



Clynn Bell, Muenster FFA member, took top honors in the Junior Brangus Heifer Show at the Southwestern position and Livestock Show. The high school junior exhibited the Junior Champion Heifer at Fort Worth Jan. 24 at what is being called the largest heifer show in the United States. Jaclyn is the daughter of John Bell and Robin Bell. Courtesy Photo

## TU Electric announces plans for reduced rates

by Daryl Ferber

Terry Tombaugh, TU Electric manager, attended the February meeting of the Muenster City Council to answer questions concerning the new rate reduction plan for TU Electric customers.

Each municipality that TU Electric serves was given the opportunity to approve this plan, which Muenster City Council did on Monday. The reductions would take effect Jan. 1, 1998 upon final approval of PUC in Austin. The reduction amounts to 4% for residents, 2% for businesses and 1% for industrial.

The ground water storage tanks have passed inspection, as required every 3-5 years, with the use of a camera lowered into the tanks which documents cracks or spots needing repairs.

A new street light will be installed at Main Street (FM 373) and Cross Street. Installation is free and the city pays for the electricity. The light is needed for the extra security since Muenster Milling moved to that area.

A Construction Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Muenster and Greater Texoma Utility Authority was approved. The company will inspect the construction and painting of the elevated water storage tank. The city crews have been clearing the lot to make ready for the construction process.

The first reading and a discussion of the proposed standard codes for Ordinance 226 followed with adopting standard construction codes, fire prevention codes and standard plumbing codes for the present. The future Master Plan for the city will have a revised zoning ordinance.

A report on property clean-up showed the major problem to be trash along the roads. With Germanfest time fast approaching, a good clean-up is needed. (It would seem a bag could be kept in the vehicle for trash instead of throwing out the window, so Muenster area would always look nice). Administrator Broyles reported finding 8 abandoned cars around the city and letters will be sent to owners.

A review of the budget showed a big reduction of income from water sales with the loss of AMPI.

Ballot applications will be accepted at City Hall from Feb. 16, 1998 to Mar. 18, 1998 for the election of aldermen in the city's spring election. Positions open are Place 1 held by Bert Walterscheid, Place 2 Johnny Pagel, and Place 4 Jewel Otto. The council approved the bill of \$67,778.32.

## Lindsay students experience Project Save

by Janet Felderhoff

A new program called Project Save was presented to students Lindsay ISD last Wednesday and Thursday by Lindsay Police Chief Jody Henry and Agent James Jantz, regional coordinator for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Videos, visual aids, and role playing were used to help the students understand the consequences making bad choices where alcohol is concerned.

"If you are over 21 it is legal to drink in moderation," said Agent Jantz. "It is not legal to drink and drive. It is not legal to get drunk. It's your right to buy and possess it (alcohol). We're not picking on you because you're under 21. There are age requirements all through life. ... They've proven at people under 21 can't handle alcohol. It's a fact of life. They don't know how to drink in moderation like adults are supposed to do. Kids are most likely to get drunk. Right now Texas leads the nation in alcohol fatalities — minor deaths due to alcohol."

A 12 ounce glass of beer, a one ounce glass of wine and an ounce and a half of 80 proof liquor were displayed. Students were asked which contained more alcohol. The answer was that they are all equal. Some people say they can't get drunk on beer, but that's not true, stressed Jantz.

"You have choices to make, if you make a right choice you get good consequences. Make a wrong choice you get bad consequences," said Jantz.

"Shattered Lives, Teenage Victims of Drunk Drivers" is a video watched by students on Thursday. Teenagers who were injured by someone who was driving drunk or who had lost loved ones as a result of someone driving drunk told their stories to show how drunk drivers hurt others.

"Could that happen here? Could it happen to you?" queried Agent Jantz. Yes, it could, admitted the students.

Another question Jantz asked was if a person is drinking and driving and has an accident, is that an accident. The students said that it wouldn't be an accident. "Everybody's got a choice whether you drink and drive or not," Jantz explained. "If you get out and drink and start driving, that's an accident. You've got a choice."

Laws have changed. Since September 1997 punishments for minors with alcohol are now stiffer. "It's going to be tougher on you, but we've got to do something to bring these numbers down, to keep you safe or out of a wheelchair like that one fellow (on the video)." Changes in the minor in possession law and punishment were discussed. Using a mug of beer to illustrate his point, Agent Jantz held the mug and asked who was in possession of it (he was). Then he set it in front of one of the students, walked off and asked the same question. "She never touched

it," he said. "Possession by Webster's Dictionary is care, touch or control of something. This is one time you can be in control in the wrong place at the wrong time. If you're at a party and there's alcohol there

Another new law as of Sept. 1 is zero tolerance. One swallow of beer, wine, any detectable amount of alcohol in someone under 21 who is driving a vehicle and is stopped is punishable on a first offense

by taking an alcohol awareness course; \$500 fine; 20 to 40 hours community service; and a 60 day loss of drivers license. Second offenses include 40 to 60 hours of community service and a 120 day license suspension. Third offenses include a \$500 to \$2,000 fine or 180 days in county jail or both.

"Alcohol abuse costs everybody \$304.80 a year," said Jantz. "If nobody abused alcohol your parents would have another \$304.80 a year to spend on you."

Another video was shown about a teenage girl who was killed by a drunk teenage driver. After the video Jantz told the students to imagine that it was some months later and that they were the driver of that car. He said, "Imagine that was my daughter and I walked up to you in a store and asked, 'Why did you kill my daughter? Why are you standing there alive and she's dead?' You'd better think of something because it might happen. If you drink and drive it could very well happen. It could be your friends that don't survive. How are you going to face their parents? It could happen. It does happen every day."



No, THANKS, I DON'T WANT IT! Lindsay High School student Jennifer Bezner wisely refuses to drink from the mug offered to her by Agent James Jantz, regional coordinator of Project S.A.V.E. Although this mug contained only water, Jennifer had her back turned when Jantz fixed it and no idea what it might contain. "Fix your own sodas or punch and if you leave your drink to go dance or whatever, fix a different one when you get back," warned Jantz. "This is for your own safety." The "Date Rape" drug is colorless, odorless and tasteless and is being slipped into the drinks of unsuspecting victims. It was even used on a guy recently and is in rural areas. Janet Felderhoff Photos

scattered out through the house or room or whatever, you could be filed on for minor in possession — not consuming, possession."

Minors who are filed on for purchase of alcohol, possession of alcohol, or consumption of alcohol can receive the following punishment:

- First offense — take an alcohol awareness course (8 to 12 hours) at own expense; community service 8 to 12 hours; loss of drivers license for 30 days; and a fine.

- Second offense — \$550 fine; driver's license suspended for 60 days; 20 to 40 hours of community service.

- Third offense — those under 17 are filed in juvenile court where the juvenile judge order probation or anything he chooses; 17 or older are filed \$250 to \$2,000 or confinement in county jail for 180 days or both; driver's license suspended for 180 days.

Students who think that they will not be sentenced to jail time should be aware that many judges sentence people to serve nights and weekends. They could spend every night and every weekend in jail, getting out only during school hours.

What is community service? All the students seemed to think that meant picking up trash along the roads. Not always according to Agent Jantz. He told of a judge who worried that the teenager picking up trash might be hit by a drunk driver so she sentenced them to community service in nursing homes. "That's doing all of the jobs that the nurses don't want to do. The dirty nasty jobs like emptying bedpans, changing dirty sheets, and mopping bathrooms," Jantz explained. "Is a cold beer worth that?"

## Muenster hires new police officer as Tompkins retires

by Daryl Ferber

Police Chief Helen Tompkins has retired as of January 31, after almost 18 years of service to Muenster.

Long-time police officer, Bob Stovall now becomes Chief of Police for Muenster. Stovall has been in Muenster for almost 17 years. He has 700 hours of training and carries an Advance and Master's Certificate for police officers. He would like to finish school (lacks 1 year) for a Bachelor degree. He has 27 years experience in law enforcement work.

The new officer is Kenneth Lee, Jr. from Nocona. He has 4 years experience and is

certified with 400 hours of training. The state requires 40 hours of training every 2 years for police officers.

The Police Chief is setting up longer shifts of 12 hours each, 6 days a week. He will be on the day shift and Lee will be on night patrol. Lee has been learning about the area this past week. When the Muenster officers are off duty, calls will be handled by the Cooke County Sheriff's office, as in the past. There are good working relations between County officers and Muenster.

Retired Police Chief Helen Tompkins plans to spend time enjoying her family and going fishing. She plans to stay in Muenster indefinitely.

### GOOD NEWS!

So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.

EXODUS 23:25



Deanna Meurer and Amanda Hellinger (right) put pressure on a Lady Dragon Tuesday night. The Lady Dragons were slain by the Lady Knights of Lindsay 56-38 to get their first district win. Janie Hartman Photo

## Democrats plan fundraiser for Feb. 15 at VFW

Finishing touches were put on the Cooke County Democratic Club's upcoming fundraiser, Finger Lickin' — All You Can Eat — Sunday Rib Spectacular, at their meeting held Tuesday, Feb. 3. The event is planned for Sunday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until all is gone. It will be at the Gainesville VFW.

Virgil Hess and Jerry Lewis are the designated cooks for the ribs. Other members will supply the beans, potato salad, coleslaw, bread, condiments, desserts, and drinks.

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. They can be purchased from any Democratic candidate or club member.

Also announced was the completion and opening next week of the new Cooke County Democratic Headquarters. It's at 208 E. California in Gainesville, next to Kinne's Jewelers. All future meetings of the Cooke County Democratic Club will be held in the new headquarters on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

All Democrats or other interested persons are invited to attend the District 30 meeting on Saturday, Feb. 7 in Wichita Falls at the Luby's Cafeteria, 1901 9th Street at 12:30 p.m. A social will be held beginning at 11 a.m. No reservations are required.

For more information contact Susie McDonald at 665-2930.

# Citizens Advisory Committee initiates site investigations

by Janet Felderhoff

On Jan. 27 members of the bi-county Citizens Advisory Committee met in the Whitesboro Middle School library. A 40-minute executive session was held to discuss deliberation regarding real property; receive status report on Request for Proposals. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Chairman Wally Cullum directed the engineering staff to undertake several actions before the next meeting. These included 1) investigate the four sites that were submitted to the Citizens Advisory Committee and prepare a formal evaluation for the Committee's consideration; 2) investigate the site west of Lindsay and south of US 82 identified by a committee member; 3) check out other possible sites along US 82 in the Eagle Ford Formation for possible willing sellers of large tracts of land.

Since the engineering staff requires time to complete the assigned tasks, the next meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Whitesboro Middle School. They will review the results of the engineering staff's work.

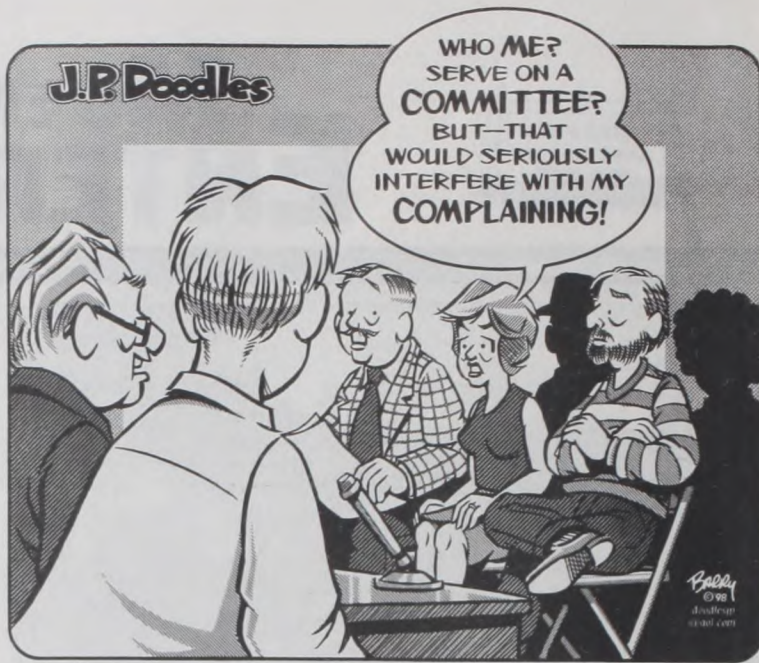
Through ads run in newspapers in both counties, four land owners were located who volunteered to sell their property for the purpose of a landfill. Two are in Grayson County and two are in Cooke County. In Cooke County one site is near the Red River west of Sivells Bend and the other is north of Era.

According to Cooke County representative Rufus Henscheid, 600 acres are required for the site. Each day 400 tons of trash, 10 trailer truck loads, will be put in the landfill. Of that three quarters will come from Grayson County and one fourth from Cooke County, he said.

Committee members attending the meeting included Cullum, Bill Goodson, Mike Allison, Rufus Henscheid, Jerry Culpepper, Wayman Chilcutt, George Light, Tom Lawrence, Steve Hipps, Jerry Peddicord, and Coy Stanhill. Technical Advisory committee members in attendance were Larry Cruise, Jerry White, Jerry Chapman, David Gattis, Jeff Miller, and Jim Gray.

Mike Carleton of HDR Engineering, Inc., Diane Hooker of EMCON, and Kerry Maroney of Biggs & Mathews were members of the engineering team present. Several citizens also attended.

The Citizens Advisory Committee was formed last August and is comprised of citizens from Cooke and Grayson counties. Developing criteria for the proposed landfill was the purpose of the committee.



## From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Likely no other operation a farmer/stockman does has changed more than baling hay.

When I was a young fellow, putting up hay was a back breaking job, requiring a number of different operations. The hay had to be mowed, then after a drying time, it was raked into windrows with a sulky rake pulled by a team of horses or mules.

There were different kinds of balers, all stationary, some powered by gasoline engines which were a fixed part of the baler, while others were belt driven by a tractor.

The earliest presses were powered by one or two draft animals. Mr. John Klement, a neighbor, owned such a baler, and for years in the 30s, he baled for my Dad.

The hay was dragged to the baler with a sulky rake, then forked onto a table by two crew men. Mr. Klement usually stood on the table and fed the press, a job that required a good bit of savvy, or experience.

Then there was a wire puncher on one side, and a tier on the other. These two managed to stack the bales in large stacks of hundreds of bales that were later loaded onto wagons, and stored in barns.

One day, Edgar Klement was operating the rake, driving a team of mules. After dumping the loose hay close to the baler, he left the rig standing a moment - I suppose to get a drink of water - when I and one of his brothers, engaging in a bit of horse play, came rushing out from behind the bale stack, scaring the mules. As the team jerked backward, the neck-yoke broke, dropping the rake tongue and allowing the team to try and run in different directions.

As one pulled one way, the other pulled another, and the tongue was soon broken, and as one mule broke free the other kept the implement careening from side to side, until it too broke free and ran to join its mate.

Well, to make a long story short, the rake was a mess. Both wheels were badly bent, the tongue broken, and there was other damage, so that until it could be repaired, it was useless.

Well, we caught up the mules and Edgar hitched to my Dad's rake and the operation continued, but I will never forget Mr. Klement as he surveyed the damage. I was expecting him to let us have a great piece of his mind, but he only said, "See what you boys caused!"

He was about the most even-tempered man I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.

## CAPITOL COMMENT



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON  
U.S. SENATOR

### DEREGULATION PROPOSAL ELECTRIFIES TEXANS

Most of us think about our electricity supply on only two occasions: when we get the bill, and when we flick the switch and nothing happens.

But a proposal before Congress to deregulate the industry is shining a spotlight on the issue of how America's electric utilities operate and serve their customers. Some analysts suggest that deregulation could cut electricity rates by as much as 25 percent for the average family. There would be, however, certain operational costs to be borne by each electricity consumer.

In my annual questionnaire, I asked Texans if they believe electricity deregulation would be beneficial to them. Your answers were, so to speak, illuminating — 48 percent of you said this is a good idea; 52 percent turned thumbs down.

Here are some of your comments: From Fredericksburg: "Deregulation of the electricity industry would be beneficial to me if the transitional and operational costs are not set at such a rate as to offset the savings. But in the past, when a deal like this has been cut and the taxpayer thinks he is getting a break, it turns out not to be the case. Somehow the public pays more, not less, and the companies enjoy greater profits."

From Center: "I can't see an electric utility (or any energy company) giving up its stockholders' margin of profit. Perhaps utilities shouldn't be privately owned. Dividends are the name of the game. I figure they will get their profit one way or another, and those 'transitional' costs will go on forever — or they'll think of something else."

From Brenham: "Deregulation in any industry is a plus. Free enterprise has been lost to governmental interference. Competition keeps prices fair and companies honest."

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#### Housing Assistance and Tire Disposal

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has made low interest rate mortgage financing available for first time home buyers through 35 participating lending institutions. A first time home buyer is defined as an individual or family who has not owned a home within the past three years. The mortgage loans will carry a 30-year fixed 6.75 percent interest rate.

The program is restricted to low and moderate income families. Generally, in our area, a family of three or more with an annual income under \$47,840 may be eligible.

Since 1990, the program has helped more than 9,000 Texas families buy their first home through low interest rate financing.

These programs do not rely upon tax money for support. They are financed through the sale of tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds through Congressional authority that is granted to every state. For information on the housing program, contact the Department of Housing at 800-792-1119.

Tire disposal in Texas became a private enterprise when a 1992 law expired December 31, 1997. Effective January 1, tire processors will no longer receive a subsidy from the state to process scrap tires.

Tire dealers may charge the customer to properly dispose or recycle waste tires. The amount of the fee charged to the consumer is determined by the dealers and not regulated by the state. Consumers who take tires away themselves will not have to pay a fee but will be asked to sign a "Consumer Responsibility Agreement" card to indicate they will dispose of the tire in a responsible manner.

Over the past two years, there has been a significant increase in recycling options for waste tires. There has been a 64% increase in the consumption of tire derived fuel, and a 140% increase in the use of shredded tire material in septic tanks.

Some fear that with the state no longer paying anyone to dispose of tires legally, illegal tire dumping may become a problem again. But state officials said they will still require companies dealing with tires to register and will continue to track waste tires until they have been recycled or destroyed.

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## 2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, February 8	Monday, February 9	Tuesday, February 10	Wednesday, February 11	Thursday, February 12	Friday, February 13	Saturday, February 14
KC Wurst for Best Sausage & Bingo, Meal 11-1, Bingo 1:00 JELLY Crazy Olympics, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Life Teen, 7-8:30 p.m.	VFW Meeting, 8 p.m. SH School Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	Muenster 4-H Meeting, 7 p.m. Muenster jvg, VGB vs. Era, there, 4:30 p.m.  Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	C of C Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., The Center Restaurant Religious Ed. Class, 7 p.m. SHS Alumni Meeting, 7 p.m. Adult Volleyball, old MHS gym, 7-10 p.m. Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Muenster ISD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Cooke County BPW Meeting, noon, Gainesville C of C	Muenster jvg, VB vs. Saint Jo, here, 5 p.m.  SH VGB vs. Alamo Catholic, there, 6:00	VALENTINE'S DAY
Life Teen Flag Football, 7-8:30 p.m. JELLY North Deanery Mass in Denton, 4-8:30 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary Meeting, 8 p.m. NO SCHOOL - Sacred Heart Muenster Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Band Room	Muenster Library Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	MMH Board Meeting, 8 p.m. Religious Ed. Class, 7 p.m. Adult Volleyball, old MHS gym, 7-10 p.m. Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Cooke County Youth Fair Entry Deadline		

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# Glenn Hellman dies Jan. 28 at 64

by **Elfreda Fette**  
 Glenn Hellman died on Jan. 28, 1998 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital of a parent coronary, bringing to an abrupt close an outstanding life deeply involved with his family, his community, his hometown, his church, his family home, his farm, his profession and his friends, Cooke County, and an ever wider circle of friends. Survivors are his wife Betty Hellman; three sons and daughters-in-law Dwayne and Helen Hellman of Lindsay, Brian and Cindy Hellman of Luther, Georgia, Jeff and Jackie Hellman of Gainesville; three daughters and sons-in-law Glenn and Jerry Metzler of Lindsay, Sandy and Ronnie Copeland of Fort Worth, Gina and Jim Ott of Lindsay. There are twelve grandchildren: Jeffrey, Laura and Bradley Hellman; Christine, Stephanie and Allison Metzler; Robert Wolf, Dillon and Sidney Metzler; Jeffrey Hellman; and Katie Copeland. Also sisters and brothers-in-law Janie and Henry Weinzapfel, Carol and John Yates, and the late Collette Waffle. Also brothers and sisters-in-law Doug and Sylvia Hellman, Mark and Rosemary Hellman, and Lonnie and Pamela Hellman; and brother-in-law and his wife Jimmy Jack and Andy Biffle; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Glenn Ernest Hellman was born in Muenster on March 25, 1933, the eldest son of Arthur and Pauline Otto Hellman. On Feb. 17, 1955 he married Betty Rose Zimmerman in St. Peter's church of Lindsay. He was a 1951 graduate of Muenster High School; received a Bachelor's Degree from East Texas State University in 1955 and a Master's Degree from North Texas State University in 1963. He taught Vocational Agriculture at Muenster High School 1955 through 1958; served as principal and social studies teacher at MHS 1959 to 1963. That fall, he and Betty moved to Lindsay, where he became the first superintendent of the Lindsay Independent School District, serving in that capacity for 23 years, until retirement in 1986. Interested in agriculture from his youth, he was a fellow farmer and rancher. Upon retirement from the education profession, he devoted full time to farming and ranching, in partnership with his sons. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic



Glenn Hellman

Church; the Knights of Columbus; the Cooke County Fair Association Board; the Farm and Ranch Advisory Committee at North Central Texas College; the Cooke County Extension Service Advisory Committee; the American Heart Association; the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce; the United Way; and the Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department. In the homily of the funeral Mass, Father Eugene Luke OSB, pastor paid tribute to Hellman's many contributions in the field of education; to his influence still strongly felt in area schools; to his insistence upon academic standards, and accountability for public schools; to his belief that high expectations from adults would result in high achievement from young people. The eulogy was delivered by Hellman's son-in-law, Jerry Metzler, who emphasized: "The foundation of our excellent schools today was laid by many outstanding educators years ago. Today there are many of us who benefit from Glenn Hellman's efforts, first as students and now as parents. There are also a number of folks who became educators themselves as a result of his example, and proudly carry the same commitment to high standards that Glenn displayed... But there was more to his life than his profession. He was intent on regaining his health... he was active in fundraising for charitable causes; he was busy and productive in the agriculture community and in making our town a better place to live... he worked full time at farming and ranching - putting a different twist to the meaning of 'retired'..."

"Of much more importance," Metzler continued, "were the roles he played in the lives of his family members... he was a caring older brother... a loving husband to Betty... an inspiration to their six children... and, to a very lucky group of twelve kids, he was a doting and caring grandfather... there was always time for the grandkids... a pickup, tractor or four wheeler ride, a check on a baby calf... even watching TV with Grandpa... Our fond memories will best be shown by the way we live our lives and try to effect others as he did us."

His brother, Doug Hellman followed with brief "Remarks of Remembrance." The Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Peter's Church on Saturday, January 31 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Father Eugene Luke OSB and Father Harry Fisher. Altar servers were Genevieve Knauf, Phillip and Patrick Bayer.

Readings from the Old and New Testaments were given by Christina Metzler and Desiree Robison respectively. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were carried to the altar by Stephanie Metzler, Laura Hellman and Amber Wolf. In the Offertory procession, items reminiscent of their grandfather were carried by Bradley Hellman, a toy tractor; Dillon Ott, books; Allison Metzler and Katie Copeland, cow figurines. Offertory petitions and intentions were read by Robert Weinzapfel.

Eucharistic Ministers were Diane Neu, Andy Bezner and Kathleen Schroeder. Presenting sacred songs were members of the Guardian Angels Choir; selections included "Amazing Grace," "Softly and Tenderly," "Peace Is Flowing Like a River," "Miracle of Life," "You Are the Wind Beneath My Wings," "Song of the Angels," and "How Great Thou Art."

A Rosary Service was held Friday at 4:00 p.m. and Vigil at 7:00 p.m., both in St. Peter's Church. Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery was directed by Clement-Keel Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Geoffrey Hellman a grandson and the following nephews: Robert Weinzapfel, Jim Biffle III, Francis Betzen, Michael Zimmerman and Scott Klement. For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials made to the American Heart Association.

# Jeffries infant dies at 2 months

Devon Rae Jeffries, age two months, died in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Jan. 29, 1998. She was born on Nov. 25, 1997 in Gainesville Memorial Hospital to Melissa Jeffries of Gainesville. Devon Rae Jeffries is survived by her mother, Melissa Jeffries, her grandparents Stephen and Lucille Jeffries of Gainesville; her great-grandparents Alice Jeffries of Bowie and Charles

and Marcy Switzer of Muenster. Also numerous aunts and cousins. Services were held Monday, Feb. 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Clement-Keel Chapel in Gainesville, officiated by Minister David Hall of Carter Lake Road Church of Christ in Bowie. Burial at 1:30 p.m. was in Selma Cemetery of Bowie. Pallbearers were James Dean "Moe" Russell and Jimmy Taylor.

# Donald Huffman dies at 61

Donald Huffman, 61, of Saint Jo died on Jan. 31, 1998 at 0:20 p.m. in Denton Regional Medical Center. He was born on Feb. 8, 1936 in Corry, Pennsylvania to Raymond and Mildred Huffman. On April 3, 1969 he married Hazel Woods in Wichita Falls. He was a heavy equipment operator, and lived in Lawton, Oklahoma prior to moving to Saint Jo in 1973. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served two combat tours in Vietnam, and also served in Germany. He worked for the rock crusher near Saint Jo for 19 years; and enjoyed doing mechanic work on old vehicles. He loved animals, and particularly enjoyed working crossword puzzles. Survivors of Donald Huffman are his wife Hazel Huffman of Saint Jo; two daughters Jeanne Pauley of Flower Mound and Barbara Hendricks; and one son and daughter-in-law Chris and Terri Cagle of Coppell. There are five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also one sister Shirley Amarosa of Pennsylvania and three brothers Frank Reddicke, Richard Huffman and Raymond Huffman, Jr. all of Pennsylvania. Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Chuck Reddicke. Funeral for Donald Huffman was held Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Chapel in Saint Jo,



Donald Huffman

officiated by Rev. Sharon Smith and Rev. Ricky Kerr. Attending from out of town were Willis Shantz of Lawton, Leroy Hess of Southlake, Toni Lankford of Irving, Pam and Kevin Foster of Highland Village, Stacey Whatley of DeSoto, Phillip and Raine Hazelip, and Gene and Elsie Hoedebeck and Wayne and Peggy Grewing of Muenster. Burial in Mountain Park Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Paul Sampson, Larry Busby, Willis Schantz, Truman Weed, Roy Weed and Sam Taylor. Honorary pallbearers were J.R. Thompson, Frank Beecher and Charlie Conners.

# Muenster native, Clara Richter, dies at age 93

Clara Margaret Richter, a native of Muenster and long-time resident of Dallas, died on Feb. 3, 1998, at 3:06 p.m. at age 93, in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. She was born on October 30, 1904, the daughter of William Richter and Mary Hoefler Richter, Muenster pioneers. She was raised in Muenster; was member of the Catholic Church; lived most of her adult life in Dallas; was a sales clerk and worked many years and retired from Sanger Harris in Dallas. Survivors include one sister, Gladys Lutkenhaus of Gainesville, three nieces LaChrista Krahl of Gainesville, Lynette Harris of Denton and Shirley Grewing of Muenster; five nephews Sheldon Lutkenhaus of Gainesville, Lambert Walterscheid of Las Vegas, Nevada, Rainard Walterscheid of Jacksboro, Troy Jensen of Wichita Falls and Billy Frank Richter of Muenster. Preceding her in death were her parents; and six sisters Marie Walterscheid, Kathleen Richter, Hallie Jensen, Bobbie Plumlee, and two infant sisters. Also two brothers Walter Richter and Joe Richter.



Clara Richter

Vigil service was held in McCoy Funeral Chapel of Muenster on Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, officiated by Father Thomas Craig, pastor. Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Trent Krahl, Cody Krahl, David Bullock, Corey Bullock, John Bullock, and Eddie Puckett.

# Rohmer promoted in Fort Worth



Gary Rohmer

Muenster native Gary Rohmer has been named a director in the Tax and Accounting Services practice of Coopers & Lybrand's Fort Worth office. Mr. Rohmer has more than 14 years of experience in the field of corporate, partnership and individual taxation. He has provided consulting services to clients on a variety of tax planning issues including those associated with business formations, acquisitions, restructurings, and public offerings. These services have extended to the representation of clients before the Internal Revenue Service. Professional experience of Rohmer's also includes four years as a corporate tax director for a closely-held independent exploration and production company. Currently, his practice is concentrated in the area of corporate taxation, with a

client base that consists chiefly of companies in the energy, manufacturing, retail, and transportation industries.

Mr. Rohmer has been an instructor for Coopers & Lybrand training classes at the local, regional, and national level - lecturing on taxation of corporations and partnerships, and serving as a coach and mentor to Coopers & Lybrand. Mr. Rohmer holds both a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees in accounting from the University of North Texas, and was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and its Tax Section, and of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA). He also is active in his church and several community organizations. Gary and his wife, Robin, are the parents of two children, and make their home in Southlake. He is the son of Viola and the late Urban Rohmer.

# Gramm urges VA approval of outpatient clinic

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm urged the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to approve plans to establish a Community-Based Outpatient Clinics in Denton. In a letter to Kenneth Kizer, Under Secretary of Health for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Gramm urged speedy approval of the proposal. "I agree with Texas VA officials and North Texas veterans that a clinic in Denton would be beneficial in caring for the underserved veterans population in North Texas," the senator said.

Gramm said the proposed clinic will serve the veterans population of 27,770 in Denton and Cooke Counties. The services the clinic will provide include x-rays, preventive medical services, routine lab work, and other primary care services. "The proposed clinic will serve veterans in Denton and

Cooke counties and will make much needed primary care services more readily available to those veterans," the senator noted. Gramm said the VA must submit the proposal to the U.S. Congress for final approval, which he hopes will occur early next year.

# Hope Cottage adoption

Hope Cottage Pregnancy and Adoption Center has founded its first international adoption program. According to Steve Utley, president of Hope Cottage, the 80-year-old agency will begin by working with Romanian orphans and has formed an affiliation with Asociatia Catharsis, an

accredited Romanian adoption agency. Mariana Achiriloae, an American Citizen originally from Romania, was hired on September 1 to serve as the agency's full-time International Adoption Specialist. For more information contact Doris Marshall (214) 526-8721

# Koch Pipeline to cease area operation

Koch Oil Company has announced that Koch Pipeline Company L.P. will cease operations of its North Texas gathering system. Effective March 1, Cooke, Grayson, Montague, and Wise counties will no longer be serviced. Koch Pipeline will sell the pipeline system to Duke Energy Transport and Trading Company of Oklahoma City. Likewise, Duke will assume Koch's rights and obligations under the purchase contracts and division orders.

We wish to express our appreciation for the kindness and concern shown during Alfred's illness and the many acts of sympathy upon his death. All who participated in the services, flowers, Masses, cards and those who sent food and the Catholic Daughters and KCs who so graciously served our families and guests. Also, the nurses of Home Health and Home Hospice for their gentle love and care. We are truly grateful.  
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# Lifestyle

## Local citizens fall short

Feb. 8-14 marks Child Safety Awareness Week

Four government agencies are continuing their fight against unnecessary deaths and injuries sustained in motor vehicle crashes, especially those involving children.

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Texas Department of Safety (DPS), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are promoting the week of Feb. 8-14 as National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week.

"Our goal is to educate Texans about buckling up their children," explains Martha Kingston, extension assistant-passenger safety.

Curious to see how well area residents did in complying with wearing seat belts and buckling children in seat belts or safety seats, the *Muenster Enterprise* staff did a survey. Since traffic is heavy in the school areas before and after school, the survey was done from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Three high traffic areas were selected. One was on Oak and the corner of Sixth Street. The second was on Seventh Street and the third was near the intersection of Eighth and Oak Street. The three surveyors were looking for adults and high school students not wearing seat belts; children not wearing seat belts or buckled into car seats; children standing on seats; children being held by the driver; children held in the front seat by a passenger.

The staff's numbers showed that more people were not wearing seat belts or buckling their children in than were. This despite the fact that all statistics show that many lives

are saved by wearing seat belts or using infant car seats and that serious injuries are prevented by the same.

Out of all the traffic only about 44 people were buckled up. Adults and students not wearing seat belts were counted at 177. Children left unbuckled were 124. Surveyors spotted 12 children standing on seats, both front and back. One child was sitting in an safety seat, but was not buckled in. Although surveyors didn't see anyone holding a child in the front seat during the survey time, shortly after two were sighted being held in a pickup with nobody wearing seat belts. Those seen without seat belts or with children unrestrained included mothers, fathers, grandmothers, older sisters and brothers, and even teachers. One surveyor noted that the students who were driving were more likely to be seen with their seat belt on than were adults.

According to DPS, 217 children aged 12 and under were killed in motor vehicle crashes in Texas in 1996. Additionally there were 34,315 children injured in motor vehicle crashes.

Although no safety device is 100 percent effective all of the time, a child safety seat can make a life-saving difference. "When correctly used, child safety seats are 71 percent effective in preventing fatalities. Along with that, correctly used seats are 67 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization," Kingston notes.

"Correctly used" means seats are in the proper position, secured to the vehicle properly and that the child is buckled properly into the seat.

Texas law required children age two and under be properly restrained in a safety seat that meets federal safety standards. Children between two and four must be in a child safety seat or secured by a seat belt. Children under 12 are prohibited from riding in the open area of pickup trucks at speeds in excess of 35 mph.

"Secure infants and toddlers in a child safety seat that is appropriate for their age and size," said Kingston. "Older children wear vehicle safety belts."

Lap belts should be low and snug across a child's hips. The shoulder belt must not cross the face or neck.

Drivers can take additional steps to help protect child passengers.

Pre-crash braking may throw an unrestrained child against the dashboard or near the passenger air bag location. The safest place for passengers, especially those aged 12 and under, is in the back seat.

Never place a rear-facing infant seat in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. If a toddler convertible seat must be placed in the front seat of a vehicle, move the seat position back as far as possible from the dashboard.

Buckle up every one, every time.

Make it a habit from the time a baby comes home from the hospital. The reason people are encouraged to buckle up on every trip is because most crashes happen within 25 miles of the home.

Children emulate the behavior of their parents. "A parent must set the example for the child," Kingston noted.



Eight German students from Sunset High School in Dallas visited Muenster last week. The German class toured Muenster and had interviews with Mayor Henry Weinzapfel, Muenster Elementary Principal Gwen Trubenbach, lifetime resident Joe Hoenig and Janie Hartman of The Muenster Enterprise staff. Juanita Bright, representing the Muenster Historical Commission, showed the group around town. Visitors included, from left, Alma Rocha, Anthony M. Evans, Karen Hodges, Christina Ortega, Jessie Gerren, Maribel Pecina, Mr. Charles Ostermann, Nicholas A. Cervantes and Daniel Rodriguez. Janie Hartman Photo

## GMH receives Level IV Trauma designation

Gainesville Memorial Hospital has been named a Level IV (basic) trauma facility by the state of Texas. This Level IV designation formally defines GMH's role in the comprehensive trauma care delivery system, a system designed to assure the public of the highest standards of care for traumatic injuries.

GMH began the application process in 1997. This process involves inspection of the physical facilities and review of the special training of the nursing and medical staff of the emergency department required by the state in order to be granted this designation.

The goal of the Texas Trauma System is "that all the people of Texas, because of the effectiveness of our prevention programs, are the least likely

in the nation to be seriously injured or killed; but if injured, have the best chance for survival and maximal potential for recovery." The state was divided into 22 Trauma Service Areas to accomplish this goal. Within each Trauma Service Area, a Regional Advisory Council was developed that facilitates the development, implementation and operation of the comprehensive trauma system based on accepted standards of care that would decrease morbidity and mortality resulting from traumatic injury.

Level IV trauma facilities are required to have a Physician Medical Director with certification in Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Advanced Cardiac Life Support. The nursing Trauma Coordinator is required to have certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Pediatric Life

Support, and the Trauma Nursing Core Course. GMH's Trauma Coordinator is Charlene Hardin, R.N. The Medical Director is B.R. Respass, M.D.

Trauma patients receiving care in the emergency department at Gainesville Memorial Hospital are assured of quality care by virtue of the fact that 100 percent of the regularly scheduled registered nurses and 100 percent of the physicians working on trauma teams in the GMH emergency department are certified in special trauma courses.

GMH is committed to providing the highest standards of continuing education to its emergency department staff on an ongoing basis, keeping up with the latest developments in the area of trauma care.

GMH is certified for three years under the current Texas Trauma System guidelines.

## Garrett Mac honored at 2!

Garrett Mac Miller, son of Randy and Lisa Miller turned two years old on January 21. He celebrated with a party on January 25 at home, with a Barney theme. Birthday cake was served, gifts were opened and displayed, pictures and videos were made.

Guests included Garrett's parents, his brother Kaiob, his sister Taylor, grandparents Bryan and Glenda Russell, and Barbara Luke; his Godmother Amanda Russell, and friend Martin McCoy. Also, aunts, uncles and cousins: Sharlene and Dainah Hartman; Dwayne, Denise and Nicole Pagel; Renate, Kelsey, Derek and Miranda Pagel; Sandy Harris.

Unable to attend were: Marlene, Lacy, Ricky, Kelly and Sandy Endres; Shannon Hartman; Collin Pagel; Godfather Ryan Hess, Tina, Trevor and Dalton Hess; Gary, Clarissa, Hayley, Kylie and Mikinzin Hess; Felicia, Taylor, Kendall and Peyton Reiter.

Treat and goody bags were given to all the guests. On Garrett's actual birthday, January 21, he shared cupcakes with his friends at the home of Felicia Reiter.



Garrett Mac Miller



Dillon Haverkamp

## Party marks Dillon's 8th

On Sunday, Jan. 18 Dillon Haverkamp celebrated his eighth birthday with a party in his home. His actual birthday is Jan. 9. Dillon is the son of Kevin and Shana Haverkamp.

Dillon's cake was decorated in a John Deere tractor theme and was made by Betty Rose Walterscheid. Guests were served cake and ice cream. After opening gifts, Dillon spent the afternoon playing with cousins, friends, aunts and uncles.

Guests included Dillon's brother Keaton; sister Lauren; grandparents Don and Diane Huckabay and Dan Haverkamp; classmate Alex York; and Joe, Staci, Kari and Kaci Kuykendall, Vicky and Jessica Fisher, Gary, Tammie and Nathan Hamilton, and Olivia Haverkamp.

## Recruitment tea hosted by GMH Auxiliary

"Give a piece of your heart - volunteer" is the theme of a Membership Tea to be hosted by the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary on Thursday, Feb. 12.

The tea, which will focus on recruitment of members for the hospital's active and vital volunteer staff, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 12, in the first floor conference room of the hospital.

According to Elizabeth Mendenhall, president of the hospital auxiliary, the tea will be a come and go affair, with information available on all facets of hospital volunteering.

"The hospital auxiliary is looking for committed men and women who want to make an impact with their volunteer time," said Mendenhall. "Our volunteers are a very important part of our hospital, and additions to the membership are vital in ensuring the auxiliary's continued growth."

For more information on the tea or hospital volunteering, contact Mendenhall at 668-7216, or Gayla Blanton, GMH's director of community relations and volunteer services, at 612-8301.

## Dankesreiter earns degree

Cheremie Beth Dankesreiter received her degree from the University of North Texas on Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, in commencement exercises at the U.N.T. Coliseum. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development with a minor in English. Cheremie is a 1992 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. While in college, she was a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society, the North Texas Student Council on Family Relations, and H.O.S.T.S. (Help One Student to Succeed).

Attending the graduation were her husband, Eric

Dankesreiter of Carrollton; Damien and Lou Moster, her parents; David Moster, Valissa Rhoades, Makayla Moster, Tom and Rosemary Dankesreiter, John and Dana Walterscheid and daughters Anne, Sara, Abby, and Lora, all of Muenster; Tommy Joe Dankesreiter of Lubbock; Theresa Hermes of Lindsay; Larry and Connie Dankesreiter of Fort Worth; and Reese Parton of Arlington.

After the graduation, friends and family celebrated with a lasagna dinner and visiting in the home of Cheremie and Eric.



Cheremie Dankesreiter

## Jennifer Bayer named to Dean's List at SHSU

Jennifer Kaye Bayer has been named to the Dean's List at Sam Houston State University for Fall 1997. The Dean's List consists of all full-time students having grade point averages of 3.5 and above, in a 4.0 ratio. Jennifer Kaye Bayer is the daughter of Tom and Joyce Bayer.

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## Air-abrasion system offered by Dr. Graham

Gerald Graham, D.D.S. and his dental staff recently attended the annual Dallas Mid-Winter Dental Clinic. The clinic's intent is to continue the education of dental professionals, and to keep them abreast of improvements in dentistry.

A recent addition to Dr. Graham's office is the air-abrasion system. The air-abrasion system uses a fine, precisely controlled high-pressure stream of aluminum oxide to remove unhealthy enamel, dentin, or previously placed restorative material without compromising healthy tooth structure.

Further, patients experience a new level of comfort, because anesthesia is seldom necessary when using air-abrasion. While air-abrasion will not replace the handpiece for large cavities, it is the instrument of choice for the practice of conservative dentistry.

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# School News



Sacred Heart School had an Open House last week Wednesday in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week. Visiting in the classrooms were, above, Mackenzie, Shawna and Morgan Herr and, at right, Tad and Cathy Otto.  
Janie Hartman Photo

## Contest celebrates classroom excellence

It's billed as "a talent show for the classroom". Ten Texas schools will each walk away with a check for \$1,000 after winning Diamond Shamrock's Hooray for Excellence program this spring.

Co-sponsored in the area by radio station KXGM-FM, Hooray for Excellence celebrates good ideas and innovations in Texas schools.

"Haven't you wished people would cheer for extraordinary efforts in the classroom the same way they cheer for sports and entertainment?" asked Gene Smith, director of jobber communications for Diamond Shamrock. "That's why we sponsor Hooray for Excellence. We want to shine a spotlight on unique educational programs and activities that help achieve academic excellence.

"The purpose of Hooray for Excellence is to publicize programs and teachers that are motivating students to do better than they thought they could," Smith said. "And public recognition itself can be a big motivator for both teachers and students. Good teachers, and students who achieve academic success, deserve recognition

every bit as much as coaches and athletes."

Public school principals throughout Texas are receiving Hooray for Excellence entry packets now. Participating schools will create an audiotape which describes, illustrates, and promotes their program for academic excellence. The tape must be three minutes or less in length and will be judged on the basis of presentation and interest.

An elementary, middle school, and high school finalist from this area will be selected to advance to regional competition. The top tapes in each category then will move on to statewide competition where 10 finalists each will be awarded \$1,000. Every school which enters the contest will be

recognized with a certificate of achievement.

"Support for schools, including parental interest and involvement, volunteered time and resources from the public and even funding, depends to some extent on the public knowing about and taking pride in the good work that's taking place in the schools," said Roger Hemminghaus, chairman and CEO of Diamond Shamrock. "Hooray for Excellence is a great way to publicize those great efforts."

Entries must be delivered no later than close of business on Friday, February 27, 1998, to radio station KXGM-FM. For more information on the program or for an entry form, contact the radio station or call the Hooray for Excellence staff at (806) 374-5333.

## Sivells Bend ISD awarded \$500 cash

Dr. James Masters, Superintendent of the Sivells Bend Independent School District, announced that a monetary award of \$500 has been made to the Sivells Bend

School as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards System (TSSAS). The Sivells Bend district is among 2,300 cash-winning schools across the state receiving such awards as exemplary or recognized schools. A total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to Texas schools this year under TSSAS.

These funds must be used for purposes determined by the campus-level (site-based) committee...under Section 11.253, and may not be used for athletics, or "to substitute for or replace funds already in the regular budget..."

"Obviously, we are very pleased to receive this recognition, and to have the awarded funds," said Superintendent Masters. "It is a credit to our students, faculty, and district, and we are proud of what has been accomplished."

## Sivells Bend school receives grant

The Telecommunication Infrastructure Fund Board recently announced a grant of \$99,000 to the Sivells Bend School to provide equipment and direct access to the Internet. The school and staff had made application for the grant, including providing a technology plan for how students and programs could be benefited.

According to a news release from Superintendent, Dr. James Masters, the grant funds, along with matching funds from the district of 10% of the award, will be used to purchase computer work stations and interconnectivity networking equipment, along with wiring of classrooms, high capacity "T1" data services to the Regional Service Center in Fort Worth, and extensive staff

training to maximize effective use.

The state's purpose in providing these grants is to help update infrastructures to increase communications capabilities.

"We are certainly pleased to have been among the schools selected for this award," Masters said. "We believe our students and school can be greatly enriched by the equipment and services this will make possible."

### Green Tips

**Fact:** The average American consumes twice the energy of the average European and eight times the energy of those in developing countries. **Tip:** When cooking small portions, use your microwave. While it may use the same energy per minute, it can usually cook much faster.

### SHYM Happenings

#### J.E.L.L.Y.

Just in time for the Winter Olympics, we have Crazy Olympics! For a rousing time playing weird, but fun games come to the CC at 1:30 and we'll be done by 3:30. See ya there!

#### Life Teen

Lights...Camera...Action! Okay, maybe there was no camera, but there were plenty of lights and action last Sunday when we took down the town's Christmas decorations. The pizza was good too!

Come on out this Sunday, 7-3:30 p.m. and find out about "Love One Another" a Life Night inspired by Kathy Troccoli.

### Notice

#### SHS Honor Roll changes

There are two changes in the Sacred Heart School honor roll published in last week's edition. Dana Miller should have been included on the Principal's Honor Roll and Allison Bayer is to be added to the "B" honor roll.

#### Muenster Band Boosters meet

Muenster Band Boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. February 16 in the band room. A bake sale is to be scheduled for March 3 at Muenster ISD's Open House. All members of the Booster Club are asked to bring two items or a \$10.00 donation.

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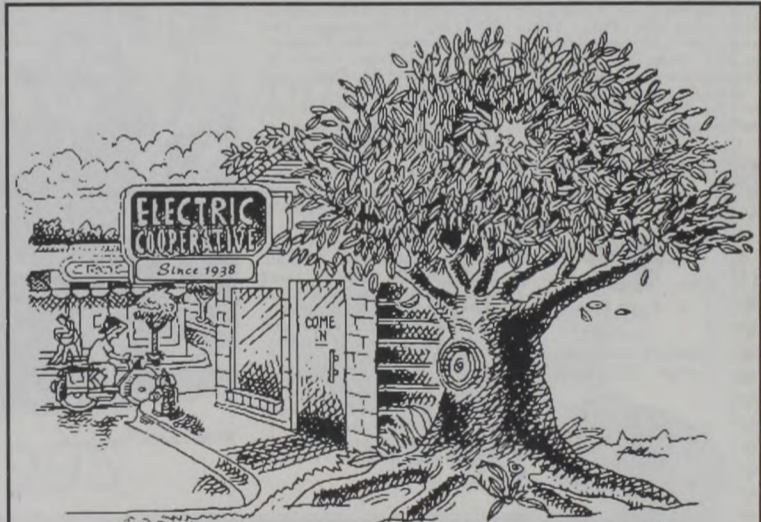
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## Lindsay students compete in phonetic spelling bee

Ten Lindsay ISD students in the Alphabetic Phonics Therapy program conducted by Monica L. Johnson - Parkhill attended a phonetic spelling bee on Saturday, January 24 sponsored by the Academic Language Therapy Association. The spelling bee was held at Hillier School in Dallas.

Participating were Joe Otto and Ben Wyrick grade 3; Chad Dieter, Ashley Ferguson, Jonathan Hall, John Mosman, and Kevin Neu grade 4; Jason Mosman grade 5; Cody Escobedo and Sam Hellinger grade 6.

The students competed in different divisions according to their level in the Alphabetic

Phonics program. Eight of the ten advanced to the finals set for February 21, including Joe Otto, Ben Wyrick, Chad Dieter, Ashley Ferguson, Jonathan Hall, John Mosman, and Sam Hellinger.

Chad Dieter and Jonathan Hall also entered an art contest; their art work was displayed.

Parents accompanying the group in the van were Melinda Dieter, Jane Otto, and Michelle Neu; also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Rains and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wyrick.

Mrs. Monica L. Johnson - Parkhill praised the students for their academic success.



Dee Ann Fuhrmann and Preston Henry, freshmen students at Lindsay ISD, assist Agent James Jantz with a demonstration. They played the roles of a liquor store clerk and a teen pretending to be 21 to buy alcohol. Jantz gave several programs Feb. 28 and 29 at Lindsay ISD.

Janet Felderhoff Photo

## From the Counselor's Desk

by Emily Klement

The Senior class of Muenster High School has been recently involved in several programs to assist them with their college plans. During the month of December, there were activities designed for them to seek out information and explore possibilities for their futures.

Included was the UNT-MHS Day held in Denton at the University of North Texas campus. The all-day event included presentations by Carolyn Mitchell and Tim Owens, staff members from the Student Relations Office, financial aid and scholarship information, as well as tours and a complimentary lunch hosted by the university. Many door prizes were given to the students, including T-shirts, key chains and book bags. Mrs. Klement, school counselor, accompanied the students.

A Financial Aid Workshop was also held for the senior students and their parents. Mr. Rick Renshaw, North Central Texas College, presented a program on the FAFSA, the financial aid document used to determine federal and state assistance for students. He gave good information and tips on how the students can attain grants and student loans through their financial aid office of their prospective universities or colleges.

Many of the students attended the College Night at NCTC, where they received information from many

institutions. Several students have been taking personal college days, gaining valuable insights on their future goals and plans. There are also senior students who are planning to attend various university Senior Day programs which usually are held on Saturdays.

As the time of decision draws near, the seniors are busy filling out applications, scholarships and financial aid documents. The information given to the students at every event is to get all the paperwork in as early as possible. This insures the students a higher possibility of financial help and being able to attend the college of their choice.

Deadlines are of the utmost importance at this time. Every school and scholarship program has a different deadline, so being aware of that means staying organized and in communication with the high school counselor and the colleges to make sure all the paperwork gets in on time.

Note: Deadlines for the SAT and ACT tests are coming up for the March and April test dates. Be sure to pick up the respective packets at your school in order to take the test of your choice. Muenster High School will again host SAT testing on Saturday, May 2. That deadline for registration is March 26.

## School Lunch Menus

### WEEK OF FEB. 9 - 13 MÜNSTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos w/meat and cheese, lettuce, beans, macaroni and cheese, fruit, dessert.

Tues. - Fried chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit.

Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, choice of sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, crackers and cornbread, fruit, cake.

Thurs. - Barbecue sandwiches w/onions and pickles, potato chips, fruit, cookies.

Fri. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, English peas, fruit, hot rolls.

### LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Hot sandwiches

Tues. - Stew w/veggies, pickle spears, blueberry muffins, fruit, bread.

Wed. - Fried chicken, corn, creamed potatoes, gravy, fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Fri. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread, valentine cake.

### ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets or chicken fried steak, mashed

potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Tues. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, flour tortilla, buttered rice, chocolate chip cookie.

Wed. - Pepperoni pizza hot pocket or mini corn dogs, green beans w/new potatoes, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, Apple Brown Betty.

Thurs. - Ham and cheese casserole or fish sticks, corn, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, spice cake.

Fri. - Hamburger, cheese slice, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

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Mon. - Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, celery sticks, crackers.

Tues. - Hoagies w/ham and cheese, lettuce, pork and beans, pineapple.

Wed. - Chicken pot pie, cole slaw, cheese sticks, fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Fiesta salad, Ranch Style beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, corn chips, iced graham crackers.

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



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## NCTC releases Dean's and President's Lists

The Registrar's Office at North Central Texas College has released their "President's List" for the Fall, 1997, semester and included are names from all over the Metroplex and beyond.

A student at NCTC is placed on the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point

average on 12 or more hours of college credit classes.

Students who made the Fall, 1997, NCTC President's List include: Angela M. Bengfort, Sarah L. Jeffries, Carrie M. Laster, Jerad H. Odell, and April L. Sandmann all of Gainesville; Gina G. Baugh and Robert P. Lutkenhaus of Lindsay; and Elizabeth Hess of Muenster.

A student at NCTC is placed on the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 in 12 or more hours of college credit classes.

Students who made the Fall, 1997, NCTC Dean's List include: Elizabeth R. Cler and Marvin G. Krahl of Gainesville; Edgardo M. Aberasturi and Michael L. Meurer of Lindsay; Greg D. Fisher, Mary C. Knabe, Holly M. Mullins, Wendy A. Pels, Jennifer L. Sicking, and Robert D. Zietek all of Muenster; Donna F. Black of Myra; and Casey L. Rauscher of Valley View.

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# Sports



## Tigerettes sweep Amarillo squad

## Local districts realigned by UIL

Muenster ISD got their wish Monday when their 1A football district was realigned without a hitch. "I'm excited about our new district," commented Muenster coach Randy Makersley. "We are so much closer to home. Muenster has had long time rivalries with Saint Jo and Valley View. It's a tough district, but good-natured rivals."

District 17, Valley View was added after changing classification from 2A. Muenster also picked up Saint Jo, our close neighbor to the west. Rounding out the district will be Collinsville, Era and Saylor. A tough non-district for Muenster will be Nocona, Paradise, Lindsay, Alvord and

Windthorst. Four of these teams were in the playoffs last year.

Blue Ridge, Celeste, Detroit and Fannindel join Maud and Simms Bowie in District 19. To the west in district 10 are Alvord, Bryson, Chico, Perrin-Whitt, Petrolia and Windthorst.

In basketball, district 34 consists of Muenster, Era, Saint Jo, Valley View and Collinsville. Ponder moved over to district 26 with Alvord, Chico, Perrin-Whitt and Grafard.

With the loss of Valley View and Chico to class 2A, Lindsay was joined in district 10AA by Boyd and Jacksboro. Callisburg, Nocona and

Paradise round out the district with Peaster joining in for the basketball season.

To the west is district 9, Archer City, Electra, Haskell, Holliday, Olney and Seymour, and to the east district 11 Aubrey, Celina, Gunter, Krum (basketball), Pilot Point, Prosper and S&S.

Gainesville remains one of the biggest schools in the class 3A and has been assigned to

district 9 with Bridgeport, Decatur, Pottsboro, Sanger and Whitesboro.

The size of schools and the number of each in the five classes are: 5A - 1,780 and above - 222 schools; 4A - 780 to 1,779 - 217 schools; 3A - 345 to 779 - 212 schools; 2A - 160 to 344 - 224 schools; 1A - 159 and below - 299 basketball schools; 128 11-man football schools; 88 six-man football schools.

In a must win situation last weekend, the Sacred Heart Tigerettes scored a sweep over Alamo Catholic in two key district contests. With the wins, the Tigerettes remain in sole possession of second place and can wrap up a playoff berth with a win at Masonic Home on Tuesday night. "The girls were very focused and took care of business," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We were fighting sickness all week and I am so proud of these young ladies as they really pulled together."

The Friday contest saw the inside-outside game of sophomores Sarah Hess and Kayla Felderhoff combine for 39 points to lead the Tigerettes to a 62-46 win. Felderhoff hit for 25 and Hess scored 14. The Tigerettes extended a 12-6 first period lead to 36-17 at the half and controlled the game for the win. "Kayla was hot and Sarah Hess really stepped up," said mentor LeBrasseur. "The girls were prepared for Alamo's full court pressure and really took the ball to the hole."

## Tigerettes clinch playoff spot, 63-28

Sacred Heart's backcourt trio of Crystal Klement, Kayla Felderhoff, and Joanna Gehrig led the Tigerettes to a 63-28 win at Masonic Home Tuesday night. The win lifted the Tigerettes to sole possession of second place and locked up a Tigerette playoff spot. "Before this season we were picked to finish fourth," said Coach

LeBrasseur. "The girls are really making strides and we could be playing for three more weeks."

Kayla Felderhoff hit 12 first half points and Sarah Hess swished 8 to give the Tigerettes a 39-8 lead at the intermission. Crystal Klement scored 12 of her game high 22 in the second half and sophomore Joanna Gehrig scored all 6 of her points as the Tigerettes slammed the door on the Mighty Mites.

Klement led the Tigerettes with 22 and crept within 8 points of 1,000 for her career. Sophomore sensation Kayla Felderhoff hit for 15. Jennifer Hess seems to be back in form, after fighting off the flu, as she hit for 9. Sarah Hess scored 8, Joanna Gehrig scored 6 and led the Tigerettes with 12 rebounds, 4 assists, and 7 steals. Anne Flusche hit for 2 and Andrea Bartush connected on a free throw.

The 19-12 (8-2) Tigerettes will travel to Greenville to play the District 3 champion Greenville Christians. Tip-off is set for 6:00 Tuesday night on the Greenville Christian Campus.

**DIRECTIONS:** Travel Hwy 82E to Bells and take Hwy 69 South to Greenville. Travel under 130 and exit FM Road 1570. Travel South on FM 1570 for 2.8 miles to the Greenville Christian School Campus. The campus is located at 8420 Jack Finney Blvd.



Guarding the basket against Chico's shooters are Lindsay Knights Jared Root (23), Zack Fuhrmann, Alex Krahl (20) and James Thomason. The Knights fell to the Dragons 71-36 in district action Tuesday night. Janie Hartman Photo

Crystal Klement, Anne Flusche and Jennifer Hess each scored 5 points, Leah Rigler added 4, and Joanna Gehrig and Debra Voth each connected for a pair. Sarah Hess was credited with 10 boards and 4 blocks. Kayla Felderhoff and Crystal Klement each had five swipes.

The Tigerettes jumped to a 20-8 first period lead on Saturday and never looked back. Kayla Felderhoff hit for 8 in the period including a coast-to-coast bucket with 37 seconds remaining in the first period. The bucket gave Felderhoff her 1000th career point. "I am glad to have had the opportunity to watch the first 1,000 and I look forward to watching Kayla continue to add to that total," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "She is a very talented player that is a complete team player."

Senior Crystal Klement found the hot hand in the second period as she hit for 8 of her game high 20. The Tigerettes pushed their lead to 35-20 at the half and 48-20 after three and then continued on to the 59-44 win. "Crystal carried us on Saturday and we also got solid play from Leah Rigler and Joanna Gehrig," said LeBrasseur.

Klement led the Tigerettes with 20 and was followed by Felderhoff's 14. Leah Rigler and Sarah Hess each scored 7 and sophomores Joanna Gehrig and Jennifer Hess each hit 5. Anne Flusche was credited with a fine floor game and hit a charity toss. Felderhoff led the Tigerettes in steals with 4 and assists with 4 and also collected 14 rebounds as did sophomore teammate Sarah Hess. Hess also had 5 blocks.

The win pushes the Tigerettes (18-12) to sole possession of second place with a 7-2 mark.



Sophomore Tigerette Kayla Felderhoff receives congratulations for making her 1,000th career point in Amarillo last weekend. Courtesy Photo

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## Sacred Heart Swim Teams ready for state

Twenty-four Sacred Heart High School students will be participating in the TAPPS State Swim Meet this weekend in San Antonio. The swimmers have been preparing for the meet the last five weeks, swimming several mornings a week at Gainesville State School, from 5:30am to 7:00am.

The teams are coached by Jeannine Flusche assisted by John Nasche and Michaelann Rigler. Members of the girls team include Leah Rigler, Anne Flusche, Joanna Gehrig, Allison Bayer, Sarah Hess, Kristen Knauf, Loren Frost, Melanie Tisdale, Sarah Kelley and Jackie Bartush.

Boys competing are Jeff Yosten, Tyler Bradley, Stephen Bartush, Russell Fette, Duncan Campbell, Josh Walterscheid, Matthew Nasche, Lee Skinner, Chris Smith, Jordan Kohler, and Matt Bayer. Managers are Yvonne Martin, Gina Yosten and Andrea Bauer.

Meet competition includes the freestyle, breast stroke, butterfly, and back stroke.

Last year the Tigerettes captured the TAPPS State championship with the boys coming in second, but the team lost Jill Hess, Tanya Knauf, Kelly Rigler and Michael Flusche to graduation.



SACRED HEART SWIM TEAMS

Courtesy Photo

## Grewing led Tigers in scoring to the win, 55-52

Playing the last game of his career Sacred Heart's Jon Grewing scored 28 points to lead the Tigers to a 55-52 win at Masonic Home Tuesday night. The 28 points gave Grewing 1,017 for his stellar career. The 6'5" Grewing drove to the bucket to start the second period and hit a bank shot to push him over the 1,000 point mark.

The Tigers jumped to a 13-7 first period lead but foul trouble allowed the Mighty Mites to knot the score at 21 at the half. The Mites took a 37-

35 lead into the final period before the senior duo of Matthew Fuhrmann and Grewing stepped up to score 16 of the Tigers final 20 points to give the Tigers the win.

Grewing led the Tigers with 28 points and 14 rebounds. Matthew Fuhrmann hit for 11 points and also led the Tigers with 6 assists and 6 steals. Duncan Campbell and Aaron Hess each hit six and Russell Fette scored 2. Dave Hesse and Matt Bayer each notched a free throw. The Tigers end their season with a fifth place district finish.

## Hornets split games to even record 12-12

The Muenster Hornets ran their season record to 12-12 this past week with a hard fought loss at Collinsville 67-58 and an 82-49 win over Denton TAMS here Tuesday night. The Red meet Ponder here Friday night and will travel to Era Tuesday night.

At the Pirates' home gym the Hornets battled the taller team and came back from a first-half 12 point deficit to get within three 46-43 at the third period end. Scott Hermes scored 10 points in the period including 8-10 free throws.

"We out-rebounded them this time and matched up extremely well defensively," said Coach Heers. "At times our decisions with the ball hurt

us, but it was a good effort in a very physical game."

Corey Anderle scored 19, Hermes 14, Aaron Klement 12, Jesse Luke 7, Bryan Miller 3, and Kevin Johnson and Darren Hennigan 2 each.

Denton TAMS came back to Muenster Tuesday and the Hornets raced to a victory behind five Big Red in double figures and a school record of 31-38 free throws. Senior Scott Hermes is 25-29 at the line over the last three games.

Aaron Klement scored a career high 18 points as did Jesse Luke with 13 against TAMS. Anderle hit for 17, Hermes 13, Miller 10, Johnson 5, Eric Walterscheid 4, and Darren Hennigan 2.



Muenster Knights of Columbus held their annual Free Throw Contest last Sunday. Winners were, from left, back row - Kristie Lutkenhaus, Luke Endres, Audrey Barnhill, Mitch Felderhoff, Roney Bauer; front - Kyle Fuhrmann, Russell Endres, Karen Gehrig, Clint Miller and Katie Flusche. Watch for report in next week's paper. Dave Fette Photo

## Lady Hornets continue to struggle

The Lady Hornets continue with their up and down season, with three recent district losses. "We look good for a game, then lose. We seem to hit bottom for a game," noted Coach Jeff Teague.

On January 20, Muenster fell to a strong Ponder team 34-85. Keisha Dill was high scorer for the Lady Hornets with 14 points. Kelly Felderhoff added 7, Stephanie Huchton 5 and 2 apiece from Emily Felderhoff, Mindy Endres, Kristin Grewing and Kinzie Gerstberger.

M	4	4	3	23	34
P	20	11	29	25	85

Friday, January 23, Muenster hosted the Era Lady Hornets, but came up short 60-62. "Kinzie Gerstberger finally busted out," said Coach Teague. "She made a play for all-district consideration. If we could get her to do that every night, we would be very much a different team." Gerstberger put in 22 points for Muenster.

Dill added 16 points, with Huchton and K. Felderhoff each getting 6. Allison Endres and Heather Hess scored 4 points apiece, while E. Felderhoff put in 2.

M	14	17	17	12	60
E	16	16	16	14	62

Last week Tuesday the Lady Hornets traveled to Saint Jo and came home with another defeat, 44-62. Keisha Dill poured in 25 points to lead the Lady Hornets followed by Kelly Felderhoff with 11. Others scoring were Heather Hess, Kinzie Gerstberger and Allison Endres. "Right now, consistency is going to be the key. We've got a very large hill to climb to have any post-season hopes," concluded Teague.

M	6	8	4	26	44
SJ	11	15	18	18	62

## Correction

In the Muenster Hornet 65-63 overtime district win over Era on January 23, Senior Shane Sparkman was not credited for the points he contributed to the victory.



Chico got a technical charged against #32, after he raced down court with Jeff Bezner (12), then pulled him down. Also pictured are Lindsay's Bryan Covington (44) and James Thomason (51). Janie Hartman Photo

## Abuse prevention training offered

Two Texas agencies concerned about growing abuse in children's sports, have teamed up to provide child abuse prevention training to youth sports leaders throughout the state. The

### FCA meeting set for Feb. 8

There will be an FCA meeting February 8 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at Gary and Marlene Fisher's house (504 N. Oak). The guest speaker will be Jason Ilian. He is JR, outside linebacker for the TCU football team. He attended high school in Arizona and chose TCU for their Investment Finance School. All local students between the grades of 7 and 12 are welcome.

### Fishing Report

**RAY ROBERTS:** Water clear; normal level; black bass are fair on spinners and crank baits. Crappie are fair to good on shiners fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. Catfish are slow to fair on cut bait and worms.

**TEXOMA:** Water fairly clear; 59 degrees. Black bass are fair on spinners and worms fished in the back of creeks and on crank baits. Catfish are fair on trotlines fished in the river.

Texas Child Abuse Prevention Project (TEXCAP) is a joint effort of the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) of Texas and the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) of Texas.

What is abuse in youth sports? Child abuse is described as a pattern of injuries to a child that could include non-accidental physical injury, physical neglect, sexual abuse or emotional abuse. Abuse in sports include screaming at a child for not performing well, slapping a player on his helmet for missing a tackle, using racial slurs or sexual put-downs, playing only the best players and demanding unrealistic expectations such as perfect performance, no losses and no mistakes. Some of the preceding examples are child abuse, some are inappropriate behavior, either way, they are unacceptable.

Is there a problem? You decide. Have you ever seen a parent scream at a child for striking out, or a coach benching a player for making a mistake? Just like in society, the problem is there. It's worse in some programs than in others, but it's almost always there.

What can be done about it? As with many issues in life, education is the key. League administrators must understand their responsibilities in protecting young athletes, coaches must be taught how to handle children in a sports environment and everyone must learn what is and what isn't appropriate behavior. Fortunately, a child abuse

prevention package is now available that helps provide the protective screen that youth sports organizations and their leaders need.

With CTFF funding support, NYSCA of Texas will be conducting free seminars on child abuse prevention in youth sports in ten Texas communities from January through March, 1998.

How can youth leagues be trained? Youth leagues in Texas can agree to attend a one hour seminar and receive a complete program at no charge. These training sessions will be conducted in nine Texas cities from January through March, 1998. Complete seminar information and registration forms will be sent to youth associations and leagues throughout Texas. December and January are the first 350 organizations to sign up will be able to attend free. Or another option is you to buy the complete *Child Abuse and Youth Sports: Comprehensive Risk Management Program* including a handbook, video brochures and posters for \$99.

Who's sponsoring a training? This training is a cooperative effort of the three agencies. The program is sponsored by Children's Trust Fund of Texas and local Family Priority Councils, was developed by National Alliance for Youth Sports and is being conducted by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association of Texas (NYSCA of Texas). For more details please call NYSCA of Texas at 800-576-2516 or 262-654-4707.

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Muenster Junior High hosted Era Monday night. At left, Ashley Klement pulls down a rebound. Right, Lacy Endres (30), Pamela Lutkenhaus (33), Crystal Lutkenhaus (22) and two unidentified Lady Stingers work intensely under the basket against Era. Dave Fette Photo



In the Junior Hornet Battle, Michael Endres, above, grabs the rebound. Also shown is Dustin Hiser (24). At right, Jacob Endres attempts to block a shot. Dave Fette Photo



## Junior High Basketball Action

**Muenster 23 Collinsville 22**  
The Lady Stingers got a big win on January 22 at Collinsville. Seven girls put points on the board to assist in the win. Krystal Hale, Crystal Lutkenhaus, Lacy Endres, Pamela Lutkenhaus each scored 4 points. Meagan Lippe led 3, with Brittany Haverkamp and Ashley Klement having 2 each.

**Muenster 32 Ponder 66**  
Only four Stingers put points on the board, led by Mitch Endres and Chris York with 13 and 10 points. Jacob Endres added 5 and Kevin Hermes 4.

**Lindsay 37 Valley View 23**  
The 7th grade Lady Squires pulled out a championship victory over host team Valley View. Seven girls scored, led by Crosby with 16 points. Trammell added 9, Metzler

**Muenster 17 Ponder 28**  
A week ago Monday, Ponder took a win away from Muenster. The Lady Hornet Junior High "A" team has come a long way, noted Coach Jeff Teague. "We still have a long way to go, but we are rapidly improving."



Pamela Lutkenhaus and Stephanie Hellman tie the ball with Era. Also pictured is Lacy Endres (30). Dave Fette Photo

**Muenster 7 Ponder 24**  
On Monday, January 26, the seventh grade Lady Stingers were challenged by Ponder. Scoring for Muenster were Shana Jones, LeWing and Layla Khalil.



**Muenster 3 Collinsville 9**  
On January 19, the 7th grade girls fell to Collinsville. "These girls really play very hard and I have enjoyed coaching them," noted Coach Randy Tankersley. "Shana Jones, Lisa Felderhoff and Kamiement are getting better with every game." Lisa Felderhoff and Drachenburg scored for Muenster.

**Muenster 1 Ponder 30**  
Mitch Endres scored the 1 point. Muenster's 7th grade Stingers lost to Ponder.

**Muenster 1 Collinsville 33**  
Again, the young Stingers couldn't find the basket. Again Endres scored the lone point.

**Muenster 15 Collinsville 41**  
On January 22, the Stingers traveled to Collinsville. Five Muenster boys put points on the board. Jacob Endres, Shawn Hess, Mitch Endres, and Mitch Jilderhoff.

**Muenster 26 Ponder 33**  
Polly Fette scored 10 points in this January 16 contest, while Kristie Lutkenhaus put in 8, Krystle Sparkman 4 and 2 apiece from Jackie Henscheid and Ami Graham. "This was a well-played game by both teams," noted Coach Randy Tankersley.

**Muenster 25 Lindsay 32**  
On January 17, Muenster hosted a junior varsity tournament. In round one, the young Lady Hornets were defeated by Lindsay. Polly Fette led with 7 points with Jackie Henscheid following with 6. Diane Britain put in 4, with Jessica Anderson, Mary Skinner and Krystal Sparkman each scoring 2. Kristie Lutkenhaus and Lauren Dangelmayr each got a free throw.

**Muenster 50 Saint Jo 17**  
The Lady Hornets came back in round two with a big win, finishing third place in the tournament. Fette again was high scorer with 13 points. Adding 6 points each were Sparkman, Lutkenhaus, and Dee Dee Walterscheid. Britan and Terri Sue Wimmer each scored 4 points, with Malony Gieb scoring 3 and 2 apiece from Skinner, Henscheid, Kristin Creed, and Dangelmayr.

**Muenster 41 Era 34**  
On Friday the 23rd, Muenster won the battle of the Hornets. "The girls played a great game. Polly Fette continues to get better every game," Coach Tankersley said. Jessica Anderson had her best game ever. "Fette scored 14 points and Henscheid 11 to lead Muenster. Anderson put in 8

## Junior Varsity Basketball Action

**Muenster 14 Ponder 61**  
In round two, the freshman lost to a powerful Ponder squad. Putting points on the board were Wimmer, Graham, Garcia, Gieb, and Lutkenhaus.

**Muenster 40 Saint Jo 24**  
Jackie Henscheid scored 15 points last week Tuesday to lead the Lady Hornets to victory in Saint Jo. "The girls played a great

points, all from the charity strip, while Walterscheid added 4 and Sparkman 3.

**Muenster 30 Saint Jo 32**  
Muenster's freshman girls participated in the Ponder JV tournament on January 24. "They played extremely hard and are getting better with every game," noted Coach Tank. Terri Sue Wimmer led the Lady Hornets with 15 points. Kristi Lutkenhaus added 8, Malony Gieb 5 and Kacie Garcia 2.

**Sacred Heart 25 Nocona 39**  
The Tigerette JV concluded their basketball season Tuesday night, falling to Nocona. Nocona had defeated Sacred Heart by 1 early in the year. "But today we just could not get the ball to drop," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur, crediting Andrea Bartush and Jessica Koessler for playing a good game. Rachel Covington put in 7 points with Holly Hartman and Koessler each adding 6. Bartush scored 4 and Melanie Bartush 2. The 3-7 record is OK with Coach Jon, since the JV consists mostly of freshmen. "With some good work this summer these girls can step up and help the varsity."

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When passed into law in 1995, the Texas Agricultural Products Disparagement Law was hailed by Texas farmers and ranchers, even as others complained that it went too far. Ironically, the law provides legal remedies to challenge true and unfounded claims made against perishable agricultural products. Now, the first test of that law convening in an Amarillo courtroom as a Texas cattle producer has sued Oprah Winfrey for comments made on her popular talk show in April 1996. The show, entitled "Dangerous Foods" referred to BSE or "Mad Cow Disease" in Europe. During the debate, several guests made statements that the beef industry maintains were false and inaccurate. Beef prices plummeted, eventually resulting in the court case. "There is a lot more at stake than just the one incident," said directors of the

Cooke County Farm Bureau. "The law simply says that no one can knowingly make false claims against a perishable agricultural product. Who could argue with that?" The directors said that farmers and ranchers are particularly vulnerable to the claims of activists, and can be put out of business if a food scare hits at the wrong time. The Texas Farm Bureau, and other agricultural groups, pushed hard for the law that was passed in the 1995 session of the Texas Legislature. The directors suggest that many extremists do not want to lose the weapon of misinformation, and would like to kill the law in courts. "This law is based on fairness and good sense," the directors said. "It is one safety net to keep our food producers on the land, and Lord knows, we have lost too many already."

### COW CARE CALENDAR FEBRUARY

Nutrition and water are important. When it's cold, corn is the cheapest source of energy. Corn will make up for poor quality hay. Feed 3 to 4 lbs. of corn per cow if the weather is real cold, or if cows are fighting mud. Get ready for calving. Prepare a "hot" box to warm calves. Have ready frozen colostrum, plastic sleeves and OB chains, jack and handle. Have a pen ready for heifers who may need help. Give scour shots to heifers calving in March. Be sure bulls can get out of the wind and have a decent place to lay.

## Ag Secretary responds to DFA call for emergency hearings on price floor

Leaders of Dairy Farmers of America Inc. (DFA), recently said they were extremely pleased at the announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, that the USDA would honor a request by Mid-America Dairymen Inc. (one of four cooperatives that recently consolidated to form DFA) to hold emergency hearings on a proposal to floor the Basic

Formula Price (BFP) for Class I and II milk at \$13.50. Mid-America Dairymen Inc. (Mid-Am) made the request to Secretary Glickman in a letter dated November 26, 1997.

Reacting to the Secretary's announcement on reforms to the Federal Milk Marketing Order program, Hanman said the new pricing formula should make milk prices at the farm gate less volatile and reduce the huge price swings that dairy farmers have experienced in the last two years.

### Ag Brief

A Hermiston, Oregon, farmer won this year's National Corn Growers Association National Corn Yield Contest. In the no-till irrigated class by producing 334.1 bushels an acre with Pioneer 3335.

"Dairy farmers across the nation are suffering financially because milk prices are not sufficient to cover production costs," said DFA president and chief executive officer Gary Hanman. "We feel very strongly that the \$13.50 BFP floor for Class I and II prices is needed to assure dairy farmers of a reasonable return for their labor. The \$13.50 floor is a fair price for farmers and should not translate to a significant increase for consumers."

"DFA economists are analyzing the impact of the department's proposal to reduce the number of federal market orders from 31 to 11," he said. "We see this as a positive step, but we will be looking more closely at where they drew the lines to see how the new Federal marketing orders will impact pricing for dairy farmers."

## It's A Stat by Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

The first stocks report of Texas 1997 corn crop indicates storage of 140.3 million bushels, up 44 percent from the 97.5 million stored a year ago. Because of the record corn crop, the high inventory was expected.

The Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 45.8 million.

United States egg production totaled 6.81 billion eggs during December 1997. Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 311 million. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,193 eggs.

The second quarter wheat stocks have doubled last year's near record low. Stocks in all positions on December 1 totaled 76.0 million bushels. However, as producers made room for corn and sorghum, the on-farm wheat storage, at 1.7 million bushels, was down 15 percent from a year ago.

The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 1.5 million head on Jan. 1, 1998. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 1.17 million head. Breeding ewes one year old and older declined 2 percent, to 960 thousand head, while replacement lambs increased 31 percent, to 170 thousand head. The 1997 lamb crop totaled 910 thousand head, up 100,000 head from 1996.

Texas's inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.78 million head. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds was 2.74 million head. The 1997 calf crop totaled 5.10 million head, down 5 percent from the revised 1996 crop of 5.35 million. The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 99.5 million head on January 1, 2 percent below last year's inventory of 101.5 million head and 4 percent below Jan. 1, 1996. All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 42.9 million head. Beef cows totaled 33.7 million head, with milk cows at 9.19 million head. The 1997 calf crop was estimated at 38.7 million head, down 3 percent from the 1996 calf crop, at 39.8 million head.

Total sorghum stocks were 47.5 million cwt on December 1, up 19 percent from the previous year. On-farm stocks, however, were recorded at 3.9 million cwt compared with 4.5 million cwt last year. U.S. corn stocks in all positions on December 1 totaled 7.2 billion bushels, up 5 percent from 1996. All wheat stocks totaled 1.6 billion, up 32 percent. Grain sorghum totaled 207.5 million cwt, down 21 percent from '96. Soybeans stored totaled 2.0 billion bushels, up 9 percent, while oats totaled 144.1 million bushels, up 14 percent from a year ago.

The January 1 Texas goat inventory declined 15 percent from last year's level to 1.40 million head. Angora goats totaled 750,000 head, Spanish and other goats remained at 650,000 head. Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 7.62 million head, down 4 percent from 1997.

In a year-end speech to employees, Dan Glickman, seems to have succumbed to taking credit where credit may not be due.

Texas upland cotton production for 1997 is expected to total 5.3 million bales, 22 percent above 1996.

The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 14.30 million head on Jan. 1, 1998, up 1 percent from last year's inventory of 14.10 million head, but still 5 percent below 1996. Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 14 percent of the total United States inventory. Beef cow inventory, at 5.52 million head, was 1 percent above last year, while the milk cow inventory was down 3 percent at 380 thousand head. Total

According to the ag secretary, the "USDA worked with farmers to ensure strong harvest in 1997."

Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 5.15 million acres. Yield is expected to average 494 pounds per acre.

December egg production in Texas totaled 372 million eggs. The number of layers averaged 17.1 million. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,171

The statement went on to list record yields in soybeans and winter wheat, and the third largest corn crop ever as "service that USDA has given our nation this year." Thanks, USDA, but wasn't it the farmers, not government, that produced and harvested the 1997 crops?

## County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

**MILK PRODUCTION USING EPD'S**  
This past week Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist, presented a program to local producers on the Use of EPD's in C and Cow Selection. One important factor discussed was choosing your sire's EPD's to the cows or heifers that you're going to breed.

and ornamentals in the county. Dr. Janell Johnk, Extension Plant Pathologist, will present Two Tree and Ornamental Health Meetings to homeowners on Tues., Feb. 10. For residents of Lake Kiowa, the program will be held from 10 a.m. until noon at the Fire Station. A night meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. will be held in Gainesville at the Chamber of Commerce Building. Homeowners can bring tissue samples of sick plants if they wish.

Each milk producer needs to evaluate their current weaning weights to determine if increased milk production is needed in their cow herd. Some studies have shown that reproduction efficiency in their milking females. Certainly, a milking first calf heifer would have a greater nutritional need in order to maintain body condition and reproductive efficiency.

**CORN AND SORGHUM MEETINGS**  
Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension Agronomist for Corn and Sorghum, will present two programs on Mon., Feb. 16, to area producers on Corn and Sorghum Production. Herbicide selection, new information on Roundup Ready and BT Corns will be discussed along with corn and sorghum economics. The programs will be held at W.B. Hudspeth, Inc. at Era 8 a.m. and the Cooke County Electric Co-Op at Muenster at 1 p.m.

A recent study in South Carolina looked at milk production based on D's. South Carolina workers studied relationships between milk D, actual milk production, and weight in purebred Angus cows ranged in milk EPD from -28 to +31 lb, encompassing the full range of the breed. Female offspring by high milk sires exceeded those of low milk sires in total milk production over 200 days (2895 lb vs 2110 lb) and weaning weight of calves (513 lb vs 424 lb). Correlation between milk EPD of sires and actual milk produced by female offspring was 0.55. Correlation between milk EPD of sires and weaning weight of daughter's was 0.57. Reproduction was measured. Producers should remember that some studies have shown lowered reproduction efficiency in higher milking females.

Two Continuing Education Units will be offered to those producers attending.

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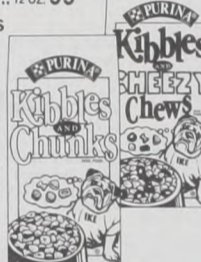


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