



In primary election ... Little local competition noted

by Janet Felderhoff
Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 10 to determine which candidates will represent their chosen party in the November general election. Cooke County has only three contested Primary elections, two in the Republican Party and one in the Democratic Party.

Contests exist in the Republican Primary for commissioner of Precincts #2 and #4. Taylor Vestal and Don Ray Moon are vying for the Precinct #4 nomination. The winner will try to unseat incumbent Virgil Hess this November. Hess has no opposition in the Democratic Primary.

In Precinct #2 there are three Republican candidates. Bill Cox and George Pitzinger and incumbent Richard Brown. Democratic candidate for Precinct #2 commissioner has no opponent in the Primary election.

Jodie Vance and Lisa Harris each hope to receive the most votes for justice of the peace Precinct #4 in the Democratic Primary. The Democratic winner will face Republican John Roane in November. Roane is currently serving as the Precinct #4 JP. He was appointed to complete the remaining 16 months on the term of Royce Martin who tendered his resignation from the position.

Party nominees will also be selected on the state and national levels. Polling places

open at 7 a.m. Tuesday and close at 7 p.m.

In Muenster voters from Precinct #18 will go to Muenster Farm Mutual Fire Insurance Company, 212 N. Walnut Street, Muenster to vote in the Democratic Primary. (Note the change from the Baptist Church.) Voters are asked to park in the rear of the building. Voters from that precinct wishing to vote in the Republican Primary go to the Sacred Heart Community Center, 730 Main Street, Muenster.

Precinct #17 voters in both the Democratic and Republican Primaries go to the Muenster VFW Hall, 113 Main, Muenster to cast their votes.

Polling places for other area precincts in the Republican Primary include: Precinct #14 Ross Point Community Center; Precinct #15 Myra Community Center; Precinct #19 Lindsay Gun Club; Precinct #21 Lindsay City Hall; and Precinct #22 Lake Kiowa Lodge.

Democratic polling places for other area precincts include: Precinct #14 Rosston Fire Station; Precinct #15 Myra Community Center; Precinct #19 Frank Sandmann home, Lindsay; Precinct #21 St. Peter's Church Conrad Hall; and Precinct #22 New Fire Station Lake Kiowa.

Today, Friday, March 6, is the last opportunity to vote early in person. That can be done at the courthouse until 5 p.m.



A large crowd attended Open House at Muenster Schools Tuesday night. As usual, the Arts and Craft Show and Science Fair, in the old gym,

attracted lots of visitors. Muenster ISD has been celebrating Texas Public Schools Week this week, March 2-6. Janie Hartman Photo

City Council incumbents speak out

by Daryl Ferber
The three incumbents filing for re-election to the Muenster City Council, spoke at recent interviews, of their pride in the progress Muenster has made these past few years.

Jewel Otto (Alderman, Place 4) said "I am proud to be a part of city government and would like to serve another term to

see the completion of several on-going projects." She explained that the first term takes a lot of studying and learning, but she "felt privileged to be a part of a very congenial group, with a common goal... The council has implemented some important policies and guidelines to assure that the city operates

efficiently and economically for the benefit of all." Some of these are: a long range plan for 10 years; a policy manual concerning employee relations and operating procedures; a water study and grant application; paving, sewer and water repairs. The coming year should see the completion of the new water tower. The city council spends many hours in special meetings discussing plans and ways for improvements to the city.

Otto is commissioner of parks and the library. She praised the Jaycees for their work on the new ball field where they expect to have some areas open this summer. The park pool leaking problem is under control and will open on schedule. Otto attends the library board meetings and has come to realize "the importance of our library and the value of the many dedicated volunteers who have contributed so much to their community." She added, "Hopefully, the dream of a new and expanded facility will soon become a reality."

Street Commissioner Johnny Pagel (Alderman, Place 2) feels a "civic responsibility" working for the city as a council member. In this past term, the city administrator and the council put together a 10 year plan to care for the streets. He

said "the city streets are the 'front porch' of a community." The streets need to look good as well as serve the residents and "we have to spend the money wisely," he added. Pagel also feels it is important for the council, schools and community to work together for a better community.

The fire and police departments are Commissioner Bert Walterscheid's (Alderman, Place 1) responsibility. He said he is "ecstatic - at how far the fire department has progressed in the last 4 years." With \$10,000 from the city and other financial help, for materials, the firemen have built a new tank truck this past year; with a new system, the firemen can now refill their air bags, when out on calls; they have new medical equipment that is important in saving lives and another new rural truck is planned for next year.

Walterscheid said they appreciate the great help from the community, in attending their barbecues and giving other donations which help with purchases of equipment to aid in protecting the community.

He added "that the police department is running smoothly." To make for better coverage of the community, the

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ABBA Women's Center hosts fundraiser March 7 in Lindsay

ABBA Women's Center, a crisis pregnancy center serving Cooke County and surrounding areas, will host Carol Everett for the annual fundraising dinner Saturday, March 7, at St. Peter's Centennial Hall in Lindsay, Texas.

Carol Everett is the author of *Blood Money: Getting Rich Off a Woman's Right to Choose*. Carol offers an inside look at the abortion industry through her past experience as business manager of two abortion clinics in Dallas.

Carol experienced a radical conversion to Jesus Christ and left the abortion industry. Since that time, she has gone to the public to tell them about the cold, calculating business of abortion; its purposes and its mess-ups! She will tell you:

- how hemorrhaging clients were taken out the back door of the abortion clinics and driven to hospitals far from the clinic to avoid publicity;
- how low-dosage birth control pills were distributed to area high school

students, knowing that it would result in unwanted pregnancies, and being sure to leave abortion clinic brochures and cards to direct these girls to the abortion clinic;

• how abortion procedures were done on women who weren't pregnant; • and much more. Be sure not to miss Carol Everett's dramatic look at the abortion industry. In addition to a dinner prepared by the Hermes Sisters of Lindsay, there will be music by Christian songwriters Mary Lin Knabe and Tawni Luke. Stephanie Stoffels of Cooke County Ballet Academy will also perform. A silent auction will be ongoing throughout the evening. A miniature horse, donated by the famous Brewer Miniature Horse Farm of Gainesville, Texas, will be auctioned off by Herkey Biffle. The horse will be on the grounds at 5:30 p.m. for preview.

Tickets are on sale now and seating is limited. Call ABBA, 940-668-6391, 940-668-7636 or 940-759-2907 for ticket information.



Arlie Bayer's steer took Grand Champion honors last Saturday at the Cooke County 4-H Livestock Show. Muenster will host their annual 4-H and FFA Show this Saturday at the County Fairground Barn in preparation of the County Youth Fair March 12-13-14. Janie Hartman Photo

Harris, Vance vie for JP, Pct. #4, nomination

by Janet Felderhoff
There are two contenders for the Democratic nomination as justice of the peace, Precinct #4. Lisa Harris and Jodie Vance, both of Valley View, each hope to win enough votes to challenge Republican John Roane of Valley View. Roane was appointed by Commissioners Court to complete the 16 months remaining on Royce Martin's. Martin resigned on August 14, 1997.

Jodie Vance, age 58, is currently working as a brand inspector. He is a certified peace officer with 400 hours of civil process and related work. He was also constable for the justice of the peace for six years. Vance was educated at the Texoma Police Academy and holds an intermediate certificate based on experience, training, and time on the job.

There are a number of reasons that Vance decided to seek the justice of the peace position. One is that he feels that the office should be more of a pro active than a reactive office. "Most people don't have a whole lot of dealings with the court," said Vance. "I'd say maybe 80 percent of the people



Jodie Vance

don't have any dealings with the court. It's supposed to be a people's court and I think that we ought to try to treat them as fairly and honestly. They shouldn't be intimidated or scared to go see them. It should be a court for the people."

Helping area youth is another reason Vance is running for the position. He feels that the office needs to do a lot of work with kids. "I think we need to help the kids instead of punishing them," he noted. "More prevention than punishment."

To accomplish this Jodie Vance would like to see a teen court established. He feels that community service is a better punishment than fines because most of the time the parents are the ones who pay the fines, not the kids.

Changing the hours that the justice of the peace office will be open is another thing Vance would consider if elected. He said that now everybody works and the office needs to be more receptive to the needs of the people. He would even consider having court one night per week if it is needed to be more accessible.

If elected goals set by Vance include establishing a teen court, changing hours to accommodate the people's needs. One of the perks of the justice of the peace job include fees for performing marriage services. Vance has promised to donate all fees from performing marriages on company time to the Friends of the Family organization.

Vance said that he saw nothing wrong with our present system. "It's the best thing we've got going," he said.

Vance feels that the most important function of a justice



Lisa Harris

of the peace is serving the public

Lisa Harris, age 30, is employed as a clerk in the Justice of the Peace Cooke County Precinct #4 office. She has held that position for 11 years. Lisa graduated from Valley View High School in 1986. She has more than 120 hours of voluntary education related to the justice court, provided by the Texas Justice Court Training Center and other organizations associated with the justice system.

by Daryl Ferber

Bob Bauer, president of the Muenster Water District, explained the water and lake situation to the City Council at the March 2 meeting.

With water tables dropping an average of three feet per year, a source for the life-needed commodity - water - is becoming a serious consideration. It had been estimated that the Trinity water table would be DRY by 2030, but the latest scientific studies have revised this to 2005, only 7 years from now. Also the water could become brackish, not good, before that. So the importance of getting an above ground water source is very evident.

The Water Board is in the process of acquiring the last piece of property needed for the Muenster Lake - the future water supply for this community. The legal ins and outs of the process for building the dam, to start the lake, are on schedule, Bauer reported. The dam and recreation areas will be built first with the treatment plant to come when needed. The lake cannot continue to be delayed or the water rights could be lost. Two other board members, Pat Stelzer and Milton Knauf attended the meeting to help answer questions.

On behalf of the Water Board, Bauer asked for the

bond election concerning the lake, to be held Aug. 1, 1998, which the council approved. More detailed, informative articles will be appearing in the *Muenster Enterprise* later.

Stephen Gilland, City auditor, gave his 1997 report to the council, stating that the city is in a stronger financial position than a year ago. He complimented the city management for their good work and reported that the budget situation was excellent this year.

The council approved three possible locations for snow cone stands this summer. Permits must be obtained at city hall with removal by September 1.

Mary Endres was appointed election judge for May 2, if an election is needed. So far only the incumbents have filed; filing closing date is March 18.

The Kiwanis Club's request for the closing of South Maple Street for their Germanfest Carnival was granted.

The Standard Codes, Ordinance 226, was passed after the 2nd reading. It adopts standard construction codes, standard plumbing codes, consolidates the plumbing customer service inspection into this ordinance, and also follows the national electric code.

Monthly bills amounting to \$67,679.78 were approved.

Saturday, March 7, the ABBA fundraiser will be held in St. Peter's Centennial Hall



In addition to guest speaker Carol Everett, the evening's entertainment will be provided by, at left, Mary Lin Knabe; below, left, Tawni Luke and, right, Stephanie Stoffels. Mary Lin, a native of Muenster, writes and sings about the power of Jesus in her life, as well as volunteering at the ABBA Women's Center in Gainesville. A native of Valley View, Tawni's collection of songs link together several aspects of her life, including those of a Christian, cross country runner and songwriter. Stephanie, a resident of Lindsay, has studied dance since age 8, with a degree in Ballet from TCU, performing internationally.



February rebates reflect increased holiday buying

February's monthly sales tax payments totaling \$290.5 million to 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties include sales tax collected by monthly filers at the height of holiday shopping in December, and reported to the comptroller's office in January. Also included are quarterly returns for sales in October, November, and December, and all yearly filings for 1997.

The state comptroller's office noted that holiday shoppers kept cash registers ringing steadily for most retailers across the state.

"Retail holiday sales statewide were projected to run well ahead of those for the previous year, and December sales surpassed even those expectations," said Comptroller John Sharp. "For the fifth consecutive year, Texas is experiencing strong economic growth, and consumer confidence is the highest in the nation."

Cooke County didn't follow the trend. February 1998's check to the county was \$136,289.18. That reflected a decrease of 1.79 percent from February 1997. Total payments to date in 1998, \$227,299.44, show a decrease of 4.95 percent

from the same time last year.

Percentage wise for cities in Cooke County, Muenster showed the greatest increase. It must be noted that the figures include a sales tax rate that increased in October 1997. The February payment to Muenster, \$27,911.86, was 60.82 percent above the February 1997 total. Total 1998 payments to date for Muenster, \$39,398.49, increased 56.78 percent from last year.

Valley View received a February payment of \$4,479.09. That was an improvement of 33.41 percent from last year. For Oak Ridge the \$4,086.17 February payment was up 11.01 percent. Lindsay improved the February payment of \$6,562.67 by 8.16 percent from that of a year ago. Lindsay's payments to date in 1998, \$11,003.34, increased 6.31 percent from this time last year.

Gainesville was the only city in Cooke County to drop in the total payments to date amount received. The \$610,248.20 total is down 1.86 percent from the total in February 1997. This year's February payment of \$371,310.18 shows an increase of 4.60 percent from last year.

Enterprise office struck by burglar

For the third time in the past several weeks a Muenster business has received an unwelcome visitor after business hours. Sometime between 6:30 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday someone broke into the Muenster Enterprise and took an undetermined amount of cash and some food.

Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall reported that usually no merchandise is taken. Cash and food seem to be of the most interest to the thief. At one business all that was taken was candy.

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police are now working 12 hour shifts. They are cracking down on minors' possession of alcohol and drugs and unlicensed drivers. They will be more visible around school zones and the city.

Next month the police and fire departments will have a better radio system which will give them direct communications, as announced by Walterscheid. For those who like to keep up with local weather warnings, he suggests purchasing a scanner for their homes in the country.

If no further filings are made by March 18, 1998, there will be no election, and the incumbents will retain their positions.

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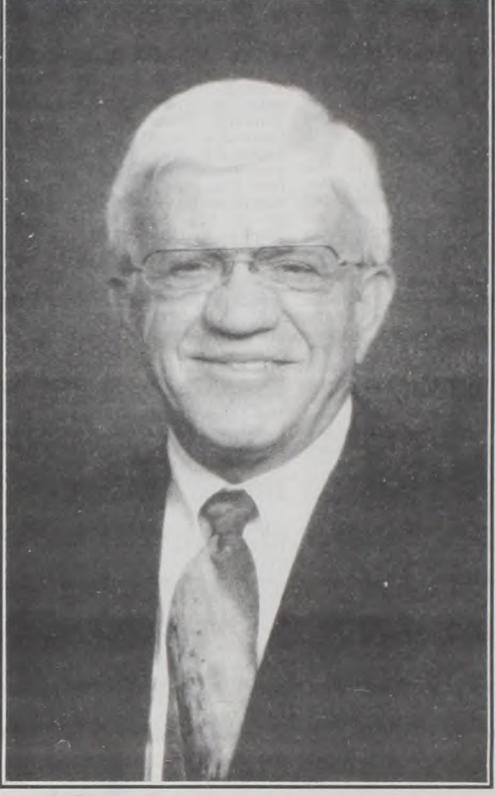
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

<p>Sunday, March 8</p> <p>Youth Rally with Carol Everett in Lindsay, 2-4 p.m. SH Ranch Rodeo, McKamy Arena, 2 p.m. SH Student Council Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Monday, March 9</p> <p>VFW Meeting, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 10</p> <p>Primary Election Relay For Life Team Captain Meeting, 6 p.m., CC Electric Co-op Meeting Room Muenster 4-H Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 11</p> <p>Morris Brothers Program, 9-11 a.m., MISD Gym C of C Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., The Center Restaurant Religious Ed. Class, 7 p.m. Adult Volleyball, old MHS gym, 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Thursday, March 12</p> <p>Muenster Historical Comm. Meeting, 8 a.m., Museum MISD - NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day MISD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. SH Jr. High Track Meet in Lindsay Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Friday, March 13</p> <p>MISD - NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>Saturday, March 14</p> <p>Lindsay Track Meet Cooke Co. Youth Fair Sale SHHS Track Meet at Lindsay SH-TAPPS Academic Comp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cooke County Youth Fair</p>
<p>Sunday, March 15</p> <p>SH Junior Class Spaghetti supper, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Comm. Center</p>	<p>Monday, March 16</p> <p>Free TX Dept. Health Immunization Clinic, 9-11 a.m., Cooke Co. Elec. Co-op. VFW Aux. Meeting, 8 p.m. Family & Community Education Club Meet, 7 p.m. SPRING BREAK - MISD & SH</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 17</p> <p>Muenster Library Board Meeting, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 18</p> <p>Last day to sign up for MISD Board seat MMH Board Meeting, 8 p.m. Religious Ed. Class - None MMH Board Filing Deadline</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Thursday, March 19</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Friday, March 20</p> <p>JELLY Retreat, meet at 3 p.m. to leave for Shallowater MISD - NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>Saturday, March 21</p> <p>C of C Murder Mystery Dinner Theater SHHS Track Meet at Paradise</p>

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Three Republicans contend for Precinct #2 Commissioner

by Janet Felderhoff

To have the opportunity to serve another term, Precinct #2 Commissioner Richard Brown will have to win more votes in the March 10 Republican Primary than his two opponents, Bill Cox and George Pitzinger. The Republican victor must then face Royce Martin, Martin who will be the Democratic nominee since he has no opposition.

Richard Brown, 59, of Valley View is in the third year of his first term in office. He said that it took him about two years to really learn the job and now that he's in his third year and knows the job and is enjoying it he would like to serve another term.

Brown's qualifications include 10 years of retail management experience managing a tire and automotive repair center and 18 years of self-employment in the real estate business.

"One thing that I think is going to be pretty critical is that we manage our growth that we're experiencing now in a way that we don't let it take away from the quality of life that we've always enjoyed in Cooke County," noted Brown as he looked into future concerns of Commissioners Court. "You're constantly juggling trying to provide the services that the citizens want and balancing that against not raising taxes." Something will have to be done about a landfill for Cooke County and also the time is coming soon that it will become necessary to enlarge the county jail, Brown added.

When Brown came into office he wanted to be sure that there was an open form of government with all of the



Bill V. Cox



George Pitzinger



Richard Brown

issues debated in public with questions asked and issues challenged to the point where that the public would understand what the real issues were. He feels that this has been accomplished.

Brown said that the county is now involved with a committee that is studying the possibility of a regional landfill that will involve Grayson, Fannin and Cooke counties and the cities of Sherman, Denison, Whitesboro, and Gainesville. "I think that it's going to be real important that we are involved in operating the landfill so that we can control the future costs," he commented.

In Brown's opinion it would be a lot more efficient operation to pool all of the county's road maintenance equipment and hire an engineer to supervise that part of the county's responsibilities. "We could eliminate a lot of duplication in equipment," observed Brown. "Decisions wouldn't be made for political reasons. They'd be based on

actual need." Interlocal agreements between the county and cities in the county should be designed so that both entities get something of equal value, said Brown. If the county provides a service to a city then county should get back equal value either in service, goods, or money, he said. "All interlocal agreements should be approved by the full Commissioner Court," Brown remarked.

When Brown came into the Precinct #2 commissioner position his goal was to get all of the roads to the point that school buses and mail carriers could use them. He says that has been done.

"I've really enjoyed the job," Brown said. "It has probably been the most challenging job that I've had, but in ways it's the most rewarding job that I've ever had too. I look forward to serving the citizens in Precinct #2 for four more years."

George Pitzinger, 36, of

Valley View is a 17 year employee of the road and bridge department in Precinct #2. He and his wife, Deanna, have five children. George Pitzinger is a graduate of Pilot Point High. He did his college work on nights and weekends at NCTC and Grayson College. George raises cattle on the family farm in the Mountain Springs area. He is a Scout master and also attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Being an employee in the road and bridge department for more than 17 years, Pitzinger says he knows how that department should work. His other qualification include his work with budgets. Since 1994 until last month when it was his turn to rotate off, George has been on his church's vestry and worked with its budgets. Having five children he learned to budget at home. He's also studied the county budget and kept up with other goings on at the courthouse through the years. George also feels that he gets along well with people

which would be an asset.

According to Pitzinger, he first thought about serving as commissioner when he was in high school and has considered it for a long time. "The reason I'm seeking office is that I'm looking to improve road safety," remarked the candidate. "This is in all facets, better paved roads, keeping them maintained. Many of the gravel roads are impassable when they are rained upon. There are blind corners. Our roads need to be mowed every year and on some of them the corners need to be mowed twice a year. We have bridges that

need to be actually replaced. The safety factor has gone down to the point where they do need to be replaced. I believe I can do a better job in overseeing it."

If elected Pitzinger has prioritized roads and given them what he believes is a realistic time line for completion. He left room for other projects to go in with the major projects and for the maintenance to continue. In his duties at the courthouse, Pitzinger noted that he is conservative, but he believes that there are some areas that

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- Resident of Cooke County for 30 Years. Wife: Glenda Vowell, retired teacher.
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ENTERPRISE MEMORIES TO COINCIDE WITH OBSERVANCE OF SEVERE WEATHER WEEK

by Elfreda Fette

Ice Storms, Floods, Tornadoes - Muenster and Cooke County have been visited by all of them, at one time or another! Each, with its own special brand of destruction, inflicted itself on this area with punishing blows, leaving permanent marks and deep memories, as if to make sure it would not be forgotten or ignored.

Because two generations have passed since one specific storm, the great ice storm of 1945, we present this review for the information of some, and recollections for others. In succeeding weeks, we will print features on other local storms.

We have gathered this information partly from the files of the Muenster Enterprise, partly from our own memories, and partly by interviewing local residents. For some of them we reawakened harsh memories of a harsher time, as they recalled the devastation of the major ice storm that beat down on us in January, 1945.

Recovery came slowly, and with it a peculiar feeling of surprise that we had endured it; were toughened by it; and learned many lessons.

Ice storm that hung on and on

We must preface this account of the 1945 storm by first referring to a more recent ice storm, still fresh in our memories, that struck here on January 5, 1988, to "set the stage" for the sake of readers. That occurrence (in 1988) admittedly was reluctant to leave, keeping its tight grip on highways, roads, and streets, closing schools, canceling meetings, reducing business activity to a crawl and all other activity for almost everyone, except school kids, (and lots of big ones too).

Every kind of sled imaginable was pressed into use. Of course, there were many who just stayed at home, warm and safe. Rural roads were traversed by vehicles with chains. At the end of the week, there were enough treacherous icy spots remaining to keep drivers alert to danger. The ice also put extra wear on the streets, and in rural areas, extra stress on livestock.

Conversations that week were replete with memories of ice storms of 1979..., 1950..., 1949..., and 1945!!! WOW!!! especially 1945.

"So you think you've got it hard now?" they'd question, implying they knew of worse times, and then recounting many stories, saying "Thanks for now!"

On February 27, 1945 the worst ice storm this sector ever experienced crippled the town and a wide countryside, leaving it without electric service,

without telephone or telegraph communications; cutting off the water supply. Electric power lines were badly damaged, both city and rural. Excessive weight of ice on power lines between Muenster, Gainesville, Sherman and Denison caused damage that took in some cases, weeks to repair.

The Cheese Plant stood idle for five days; thousands of dollars were lost by farmers and dairymen. By March 1, the FMA secured a portable electric generator and the next day again began accepting milk. After plant hours, the electric unit was hooked up to the city water pump, but the supply soon dwindled.

Ice was less severe on the road towards Saint Jo and one emergency electric line was hooked up to Nocona.

George Mollenkopf Sr. was a Good Samaritan, making one trip a day to Saint Jo for a load of water in his oil field water truck. People came to him with gallon containers, to get a meager supply, for drinking or cooking. Otherwise, they just melted some ice. Lots of people huddled around kerosene lamps or candles from church, as long as that supply lasted.

Frank Schenk, on a whim, built lamps from half-gallon canning jars or glass coffee jars and a screwed-on wick and glass chimney globe. But soon that supply was also nil.

The Telephone Company suffered incredible damage when poles, stressed by ice-laden wires, whipped by winds, snapped like toothpicks. In the second week, phone patrons volunteered to join and assist the regular employees hoping to hurry up return of service. The Muenster Enterprise missed a week's printing; and the Gainesville Register came out one day with a 3 page mimeographed report of the storm and war news. Surprisingly, there was no loss of life.

The Muenster Hatchery fared better. Its incubators, holding \$12,000 worth of eggs, were steam heated.

Hundreds of broken, split, uprooted trees littered streets and roads, where miles of ice-sheeted wires already rested on the ground. REA and TP&L line crews from other districts joined local workmen to rush reconstruction of destroyed equipment.

Some old timers ridiculed the schools for closing, saying "Now when we were young, we..." My response to them was: "We can't operate the schools, because we have no running water to operate the rest rooms." May as well get down to the nitty-gritty!!

But ice damage was not the only blow that year!!!

Cyclonic winds and cloudburst strike area March 14, 1945

Storm damage northwest of Muenster on March 14, 1945, was caused by a cloudburst and cyclonic winds that provided a sad sequel to the "million dollar ice storm."

Windmills, barns, trees, homes endured damage, but even worse was the fact that power and phone lines rebuilt shortly before, were again laid flat. Creeks were out of their banks and over bridge railings.

As if to deliver a third punch in less than three weeks, on the following Sunday a vicious hail storm, cloudburst and electrical storm struck here in this already storm-harassed community, and extended their damage almost county-wide.

Then for a few years, local weather behaved fairly well.

Suddenly, it was just too good to be true. On January 10, 1949, freezing rain, again wrecked the community's power and phone lines, to the point of partial paralysis. Half of the phone lines in town were down. All but one of the rural lines were down. Work on the old church building came to a standstill.

The, during the last week of January 1949, another ice storm, certainly the most devastating since February, 1945, if not the worst in area history, dealt a crippling blow.

Wreckage of power and communication lines was caused by incessant freezing rain and mist, adding tons of ice; in places it measured as much as three inches in diameter. For the next 24 hours, ice continued to stack on and add to the destruction.

Meanwhile, living in Muenster became a combination of ruggedness and resourcefulness.

Failure of current was followed by a water shortage. Is this beginning to sound like: "Same song, 99th verse?" Don't laugh! It wasn't funny! Again, a portable generator ran at night to pump water for the next day. During the day, the generator supplied power to the cheese factory. Smaller generators, borrowed from oil rigs, were in use at Jimmy's Station, the Bank, the Hatchery and the Electric Co-op office.

Candles and kerosene lamps furnished the only illumination for homes. Small gas hot plates replaced electric ranges. Central heating units were reduced to a pilot flame. People with fireplaces or wood-burning stoves felt very lucky. Filling stations were lucky to find old, hand-operated pumps.

The continued weights of ice and sleet strained roofs, and

ceiling dripped all over town. Special braces were needed to keep some roofs from crashing.

The Muenster Enterprise was assisted by a friendly Saint Jo Tribune power unit.

The eight-day period of community black-out was ended on February 2, 1949. Officially, it ranked with the worst on record anywhere in the U.S.

There was a backlog of work stacked up all over the community, awaiting electric motors. A total of 13 days had to be made up in lost school time. There were weeks and months of school on Saturdays.

And then there were new worries coming to haunt farmers, who were having to wait to assess crop damage. In places, grain was pulled completely out of the ground by the freezes, and some was left as much as two inches out, with a few roots clinging doggedly.

Now, who thinks the last ice and sleet was so bad? That blue norther and four inch snow in January 1950 couldn't hold a candle to the 1945 and 1949 weather sieges.

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Elizabeth Schad dies at 92

by **Elfreda Fette**
 Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Elizabeth C. Schad, 92, on Wednesday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gainesville, officiated by Father Reinhart Sterneman OSA, pastor. Mrs. Schad died on March 2, 1998 at Pecan Tree Manor of Gainesville.



Elizabeth Schad

Participating in the special funeral liturgy were Danny Nortman as lector, granddaughters of Mrs. Schad, Ruth Hellinger and Brenda Block who presented gifts of bread and wine at Offertory; and Kevin Block a grandson as Eucharistic Minister.

Sacred music was presented by the Angels of Mercy Choir, including "Here I Am, Lord," "Peace Is Flowing Like A River," "How Great Thou Art," and "Amazing Grace."

A Rosary Service was held in Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Chapel on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. led by Father Reinhart, and again at 7:00 p.m., led by Francis and Leonard Wiese, nephews.

Elizabeth C. Schad was born on Sept. 20, 1905 in Perry, Oklahoma to John and Katie Kempf Zimmerer. She moved to Lindsay with her family in 1909. On Nov. 20, 1928 she was married to William H. Schad in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay. They lived the rest of their lives in Cooke County. She enjoyed gardening, home-canning and sewing, and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gainesville.

Survivors are one daughter, Alma Mae Moster of Rt. 2, Gainesville; also four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters Marie Sandmann and Margaret Koerner, both of Lindsay; and one brother Raymond Zimmerer of Gainesville.

Preceding her in death were her husband William H. Schad on Dec. 26, 1976; her parents; three brothers Andrew, Joe, and Norbert Zimmerer; a sister, Louise Zimmerer and one great-grandchild.

Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery of Lindsay was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home of Gainesville. Pallbearers were Willard Zimmerer, Ronnie Zimmerer, Steve Zimmerer, Leslie Sandmann, Francis Wiese, and Leonard Wiese, all nephews.

Conrady, 50, fatally injured in accident

by **Elfreda Fette**
 Leslie Joseph Conrady, age 50, of Windthorst died Sunday morning, March 1, 1998 in a Wichita Falls Hospital from injuries received Saturday evening in an automobile accident.



Leslie Joseph Conrady

He is survived by his wife, Louise Conrady; one daughter Kristy Bowen of Scotland, Texas; two sons, Kevin Conrady of Scotland and David Conrady of Windthorst; his mother, Vera Conrady Metzler of Lindsay; two brothers Roy Conrady and Teddy Conrady both of Windthorst; three sisters, Emily Klement of Muenster, Cindy Berend of Graham, and Renee Izadi of Atlanta, Georgia; and one grandson Macaully McCorkle of Scotland.

Leslie Joseph Conrady was born April 24, 1947 in Wichita Falls. He was a lifelong resident of Windthorst and graduated from Windthorst High School in 1965. He and Louise Schenk were married June 10, 1968 in St. Boniface Church of Scotland, Texas. He had attended Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls before enlisting in the U.S. Army, and served during the Vietnam War.

Upon return to Windthorst he was employed as manager of the Sporting Goods Department at Gibson's Discount Center in Wichita Falls for more than 15 years. For several years he was a transport driver for Associated Milk Producers, Inc. In 1984, he became a co-owner and operator of D and L Feed Store in Windthorst. A member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, he was a Third Degree member of Knights of Columbus, Ketteler Council # 1824 in Windthorst. He was a former Windthorst City Councilman and former member and officer of the Windthorst Booster Club.

A Vigil Service and Rosary were held at 7 p.m. on Monday evening with Father David Kraeger, pastor of St. Mary's Church, in Muenster, the Novena Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on

Monday evening was dedicated to Leslie Conrady and his family.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Windthorst with Father Chris Davis, OSB, Chaplain of Notre Dame High School, officiating.

Participating in the special funeral liturgy were choir members with "How Great Thou Art" for the Entrance; the Responsorial Psalm; "The Old Rugged Cross" at Offertory; "Amazing Grace" and "Peace Is Flowing Like a River" at Communion; a Meditation song after the eulogy "Press On" by Emily Klement, and Pam and Dave Fette; a poem: "Our Letter to Daddy" by Leslie Conrady's children, read by Father Chris Davis after Communion; "Song of Farewell" at the Final Blessing; and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" for the Recessional.

Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery of Windthorst was directed by Auld's Funeral Home of Archer City.

Pallbearers were Mike Berend, Roy Conrady, Ted Conrady, Andy Klement, Bud Conrady, Dale Wolf, Steve Humpert and Ray Hoffman, Jr.

The family has suggested memorials sent to the Monte Schenk Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 190, Windthorst, Texas 76389.

Letters to the Editor

To the Muenster Community,
 The Muenster Public Library is building a new facility for our town. I would like to help them by gathering books to improve the quality that this can offer to the people of Muenster and the new library.
 For my Eagle Scout project, I would like to collect new or used books from the people of Muenster who want to donate to the library. These books

would help the local library build the selection of books for the people of Muenster. The Muenster Public Library is asking that these books be hardback.

I will be doing my project on Sunday, March 22 from 2:00 to 4:00. If you would like to meet and pick up your books, please call me at 759-4579.

Aaron Klement
 Muenster, TX

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PRECINCT #2

you need to spend money to save money. He said that he will work with people as problems arise.

Cooke County should have a solid waste landfill said Pitzinger. He recalls that the county once had two landfills and the City of Gainesville had one. "Whether we go with a landfill with Grayson and Fannin counties or go with our own, we need one," he remarked. "We create our own trash. I don't think we should be throwing it on someone else. We need to choose the least offensive area that will fit the criteria for a landfill and build it."

Pitzinger can see no advantages to pooling all of the county's road maintenance equipment and hiring an engineer at this time. The county doesn't have enough paved roads and would still need to maintain the number of road graders we now have.

In Precinct #2 there are approximately 220 miles of road. Conditions needed to properly maintain a gravel road can change very rapidly, said Pitzinger. "Everything has to be done relatively quick to make a road grade good. With that many miles of roads it still takes two to three days. We have six road graders in Precinct #2 and it takes two to three days to maintain those roads, Pitzinger explained.

When the majority of roads are paved, then Pitzinger thinks the county could look at the advantages of consolidation. By that time he feels there will be a larger population to create a bigger tax base to pay for the paving. An engineer would add another large salary, he added.

Of the four precincts in the county, Pitzinger noted that in the past they have shared road crews to pave roads or build bridges or to gravel the fair grounds. "It's not like we're four separate units just sitting out there not getting along," stated Pitzinger. "In the past we have. Not in the last three years, but in the past we have worked together."

Pitzinger has no problem with interlocal agreements between the county and cities. Governments working together can be an advantage to each entity, he said.

The goals for roads in Precinct #2 set by Pitzinger should be elected include starting an aggressive graveling program, keep it within the budget, make sure the roads are kept mowed, especially the corners. He said it takes a month and a half to two months to mow all of the roads. The replacement of some crossings and bridges are also in his plans.

"I understand that a lot of the budget in the county is set by law and we have to cover those things and need the taxes to cover them," remarked Pitzinger. "The county helps with fire departments and other organizations in the county. I would be fair and listen to other requests for money, but that doesn't mean I would be all for it. I would be fair and I would be conservative."

Bill Cox, age 63, of Lake Kiowa has been a corrections officer for the Cooke County Sheriff's office for the last four years. He is certified as a corrections officer and assists with inmates, supervises trustees, and when necessary transports inmates. He is responsible for working within the budget limits to for the planning and purchasing of food for the inmates and supplies for the operation of the Cooke County jail. Prior to becoming a corrections officer, Cox was employed by Dresser Industries where he was an executive operations manager.

Cox points to his many years of business experience in management, personnel supervision, and working within budget limits as favorable qualifications for the job of Precinct #2 commissioner. Also Cox noted that he is the only candidate for the position with a background in law enforcement which enables him to know the concerns of citizens

for their personal safety and property protection.

"I believe in Cooke County and in the people who live here," said Bill Cox as he explained his reasons for seeking the office of commissioner. "I recognize a critical need for improvements in Precinct #2, and know that with my experience in management and leadership, these improvements can be accomplished."

If elected Cox plans to operate from a four-point plan that he has developed and named the Positive Performance Plan. This plan establishes the priority order for action as follows: 1) correct road safety needs and concerns as the top priority; 2) correct small problems before they develop into costly projects; 3) meet the needs and concerns in high traffic areas; 4) meet the needs and concerns in densely populated areas.

Cox plans, if elected, to operate with objectives including striving for cooperation with all four commissioners and all county and district officials; providing improvement in a cost effective and efficient manner in order to keep taxes down; to welcome input from all citizens with a response that is timely, courteous and responsive; and to conduct this position with dedication to loyalty, honesty and ability.

Cooke County sharing a landfill with adjacent counties is favored by Cox. He hopes that it would be located in another county.

There would be more disadvantages than advantages to pooling all of the road maintenance equipment and hiring an engineer, according to Cox. His reasons included the many miles of road in the county. The transportation of heavy equipment from one central location to the various parts of the county, with the man hours to transport wouldn't be cost effective, he said. Also hiring an engineer would be an added heavy burden on the budget funds. There are more economical ways to have an engineer than hiring one, said Cox.

"I view interlocal agreements with the cities as a very positive way to stretch budget dollars with county and city services, such as ambulance services, fire department services, etc.," commented Bill Cox. "One of my major objectives is to strive for cooperation between the services and the elected officials in the cities, the county and the district in order to ensure the best quality of life for all citizens, that is affordable with our budget."

Cox states that as far as primary goal not only to maintain county roads, but also to improve them. He notes that some of the precinct's heavily traveled county roads have been allowed to deteriorate nothing but dirt roads without even a trace of gravel. Other roads, claims Cox, have washed out areas that with even heavy rain lose what little gravel is there because it washes into the ditch. On county bridge in particular, doesn't have bridge railing, and it is an approximate 25 to 30 foot drop to the creek bed therefore creating a safety hazard, according to Cox.

Cox stated, "I plan to achieve my goals for road maintenance and improvement with a priority course of action: 1) correcting safety hazards first by correcting small problems before they develop into costly projects, by meeting needs and concerns in high traffic areas, and by meeting needs and concerns in densely populated areas."

The candidate also says that he will aggressively pursue a state and federal program that at times, offer assistance for county road maintenance and improvement. Even though the state maintains the state highways, Cox pledges to be persistent in obtaining attention to the need for improvement on all state highways that run through Precinct #2.

HARRIS

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During the 11 years she has worked in the JP office Harris said she has learned what needs to be done in the office. She prepares the paperwork for almost everything the justice of the peace does. She composes the citations and the letters for the office and researches the laws to assure that she follows the rules.

Harris is seeking election as justice of the peace because, "I know the general operation and the day to day activities of the court. I have prepared the budget and worked within it for several years. I feel I can do the job better than anyone else seeking election because I have experience at meeting the needs of the citizens of Precinct #4."

Lisa feels that the most important function for a justice of the peace is seeing that justice is served without prejudice. That needs to be done in all areas of the JP's duties — civil cases, traffic and criminal citations, setting of bonds and everything else, she said.

If elected to the JP position Harris stated some of her goals, "As justice of the peace, I want to continue to service the public with efficiency, honesty and dedication. I want to assure that is always a priority in our office. I would like to have a second computer in the office. I believe the funds

are available at this time from a special fund that is paid \$10 each time a person takes a driving safety course for a citation filed in our court."

Harris would like to see a more effective way of collecting fines when a person fails to take care of their citation and a warrant has been issued. She noted that they have the power to suspend the license of a person from another state and that state belongs to the Violator Compact Agreement, but they cannot do that on a Texas license. She says it is more effective than just issuing a warrant.

"I want it (the JP's office) to be a place where everyone feels welcome and comfortable," remarked Harris. "A trip to the justice of the peace office does not have to be an unpleasant experience. I was told a long time ago to treat people as I would want to be treated. I treat people with respect regardless of social status, political party or anything as long as they treat me with the same."

"We have very good officers who usually first come in contact with a defendant. They normally make a good impression on them. I want to continue that norm in the court system. That does not mean that I will be easy on offenders. I will not hesitate to enforce the laws of our State."

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cier

Many years ago, when I was in my late teens, one of Dad's mares, a fairly high spirited part Arabian, gave birth to a horse colt sired by a piebald stallion.

It was our fond hope that this foal would grow up to be a good looking saddle horse, but from the beginning he was a poorly proportioned and gawky-looking specimen that eventually grew up to be just that - a jughead.

Besides being a bit on the ugly side, he, instead of being spotted, was a dull flat color, sort of in-between a buckskin and a light bay.

At that age, I was usually willing to try most anything - once. So one day, when I was all alone with no one to see the show, I saddled Buck, as he was called, and mounted up.

Well, instead of unloading me as any self respecting young horse would do, he just stood there with a stupid look and refused to move a muscle.

After a few minutes of trying to get a rise out of him, I

dismounted, found a piece of 1 by 4 about 18" long, and after whittling a comfortable handle on one end, I again climbed aboard and gave him a good whack on his rump.

Surprised, he took one step forward, then another whack and another step that seemed to jar my insides loose. After about half an hour of this procedure we had moved about halfway across a small pasture, and my sides ached so badly I had to get off and lead the clumsy oak back to the barn.

But, unwilling to let it go at that, I tried again. This time I had him in a large plowed field close to the house, and I soon found I could not guide him. He simply bulled his way along until to my surprise, he had gotten under a set of clotheslines and had me bent backwards over the cattle of the saddle, with a clothesline under my chin.

To this day, I believe he would have torn my head off if the wire hadn't broken. Well, he won, I lost!



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New Arrivals

Walterscheid
Darren and Jennifer Walterscheid joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Kimber Louise. She was born on Thursday, February 19, 1998 at 8:38 p.m. in Wilson N. Jones Hospital of Sherman, Texas. Kimber was 21 inches long and weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces. Proud grandparents Carl and Pat Walterscheid of Muenster, and Jim and Judy Vernor of Arlington, Texas anxiously awaited her birth along with friends and relatives of the happy family. Kimber's proud great-grandparents are Leona Hamilton of Muenster, and Dorothy Louise Watts of Corpus Christi, Texas. Welcome home visitors included her aunt and uncle, Jimmy and Jill Vernor, her cousins Jamie and Jacqueline Vernor, all of Arlington, Texas; Uncle Jeffrey Vernor of San Antonio, Texas; her aunts and uncles, Staci Walterscheid and Tim Bartel, Carla and Doyle Klement and cousins Stevie, Jackie and Hunter Klement, all of Muenster.

Woodard
Charles and Tanya Woodard Gainesville are parents of a son, Dylan Blake Woodard, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on February 25, 1998 7:09 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 5 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Dylan joins two sisters at home, Ciara Nicole Woodard age 4 years and Cassandra Lynn Garcia age 7 yrs.

Gibbs
Brice and Patti Gibbs of Muenster announce the birth of a son, Kieran Anthony Gibbs in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 25, 1998 at 11:21 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 9 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. Kieran Anthony joins a sister Marina age 3 1/2 at home.

Love Fund Established for Longs

The Social Concerns Committee of Muenster has established a Love Fund for Sara Stoffels Long of Gainesville. She is a former Muenster resident, mother of three, whose home burned last weekend. Deposits may be made at Muenster State Bank First National Bank of Saint Louis, Muenster Branch.



Co-chairpersons for the Relay For Life, Cheryl Pollard, left, and Mary K. Endres, right, accept a donation from Christi Klement, center, of Christi's Jewelry. Raffle chances for a limited edition Seraphim angel figurine, *Hope - Light in the Darkness*, are available for \$1.00 each at Christi's, Bayer's Kolonialwaren and Home Health. A winner will be drawn at the Relay For Life on June 6. Janie Hartman Photo

Relay For Life kickoff celebration March 10

The Cooke County Unit of the American Cancer Society is preparing to Kick-Off the third annual Relay For Life to be held June 5-6, 1998. The 24 hour, family-oriented team event, slated to be held at the Muenster Public High School track, consists of a continual walking or jogging relay, contests, and entertainment. Last year's event was a tremendous success with contributions exceeding \$50,000. Not only did it raise dollars needed to help in the fight against cancer, but it also raised awareness and brought friends and families together. Co-chairpersons Mary K. Endres and Cheryl Pollard invite any organization, business, club, or family group to send an individual who is willing to serve as their team captain to the Kick-Off celebration. Team captains' duties are to recruit several walkers and coordinate fundraising activities for their team. The funds raised will enable the American Cancer Society to expand services to cancer patients and their families, to offer more educational programs on cancer prevention, and to expand cancer research programs.

The Kick-Off celebration will also include a complimentary barbecue meal donated and prepared by the Neu Ranch House, Bayer's Kolonialwaren, and Brushy Mound Real Estate. Anyone interested in attending must RSVP by calling 759-2271 ext. 36 by Friday, March 6, 1998, or after 5 p.m. call Cheryl Pollard at 759-2871. Relay For Life gives businesses, organizations, families and friends the chance to join together in the fight against cancer. We look forward to seeing you there.

Peyton feted on fourth

Peyton Elizabeth Luke, daughter of Ray and Tawni Luke of Lewisville, was the center of attention when a party was held on January 27 in observance of her fourth birthday. Peyton is also the granddaughter of Lynn and Glenda Vowell of Valley View and the late Dan and Dolores (Henzler) Luke. Her great-grandmother is Olga Vowell of Dallas.

The birthday party was held at Mr. Gattie's Pizza Place in Carrollton, with a "Barney" theme.

Attending were Peyton's parents; her grandmother Glenda Vowell; her brothers

Preston and Parker; Aunt Cheryl Rohmer and cousin Christina Rohmer of Muenster; friends Kathie, Jennifer, Lauren and Kimberly Dargis of Lewisville; Cindy and Elizabeth Anding of Valley View; Carrie, Rebekah and Micah Davidson of Gainesville; Nancy, Shelby and Caleb Vinsenthal of Valley View.

They all enjoyed the Pizza Buffet, and the children enjoyed the carousel and arcade games. A "Barney And Friends" birthday cake was served, and gifts were opened and displayed.

Adding to the happy day for Peyton were phone calls from her grandfather, Lynn Vowell of Valley View, and from Eleanor Shewan, a friend from Upland, Indiana.



Kimber Louise Walterscheid



Peyton Elizabeth Luke

Christopher turns two!

A Rugrats theme was used to decorate for Christopher Jackson's second birthday party. The celebration was held on Christopher's birthday, Feb. 14, in the home of his grandparents, Bob and Linda Pels. He is the son of Gina Pels and Rodney Jackson.

Guests were served a cake decorated in the Rugrats theme and ice cream. Those attending included his parents; grandparents Bob and Linda Pels and Jamie Carter; great-grandmother Gen Pels; aunts and uncles and cousins Wendy Pels, Jon Pels, Stephanie Dooley, Axel, Taylor, and Nikki Dooley.

Tarleton State names distinguished students

Tarleton State University of Stephenville has announced the A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Fall 1997 semester.

Local students listed among Distinguished Students are Jeanann Biffle of Muenster; Brandi Cook and Kyle Thompson of Saint Jo; Amy Bryant and Michael Hacker of Valley View. Cody Busby of Saint Jo was named to the A Honor Roll.

Students on the A Honor Roll have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and are carrying a minimum of 12 hours.

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School News



Mr. Caserta, Sacred Heart Economics teacher, prepares students for Stock Market competition. Pictured, from left, are Waylon Hess, David Hesse, Raul Paroco, Jeff Yosten and Derek Fuhrmann.

SHHS students begin stock market competition

The Economics class at SHHS will be competing in the Cal State Hayward Stock Market Competition from March 2 to May 8. The Cal State contest is the "Cadillac" of investment competition, with over 1000 teams participating annually with investment options including: mutual funds, common stock, preferred stock, and short selling.

The contest also features an adult segment. Investment

advisor, Evie Felderhoff, and sponsor, Joe Caserta will match their skills against other Cal State advisor teams.

Each team initially receives an \$100,000 portfolio, and with margin buying can make another \$100,000 in purchases. Each week the teams will receive portfolio updates and how they rank against other teams. Hopefully in May several Sacred Heart - Muenster, Texas teams will dominate the top rankings.

Morris Brothers bring their message to MISD

Muenster ISD is hosting a very special program on Wednesday, March 11. The famous Morris Brothers of Fox 33 Kids Club fame will be presenting their very unique and outrageous program on "Building a Healthy Self-Concept," "Say No To Drugs and Alcohol" and other areas of decision-making through the use of music, skits, and audience participation. Homer and Rupert Morris make it a point to be very "uncool." With their offbeat appearance, they capture the attention of young and old alike. They may look like nerds, with their taped glasses, pen-stuffed pockets and less than stylish clothes, but they are "Superheroes" on

a mission to save the world! The Morris Brothers believe that learning can be fun, and over the past few years they have educated and entertained audiences throughout Texas as hosts of Fox 33 Kids Club.

Muenster ISD would like to extend a very special invitation to the community to attend one of the sessions given on March 11, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. The elementary and junior high students will be the targeted group for this very uplifting program. It will be held in the MISD gymnasium. Remember what the Morris Brothers say, "It's not what you look like, but how you feel about yourself that's important."

Sepanski sisters take state honors

Word came recently from the Francis Lightfoot Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) announcing the winners of their annual American History essay contest, which was open to all fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in public, private, or parochial schools, or sanctioned home study programs.

Sixth grade winner was Kathryn Sepanski, and eighth grade winner was Sara Sepanski. Both girls are students at Sacred Heart School. Their essays were forwarded for State competition.

Soon after, Joy Hagg, DAR American History State

Chairman, announced that the essay submitted by Kathryn was 6th Grade State Winner and Sara's essay was 8th Grade State Winner. Awards will be presented to both girls at the General Conference Luncheon during the State Conference at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Houston on Saturday, March 21.

Sara's and Kathryn's essays have been forwarded for divisional competition, which includes the southeastern region of the U.S.

The topic for this year's contest was "Ports in American History." Sara chose Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Kathryn selected Fort Laramie, Wyoming.

The girls were able to locate fascinating research material for their essays, thanks to the Inter-Library Loan System, of which the Muenster Public Library is a member. Documents included the personal diaries of settlers,

military personnel, and Indians, details of treaties, and drawings and plans of the forts.

"I think the hardest part was trimming my essay down to 1,000 words," commented Sara. "There were so many interesting things that I wanted to tell about, that it was hard to cut words and sections from my essay to keep it to the 1,000 word limit."

Kathryn added, "I had to keep reading my essay, trying to take out words, and recounting so many times that my head was pounding."

Both girls agreed that it was a lot of work. It meant giving up time with friends, and even working on their essays over the Thanksgiving holidays, when they had a houseful of company. "But now, I feel like it was all worth it. It was interesting, and I learned a lot, and I'm really excited we won," stated Kathryn.



Sarah and Kathryn Sepanski

Heritage Society sponsors art contest

In honor of Cooke County's Sesquicentennial, the Cooke County Heritage Society is sponsoring an art contest that is open to all Cooke County students, both private and public, from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, and an essay contest for all Cooke County students from seventh through twelfth grade. The students are to draw or write about some aspect of the county's history. First, second, and third place winners will be awarded ribbons at each level with first place winners also

receiving a \$50 savings bond. The deadline to have the entries to the Morton Museum is March 13. Winners will be announced on March 27. The levels are as follows: Level 1, Pre-k - kindergarten; Level 2, 1st - 2nd grade; Level 3, 3rd - 4th grade; Level 4, 5th - 6th grade; Level 5, 7th - 8th grade; Level 6, High School.

For more information and to get the specific rules and guidelines, please call the Morton Museum of Cooke County at 668-8900.

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Seventh grade: Sara Luttmer, Emmy Trammell, Tommy Schad, Genevieve Knauf, Corrie Crosby, Alexandra Hellinger, Joseph Arendt, Renee Sandmann, Patrick Zimmerer, Jonathan Krahl, Elaine Hess, Jalynn Willard, Kyle Endres, Chelsea Perry, Chelsea Laux, Taylor Shauf, Stacie Yosten, Kimberly Hermes.

Sixth grade: Lindsey Williams, Christina Nieto, Lori Kasperek, Kendyl Odell, Cody Hess, Whitney Neu, Julie Geb, Mackenzie Spruiell, Brandi Martine.

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LINDSAY ISD JUNIOR HIGH ONE ACT PLAY - A suspicious look and curious pause involve the cast of *The Curious Savage* during a performance which led to a first-place finish for Lindsay ISD's junior high cast in District 10AA One-Act Play competition. Pictured from left are Alexandria Haayen, Tommy Arendt, Rusty Schmitz (who was named Best Actor) and Taren Hall.

Courtesy Photo

Lindsay School News

compiled by Knightly News Staff

Junior High Takes 1st in One-Act Play

Lindsay ISD's junior high production of the one-act play *The Curious Savage* has taken first-place honors in District 10AA competition, officials have announced.

Lindsay competed against Krum, Nocona, Paradise, Callisburg, Valley View, and Chico. Along with winning first place, members of the cast and crew received the following awards: Mary Frances Eberhart received Best Actress while Rusty Schmitz received Best Actor. All-Star Cast awards were Alexandria Haayen and Christina Otto. The whole crew received Most Organized Crew.

After many hours of practice, memorizing lines, and organizing props, the hard work paid off for the cast and crew of *The Curious Savage*. "I was very proud of the hard work and dedication that the students have shown during both practice and performance time," said play director Patty Eberhart.

Cast members include: Taren Hall, Tommy Arendt, Mary Frances Eberhart, Rusty Schmitz, Christina Otto, Mitchell Ward, Ben Hundt, Megan Ward, Alexandria Haayen, Faith Skinner, Kristen Tucker, and Genevieve Knauf. Members of the crew include: Robin Neu, Whitney Neu, Kimberly Hermes, and Hannah Trammell.

Lindsay ISD Earns \$1,000 Award

The Lindsay ISD will receive a \$1,000 award for outstanding academic performance, Lindsay officials have announced.

The Texas Education Agency gives the award to schools that have demonstrated the highest levels of sustained success or the greatest improvement in achieving the educational goals," according to a TEA news release. The award is part of a \$5 million appropriation by the 75th

Texas Legislature to be used during 1997-98 and 1998-99 school years to fund a program to reward successful Texas public schools called the Texas Successful Schools Award System.

Lindsay ISD as a whole has been named exemplary school district, the highest ranking by the State of Texas. Lindsay High School will receive \$500 for being named an exemplary campus by the TEA while Lindsay ISD Elementary will receive \$500 for its designation as a recognized campus.

Lindsay Wins Sweepstakes Award

Lindsay High School grabbed first-place honors in the Small Schools Division at the Denton Ryan Invitational UIL meet February 14, rounding up a total of 218 points.

Valley View was close behind with 178 points while Callisburg finished third with 106 points. The Literary Criticism team snatched first place, while there were several first-place individual finishes.

The results of the individual placings are as follows: News Writing - Jamie Zwinggi, 1st; Ashley Zimmerer, 5th. Editorial - Elizabeth Luttmer, 3rd; Asad Rahman, 4th. Poetry - Amy Arendt, 2nd; Lisa Mosman, 5th. Prose - Rachel Lively, 4th. Ready Writing - Elizabeth Luttmer, 1st. Current Events - Emily Zimmerman, 4th; Gayle Walterscheid, 6th. Science - Patrick Lusk, 2nd. Persuasive Speaking - Courtney Miller, 2nd; Carrie Hundt, 3rd. Informative Speaking - Asad Rahman, 1st; Karlee O'Dell, 3rd; Brent Connett, 4th. Calculator - Patrick Lusk, 5th. Number Sense - Nick Fuhrman, 5th. Mathematics - Patrick Lusk, 1st. Computer Applications - Emmy Schad, 2nd. Spelling - Amy Arendt, 5th. Literary Criticism - Elizabeth Luttmer, 1st; Sara Krahl, 2nd. Chemistry - Patrick Lusk, 1st.

MHS students shine at Savoy Academic Meet

Eight students from Muenster High School traveled to Savoy recently to compete in an academic meet. Karen Cler, John Fanning, Eric Fisher, Brent Howell, Doug Knabe, Brent Sicking, Bronya Vogel, and Matt York represented MHS very well by placing in every event entered except one. Approximately 25 schools from the North Texas area were represented, including several 1A and 3A schools, as well as many 2A schools.

The competition began early with the Number Sense contest. Sophomore Doug Knabe placed fourth, and freshman Bronya Vogel placed fifth. In the team competition, Karen Cler's score was added to Doug and Bronya's for a third place finish. Freshman Brent Howell also competed, but only the top three scores were used for team placement.

As soon as the Number Sense contest was over, Doug and Bronya competed in the calculator contest. Karen Cler placed fifth in this event.

At the same time, John Fanning was competing in the Computer Applications contest. John did well, but an uncooperative operating system would not give the correct instructions to the printer. The partial printout had resulted prevented John

from receiving full credit for his work.

In the afternoon events, the Computer Science team of junior Matt York, Sophomore Doug Knabe, junior Eric Fisher, junior Brent Sicking, and sophomore Karen Cler handily defeated the competition for the gold medals. This year, individual awards are also given for Computer Science. Individual medals and ribbons went to Matt York for first place, Doug Knabe for third place, Eric Fisher for fourth place, and Brent Sicking for fifth place. Karen Cler placed seventh.

Following immediately afterward was the Mathematics contest. Doug Knabe finished fourth and Karen Cler placed sixth on a very difficult test.

The strong competition that the University Interscholastic League provides through academic contests such as these, prepares students for real world challenges they will face when they graduate. The students also receive realistic feedback on the quality of education they are currently getting.

As district competition nears, parents are urged to support and encourage their children to prepare well so they may reach their true potential.



Soil Conservation winners are, from left, Sara Sepanski, grade 8; Joseph Skotnik, grade 7; Kathryn Sepanski, grade 6; Jessica Berres, sophomore.

Courtesy Photo

Sacred Heart boasts four SWCD winners

Each year Soil and Water Conservation Districts sponsor a student essay contest and poster contest to increase young people's awareness of the necessity of conserving our nation's soil and water. Results of this year's contests were recently announced.

In the essay contest sponsored by the Upper Red Elm Soil and Water Conservation District, which comprises Cooke, Montague, and Grayson counties, all three winners were from Sacred Heart School. Taking first place was eighth grader Sara Sepanski. Kathryn Sepanski, in grade six, won second place, and sophomore Jessica Berres took third.

Kathryn Sepanski was also the first place winner in the district's poster contest.

Joseph Skotnik, a resident of Bonham and a seventh grade student at Sacred Heart, won second place in the essay contest sponsored by the

Fannin Soil and Water Conservation District.

Winners will be recognized at their district's banquet in May. The top two winners in each category will advance to regional competition.

Each student who entered the contest will receive a seedling tree in early March.

Correction

Two MISD 6th grade students pictured in last week's *Muenster Enterprise* were mistakenly identified. Nathan Sicking, not Kyle Endres was working on his wood frame. Also Stephanie English had her name misspelled.



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Sports

TAPPS announces 1AA All-District Team

Senior Crystal Klement and Sophomore Kayla Felderhoff were both named to the TAPPS District 1AA All-District First Team Hoop Squad. For Klement, this is her third time for selection as she was named Newcomer of the Year in '96, second team in '97 and the first team in '98. Felderhoff is also a repeat as she was named Newcomer of the Year in '97 and was a unanimous pick for the first team this season.

Sophomore guard Joanna Gehrig was selected to the second team and Tigerette teammates Jennifer Hess, Sarah Hess and Leah Rigler were given Honorable Mention. "All of the girls are very deserving of the honors," said Tigerette Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "To me they are all stars!"

Klement closes out a brilliant career as the captain of the state champion Tigerettes. Klement ends her career with 1,033 career points including a 34% average from the three-point line. Klement was second on the team in assists with 91 and third in steals with 99.

Felderhoff closed out a sensational Sophomore season as she surpassed the 1,000 point mark and was ranked in the top ten in scoring of all North Texas schools. Felderhoff netted 773 points and led the Tigerettes with 252 rebounds and was second in steals with 110. Felderhoff also connected on 78% of her free shots and hit for 42% from the field and 33% from behind the arc.

Gehrig, the defensive speedster led the Tigerettes in steals with 152 and assists with 108. Rebounding was also a specialty, as the 5'6" guard grabbed 181 rebounds.

Jennifer Hess hit for 202 points and was second on the team in rebounding with 227

boards. Sarah Hess scored 159 points and led the Tigerettes in offensive rebounds with 108 and blocked shots with 43. Junior Leah Rigler, a swing player, scored 169 points and pulled down 123 rebounds.

Two Sacred Heart seniors were named to the all-district team. First teamer, Jon Grewing scored over 1000 points in his high school career on the varsity team, averaging 20 plus points a game.

Matthew Fuhrmann led the team in steals and assists and was named to the honorable mention team. "Matthew was the Tigers best ball handler," said Coach John Nasche.

Nasche noted that the Tigers will lose two other seniors at graduation, David Hesse and Aaron Hess. "Dave had the best attitude and work ethic on the team," added Nasche. "Aaron, for playing only one season, is the best defensive player I have ever coached."

Running club to begin Sunday A.M.

A Muenster Running Club will meet and begin a weekly run at 7:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Anyone interested should meet in the City Park this Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. prepared to run as fast as anyone will run with you plus any more miles you run by yourself. Everyone is welcome. No distance is too short and no pace can be too slow. For running companionship just show up this Sunday, March 8, and help start the gun on the Muenster Running Club.



TIGERETTES EARNING ALL-DISTRICT, from left, Kayla Felderhoff, Jennifer Hess, Sarah Hess, Leah Rigler, Crystal Klement and Joanna Gehrig. At right, Tigers Matthew Fuhrmann and Jon Grewing.

Janie Hartman Photo

Sacred Heart Relays set for this Saturday

The running of the 12th Annual Sacred Heart Invitational Relays will take place this Saturday in Muenster. There will be 10 boys teams and 10 girls teams in this year's field including the defending champions the Sacred Heart Tigerettes and the Muenster Hornets.

Once again some of the top track programs will be in the field. "This will be a very competitive meet with a handful of schools having the opportunity to take home the team title," said Jon LeBrasseur. "In the boys division the Muenster Hornets look like they could repeat but will get a stern test from the Sacred Heart Tigers, Era Hornets and Callisburg Wildcats. Prosper and S&S look to be the top two squads in the girls division but a strong challenge will come from the Sacred Heart Tigerettes, Muenster Hornets, Callisburg Lady Cats and the Era Lady Hornets."

All times and distances set at the first relay in 1987 have been broken, with five 1988 finishes still standing. No new records were set in 1996 or 1997. "With the meet being run a few weeks earlier it may be

hard to set a record," said LeBrasseur. "We have had some quality athletes in this meet such as Flowers, an NCAA All-American, and Jeffers of the world champion Denver Broncos."

Muenster has two distant runners holding records from the 1990 meet. Tina Klement and Yancy Culp both retain the 1600m run times at 5:32.32 and 4:36.69. Last year the Sacred Heart girls and Muenster boys took the relay championships.

With over 100 volunteers to run the meet, Coach Jon believes the Sacred Heart Relays is one of the finest run meets in the state of Texas. The meet will start at 8:30 with field events. The girls and boys 3200 run will begin at 9:00. Running preliminaries are set for 11:30 and the finals are set for 2:00 or 3:00 minutes after the prelims.

Admission is free and Sacred Heart invites all to come out to the Muenster track Saturday to see some of North Texas' best track and field athletes. The Sacred Heart Alumni Association will provide a full menu concession stand, so you can make it a day at the track.

Tigerettes, Tigers at Bridgeport Meet

The short-handed Lady Tigerette team of six traveled to Bridgeport Saturday for the first track meet of the season.

Paradise and Sacred Heart were the only non-3 & 4A teams at the meet. "We had to endure 20-30 mph winds and cold temperatures. The girls ran well for this early in the season. We will be more competitive when we get the whole team together," stated Coach Nasche.

Valerie Bartush captured the gold medal in the mile in a close and exciting race, with a time of 5:53.79. Grace Cochran and Betty Trevino ran in the 2 mile race. Their times were 14:01 and 14:39 respectively. Loren Frost ran a 31.66 in the 200m dash, followed closely by Kristin Knauf with 31.69.

The mile relay team of Frost, Knauf, Cochran, and Bartush ran a 5:09. Jessica Koesler also

threw the shot and discus. She threw the shot 24' 10".

"Some of the times are slow some are excellent. I'm excited about this team. They are working very hard and so far they have had a great attitude. Our preseason goals are to capture the 5th state track title in a row, the 11th overall in the school's history. Those goals could be attainable if we keep up the good work. As long as we improve weekly, I'll be happy," concluded Coach Nasche.

Of 33 boys running, 2 Tigers went to the meet. "There were some bright spots especially from the younger boys," noted Coach Dal Schilling. "Matthew Fuhrmann ran a b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l 800. Fuhrmann had a winning time of 2:11. Lee Skinner also received a medal with a 2nd place finish in the JV 1600m run."

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Muenster powerlifters warm up for competition in the Saint Jo Meet. At left, Eric Fisher and Jeff Klement; above, Craig Hartman and, at right, Matt York and Brent Sicking. Not pictured is Josh Luke.
Janie Hartman Photo

MHS powerlifters complete season

On Saturday, February 28, the Muenster High School Powerlifting team traveled to Saint Jo for the Panther's second annual Powerlifting Meet. The Hornets accomplished many personal bests and school records.

Competing in the 132 lb. class, Craig Hartman finished in 5th place with a total of 705 pounds. His 265 lb. squat and 290 lb. deadlift were both personal bests. In the same weight class, Eric Fisher finished 4th with a total of 710. He also either met or exceeded his personal records.

Josh Luke finished 4th in the 123 pound class. His lift of 690 lb. qualifies him to go to the Regional Powerlifting Meet as an alternate. The regional meet will be held Saturday, March 7

at Crowley High School. With a total of 640, Jeff Klement raised his personal best by 20 pounds.

In the 165 lb. class, Brent Sicking set a school record with a bench press of 220 pounds. Also Matt York bested his P.R. in the deadlift, will a pull of 425 lb.

"It takes a great deal of discipline to do the training involved in being a successful powerlifter. These boys displayed tenacity and a positive attitude despite seemingly insurmountable odds," noted James Hopper, the powerlifting coach. "Rounding out their first season of powerlifting, the Hornets are hungry for more, and can't wait to be back in the weight room. Much improvement can be made over the next several months. In fact, these athletes are expected to set new records next year. They have competed extremely well this year and are due congratulations."

FCA meeting

The Muenster Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle will meet Tuesday night, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Irene and Roy Hartman. Refreshments and fellowship will be led by guest speakers from the University of North Texas. Student athletes from grades 7-12 are invited.

Tepera named Academic All-State Quarterback

Lindsay High School Senior Steven Tepera is a member of the 1998 Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Team as the All-State quarterback, Lindsay school officials have announced.

This is an effort to promote academic excellence and community involvement for students, according to the association based in Austin. Some of the criteria for this award includes student involvement with the community, such as student council and parish youth groups. This award also depends on the success of the team, and the student must maintain a certain GPA or grade point average.

Coach Charlie Meurer, who is a member of Texas High School Coaches Association, filled out an application at the beginning of the first semester. He thought that Steven filled the criteria and should be commended for his efforts on the team as well as in the community.

Coach Meurer stated "I feel that Steven receiving this

award exemplifies the effort that coaches and teachers put into this to promote academic excellence." He also feels that Steven is a very intelligent person and has great athletic ability.

"Coach Meurer stressed education as well as athletic acceleration on the field," Steven said. "And he made sure that we finished all of our work."



Will Steger, Steven Tepera, Charlie Meurer.

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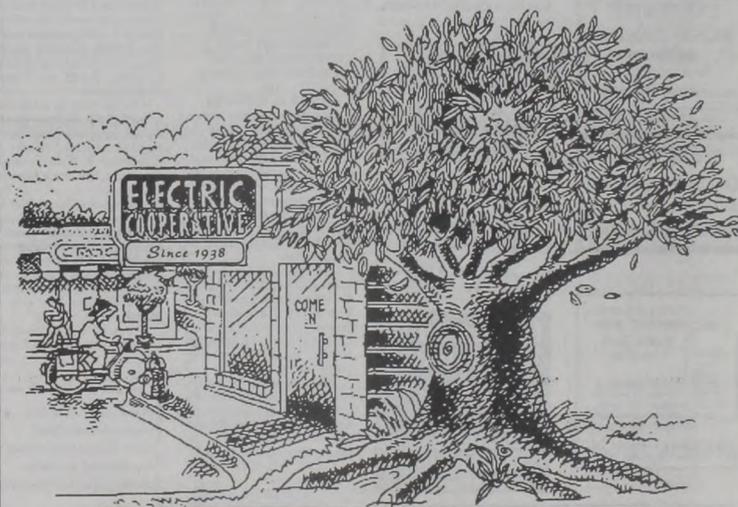
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 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Linda G. Howard, deceased, were issued on the 22nd day of December, 1997, under Docket No. 14677, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas to The First State Bank of Gainesville.
 Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: The First State Bank of Gainesville, Administrator, Estate of Linda G. Howard, 106 W. Main, Gainesville, Texas 76240.
 All persons having claims against this Estate which are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 27th day of February, 1998.
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The program is designed to give well users the opportunity to have their water screened.

"If the sample turns out positive for harmful bacteria, the well owner will be referred to the local health department," said directors of the Cooke County Farm Bureau.

Some harmful bacteria can cause discomfort for humans and can also reduce livestock performance. "Water wells should be checked every year or two because it can easily be contaminated by a septic system or other source," said the local directors.

Annual testing will give users peace of mind and make sure that their management practices associated with a private well is not causing a problem with their drinking waters.

Besides the water screening, the Tex-A-Syst program has a series of publications and videos that will outline ways to reduce the risk of ground water contamination. The series includes an assessment survey to help well owners determine the pollution potential based on soil and other geological characteristics.

For more information contact the Cooke County Farm Bureau or the County Extension Service.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

EFFECTS OF THE MILD WINTER AND EL NINO

This winter has been one of the mildest in recent history for our area. We experienced very few cold, freezing temperatures and as we have all seen, the many El Nino reports have added strong westerly winds and rain.

It is impossible to predict insect and disease outbreaks for the county. However, with the mild winter, we could see a greater than average potential for insect problems and fungal disease problems. Mild, wet winters have a bad side in that the fire ants should be back with a vengeance this spring. Homeowners should wait to do premises bait treatments until the end of April to the first part of May but now is a good time to do individual mound treatments when you begin to see activity. There has been some question about the piles of dead ants that appear on top of the mound. In visiting with Mike Merchant, Extension Urban Entomologist, he tells us that the dead ants in the mounds begin to smell in about three days and the workers carry them out of the mounds. This can happen at any time of the year but it is probably more noticeable due to the lack of grass cover in the winter.

The moist weather also is helpful for snails and slugs to become active and the cool wet weather also brings on cutworms in the garden. There are several tricks that homeowners can incorporate in their gardens. One is to place paper cups around the base of new transplants to prevent cutworm damage. New raised beds that have not had snail and slug problems can have effective control by sprinkling sawdust around the edge of the beds. Snails and slugs have a tendency to not cross dry dusty areas and Mike Merchant tells us that a thin strip of copper around the edge of new beds will prevent snail and slug infestations.

For farmers, we are seeing some overwintering armyworms and cut-

worms under rocks and protected areas near fields. These worms can still cause problems to fields.

The warm weather can also cause Johnsongrass to germinate earlier so there is the potential for sugarcane aphids and midge to get an early start this year.

Now the "good news". The moisture can cause problems for grasshoppers. The eggs that are in the soil can have a high mortality rate due to excess moisture. In addition, the warm weather should give beneficial insects like lady beetles, green lacewings, and parasitic wasps a head start so check your fields for greenbug numbers and beneficial insects.

Our good friend, Janell Johnk, Extension Plant Pathologist, tells us that many fungal diseases are favored by above average rainfall and warmer temperatures. If predictions hold true, we may see more diseases such as actinopelte leaf spot on oaks; peach leaf curl, oak leaf blister, and anthracnose of elm, ash, oak and sycamore. In addition, the leaf spots on photinia and Indian Hawthorne may be more prevalent this year.

Hopefully, we will all experience more of the good news than the bad news. Only time will tell.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Producers should mark their calendars for the Wheat Tour and Disease Workshop that will be held on March 18. All activities will begin at 8:30 a.m., at the State Wheat Plots located on Highway 51 approximately one mile north of Era.

In addition, if you don't have a Pesticide License or you need additional hours on your Pesticide License, a Training and Testing will be held on March 23 and 24, and a six-hour Recertification for Continuing Education Credits will be given the evenings of March 24 and 25. Additional information will be coming. Producers can enroll by contacting the County Extension Office 668-5412.

Matter of Fact

Rick Perry
Texas Agricultural Commissioner

Back when I was a member of what was then called the "Future Farmers of America," we pretty much stuck to the basics of farming. But times — and our industry — have changed dramatically and so has what's now called simply FFA.

With about 60,000 members in Texas, the nearly one thousand chapters across our state now prepare young men and women for many diverse ag-based careers including agritechology, marketing and environmental and resource management. But just as in my FFA days at Paint Creek High School, the basic lessons of leadership, responsibility and hard work remain an essential cornerstone to the lessons being shared.

While the organization is no longer officially known as Future Farmers of America, the group's roots are still planted in agriculture. It's estimated that almost 75 percent of our state's FFA members will end up pursuing careers in agriculture. That's close to 45,000 young people who are not only following in our footsteps, but also creating their own strides in our fast-paced industry.

Cattlemen, consumers & Oprah win in lawsuit

"While we are disappointed the jury felt that the facts in the cattlemen's lawsuit against Oprah Winfrey did not warrant a ruling for the plaintiffs, the overriding good news for the American consumer — of which all the scientific experts agree — is that the U.S. enjoys the safest beef in the world," John Brown, president of the Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA) of Texas said.

"This trial was not about Oprah and her feelings about beef. It was about false and misleading statements presented on her show," Brown noted. The real issue in this case — responsible speech — could not be addressed by the jury. The jury never considered whether harmful, false statements about the beef industry were made."

ICA members say they strongly support the freedom of speech. But they also believe that the exercise of free speech carries with it a responsibility for accuracy and fairness. They say that they welcome opportunities for full and open debate on all important issues, including food safety.

"The cattlemen's beef was not against Oprah, but against those individuals who choose to willingly ignore the facts and attempt to spread misinformation that could be devastating on the market for perishable agricultural products," Brown stated.

Although the cattlemen lost this lawsuit, ICA hopes that ultimately the national discussion on responsible speech will result in more balanced and accurate reporting by the media — and talk show hosts — resulting in a win for cattlemen and a win for all Americans.

It's A Stat!

by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

Texas milk production totaled 500 million pounds during January, down 8 percent from last year.

The number of milk cows during January averaged 379 thousand head, down 11,000 head from last year and 1,000 from last month. Production per cow averaged 1,320 pounds during January compared with 1,390 pounds last year.

COW CARE CALENDAR

MARCH

Calving is the most important time of the year. Check cows four to six times every day. "A live calf is your paycheck," says Runyon.

Make sure each new baby calf has had some colostrum, then dehorn with paste and tag for identification. Runyon recommends castration at six weeks of age when calves and cows go on grass. "Castration is too stressful on baby calves when pneumonia or scours could be a problem," he says.

If the herd has a history of pneumonia, Runyon suggests using an intranasal IBR, P13 product on calves. He routinely gives calves of his first-calf heifers a dose of an intranasal IBR, P13 product.

Cows need good nutrition to raise a growing calf and rebreed. Keep first- and second-calf heifers and older cows that may need extra nutrition in a separate group.

Ag Briefs

The beer industry in China continues to develop, reaching 12.5 million metric tons in 1993. China is now second to the U.S. in beer production. With China grown barley unable to keep up the pace of demand, China may be depending more on U.S. barley.

U.S. beef exports to Mexico for the first five months of 1997 exceeded 1996 levels by nearly 80 percent.

The USDA expects overall U.S. beef exports to reach \$1.9 billion in 1997, a 2 percent increase from 1996.

The U.S. is the world's largest importer of beef with projected imports of nearly 1.1 million tons (carcass weight) in 1997. In general, imported beef competes with U.S. cull, dairy and beef cows in the production of hamburger. Most U.S. imported meat comes from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

The U.S. is the second largest beef exporter in the world, behind Australia. U.S. beef exports are projected to be at 870,000 tons in 1997, increasing to 950,000 tons in 1998.

U.S. Agriculture real estate values continue to climb with the national average value of all Ag real estate as of Jan. '97 is \$942 per acre.

Preliminary figures for the recent Conservation Reserve Program sign-up have been announced. Approximately 125,404 offers for 9,449,702 acres were received during the sign-up. Texas had 8,917 offers for 1,390,167 acres; Oklahoma had 3,114 offers for 343,692 acres. All land that is enrolled in the program must compete for acceptance based on an environmental benefit index.

Florida and Tennessee began offering special "ag tags" in 1997 to motorists who want to help fund ag education programs.

The plates sport the word "Agriculture" and special logos. The license plates are similar to so-called "affinity" tags that are issued on behalf of state universities. Motorists pay a fee for the tags above the standard tag costs, and the extra funds are channeled into educational programs.

Tennessee began issuing its ag tag in May, and nearly 5,000 people bought the special plates by the end of the year. They generated \$10,000 for the use in state's Agriculture In The Classroom program.

It is probably not a surprise to many people, but most horses in Texas are kept for work and not play, according to a recent survey by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Horses contribute much to the quality of life for Texans.

According to Dr. Pete Gibbs, extension horse specialist, more than 280,000 Texans own horses. He said the state's horses are valued at \$4.2 billion. Owners have about \$13 billion invested in their barns, trailers, and related equipment, and are spending more than \$2 billion annually to maintain horses.

Feed type controls waste

Limiting the type of feed cows are fed, produces less manure, says Ohio State University researchers. Feeding cows a corn based diet, rather than forages, reduces manure production.

Corn is almost twice as digestible as a traditional forage diet and has twice the calories, so a cow can be fed less corn and still get the same nutrients and calories.

Environmental benefits of a corn based diet include less manure and nutrient excretion. The project compared two groups of dairy cows, one group fed a high-forage diet (70% forage, 30% corn) and the other group fed high-corn diet (13% forage, 87% corn).

Both diets provided an equal daily amount of calories and nutrients, but cows fed the high-corn diet received 30% fewer pounds of feed and excreted 40% less manure. Cows fed the corn-based diet also excreted 20% less nitrogen and 30% less phosphorus. Moreover, feed costs per cow were 38¢ per day lower for cows fed the high-corn diet.



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Bicep Lite II contains 1/3 less atrazine than Bicep II®. You can apply Bicep Lite II early—up to 30-45 days before planting, depending on your soil type. Bicep Lite II makes the grade in any tillage system. And, it contains a special ingredient, benoxacor, to provide unequalled crop safety, even in cool, wet conditions.

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