

Commissioners struggle with communication issues

by Janet Felderhoff
Changes in communications within Cooke County are ongoing and several were discussed during the Jan. 26 meeting of Commissioners Court. These included a soon to be completed 911 Rural Addressing program which enables dispatchers to pinpoint the phone number and location from which an emergency call is being placed and a repeater to allow radio communications from areas in northwestern Cooke County that now have dead areas.

If the Cooke County Firefighters Association doesn't have its repeater system up by April 1 they will lose their license for its VHF channel. Funding that was anticipated from the Forest Service fell through due to cuts.

"It's getting down to the critical point that we've run out of places to try to get additional funding and if we don't get the system up by April we lose the VHF repeater," warned EMS Director Bob Harbin. "It took us almost eight months to get a repeater channel for the fire departments and we need to be on the VHF frequency because all of the departments in surrounding counties have VHF."

Two bids were submitted. The first was for \$11,620 from Shipman Communications on new equipment. Self Communications offered used equipment for \$9,749. Commissioners agreed unanimously to purchase the equipment from Self.

Cooke County Cooperative has offered to allow the

Firefighters Association to put their antenna on the business's 400 foot tower at no charge. "This is a big savings for us," said Harbin.

Since firemen from all of the county fire departments work as first responders for Cooke County EMS, Harbin asked that the county consider paying for Hepatitis B vaccination series for all of the firemen who requested them. "They're about 60 times more likely to get hepatitis B than A because it is a blood borne disease," he said. "Under the Ryan White Act and certain state laws first responders with volunteer fire

departments who are responding to medical emergencies where there's a possibility of blood borne disease, someone is required to offer them hepatitis B vaccinations."

The vaccinations would cost \$74.39 for a series of three for each person. There were 125 firemen who requested the series. Commissioners approved the request 5-0.

Another request for area fire departments are identification badges. There have been incidences in the past when law officers had problems discerning who to allow into a

scene. Each of the 10 departments have ID badges, but all are different.

Commissioners Court agreed to purchase a camera, pouches and other material necessary to create standardized ID cards for all fire departments. Each volunteer will have two badges, one to carry with them into the fire scene and the other to be left with deputies. This will allow a check to be sure that everyone comes back out.

Once purchased the camera will be used by other county offices. Commissioner Virgil Hess remarked that in some counties such badges were

required for courthouse personnel because of courthouse security. The cost of \$1500 will be taken from the general miscellaneous fund.

Cooke County and the City of Gainesville recently paid RCC Consultants, Inc. to do a study on the feasibility of having a central dispatch within the county. Presently there are four dispatching agencies in the county and the goal would be to combine all into one.

"It's a good goal if the county can afford it," stated Harbin. He remarked that in the Sheriff's office the dispatchers

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Clack questions use of 911 funds collected

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County resident John Clack has expressed concern about what happens to money collected on telephone bills for 911 services. He wrote letters to the editor in both county newspapers and wrote to the county judge and county commissioners expressing his concerns. When the audience was asked if they had questions about any items not on the agenda of the Jan. 26 Commissioners Court meeting, Mr. Clack presented a list of proposed resolutions.

Commissioner Richard Brown explained to Clack that since the issue was not published on the agenda no action could be taken at the meeting. What could be done, he said was to ask for input. Art Olsen from Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) was invited to answer as many of Clack's questions as possible.

According to Olsen since Jan. 1, 1990, 50 cents per phone has been collected each month. That amounts to about \$10,000 monthly in Cooke County. Southwestern Bell receives four percent of that for handling the money and the remaining 96 percent goes directly to TCOG. Expenses such as salaries are paid from TCOG's portion. This also includes around \$6,000 for equipment.

Automatic Number Identification has been in use in Cooke County since September of 1992. Automatic Location Identification enhancement is in use in incorporated areas such as Gainesville with complete addressing, but will not be completed for the rest of the county until sometime this year.

Olsen noted that the system would have been completed two years ago. When it became apparent that Public Safety Association of Dallas could finish the project that contract was terminated. Spatial Data Research of Cedar, Missouri has been working on the project since 1996.

"From what I've been able to see in the last couple of years, when this project is complete you are going to have one of the best systems in the state of Texas," remarked Olsen. "I'm getting this from the postal people who have dealt with these addressing companies for years. The information that is being built from Spatial Data Research is the best that they have seen in the state."

Rural Addressing in Cooke County has cost over \$100,000 to this point. The addressing is nearly complete and to this point the county has borne none of the expense for the project, said Olsen. In 1993 counties were told that they had a certain amount of money to fund the 911 Rural Addressing, said Olsen. Then last year the government issued a deadline. Cooke County will have to come up with about \$15,000 to complete the project since the government cut the funding.

There are 254 counties in Texas and only about a dozen of them have completed the 911 Addressing project. The project is optional and some have opted not to participate. Cooke County anticipates completion of the 911 system within the next two months.

After the discussion Clack conceded that he was satisfied that he'd accomplished his purpose. He felt that the people of the county should hear from the people who were running the show.



Sacred Heart School hosted an Open House Wednesday evening in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week. Kristina Koesler, at right, shows the celestial display in her 2nd grade classroom to her parents,

Chuck and Doris Koesler, and brother Tony. After Open House, a Fine Arts program was held in the Sacred Heart Community Center. Watch next week for story and more photographs. Janie Hartman Photo

Endreses recognized for rural health efforts

by Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Memorial Hospital Administrator Jack Endres and his wife, Mary, were surprised by members of the Muenster Hospital Board of Directors during the Jan. 21 meeting. On behalf of all board members, Jerry Hess, vice-president, presented the couple with a letter of appreciation for the many hours they devoted to bring about the opening and certification of the Rural Health Clinics (RHC) of Muenster and Lindsay.

In part the letter said, "In the face of seemingly insurmountable bureaucratic obstacles you have worked together to make the clinics a reality. The time, creative energy, imagination, endurance, and determination that you have demonstrated in bringing the clinics to life are an example and an inspiration to everyone. We are blessed to have your talent, ability and leadership at Muenster Memorial Hospital. Both of you are very special people and we want you to know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices you have made."

The MMH Family Health Clinic is located at Dr. Edd Advincula's office in the hospital. As of March 1 it will be relocated to 509 North Maple which is where Dr. Kralic's office is now. In Lindsay the MMH Lindsay Health Clinic is located at 117 Main Street across from the Wooden Spoon Restaurant. At this time the MMH Lindsay Health Clinic is open on Wednesday mornings. According to Mary Endres they are planning to expand the clinic hours in the near future.

"A project of this size could not have been accomplished without the tremendous effort of numerous individuals on the hospital staff, as well as the office staffs of Dr. Advincula and Dr. Currier," noted Mr.



Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors Vice-President Jerry Hess, at right, presents a letter of appreciation to Jack and Mary Endres for their work in establishing the MMH Rural Health Clinics.

Janet Felderhoff Photo

Endres. "We would especially like to thank Dr. Currier, Dr. Advincula, and Holly Wellman, FNP-C for their efforts in making this project successful. We also appreciate the foresight of the MMH Board of Directors who approved and provided ongoing support for the Rural Health Clinic project."

Mary Endres acted as coordinator of the Rural Health Clinic project. She was responsible for ensuring that all policies and procedures were in place and that all regulations and requirements were met by both clinics before the required inspection by the Texas Department of Health. All requirements must be met before a clinic is certified to provide rural health care services as a rural health clinic.

Work to establish rural health clinics in association with Muenster Memorial Hospital began in April 1997. The Muenster clinic was surveyed on Dec. 18 and the Lindsay clinic on Dec. 19. Both were certified.

Rural health clinics must be located in a non-metropolitan

area that has been designated by the state as medically underserved. It is required that the clinics be staffed by a mid-level practitioner such as a nurse practitioner (NP) or a physician's assistant (PA). The NP or PA practices within protocols agreed upon with a physician who provides the overall medical supervision for the clinic.

"Establishment of Rural Health clinics provide MMH with additional options with respect to the recruitment of new physicians to the community," explained Mr. Endres. "Also, the Rural

Health Clinic status allows the hospital to receive reimbursements for clinical services while at the same time allowing the hospital to recoup costs associated with physician recruitment, clinic and hospital operations. Without the RHC status, these costs would not be reimbursed.

"A Rural Health Clinic's primary benefit to the community is by aiding in the recruitment of new physicians. In addition, by establishing RHCs the hospital can increase the availability and convenience of health care by utilizing nurse practitioners," Endres added that the hospital plans to expand clinic hours in the future to provide clinical services after normal business hours.

During business conducted by the MMH board the hospital district's contract with Cooke County Appraisal District was renewed on the same terms as last year.

Endres reported that he anticipates signing with a physician soon. He is waiting to hear from another physician who visited recently.

Board members present at the meeting were Jerry Hess, Chas Bayer, Margie Starke, Duane Knabe, Phil Endres, and Werner Becker, Jr. Absent were Don Flusche, Dennis Hess, and Jack Murdock.

Republican Dinner features Rick Perry as guest speaker

Cooke County Republicans have announced that Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has been slated to speak at their Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Holiday Inn in Gainesville. Perry is the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor of Texas.

"He is one of the most popular political figures in our state," remarked Cooke County Republican Chairman Pat Peale. "What we know is beginning to be recognized by the rest of country, with *Time Magazine* naming Commissioner Perry as one of the nation's top 10 rising Republicans."

Rick Perry was born in West Texas and is a fifth generation farmer and rancher. He was an Eagle Scout, a Yell Leader at Texas A&M, and an Air Force pilot. After serving in the Air Force Perry returned home and entered into the farming and ranching business with his father. He began serving in public office in 1984 as a state representative.

According to a press release,



Agriculture Comm. Rick Perry

Rick's vision for Texas calls upon all of us to provide the opportunities for our children that we enjoyed growing up in this great state.

Tickets to the Lincoln Day Dinner are limited. They are \$25 each and can be purchased at Republican Headquarters, 701 East California, Suite 304, in Gainesville. The event begins at 6 p.m.

Recycling dumpsters moved

The five recycling dumpsters formerly located in the north city yard at Main Street and Ninth Street were moved to the corner of West Second Street and Elm Street last week. The move was made so that people may drop off their recycling materials without having to

drive through or carefully step around muddy spots, and so that the recycling dumpsters are available to customers 24 hours a day. In addition, this will provide room in the north city yard for the elevated water storage tank contractor's equipment and materials in the fall.

Vestal files for the position of Cooke County Commissioner, Precinct 4

Taylor Vestal has filed for the position of Cooke County Commissioner, Precinct 4, a press release said.

Mr. Vestal is currently employed as a Gainesville Firefighter where he has worked for the past twelve years. Before his career as a firefighter he was employed at National Supply. Mr. Vestal is a fourth generation farmer here in Cooke County and lives on Wolfe Ridge where his family started farming and ranching in 1899.

Vestal moved to the farm in 1978 upon graduation from South West Texas State University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. He presently sits on the board of directors at the Cooke County Farm Bureau and is a member of the Cooke County Sheriff's Office reserve team. Mr. Vestal believes his experience and education qualify him to be a commissioner. He has a working knowledge of the courthouse, and a good rapport with the residents of the



Taylor Vestal

county. There are a lot of good people in precinct 4 and he would like to make himself available to listen to their concerns and discuss the direction they think Cooke County should go.

Vestal says he is concerned about the future of Cooke

County. There are numerous issues that need to be addressed and he says he is ready and willing to take them head on. He is enthusiastic about this opportunity to face his democratic opponent in November. He says he is energetic and open-minded and thinks these qualities are directly needed in a Commissioner who is to bring Cooke County into the next century.

His city service should be very important and useful as there are many issues when the city and county need to communicate and work together.

He wants to build a coalition of Democrats and Republicans who are in favor of conservative government, who will put him in office. Mr. Vestal will listen to his constituents and see to it that the desires of the majority are acted upon. He sees some very important issues facing Cooke County voters in the near future. Vestal will be available to visit with people who would like to get together and discuss the future of Cooke County. His press release indicates that he is conservative, pro-family, interested in economic development, and fiscal responsibility. He is a Merit Badge Counselor and seeks the opportunity to earn your respect as commissioner.

Chamber calls for events

Muenster Chamber of Commerce Secretary Margie Starke is urging all organizations to let her know of events that are planned for 1998. She is in the process of putting together an events

calendar and would like input from organization and others such as the schools who have fund raisers or fine arts events planned. To have something placed on the calendar, please call the Chamber office, 759-2227, by Feb. 11.

PROCLAMATION

by the County Judge of Cooke County

Greetings:

The Texas Farm Bureau, with more than 300,000 families, is influential in both state and national affairs on behalf of agriculture.

Farm Bureau is a grass-roots organization. Its foundation is the county unit. There are 211 organized county Farm Bureaus in Texas, including the Cooke County Farm Bureau, which has 3,264-member families.

Because agriculture is important to our county, state and nation, and because the Farm Bureau is an important voice of agriculture, I, Russell Duncan, County Judge of Cooke County, do hereby designate February 2-6 as FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP WEEK in Cooke County, and urge our citizens to give due recognition to its worthy efforts.

In official recognition thereof, I hereby affix my signature this 2nd day of January, 1998.

/s/ Russell Duncan,
County Judge

City sales, use tax in county businesses

by Stephen Broyles

There have been some questions about when county businesses should charge the City of Muenster's \$0.015 sales and use tax. A tax division representative from the State Comptroller's office provided the following clarifications; If a county business only sells and exchanges products in the county outside the city limits, then the city sales tax would not be charged. If a county business makes the sale in the county but then delivers products to a customer within the city limits, then the county business has established a business relationship in the city and the city sales and use tax must be charged. Once the county business has established a business relationship in the city and if it then decides to mail products to customers in the city limits, it must still charge the city sales and use tax. Finally, if a county business was previously charging the city sales and use tax of \$0.010, then it must charge the current city sales and use tax of \$0.015. If the county business fails to collect the extra \$0.005, it is still responsible for paying the whole amount when it files its sales and use tax report to the state.

Lora's recognized for quality

Lora's Flowers and Gifts recently passed a mandatory quality inspection by the FTD Association, an organization of more than 22,000 professional retail florists in the United States and Canada. The FTD Association has the highest standards of membership in the floral industry and requires its members to adhere to its General Requirements for Membership in order to use the FTD Mercury Man logo and transfer floral orders within the expansive FTD network. The quality certification inspection was conducted during an unannounced visit. All FTD Association Member flower shops will be quality inspected within the next 36 months.

Lora's Flowers has demonstrated its commitment to upholding the integrity of the professional retail florist by adhering to the FTD Association's quality standards. The quality standards were developed to ensure that consumer expectations would be met by FTD Association Member shops, and that florists would be able to properly fill one another's orders for out-of-town deliveries.

Lora's Flowers is owned by Lora Hennigan. Located in Old Theatre Mall, 213 N. Main, the shop has been doing business in Muenster since Nov. 17, 1986. Lora's Flowers employs five people, offers delivery service and is open 9-5, Monday through Friday, and 9-noon on Saturdays.

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, February 2, 1998.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of the January 5, 1998, meeting.
3. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
4. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act upon approving Ordinance #226, TU-Electric Rate Reduction (Reading #2). Terry Tombaugh, TU-Electric Manager, will be available to answer any questions.
2. Receive a quarterly report on property clean-up.
3. Consider and act upon maturing certificates of deposits.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act upon approving the installation of a street light at the southwest corner of Main Street (P.M. 333) and Cross Street.
2. Read and discuss the proposed Ordinance #226, Standard Codes, deleting the fire zone, adopting standard construction codes and fire prevention code, adopting the Standard Plumbing Code vs. the Uniform Plumbing Code, and consolidating the Plumbing Outwater Service Inspection into this ordinance. (Reading #1)
3. The Mayor announces the Notice of Election for the following positions: Alderman Place #1, Bert Waltescheid; Alderman Place #2, Johnny Pagel; and Alderman Place #4, Jewel Otto. Ballot applications will be accepted at City Hall from February 16, 1998 until March 18, 1998.
4. Review the inspection report of the ground water storage tanks.
5. Consider and act upon correcting the February 3, 1997 minutes to reflect amending FY 97 budget expenditures to include purchase of 20.6 acres of land at a cost of \$61,800 plus taxes and closing costs.
6. Consider and act upon approving a Construction Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Muenster and the Greater Texas Utility Authority on inspecting contractor construction and painting of the elevated water storage tank.
7. Review the October 1997 - January 1998 Budget Summary.
8. Review the quarterly FY 98 budget report of October 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997.
9. Consider and act upon amending the FY 98 General Fund budget and the FY 98 Water and Sewer budget.
10. Review and act upon monthly bills.
11. Adjourn.

SHERIFF

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have other duties. "It looks and sounds good on paper," noted Sheriff Mike Compton. He doubted that two dispatchers could handle everything going on around the county at times without some backup.

Commissioner Hess added that the county would have to change its radio system. He also had doubts about the number of people on duty. "I'd like to see it some day. I think it's great — down the road. As far as right now I don't think our pockets have enough money," said Hess.

Compton noted that it might be feasible to combine the dispatching from the sheriff's office and the EMS. Harbin agreed that combining the two would make it much more efficient.

After more discussion it was agreed that a Joint Communications Committee should be formed to study the situation. Judge Russell Duncan asked everyone to think about who should serve on the committee and to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Bob Harbin reported that he checked with Grayson County to see if they would consider using their base station to

convert Cooke County's data to keep addresses of new locations accurate in the future. Harbin said that the response from the person who does the work is that she didn't have time to do Cooke County's. He recommended that the county purchase a roving unit, base station, software, etc. "If we don't buy this equipment we can't maintain the accuracy of our map," noted Harbin.

There was an option to purchase guaranteed used equipment or guaranteed new equipment with a \$2,000 savings on the used equipment. Commissioner voted 5-0 to buy the used equipment.

In other business from the Jan. 28 agenda Commissioners:

- Approved the preliminary plat for Leo Estates in Precinct #3.

- Approved \$5,000 public official bonds at a cost of \$92.50 each for deputy sheriffs Joseph Martinez, Keith Early, Lauren Hudson, Thomas Miller, and for jailer Michael Jones.

- Accepted recommendations of the Technology Committee for about \$7,314 of computer equipment, including installation, to update the system in the County Attorney's office.

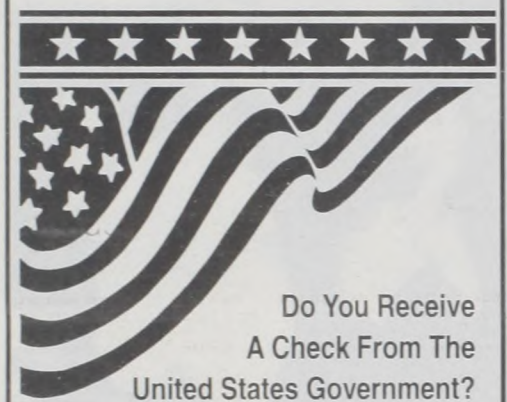
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sunday, February 1	Monday, February 2	Tuesday, February 3	Wednesday, February 4	Thursday, February 5	Friday, February 6	Saturday, February 7
KC Free Throw Contest, 1 p.m., MISD Gym Life Teen, 4:30-6:15 p.m.	City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Hall CDA Meeting, 7:30, KC Hall Muenster JH 7g, 8g vs. Era, here, 5 p.m.	SH VGB vs. Masonic Home, there, 6 p.m. Muenster fr., jvg, VG vs. Callsburg, there, 5 p.m. Muenster VB vs. TAMS, here, 7 p.m.	Adult Volleyball, old MHS gym, 7-10 p.m. Religious Ed. Class, 7 p.m. C of C Board Meeting, 5 p.m.	Muenster 8g in Era Tournament	Muenster jvg, VGB vs. Ponder, here, 4:30 p.m.	
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center		SH VGB vs. Alamo Catholic, there, 6:00	
Sunday, February 8	Monday, February 9	Tuesday, February 10	Wednesday, February 11	Thursday, February 12	Friday, February 13	Saturday, February 14
KC Wurst for Best Sausage & Bingo, Meal 11-1, Bingo 1:00 JELLY Crazy Olympics, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Life Teen, 7-8:30 p.m.	VFW Meeting, 8 p.m. SH School Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	Muenster 4-H Meeting, 7 p.m. Muenster jvg, VGB vs. Era, there, 4:30 p.m.	C of C Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., The Center Restaurant Religious Ed. Class, 7 p.m. SHS Alumni Meeting, 7 p.m. Adult Volleyball, old MHS gym, 7-10 p.m.	Muenster ISD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	Muenster jvg, VB vs. Saint Jo, here, 5 p.m.	VALENTINE'S DAY
		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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Muenster Chamber of Commerce hosts annual banquet Jan. 24

by Elfreda Fette

Marked with several major pluses, the 1998 annual banquet hosted by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce was held on January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the spacious great hall of the Sacred Heart Community Center.

Most impressive were: * the large attendance of members and guests; * their appreciative response to John Pollard's report of business growth, risk construction of homes; * remodeling, enlargement and additions to business locations; * an indication of rekindled

enthusiasm and volunteerism for the next Germanfest, * wide attendance of political candidates and hopefuls for local, county and state elections.

Officers serving the Muenster Chamber of Commerce in 1998 are John Pollard, president; Dan Hamric, vice-president; Christi Klement, secretary; and Jewel Otto, treasurer. Board of Directors for 1998 are Jewel Otto, John Pollard, Christi Klement, Brian Herr, Dan Hamric, Milton Knauf, Kathryn Hicks and J.T. Pagel. Receiving thanks and

recognition for their work during 1997 were officers: Pollard, president; Knauf, vice-president; Klement, secretary; and Otto, treasurer. Retiring directors are Kim Felderhoff, Peggy Grewing and Frank Cromeens.

Dinner was catered by Rohmer's Catering. Wines were catered by Mark and Carol Klement. Father Tom Craig, pastor of Sacred Heart Church led the Invocation. John Pollard was Master of Ceremonies. Henry Weinzapfel, Mayor of Muenster gave a brief, welcoming speech.

Recipients of special awards, and recognition of their invaluable contributions of talent, service and dedication to the Community of Muenster and the success of Muenster Memorial Hospital, were Doctor Martin Kralicic, Doctor Alfredo Antonetti and Doctor Marvin Knight, Sr. The framed plaques were presented by John Pollard.

Margie Starke, executive secretary of the Muenster Chamber of Commerce, received a special gift from members, presented by President John Pollard, emphasizing recognition and appreciation of her long, dedicated hours of work.

Banquet chairpersons Kim Felderhoff and Christi Klement were recognized for planning the banquet and entertainment, and creating decorations and table centerpieces.

Lucky winners of door prizes drawn from names of all attending were Wanda Flusche and June McDougale.

Entertainment was given by state winners of Fine Arts competition of both schools. Representing Sacred Heart High School were Trisha Endres, daughter of Debbie and Clinton Endres, presenting



Entertainer Trisha Endres

"The Monologue," a comedy concerning a drama instructor, and Russell Fette, son of Pam and Dave Fette, presenting a monologue from "Greater Tuna."

Diane Brittain, daughter of Norma and Allen Brittain and Kristie Lutkenhaus, daughter of Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus were scheduled to appear in "If We're Going to be Successful," a Readers' Theater presentation written by Stephanie Tankersley. They were unable to attend because they were playing in a basketball tournament in Ponder at that hour, a game they happily won.

Pollard's report on businesses and constructions for 1997 was well received. They are, as follows:

- * Rubberline, Inc. - Opened in March of 1997 with Don Flusche as President of the new company located on North Ash Street. Rubberline manufactures sheets of rubber building.
- * Muenster Livestock

Commission - Changed ownership in April when Bill Hamer sold out to Ronnie and Stanley Austin and Doug Gaston.

* Ben Franklin of Muenster - Has now become Ben Franklin/Ace Hardware and has added paints, electrical, telephone, TV supplies to their line of products.

* Fischer's Meat Market - Finished their major expansion in late April and completed their move the week of 1997 Germanfest.

* Muenster Milling Company - Finished and moved into their



Entertainer Russell Fette

new expansion of offices and warehouse in June.

* Muenster State Bank - Earl Fisher retired as president in June and Henry Weinzapfel became the new president, July 1 of this past year.

* Dr. Michael Mahan - Opened his chiropractic office in August in the old Hofbauer building.

* GNB of Muenster - opened their new banking facility August 25.

* Tony's Seed and Feed - Renovated the front of their store in September.

* First National Bank of Muenster - Opened their doors for business in November.

* Crafty Olde German - Has become a corporation as of November. They have incorporated the teahaus and gift shop into one. It is now called The Crafty Olde German and Gift Shoppe.

* Knabe Tire - Has a new 6600 square foot building constructed by Jaws Construction. It was completed the end of December.

* Dennis Hess Financial Services - Opened his business in November of 1996.

* Dr. Margie York, O.D. enlarged her offices on North Maple Street, to include Dr. Cynthia Fleitman, O.D.

Area political candidates were invited to attend. Among those responding were: candidates subject to the Democratic Primary election: Virgil J. Hess, incumbent, County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Bill Harris, County Judge; Evelyn Walterscheid, incumbent, County Clerk; Judy Hunter, County Treasurer; Kathy McGowan Ullmann, District Clerk; Lisa A. Harris, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4.

Candidates subject to the Republican Primary election attending were: Phil King, State Representative, District 61; Byron Berry, County Judge; Taylor Vestal, County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Don Moon, County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Lynn Vowell, County Treasurer; Pat Payne, incumbent, District Clerk; Dorothy Lewis, incumbent, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2; John Roane, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4; Jim Lohmeyer, Congressman, U.S. Representative, District 4.



Discussions about business and politics were natural for a Chamber of Commerce Banquet during campaign time. Dan Hamric, new public relations director at Muenster State Bank, compares notes and shares smiles with Dorothy Lewis, incumbent candidate for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2. Dave Fette Photo

Opinion/Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Batten down the hatches! Healthcare issues will take center stage as Congress convenes and the President unveils his new Medicare initiatives.

While giving a presentation at a local middle school recently, I had the opportunity to visit with one of their administrators. He knew me as a Tyler physician and a candidate for Congress. So the discussion soon turned to healthcare.

Mike's concern and problem is common. He and his wife are perfectly healthy, as are their two young children. Yet their healthcare coverage was more than they could afford. Mike's question, "Why in the world do I have to pay for coverage my family doesn't need or want, such as drug and alcohol abuse treatment."

Today, too many healthcare decisions are being made in corporate boardrooms and in the halls of Congress. Our federal government (procedure by procedure, disease by disease) is taking over medicine. Those with little or no medical knowledge and lacking any direct patient contact are molding the future of healthcare for decades to come. This explains why the heat of socialized medicine continues to loom so large.

Market forces and patient choice, not government, will make healthcare more efficient. We must guarantee the patient's right to choose their doctor and allow patient's (including seniors) more choices in healthcare coverage. The American family needs elimination of government mandates, meaningful tort reform and ultimate control of their care.

We have the greatest healthcare system in the world; we need to protect it. I am absolutely committed to preventing the government-controlled healthcare. As your representative in Washington, I will fight to empower the patient.

Jim Lohmeyer, M.D.
Candidate for U.S. Congress
4th Congressional District

Dear Editor,

Each year during Catholic Schools Week, the students at Sacred Heart School think back and remember special helps the community has given the school. Here are a few letters written by students expressing appreciation to the community for all they do.

Bernadette Moritz
6th Grade Teacher
Sacred Heart School

To the Editor,

I want to thank everyone that did volunteer work for Sacred Heart. Thank you for painting our hallways and washing our windows during the summer. I also want to thank the people that volunteer for being librarians for the little kids. My last few thanks are for Mr. Wayne Wimmer for building computer tables for fifth and sixth grade. My last thanks is for the people who volunteered to fix the high school. We really needed it.

Sincerely,
Lynn Sicking

To the Editor,

I would just like to say how much our 6th grade class here at Sacred Heart, appreciate all the work the volunteers have done for this building. Here are some examples of their generously given time and work. They have: painted halls, washed windows, built tables

and furniture, and volunteered to be the librarian in the lower grades' library. We acknowledge this greatly.

Sincerely,
Andrea Bonin

To the Editor,

I want to thank all the people who helped our school. The people who painted the hallway did a great job. The person who built the computer in the sixth grade did good. I also want to thank the people who helped repair the art room, and the people who help at the library.

Sincerely,
Wes Wimmer

To the Editor,

I believe we should thank our volunteers at Sacred Heart School. They have donated computer tables, painted walls, washed windows, help run our elementary library and many more things.

Thanks,
Brooke Endres

To The Editor,

I appreciate the volunteers who have worked at our school. They have done many jobs such as painting the hallways to help get the school ready for the year. They have washed the windows. They have been librarians for us, and they have also built computer tables for some classrooms. They have also been teachers' help. (Thank you for your help).

Tara Abbott

To the Editor,

I just wanted to say thanks to the volunteers who helped Sacred Heart School. Thank you for painting the walls, building computer desks, and cleaning windows. I really appreciate what you did. May God bless you in everything you do.

Sincerely,
Amy Trevino

Rep. Hall supports Social Security protection in president's address

Ralph Hall (D-TX), responding to the President's State of the Union address on Capitol Hill, emphasized that leaders should make sure that the budget has a surplus before making any attempt to spend it - and that any excess funds should first be applied to securing the Social Security Trust Fund.

"The state of our economy is good," Hall said. "It's likely we will have a balanced budget three years earlier than anticipated, and this is good news for the American People."

"But we must not squander this opportunity to make some

fiscally sound decisions," Hall stressed. "Any surplus funds should first be designated toward the Social Security Trust Fund, and then perhaps take a look at a tax cut or tax reform."

Hall is a cosponsor of the National Debt Repayment Act, H.R. 2191, a bill aimed at preserving Social Security. The bill would cap spending at least one percentage point less than the rate of increase in revenue growth, with the surplus dedicated to paying down the \$5.4 trillion national debt, restoring the Social Security Trust Funds and

providing tax relief for working families.

Hall also expressed support for a bipartisan conference on Social Security reform. "I held a similar Social Security summit in Sherman, Texas, last November that included all age groups and a variety of constituencies," Hall noted.

"The President's proposals on education and child care deserve consideration - and they will have to be considered in the context of keeping the budget in balance," Hall said. "We'll have to review the budgetary offsets that he proposed to help pay for these initiatives."



FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Cler

Harvesting especially, and farming in general, many years back, required the efforts of many more hands than it does today.

The use of modern machinery and technology, in latter years has contributed much to easing the burden on the farmers of today.

In the olden days harvesting and putting up hay and feedstuffs, required many more operations, and the men to perform them.

For years harvesting of grain is achieved in one pass over a field with a combine which not only cuts and threshes the different grains, but loads them in trucks that move them

directly to markets, thus almost eliminating the use of granaries, not to mention the old hand operated scoop.

In days gone by, grain was cut and bundled, then men picked up in shocks of 8 to 10 bundles which, after a suitable drying time, were pitched onto wagons equipped with bundle frames, hauled to, and then run through a thresher which was belt powered by a tractor. The threshed grain was mostly hand scooped into bins and later was again scooped into wagons or truck that eventually got it to market.

Now one can drive around the country and see many old

granaries, some in various states of disrepair, no longer essential to the owner.

While modern equipment has a bright side, it also has its downside. Its cost makes the small farmer obsolete.

Today, a farmer who owns enough machinery and equipment to farm, must have enough acreage to make the use of it profitable.

For this reason modern farmers must necessarily be big operators or they cannot afford the luxury, and many of our young people are forced to find gainful employment in other fields.

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Lifestyle

Golden wedding reception set for Bill & Alice Hess

William J. (Bill) and Alice Joyce Hess, Lawton, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a reception from 3:00-5:30 p.m. next Saturday, February 7, 1998, in the Parish Hall of the Holy Family Catholic Church.

The couple's children are Carmen Warkentin and Charissa Jopling, both of Lawton; David Hess, New London, Wisconsin; Kathleen Stone, Orlando, Florida; and Keith Hess of The Colony, Texas. There are eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Hess and the former Alice Joyce Rice exchanged wedding vows February 10, 1948 in Muenster, Texas. The Reverend Herman Laux OSB, past pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Muenster, Texas, performed the ceremony.

The Hesses have spent their married life living in Muenster, Texas, Durant and Ardmore,

Oklahoma before moving to Lawton in 1959. Mr. Hess was employed by Southwest Sales Company as sales manager at the time they moved to Lawton. Since that time he was employed as General Manager of Tri-Chex Distributing Company, owned Speedy Print, owned and operated Bill Hess Liquor Store and then was General Manager of Southern Sales until his retirement in 1990. Mrs. Hess assisted her husband at the Bill Hess Liquor Store. Mrs. Hess is now a successful home executive.

The Hesses are members of Holy Family Catholic Church. Mr. Hess is a life member of the Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th degrees. He spends his free time gardening and enjoys playing golf. Mrs. Hess has always enjoyed cooking, collecting recipes, and her greatest love caring for the grandchildren.



Bill and Alice Hess ... celebrating 50 years of marriage ...

The train stops here... Artrain ... that is!

For the first time in 20 years, a train will stop in Gainesville, and people will board. But they won't travel to another place.

Or maybe they will depending on your perspective! The people who board this five-car train will visit America's only traveling art museum. Founded in 1971 by the Michigan Council for the Arts to take art to communities that do not have access to metropolitan museums, Artrain has toured nationally since 1973.

Over the past 25 years, Artrain has traveled to and opened museum doors in 500 communities, touching individual lives as well as inspiring communities to become involved in the arts, according to the organization's press packet.

With those successes in mind, the Cooke County Arts Council will present Artrain February 12, 13, 14, and 15 at the old Santa Fe Roundhouse location, north of Belcher Street between Denison and Jefferson Streets, east of the BNSF Railroad tracks. Admission will be free, and an opening reception will be held Wednesday, February 11, at the Gainesville Civic Center, 5 to 7 p.m. Corporate sponsor for Artrain is Chrysler Corporation.

Priority visitation Thursday and Friday will be reserved for area school children. An teachers of children between grades 3 through 5 are asked to call Ruth Goudy at (940) 668-5339. Saturday and Sunday the exhibit will open for everyone, with tours lasting about 45 minutes.

The exhibit, *Art i Celebration!*, features 3 artworks by world-renowned artists of culturally diverse backgrounds.

Besides the exhibit, there is a museum gift shop. And the Cooke County Arts Council aims to provide other attractions under cover tents, including concessions.

Billie Ruth Lauser, president of the CCAC, said, "We feel excited to present national treasure - Artrain - during Gainesville's sesquicentennial and in the time of restoring the Santa Fe Depot."

Some of the featured artworks on Artrain are Mindy Weisel's *Flowers for Country* (1991), marking the end of the Persian Gulf War; Lowell Nesbitt's *History of Flight* (1976), celebrating the opening of the National Air and Space Museum; and Luis Cruz Azaceta's *Fragile Crossing* (1992), commemorating the quincentennial of Columbus voyage.

Flusche is TAMU grad

On Dec. 19, 1997, Mark Flusche was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in the field of Engineering Technology at Texas A&M University in College Station. His technical area of study was Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Throughout his undergraduate education, Mark was active in his field of study. He was awarded the American Welding Society National Scholarship in 1996, and he served as chairman of the Texas A&M student chapter of the American Welding Society and was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. As well, Mark spent his summers as an intern at various engineering firms: he was employed in the research and development department of Sperry-Sun Drilling Services in Houston, in the production and manufacturing engineering department at Sanden International in Wylie, and at Structures, Inc. in Muenster.

A 1992 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, Mark is the



Mark Flusche

son of Harold and Jeannine Flusche. He is presently employed at LYNNTECH in Bryan and resides in Bryan with his wife Jennifer M. Flusche, a graduate student in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M.

Audition scheduled for San Antonio and Dallas

The musical drama "TEXAS" is searching for singers, dancers, and actors to fill 140 paid positions for the 1998 summer season. "TEXAS" is staged in the nation's second largest canyon, the Palo Duro, and attracts nearly 100,000 audience members each year.

Rehearsals begin May 17, 1998, for the season that runs June 10 - August 22, 1998, Monday through Saturday.

For more information and audition requirements, contact "TEXAS" Musical Drama, (806) 655-2181.

Library Book Review

by Kay Broyles

After evaluating the present library hours, we decided to change them again. The new hours will begin on February 10. They will be Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., and Wednesdays 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. These hours reflect the times that we have had the most usage, and we hope that you will find them convenient. These hours are also easier to remember. Your comments on the library hours, selections, and general operations are always welcomed and will help us to provide better service to the community.

On January 19, Dale Fleeger, the Director of the Northeast Texas Library systems (NETLS), visited our library. He was the guest speaker at our library board meeting. He discussed the role of NETLS,

the librarian, and the library board. His guidance will be very helpful in structuring our library according to professional and state standards.

As usual we have many new books on the shelves for your enjoyment. We have a whole series featuring American authors, and we just added ten books to this set. These feature many crime stories, as well as the works of Muir, West, Stevenson and others. A new Nora Roberts book just arrived this week. Three valentine stories for the kids are now available. Plus a nice, new selection of non-fiction and fiction for the adults.

Remember that we are now open two nights a week, and that we have something new for you to read.

Cubs given martial arts demonstration

Scott Felderhoff and his daughter, Kaitlyn, gave a Martial Arts demonstration to the cub scout pack on January 19 in the VFW Hall. The boys were shown some moves and then practiced with each other. Scott stressed this ability for self defense only - not to cause harm. Everyone enjoyed the demonstration.

The Cubs also had their regular monthly meeting. The tiger cubs acted as color guard.

Awards were given out. A popcorn patch was given to all the scouts who participated in the fund-raiser. Kyle Caldwell received three red beads and his bear badge. Chris Moster received his bobcat badge and three red beads. Michael Valliere received a recycling patch. Matthew Harrison received his bobcat badge. The tiger cubs were given tiger paws for big ideas #7 and #8.

New device now in use at UT Southwestern

A new device that uses microwaves to heat and shrink enlarged prostates without surgery or general anesthesia is available in the Dallas area.

UT Southwestern urologists have conducted research into heat and microwave treatment for enlarged prostates, or benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), since 1990. Now they have begun treating patients who suffer from BPH - a source of urination problems for more than half of all men in their 60s - with a new microwave system that recently received Food and Drug Administration approval.

The microwave device offers men the latest technology to treat a condition that for many is an inevitable part of aging. The prostate is a walnut-shaped gland that produces the fluid that transports sperm. It surrounds the male urethra, the narrow canal that carries urine from the bladder to the penis. The gland begins to grow as men age, putting pressure on the urethra, obstructing the normal flow of urine. It can often cause poor urinary flow, frequent urination, an urgency to urinate and nighttime urination.

With the new microwave system, patients receive a local anesthetic and oral pain medication, so they feel little discomfort when the urologist inserts a catheter into the urethra. The catheter contains a microwave antenna and co water. The water protects the urethra while the antenna sends off microwaves at high temperatures to target and destroy the excess prostatic tissue.

The microwave procedure is offered at the James W. Astor Ambulatory Care Center and at Zale Lipshy University Hospital.

New Arrival

Westbrook

Amber Westbrook of Gainesville announces the birth of a son, Tarique Ake Westbrook at Muenster Memorial Hospital on Jan. 1, 1998 at 9:23 a.m., weighing 13 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. Grandparent: Teena Westbrook of Gainesville. Great grandparents are Marth Westbrook and Kennet Westbrook.

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It Was News Then ...

10 YEARS AGO October 23, 1987

Second annual Autofest set for Saturday, October 24. In case of full rainout, the show will be held November 7. Entire auto clubs are pre-registering by mail. Also offered as an attraction for Saturday is a show put on by the Depression Era Outlaws Living History Association. The nationally incorporated group, founded in 1984 by Kevin Titus, performs historical reenactments of the 1930s era. Muenster Kiwanis Club will sponsor an AVA sanctioned Volksmarch in conjunction with Autofest. Golden Wedding: J.H. (Johnny) and Adelaide Bayer celebrate 50th anniversary. Obituary: Robert F. Henderson, husband of the former Dorothy Mae (Luke) (Denny) Henderson dies in San Antonio at age 66. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Schmidkofer of Lindsay celebrate 65th wedding anniversary.

30 YEARS AGO November 3, 1967

Three young people, Joe Ray Kupper 16, and Rosa Lee Fuhrmann 15 of Lindsay and Sam Ash McLemore 20, of Gainesville die in highway accident just after midnight east of Muenster. Expansion begins at Jr. Elite Sewing Factory. Ola Roberg is manager. Rain postpones Parish All Saints Memorial at Sacred Heart Cemetery - re-set for Sunday, November 5. Football: Kats of Gainesville B 15, Tigers 6; Muenster Hornets 14, Valley View 13. SH parents will attend sample high school classes in 10 minute segments, following their children's schedule. Muenster CDA plans for staging of annual holiday bazaar, crafts and bake sale extravaganza for two days. New Arrivals: a son for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Voth; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Claude Walter; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trachta; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Zimmerer, Jr.

Muenster 4-H holds meeting

The January meeting of the Muenster 4-H Club was held January 13. Twelve members attended with one adult leader. President Yvonne Martin conducted the business meeting. Inspiration was led by Patrick Lutkenhaus, Mark Fleitman, and Jessica Walterscheid. Diana Felderhoff held roll call and read the minutes. Yvonne Martin read over the newsletter.

A program was presented by Dr. Margie York, who talked about her job as an eye doctor. She explained many ways to protect eyes and how to be safe from getting objects in eyes. Dr. York also talked about different eye infections.

Refreshments were brought and served by Mark Fleitman. Cindy Hartman is club reporter.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 10, 1967

Election on Nov. 11 in Texas offers six more amendments to State's Constitution. Jr. Elite Dress Factory will hold Open House on Sunday, Nov. 12 to show new and expanded operation. Annual Memorial Rite held on Sunday Nov. 3 at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Muenster's annual Thanksgiving Clothing Drive for world's needy set for Nov. 13 and 14. Beverly Koelzer wins Homecoming Queen at SHHS. Obituary: Charles Everett in Illinois; John E. Nehib in Valley View. Jaycees will send Christmas packages to Muenster Servicemen in Vietnam. Wedding: Claudia Endres and Dennis Taylor are married in Sacred Heart Church. Sheila Arendt is named Lindsay High School Football and Homecoming Queen.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 17, 1967

Muenster votes against all six State Amendments, but state-wide votes approve all. Football: Muenster Hornets lose to Era 22-6. SH Tigers win over Windthorst 8-6. New Arrivals: a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grewing; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Russell; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Winston Fangman; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bridier.

10 YEARS AGO Nov. 6, 1987

Muenster voters show big turnout in Nov. 3 election. Re-roofing repair and water-proofing are now complete on steeple of Sacred Heart Church and roofers Shabott and Schott and crew depart. Boy Scout Rodney Knabe completes planting of 55 pounds of wild

flower seeds on highway right-of-ways in four directions, as part of his advancements in Eagle Scout rank. New Arrivals: Diane Elizabeth Knauf to Don and Renee Knauf; Whitney Nicole Wimmer to Tammy and Wayne Wimmer; Arlie John Bayer to Paul and Donna Bayer; Allison Nicole Hundt to Chris and Shelley Hundt; twins, Neil and Nicole, Bayer to Bill and Annette Bayer.

30 YEARS AGO October 27, 1967

Muenster will host neighboring parishes, Lindsay, Gainesville, and Valley View for celebration of Feast of Christ, The King, Memorial at Sacred Heart Cemetery will be special feature of All Saints Day in parish. New roster of football teams in 9B includes Muenster, Lindsay, Era, Valley View, Saint Jo and Windthorst. Revised census of Muenster is 1375, as reported by Steve Moster, city manager. An Adult Basic Education class in Muenster begins next week under sponsorship of the Texas Education Agency. George Petrus is in charge. Jim Endres wins in zone Punt, Pass and Kick Contest in Sherman and advances to District. MHS Hornets lose to Chico 21-0. Albert "Buster" Herr, feed store operator receives an Honorary Lone Star Farmer plaque for his long record of assisting FFA boys of the county in their projects. New Arrivals: a son for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walterscheid; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fuhrmann; a daughter Penny Marie for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hess; a daughter Kelly Marie for Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Hudspeth; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bezner.

Health Notes

Supplement your calcium knowledge

People who want to increase the calcium in their diet with supplements need to understand the differences between the many varieties.

The most common supplement, calcium carbonate, can be highly concentrated in tablet form, eliminating the need to pop a lot of pills to reach the recommended daily intake of 1,000 to 1,500 milligrams. But calcium carbonate can be insoluble, and in at least 20% of the people older than 60, it isn't absorbed properly when taken on an empty stomach.

On the other hand, calcium citrate is more easily absorbed and doesn't have to be taken with meals. But calcium citrate is less concentrated, making it necessary to take at least twice as many pills to reach the recommended level.

The three other supplement types — calcium phosphate, lactate, and gluconate — are less popular because they require multiple doses or are less easily absorbed.

NCTC computer courses offered to community

Computer courses from Keyboarding to Using the Internet are being offered this spring at North Central Texas College (NCTC) by the Community Education division. Anyone 18 or older can enroll in these classes.

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A successful garden depends on the proper site selection and good soil preparation.

Choose a garden site that is exposed to full or near-full sunlight. The location should be near a water outlet and free of competition from existing shrubs or trees. A garden site in the shade will be nonproductive.

Incorporate 1 to 2 inches of good sand and 2 to 3 inches of

organic matter into the garden site surface during late winter or early spring to improve the soil's physical quality. Work on the soil's physical condition over a period of time rather than trying to develop desirable soil in a season or two. Make periodic additions of organic matter in the form of composted material, grass clippings or other organic matter.

Work the soil to a depth of 8 to 10 inches — the deeper the better. Never work wet garden soil. Soils containing a high degree of organic matter can be worked at a higher moisture content than heavy clay soils. To determine if the soil is suitable for working, squeeze together a small handful of soil. If it sticks together in a ball and does not readily

crumble under slight pressure by the thumb and finger, it is too wet for working.

Seeds germinate more readily when planted in well-prepared soil than in coarse, lumpy soil. Thorough preparation greatly reduces the work of planting and caring for the crop. It is possible, however, to overdo preparation of some soils. An ideal soil for planting is granular, not powdery fine.

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Stacie turns three!

Stacie Elizabeth, daughter of Randy and Linda Wimmer celebrated her 3rd birthday on Saturday, January 24. Her actual birthday is January 26. Stacie had a party in her home in Muenster with her favorite theme of Barney.

Dinner included fried chicken and trimmings and a ballerina cake with pink roses and yellow trim. She opened birthday gifts.

Guests included parents Randy and Linda, brother Daniel 7, Angela 4, Maria 2 months. Also aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents Margie and Eddie Krah and Charlie Wimmer.



Stacie Wimmer

Area Happenings

COOKE COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS MEET

The Cooke County Fire Fighters Association met Monday, January 19 at the Muenster Fire Station. Business was discussed following a chili supper.

Bob Harbin of the Cooke County EMS discussed ID systems, radios, and reports.

The Fire Fighters volunteered to assist with Safety Day, set for June 20. The April meeting will be at the Lindsay Fire Department.

Valley View Chamber of Commerce

The Valley View Chamber of Commerce will hold their awards banquet Saturday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Holiday Inn. A prime rib dinner will be served and tickets are available for \$13 by calling 726-5000. The next monthly meeting is Wednesday, February 4.

Business of the Year

The Valley View Chamber of Commerce named the Valley View Family Care Clinic as their 1997 Business of the Year. The Clinic opened in January 1996 with Dr. R.J. Perry, Caron Martin RN and Julie Maughn on staff.

Baby Shower

Shannon and Joe Dale Wilkerson were honored on January 18 with a baby shower. Special guests were future grandmothers Janet Beavers of Denton and Tommye Wilkerson of Valley View. Hostesses were Voncille Martin, Denise, Madison and Kendall Pearse.

SHYM Happenings

by Kelly Bayer J.E.L.L.Y.

Prejudice means "pre judge" and our town's junior highers know that judging is God's job and not ours. We found that people not only have prejudices against different colored people, but also against the handicapped, different age groups, and "outsiders."

Thanks to the parents, family, friends, and role models of our junior high friends for impressing upon them good morals and respect of others.

Junior high! Come next week Sunday, February 8, at 1:30 for Crazy Olympics.

Life Teen

Congratulations John! And congratulations to those who learned how to juggle. And a BIG HIGH FIVE to Jackie Bartush who was the only one to pick Denver to win.

High schoolers come on out and do a great service for our city. Let's take down the Christmas decorations this Sunday at 4:30 p.m. Supper will be provided afterwards.

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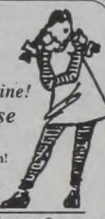
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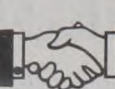
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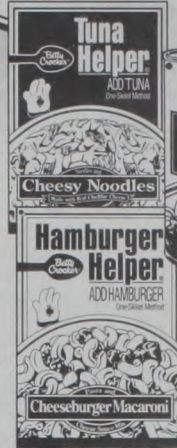


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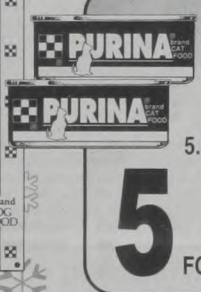
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School News

Mass opens Catholic Schools Week Jan. 26

An all-schools Mass celebrated by Father Tom Craig on Monday, January 26 at 8:00 a.m. opened the observance of Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart, with special Liturgy narrated by Trisha Endres.

The entrance procession included altar servers; Cross bearer Matthew Fuhrmann and candle bearers Patrick Miller and Matthew Nasche; flag bearers Marty Farrell grade 7, Sara Sepanski grade 8, Travis Bayer grade 9, Josh Walterscheid grade 10, Debra Voth grade 11, and Derek Fuhrmann grade 12, who was also a Eucharistic Minister; incense bearer Shauna Endres; and Father Thomas Craig, pastor.

Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, Elizabeth Fette, Jackie Bartush, David Hesse and Gina Yosten. Sacred songs

were "Gather Your People," the "Gloria," the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation chanted by the Music Ministers; the Preparation Song at Offertory "We Are Many Parts," the Communion Hymns "Faithful Family of God" and the 8-fold "Alleluia," and the Commissioning Song "Lead Us On."

Father Thomas Craig presented the homily.

Valerie Bartush, a senior, gave the First Reading (2 Timothy: 1). Nicole Bayer grade 4, with Prayers of Thanksgiving and Stephanie Henscheid, grade 5 with Prayers of Supplication, led the general intercessions at Offertory. Brooke Endres and Tara Abbott presented Offertory Gifts at the altar. Several parents of students were Eucharistic Ministers.

January is School Board Recognition Month

January has been designated as School Board Recognition Month by Governor Bush. Before it comes to an end it is important to give the people of Muenster information on those who currently serve on the Muenster ISD School Board. Current board members are: Cliff Sicking, president; Tom Hartman, vice president; Annette Anderle, secretary; Peggy Lutkenhaus, member; Neil Huchton, member; Tom Flusche, member; Jim Endres, member.

They are all dedicated people and have an awesome responsibility as they make decisions that impact education in our community. Many times

the decisions they make are difficult as they always deal with financial constraints. Board members are committed to insuring a quality education for the students that attend Muenster Public Schools. They have a proven track record as they have provided a quality, effective, and efficient education at a low cost to district taxpayers. Board members constantly monitor the district making sure educational excellence is the goal. They put in many hours, and many times their job is a thankless one. We can change that by telling them the next time we see them "Thank you for a job well done."

Future activities planned by SH Preschool Parents

Members of the Sacred Heart Preschool Parent Group who attended the Jan. 26 meeting heard a report of a successful fund raiser — the New Year's Eve dance. Plans are now underway for the annual Artfest held each April.

It was announced that on Friday, Jan. 30 the Preschool students will participate in a field trip to Gainesville. They will visit the Gainesville Fire Department and Post Office.

The language area of the classroom was the focus of this month's program presentations. Nick Lewis did sounds and sorting picture cards with living and non living categories. Alley Trubenbach demonstrated the object boxes. Jordan Henscheid and Michelle Henscheid showed the movable alphabet

of short vowel words while Sydney Hoedebeck did the same with the object box.

February's meeting was canceled and the next meeting will be on March 23 at 7 p.m. in the preschool building.

NOTICE

Valley View Stock Show
The 16th Annual Valley View Young Farmers Stock Show will be held Saturday, February 21 at the FFA Activity Center in Valley View. The Sheep Show begins with registration from 7-8:30 a.m. Show time is 9:00. Market swine and the Prospect Show start at 2:30 with registration from 1-2 p.m. Belt buckles and jackets will be awarded.

For more information call 940-726-3251.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEB. 2-6

SACRED HEART

S.N.A.P.
Mon. - Taco soup, ham sandwiches, lettuce, fruit.
Tues. - Corn dogs, vegetarian beans, lettuce, cherry cobbler.
Wed. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches, bread.
Thurs. - Chicken noodle casserole, peas and carrots, lettuce, pudding.
Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, French fries, beans, fruit, dessert.
Tues. - Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, hot rolls.
Wed. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad, green beans, fruit, bread, cake.
Thurs. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, potato chips, fruit, brownies.
Fri. - Baked ham, creamed potatoes w/gravy, black-eyed peas, fruit, hot rolls.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Burritos, refried

beans, Mexican rice, fruit, bread.

Tues. - Barbecue sandwiches, pinto beans, carrot and celery sticks, pickle spears, fruit.

Wed. - Fiesta salad, applesauce, bread, fruit.

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

Fri. - Corny dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Steak fingers or chicken rings, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, gravy, fruit cocktail, hot rolls.

Tues. - Turkey fajitas, shredded cheese, pinto beans, trimmings, pear slices, ranger cookie.

Wed. - Veg. beef soup and grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad, cornbread, cinnamon apples.

Thurs. - Spaghetti or Egg roll, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, Texas toast, Missouri cookie.

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

Lindsay Junior 4-H Club plans for livestock workshop

The Lindsay Junior 4-H Club met Jan. 13, 1998 with 31 members present. Attending also were 15 adult leaders. Kevin Lutkenhaus conducted the business meeting. Rebecca Reiter recited an inspirational poem. Phillip Bayer led the USA pledge. Jenny Schroeder led the 4-H motto. Randi Reed gave a report on the Littlest Angel gifts. Donna Zimmerer led a discussion about the

Share-The-Fun project. Kevin Lutkenhaus announced a workshop for livestock on January 31 at the County Fairgrounds.

The next meeting will be held on February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the old parish hall. Lindsay Livestock Youth Supporters will hold their raffle drawing following the Junior Club meeting. John Mosman is club reporter.

Celebrating 100

On Monday, Jan. 19, the students of Muenster Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school. In Kindergarten, Mrs. Ledbetter's class counted to 100, brought baggies filled with 100

items to school, wrote a class book titled, "When I'm 100 years old, I'll...", made sunglasses with 100 on them, but the highlight was eating cookies with the number 100 on them.

Why Teens Don't Volunteer

American teenagers say other teens don't volunteer for community activities because they:

Don't have time	91%
Don't know how to get involved	74%
Prefer TV, video, vacations, etc.	71%
Have never been asked	60%
Feel individual cannot make difference	57%
Don't care about community	55%
Lack roots in community	50%
Are selfish	45%

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MISD receives TIF grant

by Steve Cooper

Muenster ISD recently received notification from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) that its latest grant request has been approved. TIF has awarded MISD \$99,596 to update and install technology programs in the district. Grant proceeds have been earmarked to provide internet access to each campus and to most of our classrooms. Our district will also be networked. The grant will provide approximately 30 new computers and other hardware needs for district use.

course, will be to enhance instruction by using the computer as a classroom tool.

Technology is changing very rapidly and it is often struggle to maintain up-to-date hardware and software. MISD has made a commitment to pursue current technology. This directly impacts our students, as it is necessary give them access to technology that is currently in the world work. This commitment will be a top priority in order provide students with exposure to things they will find in the workplace. Students must have this exposure or they will be a decided disadvantage as they go from high school either college or directly into the workforce. MISD is fortunate to be able to give their students these programs and assume this responsibility as a continued commitment to excellence.

Another aspect of the grant will allow Muenster ISD to access the regional service center for its instructional needs. Although MISD has taken great care to keep our current technology/computer system up to date, it is absolutely necessary to constantly upgrade our programs to make them as relevant as possible for our students and staff. The main emphasis of the grant, of

A special thank you to Jer Eckart, MISD's Technology Director, for all the time and effort he devoted to this successful awarding of the grant.

Sacred Heart Honor Roll

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Valerie Bartush, Elizabeth Fuhrmann, Laura Klement, Jessamy Sicking.
Grade 11: Russell Fette, Patrick Miller, Joseph Reiter.
Grade 10: Adrienne Bartel, Debra Dangelmayr, Kayla Felderhoff, Anne Flusche, Michelle Fuhrmann, Glenn Gleason, Jennifer Hess, Sarah Hess, Kristen Knauf, Gina Yosten.
Grade 9: Jacqueline Bartush, Keith Felderhoff, Kendall Sellers, John Skotnik.
Grade 8: Elizabeth Fette, Lisa Rohmer, Sara Sepanski.
Grade 7: Mary Jane Callahan, Christopher Fuhrmann, Michael Voth.
Grade 6: Lisa Endres, Karen Gehrig, Cindy Hartman, Kathryn Sepanski.
Grade 5: Rose Bartush, Andy Davis, Christine Fetsch, Kristen Hess.
Grade 4: David Walterscheid.

Mindy Wimmer, Grade 4
Jayna Biffle, Andrea Bonis Amy Trevino, Kevin Walterscheid, Christine Weinzapfel, Weston Wimmer.
Grade 5: Paul Bartush, Grade 4: Abby Endres, Adam Dangelmayr, Joelle Fuhrmann, Hannah Hess, Nicole Bayer, Diana Knabe, Crysta Fuhrmann, Debra Yosten, Whitney Wimmer, Mar Gehrig.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Grade 11: Lucien Gehrig, Leah Rigler, Betty Trevino, Debra Voth, Nicholas Yosten.
Grade 10: Andrea Bartush, Jessica Berres, Joanna Gehrig, Sarah Kelley, Jordan Kohler, Matthew Nasche, Joshua Walterscheid.
Grade 9: Melanie Bartush, Travis Bayer, Diane Becker, Jeff Cochran, Holly Hartman, Grace Hartman, Jessica Koesler, Dana Miller, Charlie Moster.
Grade 8: Audrey Barnhill, Andrea Bauer, Kelly Fetsch, Ashley Hess, Mattie Sicking, Aaron Walterscheid, Kristen Yosten.
Grade 7: Joseph Davis, Clint Fuhrmann, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Oliver McElroy, Tiffany Richey, Haley Rogers, Thomas Whitecotton,

"B" HONOR ROLL
Grade 12: Shauna Endres, Trisha Endres, Matthew Fuhrmann, Crystal Klement, Yvonne Martin.
Grade 11: Duncan Campbell, Grade 10: Stephen Hofbauer, Adam Klement, Melissa McCarty.
Grade 9: Nicholas Taylor, Johnathan Yosten.
Grade 8: Luke Endres, Sara Rogers.
Grade 7: Catherine Bartush, Daniel Bartush, Raney Bauer, Jack Biffle, Alicia Cochran, Katherine Cox, Jessica Davie, Martin Farrell, Lihana Nasche, Gretchen Schmoker, Joseph Skotnik, Jana Traebenbach.
Grade 6: Zachery Barnhill, Brooke Endres, Tony Koesler, John McCoy, Tony Moster, Adam Taylor.
Grade 5: Maggie Farrell, Katie Flusche, Stephanie Henscheid.
Grade 4: Sarah Whitecotton, Jacqueline Flusche, Shanno Hartman.

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Keeping a tight lid on Era's basket, Muenster Hornet Jesse Luke (12) and Corey Anderle (23) keep Robert Fever from getting 2 points. Dave Fette Photo

Hornets sting Era

Scott Hermes and Corey Anderle paced the Muenster Hornets last Friday night to a rousing 65-63 overtime win over the visiting Era Hornets. Hermes hit a season high 23 points including 9-9 from the free throw line, while Anderle hit 15 points, added 7 rebounds, and back to back three-pointers in the final 2:30 minutes of regulation.

Muenster rallied from a seven point deficit late in the fourth quarter and took the lead with 50 seconds left on Anderle's final basket, 59-57. Corey was whistled for his fifth foul moments later and Era's Wayne Twiner hit both free throws. After a loose ball and mad scramble, Era had the ball and two attempts. Muenster took over with 2.7 left and Bryan Miller rimmed out a 40 footer at the buzzer.

"We certainly played four solid quarters, and our kids kept overcoming questionable calls to boot," said Coach Heers. "They wanted this game."

In overtime, Hermes put Muenster ahead, and Miller added a key basket. Still, Era

was sent to line with two free throws and no time on the clock only to miss. Era fell to 1-2 in district play and 15-7 on the year. Muenster is at 11-10 and 1-2.

"We must continue to shoot well to stay in this race. I'm proud of the guys and their effort," commented Coach Ted Heers.

It was the Hornets' first win this season over a team with a winning record.

Darren Hennigan and Aaron Klement each scored 9 points. Hennigan had 5 boards and Klement 6. Miller added 4 fouls, and Eric Walterscheid 3.



Darren Hennigan goes up for the layup in Muenster's victory in the Battle of the Hornets. Dave Fette Photo



Muenster Lady Hornet Stephanie Huchton pops the ball up for the shot. Also pictured is Kelly Felderhoff and Era's Marsha Fortenberry. Dave Fette Photo

Sacred Heart Tigers continue conference play

The Sacred Heart Tigers continue their basketball season with losses to Abilene Christian and Colleyville Covenant.

On Saturday, January 17, the Tigers hosted Abilene, and were handed a 48-95 loss. "Abilene's full court pressure, and 27 turnovers gave the Tigers a hard time," noted Coach John Nasche. "They were quicker than us - we had a hard time stopping them."

Jon Grewing put in 30 points for Sacred Heart. Others putting in baskets were David Hesse, Duncan Campbell, Aaron Hess, Adam Barnhill, Matthew Fuhrmann and Matthew Nasche.

SH	17	7	12	12	48
AC	29	22	29	15	95

Last week Tuesday, Covenant came to town and

took home a 58-73 victory. Again Grewing led Sacred Heart's scoring with 23 points and 17 rebounds. Fuhrmann added 19, including hitting 7 of 8 free throws in the final quarter and a career high of 17 rebounds.

Turnovers in the first quarter enabled Covenant to cruise to a 25-2 lead. "Things went from bad to worse. The boys weren't executing their press breakers and Covenant was on a roll," Coach Nasche told. "After the first quarter we won the rest of the game."

Hess	5	19	12	22	58
Tiger score	58	16	15	17	73

FCA gets started in Muenster

by Chad Felderhoff

The first meeting of the new Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle was held Monday, January 19 in the Ted Heers household. The meeting began around 6:30 p.m., then was used in planning a meeting for an upcoming event. There will be a guest speaker on Sunday, February 8 at the home of Gary and Marlene Fisher (504 N. Oak), and will start around 6:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided. Grades 7-12 are eligible to join. All local students are invited. Come see what FCA is about.

Panthers swat Hornets

The Muenster Hornets went 11-11 on the season Tuesday night after Saint Jo handed them a 55-39 loss.

"Our shooting went south, again. We just have to be patient with the ball," commented Coach Ted Heers. "I have to give Saint Jo credit. They kept us out of the paint and off the boards."

Corey Anderle led the Hornets scoring with 14 points. Scott Hermes added 8, and Darren Hennigan 6.

"Defensively we stayed in it with them for the most part. We have to play awful hard on

that end if we are not hitting," Heers continued.

Also putting points in the basket were Kevin Johnson with 4, Bryan Miller 3, and two apiece from Jesse Luke and Erik Walterscheid.

The Panthers were led by Jason Raschke with 15 points and 10 each from Ben Botello and Kenell Gaston. Saint Jo is 17-6 for the season.

Muenster will meet Collinsville Friday night in Collinsville, then TAMS at the Hornets gym Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

M	5	13	6	15	39
SJ	7	19	13	16	55

UIL makes changes

Pending State Board of Education approval later this spring, three teams will advance to the playoffs in Conferences 2A and 3A beginning with the 1998-99 school year, UIL officials announced.

2A and 3A superintendents voted to advance three teams in all team sports after the UIL Legislative Council voted last October to place the item on a referendum ballot with no recommendation. 2A superintendents voted 108-89 in favor of advancing three teams, while 3A superintendents voted 140-55 for the measure.

1A superintendents voted to create an area track and field meet. Beginning with the 1998-99 school year (pending State Board approval), two districts will combine to qualify participants to regional. The top four representatives in each event from each district will advance to the area meet. The top four in each event at

area will advance to the regional meet. As a result of the new format, student-athletes will be limited to participating in seven invitational track meets, as opposed to eight for all other conferences.

KC Free Throw Contest set for Feb. 1

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held Sunday, February 1, at 1 p.m. in the new Muenster gym. Ages 10-14 as of January 1, 1998 are eligible. All entries must be registered before 1 p.m. on February 1. For more information, contact Bob Hermes at 759-4496.

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Valley View outflies Lady Knights 82-45

With their senior starters benched the first half of the game, the Lady Knights quickly fell behind the high flying Lady Eagles 45-82, in last week Tuesday's district contest.

Jo Sparkman added 4, Courtney Hoelker and Megan Sandmann scored 3 points each, with Gayle Walterscheid and Amanda HELLINGER each putting in two.

Karah and Karlee O'Dell were high scorers for Lindsay

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A Lady Knight loses possession of the ball after a rebound. Paradise was called for the foul in Lindsay's district loss Tuesday. Also pictured is Deanna Meurer (31).
Janie Hartman Photo



At left, Gymnastic Sports Center Director Rose Henscheid lends just a little extra spin to help Joanna Felderhoff's back flip during halftime demonstration at the Muenster-Era game.
Dave Fette Photo

Fishing Report

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

TEXOMA: Water fairly clear; 58 degrees. Very few fisherman out. Black bass are fair on spinners fished in the back of creeks and on crank baits. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines fished in the river.



Chris Garner clears the Paradise defense for an open shot. The Knights fell in district action Tuesday night, with turnovers keeping the ball on the Panthers' end of the court.
Janie Hartman Photo

Basketball

PONDER TOURNAMENT

Muenster 45 Saint Jo 27
Danny Felderhoff put in 12 points to lead the young Hornets to victory in round one of the tournament Saturday. Chad Walterscheid added 7 and Casey Walterscheid 6 to assist in advancing Muenster into the winners bracket. Adding 4 points each were Josh Freeman, Justin Klement, Justin Fleitman and John Flusche. Greg Johnson added two, with Jason Lutkenhaus and Brett Howell each hitting a free throw.

M	8	18	6	13	45
SJ	2	12	6	7	27

Muenster 50 Slidell 90
In the championship game, the Hornets were challenged by the Greyhounds of Slidell and settled for second place. Again Felderhoff was Muenster's leading scorer with 11 points. Fleitman and Howell each added 6, while Walterscheid, Cody Mask, Flusche, and C. Felderhoff scored 4 points apiece. Lutkenhaus put in 3, with Freeman, J. Klement, Johnson and Elliot Klement all scoring two.

M	13	8	11	18	50
S	26	19	15	30	90

Lindsay 36 Paradise 29
The Lady Knights junior varsity squad hosted Paradise Tuesday night, taking a victory.

Stacie Sandmann was Lindsay's leading scorer with 10 points, Maggie Luttmer added 8, Melanie Brown 6, and Courtney Miller 5. Also Abby Trammell put in 3 points, and Ellen Bezner 2.

L	8	5	14	9	36
P	4	7	12	6	29

Muenster 35 Saint Jo 28
Danny Felderhoff put 15 points on the board to lead the young Hornets to victory Tuesday evening at Saint Jo.

After quickly jumping into a 19-2 first quarter lead, Muenster leveled out their scoring, but stayed ahead on the board until the final second.

Justin Fleitman and Chad Felderhoff each added 4 points.

Casey Walterscheid put in 3 with points scored by Cody Mask, Elliot Klement, Greg Johnson, and John Flusche. Jason Lutkenhaus scored a free throw.

M	19	7	5	4	35
SJ	2	15	4	7	28

Muenster 24 Saint Jo 22
The Muenster Junior High team won second place at the Muenster 7th grade tournament last weekend.

The win came behind 11 points from Michael Endres and 7 from Tyler Walterscheid. Paul Fleitman scored 3, Karl Fisher 2 and Chris Rains 1.

In the final round, they met the undefeated Callisburg Wildcats and were outscored, settling for 2nd place.

Sacred Heart 50 Walnut Bend 22

The Sacred Heart Cubs beat the Pirates last Thursday behind the scoring of Luke Endres and Matt Farrell, who led with 15 and 20 points.

"It was good to have Matt back," noted Coach Dale Schilling on Farrell's absence from the court last couple of games.

Matthew Grewing added 10 points for the Cubs, with Jesse Coker, Thomas Whitecotton and Jon Knabe each getting 4. Aaron Walterscheid and Michael Vespa put in 2 points apiece.

SH	28	22	50
WB	17	5	22

Sacred Heart 58 Walnut Bend 11

Mattie Sicking scored his season high last week Thursday at Walnut Bend to help the Sacred Heart Cubs to victory. Andrea Baur scored 16 and Tanya Hess 12 in the conference win. Also Andrea Barnhill 6, Lisa Rohmer 5, and Sara Rogers.

SH	23	16	7	12	58
WB	4	0	7	6	17



Kelly Fetsch tries to block Walnut Bend shot during a Junior High contest last Thursday.
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Luke Endres makes a basket for the Sacred Heart Junior High against Walnut Bend.
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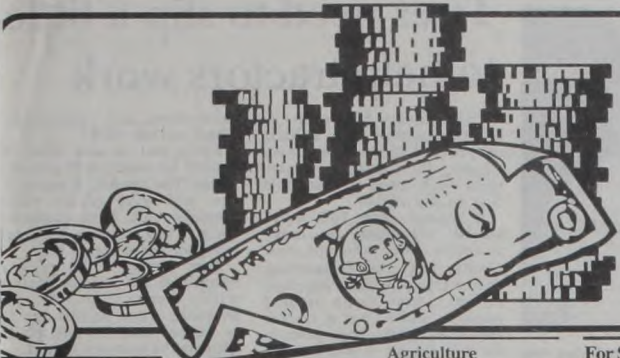
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The dwindling Texas dairy farm

In November 1997, there were about 1,400 dairy producers in Texas. During 1997, more than 200 producers left the industry. If the current trend continues, Texas will have only about 1,250 dairies by the end of 1998. Most of the decline was near Interstate 35 and west, but the numbers were down through Texas.

Production per cow in 1997 was down an average of just over 2% from 1996. This decline has been attributed to low milk prices, very high feed and input prices, an extremely wet spring, low quality forages and delayed breeding.

Milk production per cow for 1998 will likely improve, if feed prices and quality improve, the weather is more cooperative, breeding gets back on track, stale cows move out and new cows mature into second lactation cows.

Texas Milk production for 1997 is estimated around 5.8 billion pounds, down about 5% from 1996. Total milk production for '98 depends on cow numbers and how much production per cow improves. Some feel producers milk price levels will improve in 1998.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

BEEF SHORT COURSE

The third section of the Beef Cattle Short Course will be held on Tues., Feb. 3, at 7 p.m., at the Cooke County Fairgrounds.

Dr. John Horn DVM will cover a variety of topics on Beef Herd Health. Developing a herd health vaccination program will be addressed along with common problems occurring in beef herds. Scours, pneumonia, foot rot, prolapse, and abscesses are all problems that beef cattle producers experience. Dr. Horn has developed his program on these management situations.

The program is free and open to the public.

TEXOMA CATTLEWOMEN

Gloria Klement has informed me of a program that the Texoma CattleWomen will be sponsoring on February 9 at the Smokehouse in Lindsay.

The program will start at 6 p.m. and have guest speakers from the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Troy McKinney, Area Field Inspector, and Jody Henderson, Director of Brand Services with TSCRA, will present the program on TSCRA.

Cost of the program will be \$9 which includes dinner. Both men and women are invited.

The CattleWomen's purpose is beef promotion and consumer education. The CattleWomen is the professional organization for women in the beef industry with an education and promotion effort aimed at consumers to inform the public of beef's wholesomeness and of the environmental truths about the beef industry.

Please RSVP by February 5 to Ms. Jean Halliburton at 800-228-4543.

TREE HEALTH SEMINAR

Dr. Janell Johnk, Extension Plant Pathologist, will be in Cooke County on February 10 to present a Tree Health Seminar. The programs will be held at 10 a.m. at Lake Kiowa and at 7 p.m. at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce Building in Gainesville.

Plant stresses each year take a toll on trees and shrubs in the county. Various plant pathogens also can cause trees to decline and eventually die. Homeowners can alleviate many of these problems through plant selection and early diagnosis of various diseases, insects, and stress problems.

Janell will present a program and also answer individual plant questions homeowners may have. Plan to bring sick or diseased plant leaves or other tissue to the program.

50-year increase in corn yield is dramatic

Because of advancing technology and high yield farming techniques, corn production has dramatically increased over the last 50 years.

Average yield in 1946 was 37.2 bushels per acre; 20 years later the average yield was up to 74.1 bushels an acre. In 1996, the average corn yield was 127.2 bushels per acre.

This increase in corn production is put to good use. Some 75 percent of products in the average grocery store contain corn or corn products.



Dustin Bryant of Valley View FFA was among nine winners at the Fort Worth Calf Scramble during the 8 p.m. performance of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Rodeo Sunday, Jan. 25, in Will Rogers Coliseum. Each rodeo performance features 16 FFA and 4-H members from across the state who race across the arena in an effort to catch and halter an excited calf. Bryant is the son of Donald and Becky Bryant of Valley View. Courtesy Photo

Tires need to slip a little to help tractors work

The tendency by farmers is to weigh tractors down to limit or prevent drive tires from slipping. But the fact is, tractor tires work more efficiently if they do slip a little.

A tractor with 10% drive wheel slippage is more powerful, fuel efficient and creates less soil compaction than a tractor with no slippage. That seems to go against common sense, but a tractor that is too heavy bogs down in its own tracks. If you are not slipping a little, take off wheel weights until you are.

Be sure to check inflation pressure on tires. Heavy tractors with over inflated tires

cause deep soil compaction, which can cut yields.

Field soil is not solid. It should be about 50% air and water. The spaces, or pores, in the soil give plant roots growing room. If you compact the soil, you convert pore space into poor space in the field.

New model tractors are sometimes delivered by dealers with more than 24 psi pressure, when as little as 0 to 12 psi may be enough to support the tractor's weight.

The pressure a tractor applies to the ground is about equal to the tire pressure plus 2 psi, so the lower the pressure, the less soil compaction.

Texas Beef Council reports on checkoff investments

Texas beef producers completed their 10th year of investing in the beef checkoff program with continued momentum in several key marketing areas, Jim Williams, Texas Beef Council (TBC) chairman.

The annual report, available upon request from TBC, lists highlights of checkoff programs conducted on the state level. IT also includes national checkoff information.

The annual report lists highlights of these programs for producers who want to see how their checkoff dollars bud demand.

In the last fiscal year, Texas received \$13,434,254 in checkoff dollars. As required by law, TBC sent \$6,363,377 (50 cents of each dollar) to the Beef Board, which contracts national programs of education, promotion and research through NCBA. TBC returned \$707,620 to other qualified state beef councils or cattle sales that originated outside Texas but were collected in Texas. An additional \$2,640,000 was sent to NCBA for funding of national programs. TBC operated on \$3,890,590 or approximately 29 cents of each checkoff dollar collected.

The annual report is available to producers through their county extension agents and auction markets. Annual reports also can be requested by writing or calling TBC at 8708 Ranch Road 620 N., Austin, TX 78726; (800) 844-4113.

Information in the annual report is summarized. A producer wanting complete information on the checkoff program in Texas should request a full audited financial statement.

Farm cooperative numbers sliding

A 1996 survey of agricultural cooperatives accounted for 3,884 marketing, farm supply and related service cooperatives, compared with 4,006 in 1995. The decrease in agricultural cooperatives reflects a continuing trend involving dissolution, merger, or acquisition.

Of the 3,884 cooperatives, 2,012 primarily marketed farm products, 1,403 handled primarily farm production supplies and 469 provided services related to marketing or purchasing activities.

Cooperatives' net business volume for 1996 was a record high of \$106.2 billion. Net income of \$2.25 billion, however, was down from the \$2.63 billion reported in 1995.

Control grazing boosts profit

Dairy farmers who control graze their herds make more money than those who don't.

As part of an overall dairy farm business summary, researchers collected economic data from farms using control grazing. Net return per cow was \$477 one year, \$468 the next, compared with \$400 and \$429 for all farms in the study.

Although farms with grazed herds had lower gross incomes per cow than the average of all farms in the summary, they also had lower production costs, making them more profitable.

To the Little Redhead

Have a BIG Birthday!

Avoid flood tractors!

When looking for a bargain at a farm equipment auction or used dealership, be on the watch for flood tractors. The floods of 1996 put a lot of equipment underwater and now might be on the market for unsuspecting buyers.

Flooded tractors can be repaired, but immediate attention is critical. Wait a few weeks or even days for clean-up, and long term prospects for the machine are not good. And be careful of new paint jobs for cover-up.

Before purchasing, try to find out the history of a tractor you may be considering. What type of warranty-in writing - may be included from a dealer in regard to future difficulties.

There is only one good time to check out used equipment, before you commit to the purchase.

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