

Museum opening sparks community memories

staff reports

"Mother and Daddy would have been so proud," said Mary Adams of the Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler Muenster Museum. "That was Daddy; he was so civic minded." The way the community worked together to achieve the renovating of the Seyler home into a museum would have pleased his civic minded spirit, she thought.

Another daughter, Sister Mary John Seyler, also remembered her father, Ben,

as being business oriented and community-minded. "Mother was a people person," she said. "She was gracious always welcoming family and friends to the house. Utilizing it now seems very appropriate since Mother and Dad were community oriented, it will be nice that the house can be opened for the community."

Johann Bezner recalled that the family home was always open to friends and family. She told of many gatherings of the sisters and

their friends.

"As teenagers we loved dancing on the linoleum in the kitchen," recalled Johann. "It was fun playing records on an old 78 record player and dancing on the linoleum kitchen floor. Mother and Daddy allowed us to do it. We had house parties instead of going somewhere."

An Open House and official Ribbon Cutting sponsored by the Muenster Historical Commission for the recently completed museum was attended by hundreds. From the very young to many who had been part of the history now preserved in the Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler Muenster Museum, all seemed to find something of interest or that sparked memories.

Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel welcomed guests to the event. "Muenster is deeply grateful to all of the people who made this happen - the Seyler family, the Historical Commission, Rick and Sydney (Reynolds) for all of the work they've done," he remarked. "I'm not going to name everybody because I'd have to name half of the people in Muenster. Those who did the work know it. For the citizens of Muenster I thank everyone



State Representative Phil King, left, from our District toured the new Muenster Museum with Christine Weinzapfel and Jacob Bezner.



Sacred Heart's Angelic Acappella finished a busy day of three performances by singing at the opening of the Muenster Museum Wednesday afternoon. Pam Fette directs the group. Photo by Dave Fette



Father Tom Craig, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, blesses the historical home of the Seyler family donated as the new Muenster Museum during opening ceremonies Wednesday. photo by Janie Hartman

for all of their work and all their generosity and contributions that made this happen."

Giving the invocation was Reverend Bill Ledbetter of the First Baptist Church in Muenster.

Muenster Historical Commission President Celine Dittfurth was emcee for the occasion. She introduced the Seyler sisters who donated their family home to Muenster for use as a museum. The three sisters Mary Adams, Johann Bezner, and Sister Mary John Seyler were invited to tour their former home before the rest of the crowd joined them. It was the first time they viewed the home since it was remodeled. Later the sisters cut the ribbon officially opening the new museum to the public.

Dittfurth thanked all who contributed to the museum in any way. She presented Rick and Sidney Reynolds with a gift basket from the Historical Commission in appreciation of the many hours of time and professional expertise they donated to make the museum project possible.

Reverend Thomas Craig, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, officiated for the house blessing. "The artifacts collected and preserved in museums contribute to our understanding of the gifts God has blessed our human community with," he said. "It is fitting therefore that our work of conserving and See MUSEUM, pg 2



Johann Bezner, Mary Adams, and Sister Mary John Seyler, all daughters of the late Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler, cut the ribbon officially opening the new Muenster Museum while Muenster Historical Commission President Celine Dittfurth watches from behind. Photo by Janie Hartman

LaChance appointed fire marshal

by Dave Fette

Muenster City Council approved the appointment of Jeff LaChance as the city's fire marshal. He currently is employed by D/FW Airport Department of Public Safety as fire marshal. LaChance has a BS degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and current state-certifications as fire prevention inspector, structural firefighter, aircraft-rescue firefighter and fire training officer. He is also a licensed peace officer and a certified inspector for the International Fire Code Institute.

Jeff LaChance and his wife Barbara have been married for 21 years and have three

children: Jordan, age 7; Stephen, age 12 and Lauren, 19. They live north of Muenster on County Road 495.

Other items of discussion or action by the council included:

- The council decided against placing a pay timer on the city softball field lights because of the high initial cost.
- The council decided against joining an organization of cities served by Lone Star Gas to oppose a natural gas rate increase because of the proposed cost of membership.
- Henry Weinzapfel, John Pagel and Clinton Engres were appointed to the Muenster Industrial Development Corporation board of directors for two years.

• Bob Bauer, Pat Stelzer and Wayne Grewing were appointed to the Muenster Water District board of directors for one year.

- Christine Weinzapfel was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustments to replace J.T. Pagel.
- Monthly bills totaling \$121,813.38 were approved for payment.
- The Meinrad Stoffels property at 228 East Cross Street, recently involved in the fire resulting in Donald Stoffels' death, was declared a dangerous building. The city may raze the structure after notifying the owners and place a lien on the property for the cost.



The North Central Texas Chorale performed its Fall Concert in Sacred Heart Church to a large crowd Sunday afternoon. The program featured a clarinet instrumental by Michael Thrasher, pictured, of the North Central Texas College Music Department. The Chorale's singing of Joseph Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass and TeDeum was directed by Dr. Michael Linder of NCTC and accompanied by orchestra and John Dill on the organ. Photo by Dave Fette

Taylor catches thief in the act at car wash

by Janet Felderhoff

A thief in the night was unsuccessful in Muenster. At 2:25 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2 Muenster Police Officer Greg Taylor noticed a vehicle parked in one of the bays at the DI One Stop Car Wash on Division Street.

According to Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall, Taylor investigated and discovered James Nelson Esgrow, age 40, of Fort Worth in the process of taking money from one of the wall safes at the car wash. Esgrow had a box and a sack of quarters in his possession.

Taylor summoned the owner, Tom Herr, who checked and found that the money was missing from several of the wall safes. Esgrow had a tool which he used to tumble the safe combinations and open the vault for the removal of money.

The alleged thief was arrested and taken to Cooke County Jail where he was charged with burglary of a coin operated machine. Stovall noted that the crime is now only listed as a Class A misdemeanor.

Chamber celebrates move with Christmas Open Haus

by Janet Felderhoff

Settled into their new surroundings and prepared for the Christmas holidays, the Muenster Chamber of Commerce welcomes the public to visit their new home at 202 East Division during its Christmas Open Haus on Friday, Dec. 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to sign up for door prizes which will be drawn for at the end of the day. Refreshments will be served.

The office was moved on July 5 to take advantage of a location which offered more visibility. "Since we've moved we have more people coming in every day," said Margie Starke, Chamber of Commerce secretary. "We've definitely seen an increase in traffic. We also needed more space."

Decorations for the occasion will include Christmas items available at local businesses. The building that now houses the Chamber office is owned by Community Lumber

Company. They acquired it in 1965.

Frank Trubenbach built the building in 1939. It was leased by Jimmy Lehnertz who started Jimmy's Cafe. Lehnertz operated the business until October of 1941 when he was drafted to the service. Ray and Alta Swirczynski bought the business and continued to operate under the same name. Alta sold the business in 1944 while Ray was in the service. Steve Fette bought the cafe

business and changed the name to Steve's Cafe

Sis Swingler Fette Walterscheid (Steve's wife) sold the business to Emil Rohmer in February 1953. Rohmer chose to change the name to the Ace Cafe. In 1959 Emil moved his restaurant business to a location across the street opening as Rohmer's Restaurant.

Sometime in early 1960 the building was converted to a bar and opened as H&H Bar

operated by Clarence and Ernie Hellman and A.J. and Theresa Huchton. Trubenbach remained the owner, leasing the building until it sold to Community.

Information on the building and businesses was researched by Carolyn Bayer who assists the Chamber secretary when needed. She recalls early memories of the building as she was a small child when her parents owned the cafe business.

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making available for future generations these reminders of our past words, lifestyle, and work should have the support of God's blessing."

Members of the Muenster Hornet Band played for the crowd before the opening ceremonies. Sacred Heart's Angelic Acappella Choir sang while visitors toured the museum.

All but one of Ben and Aggie's grandchildren were present for the occasion. Sisters, Amy Jackson and Anne Adams, recalled the fun times spent at their grandparents. It was a great privilege to get to sleep in the attic, they said. They remarked that their grandmother's house was always unlocked and they were welcome any time. "Sometimes we'd get to Muenster late and she'd already be asleep," remembered Anne. "We'd slip in and crawl into one of the beds and she wouldn't know we were here until the next morning. Grandma always said there'd be a bed here for us."

Anne said that donating the home to the City for a museum was a way to preserve the family home. They feared that it would be torn down or moved if it were to be sold since many repairs were needed and the land was more valuable than the home.

Johann was pleased to see one room set up with hospital equipment from Dr. Myrick's clinic. She said her son, Jacob, was born in the Muenster Clinic, delivered by Dr. Myrick. Dorothy Hartman, a nurse at the clinic who took care of Jacob, was present at the Open House, as was Jacob. On display in that room was a nurse's uniform worn by Evelyn Fette, a cousin of the Seylers. Johann was elated with the coincidence.

The nursing uniform and cap on display in the medical room brought back memories for Betty Kralick. "Mine was long sleeved. When you went to work you had to take out the cufflinks, unbutton it and roll them (sleeves) up. You couldn't leave the yard without rolling them back down. Our caps are an exact replica of what Florence Nightingale wore. Every nursing school had a unique cap."

Sister Mary John expressed pleasure with the remodeling and layout of the museum. She was especially pleased to see that the hardwood floors were kept and that all the walls remained intact preserving the form of the house. She felt that it added to the beauty of the displays. "I like it when things on display are easy to see. If they're not crowded, it's easier to read about the items," she remarked.

"I remember when the house was on Main Street downtown," said Johann. "That was the living room (now the kitchen), this (now called Johann's Tea Room) was the dining room and this (now called the Seylor Parlor) was the kitchen." The house was moved from its original location to the present location right after World War II. Mary said she thought the original house was built around 1900. She recalled that it had running water, but didn't have indoor plumbing. She remembers when their parents added the bathroom.

Mary's son, John, reminded her of a story he'd heard about his grandfather. Mary recalled, "When they moved the house up here on this lot, this yard was just a pile of rocks. There wasn't much else. We were teenagers and Daddy



Descendants of Ben and Aggie Fette Seyler were the first to tour the museum Wednesday afternoon. Photo by Dave Fette

had a pail and he made our dates pick up a bucketful of rocks before we could go out. It maybe happened only once or twice, but they've made a big to-do about it."

Johann said that seeing the home again brought back good memories. She said her parents were for a good time and for the children to have a good time, but they were also expected to work even if it was picking up rocks in the yard. "This was sort of Grand Central Station, everybody came to visit," she recalled.

Mary Adams reflected on the changes, "I think it's beautiful. I'm most edified and pleased with everything they've done and I'm just delighted. This house was a fun house. Ask people in our peer groups. They had lots of fun here. Mother and Daddy made everybody welcome. It was a good place to grow up."

Praising the community for its efforts in making the museum possible Mary said, "I think it is such a compliment to the community how everybody has pitched in and worked. They had a lot of different people, not just one or two people doing it. Everybody's worked on it and I think that you need a unifying something in a community."

When Muenster ISD Kindergarten Class visited at Open House, they were most interested in the kitchen; the very old fashioned typewriter; the photo of a W.W.II airplane and the framed, enclosed display of 50 caliber bullets possibly used in the fighter plane.

"I was most impressed to see the great amount of work that has gone into the restoration of the old house ... I enjoyed all displays, but plan to go back on a later day to savor all displays," said Lorena Taylor. "Great! Fantastic! Where did all these displays come from? Where in the world have all these displays been in storage? I look forward to going through again to view them at my leisure," remarked Daryl Ferber.

Evelyn Koesler commented, "The museum and all its treasures are certainly a wonderful tribute to their relatives and our relatives." President Dittfurth deemed

...it is something we can all be proud of!"

"Once in the late 30s when Ben Seyler received a new shipment of Plymouth cars, he arranged a parade on residential streets in town," recalled Elfreda Luke Fette. "Inviting a dozen or so of us young drivers, he instructed them, 'Just be sure to put on a lot of lipstick!'"

Thomas Weinzapfel was having a wonderful time visiting old friends at the Museum Open House. He recalled dozens of special memories of Ben Seyler. One of his favorites was being employed by Ben Seyler, at the original location on lower Main Street, next door to the old Shorty Herr Ford Motor Company. Monsignor Tom said, "I was known as Ben's Grease Monkey. When there was no work around, Ben put me to work mowing grass around the building. ... Once,

the open house event a huge success with a good turnout. "Every comment made to me was that we (Historic Commission) did a fantastic job and wishes of success to the museum," she commented. "We wish to thank everyone for coming and we can't say enough thanks to all the workers and donors."

Dittfurth would like to remind everyone that volunteers are needed to keep the museum running and anyone can join the Historic Commission. "We hope to have regular scheduled hours of opening of the museum in the near future," she concluded.

A drawing was held to determine the winner of the Historical Commission's fund raising raffle. Marlene Walterscheid was the lucky winner.



The Muenster Hornet Band from Muenster High School performed on the Muenster Museum ground prior to the ribbon cutting Wednesday afternoon. Band Leader Pat Dietz previewed the annual Christmas Concert which they performed later that evening in the MHS band hall. Photo by Gary Fisher

In My Opinion

by Elfreda Fette

No smiles were brighter - no joys more exuberant at Open House for the Muenster Museum on Wednesday, December 8, than those expressed by the members of the Muenster Historical Commission. They have formally accepted the impressive donation of the home of Ben and Aggie (Fette) Seyler from their children as a museum for the City of Muenster.

From its humble inception when its use as a museum was born in scarcely more than a pipe dream, to its impressive appearance today, December 8, 1999, when guests crowded its Open House celebration, the remodeled and refurbished Muenster Museum stands as a fitting memorial to Ben and Aggie (Fette) Seyler and the generous gift to their hometown by the three Ben Seyler daughters.

What better way to recognize and recall the long-ago contributions to this community of their grandparents John and Annie Fette and Frank and Catherine Seyler? They set the example for Ben and Aggie and provided a shining beacon to their three daughters, Johann Bezner, Mary Adams and Sister Mary John Seyler, OSB.

Years Ago ...

11 YEARS AGO

Dec. 2, 1988

Annual Christmas Letter to the Editor arrives from Sister M. Theresina, OSB of Jonesboro. Muenster Memorial Hospital and Beck Management Corporation prepare for joint project; a new facility called Lakeview Adolescent Center for young people recovering from drug and alcohol abuse. Football: Lindsay Knights 12, Baird 0, and Lindsay advances to the State Quarterfinal playoff. Muenster Hornets fall to Rotan 14-41 and Lindsay will next face Rotan Yellowhammers in Mineral Wells next week. Obituaries: Henry J. Wolf dies at age 88; Mother of Johnny Leftwich dies in Gainesville at age 82. Wedding: Laurie Ann Walterscheid and Wilson Ray Jones marry in Sacred Heart Church; Selene Joy Shirley and Stephen John Schumacher marry in St. John's Catholic Church of Berger. Golden Wedding: Tony and Aileen Hoeng observe 50th anniversary. Winners of

Muenster Enterprise's Football Contest are Mickey Haverkamp and Chris Stoffels. Muenster Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Christmas Caroling challenge for Saturday, Dec. 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mid Park in downtown Muenster following the Christmas Parade. Entry deadline is Dec. 4. Theme of Christmas Lighting Contest is "One Hundred Years of Christmas."

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1949

Tommy Gremminger dies of injuries after coming in contact with a live wire and falling off a power line pole. Emmet Fette named airport operator at Gainesville. Obituary: August Friske dies at age 81. Annual collection for St. Joseph's Orphanage at Dallas nets \$283.90. Knights of Columbus admit 39 candidates. Unsealed Christmas cards need 2 cent stamp this year, announces Postmaster Arthur Endres. Lee Wolf of St. Mary's 4-H Club wins 4-H National Contest in Tractor Upkeep.

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

Sunday, December 12 KC's at St. Richards Villa at 6 P.M. Santa at KC Hall, Muenster at 7 P.M.	Monday, December 13 VFW Auxiliary + VFW meeting, Christmas Party, 8 P.M.	Tuesday, December 14 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, December 15 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO Religious Ed Class	Thursday, December 16 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Board meeting, 7:30 P.M., Adm. Bldg. Sacred Heart Elementary Christmas Program, 7:30 P.M., Community Center	Friday, December 17 MISD Pre-K-5 Christmas Program, 10 a.m., Auditorium SHS dismisses at 12:15 p.m. MISD dismisses at 2 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Open House	Saturday, December 18
		Sacred	Heart	School	Final Exam	Week
Sunday, December 19	Monday, December 20	Tuesday, December 21 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Library Board Meeting, 7 P.M.	Wednesday, December 22 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO Religious Ed Class	Thursday, December 23 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Sacred Heart Exes Basketball Game, 6:30 P.M., SH gym	Friday, December 24	Saturday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

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OBITUARIES

Muenster Telephone readies for Y2K

Joshua Simon Ashley 1982 - 1999

Funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 6 for Joshua Simon Ashley of Saint Jo, age 17. He died on Dec. 4, 1999 at 30 a.m. in an automobile accident south of Saint Jo near Westbrook.



Joshua Simon Ashley

Rev. Ricky Kerr officiated the service in First Baptist Church of Saint Jo at 10:00 a.m. Monday. The church choir, accompanied by Linda Thompson of Saint Jo presented sacred music. Josh Ashley was born on Dec. 17, 1982 in Muenster to Melvin Ray Ashley and Janice Ann Ashley. A member of First Baptist Church in Saint Jo, he led his entire life in the Saint Jo area. He was a student at Saint Jo High School, a member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams, and received Honorable Mention in football, All-District. In school he was a good student; he was a member of the Future Farmers of America and the Yearbook staff. He possessed a friendly disposition and had many, many friends. He was employed on weekends at the Big and Harold Bindel Dairy. Survivors are his father Melvin Ashley of Saint Jo; his mother Jan Ashley of Manchester, England; one sister Jennifer Ashley of Saint Jo; two brothers, Gus Ashley of Muenster and Jason Ashley of Minesville; his paternal grandparents, Noble and

Velma Ashley of Saint Jo; uncle and aunt Raymond and Cecilia Ashley of Saint Jo.

Preceding him in death were his maternal grandparents.

Burial in Mountain Park Cemetery was directed McCoey Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Jacob Cook, Jason Cook, Josh Raymond, Timmy Sampson, Toby McCann, and Matt Brown. Honorary pallbearers were Saint Jo High School football, basketball, and baseball players.

The family has suggested memorials sent to any Volunteer Fire Department; the Littlest Angel Program; the Saint Jo School Library; or the charity of choice.

In complying with the Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act, Muenster Telephone would like to let all customers know that the company has been preparing for Y2K - The Year 2000 computer problem. As you are probably aware, Y2K describes the possible failure of computers to recognize the proper date at the turn of the year 2000. With an improper date, time-sensitive functions could fail.

To prepare for this possibility, Muenster Telephone has spent the past year reviewing all internal systems and working with external vendors to insure that telephone communications continue without interruption. Upgrades have been performed on the telephone switches, billing systems, and computer programs to protect from the failure. Also, in accordance with requirements by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, they have put in place

contingency plans in the event of failures of any supporting system.

While no problems are expected, Muenster Telephone will be monitoring all communications networks on the evening of Dec. 31. Technical staff, as well as managers and customer support staff will be on duty. In addition, phone lines will be open to receive any reports of trouble or to update concerned customers.

Area businesses are also encouraged to evaluate their multi-line phone systems for Y2K readiness and make alternative plans in the event of trouble with those systems. One consideration might be to insure a means to reach an alternative long distance provider in the event of trouble with the business' preferred carrier.

If you have any questions about their Y2K preparations, please contact Muenster Telephone at 940-759-2251.

Melvin Fenoglio's book holds great interest

Want to revisit the past years?

You can do so by reading a book called *Looking Back* by Melvin E. Fenoglio, chairman of the Montague County Historical Commission. The book has just come off the press and is now available.

Although the book mainly references events and happenings in Montague county, the stories are such that people everywhere can relate to them.

The book contains a multitude of stories detailing early-day events from the devastating tornado of 1905, the widespread influenza epidemic of 1918, the depressing times of the 1930s, the sad days of World War II, and the recovery period following the war.

The writer weaves in some sad and some happy moments as he pictures how people lived in past days. Liberally

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Railroad Commission establishes Office of Public Assistance (OPA)

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) is among the first state agencies to formally establish an Office of Public Assistance (OPA).

As part of Senate Bill 1563, the newly created OPA will be in charge of assisting with inquiries from the general public, other governmental agencies, and representatives from industries.

A toll-free telephone number and public e-mail address have been set up to welcome all inquiries, requests, ideas, and concerns relating to the RRC and how it conducts business.

The OPA is also responsible for developing a central system to track complaints and solutions at the RRC.

OPA can be called toll-free at 877-228-5740 or e-mail at publicassist@rrc.state.tx.us.

U.S. Marine Corps and Six Flags Over Texas team up for Toys for Tots drive

The U.S. Marine Corps and Six Flags Over Texas have joined forces for the Toys for Tots drive.

Six Flags will offer a coupon for half price off an adult park admission, good for up to six admissions to anyone bringing a new, unwrapped toy, valued at \$10 or more, to the theme park Nov. 26 - Dec. 22 (when the park is open to the public). All toys collected will be distributed by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to children during the holiday season.

Guests can capture the spirit of the holidays as they stroll through Holiday in the Park exploring the magical sights

and sounds of Six Flags...with dazzling decorations and twinkling lights; six great holiday shows; traditional holiday foods; and choirs, carolers and music throughout the park. There is even a snow hill for sledding. And it snows every night at the spectacular park closing show, Jolly Holiday!

Holiday in-the-Park at Six Flags Over Texas remaining dates are Dec. 4-5, 10-12, 17-23, 26-31 and Jan. 1. Holiday in-the-Park is closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Park hours vary. For more information, guests can call 817-640-8900.

Sarah Ann Endres 1952 - 1999

Sarah Ann Endres of Kimberley, Texas, wife of former Muenster resident Mike Endres, died on Nov. 26, 1999 of complications after a lengthy illness. She was born on Aug. 28, 1952 to Martin and Carol Harup of El Campo, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Mike Endres, her parents, and her brother Tom Harup of El Campo. Cards of condolence may be sent to 500 Trails End,

Driftwood, Texas 78619. Mike, formerly of Muenster, is the son of the late Arthur and Angel Endres. Family members, Howard and Ruthie Mollenkopf of Vancouver, Washington and Janie Taylor of Muenster spent several days with the ladies' brother, Mike last week.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, Dec. 5. Attending were Sam and Karen Endres, Roger and Janie Taylor, and other family members.

Bobby Ray Hillard 1927 - 1999

Bobby Ray Hillard, age 72, of Muenster, formerly of Nocona and at St. Richard's Villa on Dec. 1, 1999. He was born on Oct. 15, 1927 in Nocona to ward Thomas Hillard and Aude Chingingsmith Hillard. Survivors are two sons, Benny Hillard of Nocona and David Hillard of Saint Jo, and

one daughter, Debbie Pittman of Bowie. Also one sister Paegy Precechthel of Kenwick, Washington. There are 10 grandchildren.

He served in the Armed Forces during W.W.II; was a member of the VFW and American Legion; was employed as a welder at Weber

Aircraft; and of the Baptist Faith.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. in Nocona Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Larry Miller. Burial in Nocona Cemetery was directed by Jerry Woods Funeral Home of Nocona.

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OLD FASHIONED Quaker Oats..... 42 Oz. \$2.49	BETTY CROCKER Hamburger Helpers..... \$1.19	SUN MAID Raisins..... 15 Oz. \$1.49	PATSY'S PUTTANESCA Sauce..... 16 Oz. 99¢	OSCAR MAYER HAM & TURKEY Variety Pak..... 9 Oz. 99¢
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AUNT JEMIMA Syrup..... 24 Oz. \$1.19	AUNT JEMIMA ORIGINAL Pancake Mix..... 32 Oz. \$1.19	HEALTHY CHOICE CHICKEN & MUSHROOM Hearty Handfuls..... 6.1 Oz. 2/51	HEALTHY CHOICE BEEF & PEPPERS Cantonese..... 11.5 Oz. 99¢	ANDY GARCIA Chorizo..... 48 Oz. \$2.79
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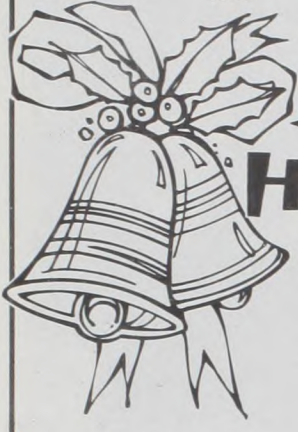
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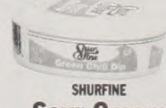
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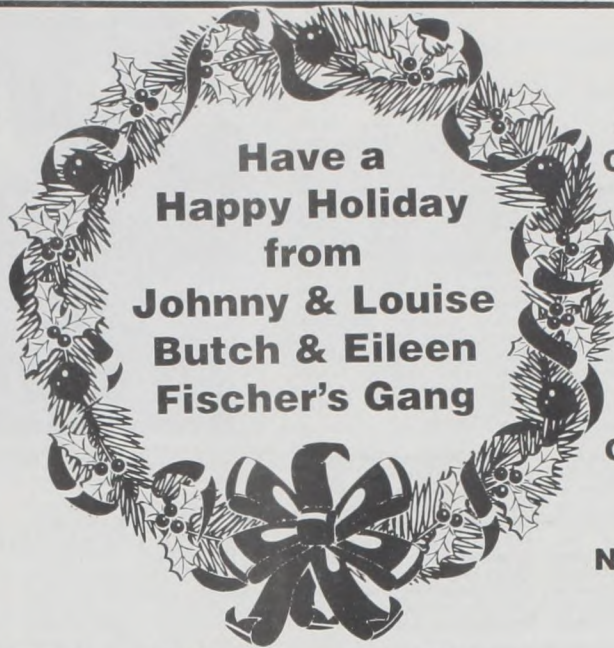
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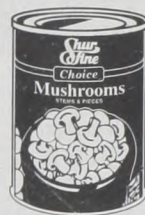
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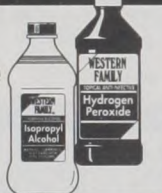
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First Reconciliation services held for children of Sacred Heart Parish

Thirty-nine children of Sacred Heart Parish received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in four separate services on Nov. 15, 18, 22, and 29. Father Tom Craig presided at each service. The theme was Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

After a brief introduction, they sang "God Is Rich In Mercy." Then Father Tom read the story of the Good Shepherd and gave the homily. Then there was an examination of conscience, the song "We Come To Ask Forgiveness," and an act of contrition. After their individual confessions, the children pinned a lamb on the banner of the Good Shepherd. The service concluded with the Lord's Prayer, the sign of peace, and the song "Peace Is Flowing Like A River."

Children receiving the Sacrament for the first time included: Ian Barhill, Ginger Bartush, Jacob Bayer, Gerald Brundage III, Merv Cochran, Amanda Dangelmayr, Rashae

Dangelmayr, Isaac Davis, Winter Dittfurth, Erin Endres, Scott Endres, Shaina Felderhoff, Aaron Flusche, Katy Hamric, Chad Henscheid, Ryan Henscheid, Morgan Herr, Leah Hess, Jackie Klement, Kyle Knabe, Andrew Koesler, Kristin LeBrasseur, Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Taylor Miller, Zachary Moritz, John Nystrom, Tyler Pagel, Dustin Pumphrey, Delana Rohmer, Katherine Satree, Corey Sicking, Delana Sicking, Levi Trubenbach, Christopher Valliere, Natalie Valliere, Steven Valliere, Sara Walterscheid, Gene Yosten, Josiah Yosten.

Music Ministers for the four services included David Nystrom, Shawna Herr, Christi Klement, Diane Grewing, Linda Flusche, Stephen Bonin, and Jack White. There was a reception after each service. Three were hosted by the Social Activities Commission. One was hosted by Craig and Rita Bayer in their home.



Scouts and leaders attending a campout this past weekend included, l-r, Karl Fisher, Jack Biffle, Chuck Bartush, Joseph Cowden, Rick Morrill, Dan Bartush, Kit Morrill, Mike Voth, Ryan Hennigan, Dan Voth.

photo by Gary Fisher

Scouts brave cold and rain during third Fall camp-out

Troop 664 scouts braved the cold and rain on Saturday as they completed their third Fall camp-out this season. The campsite was arranged by leader Dan Voth in an area south of Muenster on the Voth farm.

Scouts needing to meet the requirement of cooking over an open fire were happy the fire ban was lifted. Jack Biffle and Mike Voth built an oven out of cardboard box and foil, and treated the younger scouts and adults to various types of cookies for a sweet lunch.

As the weather cleared on Saturday afternoon, the older scouts set up climbing ropes on a sand bluff and did rappelling, while younger scouts participated in a 5 mile compass and orienteering hike. The evening campfire gave much-needed warmth as the temperature dropped rapidly, not to mention adding sizzle to

the steak. Local camp-outs are designed to show younger scouts where they are not proficient in planning and packing. Two of the last three camp-outs were held on rainy weekends, and served to demonstrate the importance of "being prepared." The next camp-out will be in January, and is planned for the Wichita Wildlife Refuge, where not being prepared can have more risk. Younger scouts are encouraged to participate, and parents or mentors are encouraged to come along.

If you would like to mentor a scout and participate in Troop 664's activities, please drop a contact letter to P.O. Box 68, Muenster, Texas 76252. Troop 664's next meeting is Dec. 13 at the KC Hall at 7 p.m. and is open to prospective scouts parents, and mentors.

Courtesy Stars

Sarah Hess attends NCYC

Imagine 22,100 high school teenagers gathered in one place, all of them Catholic, and you have the 1999 NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference), the largest gathering of Catholic young people in the country. Sarah Hess, a Senior at Muenster Sacred Heart and daughter of Bob and Janette Hess, was proud to be one of those teens. She was one of 124 people from the Fort Worth diocese who traveled in two chartered buses and two vans, leaving Denton at 2:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Held in St. Louis, Missouri Thursday, Nov. 18 through Sunday, Nov. 21, NCYC was four days of fantastic fellowship, inspirational speakers, Catholic music artists, prayer, and, of course, Mass celebrations.

The conference theme, "gateway@st.louis.NCYC99" reminds us that as we stand at the threshold of the new millennium, we look toward Jesus, the One who calls us to reconciliation with our God, in our world, and with each other, as the One who will guide us through the gateway into the next century. Each day of the conference focused on a particular aspect of the theme. The workshops were conducted in two rounds, ranging in size from 500 participants to 7,000 participants. According to Sarah, the highlight of her trip was a surprise to her,

something she had been searching for without even knowing, and that was listening to keynote speaker Suzie McConnell Serio. Sorely missing getting to play basketball in the Saint Jo Tournament while she was away at NCYC, Sarah was delighted to discover Mrs. Serio, who is Head Basketball Coach at Oakland Catholic High School, an all-girls school in Pittsburg with an enrollment of 500, who also just happens to play for the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) and is an Olympic gold medal winner. Sarah had recently read an article about Mrs. Serio in her G*ball magazine (The Girls Basketball Magazine, August/September 1999). Getting to see Mrs. Serio in person and listen to her witness to her faith in God was indeed a highlight for Sarah, who is herself passionate about both (her faith and her game).

NCYC happens every two years, alternating with RCYC (Regional Catholic Youth Conference). This was Sarah's second NCYC. She has also attended one RCYC, and numerous DCYC's (Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference). The Muenster Knights of Columbus has partially sponsored Sarah several times as part of their dedication to our Catholic Youth.

submitted by Janette Hess

Emily Kay is one

Emily Kay Bayer celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 2, with a party at the home of her parents, Weldon and Loren Bayer. The party was themed "Pooh Bear" in decorations and



Emily Kay Bayer

cake. Hamburgers were served. Guests included the great-grandmother Edna Klement; the great-aunt, Kelly Hess and cousins Kristen, Brandon, Chad, and Brooke; uncles Jeffrey Hermes, Jared Bayer, Heath Bayer, and Lucas Bayer; the grandparents James and Karlyn Martin and Clinton and Barbara Bayer of Muenster, and Randy Hermes of Houston.

New Arrivals

Kubis

Chris and Candice Kubis of Muenster announce the birth of a daughter, their first child, and named her Alaina Marie Kubis, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 2, 1999 at 1:12 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Gilbert and Rosina Kubis of Lindsay and Joyce Abney of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Catherine Kubis of Lindsay, Marcella Hellingner of Gainesville, Denver Abney and J.W. (Bill) and Kathy Pittman of Lexington, Oklahoma.

Price

Tonya and Robin Gugen Price of Gainesville are parents of a son, Steven Travis Price, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 2, 1999 at 7:29 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 9 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. He joins a brother, Ryan Dillon Price, age 2 years. Grandparents are Robert Dumas; Patricia Dumas; Brenda Petty; all of Gainesville, Steven Price of Wolf City; Travis (Bo) Latham of Kemp.

Castro

Melissa and Daniel Castro of Gainesville are parents of a daughter, their first child, Alexis Nicole Castro, born in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Nov. 19, 1999 at 8:50 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Grandparents are Patrick and Kathy Hacker of Gainesville and Terry and Julie Davis of Callisburg. Great-grandparents are Florence Hacker of Muenster, Herbert Schmidkofer of Gainesville, Rachel Whyson and David Whyson of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Jean Haverkamp of Lindsay and Kathryn Schmidkofer of Gainesville.

Trammell

Jason and Amy Trammell of Gainesville announce the birth of a daughter, Brooke Elaine Trammell in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 1, 1999 at 5:45 a.m. weighing 5 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length. She joins a sister, Ashli, age 6. Grandparents are David and Kathy Shugart and Tommy and Ann Trammell all of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Chic and Barbara Shugart and Martha Westbrook, and Mann and Imadee Trammell all of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Marie Otto, Velma Lambert and Vera Shugart all of Gainesville.

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MH dialysis center on track for January opening

Gainesville Memorial Hospital's new dialysis center set to open in January. Andy DeLavern, R.N., has been chosen as director of the center. Cindy comes to GMH from the Total Renal Care dialysis center in Denison, where she worked for one and a half years. Prior experience includes work as a charge nurse on the renal/oncology ward at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman. Medical director for the center is Abdul N. Khan, M.D., of the Southern Oklahoma State Center in Ardmore. Dr. Khan is board certified in nephrology and Internal Medicine.

Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, from July 1991 to June 1994, and completed a two-year Fellowship in Nephrology at the University of Pittsburgh in June 1996. Khan spent nearly two years in private practice in western Pennsylvania before coming to Ardmore in 1998.

Khan served as the Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Medical College of Pennsylvania. He has also submitted and has had research papers published in his specialty.

The GMH dialysis unit will be a six-bed unit equipped with state-of-the-art dialysis equipment. The center will be located in a renovated structure on the northeast corner of the hospital campus on O'Neal Street.

An open floor plan and the "homey" feel afforded by the renovation promises to offer dialysis patients a place of

warmth and comfort during their treatments. "Dialysis patients spend a lot of time at the center during their course of treatment," says DeLavern. "We want them to be comfortable with our facility and with our staff."

In addition to full-phase outpatient dialysis services, the GMH dialysis program will also offer an acute dialysis program for hospitalized patients.

"We want dialysis patients who reside in this area to know that our service will be a quality one," GMH administrator Andrew E. Anderson, Jr., noted. "Once again, Gainesville Memorial Hospital has come to the forefront to offer a service to the area that is needed."

For information on GMH's dialysis center, contact Cindy DeLavern at 940-612-8408.

Khan holds bachelor degrees in medicine and surgery from the Medical College in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at St. Luke's



Abdul Khan, left and Cindy DeLavern comprise the team that will be heading up Gainesville Memorial Hospital's new dialysis center. GMH photo

Muenster Telephone celebrates Christmas and looks to new year

Muenster Telephone Company celebrated its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 4. The party, held in the company's meeting room, celebrated the accomplishments of the year and looked forward to a new year. Alvin Fuhrman, the general manager, highlighted a number of accomplishments including growth in key service areas, such as local telephone service, long distance, Internet, and competitive services in the city of Denton. Looking to the future, Mr. Fuhrman set several goals for the new year, including the introduction of new television channels for the cable television system and the growth of several new services launched over the last two years.

New employees were also introduced to the family and friends of the company. Included in this group were Angie Bartush, Abbie Bezner, Tom Caver, Dan Christian, and Angel Sicking. These individuals brought the total employee number to 50 employees.

Finally, Mr. Fuhrman announced plans to build a museum of telephone equipment retired from service over the company's history. This museum will be located in Muenster Telephone's East Truck Center on Highway 82. The museum will house everything from antique telephones and switchboards to one of the first service trucks.

Dinner for the party was catered by the Center Restaurant. And the evening was completed with a Bingo session that included prizes for the winners.

Just A Thought

Handle your friend's faults as gently as if they were your own.

Moving from company highlights, Mr. Fuhrman recognized individual employees with service awards. Helman, Cellular Services supervisor, was recognized for 7 years of service and Sandra Fuhrman, Building Custodian, was recognized for years of service.

Christian Women's Club to host meeting

Please mark your calendar for a "Candle Light and Snowflakes" Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Holiday Inn, Gainesville for Christian Women's Club, a week earlier this month because of the holidays. Meetings are from 11:30 - 1:00.

"Lights that Glitter" will be presented by Bonnie O'Neal of Lake Kiowa. She will be sharing beautiful candles with attendees. Sandy Carpenter will delight everyone with "Notes that Sparkle." "A Glow that Lasts," by Sue Bohlin, a professional calligrapher and enthusiastic speaker, comes from Garland, Texas to share tips on "How To Handle The Things You Hate, But Cannot Change."

For reservations call Genny at 940-665-0141. The cost is \$8.50 inclusive. Complimentary childcare is available with reservations. Please come and invite a friend to share this special luncheon with you.

In the Service

Air Force Airman Jason T.B. Ford has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ford is the son of Sally M. and Troy P. Ford of Forestburg.



The Denton High School Chorale performed "Christmas Live" at Sacred Heart Church last Thursday evening. Ann Smith, director of choral music, praised the atmosphere and acoustics at Sacred Heart. The DHS Chorale has toured to Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Carnegie Hall and this spring will go to England and Doha, Qatar. Accompanying the singers were pianist Debra Young, harpist Ellen Ritscher, and guitarist Leslie Enlow. Photo by Dave Fette

Casa program looks out for child's interest in court

Although Federal law requires it, thousands of children still have no one to represent their best interest in court nation wide.

Sara was first put in foster care after her mother left her alone for two days. She was four years old. The child flourished physically and emotionally while in foster care. Then her mother wanted her back. Eight months later, she left Sara with a neighbor "for a couple of hours."

For the next six weeks, Sara lived in four different foster care homes, attended six schools, repeated two grades, ran away twice, and went through four social workers. At age 13, she was picked up hitchhiking and put away in a group home. She had been in the welfare system for nine years — two-thirds of her young life.

Although Sara is not from Cooke County, stories like this are repeated over and over in the lives of children who are neglected and abused. A law was passed in 1974, The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, a landmark

designed to protect children. The law said that all abused children must have a guardian ad litem (GAL) to represent their best interest in court. Its purpose was to keep children from falling through the cracks of the foster care system.

Sara's story happened after the law went into existence. She was one of the thousands of neglected and abused children in the welfare system who, although Federal law required it, had no one to look out for their best interests. Today, stories like hers are repeated nation wide.

In 1977 in Seattle, Washington, Judge David W. Soukup saw a recurring problem in his courtroom. He felt he was not getting all the facts he needed to make a well-informed decision affecting the future of the children whose cases came before him. He wondered if someone other than the attorney/GAL might be able to speak as effectively for the best interests of the children in court. He believed it was feasible to recruit and train qualified community volunteers to step into the courtroom on behalf of children. At that time trained lay volunteers began representing the best interests of children as guardian ad litem in his courtroom. They became known as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs).

CASA volunteers carried a fresh community perspective to the juvenile court system; one that questioned how families and children were being treated, and what services were available to help them. Their presence on cases helped ensure children, who were abused or neglected by their families, didn't receive further abuse at the hands of an overburdened child welfare system.

In 1998 Texas CASA had an army of 2,119 volunteers who advocated for 9,521 neglected or abused children and

donated 503,709 volunteer hours. Beginning in 1999, there were 44 CASA programs in various counties around the state. This past July the newest program, CASA of North Texas, Inc., received a federal grant to help Cooke County children who are caught up in the courts and need someone to look out for their best interests. CASA of North Texas, Inc. will eventually branch out to Montague and Wise Counties.

From December 1997 to December of 1998 there were 359 reported cases of abuse in Cooke County. At one time there were 24 children in conservatorship (in the custody of the state) locally. According to Judge Jerry Woodlock, there were 20 cases on the docket during this time frame that would have been better served if there were a Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) available to investigate.

CASA of North Texas, Inc. has a governing board of directors. It includes Reverend Reid Fade serving as president, Gloria Johnson and Judy Chapman serving as treasurer. Other board members include Twila Clary, Larry Claxton, Gail Fomby-Decker, Gina Evans, Janelle Haverkamp, Delores Hennesy, John Ockels, Sandy Russell, Dan Schully, Tricia West, and Carlos Vigil. Martha Knuckles and Kim Lewis are board members ex-officio.

In September Cathy Cason was hired as the executive director. She is a graduate of the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work as well as a licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor.

Radawn Ely was hired as the volunteer coordinator. She is a graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice.

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School News



Angie Smith and John Skotnik

Smith honored

Angie Smith, a biology teacher at Sacred Heart High School, was one of 146 educators who were honored in November by former students during the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science's annual teacher appreciation banquet.

The Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science is a two-year residential program at the University of North Texas that allows talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while earning their high school diplomas. Students enroll in the academy following their sophomore year in high school, live in a UNT residence hall and attend UNT classes with college students.

Smith was honored by John Skotnik, son of John and Claire Skotnik of Bonham and a first-year student at the academy.

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Dear Santa



the things that you have brought in the past. We love you so much. Please be careful on Christmas Eve.

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Mrs. Ledbetter's
MISD Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa Claus,

We hope this finds you well. We are kindergartners at Muenster Elementary School and we are learning many new things this year. We are so excited about Christmas and can't wait till the twenty-fifth. Our teacher read a story about how it is as important to think of the gifts we will be giving as well as the ones we will receive. We decided to think of the gift we'd want most if we only had one gift to receive.

Jace Wann, blocks; Miguel Sapien, balloons; Andrew Loyd, a horse; Andi Hess, a pink bike; Olivia Haverkamp, play dough and kit; Joseph Monday, a horse to ride to school; Kendall Reiter, a clubhouse; Nicole Pagel, body-art creation; Paige Hennigan, water baby and cradle; Emily Hellman, dolly cheerleader; Kaylin Dangelmayr, tent; Luke Crabtree, a real horse; Alyssa Stewart, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer ("I promise to take good care of him").

Thanks for the things we've received in previous years, and we will try hard to appreciate any gift we get. We love you and hope you don't get too tired with all the work you do this time of year. We've been good and are excited about your coming.

Love,

Mrs. Hickey's
MISD Kindergarten Class

Just A Thought

A dream is a wish your heart makes.

If you don't know, admit it. Then go find the answer.

Announcements

Muenster ISD will dismiss classes at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17, to begin the Christmas Holidays.

Muenster Elementary students in grades Pre-K through 5 will present a Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 17 in the school auditorium. The program, open to the public, begins at 10 a.m.

Lunch Menu

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Fri. - No Lunch Served.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, potato wedges, pinto beans, fruit, banana bread.
Tues. - Lasagna, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, fruit, hot rolls.
Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, potato salad, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, cookies, carrot sticks.
Thurs. - Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, corn, fruit, hot rolls.
Fri. - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, cheese slices, French fries, fruit, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, cole slaw, mixed fruit, bread.
Tues. - Chicken sandwich, French fries, baked beans, pears.
Wed. - Turkey and dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, peaches, bread.
Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets or turkey fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.
Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or mini corn dogs, green beans, tossed salad, fruit salad, Missouri cookie.
Wed. - Turkey fajitas, shredded cheese, trimmings, pinto beans, corn bread.
Thurs. - Pizza - sausage or cheese, corn, fruit mix, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie.
Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

NCTC plans nurse pinnings

Two classes of North Central Texas College nursing program students will be honored during special ceremonies this month. Graduates from the Associate Degree-Nursing program will be pinned during a 7 p.m. ceremony on Dec. 10 at the Gainesville Civic Center. The NCTC licensed vocational nursing program will also commemorate the graduation of 27 students during a 7 p.m. pinning on Dec. 16 at the Gainesville Civic Center.

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Paw Prints

Kindergartners Gobble Up Thanksgiving

With the arrival of the season of Thanksgiving, the Sacred Heart Kindergarten Class has started learning about the many Indian and Pilgrim practices and traditions. They are discovering all about the first Thanksgiving. Mrs. Carmen Bonn's great style of teaching allows the students to easily "gobble up" great information about Thanksgiving in a fun way.

The Kindergarten Class is learning about how pilgrims lived. They have read the stories of the first Thanksgiving celebrations and the Mayflower. Each student is creating his own Mayflower. Quill, a feather writing pen, is another item the children are learning about.

They enjoy studying about the Indians as well. They have learned about Indian homes from long ago and Indian picture writing. They have fun learning and playing games that were played in colonial times.

Another thing associated with the pilgrims that they are learning about are hornbooks. Hornbooks were flat boards with handles used in the colonial times. Pasted on the board was a sheet of paper with a student's daily lessons. The board was covered with a thin clear piece of horn for protection. Often the handles had holes and could be worn around the neck or fastened to a belt. Austin Miller, a kindergartner, said, "In the schools, they did not have paper and the teacher would tell them to study from their hornbooks." The class had fun creating their own remake of hornbooks. They wrote numbers and alphabet down on it and hung them around their necks.

The kindergartner class has learned so much about Thanksgiving and the groups of people celebrating the first celebrations of Thanksgiving. They have been busy with many fun projects directed toward the Pilgrims and the Indians. With all the great activities they are doing, the Sacred Heart Kindergarten will have a deeper understanding of how Thanksgiving began.

The McGyver Project

by Michelle Fuhrmann
The Sacred Heart High School Physics Class is learning by doing. Ms. Angie Smith, the science teacher, presented the class with the "McGyver Project." This project is designed to help the students learn about mechanical advantage and hydraulics.

For this project, the students are theoretically faced with this problem: they wake up in room with only one door and no

windows. In front of the door is a high-technical, heat-sensitive, explosive device on a timer. They have to disarm the bomb in order to open the door so they can escape. But if the bomb will explode if a change in temperature is detected, they cannot get too close to it.

The solution is not as simple as it may sound. The 10 physics students are broken into three groups. Each group must design and build a "robot" that will go over to the bomb, lift it up, and place it in a "bomb box" which happens to be in the room where the students are theoretically trapped. The tricky part is that the students are only allowed to use materials which are found in this room. These materials include: paperpops, straight pins, cardboard, syringes, tape, rubber tubing, a stapler, a cutting utility (scissors), string and wter. The students must use what they have learned about pneumatics or hydraulic and simple machines, especially levers, in order to make their "robots" work.

As an out-of-the-ordinary and possibly even fun way of learning, the "McGyver Project" gives the physics students a chance to put what they know into use. The distance the "robot" must travel is about two feet. The bomb, which is a film container filled with rocks, will only be lifted two to three inches.

Seventh Grade Highlights

by Adrienne Bartel

The Sacred Heart Seventh Grade has recently finished a great football season. The record for the seventh grade team was eight wins and two losses. The boys and girls are now preparing for their basketball season, which will surely be as great as their football season.

As the semester progressed, the seventh grade has been involved in many activities. The class participated in the Muenster VFW essay contest. They are currently working on essay for the DAR contest. In order to enter, the students must write an obituary for George Washington. The class is writing research papers in science, which is taught by Mrs. Annette Bayer. The seventh grade has already on a field trip this year. The class attended a performance of the Fort Worth Symphony at the Bass Hall.

This year the class is being taught religion by Ms. Dorothy Bengfort. Mrs. Glenda Mitchell teaches seventh grade English, and Texas History. Seventh grade math is taught by Mrs. Dolores Hofbauer. With many activities in which class participates, the year surely go by quickly.

Dear Santa,
We have had a great year and hope that you have too. We are very excited about Christmas!

We have been getting ready for Christmas by learning about some of the traditions and where they come from. Because we want to be sure that all good boys and girls get something they want for Christmas we are only asking for one special gift. We love you Santa! Tell Mrs. Claus we love her too!

Chance Cameron, a John Deere tractor, Andi Felderhoff, a doll; Daniel Fleitman, a 4-wheeler; Christopher Green, a tractor; Mark Jones, a truck; Dalton Koelzer, a basketball; Demi Koelzer, a doll; Daniel Lutkenhaus, a 4-wheeler; Hunter Nobile, a basketball; Peyton Roberts, new puppies; Darrin Springs, a basketball; Kendra Walterscheid, a doll.

Have a Merry Christmas, Santa. We love you.

Mrs. Davis's
MISD Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa Claus,

Greetings! We hope you have had a very good year. We certainly have. We are in kindergarten and we are learning so much. Our teacher recently read a story to us, and the children in the story only received one gift, but it was very special. Everyone in our class decided to ask for only one gift this year.

Jordan Fredrick, a Captain Hook boat; Allison Pagel, an E-Z bake oven; Chase Hammer, a bag of marbles; Whitney Yosten, a magic doll; Blake Voth, a race car; Shane Sicking, firecrackers; Tyler Anderle, Nintendo; Chelsey Caldwell, Pokemon stuff; Chloe Schneider, a tour guide Barbie; Blake Grewing, a Tony Stuart car; Colton McGehee, a bag of marbles; Lana Heers, an E-Z bake oven; BriAnna Bayer, a Barbie; David Fleitman, a motorcycle; Kameron Heady, Nintendo; Cole McAden, a remote control motorcycle; Kayla Acuna, a Barbie camera.

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Sports

Sacred Heart splits wins with Nocona

Sacred Heart hosted the Nocona basketball teams last Friday, with the Tigerettes remaining undefeated with a 74-46 win and the Tigers falling 83-35.

Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Five players in double figures shows our engine is running fine."

SH	25	12	20	17	74
N	10	14	12	10	46

The Nocona Indians jumped out into a 32-9 first quarter score, then extended their lead 54-19 at half time before letting up a little and allowing the Tigers into the game.

"Nocona has a great team and we played our worst game of the season," noted Coach Kelly Bayer, "though the boys showed a lot of character by the way they played in the second half."

John Yosten led the Tigers with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Luke Endres added 12 points, Matthew Nasche 3, and 2 each from Chris Smith, and Josh Walterscheid.

The Tigers were 14 of 43 in shooting and gave up 36 turnovers.

SH	9	10	8	8	35
N	32	22	10	19	83

Kayla Felderhoff and Sarah Hess spent most of the first half on the bench, both getting into foul trouble early. Audrey Barnhill and Anne Flusche filled in, jointly scoring 18 points the first half.

Five Tigerettes scored double digits, led by Felderhoff with 21. Barnhill, Flusche and Andrea Bauer added 13 points apiece. Bauer was 4 for 4 from the field, 1 of 2 on 3s and 2 for 2 from the free throw line.

Hess put in 10 points, while Joanna Gehrig and Jennifer Hess each added 2. Gehrig is also credited for an assist, 8 steals, and 8 rebounds.

"We are trying to make some adjustments in our defense and at times it was awesome," said



SH Tigerette Sarah Hess dribbles before shooting for two points against Nocona last Friday. Photo by Dave Fette



Mitch Endres drives in for a lay up during the Hornets versus Knights basketball game Tuesday in Lindsay. Daniel Hellinger (right) got a hand on the ball to deflect the points while Cody Secret waits for the rebound. The Hornets rallied in the second half, but the Lindsay varsity won by 8. Photo by Dave Fette



Muenster High's Kelly Felderhoff (center) and Christi Lutkenhaus guard Lindsay Lady Knight Jo Sparkman in a close game Tuesday evening which the Lady Hornets won 43 to 40. Photo by Dave Fette



Walterscheid drives in to score two for Sacred Heart against Nocona. Stephen Hofbauer is ready for the rebound. Photo by Dave Fette

Tigers and Panther teams blow out victories Tuesday

Sacred Heart's varsity basketball teams changed the tradition of Tuesday's games to honor of Panther of Ashley, who was killed in an automobile accident last week. Another teammate, in Brawner, was seriously injured in the accident.

Every member of the Saint Panther's put points on the scoreboard in their 58-48 victory over the Tigers. "Saint played with a lot of heart," commented Coach Kelly Bayer. "I'm glad they played for a 'd' cause and even though sorry we lost, I'm glad they played their first game after the tragedy."

The Tigers took an early lead, but a strong second quarter by the Panthers gave them a 30-22 half time lead. Luke Endres was the games top scorer with 19 points. Chris Smith and Jon Yosten added 10 points, while Josh Walterscheid scored 7 and Marty Farrell 2.

"It was a tough loss. Poor rebounding in the second

quarter and poor shooting throughout the game ruined our chance of winning, noted Coach Bayer.

SH	12	10	11	15	48
SJ	9	21	15	13	58

The Tigerettes got their 10th consecutive win with a 69-29 victory over the Lady Panthers.

Kayla Felderhoff got off to a fast start scoring 13 of her 18 points the first quarter, to give Sacred Heart an early 25-6 lead.

Audrey Barnhill dumped in 15 points and Andrea Bauer 10 to get into the double numbers. Joanna Gehrig and Sarah Hess each added 9, with Anne Flusche scoring 3, Jana Truebenbach and Andrea Bartush two apiece and Jennifer Hess a free throw.

Hess, Hess and Bauer were the Tigerettes leading rebounders with Gehrig grabbing 6 steals.

SH	25	17	10	17	69
SJ	6	5	5	13	29

Sacred Heart will be participating in the Red River Tournament this weekend in Muenster.

Football playoff update

After defeating Muenster 34-13, Celeste took a big win over Dawson, 35-7. Jamaica Rector grabbed nine passes for 198 yards and 3 touchdowns and ran in 2 more.

After winning 40-22 over Valley View, Detroit beat Meridian 34-6.

In the region III championship game last week, Detroit gave the Blue Devils a 33-6 beating. Rector grabbed 6 passes for 124 yards.

Detroit senior Kelvin Harris ran 206 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries to run past the Blue Devils.

In the state semi-final contest this weekend, the top two highest scoring 1A teams, Bartlett, 565 points in 14 games, and Detroit, 533 in 13, meet.

The other semi-final game, Wheeler vs Aspermont, rematches last year's state semi-final contest, in which Wheeler won 35-14.

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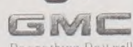
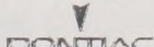
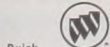
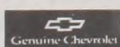
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Junior Varsity

Sacred Heart 44 Nocona 18
Sara Sepanski dropped in 13 points to lead the junior varsity Tigerettes to victory last Friday.
"This was our best effort of the season," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. The girls finally played as hard as they practice."
Lilly Nasche put in 8 points for Sacred Heart, with Kristin Zimmerer and Mary Jane Callahan each adding 6. Elizabeth Fette and Alicia Cochran scored 4 apiece, with Crystal Hess getting 2 and Jennifer Hoedebeck 1.

SH	11	18	9	6	44
N	6	2	5	5	18

Sacred Heart 30 Nocona 33
Sacred Heart's six junior varsity Tigers challenged the Nocona team in a tight, hard-fought battle. These boys are remarkable! Their desire to win is great," commented Coach Kelly Bayer. Jack Biffle led all scorers with 16 points. Clint Fuhrmann added 7, Chris Fuhrmann 5, and Daniel Bartush 2.

SH	8	5	6	11	30
N	9	4	8	12	33



Ted Heers, winner of the 1999 Muenster Enterprise football contest, points to the contest chart showing his first place score of 75.5%, which awarded him \$100. Charles Edwards of Forestburg, came in second place with a 74.5% score.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Biologists urge deer harvest in light of dry conditions

Expressing concerns about a shortage of deer forage should current dry conditions persist into winter, state wildlife biologists are encouraging an early season whitetail harvest wherever possible.
"In areas that haven't seen rain in some time, hunters need to be taking deer off that range as soon as possible," urged Butch Young, whitetail deer program director with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW). "We had a tremendous fawn crop and spring rains set us up for high survival rates. Consequently, there's a lot of young deer and since we haven't had any rainfall for several months in some area, there's not much for them to live on through the winter."
"Look at the does and fawns," Young added, "if the hip bones or ribs are showing those deer are in poor condition and might not survive winter."
Deer taken early in season have reflected rainfall conditions, according to T reports from field biologists. South Texas, where rainfall conditions remain excellent, a result of rainfall brought by Hurricane Bret, did appear to be in good shape. Conversely, in counties the immediate north and that did not receive as much rain showed less promise according to Royce Jurries. Jurries did not see any poor deer, with only a few exceptions, saw little or no fat on the carcasses harvested during open weekends."
In the Hill Country, Kerrville-based biologist Traweck reported that whitetail bucks harvested were in good shape and showed excellent antler development, the carcasses were "a little on the thin side."

"The brief rain we saw the start of the season in the Hill Country gave us a great day of forbs and that held but I don't expect conditions last unless we get more rain soon," Young said. "Because bucks are in rut and are concerned about food right now, there isn't as much pressure on the habitat. If once they come out of the rut we could see some problems. Bucks may go through an antler cast, which may create some problems for hunters trying to identify a buck from a doe. It could also mean we're seeing bucks going into winter in poor condition."

Junior High Action

SH 8th 43 Selwyn 18
Courtney Hartman and Karen Gehrig together scored 34 points to take a big win on Nov. 18. Jayna Biffle added 8, and Laura Taylor a free throw for the Lady Cubs.

SH	17	5	18	3	43
S	4	0	6	18	

SH 8th 59 Selwyn 21
Zach Barnhill burned the boards in Denton, dropping in 23 points. Wes Wimmer also hit double digits with 12. Noah Hess added 7, Kevin Walterscheid 6, John McCoy 5, Tony Koessler 4, and Adam Taylor 2.

SH	14	18	17	10	59
S	6	4	5	6	21

SH 7th 23 St. Mary's 34
Only two Sacred Heart 7th grade Lady Cubs put balls in the basket in the Nov. 22 contest with Saint Mary's. Jacqueline Bauer scored 17, and Christine Fetsch 6.

SH	2	7	10	4	23
SM	12	12	6	4	34

SH 7th 27 St. Mary's 43
The young Cubs lost to the Mustangs Nov. 22. Paul Bartush was Sacred Heart's high scorer with 16 points. Andy Davis put in 6, Chris Hoedebeck 4, and Alex Sicking 1.

SH	11	7	4	5	27
SM	12	15	9	7	43

SH 7th 14 Boyd 21
Last week Monday, Sacred Heart hosted Boyd in junior high action. Katie Flusche put in 7 points, Jacqueline Bauer 4, and Stephanie Henscheid 3.

SH	2	1	7	4	14
B	3	5	4	9	21

SH 7th 37 Boyd 42
The 7th grade Cubs fell to Boyd in an overtime battle. Paul Bartush pumped in 24 points for Sacred Heart. Chris Hoedebeck added 6, Clayton Truelsenbach 5, and Andy Davis 2.

SH	9	12	4	9	37
B	8	7	4	15	42

SH 8th 43 Boyd 15
The Lady Cubs took a big 15 point lead the first quarter and never looked back, dominating the Lady Bees from Boyd. Courtney Hartman scored 17 and Karen Gehrig 15 to lead Sacred Heart in scoring. Jayna Biffle added 6, with Lisa Endres and Kate Sepanski each getting 2. Cindy Hartman put in a free throw. The Lady Cubs were 13 out of 19 at the free throw line.

SH	17	7	11	8	43
B	2	3	5	4	15

SH 8th 32 Boyd 45
Two Cub players scored in the double digits, but Sacred Heart could not pull out a win. Wes Wimmer put 11 points on the score board with Zach Barnhill contributing 10, Noah Hess and Adam Taylor each scored 4, with Kevin Walterscheid getting 2, and Tony Koessler 1.

SH	6	1	9	16	32
B	14	7	15	9	45

Muenster 7th 'B' 10 Saint Mary's 30
The second team 7th grade Stingers fell in round one of the Sivells Bend tournament last Saturday. Scoring for Muenster were Dustin Felderhoff with 6 points and Aaron Walterscheid 4.

M	2	4	2	2	10
SM	11	1	9	9	30

PONDER TOURNAMENT Muenster 7th 28 Liberty Christian 41
The 7th grade Stingers fell in the first round of the Ponder tournament. Sean Fuhrmann scored 7 points for Muenster. Russell Endres added 6, Justin Wolf 5, John Fredrick 4, and 2 apiece from Clint Miller, Chase Cain, and Craig Hopper.

M	2	11	2	13	28
L	14	4	15	8	41

Muenster 7th 50 Krum 23
In round two of tournament action, the young Stingers dominated the team from Krum. No other information on the game was available.

Muenster 7th 28 Ponder 145 the final game Saturday, the young Stingers were again defeated. Fuhrmann put in 8 points, Cain 7, and Endres 6, hitting three 3s. Fredrick added 4, Felderhoff 2, and Wolf 1.

M	7	11	6	4	28
P	8	10	16	11	45

Muenster 7th 46 Valley View 24
The young Stingers earned another district win Monday night at Valley View. Russell Endres was the game's leading point maker with 13 points. Craig Hopper also scored in the doubles with 10. Sean Fuhrmann added 6, Clint Miller 5, Derek Felderhoff and Justin Wolf 4 each. John Fredrick and Chisam Cain each added 2.

M	11	12	8	15	46
VV	2	7	7	8	24

Muenster 8th 25 Valley View 31
The Stingers fell to the Eagles Monday at Valley View. Muenster's first points, came with 48 seconds on the first period clock. Kirk Hartman was high scorer for the Stingers with 6 points. Kyle Endres added 5, with John Sturm, Jared Ledbetter, and Brent Mercer each getting 4. Daniel Russell put in 2 points.

M	2	12	4	7	25
VV	13	4	6	8	31

SIVELLS BEND TOURNAMENT SH 59 Sivells Bend 41
The 7th grade Cubs competed in the Sivells Bend tournament Saturday, beginning with a battle against the host team. Paul Bartush put in 24 points and Chris Hoedebeck 19 to lead Sacred Heart's scoring. Andy Davis added 6, Clayton Truelsenbach 5, Stephen LaChance 4, and Todd Hess 1 in the Cubs' victory.

Cody Eschobed was the game's high scorer, putting in 26 points for Sivells Bend.

SH	17	12	16	14	59
SB	10	7	14	10	41

SH 47 St. Mary's 20
The Cubs horse whipped the Mustangs in game two. In the 2nd quarter, Sacred Heart dropped in 22 points, 10 from Hoedebeck. The Cub defense put the icing on the cake by holding St. Mary's scoreless the final period. Hoedebeck led all point-makers with 19. Bartush added 8 with Davis and Truelsenbach each getting 6. Two points were added each by LaChance, Alex Sicking, Casey Coker and Hess.

SH	8	22	11	6	47
SM	6	9	5	0	20

SH 43 Callisburg 9
The Cubs took a big championship victory over Callisburg to conclude the tournament. Sacred Heart took a commanding 32-9 half-time lead, then saw the young Cats get colder for no points in the 2nd half. Bartush and Hoedebeck again led the scoring with 15 and 12 points. Truelsenbach scored 5 and Davis added 4, while LaChance, Walterscheid and Hess scored 2 apiece. Sicking put in a free throw in the championship game.

SH	22	10	8	3	43
C	3	6	0	0	9

Texas Wildlife

by Thompson Temple

Is there a game fence between you and the buck of your dreams?

Do you have a 300 acre deer lease that is joined on one side by a high fenced game ranch? Did you see the buck of your dreams and raise your rifle to shoot? In your scope did you see the barely distinguishable wires of a high fence between you and the buck? "Dog gone it! I can't shoot!"

This scenario often occurs on Texas farms and ranches. Let's think for a minute why it does happen. People with high fenced ranches often do not harvest young, immature bucks. They know that there is an excellent chance that the young buck will be there next year. They let them grow up. They wait. The young buck grows up and gets a big rack just like the buck in the picture with this article.



The difficulty with non high fenced land, is that if you let a six point buck go, then someone else may shoot it the next day. How far will a buck travel in the rut looking for a doe in heat? I have seen a known buck travel two miles in search of a doe. This means that a buck standing in one place utilizes 7,680 acres, if he travels two miles in all directions from his starting point. Somewhere on 7,680 acres someone will shoot a six point buck.

What is the answer? Did you ever hear the expression - If you can't beat them, then join them! It might not be possible to manage for big bucks on your 300 acre lease. Maybe you

should shoot that six point buck and be tickled with him.
The State of Michigan does not manage for trophy bucks. They state that it is their goal to provide as many successful hunts as possible. They know that you can harvest twice as many bucks if you take them at 2 1/2 years of age as opposed to 5 1/2 years of age. Let's assume that your property was good for 5 trophy bucks per year. If you switched to a quantity program instead of quality program, then you could harvest 10 immature bucks per year and no trophy bucks. Michigan manages for a young buck or doe hanging up in as many garages as possible. They want venison on as many tables as possible.

Who is right? Is anyone wrong? It is a worthwhile program either way. Keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back, and the Lord in your heart. Good hunting!

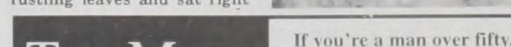
Big bucks are out there this year

The biggest bucks get harvested late in the season. Why do I say this? Let's look at some factors that could make this possible.

Cold weather - A hard freeze kills summer time vegetation. When edible vegetation is reduced, then deer have to range further to fill their bellies. The further a buck travels the higher the opportunity that he will walk by your stand. Bucks get cold when the temperature drops below freezing. Corn produces body heat. After a cold night, a morning feeding from an automatic corn feeder can be very effective.
Rut - The heaviest rutting comes later in the season. I live in the country and I do see early rutting activities. I see a lot more rutting activities as it gets later in the season. A rutting buck can become careless and step right in front of you and look at you - when he is after a doe.
- In many areas you can see a lot further when the leaves have fallen. Visibility is better for the hunter and there are not as many good places for deer to hide. Fallen leaves on the ground make noise when a buck walks through them. My son, Owen, was sound asleep in a blind one time. He heard rustling leaves and sat right

up. He had a buck at 20 yards that had made a lot of noise walking in the fallen leaves. He dropped the buck at 20 steps!

Don't be discouraged if you have not gotten that big buck yet! The hunting is getting better every day! There are a lot of big bucks out there this year. Also, I find shed racks from big bucks that obviously never got shot the season before. You don't know for sure what might or might not be in your back pasture. That big one might be at your favorite stand right now! Interesting note - They say that 60 percent of all record book bucks are taken between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



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Texas counties approved for the Livestock Assistance Program

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced there are currently 128 Texas counties approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for the Livestock Assistance Program. LAP, administered by FSA, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties that have suffered grazing losses due to

natural disasters during 1999. Nationwide, \$200 million has been allocated for livestock producers for weather-related losses as part of the \$8.7 billion farm assistance package passed in October. An additional \$10 million in funding was approved in the recently passed H.R. 3194 which provides \$576 million in additional emergency funding.

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for a 90-day period during 1999. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle; buffalo or beafalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle; sheep; goats; swine; and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

The approved counties include Cooke, Denton, Grayson, Montague, and Wise.

For more information on the Livestock Assistance Program, producers should contact their local USDA-Farm Service Agency.

Texas counties to add taxing units

Texas has 253 county appraisal districts (CADs), with Potter and Randall forming a single appraisal office.

Texas continues to add new taxing units. In 1999, 46 taxing units will levy a property tax for the first time, including 16 municipal utility districts, nine cities, seven fire districts, five underground water control districts, three road districts, two water districts, two emergency service districts and two water control improvement districts.

County appraisal districts (CADs) reported that the total tax levy used to allocate their budgets increased from \$17.2 billion in 1997 to about \$18.1 billion in 1998. The average 1998 CAD operating budget was \$804,350 - up almost 4 percent.

A board of directors governs CAD operations and establishes goals and policies. CAD directors appoint appraisal review boards (ARBs) to handle taxing unit challenges and taxpayer disputes with the appraisal office.

Property Tax Code Section 6.12 requires the chief appraiser - with the advice and consent of the CAD's board - to appoint three or more members to an agricultural advisory board. The advisory board advises the chief appraiser on appraisal and use of land designated for agricultural, open space and timberland use.

State laws require CADs to reappraise property in their districts at least once every three years.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

Minimize cattle shrinkage during transportation

Cattle lose weight when rounded up, transported and worked.

According to a report by Oklahoma State University livestock specialist, the type of feed consumed before shipping will affect the total weight loss of the cattle. Livestock on lush green grass lose more than cattle on a less digestible dried grass or hay diet. Calves pastured on native grass hay before moving shrunk less than calves on other types of feed. However, avoid changing their feed at shipping time. Make

changes early to allow the cattle to adjust to their changed diet.

The study also discovered that allowing cattle to graze until mid-morning, reduced the rate of weight loss and resulted in heavier weights. Cattle gathered at first light have not had time to graze and water.

Another item to note is to avoid excess movement, which causes stress, then weight loss. For each 30 minutes a group of calves are moved, they could lose one-half of a percent of their weight.

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Monthly Report by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

Texas Cattle

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.93 million head on November 1, up 4 percent from a year ago and up 10 percent from the October 1 level. Producers placed 810 thousand head in commercial feedlots during October.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 530 thousand head during October, down 9 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.46 million head on Nov. 1, 1999.

MILK PRODUCTION

Texas milk production totaled 434 million pounds during October, up 1 percent from last year.

The number of milk cows during October averaged 346 thousand head, up 4,000 head from last year but unchanged from September 1999. Production per cow averaged 1,255 pounds during October compared with 1,260 pounds last year.

CROP PRODUCTION

Corn production is forecast at 238.7 million bushels, up 29 percent from last year's production, but 1 percent less than the record production in 1997. Based on Nov. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 138 bushels per acre.

Sorghum production is forecast at 102.3 million hundredweight (cwt), 73 percent more than last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 2.9 million acres, up 26 percent from last year. Yield, at 3,528 pounds per acre, is expected to be 952 pounds more than last year.

The 1999 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 9.9 million bushels, up 67 percent from last year's production. Harvested acreage is up 19 percent, and yield is expected to average 31 bushels per acre, 9 bushels above last year.

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The Texas Department of Agriculture offers options for pesticide applicators credits

The Texas Department of Agriculture offers pesticide applicators several options for getting the continuing education credit units (CEUs) necessary to renew their license. Many pesticide applicators face a Feb. 28, 2000 renewal date.

The Ag Ed Group and Advanced Professional Education made home study an option a few years ago. Private applicators can take classes via video for 10 hours, but must complete the other five credits in a classroom.

Private applicators also may earn the required credits by passing a 200 question recertification exam that includes questions on information covered in continuing education courses. If an applicator passes the exam, a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs is issued. The exam costs \$50 per attempt.

The latest option is on-line courses. PestNetwork.com is offering up to 10 credit hours on-line for a fee. While commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators can get all their credits this way, they may use the on-line option only every other year.

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 they should receive by early January.

Private applicators cannot simply retest to renew their license. A license must have been expired for a year before one can take the private applicator training course and test.

Commercial and non-commercial applicators may each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management and risk minimization.

Pesticide applicators should check with their county Agricultural Extension Service office for courses offered by the Texas Department of Agriculture at 1-800-TILL-TDA or (512)463-7548 for a list of approved courses. A list of CEU courses is available on TDA's website at (www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticidehome.htm).

Consider AMTA payments when planning taxes

Government payments are income and could affect your tax planning objectives. Doane's Agriculture has updated the manner in which various types of government payments need to be treated for income tax purposes.

Market transition payments (AMTA) are taxable in the year received. The additional AMTA payments provided by the emergency aid package will likely be sent out this year. You have the choice of receiving 2000 calendar AMTA payments in 1999 or 2000. It may be to your advantage to wait and receive next year's AMTA payment after Jan. 1.

Proceeds from Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) must be reported as taxable income in the year received. LDPs must be reported as income even if the crop is sold in another taxable year.

Normally, crop insurance and disaster payments are reported as income in the year they are received. However, if producers and share-rent landlords have had a history of deferring more than 50 percent of the crop sales to another taxable year, they can elect to defer crop insurance and disaster payment proceeds. Both crop insurance and disaster payments must be

treated the same way if received in the same taxable year. It is not possible to defer one and not the other if received in the same taxable year.

Producers on the cash method of accounting need to be concerned about how they elect to report CCC loan proceeds. Normally, producers would report income from a crop the year it was sold. However, if a producer had pledged part or all of his or her production to secure a CCC loan, the loan proceeds could be reported as income in the year received, rather than the year of sale. Once a choice is made, all succeeding loans must be reported in the same way. Producers can obtain permission from the IRS to change to a different reporting method.

Check with your tax advisor to see if your current method is the best tax advantage.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

2000 stock show opens rodeo ticket office

Rodeo tickets for the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show are for sale at a Will Rogers Memorial Center box office. The 3 performances of the Wild Original Indoor Rodeo will feature a variety of security entertainment.

Ticket prices are \$18 each for Friday night and a weekend performance and \$16 for Monday through Thursday nights and Monday through Friday matinee performances. Orders for tickets, which should include \$4 extra per order for postage and handling, are available by writing P.O. Box 150, Fort Worth, TX 76101-0150. Orders are being accepted by telephone at (817)877-2400 or by MasterCard. Tickets also are available at TicketMaster outlets.

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200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 88-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-88-300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 88-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-88-400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 80-92-500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 75-94; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-75-600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 73-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-73-700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 70-78; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-70-
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 43-50. Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 23-30; cutter, 30-39-
Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$525-\$600; medium frame, \$450-\$525-
Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$600-\$700; medium frame, \$500-\$600-
Holstein baby calves, \$30-\$75; Crossbreds, \$75-\$200-
Barrows & Gilts; US #1
230-270, 32-34, US #2, 220-280, 28-30-
Feeder (per head):
100-175 lbs., \$45-\$50; 25-90 lbs., \$25-\$40-
Sows:
Feeder, 400 or less, 18-20; Light wt., 400-500, 20-22; Med. wt., 500-600, 24-25; Heavy wt., 600-up, 25-28-
Boars:
300 lb.-up, 04-06, 200-300 lbs., 06-15; Light wt., 15-20-
Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs 40-60 lbs., 85-90; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 80-85; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 80-82-
Ewes:
Stocker, NT, Thin, 30-35; Fat, NT-
Bucks:
Thin, NT, Fat, NT-
Barbados (per head)
Lambs: \$35-\$50. Ewes: \$35-\$40. Bucks: \$35-\$60-
Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$25-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$55; 55-75 lbs., \$55-\$70. Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$85-
Nannies (per head)
Stocker, \$70-\$80; Milk Type, \$80-\$85; Slaughter: Thin \$40-\$45; Fat, \$45-\$55-
Billies (per head)
120 lbs-up
Breeders, NT,
Slaughter, NT
Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Nanny, \$55-\$75; 3/4 Nanny, \$60-\$90; Full Nanny, \$125-\$150-
Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Billy, \$60-\$70; 3/4 Billy, \$70-\$80; Full Billy, \$85-\$90-

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