Camp Howze in Gainesville, officiated by Rev. Connelly. For years they made their home in Chicago. They moved back to Muenster from Chicago in 1980 upon retirement, and are active members of Sacred Heart parish.

Survivors are his wife Henrietta "Hank" Fisch of Muenster; two sons and daughters-in-law Donald M. Fisch and wife Susan of Appleton, Minnesota and Steven Fisch and wife Cathy of Iowa Park, Texas. There are six grandchildren: Jennifer Fisch Hodson, Michael Fisch, Kristal Fisch Ward, Donnie Fisch, Robert Fisch, and Christine Fisch. There are two great-grandsons Matthew Hodson and Cy Wesley Ward. Also one brother, Donald Lorian of Demming, New Mexico and a number of nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers Gilbert and Richard Fisch.

Participating in the special funeral liturgy for the Mass of Christian Burial were Tara Osten a great-niece and Susie Sullivan a niece who gave readings from the Old and New Testament, respectively. Offertory petitions were read by Jessica Koessler a great-niece. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were carried to the altar by granddaughters Kristal Ward and Jenny Hodson. Eucharistic Ministers were Chuck Koessler a nephew, and family friends Miriam Caplinger, Regina Pels and Charles and Carolyn Bayer. Altar servers were good friends Butch Fisher and Sylvan Walterscheid, and a great-nephew Tony Koessler.

Music Ministers were Niece Diane Grewing, nephew Doug Osten, great-niece Gina Osten, and friends Christy Clement and Linda Flusche. Sacred music included "Fill My House," "Psalm Of The Good Shepherd," "Only A Shadow," "Pilgrim Song," "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," "Spirit Of The Lord" for the final farewell, and "How Great Thou



Melvin John Fisch

Art" for the recessional.

The eulogy was presented by Kim Sandmann, a great-niece. She gave a brief history of his boyhood and schooling in Chicago; his service in the U.S. Army; his marriage to the love of his life, Henrietta; their sons and families; their retirement in Muenster. She then recalled many happy memories of her "Uncle Mel." She said: "He loved us very much and proved it many times...taking all of us fishing and having to unsnarl our lines...bating the hook and removing the fish....Some of us remember that we picked and ate all his strawberries right out of his garden, when he already had enough trouble with birds stealing the berries....He loved giving us a hard time, and was happiest when we gave it back. He particularly enjoyed thinking he fooled us with his Archie Bunker characteristics. Then he would make our favorite 'butterflies' of pastry dough covered with powdered sugar....He let us 'help' drive his pickup across a few pastures. He was a 'BRAVE MAN!!' But no matter how frustrated he got with us, he always managed to flash one of his big smiles to reassure us that he loved us unconditionally....But he did enjoy telling about those trouble-making girls."

"The last time I saw Uncle Mel, he said something to me that I would like to share with you today. He said 'Kid, no matter where life leads you always hold your head up high, and things will always get better...."

"We will be comforted knowing that you, Uncle Mel, did doing what you truly enjoyed - bowling....We will all miss you very much."

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were David Yosten, John Yosten, Raymond Stewart, Chuck Koessler, Doug Yosten and Melvin Yosten, all nephews.

Relatives and friends attending the funeral came from Minneapolis, Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota, Wichita Falls, Iowa Park and Austin, Texas, and areas of Cooke County and surrounding area.

Prudence Jane Selby 1929 - 1999

Prudence Jane Selby, beloved teacher of hundreds of sixth graders in Muenster Elementary School for 28 years and nine years before that in other area schools, died on Monday, Jan. 4, 1999 in St. Paul's Hospital of Dallas. She treasured the memories of her students, and especially prized the letters from them when they reached adulthood, editing her with guidance, good advice and reaching for goals and attaining successful ones.

Prue Selby was the mother of one daughter, Kathy Enderby and the highly respected, much-loved mother-in-law of Bill Enderby; the beloved grandmother of their children Courtney, Tiffany and fatalie Enderby, and the truly

delighted great-grandmother of twins Makayla and Makenzie Enderby, all of Ardmore, OK. She also leaves a sister, Constance Smith of Kilgore; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband Kenneth E. Selby, who died on Dec. 4, 1995; her parents, three brothers Dan Wilson, Jesse Wilson Jr. and James Wilson.

Prue Selby was born on March 26, 1929 in Bulcher to Jesse and Vida (Germany) Wilson. On Dec. 22, 1950 she married Kenneth E. Selby, in Woodbine, TX. She was a graduate of North Texas State University in Denton with a Bachelor of Science degree.

They moved to Muenster in

Gertrude "Gertie" Luttmer

1921 - 1998

by Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Gertrude "Gertie" Luttmer in Sacred Heart Church on Monday, Dec. 28, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. She died in her sleep on December 26 at her home.

A resident of Muenster all of her married life, she was the mother of three daughters Mary Kay Trubenbach, Betty Jean Hutson, and Patricia "Patty" Hess; and two sons Michael Luttmer and Eugene "Gene" Luttmer, all of Muenster. Her husband, Ferd Luttmer died on January 21, 1992. Also surviving are sons-in-law Wayne Trubenbach and Brad Hutson and daughters-in-law Anita Luttmer and Carol Luttmer.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Also two sisters Dorothy Swirczynski of Muenster and Rosalie Mundmann of Lindsay, and two brothers Frank Beyer of Lindsay and Carl Beyer of Fort Worth.

Preceding her in death were her husband Ferdinand Clem "Ferd" Luttmer; her parents Adam and Mary (Loerwald) Beyer; two grandsons Jeffrey and Jason Luttmer; one sister Marie Sandmann; five brothers Tony, Robert, Edward, Lambert, and Andrew Beyer.

She is fondly remembered by hundreds of friends.

Gertie Luttmer was born in Gainesville on March 15, 1921 to Adam Beyer and Mary Loerwald Beyer. On June 4, 1946 she married Ferd Luttmer in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay. She was a talented homemaker; a member of Sacred Heart Parish; a member of St. Anne's Society; a long-time Morgan Express Freight deliverer; she worked at Muenster Memorial Hospital, Rohmer's Restaurant, and assisted her husband in his business and service station work; she loved gardening, canning and raising flowers. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren have treasured memories of her - she loved them immensely.

In the eulogy given at the funeral Mass by a nephew, Wilfred Luttmer, Jr., he told that: "Gertie always had a smile and a friendly word for everyone she met. When delivering freight orders, she enjoyed visiting with all her customers, often learning the latest news. She enjoyed helping others - that brightened her day. She showed her care for everyone she met.... She will be missed by all... We love you mom, grandma, great-grandma, cherished aunt. We know you are in Heaven, happy with Dad! What a reunion that must have been!!" Wilfred Luttmer, Jr. concluded with a poem:



Gertrude "Gertie" Luttmer

"Miss me, but let me go."

The Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. was officiated by Father Thomas Craig, pastor, assisted by Father Harry Fisher of Valley View, a friend. Altar servers were Butch Fisher, Joe Felderhoff and Sylvan Walterscheid.

Liturgical Readings from the Old and New Testament were given by granddaughters DeAnna Hess and Rhonda Fangman. Offertory petitions were read by a niece DaLana Endres. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Crystal Hess and Kathy Sicking.

Eucharistic Ministers were Viola Rohmer, Ramona Felderhoff, Antonia Hess, Lorena Taylor and Miriam Caplinger.

Music ministers who presented sacred music were Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse; selections included "Amazing Grace," "One Day At A Time," "On Eagles Wings" at Communion, "How Great Thou Art," and "Edelweiss Blessing" at the final farewell.

A Rosary Service was held on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in McCoy Funeral Chapel and Vigil at 7:00 p.m.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Gary Don Hess, A.J. Beyer, Ron Trubenbach, Dale Swirczynski, Charlie Luttmer, and Chris Luttmer.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials in her name sent to Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Rube Griggs

1917 - 1998

by Elfreda Fette

Hundreds of Muenster friends join the family of Rube Griggs of Rosston in mourning his sudden death on December 25, 1998 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital.

Survivors of Rube Griggs are his wife of 58 years, Maurine Boothe Griggs of Rosston; sons and daughters-in-law Guy William "Chuck" and Patsy Griggs of Houston, Frank Davis "Dave" and Marsha Griggs of Rosston; daughter and son-in-law Susanne and Carroll Barnett of Rosston. There are four grandchildren Steven W. Griggs, Nancy Griggs Hess, Katsie Barnett Dixon, Casey Cash Wagley, and their spouses. There are six great-grandchildren and numerous cousins and other relatives.

Rube Griggs was born on Aug. 2, 1917 in Cooke County to Guy and Mary Inghish Griggs. He attended and graduated from San Marcos Military Academy, where he was on a football scholarship as a kicker. In 1940 he married Maurine Boothe. He served in the U.S. Army in 1942 and 1943.

Rube and Maurine Griggs and their children lived in Texas City, Texas at the time of the Texas City disaster, and he helped in the recovery of victims, and the clean up of the devastation afterwards.

Prior to moving back to Cooke County, he was Head of Maintenance at the Texas City Tin Smelter, the only tin processing facility in Texas at the time.

Mr. Griggs and his family have lived near the community of Rosston for the past 35 years. He was a retired electrician with many other construction and ranching talents. He was a member of the Era Masonic Lodge.

Rube Griggs always enjoyed his association with Muenster people. Friends recalled his ready smile and friendly greeting when he made his daily trip to Muenster. Frequent remarks this week indicated: "Why, I saw him only a few days ago at the post office or store or ..."

Muenster friends and business associates depended on his ability and trusted his advice for their building,



Rube Griggs

construction of homes and businesses, for electrical wiring or remodeling or repairs. His wife, Maurine was a long-time employee of Muenster Memorial Hospital. For many years she endeared herself to local and area school children, as a member of the DAR which sponsored essay contests in the schools.

Masonic graveside rites directed by Danny Knight were conducted by the Era Masonic Lodge on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in Rosston Cemetery. Rev. Leighton Flowers, pastor of Era Baptist Church officiated. All present sang in unison "Amazing Grace."

Burial in Rosston Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home.

The family has suggested memorials made to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital of Dallas, or to the charity of choice.

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BECKER OBITUARY

by, My Comrade."

At the Mass of Christian Burial, Vincent Becker's sisters Hilda and Rose Marie participated in the special funeral liturgy by presenting Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

Before returning home, the Mmes. Sicking spent several days visiting areas of Washington D.C. and viewing the Christmas tree on the White House lawn.

Community CONNECTION

A calendar full of good health events

January 12
"Disorders of the Eye"
Speaker: Chris A. Knobbe, MD, Ophthalmologist
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Culwell Conference Center, GMH

January 19
"Hormone Replacement Therapy"
Speaker: Mark D. Cook - Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Medical Arts Building at Lake Kiowa
Sponsored by The Women's Center of North Texas
Norman T. Tompkins, MD

January 26
The Alzheimer's Disease Information Series
Session 1 - "Diagnosis and Treatment"
Speaker: Easwar Sundaram, Jr., MD, Neurologist
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Roberts Meeting Room, GMH
Presented by the Soroptimist Time Out Advisory Committee, GMH, The Area Agency on Aging of Texoma and The Alzheimer's Association - Greater Dallas Chapter

January 27
Blood Drive
In observance of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Culwell Conference Center, GMH
Sponsored by GMH and Gainesville Rotary Club

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Vincent Becker 1921 - 1998

Muenster native, Vincent Becker, long-time resident of Olney, Maryland, died on Dec. 5, 1998 in his home at age 77. Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Peter's Church of Olney on Friday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Vincent Becker was born in Muenster to Felix and Rosa (Hartman) Becker on Nov. 11, 1921. He attended Sacred Heart Schools. On March 15, 1942 he married Sandra Accella. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Coast Guard. He was a member of Muenster VFW Post #6205, and of the Olney, Maryland American Legion Post. After serving in the military, Vincent Becker operated heavy earth moving machinery; in the field of construction he was also employed in the building of the Metro System.



Vincent Becker

Surviving are three sons, Vincent (SKIP) Becker, John Becker and Kenneth Becker; and four daughters Barbara

Dodson, Alana Butler, Donna Becker, and Patricia Powell; and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also three sisters Ida Hoenig, Hilda Sicking, and Rose Marie Sicking.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers Walter Becker and Leo Becker; and his wife.

Attending the funeral from Muenster were his sisters Hilda Sicking and Rose Marie Sicking.

A Rosary Service was held at the funeral home the afternoon preceding the funeral day, and a wake service in the evening at 7:00 p.m., conducted by the American Legion Post of Olney, Maryland. At the close of this service, all members of the post passed before the casket, saluted and said aloud: "Good-

Opinion/Editorial

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:
The following is from the parish newsletter of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Arlington, Texas. "Dear Mom, Gosh, can you believe it's 2023 already? I'm still writing '22 on nearly everything. Seems like just yesterday I was sitting in first grade celebrating the century change. I know we haven't really chatted since Christmas. Sorry. Anyway, I have some difficult news and I really didn't want to call and talk face-to-face. Ted's had a promotion and I should be up for a hefty raise this year if I keep putting in those crazy hours. You know how I work at it. Yes we're still struggling with the bills. Timmy's been okay at kindergarten although he complains about going. But then he wasn't happy about day care either, so what can I do? He's been a real problem. Mom. He's a good kid, but quite honestly, he's an unfair burden at this time in our lives. Ted and I have talked this through and through and finally made a choice. Plenty of other families have made it and are better off. Our pastor is supportive and says hard decisions are necessary. The family is a 'system' and the demands of one member shouldn't be allowed to ruin the whole. He told us to be prayerful, consider all the factors, and do what is right to make the family work. He says that even though he probably wouldn't do it himself, the decision is really ours. He was kind enough to refer us to a children clinic near here, so at least that part's easy. I'm not an uncaring mother. I do feel sorry for the little guy. I think he overheard Ted and me talking about it the other night. I turned around saw him standing at the bottom step in his PJ's with the little bear you gave him under his arm and his eyes sort of welling up. Mom when he looked at me just about broke my heart. But I honestly believe this is better for Timmy, too. It's not fair to force him to live in a family that can't give him the time and attention he deserves. And please don't give me the kind of grief Grandma gave you over your abortions. It is the same thing, you know. We've told him he's just going in for a vaccination. Anyway, they say it is painless. I guess it's as well you haven't seen that much of him. Love to Dad.....Jane"

Letter To The Editor
I have heard that there are those who don't believe a new library is necessary in this day and age of the Internet. If this is true, then why did Bill Gates just donate \$20 million dollars to the Seattle Public Library? Certainly Bill Gates is one of the most brilliant men in America and most involved in the Internet world. If he believes with all of his heart that public libraries are necessary and supports his belief with his check book then why can't we?
Libraries are more than books, they are places of knowledge. They are a gathering place of souls as well as minds. They enrich the lives of those who use them and provide quality of life to a community. They are still so extremely valid that not only did one of the most brilliant men in America, Bill Gates, just donate \$20 million dollars to the Seattle Public Library. The New York Library just spent \$15 million to refurbish its library. This kind of money would not be spent if libraries were not extremely important.
The Muenster Public Library will provide students a place to go during the summer and holidays when the school libraries are closed. The Library would give young mothers a place to take children to nurture their intellectual interest and give the poor a place to continue learning so they can escape poverty. The new Library would provide a form of entertainment to young and old in our community.
As you walk into the future Muenster Public Library you will be greeted with a wall of honor, much like those you see in classic, beautiful buildings that serve the public such as the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas and the new Bass Performance Hall in Ft. Worth. The Muenster Public Library will have a marble wall on which will be engraved the names of individuals, families or businesses who donated \$1,000 or more for all to see. All of Muenster, for years to come, will know who was concerned enough for our community and future generations to ensure the enhancement of learning and access to information for all.
As a community grows there is a need for change to meet the needs of the community. Look at the old Fischer's store on page 88 of the Muenster History Book and be thankful that the Fischer's have responded to the communities growing needs. Enter into and try to do some serious research in our current Library and you will realize how desperately we need the new Library.
Collectively, there is over 120 million dollars in the three banks in Muenster. There is a thermometer on the vacant lot at the red light showing the amount of donations toward the new Library to-date. Actually, this thermometer is a measure of caring and giving. The marble walls will be a permanent record of those who cared enough to make tax deductible donations.



SUCCESS FOR TEXAS AND TEXANS

By U.S. SEN. PHIL GRAMM



Because of the 105th Congress, Texans and all Americans will gain jobs, growth and opportunity, and will get to keep more of what they earn.

I fought for and passed the highway bill which will allow Texas drivers to gain a return of 90.5 cents on the gas-tax dollar, as opposed to the 77 cents on the dollar that we were getting back. The IRS reform bill which will rein in a rogue IRS and drastically change the way it does business; the tax freedom bill which will give public university student employees in Texas the same tax freedom enjoyed by students in other states; the securities litigation act which will stop abusive lawsuits; a credit union reform bill; and legislation to make good on the promise of quality health care for our military retirees.

Highway-Transportation

In a clear victory for the driving public, Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia and I successfully required the federal government to keep its promise to spend every penny of the gasoline tax solely for building and improving America's transportation infrastructure, thereby saving both time and lives. In the last three years, truck traffic in Texas has grown 19 percent, much of it generated by a booming trade with Mexico. While this trade has meant jobs and opportunity for Texans, it also has clogged traffic and eroded our highways. Over the next six years, Texas will receive \$11.3 billion to repair and upgrade highways. Funding will be used for major projects for I-35, the planned I-69 in South and East Texas and the I-10/I-25 link at El Paso, and to build the MoKan bypass at Austin.

This increased funding for Texas will mean fewer deaths and injuries due to bad roads, 13,000 more jobs, and less time wasted in traffic for Texas drivers.

IRS Reform

As author of several key provisions in the IRS reform legislation, I am proud that we finally will see some real changes at the IRS. Power corrupts, and a system of too much unchecked power has corrupted the IRS for too long. Now the IRS will be permitted to fire any employee who threatens to audit a taxpayer for his own personal gain or revenge. No longer will the IRS be able to coerce taxpayers into promising not to sue. And in court, the burden of proof now will rest with the IRS; it must prove the guilt of the taxpayer rather than being allowed to assume that the taxpayer is guilty until he can prove his innocence.

This marks a major step forward in reasserting the checks and balances that should apply whenever a citizen has to deal with the government. We cannot tolerate tax cheats, but neither can we tolerate a federal agency which runs roughshod over the rights of honest taxpayers.

Tax Freedom for Students

U.S. Rep. Bill Archer and I won approval for legislation giving students at Texas' public universities the same tax break enjoyed by students in 47 other states. Student employees of public universities in Texas no longer will have to pay payroll taxes on their earnings. This is especially relevant for graduate programs and increases the value of graduate fellowships and stipends by millions of dollars for Texas.

Texas will no longer be at a competitive disadvantage in attracting the best students, especially graduate students. Texas has some of the most outstanding public universities in the nation, and this provision will make our schools all the more attractive.

Securities Litigation

The Gramm-Dodd (Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut) Securities Litigation law puts a crimp in the trial lawyers' style -- their ability to circumvent current law which curtails abusive securities lawsuits used to harass high-tech companies. Trial lawyers have gotten around this law by filing class action lawsuits in state courts instead of federal courts. Considered easy targets by trial lawyers, new and innovative companies are being drained financially of billions of dollars per year by frivolous suits. These costs ultimately are borne by consumers and are hindering U.S. research and development. The Gramm-Dodd law will halt this practice of skirting federal reforms.

Credit Union Reform

Credit unions are not-for-profit, voluntary organizations established during the Great Depression to allow people to pool their savings and make loans to one another. These totally voluntary organizations tie people together with common bonds. Included in the credit union reform law was a provision which I authored prohibiting federal quotas from being imposed on credit unions' investment decisions. The federal government will not be allowed to force credit unions to make loans or grant services at subsidized rates to people who are not members of the credit union.

Military Retiree Health Care

Our men and women in uniform who have served our country, been asked to defend our freedom and sacrificed their own comfort deserve our vigilant attention and support. Military retirees with at least 20 years of qualifying service have been promised military health care benefits as part of their retirement package. However, at the same time that our servicemen and women are aging, the number of military medical facilities is declining.

In an effort to improve access to health care, I offered a provision which became law to establish demonstration projects in San Antonio and Wichita Falls which will allow military retirees to use their Medicare coverage to obtain treatment at base hospitals and clinics. This will relieve some of the strain on health care resources and will improve the government's promise of quality health care for our military retirees. After an initial testing stage, this demonstration project will be expanded to other facilities.

Conclusion

With these successes, Texans will drive on safer roads and arrive home to their families sooner. Americans will retain their basic rights when confronted by the IRS. Texas' public institutions will be more competitive with their counterparts throughout the country in attracting high caliber students. Lawyers will be prevented from evading laws limiting abusive class action suits. Voluntary members of credit unions won't be prohibited by arbitrary law from lending only to its constituents. America's fighting men and women will be fittingly honored as they age by their government keeping its health care promises.

These accomplishments are a solid foundation on which I pledge to continue strengthening America's rights and freedoms and creating an environment favorable to greater opportunity, less regulation and more jobs for Texans and all Americans.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on these and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C. 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at www.senate.gov/~gramm)

From My Side of the Fence

By Ed Cler

In the heat of the summer Aileen fed the hummingbirds sugar water. The little one drank almost constantly devouring one quart after another.

Well, the heat has gone and so have the hummers - gone south to a land of sunshine and warmth. Sometimes I wish was a bird.

Winter arrived December 22 with a dip in temperatures that surely got our attention - about 12°.

Here it is Jan. 4, 1999 and the low was 10°, according to channel 2, and no one I saw was wearing shorts and a bra but a lot of coats and gloves came out of the closets.

Tony has taken up a new hobby - feeding birds. His intention was to feed the little ones, the Wrens, Titmice, Juncos, Goldfinches etc., but as was expected, the greed, Bluejays, Woodpeckers, and some black birds moved in.

Now, it isn't unusual to see Cardinals, both male and female, and even a Robin Redbreast moved in for a time.

Yesterday I observed three squirrels feeding with the birds, and all seemed to go along famously.

So, I suppose that's why Tony is coming in with large and larger bags of birdseed and sunflower seeds. There seem to be a great demand.

Years Ago

50 YEARS AGO August 13, 1948

Burglars break into H and I Oil Company office and J.E. Wilde Motor Co. but take very little of value. Sheriff Dept took fingerprints. Stainless steel wiley condenser at FMJ will be installed. Paul Fische and John Knabe Dairy herd lead in state dairy association. Long range highway and road program will be discussed here when state highway engineer visits here. Lt. Norman J. Luk USNR receives permanent citations for Distinguished Flying Cross and gold stars in lieu of third and fourth Air Medals.

50 YEARS AGO August 20, 1948

Reburial with Requiem Mass in Sacred Heart Church an military honors will be held for Sgt. Lawrence J. Felderhoff at Sacred Heart Cemetery. He was killed in action in the Luzon campaign on Feb. 10, 1945. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Felderhoff. Both schools in Muenster will open on September 7. Shortage of materials at the lawn mow factory. Muenster Manufacturing Compan suspends production, therefore employees will help in building a chain link fence for city water wells, etc. Cooke County Commissioners Court set new bounty for wolves killed in Cooke County. Wedding: Fran Stoffels and Rose Fuhrman are married in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay; Lillian Wimmer and Ray Otto are married in Sacred Heart Church; Bernadine Sicking an Leo Mosman are married in Sacred Heart Church.

50 YEARS AGO August 27, 1948

Ben Seyler Motor Compan will have formal opening of new building Saturday; is new Chrysler-Plymouth headquarters. Fourteen Benedictine Sisters from Jonesboro, Arkansas will teach this year at Sacred Heart School. Annual community wide pantry, shower will be sponsored by St. Anne's Society for Benedictine Sisters of September 2 followed by covered dish supper and social hour. Wedding: Terese Walte and Billy Joe Miller are married in Sacred Heart Church.



Letter to the Editor,
Success finally on our petition to have Saint Jo added to the other town of Gamesville for our extended service. This will save a considerable amount of money for the City, Hospital, and other businesses, besides residential customers. I am attaching the letter received from the Public Utility Commissioner. This is to be added to our services with no additional charges made by Muenster Telephone Co. as they have previously confirmed.

Ray J. Wilde
Coordinator for Saint Jo
Extended Telephone Service
1012 Cherry Lane
Muenster, TX 76252
Attached letter from the Public Utility Commission of Texas confirms 86.97% sev. vote.

Mary Lee Alford
PO Box 544
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Call 911 to report fires

Many Muenster area residents are still using the 759-2235 number to report a fire to the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department. Local Fire Chief Herbie Knabe requests that people discontinue the use of that number immediately. All emergency calls, including those to report a fire, should be made by dialing 911. Using the 911 number will expedite assistance in all areas regardless of whether the call is meant for the Muenster fire department, Muenster police department, Cooke County sheriff's department, or Cooke County EMS.

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Lifestyle

Bengfort, Flanagan marry in St. Peter's Church

by Elfreda Fette

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Dean Flanagan have returned from their wedding trip to San Antonio, Texas and are at home in Gainesville. They were married in a traditional Catholic Nuptial Mass and double ring vows in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay on Nov. 28, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. with Father Eugene Luke pastor and Msgr. Hubert Neufuss officiating.

The bride is the former Angela Marie Bengfort, daughter of Michael and Joyce Bengfort of Gainesville. The groom is the son of Dean and Margaret Flanagan of Gainesville.

Angela Marie graduated from Lindsay High School in 1996 and will graduate from North Central Texas College in May of 1999. She is employed by Guaranty National Bank.

The groom graduated from Gainesville High School in 1992, from NCTC in 1994, and from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in 1997. He is a funeral director employed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Presented at the altar by her father, Michael Bengfort, the bride was wearing a designer gown of white matte satin, designed with fitted bodice,

Queen Anne neckline and long slim sleeves, tapered to points over her wrists. Alencon Lace, beaded with pearls and pearlized sequins adorned the bodice, sleeves and skirt. Flowing to cathedral length, the full skirt and train were highlighted with lace motifs. A wide border of lace tipped the hem line.

She carried a bridal bouquet of roses, carnations and Queen Anne's lace. For tradition and sentiment she borrowed a treasured rosary.

ATTENDANTS

Elizabeth Cler of Gainesville, friend of the bride was maid of honor. Sharing maid of honor duties also was Jennifer Bengfort of Lindsay sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Ashlie Flanagan and Allison Flanagan of Gainesville, both sisters of the groom.

They were identically dressed in sleeveless grape crape and satin gowns, designed with Empire waists and floor length skirts. Each carried a bouquet of carnations, roses, and Queen Anne's lace that coordinated with the bridal flowers.

Flower girls were Kira Heine of Lewisville, cousin of the groom, and Brianne Sandmann

of Lindsay, cousin of the bride.

Michael Payne of Gainesville and Robby Dietz of Gainesville, friends of the groom, stood with the groom as his best men. Jonathan Bengfort of Lindsay, bride's brother was groomsman.

Ushers were Donald Neu of Lindsay, bride's uncle; Ron Heine of Athens, Texas, groom's uncle; Sidney Cason of San Marcos, Texas, bride's cousin; and Brian Neu of Lindsay, bride's cousin.

Altar servers were Renee Sandmann, Mark Neu and Kevin Neu all of Gainesville. They are cousins of the bride.

Participating in the special wedding liturgy were Debra Neu, bride's aunt with Readings chosen by the couple; and Diana Cravens, bride's aunt, John Heine, groom's uncle and Robert Heine, groom's uncle who carried Offertory gifts of bread and wine to the altar.

Wedding music was presented by organist Annetta Earle, and vocalists Kevin and Susan Beall. Organ selections were "Canon In D," "Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring," and "Trumpet Voluntary." Songs were "On Eagle's Wings" and "Ave Maria."

Church decorations included

white floral arrangements on the altar, with lighted candles in candelabra. White tulle bows marked center aisle pews.

RECEPTION

A reception, dinner and dance followed in the Lindsay Centennial Hall, hosted by parents of the bride and groom for 225 guests.

Sarah Snowden and Ryan Dietz, friends of the couple, presided at the bride's book.

Guests danced to music by The Entertainer.

The three-tiered white wedding cake, by Betty Rose Walterscheid, was decorated with white and purple flowers ringing the base, on the second tier, and on top of the keepsake layer. The chocolate groom's cake was decorated with almonds and chocolate curls. Betty Rose cut the wedding cake. Michelle Neu, bride's aunt cut the groom's cake. Adrienne Sandmann, bride's cousin, Adrienne Heine, Mallory Heine and Amanda Heine, groom's cousins were cake servers.

A rehearsal luncheon was hosted by parents of the bride and groom at The Smokehouse in Lindsay at noon following rehearsal in church at 10:30 a.m.



Mrs. Scott Dean Flanagan ...nee Angela Marie Bengfort ...

Paula Fleitman honored on 50th birthday Dec. 31

A surprise birthday gathering helped Paula Fleitman to celebrate her 50th birthday on December 31. The day started out when her son Randy and wife Alice and grandchildren Darrin and Ashley asked mom and grandma to go shopping with them. The group decided to stop for lunch first at the Olive Garden in Lewisville.

When the group was led to their table, as they rounded the corner, clapping started. To Paula's surprise her four daughters Jan Marion and son Stephen, Melinda, Kerry and Kristen Fleitman were already seated, waiting on their mom's arrival. The group had an over-the-hill crying towel with a picture of a rocking chair on it in the honoree's seat.

Balloons with fiftieth birthday on it along with a single red rose and an angel

wind chime were all presented to the honoree. The angel wind chime held a little tablet that stated that "A Mother Is A Blessing Of Love." The children toasted their mom and the wait staff of about eight people came over and presented Paula with a birthday cake for her family. And sang their special song of "Happy Birthday" to her. Upon leaving the restaurant the wait staff again wished Paula a happy birthday.

The children all returned to Gainesville to the home of Jan Marion. Upon their arrival at the Marion home, Paula was presented with another birthday cake. It was designed with an over-the-hill lady that had fallen down the other side of the hill. Grandsons Stephen and Darrin enjoyed spanking their grandma followed by hugs and kisses. Paula won't soon forget her special day.

New Arrivals

Felderhoff

Proud parents Billy and Dianna Felderhoff announce the birth of William Joseph Felderhoff, Jr., on Dec. 24, 1998 at 12:15 p.m. in Denton. He weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and was 21" long.

William came home on Christmas day to one brother, Brad, and three sisters, Kerri, Jenna, and Chelsea.

Grandparents are Glen and Sue Seay of Nocona and Thomas and Barbara Felderhoff of Muenster.

Killgo

Proud parents for the first time are Kory and Sherie Killgo of Coppell. Their son, Philip John was born Dec. 14, 1998 at 6:43 p.m., weighing 9 lb. 4 1/2 oz. and measuring 20 3/4 inches in length. Maternal grandparents are Arthur and

Evie Felderhoff of Muenster. Paternal, and first-time grandparents are Jack and Nell Killgo of Lancaster.

Bayer

Jordan Bayer and Katrina Perrin of Gainesville announce the birth of a son, Zackary Gage Bayer in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Dec. 22, 1998 at 9:53 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. He joins Shane Perrin, age 8, Brianna Bayer age 4 and Aireal Bayer age 2 at home. Grandparents are Monty and Donna Kempf of Denton, and Paul and Donna Bayer of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Alfred and Anna Marie Bayer and Juanita Knabe all of Muenster and the late Norbert Knabe, and Dorothy Wesson of Sulphur Springs. Great-grandmother is Gertrude Bayer of Muenster.

Late Christmas reunion honors Joe Hoenig Jan. 3

The Joe Hoenig family celebrated on Jan. 3, 1999 at the home of Richard and Edna Hermes in Lindsay, with a noon turkey and dressing feast.

Attending were his sons and families Rupert and Jeanne Hoenig of Lake Kiowa, Ray and Celie Hoenig of Lindsay; daughters and families Eleanora and Carl Pelzel of Ennis, Rita Cottle of Carrollton, and the hosts Edna and Richard Hermes of Lindsay. Grand-children and

great-grandchildren attended from Wichita Falls, Denton, Garland and Lindsay, for a total of 59 dinner guests.

A video was made of Grandpa Joe answering questions about the "Good Old Days" from the youngsters.

"Happy Birthday" was sung for Eleanora Pelzel, whose birthday was Jan. 5, and for Joe Hoenig, who will be 95 on Jan. 16.

Games of cards, dominos and scrabble were enjoyed during the afternoon.

Attention: SH parishioners

The new Sacred Heart Parish directories have arrived. Parishioners who had their pictures made for the directory may pick up their

free directory at the business office which is located on the west side of the convent. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

St. Anne's Society plans early events of 1999

The St. Anne's Society met on Dec. 6, 1998 in the Sacred Heart Community Center Snap Room at 3:00 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer. The minutes were read by Brenda Flusche and a correction was made. The treasurer's report was read by Tillie Otto and approved. Eight members were present.

Tillie read a letter from Fr. A.J. Williams which said that he continues to say Masses for deceased members of the St. Anne's Society. It was also agreed that St. Anne's would give Fr. Williams, Sr. Roberta Hesse, and Mother Angelica \$15 each monthly.

Tillie made a statement that chances for the quilt would be

sold until \$1,000.00 was raised. Each member is asked to buy or sell \$10.00 worth of chances for the quilt in place of the bake sale.

It was discussed to start a mortuary fund. It was also discussed and agreed upon to give \$50.00 to the Sister's retirement fund.

Marie Hundt won the door

prize. Further, an item found in a newspaper was read saying "What I gave, I have; what I spent, I had; what I kept, I lost. We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth others are here for I don't know."

The correction made regarding last month's meeting in the paper was that Dorothy

Mae Yosten donated the statue for the raffle instead of quilting.

The meeting closed with prayer.

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Joe Hoenig is celebrating his 95th birthday on January 17, 1999. Please join him in the Muenster KC Hall between 2 and 4 P.M. to help him celebrate.

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We would like to thank all who sent prayers, flowers, food, cards and donations in the passing of our Mother. A very special thanks to the Muenster Fire Department and to Bonnie Hess and Dave Hess and family for their quick response and support they gave; to Father Tom and Father Harry for the sweet words and comfort to the family; to the Catholic Daughters for the preparation and serving of the dinner. A special thank you to all the people that cared for Mother through the years. May God bless you, The Gertie Luttmer Family

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Arrival of first baby in '99 announced by MMH

by Janet Felderhoff

Muenster Memorial Hospital greeted its first new arrival for 1999 at 6:33 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4. Nickolas Chase Elmore was born weighing 8 lb. 3.7 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. His parents are Kim Kelley of Gainesville and Adam Elmore. He joins a brother, Damion Kelley, age two.

Grandparents are Debra Kelley and Kenneth Kelley of Gainesville and Richard Elmore of West Tawakoni, Texas. Great-grandparents are Mattie and Jack Elmore of Lone Oak.

Nickolas' arrival was a surprise for the MMH OB staff. They weren't expecting their first baby of the year to be born until late January, said Joyce Abney, OB/Nursery supervisor. The baby's mother had just moved to Gainesville over the week-end and had not had time to contact a local physician. Dr. Currier was recommended to her and so when she went in to labor she came to Muenster. "It was a surprise for all of us," remarked Abney.

Those present for the baby's birth were Dr. Tom Currier, Dr. Audrey Morrill; Karen Harbin RN; Joyce Abney RNC; Diana Klement, tech; Joan Walterscheid RN; and Herman Carroll CRNA.

As the first baby born in Muenster Memorial Hospital for 1999, Nickolas receives welcome and congratulatory gifts from the following Muenster businesses: Muenster Memorial Hospital District, Dr. Tom Currier and OB Nurses, Muenster Memorial Hospital Family Health Clinic, Dr. Elaine Schilling, Dr. Gerald Graham, Dr. Margie York, Muenster Pharmacy, Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Lora's Flowers & Gifts, Sylvia's Creations, Muenster State Bank, Crafty Olde German, Sisters, DI One Stop, Center Restaurant, Christi's Jewelry & Gifts, Mary Kay by Jan Cain, Fischer's Market, H & W Meat Company, Knabe Tire, Tangle Control, and Muenster Enterprise.

There were 91 babies delivered in Muenster Memorial Hospital during 1998, said Joyce Abney, RNC.



Muenster Memorial Hospital's first baby to arrive in 1999, Nickolas Elmore, with parents, Kim Kelley and Adam Elmore. Janie Hartman Photo

Micah Kopesky is first baby to be born in Cooke County

Cooke County's first 1999 baby born in Gainesville Memorial Hospital, is Micah Shalyn Hunter Kopesky, daughter of Shay and Julia Kopesky of Gainesville. She was born on Jan. 1, 1999 at 5:33 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 5 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. She joins a brother Nathan Jacob Logan Kopesky, age 4 and a sister Ryann Kendall Sonner Kopesky, age

17 months. Grandparents are Michael Kopesky of Grand Prairie, Ken Kopesky of Forestburg, Owanna Edington of Gainesville and Marion Edington of Gainesville. Great-grandmother is Millie Bell Sonner of Grand Prairie. Dr. Roane McLaughlin was the delivering physician. Twenty-two area businesses contributed prizes and gifts to the baby and the parents.

by Kay Broyles

Library Book Review

The New Year is starting with new books available at the Muenster Public Library.

For the children we have a new 27-book set of Eyewitness books. These beautifully illustrated books cover many subjects, such as pyramids, cowboys, cars and boats, rocks and minerals, sports, and many other areas of interest. There are many other new children's books ready to help the children start the New Year reading.

Pet lovers will enjoy books that were given in memory of Frankie Jo Prescher. They are: *Understanding Cats* by Roger Tabor, *The Best Cat Ever* by Lisa Adams, *The Blessing of the Animals* by Philip Gonzalez, *Dog Eat Dog* by Jane and Michael Stern, *The Best of James Herriot*, and *Jack Hanna's Ultimate Guide to Pets*.

Christian readers will find many new books in the religion section including: *The History of God* by Karen Armstrong, *Moses* by Jonathan Kirsch, *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado, *Like a Rock* by Andy Stanley, *Blessing of Brokenness* by Charles Stanley, *The Great House of God* by Max Lucado, and *The Dead Sea Scrolls* by Michael Wise.

Here is a partial list of new adult fiction: *Night Whispers* by Judith McNaught, *Come Love a Stranger* by Kathleen Woodiwiss, *Runaways* by V.C.

Andrews, *Path of Daggers* by Robert Jordan, *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver, *Smiling Country* by Elmc Kelton, *Murder in the Hot City* by Simon Beaufort, and *Night Passage* by Robert Parker.

There is a lot of new adult nonfiction too: *7 from Heave* by Kenny McCaughe, *Lindberg* by Scott Berg, *Slave in the Family* by Edward Bal, *Prescriptions for Living* by Bernie Segal, *Asian Health Secrets* by L. Hadady, *The History of German Settlement in Texas 1831-1861* by B. Biesele, and *The Death of Outrage* by William Bennett.

All in all there are too many new titles to list. We hope that each of you is making a new year resolution to read more in 1999, and to visit your local library more often.

The fund-raising for the new building is in full swing. We would like to remind you to have your pledge, or money to us by January 31, 1999. We hope to have enough funds collected to proceed with our building plans. Thank you for the wonderful support, an encouragement. Our hope is our goal is to be in the new building by this time next year.

The library board approved raising the overdue book fine to ten cents a day per book. This decision was made after reviewing the charges of other libraries in the area. These rates are effective immediately.

Scouts pursue merit badges

On December 8, the group toured a courtroom and the judge's office with the help of Judge Jerry Woodlock at the Gainesville Courthouse. After all their hard work, the boys enjoyed a pizza party at Pizza Inn.

Den 1 of Pack 664 has been working very hard on their citizen activity pin. They have been learning about the history of the United States Flag and how to raise and lower and fold the flag.

Kaileigh & Mandy Hess celebrate birthdays

On November 13, Kaileigh celebrated her tenth birthday with a sleep-over. Friends and classmates enjoyed pizza, games, movies, cake and ice cream at her home. Her actual birthday is December 15. On her birthday she brought dirt cups to share with her classmates and teacher.

On November 29, Mandy and her friends celebrated her fifth birthday at Burger King. Guests enjoyed playing, eating and watching Mandy open gifts. Mandy's actual birthday is December 13. On December 14 she celebrated her birthday with her classmates at St. Mary's School. Mandy brought ice cream as a treat.

On December 13, grandparents, Butch and Eileen Fisher invited the girls out to celebrate their birthdays. Also attending were parents, Stanley and Tonya and brother, Tyler Hess. The

girls were taken to Midwestern State University to look at the Christmas light display. Everyone then went to eat at El Chico.

Kaileigh and Mandy are the granddaughters of Butch and Eileen Fisher, and Marcella and the late John L. Hess. They are the great-grandchildren of Margaret Fisher and John J. Hess.

GMH offers January full of educational events

Gainesville Memorial Hospital has scheduled a number of educational opportunities for the month of January on a wide variety of health topics, GMH Director of Community Relations Gayla Blanton announced.

The January dates continue a strong lineup of informative seminars and events which began in October at GMH, stated Blanton. "With the availability of our new conference center, and the opening of our Medical Arts Building at Lake Kiowa, the hospital now has the space to offer free public seminars and other community events on a more regular basis."

The January calendar begins with a seminar by ophthalmologist Chris A. Knobbe, M.D., on Tuesday evening, January 12. "Disorders of the Eye" is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. January 12 in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at GMH.

Dr. Knobbe, a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology, specializes in general ophthalmology and cataract and refractive surgery. Dr. Knobbe offices primarily out of Denison, with office hours in Gainesville by appointment.

Topics to be covered by Dr. Knobbe include disorders common to the eye, such as macular degeneration, glaucoma and cataracts. Dr. Knobbe will also discuss the latest advance in cataract surgery the multi-focal intraocular lens.

A question and answer session will follow Dr. Knobbe's presentation.

On Tuesday, January 19, area women with questions regarding hormone replacement therapy will have a unique opportunity to discuss the subject in depth with Female Healthcare Representative Mark D. Cook of Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories. Cook has been with Wyeth-Ayerst for six years as a Female Healthcare Representative, educating physicians and other healthcare practitioners on issues relevant to women's health.

"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Hormone Replacement Therapy" is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, at the GMH Medical Arts Building at Lake Kiowa. The Medical Arts Building is located outside the Kiowa gate on FM 902. Seating is limited to 30 for this seminar and will be granted on a first come, first served basis.

Cook will discuss the role of estrogen in the female body, how estrogen deficiency affects the body, and the signs and symptoms of estrogen deficiency. He will also discuss how to prevent estrogen deficiency and associated disease, the management and treatment of occurring disease and the benefits and risks of estrogen/hormone replacement therapies. A question and

answer session will conclude the presentation.

The Women's Center of North Texas - Norman Tompkins, M.D., and Joe Paul Gallo, N.P. - co-sponsor the January 19 seminar.

Concluding the education events for January will be "Alzheimer's Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment" on Tuesday evening, January 20. This seminar is the first in a series of informational sessions dealing with Alzheimer's Disease and associated issues.

Sponsored by GMH, the Soroptimist Time Out Advisor Committee, the Area Agency on Aging of Texoma and the Alzheimer's Association Greater Dallas Chapter, the seminar will feature neurologist Easwar Sundaram Jr., M.D.

"Alzheimer's Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment" will begin at 6:30 p.m. January 20 in the Roberts Meeting Room at Gainesville Memorial Hospital. For more information on this series, contact Rene Gregory, 940-612-8109, or Evelyn Yeatts, 940-668-5412.

Gainesville Memorial Hospital is committed to your good health. All seminars offered by the hospital are free of charge unless otherwise noted. For more information on GMH's community wellness activities, contact Gayla Blanton at 940-612-8301.

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The Star Council Award was presented to the Lindsay Knights of Columbus Council 11905 at their November meeting. Pictured making the presentation is District Director Brian Jennings. Receiving the award is Grand Knight Gene Peizel and officers Andy Bezner and Danny Norman. This is the second year in a row the council has earned this award. Courtesy Photo

Tanya Knauf travels with Strutters to Greece, Turkey

Tanya Knauf, daughter of Robert and Michele, will have the opportunity to travel to Greece and Turkey to tour and perform with the World Famous Strutters. This exciting trip is scheduled to begin Thursday, March 11. The group will start the journey with a detailed visit of Athens, the Acropolis, and the world famous Acropolis museum. The following day, the Strutters will perform at a highly publicized soccer game.

Then, activities include further touring of Athens, a cruise to Kusadasi, Turkey where the group will visit the House of the Virgin Mary, a humble chapel believed to be the site where Mary spent her last days, and touring the magnificent ancient city of Ephesus. The Strutters will visit the Basilica of St. John and the Temple of Diana, and then return to the cruise to tour the village of Choara, Greece, where the Monastery of St. John exists. The group will see the views of the Aegean Sea and St. Paul's Bay, as well as visit the Temple of Apollo, and the Temple of Athena, one of the most important temples of the ancient Greek world. The Strutters will tour Knossos, once the capital city of the prehistoric Minoan civilization.

Each Strutter is responsible for earning a portion of the cost of the trip. The organization is holding a raffle to help with the trip fund. The prizes include

\$1000 cash, a weekend stay at the Double Tree Hotel on the San Antonio River Walk, Brighton gifts, jewelry, gift certificates to Outback Steak House, prized Beanie Babies, autographed material from many celebrities, and much more. Each ticket is two dollars. If you are interested in helping Tanya, you can purchase tickets from her, or you can give her a donation. All donations are tax deductible since Strutters is a non-profit organization. Just make the check payable to Strutter Club Account and place Tanya's name in the check memo. Then mail the check to: S.W.T. Strutters, Jowers Center F-4, San Marcos, Texas 78666.



Tanya Knauf



Mandy Hess

Health Notes Searching for an arthritis treatment

Cold weather often seems to make aches and pains worse than usual. People of all ages should be aware that there are more than 100 different conditions that have joint pain, commonly called arthritis, as one of their symptoms.

"There are many forms of arthritis treatment, and not all will work for everyone," noted rheumatologist Dr. David Karp, UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas assistant professor of internal medicine. "Each patient is an individual, and it can take time to find the right therapy."

Arthritis patient should not give up or think their doctors are incompetent because they keep trying different medications, cautions Karp. It is important to remember that together the patient and the doctor can make a "joint effort" to control the arthritis.



Kaileigh Hess

Saint Jo Opry set for Jan. 9

The Saint Jo Opry's next show is scheduled for January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Special guests include Mark Murphy and guests of Nocona, Jerry Reynolds of Forestburg, Marty Bartlett of Gainesville, and 16 year old Jo Lee from the Metroplex area.

A \$2.00 admission is charged for adults, while children 12 and under are admitted free. Nursing home residents will be admitted without charge as well. Concessions will be available.

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School News

Sacred Heart student among Academy nominees

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm has nominated ten Texas high school students for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Among them is Russell B. Fette, senior at Sacred Heart High School and son of David and Pam Fette.

Successful nominees will be admitted to the freshman class of the academy. Completion of the strenuous four-year course of study results in a bachelor's degree and commission as a first lieutenant in the Air Force.

Appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy are highly competitive and nominees must meet and surpass rigid physical and academic standards set by the military, which makes the final

selections from among the nominees.

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm is a former member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and has served on the supervisory boards of the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Senator Gramm also nominated nine Texas High School students for admission to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York; he also nominated ten Texas High School students for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; and 20 Texas High School students for admission to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

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2nd Grade (Mrs. Fredrick)
 Shelby Anderson, Tonya Crowe, Brandy Dangelmayr, Jordanne Hellman, Jenni Luke, Elizabeth Martin, Johnathan Monday, Seth Pierce, John Rohmer. (Mrs. Heers) Noel Barnhill, Brandon Bindel, Paul Crabtree, Samantha Endres, Gretchen Gregory, Shelby Hess, Stacie Knabe, Madchen Moseley, Josh Sicking.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres)
 Johnny Green, Ricky Grewing, Cassie Hale, Heather Harrison, Megan Harrison, Laura Heers, Dillena Hundt, Hillary Swirczynski, Alison Teafatiller, William Vogel, Lee Walterscheid. (Mrs. Popp) Caitlyn Barrett, Christina Eckart, Emily Endres, Cletus Fuhrmann, Cameron Gilliland, Craig Grewing, Rebecca Grewing, Matthew Harrison, Alex McGehee, Alison Miller, Kim Patel, Lindsey Watson.

4th Grade (Mrs. Schneider)
 Brad Endres, Zach Swirczynski, Bret Walterscheid. (Mrs. Walterscheid) Megan Felderhoff, Amber Fuhrmann, Michael Valliere, Roman Vogel, Collin Walterscheid.

5th Grade (Mrs. Hale)
 Malcolm Martin, Nathan Privett. (Ms. Hettler) Danielle Bindel, Katie Endres, Ryan Fuhrmann.

Ashton Barrett, Camille Hale, Taylor Miller, Bianca Velasquez.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Fredrick)
 Brooklyn Caldwell, Abe Fuhrmann, Brett Morris, Holly Rohmer, Laticia Schinigo, Brittany Shaw. (Mrs. Heers) Lauren Haverkamp, Victoria Oubre, Jon Paul Roberts, Alex York.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres)
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4th Grade (Mrs. Schneider)
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5th Grade (Mrs. Hale)
 Noah Barnhill, Jenni Endres, Jenna Felderhoff, Travis Felderhoff, Brianna Fleitman, Jacé Koelzer, Keith Walterscheid. (Ms. Hettler) Megan Dangelmayr, Derek Endres, Kelly Endres, Ryan Hennigan, Haylee Hess, Patrick Lutkenhaus, Jordan Walterscheid, Dustin Wimmer, Stephanie Buhmann.

"B" HONOR ROLL
1st Grade (Mrs. Hess)
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Good Health

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Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS) is a condition involving chronic pain of the muscles, ligaments and tendons of the body. An estimated 3-6 million Americans have been diagnosed with FMS. It usually occurs in adults between ages 20-40, and women more often than men (5 to 1).

The cause of FMS is unknown. Until recently, this was thought to be a psychological disorder, but this is no longer the widespread belief. Researchers think that FMS is triggered by several factors including: sleep disturbances, infectious agents, stress, and trauma from accidents or surgery. Because FMS does not have any obvious outward signs or symptoms, educating family, friends and co-workers is essential to ensure that people with FMS receive the support they need.

Because there is no cure for FMS, treatment is focused toward reducing symptoms. Treatment of FMS aims to reduce pain and improve sleep, and usually requires an individualized, multi-treatment approach that includes: medications, mild exercise (strenuous exercise may actually worsen FMS), heat, massage, physical therapy, and coping strategies. Fibromyalgia Syndrome is a fact that thousands of Americans live with daily.

The Fibromyalgia Syndrome Network address is: 5700 Stockdale Highway, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93309, (805) 631-1950.

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Mon. - Tomato soup, cheese sandwiches, celery, crackers, apples.

Tues. - Salisbury steaks, potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, cinnamon apples, bread.

Wed. - Lasagna casserole, mixed vegetables, lettuce, garlic toast, fruit.

Thurs. - Corn dogs, pork and beans, lettuce, cookies, fruit.

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

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos, shredded lettuce and cheese, diced tomatoes, ranch style beans, fruit, oatmeal cookies.

Tues. - Beef and macaroni, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, fruit, baked, cake.

Wed. - Chicken patty sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, cheese sticks, potato rounds, fruit, blueberry muffins.

Thurs. - Steak finger, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, and onions, cheese slices, French fries, fruit, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Fiesta salad, corn chips, lettuce, tomato, cheese, applesauce, fruit.

Tues. - Stew, pickled beets, blueberry muffins, fruit.

Wed. - Sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, fruit.

Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

Fri. - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, fruit.

ERA ISD

Mon. - No School.

Tues. - Tamales, chili sauce, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn bread, chocolate chip cookie.

Wed. - Pizza - pepperoni or cheese, corn, tossed salad, peaches, sunshine bar.

Thurs. - Lasagna or egg roll, green beans, tossed salad, garlic breadsticks, Missouri cookie.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, pickle spears, tator tots, ice cream.

Beach art contest

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro has announced the Texas Adopt-A-Beach 1999 Treasures of the Texas Coast children's art contest. Texas schoolchildren, grades K-6, are invited to enter the contest, showing through their art what they love about the Texas coast.

Contest announcements were mailed to Texas elementary, middle and junior high school principals and teachers in mid-December. All entries must be postmarked by midnight, Tuesday, February 2, 1999.

Last year's contest drew more than 14,000 entries, each one reflecting a beautiful aspect of the Texas coast.

Two winning entries from each Council of Governments region will be chosen. One grand-prize winner from among the 48 winners will be selected. All winning art will be featured on a museum-quality poster to be distributed across the state. Southwest Airlines will award tickets to the grand-prize winner, and the lucky winner's teacher and principal.

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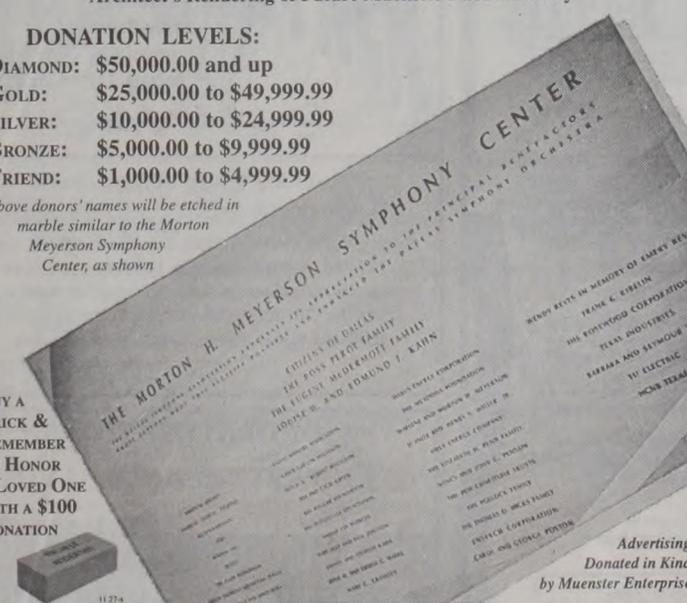


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Sports

Tigerettes finish second in Holiday Classic

The 11th Annual KGAF-North Central Texas College Holiday Classic basketball tournament was held December 28 through 31 at the NCTC gymnasium. Twenty-three teams participated.

After all was said and done, the Valley View Lady Eagles and Pilot Point Bearcats took the championship trophies. The Sacred Heart Tigerettes and Eagles of Valley View settled for the runner-up positions. This was the Tigerettes first loss of the season.

Other awards given were 41 academic all stars, the Bill King Award to Alvin Hartman, and the all-tournament team. Kayla Felderhoff of Sacred Heart was named to the team after making a total of 86 points which included hitting 41 of 47 baskets from the free throw line.

down Thackerville's top scorers," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. The Lady Wildcats attempted a comeback the second half, but the Tigerettes free throws kept the score in Sacred Heart's favor. Kayla Felderhoff was the game's high scorer with 20 points. Joanna Gehrig added 13, Andrea Bauer 8, Sarah Hess 7, Leah Rigler 3, and 2 each from Anne Flusche and Jennifer Hess.

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Sacred Heart 16 Thackerville 52
The Tigers fell in their first tournament game, with the Wildcats dominating the contest from the first basket. Scoring for Sacred Heart were Lucien Gehrig with 9 points, Jonathan Yosten and Matthew Nasche 3 apiece, and Pat Miller 1.

first half. Lindsay's scorers were led by James Thomason with 10 points. John Bezner added 7, Brad Minnix 3, and 2 apiece from Jonathan Bengfort, Chris Garner and Cody Secret.

J	2	4	10	10	26
VV	8	13	8	22	51

The Lady Wildcats of Callisburg defeated Era 53-36, while the Pilot Point Bearcats won 73-64 over Slidell.

Muenster 54 Nocona 70
The Lady Hornets quickly fell behind the Lady Indians, then came within 3 points before falling again. Kinzie Gerstberger and Kristie Lutkenhaus were high scorers with 12 and 11 points. Kelly Felderhoff and Maggie Fisher each scored 9. Heather Hess added 6, Allison Endres 5, and

Muenster 62 Forestburg 43

Muenster took an early lead, then played two close quarters before outscoring the Longhorns 22-9 the final period. Justin Fleitman dropped in 19 points for the Hornets. Jesse Luke put in 11, Aaron Klement 8, Danny Felderhoff 6, with Bryan Miller and Kevin Johnson each getting 4. Adding 2 points apiece were Chad Felderhoff, Jeff Klement, Casey Walterscheid, Randy Grewing, and Cody Mask.

M	15	12	15	20	62
F	6	12	16	9	43

In girls action Slidell and Valley View advanced into the playoffs. The Lady Greyhounds won 55-46 over Thackerville and the Lady Eagles 93-58 over Nocona.

Sacred Heart 25 Era 86

The Era Hornets took an easy victory over the Tigers. After a 44-11 half-time lead, Era's domination continued. Scoring for the Tigers were Stephen Hofbauer with 7 points, Pat Miller 6, Chris Smith 5, Adam Barnhill 4, and a free throw point from Luke Endres, Jon Yosten, and Matthew Nasche.

SH	3	8	7	7	25
E	18	26	17	25	86

Rounding out action on the boys bracket for the night was a 29-28 Valley View victory over Nocona, and Pilot Point winning over Thackerville 76-53.

Sacred Heart 70 Callisburg 47

The Tigerettes moved into the championship round after taking a big win from the Lady Cats. Kayla Felderhoff tied the tournament record for the most points scored in a single game after putting in 38 points for



Boxing in an Indian are Hornets Justin Fleitman (22), Danny Felderhoff and Aaron Klement (11).
Janie Hartman Photo



Allison Endres gets out of a tight squeeze in Classic action. Also pictured is Krystal Sparkman.
Janie Hartman Photo



Joanna Gehrig (11) starts the movement of action down court against the Lady Wildcats of Thackerville. Also pictured is Kayla Felderhoff (21).
Janie Hartman Photo

The following is the report of the four day, 34 game tournament.

DAY ONE

Lindsay 41 Gainesville 32
Tournament action began Monday morning at 8:30 with the Lady Knights winning over the Lady Leopards. Gainesville led for three quarters before Lindsay took total control the final quarter. Deanna Meurer led Lindsay with 10 points. Karlee O'Dell added 9, Karah O'Dell 7, Jo Sparkman 6, Amanda Tamplin 3 and 2 apiece from Margaret Luttmier, Erica Fuhrmann, and Courtney Hoelker.

L	8	8	8	17	41
G	9	11	12	0	32

The Lindsay Knights pulled a bye, automatically advancing into the winners circle. Also Monday morning the Valley View Eaglettes defeated Forestburg 81-29 with the Eagles taking a 58-31 win over the Longhorns.

Sacred Heart 55 Thackerville 47

The Tigerettes first tournament game was a close, hard-fought contest. Joanna Gehrig and Jennifer Hess played good games to help shut

SH	4	3	2	7	16
T	11	18	15	8	52

Four games finished out Monday's games. Callisburg's Lady Wildcats defeated Pilot Point 51-43, while the Cats were defeated 62-45. The Era vs. Slidell games were close, with the Era girls winning 53-50, and the Hornets falling 56-51.

DAY TWO

Early games Tuesday saw the Lady Leopards win over Forestburg 42-36. The Lady Greyhounds defeated Pilot Point 60-45 and the Era Hornets 45-44 over Callisburg. **Lindsay 36 Valley View 87**
The Lady Eagles dominated action to begin Tuesday afternoon's game. Jordan Davis burned the boards with 33 points for Valley View.

Lindsay's scorers were led by Margaret Luttmier with 14 points. Karlee O'Dell added 5, DeeAnn Fuhrmann and Sarah Eberhart 4 each. Karah O'Dell put in 3 points, with Jo Sparkman, Deanna Meurer, and Courtney Hoelker getting 2 each.

L	8	10	10	8	36
VV	25	24	23	15	87

Lindsay 26 Valley View 51
The Knights had a very slow start, scoring only 6 points the

J	5	21	16	12	54
N	18	13	17	22	70

Muenster 39 Nocona 51
The final game Tuesday night saw the Hornets fall to Nocona. Aaron Klement scored 12 points for Muenster. Jesse Luke added 6, with Danny Felderhoff, Justin Fleitman, Chad Felderhoff and Bryan Miller each scoring 4. Mitch Endres put in 3 and Kevin Johnson 2.

M	8	9	9	13	39
N	18	15	12	6	51

DAY THREE

Muenster 51 Gainesville 36
Wednesday morning kicked off with the Lady Hornets defeating Gainesville. After a slow first half for both teams, Muenster finally took control in the final quarter. Ten Muenster Ladies put points on the board, led by Maggie Fisher with 11. Allison Endres added 8, with Krystal Sparkman, Kinzie Gerstberger, and Heather Hess each scoring 6 points. Kristie Lutkenhaus added 5, Jackie Henscheid 3, and 2 apiece from Kelly Felderhoff, Polly Fette, and Raegan Koessler.

M	7	9	11	24	51
G	3	10	13	10	36



Tigers defending the goal included Matthew Nasche, Adam Barnhill, Pat Miller and Jon Yosten (42).
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Local players awarded

On December 20, the Fort Worth Star Telegram announced their All-Star Telegram Football Team. In Class A division, Era's Dustin Bookhout was named MVP. Muenster junior running back Bryan Miller and senior tight end Aaron Klement were listed on the offensive team. Other 1A players included defensive back Chance

Barthold of Valley View and offensive lineman Dillon Wilson, defensive lineman Matt Fanning and defensive back Robert Fever of Era. In class 2A, the Lindsay Knights had a trio named to the team. On offense, lineman Clint Gallagher and on the defensive side of the ball, lineman Blake Crutsinger and back Jeff Bezner.

Sacred Heart splits wins with Forestburg

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes put another notch in the win column Saturday, January 2 while the Tigers lost a close match to the Longhorns. "This was a good win as we bounced back after our first loss," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur on the 45-38 victory. "Anne Flusche hit 5 3s and looks like she'll become the outside shooter we need."

The Tigerettes played without Jennifer Hess and Andrea Bauer, and Sarah Hess played on a sore ankle. Coach Jon also noted that Mattie Sicking and Holly Hartman gave Sacred Heart "some energy off the bench."

Flusche was the game's leading scorer with 15 points. Joanna Gehrig and Kayla Felderhoff each added 8. Leah Rigler put in 6, with Hess and Sicking getting 4 apiece.

SH 7 9 16 13 45
F 6 15 10 7 38

Jonathan Yosten pumped in 19 points for the Tigers, 16 in the second half to lead all scorers in the contest. After a tied first quarter, the Longhorns took a 7 point half-time lead. An even 13-13 points in the third period saw a comeback from the Tigers that ended two points short for a 43-45 final.

Others scoring for Sacred Heart were Adam Barnhill and Pat Miller with 8 points each. Chris Smith added 4 and Matthew Nasche and Stephen Hofbauer each got 2.

"The guys played well. We played as team," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "This was the most improved we've been all year."

SH 7 6 13 17 43
F 7 13 13 12 45

Tigerettes get win 13

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes pulled out a 64-59 overtime victory at Forestburg Friday, December 18 to keep their winning record at 13-0. "We were flat and the Lady Longhorns took it to us," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "The girls have a refuse to lose attitude and it carried them in this game. Impressive describes the comeback."

The Tigerettes were down 12 points with 1:28 remaining in the game, rallied and tied the game 58-58. Four free throws assisted in the overtime win.

Kayla Felderhoff was the game's high scorer with 25 points. Joanna Gehrig put in 12, Sarah Hess and Jenny Hess 8 apiece and Anne Flusche 7. Leah Rigler added 3 and Holly Hartman 1.

SH 6 15 15 22 64
F 17 11 16 14 1 59

Texas Wildlife

by Thompson Temple



Is a big buck looking at you?

A buck can frequently see you before you see him. I was sitting in one of my blinds trying to photograph a big 12 point buck that my guide Chip Harmon had spotted there. A mosquito landed on my ear. I swatted it away. I heard the blowing whistle of an alarmed deer. A large doe blew again and bounded away with her tail up. The gorgeous 12 point buck was right on her tail! I did not get a picture. I did not even get my camera up!

Probably the most difficult part of deer hunting for me is being still in the blind. Another big problem is keeping the deer from smelling me. Who can let a mosquito suck blood without reacting? Who can know when the wind will shift directions and blow straight from you to the deer? Is this your problem?

Help for the above problems can be found at your local sporting goods store. Get yourself a camouflage head net and camouflage gloves. Buy raccoon urine in a bottle and spray it on your stand. This will help. Notice, I said help. I did not say it would fix the situation.

I was sitting in an elevated blind with my son when a young buck appeared. He was crossing from right to left at a distance. I whispered to my son, "He is going to get to where we walked in. Let's see what happens." The buck

stopped exactly where we walked, smelled the ground, and ran back where he came from.

I have taken the same raccoon urine and sprayed it on the bottom of my boots. I believe that this can help with the above situation. I feed corn behind my house. I have fed about 63 times this summer. I put out about 30 pounds a day. On 2 times I have seen a big 10 point buck. On 61 times he did NOT come to eat corn! If you have a blind in a good spot and do everything right, then you still might not get your buck.

Under these difficulties, why does anyone hunt deer? I love deer hunting. I have for 30 years or more. IUT is a challenge. It is a sport you can play even after your knees are too bad for basketball. I like to eat venison. I save the racks. I get the big bucks mounted. I sit in my stand and watch the squirrels. I find peace from a busy schedule. I think through my problems. I consider and give thanks for my blessings. I pray. When a buck comes in I still get buck fever. When my son was about 12 years old he said, "Dad, when I saw that coyote, something happened and I lost my breath." Good Hunting!

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Nagging muscle strain could be a "tough break"

A muscle strain or shinsplints that won't go away could actually be a stress fracture.

"Pain around the shin should respond to ice and a reduction in activity," said Dr. Jon Devine, assistant professor with Baylor Sports Medicine Institute at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "If the pain lingers for more than a couple of weeks, the problem could be a stress fracture, a slight break in the bone."

Too much activity, particularly in high-impact sports such as running or basketball, a sudden increase in training and biomechanical deficiencies in the feet are

potential causes of a stress fracture.

Symptoms can be similar to shinsplints or a pulled muscle, but a key stress-fracture indicator is the inability to put weight on the leg without experiencing pain. It is likely a sports-medicine specialist can diagnose the problem without an x-ray.

"Active rest and training modification are necessary to heal a stress fracture," said Devine. "This usually takes about three to eight weeks."

During that time, Devine says, stationary cycling, swimming, and strength training are good ways to stay fit.

CLASSIC

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Sacred Heart. "Kayla was outstanding," said LeBrasseur. "Sarah and Leah had great second halves." The Tigerettes hit 34 of 43 free throws. Felderhoff was 21 of 24 from the charity strip. Others scoring for the Tigerettes were Sarah Hess with 12 points, Leah Rigler 9, Anne Flusche 5, Joanna Gehrig 3, Jennifer Hess 2, and Andrea Bauer 1.

SH 16 16 11 27 70
C 8 10 14 15 47

DAY FOUR
Muenster 34 Slidell 57

The girls consolation game opened the tournament Thursday morning. Slidell scored early and often while holding Muenster to only 2 first quarter points, to take and keep the lead. The Lady Hornets were led in scoring by Kelly Felderhoff and Heather

Hess with 11 and 10 points. Krystal Sparkman added 3, while Kinzie Gerstberger, Allison Endres, Maggie Fisher, Kristie Lutkenhaus and Raegan Koesler each put in 2 points.

M 2 11 13 8 34
S 15 18 16 8 57

Muenster 47 Era 72

It was the battle of the Hornets in the boys consolation round. After a close first quarter, Era took a 23 point half-time lead. The second half scoring was even. Aaron Klement led Muenster on the scoreboard with 12 points. Justin Fleitman and Jesse Luke each scored 9. Danny Felderhoff added 6, with Kevin Johnson and Casey Walterscheid each getting 5. Mitch Endres added a free throw.

Robert Fever and Dustin Bookhout were Era's high scorers.

M 11 10 12 14 47
E 17 27 14 14 72

Lindsay 40 Era 66

Era's Lady Hornets took fifth place with a win over the Lady Knights Thursday. Karlee and Karah O'Dell led Lindsay scorers with 8 points each. Jo Sparkman added 7, with Gayle Walterscheid, Deanna Meurer, and Courtney Hoelker each getting 4 points. Maggie Luttmir scored 3 and Erica Fuhrmann 2.

L 6 8 15 11 40
E 16 15 17 18 66

Lindsay 64 Slidell 78

The Knights settled for sixth place after falling to the Greyhounds. Eleven Lindsay players put points on the board, led by Abbas Ravjani with 18 points. Cody Secrest added 10, James Thomason 9, Brad Minnix 7, Chris Garner 5.

and 4 apiece from John Bezner and Jon Bengfort. Blake Crutsinger scored 3, Jeff Bezner 2, and 1 each from Trent Endres and Daniel Hellingner.

L 13 14 14 23 64
S 16 21 16 25 78

Nocona's teams took the third place trophies with the girls winning 47-45 over Callisburg, and the Indians winning 45-42 over Thackerville.

Sacred Heart 57
Valley View 85

The Tigerettes and Lady Eagles were pitted in the first championship game Thursday night. The teams had even baskets the first two quarters for a 31-31 half-time score. It was an 8 point game with 5 minutes in the final quarter. "Valley View has a good squad, but I am proud of my girls for their effort in the tournament," commented Coach Jon. "Kayla had an excellent tournament and she showed why she is one of the top players in North Texas." Anne Flusche and Andrea Bauer also are credited for having fine games.

Felderhoff again led the Tigerettes with 28 points, hitting 11 of 11 from the free throw line. Bauer added 11 points, and Flusche 7. Others scoring for Sacred Heart were Jenny Hess with 4, Sarah Hess 3, and 2 each from Joanna Gehrig and Mattie Sicking.

Dabney Clifton and Jordan Davis put in 46 points for Valley View.

SH 18 13 14 12 57
VV 18 13 22 33 86

The final game of the tournament saw Pilot Point defeat Valley View 48-33 for the boys championship.

Junior High

Sacred Heart 26
Forestburg 13

The junior varsity Tigerettes improved their record to 4-1 Friday, December 18 with a victory at Forestburg.

"Andrea Bauer, Mattie Sicking, and Kristen Yosten started the defensive run as we picked up the defense the 2nd half," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. Sicking put in 8 points and Bauer 7 to lead the Tigerettes on the scoreboard. Yosten and Audrey Barnhill each added 4, Sara Sepanski 2, and Kristen Zimmerer 1.

SH 11 15 26
F 6 7 13

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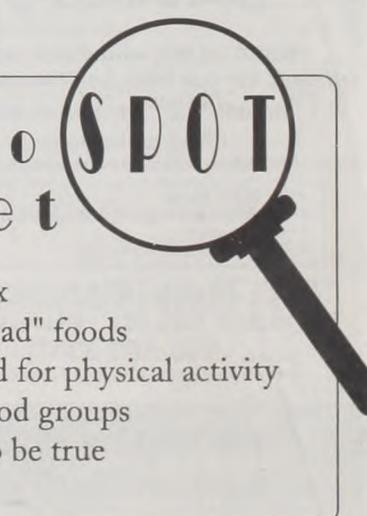
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Minor burn treatment is cool water
No matter what folklore you've heard about putting a pat of butter or an ice pack on a burn — cool water is the best treatment. Minor burns can often be treated at home. For a small injury that does not break the skin, immediately hold the burned area under cool running tap water for one to two minutes or until the pain eases. If the skin is broken apply a mild ointment or cream. Using ice on a burn can cause more damage. If the injury is larger than the size of your palm, seek medical help.



Farm & Ranch

Winter care for spring calving

Management steps taken during the winter can help assure the health and productivity of cows leading up to spring calving.

Kansas State University provides the following tips:

- Watch the weather and adjust feeding to compensate

for increased maintenance requirements during cold weather. For each 1 degree below the critical temperature, there is a 1 percent increase in the cow's energy requirements.

- Evaluate the body condition of spring-calving cows. This is a great time to

assess the overall condition of your cows and determine nutritional needs between now and calving. Never underestimate the important role proper nutrition during the last 30 to 50 days before calving plays in calf survivability, calf growth and the subsequent cow reproductive performance.

- Lice Management. Cold weather brings on lice infestations, which, if not controlled, will cause weight loss in the cowherd.
- Pregnancy exams. If you haven't already done so, it's important to determine which cows are pregnant to avoid the expense of maintaining non-productive cows through the winter.

Factors affecting calving

What contributes to calving difficulty and future production? According to the University of Nebraska, researchers suggest the following:

could have negatively affected milk production.

Weather effects - Calf birth weights are usually higher after a cold winter compared to a warmer winter. This suggests that greater calf birth weight and increased calving difficulty may be expected in the spring following a severe winter.

Researchers suggest the following management strategies:

- Select sires with low-birth weight. This helps produce calves with reduced bone size and birth weight, along with less calving difficulty.
- Calving difficulty may be reduced by culling yearling heifers with heavy birth weight calves and small pelvic measurements.
- Climate can affect calving difficulty, which can affect conception date.

Physical traits of the dam - Heifers that were easy at birth experienced more calving difficulty because they had heavier birth weight calves, probably due to genetics.

Sire effects - Calving difficulty is lower for heifers bred to low birth weight sires. Calf head and foot circumferences are noticeably different between low and high EPD sires.

Calf growth - Calves delivered by C-section were lighter at weaning than other calves, but had similar slaughter weights. Surgery

• End-of-the-year record keeping. As you close out your records for the year, take time to evaluate the quality of your system. If it could use improvement, consult with your county extension agent or university specialists about a more comprehensive system.

Feeding straw - OK

Straw is an inexpensive source of roughage feed, but proper management is needed to make sure nutritional needs are met.

In a diet containing straw, a supplement is needed to boost energy, protein, vitamins and minerals. Feed when nutrient needs of cows are lowest - the third trimester of pregnancy and right after the calf is born.

Cows should be sorted by nutrient needs. Heifers, 2-year-olds and thin cows have greater nutrient needs than older cows. Separation allows better utilization of lower and higher quality forages.

Make sure all cows have equal access to all feed. To ensure the cows get the same ration when feeding straw along with better quality forages, you may have to grind and mix in the ration. Feed good quality forages first, then follow up with straw.

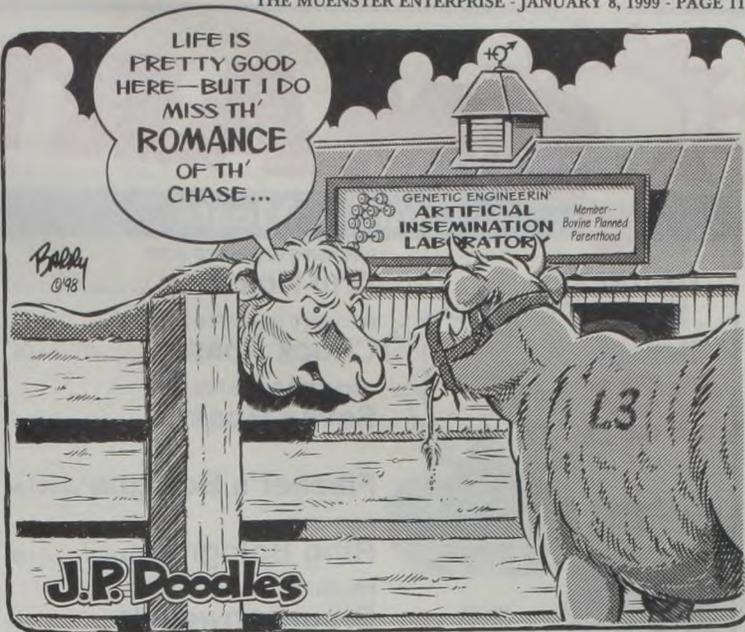
Texas Ag Facts

Each year, Texas harvests the first bale of cotton, first peaches and first apples in the nation.

Texas farmers harvest enough corn for more than 4 billion pounds of corn flakes.

Texas is a leading exporter of agricultural commodities. The state's top five ag exports are: cotton, live animals and meat, feed animals and products, hides and skins, wheat and wheat products.

Texas agribusiness industry is so diverse that 98 percent of the jobs within the industry are not on the farm or ranch.



Applications being accepted for rural heroism award

Entries for the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's 1998 Heroism Award are now being accepted.

To qualify, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human lifesaving within Texas during 1998. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching. The 1998 recipient will be announced March 22, 1999, at the Texas Safety Association 60th annual Texas-Southwestern Conference and Exposition, to be held in Houston.

The nominations must be submitted and postmarked no later than February 1, 1999. Send all nominations to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.O. Box 5539, Waco, Texas 76708.

The letter of nomination should include a written account of the incident and names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany nominations when available.

Agriculture ...

Colorado voters restricted the growth of hog farms by voting for new environmental initiatives. Restrictions on new facilities include odor control and regulations that:

- Restrict how close the operation can be to surface water, wells and neighbors;
- Soil and ground water test;

• Prevention of manure application above agronomic rates;

• Require the hog farmers to pay for cleaning lagoon spills, not the taxpayers.

The courts, not Congress, may have given CRP farmers their best tax break for 1998. Last June, the U.S. Tax Court ruled that the Conservation Reserve Program payments should be reported as "rent" on Schedule E. That means CRP payments are not subject to social security tax.

There is a good resource on the Internet for making sure your computer is ready for the year 2000.

TPW requests information on mountain lion

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) is looking for recent, reliable sighting or mortality information concerning mountain lions.

Last year, 177 mountain lion sightings were reported in Texas. The Edwards Plateau region in Central Texas reported the most sightings with 46. In addition, some 174 mountain lions were reported killed in 1997, 132 of which were in the Trans Pecos region.

Anyone with information about mountain lion sightings or mortality is urged to contact TPW at 800-792-1112.

The National Software Testing Laboratory (NSTL) runs a site and offers a download called YMARK 2000. NSTL is an authorized independent information technology testing organization. YMARK 2000 is their testing tool for Y2K compliance. Visit their Web site at <http://www.nstl.com> for instructions.

If PC users do have a problem, find it now and fix it before 2000.

To avoid problems when running the test, remember that the test only works in DOS. Never manually change the date in Windows or use a program that tests in Windows, especially if they have programs open. The safest way is to do this test off a boot disk in DOS.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

WINTER PASTURE FERTILIZATION

This fall has seen some excellent winter pasture growth. However, the last two freezing spells have put a stop to most small grain and ryegrass growth. Earlier we planted some ryegrass variety plots on prepared seedbed. With good fall weather this field has been providing grazing for stocker calves. But, the freeze put an end to the grazing. Ryegrass will cease growth when average daytime temperatures drop below 40°F. Ryegrass should begin good growth and production again in March and April. So, fertilizer should be applied for this anticipated growth start in March. With proper fertility and moisture we can have good forage production for April, May, and possibly early June. Apply your nitrogen topdress prior to the March growth. 50 to 60 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre should be adequate.

to winter kill. The bulk of nitrogen needs and use for a wheat crop begin at stem elongation. Grazing can hold off jointing or stem elongation a few days but we generally begin this development stage around February 15. With this in mind we need our nitrogen topdress on wheat before or near this date. We can get a good yield response with topdress as late as second node visible. Later applications do little to influence head size but can have some influence on seed size.

Remember, weather conditions in our area can delay applications so plan now for your topdress needs.

4-H FITTING AND SHOWING WORKSHOP

Stock show season is fast approaching. To prepare 4-H members for the upcoming shows a workshop is scheduled for 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 20, at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. Sessions will be held in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit and Dairy Goat. 4-H members should call the Extension office by Friday, January 15, to enroll. The Extension office number is (940) 668-5412.



It's A Stat!

Milk Production
Texas Milk production totaled 439 million pounds during November, unchanged from last year. Revised production for October, 1998, totaled 431 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during November averaged 367 thousand head, down 13,000 head from last year and down 1,000 head from last month. Production per cow averaged 1,195 pounds during November compared with 1,155 pounds last year and 1,170 during October, 1998.



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