

Presson reviews CCAD's state report card

by Janet Felderhoff
It was a bittersweet report that Chief Appraiser Will Presson gave to the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) Board at the Feb. 13 regular meeting. The state report from the Comptroller's office was received by the CCAD.

Presson referred to the report as their report card from the state and noted that the CCAD's ratios look better. "Gainesville Independent School District will receive maximum funding from the state," he said. "The Single-Family Residences ratio for GISD came in at .9567 percent." According to the records Presson found this was the first time in nine years that GISD would receive local funding.

"Dr. Myer thinks this will mean an additional million dollars," said Presson. "It's going to be money that they should have been receiving but they didn't because we didn't have the local value high enough before the reappraisal."

"I really feel comfortable in saying that because of the work of this particular office there is more equitable taxing in Cooke County and it's going to get better," said Stephen Cole. "We had people who were hardly paying anything that are now paying what their property is worth. I think the good old boy system is gone and I think that we are doing this thing right."

Presson added he didn't want to toot their horn too loud because it also shows that they've got a lot of work to do. Lake Kiowa, Muenster and Lindsay need new schedules, he said.

School districts lose local funding from the state when appraised values fall below what the state determines should be the average for a district. To determine this several things are considered including the market price paid for property sold in a district and appraised values of property done by appraisers from the state. Uniformity and accuracy of the county's appraisal district are considered in this complex formula.

Fire demolishes Allens' home

by Janet Felderhoff
Four area fire departments responded to a trailer home fire in Myra on Wednesday, Feb. 11, but they were unable to save the home or its contents. The home, located two blocks south and one block west of the four corners in Myra, was owned by Barbara Allen.

Volunteer departments responding were Myra, Muenster, and Lindsay, and the Gainesville Fire Department. Firemen were dispatched around 9:45 p.m. Kenneth Sicking of the Myra Fire Department reported that it took about 45 minutes to extinguish the blaze. Firemen remained on the scene until midnight. The suspected cause of the fire is electrical.

Mrs. Allen lived in the trailer with her granddaughter Alyssa Allen. They were home at the time of the fire, but only minor injuries were sustained. They are presently living with Mrs. Allen's niece Sally Switzer. According to Sally the family lost everything in the fire. Insurance will help to pay for another trailer, but its contents weren't covered, she said.

A Love Fund has been established at the Muenster State Bank to assist with their needs.

Three school districts, Callisburg, Lindsay, and Sivells Bend, did not receive local funding. Currently they are all being appealed, said Presson.

Stephen Cole noted that last year basically all of the districts had to be appealed. According to the CCAD Lindsay ISD's total taxable value in 1997 was \$71,736,658. The value assigned by the state was \$74,357,814, a difference of \$2,621,156. For Sivells Bend ISD the CCAD placed a total value of \$29,949,139 while the state determined it should be

County decides against Vertex contract

by Janet Felderhoff
What first appeared to be a profitable opportunity turned out to be not as appealing to a county the size of Cooke as it might to those with much larger populations. At last week's Commissioners Court meeting Alex Brewer proposed that Vertex Company contract with the county to seek ways to get reimbursements from the federal government for services being provided to some inmates.

Sheriff Mike Compton and County Auditor Gloria Parrish were asked to check with other counties who had contracted with Vertex. In Sheriff Compton's investigation he found that there were more negatives than positives.

Compton added that he felt that Vertex is an honorable corporation with a good idea, but that they become more effective in large population centers that make it worthwhile. "I think we can do our own business and get what money we can and better benefit our citizens and benefit the county budget much better without outside assistance," concluded the sheriff.

Commissioners voted 5-0 to take no action on the proposal. Cooke County Judge Russell Duncan then read a proclamation for American Red Cross asking people to assist them since the numerous recent disasters have depleted their funds.

Compton noted, "We've been doing that ourselves for several months." "We can get a 100 percent of that," said Mrs. Parrish. "It would be 78 percent time they took their cut (22%) out."

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Public invited to tour Department of Transportation's new complex

After 55 years in the same location, the Texas Department of Transportation now has a new home in Gainesville. The newly constructed complex opened for business Oct. 20, 1997 and finishing touches have been accomplished since that date. On February 20, a ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Open house and tours will be open to the public.

Construction got underway at 2615 West Highway 82 in Gainesville on June 5, 1996. The complex occupies 12 acres of land purchased at a cost of \$175,650.00. To date, \$1,658,610.60 has been spent on construction at the new site. Included are four buildings which house offices, laboratory, service station, storage for vehicles and supplies and other areas necessary to the work of the department. The four buildings have over 20,000 square feet. Drives, curbing and parking spaces required over 2,200 cubic yards of concrete.

Area Engineer Wayne Bell and Maintenance Supervisor Tommy Langston say they hope everyone served by the new office can attend the open house. Bell said, "We are very proud of this new place to work...and we're proud of what we do. We'd like to meet the citizens of the area and take them through our new home. We will have tour guides taking small groups through the facility from the time of the ribbon cutting until 4:00 p.m. on February 20."

The Gainesville office has 33 employees and 51 pieces of rolling equipment. used in roadway and bridge maintenance will be stockpiled in this area.

Outside storage space, which will soon be fenced, includes 280,800 square feet. Materials

located in roadway and bridge maintenance will be stockpiled in this area.

"It's not a fair punishment," Sparkman tells School Board

by Janie Hartman
Community comments on respect and discipline prompted the attendance of a dozen visitors to the Muenster ISD board meeting last Thursday. Retha and Larry Sparkman approached the board of trustees to discuss the suspension of their son Shane from the athletic program at Muenster High School.

Mrs. Sparkman questioned the letter sent to them from the school, explaining the suspension, noting that some of the information relating to the incident did not occur as described. She submitted signed letters from varsity members of the basketball team, which included comments of what took place at the event in question.

"I coached Shane for five years. I had to decide if I should put Shane's needs and concerns ahead of the team's needs and concerns."

that thought with me, how can I improve? We will, as a staff, perform at a high level that meets the standard of excellence in Muenster." He concluded, "When it's all said and done, maybe we'll be better people for it. I hope we can set standards that the kids can follow. I hope we can do better."

No action or discussion on the matter was taken by the board, because the dispute was "community comments," not an item on the agenda.

test than ACT because more colleges look at SAT scores and grade point averages. The board requested a comparison of grades with national averages.



Sacred Heart students got a taste of what it would be like to participate in the upcoming Young Buckaroo Ranch Rodeo Tuesday morning. One event, calf roping, was attempted by Ryan Felderhoff. After roping the critter, Ryan's partner "branded" it. This is just one event that kids ages 5-10 can participate in. Mutton Bustin', Pony Express and Goat Milking are also scheduled for March 7. Watch next week's Muenster Enterprise for more information. Janie Hartman Photo

North Texas Communications Corp., Inc. ownership consolidated as of February 13

The ownership of North Texas Communications Company (NTCC) changed on Feb. 13. Alvin, Gracie and Gene Fuhrman purchased W. J. Miller's interest in NTCC.

Alvin Fuhrman and W. J. Miller purchased the Muenster Telephone Company in 1961 from Herman Younger of Fort Worth. The switchboard at that time was in Mrs. J. S. Horn's home on Highway 82, now the east lot of Klement Ford. All of the telephone plant was in great need of repair. At that time there were party lines with up to 10 customers on a line. Code ringing was used with all subscribers on a line hearing the other telephones on the line ring. (The phrase "rubberneck" began.) Most rural lines were magno and were held up by fences. Limited telephone service was provided in Myra, Forestburg, and Rosston areas.

In 1963 the system was cut to dial service with new offices in Muenster, Myra, and Forestburg. All rural lines were rebuilt using new poles and storm resistant wire. The rural route miles went from 178 miles to 254 miles of line. A new method of ringing the telephones made it possible to ring only the telephone being called. Long distance service was handled by telephone operators in Gainesville. Nine hundred eighty seven subscribers received new modern dial service.

In 1966 Muenster Telephone Corp. formed North Texas Communications and was awarded the CATV franchise for Muenster and connected its first CATV subscriber in December of that year.

In 1972 ice storms continued to plague the telephone system. Therefore the company replaced all open wire rural lines with buried cable and changed all customers to one-party service. Direct Distance-Dialing began this year. Telephone service in Rosston and Leo were combined to form the Rosston exchange.

The Valley View Telephone

Company was purchased in 1977 with exchanges in Valley View and Valley View East which also serves Pioneer Valley.

A 2500 square foot addition was made to the Muenster Telephone office in 1983 to make room for additional employees. Deregulation of the telephone industry began that year. One year later the electro-mechanical dial switching system was replaced with a Stromberg-Carlson digital central office. In 1985 a new digital office was completed in Valley View. This same year the company received a CATV franchise in Valley View and several years later extended CATV service to Pioneer Valley. In 1989 there were 2,613 telephone subscribers.

Today North Texas Communications is the holding company for several subsidiaries. It has 40 full time employees and several part-time employees working in

many areas. Muenster Telephone serves 3,340 subscribers with exchanges in Muenster, Myra, Rosston, Forestburg, Valley View, and Valley View East.

North Texas Communications provides CATV service in Muenster, Valley View, Pioneer Valley, Lindsay, Lake Kiowa, and Collinsville. Local access to the Internet is provided to subscribers in Muenster, Gainesville, and the North Texas area. Direct TV satellite television programming is provided by North Texas Communications Service, Inc. in Cooke and Montague county areas.

North Texas Cellular Service, Inc. has a cellular retail center in Gainesville and is a partner with Southwestern Bell in Cooke, Montague, Jack, Palo Pinto counties. The North Texas Educational Network is providing two-way interactive video to four area schools and the North Central Texas

College for college classes and the exchange of classes between the schools. Dallas toll traffic is flowing over a fiber cable owned by North Texas Communications Co. from Plano to Bowie.

As Alvin Fuhrman, president of North Texas Communications, Inc. announced the purchase to its employees, he said that communications have come a long way from 50 years ago when he replaced batteries in magno telephones. "We plan to keep this area on the cutting edge of the technological evolution, and strive to offer the finest communications to all areas we serve," he said.

Green Tip

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Charlotte Dangelmayr shows Kyle Knabe where to brand the calf, as Jacob Bayer keeps a tight rope on the critter. Roping and branding is just part of the fun youngsters age 5-10 can have at the Young Buckaroo Ranch Rodeo March 7. Janie Hartman Photo

COOKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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\$32,311,434. Callisburg ISD's total taxable value according to the CCAD was \$164,240,793 in 1997. The state determined it should have been \$189,182,376, a difference of \$2,494,158.

"Our big emphasis this year was on single family residences in GISD," reported Presson. "Prior to this they were at 72 percent. This year our ratio came in at nearly 96 percent. ... The school districts that did not receive full funding are our big priority for 1998."

During January CCAD collected more than 50 percent of the entire levy. For current collection from October through January, 84 percent of the entire levy has been collected.

Lisa Hargis, operations manager of CPS, was at the CCAD office on Wednesday, Feb. 11. She checked on problems that the CCAD was having with their computer program and set up a time table for when the remaining problems will be fixed.

Jim Robertson reported that the problems he had with the program being used by his office were fixed as of Thursday and he was happy. Presson noted that five to seven problems had been fixed within the last month. Payments are being withheld from CPS until all problems are remedied.

Cole complained that the CPS representative was

supposed to be present at the board meeting. Presson replied that Lisa Hargis had been in the office the previous day. A sales representative offered to attend the meeting, but Presson turned them down because he felt it was unnecessary since Lisa knew of the problems.

Jane Carlton reminded Cole that they had rescheduled the meeting from Thursday to Friday. Cole said that enough notice was given that someone could have come. Presson noted that Hargis had another commitment and left directly for Seattle.

Carlton nominated Bill Daring of Valley View to the Appraisal Review Board (ARB). His nomination was approved 4-0. The appointing of two alternates was tabled until the board's next meeting.

Cole asked that vehicle policy adopted in December 1997 be taken out of the manual. He said it has many areas that need changed and that it is written more for if a vehicle belongs to the Appraisal District. Ms. Carlton suggested tabling a decision until the next meeting. Cole then asked that they suspend all recent additions and deletions to the policy manual until they can be reviewed by the CCAD board. It was approved 4-0.

Board members attending were Ken Kaiser, Stephen Cole, Jane Carlton and Donna Doty. Arthur Felderhoff wasn't present.

In other business conducted, the CCAD board:

- Agreed 4-0 to sign engagement letter with Mathis, West, Huffines and Co., P.C. for 1997 audit but added a cover letter stating that they felt fees should be reduced due to more of the work being done by CCAD staff.

- Reviewed and approved collection contracts which were returned (all but City of Gainesville and Cooke County) with a 4-0 vote.

- Approved 4-0 signing Interlocal Agreement with Texas Municipal League (TML) for the Group Benefits Risk Pool.

- Hear report from Will Presson on discussion with Pitney Bowles representative Bob Johnson. He reportedly wants the CCAD's business and is willing to work towards an acceptable agreement.

- Reviewed and approved the payment of bills.

- Held an executive session, but took no action on matters discussed.

- Reviewed and approved minutes of Jan. 8 and Feb. 5 meetings.

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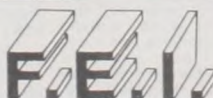
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Life Teen High School NET Retreat in Lindsay, 2:30-6:30 p.m.	SH Preschool Parents Meeting, CANCELLED SH Home School Meeting, 8 p.m.	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Religious Ed. Class, 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass, 8 p.m. Adult Volleyball, old MHS gym, 7-10 p.m.	SHS Class Pictures Cooke Co. BPW Networking, 5:30-7 p.m., Gainesville Municipal Airport	MISD - No School, Staff Development Day	ACS Road to Recovery Training, 9 a.m. MISD Sale-O-Rama Powerlifting Meet at Saint Jo
Sunday, March 1	Monday, March 2	Tuesday, March 3	Wednesday, March 4	Thursday, March 5	Friday, March 6	Saturday, March 7
JELLY Pavilion Project, 1:30 Life Teen Coffee House, 7-8:30 p.m., Comm. Ctr.	Muenster PTO Arts & Crafts Show Registration City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	Muenster PTO Arts & Crafts Show Muenster ISD Open House, 7-8:30 p.m.	C of C Board Meeting, 5 p.m. Religious Ed. Class, 7 p.m. Adult Volleyball, old MHS gym, 7-10 p.m.			ABBA Fundraiser Sacred Heart Track Relays Muenster FFA/4-H Stock Show
Public Schools Week						
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Cindy Koesler joins MSB

by Janet Felderhoff
Cindy Koesler's addition to the staff of Muenster State Bank has been announced by Henry Weinzapfel, bank president. Her principal responsibility will be as proof machine operator. Cindy will also assist with regular teller duties such as waiting on customers and answering the telephone.

"We are proud to have somebody of her expertise on staff," said Weinzapfel.

Previously Cindy was employed by Associated Milk Producers Inc. in Muenster and then First State Bank in Gainesville. "I'm glad to be working here in Muenster again," Cindy remarked.

Cindy is a 1992 graduate of Sacred Heart High. She and her husband, Max, live in Muenster. He is employed by Muenster Milling Company.



CINDY KOESLER

Cindy is the daughter of Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling.



"Got some!" said Dillion Bayer after getting a few drops of goat's milk in the bottle. A Young Buckaroo Ranch Rodeo will be added to this year's Sacred Heart Ranch Rodeo Weekend, with goat milking just one of the fun things for kids to do. Janie Hartman Photo

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.

SCHOOL BOARD

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Presently paying the TLC Day Care \$5.50 per qualifying student, plus \$200 per month and one half of the aides' wages. It was noted that tuition at Sacred Heart Preschool is \$14.00 for half day, \$24.00 for full day, while Muenster charges \$7.78 for a half and \$13.33 for a full day of pre-school time. One board member noted that a raise of 1.00 would still be a competitive price. There was also discussion about

eliminating the three year old class, noting that next year there will be over 30 in the 3 and 4 year group. "Three year olds have poor attendance," Trubenbach said. "with many just staying home. I believe we would do better with two 4 year old classes." The discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Building plans were studied by the board with a list of questions for the members to make notations and comments to be discussed at a special building meeting on February 26.

Peggy Lutkenhaus, board member, suggested having the new school drawings displayed at open house. A community comment box was also suggested. The building plans were tabled until the special meeting.

Final business at the meeting included the high school and elementary principals' contracts. James Hopper received a two year contract as high school principal, with the board renewing elementary principal Gwen Trubenbach's contract.

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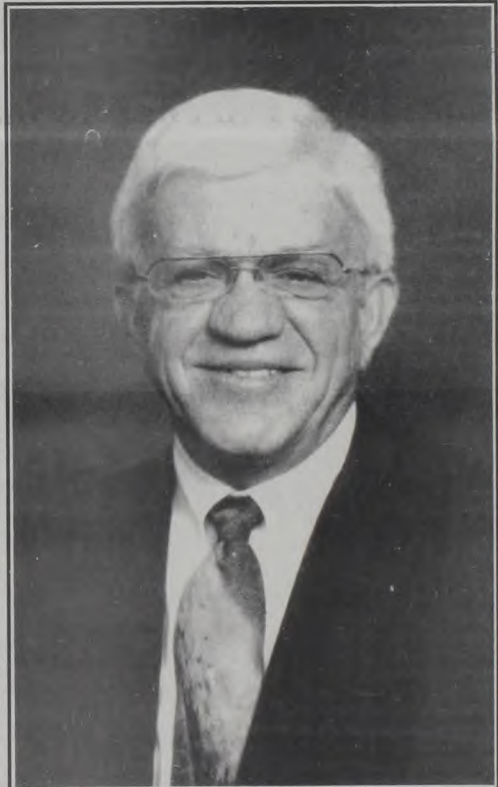
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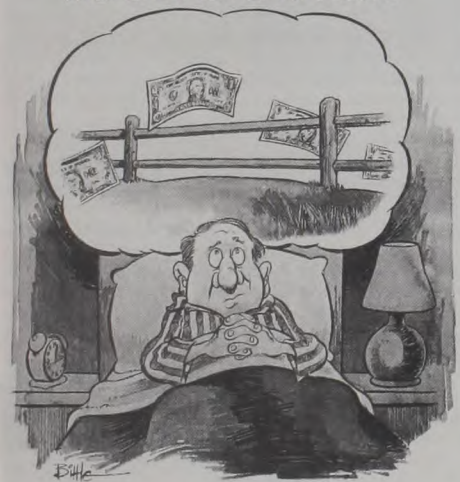
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The 35th annual Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar is scheduled for the week of June 15-19 on the campus of Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

The purpose of the Seminar is to convey to the students a better understanding of our American Heritage and the capitalistic private enterprise system that has made ours the greatest of all nations. Students will be informed about the forces, both external and internal, that erode our way of life. They will be exposed to topics of constitutional government, free enterprise, leadership, goal setting, positive family relations, self awareness, and other similar subjects. The ultimate goal is to cause participants to incorporate these traits into their daily living and to cause them to share their information with others. The purpose of the

program is to develop better prepared leaders and citizens.

Eligible students are those: A) Entering the 11th or 12th grades in September, 1998; B) In the upper 30% of the class scholastically; C) Demonstrating good character and leadership abilities.

Students previously attending the Citizenship Seminar are not eligible to participate.

Cooke County Farm Bureau is willing to send up to three (3) students to the seminar. The Citizenship Seminar offers an opportunity and experience that will impact those participating. It will not only produce better informed citizens, but leaders with a purpose.

Your application, essay, and recommendation must be received in the Gainesville office on or before April 6, 1998.

PROCLAMATION

for AMERICAN RED CROSS
by the County Judge of Cooke County

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has always assisted in time of disaster and emergency needs; and

WHEREAS, the increased number of disasters lately has taken its toll on both the resources and man power; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross needs help to continue its work in being ready to serve:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Russell Duncan, County Judge of Cooke County, Texas, do hereby issue this proclamation requesting help and assistance in both man power and financial assistance for the American Red Cross in its time of need.

/s/ Russell Duncan,
County Judge

JoAnn Poyner dies at 64

JoAnn (Pinion) Morgan Poyner of Bulcher died on Feb. 12, 1998 in Muenster Memorial Hospital at 11:17 a.m., at age 64.

She was born on Dec. 24, 1933 in Vineyard, Texas to Luster Pinion and Annie Lee Shook Pinion. On March 16, 1979 she married David Lewis Poyner in Oklahoma. She lived most of her life in Iowa Park, and moved to the Saint Jo area about 12 years ago. For several years, she worked as a nurse in Iowa Park, and also owned and operated restaurants in Kamay and Kadane Corner. She loved her children, enjoyed fishing, playing BINGO, and debating on various subjects.

Survivors include her husband David Poyner of

Bulcher; one daughter Deb Miller of Nocona Lake; tv sons Bobby Dean Morgan Wichita Falls and Jerry Da Morgan of Iowa Park. There are eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All surviving are one siste Minnie Pearl Doughty Canadian, Texas and one brother, Roy Pinion Bridgeport.

Preceding her in death were her first husband T.L. "Brownie" Morgan, one son Billy Farrell Morgan; her parents and one brother Leo Pinion.

Graveside services were held on February 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Mountain Creek Cemetery in Montague County.

TAMU honors students

Texas A&M University has named two local students to the Distinguished Students List for the Fall Semester of 1997. Ashley Irene Hartman, daughter of Roy and Irene Hartman, a junior at TAMU, is a Psychology major and has maintained a grade point

average of 3.25 to 3.75, in a 4.0 ratio. Gregory J. Flusche, son of Jack and Linda Flusche, a freshman at TAMU, is a Mechanical Engineering major and has maintained a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.75 in a 4.0 ratio. Both are graduates of Muenster High School.

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Opinion/Editorial

To Whom It May Concern:

1997-98 should have been the best year of my son's life. A senior who could have excelled in every sport chosen, but circumstances changed all that, from a broken ankle to the unfortunate end of his athletic career for the year.

The suspension resulted from "...not showing respect to coach, and quitting in the manner he did in front of our fans."

Coaches yell at the top of their lungs, degrade, throw things, kick the ground or whatever happens to be close, stomping around, and breaking things, and do many other things that fit into a two year old's temper tantrum. They do this repeatedly and it's okay, it's all in the playing of the game. They go on to coach the next game and make the same mistakes again. These are 20 to 40 year old people that should have learned in coaching school how to maintain their stress and anger a little better. Let a young adult do the same and it's the end for them, they don't go on to play another day.

In this one year alone, many things have happened to cause suspensions for students of one or two games. They ranged from illegal substance use to theft of materials from another school. All these actions are as bad and maybe worse than saying bull. These actions were all lessons learned.

My son maybe should have quit in a different manner, but once again the stress factor of this year caught up with him and he had all he could take. He went from a promising football player, to a broken ankle, to come back for the last 3 games, to run 2 cross country meets, and to be an alternate at Regional Cross Country. On the way home he and the bus came upon our wreck which could have been fatal.

He then became head of the house - responsible for siblings, animals, and anything else his father and I were normally responsible for. That was a lot to put on a 17 year old, not only once, but twice when his dad returned to ICU three weeks later, nearly dead, bleeding internally.

During this time he was never asked how he was holding up under the pressure or if he needed to talk things over just to relieve some of the stress and worry. It would have taken only a minute to say, "Do you need to run home and see if there is anything you need to do? or if all is okay." Instead it was full speed ahead, no excuses for being late or not being able to attend a Saturday practice and don't you dare be edgy or stressed out. A little caring and compassion should come in to play somewhere.

Those of you who have no one in the program yet, have no way of really knowing what goes on, and until you do, don't be so quick to pass judgment. What goes around comes around and next time it might be yours instead of mine.

Punishment should be the same for all. It shouldn't matter what your name is or how much you're worth or where you were born. All kids are equal, mine just happens to be a senior who won't have these opportunities again.

Respect is earned. No one goes out with the intention to disrespect someone. When you are not treated or taught with respect, you tend to not give any back after awhile. These days, coaches from here and many other schools have a lot to learn about showing their players the respect they deserve.

Thank you,
Larry and Retha Sparkman
Myra, Texas

Dear Editor:

The Friends of Muenster FFA, FHA, and 4-H are once more making an appeal to concerned citizens to help the youth of our community.

Over the past four years, this non-profit organization has helped more than one hundred youth by collecting over \$41,000.00. The true success of this program has been realized through the generosity of people like you.

We would like you to again consider taking an active role in shaping the lives of the youth that participate in FFA, FHA and 4-H. One hundred percent of what you donate will be distributed to the Muenster youth who compete at the Cooke County Youth Fair. These young people spend many hours working on their projects. At times the expense is quite large, particularly when they raise an animal. Other times the expense may not be quite as large, but we strongly feel the youth should be rewarded for all of their time and effort, no matter what the project.

Please help with a donation of \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, or a donation of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Thank you, in advance, for taking this into consideration. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming shows. The local Muenster show will be on March 7, and the Cooke County Youth Fair will be held on March 12, 13, and 14, at the Cooke County Fairgrounds in Gainesville.

Respectfully,
Friends of Muenster FFA, FHA and 4-H
Jack Flusche, Mary Dangelmayr, Ross Felderhoff, Glenn Debnam, FFA, Joni Sturm, FHA, Ronnie Felderhoff, Gus Ashley, Becky Felderhoff, 4-H

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

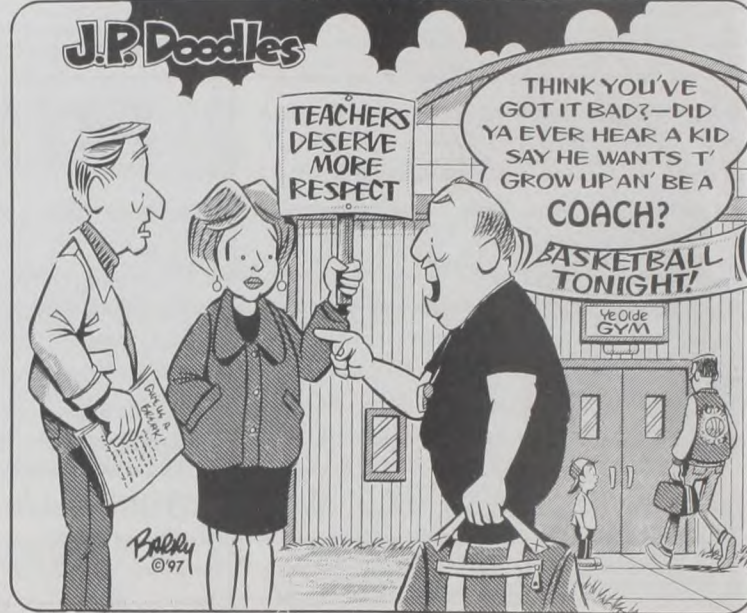
El Niño has been the base of many jokes and quips by many people, including myself. It is convenient to have a whipping boy, something to blame any unusual weather on.

But, all jokes aside, I believe there is a great deal of substance to a lot of the claims made by people who should know the facts.

It does seem that the great area of warm water off the west coast of Mexico and the U.S.A. has been the cause of some unusual, and in some areas, devastating storms and rains.

California has borne the brunt of a great rain and wind storm over the past week, and forecasters say the tail-end of it should reach our area in the next few days.

The state of Florida has also



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AUSTIN UPDATE

BY RON CLARK, TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 62

The Year 2000 Problem

The cause of one of the biggest challenges to face Texas in the next five years is hidden from view in the computers and computer chips which control almost every aspect of our lives. The problem arises because, when computer programs were first developed, dates were coded with only two digits for the day, month, and year. When the year 2000 arrives, the computer will see only "00" and will confuse it with 1900.

Known also as the "YK2" problem, the inability to distinguish the year 2000 from the year 1900 could result in the failure of local city and county computer systems. From sensitive tax data to release dates for prisoners, computers keep track of the most critical information. There could be failures in computers that pump sewage at lift stations and water for water towers.

The House Urban Affairs Committee has been holding hearings about the problem and possible solutions. At a recent Committee meeting in Austin, the Deputy City Manager of Killeen explained that his city set up several hundred dummy accounts in the utility billing system. They reset the timing mechanism on their computer to see if it could send a bill in the year 2000. In every case, the computer either ignored the account entirely, or sent out an immediate disconnect notice because it read the year 2000 as 1900.

In anticipation of the problem, Killeen has already spent \$50,000 for a review of computer applications. He estimates that it would take 12 months to complete conversion of various software packages. The cost for just the city's mainframe would be about \$500,000, he said.

Local governments also have to be concerned with "embedded chips," which are the microchips which calculate required maintenance on items of equipment from fire trucks to defibrillators. In the year 2000, these pieces of equipment may shut down if corrective action is not taken. This process can take two or more years, so it is essential that work begin now.

Local governmental entities should review their operations and identify all computer applications which are time sensitive. They will then have to rewrite programs or obtain new software and either fix or replace the embedded chips in vehicles and other equipment. Fortunately, some of the cities in the district have begun this process.

In the next Austin Update I will discuss how the "millennium bug" will affect state government.

Dear Editor,

What an amazing and exciting Valentine's Day I experienced. The Crafty Olde German raffle offered chances for five Beanie Babies. Two of the Beanie Babies were the much treasured Princess Di Beanie. What a generous gift! The proceeds from the raffle go toward this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life event in Cooke County.

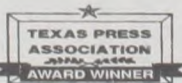
When Cheryl Pollard and I arrived at the Crafty Olde German on Saturday afternoon for the drawing, we were both overwhelmed by the announcement: The raffle raised over \$1200 for the Relay for Life!

Congratulations to all of the Beanie Baby winners. But the true winners are all of the cancer survivors and future cancer survivors who will benefit from the education and

research made possible by the money raised. Tremendous strides are being made each year, ...each day... in cancer research, and I am proud to say that our community is a large part of that effort through its fundraising.

I cannot thank The Crafty Olde German enough for their generosity. And thank you to everyone who showed your support by purchasing a raffle ticket.

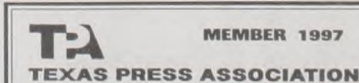
Sincerely,
Mary K. Endres, FNP
Relay for Life Co-Chairman
P.S. I want to invite everyone to join us for the Relay for Life Kick Off on March 10 at the Cooke County Cooperative Meeting Room and at Hornet Stadium on June 5-6, for this year's Relay for Life event. For more information, call 759-2271, ext. 36.



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considered too lengthy. Letters endorsing political candidates will be published only as paid advertising. Letters to the editor will be printed at the publisher's discretion.

Lifestyle

Awards dinner hosted for community improvement

The Community Improvement Annual Awards Dinner was held on February 10 at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op in Muenster. The Awards Dinner is jointly sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service-Cooke and Montague County and the Cooke County Electric Cooperative.

Following the dinner prepared by Cooke County Extension Agent Evelyn Yeatts, and Barbara Holeman, Montague County Agent, Russell Fette entertained the group of leaders with his rendition of Cowboy Poetry. Russell is a student at Sacred Heart High School in Muenster.

Ray Powell, Chairman of Cooke County Electric Board of Directors presented checks to six clubs in Cooke County and two in Montague County for use in their communities. These included clubs at Hood, Mountain Springs, Woodbine, Callisburg, Downard-Fairplains, Rosston, Forestburg and Illinois Bend.

The purpose of the Organized Clubs is for the greater enjoyment of life for those in the individual communities. Activities throughout

the year include educational programs, community socials, community improvement and beautification projects and service projects. All clubs have a variety of fundraisers to allow them to beautify their community and provide services to others.

Clubs are judged each year according to their accomplishments and one club in each county is recognized for its outstanding accomplishments in the above areas. A traveling trophy has been presented each year. The trophy was filled, however, so was retired and a traveling plaque is now being given.

This year the Callisburg Community was recognized for the traveling award. They cited work with the Callisburg Reunion and Parade as well as adding a heating and an air conditioning system in the Community Club Building as their biggest accomplishments of the year.

Cooke County Electric also presented each community, as well as Myra, a new sign to be used at their Community Club building.



Crafty Olde German owner Peggy Grewing, on left, presents to Carol Dyer, second from left, a treasured much-in-demand, "Ty Princess Beanie Baby," one of the two that were donated by The Crafty Olde German to benefit the Relay For Life. Lucky raffle winners of Princess were Carol Dyer of Muenster and Debbie Rinner of Gainesville; Gary Hopper of Sherman, a retired '97 Santa Bear; Angela Antonetti of Muenster, a retired "Velvet," the Panther; Beverly Neal of Gainesville, a retired "Legs," the Frog. The raffle raised over \$1200 for the American Cancer Society. Also shown in the above photo, and assisting with the raffle, were Relay For Life co-chairmen Mary Endres and Cheryl Pollard, and Kalyssa Pollard.

Wills vs. living trusts: which is right for you?

Muenster attorney Chuck Bartush and Cooke County Judge Rusty Duncan will address the topic of Wills vs. Living Trusts, which is right for you? The seminar will be held on Tuesday, February 24 at 10 a.m. at the Stanford House. Other topics to be covered include: the Miller Trust, probaton of a will,

power of attorney, consent for medical treatment, the living will as a directive to physicians, and guardianship. This public service seminar co-sponsored by NCTC and the Stanford House will provide invaluable information to area citizens in helping them understand the legal tools available to them.

Area Happenings

RSVP Bean Supper Feb. 26

Cooke County RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) will sponsor a Bean Supper February 26 at the Stanford House in Gainesville.

The meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Prices are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

The supper is to raise funds for the RSVP activities during the year. RSVP has many volunteers from Muenster, Gainesville, Valley View and surrounding areas.

Potluck dinner Saturday in Forestburg

The Forestburg Fire Department will hold a potluck dinner at the Forestburg Community Center Saturday, February 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished by the Forestburg Fire Department. Those joining them are asked to bring a vegetable and a dessert.

The Fire Department would like to say thank you to the community for their years of support. The meal is free. Donations will be accepted by the Forestburg Fire Department. Come join them for an evening of good food, fellowship and fun.

Windthorst sets sausage meal

The traditional German sausage meal will be held Sunday, March 1 at Saint Mary's Parish Hall in Windthorst. The menu consists

of 100% pork sausage, spare pork ribs and sauerkraut with all the trimmings, including dessert and drink. The price of the all you can eat meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12 years of age. Serving time is 11:00 am to 2:30 pm.

For additional information call 541-2300, 423-6201 or 423-6685.

Seminar offers Alzheimer's care information

Family and professional caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and related disorders are invited to attend the Tri-county Fair on Thursday, Feb. 26 to hear speakers in the field of Alzheimer's care and to visit with area service providers. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. Programs are from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Texoma Council of Governments Eisenhower Room in Sherman.

Admission is free. CEUs are available for a \$10 fee payable at day of event registration. For more information call Alzheimer's Association (800) 515-8201 or (214)827-0062 or Texoma Area Agency on Aging (903)813-3506 or (800)677-8264.

Topics on the program include: Diagnosing and Treating Alzheimer's Disease, Tips On Caregiving: Meeting Daily Challenges, Coping with Difficult Behaviors, Caring for the Caregivers, Legal Issues & Dementia.

Preparing for spring color

According to local florist Kenneth Kaden, preparing now for spring can give the homeowner a sea of living color that will last until the winter frosts. Meeting the individual needs of students is the premise behind a new course that Kaden will teach at North Central Texas College this spring.

"Preparing for Spring Color" is a new course offered from 7-9 p.m. for two Wednesdays, February 25 and March 4 in the Community Education Center (1500 Building) on the Gainesville campus.

Offered through the Department of Community Education, "Preparing" addresses the variety of soils to be dealt with in these

relatively small North Texas lands. This soil variation allows horticultural enthusiasts an opportunity to plant and enjoy a variety of colors throughout the year.

"You have to be careful when working with certain types of plants in this area," Kaden said. "For the best results, it's always good to consult with fellow gardeners to round out your knowledge. That's what this class should really provide, a good resource of experience from novices to experts."

On display during the class will be an assortment of plants, both annual and perennial. Kaden will address care information for each plant to assure that the sea of colors is present from spring to winter.

For more information, call 940-668-4272. To assure your seat in "Preparing for Spring Color" (as seating is limited), students can enroll over the phone (credit cards only) by calling 940-668-4222. Registration can also be done in person at the NCTC Registrar's Office in Gainesville located at 1525 W. California Street. There is a \$12.00 fee for the course.

Party marks James' 1st



James Albert Dangelmayr

On Tuesday, January 29 James Albert Dangelmayr was honored with a party to celebrate his first birthday. His actual birthday is January 28.

Included in the celebration were his parents, Jim and Cathy Dangelmayr; sister Kristen Creed; grandparents Victor and Frances Sicking and Betty Dangelmayr; great-uncle Joe Dangelmayr; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Gifts were opened. Guests were served ice cream and a special birthday cake decorated with balloons and ribbons.

Tyler celebrates fourth

Tyler Anderle celebrated his fourth birthday with a party at his Grandma and Grandpa, Annette and Johnny Anderle's house on Saturday, January 24. His actual birthday was January 31. The party followed a sports theme. Hamburgers, birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Attending were Tyler's mom and dad, Kevin and Darla, his brother Trey; grandparents Johnny and Annette Anderle and Harold and Sug Bindel; great-grandparents Marcus and Cathy Fuhrmann and Ollie Klement; aunts, uncles and cousins Craig and Denise New; Scott and Kim Neeb; John Anderle; Corey Anderle; Tim, Debbie and Jared Endres; Cassie Hale.

Unable to attend, but sending greetings were uncle Darren Bindel and Karrie Endres; cousins Krystal Hale and Karli Anderle; Al and

Margaret Cler and Megan Sandmann.

Tyler celebrated his birthday again on January 29 with his friends at Grandma Annette. They enjoyed cupcakes and goody bags.



Tyler Anderle

News of the Sick

Bart Henscheid, son of Virgil and Joaline Henscheid is convalescing at home, making steady progress since hospitalization for one day in Muenster Memorial Hospital and the next six days in Columbia of Denton. Monday he was looking forward to being out and about for the first time since becoming ill.

Marie (Seyler) Mosman is on the sick list and would appreciate cards and prayers. Her address is P.O. Box 315, Muenster, Texas 76252.

Rachel (Seyler) Hope has been very ill and hospitalized for about ten days. Get well cards will reach her at Tom Ball Regional Hospital, Room 425, Tom Ball, Texas 77375.

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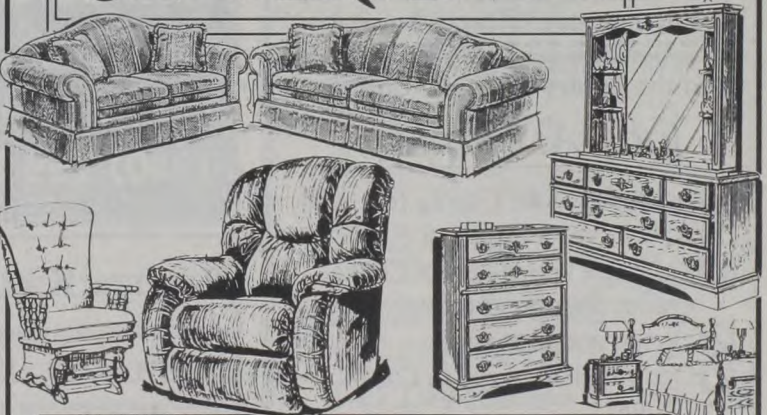
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To Joyce ~ February 17, 1968
I love you, Tom

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County history book at Morton Museum

The Cooke County Heritage Society is pleased to announce that, just in time for the sesquicentennial, reprints of "Cooke County, Texas: Where the South and the West Meet" by Michael Collins now are for sale at the Morton Museum of Cooke County. Collins wrote the book while he was the Humanist-in-Residence at the Morton Museum. "Cooke County, Texas: Where the South and the West Meet" traces the history of the county from prehistoric times through the beginning of the 1950s, with many photographs included. The book sells for \$10. For more information, please call the Morton Museum of Cooke County at 668-8900.

"Victorian Love Stories" On February 23, the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Victorian Spring Series will be launched with a program on "Victorian Love Stories." During this month of love and romance, come along and allow yourself to be swept off your feet and transported back into some of the great and at times, some of the more unusual love stories from the Victorian Era in Cooke County. Handwriting expert Lowell McCormack, will

be providing a handwriting analysis of some romantic postcards written at the turn-of-the-century. "Victorian Love Stories" will be held at the museum on Monday, February 23 at noon. Seating is limited. The cost of the program is \$3 for members of the Cooke County Heritage Society and \$4 for non-members. For more information about the program or to reserve a seat, please call the Morton Museum at 940-668-8900.

Special Art Display
In honor of the arrival of the Art Train into Gainesville, The Cooke County Heritage Society is pleased to announce the opening of a special art display at the Morton Museum of Cooke County.

Featuring works from local artist Lowell McCormack along with works from the museum's collection, this art display will be on exhibit throughout the month of February. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon until 5:00 p.m.

Morgan Flusche honored

Morgan Renee Flusche celebrated her first birthday with a party at her home hosted by her parents Shawn and Shari Flusche on Feb. 8. Her actual birthday was Feb. 7 which she shares with her mother. The party carried out a Barney theme.



Morgan Flusche

Guests included her brother Steven, Grandparents Dave and Wanda Flusche, James and Fran Voth, aunts, uncles, and cousins, Richard, Missy, Deann, Megan, and Brandy Dangelmayr; David and Laurie, Katie and Dylan Flusche; Neal and Susan, Micah, Matthew, Aaron, and Andrew Flusche; Leroy and Josh Voth; Darren and Blake Voth.

Unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes were Mark and Terry and Eric Felderhoff.



Former CCEC winners David Wiese and Marlene Hess at the Capitol
Courtesy Photo

CCEC announces Youth Tour contest

"A trip of a lifetime" is the phrase spoken most often by students who have made the Washington DC trip sponsored by CCEC. David Wiese, Rachel Laster, Andrea Klement, Greg Brooks and Marlene Hess have all made that trip and all agree that it is indeed, "a trip of a lifetime."

The trip consists of a ten day adventure to our nation's capitol with all expenses picked up by the Co-op. Several co-ops throughout the state participate in the Texas Electric Cooperatives' Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Winners describe the trip as inspiring, fun and well worth the effort put into winning the contest.

The contest is open to any high school student, ages 14 through 19, who lives in homes served by Cooke County Electric Cooperative, previous winners excepted. Students can enter the contest by delivering an essay to the Cooperative's main office by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 1998.

The essay must be an original composition by the

student on one of the following topics: (1) A current perspective on the ramifications of competition in the electric utility industry, (2) A day without electricity, (3) Renewable energy sources, what they are and why we don't use more of them. Maximum length for the essay is 1,500 words or five (5) hand written pages.

The essays will be evaluated by a panel of judges from outside the Cooperative, and five finalists will be selected. Each finalist will deliver an oral presentation of their essay for a different independent panel of judges on Sunday, March 22, with the winner winning an all expense-paid trip to Washington DC during the month of June.

The winner will join outstanding young people from across Texas. During the trip they will meet other students from several other states. All entrants will receive a T-shirt and cap. Anyone who wants to enter should contact Kathy Bauer at the Cooperative office at 940-759-2211.

SHYM News ...

J.E.L.L.Y.
by Kelly Bayer
Ham or turkey? Chocolate, strawberry, or vanilla? Mass in Muenster or Mass in Denton? We had most of a van full for last Sunday's North Deanery Junior High Mass. The Mass was good! A rousing game of tag after we ate kept us busy until we left. No one else would play with us, I guess we just looked to be too fast.

A week from this Sunday, March 1 at 1:30, we will be repainting a couple of picnic tables at the pavilion. So come on out and color our world with service!

Life Teen Has Touch
Football
by Janie Fisher
Sunday evening, February 15, Life Teen got together for a

very exciting and fun game of touch football. The weather was cold and misty but it didn't stop some football fanatics from showing up. Both teams were great in ability and spirit and both teams scored 5 touchdowns ending with a tie game. Having fun is just another act Jesus calls us to and we gave it all we had, to do this in His name.

Notice
Sunday night a pair of tennis shoes were taken when Life Teen participants took off their shoes after a muddy game of touch football to enjoy refreshments in the Community Center meeting room. We would be very grateful if the person who took them would return them to the Youth or Church office.

Liver damage linked to acetaminophen overdose

High doses of acetaminophen, especially when mixed with alcohol, can cause liver injury in some patients, reported researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Dr. William Lee, professor of internal medicine, and his team of liver-disease researchers reviewed the records of 589 patients who overdosed on drugs and were treated from 1992 to 1995. From that group he found 71 patients who were hospitalized with liver damage after taking acetaminophen, the most common cause of acute liver failure.

Twenty-one patients in this group accidentally took an overdose of the common pain reliever, and in 13 of these alcohol was a factor in the toxic reaction. The other 50 in the group took an overdose of acetaminophen in attempts to commit suicide; 10, who also had consumed alcohol, experienced significant liver injury.

Surprisingly, accidental overdoses compared to suicidal overdoses of acetaminophen were more often fatal even though the amounts taken were lower. The median dose of an accidental overdose was 11 grams, and it proved fatal for four patients. The median dose of an accidental overdose of a suicide attempt was 24 grams and proved fatal to one of the patients studied. Acetaminophen was found to be the most common cause of acute liver failure during the study period.

Liver injury resulting from suicidal intent is common in the United Kingdom, but in the United States it is more prevalent among alcoholic or fasting patients, who ingest smaller quantities for pain relief only, Lee said.

Lee speculates that acetaminophen causes liver damage in alcoholic or fasting patients because alcohol and fasting deplete the body of Glutathione, a detoxification agent normally found in large quantities in the liver.

He cautions that even people who aren't alcoholics but consume alcohol before or after taking acetaminophen can experience liver damage.

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School News

MISD students compete in UIL cross-exam debate

The UIL District Cross-Examination Debate tournament was held February at Whaley First United Methodist Church of Gainesville. Muenster ISD sent eight students to the competition. John Flusche and Jackie Henscheid attended as alternates and timekeepers. Casey Walterscheid and Kelly Elderhoff placed 5th. Leigh Ann Reiter and Keisha Dill placed 3rd qualifying them as alternates to state. Lauren Dangelmayr and Raegan Koessler placed 1st, winning a

trip to Austin to compete in the State Meet in March. This year's topic was resolved: That the federal government should establish a policy to substantially increase our renewable energy use in the United States. Their sponsor Ms. Stephanie Tankersley is very proud of all the individual research that goes into debate by these students. She hopes to see even more students involved next year and looks forward to the competition in Austin over Spring Break.



Raegan Koessler, Lauren Dangelmayr, Keisha Dill and Leigh Ann Reiter. Janie Hartman Photo

MISD Arts & Crafts Show scheduled for March 3

The first week of March is Texas Public School Week, March 2 through 6. The PTO sponsored Arts & Crafts Show will be March 3 in the old gym. This is Tuesday of Texas Public School Week. All students are invited to participate by entering a project in the show. Project Registration is March 2 during school hours. Judging will take place Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. All projects will be displayed during the school's

Open House the evening of March 3, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Rules and registration forms for the Arts and Crafts Show are available from the homeroom teachers. The Muenster PTO would like to encourage everyone to participate to make this event a big success, and thanks in advance for all help and interest.

School Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Ravioli, peas, cole slaw, garlic toast, fruit.
Tues. - Salisbury steak, potatoes, green beans, fruit, read.
Ash Wed. - Macaroni and cheese, deviled eggs, corn, combination salad, fruit.
Thurs. - Mexican casserole, anch style beans, salad, fruit, read.
Fri. - Cheese pizza, black-eyed peas, lettuce, fruit.

MUESTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili, french fries, beans, fruit, dessert.
Tues. - Chicken pot pie, lettuce salad, fruit, hot rolls.
Wed. - Tuna salad sandwiches w/lettuce and tomatoes, French fries, beans, dessert.
Thurs. - Barbecue sandwiches w/onions and pickles, potato chips, cookies, uit.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, English peas, fruit, bread.
Tues. - Chili w/beans, creamed potatoes, pickles, latin w/fruit, iced cake, ackers.
Wed. - Fish, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit, rnbread.
Thurs. - Hamburgers, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.
Fri. - Fish nuggets, pinto beans, cole slaw, fruit cobbler, read.

WEEK OF FEB. 23 - 27 ERA ISD

Mon. - Spaghetti casserole or sausage patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.
Tues. - Turkey fajitas, Pinto beans, trimmings, shredded cheese, Spanish rice, chocolate chip cookie.
Wed. - Sliced turkey or pork strips, green beans, tossed salad, brown gravy, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie.
Thurs. - Lasagna or chicken nuggets, corn, tossed salad, pear slices, buttered rice, spice cake.
Fri. - Hamburger, cheese slice, tator tots, trimmings, ice cream.

Muenster FHA Week activities

The Muenster FHA chapter kicked off their annual FHA week on February 9. Monday was hat day and crazy hair day. Also, Monday was Quiet Day. Girls in FHA were each given a heart and could not talk to any guy in FHA. If a girl did, she had to give that guy her heart. At the end of the day, whoever had the most hearts, boy and girl, won. The winners were Jeremy Walterscheid, Stephanie Huchton, Joyce Hacker, Kerry Fleitman, Kristen Fleitman, Diane Britain, and Mary Skinner.

Tuesday, students dressed in comfort for pajama day. Also, Tuesday was child care day. Eleven children from four months to five years of age

were cared for by Homemaking students free of charge.

Wednesday, students were encouraged to dress as in some occupation. Also, the cooking contest was a success. Entries from Kerry Fleitman, Kristen Fleitman, Lauren Dangelmayr, Dolly Patel, Allison Endres, Stephanie Huchton, Wakoto Kurashima, Raegan Koessler, and Gladys Guerrero were evaluated by teacher judges. The winners include: Grand Prize, Stephanie Huchton for her German apple cake; 1st prize cookies, Kristen Fleitman for her lemony raisin oatmeal bars; 1st prize cakes, Dolly Patel for her apricot and orange roulade; Most Unusual Recipe, Wakoto Kurashima for her sweet potato side dish; 1st prize candy, Raegan Koessler for her ting a lings; 1st prize main dish, Gladys Guerrero for her enchiladas.

Thursday, students dressed in clothes from any decade. Also Thursday, seniors and officers were treated to a luncheon of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, brownie sundaes and iced tea hosted by Mrs. Sturm.

Friday was dress-up day and teacher appreciation day. Teachers were treated with fruit and cinnamon rolls. Also, all during the week, students participated in secret pals. Every day, students put gifts for their secret pals in their lockers. On Friday, during lunch, secret pals were revealed and treated to monster cookies.

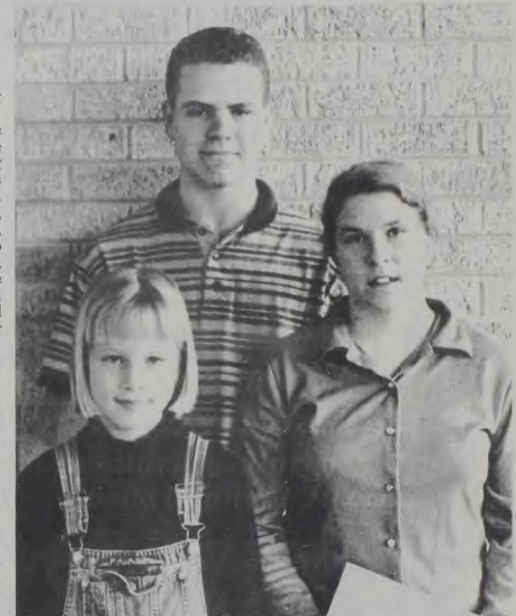
Lindsay takes first UIL district victory in debate

Lindsay High School's UIL Cross-Examination Debate team will be heading to Austin after sweeping first-place district honors with a strong one-two-three finish February 7 during the District 10-AA meet held at Whaley United Methodist Church in Gainesville.

Lindsay bested 11 other schools for the title, and now has 48 points toward 1997-98 district sweepstakes competition.

The first place team included Carrie Hundt and Steven Tepera. Brian Covington and Asad Rahman earned second team; while Jeremy Rinner and Abbas Ravjani placed third as a team. The top two teams will go to Austin March 16-17 for the state meet.

"The competition was tough, but in the end, it was clear that our three teams were the strongest," said UIL Debate Coach Mr. Craig Hertel.



Muenster ISD's Kiwanis Students of the Month are, from left, Sandy Endres, Grant Hartman, and Kristen Dickerson. Kristen is the daughter of Rocky and Roberta Dickerson. She is a senior, has been on the honor roll throughout high school and is a member of the National Honor Society. "Kristen is always willing to help out in the classroom and is a responsible officer in our FHA organization," said her teacher Joni Sturm. Grant is an eighth grade student and the son of Roy and Irene Hartman. His teachers describe him as showing a willingness to learn, well-behaved and thoughtful. They said that he meets challenges with a great deal of determination and works hard in order to be successful. Sandy is a third grade student in Diane Pagel's class. Ms. Pagel said, "Sandy is very dedicated in the classroom. She always tries her best to succeed. Sandy is very easy to get along with, making her a very well-rounded student." She is the daughter of Phil and Marlene Endres.

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Sports

Sacred Heart headed to Final Four

The Tigerettes three guard offense looked like a five guard offense in Saturday's regional game against Cornerstone Christian. With the Tigerettes clinging to a six point lead at the four minute mark of the final quarter, the motion offense that the Tigerettes ran took over control of the clock and accounted for 10 free throws to help the Tigerettes advance with a 62-54 win. "The girls ran the offense to perfection," said Tigerette Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "The movement was excellent and it was hard to tell the guards from the forwards."

The Tigerettes raced to a 17-13 first period lead as Kayla Felderhoff hit for 11 points to get the Tigerettes the lead. The Tigerettes hit for 17 more in the second period and took a 9 point lead into the locker room, 34-25. Sophomore forward Sarah Hess worked the boards and accounted for eight in the period. "Our defense was good again today," said LeBrasseur. "Jennifer Hess shut down their post to only four free throws in

the half and Sarah Hess dominated the inside offensively."

A Crystal Klement "3" answered with a "3 of their own and the Tigerettes entered the final eight minutes up by a 50-40 count. Felderhoff and Klement each hit five in the period to lead the Tigerettes.

"They got a little momentum at the end of the third period and it continued into the fourth, so we had to put a stop to it," said LeBrasseur. "We stayed within our offense and Joanna and Kayla got some drives to the hole and we got to the charity line." Get to the charity line the Tigerettes did, as they connected for 10 of 15 down the stretch for the win. Another key for the Tigerettes victory was the defense of Klement as she held Cornerstone's top guard White scoreless in the final quarter.

"Free throws are a very important part of our offense and when we start to go to the free throw line, we are scoring

points, causing foul trouble for the other team, and getting a rest for our defensive pressure," said LeBrasseur. "The team is shooting above 60% from the line and Kayla is almost automatic at near 80%." The Tigerettes connected on 22 of 31 from the line with Felderhoff hitting 10 of 11 and Sarah Hess connecting on 6 of 7.

Felderhoff led the Tigerettes with 26 points, Sarah Hess hit for 14 and snared 10 rebounds. Crystal Klement swished 12, and Joanna Gehrig scored 5 and led the Tigerettes with 5 steals and 4 assists. Jennifer Hess hit for 3 and also pulled down 9 boards and Leah Rigler netted a deuce and was credited with good defensive play.

Baylor University's Ferrell Center was the site of the Final Four for the 21-12 Tigerettes as they faced Katy Faith West. Faith West (22-11) defeated the Tigerettes for the 1997 title. Tip-off was set for 3:15 Thursday.



Sacred Heart Coach Jon LeBrasseur takes a break from play action to talk strategy with the Tigerettes. The girls advanced to the TAPPS Final Four Tournament, played Thursday and Friday, Feb. 19 and 20, Waco. Alvin Hartman Photo



Kevin Johnson battles an Era player for a loose ball in recent action. Other Muenster Hornets pictured are Erik Walterscheid and Corey Anderle. Janie Hartman Photo

Good Luck, Tigerettes, Take State!



The Tigerettes get a standing ovation from the Sacred Heart fans after defeating Cornerstone Christian 62-54 in regional playoff action. Alvin Hartman Photo

Hornets end season with 58-44 victory

The Muenster Hornets final game of the season turned into one of their more balanced performances and was also the third time this year they beat a team in the rematch contest. Saint Jo, the district runner-up, was the victim this time in a Big Red 58-44 win. Muenster was led by seniors Scott Hermes and Corey Anderle, in their final games, with 27 points, 13 rebounds, 13 assists, 9 steals, and only three turnovers between the two.

"It was a nice way for these two to finish," commented Ted Heers, as Muenster completed the season with a 13-14 record. "We're proud anytime we can beat someone who has already beaten us, and the steady play of Scott and Corey certainly led

us tonight." Aaron Klement added points on 5-9 shooting. Darr Hennigan scored 8, Jesse Lu 7, Kevin Johnson 5, and Erik Walterscheid 1 point in his final game, also.

"We were up and down especially with our field goal percentage all season," added Heers, "which our record reflects. Tonight was probably one of our two most complete games. Saint Jo, at 22-7, has proven they are a quality team."

Saint Jo will meet Henrietta Midway, while Ponder will play Byers. The Ponder Lions beat the Class A #1 ranked Detroit Eagles by 16 points last Monday night.

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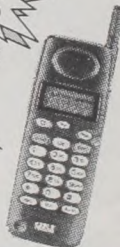
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4 Muenster youths advance in Free Throw competition

Four Muenster youths, Katie Flusche, Karen Gehrig, Raney Bauer and Russell Endres, took first place honors at the District Knights of Columbus free throw contest held Sunday at Saint Mary's gym in Gainesville.

Ten Muenster boys and girls competed in six age groups, including Katie Endres, Clint Miller, Karen Gehrig, Russell Endres, Raney Bauer, Mitch Felderhoff, Audrey Barnhill, Luke Endres, Kristie Lutkenhaus, and Kyle Fuhrmann.

Each contestant shot 25 free throws. In tie situations a 5 shot throw-off was held.

The top two finishers in each age group and their scores were:

GIRLS - 10 year olds: 1, Katie Flusche, Muenster, 12; 2, Taylor Wiginton, Gainesville, 12. **11 year olds:** 1, Karen Gehrig, Muenster, 18; 2, Makenzie Spruiell, Gainesville, 10. **12 years olds:** 1, Raney Bauer, Muenster, 12; 2, Alexandra Hellinger, Lindsay, 10. **13 years olds:** 1, Brooke

Smith, Gainesville, 19; 2, Amber Selby, Lindsay, 15. **14 year olds:** 1, Jana Martin, Paradise, 19; 2, Jennifer Wilson, Valley View, 15.

BOYS - 10 year olds: Robert Roese, Lindsay, 19; 2, Clint Stoffels, Gainesville, 16. **11 year olds:** 1, Russell Endres, Muenster, 22; 2, Jeremy Perryman, Paradise, 15. **12 year olds:** 1, Chuck Hinds, Lindsay, 12; 2, Jake Logue, Decatur, 10. **13 year olds:** 1, J.R. Harrison, Gainesville, 19; 2, Brad Harrison, Decatur, 19.

14 year olds: 1, Tommy Arendt, Lindsay, 19; 2, Jory Wolf, Gainesville, 18.

Katie, Karen, Raney, and Russell now advance to regional competition to be held Saturday, February 28 at the Fort Worth Police Academy Gym. Competition will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the 10 year olds, followed by 30 minutes time lapses for each age group, ending with the 14 year olds at 11:00. Competitors should be at the gym 30 minutes before they shoot.



At left, Jason Lutkenhaus of Muenster's junior varsity, puts defensive pressure on an Era shooter. Above, Danny Felderhoff (50) gets a lay-up shot. Janie Hartman Photo

Junior High Action

Sacred Heart 42 Tioga 5. Andrea Bauer and Mattie Sicking were high scorers in the Lady Cubs victory last Thursday with 13 and 11 points. Sara Sepanski and Audrey Barnhill both added 8, with Tanya Hess getting two. Defensively, Barnhill is credited for 6 steals and 4 assists, while Sicking pulled down 13 rebounds and had 6 assists.

SH	12	12	6	12	42
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Sacred Heart 32 Tioga 23. After taking a 25-2 lead in the first half, the 7th grade Cubs went on to defeat Tioga last Thursday. Jack Bifle put in 21 points, 19 in the first half to lead Sacred Heart. Michael Voth and Mikey Bayer each added 4. Jesse Coker scored 3 with Daniel Bartush, Jeff Reiter and Thomas Whitecotton getting 2 apiece.

SH	15	12	7	4	38
T	0	8	7	8	23

Sacred Heart 40 Tioga 44. "This was our best game of the year," noted Coach John Nasche on the 8th grade Cubs. "It was a tough loss. Our boys played extremely hard. Our full court pressure gave us a fighting chance. Tioga was just too much for us in the end."

Marty Farrell and Luke Endres led the Cubs with 14 and 11. Matthew Grewing put in 6 points, Chris Fuhrmann added 4, Aaron Walterscheid 3 and John Knabe 2.

SH	10	14	12	4	40
T	14	10	14	6	44

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Individual guns can be picky about shot size and load. Try several loads to find one your

gun shoots best. Finally, find out how far your gun shoots a good pattern. That is your maximum range.

I've found 30-40 yards to be the maximum "best" range for most guns and I use whatever load of #4, #5, or #6 shot works best in a particular gun.

Hunting in the dark

When you go turkey scouting you should certainly look for turkey sign, but you should also familiarize yourself with the terrain. The goal is to learn the terrain well enough to get around it in the dark. Many times I've had to go into the

woods in pitch black darkness, without a flashlight, to set up close to a gobbler I had roosted the evening before. A veteran turkey hunter once told me, "If you can see your feet, a gobbler in a tree can see you."

Also get a feel for the lay of the land. Where do trails lead? Are there alternate routes to a spot? How do the ridges, creeks and swampy areas relate to each other? Find fences, deep gullies, creeks and any other obstacle that might keep a gobbler from coming to you. By learning where the trails and obstacles are, you will know where and where not to set up to try calling a gobbling bird.

How good a shot are you?

Can you shoot as well as the average hunter? How about better? To find out, the National Shooting Sports Foundation selected a random group of hunters and had them shoot a series of regulation rifle, shotgun, hand gun and archery events. The shotgun events included trap and skeet. For the pistol and rifle test, participants had to fire at standard competition targets. The average bow hunter's ability was tested by releasing arrows at a 40 cm face with five rings.

Since none of the hunters had ever shot at these regulation events before, their scores are a good indication of the average hunter's ability. To find out how they scored and where you stand with your fellow hunters, send for the free booklet, "Here's Something to Shoot For," from NSSF, 11 Mile Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470-2359

IT WAS NEWS THEN

30 YEARS AGO
November 24, 1967
Albert Henschel, community, school and parish leader, dies at age 68, after undergoing heart surgery. City and County Sheriff share deputy in a 50-50 deal. Four of Muenster's Hornets named to 7-B all-district football teams. They are Mike Cason, Don Hartman, David Fette and Ken Swirczynski. New arrivals: a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Dankesreiter; a son for Mr. and Mrs. James Bezner; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Metzler. Muenster City Hall gets remodeling and general fix-up program. Weddings: Darilek and Albert Schumacher marry in St. Marie Goretti Church in Arlington.

10 YEARS AGO
November 27, 1987
The legal battle between the City of Muenster and Muenster Telephone Co. over the 200 foot communications tower recently erected by the Telephone Corp. has come out of dormancy. The "Tower Hearing" will resume Nov. 30. Peggy Grewing announces recent acquisition of Tops and Teams Sporting Goods. Wedding: Elaine Grewing and Fred Koesler are married in Sacred Heart Church. Golden Wedding: Mr. and Mrs. Al Yosten celebrate 50th anniversary. New arrivals: Brandon David Partain to Mr. and Mrs. David Partain; Laura Kristina Griffin to Les and Cathy Griffin; Keith William Walterscheid to Giles and Marlene Walterscheid; Jon Robert Ambrose to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ambrose; John Leo Mosman to Jimmy and Barbara Mosman.

30 YEARS AGO
December 1, 1967
Community progress is evident in the number of construction jobs underway. Also welcome, but in a different category are the conversion of Hwy 82 East into a four lane highway and the installation of Cable TV. C.J. Hellman is graduate of Department of Public Safety Academy in Austin. Damp, dreary weather brings fog and drizzle to measure .36 inch of moisture over three day period. Local Knights of Columbus Council admits 25 new members. Sacred Heart Tigers name 22 to get awards as lettermen. MHS Hornets announce 18 players and one manager on A team and 14 players and one manager on B team to get letter jackets. New arrivals: a

son for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hermes of Lindsay; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Charles H Wimmer of Oklahoma City, a son for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin of Irving. Wedding: Linda Krebs and Werner Becker, Jr. marry in St. Peter's Church.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 8, 1967
The second annual banquet of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce is set for December 18. The project to increase the capacity of Muenster's sewage treating plant moves forward, but is still far from actual construction. City turned on Christmas lights on December 6. MHS Future Farmer Chapter wins two first places and a fourth in district leadership contest in Denton. Muenster Jaycees hold benefit for Hospital Auxiliary. Seven of Sister Richard's speech and drama students of SH High School compete in Arlington tournament and three advance into finals. They include Linda Rohmer, Kaye Klement, Mary Jane Swirczynski, Margaret Kralicke, Mary Koesler, Cindy Bindel, and Laurie Truenebach.

10 YEARS AGO
December 4, 1987
Petition is circulated for signatures of those hoping to see a major bridge across the Red River, in the Bulcher area, northwest Cooke County. Contestants in court case seek settlement: The court case concerning Muenster Telephone Corporation's recently erected communications tower seems to be headed for settlement out of court. Next hearing is delayed, then extended. The 1987 Muenster Christmasfest will begin December 5. Cub Scout Pack 664 builds and fosters annual Nativity Scene at Mid-Park. Obituary: Joe Henry Walterscheid dies at age 66. Wedding: Gayle Marie Yosten weds Terry Clef Shafer in St. Anthony's Church of Hereford. New Arrivals: Aaron Paul Krahl to David and Judy Krahl; Karen Terese Flusche to Jack and Linda Flusche.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1947
Muenster State Bank Directors approve increase of Certified Surplus of \$35,000 and receive official notification from State Banking Department. Muenster Telephone Company will adopt a number system in placing phone calls as soon as mechanical changes can be made. The new switchboard

will double the company's capacity, save time and provide better service. FMA Cheese Plant will begin manufacturing a new product, a feed supplement, Kraco, a poultry and hog feed supplement, made from the plant's surplus whey, when the surplus is high.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 15, 1967
Community loses two pioneer citizens: Mrs. John Fette, 90, and Mrs. Leo Rohmer, 81. Sacred Heart Parish ships 3400 lb. in annual Thanksgiving clothing drive. Vandals who have caused damage or defaced property at the public school, are notified: they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Extensive problems have been caused by the troublemakers, reports Supt. L.B. Bruns. Muenster Chamber of Commerce Banquet speaker will be personnel manager of Weber Aircraft. Muenster High School Band will present Christmas concert under direction of Gerald Payne. Gerald Payne will present a formal organ concert on January 10. Muenster businesses will present an array of gifts to first 1968 baby born at Muenster Memorial Hospital. Three Lindsay Knights football players named to All-District: Mark Fuhrmann, Gary Beyer, and Arnold Zimmerer.

10 YEARS AGO
Dec. 11, 1998
Cooke County Commissioners Court and County Judge Jim Robertson, Texas Highway Dept. representatives, and area representatives from Muenster, Saint Jo and Nocona meet, in interest of Red River bridge. Area officials will attend January meeting in Austin. A bus may be chartered. Muenster's Christmasfest Parade is favored by good weather and good attendance. Interest in the Muenster Centennial Year-Long event for 1989 is gaining momentum. Wedding: Susan Marie Walterscheid and Neal Edward Flusche are married in Sacred Heart Church. New Arrivals: Marcos Gerard Nieto to Rafael and Connie Nieto; Jeffrey Thomas Tate to Sharon and Garland Tate; Harrison Joseph Reinwald to Harry and Mary Lou Reinwald. Named to All-District are Muenster High School football players: J. Shane Wimmer, Stuart Hess, Brian Hess, Scot Vogel, Bobby Don Thornhill, and James Hennigan. Obituary: Edna Hogan dies at age 98.

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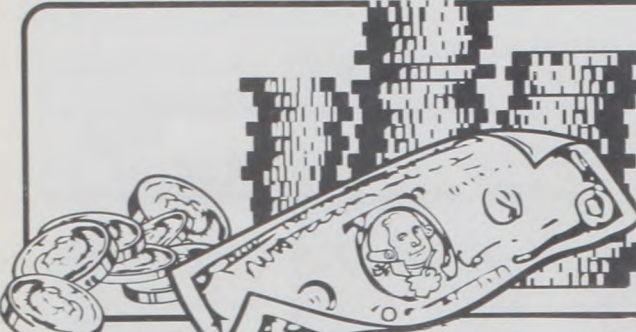
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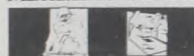
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARCELLA T. FETSCH**, Deceased, were issued on February 9, 1998, under Docket No. 14700, pending in the County Court of Cooke County, Texas, to **GARRY L. FETSCH** and **MONICA G. NOYES**.
 Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: **Cindy Stormer, 102 E. Elm, Gainesville, TX 76240**.
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 DATED the 9th day of February, 1998.
 /s/ Cindy Stormer
 Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 ESTATE OF **JOSEPHINE H. KNIGHT, DECEASED**
 Original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of **JOSEPHINE H. KNIGHT**, Deceased, were granted to **MARVIN P. KNIGHT SR.**, Muenster, Texas, in Case No. 14701 pending before the Cooke County Court, Gainesville, Texas, on the 9th day of February, 1998.
 All persons having claims against the Estate of **JOSEPHINE H. KNIGHT**, Deceased, in care of **George Nachman, Attorney at Law, 8333 Douglas Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75225**, this notice being given under the provisions of Section 294 of the Texas Probate Code.
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JOB OPENING: City Muenster is now accepting applications for an adult manager the Muenster swimming pool for the 1998 pool season. Lifeguard certification preferred but not mandatory. Application may be picked up at City Hall, 400 North Ma Street, Muenster, TX between the hours of 8-Noon or 1-5 Monday through Friday. Applications must be returned to City Hall March 20.

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Producers must keep protein feed records

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For one year, you must keep copies of purchase invoices and labeling of all feeds that you receive containing animal protein products. The copies must be available for government inspectors. Keep at least one representative copy of the label from each type of feed you buy. FDA on-farm records inspections will be limited, says FDA, but will be needed to verify that prohibited material is not being sold for feeding to cattle or other ruminants. Feeds containing the prohibited material carry a warning label.

Union takes strong position on prices, market and rights

Delegates to Texas Farmers Union's (TFU) 94th annual convention January 30-31, voted to support removal of federal government commodity loan rate caps, which were set at 1995 levels under the 1996 farm bill. Delegates also enforced their support for a floor price for milk.

In addition, delegates passed a resolution calling for a change in the state law which prohibits land owners from hunting on their own property without a hunting license. While the provision is largely ignored for farmers who kill varmints on their own farms, recent arrests of land owner-

hunters led the TFU delegation to call for legislation granting land owners the right to protect their own property without being licensed.

Texas Farmers Union's (TFU) board of directors voted unanimously to support a lawsuit by individual beef producers which calls on the U.S. Packers and Stockyards Administration to enforce its antitrust laws. TFU believes sagging cattle prices are attributable to the lack of competition in the market. As of 1996, four firms controlled the processing of 87 percent of the nation's red meat.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

REGIONAL BEEF MANAGEMENT

A survey by the National Animal Health Monitoring System shows the South Central and Southeast regions trail the rest of the US in management practices. Adoption percentages (South Central-Southeast vs rest of US) were: AI (8 vs 21), semen evaluation (32 vs 54), palpation (28 vs 47), body condition scoring (14 vs 35), BRD calf vaccine (25 vs 49), castration (64 vs 89). Weaning weights were 480 vs 519. While costs may be less in the South if winter nutritional expense is low, profit can be increased by implementing most of these practices.

AG MARKETING CLUB

The Ag Marketing Club will meet on Tuesday, February 24, at 9 a.m., at the Cooke County Farm Bureau Building on Highway 82 at Gainesville.

Dr. Ken Stokes, Extension Economist, will present this month's program and cover various marketing aspects and grain outlook.

RECERTIFICATION HOURS

Some producers need several recertification hours to complete requirements for their Pesticide License. A special program will be held Monday evening, February 23, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the County Extension Office, to offer three (3) CEU's.

Space is very limited and you will need to call the Extension Office at 668-5412 if you plan to attend.

4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 4-H Livestock Show will be held Saturday, February 28, at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. Rules, entry forms and project record forms are available in the County Extension Office and need to be turned in by 4-H members by 5 p.m. Friday, February 20.

The day's activities will include judging of Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy Goats, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Beef, and Swine.

Grazing gains popularity

The practice of grazing cattle on corn is on the rise, as research proves that cattle in the cornfields put on big gains.

Grazing the maturing crop reduces cost of labor, machinery, handling and storage. Corn field cattle also eliminates mixing rations and hauling manure, as with feedlot finishing. Corn can be grazed from the time it tassels, through full maturity and into the winter.

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A 1996 corn-grazing study in Nebraska achieved an average daily gain of 2.1 pounds on 49 steers. The cattle grazed from late July to early November and were moved daily to about 0.23 acre of fresh forage.

It was calculated that each pound of gain cost 32 cents, compared to 60 - 65 cents per pound of gain at commercial feedlots. Four hundred, fifty four pounds of beef were harvested per acre.

It's A Stat!

by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.76 million head on February 1, up 10 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 395 thousand head in commercial feedlots during January.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 475 thousand head during January.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.79 million head on Feb. 1, 1998. The inventory was 4 percent above Feb. 1, 1997.

In its most recent review of land values, the USDA says farm land prices rose nearly 6% to an average of \$942 an acre in the year ending January 1, 1997.

This is the 10th consecutive year in which land prices have risen since the national low in 1987. Since then, land values have risen 57% (15% when adjusted for inflation).

Texas and Oklahoma have had the lowest 10 year increase, with farm land in Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and most north eastern coast states increasing 90% or more the last decade.

Texas farm land value has an average of \$600. The lowest average is \$280 in New Mexico, with New Jersey averaging \$8,290 per acre.

TDA secures exemption for use of Zorial 80 herbicide

The Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption allowing the use of Zorial Rapid 80 Herbicide (norfluzon) to control annual grassy weeds on Bermuda grass pastures and hay meadows.

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For more information, contact your county Texas Agricultural Extension Office of TDA at 512-463-7407.

Need for calf care rises

The death of newborn calves remains a serious problem for dairymen, according to a USDA study.

A study conducted in 1997 indicated that up to 11 percent of newborn calves die before they are weaned, an increase from about 8.4 percent in a similar study in 1991.

A significant key to cutting calf deaths is an increased use of colostrum. Research indicates that calves receiving a gallon of more of colostrum

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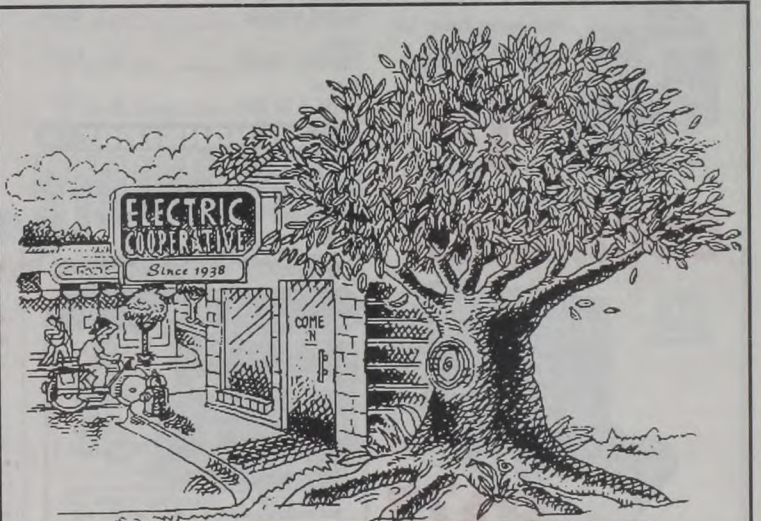
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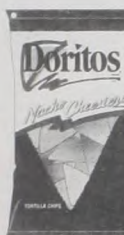
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