



Shane Sparkman weaves around a Prairie Valley defender and goes under the board for a lay-up at the Red River Shoot Out. Sparkman led the Hornets to victory scoring 15 points over Callisburg Saturday at Reunion Arena. The Hornets and other area teams will compete at the KGAF Holiday Classic after Christmas at North Central Texas College. Photo by Dave Fette

## Carlton asked to report to Commissioners Court on CCAD meetings in the future

by Janet Felderhoff  
Cooke County Judge Russell Duncan said he has some concerns about certain things involving the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD). At Duncan's request, future CCAD board member Jane Carlton came to Commissioners Court Monday, Dec. 22 to be introduced to Commissioners and to hear their concerns. Carlton received the highest number of votes (900) of any CCAD board nominee. All came from the county.

"I felt like we ought to have a close relationship with our representative on the board," Judge Duncan explained to the other members of Commissioners Court. He told Mrs. Carlton that they would like to be kept informed of what was going on with the CCAD. He also wanted her to be aware of concerns that Commissioners Court might have with the CCAD.

One area of concern as explained by Duncan is the length of time from when a tax bill is paid until the time that the money is transferred from CCAD to the county. One instance he pointed out was a check that was written to pay county taxes. Three weeks elapsed from the time the check was given to the CCAD until the time it was deposited in the bank. Several months (from early December to March 18) then elapsed before that money was sent to the county. The CCAD needs to be more responsible and more responsive to use, Duncan said.

Mrs. Carlton noted that she had been reading her book, but was only through the first couple of sections. "The state comptroller very clearly says I represent the entire county, and not just the entity which appointed me or elected me," Jane Carlton told the Court. "But I do feel that I have an obligation to this board to serve you all because you did elect me. Having said that I can represent the entire county."

going in and out the revolving doors.

"Will Presson has been there a little over a year and I understand from what I've been told by other members of the Board that there have been a lot of changes and a lot of improvements. I think there's still a need to get control of the people who have been running it. If the chief appraiser is supposed to run it, then he needs to get a hold of it and

county's funds. Carlton promised to try to have that put on the CCAD's next agenda.

The decision to approve the contract for assessment and collection of property taxes in 1998 with the CCAD was tabled until the Jan. 12 meeting.

Precincts #3 and #4 will soon be taking delivery of new self-propelled hydraulically driven boom mowers. A sole bid was submitted. It was from Bane Machinery Inc. of Dallas for \$55,000 each. Hess and Lewis both said that the machines they now have are 20 years old and have been rebuilt several times.

When one of the heating units in the county jail failed 10 days ago, an emergency purchase of a new unit was made for \$4,086.00. It had a faulty part that could have been dangerous, said Judge Duncan. There is more work that needs to be done, but Duncan and Sheriff Compton both agreed that it should wait until the next budget year. The emergency purchase was approved 5-0.

County employees and non-elected officials will receive \$25 gift certificates from area grocery stores for Christmas. The money will be taken from the employee coke fund. That is money made from the coke and candy machines in the courthouse and sheriff's office.

According to County Auditor Gloria Parrish this fund was established about 18 years ago as an incentive for employees. Originally the money was used for a yearly banquet for employees and their spouses. When interest waned, they tried having picnics. When the picnics weren't well attended, it was decided to give the gift certificates. There is more than \$8,000 in the fund at present.

Judge Duncan noted that he was strongly in favor of giving See COUNTY GIFTS, Page 2



"I feel that one of the biggest problems that we have had and continue to have at the Appraisal District is a lack of continuity. It is my understanding that there has been an awful lot of chief appraisers in a relatively short period of time. I'm not sure if it is 13 in 15 years or 15 in 13 years, but a whole bunch of folks have gone through the door which means more or less that the people who work there have literally run the place while all of these people were

run it and that is the appraisal section which I think he does a very good job of running. The management or business section and the collection section — a lot of those people apparently feel that they are very autonomous. There's nobody can tell them how to do it and I think that's got to change."

Virgil Hess, Precinct #4 commissioner, agreed with Judge Duncan's concern with the delay in transferring taxes collected by the CCAD into the

## New laws affect teenagers

by Stephen Broyles  
The Texas state legislature was busy this past year. Laws directly affecting teenagers include alcohol and tobacco and are explained below.

The alcohol law is in effect and applies to minors under the age of 21. A Class C misdemeanor applies to any minor that purchases, attempts to purchase, consumes, or possesses alcohol; and to any minor who misrepresents his/her age associated with these actions. An exception to this law is if the minor is in the visible presence of an adult parent, guardian, or spouse of the minor. A First Conviction may result in a maximum fine of \$500, attendance at an alcohol awareness program, 8-12 hours of community service, suspension or denial of a driver's license for 30 days, or a combination of these punishments. In addition, a parent may be required to attend the alcohol awareness program with a minor under 18 years of age. A Second Conviction may result in the same punishments as a first conviction, except that the

hours of community service are increased to 20-40 hours and the driver's license may be suspended or denied for 60 days, and for minors under 18, the minimum fine is \$500 with a maximum fine of \$1,000. A Third Conviction may result in a higher offense/charge for minors between the ages of 17-20 and is a jailable misdemeanor. A Third Conviction for minors under the age of 17 may result in the minor being transferred to juvenile court.

A new law concerning tobacco becomes effective January 1, 1998. This law prohibits minors under the age of 18 from buying, using, or possessing tobacco, except in the presence of an adult parent, guardian, or spouse of the minor. There is no distinction made between smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco; any tobacco is prohibited. Minors who violate the law are subject to fines up to \$250 and may be required to attend a tobacco awareness program or serve tobacco-related community service. In addition, parents of a minor

convicted of a tobacco violation may be required to attend the tobacco awareness program with the minor. Finally, the law states that minors convicted of a violation of the tobacco law who do not attend the tobacco awareness program or do not perform the required community service may have their drivers' licenses or permits suspended or denied.

Don't be surprised if during the new year, you are asked for identification when you buy cigarettes. The tobacco law requires retailers and their employees to request identification from all customers under the age of 27 who try to buy cigarette or tobacco products.

An underage minor who operates a moving vehicle on public roads may be charged with driving without a driver's license or permit. Conviction of this offense may result in a fine up to \$200. In addition, a person may not knowingly permit a child or ward under the age of 18 years of age who does not have a valid driver's license to operate a motor See TEEN LAWS, Page 2



Mary, played by Joelle Fuhrmann, and Joseph, played by Jeff Walterscheid, were backed up by a host of shepherds, angels, and earthly royalty at the Sacred Heart School Christmas Pageant last Thursday. See more photos inside. Photo by Dave Fette



They love singing, and the audience enjoyed their outstanding program when the African Acapella Boys Choir performed in Sacred Heart Church Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m., sponsored by

Sacred Heart High School Music Department. The group performed both native African songs and contemporary Christian Gospel in English. Photo by Dave Fette



Let Christmas in its deepest magic possess your mind. It will alter and stimulate everything about your observance of the special season we now share. The Lord of Glory, "endless, eternal and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power and holiness," became man. *Became a baby.*

Jack Hayford, Moments with Majesty

## Democratic dinner Dec. 29

Members and guests of the Democratic Party will be meeting at the Smokehouse II at the Gainesville Shopping Center, Monday, December 29 at 6:30 p.m. The special holiday social dinner meeting will be a Dutch treat affair but an opportunity to network with the candidates and be informed of the upcoming events and focus of the Democratic Party.

The meeting will be conducted by Nancy Brannon, vice-chairman of the State of Texas Democratic Party. She has served on the Rules Committee for many years. She

will be discussing plans for the coming year, the upcoming primary, candidate filings, the revitalization of the Cooke County Democratic Women's Club, acquisition of a local headquarters and other items.

In attendance will be Ted Lewis, president of the State Democratic Chairs Association and Denton County Democratic Chairman.

Everyone is invited to attend a fun and informative evening. Bring your families and friends and give some time and thought to the business of our governing bodies.

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the individual gift certificates. "Our employees earlier had gotten us so much discount on workman's compensation by taking safety courses and I think we saved \$45,000 in premiums because of what they did," he remarked. "They're all very dedicated."

Commissioner Richard Brown objected saying that the employees don't put forth any effort to earn or raise the money. "It's simply that the machines are setting in the courthouse, the courthouse obviously is owned by the taxpayers," said Brown. "The taxpayers' money is being used to pay the electricity to run the machines, so I guess I have a little bit of a question as to how it could be determined that this is employee money. The problem comes in, state law says that we cannot pay or give any kind of gift certificates or bonuses or whatever with county money. Calling it employee money puts it in a slightly different category."

Mrs. Parrish reminded Commissioners that the county attorney had said that it was legal to use the money in such as manner.

The vote in favor of giving

the certificates was 4-1 with Brown casting the dissenting vote.

A month ago Commissioners Court approved a contract with the North American Superhighway Coalition fund. There is a \$4,000 cost to belong and they were told that the money would be due by November 1998 which is in the next budget year. A letter was then received saying the money is due in January, 1998 so the court will have to reconsider their membership.

"I'm getting some feedback that maybe some people are starting to reconsider," said Judge Duncan. "I don't know if you've noticed the traffic on I-35, but the road is about full."

In the past most of the membership cost was paid by others such as NCTC, Gainesville, Factory Shops, Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. The Court agreed to table any action until interested parties could be contacted to see what the county's part would actually be and if there is still interest."

In other business conducted at the Dec. 22 meeting Commissioners Court:

- Elected Jerry Chapman of

Sherman to serve as the county's representative on the Texas Water Development Board.

- Approved final plat for West View Estates.

- Approved line item budget amendments for 1996-97.

- Approved indigent burial (\$475) for Ann McInis of Valley View.

- Renewed contract with Jim Robertson for collection of delinquent taxes. It is the same contract as last year, but will be for two years rather than one.

- Opened RFPs for Comprehensive General Liability, automobile liability, automobile, physical damage and property insurance. Bids were submitted by Hutcherson Insurance Agency and Texas Association of Counties (TAC). Judge Duncan and Commissioner Jerry Lewis will study the information and report to the others at the Dec. 29 special meeting.

- Douglas Distributing of Sherman submitted the sole bid to supply diesel fuel and gasoline to the county for 1998. The profit margin was .0275 for the unleaded, super unleaded, and diesel.



Muenster Boy Scout Troop 664 hosted a Court of Honor last Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Scoutmaster Dave Felt presented approximately 40 merit badges and promoted the following Scouts: Joseph Dangelmayr, Karl Fisher and Mitch Felderhoff to First Class and Michael Voth and Jack Biffle to Star Rank. Photo by Dave Felt.

## Discarding Christmas trees

Live Christmas trees may be discarded by putting them in the city's north yard at Ninth Street and Main Street. The City will have the trees run through a chipper sometime after January 2.

## Correction noted

In last week's article on the CCAD Board meeting of Dec. 12, the action taken on two CCAD employees request to buy back their retirement funds should have said the CCAD's part is \$607, not the county's part.

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vehicle on the highway. Similarly, a person may not permit a vehicle owned by or under the control of the person to be driven by a child or ward under the age of 17 years of age who does not have a valid driver's license. Conviction would be a Class C misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$200.

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

| Sunday, December 28                      | Monday, December 29  | Tuesday, December 30   | Wednesday, December 31  | Thursday, January 1  | Friday, January 2                              | Saturday, January 3  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Life Teen softball, 7 p.m.-? at ballpark | Cooke County Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament               |  | SH Preschool Parents New Year's Eve Dance, 7 p.m., Comm. Ctr. Muenster Library closed | NEW YEAR'S DAY<br>No city trash pick-up<br>Muenster Library closed | Muenster VGB vs. Forestburg, here, 6 p.m.      | SH JVB, VGB vs. Abilene Christian, here, 11 a.m.<br>Muenster 7 gb, 8 gb vs. Saint Jo, there, 5 p.m.                      |
|  |  | No SNAP until Jan.6  |   |  |  |  |
| Sunday, January 4                        | Monday, January 5  | Tuesday, January 6   | Wednesday, January 7  | Thursday, January 8  | Friday, January 9                              | Saturday, January 10   |
|  | Classes Resume - both schools<br>City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. | Muenster jvgb, VGB vs. Alford, here, 4:30 p.m.<br>SH JVB vs. Gold-Burg, here, 4 p.m.<br>SH VGB vs. Liberty Christian, here, 6 p.m. | Religious Education Classes, 7 p.m.   | SH JVB, VGB vs. Harvest Christian, there, 4:30 p.m.                | Muenster jvg, VG vs. Saint Jo, here, 5:30 p.m. | Muenster Junior High Tournament, here, TBA<br>Muenster JVB at Callisburg Tour.<br>SH VGB at Colleyville Tournament, noon |
|  |  | 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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## Pauline Block dies at 94

Pauline Block of Lindsay, 94, died on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1997 at Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial was offered in St. Peter's Church on Saturday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father Eugene Luke OSB and Father Harry Fisher.

Among those participating in the special funeral liturgy were grandson, Pat Kuntz, who gave the Readings from the Old and New Testaments and Offertory Prayers of the Faithful. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by granddaughters Lynn Hacker, Natalie Alexander and Linda Ardy. Altar Servers were great-grandsons Keith, Aaron and Daniel Fuhrmann, Matthew Fleitman and Scott Schumacher.

Eucharistic Ministers were grandchildren Carol and Ben Leitman and Philip Kuntz.

Sacred songs were presented by the St. Cecilia Choir and the Guardian Angels Choir, including "Here I Am, Lord," "Be Not Afraid," "I Am the Bread of Life," "On Eagle's Wings," "Song of the Angels," and "How Great Thou Art."

Pauline Block was born in Southmayd, Texas on Oct. 31, 1903 to Frank and Ursula Gerend Laux. On Feb. 17, 1925 she was married to Pete Block of St. Peter's Church. They became parents of eight children: Wilbert, "Tootsie," Evelyn, Elfrieda, Alice, Gene, and Patsy.

Pauline Block was a homemaker, a devoted wife and mother, a loving grandmother and great-grandmother, a member of St. Peter's Society and St. Peter's Catholic Church. She loved gardening and working with her flowers, was an expert seamstress, and especially enjoyed quilting and games of dominoes; and she took part in church and community activities.



Pauline Block

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law Wilbert and Anna Mae Block, son Gene Block, daughters and sons-in-law Elfrieda and Leo Wagner, Patsy and Bill Hemmi, Evelyn and Diamond Fuhrmann, and daughters Alice Looney, "Tootsie" Kuntz, and Irene Loerwald, and one sister Helen Hoelker.

Preceding her in death were her husband on Jan. 16, 1983, five brothers Father Herman Laux OSB, Anton, Bill, Albert and Raymond Laux, and a sister, Regina. Also three sons-in-law John Kuntz, E.J. Looney and John Loerwald.

A Rosary Service was held in St. Peter's Church on Friday at 7:00 p.m. led by Father Eugene Luke OSB.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery of Lindsay was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were grandsons Jim Fuhrmann, Kevin Block, Mark Kuntz, Arthur Wagner, Don Kuntz, Michael Loerwald and Alan Hemmi.

The family has suggested memorials sent to Subiaco Abbey, 405 N. Subiaco Avenue, Subiaco, AR 72865.

## Services held for Dale Hess

by Elfreda Fette  
Dale Arnold Hess of Muenster died at age 51 in Nocona General Hospital on Dec. 18, 1997 at 12:07 a.m.

He was born in Muenster on March 5, 1946 to Gerhart John Hess and Caroline Elizabeth (Knabe) Hess. A member of Sacred Heart Parish, he lived most of his life in the Muenster area. He attended Sacred Heart Schools. He was employed in the oil field well service, and for the past two years worked for the Muenster Drilling Co. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Survivors include one daughter, Deanna Hess of Flower Mound, two sons Darrell Hess of Hurst and Darren Hess of Flower Mound. Also three sisters Laverna Nasche, Mary Endres and Gloria Coker all of Muenster, nine brothers; James, Jerry, Frankie, Doyle, Leon, Dwayne, Chris and Gene Hess all of Muenster and Quinton Hess of Woodbine. Also surviving are his parents Gary and Caroline Hess of Muenster, and four grandchildren: Jordan Hess, Brandon Hess, Brittany Hess, and Heather Hess.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 20 in Sacred Heart Church at 1:30 p.m., officiated by Father Tom Craig and Father Harry Fisher.

For the special funeral liturgy, Laura Pagel, a niece and Angelo Nasche, Jr. a nephew gave the Readings from the Old Testament and New Testament, respectively. Prayers of the Faithful and Offertory Prayers were given by Lilly Nasche, a niece. Offertory Gifts were presented at the altar by Lisa Endres, Hannah Hess and Crystal Hess, nieces.

The eulogy and remarks of remembrance were read by John Nasche, a nephew. Mass



Dale Hess

servers were Luke Endres, Matthew Nasche, Noah Hess and Casey Coker, nephews.

Eucharistic Ministers were Debbie Hess, Mary Bayer, Kathy Hartman, Linda Sepanski, Betty Miller and Melissa Miller.

Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff organist and Christi Hesse vocalist. Sacred songs included "How Great Thou Art," "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," "Song of the Angels," and "On Eagle's Wings."

On Friday a Rosary Service was held in McCoy Funeral Home Chapel at 4:00 p.m. led by Mary Lin Knabe, and Vigil at 7:00 p.m. Family rosary Saturday morning was led by Tommy Knabe.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Gary Hess, Jr. Chris Hess, Jr., Aaron Hess, Greg Hess, Preston Hess, and James Hess, Jr.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Sacred Heart Trust Fund or the American Diabetes Association.

## Alfred Luttmmer dies Dec. 17

by Elfreda Fette  
Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church for Alfred Gilbert "Al" Luttmmer of Muenster. He died on Dec. 17, 1997 at his home at 7:40 a.m. Father Thomas Craig and Father Harry Fisher officiated for the funeral Mass. Altar servers were Sylvan Walterscheid, Alvin Hartman and Joe Felderhoff.

Participants in the special funeral liturgy included: Readings from the Old and New Testaments by Joe Yosten and Wilfred Luttmmer, Jr. respectively; Offertory gifts were carried to the altar by Betty Hutson and Rhonda Fangman; the eulogy and remarks of remembrance were given by Joe Nichols; Eucharistic Ministers were Miriam Caplinger, Dolores Miller, Leoba Mollenkopf and Jane Taylor; Sacred songs were presented by Ruth Felderhoff organist and Christi Hesse and Jack White vocalists, including "Amazing Grace," "The Lord Is My Shepherd," "Peace Is Flowing Like a River," "Song of the Angels," "I Am The Bread of Life," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," which was Mr. Luttmmer's favorite.

On Thursday, Rosary service was held in the chapel of McCoy Funeral Home at 4:00 p.m., and Vigil at 7:00 p.m.

Alfred Luttmmer was born in Muenster on Jan. 21, 1925 to Herman B. Luttmmer and Katherine (Albers) Luttmmer. He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish; lived his entire life in the Muenster area; attended Sacred Heart Elementary and High Schools; worked for L.W. Powell Oil Co. for 12 years as a roughneck and pumper. For the next 17 years he worked for Cooke County Precinct #3 during the time of Earl Taylor's term.

He enjoyed farming,



Alfred Luttmmer

ranching and gardening throughout his lifetime, and particularly enjoyed sharing his garden harvest with many friends and neighbors. During his leisure time, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was always ready to serve his fellow man in any way he could. He was held in high esteem and will be sorely missed, especially by his 17 nieces and nephews.

Survivors include a sister, Bernice (Luttmmer) Beyer of Gainesville, a sister-in-law, Gertie Luttmmer of Muenster, brothers Henry Luttmmer and Wilfred Luttmmer of Muenster and brother and sister-in-law Walter and Helen Luttmmer of Lindsay, nieces and nephews; and an aunt and uncle Ernie and Clarence Albers of Lewisville and an aunt, Helen Nichols of Gainesville.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brothers Ferd Luttmmer in 1992 and Joe Luttmmer in 1989 and two infant brothers.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of

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## Andy Arendt dies suddenly Monday

Andrew Nick Arendt of Lindsay died suddenly on Monday, Dec. 22, 1997 at 11:45 a.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital of sudden cardiac arrest.

Arrangements are incomplete at press time. However, both Rosary Services were held Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Clement Keel Funeral Home. Mass of

Christian Burial was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested sending memorials to the Autism Society or St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay in lieu of flowers.

The obituary and photo will be printed in the next issue of the Muenster Enterprise.

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# Sacred Heart Christmas Pageant



Sacred Heart Pre-Schoolers sing "This Little Light of Mine".



The combined Kindergarten and First grade chorus sings while Cindy Hartman lights candles on the Advent wreath.



Sacred Heart Children's Choir performed harmonious carols.



From left, Karen Flusche, Diana Knabe, Jacqueline Flusche, and Angie Cox are musical shepherds.

## From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

When I was a kid, Dad owned a lot of horses, mostly draft animals, which he also raised for sale.

In those days we still used horses to drive cattle from one pasture or farm to another, and also rode the bad roads during wet weather, to look after livestock on places other than the farm where we lived.

One of the horses we often rode was a long-legged, blaze-faced bay with a couple of white socks. For reasons unknown, he was named Sam, I suppose so we would all know which horse we might be talking about.

Sam was an easy rider, a pacer, and knew more about driving cattle than I will ever learn. He seemed to anticipate an animal's next move and would beat it to the punch.

Sam was also a gentle animal and could be caught most anywhere, and ridden without benefit of saddle or bridle.

As a youngster, one of my evening chores was to have the milk cows in the barnyard well ahead of milking time.

It was often my pleasure to find Sam in the same pasture with the cows, walk up to him and catch a good hold of his mane, and jump, and pull

myself upon his back.

He always knew what was next, and he would find the cows, gather them into a group and mostly just follow them to the barnyard, where he was let in the barn and rewarded with a few oats.

One evening I was riding Sam, bareback as usual, across a rough plowed field, when one of the cows suddenly decided to turn back in a hurry, and the horse spun about on his back feet, and with a burst of speed, overtook the critter.

As the cow again suddenly spun around, so did Sam, but I didn't. Even though I had caught a good handful of Sam's mane, I flipped over and after flying through the air for a few yards, I landed flat on my back on the hard clods.

I was numb all over - couldn't get up, and found a concerned Sam looking down at me. He seemed to be saying "Come on kid, let's go!"

When I failed to get up, he lowered his head and nickered softly, to encourage me.

After a few moments I was able to get on my feet, but had no desire to ride, and began walking toward the farmstead with Sam urging me along with a few gentle nudges with his nose.

## Letter to the editor

To Editor:

The MUSD basketball players, managers, and coaches wish to express our gratitude to all the people who work for the booster club at tournaments and meets. Thank you for giving your time and making it possible for us to make the trip to Reunion Arena and play. It was fun and memorable. Please call us when you need some workers.

Thank you  
Muenster Hornets and Lady Hornets, Managers, and Coaches

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Muenster Pallbearers were Wilfred Luttmier, Jr., A.J. Beyer, Ron Trubenbach, Bob Luttmier, Wayne Trubenbach, Joe Nichols, Joe Yosten and Roger Kinder. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Stovall, J.D. Caplinger, Tom Vogel, Dave Haverkamp, Claude Vogel and Richard Wimmer.

For those who have asked, memorials may be sent to Cooke County Home Hospice.

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Ancient space travelers visit Texas

Meteorites are pieces of other bodies from our solar system that flash through our atmosphere at 32,000 to 150,000 miles per hour.

The oldest bodies in our solar system, meteorites date back 4.6 billion years. More have landed in Texas than in any other state, and 14 meteorites have hailed on Hale County.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University and British Museum Catalog of Meteorites 1986.

## Green Tips

Power plants are built for peak power usage. In other words, a new plant is not necessary until the old plant can no longer satisfy demand during peak hours (5-7 p.m.). Tip: Turn on your dishwasher when you go to bed. Use your other appliances during off-peak hours, when possible.

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Ehfrida Jelle

## Request for Proposals - Land for Future Regional Waste Management Facility

A coalition of cities in Cooke and Grayson Counties, along with the County Commissioners Courts of Cooke and Grayson Counties, have undertaken an effort to locate a site for a regional waste management facility. This facility will serve the citizens in this area for at least the next 50 years. The coalition has been working through a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) process to select a candidate site. The CAC is responsible for understanding major landfill issues, establishing site selection criteria, and evaluating potential sites.

At this time, the CAC has established its selection criteria. This criteria, along with an explanation of the criteria, a conceptual drawing and map showing the preferred search areas, is available at the County Judge's Office in Cooke or Grayson County, and each City Hall within Cooke and Grayson Counties.

The next step in this process is to solicit candidate sites for further evaluation. To accomplish this task, the CAC is requesting, on behalf of the cities and counties who appointed them, proposals from property owners interested in entering into negotiations for the sale of their property for the purpose of developing the site as a regional solid waste management facility. This site will be publicly owned and will be available to all citizens in Cooke and Grayson Counties, regardless of where they live. The facility will be supported by disposal fees and subject to regulations established by the governing body of the landfill. Prior to final selection, the CAC will consider proposed sites in relation to our selection criteria; visit candidate sites; and evaluate data collected on each site by our consulting engineers.

The participating local governments will not be legally bound by the recommendations of the CAC. THE CAC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED WITHOUT CAUSE.

### Minimum requirements for property to be considered by the CAC include:

Site size shall be a minimum of 200 acres. This can be accomplished through combined parcels of land, and does not have to be from one owner. The CAC would prefer combinations of 400 to 600 acres, or more, where possible. Proposals may be for an option to purchase or for an escrow contract for sale of the property, subject to site assessment, investigation and feasibility studies, and acquisition of necessary permits. Property owners must be able to provide a general warranty deed and title policy, if their proposal should be recommended by the CAC and accepted by the local governments.

Prior to acceptance of any proposal, candidate sites will undergo a site specific assessment to determine if any conditions would preclude development of the site for waste management activities. Landowners must be willing to allow the local governments and their agents to evaluate the site for potential development. Site assessments may include an evaluation for cultural/historical resources, wetlands, endangered species and floodplain areas. Geologic testing, including sample borings, may also be performed. Any test holes resulting from sample borings will be filled in an environmentally-acceptable manner under the direction of the engineering consultants.

Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. January 23, 1998, at the address provided below. Proposals should be sealed, and marked "landfill proposal." Should you have any questions that are not answered in this invitation, feel free to call Mike Carleton at 1-972-960-4475.

### Submittal requirements:

- (1) Name, address and telephone number of landowner(s).
- (2) Description of property, including: size, location, easements, legal restrictions, status of mineral rights, and other information pertinent to the selection process.
- (3) Map of property: map should show the location of the property, location of buildings, oil, gas or water wells, easements, cemeteries, any culturally significant resources that may be encountered.
- (4) Proposed sale price for property, and proposed terms of option agreement or contract.
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# School News

## Winners named in contest

Readersaurus, the dinosaur, came to visit the Sacred Heart Elementary Library last week. The gigantic, five foot tall dinosaur was a delightful visitor during Children's Book Week.

A poster contest was a special event that happened during the week. Kindergarten, first, second, and third grade students designed a poster about their favorite book and wrote a sentence explaining why they liked that particular book. The first three winners received a book for their prize and the fourth and fifth place winners received a poster for their hard work. All who participated received a sticker and certificate.

The winners were:  
Kindergarten: First, Mary Cochran; Second, Ginger Bartush; Third, Kristen LeBrasseur; Fourth, Chad Henseid; Fifth, Amanda Dangelmayr.

First Grade: First, Kaitlyn Felderhoff; Second, Abe Fuhrmann; Third, Kalyssa Pollard; Fourth, Ryan Bartush; Fifth, Clarissa Switzer.

Second Grade: First, Loren Sepanski; Second, Nicholas Flusche; Third, Tyler Rohmer; Fourth, Sunni Bayer; Fifth, Nolan Hartman.

Third Grade: First, Jessica Bartel; Second, Dainah Hartman; Third, Mark Fleitman; Fourth, Charlotte Bartush; Fifth, Mitchell Sellers.



Gilbert Hermes, Lindsay School Superintendent, accepted a plaque honoring the Lindsay school system on Nov. 25, 1997, when it was named an Exemplary High School District, with a Recognized Elementary School. Carmelina Holloway of the Region II Service Center in Fort Worth made the presentation. Dave Fette Photo



Raegan Koessler, center, is the 1997-98 chapter winner of the essay contest sponsored by the Rebecca Crockett chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The national topic for this year is "The Legacy of Christopher Columbus". Her entry has been forwarded to the state committee for the next level of competition. She is a sophomore at Muenster High School and the daughter of Rudy and Martha Koessler. Entries from four other Muenster High School sophomores were also selected for the competition. They include from left, Karen Cler, Kelly Felderhoff, Darren Hennigan, and Jackie Henseid. Photo by Janie Hartman



Third Grade Poster Contest Winners



Kindergarten Poster Contest Winners



First Grade Poster Contest Winners



Second Grade Poster Contest Winners

## SHYM Happenings

by Eric Gray  
The drawing for the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry truck raffle occurred shortly after 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, December 21, and the winner is Joe Felderhoff! Profit gained from the raffle totaled over \$3600. In the contest to sell the most tickets, a tie was in the high school group. Both Yvonne Martin and Sarah Hess earned the \$100 prize. In the junior high group, Chris York won by a landslide, earning his century bill. In the sixth grade

and under group, Hannah Hess barely eked out a victory in stiff competition, but barely was good enough, and landed a new Franklin in her hot little hand. A special thank you goes to all those folks who acquired a ticket, and to all who helped sell them! All proceeds are going toward the building of St. Joseph Youth Center, a building for the benefit of the youth of Muenster and surrounding area. May God bless you all, now and in the coming year!

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The Muenster ISD Band held its annual Christmas program Dec. 16. Clockwise from the right are Pamela Lutkenhaus, Deann Dangelmayr, Kristi McAden, Stephanie English, Ryan Smith, Tracey Hess, and Dustin Walterscheid.  
Photos by Janie Hartman



## Classes begin registration

After a very successful Fall Semester which included 45 students, Butterfield Stage's Youth Theatre Classes will begin this season's Spring semester on January 12. The classes available for youth ages 5 to 17 years are designed to instill an appreciation of acting, love of theater, and most importantly of all, a sense of self-worth. Youth Director Anne Logan who joined Butterfield Stage in the Spring of 1997, began her theatrical training in Australia with Patch Theatre and continued her work and theatrical education for six years with the international touring company, Covenant Players.

The 1998 Spring classes will include: Creative Dramatics Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m.) for ages 6-8 years and new students up to 12 years old; Dramatics (Mondays from 4-5 p.m.) for new students 13-17 years; Stage Craft (Tuesdays from 4-5:30 p.m.) for students 9-12 years who have completed 2 semesters of Creative Dramatics or Dramatics; Advanced Stage Craft (Mondays from 5-6:30) for students who have completed a minimum of two semesters of Stagecraft; and Theatre for the Home-Schooled Student (Wednesdays, from 2-3 p.m.). Beginning classes focus on the basic skills involved in theater including stage movement,

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Cost of the ten week course is \$45 per student for BSE member and \$50 for non-members. Scholarships are attainable from Butterfield Stage upon request. Registration for the classes will begin January 5 and will continue through the first day of class. For a registration application, call the theater at 940-665-8152 or visit the theater Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

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Wed. - Pizza (beef and cheese), lettuce salad, Pinto beans, fruit, bread.

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

Fri. - Turkey and noodles, green beans, cranberry sauce, batter bread, fruit.

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

Thurs. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, peaches, cinnamon rolls.

Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

#### MUESTER ISD

Mon. - Sloppy Joes, macaroni

and cheese, beans, fruit, dessert.

Tues. - Sausage, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, sauerkraut, fruit, hot rolls.

Wed. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad, green beans, bread, cake.

Thurs. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, potato chips, fruit, brownies.

Fri. - Nachos, choice of sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit.

#### ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, hot rolls.

Tues. - Crispy tacos, Pinto beans, shredded cheese, trimmings, cornbread, chocolate chip cookie.

Wed. - Sliced ham, applesauce, glazed carrots, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, Wacky cake.

Thurs. - Oven-roasted chicken, au gratin potatoes, tossed salad, pear half, buttered rice, slice of bread.

Fri. - Sub sandwich, trimmings, potato chips, pickle spears, ice cream.

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## Governor proclaims January School Board Recognition Month

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed January 1998 as School Board Recognition Month.

"Local control of our schools with an emphasis on academic excellence provides the best way to educate the young people of Texas. For more than 200 years, local school boards have ensured that local residents control and are accountable for their schools," he said.

"Elected school board members set policy and guide local schools in accordance to the will of the people. With our schools confronting new technology-driven challenges and more opportunities, school boards play an integral role in our children's schooling. Cooperation between parents of schoolchildren and school boards has become vital in determining the direction of education in Texas," Bush said.

"I encourage all Texans to recognize school boards' contributions to education and to work with teachers and local school boards to help our children build a bright future for themselves and for the Lone Star State," he said.

"School board members serve as advocates for our children first and foremost, protecting each child's opportunity to

develop his or her potential. They offer vision, knowledge, leadership, and time, and work purely for the common good. It is important to recognize the many contributions made by our locally elected school board members and support them as they tackle the demanding task of educating our children," said James B. Crow, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards.

"Local trustees work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts. They help us to set high standards in the educational system and encourage us to strive to reach those goals. The results of this cooperative effort are reflected in a generation of Texas children who are more prepared to be our nation's leaders," he said.

"Today schools face great challenges and great opportunities, and the school board's role is more critical than ever before. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow said.

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# Sports

## Where lies the responsibility in hunting accidents ... ?

It's deer hunting season in Texas. Unlike many other states, Texas has little federally or state land available for public hunting. Thus, the legal responsibility for hunters is primarily left to the landowner.

Information pertaining to leases and landowner liability is available in the Texas Deer Lease, a publication from the Real Estate Center of Texas A&M University.

A landowner's liability for anyone entering the property depends on the legal classification of the person at the time of any injury. Under Texas common law, the four categories are: invitees, licensees, a trespassers, and children under the "attractive nuisance" doctrine.

Texas statutory law created a fifth category that overrides the common law in limited cases. According to the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, agricultural landowners own a recreational guest - a hunter - no greater degree of care than is owed a trespasser of there is no charge for entry.

If there is a charge, the degree of trespassary care remains until the total charges collected during the previous year exceed four times the total amount of ad valorem taxes

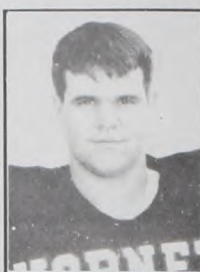
imposed on the premises during the same period. Until Sept. 1, 1997, the limit on charges was twice the amount of ad valorem taxes. Thus, if a landowner pays taxes of \$100 per acre, the landowner can charge up to \$400 with out being liable.

In addition to the increases that may be charged, the last two legislatures established guidelines for the amount of insurance coverage. They also placed caps on the amount of money injured persons may receive if, and only if, the landowner liability equal to the exceeding amount. The caps - also effective Sept. 1, 1997 - are \$1 million for each single occurrence (up from the \$500,000 set in 1995); \$1 million for each single occurrence of bodily injury or death; and \$1 million for each single occurrence for injury to or destruction of property.

Along with the current changes, the Texas Deer Lease contains information on important issues on written or oral leases. To obtain a copy, Texas residents should send \$3 and nonresidents \$4 to Real Estate research Center, Mail Stop 2115, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 77843-2115. It is Publication NR-570.



88 - Barry Fleitman



57 - Lucas Hartman



25 - Scott Hermes



4 - Bryan Miller

## Muenster Hornets win at Reunion Arena Dec. 20

The Muenster Hornets used good defense and good ball movement to beat the Callisburg Wildcats last Saturday at Reunion Arena. Shane Sparkman paced Muenster with 15 points followed by Aaron Klement with 12. Junior, Jesse Luke scored on a short jumper to end the first quarter and giving the Big Red a 10-9 lead they would not relinquish.

"Our team played well," commented Coach Ted Heers, "and we hustled on the boards more often and with more intensity. We play the Wildcats again next Monday in the Classic and with the three point line and common shooting background it should be a tough game."

Heers noted that last season the two teams each won on the other's home floor by ten points.

Corey Anderle added 7 points in the contest in his first action in more than a week. Sophomores Darren Hennigan and Bryan Miller hit 5 and 4 respectively, with three each from Scott Hermes and Kevin Johnson, and 2 from Luke.

Muenster enters the Christmas break at 7-6 for the year and also picked up a win over Goldburg in Muenster last Friday evening. The Bears had beaten the Hornets by 17 points in what Heers described as our flattest game of the year two weeks ago. This time Muenster raced to a 40-23 half-

time lead and cruised to a 60-40 victory. With a patient offensive attack, the Big Red had their best shooting performance in two seasons hitting 25 of 42 attempts for 60%. Their free throw shooting woes continued as they were 9 of 24.

"I'm not real worried about the charity percentage because it just means our best is ahead and we do have boys that can make free throws," Heers said. Sparkman hit 19 points, added 6 rebounds and 3 steals. Aaron Klement scored 12 points with 7 rebounds. Bryan Miller popped in 8 points with 2 assists. Luke scored 7 points, Hennigan added 6 points to go with a team high 9 rebounds. Hermes got 7 assists with 4 points, and Johnson and Eric Walterscheid each scored two.

### Fishing Report

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## All-State honors are awarded to four Muenster Hornets

Four Muenster Hornets were named to the Class A All-State High School Football Teams. Votes are cast by The Associated Press Sports Editors and based on regular season performance.

Making the First Team defensive lineman was Muenster senior Barry Fleitman. The 6'1", 180 pound Hornet made 74 solo tackles and 46 assists this past season. Fleitman also got 17 sacks, 7 forced fumbles and recovered four fumbles. Thirty-two of his tackles were for losses.

Also named to the First Team from district 9-A was offensive and defensive lineman Chris Barnard of Celeste and the Blue Devils' running back and defensive back Demetrius Rector. Cedric McFall of Fannin also made defensive back, First Team.

Senior Hornet Lucas Hartman made Second Team offensive lineman. Hartman graded out at 90% on the year and is credited for 17 pancake blocks and anchored the line that helped Muenster's running and passing attack.

Also named to the Second Team from the district were end Wayne Twiner from Ector and defensive back Jamaica Rector of Celeste.

Muenster had two players earning Honorable Mention. Place kicker Scott Hermes made 45 of 47 extra point kicks and one of three field goals high and deep on kickoffs. Sophomore running back Bryan Miller gained 130 yards rushing on his way to four touchdowns, also making Honorable Mention.

Also receiving a mention from State from district 9-A were Randall Logan and Dustin Bookout of Era; Jamaica Rector and Ryan Madewell of Celeste and Levi Morgan of Collinsville.

In district 10-AA, Lindsay Clint Gallagher was the player named to All-State. He earned the offensive lineman position. Also named from Callisburg were running back Toby Zachary and defensive lineman David Whittington.



Allison Endres brings the ball into play.

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Matthew Fuhrmann reaches for the ball as Sacred Heart co-hosts the Red River Shoot Out.

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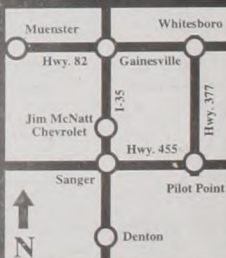
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## Deer tags remain with meat under new law

Successful deer hunters this season will be required to follow a new law that specifies where the animals must be tagged. As of September 1, if the head of a deer is severed and no long accompanies the carcass, the appropriate hunting license tags must remain with the venison until it reaches a final destination.

Final destination is defined as the residence of the hunter, the residence of a person receiving a resource from a hunter, or a meat processing facility.

TPWD law enforcement officials encourage commercial hunting operations to have hunters complete the wildlife resource documents before they leave the site. "If there is any intent to sever the head, we hope that landowners or their agents will have the forethought to have the documents completed before the hunters leave camp."

A wildlife resource document (shown on page 95 of the TPWD "Outdoor Annual" of hunting and fishing regulations), must stay with the severed head until the owner retrieves the head from the taxidermist. An exception

to this would be if the hunter takes the deer home to be processed, then takes the head to a taxidermist. According to Sinclair, "In that case, the tags from the hunting license no longer needs to remain with the meat and can be used to take the head to the taxidermist instead of using a wildlife resource document. Turkey tagging and antelope permits are administered the same as deer tagging."

Last year, 508 citations were issued to hunters who did not have their deer properly tagged.

Proof-of-sex validation must accompany any headless deer or antelope carcass, Sinclair added as a reminder to hunters. Anyone in possession of a headless deer or antelope must have a proof-of-sex receipt, which can be obtained from a taxidermist, landowner, or a landowner's agent.

"This chain of paperwork serves to cover the hunter if he's checked by a game warden," stated Sinclair. "The purpose of the gapping, documentation, and proof-of-sex verification is to make sure a hunter complies with annual bag limits."



Corey Anderle grabs the ball in Shoot Out action. Photo by Dave Fette



Jon Grewing tries to no avail to stop Steven Tepera from racking up another two points. Lindsay's Chris Garner and Waylon Hess for the Sacred Heart Tigers race up for a possible rebound.



Mindy Endres fires a three-pointer to strengthen the Lady Hornets lead for 63 to 16 victory over Prairie Valley. Photo by Dave Fette



Pulling down the rebound for the Knights are Jarod Root, Alex Krahl, and James Thomason. Photo by Dave Fette



Forestburg makes a fast break as Cody Grimes drops one in during the recent Red River Shoot Out in Muenster. Dave Fette Photo

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**City Council Agenda**

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council and a special meeting of the Muenster Water District Board of Directors to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, January 5, 1998.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of the December 1, 1997 meeting.
3. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
4. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Consider and act upon approving a proposed amendment, Ordinance #222, to the 1993 City Ordinance (No Number) on subdivisions so that no building or structure is built opposite an intersecting road, and that city approval of sketches of lots and easements on dedicated and open roads at intersections is required (Reading #2).
2. Consider and act upon approving a proposed amendment, Ordinance #223, to City Ordinance #215, Water and Sewer Rates, Section IV, to increase the renter's water meter deposit from \$50.00 to \$100.00. (Reading #2)
3. Consider and act upon approving a proposed City Ordinance #224, assessing paving and/or curbing costs for unpaid property owners on West Second Street and North Elm Street (Reading #2).
4. Consider and act upon approving the proposed cost estimate to repair the city swimming pool.
5. Receive a quarterly report on investments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Consider and act upon approving a resolution on the paving and curbing projects for Fourth Street (Sycamore Street to Mesquite Street) and the south side of Sixth Street (Fecan Street to Hickory Street).
2. Consider and act upon accepting Kinley-Horn and Associates, Inc.'s report on wastewater collection and treatment, prior to forwarding it to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.
3. Consider and act upon selecting designs for the 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank.
4. Consider and act upon selecting Kinley-Horn and Associates, Inc. as the engineer to conduct the geo-study of the foundation area and to design and monitor construction of the 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank; and approve a Notice to Proceed to the engineers with the design of the tank.
5. Receive an update report on the Muenster Lake project from Bob Bauer, President of the Muenster Water District Board of Directors.
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The City Council and Muenster Water District Board of Directors may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property Code
7. Return to open session. Act on approving items discussed in executive session.
8. Consider and act upon appointing three people to the Muenster Water District Board of Directors for the period March 1998 - February 2000.
9. Consider and act upon authorizing liability coverage concerning workers' compensation for library volunteers.
10. Review the October-December 1997 Budget Summary.
11. Review and act upon monthly bills.
12. Adjourn.



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## Let your ears detect hydraulic problems

Today's tractors use the hydraulic system for everything from braking and steering to transmission shifting and pto clutch operation. Keeping that circulatory system operating properly requires regular maintenance, but even then things can go wrong. Finding those problems requires using a common, precise diagnostic tool found on every farm - the ear.

In general, unusual noises in a tractor or combine hydraulic system are caused by one of two happenings. It's either air leaking into the system or a pump or motor that is cavitating (forming bubbles). Remember, noise is only a symptom of more serious troubles. These include vibrations that can loosen components and overheating of the hydraulic fluid that results in more wear and poorer performance. Also, cavitation can cause erosion of metal that can quickly destroy a pump or motor.

**What to Look For**  
Use this checklist to match symptoms with their potential problems.

- Pump noisy on start-up. Thick, cold hydraulic fluid causes cavitation. When the fluid warms, cavitation and noise should stop.
- Noisy lines. This is caused by turbulence due to vibration of an aerated line.
- Chatter and squeal in valves. Pockets of air causing erratic operation make this noise.
- Erratic cylinder operation. Air in the fluid "softens" the system and increases compressibility.
- Higher-than-normal temperature. Above-normal temperature can result from either aeration or cavitation.
- Cloudy or frothy oil. Withdraw a sample of the fluid and let it stand for a while. If it clears, fluid is aerated. If it does not clear, water is

entrained in the oil. You can verify this by heating the sample (heat carefully in an oven, never above 200 degrees). If it clears, you know water is the culprit.

Regular hydraulic system service can prevent these damaging problems. If you hear noise in the system, here are the likely places to look for trouble.

Air leaks on the inlet side of the pump are a major cause of aeration. Check for leaks at the pump shaft seal by pouring hydraulic fluid over it and listening to see if the pump noise diminishes. You can also pack grease around the suspected air-leak points. Do this one spot at a time and listen to see if the noise is eliminated.

If the pump shaft seal leaks, you'll need professional service.

If a fitting on the intake line leaks, try tightening it. If this does not help, you may need professional service here too.

If fluid under pressure leaks from the system, it can cause overheating by lowering the hydraulic fluid level and allowing the pump to suck air from the reservoir. To avoid this, check all pressure and return line fittings for leakage, and tighten, or replace, if necessary.

Water in the hydraulic system may have condensed from air that enters the reservoir as fluid level changes. This source of moisture is difficult to eliminate in many systems. But in most cases, any appreciable amount of water comes from a leak that allows engine coolant to enter the hydraulic system where the two systems are together.

## Applicators can reinstate certificates through CEC

Private pesticide applicators who still hold "grandfathered" certificates can reinstate their certificate by obtaining continuing education units (CEUs). Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

Prior to Jan. 10, 1989, applicators were issued certificates that were "grandfathered," meaning they never expire. However effective Jan. 1, 1991, the Texas Pesticide Regulations require certificate holders to earn 15 CEUs every five years if they want to apply restricted-use and state-limited-use pesticides. "Grandfathered" certificate holders can renew their certificate at any time if they complete their CEU requirements. Private certificate holders cannot

supervise an employee in the use of pesticides.

Certificate holders also have the option of obtaining a private applicator license. Extension offices can provide study materials, and all TDA offices offer testing dates.

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form, which they should receive by the end of January.

Applicators can get a list of approved courses by calling TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA.



A round hay bale rolled open downhill allows cattle to feed contentedly while supplementing their diet of winter pasture grass. The pasture will benefit next spring and summer from mulch and grass seed left behind by the hay bale and from fertilizer left by the cattle.

Photo by Janie Hartman

## County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

### PASTURE AND CROPLAND SOIL SAMPLING WEEK JANUARY 5-9

Fertilizer costs can represent over one-half of the early pre-harvest cost of some pasture and hay crops. In many crops, this cost can be as high as one-third of the total economic input. Many producers tend to decrease or eliminate fertilizer in tight economic times, but elimination of fertilizer can be a very expensive decision.

A special Soil Testing Initiative will be conducted in Cooke County for pasture and crop producers for the week of Jan. 5-9. Dr. Tony Provin, Extension Soils Chemist, is offering county producers a special soil analysis service during this week long period. Producers must take their soil samples and deliver them to the County Extension Office or one of the cooperating fertilizer dealers in Cooke County by Jan. 9. Fee for this service will include \$5 for the routine analysis (pH, NO<sub>3</sub>-, P, K, Ca, Mg, Na, S, and Salinity), or the routine analysis plus micro-nutrients (Zn, Fe, Cu, Mn) for \$7.50. This is a 50 percent savings to those producers who participate during the two week long soil fertility incentive.

Those fertilizer dealers participating include Tony's Seed and Fertilizer at Gainesville, Tony's Seed and Fertilizer at Muenster, Red River Farm Co-Op at Gainesville, W.B. Hudspeth, Inc. at Era, and Sicking Brothers Fertilizer at Myra.

Producers can pick up a soil sample information form and soil sample sacks at any of the fertilizer

dealer locations or the County Extension Office. Your payment for the sample must be in check form and must accompany the soil sample. Checks should be made out to Soil Testing. Do not send cash.

Producers should take a single composite sample from each uniform area of 10 to 40 acres in a field. One sample can represent up to 40 acres. A procedure for taking soil samples is listed on the soil sample information form.

With the increased need for proper fertility along with the cost of fertilization, producers need to regularly soil test their pastures and fields. Information gained from soil testing will help both producers and fertilizer dealers in better

meeting your pasture and field crop needs.

When taking soil samples, observe these simple precautions.

- 1) Avoid sampling spots in the field such as small gullies, slight field depressions, terrace waterways and unusual spots.
- 2) When sampling fertilized fields, avoid sampling directly in fertilized band.
- 3) Do not use old vegetable cans, tobacco cans, match boxes, etc. to submit samples.
- 4) Do not use heat to dry samples.
- 5) Be sure to keep a record for yourself as to the area represented by each sample.
- 6) Be sure sample numbers on the boxes correspond with sample numbers on the information sheet.

## It's A Stat!

Monthly Report by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

Texas milk production totaled 447 million pounds during November, down 6.1 percent from last year. Revised production for October, 1997, totaled 439 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during November averaged 387 thousand head, down 8,000 head from last year but unchanged from last month. Production per cow averaged 1,155 pounds during November compared with 1,205 pounds last year.

November egg production in Texas totaled 358 million eggs, up 2 percent from November 1996, and down 3 percent from October 1997. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,076 eggs.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled a record 2.94 million head on December 1, up 11 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 520 thousand head in commercial feedlots during November.

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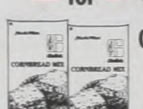
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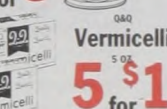
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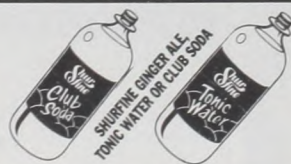


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