

Christmas Dinner ends year for GOP

by David Fette
The Cooke County Republican Party held a dinner and dance on Saturday, December 12 at Sacred Heart Community Center in Muenster.

Music for the evening was presented by Dean Patterson & The Gainesville Swing Orchestra with the meal provided by Roger Dieter.

The welcome for the evening was given by Bob Eggleston, Vice-Chairman of the Cooke County Republican Party. The Honorable Ron Clark, State Representative, District 62 followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Clark asked that everyone please provide input so he knows what needs to be done and what everyone thinks about any of the 5000+ bills presented. The Honorable Phil King, State Representative elect, District 61, gave the invocation and thanked everyone for making the guests feel so much at home with special thanks to Ron Clark and his office for their help. Tom Haywood also attended.

The Honorable Pat Peale extended appreciation to all of those who attended and to those who sacrificed and ran but didn't make it, in particular Lynn Vowell and Byron Berry.

Pat Peale then introduced Susan Weddington, Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas and commended her commitment and energy and noted that she was the 1st woman ever elected to chair a political party.

Susan Weddington commented that the Republican Party is about people's lives. She continued by saying that the party had exploded in growth with Cooke County being one example.

The Party can grow whether or not it wins during an election. She looks forward to seeing how the party will continue to grow in the future from only one Republican representative in 1964 to 74 members at the present time. The Republicans have won more than anytime in history and this was the first time we've sent a governor back for a second

and Mrs. Jerry Cott, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gaertner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eggleston, Mrs. Joyce Monroe, Muenster Drilling, Mr. and Mrs. Mundy Peale and the Honorable John Roane. Jingle Bell sponsors were Ken and Martha McCool, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Russell, the Honorable and Mrs. Mike Compton and Mrs. Dorothy Hesse.



Laverna and Angelo Nasche, at right, were recognized volunteers of the year by the Cooke County Republican Party. Also pictured is Pat Peale, at left, Cooke County Republican Chairman and Susan Weddington, Texas Chairman.

term. It does make a difference who is in office who will continue to support and not hinder the small businesses like there are in this fine little town.

The Honorable Pat Peale returned to present the volunteer of the year recognition to Angelo and Laverna Nasche.

Christmas Angels were provided by Mrs. Billie Ruth Lausen, Guaranty National Bank and Charlene and Alan Ritchey. Table Hosts were Mr.

Special Thank Yous went to Roger Dieter, Tom Thumb, The Gainesville Swing Band, The Republican Women's Club, The Republican Men's Club, The Gainesville Daily Register, The Muenster Enterprise and all the wonderful volunteers. The above is only a partial listing provided at the time of printing.

The evening concluded with a dance with music provided by Dean Patterson and the Gainesville Swing Orchestra.



Muenster State Bank President Henry Weinzapfel presents a \$15,000 donation to Friends of Muenster Public Library Board member Nancy Walter. This additional contribution makes the bank's donations to the new Library building fund total \$25,000. The Library also received another \$25,000 in matching funds from Norman Luke. Photo by Janie Hartman

Jail staffing problem catches county

by Janet Felderhoff

Commissioners may soon have to dig deep into the county's coffers to maintain a state-approved county jail. Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton and County Judge Russell Duncan were notified Dec. 4 that the county jail failed to comply with two minimum standards established under V.T.C.A. Local Government Code, Chapter 351, and the rules of this Commission.

The written notice stated that the county had 30 days from the date of the notice to initiate corrective measures and until Feb. 4, 1999 to complete the measures. Failure to initiate and

complete the prescribed corrective measure will result in a remedial order being issued and enforced, or other appropriate action taken.

Judge Russell noted that if no action is taken within the allowed time, the county could lose its insurance on the jail. The two reasons the jail was cited were too many prisoners in some areas of the jail and too few corrections officers per number of inmates.

On the overcrowding situation Sheriff Compton said, "Last year we averaged 78 prisoners per day. The capacity is 73. We're below capacity right now with 63. The problem that we ran into during inspection was that in addition to the fact that we average 78 per day is the fact that by classification we had too many females in the dormitories, day rooms, and cell blocks." This was remedied by transferring 10 female prisoners to Clay County where the county pays \$35 per day per prisoner, said the Sheriff.

Staffing requirements call for a minimum of one correction officer on the floor for every 48 inmates for direct supervision at all times. Currently the county employs 14 jailers, working them in 12 hour shifts with three days on and three days off.

Commissioner Richard Brown wondered what had changed since the last inspection. Compton responded that the inspectors finally figured out what was going on. "They finally figured out that one jailer has to leave the floor to go operate the board," he noted. "That when you have visiting days you've got one (jailer) in the back and one in the front. Often times one will have to leave the floor, leaving only one on the floor."

Dave Province, jail administrator, revealed that Saturdays and Wednesdays are visiting days and often on these days one and sometimes both of the jailers watching the prisoners must leave the floor to help out front. That leaves the prisoners without anyone watching them.

Province told Commissioners Court that there was no relief factor that allowed for more help when an officer is sick or has an emergency. It was explained that the way the schedule and pay are set up, if an officer is called on to work overtime, the first 11 hours of overtime are worked with no pay.

Two more employees were added to the jail staff at the opening of the new fiscal year. Duncan wondered if this was taken into consideration by the inspectors who were looking at last year's records and the actual inspection this Nov. 30. Sheriff Compton replied that adding two more employees didn't put them in compliance

and in fact he couldn't explain why the Jail Commissioner hadn't moved on the issue before. With the two additional employees they are still five officers short of the minimum recommended number.

A staffing analysis done in 1994 recommended 19 jailers for a jail population of 73. Last year's staffing analysis for the same population was again 19. Sheriff Compton presented the recommendation to Commissioners Court when he received it in December of 1997. According to the recommendations the county jail should have a jail administrator, a food service officer, seven desk/booking officers, and 10 floor officers.

In a telephone interview Debbie Fillmore of the Jail Commission explained a formula using number of hours worked, days off, including holidays, vacation time, sick time, comp and training time is used to figure what the shift relief factor is for a county. It is 2.40 for Cooke County and is figured as part of the minimum number of 19 employees recommended for the jail staff.

Asked why the word recommended was used instead of required, Fillmore noted that as long as the minimum number of officers per number of prisoners are on the floor watching inmates 24 hours a day, the Jail Commission does not require that the county employ the recommended 19. However the county must maintain the minimum on the floor at all times and still be able to get the other required duties accomplished. It was the Jail Commission's study opinion that with the relief factor, 19 people would be needed on the jail staff.

It was noted that a jailer's salary is around \$19,000 without benefits. Including benefits to hire five more for the jail would cost the county around \$130,000 a year.

Province acknowledged that the problem had been ongoing for a number of years. He admitted that there had in the past been a certain amount of deception practiced by the department. On inspection days people were brought in to work on their day off such as someone to operate the jail board. As soon as the inspection was over those people were sent home, he said.

"I won't practice deception," declared Sheriff Compton. "The Jail Commission asked questions this time about what was going on, about how we did our operation, they looked into the visiting days, they asked more pertinent questions, and they got honest answers. I am not going to sit

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CCAD hears appraisals explained by consultants

by Janet Felderhoff

With questions being raised by some residents of the Cooke County Appraisal District as to the manner certain businesses in the county are appraised, two representatives from Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. Valuation Consultants of Fort Worth met with the CCAD Board during the Dec. 10 meeting. District Manager S. Dale Heiskell, RPA, and Rodney Krett, engineer, explained their area of expertise in the appraisal process. Heiskell has been doing appraisals in Cooke County for about 22 or 23 years, he said.

Appraisals done locally by the firm include oil and gas producing properties, heavy industrial businesses, pipelines, utilities, and some

small well service related businesses such as supply stores. Heiskell distributed copies of an actual letter being sent to one of the local companies to set up a date for an appraisal. Times are set up with the large companies, but at the smaller businesses an appraiser drops in unannounced.

Heiskell gave a detailed explanation of the formulas used each year to determine the value of oil field equipment, pipelines running through the county, and division orders. It was noted by Heiskell that a company can now select either a September 1 or a January 1 inventory date. This date can be changed from year to year as long as a request to change is filed with the chief appraiser

by July 31. This allows them to select the date when inventory is the lowest.

"Some particular items which we can't mention have been brought to our attention and Mr. Smithson and I and our appraiser are going to make a concentrated effort to make sure that we satisfy all parties involved in this situation," remarked Heiskell. "That's the way I would like to leave it at that point."

Heiskell then addressed the Board on what he regards a very serious matter affecting not only Cooke County, but almost every oil and gas producing county in Texas. "I'm sure all of you know the tremendous drop in oil and gas properties as far as dollars per barrel," he noted.

Rodney Krett told the board

members that oil and gas properties are looked at using the income approach to value. That means the appraiser attempts to get a handle on what these properties will bring in income from January 1 forward. He explained how this is done and that each lease is appraised individually since some are more economically valuable than others.

Three pages of visuals were distributed to help those present understand what happened with oil prices in the past, what actually happened in the county in 1998 and what is estimated for 1999. "The price of oil has declined dramatically in the past two years," said Krett. "It's been nothing but downhill since the end of 1996."

Krett reported that the bad news was that with an oil price 30 to 40 percent less than what it is in the past year and production expected to be down because of low prices, appraised values would also drop. That means less tax money for the entities in the CCAD.

"The Texas Comptroller's office has come out with their forecast for oil prices that they do every year which is also what we go to by House Bill 925," said Krett. "Their actual choice scenario as of this coming year is they're (oil prices) going low and staying low for two years. They'll be in the 13.50 range for two years and then they go up by only 10 percent in the third year and three and a half percent in the years thereafter. We're bound by the same law that if we choose to escalate our prices in our scenarios we can escalate by no more than what the State does. ... So we're really in a pickle in price scenarios."

Board chair Ken Kaiser asked the two representatives from Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. how they could be sure that the firm was doing a good job. Krett replied that the State does a ratio study on them every year in the same manner that the CCAD is checked for appraisal of property in the school districts. A certain number of properties are pulled up and the State's

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Kayla Felderhoff and Jesse Luke were named MVPs of the Red River Shootout tournament last weekend. The Sacred Heart Tigerettes and Muenster Hornets were the championship teams. See page 9 for more coverage of the tournament. Also pictured is Karah O'Dell (21) of Lindsay. Photo by Dave Fette

EARLY DEADLINE!

The Muenster Enterprise has set the deadline for the Christmas issue on Monday, Dec. 21, at 5 P.M.

DON'T FORGET!
SHHS Choir Christmas Recital, Sunday, Dec. 20, 6 P.M., Sacred Heart Church.
SH Preschool New Year's Eve Dance, featuring music by Kenny & the Kasuals.
Tickets are now on sale!

Muenster ISD Board hears audit report

The Muenster ISD Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting Thursday, December 10. The meeting opened with Terry Tombaugh, TU Electric spokesman, asking the board to pass a resolution supporting the restructuring of the electric industry in Texas. "We feel Muenster ISD will benefit by restructuring. Co-ops are already deregulated. TU Electric is subsidized by the state. Co-ops can adjust their rates, we can't."

Muenster ISD Superintendent Steve Cooper asked if passed, could the school district use the Co-op's electricity? "Yes," was Tombaugh's answer.

It was noted that this was not an action item and the board agreed that they needed to hear the Co-op's view concerning the restructuring before taking any action.

In Mr. Cooper's report, he noted that the Texoma Tech Prep School To Work Program assisted in the school's vocational programs with a \$1500.00 grant. The grant was spent on vocational classroom videos, tools and other needed items for Ag, Woodshop, and Home Economics classes.

Also, Cooper noted that the district will have an extended visit and inspection from the Texas Education Agency's District Effectiveness Compliance Evaluation team.

Ted Neeb from Flynn and Neeb presented the board with the audit report, reviewing thoroughly the 58 page report. "An excellent report," Neeb noted. "Muenster is a very progressive district. You are always getting involved in getting money before other districts, taking progressive steps," he told the board. "Everything is in good shape. We have nothing to report but good things," Neeb continued. "Muenster has the lowest tax rate in the area, period. You must be watching every dollar, but I don't know if you'll be able to keep it that way forever." Neeb also noted that Muenster ISD saved the taxpayers \$117,000, because of the early refunding of the old bonds. The full report is available for public viewing at the superintendent's office.

- In other business:
- The board selected a matching brick for the new high school outer walls.
 - Ricky Walterscheid was appointed the district's asbestos person.
 - Early dismissal on December 17 was approved.
 - The Cooke County Appraisal District contract for 1998-99 was approved.
 - The selling of bus #3 was tabled until the condition of bus #6 is known.
 - Approval of additional charges for the audit were passed.



Pat Peale and Susan Weddington welcomed Tim Cole, Montague County District Attorney to the Republican Party Saturday night in Muenster. Photo by Dave Fette

Reporting litterers

by Steve Broyles
When asked to submit *Ideas that Make a Difference*, students from Muenster ISD and Sacred Heart schools wrote their suggestions. Eighteen students stated that people should report litterers. Twenty-three students suggested that litterers pay large fines. The Muenster Proud organization compiled these and other suggestions into a book, called *Out of the Mouths of Babes*. If you want to read what Muenster children believe would make a difference in

Muenster, stop by the library and review it.

In the meantime, who does someone report a litterer to? As part of the state's *Don't Mess With Texas* program, people can report litterers to Austin. Report the following information to Linda Levitt, Travel and Information Division, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701: date, time, type of vehicle, tag number, where the littering occurred, item littered, and if the person littering was the driver, passenger, or an accident. With this information, Linda will send a flyer to the owner of the vehicle and a *Don't Mess With Texas* trash bag. The flyer will advise the owner that someone in the vehicle littered, that littering is not only a crime but is also an insult to the Lone Star State, and that trash should be put in litter bags where it belongs.

The Travel and Information Division may also be contacted by phone at (512) 486-5904; by facsimile at (512) 486-5909, or by e-mail at levitt@mailgw.dot.state.tx.us.

Finally, a person observing a litterer can make an official complaint at City Hall. The complaint would have to identify the litterer by name. A citation then would be issued to the litterer. Both the person making the complaint and the litterer would appear before the city judge. If found guilty, the judge could impose a fine.

Articles of incorporation approved for Muenster Proud

by Daryl Ferber

The state has approved the articles of incorporation for Muenster Proud, as was announced at the December 10 meeting. The organization is working now, for the non-profit status.

A Christmas buffet of pick-up foods was enjoyed by 18 members and guests. A "pretend Santa" arrived with a bag of treats and an appreciation gift for Mary Lee Alford from the Proud members.

A short business meeting was conducted by President Mary Lee Alford, in which a suggestion was made that a logo and a slogan is needed. It was voted to have a Muenster Community contest for adults and students. Watch for more

information on this after the holidays.

Muenster Proud needs more volunteers of families, organizations or businesses to join the Adopt-A-Highway program. So far KC Squire, Kiwanis, Carl and Mary Lee Alford and Monte and Jack Endres have committed to the two-year, two miles, four times a year clean-up. Highway cleanup needs to be adopted. Information can be obtained by contacting Mary Lee Alford phone 759-2368 or MaryLeeTX@aol.com.

Next meeting is Jan. 1, 1999 at Cooke County Electric Co-op. Come join the fun being a volunteer for a cleaner, more beautiful Muenster community.

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down there and try to lie to the Jail Commissioner about what we're doing."

If two more employees were added to the jail staff, Brown wondered if that would satisfy the Jail Commission until they could do another study to see if there were sufficient employees in the jail. Compton responded, "I can't answer that. I've found, in my opinion, that the Jail Commission has never been pushy, they've never been insistent, they've tried to be a help." He added that the study could have cost the county considerable money, but the Jail Commission did it for free.

"I feel like we need to take some remedial action," said Brown. "I don't feel like we necessarily need to hire five new people. If we make a good faith effort and hire a couple of people and then discuss with them whether that's acceptable or how much more we'd have to go before it would be acceptable."

It is expected to take about two months to hire five people.

Before a decision was made the Sheriff asked Commissioners to consider the people who worked in the jail. "The more that you put on an individual that is dealing with the type of individuals that they're dealing with and the circumstances that they're dealing with, the more you put on them, the more you run the risk of a problem," he said. "The more you run the risk of something happening and when it happens we're the ones who have to answer for it. The key and the secret to a successful jail are the people who work there."

Province noted that he'd seen officers come in and work when they were ill so as not to put a burden on the other officers. He said he'd like to keep that kind of employee.

It was unanimously agreed to hire two people to the jail

staff. Commissioners also agreed to contact Jack Crump, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in hopes that he would meet with Commissioners to discuss the situation.

The Court approved 5-0 Warrant Deed between the County and the Muenster Water District. The District deeded land on which a new roadbed and bridge were built on County Road 426 and the County deeded the land and old roadbed from the bridge previously in use.

Public official bonds were approved for Virgil Hess, \$3,000; Evelyn Walterscheid, \$75,000; John Roane, \$1,000; Bill Cox, \$3,000; Charles Owens, reserve deputy sheriff, \$5,000; Glenn Fiske, reserve deputy sheriff, \$5,000; Gary Clinton, Jr., jailer, \$5,000; David Province, jailer, \$5,000; Shirley Miller, jailer, \$5,000; James D. Mask, Terry Wayne Gilbert, David Busch - deputy sheriff, \$5,000; and Bobby Tharp, reserve deputy sheriff, \$5,000.

The next meeting of Commissioners Court is scheduled for the Monday after Christmas. Judge Duncan suggested moving it to that Tuesday to allow everyone time to get back into the swing of things after a long holiday weekend. The meeting was set for Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 9 a.m.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved Phase I of Williamsburg Subdivision in Precinct #2.
- Approved a request to subdivide Lot 4 in the Jehl Ranch Subdivision.
- Released road construction funds for King Estates Subdivision.
- Approved increasing public official bonds for the county treasurer from \$5,000 to \$100,000.
- Approved purchase of a new typewriter from Dustin's for the Cooke County Library.

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numbers are compared to the appraiser's numbers; if the values are within 10 percent, then the State is satisfied.

Heiskell predicted that when it's time for the Board of Review this will be one of the busiest years when it comes to oil and gas properties. Krett noted that would be true if oil prices remain low, but if they go up the tax payers will benefit and not complain.

During closing remarks from Heiskell and Krett, the Board learned that similar presentations had been given this year to four or five other counties. Heiskell noted that there are some small schools in West Texas that rely 98 percent on the oil and gas industry for their income. Those school boards have some real problems, he remarked.

In his Chief Appraiser's report, Doug Smithson expressed his dissatisfaction with the CPS computer program since the interface and the accounting packages still aren't working. Board members agreed that the situation had gone on many months too long without being solved. A 5-0 vote was made to have the county's attorney,

Peter Lowe, write to CPS giving them a 60 day time-frame in which to alleviate the problems with their program.

A log of conversations noting the problems was to be enclosed.

Smithson reported that collections have been busy and will be getting busier from now until the end of January. He has hired a temporary clerk to help during the busy time.

There will be a meeting of the Appraisal Review Board on Dec. 17 to do a year-end cleanup of any corrections needing to be made, said Smithson.

Board member Donna Doty requested that several things that had been omitted be included in the minutes of the last board meeting. Stephen Cole also added some changes. After the suggested changes were reviewed the minutes were approved 5-0 as amended.

An executive session was held. No action was taken.

All suggested amendments to the 1998 Budget were discussed and approved unanimously. This only involved moving line items and didn't involve any changes to

the bottom line.

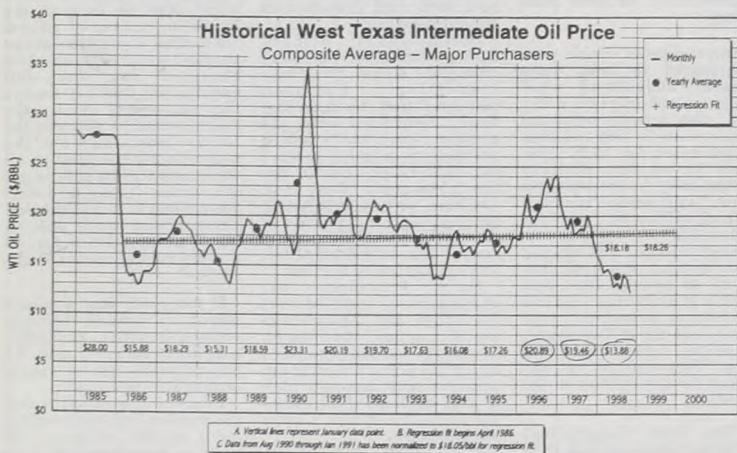
Kaiser reminded board members that new officers are installed in January. He asked them to be thinking about who would chair the board for the 1999 year.

Policy changes to the CCAD policy manual are being considered. Members received copies of the CCAD manual and one of the policy manuals from the El Paso Central Appraisal District. Action was tabled until next month with members agreeing to take both home and select the best of both to create a new policy manual.

The next meeting of the CCAD was set for Jan. 14, 1999.

Call 911 to report fires

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



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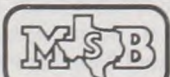
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, December 20	Monday, December 21	Tuesday, December 22	Wednesday, December 23	Thursday, December 24	Friday, December 25	Saturday, December 26
JELLY 12 Days of Christmas, 3-5 P.M. Life Teen Christmas Prep. Fun, 7-8:30 P.M. KC Santa Visit, 2 P.M., St. Richard's Villa, followed by Santa at 6 P.M., KC Hall SHHS Choir Christmas Recital, 6 P.M., SH Church		SH JVG/B, VG/B vs. Era, T, 4 P.M. FIRST DAY of WINTER Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	SH Parish Reconciliation Service, 7 P.M. Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	CHRISTMAS EVE Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
Sunday, December 27	Monday, December 28	Tuesday, December 29	Wednesday, December 30	Thursday, December 31	Friday, January 1	Saturday, January 2
	Boy Scout Meeting, 7 P.M., KC Hall			NEW YEAR'S EVE Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	HAPPY NEW YEAR	SH JVG, VG/B vs. Forestburg, H, 4 P.M. Muenster fr. g, JVG, VG vs. Paradise, T, 2 P.M.
		Cooke County Classic: Muenster VG/B — SH VG/V at NCTC				
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		

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Obituaries

Joe B. Pasqua 1918 - 1998



Joe B. Pasqua

by Elfreda Fette
Joe B. Pasqua of Saint Jo died at age 80 in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 10, 1998 at 3:45 p.m. He was the brother of Jeanne Greathouse and Jo Bedowitz both of Saint Jo, and Jan Spears of Canyon; the grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of four.
Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, Dec. 14, 1998 in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster, officiated by Father Thomas Craig.
Liturgical Readers were Sue Davis, Rachel Spears, Mindy Bryant, Kelly Bayer, and Wayne Becker.
Sacred music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, organist and Teresa Greathouse, Emily Lement, Pam Fette and Dave Fette. They sang "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "On Eagles Wings," "Wind Beneath My Wings," and "There Is A River." Teresa Greathouse sang "Amazing Grace" as a solo with the others providing muted harmony.
The eulogy was presented by Roy Miller. He related that, whatever role Joe Pasqua played in life, be it husband, father, grandfather, uncle, principal, coach or teacher, he inspired others to do their best, and helped them to find happiness in their achievements. Most important to him was his family. Born in Dallas in 1918 to Italian immigrant parents, he was the youngest of seven.
He married Dorothea Jeanne Lent in 1942. They became parents of three daughters, and Joe Pasqua, said the eulogist, "spent the next 50 years of his life trying to figure out what to do about them!!" Together Joe and Dorothea built a home in which the girls learned love, respect, and responsibility, along with a goodly portion of football, fishing, and hunting.
Joe's eight grandchildren were his great delight and he taught them to fish, play marbles and fly homemade kites. He also won the young hearts of his great-grandchildren.
Next in importance in his life was football! He played football at Crozier Tech High School and at SMU where he set the Southwest Conference field goal record, holding it for 22 years. He then played professional football as a tackle for the Cleveland Browns, Washington Redskins, and the Los Angeles Rams, and in W.W.II for the U.S. Air Force.
He earned a Masters Degree at East Texas State University. His teaching and coaching career spanned more than 30 years. He motivated his "boys, his football players" to do their best on or off the field. He

taught at Pleasant Grove, Rylie High school, H. Grady Spruce, Crozier Tech, Saint Jo, and Sacred Heart High School in Muenster.
Health problems began to increase toward the end of his life. While a patient in Muenster Memorial Hospital and a resident at St. Richard's Villa, he inspired the love and concern of everyone. Always generous and loving, he was always willing to help others. If the worth of a man's life is measured by the number of people's lives he touched, Joe Pasqua was a very successful man!!! He had a smile that could light up a room!!!
Preceding him in death were his parents; his beloved wife Dorothea on December 28, 1996, and five sisters Josie, Bessie, Maggie, Mary and Frances; and one brother Paul Pasqua.
Rosary Service was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel on Sunday at 4 p.m.
Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Chad Spears, Matt Spears, Levi Spears, Kelly Bayer, Ryan Bayer and Wayne Becker.
For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials to Muenster Memorial Hospital.

Attending from out of town were Jan and Chad Spears of Canyon, Texas; grandchildren Robin Greathouse of Dallas; Tommy Greathouse of Austin; Chris Bedowitz of Denver, Colorado; Joseph Bedowitz of Flagstaff, Arizona; Levi Spears of The Colony; Rachel King of Canyon; and Matthew Spears of Amarillo. Also nieces and nephews Gary Pasqua of Dallas; Paul and Glenda Pasqua of Ft. Stockton; Sue and Raleigh Davis of Dallas; Katherine Hitt of Greenville; Butch Hodges of Dallas; Phillip Beeson of San Antonio; Toni Herrington of Houston; Nita and Troy Miller; Joe David and Ginger Curtis.

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Brother John Schad 1916 - 1998



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Abbot Jerome Kodell OSB presided at the Mass of Christian Burial for Brother John Schad, OSB at Subiaco Abbey on Monday, Dec. 14, 1998. The abbot was assisted by Father Gregory OSB. Among other priests known locally and participating in the funeral liturgy was Father Denis Soerries OSB. Also present were Father Frowin Schoech OSB and Father Paul Hoedebeck OSB.
At the Consecration of the Mass, and at the Elevation, sixteen priests participated in the liturgy. Father Frowin Schoech OSB gave the homily. More than 100 Priests and Brothers were present. Four Subiaco Academy students were altar servers. All 185 Subiaco Academy students attended the Mass. Sacred music was presented by monks of the Abbey.
Father Frowin Schoech OSB led the Wake service and Vigil Sunday evening.

At the burial in the Abbey cemetery the monks sang the traditional haunting farewell "Benedictus" in four-part harmony.
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Forrest S. Raney Jr. 1934 - 1998

Forrest Samuel Raney, Jr., of Rosston died at age 63 in Muenster Memorial Hospital on December 14, 1998. Funeral service was held Thursday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. in Rosston Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Dennis Pellet, Pastor. Burial in Rosston Cemetery was directed by George J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.
Survivors are his wife, Shirley Raney of Rosston; three daughters Brenda Marshall, Linda Raney and Donna Raney, all of Era; and one son, Steve Raney of Rosston; four grandchildren, Bria Ballard of Gainesville, Stacey Johnson of Cedar Hill, Jeremy and Kristen Johnson of Era and one great-grandchild Bierra Ballard; his mother, Angie Raney of Gainesville; his brothers Jim, Cecil and Ed Raney, all of Rosston; his sisters Dorothy Cook, Shirley Miller, both of

Gainesville, Billie Ferrell of Sanger, Evelyn Henderson of Stephenville, Helen Cochran of Hayward CA and Sue LeGault of Lakewood CA.
Preceding him in death were his father, Forrest Raney, and brothers Clyde and Roy Raney.
Forrest Samuel Raney, Jr., was born in Rosston on December 23, 1934 to Forrest and Angie Raney. He was a lifetime resident of Rosston; a gas pipeline welder since 1955 all across the United States; in business in Austin for 13 years; and has been self-employed on contract building and cattle ranching in the Rosston area.
Burial in Rosston Cemetery was directed by George J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.
Pallbearers were Herbert Richardson, Roy Raney, Jimmy Raney, Ed Raney, Steve Raney and Paul Ballard. Honorary pallbearers were G.A. Maughan, August Fleitman, Eddie Brown, Glenn Bewley, R.D. Cross, Jerry Hudspeth and Robert Ferrell.

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Joe Knauf dies Dec. 15

Joe Knauf died in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 11:30 p.m. Arrangements were incomplete at press time and are pending at McCoy Funeral Home. The obituary, photo and liturgy will be printed in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

attending the rites were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schad of Lindsay, Mae Steng of Muenster, Phyllis Schad of Lindsay, Alice Kendall, Mary Jean Bayer and Danny Kendall of Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Joe Schad of Valley View and Tommy Schad of Valley View.
Among local relatives

We will be **CLOSED ALL DAY** Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas and will re-open Monday, Dec. 28
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MUENSTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1998

Data Control Codes	Governmental		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	
REVENUES:			
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,112,717	\$ 46,468	
5800 State Program Revenues	1,621,373	167,361	
5900 Federal Program Revenues		77,939	
5020 Total Revenues	\$ 2,734,090	\$ 291,768	
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0010 Instruction & Instructional Related Services	\$ 1,440,341	\$ 229,097	
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	119,930		
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	253,349	96,966	
0040 Administrative Support Services	160,393		
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	232,833		
0070 Debt Service	37,297		
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	290,917		
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 2,536,060	\$ 326,063	
1100 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 199,030	\$ (34,295)	
7020 Other Resources	43,735	33,365	
8030 Other (Uses)	(169,901)		
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 72,864	\$ (930)	
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	92,417	1,410	
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 165,281	\$ 480	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Fund Types	Trust Funds		Totals	
	500-599 Debt Service Fund	600-699 Capital Projects Fund	800-829 Expendable Trust Fund	(Memorandum Only)
			96	97
			August 31, 1998	August 31, 1997
\$ 18,844	\$ 7,883	\$ 19	\$ 1,185,931	\$ 1,105,782
			1,788,734	1,256,628
			77,939	77,120
\$ 18,844	\$ 7,883	\$ 19	\$ 3,052,604	\$ 2,439,530
			\$ 1,669,460	\$ 1,485,689
			119,930	112,279
			350,315	302,990
			160,393	140,932
			449,506	208,356
	216,673		183,263	115,705
	68,336		290,917	46,749
\$ 77,630	\$ 285,009	\$ 22	\$ 3,223,784	\$ 2,392,680
			\$ (171,180)	\$ 46,850
\$ (58,786)	\$ (277,126)	\$ (3)	2,130,095	19,433
236,980	1,816,015		(316,951)	(19,433)
(147,050)				
\$ 31,144	\$ 1,538,889	\$ (3)	\$ 1,641,964	\$ 46,850
519		620	94,966	48,118
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Area trails behind state in rebate increases

State Comptroller John Sharp on Dec. 11 sent the final sales tax rebates for 1998, a total of \$176,396,918 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,095 Texas cities and 118 counties, a seven percent increase over the \$164.7 million allocated to cities and counties in December 1997.

December's payments include local sales tax rebates collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1998 topped \$2.3 billion, and were 9.7 percent higher than total rebates for 1997, as the Texas economy continues its steady upward swing," Sharp said. Total allocations to all local taxing entities for 1998 exceeded \$3.3 billion.

Monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$161.9 million went to Texas cities, 7.4 percent higher than last December's payments of \$150.6 million. Rebates of \$14.4 million to Texas counties were up 2.8 percent from the \$14 million paid in December 1997.

A total of \$271,878.33 in December sales tax rebates went to cities in Cooke County. That was a slight increase, 0.28 percent, from last year's December total. In 1998 a total of \$3,630,414.72 was received. That amount was up 4.96 percent from the 1997 total.

Muenster received a December rebate of \$14,873.40, an increase of 3.22 percent from December 1997. The total for Muenster in 1998, \$224,759.63, indicates an increase of 52.05 percent.

Lindsay took in a December rebate of \$4,320.94 which was down 13.18 percent from the \$4,977.00 received in December 1997. The total rebates to Lindsay for 1998, \$64,766.74, show an improvement of 5.30 percent.

For Gainesville the \$246,065.51 rebate in

December was 0.14 percent less than the amount received a year ago. The 1998 total for Gainesville, \$3,247,641.20, was an increase of 2.42 percent over the 1997 total.

Oak Ridge and Valley View both did well. Oak Ridge's December total, \$3,306.89, was up 8.87 percent from a year ago. The 1998 total at Oak Ridge, \$51,571.19, was an improvement of 24.54 percent. This December Valley View received \$3,311.59, an increase of 45.86 over the same period a year ago. In 1998 the total sent to Valley View, \$41,675.96, shows an increase of 12.39 percent from the 1997 total.

Cooke County saw an increase of 13.88 percent in the December 1998 payment of \$104,553.44. Total rebates in 1998, \$1,245,726.07, showed an increase of 2.71 percent from the 1997 total for Cooke County.

Santa accepts KC invitation for Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 20 is the date of the annual Muenster Knights of Columbus sponsored Santa visit at St. Richard's Villa. All who are interested in attending are asked to meet at the KC Hall at 2 p.m. Sunday. They will go to St. Richard's Villa to visit with residents and sing Christmas carols. Santa will join the group to distribute gifts to the Villa residents.

Santa is planning to visit with the children of Sacred Heart Parish at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 in the Muenster KC Hall. He will be hearing Christmas wishes and distributing gifts.



Buying co-op studied by Chisholm Trail RC&D

A proposed buying cooperative for volunteer fire departments in the 11-county Chisholm Trail Resource Conservation and Development area is receiving support on several fronts.

Stacey Stark, Chisholm Trail coordinator, told directors at a recent meeting in Bowie she has met with several entities about their needs in rural areas. When she has questioned the groups about the buying cooperative, she said the response has been positive.

Stark is meeting with representatives of all 11 counties to determine their needs so that new goals and objectives can be established for Chisholm Trail.

Because the needs of volunteer fire departments are critical throughout the area served by Chisholm Trail, the board is considering a buying

cooperative to save the departments money on their equipment purchases. If the venture is successful within Chisholm Trail, plans are to expand it throughout the southwestern states.

The departments sponsor the cooperative with a one time start-up fee on a sliding scale. Director James K. Brite gave as an example 100 slots at \$1,000 a department and 1,000 slots at \$100 a department. Slots will be available at those prices for the first 12 months and are good for the life of the organization.

The initial fee will be used to purchase inventory. Departments will purchase equipment at cost plus a percentage based on the department's initial investment in the cooperative. Operation costs will be sustained by the percentage added to the purchase cost. For

those not wishing to make the initial investment, an annual participation fee will be assessed.

Brite said the savings from a department's first purchase has the potential to pay for the initial fee. Equipment availability will reduce the turn-around time and the cooperative will be able to purchase at wholesale prices and below.

Stark, Brite and Judge Kenneth Liggett met recently with the Clay County Firefighters Association and two departments expressed interest in the cooperative. She has also received words of encouragement from representatives of Cooke and Young counties.

The board will meet again January 19 in Bowie. Billy Curb of Rural Development, a co-op specialist, will discuss the fire department cooperative.

Lindsay ISD salutes board members

January is School Board Recognition Month, with the goal of building awareness of the vital role an elected board of education plays in our society.

The Lindsay ISD is joining other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contribution trustees make to their communities.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energy and countless hours devoted to a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas," said Travis Winn, Lindsay ISD superintendent.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education," Winn said. "The represent a continuous commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education."

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contribution reflect a year-round commitment on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students."

The men and women serving Lindsay ISD are: Rud Zimmerer, Earl Cunningham, Donna Hess, Pat Zimmerer, David Arendt, and Mik Kendall.

Opinion/Editorial

THE TEMPLE SERMON

The following message came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand at the gate of the house of the Lord, and there proclaim this message: Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah who enter these gates to worship the Lord! Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Reform your ways and your deeds, so that I may remain with you in this place. Put not your trust in the deceitful words: "This is the temple of the Lord! The temple of the Lord! The temple of the Lord!" Only if you thoroughly reform your ways and your deeds; if each of you deals justly with his neighbor; if you no longer oppress the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow; if you no longer shed innocent blood in this place, or follow strange gods to your own harm, will I remain with you in this place, in the land which I gave your fathers long ago and forever.

But here you are, putting your trust in deceitful words to your own loss! Are you to steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal, go after strange gods that you know not, and yet come to stand before me in this house which bears my name, and say: "We are safe; we can commit all these abominations again?" Has this house which bears my name become in your eyes a den of thieves? I too see what is being done, says the Lord. You may go to Shiloh, which I made the dwelling place of my name in the beginning. See what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because you have committed all these misdeeds, says the Lord, because you did not listen, though I spoke to you untiringly; because you did not answer, though I called you, I will do to this house named after me, in which you trust, and to this place which I gave to you and your fathers, just as I did to Shiloh. I will cast you away from me, as I cast away all your brethren, all the offspring of Ephraim.

JEREMIAH 7: 1- 15

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for your coverage of the United Way Campaign. Your paper definitely made a difference in the success of our drive. It is people like you that make Cooke County a great place to live.

Sincerely,
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From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Some time ago I wrote a story about the origin of "Chili" - one of many.

Since then Aileen asked why I didn't tell the story of the time she made a batch of the "Red" that was just a tad hotter than the family liked. All of us relished our chili on the spicy hot side, and I had often told Aileen she could not season it too hot for me.

Well, these words have a way of catching up with you.

One winter evening as we sat at the table, Aileen served up a big bowl of steaming chili to the delight of the entire gang.

As for me, I took a generous portion and began to devour it. In a few moments I realized this was NOT ordinary chili. It was HOT! Little beads of perspiration popped up on both sides of my nose, and though the dish was delicious, I had to admit to Aileen that it was a tad too fiery, she could back off just a bit.

Only then did she let out her secret. It seems that when she tasted it for flavor, she decided it needed just a tad more red pepper and proceeded to shake a little of it over the bubbling

concoction, and just then the lid came off, dumping as much as a tablespoonful in to the cooker.

She said she dipped out as much as she could, but still too much remained and she felt if she should have thrown out the whole mess right then.

But remembering my words she decided she could always do that.

None of it went to waste. V loved it, but I must say it was much better eaten with plenary ranch style beans, and crackers.

The \$65,000.00 Question ...

Second article in a series by Gary Fisher

How will Keep Texas Beautiful judge individuals in Muenster to determine who is to win various individual awards?

During the months of April and May, when Muenster Proud is completing the application for the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA), Muenster Proud will also nominate individuals, businesses and organizations for their outstanding efforts toward helping Muenster win the \$65,000.00 award.

Keep Texas Beautiful is looking for nominations for schools, students, senior citizens, businesses and industry, civic organizations, law enforcement personnel, media and individual leadership. Muenster Proud is using this same list to make nominations.

These awards are something to be very proud of! If you look in the Denton phone directory yellow pages for Frenchy's Tree & Lawn Service, you'll see his ad stating that he is a winner of the Ebby Halliday and Maurice Acres Business/Industry Leadership award. You will also see how he advertises this award on his web site: www.frenchylawn.com. Frenchy publicizes the award in all of his press and publicity articles. Frenchy won this prestigious State award in 1995 and, to date has received three years of excellent advertisement from it!

Businesses, organizations and individuals interested in being nominated want to know what is involved in winning the awards. Muenster Proud is required to base their response to individual nominations on questions/topics such as the following: Ruth Jackson Youth Leadership Awards How many youth are involved in your group? How many participated in the program? What was the theme or slogan of your program? Please describe the program - include the use of slogan, youth leadership activities, use of curricula (if applicable), and involvement of community and business.

O. P. Schanbel Senior Citizen Award Number of people in the organization (if nomination of individual or multiple groups) Summary of Nominee's activities - years, hours of service, activities, focus, etc. Ebby Halliday and Maurice Acres Business/Industry Leadership Awards Estimate the dollar value of cash and in-kind donations for this project/program.

Explain leadership efforts of your business/industry during the past 12 months.

Sadie Ray Graf Education Award Size of student population. How many students in the school were involved in your program. Hours spent on and number of teachers involved in training. Ways in which Waste in Place and Waste: A Hidden Resource were used in classroom and community. Profile of school.

Individual Leadership Awards Was nominee's work performed as a part of a job, or was it volunteer? Is the nominee a member of Keep Texas Beautiful? Description of leadership efforts. Describe involvement in the KTB or local program during the past 12 months.

Civic Organization Leadership Award How many members are in your organization? How many members were involved in this project/program? Is this an on-going or special project?

Describe your organization's leadership efforts. Ed Davis Litter Law Enforcement Award Explain how law enforcement personnel went above and beyond the call of duty to bring environmental issues to the forefront.

Describe any unique project(s) involving a law enforcement official and environmental protection. Describe the level of participation by law enforcement personnel with local KTB programs. Describe unique approaches by a law enforcement official to curb illegal dumping. List noteworthy statistics.

Media Awards Summary of accomplishments Variety of news topics and coverage. Impact on the community.

Muenster Proud wants to nominate one or more for each of the above categories and already has several nominations in mind. If you, your school, or business doing something good for the community which adds the cleanup and beautification of Muenster, make sure that Muenster Proud is aware of every effort! Watch for future articles in this series on the \$65,000.00 question and do your part to help Muenster win the Governor's Community Achievement Award!

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Lifestyle

Confirmation held Sunday, Dec. 13, in SH Church

by Deann Felderhoff
 "With the Sacrament of Confirmation, you become full Christians in the Church. Many gifts of the Holy Spirit help you to bring Christ's message to the world." These words are an excerpt from the homily given by Bishop Joseph Delaney last Sunday evening.

After a semester of Sunday morning classes, meetings with sponsors, and hours of community service, forty-four people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. They were: Adrienne May Faith Bartel, Andrea Lynn Bartush, Jessica Rose Berres, Kristen Renee Caroline Creed, Debra Jean Dangelmayr, Diana Leigh Judith Devers, Allison Dawn Marie Endres, Daniel Thomas Michael Felderhoff, Kayla Ann Elizabeth Felderhoff, Polly Anna Fette, Justin Ray Fleitman, Kristen Nicole Ann Fleitman, Anne Marie Flusche, John Paul Flusche, Michelle Renae Helena Fuhrmann, Joanna Marie Gehrig, Kristin Dawn Marti Grewing, Randy Stephen Matthew Grewing, Craig Thomas John Hartman, Courtney Jean Regina Haverkamp, Jaclynn Rose Marie Henscheid, Heather Marie Gabrielle Hess, Jennifer Rose Hess, Sarah Ann Marie Hess, Stephen Matthew Hofbauer, Adam Joseph Xavier Klement, Brandon Michael Klement, Jeffrey Wade Joseph Klement, Douglas Wayne Albert Knabe, Kristen Nicole Knauf, Raegan Ann Helen Koesler, Joshua Anthony Luke, Jason Robert Donald Lutkenhaus, Bryan John Miller, Matthew Joseph Nasche, Jonathan Michael

Joseph Reed, Lee Thomas Skinner, James Edwin Stoffels, Casey Don Walterscheid, Joshua Lee Walterscheid, Justin Michael Walterscheid, Gina Louise Cecilia Yosten, and Guy Benet Michael Zimmerer.

The 1998 Confirmation Mass started at 7:00 p.m. Dec. 13 in Sacred Heart Church. The Most Reverend Joseph P. Delaney of the Fort Worth Diocese was presider. Concelebrating the liturgy were Sacred Heart Parish Pastor Reverend Thomas J. Craig and Reverend Harry Fisher, pastor of St. John's Parish in Valley View.

Confirmandi took part in several parts of the Mass. The First Reading, Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10, was read by Jaclyn Henscheid and the Second Reading, James 5: 7-10, by Jason Lutkenhaus. The Gospel, read by Father Tom, was from Matthew 11: 2-11. Kristen Knauf led the General Intercessions, and gifts were presented by Andrea Bartush and John Flusche.

Eric B. Gray served as Confirmation coordinator. Other members of the parish volunteered in the Mass. Musicians were: Ruth Felderhoff, David Fette, Pam Fette, Phillip Flusche, and Emily Klement. Kelly Bayer, Adam Dangelmayr, Derek Felderhoff, Jeff Walterscheid, and Adam Zimmerer were Altar Servers. Serving as Extraordinary Ministers were: Kristen Creed, Kelly Felderhoff, Leon Fuhrmann, Dale Hofbauer, Stephen Hofbauer, Dolores Miller, Herbie Miller, and Peggy Walterscheid.



Peggy Grewing, from Crafty Olde German shares the Furby toy with Nancy Walter, at left, that is being raffled to benefit the building of the new Muenster Library. Chances are selling for \$1 each and are available at the Library, Muenster State Bank, and at Crafty Olde German, Furby's temporary home. Drawing will be held Christmas Eve. Walter is a member of the Friends of Muenster Library Board and chairperson of the fundraising committee. Photo by Janie Hartman

Home Hospice sponsors Grief Recovery Seminars

Home Hospice will be conducting a Grief Recovery Seminar on January 5, 12, 19, and 26. The seminar will be held at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The sessions will address various topics involved in the grief process. The purpose of the seminar is to assist bereaved persons to deal with their grief and to find positive ways to cope with this painful experience. Topics addressed in the seminar are: "How do I go on from here?", "Dealing with difficult emotions," "Surviving the holidays and other special days and memorializing," and "Bringing closure to your loss."

Home Hospice also offers bereavement care. Bereaved Parents/Grandparents meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Hospice office. The Caring Hearts Luncheon is held the last Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon at the Hospice office. The luncheon is for present caregivers and bereaved families. The Eating Meeting Support Group meets the first Thursday at 5:30 p.m., alternating between The Center and Rohmer's Restaurant in Muenster.

Anyone who needs assistance is welcome to attend the Grief Seminar or any of the support groups. There is no charge for any of these services. Please call Home Hospice to register for the seminar at 940-665-9891.

Valley View News ...

Chamber Honors Seniors

The 1998 Area Chamber of Commerce of Valley View honored Senior Citizens at the Valley View Community Center December 5. The annual Christmas party was held to honor the 65 attendees with an old fashioned Christmas. Tables were decorated and a turkey dinner was served. Chamber members presented door prizes to all present ranging from gift certificates to Christmas wreaths. Music was presented by a group of musicians from Mt. Springs.

The Community Senior Citizens selected Henry Sandman and Grace Murray as their Citizens of the Year. A donation to begin the Center's Trust Fund was given in their honor.

Young Farmers

Valley View Young Farmers held their December meeting Thursday at the High School. The group of 20 enjoyed a chili supper prior to the meeting. Guest speaker was Bill Harris, newly elected county

judge who takes office January 1. He spoke to the group about the duties and office of county judge and his goals for the next four years.

The group planned their 1999 Stock Show to be February 20 at the Ag barn.

Riding Club

The Valley View Riding Club enjoyed Christmas caroling by horseback and hay trailer Sunday in Valley View. After caroling, the group enjoyed a chili and bean supper at the Valley View Methodist Church.

Chamber Welcomes New Members

The Valley View Area Chamber of Commerce met December 9. The membership welcomed new members Aubrey Electric, Big Fattys Flaming Food, Creative Moments, Don Hobbs Real Estate, GMH Neighborhood Care Center, Vawter Quarterhorse Ranch and David Clifton to the Chamber. Gayla Blanton of GMH told of the Clinic plans and projected opening date. The Chamber will plan a ribbon ceremony at a later date.

New Arrivals

Caballero

"It's a girl!" for Angela and Tito Caballero of Carrollton. Victoria Lynn Caballero was born on Nov. 17, 1998 at 12:17 a.m. weighing 8 lb. and measuring 20.5 inches long. Victoria joins two very proud brothers Anthony age 5 and Michael age 3. Victoria is the 46th grandchild for Mrs. Mary Bartush of Muenster and the late Charles Bartush, Sr. Paternal grandparents are Raul and Helen Caballero of Carrollton. Sophia Klunkert of Houston is the great-grandmother.

Bayer

Weldon Bayer and Loren Hermes of Muenster announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Kay Bayer in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 2, 1998 at 5:04 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 9 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. Grandparents are Clinton and Barbara Bayer of Muenster and James and Karlyn Martin of Muenster and Randy Hermes of Houston. Great-grandparents are Juanita Knabe of Muenster, Edna Klement of Muenster and Theresa Hermes of Lindsay.

Tompkins

Greg Tompkins and Misti Gail Pennington of Nocona are parents of a daughter, Camry Hope Tompkins, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 7, 1998 at 3:23 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length. She joins a brother, Brady Tompkins and a sister, Hayley Tompkins.

Drake

Raquel Drake of Gainesville announces the birth of a daughter Danielle Nicole Drake in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 3, 1998 at 7:27 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. She joins a brother, Colton John Hartman, age 5 years.

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Cooke County Chorale

Cooke County Chorale presents Handel's Messiah

The Cooke County Chorale is proud to present Handel's Messiah on Friday evening, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. Dr. Michael Linder is musical director and John Dill is accompanist. The more than 60 singers will fill the church's great acoustics with joyous sounds.

George Frideric Handel wrote the musical setting for the scripture pertaining to the life of Christ, in 23 days. First performed in Dublin, Ireland in 1742, it was received with fervor and has been a

continued success. It is recognized for its Baroque style and dance-like qualities. Early performances were presented with about 24 all male singers and many were young boys. The contrast between aria, recitative and chorus is used with masterly effort, and a feeling of calm.

The Christmas portion of Messiah is a true holiday favorite. Soloists are Bryce Gage, Regina Walter and Jill Templet. Tickets are available from any Chorale member, or at the door.

Area Happenings

Cowboy Poetry Gathering

The 13th annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be held February 26, 27, 28, 1999 on the campus of Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. The Gathering is the oldest in Texas and the second oldest gathering in the United States.

The Gathering showcases cowboy poets, storytellers, singers and dancers in numerous sessions throughout the day with a Friday night campfire session followed by an open session, the Cattle Call. Saturday night there is a Stage Show followed by a foot stomping dance.

For more information call 915-837-8191.

Awana sparks sing at Six Flags Mall

On Saturday, December 12, the Awana Sparks club of First Baptist Church in Muenster traveled to Six Flags Mall in Arlington. They joined Awana clubs from other churches in the Metroplex to sing new and traditional songs in celebration of the Christmas season. It was a wonderful time of celebrating Jesus with shoppers, friends and relatives. After singing, the club took a tour of the Texas Rangers baseball stadium. A fun time was had by all. Those participating were Ben Coughenour, Shelby Anderson, Kaylyn Moster, Camille Hale and Natali Yosten. Adult sponsors were Cristal Anderson and Sharon Ledbetter.

Dangelmayr-Felderhoff clan celebrates St. Nick's

The annual celebration of the St. Nicholas feast day by the family of Tony and Theresa (Dangelmayr) Felderhoff was held Saturday, December 5 in the home of Mrs. A.J. Felderhoff in Gainesville.

The family gathering commemorates the observance begun generations ago by the ancestors of Muenster pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dangelmayr, in their native Germany, brought to Texas and continued since as a favorite tradition.

About one hundred family members were present on Saturday to greet St. Nicholas. Organist Ruth Felderhoff and singer Christy Hesse led the Christmas carols. Children and adults, both, enjoyed the delightful music.

St. Nicholas visited with each child; asking for their Christmas wants, and "if they'd been good children?" The children all knelt to pray aloud, and sing for St. Nicholas. Each child was rewarded with a bag of goodies.

St. Nicholas held the staff/crosier of the late Bishop Dangelmayr. Theresa Mae Walterscheid explained to the

children that this crosier belonged to their late great-uncle, and this evening it would be used by St. Nicholas when he came. Many pictures were made.

A special guest was the group's Aunt Bertha Fleitman, who was celebrating her 88th birthday on Saturday. They all sang "Happy Birthday" and enjoyed watching her blow out all the candles on her cake. A beautifully decorated table of refreshments was enjoyed by all.

Family members attending were: Girlie Felderhoff of Gainesville; Steve, Donna, Kelli Felderhoff of The Colony; Carol and Kristen Zimmerer of Denton; Mary, John, Joseph, Michelle, Matthew Fiala of Hickory Creek; Don and Judy Woodall and Daniel, Daryl, Donald of Aledo; Kathy, Karl, Melissa, R.J., Nathan, Kathy and Jacob of Era; Anthony and James Felderhoff of Austin; Nicholas and Tera Alford of San Marcos; Joan and Alvin Hartman; Monica, Jon and Kristin LeBrasseur; Bobby, Sharlene, Shannon and Dainah Hartman; Kenny, Rhonda,

Courtney and Nolan Hartman all of Muenster; Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid; Danny and Isaac Walterscheid and Nanette Henley all Muenster; and Laur Walterscheid of Lewisville.

Also Greg, Julie, Eri Alexandra and Hilary Walterscheid of Highland Village; Joe and Rut Felderhoff; Christy, Ber Joseph, Rebekah, John Pau and Daniel Hesse; Neil, Ann Matthew and Kaitlin Hess; Jenny, Jack, Emily, Alyssa and Amy White; Rose Ganzon of Dallas; Bertha Fleitman of Muenster; Sara Lester of Era; Jerry, Billie, Daniel, David and Destin of Muenster; Hele and Colleen Pulte of Oklahoma City; and Sister Mary Hele Fuhrmann of Gainesville.

On Saturday, December 12 the Alvin Hartman family and Sylvan Walterscheid family enjoyed their annual Christmas tree hunting party searching for the perfect tree and tiny trees to put in the own rooms, then feasting on grilled hamburgers and smores, before going home to decorate their trees.

Texas Wild! produced by Fort Worth Zoo

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with the knowledge that will give them hope for the future.

Texas, which is 97 percent privately owned, has more thriving species than any other state; therefore, Texans are doing something right. The realistic, pragmatic philosophies highlighted at *Texas Wild!* will have a regional and national impact on wildlife management practices, and it will start in our own backyard.

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Tony Schniederjan

Tony is 4!

Tony Schniederjan, son of Adam and Renee Schniederjan of Muenster, celebrated his fourth birthday with a party hosted by his parents in their home on December 12. His actual birthday is December 16.

A snowman theme was used throughout the party. A Mexican supper was served to guests, followed by dessert of birthday cake and ice cream.

Attending were his parents brother Jeff; grandparents Tony and Marjorie Rohmer and Vicki Self; aunts, uncles and cousins Steve, Kim, Nicole and Michelle Rohmer; Kenny Cindy, Jayna, Kalyn and Holly Rohmer; Terry, Lisa, Delana Clayton and Brianna Rohmer Valery Smith and Ben Smith.

In the Service

Marine Pfc. Jamie D. Baggs, son of Jerry D. Baggs of Lindsay, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Baggs successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Baggs and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Baggs spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Baggs and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the

words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Baggs and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54 hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Baggs joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1998 graduate of Lindsay High School of Lindsay, Texas.



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Den 3 wraps up holiday cheer

The Wolves of Den 3 held their December den meeting on the 8th at the KC Hall. They met the requirements for two electives in the spirit of the holidays. One elective was to decorate for a party and the other was to learn how to wrap a package and ties a knot. Using Christmas wrapping paper, the boys learned how to wrap a Christmas gift and tie a knot and bow. They added a reindeer head and paws and a

bowl of fruit and nuts and had a cute decoration to take home. The boys also made a construction paper chain and snowflakes to decorate the Christmas tree to be used at the upcoming pack meeting.

The Cub Scouts enjoyed cookies, popcorn, and soft drinks. They were each presented with a bag of marbles sewn by Mrs. Ida Mae Bindel as a Christmas gift.

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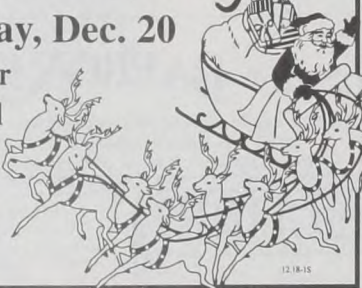
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Mu Epsilon holds Christmas meeting, social

The Mu Epsilon Chapter of Iota Kappa held its December meeting and Christmas social December 2, 1998. Twenty-five members and guests met in the Tearoom in Mississippi in downtown

Gainesville, at 6:00 p.m. After a lovely dinner, Patsy Wilson presented a book review of "Forever Erma," a collection of Erma Bombeck's columns. The group then joined together in song as Fran

Schully played some favorite Christmas carols. The members brought books and bears to donate to Head Start and Friends of the Family.

IN PRAISE OF EDUCATORS Shaping the Future

This is the fifth in a series of interviews of high school teachers of 1998 NCTC students enrolled in English 1301, taught by Stephen Bonin. Students were given an assignment, but were permitted to choose the teachers they wished to interview.

The Eckarts couple learning and fun

by Michael Boydston, Mark Johnson and Eduardo Cordero

A passion is needed when one goes into the teaching profession. Some of the attributes needed to endure the rigorous schedule year in and year out are patience, endurance, a sense of good humor, and sanity. One also has to love to work with children and try to help them develop into successful young adults. Jerry and Gerri Eckart have all of these features, and more. They are both members of Muenster Independent School District teaching staff, and they have been a part of this group for many years.

Mr. Eckart enlisted in the Navy in the early 1970s. After serving his country, he came back to Muenster to work at Fischer's Meat Market. He then went on and followed in his father's footsteps at the school. His father was a janitor at Muenster I.S.D. until he passed away in the early 1990s. James Eckart was much loved by students and faculty. He was held in such high esteem at MISD that, on the morning of his funeral, school was officially dismissed so that everyone could attend the service. The student body formed an honor guard in front of the church. It was by their choice to offer this, as a farewell tribute. Jerry then took over this position while earning an Associate's degree at Cooke County College. In 1993, Mr. Eckart graduated from the University of North Texas and then started teaching at the very same school where he had been the janitor. He is a computer whiz who can do seemingly any task to be performed with a computer, from repairs to simply downloading programs to a disk. He has always shown an interest in computers. When a computer around the campus malfunctions, Jerry Eckart is called to the rescue. Just this

past year, he was an integral part of setting up computers so that the Internet can be received in every classroom on campus. Now, he can experiment and further his learning about computers with the world-wide web.

It just so happens that Jerry is the keyboarding teacher, computer science teacher, and the University Interscholastic League computer science coach. Mr. Eckart states he tries to "not make it (teaching) fun, but to keep it interesting enough that (the student) wants to learn the subject." He always likes to see his students succeed in his classes. If a student needs help, he is always there to lend a helping hand in order to ensure a passing grade.

Jerry's wife, Gerri Eckart is the Librarian at M.I.S.D. She has held this position for 12 years. Mrs. Eckart has spent a total of 29 years in teaching. She is a very good librarian who likes to help students out. Most of the help is given to the elementary students. Since Jerry and Gerri have two kids, both being in elementary school, she knows how to appeal to the children. This makes her very good with the children, knowing what they want and do not want, and what they like and dislike. The children also love her because of her involvement with them. She helps coordinate all of the book fairs and magazine sales, helps classes get pizza parties, and other fundraising projects. Gerri also played a major part of Muenster High School's homecoming and dance, with her overseeing all of the ceremony and post-game dance. Perhaps her biggest role at the school is her involvement with the Student Council and the National Honor Society. These two groups are probably

the most important groups in the school because they help give the students extra incentives, like a few select days out of school, and new equipment for the students.

Her education goes back far, with her earning a degree in the field of English. Due to this background, she is the U.I.L. spelling coach. Her influence on the kids is overwhelming, with her teams always winning awards at competitions. This success is due to her caring about the kids and the competitive spirit inside of her.

The teachers that she works with have nothing but praise for the both of them. All of them emphasize their hard work ethic and willingness to help when help is needed. As one can see, Jerry and Gerri are both active in extra-curricular activities. Nancy Perryman, a science teacher and co-worker said, "They are great to be around. Whenever I need help, they help me, and vice-versa." Nancy also commented that Gerri does a lot for the school, but does not get much credit for it. She said, "Even though she is a librarian, she deserves most of the credit for most of the extra-curricular activities. She deserves the same credit that we teachers get."

Joyce Boydston, a special education aide at the school, commented about Jerry, stating that he "went from janitor to computer genius," and that it was "amazing."

Most of the students know how much work the two teachers do. A lot of spare time is spent up at the school so that all activities can be planned and all grades can be recorded and reported. The students appreciate the work the Eckarts do for them, as well as the help they provide them in preparing for the real world.

Jessica is two!

Jessica Greer Martin, daughter of Greg and Stacey Martin, celebrated her second birthday on Nov. 1, 1998 at her home in Lindsay. The party was complete with balloons, banners, and a Tele Tubby "PO" cake made by Kathy Davis, a friend.

Guests included her parents; sister Jana Martin; grandparents, Dale and Pat Martin; aunts, Michelle,

Roxanne and Courtney Miller, Donnie Washburn; and great-great-aunt, Arlene Sherman of Pennsylvania.

Jessica noted her birthday with a very special second party on November 2 with grandparents Tom and Reita Miller in her grandfather's hospital room at Arlington Memorial Hospital. Other guests were her mother and her aunt, Roxanne Miller.



Jessica Greer Martin

SNAP holds party Dec. 9

The Senior Citizens group at S.N.A.P. held their Christmas party on December 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Center meeting room. Forty-eight persons enjoyed music, singing, dancing and a noon dinner. Music was provided by Mildred Lawson with her accordion and Lee Roy Yosten with his guitar. Dinner was catered by Rohmer's Restaurant and served by members of the S.N.A.P. Center. Special guest was Father Thomas J. Craig.

Games were played during the afternoon. Cake was served in mid-afternoon. Donations collected in the amount of \$100 were given to Home Hospice. All who contributed to the success of the program, all who assisted with delivering of carry-out meals to shut-ins; and especially all who helped serve the meal on December 9 were recognized by Juanita Knabe, S.N.A.P. director.

YEARS AGO

50 YEARS AGO July 2, 1948

Wet weather hangs on for a week - is harmful to unthreshed grain, especially to "seed wheat," some grain sprouted in shocks; corn crops got a wonderful lift, pointing to best corn crop in many years; pastures and hay crops improve; lush grazing is expected. Prevailing opinions here indicate gains far greater than losses. Muenster State Bank marks the completion of 25 years of community service on July 3, 1948. Body of Bulcher native, Pfc. Harold Pembroke, is shipped from France; his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. A.M. Pembroke are notified. Reburial will be in Saint Jo cemetery. Young Pembroke was killed on Aug. 27, 1944, in action in European Theatre, a World War II casualty.

50 YEARS AGO July 9, 1948

Re-burial rites with full military honors will be held on July 10 at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay for Sgt. Randolph Gruber, Lindsay's first casualty of World War II. He was killed in action on Aug. 6, 1943. Gravel surface will replace damaged pavement on Main Street. Sacred Heart Parish Church Committee decides to build a 42 foot extension on east side of parish hall, a virtual necessity during the construction of the new church, when the hall will serve as a temporary church. Accidental drowning of a 3 year old boy is second to occur in what is commonly known as "Dead Man's Hole" three miles east of

Saint Jo on Hwy. 82. Wedding: Mary Evelyn Seyler and Darrell Adams are married in St. Elizabeth's Church of Lubbock.

50 YEARS AGO July 16, 1948

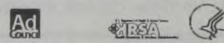
City spraying awaits improvement in local sanitation. Weekend rainfall raises June and July total to 10 inches. FM Radio System streamlines Cooke County Electric Co-op's line repair system. Father Benedict Boergerding OSB dies at Subiaco Abbey at age 64. Sgt. Randolph Gruber is given full military honors at re-burial in St. Peter's Cemetery on July 10. He was Lindsay's first casualty of World War II and was killed in action in Guadalcanal on Aug. 6, 1943. Lawnmower Factory, the Muenster Manufacturing Company uses vacation time for repair to equipment. Wedding: Ann Arendt and Albert "Buster" Herr are married in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay.

There is a basic charge of \$35.00 for wedding stories and golden wedding stories used in The Muenster Enterprise.

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School News

Supernutrients mean super health for children

Salmon, butternut squash, lean beef and spinach may not sound like any child's idea of the perfect meal. But as evidence mounts that four supernutrients - vitamin A, iron, omega-3 fatty acids and folic acid - act as the foundation for a child's good health, concerned parents should consider new ways to make these foods and others like them appetizing, said Dr. Robert Squires Jr., associate professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Vitamin-A deficiency is implicated in measles mortality; iron deficiency is associated with a loss of developmental skills; omega-3 deficiency has been blamed for decreased visual acuity; and folic-acid deficiency in pregnant women can cause neural-tube, or brain and

spinal, defects, said Squires. When mothers of the 1930s spooned out cod-liver oil as a cure-all, they weren't ignorant victims of old wives' tales. The foul-tasting elixir is rich in vitamin A, which plays a large role in maintaining mucous membranes and protecting the body against infection, Squires said.

Recurrent studies have shown that a child can be iron deficient without being anemic and still exhibit such negative consequences as subpar motor skills, low IQ and low athletic endurance, Squires said.

Omega-3 fatty acids are abundant in fish and green vegetables. The metabolic byproduct of omega-3 fatty acids, docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), is an important component in the brain and in retinal proteins.

Infants fed formula deficient

in omega-3 fatty acids have a measurable decrease in visual acuity," Squires said. "Visual acuity is enhanced when DHA is added to the formula." He said breast milk, which contains DHA, is the best source for infants.

Many large-scale studies have shown that folic acid plays a significant role in prevention of neural tube defects, such as spina bifida, which occur when a segment of the spinal nerve cord grows outside the bony spiny column.

"There are certainly increased requirements of folic acid during fetal growth," Squires said. "In the 1990s, we have the option of preventing neural-tube defects. All women of child-bearing age should consume at least 0.4 milligrams of folic acid per day."



Muenster ISD Elementary students can now enjoy the newly-installed playground equipment, after patiently waiting weeks for its completion. Janie Hartman Photo



The Muenster ISD Elementary Student Council had a contest to guess how many pieces of candy were in the jar. Submitting their answers at five cents a guess are Matthew Harrison, Alison Miller, and Christina Eckart. Photo by Janie Hartman

Dear Santa



Dear Santa, We are students at Muenster Elementary and we are in kindergarten. We have been learning a lot about Christmas. We've read several great stories about you and your reindeer, plus stories about the true meaning of Christmas. We have learned not to be greedy and ask for lots of things, but to ask for only one special gift. Listed below is our Christmas wish list.

Daniel Fleitman, baseball and bat; Dillon Bayer, a wind-up Santa; Zachary Pierce, a toy robot; Taylor Reiter, a real cat; Tanner Silmon, a go-cart; Aaron Grewing, a Buzz Lightyear; Devon Kubis, a go-cart; Cathy Aston, a Barbie cheerleader; Taylor Klement, a Barbie; Spencer Nielsen, a football net; Alley Trubench, a Betty Beagheti; Garrett Walterscheid, a Nintendo 64; Colton McGehee, a four wheeler; Shane Sicking, a CD player; Kaleigh Tankersley, a

keyboard; Zachary Gunnels, a ship; Lacey Trubench, a marker Barbie; Michelle Henscheid, a doll that loves butterflies; Jacob Baker, a remote controlled race car.

Santa, we love you. Be sure to travel safely on Christmas Eve and bring lots of toys to everyone who doesn't have very much.

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Christmas Recital Dec. 20

The Sacred Heart High School Choir, directed by Pam Fette, will present its Christmas Recital on Sunday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Soloists will be Jackie Bartush, Gina Yosten and Melanie Tisdale. Tickets are \$3.00 each, available at the door, or from any choir member.

Muenster FHA observes Great American Smokeout

Muenster High School's FHA Chapter recently took part in The Great American Smokeout. This nation-wide event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. It is a light-hearted effort to encourage tobacco users to give up their habit for 24 hours.

Members of the FHA organization were able to sponsor people in our community and try to encourage them to stop using tobacco products. Sponsored

tobacco users were given a goody bag filled with gum and hard candy to help them refrain from tobacco throughout the day.

Along with this activity, the FHA distributed literature and hung posters up at school in hopes of discouraging students from becoming future tobacco users. Muenster FHA hopes their efforts not only encouraged tobacco users to quit for one day, but to quit for a lifetime.

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Sports

Sacred Heart and Muenster win Red River Shootout

Last weekend was the annual Red River Shootout, the basketball tournament co-sponsored by the Muenster and Sacred Heart athletic departments. Action took place at both Sacred Heart and Muenster gyms Thursday and Friday, with the final rounds of competition at the Hornet gym.

The championship round Saturday night matched the Tigerettes and the Lady Hornets and the Lady Knights against the Lindsay Knights.

When the basketballs finally quit bouncing, the Sacred Heart Tigerettes and Muenster Hornets took home the championship trophies.

Action began Thursday afternoon with the Lindsay Knights defeating the Muenster junior varsity Hornets and the Lady Knights winning over Celina JV.

Other action Thursday saw Notre Dame get two wins over Prairie Valley. The Wichita Falls boys won 64-57, while the girls took a 61-51 victory.

Prairie Valley while the Lady Horns stampeded Prairie Valley 69-27. The Goldberg girls got a bye with the absence of Celina's JV team.

Tigers 63 Muenster JV 32

The Sacred Heart Tigers got their first win of the season Friday in a 63-32 victory over the Muenster junior varsity. "The young guys played very well. It was a much needed win and helped to build our confidence," Coach Tommy Frazier commented. 45 points were scored in the first and last quarters. Nine out of a dozen Tigers put points on the board, led by Gehrig with 15. Barnhill and Yosten added 10 each, Matthew Nasche 9, Vince Felderhoff 8, Smith 6 and 2 apiece from Jeff Hartman and Miller. Stephen Hofbauer added an extra point.

The junior varsity Hornets were led by Brett Howell on the boards with 15 points. Jim Stoffels added 6, Chisam Cain 4, Kevin Hermes 3 and 2 each from Nick Silmon and Blake

by Joanna and one by Kayla shifted the game. Jennifer connected on two big free shots to steal the win.

Also scoring for the Tigerettes were Hess and Hess getting 6 points each. Flusche added 5, Gehrig 4 and Rigler 2.

Nine Lady Knights made points, with Karlee O'Dell scoring 9, Amanda Tamplin getting 8, and Erica Fuhrmann and DeeAnn Fuhrmann each scoring 7. Karah O'Dell had 5 points, Jo Sparkman 3 and 2 each from Deanna Meurer and Maggie Luttmner. Courtney Hoelker put in 1.

Hornets 68 Notre Dame 51

A big second quarter gave Muenster a 10 point half-time lead, which they never gave up.

Everyone on the Hornet team scored in this victory, three in the double digits. Luke put in 15 points, A. Klement 14, and Miller 10 to lead Muenster. Johnson added 6, D. Felderhoff and Endres 4 each with Jeff Klement, J. Fleitman and Randy Grewing each scoring 3 points. Casey Walterscheid, Cody Mask and C. Felderhoff put in 2 apiece.

M 14 23 18 13 68
ND 12 15 12 12 51

Lady Hornets 61 Notre Dame 35

The concluding round two game advanced Muenster to the championship game after a commanding win over the Lady Knights of Wichita Falls. Fisher and Hess led the Lady Hornets with 18 and 17 points. Felderhoff added 9, Gerstberger 5, 3 each from Krystal Sparkman and Lutkenhaus, and 2 points scored by Kristen Grewing.

M 17 9 19 16 61
ND 9 8 8 10 35

The woman's consolation game was won by the Lady Longhorns, 51-30 over Goldberg Saturday afternoon.

Tigers 60 Prairie Valley 69

"Best game we played this year," said Coach Frazier. "The young guys played with emotion and were aggressive." Frazier noted that Prairie Valley had beaten Sacred Heart 81-36 and 66-46 earlier in the season. The Tigers were trailing 54-34 at the end of the 3rd quarter, making a 4th quarter comeback. Sacred Heart hit 61.5% from the charity strip.

Jon Yosten led the Tigers with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Gehrig added 10, Smith 8, Hofbauer 7, Russell Fette 5, Barnhill and Nasche 4 apiece and Hartman 2.

SH 13 12 9 26 60
PV 16 23 15 15 69

Tamplin. Karlee O'Dell hit 3 with Sparkman, Fuhrmann and Fuhrmann each getting 2.

L 4 17 9 16 46
ND 10 6 4 5 25

Hornets 46 Knights 40

The Muenster Hornets got revenge from last week's loss to Lindsay, taking the tournament championship Saturday night.

Muenster took an early lead, extending it to 32-9 at half-time, then allowed the Knights to close to 9 points going in to the final quarter.

A. Klement led all scorers with 18 points. Luke added 8, D. Felderhoff 7, Johnson 6, Endres 4, and Fleitman 3.

Garner and Secrest were high scorers for Lindsay with 8 points each. Abbas Ravjani and Thomason each added 6, Trent Endres 5, Hellinger 4, Jonathan Bengfort 2 and John Bezner 1.

M 16 16 4 10 46
L 8 2 17 13 40

Tigerettes 58 Lady Hornets 53

The battle of the town's two girls varsity teams highlighted the end of the tournament. Free throws sealed the Lady Hornets fate as the Tigerettes hit 26 total free throws, 18 in the 2nd half and 9 of those in the final quarter of play.

"Coach Teague and his Lady Hornets did a great job," noted Coach LeBrasseur. "Both teams played hard. A playoff atmosphere and great support from our fans make us the only undefeated team in the county."

Kayla Felderhoff led the Tigerettes on both ends of the court, with 31 points, 15 from the free throw line, and 18 rebounds. Flusche put in 9 points for Sacred Heart, Gehrig 7, S. Hess 6, Rigler 3 and J. Hess 2.

Kelly Felderhoff put in 16 points for the Lady Hornets. Fisher added 8, Sparkman and Lutkenhaus 6 each, Endres 5, Hess 4, Grewing 3, Gerstberger and Polly Fette 2 apiece and Jackie Henscheid a free throw.

SH 14 14 19 11 58
M 14 15 12 12 53

Tigerette Kayla Felderhoff and Hornet Jesse Luke were named the tournament's MVPs.

Making the all-tournament team were Joann Gehrig and Sarah Hess, Sacred Heart; Kristie Lutkenhaus, Heather Hess, Maggie Fisher, Aaron Klement and Kevin Johnson - Muenster; Karah O'Dell, Amanda Tamplin, James Thomason, Chris Garner and Cody Secrest - Lindsay.



Sarah Hess and Anne Flusche battle for the ball with the Lady Knights. Photo by Dave Fette

Tigerettes 68 Goldberg 39

The Tigerettes opened their tournament play against Goldberg, taking an easy 68-39 victory. "Andrea Bartush gave us good help off the bench," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur, who also credited Kayla Felderhoff and Anne Flusche to having a nice ball game. The Tigerettes took an early lead and never looked back.

Felderhoff led the game with 22 points with Flusche adding 8, Joanna Gehrig and Jennifer Hess each scored 7, Andrea Bauer added 6, Sarah Hess 5, and 4 apiece from Bartush and Leah Rigler. Hollie Hartman put in 3 and Mattie Sicking 2 to round out the scoring.

SH 16 19 16 17 68
G 7 7 11 14 39

Tigers 34 Goldberg 57

The Tigers could not outshoot Goldberg in their first tournament game. Fifty-one of Goldberg's points were made by two players. Lucien Gehrig led the Tigers with 11 points, Adam Barnhill added 9, Jon Yosten 8, Pat Miller 4, and 2 points from Chris Smith. Miller and Yosten were Sacred Heart's leading rebounders with 9 apiece.

SH 7 4 14 9 34
G 18 15 13 11 57

The Knights got their second win Friday night in the Tiger gym, advancing them to the championship round.

Tigerettes 46 Lady Knights 44

"A typical Lindsay-Sacred

Hornets 66 Forestburg 52

Muenster's first win of the tournament was at the expense of the Longhorns. Aaron Klement was the Hornets high scorer with 16 points. Bryan Miller added 13, Kevin Johnson 9, Jesse Luke 8 and 6 each from Danny Felderhoff and Justin Fleitman. Mitch Endres and Chad Felderhoff scored 4 points apiece. Leading scorers for Forestburg were Conway and Balthrop with 20 and 16 points.

M 10 17 17 22 66
F 9 11 14 18 52

Lady Hornets 46 Forestburg 40

To finish Thursday's action, the Lady Hornets squeezed by the Lady Horns. The score stayed close throughout the game. Maggie Fisher put 17 points on the scoreboard to lead all scoring in the contest. Heather Hess and Kelly Felderhoff each added 8. Allison Endres scored 6, Kinzie Gerstberger 4 and Kristie Lutkenhaus 3.

Minton, Fade and Loera all hit the double figures for Forestburg.

M 10 5 13 18 46
F 7 9 13 15 40

Action Friday began with the Longhorns falling 58-52 to

Lady Hornets working under the basket include Heather Hess (25), Polly Fette (33), Kristie Lutkenhaus (10), and Maggie Fisher. Muenster defeated Forestburg in the Red River Shootout last weekend. Photo by Dave Fette

Heart game," said Coach LeBrasseur. "I was impressed with how much the Lindsay girls have improved. Coach Spruiell had his girls well prepared."

The score stayed close throughout the game, but Felderhoff's 23 points put Sacred Heart in the winners seat.

"Joanna was in foul trouble and we had to adjust and Lindsay took advantage while we were adjusting," added Coach LeBrasseur. "Two steals

Fighting for third place in the boys bracket, Goldberg beat Notre Dame 58-35.

Lady Knights 46 Notre Dame 25

The Lindsay Ladies took third place Saturday afternoon in the battle of the Lady Knights.

Ten Lindsay girls made points, contributing to the victory. Meurer was the game's high scorer with 10 points. Hoelker added 8, Sarah Eberhart 6, Karah O'Dell 5, and 4 each from Luttmner and

Sacred Heart's basketball games scheduled for Tuesday at Era has been changed to Monday, December 21. Action begins at 4:00 pm with the junior varsity Tigerettes, followed by the JV Tigers, the Tigerette and the Tigers.



Kevin Johnson pulls down a rebound in Muenster's Red River Shootout win over Forestburg. Photo by Dave Fette

Wildcats claw Hornets

The Muenster Hornets traveled to Callisburg Monday night in a pre-holiday contest with the 2A Wildcats.

Scoring was close through the first half, then the Cats took a 12 point lead going into the final period of play. The Hornets attempt for a comeback came up short for a 40-49 defeat.

Eight Hornets scored, including Jesse Luke with 9, Mitch Endres 7, Kevin Johnson and Aaron Klement 6 each. Bryan Miller added 4, Justin Fleitman and Casey Walterscheid 3 apiece and Danny Felderhoff 2.

M 14 10 7 9 40
C 15 13 15 6 49

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by Thompson Temple



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A rancher said, "They belong to the landowner on the land where they are. If they jump a

fence, then they belong to that landowner."

Another person said, "They belong to no one. They are like the birds that fly where ever they want to go."

Still another said, "They belong to the State of Texas."

Who do you think they belong to? They belong to you! The whitetail belong to the people of the State of Texas. The Texas Parks & Wildlife is given the responsibility to manage the game for you. The Texas Parks & Wildlife is governed by appointed commissioners. These commissioners hold public meetings where you can talk to them about law changes. They are sincere people who are trying to do the right thing!

So don't get mad at TPW. You can get a law changed or at least just get your opinion expressed. Our wildlife is in better shape than almost any state I know. I do believe that the landowners have done an excellent job of managing the deer. They are working to improve the quality and vitality of whitetail! We can look forward to many years of fine hunting!



Lady Knights fall in first district contest

Lindsay traveled to Nocona for their opening district game, allowing the Lady Indians to take a 51-42 victory.

Karah O'Dell led the Lady Knights with 12 points. Karlee O'Dell added 6, Deanna Meurer 5, Amanda Tamplin 4, Erica Fuhrmann 3, two apiece by Sarah Eberhart and Gayle Walterscheid and a free throw by Maggie Luttmer.

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N	17	12	7	15	51

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Junior High Action

PONDER TOURNAMENT

Sacred Heart 25 Ponder 36

Raney Bauer and Lilly Nasche each scored nine points in the Lady Cubs loss last Thursday. Jana Truelsenbach added 6 and Jennifer Hoedebeck 1.	SH 4 6 8 7 25	SH 11 14 6 8 39
P 9 11 9 7 36	SJ 3 7 3 6 19	

Sacred Heart 30 Ponder 56

Seven Cubs put points on the board at Ponder, but not enough to pull out a win. Mikey Bayer put in 11 points with Jack Biffle scoring 10. Jesse Coker hit a 3, while Clint Fuhrmann and Chris Fuhrmann each scored 2. Daniel Bartush and Michael Voth each added a free throw.

SH 8 7 5 10 30	SH 10 20 6 2 38
P 18 17 15 6 56	T 8 5 8 13 34

Sacred Heart 42 Saint Jo 21

The Lady Cubs won round two of the tournament. The game's high scorer was Raney Bauer with 19 points. Jana Truelsenbach added 11, Jennifer Hoedebeck 8 and 2 each from Crystal Hess and Gretchen Schmoeker.

SH 17 12 8 5 42	SH 10 20 6 2 38
SJ 6 4 5 6 21	T 8 5 8 13 34

Sacred Heart 39 Saint Jo 19

Marty Farrell and Jack Biffle led the Cubs to victory with 14 and 11 points in the second round of the

M 11 13 14 14 52	SH 14 11 10 3 38
C 17 11 5 14 47	S 8 4 11 7 30

Ponder Tournament. Adding to the victory scoring 2 points each were Mark Bayer, Jesse Coker, Thomas Whitecotton, Michael Voth, Chris Fuhrmann, Clint Fuhrmann and Mikey Bayer.

Sacred Heart 38 Terral 34
The Lady Cubs squeezed out a win after leading 30-13 at half-time. They then allowed a Terral comeback the final period. Lilly Nasche led Sacred Heart with 10 points. Jana Truelsenbach and Jennifer Hoedebeck each added 8. Raney Bauer put in 6, Catherine Bartush 4 and Crystal Hess 2.

Sacred Heart 38 Selwyn 30

The young Lady Cubs pulled out a win at Denton Monday night. Karen Gehrig led Sacred Heart with 13 points, Jayna Biffle added 11, Courtney Hartman put in 8, Cindy Hartman 4 and Amy Trevino 2.



Jeff Bezner (32) defending under the basket against Goldberg in Red River Shootout action. Photo by Dave Fette

Junior Varsity

Muenster 52 Calliburg 47

The junior varsity Hornets took home a victory Monday night. Three Muenster players scored in the double digits.

Brett Howell was the Hornets high scorer with 18 points. Jim Stoffels added 12 and Nick Siltmon 10. Chisam Cain put in 8, Caleb Porter 2 and a free throw basket from Chris Grewing and Kevin Hermes.

M 11 13 14 14 52	SH 10 20 6 2 38
C 17 11 5 14 47	T 8 5 8 13 34

SH 9th 26 Nocona 21

The young Tigerettes improved their record to 3-1 with a win over Nocona. "We got off to a slow start and then the girls increased their defensive intensity the 2nd half," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Audrey Barnhill played a great game and teammate Elizabeth Fette was all over the court."

Barnhill swished in 11 points, Kristen Zimmerman 9, Andrea Bauer 4 and Sara Sepanski 2.

SH 8 2 12 4 26	SH 10 20 6 2 38
N 4 7 2 8 21	T 8 5 8 13 34

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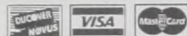
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Holidays light up winter season

The dark nights of winter are brightened by numerous celebrations throughout Texas. The holidays are times of joy, gift giving, and sharing simple and elaborate meals.

Christmas
December 25
Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and January 6, the Epiphany, or revelation of Christ to the Magi. Symbols include Star of Bethlehem and manger, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. Gifts and toys are given to all. Holiday foods: turkey and dressing, as well as tamales, and German coffee cake, or stollen.

Hanukkah
December 14-21
Marks the return to the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC. Eight candles symbolize the number of days oil lamps were lit in the temple, with a ninth candle to light the others. Traditional gifts for children include a dreidel, or four-sided top, and coins. Special food: latkes, or potato pancakes fried in oil.

New Years
January 1 and February 16
Celebrates the new year. In the Chinese lunar year, the New Year begins February 16, 1999 -- the Year of the Rabbit. Preparations include cleaning house and paying debts. Sweet rice is part of the festivity, along with fireworks. Gifts include "red envelopes" containing lucky money.

Kwanzaa
December 26 - January 1
Celebrates African-American unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Symbols include seven candles, ear of corn and unity cup. Gifts are simple and handmade. Karamu feast: traditional foods such as porridge, beans and corn, as well as other dishes.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone for many kindnesses and help and favors, all through the year of 1998. I treasure the memories you have given me. God will surely reward you with His blessings into 1999.

Anna Margaret Tempel 12.18-X

Larry Hess and Frances Stratton wish to express their thanks and gratitude to everyone for the kind words, food, donations, phone calls, hospital visits and coming to our homes. We are grateful for Masses and prayers. Special thanks to Monsignor Kelly for his blessing and visits, and to all other ministers. Muenster is blessed with so many kind and thoughtful people. God bless you all. We wish a good Christmas to all.

The Family of Bonnie Hess 12.18-X

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TO: Keith Bayer, Defendant,
GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 4th day of January, A.D., 1999, before the Honorable 235th District Court of Cooke County, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in said Court on the 23rd day of June, A.D., 1998, in this case, numbered 98-337 on the docket of said Court, and styled, MUENSTER STATE BANK, Plaintiff, vs. KEITH BAYER, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant have a note agreement and defendant executed a security agreement. Defendant defaulted in paying the note on January 11, 1995, by refusing to surrender the collateral that is subject of the security agreement. Plaintiff requests the Court to grant judgment against Defendant; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas, this 17th day of November, A.D., 1998.

Attest: PAT PAYNE,
District Clerk, Cooke County, Texas
/s/ Joy Huddleston, Deputy
11.27-X

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS addressed to the City of Muenster will be received at the Muenster City Hall, 400 North Main St., P.O. Box 208, Muenster, TX 76252, until 3:00 P.M., December 30, 1998, for the purpose of furnishing plant, labor, materials and equipment and the performance of all work required in the construction of the MUENSTER MAIN STREET AND HWY. 82 WATER LINES. At the above time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud and retained by the City for tabulation, checking and evaluation. Final award of the contract is proposed to be made on January 4, 1999, by the City Council convened at its regular meeting place at the City Hall.

BIDS shall be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank form of proposal furnished. Sealed envelopes shall be marked "MUENSTER MAIN STREET AND HWY. 82 WATER LINES - DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 3:00 P.M., DECEMBER 30, 1998."

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Farm & Ranch

Cooler weather could slow, but not stop, screwworms

Cooler temperatures could slow the 21-day life cycle of the screwworm, giving livestock health officials and ranchers a breather from examining thousands of head of livestock for the flesh-eating pest that has re-entered Texas. In October, a rancher from Rocksprings, in Edwards County, submitted maggots he found in a wound on an Angora goat. One of the larvae was identified as the dreaded screwworm, which has been eradicated from the U.S. and Mexico. Animal health officials are still uncertain how the screwworm entered the country.

TAHC has been on high alert since mid-November, when the screwworm maggot was confirmed in Texas, with the primary surveillance area around Edwards County.

Dogs ill from tainted food should be taken to vets immediately!

Pet owners who see any signs of depression, loss of appetite or vomiting in their dogs and who suspect it might be related to recalled dog food from a Temple manufacturer should see their veterinarians immediately. However, the public does not need to worry about a widespread outbreak of disease, officials from a state laboratory report.

While not trying to discount suffering by owners and animals in the 25 confirmed deaths of dogs because of aflatoxin-contaminated dry food, the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory says it does not expect to see large numbers of additional cases.

"Literally thousands of dogs have been fed this dog food; but not every one that had it is going to be in danger," said Dr. John Reager, head of diagnostic toxicology for the lab. "If this was a widespread problem, we would have seen a lot more than 25 dogs."

Lab personnel said that if a pet has been fed the dog food and seems depressed, has

Unlike other fly maggots which eat decayed flesh, the screwworm maggot feasts on fresh flesh, which can eventually debilitate its warm-blooded host. Screwworm flies lay eggs at the edge of wounds or scratches, and the larvae gouge deep holes into flesh. Until they were eradicated in the mid 1960s and again in the early 1980s, ranchers suffered huge financial losses to the screwworm and spent countless hours treating livestock that had been attacked by the pest.

To report suspicious maggots in livestock or pets, call Texas Animal Health Commission Area 3 office in Fort Worth at 1-800-687-4603. The TAHC headquarters in Austin may be reached at 1-800-550-8242, while the USDA in Austin can be called at 1-512-916-5555.

yellowed eyes, is vomiting (especially with traces of blood), or bleeds more easily than normal, it should be taken immediately to a veterinarian for blood testing and other procedures.

If it has symptoms of aflatoxin poisoning, the dog can be treated systematically in various ways, but the prognosis will vary from case to case, the lab said.

Symptoms may not show up for a number of days after a dog began consuming tainted food, but owners should take immediate action once they see them.

"The course of the illness may appear to be very brief. The dog may not want to eat in the morning, and could be dead in the afternoon," said Dr. Konrad Eugster, director of the lab.

Depending on the type of dog and the amount of contaminated food eaten, illness will vary widely. However, pet owners should stop using and return any of the recalled feeds immediately.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

BERMUDA PLOT RESULTS

For four years we have been evaluating various Bermudagrass varieties in a demonstration plot located on the Fuhrmann Brothers Farm north of Lindsay. Initially we were looking at winter hardiness for some of the varieties. We have kept records of forage production, drought stress, clipping heights, and other production factors associated with the grasses.

Winter hardiness is always a factor in selecting grass cultivars for our North Texas area. The past four years have seen some stress due to low temperatures. However, most of the winters have been fairly mild with only sporadic cold spells. With this in mind all varieties have fared well with little to no loss of stand. The Jiggs variety which is a selection made by a man in South Texas named Riggs has probably shown the most stand loss. Jiggs and Brazos perform well in heavy clay soils.

Several of the varieties that have shown continued high performance include Tifton 85, Tifton 44, and the pure Coastal. Tifton 85 has continued to be the high forage yielder each year in the test. This year following the drought during the summer, the Tifton 85 recovered the quickest and as you can see in the chart, yielded over 1,000

pounds more forage than other varieties during the last clipping. The Tifton 44 tends to green up quicker in the spring than the other varieties. Pure Coastal which we secured from Texas A&M as a pure line from Tifton, Georgia, has performed at the top each year during the study.

Native Coastal we selected from a Coastal Bermudagrass field that has survived the winters in North Texas. This means, like most native Coastal, it will be a selection for winter hardiness and drought tolerance.

The following chart shows this year's clippings which were done monthly during the growing season. In addition, the second chart shows nutritional value of the grasses from first cutting.

We have a list of certified growers of several of these varieties at the Extension Office.

If you want to plant one of the newer varieties, we would probably recommend your doing a small planting due to several factors.

1) We have still not seen a severe winter that can cause stand loss, 2) New varieties will be somewhat expensive, and 3) Availability of newer varieties is limited.

If you have any questions about these bermudagrass trials, give me a call at the County Extension Office 668-5412.

VARIETY DEMONSTRATION PLOTS	# ACRE					TOTAL
	NATIVE COASTAL	PURE COASTAL	TIFTON 44	TIFTON 78	TIFTON 85	
NATIVE COASTAL	2160	800	480	800	1120	5360
PURE COASTAL	3360	240	960	800	1200	6560
TIFTON 44	2320	480	800	840	880	5120
TIFTON 78	1520	560	400	720	720	3920
TIFTON 85	2320	800	400	720	2660	6800
BRAZOS	1920	240	960	720	1200	5040
JIGGS	2240	800	800	320	960	5120

VARIETY DEMONSTRATION PLOTS	CPN		NDFN		TDN		MCA		MCA		RFV
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
NATIVE COASTAL	13	72.1	56.7	0.6	0.58	0.32	75.4				
PURE COASTAL	13.3	71.5	56.5	0.6	0.57	0.31	75.8				
TIFTON 44	15.1	69.8	60	0.61	0.59	0.33	79				
TIFTON 78	15.1	69.5	60.3	0.62	0.6	0.34	79.6				
TIFTON 85	13.3	73.4	56.7	0.58	0.54	0.29	72.1				
BRAZOS	13.9	73.5	57.6	0.59	0.56	0.3	72.9				
JIGGS	15.4	68.3	61.2	0.63	0.61	0.35	81.9				

USDA livestock assistance program sign-up announced

by Tim O. Gilbert
County Executive Director
Due to the drought conditions in 1998, the Livestock Assistance Program is being implemented. The amount of money that is allocated for this program is limited. There is no way we can tell you how much money you will receive until after sign-up. Basically the more people that sign-up, the less money there will be if this limit is reached. We do expect a reduction in payments to be made because of the amount of states involved and the large number of producers with losses. Payments will probably not be made until the end of January or early February. Sign-up goes through January 8, 1999. This is a short period of time. Please act quickly.

Eligibility requirements:
1. This program is for foundation herds only, livestock on the gain are ineligible. (No Exceptions).
2. Livestock must be owned for three months (90 days).
3. Eligible livestock are those used commercially for human food or kept for the production of fiber and use permanent pasture to sustain them. In our area we are talking about beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, and goats.

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Commissioner-elect Combs names Reed TDA Gen. Counsel

Agriculture Commissioner-elect Susan Combs announced that Kathryn Reed would serve as general counsel for her incoming administration at the Texas Department of Agriculture. Reed has been general counsel for the Texas Animal Health Commission since 1989.

"In her position as TDA general counsel, Kathryn's broad legal background and expertise will be tremendous assets to this agency and the state's agricultural industry," Combs said. "In addition, her work with the Animal Health Commission gives her a deep understanding of the livestock industry." Combs' term as agriculture commissioner begins January 1999. Combs will serve as the state's 10th commissioner of agriculture and is the first woman elected to the office in the agency's 92-year history.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,346 head of cattle compared to 1,933 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 356 goats, 117 sheep and 116 hogs. The numbers for last week were 114, 110 and 114 respectively. Results of both sales follow:

Feeder Cattle (per lb.)	Steers, medium & large frame, 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 89-108; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-89; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 80-106; Nos. 2 & 3, 63-80; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 75-98; Nos. 2 & 3, 62-75; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 70-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-70; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 65-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 58-65; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 70-73; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-70.	Heifers, medium & large frame, 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 68-89; Nos. 2 & 3, 59-68; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 68-84; Nos. 2 & 3, 59-68; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 66-91; Nos. 2 & 3, 58-66; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 62-87; Nos. 2 & 3, 52-62; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 57-	72; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-57; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 57-65; Nos. 2 & 3, 50-57.	Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)	grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 30-43; Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 15-25; cutter, 25-32.	Stocking Cows (per head)	Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$425-\$560; medium frame, \$300-\$425.	Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$500-\$670; medium frame, \$350-\$500.	Holstein baby calves, \$10-\$50; other baby calves, \$35-\$150.
Barrows & Gilts: US 1-2, 220-275, 33-37; US 2-3, 220-275, 25-33; Sows: US 1-3, 300-650, 18-24; Boars: US 1-3, 200-650, 07-14.	Feeders: US 1-3, 100-175, 25-4250; Pigs: US 1-3, 25-90; \$15-\$37 per head.	Sheep (per lb.)	Lambs: 58-68; Ewes: 28-49; Bucks: 30-38.	Barbados (per head)	Lambs: \$25-\$35; Ewes: \$25-\$40; Bucks: \$35-\$55.	Dairy Goats (per head)	Kids: \$15-\$35; Nannies: \$40-\$80; Billies: \$60-\$80.	Meat Goats (per head)	Kids: \$22-\$55; Nannies: \$25-\$60; Billies: \$60-\$105.

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Market steady on all classes of cattle with butcher cows & bulls \$1 to \$3 higher. Good stock cows & pairs \$30 to \$50 higher.

Feeder Steers, Medium & Large Frame, 200-300 lb., #1-115.00; #2 - 87.00; 300-400 lb. #1 - 100.00; #2 - 85.00; 400-500 lb. #1 - 85.00; #2 - 77.00; 500-600 lb. #1 - 81.00; #2 - 72.00; 600-700 lb. #1 - 72.50; #2 - 67.00; 700-800 lb. #1 - 67.50; #2 - 62.00.	#2 - 81.00; 300-400 lb. #1 - 88.00; #2 - 74.00; 400-500 lb. #1 - 77.50; #2 - 71.00; 500-600 lb. #1 - 72.50; #2 - 67.00; 600-700 lb. #1 - 66.50; #2 - 60.50; 700-800 lb. #1 - 64.50; #2 - 57.00.	Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1200 lbs-2050; 41.00-43.50.	Feeder Heifers, Medium & Large Frame, 200-300 lb., #1 - 87.50;	Stocking Cows: Pregnancy Tested 3-9 yr. old., \$425-\$650 per head; Large Frame, \$575-\$650 per head; Medium Frame, \$390-\$500 per head.	Cow & Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs., \$525-\$640 per head; Large Frame, \$580-\$640 per head; Medium Frame, \$475-\$540 per head.	Holstein Baby Calves, 35.00 per head.	Other Baby Calves, \$85-\$115 per head.
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