

Congressman Sam Johnson addresses fundraiser

Congressman Sam Johnson, in his fourth term as representative for the 3rd Congressional District, visited with over 200 Cooke County Republican members on Saturday, December 6, at the Sacred Heart Community Center in Muenster.

Johnson, who is a highly decorated fighter pilot and former member of the Air Force "HUNDERBIRD" aerial demonstration team, was shot down by Communist ground fire on a night ground attack mission in April, 1966. He would remain a prisoner for over seven years, more than five in solitary confinement, because of his status as one of the leaders in the resistance to attempts by the North Vietnamese to have the prisoners sign spurious confessions. Brutal torture,

physical abuse, and deprivation were the norm, in total disregard of the Geneva Convention.

Upon release and physical rehab, Colonel Johnson continued his distinguished career, retiring in 1979 with 29 years of service. His awards include two Silver Stars, two awards of the legion of merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Purple Hearts for wounds in action, a Bronze Star with a V (valor) clasp, and many others.

In his insightful presentation, Congressman Johnson noted the continuing reduction in all of our military forces, and indicated that the US would be hard put to repeat its success in a confrontation such as Desert Storm. He also discussed the ongoing

discussions regarding access to oil from former USSR countries such as Kazakastan, Turkestan, etc. The US goal is to route any pipelines through Turkey, rather than through a very uncertain politically unstable Iran. Johnson predicted continued Republican control of Congress in the next election, and also opined that George W. Bush might be an excellent Presidential candidate.

Pat Peale, Cooke County Republican Party Chair, also introduced Supreme Court Justice Gregg Abbott, District 62 State Representative Ron Clark, District Clerk Pat Payne, Justice of the Peace

John Roane. All are running for re-election and spoke asking for continued support and vote. Other candidates or potential candidates who spoke were: Dr. Jim Lohmeyer, candidate for Congress in the 4th District; Phil King, potential candidate for District 61 State Representative spot, and Taylor Vestal, who announced he would be running for Commissioner in Precinct 4. Tom Pauken, who is running for Attorney General in the Republican Primary against Justice of the Supreme Court John Coryn and Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson, also attended. Other elected officials

attending and introduced were: District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp, County Judge Rusty Duncan, Justice of the Peace Bill Freeman, and District Criminal Court Judge from Dallas County Janice Warden who has a weekend place in Cooke County.

Pat Peale thanked the wonderful Underwriters: Byron Berry of Hayes, Coffee, and Berry, John Schmitz of Brammer Supply, Charlene and Alan Ritchey, First State Bank and the Sponsors: Mark Burrowes, Lynn and Jerry Cott, Shirley and Bob Eggleston, Jennifer and Jim Goldsworth, Kim and Doug Lewis, Pam and Will Presson, and Holly and Bill Wellman.

After the dinner, there was a silent auction with items donated by Sen. Kay Hutchinson, U.S. Representative Sam Johnson, State Sen. Tom Haywood, H & W Meat Company, Chapman's, Kinne's Jewelers, the Lindsay House, Fischerhaus, and the Rose House Bed and Breakfast.

Clyde Fisher and Miller of Denton donated to the event, as well as Barron's, Mark Klement, Lora's Flowers and Gifts, Roger Dieter, and Tom Thumb.

"It was a great success with people staying to eleven o'clock to dance to "The Vintage Country Band" and suggesting that this be a yearly event," said Pat Peale.

Move to the beat of the Zambian Acapella Choir

by Janet Felderhoff
Students at Sacred Heart School will have the opportunity to learn about Africa in a unique and fun way. The Zambian Acapella Choir will perform on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. The public is invited to attend this performance. No admission will be charged, but a love offering may be given.

Zambian Acapella consists of two groups - the Zambian Acapella with 12 or 13 young men ages 18 - 25 and the Zambian Acapella Boys choir with 26 boys ages 10 - 19. Coming to Sacred Heart will be the younger group. The young men are from south central Africa and are goodwill ambassadors from the country of Zambia.

The group performs both native African songs and songs learned from missionaries. They sing songs in several native languages and in

English. Tribal dances complement some of the songs and students and teachers are encouraged to get involved in the dancing.

Bubbling with joy and enthusiasm and having a positive attitude describes the young men in the Zambian Acapella.

Besides performing at more than 1,000 public and private schools and universities, the Zambian Acapella has performed at the Apollo Theatre, the United Nations, the Dallas symphony, Dallas Chamber of Commerce, and the U. S. Department of Education.

TTT: PARTNERS IN EDUCATION, a non-profit group based in Sherman, sponsors the group.

At their performances, the Zambian Acapella offers a variety of products for sale including photos, posters, tapes, or CDs.



Muenster Volunteer Fire Dept. First Responders once again put their training to good use as they rendered care to three people injured in a three-vehicle accident Tuesday just before 9 a.m. From left, Ben Bindel, Henry Knabe, Jim Gehrig, Herbie Knabe and Alan Baldwin assist Cooke County EMS in moving Mary Corley from her car to the ambulance. The accident occurred at the intersection of US Hwy. 82 and FM 373 as Fred Biffle of Forestburg was traveling west on Hwy. 82.

Biffle turned left to go south on FM 373 and collided with Corley's Cutlass Supreme at the intersection. Corley's vehicle then collided with a Grand Am which was stopped at the red light on FM 373. Michelle Trachta of Muenster was the driver of that vehicle. All three drivers were transported to Muenster Memorial Hospital where Biffle was treated and not admitted, Trachta was treated and released and Corley was held overnight for observation and released Wednesday. Janie Hartman Photo

County joins feasibility study on event center

by Janet Felderhoff
Would an Event Center located in Cooke County be useful and profitable to the people of this area? Many people think so and have been studying the situation for the past three years.

The group has decided that before more definite action is taken a feasibility study and master plan for such a facility should be done. They have contracted with the Lark Group to do the study and plan at a cost of \$25,000. The cost of the study will be shared.

"It's not just a feasibility study," said Don Hunter, representing the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. "It will give us the economic impact of it and that sort of thing. It will also give us some basic drawings of what the facility will look like, how much it would cost, some different possibilities that we have here."

Hunter said that a meeting had been held which included many of the leaders in the county including people from

Valley View and Muenster to if they continue a sheriff's deputy or court bailiff will be called to enforce the ordinance. The ordinance was passed 5-0.

Commissioner Virgil Hess noted that courthouse employees have been smoking get response on the Event Center. Everybody was positive, he said.

Depending on what is done and what the Center will be used for, there is a possibility of land along Hwy. 82 being donated for the Center.

"A center like this pretty much carries its own weight," remarked Hunter. "The big deal there is probably the management of the situation. You have to look at it as a new business. You can't just go build it and sit back and wait for things to happen. That's not going to work."

When asked by Commissioner Jerry Lewis who would run such a center, Hunter noted that there are several possibilities. Some are run and managed by counties, some by cities, some have

private individuals to manage them. There is a facility in Belton that is managed by an independent firm, but it is county subsidized and has county employees.

"From a development point of view in a situation like this, it could have such an impact on the city without having huge costs," remarked County Judge Russell Duncan. "You wouldn't necessarily have the increase in schools. You wouldn't necessarily have the increase in fire and police protection."

"It's probably better for the community to spend \$25,000 and find out it won't work than to get into it and find out it's not going to work." The cost will be divided among several entities possibly including Gainesville, North Central Texas College, and Cooke County and some businesses.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to share in the cost of the feasibility study since there is a fund in the budget to cover such expenses. The cost could be as much as \$5,000 for the county's part.

Judge Duncan asked Commissioners to consider a penalty for those who violate the no smoking policy now in place in the courthouse. Duncan said that there hasn't been full compliance with the no smoking ordinance. He's received complaints from about four offices where smoking is still a problem.

When smoking was banned from the open areas of the courthouse, violation was considered a Class C misdemeanor. Until recently smoking in offices in the courthouse was at the discretion of department heads. Judge Duncan asked that the ordinance and penalty for violation be the same for offices as for the open areas now that a total no smoking ban is in place. A violator will be asked not to smoke in the courthouse,

by the doors on the east side of the courthouse and this has brought some complaints from people who enter the courthouse on that side and who don't like to smell the smoke. He suggested designating a place that was out of the way, but not too inconvenient for the employees.

Sgt. Ray Sappington of the Texas Highway Department brought bids from Karla Metzler of Xerox and Johnny Leftwich of Dustin's on a copier to replace a broken, older model copier in the highway patrol office. It would cost \$750 to repair the old machine. Commissioners determined that the Xerox bid was lowest and voted 5-0 to purchase the Xerox machine.

Discussion was held on possibly helping with the expense of a mobile phone for Jim Lundberg, Cooke County game warden. Commissioners agreed that he is in bad situations, but tabled the issue until the next budget hearing time. A number of items which were not included in the 1997-98 budget have come up and Commissioners are trying to stay within the budget when possible.

In other business addressed during the Dec. 8 regular meeting of Cooke County Commissioners Court:

• Voted 5-0 to approve RFP for budgeted cardiac monitoring and defibrillator/pacemaker equipment.

• Public official bonds were approved for District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp and two deputies in the Cooke County Sheriff's office.

• At the suggestion of Judge Duncan, appointed Bill Sullivan to represent Cooke County on a law suit. It concerns a decision on whether a certain road in Precinct #4 is private or belongs to the county.

• Referred County Attorney Tanya Davis' request for two new computers for her office to the Technology committee. They are needed to accommodate a new case docketing system.

• Approved monthly bill and reports and minutes of previous meeting.

Lohmeyer files for Congressional seat

Jim Lohmeyer, a Tyler physician was the first Republican candidate to file for U.S. Congress in the 4th Congressional District. Lohmeyer sent the signatures of over 700 supporters to Republican Party headquarters in Austin last week.

Joined by his wife, Marsha and children, Lohmeyer cited his reason for running, "My campaign is about preserving freedom, strengthening the American family and protecting our children's future. The greatest threat to all three is the expanding power of the federal government."

This campaign will focus on making a difference in the lives of ordinary citizens and families. "One of my priorities is to put more money in the family budget by simplifying the tax code and downsizing or eliminating the IRS. We need tax relief," said Lohmeyer.

Lohmeyer stated too many decisions involving health care are being made in corporate boardrooms and in Washington by people with little or no medical knowledge and who do not deal directly with patients. The end result will be socialized medicine. "I'll fight to empower the patient," Lohmeyer promised. "We must guarantee a patient's right to choose their doctor and allow patients (including seniors) more free market choices in healthcare insurance. We have the greatest health care system in the world; we need to protect it. I am absolutely committed to the deregulation of healthcare."

The greatest problem our nation faces is the continued breakdown of the American family. We must break our dependence on the federal government. History shows dependence on central

government leads to servitude. Dr. Lohmeyer stated, "My core belief is dependence first on oneself builds character, depending on family strengthens the family, depending on community binds that community and dependence on the church brings revival. Our nation desperately needs individual accountability, stronger families and moral revival."

Career politicians have lacked the courage to address our nation's true challenges. These challenges will become crisis unless the American people step up and demand fresh ideas and principled conservative solutions. Our nation's future depends on it. "What we need from government is less not more. Less taxation, less regulation, less spending and fewer mandates. We need to empower the people," concluded Jim Lohmeyer.

Chamber offers wooden cutouts for sale

The decorative wooden cutout Christmas figurines used several years ago by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce are being offered for sale on Saturday, Dec. 13. Local businesses will

have the first opportunity to buy them.

Cutouts will be displayed on Hennigan's Auto Parts lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Business owners only can make their selections from 9 to 10 a.m. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the public is invited to purchase their favorite cutout. These include snowmen, candles, toy soldiers, Santa and reindeer and more. They are well made of sign board in a variety of sizes and prices. This is a fundraiser for the Muenster Chamber of Commerce and Muenster Boy Scouts.

Catherine Harris of Saint Jo dies at age 93

Catherine Harris died at age 93 at home on Dec. 8, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. She was born on Jan. 30, 1904 in Cooke County to William Anderson Harris and Ada Eudora Randall Harris. She was a member of Saint Jo Church of Christ. A registered nurse, she lived most of her non-military life in the Saint Jo area. She was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a retired Army Nurse with the rank of Major, and had served in Europe, Korea, and Japan during World War II, and in the Korean Conflict. She was Chief Nurse of Evacuation Hospital on D-Day, and treated the first injured at the Normandy Invasion. During the Korean Conflict she made many helicopter runs to the front lines. She served as General

Eisenhour's personal nurse during his illness with coronary problems. In later years she served in the area of public and school nursing, and was well known for community service including cleaning and maintaining rural cemeteries.

Survivors are two sisters, Dolly Harris McKinney of Illinois Bend and Clara Belle Trice of Illinois Bend, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents and four brothers Charles, James, William "Grant" and Joe Harris.

Services were held Thursday, December 11 at the Church of Christ in Saint Jo, officiated by C.E. Cole and Virgil Trout. Burial in Brushy Mound Cemetery in Cooke County was

directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Official military rites and honor guard were conducted by a team from Fort Hood.

Pallbearers were Raymond Ashley, Don Castle, Randy Dunbar, Doyle Castle, Roy Brawner and Gerald Talley.

Honorary pallbearers were Bill Parr, Wesley McMahan, Troy Edes, Jerry Raymond, Arnold Dennis, Glenn Flowers, Tommy Hare and Al Felderhoff.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Brushy Mound Cemetery Association.


Johnson, Hunter announce future plans as treasurer

Janet Johnson, Cooke County Treasurer, will retire at the end of her present term, Dec. 31, 1998, to pursue a career in Elementary Education. Mrs. Johnson has served Cooke County for the past 20 years. "I would like to thank everyone for their support during my years in office, and would like to ask their continuing support for Judy Hunter, Assistant County Treasurer, in the upcoming elections," said Mrs. Johnson.

Judy Hunter has filed in the Democratic Primary for the office of Cooke County Treasurer. Mrs. Hunter is a life long resident of Cooke County and has been the Assistant County Treasurer for

the past 11 years. The experience she has acquired will help her to maintain the high quality of efficiency and courtesy that has always been a trait of the Cooke County Treasurer's office.

Mrs. Hunter was born in Muenster to Robert and Betty Richey, and was raised in the Sivells Bend Community where she attended elementary and middle school. She later graduated from Gainesville High School. Judy married Don Hunter 25 years ago and they have three children Jason, Cacie, and Whitney. They reside in Gainesville, and are members of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville.



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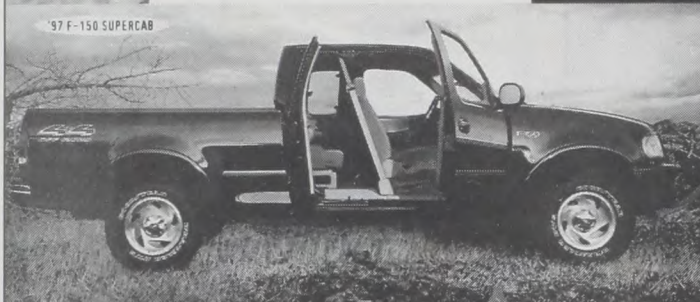

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
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3 - Arrest for Cooke County Sheriff's Office

1 - Assistance to Cooke County - Report of cows on road

1 - Report of criminal mischief

6 - Assistance to motorist

1 - Secure unlocked business

1 - Report of assault

3 - Report of accident

1 - Assistance at funeral

2 - Burglary of buildings

1 - Report of vandalism

1 - Report of car fire

2 - Report of suspicious persons

1 - Report of shooting

2 - Report of theft

1 - Investigate business alarm

Tickets Issued:

3 - Ran red light

3 - Speeding

2 - Expired driver's license

1 - No proof of financial responsibility

1 - Open container of alcohol by driver

2 - Making alcohol available to minor

1 - Passing in no passing zone

1 - Expired license plates

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DATES - ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 13, 7:30 a.m.-noon : Set up Nativity and Ornament Sales for Muenster Chamber of Commerce • Service Project • Wear work clothes • All Scouts, PLEASE, come, even if only for part of the time. **We Need You!**

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. : Court of Honor, KC Hall. Full uniform, wear your merit badge sash!

Monday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.: Next regular meeting, KC Hall.

Jan. 16, 17, 18 : Wichita Mountains Trip. Look for full details in your mail.

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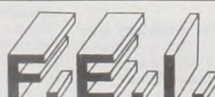
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

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

<p>Sunday, December 14</p> <p>Confirmation, 7 p.m., Reception, 8 p.m., Comm. Ctr. SH Home School Shopping Spree, Comm. Ctr.</p>	<p>Monday, December 15</p> <p>Littlest Angel Donations due "In Lieu of Christmas" cards deadline Muenster Jr. Jvb vs. Callisburg, here, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 16</p> <p>Muenster Public Library Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Diabetic Support Group Meeting, 7 p.m., MMH Zambian Acapella Choir, 2:30 p.m., SH Church Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 17</p> <p>MMH Board Meeting, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Thursday, December 18</p> <p>SHS Elementary Christmas Program</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Friday, December 19</p> <p>Christmas Holidays SHS Dismisses at 12:30 p.m. MISD Dismisses at 2 p.m. SH JV/B, VG/B vs. Era, there, 4 p.m. Muenster VG/B vs. Gold-Burg, here, 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, December 20</p> <p>MISD Teacher Work Day Muenster VG vs. Italy at Reunion Arena, TBA Muenster VB vs. Callisburg at Reunion Arena, TBA</p>
<p>Sunday, December 21</p> <p>JELLY hayride, fun, 5:30-7 p.m. Life Teen, 7-8:30 p.m., CC, Celebrate Christmas Drawing for Pickup Truck, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Monday, December 22</p> <p>Muenster FHA Caroling, Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 23</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 24</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Thursday, December 25</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Friday, December 26</p>	<p>Saturday, December 27</p>


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Cong. Hall notes budgetary reform

As the Congress adjourned recently, Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX) predicted that the first session of the 105th Congress would be remembered for its success in passing balanced budget, tax relief and tax reform legislation that will benefit every American.

"We passed a balanced budget for the first time in 30 years, a bill that also included some long overdue tax relief for American citizens," Hall said. "This was a bipartisan, historic achievement -- and one that will set our nation on a sound fiscal course as we approach the 21st century."

"These are bills that I've supported since I was first elected to Congress," Hall

added. "Year after year we gradually built support for these issues, and I'm gratified that our hard work paid off this year."

The tax cut provisions include a \$500-per-child tax credit, a reduction in the capital gains tax rate, doubling the amount that homeowners can earn from the sale of a home, increasing the estate tax exemption, creation of new IRA accounts, and tax relief for small businesses.

The House also passed legislation on November 5 to reform the Internal Revenue Service code and strengthen taxpayer rights. The Senate will act on this legislation early next year, and the President has indicated he would sign it. "I believe that many IRS Federal employees will welcome this legislation for they, too, are often embarrassed by unauthorized and aggressive tactics of the few," Hall said.

This reform package shifts the burden of proof from the taxpayer to the IRS and provides relief for taxpayers in IRS disputes. "I ran on this platform in 1980, when I first came to Congress," Hall said. "This bill sets the stage for more comprehensive tax reforms. Next year we'll see more discussion about replacing the IRS code with an alternative tax, such as a flat tax or national sales tax -- either of which I support."



MONEY TALK

BY DENNIS HESS

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Of course, it would be very difficult and costly to invest in all 500 companies that make up the S&P500. However, you can invest in mutual funds designed to perform like the S&P500, as well as funds designed to outperform the S&P500. Many funds will accept as little as \$1,000.00 to open an account.

You need to keep in mind that mutual funds are not insured by the FDIC and the value of your investment can fluctuate. Past performance is not a reflection of future performance. But, if you would like income and growth of principal, you may want to consider putting some of your savings in a conservative mutual fund. They have been very good investments in the past.

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Gainesville Factory Shops takes the bull out of shopping

Taking the bull by the horns so to speak, Gainesville Factory Shops is launching a new advertising campaign to reinforce the outlet shopping center's greatest assets: top brand names for less without the hassles of traffic and harrowing crowds.

The manufacturer's outlet shopping center is conveniently located in Gainesville, Texas on Interstate 35 just one hour from the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and five minutes from South Central Oklahoma. The center's rural setting provides the ideal focus for Gainesville Factory Shops' new marketing campaign that emphasizes a fun, tongue-in-cheek message to "escape the herd."

"We are basically offering shoppers a better option for finding brand names for less without the stress of big city shopping," says Terry Willey, General Manager of Gainesville Factory Shops. "Shoppers who come here will find much deeper selection and everyday outlet prices on brand names versus the periodic sales offered by full-price retailers. Plus, Gainesville itself offers a great outing for families with its downtown antiques district, historic homes, and the Frank Buck Zoo."

The new advertising campaign, developed by Producers Playhouse of Oklahoma City, utilizes the slogan "Get Branded" and features the area's geography (cow pastures) and its occupants as official spokes "cows". A series of clever taglines such as "Free Range Shopping" and "Save 'til the cows come home" are featured in ongoing advertisements through print, electronic, and outdoor media.

In order to launch an extensive mass media campaign, Gainesville Factory Shops has entered into a unique agreement with the city of Gainesville to provide a \$200,000 annual contribution to the advertising budget. This

amount is matched with an equal contribution from the shopping center's owners, Prime Retail.

According to Willey, this partnership with the city of Gainesville is "unique for a traditional shopping center. But because Gainesville Factory Shops is the city's largest employer and sales tax generator, this contribution is viewed by the city as an investment in Gainesville's future economic growth."

Gainesville Factory Shops, owned and managed by Prime Retail, was built in 1993 and expanded in 1994. The center features over 85 outlet stores and restaurants including name retailers such as Ann Taylor Loft, American Eagle, Brooks Brothers, Guess?, and Reebok. The shopping center also offers a food court as well as shopper amenities at its Customer Service Center. Also recently opened are 25 full hookup R.V. sites for the serious overnight shopper.

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Housing agency to hold free workshop Dec. 17 in Sherman

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and the Texoma Council of Governments are co-sponsoring a free workshop in Northeast Texas to provide information on state-sponsored affordable housing programs. The workshop will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17 in the Eisenhower Rooms of the Sher-Den Mall in Sherman.

All local government officials, nonprofit organizations, developers, builders, and financial institutions are invited to attend. The workshop will provide in-depth information on the Department's housing programs, including program guidelines, funding qualifications and application procedures. Programs to be discussed include the First Time Homebuyer Program, the Down Payment Assistance Program, the Housing Trust Fund, the Home Investment Partnerships Program, the Housing Resource Center, the Community Development Block Grant and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

To register for the workshop, please contact Tim Almquist, TDHCA Single Family Programs, at 512/475-3356.

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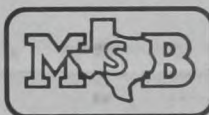


MSB President Henry Weinzapfel, Edna and Herb Knabe pause while touring Knabe Tire & Radiator's new home.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Recently, the Sacred Heart Preschool Parents decided to make an effort to add a little "cheer" to the Preschool Building. We added flowers, a Winnie The Pooh Banner, and a Scarecrow. The children were so excited and proud of the parents' efforts.

For a short while, the Winnie The Pooh Banner that hung by the front door greeted our children, adding a warmth and charm to each child that entered. A couple of weeks ago, however, our Pooh flag disappeared, leaving a sadness among the children, teachers, and the parents.

Most recently our scarecrow has also fallen victim to vandalism. We are a little apprehensive about replacing our banner, which has been donated to celebrate the life of a special child. Are we just "setting the children up" for another disappointment?

After careful consideration, we decided to try again to beautify the building for the precious children that bless our lives each day. We are asking the good people of Muenster to assist in our efforts and keep a watchful eye on our building and the community of Muenster. Let people know that pranks and thievery are not acceptable or tolerated especially when it involves young children. Please do your part as a citizen of our community to show our children that you care, by reporting any suspicious people or actions that you may have witnessed in the past or may witness in the future, so we can continue to try to make our town a better place for our children.

May God bless your efforts.
Amy Haverkamp
President, Sacred Heart
Preschool Parent Group
Box 588
Muenster, TX 76252

Dear Editor:

The Booker T. Washington building became the Cooke County Child Development Center and served in that capacity as our special education headquarters where all units of special education for all school districts in Cooke County were held except Gainesville ISD. It was so used until the Joe Walters Workshop moved to its present location.

The fact that I hauled the school lunchroom commodities for this center as well as for all schools of Cooke County, and was County School Superintendent and was involved in establishing units housed in that location caused Mr. Joe Walters to put me on his board where I served until the management went to MHMR out of Texoma Council of Government at Sherman.

Stolen Bragg's description of the building in his letter to the Editor in the 12-2-97 Gainesville Register was accurate as the building was completely vandalized and it took a period of time for the Black Community and for the Gainesville School Administration at that time to realize what an asset we had made out of an eye sore.

E.F. "Kit" Carson
Valley View, TX

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

In the last ten days I have received at least two letters, asking me to sign and return petitions to our two U.S. Senators, from our State of Texas, requesting them to use their vote and influence to stop a cut in the annual "Cost of Living Adjustment" (C.O.L.A.).

The C.O.L.A. adds a small amount to the income of all retirees that draw Social Security (S.S.) or are pensioned from the military and other tax paid entities.

In the past, the size of the C.O.L.A. has been determined by monitoring the Consumer Price Index (C.P.I.) and in the last several years has been under 3% and considered to be the rate of inflation.

Since 1985, the Senate Finance Committee has been considering changes in the C.P.I., feeling that it overstated the rate of inflation and they named a "commission" headed by an economist named Boskin, to study the matter.

The commission recommended that the Senate

Finance Committee change the way the C.P.I. was calculated. The new calculation would reduce the C.O.L.A. to approximately 2%, about a one third reduction.

Each person must make up their own mind about how they feel about this, but for one, I think its necessary.

I can't help thinking how much is deducted from the paycheck of wage earners and self-employed people, who are paying the taxes that finance the entire program.

Are we retirees going to demand more, and let the younger generations foot the entire bill? Many of us will no longer be here to worry about it.

The people who continually demand more should stop and think! Are we going to kill the goose that lays the golden egg? It is already a very sick goose.

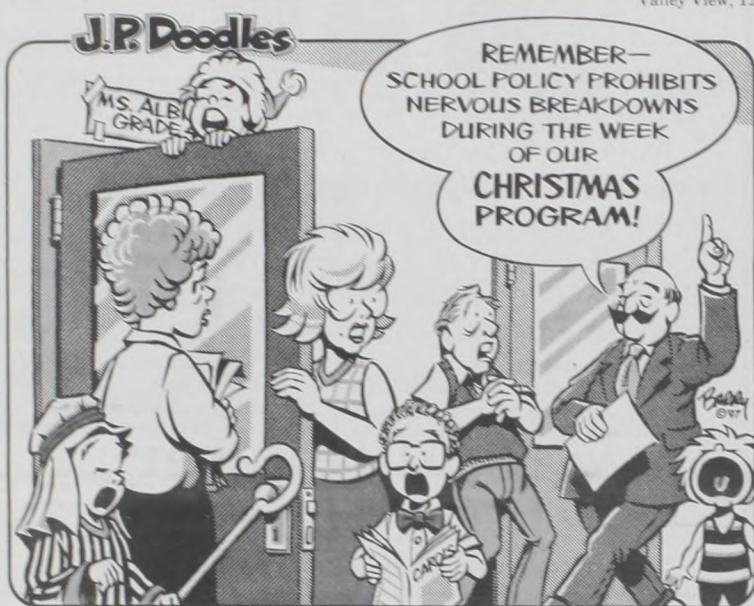
A reduced C.O.L.A. is still a raise and when multiplied by near 40,000,000, will cost taxpayers several billion dollars more.

Endangered?

Lists of possible endangered or threatened animals and plants have been issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There are 207 species considered as candidates for possible addition to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants and 99 for which proposed rules to the list have been published. Those listed for Texas are the swift fox, mountain plover, Cagle's map turtle, Pecos pupfish, Devils River minnow, Arkansas river shiner, Pecos assinine snail, Koster's Diamond Spring snail, Gonsales spring snail, Comal Springs riffle beetle, Comal Springs drosophila, Peck's cave spider, Peck's cave amphipod, tal paintbrush, Guadalupe fescue puzzle sunflower, Neches River rose mallow, Texas goldgladecress, Zapata bladderpod, Bushy whitlow-worm, an Shinner's tickle-tongue. Texas species removed from the list are the Gulf coast hog-nose skunk, cactus ferruginous pygmy owl and the Bartoo Springs salamander.

Green Tips

Fact: Even small water leaks can significantly increase your water or energy bill. **Tip:** Check for leaks by turning off all sources of water, checking your meter and seeing if there is a change in 15 minutes. Food coloring in your toilet tank will show leakage into your toilet bowl in about 30 minutes.



CAPITOL COMMENT



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



WHAT TO DO WITH A BUDGET SURPLUS

An overwhelming 76 percent of Texans believe that, if Congress' efforts to be fiscally responsible result in a future budget surplus, the amount which accrues should go directly to reducing the national debt.

My questionnaire, which your newspaper was kind enough to publish last August, asked Texans to ponder whether Congress should use any surplus to reduce the national debt, or to provide Americans with additional tax relief. The results were unmistakable. Texans want their country to get out of the red as soon as possible.

Here's what some of you had to say on this sore subject:

From Nacogdoches: "For Pete's sake, reduce the debt! We've been running this bill up for 20 years now."

From Garland: "Only after we pay down the debt should we reduce taxes."

From Cleburne: "We have to pay off the debt, the sooner, the better. The interest is accumulating and eating us up. Soon our taxes won't go for anything but debt service. Our country will collapse under the weight of this obligation if we don't start immediately."

From Freeport: "We need to apply ANY surplus we get to reducing the national debt. Only then can we,

eventually, have a real balanced budget within which the government must work."

From College Station: "Any tax reduction before we've paid off our debt would be deceitful. You can mislead the people into believing there is fiscal responsibility while maintaining an enormous debt."

From Texas City: "Surplus funds should always be used to reduce the debt...our national debt is increasing faster than the budget deficit is decreasing."

From Fallunas: "Keep the surplus and pay off the national debt. Once it is gone from our pockets, we make do somehow."

From Dalhart: "Until we have made real progress toward reducing the national debt, we cannot claim that the era of Big Government is over."

But some of you had a different point of view and offered various ideas for using a budget surplus.

From Kingwood: "It is remarkable that we are near balancing the budget. I say we divide the savings, putting 50 percent toward debt reduction and 50 percent toward tax reduction."

From Groves: "I think taxpayers are entitled to some of both."

From Decatur: "Americans need more tax relief first—THEN—pay down the national debt."

From Denton: "If we have a surplus, we should take some of the money and use it to reform Social Security and Medicare."

From Pharr: "I think we, the American people, ought to be the beneficiaries of any budget surplus. We paid it—we should be able to enjoy the boom times."

From Orange: "I don't think you should delay too long in giving people some tax relief. No one will believe they're going to get a break eventually, if they have to wait until the entire debt is paid off before you deliver."

The Texans who responded to my questionnaire seem to realize what is at stake here. The United States is now \$5.4 trillion in debt. That's \$20,000 owed by every man, woman and child in the country. Common sense tells us that the sooner we whittle this down, the better. 12.5.97

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An American Hero

By Edwin Feulner

In 1948, Americans rushed home from work each night to hear the latest radio report on the ongoing trial of communist spy Alger Hiss.

As Americans tuned in, a previously little-known U.S. senator from California, Richard Nixon, worked his way into the national consciousness with his relentless investigation into allegations that Hiss, a State Department official, had spied for the Soviet Union.

Nixon's case depended on the veracity of one man, a senior editor at Time magazine named Whittaker Chambers, a squat, dumpy figure who looked like the spy he accused the handsome Hiss of being. Chambers' claim was that he himself had been a member of the communist underground in the United States—a network of American spies recruited by the Soviet Union to collect useful information for Moscow—and had worked closely with Hiss as a spy. Chambers told his government interrogators that he later had a change of heart and turned away from communism, but that Hiss had not.

It took two trials, but eventually Chambers' charges were validated. The distinguished, all-American-boy Hiss was convicted of perjury and sent to prison. Nixon became a household name. But Chambers, although he went on to publish "Witness," an account of the Hiss trial that is probably the greatest book ever written about what was at stake in the Cold War, lived the rest of his life in relative obscurity and, for some, infamy.

The liberal elite in America was scandalized that one of its own had been caught with his hand in the till for the Soviets. Liberals demonized Chambers and, in effect, "blacklisted" him so he was unable to get work in his profession. For decades they maintained Hiss had been framed. Two network TV news anchors said as much when Hiss died last year.

Yet, Soviet documents uncovered since the fall of the Soviet Union and a wealth of other evidence proved Chambers was telling the truth. Liberal writers have set out to document that Chambers was a liar, only to admit he was right. And a liar doesn't write an account like "Witness," which is so movingly written it is considered one of the greatest documents of the 20th century. Nevertheless, Chambers was never given the credit he deserved. Beseated by heart problems, he died in the summer of 1961.

Now, thanks to a recently released book, it is possible to understand better the ordeal of this great American. "Notes from the Underground: the Whittaker Chambers—Ralph de Toledano Letters" (1997, Washington, D.C., Regnery Publishing), is a collection of letters Chambers wrote to de Toledano, a former Newsweek magazine editor and the author of the 1950 best-selling book about the Hiss trial, "Seeds of Treason."

In the new book, Chambers is revealed as one of the few who understood what the Cold War was really about. He knew it wasn't just a battle over political systems, but over spiritual truth. Because he understood this, he was willing to accept the abuse he endured during and after the trial. He knew the spirit of the West was divided against itself, between freedom and communism (or some variant of it), and that it couldn't help but lash out at those who tried to save it. Just as an injured man might try to stop a doctor from amputating a gangrenous limb, so America's cultural and intellectual elites turned on Chambers because he, in his own words, "exposed the reeking body of our time."

America could have lost the Cold War. It was examples such as Chambers' that gave men like William F. Buckley, Ronald Reagan and other "Cold Warriors" the strength they needed to stand for what was right despite unforgiving opposition from both the Soviet Union and others right here in our own country.

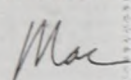
In a world starved for heroes, Chambers is one, as de Toledano so movingly reminds us.

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ISSUE UPDATE

with Mac Thornberry



Showdown with Iraq Reminds Us of Need to Reduce Dependence on Foreign Oil

With the whole world watching what happens in Iraq, the importance of reducing our dependence on foreign oil cannot be stressed enough.

As it stands now, our Nation imports more than half the oil we use every day. This translates into nearly nine million barrels of oil every day, and is more than two million barrels more than we imported in 1981.

Earlier this year, I introduced legislation that would help increase how much oil and gas we produce here at home. Called *The Inactive Well Recovery Act*, the bill would give oil and gas producers a federal income tax exemption for bringing inactive wells back on line. In addition to helping our economy, the bill would also cut down on the amount of oil we import from abroad.

produce here at home is one less barrel we have to buy overseas. It's also one less barrel we have to defend.

We've got to be prepared to hit Saddam Hussein and his troops hard. This means responding with force if he shoots at our planes, and making sure he doesn't terrorize the world with weapons of mass destruction. In the longer term, it also means taking steps to boost our production of oil and gas so we're less dependent on oil from the Middle East.

Energy independence is a critical part of our national security. It's also a part that's missing. *The Inactive Well Recovery Act* won't solve all of our problems in this area, but it can help cut down on the amount of oil we get from overseas.

In the process, it can also help take away at least some of the leverage Saddam Hussein has over the rest of the world.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515.

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Lifestyle

Ed and Louise Knauf observe golden wedding

by Elfreda Fette

Surrounded by children and their spouses, grandchildren, relatives, friends and neighbors, Ed and Louise Knauf began the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, Nov. 30, 1997. Father Thomas Craig was celebrant of the anniversary Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 10:30 a.m.

Ed Knauf is a son of the late John and Mary Knauf. Louise is a daughter of the late Hubert and Marie Felderhoff. They were married on Nov. 25, 1947 in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, with the bride's uncle, Most Rev. Augustine Dangelmayr, Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas officiating the Nuptial Mass and double ring rites at 9:30 a.m. Anthony Luke, organist played muted organ music during Mass and ceremony. At Offertory Leo Becker, Vincent Becker and Leonard Hartman sang "Ave Maria."

The bride wore an ivory brocaded satin wedding gown designed with sweetheart neckline, long sleeves coming to petal points over her hands, fitted bodice, voluminous bell-shaped skirt with double pannier puffs. Her fingertip illusion veil was held by a wreath of lilies of the valley and orange blossoms. She wore a single strand of pearls, gift

from the groom, and carried a white prayer book topped with a white orchid and showered with white sweet peas tied into white satin streamers.

Mrs. Joe Knauf, sister-in-law of the groom was matron of honor, wearing a pink taffeta gown and carrying a nosegay of pink carnations.

Norbert Felderhoff, bride's brother was best man.

After Mass, breakfast was served in the home of the bride's parents. An informal afternoon reception was followed by a 5:00 p.m. buffet supper, and a dance in the evening.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knauf includes three children and their spouses Janie and Buster Wilkes of Round Rock, Texas, Bob and Michele Knauf of Muenster and Don and René Knauf of Lindsay; and eight grandchildren, Andy, Nick and Matt Wilkes, Tanya and Kristen Knauf, and Genevieve, Diane and Greg Knauf.

The 50th anniversary Mass on Sunday, November 30 included a special liturgy in which children and grandchildren participated.

Readings from the Old Testament and New Testament were given by Andrew Wilkes, a grandson and Tanya Knauf, a granddaughter. Offertory petitions were read by Kristen

Knauf, a granddaughter. Offertory gifts were presented by Nick and Matt Wilkes, grandsons who also included a bouquet of milo, oats and wheat, signifying Ed Knauf's lifelong occupation, agriculture; and a bouquet of mums from Louise's flower beds.

Sacred music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, Anne Poole, Jack and Jenny White. Selections were: "Ave Maria" - Jack White as the prelude; "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" for the entrance; "Christ Be Our Light" for the Offertory; "Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming" and "O Come Divine Messiah," both Communion songs, and "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" for the recessional - a special request since it is a family favorite for several generations.

After Mass, dinner was served in the KC Hall for family and relatives, followed by an Open House reception from 2:00 until 4:00.

The party, hosted by children and grandchildren, included a decorated anniversary cake baked by Della Rose Voth, sister of the golden anniversary bride, and served by nieces Mary Ann Friddell and Sharon Luke. Following dinner, Buster Wilkes, son-in-law presented a toast of love, appreciation and good wishes. He recalled that Ed won the 1969 Soil Conservation Award, and still enjoys helping out when needed. Louise has her garden and flowers, and enjoys family and friends. Both are active in their church and community. They are members of Sacred Heart Church, attended Sacred Heart Schools and Louise graduated from Ursuline Academy.

Relatives and friends attending the anniversary celebration came from Round Rock, Waco, Carrollton, San Marcos, Wichita Falls, College Station, Gainesville, Lindsay and Muenster.



Ed and Louise (Felderhoff) Knauf ... on their wedding day, Nov. 25, 1947 ...

Baptisms

Hacker

Devon Russell Hacker was baptized on Sunday, Nov. 9, 1997 in Sacred Heart Church by Father Tom Craig. Devon is the son of LeAnn Klement and Jimmy Hacker. His baptismal sponsors are his Aunt Lori Klement and Uncle James Klement. Devon wore a white three piece outfit, which was his Uncle James' baptismal outfit, and was wrapped in a green crocheted blanket that belongs to his Aunt Lori. He also wore a cross necklace from his Aunt Lori, a gold ring from his great-grandparents Anna and Richard Herr, and an I Love Jesus pin from his grandparents Lynda and Jim Hacker.

Family attending the ceremony were grandparents Steve and Dianna Klement and Jim and Lynda Hacker; great-grandparents, Richard and Anna Herr, Sis and Tony Klement, and Joyce Rigler; aunts and uncle Sherry and Philip Reiter, and Joyce Hacker. Also attending were

Fray, Nancy, Tara, Brad and Mark Webster, and Jeff Walterscheid.

Everyone was invited to Steve and Dianna Klement's house for lunch and to eat cake. Becky Fette later came to celebrate. Unable to attend were great-grandmother Anna Margaret Temple, and Great-grandfather Lewis Rigler.



Devon Russell Hacker

Mu Epsilon Chapter celebrates Christmas

Mu Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the Wooden Spoon in Lindsay. Twenty-one members attended the dinner and fashion show.

The evening opened with a devotional by Stephanie Stogdill. Members then joined in singing Christmas Carols. Dinner and socialization followed.

After dinner a fashion show, "Dress for Success" was presented by The Dress Barn. Ideas were presented for combining items in a wardrobe to give more versatility. Suite coats and blazers were dressed up and down with skirts, pants, and jeans. Christmas colors and the latest fall and winter fashions were presented.

Members were then each given a Christmas gift. Each member brought a gift to the party which carried out the theme "A, B, C's". As program chairman, Patsy Wilson read a Christmas story, members

passed their gift to a neighbor. The key words were shoe and sock. On a cue each member passed her gift left or right as instructed. At the end of the story, each member opened the gift she had in front of her. Each member then told how the gift she received related to the theme.

Mu Epsilon's next meeting will be Jan. 6 at 4 p.m. in the NCTC Library Seminar Room. This will be an executive board meeting.

Betsy Fleitman is club reporter.

Notice

GMH Blood Drive

The Texoma Regional Blood Center mobile will be conducting a blood drive at Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Friday, Dec. 19, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information call 612-8301.

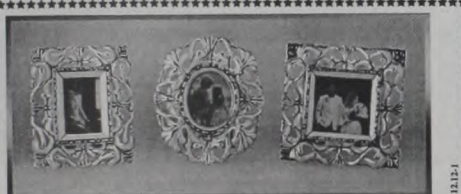
Ground meat color no longer useful as safety check

Grandma's secret recipe meat loaf has been in the oven for an hour and a half, at 300 degrees Fahrenheit. Garlic, onion and tomato waft through the kitchen. Mmm, looks done. It should be ready for the table - but is it safe enough to eat?

Maybe not. The United States Department of Agriculture recently announced that color is no longer a factor when determining if ground meats have been cooked long enough to be eaten safely.

New evidence shows that harmful bacteria like E.coli can

remain active in ground meat - even after it appears to be well done. At other times, meat may prematurely brown. Hamburger, and all other ground meats like venison, chicken and turkey, must reach a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit in order to be safe. The USDA recommends that a meat thermometer be used to ensure proper temperature. While using a thermometer may be fine for adults, he said, parents should continue to teach their children to not eat ground meat that shows pink.



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YEARS AGO ...

50 YEARS AGO

October 3, 1947
Football field now has 36,000 warts to light up games, but turf is still absent. No rain during the summer prevented grass from growing. New "Mosaics" Staff at SHHS begins its second year directed by Sister Patricia OSB. Staff includes Evelyn Vogel, Monte Hellman and Doris Lee Hellman. Wedding: Eugenia Luke and C.J. Rucker are married in St. Alice Catholic Church of Fort Worth.

State Theater in Gainesville features miniature oil derrick built to scale by Tony Rohmer, during a six month period, powered with an electric motor, with the tiny drill visible in a cut-away section under the derrick, operating similar to a full-sized rotary rig.

30 YEARS AGO

October 6, 1967
Ed Pels dies at age 54 after illness of several months. Muenster Public School Homecoming October 6 will feature football game with Alford. Proposed adult classes at Muenster Public School await sufficient enrollment for approval of course. Subjects available are reading, writing, math and English. Muenster City Council votes to spend about \$80,000 in sewer improvements. Wedding: Sandra Kay Wolf and Donald Hennigan are married in Sacred Heart Church. New Arrivals: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hank Walterscheid; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hennigan; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hughes; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleitman. Silver anniversary party honors Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Schniederjan.

October 9, 1987
4-H Achievement Banquet honors 4-H winners county-wide, and Gold Star Boy Wayne Becker of Muenster and Donna Lutkenhaus Gold Star Girl of Lindsay named for highest achievement. City purchases basic fire truck chassis, through Endres Motor Co., at a savings of \$1400 under previous estimates. Walmart Store opens in Gainesville - three department managers are local - Ida Bindel, Brenda Walterscheid and Mary Ann Arendt. Obituary: Mrs. J.D. Hanna (Bonnie) dies in Marietta. New Arrivals: Jenna Lynn Felderhoff to Billy and Kathy Felderhoff; David Anthony Walterscheid to T.J. and Jeannene Walterscheid.

October 10, 1947
Agnes Felderhoff, 16, dies after nine month illness. Community gets 1.55 inch rain. Special attraction in front of building on the square in Saint Jo.

October 16, 1987
Wendell Black is presented Good Neighbor Award by Knights of Columbus. Muenster Memorial Hospital offers Mammography as newest service in breast cancer detection. Home Hospice, a medically-directed, nurse coordinated program for patients terminally ill, will be offered in Cooke County. Obituary: Mary E. Mosman dies in Gainesville at age 93. Wedding: Alice Fuhrmann and Charles Schumacher are married in St. Peter's Church. Silver wedding anniversary party honors Bill and Charlotte Dangelmayr. New Arrival: Patrick William Lutkenhaus to Leo and Peggy Lutkenhaus.



Laura Ann Lutkenhaus of Lindsay and Jimmy Don Fisher of Muenster have chosen Jan. 17, 1998 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Walter and Kathleen Lutkenhaus. Parents of the future-groom are Nancy Price and Donald and Ina Faye Fisher of Muenster. The wedding will be held in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay at 5 p.m., officiated by Father Eugene Luke, OSB. Attendants will be Donna Neu, bride's sister, maid of honor, and Kaylee Price, groom's sister, and Mary Kubicek, bride's cousin, bridesmaids. Coy Fisher, groom's cousin, as best man, and George Lutkenhaus, bride's brother, and Jay Reed, groom's friend, as groomsmen. The bride-elect attended Lindsay ISD, North Central Texas College and graduated from Texas Woman's University School of Occupational Therapy. The future-groom is a graduate of Muenster High School. The couple will reside in the Sherman area.

Spaghetti dinner considered by Cooke County 4-H Council

Nine members and four adults of the Cooke County 4-H Council met at the Cooke County Library on Nov. 25. Plans were made to have a spaghetti dinner to raise money for 4-H activities. The tentative day and place is March 29 at the Fairgrounds. Reports were presented on past activities including Agent Tammy Lively's on the District 4-H Council meeting and the 4-H Bake Sale, Rachel Lively on the Country Fair on the Square, Philip Fleitman on the Achievement Banquet; Mark Lutkenhaus on National 4-H Week activities and the Halloween Social; Carolyn Lutkenhaus on the District Gold Star Banquet; Lisa

Mosman on the Food Enrichment project and the District Consumer contest. Tommy Schad discussed the hay judging project.

Future events are the Share the Fun on Feb. 7 and the Livestock Shows in February and March. Discussion on the by-laws was tabled until the next meeting.

Mark Lutkenhaus presided during the meeting. Russe Fleitman let the Pledge of Allegiance and Tommy Schad led the 4-H motto and pledge. Roll was called by Lisa Mosman. She also read minutes of the last meeting. Lucy Sills led the 4-H prayer. Kevin Lutkenhaus is the club reporter.

Saint Jo Opry plans Dec. 13 show

Sponsors of the Saint Jo Opry are pleased to announce their 11th anniversary and Christmas show which will be held Saturday night, December 13, in the School Auditorium, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Opry began 11 years ago with performances held in the Chamber of Commerce

All those who enjoy live performances and variety are invited to come out for an evening of fun. A \$2.00 admission is charged, with children 12 and under admitted free, along with Nursing Home residents. Concessions will be available.

New Arrivals

Hess
Ryan and Tina Hess of Muenster announce with joy the birth of their second son, Dalton Lane Hess on Nov. 24, 1997 at 2:04 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 3 1/2 oz. He joins a brother, Trevor Jon Hess at home. Grandparents are Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling, and Jerry and Monica Hess. Great-grandparents are Charlie Wimmer, Frank and Caroline Schilling, Gary and Caroline Hess and Herbie and Marie Herr.

length. Grandparents are Stephen and Lucille Jeffries of Gainesville; great-grandmother Alice Jeffries of Bowie; great-grandparents Charles and Marcy Switzer of Muenster.

Jeffries
Melissa Diane Jeffries announces the birth of a daughter, Devon Rae Jeffries in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Nov. 25, 1997 at 3:23 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 5 oz. and measuring 19 inches in

Luke
Ben and Annette Luke of Denton announce with pride and joy the birth of Westor Henzler Luke, their second son. He was born in Denton Community Hospital on Nov. 24, 1997 at 3:26 p.m., weighing 9 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. He joins a brother, Christian, age two years. Their grandparents are John and Linda Carroll of Grand Prairie and the late Dan and Dolores (Henzler) Luke of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Carl and Ruth Cole of Irving.

Luttmer
Gene and Carol Luttmer of Muenster are the proud parents of a daughter, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Nov. 26, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 3.7 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. They have named her Abby Rose Luttmer. Grandparents are Alfons and Mary Ann Koessler of Muenster and Gertie Luttmer of Muenster and the late Ferd Luttmer.

Price
Robin Eugene and Tonye Marie Price of Gainesville are parents of a son, Ryan Dillor Price, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Nov. 28, 1997 at 7:44 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 3 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Brenda Petty of Gainesville, Travis Latham of Dallas, Richard Middleton of Pioneer Valley and Robert and Patricia Dumas of Gainesville.

West
Mark and Candy West of Sanger are parents of a son, Mark Jordan Isaias West, born on Dec. 2, 1997 at 11:04 a.m., weighing 5 lb. 11 oz. and measuring 19 inches long, in Muenster Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Isaias and Melba Perez of Saint Jo, and David and Jane West of Saint Jo. Great-grandparents are Maria and Trinidad Perez of Denton, and Juanita and Benjamin Graham of Denton.

Walker
Mike and Angela Walker of Gainesville announce a daughter, Bianca Mercedes Walker, born on Nov. 25, 1997 at 7:48 p.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 lb. and measuring 17 3/4 inches long. She joins a sister, Brittani Michelle Walker, age eleven months. Grandparents are Lupe and Martin Galaviz of Gainesville, Kathi Lobaugh of Gainesville and Mike Walker Sr. of New Mexico.

Royal
Beverly and Malcolm Royal of Gainesville are parents of a son, Bryce Armond Royal, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Nov. 26, 1997 at 7:44 a.m., weighing 6 lb. and measuring 18 1/2 inches long. He joins two sisters, Amanda, age 6 and Brittany, age 1. Grandparents are Tollie and Debra Royal and Ronnie and Marie Skinner all of Gainesville.

Saint Jo has 11th tour of homes

The Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce will present its eleventh Tour of Homes in Saint Jo on December 14 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Tour will start on the Square from the Stone Wall Saloon which is the

Museum. Next the Tour will go to the home restored by Hubert and Lea Young at 301 West Howell Street.

The third house on the tour is a lovely two story home owned by Craig and Dana McCrary. The fourth house is located at 208 South Main Street. The final house is located at 300 South Main Street. Refreshments will be served from this house as well as door prizes given. Tickets are \$5.00.

Schedule of Meetings

The Cooke County Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Muenster Memorial Hospital Conference Room. Speaker will be Dolly Patel, on "How Diabetes Affects Family Members." All interested persons are welcome. For more information call Joan Walterscheid, 759-2271. Special attention is called to the time.

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Grant Simpson



Shelby Simpson

Park party marks three Simpson birthdays Nov. 22

Shelby, Grant and Jenny Simpson celebrated their birthdays together in a big three in one party. Grant turned one on Oct. 29. Jenny was seven on Nov. 14 and Shelby was four on Nov. 19. Their parents are Brenda and Steve Simpson.

The party was held at Central Park in Lewisville on Nov. 22. There was a big, purple dinosaur "moon bouncer". The children played and jumped in for hours. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and cake were served.

Jenny and her sister, Amanda, were visiting from Arkansas. Relatives from Muenster came, including grandparents Vince and Trudy Felderhoff, Jamie, Michelle and Meredith Hennigan; Carol and Kimberly Klement. Also attending were Jack and Debbie Brittain, Dyan, Greg, and Bradley Fisher and Ashlyn Rivers, all of Krum; Angela, Don, Mollianne and Tyler Norton from Arlington; friends and schoolmates from Lewisville all joined in the fun.

Eight confirmed

Eight young adults from St. John's Catholic Church in Valley View received the sacrament of Confirmation November 16 during a special liturgy.

Most Rev. Joseph P. Delaney, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, was celebrant and conferred the sacrament assisted by St. John's Pastor Rev. Harry Fisher.

The candidates processed into the church to the entrance hymn, "We Celebrate This Festive Day." Confirmation candidates participated in the liturgy with Kim Kupper presenting the First Reading and Thomas Ford the Second Reading. Krista Broadbent and Zachary Zielinski presented the Offertory petitions. Michelle Serna, John Canterbury, Jason Hacker and

Joey Prescher presented the gifts.

Following the renewal of Baptismal promises and the homily, sponsors presented each candidate to Bishop Delaney for the laying of the hands and anointing ceremony.

Altar servers were Daniel Ford, Jarad Bayer and Tommy Schad. Eucharistic ministers were Margie Hilliard and Jennifer Kupper. Organist was Kay Neu and usher was John Kubick.

The Confirmation candidates received this third sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church following two years of study and preparation. Their instructor was Elaine Schaad, St. John's Director of Religious Education.

A reception for the candidates and their guests followed in the St. John's Parish Hall.

Kelsey and Derek are 5!

Kelsey and Derek Pagel, twins of Renate and Jake Pagel, celebrated their fifth birthday on November 7.

On November 6 they had their "celebration of Life" at Sacred Heart Preschool. They shared cookies with classmates, teachers, guests including their parents, sister Miranda, brother Collin, and grandmother Tommie Sue Hess.

Their birthday party was held November 8 at The Center Restaurant. Kelsey's cake was a rosebud Barbie, while Star

Wars was Derek's choice. Both were baked and decorated by their mother.

Friends and family who joined the celebration included their parents, brother and sister; grandparents Pat and Tommie Sue Hess; Stuart Hess; Glenda Russell; Denise and Nicole Pagel; Lisa and Garrett Miller; Sharlene, Shannon, and Dianah Hartman; Marlene, Lacy, and Kelly Endres; Lisa Pagel; Jill Reiter and Dustin Wimmer; and Ryan and Garrett Hennigan.



Derek and Kelsey Pagel

Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

Graveside services for Mrs. Lola (Christian) Webb, 91, of Dallas were held Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1997 in the Rosston Cemetery, at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Webb had been seriously ill for several months. She passed away Monday, Dec. 1, 1997. She is survived by one daughter Mrs. Kay Stickland, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, one sister Mrs. Billie Webb, two brothers Weaver Christian of Tulsa, Oklahoma and C.H. "Tip" Christian.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson and their granddaughter Kenda Hutson went to Hobbs, New Mexico Thursday, Thanksgiving Day where they visited Mrs. Hutson's brothers and their families Ray and Diane Gaston and family, and Chris Gaston and family. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson and Kenda Hutson returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Ima King of Bowie and Mrs. Winona Russell of Whitesboro visited during the week with Miss Lois Bewley last week. Ted Jackson, who is a patient in Muenster Memorial Hospital, has somewhat improved.

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop went to Jeff and Anne Balthrop at Forestburg for Thanksgiving supper.

Mrs. Merle Hudspeth and Mrs. Montez Nivens visited their aunt Mrs. Rosa Rice in Alvord Sunday evening and helped her celebrate her 93rd birthday.

Miss Tosha Guthrie who is a lineman in Telephone combat

for the U.S. Marines left Tuesday, Dec. 6, for duty in Japan. Tosha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Penton of Sherman, and Granddaughter of Jim and Ruth Penton.

Guests of Mrs. Gladys Balthrop have been Mrs. Syble Smith and grandson Gerty Smith of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Miss Jan Smith and David Ray Smith, Mrs. Nell Roach, Mrs. Henrie and another friend.

C.E. and Nora Jo Hudspeth visited Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Tip Christian Sunday afternoon.

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Personal

Guests of Mrs. Bruno Fleitman for Thanksgiving and the weekend were her family members, Dan and Teresa McCrimmon and Kate and Malcolm of Littleton, Colorado, Frank and Jamie Cox and Kevin and Kris of Houston, joined by John Dave and Patsy Fleitman and family, Jerry and Billie Fleitman and family all of Muenster, and Don and Sara Lester and family of Era. Kelly Cox of Boston was unable to join them on Thanksgiving, but flew in later to visit her grandmother the following Monday and Tuesday.

In the Service ...

ATAA Jeff Felderhoff, son of Mike Felderhoff of Lake Kiowa and Gary and Pam Knabe of Muenster, completed Aviation Radar Communications School on Nov. 21, at NAS Miramar, San Diego, California.

He spent six days at home, leaving on Nov. 29. From Dallas he flew to Norfolk, Virginia, The Azores, Greece, and Bahrain. From there he went by helicopter to the

Aircraft Carrier USS Nimitz (CVN-68). They will be in the Persian Gulf patrolling the No-Fly Zone until Feb. 1. Planned stops enroute home are Greece, and Naples, Italy, arriving back in Norfolk on March 1. Jeff's address for Christmas cards and letters is:

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YEARS AGO ...

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 22, 1967

The preschool program is available again at Muenster Public School for five-year-olds; an adult basic education program is available if a sufficient number of persons enroll soon - at least 15 are needed and as many as 30 can be accepted. New Arrivals: daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wimmer; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Hoeng; a daughter for Airman and Mrs. Jay Winslow; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Steve Krahl. Don Hartman is elected president of FFA; Ken Swirczynski is vice-president; David Stormer is secretary; Robin Wimmer treasurer; Bobby Bruns reporter; Lynn Joe Klement sentinel; and Dale Cash parliamentarian. Mrs. Leonard Walterscheid and five children have exciting time performing as extras in filming of a movie in Moab, Utah. Donald Vogel is member of Texas A&M Dairy Products Judging Team.

10 YEARS AGO
October 2, 1987

New officers elected for 1987-88 Muenster Kiwanis Club include Herman Carroll president; Ben Bindel vice president; Alton Ladd secretary-treasurer. Butch Fisher is retiring president. Sacred Heart High School schedules Homecoming Week, and will honor graduates of 1947, '57, '67 and '77. City sends Chamber of Commerce group to study tourism in Fredericksburg. Tile roof on Sacred Heart Church is getting a general repair and refinishing. Mother of Father Placidus Eckart dies in Arkansas at age 95. Wedding: Barbara ("Barbie") Walterscheid and Gary Don Barnhill are married in Sacred Heart Church. Darla Bindel is crowned 1987 Hornet Homecoming Queen at Muenster High School. New Arrivals: Danielle Renee Bindel to Ben and Tina Bindel; Ryan Thomas Zimmerer to Albert J. and Jackie Zimmerer.

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Christmas edition to be published Dec. 19

The Muenster Enterprise staff announces this week that its next paper, the annual Christmas edition, will be printed early, and will be available in the usual places on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18, and on rural routes on Friday, Dec. 19. The following week, a shorter edition will be mailed on Dec. 23. The Muenster Enterprise will be closed from Dec. 24 until Jan. 5, 1998, when we will re-open for regular business, adhering to the traditional practice of closing during Christmas week and through New Year's Day.

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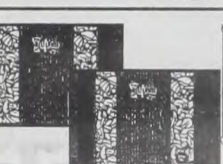
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School News

Two Lindsay High students recognized

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This recognition was made due to the extra efforts these boys have put forth in making the "fifth quarter" activities such a success this year. The fifth quarter is a social gathering of high school students that has taken place after each home football game

this season. After the football game, all high school students are urged to attend the gathering in the Lindsay High School Cafeteria, during which food and soft drinks are served, as music provided by Joey Wilson is played while the students dance and socialize.



Asad Rahman, Joey Wilson and Mayor Robert Walterscheid.

Parents and students, please note!

School will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, at MISD, to begin the Christmas holidays. This is a change in the time originally announced.

First Reconciliation held

by Barbara Rohmer

Thirty-four children from Sacred Heart parish received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in services on November 24 and December 1. Father Tom Craig presided over each service.

The theme was Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leaving the 99 and going out to find the lost sheep. Songs for the service were "God Is Rich in Mercy," "We Come to Ask Forgiveness," and "Peace is Flowing Like a River." After each child went to confession, they placed a lamb on the banner of the Good Shepherd.

Receiving the sacrament were Alyssa Allen, Sunni Bayer, John Cowden, Stephen

Davis, Christina Eckart, Emily Endres, Kara Felderhoff, Nicholas Flusche, Cleb Fuhrmann, Craig Grewin, Rebecca Grewing, Rick Grewing, Cassie Hale, Case Hamric, Heather Harrison, Nolan Hartman, Garre Hennigan.

Also Dilenna Hundt, Clay Knabe, Kristina Koesler, Javier Mabrey, Alison Miller, Corey Pumphrey, Colb Richey, Paige Rigby, Tyler Rohmer, Lauren Sepanski, Hillary Swirczynski, Alisc Teafatiller, William Vogel, Anne Walterscheid, Le Walterscheid, Andrew Yosten, and Joshua Yosten.

After each service there was a reception in the cafeteria.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF DEC. 15 - 19

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Tues. - Ham or turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, cherry delight.

Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, crackers, spice cake.

Thurs. - Pizza - pepperoni or cheese, corn, tossed salad, pear half, Jello.

Fri. - Hamburger, cheese slice, tator tots, trimmings, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chili dogs, broccoli and rice casserole, baked beans, fruit.

Tues. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, cole slaw, English peas, fruit, bread.

Wed. - Turkey and dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit cup, bread.

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

Fri. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, corn, pumpkin pie, bread.

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Mon. - Cook's choice!

Tues. - Pizza, black-eyed peas, salad, Jello.

Wed. - Stew, cole slaw, peaches, cornbread, syrup.

Thurs. - Oven-fried chicken, rice, gravy, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce.

Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

MUENSTER ISD

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

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

Wed. - Lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, fruit, bread.

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

Fri. - Choice of sandwiches, French fries, fruit, lettuce and tomatoes.

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"A" Honor Roll

Grade 1 - Susana Cervantes, Kristy Marsh.

Grade 2 - Courtney Martindale.

Grade 3 - Jeffrey McLaughlin, Brad Baugh.

Grade 7 - Brady Howell.

Grade 8 - Chris McLaughlin.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Grade 2 - Sally Baugh, Lauren Condra, Corrie Marsh, Nathan Martin.

Grade 3 - John Bowen.

Grade 4 - Eric Johnson, Tiffany Martin, Heather Moster, Brandy Marsh, Bonnie Freeman, Jarrod Richey.

Grade 5 - Haydn Vestal, Jamie Milam, Cody Condra.

Grade 6 - Jessica Halliburton, Luis Guerrero.

Grade 7 - Josh Ferguson, Jake Freeman, Edgar Guerrero, Kenna Mask, Taylor Lewis.

"Warriors"

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First & Second Grade - Susana Cervantes.

Third and Fourth Grade - Jeffrey McLaughlin, Brad Baugh.

Fifth and Sixth Grade - Jamie Milam.

Seventh and Eighth Grade - Amber Baugh.

Muenster FHA brings good cheer to Villa

The Muenster FHA began the Christmas season by visiting at St. Richard's Villa on Saturday, Nov. 29. FHA members enjoyed visiting with residents and decorating. Each resident's door was decorated festively.

The Muenster FHA would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and looks forward to caroling and bringing cookies for residents during the annual Christmas party on Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Muenster 4-H holds meeting

by Cindy Hartman

4-H Club Reporter

The Muenster 4-H meeting was held on November 11 in Sacred Heart High School. Ten members attended the meeting with Jake and Bonnie Freeman joining as new members. Five adults attended with their children.

Vice-president Dana Miller presided as president. Mark

Fleitman, Patrick Lutkenhaus, Jessica Walterscheid, and Jacqueline Flusche led the inspiration. Diana Felderhoff read roll call and the minutes. She also gave a report of Family Fun Night. We discussed the selling of Precious Moments tickets. For the program, we decorated Christmas trees for the residents of the rest home.

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Sports



Tigers, Panthers claw it out Tuesday night

Sacred Heart Ex earns college honors

by Janie Hartman

Michael Becker, a 1996 graduate of Sacred Heart High School is continuing his education as a West Texas A&M University sophomore in Canyon. He is majoring in agricultural business. But the football books weren't the only thing keeping Becker busy this fall, because Canyon, Texas is where the Buffalo roam. The WTAMU Buffalo football team is at it.

Michael Becker is a freshman team member of the Buffaloes. His position - kicker. His past season Becker kicked 10 points, making him the team's second leading scorer behind freshman of the year Dwayne Miles. Michael made 9 of 13 field goals attempted and hit 36 of 43 extra point kicks (one was blocked).

East New Mexico University. "They are our biggest rival," Becker said. "Winner of this game gets the Wagon Wheel Trophy." The traveling trophy has been in New Mexico the past three years, but now sits in West Texas' trophy case.



West Texas A&M University kicker Michael Becker boots a field goal in the Buffaloes' 31-17 victory over Tarleton State. A crowd of 9,532 fans were at the stadium for WTAMU Homecoming in October. WTAMU Courtesy Photo

"The game was tied 28-28 and we blocked their kick," recalls Becker. "In overtime, they scored first, but we blocked their extra point. When we got the ball, we scored and I kicked the winning extra point!"

Becker's high scoring game was against Adams State College where he hit two field goals and 6 extra points, for a total of 12 points.

"Everyone at West Texas (A&M University) has a real good attitude. The school has a good tradition and lots of supporters," Becker commented. "We have good coaches and everyone works together."

Becker ended the season being named the All-Lone Star Conference South Division First Team Kicker. When he wore a Sacred Heart Tiger uniform he earned All-District and All-State honors as a kicker.

Michael is the son of Werner and Linda Becker. The Beckers were able to attend several of their son's games this year.

Sacred Heart hosted Saint Jo Tuesday night, with the Tigerettes taking a 59-54 victory over the Lady Panthers. "What a great effort. The girls really played good defense and did an outstanding job on the boards," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Saint Jo got us twice earlier in the year and our girls were not going to let it happen again."

Kayla Felderhoff was the game's high point maker with 30 points. Kayla took over the 4th quarter offensively and the rest of the squad was outstanding in their offensive play. Felderhoff scored 15 points in the final period, including 11 free throws. She was 16 of 18 from the line in the game.

Other Tigerettes adding to the victory were Amanda Baldwin with 6 points; Jennifer Hess and Sarah Hess with 5 each; Joanna Gehrig and Leah Rigler 4 apiece; Crystal Klement 3, and Anne Flusche 2.

Three Lady Panthers scored in the double figures. Holly Harris led with 16 points, Kelsi Todd 14 and T.J. Cannon 10.

SH	7	18	14	20	59
SJ	12	7	17	18	54

The Tigers started slow and turnovers and "poor defense" enabled Saint Jo to jump into an early lead, at one time the Panthers had a 35-6 lead.

In the second half, the Tigers began playing their "best defensive game of the year" according to Coach John Nasche. "Hopefully we will learn from our early mistakes."

Jon Grewing and Matthew Fuhrmann were leading Tiger scorers with 19 and 14 points. Waylon Hess added 9 with Aaron Hess and Duncan Campbell each scoring two.

Ben Botello led the Panthers with 26 points. Jason Rasche and Ronnie Jeremias each added 11 points.

SH	6	9	13	18	46
SJ	25	14	12	19	70

Tigers receive All-State honors

Three Sacred Heart Tigers made the TAPPS AA All-State First Team, with three others picked for the Second Team and two receiving Honorable mention.

Tiger running back Jeff Yosten and lineman Aaron Less were named to the offensive first team while Matthew Fuhrmann made defensive back.

The Second Team nominations were linemen Waylan Hess on offense and Derek Fuhrmann and Jon Grewing on defense.

Earning honorable mention were kicker Adam Barnhill and linebacker Waylan Hess.



Earning a position on the TAPPS All-State AA Football Team are Sacred Heart Tigers, from left, back - Aaron Hess, Derek Fuhrmann, Jon Grewing, Jeff Yosten; front - Matthew Fuhrmann, Waylan Hess and Adam Barnhill. Janie Hartman Photo

Maverick, Hornet tickets on sale for Dec. 20 at Reunion Arena

Tickets for the Muenster Hornets and Lady Hornets games at Reunion Arena need to be purchased as soon as possible. A minimum is required to be sold by the participating teams, Muenster, Callisburg, and Italy.

The tickets are good for all games played that day and are \$15 each. They are a \$21 face value.

Game times are 2:15 p.m. for the Lady Hornets vs. Italy and the boys game with Callisburg will follow. Thanks for supporting the Big Red.



Fighting for the rebound in the Muenster-Lindsay game Tuesday are Kristin Grewing (32), Amanda Hellinger and Stephanie Huchton. Dave Fette Photo

Muenster, Lindsay battle ends with Muenster victories

Three Muenster Hornets hit in the double figures Tuesday night at Lindsay to lead the Big Red team to their third win of the season 64-51. The Lady Hornets were also victorious squeaking by the Lady Knights 45-42.

"We played better, much better during the spurts," commented Coach Ted Heers on the Hornets victory. "Our passing improved, but we are still very weak in blocking out. We must get used to putting a body on someone every time there is a shot."

Corey Anderle scored 23 points for Muenster. Shane Sparkman 18 and Jesse Luke 11. Aaron Klement scored 6 points, Darren Hennigan 4, and Scott Hermes 2.

Chris Garner was the high scorer for Lindsay with 24 points. Garner also pulled down 13 rebounds and took 4 steals. Steven Tepera added 8 points, Zach Fuhrmann 7 and Bryan Covington 5 for the Knights.

M	22	8	15	19	64
L	7	14	8	22	51

After a slow first quarter, the Lady Hornets outscored Lindsay 22-7 in the second period to take and hold on to the lead.

Ten Muenster girls put points on the board, led by Kelly Felderhoff with 11. Keisha Dill and Kenzie Gertzberger each scored 7, with Stephanie Huchton adding 6, Heather Hess 4, and Emily Felderhoff 3. Scoring two points each were Alison Endres, Maggie Fisher, and Kristen Grewing. Mindy Endres got a free throw.

Amanda Hellinger led the Lindsay Ladies with 10 points. Karlee and Karah O'Dell put in 8 points apiece. Sarah Eberhart added 5, Erica Fuhrmann and Amanda Tamplin 4 each and Megan Sandman 2 points for the Lady Knights.

M	7	22	9	7	45
L	13	7	16	6	42

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Muenster competes in Forestburg Tournament

The Muenster Basketball teams participated in their first tournament of the season at Forestburg last weekend. The Hornets and Lady Hornets both faced Goldberg and Valley View in the first two rounds. The Lady Hornets then went on to defeat the host team and bring home 3rd place honors.

Round One Lady Hornets 39 Gold-Burg 15

The game started slow, with both teams shooting cold. Muenster took a 16-1 half-time lead. After outscoring their opponents 23-14 the second half, the Lady Hornets moved up in the winners bracket.

Eleven Muenster girls scored with Maggie Fisher and Kenzie Gertzberger leading the team with 7 points each. Allison Endres added 6, Stephanie Huchton 4, and Mindy Endres 3. Scoring 2 points apiece were Emily Felderhoff, Keisha Dill, Kelly Felderhoff, Kim Sturm, Raegan Koessler and DeeDee Walterscheid.

"We've had trouble scoring for several games," said Coach Jeff Teague. "Including the first two rounds of the tournament."

M 9 7 14 9 39 GB 1 0 4 10 15 Hornets 59 Gold-Burg 76

In first round action, the Bears hit seven first half three pointers and never looked back as they defeated Muenster 76-59.

Turnovers plagued the Hornets as they committed a season high of 29. "We were very flat as a team and appeared tired - not a great effort," commented Ted Heers. "We can play a lot smarter and more unselfish."

Corey Anderle paced the Hornets with 19 points. Bryan Miller added 7, Shane Sparkman and Eric Walterscheid 6 points each. Jesse Luke and Darren Hennigan scored 5 points apiece with Hennigan also getting 8 rebounds and 4 assists. Aaron Klement added 4 and Kevin Johnson 2.

M 16 11 12 20 59 GB 23 17 19 17 76

Round Two Lady Hornets 43 Valley View 80

"Valley View is a strong team. They have great perimeter players as well as girls who can score inside," noted Coach Teague. "That is pretty scary considering they have two of their best players out with injuries."

In the semi-final game, Keisha Dill led Muenster on the score board with 9 points (3 3-pointers), Maggie Fisher added 8, and Kelly Felderhoff 7. Putting in 4 points apiece were Stephanie Huchton, Mindy Endres, and Allison Endres. Emily Felderhoff scored 3, with Heather Hess and Raegan Koessler each getting 2.

M 5 16 11 11 43 VV 20 24 24 14 80 Hornets 45 Valley View 47

In game two, Muenster trailed Valley View by 15 points with 5 minutes to play, rallying to tie the game 45-45 with 41 seconds left on the clock. Corey Anderle converted two buckets and Hermes the final shot, Coach Heers explained.

Jesse Luke stole the ball, but Muenster missed a lay-up. The Eagles went down and converted for a two point lead. In the final 18 seconds the Hornets had two shots to tie.

"This effort was very encouraging. We had a tremendous desire over the final quarter. Our defense improved and at times we were very unselfish," Heers noted.

Anderle scored 13 points, and got 9 rebounds. Hermes added 10, Aaron Klement 7 and 6 rebounds. Jesse Luke also scored 7, Shane Sparkman 4, Kevin Johnson 3, and Darren Hennigan 2.

M 9 13 6 17 45 VV 16 13 12 6 47

Round Three Lady Hornets 78 Forestburg 18

"We finally began hitting our shots," commented Coach Teague. "Anytime we can score over 70 points, I've got to be more pleased with our offense," Teague also noted that the defense is also getting better. Saturday's victory gave the Lady Hornets a tournament 3rd place.

Twelve Muenster girls put points on the board, led by Kelly Felderhoff with 28, Maggie Fisher added 11, and Keisha Dill 10. Also adding to the victory were Mindy Endres and Kenzie Gertzberger 5 points each; Heather Hess and Kim Sturm 4 apiece. Three pointers were made by Michelle Molsbee and Allison Endres, two each from Stephanie Huchton and Raegan Koessler and a free throw from Kristin Grewing.

M 18 21 19 20 78 F 4 6 4 4 18

Erik Walterscheid (50) blocks an attempted Lindsay shot Tuesday night. Also pictured is Muenster's Jesse Luke (12). Dave Fette Photo



Erik Walterscheid (50) blocks an attempted Lindsay shot Tuesday night. Also pictured is Muenster's Jesse Luke (12). Dave Fette Photo

Lady Knights compete in Callisburg Tourney

The Lindsay Lady Knights opened the Callisburg tournament last Thursday with a 44-33 victory over the Callisburg JV.

Amanda Hellinger led Lindsay in scoring with 13 points. Karlee O'Dell added 7, Megan Sandmann 6 and Karah O'Dell 5. Also putting points on the board were Amanda Tamplin 4, Deanna Meurer 3, and Erica Fuhrmann and Sarah Eberhart 2 each.

L 13 13 12 6 44 C 4 12 7 10 33

In Friday's game, the Lindsay Ladies fell to Howe 62-36, after Howe took a 20 point half-time lead. Karah O'Dell led Lindsay on the score board

with 12 points. Amanda Tamplin added 7, Karlee O'Dell 6, Amanda Hellinger 5, DeeAnn Fuhrmann 3, Gayle Walterscheid 2 and Deanna Meurer 1.

L 8 7 9 12 36 H 18 17 22 5 62

In the final game Saturday, the Lady Knights were outscored 66-31 by the Lady Hornets of Era. Amanda Hellinger and Amanda Tamplin led Lindsay with 9 points each. Karah O'Dell added 6 points, Karlee O'Dell 3, Sarah Eberhart 2 and a free throw each by Erica Fuhrmann and Gayle Walterscheid.

L 7 6 8 10 31 E 18 17 18 13 66

Tigerettes in Saint John's Tournament in Ennis

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes settled for third place last weekend participating in the Crusader Classic Tournament hosted by Saint John's of Ennis.

In the first round, the Tigerettes knocked off Carrollton Christian, who had a 10-1 record going into the game, 58-34.

Chrystal (Klement) had her best game of the year and Kayla (Felderhoff) really controlled the flow of the game," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Anne Flusche gave us some extra offense and Amanda Baldwin and Sarah Hess really hit the boards."

Both Klement and Felderhoff scored 16 points for Sacred Heart. Baldwin added 8, Flusche 7, Leah Rigler 5, and 3 points each by Jennifer Hess and Sarah Hess.

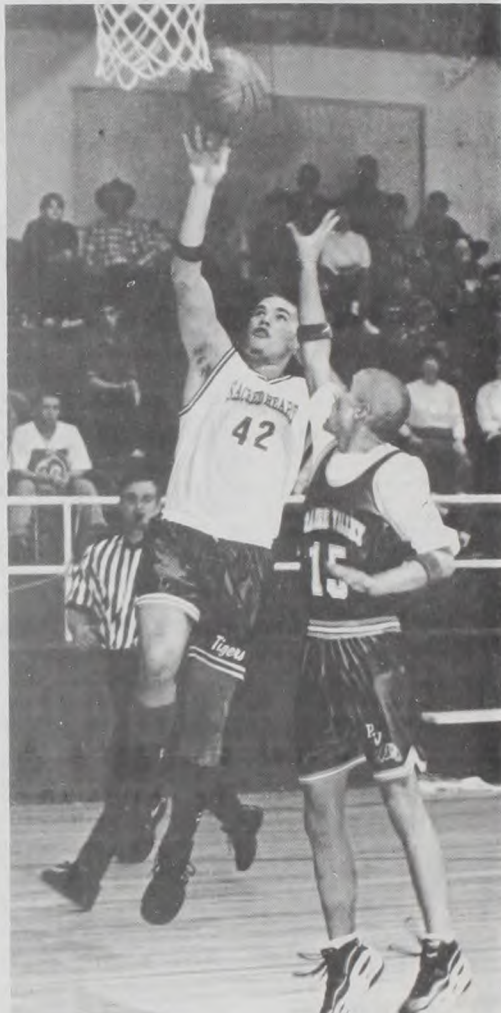
In second round action on Friday, the Tigerettes were faced against TAPPS 4A Bishop Dunn. "We hung with them for a half, but their quickness got us in the 3rd quarter," noted Coach Jon.

Felderhoff led the scoring with 16 points. Rigler added 8, Joanna Gehrig 6, Flusche 5, Jennifer Hess 4, Klement 3, and Baldwin 2. Gehrig also stood out on defense with 13 steals.

The Tigerettes took third place Saturday with a big 60-51 victory over the host team.

"Our best team game of the season," said Coach Jon. "A solid all-around performance as nine girls got into the scoring column." Kayla Felderhoff had an outstanding game with 27 points and 7 rebounds. "Chrystal had her best defensive game of the year," LeBrasseur continued. "Sarah Hess is becoming a force inside and had a nice tournament." Others scoring for the Tigerettes were Gehrig 7, Baldwin and Klement 6 each, Rigler 5, Jen Hess 3 and 2 each from Debra Voth, Flusche and S. Hess.

SJ 8 11 7 18 44
BD 10 12 16 18 56
SH 18 18 12 10 58
CC 14 7 6 7 34
SH 16 29 9 13 60
SJ 11 11 9 20 51



Jon Grewing goes in for the layup in a recent Sacred Heart game against Prairie Valley. Dave Fette Photo

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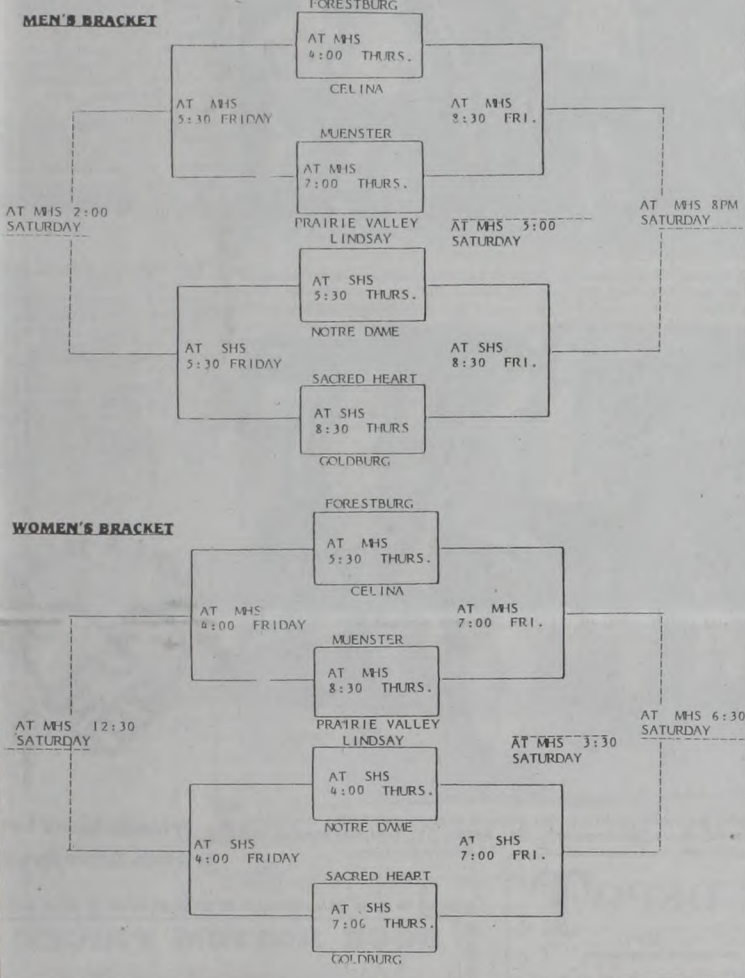
This buck broke his left antler off in a fight. Note the big swollen neck, typical of bucks in the rut. Thompson Temple Photo



Muenster Hornets earning All-District honors are, from left, back row - Lucas Hartman, Cody Perryman, Scott Hermes, Cory Charles, Michael Boydston, Brian Fleitman, Corey Anderle, Erik Walterscheid, Barry

Fleitman, Aaron Sicking; front - Scott Hudspeth, Aaron Klement, Darren Hennigan, Bryan Miller, Jesse Luke, Jeremy Walterscheid, Shane Sparkman. Janie Hartman Photo

Red River Shootout Dec. 11-12-13



Red River Shootout is this weekend!

The annual Red River Shootout basketball tournament began Thursday at the Sacred Heart and Muenster School's gymnasiums. Teams participating include Muenster, Sacred Heart, Forestburg, Lindsay, Goldburg, Prairie Valley, Notre Dame, and Celina. Action began at 4 p.m. Thursday with Lindsay playing Notre Dame at Sacred Heart and Forestburg against Celina in the Muenster Gym. See bracket.

Energy Fact
A car traveling at 70 mph is 20% less efficient than at 55 mph. To Save: Take your time. A one hour trip at 70 mph will take only 16 minutes longer at 55 mph. In the city, going 40 mph instead of 30 mph for one mile will save only 30 seconds.

1997 District 9A ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS

Player of the Year - Demetrius Rector, CE;
Newcomer of the Year - Bryan Miller, M;
Freshman of the Year - Andre Rector, CE;
Offensive MVP - Bradley Stevens, E;
Defensive MVP - Joey McCoin, D;
Coaches of the Year - Steve Samrow, CE, Mike Chaney, E.

OFFENSE
First Team
Quarterback - Ryan Madewell, CE, Running Back - Larry Harris, D, Dustin Bookhout, E, Egan Pond, BR, Levi Morgan, CO, Fullback - Marcus Enis, CE, Joey McCoin, D, Jeremy Walterscheid, M, Ryan Sawyer, E, Wide Receiver - Jamaica Rector, CE, Wayne Twiner, E, Garrett Patterson, CO, Shane Hill, S, Tight End - Da'On Savage, DE, Barry Fleitman, M, Randall Logan, E, Center - Cody Perryman, M, Nathan Mitchell, CE, Jeremy Bridges, CO, Line - Chris Barnard, CE, Lucas Hartman, M, Michael Boydston, M, Dillon Wilson, E, George Warren, CE, Harry Johnson, D, Matt Fanning, E, Kicker - Ryan Madewell, CE, Scott Hermes, M, Kick Returner - Larry Harris, D.
Second Team
Quarterback - Gary Don Henricks, BR, Running Back - Shane Sparkman, M, Brian Fleitman, M, Jerrad Boyles, D, Cedric McFail, F, Fullback - Malcolm Pond, BR, Keith Moncne, CO, Wide Receiver - Robert Fever, E, Cedric Patt, D, Clint Hooper, BR, Scott Hermes, M, Tight End - Darren Hennigan, M, Bryan Vvjala, CO, David Mitchell, CE, Trevor Minter, CE, Center - Jeff Graves, E, Jeff Craighead, D, Line - Scott Coleman, D, Cory Charles, M, Ryan Wells, CE, Darren Wolf, CO, Justin McDonnell, CO, Aaron Ries, BR, Josh Zachary, CE, Marvin Fortune, S, Kicker - Gary Don Henricks, BR.
Honorable Mention
Offensive Guard - Aaron Sicking; Quarterback - Corey Anderle, M.

DEFENSE
First Team
Quarterback - Jamaica Rector, CE, Gary Don Hendricks, BR, Da'On Savage, D, Larry Harris, D, David Mitchell, CE, Scott Hermes, M, Linebacker - Ryan Wells, CE, Marcus Enis, CE, Dustin Bookhout, E, Levi Morgan, CO, Erik Walterscheid, M, End - Harry Johnson, D, Jeremy Qualls, CE, Barry Fleitman, M, Brent Ivy, E, Line - Chris Barnard, CE, Josh Zachary, CE, Randall Logan, E, Lucas Hartman, M, Michael Boydston, M, Marvin Fortune, S, Punter - Gary Don Hendricks, BR, Special Team Player - Kelvin Harris, D.
Second Team
Quarterback - Trevor Minter, CE, Garrett Patterson, CO, Cedric Patt, D, Corey Anderle, M, Luke Myers, E, Jerrad Boyles, D, Linebacker - Dustin Smith, F, Jeremy Walterscheid, M, Dillon Wilson, E, Ryan Sawyer, E, Brett Shelby, D, End - Jon McDonald, F, Cedric Patt, D, Aaron Klument, M, Justin McDonnell, CO, Matt Fanning, E, Line - Cory Charles, M, Darren Wolf, CO, Matt Greer, BR, George Warren, CE, Ta'Robert, D, Terry Wilburn, F, Punter - Jamaica Rector, CE, Special Team Player - Bryan Hudspeth, M, John Hallaran, S, Jason Wade, CE.
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Sacred Heart's 7th grade basketball teams brought home the championship trophies from Saturday's 4 team round robin Saint Mary's 7th grade tournament.

ROUND ONE
Sacred Heart 29
Sivells Bend 6

The Lady Cubs had eight girls score in the first round victory. Raney Bauer put in 6 points, Lilliana Nasche 5 and 4 apiece from Alicia Cochran and Jana Truembach. Also Crystal Hess, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Mary Jane Callahan and Catherine Bartush each added 2 points.

SH 18 11 29
SB 0 6 6

Sacred Heart 42
Sivells Bend 28

The Cubs had nine players put points on the board, with Marty Farrell and Chris Fuhrmann leading the scoring with 8 points each. Jeff Reiter and Jack Biffle each scored 6, while Thomas Whitecotton put in 4, with 3 apiece from Clint Fuhrmann and Mark Bayer, and 2 each from Daniel Bartush and Mikey Bayer.

SH 24 18 42
SB 15 13 28

ROUND TWO
Sacred Heart 28
St. Mary's B 7

Mary Jane Callahan scored 9 points to lead the Lady Cubs to victory. Raney Bauer added 6, with Jennifer Hoedebeck, Lilly Nasche and Jana Truembach each scoring four. Crystal Hess added a free throw.

SH 14 14 28
SM 3 4 7

Sacred Heart 34
St. Mary's White 3

It was a one-sided game as the Cubs dominated the court, offensively and defensively. Mikey Bayer was high scorer with 10 points. Marty Farrell added 6, with Jack Biffle and Thomas Whitecotton 4 points each. Scoring 2 points each were Daniel Bartush, Jesse Coker, Clint Fuhrmann, Chris Fuhrmann and Mark Bayer.

SH 17 17 34
SM 2 3

ROUND THREE
Sacred Heart 38
St. Mary's A 17

The Lady Cubs took the tournament championship with a big win over the host team. Jana Truembach led Sacred Heart with 12 points. Mary Jane Callahan added 8, Raney Bauer 6 and 4 apiece from Catherine Bartush and Jessica Davies. Alicia Cochran and Lilly Nasche each scored two points.

"Jana, Raney and Mary Jane were solid performers all 3 games," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur, noting fine play also from Lilly, Alicia, Tiffany Richey and Jennifer. LeBrasseur also named Crystal, Catherine, Jessica, Gretchen Schmoker and Katie Cox.

SH 14 24 38
SM 6 11 17

Sacred Heart 40
St. Mary's 10

Marty Farrell and Jack Biffle led the Cubs with 12 and 10 points in victory. Mark Bayer and Mikey Bayer each put in 4 points. Scoring

two points apiece were Jeff Reiter, Thomas Whitecotton, Jesse Coker, Clint Fuhrmann and Chris Fuhrmann.

"These boys have a lot of talent. They play excellent defense, they shoot well and have a keen awareness of who to pass the ball to and when," commented Coach John Nasche.

SH	28	12	40
SM	2	8	10

Muenster 7th 3 Era 1

"This was a real barn burner, commented Coach Randy Tankersley. The defense played outstanding." The coach named Megan Lippe, Kami Klement, Shana Jones, Jami Gerstberger, Amanda Felderhoff, Lisa Felderhoff, Cindy Temple, Layla Khalil and Megan Grewing. Lippe was Muenster's only scorer with 3 points.

M	2	0	0	1	3
E	0	0	0	1	1

Muenster 8th 7 Era 64

The Lady Stingers "took it on the chin" Monday night. "The girls played hard. It was a learning experience. They found out they have to play with intensity throughout the game." Crystal Hale put in 3 points, with Crystal Lutkenhaus and Ashley Klement each scoring two.

M	0	2	4	1	7
E	22	15	17	10	64

Sacred Heart 8th 46
Texoma Christian 10

The Lady Cubs improved their record to 4-0 last Thursday night. "This was our best effort of the year," Coach Jon LeBrasseur commented. "Audrey Barnhill and Elizabeth Fette were all over the floor, and Andrea Bauer was as hot as a firecracker." Coach Jon also noted that Mattie Sicking, Sara Sepanski and Kristen Yosten controlled the guards, while Ashley Hess, Kelly Fetsch and Lisa Rohmer had a good defensive game.

Bauer and Barnhill were high scorers with 13 and 10 points. Fette added 8, Hess 6, Sicking 4 and two apiece from Yosten and Sepanski.

SH	16	20	10	0	46
TC	2	4	0	4	10

Sacred Heart 51
Texoma Christian 35

The Cubs continue to roll, getting another victory last Thursday. "Our full court pressure was too much for Texoma to handle," said Coach John Nasche. "The boys finally executed the press to perfection." Texoma's height advantage hurt the Cubs the first half, but the defensive pressure made a deciding difference in the second.

Marty Farrell was the game's high scorer with 19 points. Matthew Grewing contributed 13 points to the victory. Others putting points on the boards were Aaron Walterscheid with 7, Luke Endres 4, John Bayer, Chris Fuhrmann, and Clint Fuhrmann 2 apiece, and a free throw point from Michael Voth, Jack Biffle and Jeff Reiter.

SH	12	13	15	11	51
TC	10	10	8	7	35



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS - Sacred Heart 8th Grade Cubs, from left, back row - Coach John Nasche, Michael Voth, Jack Biffle, Clint Fuhrmann, Marty Farrell, Jesse Coker; front - Thomas Whitecotton, Daniel Bartush, Chris Fuhrmann, Mikey Bayer, Jeff Reiter, Mark Bayer.
Courtesy Photo



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS - Sacred Heart 7th Grade Lady Cubs, from left, front row - Jessica Davis, Raney Bauer, Mary Jane Callahan, Lilliana Nasche, Alicia Cochran, Katie Cox; back - Tiffany Richey, Crystal Hess, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Jana Truembach, Catherine Bartush and Gretchen Schmoker.
Courtesy Photo



Justin Fleitman (22) puts in 2 points against Lindsay Tuesday night. Other junior varsity players pictured include Blake Crutsinger, Danny Felderhoff (50), Greg Johnson (23), Abbas Ravjani, Scott Metzler (51), Cody Secrest (55) and John Fluscus (53).
Janie Hartman Photo



Kristin Creed saves a loose ball under the basket in Muenster's game at Lindsay earlier this week. Also pictured are Ami Graham (41), Ashlie Privett, Jo Sparkman (23), Ellen Bezner (11), Terri Sue Wimmer and Jessica Anderson.
Janie Hartman Photo

Junior Varsity Action

Muenster 45 Lindsay 31

Three Hornets hit double digits in Lindsay Tuesday night to assist in a victory over the Knights.

Justin Fleitman scored points, Casey Walterscheid 13, and Danny Felderhoff 12 to lead Muenster. Also putting points on the board were Jason Lutkenhaus with 2 and a free throw each from Josh Freeman and Chad Felderhoff.

Lindsay's leading scorer was Blake Crutsinger with 13 points. Scott Metzler added 6, Abbas Ravjani 5, Cody Secrest 4, and Brad Minnix 3.

M	6	13	19	7	45
L	10	4	4	13	31

Sacred Heart 28 Saint Jo 27

Tuesday night the young Tigerettes squeezed by the Lady Panthers. "We played like two different teams," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Our defense really got after them in the 2nd half."

Holly Hartman led Sacred Heart on the score board with 12 points. Rachel Covington added 6, Jessica Koesler 5, Jana Coker 4, and Andrea Bartush 1.

SH	6	11	5	6	28
SJ	4	18	3	2	27



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 Respectfully submitted,
 Fannie Lou Lancaster
 12.12-1L

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Lloyd Lee, who for the past four years has been the manager of Red River Farm Co-op, has retired after serving in the Co-op System for 32 years. In announcing his retirement, he expressed appreciation to all the patrons of the Cooperative for their support while he served as manager.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Lloyd Lee introduced the new manager to everyone, saying, "Frank Lambert comes from Wakita, Oklahoma, where he managed Farmers Co-op Elevator Co-op and Farmland Company. Frank and his wife Debby have one son, Jeremy, a freshman at Oklahoma State University, and one daughter, Frankie, who is a junior in High School and is attending Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in Oklahoma City.

"Frank Lambert will strive to continue to offer the products and services at Red River Farm Co-op and also to make the

changes, when necessary, to direct a successful cooperative. He looks forward to meeting all the customers. Red River Farm Co-op is owned by farmers in Cooke, Grayson, Montague, Denton, and Collin Counties in Texas and Love and Marshall counties in Oklahoma."

It is not necessary to be a member in order to purchase from the Co-op; their patronage is always welcome.

Red River Farm Co-op is guided by a nine-member Board of Directors who serve a three year term and are eligible for re-election at the annual business meeting held in March each year. Present directors include Gene Deckard of Sadler, president; Mike Fuhrmann of Lindsay, vice-president; Clyde Yeatts of Gainesville, secretary; Frank Sandmann of Lindsay, Kenneth Hudson of Forestburg, Leonard Bayer of Muenster, Jack House of Era, Jack Martin of Valley View and Bob Scott of Thackerville.

Oklahoma, Chris Hundt of Gainesville is serving as junior board member.

The fiscal year of Red River Farm Co-op ended Nov. 30. Preliminary figures are showing sales of just under 7



Frank Lambert and Lloyd Lee. Dave Fette Photo

million dollars, a net savings of \$232,000 more than last year's record, and working capital in excess of one million.

Accomplished during Lloyd Lee's four year term are: the addition of 640 tons capacity to dry fertilizer plant and a new blender, installation of new underground feed tanks, and bulk fuel facility. All of this added \$1.1 million in assets over the last four years. Total sales increased from \$5 million to \$6.9 million.

Lloyd Lee says his future plans include catching up on spoiling his grandchildren, fishing, and building furniture and moving to Poteau, Oklahoma.

Congress ends, cattle producers win

When the U.S. House and Senate wrapped up the first session of the 105th Congress they had approved a number of key measures that will improve the business environment for beef producers, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"Cattle producers gained momentum on some critical issues, like state tax reform, property rights protection and

grazing regulation relief," said Chandler Keys, NCBA vice president, Center for Public Policy. "Progress was made in other areas as well, such as shoring up broad support for fast-track legislation, that will keep these issues at the front when Congress reconvenes in late January.

Victories for producers in the first session of the 105th include:

Estate Tax. One of the biggest legislative wins in 1997, the Tax Relief Act is the first major tax reform since 1981.

Capital Gains. The new tax law cuts capital gains rates.

Income averaging. The tax law reinstates income averaging in 1998, 1999, and 2000 for the tax year 2001.

Health care. The tax law increases health care deductible for the self-employed to 100 percent by the year 2007.

Disaster relief. The tax law would allow producers to deduct capital gains on livestock sold due to adverse weather conditions.

Property rights. The House approved a bill that would protect the constitutional rights of private property owners.

Grazing. The House approved the Forage Improvement Act of 1997, which would increase cattle industry stability by allowing federal lands ranchers to plan for forage use. Passage of the bill marks the first time the House has approved grazing legislation since 1978.

Cooke County Farm Bureau wins state awards in Arlington

Awards for County Farm Bureau public relations and membership were presented last Monday during Texas

Farm Bureau's 64th annual convention in Arlington.

Cooke County was one of who were recognized as being "superior" in their public relation effort.

Recognition was also given to counties showing the largest gain in membership, the highest renewal percentage, the largest number of new members and the longest continuous gain.

Winners in the largest gain category included Cook County.

Cooke County was also recognized for their continuous gain for 16 years.



Representing Cooke County Farm Bureau, Gloria Klement accepts an award of "Superior" for the county's public relations effort. Presenting the award was Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman. Janie Hartman Photo

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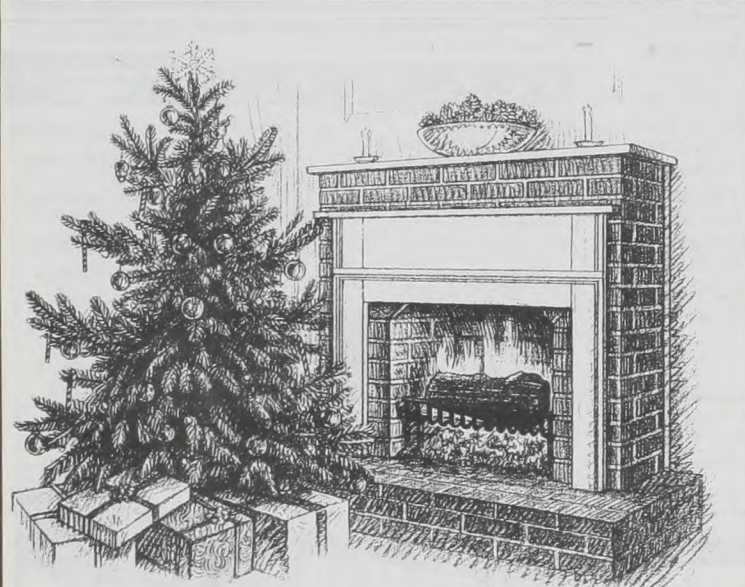
Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form that they should receive by the end of January.

Private applicators also may earn the required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories: laws and

regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

Applicators can get a list of approved courses by calling TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7548.



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NO! to climate treaty

Much has been written and said why the United States should not sign the global climate treaty being proposed by the United Nations.

U.S. agricultural producers would take several direct hits including more regulations, increased costs and reduced net income. The U.S. manufacturing and distribution industries also would be impacted. The treaty will impact every American, mostly in a negative way.

The global climate talks are scheduled Dec. 1 to 10, in Kyoto, Japan. According to the National Association of Manufacturers, a senior level Administration officer will participate in these meetings along with 25 members of the House and Senate who will observe the proceeding.

Plans being discussed in the international negotiations, according to the NAM, could require a 20% reduction in U.S. energy use by the year 2010. And the U.S. Department of Energy also estimates that gas prices will increase anywhere from 26 to 52 cents per gallon.

This climate treaty isn't leveling the playing field. It is penalizing the industrial and developed nations, including the United States, while allowing the less developed nations to continue down their same path.

This treaty isn't good for American agriculture and our other industries, and it might not be that good for the environment. Scientists still can't agree or prove the percentage of global warming caused by human actions.

While saving the environment is a noble cause, the U.S. should not sign this climate agreement until all the cards are on the table, it levels the playing field and does not penalize the productivity of so many Americans.