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Two plead, "Keep Muenster Hospital and district open"

by Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel and Muenster businessman Rufus Henscheid attended the Jan. 25 meeting of the Muenster Hospital Board of Directors. Each had submitted a letter asking board members to reconsider the proposed merger with the Gainesville Hospital District.

Henscheid was a member of the MMH Board for 18 years. In his letter Henscheid asked that the Board consider that the Muenster Hospital District be kept as is and not dissolved. He had a number of people sign the letter in agreement with his statements. (See Letter To the Editor which is similar). "We worked mighty hard to get this district," he noted.

An election to let the people decide about the fate of the district was recommended by Henscheid. He added, "If we've got to close the hospital, we've got to close the hospital, but let's hang on to our district, please. Let's consider it."

Speaking as the mayor on behalf of Muenster, Weinzapfel remarked that if Muenster lost

much more from its infrastructure it would suffer. The local hospital is one of the most significant areas of Muenster's economy and closing the hospital would hurt the town, he said. "If we take too much more infrastructure out I think Muenster will be like Myra," the mayor worried. Weinzapfel echoed Henscheid's appeal the let the citizens have a voice in the decision.

Weinzapfel said he felt that the residents of the hospital district might be willing to tighten their belts and do whatever it takes to keep the hospital in Muenster and that they should be allowed to vote to show how they felt. "Let the people of Muenster decide rather than the hospital board," he urged.

That Muenster would lose even the clinic eventually was one of Weinzapfel's fears. If Muenster doesn't have something to absolutely ensure that the board of directors of the merged hospital will guarantee that our hospital facility will stay here and continue to function, it will close. Since Muenster has only

5,000 residents out of 30,000 in the county, the Muenster voice would not be heard and it might be decided that the clinic in Muenster isn't necessary. Muenster then would have no medical facility, Weinzapfel contemplated.

MMH Board President Don Flusche asked who among the board members wanted to see the hospital close. None did. He said that should tell the two visitors something.

Endres expressed concern over larger hospitals that were being forced to close. "If a town that is several times larger than us can't keep a hospital open, I'm not quite sure why it's realistic to think that Muenster can keep it open just by wishing it would be so," Endres stated. He explained that 60 percent or more of their business is controlled by the government with Medicare and Medicaid, another 10 percent is no-pay, and that leaves just 30 percent to work with. Most of that 30 percent is now becoming managed care so that hospitals aren't getting paid what they charge by managed care either. "If the

government is not going to pay what it costs to run a hospital and that is 60 percent of your business, that would challenge any businessman around to find a way to keep that business open," he said.

The government isn't going to shell out money to keep every hospital open when the number of beds across the country is well above the necessary capacity, Endres reasoned. He said that MMH now has an 18 bed facility that averages four in-patients a day. "You cannot run a full-service acute care hospital on four patients," said Endres. "Wishing we could keep it open doesn't make piles of cash show up on the table and it takes cash to make a payroll. We have to face making a payroll every two weeks."

According to Endres the Board has talked with attorneys, accountants, and with consultants and every one of them has recommended the merger with Gainesville. Recommendations made to Gainesville are that they merge with Muenster. "We're

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Old temperatures and moisture, both rarities locally this winter, came together last week to create ice coated landscapes. Although trees, shrubs and flowers like the bush pictured became coated with ice they seemed to weather the weather well. Precipitation began on Wednesday, but ice didn't begin to accumulate until Thursday morning causing schools to close early. Precipitation included a mixture of rain, sleet and even some nice sized snowflakes. Photo by Dave Fette

County Attorney Candidates debate in Gainesville

by Dave Fette
The Cooke County Republican Men's Club meeting Tuesday night featured a debate between republican candidates for county attorney in the March primary election. Current county attorney Tanya Davis met challenger Lanhon Odom to answer questions and rebut answers at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce building.

Davis has served as county attorney since 1995 when D. August Boto resigned. Before that Davis was assistant county attorney in Grayson County for three years, then Cooke County for six. She won a contested primary race in 1996 against Ed Zielinski who is currently assistant district

attorney. Questions posed by moderators Sheila Cox and Kit Chase, then were offered a chance to rebut the answer.

Odom said that the main problem now in the county attorney's office is the backlog of cases in front of the County Court. There are over 2,000 cases currently pending. Davis said the number of cases coming into her office has increased dramatically from law enforcement agencies with growing staffs while her staff has not grown. "But after 13 years as a prosecutor, I can sleep at night, knowing we handle our cases properly," Davis said.

The responsibilities of the County Attorney's office include prosecution of all adult misdemeanor cases, all cases involving minors, hot checks and custody and competency trials. The cases with minors especially take a lot of time because the number of extra court appearances for children, Davis said. Odom said the problem is one of mismanagement in the office and a failure to inspire plea bargains. Davis responded that a proper trial takes time. Odom said he would prepare five or six cases at once not one or two, and be more aggressive in their disposition. Davis said, "We are always ready to go when the judge says go to trial."



Lanhon Odom

Davis reiterated that they have more cases coming in with not enough staff to handle them, but also admitted that an assistant prosecutor she had has been absent from her office since 1997 for medical reasons, but has not yet been replaced. Odom questioned, "Why not?"

Both candidates agreed that Cooke County needs a county court of law and another prosecutor. They also concurred that Legislation involving the parents of minors in tougher penalties is needed to reduce crime by minors.

They parted with a handshake but will meet again to debate during the League of Women Voters Candidate Forum on Feb. 17.

Other political candidates were given one minute each to make a short statement about their campaign, moderated by Robert Eggleston, club president.

Mike Compton, incumbent candidate for Sheriff: "I'm looking forward, not back. We have people coming into this county from all over. We need progressive law enforcement to protect all people of the county."

David Tharp, incumbent candidate for Constable, Pct. 1: "My office needs to run like a business. The income to the county has risen from about \$6,000.00 to over \$11,000.00 I want to continue to improve and be self supporting."

Tony Ward, candidate for Constable, Pct. 4: "I have a tremendous lot of training in law enforcement from the military, the state department and DPS. This growing county needs my experience to support law enforcement and the courts."

Frank Rust, candidate for Commissioner, Pct. 3: "I offer 30 years of management experience. I know how to set long-term and short-term goals to manage for change and growth."



Tanya Davis

John Newton, candidate for U.S. Congress, 4th District now occupied by Democrat Ralph Hall: "I stand for safety from high taxes, safety from raids on the Social Security Trust Fund, keeping Washington out of our children's education and security from foreign threats to our nation."

Mark Petterman, candidate for U.S. Congress, District 4: "I am against over taxation of married people and subsidizing singles. I want to make changes to support families."

Newton and Petterman met again to debate during the Republican Women's Club meeting Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce.

Another feature of the evening meeting was a speech by Sheila Cox on the importance of voting. She urged everyone to pray for America and its officials, to be informed on the issues and make wise choices and to be a voter because each vote matters. "If we stand up for what we believe the majority still wins," Cox said.

A Trail Ride on March 5 to benefit Relay For Life

A Trail Ride to benefit the Cooke County Unit Relay For Life will be held on Sunday, Mar. 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Sponsors for the event are the Ray Swirczynski Family and J.H. Bayer Sons, Inc. Location is Capps Corner, Texas at the Bayer Lease Ranch.

During a lunch break, hamburgers and drinks will be served. It is necessary to RSVP by Friday, Mar. 3 to Trail Ride Benefit, Box 351, Muenster, Texas 76252.

For more information, call evenings 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Carolyn Bayer 940-759-2767 or Curt Bayer 940-759-4976.

Daryl Ferber honored at Chamber of Commerce Banquet

by Janet Felderhoff
There was a large group attending the Muenster Chamber of Commerce's 25th Annual Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 29 in the Muenster Community Center. It was an evening for looking back at 1999's accomplishments and or anticipating events for the coming year.

Long-time Chamber member Daryl Ferber received recognition for her service to the Muenster community. She will be moving back to Minnesota in March. Chamber President Dan Hamric praised her for all the work she has done in the community. She was presented with a Seraphim Angel. Hamric noted that Daryl will be missed.

One of Daryl's big projects was cleaning up the old Tuggle Motor Company lot. The lot was leveled and several flower beds installed. One flower bed had stepping stones which led to a covered bench. Several trees were planted including a row of evergreens to serve as a screen. This area was used for numerous events, especially for Santa's visits with local children.



Daryl Ferber receives a Seraphim Angel as an appreciation gift from the Muenster Chamber of Commerce for all of the work she has done for that organization and the rest of the community. Chamber President Dan Hamric made the presentation at Saturday's annual banquet. Photo by Dave Fette

Officers installed for 2000 are Dan Hamric, president; J.T. Pagel, vice-president; Pam Fette, secretary; Annette Walterscheid, treasurer. All officers are the same as last year except that Annette is replacing Jewel Otto as the treasurer.

Serving on the board of directors for the year are Annette Walterscheid, Troy Sicking, Pam Fette, Mark

Klement, Dan Hamric, Cathy Bartush Otto, Kathryn Hicks, and J. T. Pagel. Retiring board members are Jewel Otto, Milton Knauf, and Brian Herr.

Hamric acted as Master of ceremonies for the evening. Sacred Heart Pastor Father Tom Craig gave the invocation. Muenster Mayor Henry Weinzapfel welcomed guests.

Mary Lynn Seebeck, author of *American Dream Women -*

Insuring Women's Wealth, was the guest speaker. She spoke stressing the importance of education and emphasized the need of establishing goals and



Mary Lynn Seebeck

learning to incorporate them into daily life.

Gina Yosten shared her cowboy poetry with those in attendance. Sacred Heart's

Angelic Acappella Choir sang several songs.

Sylvia Herr and Fay Hamric served as banquet chairpersons. Rohmer's Catering prepared and served the dinner.

Betty Miller won the main door prize which was the centerpiece from the main



Retiring directors from the Muenster Chamber of Commerce Board were, from left Brian Herr, Jewel Otto, and Milton Knauf. Each was awarded a plaque to commemorate their years of service. Photo by Dave Fette

Hermes seeks census workers for county

by Janet Felderhoff
 Gilbert Hermes is working with the U.S. Census Bureau. His job is to test county residents who are interested in being hired to do the census beginning near the end of March. "The census will be mailed out to all the households in Cooke County," Hermes explained. "Those who don't reply - someone will have to go out and get those (census replies)."

Hermes said that so far in Collin County 66 people have been tested and they need over 2,000. In Cooke County 146 have been tested and 375 are needed. That's 40 percent of the needed number. Only 104 have been tested in Fannin County and 325 are needed.

All that is required is that the potential employee be able to read and write and follow directions. The test is simple Hermes noted. To pass you must get at least 10 out of a

possible 28 correct. There is a particular need for employees fluent in Spanish.

Salary is \$11.25 an hour plus 32.5 cents per mile if you drive. It will take from four to six weeks. Ages 18 and up are eligible. It is the goal of the Census Bureau to employ workers from the area being canvassed because they are familiar with it and it cuts down on mileage. Employees are asked to work at least 20 hours a week and up to 40 hours. They are asked not to go to houses after 8 p.m.

Commissioners gave Hermes permission to use the courtroom for testing purposes if he scheduled the tests around the times that the courtroom was not in use. Dates agreed on were Feb. 3, 8, 16, and 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Cooke County Judge Bill Harris and the Commissioners Court urged people to willingly

participate in the Census. All information is kept confidential. Census figures determine many things, including how grant applications will be impacted by population for the next 10 years. The more people living in an area who are accurately reported, the better the applicant will do. This impacts towns, counties, and the state. A larger population usually

means more available funds. If all of a town, county or state's residents aren't reported, that means that there could be less money approved for a grant, thus depriving residents of what they should actually get. It is important to have population accurately reported on a census.

For more information or other testing times, contact Hermes at (940)665-4617.

League sponsors county candidate forum Feb. 17

Gainesville's League of Women Voters is sponsoring a Candidate Forum on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 401 N. Dixon, Gainesville. The forum will be open to the public and video taped for later presentation on Gainesville access Channel 3.

The opposed candidate of each party has been invited to attend in their respective local races. Each candidate will have an opportunity to introduce himself or herself. Each candidate will answer one or more questions from the League and from the floor concerning issues. Each candidate will then make a

closing statement. The unopposed candidates will have 3 minutes for a presentation of their qualifications for the position they are seeking, their goals, etc. The public is encouraged to attend and present their questions to these candidates.

Tom Carson will be the moderator. Jody Shotwell will record the forum live on KGAF. Fred Eichenberger will video the forum for presentation at a later date on Channel 3 in Gainesville.

The League of Women Voters is non-partisan., and does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

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looking at very uncertain futures," noted Endres. "We can either wait 'til it hits us in the face and close up suddenly or we can try to address it and be ready for it when it comes and provide better care, I think, than we can operating by ourselves."

Henscheid said that with a change in administration there might be a change where small hospitals are favored. Endres said he felt that wasn't possible due to the current disaster with Social Security and the coming disaster when the Baby Boomers hit 65 and are on Medicare.

"There's not a chance in the world they're going to be looking at spending more money," Endres responded. "Their entire focus is going to be on spending less money for the foreseeable future. There's no way you can have one person working to support several people retired and on Social Security."

Henscheid claimed that he would rather see the hospital tax go 75 cents than to shut down the hospital. "If there's anything in this community we need its a hospital and I personally don't mind paying the 75 cents if it would help keep it open. I'd rather not pay it, but if we have to keep it open, I'd be willing to pay it. I've talked to a lot of people and everybody I talked to said they'd be willing to pay more tax to keep it open. I think it's terribly important to keep the district. Even if we eventually have to close the hospital, if we've got the district we've still got control and could have some medical services. We're looking way down the road. If we give this district away its gone forever."

Henscheid questioned small hospitals costing the government more than big hospitals. Endres said the government claims that they do, but small hospitals claim that they provide service more efficiently. It was like that when I was on the Board, Henscheid added and these regulations don't make sense.

Hospital Administrator Jack Endres responded that he didn't think it would be legally possible to keep the district open without a hospital. "If you keep the district open you also keep the liabilities of the district," explained Endres. "I don't know that you can keep the district open. The law is not very clear at all and certainly our enabling legislation has no provision in it which says if there's no hospital you can keep the district open and keep taxing the people when you're not providing a service that the district was created to provide. That's one problem. That's a very big legal problem."

"You're exactly right, Mr. Henscheid," remarked Board member Jack Murdock. "It doesn't make any sense at all and it absolutely infuriates me, but how do you wrestle with Washington? A small hospital like this can give better service. We do it more efficiently for less cost and the government gives us less money than they give Parkland or somebody down there. I feel like we're getting the short end of the deal on this thing. When you can do a better job and you're getting less for it and the people in a huge bureaucracy are wasting money right and left - what do they do but get a whole bunch more money than we do."

Endres said he felt that somebody in Muenster would complain about the situation. Even if they didn't Gainesville would because of being shut out of a tax base that was to be used to fund the new county hospital. You might find a lawsuit coming at you from Gainesville, he noted.

As long as there is a district here Endres said we would be responsible for all of the indigent care in this district. Every dollar of tax money would be gone with the first patient to go to Dallas. It would happen every year Endres said.

Endres reported that he had been attending numerous meetings, mostly in Gainesville, to promote the proposed hospital merger. Future meetings scheduled for February in Muenster include SNAP program on Feb. 1, Kiwanis Club on Feb. 2 and the Chamber of Commerce Feb. 9. Board members were encouraged to attend.

Betty Miller has earned her certification as a dietary manager, Endres announced. "It was a fairly difficult exam that she took to get that certification," he noted.

All board members were present except Lora Hennigan. Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Notice is posted at the front entry of the hospital several days before every meeting.

Discussion followed about government legislation and how it impacts the hospital.

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, February 7, 2000.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
 2. Approve minutes of the January 3, 2000 meeting.
 3. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
 4. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and act upon extending the current solid waste collection contract.
 2. Receive a police activities report from the Police Chief.
 3. Consider and act upon coordinating an increase in funding of the fire support agreement between the City of Muenster and Cooke County.
 4. Receive a quarterly report on Property Clean-Up.
 5. Review the proposed Ordinance #245, Hotel Occupancy Tax (Reading #1).
 6. Consider and act upon the proposed contract with the Jaycees.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and act upon approving Resolution #2-1-2000, Support for the North Texas Regional Drug Enforcement Task Force.
 2. Consider and act upon approving the TXU Electric Tariff Filing, January 25, 2000.
 3. Consider and act upon the proposed Construction and Maintenance Agreement for Bridge Replacement between the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Muenster to replace the closed bridge on West Eddy Street by approving Resolution #2-2-2000, Bridge Agreement.
 4. The Mayor will issue the election order for the May 4, 2000 election for the following places: Alderman #1 (Troy Sickling), Alderman #2 (John Pagel), and Alderman #4 (Jewel Otto).
 5. Consider and act upon amending the FY 2000 General Fund budget and the FY 2000 Water & Sewer budget.
 6. Consider and act upon approving Resolution #2-3-2000, Texoma Area Solid Waste Agency.
 7. Open the following sealed bids. Consider and act upon approving the lowest qualified bidder on each project:
 - a. FY 2000 Contractor Paving Project
 - b. Chlorine Gas Contract
 8. Consider and act upon closing South Maple Street from U.S. Highway #2 to Cross Street from April 24, 2000 through May 2, 2000 for Germanfest.
 9. Consider and act upon approving the sale of margaritas, wine and beer in the City Park in Block #59 during Germanfest from April 28-30, 2000.
 10. Consider and act upon approving corrections to the 1999 tax roll.
 11. Consider and act upon approving Resolution #2-4-2000, Support for Neutral Tax Treatment of Interest Purchases.
 12. Review the monthly budget summary.
 13. Review and act upon monthly bills.
 14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters.
 15. Return to open session. Act upon approving any actions from the executive session.
 16. Adjourn.



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By Ace Reid



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
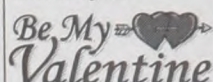


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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday, February 6, 2000	Monday, February 7, 2000 City Council, 7:30 PM Texoma Cattlewomen's meeting, 6:30 PM, Cooke County Farm Bureau office Hornet Booster Club meeting 7 PM, MUSD Gym	Tuesday, February 8, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, February 9, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed. Class, 7 PM C of C Breakfast, 7:30 AM, Center Restaurant/SH Alumni & Friends meeting, 7:30 PM, cafeteria/Adult Education Program, 8-9 PM, SHHS Library/Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 PM, Old Muenster Gym	Thursday, February 10, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM Corn & Sorghum meeting, 8 AM, WB Hudspeth-Era, 11 AM, CCEC/DIALOGUE meeting, Lindsay Health Clinic, 7 PM/Team Captains Kick-off-Relay For Life, Gainesville	Friday, February 11, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 p.m.	Saturday, February 12, 2000  Lincoln's Birthday Cub Scouts will be Scouting for Food, 8 AM to 6 PM
Sunday, February 13, 2000 Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Dance, 7-10 PM, KC Hall	Monday, February 14, 2000 VFW meeting, 8 PM 	Tuesday, February 15, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Library Board meeting, 7:30 PM	Wednesday, February 16, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed. Class, 7 PM Adult Education Program, 8-9 PM, SHHS Library Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 PM, Old Muenster Gym	Thursday, February 17, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center League of Women Voters, candidate forum, 7 PM, First Christian Church Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 p.m.	Friday, February 18, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 p.m.	Saturday, February 19, 2000

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Obituaries

Dr. Marvin Knight, Sr. 1908 - 2000

W. Orval Malone 1914 - 2000

by **Elfreda Fette**

A celebration of the life of Dr. Marvin P. Knight, Sr. was held at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. Presented informally, but with deep reverence and respect, by friends, former coworkers, peers and close professional acquaintances, it was attended by hundreds who knew him while he lived among them, who trusted him as a good friend, and who felt personally that he held their individual welfare in his heart and hands.



Dr. Marvin Knight, Sr.

The memorial program, with congregational participation, began with an organ prelude by Ruth Felderhoff, a welcome by Father Thomas Craig, pastor, and a hymn "In The Garden" by Christy Hesse. The principal eulogy was given by David M. Bright. The Lord's Psalm was sung by Emily Ement, Phillip Flusche, and Jim and Dave Fette.

Testimonials were given by Dr. Alfredo Antonetti, M.D., Dr. Martin Kralicke, M.D., and nurses Judy Flusche and Peggy Obble.

Christy Hesse sang "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling." Rev. Bill Ledbetter, pastor of Muenster First Baptist Church read a New Testament Scripture, (2 Timothy 4:7-8), and the Angelic Cappella Choir of Sacred Heart High School sang "Song of Farewell."

Dr. Marvin P. Knight, Jr. VM, his son responded, temporarily expressing appreciation felt by his family. Father Thomas Craig gave the benediction and the congregation joined in "The Lord's Prayer."

"I'll Fly Away" was sung by the Barbershop Chords: Bob Auer, Jack White, Don Ohmer, Stephen Bonin, and Dave Fette.

"TAPS," played by Chris Burk of the Muenster High School Band, gave a solemn, ting close to the program.

The eulogy for Dr. Marvin Knight, Sr. was compiled and presented by David M. Bright. As it stated, in part, "Born Hall's Valley, Texas on Dec. 3, 1908, he was the second of seven children. His father was in railroad construction when Dr. Knight was born and he eventually moved frequently during his youth. He started school at age 8, skipped a couple of grades and graduated from Moran High School in 1927, an outstanding student and athlete. Inspired by a great-uncle, a physician, he decided he would become a doctor.

"Pursuing that dream, he worked his way through Howard Payne College in Brownwood, graduated in 1930, entered Baylor University Medical School in Dallas, needing money and paying for his schooling forced him to work two and sometimes three jobs. Frugal, he even saved a little by the time he received his MD degree from Baylor in 1935. He interned at Gallinger Municipal Hospital in Washington, DC for the lofty stipend of \$15.00 a month. He opened his first practice in ermit, Texas, doing everything from delivering babies to repairing workers injured in the oil fields.

"In 1938 he married Josephine Higginbotham of Dallas.

"Pursuing specialized training in orthopedic surgery

where he was recognized as one of the best....

"Dr. Martin Kralicke and I had the privilege to be his assistants during the surgical procedures as well as care for his patients during their stay at Muenster Memorial Hospital.... We discovered he was a great physician... a man of talent, strong character, well-defined convictions, exceptional surgical skill, very honest and sincere during the exercise of his profession.... We also discovered he was always in command of the ship... he was always in charge of the problems related to the surgical procedure, while we were taking care of the clinical or medical problems of the patient.... Through almost 20 years we worked together harmoniously with a perfect understanding and separation of our functions.... He trusted our clinical decisions and appreciated our help, as well as we trusted his surgical skills, procedures and treatments.

"He was always outspoken and had a very characteristic sense of humor.... He gave the impression to be 'rough' as a bull rider, but this was only the 'crust,' or exterior of this exceptional man and not the compassionate doctor and person, we, his friends, and his patients discovered since the very beginning.... His advice to us was always the product of his experience....

"I asked him once.... 'Why are you working so hard?' His answer was always short and direct: 'Hell! I am doing what I like most!!' This short phrase defines exactly how Marvin Knight was.

"In his participation in the eulogy, Dr. Martin Kralicke said 'It was with mournful hearts and tear-laden eyes that we have buried our beloved Dr. Marvin Knight. He was a man of unquestionable principles. He was an orthopedic surgeon with honesty, integrity and expertise. He was a father who gave willingly of his love and care. Truly he was 'A Man For All Seasons!' He was a colleague, he was my friend...."

"For those who have asked, his family has suggested memorials sent to Muenster Memorial Hospital or to Howard Payne University Endowment Fund, Brownwood, Texas or to the Orthopedic Education and Research Foundation of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, 6300 N. River Road, Ste. 700, Rosemont, Illinois 60018.

"...Preceding him in death were his parents and his beloved wife Josephine. Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law Betty and David Taylor of Dallas, son and daughter-in-law Dr. Marvin Jr. and Judy Knight of Gainesville, and son Dr. Walter M. Knight of Dallas. Also four grandchildren Becca Taylor, Dr. Greg Taylor and wife Lori, and Pierce and Mark Knight, and great-grandchild Rhett Taylor."

Speaking informally, Dr. Alfredo Antonetti addressed Dr. Knight's family and all friends present: "I am very happy to talk about my unforgettable friend Dr. Marvin Knight, Sr., who I met about 30 years ago when he came to Muenster Memorial Hospital.... as orthopedic surgeon, and after he retired from his practice in Dallas,

William Orval Malone died on Jan. 28, 2000 in a Fort Worth hospital at age 85. A former Muenster resident, he was the husband of the late Bernadine (Roberg) Malone.

Graveside services were held Monday, Jan. 31 at 11:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Cemetery, directed by Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home, where a vigil had been held Sunday at 4 p.m.

Father Tom Craig presided for graveside services, led prayers and gave the Blessing. Attending services were his children and grandchildren, a number of friends from Fort Worth, and local relatives including Ronnie and Alma Herr of Gainesville, Ola Roberg of Gainesville, Melvin Herr of Denton, Joan Price of Weatherford, Charles and Kathy Ivers of Fort Worth, Denis and Della Walterscheid, L.B. and Loree Bruns, Jerome Pagel, Dick and Kay Pagel, and John Pagel, all of Muenster.



W. Orval Malone

William Orval Malone was born on Dec. 29, 1914 in Wichita Falls to W.L. Malone and May Garner Malone. In January 1938 he was married to Bernadine Roberg in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster.

He was the owner and instructor of Bill Malone's

Beauty Academy of Wichita Falls, an accomplished musician, a graduate of Texas A&M University where he played in the band; a HAM Radio operator whose call letters were K5KJU; a man of varied talents and interests ranging from wood carvings, caricature drawings and maintaining vintage cars; he loved to cook and do leather work. By profession he was a manufacturing engineer with General Dynamics/Lockheed.

Preceding him in death was his wife Bernadine Rose (Roberg) Malone.

Surviving are his children: sons William Lamar Malone and wife Martha of Keller, Richard Dennis Malone of Watauga; daughters Arleen Kay Register of Tilton, Georgia, and Ruth Ann Malone; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorials sent to the American Diabetes Association.

Cooke County Commissioners address subdivision zoning

by **Janet Felderhoff**

Cooke County Commissioners seem to be facing recurring headaches over residential subdivision requests and regulations, especially in the southeastern part of the county. There were several agenda items at the Jan. 24 meeting dealing with subdivisions in Precinct #2.

"I think we are going to get in a bind one of these days," remarked Precinct #2 Commissioner Bill Cox as he viewed the proposed plat for Champion estates which is to be located on the east side of I-35 approximately one mile north of Elm Grove Road. "This is 11 lots and 11 water wells." He said that he would have to check with water companies in the area to see if drilling more wells would eventually lead to a water shortage or other problems.

It was pointed out that changes were required to that plat because the road didn't provide for a turn around place for road equipment, school buses, etc. Cox also stressed that it must state that the road was to be maintained privately and that there would be no county maintenance. He said that every month he and Judge Harris were receiving calls complaining that the county was not maintaining certain roads.

The agreement had been that the roads would be privately maintained and the county isn't responsible, said Cox. For the county to accept maintenance a road must be built to specific county specs and then deeded to the county. Approval was tabled.

Approval wasn't given for Valley North Estates either. The subdivision with 13 proposed lots is located on the east side of I-35, approximately one mile south of Spring Creek Road. Running through the property is a high pressure gas pipeline. This is a point of apprehension with the Court.

Cox requested that the landowner procure a letter from the pipeline company stating that the county would not be held responsible if the

pipeline blows up and kills somebody. The landowner stated that he had spoken with the pipeline company and got all the regulations for building near a pipeline.

Billy Kupper of Valley View owns a dairy farm near the proposed subdivision. He voiced a number of concerns about the subdivision. As explained by Kupper, the City of Valley View approved the subdivision at the third meeting it came up by a 3-2 vote. One member of the three affirmative votes stated that he was only voting yes because he feared a lawsuit, said Kupper. "Basically it's something that no one wanted there," he remarked. He said he knew of another subdivision of that quality that proposed to come in to the area about a year ago. A petition with more than 300 signatures of county tax payers requested that it not be allowed in the county. That subdivision would have allowed trailer homes.

Kupper inquired about the increasing number of water wells being placed so close together and what it would do to wells like the one his dairy depends on. He described a situation in Denton County where water wells near a similar subdivision began pumping sand after numerous wells were dug.

David Spaeth said that he has land across the highway from the proposed subdivision. He inquired about the minimum size home that will be allowed there and was told it was 1200 square foot. "I don't want him there," stated Spaeth. He noted that he had nothing against the man, just didn't like his principles of bringing trailers in.

Also tabled was the approval for rezoning 2.6 acres from agricultural to residential in the Lake Ray Roberts Zoning Commission in Precinct #2.

This was simply because a road number was listed incorrectly. When the required change is made Cox said he had no objections to approving the requested change.

Commissioners Court approved authorization of Judge Harris to approve the draft of the master plan of the restoration of the Cooke County Courthouse drawn up by Komatsu Architect for a grant application. The plan had just arrived and committee members hadn't yet studied it.

Betty Buttolph commended the Commissioners for allowing and supporting the restoration of the courthouse. It couldn't be done without your support, she told them.

In other business conducted at the Jan. 24 meeting Commissioners Court:

- Approved the contract for assessment and collection services with the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) for the year 2000.

- Supported passage of a resolution in the Accident Prevention Plan sponsored by the Texas Association of Counties.

- Approved lease of a new copier for the Agricultural Extension Service Office.

- Passed a resolution changing the authorized representatives for Local Government Investment Cooperative.

- Approved indigent burial of Deborah Ann Knighten Ledet.

- Agreed to join the local school districts and cities in having an auction to sell old and excess equipment and furniture. Bill Cox was appointed to coordinate the event.

- Approved public official bonds for Jerry D. Dutton of the Cooke County Sheriff's Department.

Bernice Yosten dies in Fort Worth

Relatives of Mrs. Paul (Bernice) Yosten were notified Monday, Jan. 31, of her death in Fort Worth following an illness of five years. They were former Muenster residents. No details were available at press time, except that a Vigil was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. at Greenwood Funeral Home, and funeral Mass at St. Paul's Church in Fort Worth at 10 a.m. The obituary, liturgy, and photo will be printed in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

The Members

Angelic Acappella

wish to express their gratitude to everyone who contributed to their fish fry and raffle.

A special thanks goes to Benny Haverkamp, Lenny Haverkamp, Mike Stoffels, Norbert Bednorz, Wally Le Fleure, Jerry Kindiger, Dina & Troy Sicking, Karen Moster, Doyle & Debbie Hess, Herbie & Dolores Miller, The Barbershop Chords, the parents of the Angelic Acappella members, and all who attended.

Thank you again and may God bless you & may the Angels watch over you.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Mr. Hopper, the principal at Muenster ISD, has recently put into effect a policy that states that all tests must be returned to the students. He claims that he put the policy in place because "the tests are the property of the students" and because "without the tests, students cannot study for the tests." He also says that it is "impractical for parents to take time out of their busy day to go look at their children's tests."
The majority of the teachers and students strongly disagree with these reasons. Mr. Hopper put this policy into effect without consulting the teachers

and going through the customary process used to put a policy into effect. He decided to change something that has worked for over 45 years.
The teachers who have been here for years have spent numerous hours perfecting the tests they give. Now, with the better part of the school year passed, the teachers are being forced to change their tests to discourage cheating. This policy was put into effect at the request of a few parents and completely changes the way students and teachers prepare for tests.
The credibility and success of MISD lies in the trust and

confidence the students have in the teachers of MISD. I firmly believe that changes, such as this one, should be agreed on by the majority of teachers, students, and parents. The interests and thoughts of all these people were not taken into consideration when this policy was put into effect. If Mr. Hopper is truly concerned about the welfare of the students and faculty, then he will put more thought into future decisions.
Sincerely,
Chris Grewing
205 S. Willow
Muenster, TX 76252

Mr. Hopper replies:
Muenster ISD is one of the finest school systems in the state of Texas. We have a great emphasis on the basics of English/Language Arts, Math and Writing. Our computer science department is one of the best in the state. The past three years we have been UIL Literary District Champs. Out of the twenty graduates in '99, fifteen received college scholarships, totaling over \$275,000. For the sake of space and time, I'll stop here.
There is no doubt that MISD prepares students like few other schools. Our teachers take particular pride in the performance of our kids. We have some of the best teachers in the business. To them this is not, and never will be "just a job." There is an intangible that will not let them settle for less. This is one of the things

that set us apart from so many others. In the pursuit of what is excellent, there is no room for compromise. So also it is, in the pursuit of what is right.
As Principal at Muenster High School/Middle School, I make many decisions. I do not take that responsibility lightly. I literally pray every day for wisdom and sound judgment. My decisions are not made without some degree of forethought, and (time permitting) input from others.
Just as our teachers are not content to do a "status Quo" job, likewise I will not be an administrator who is primarily interested in self-preservation. Problem areas will be addressed, and not ignored. What is right is not always popular; what is popular is not always right.
Recently I made a decision, due to the fact that this is not

the proper forum for that. The decision I made was well thought-out (more than a year), well researched (an informal polling of several administrators on various highly rated campuses), and much needed (some parents had recently come into conflict with the practice in question). I also sought the input of many staff members last year. I knew that there were those in opposition, albeit a minority of the staff. Furthermore, a meeting with the MISD administrators revealed that we were unanimous in this decision.
Thanks to all who are involved, MISD will go on from this point and continue to be a strong institution of learning.
James Hopper,
Principal, Muenster Secondary Schools

Letter to the Editor of Muenster Enterprise,
This letter is about the concern of many citizens of Muenster Hospital District, to maintain our District in the future. Also a recognition and appreciation to the hospital board of directors and hospital staff for going all-out to keep our hospital in operation.
There are several points that need to be considered to maintain our district AS IS, or modified to comply with changes to any future operation:
(1) That many voters of Muenster Hospital District do not want the district dissolved.
(2) That all taxpayers and voters be aware that our hospital district is out of debt and can very possibly be kept as a district and maintained for limited medical services, even if the hospital operations must cease for any reason.
(3) That a minimum and

small tax, much less than the present tax, can be maintained for district indigents, and also Clinic operation be maintained in the Muenster Hospital District, even if hospital operations cease.
(4) That by keeping and maintaining our hospital district, we control our medical destiny, with our own board of directors deciding how the facilities are utilized, and work toward keeping doctors and nurses locally.
(5) That since political parties and their regulations change, there could be a possibility our facilities could be maintained, or reopened in the future if closed, since many families are moving in this district.
(6) That if we lose our district, to such as a County Hospital District, we will have only partial control and could be out-voted, to such as cease all operations in Muenster.


(7) That Citizens of Muenster Hospital District want to work with our neighboring hospitals to keep good and sufficient care for our citizens, BUT that we do not sacrifice our Muenster Hospital District.
It can be argued that if we keep our district we might be liable to (law) suits, but the answer to that is, we would be exposed possibly more as a county district.
Also it can be argued that a single county hospital would want to always keep a clinic in Muenster to draw business, but on account of our location, we do not have much other choice than to pass to or by their facilities, making it unnecessary to maintain a clinic here. By keeping our district, we have a good chance of maintaining at least a clinic.
Rufus Henscheid
P.O. Box 456
Muenster, TX 76252

To the Editor,
On Wednesday we failed to receive a copy of the *Gainesville Register* in the mail which is of necessity already a day old when we get it in the mail. In today's mail we received both Tuesday and Wednesday *Gainesville Register* and I noted the death of my good friend and fellow Aggie Wilson Kaden, and also that of Dr. Marvin Knight, Sr.
I vividly recall in 1974 when our daughter Jane, a seven year old at that time, fell off a bicycle and broke a bone in her left elbow on a Friday evening and that I was unable to get the service of Dr. Knight until 1 p.m. the following

Wednesday. That Wednesday I made an appointment for Dr. Knight to remove some tumors from between the toes of my wife Regina's right foot which was done the following week. When I told Mrs. Bruns my wife's problem, she noted that the doctor had performed 18 such operations since she had run his office.
Dr. Knight got along beautifully with Jane as she felt completely at ease in his presence. They talked about bicycles and about horses. The good doctor soon found out that Jane liked horses and they soon had a common meeting of their minds.
Regina had Jane on her Blue

Cross-Blue Shield Insurance Policy and I vividly recall a lady in Dallas who was a part of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance saying that it was no accident if it happened on a Friday and was not repaired until the following Wednesday afternoon. I explained that I wanted to get the service of the best bone doctor available, and I asked her to honestly answer me only one question. In reply to her, "What is the question?" I answered "Since when does a seven year old child break their elbow on purpose?" That settled the argument.
Edward F. "Kit" Carson
21 W. Lone Oak Road
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House Interim Charges for Recreation & Transportation Issues

House Speaker Laney has issued the interim charges (or study assignments) for the House Committees on State Recreational Resources and Transportation.

The **Committee on State Recreational Resources** is to study the following issues prior to the next legislative session which begins January 9, 2001:

1. Evaluate the need for hunting license exemptions for wildlife that pose an imminent threat to personal property or hunter health and safety.
2. Study the management of state wildlife on private property.
3. Review issues related to reciprocal license agreements with neighboring states and reduced-price fishing licenses for persons over 65.
4. Consider a general policy governing the extent to which the state parks systems should be financially self-supporting. Consider additional policies that might fairly allocate costs between the state and local entities for sites that are primarily of local interest.

The **Transportation Committee** is assigned these issues:

1. Study ways the state and counties can ensure a safe, adequately funded county road and bridge system consistent with encouraging commerce and economic growth.
2. Study the advantages and disadvantages of a graduated driver's license program, including the experience of states that have recently enacted such programs.
3. Examine highway funding issues in light of the combined impact of rapid transportation growth and increased NAFTA traffic. Monitor state and federal developments related to funding and planning of NAFTA corridors.
4. Conduct active oversight of the agencies under the committee's jurisdiction which are the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Transportation Commission, including effects of legislation increasing speed limits.

I would appreciate hearing from you on any of these important issues that affect our legislative district. You may send your comments to P. O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768.

From My Side of the Fence
by Ed Clel

In the very late 40s, Aileen's uncle Joe, who lived in Laramie, Wyoming, stopped by our farm for a visit, while passing through on his way to Alabama.
Joe was very interested in the dairy business which, at that time, was just making a start in this area. I took him to several of the new Grade "A" barns that were in use at the time, so we did a lot of visiting and getting acquainted at the same time.
Joe was a retired railroad engineer, and had lived in Laramie a few years with his invalid wife, who's health had worsened, and she died several months before his visit with us.
He told me of one of his old friends, a pure Irishman, who knew of Joe's wife's illness, and the severity of it. Seeing Joe in town one day, he asked how she was doing. When he was told that it was touch and go, and that the next few days would tell if she might improve, or if her suffering would end.
The old Irishman was very sad for his disheartened friend, and patting him on the shoulder, said, "Pray Joe, pray like hell."
Well, Joe said that heartfelt remark touched on his sense of humor, and the realization that his friend was truly sincere in his words, did more to lift his spirits than anything else did during that sad time.

Teppco Crude Pipeline, LLC completes first phase of new pipeline

TEPPCO Crude Pipeline, LLC, a subsidiary of TEPPCO Crude Oil, LLC has completed the first phase of a new 82-mile pipeline that will transport approximately 10,000 barrels of crude oil per day from Grayson County, Texas to Montague County, Texas. The new line will tie into TEPPCO's existing crude oil pipeline system that crosses the Red River and will facilitate access to several markets.
"This project is the first major crude oil pipeline construction in the area in decades," said Area Manager Randy Malone. "The new pipeline will provide oil producers in North Texas a more efficient way of transporting crude oil to marketplace.
The first segment of the line from Ringgold, Texas to Nocona, Texas is in service and construction is under way on the remainder of the line which will include several truck injection stations. TEPPCO's Gainesville, Texas field office will manage the project.
TEPPCO Partners, L.P. is publicly owned master limited partnership, which conducts business through two operating companies. TE Product Pipeline Company, Limited Partnership is one of the largest common carrier pipelines of refined petroleum products and liquefied petroleum gases in the United States. TEPPCO Crude Oil LLC is a crude oil gathering, transportation, storage and marketing company operating primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TEPPCO Crude Oil LLC also operates two natural gas liquids pipelines in South Texas and owns Lubrication Services, LLC (LSI), which distributes lubrication oils and specialty chemicals to natural gas pipelines, gas processor and industrial and commercial accounts. Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Duff Energy, is the general partner of TEPPCO Partners, L.P.

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Peterman running in Texas' 4th District

Mark D. Peterman, a native of the Collin County city of Celina, and 27 year Navy veteran, is running for U.S. Representative in Texas' 4th district.
Peterman enlisted in the Navy in 1972. His Naval service began on an anti-submarine warfare aircraft as a systems analyst who hunted, located and tracked Soviet ballistic missile submarines off the west coast of California in the early to mid 70s.
During his service Mr. Peterman studied accounting at Chaminade University, Hawaii, and worked on the credit committee and served as Treasurer and Supervisor of Operations of the Barbers Point Federal Credit Union, in Honolulu. There he used his previous union background and extensive knowledge of the credit union operations to successfully negotiate a labor contract. He later served as president of the School Advisory Committee for Department of Defense Schools

Peterman is also concerned for the state of our military. He thinks service members should be paid enough to remain food stamps, but also feel personnel should not have wonder if the missile that launch is protecting the vital national interest of the United States or if it is destroying aspirin factory to divert attention from a political scandal.
Mr. Peterman and his wife Lori have been married over years. They now reside in Celina, where they recently purchased the home where he was raised. They have two grown daughters, Jennifer and Kari.

Friends of Muenster FFA, FHA, & 4-H
P. O. Box 89
Muenster, Texas 76252
January 25, 2000

Dear Editor:
Once again the Friends of Muenster FFA, FHA, and 4-H are making an appeal to help the youth of our community.
Last year the Cooke County Youth Fair Sale paid a total of \$136,159.00 in premiums to the youth of this county. Through generous contributions from people like you, the Muenster Friends of FFA, FHA, and 4-H were able to collect \$16,488.41 for the youth of the Muenster community. As we are a non-profit organization, all of the money collected went directly to students with projects in wood, metal, clothing and foods, fine arts, and all livestock categories.
This year we expect to help more students than ever. We would like you to again consider taking an active role in shaping the lives of the youth that participate in FFA, FHA, and 4-H. One hundred percent of what you donate will be distributed to the youth that compete at the Cooke County Youth Fair. This year the Friends of Muenster FFA, FHA, and 4-H will help buy the premiums on 42 animals, various shop and homemaking projects, and fine arts projects. These young people spend many hours working on their projects. At times the expense is quite large; at all times the effort is tremendous.
Please help with a donation of \$500.00, \$250.00, \$100.00, \$50.00, or a donation of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. You may send your contribution to the above captioned address, or pass it on to any of the names listed below.
Thank you, in advance, for taking this into consideration. We look forward to seeing you at the Cooke County Youth Fair, to be held at the Cooke County Fair Grounds on March 9, 10, and 11, 2000.
Respectfully:
Jack Flushche Damian Hellman Bert Walterscheid
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Lifestyle

2000 Relay For Life Kick-off celebration

The Cooke County unit of the American Cancer Society is set to "kick-off" the 5th Annual Relay For Life to be held on the 2-3. The 24 hour, family-oriented, team event will be held at Hornet Stadium in Muenster. The 1999 event successfully raised over 100,000, ranking it 10th in the nation for county populations between 30,000 to 100,000. Not only did the event raise dollars to be used for research, educational, and

support programs, but it also raised awareness and brought friends and families together.

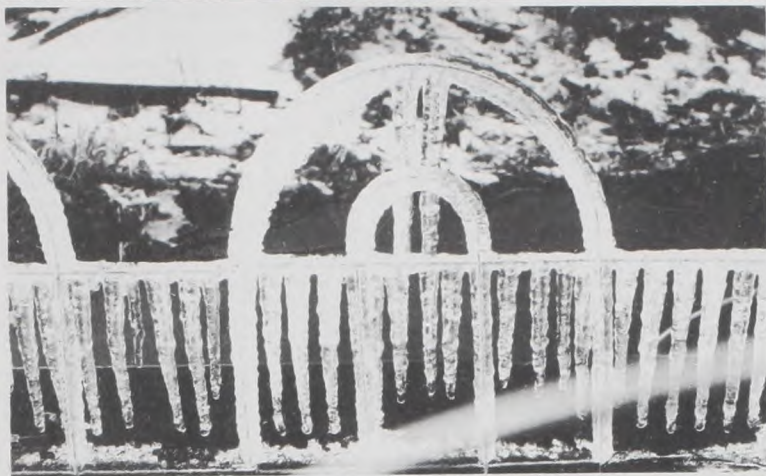
Co-Chairpersons Christine Weinzapfel and Rita Bayer invite any organization, business, club, or family group to send a representative to the "kick-off" celebration. Many new and exciting changes for this year's event will be presented at this meeting. For teams that have already formed, this provides an opportunity to learn about all of the new changes in store. New teams or individuals and businesses interested in sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are strongly encouraged to attend. Valuable information will be presented at the meeting.

The kick-off will begin at 6 p.m. on Feb. 10 in the NCTC Library Lyceum. Dieter Brothers of Lindsay have graciously donated the meal for the evening. Due to limited seating, you are asked to RSVP by calling Relay for Life headquarters at 759-2271 ext. 36 by Feb. 7.

Relay for Life gives businesses, organizations, families and friends the chance to join together to fight against cancer. Join event chairmen Rita Bayer and Christine Weinzapfel on Feb. 10 at the NCTC Library Lyceum for "kick-off" another very successful Relay for Life in Cooke County.

Kyle Klement turns two

Kyle James Klement, son of Kevin and Terri Klement turned two on Jan. 13. On Wednesday, Jan. 12, he shared cupcakes with his classmates at Tender Loving Care Day. On Thursday, Jan. 13 he had a birthday party at his grandfather Jim Whitley's home in Denison, with friends and family. On Sunday he celebrated with his parents at their home with grandparents Kevin and David Fisher, and his aunt and Tony Klement, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Also attending were special friends Glenn, Tracey, and Caleb Skrivaneck. A chicken spaghetti supper was served with birthday cake and ice cream.



Ice coated everything last week Thursday and Friday. The thawing and refreezing caused some unusual sculptures on outdoor items. At left, a bird feeder filled with tasty seeds is a welcome stop for this Goldfinch and its many feathered friends. Photos by Janet Felderhoff



Sis Klement honored at 75

A party on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the home of Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr observed Sis Klement's 75th birthday, and included a steak and shrimp dinner, decorated birthday cake and ice cream, followed by games of dominoes, cards and other table games.

Together for reminiscing, a family portrait, and a wonderful good time were all her children and spouses, the host and hostess Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr, Pat and Ruthie Klement, Robert Klement, Tom and Joyce Bayer, Willie and Janet Fisher, Alice Walterscheid, Steve and Carol Klement, Roy and Dianna Klement, Dave and Diane Muller, Giles and Marlene Walterscheid, Don and Darlene Abney, Neil and Peachie Huchton, Kevin and Terri Klement, and Gary Don Klement.

They were joined by several special guests, including Louise Horn, and Jerry and Virgie Horn of Windthorst and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schmitz of Lindsay.

In addition to the cake for the honoree, there also were cakes to observe the birthdays of Harold Schmitz January 26, and Darlene and Marlene January 21.

Laura Garcia named to Dean's List

Laura Garcia has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma for the fall semester. This achievement places her in the top 10% of university college students. She is a freshman.

Laura is a 1999 graduate of Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas. She is the daughter of Lionel and Phyllis Garcia of Lewisville and the granddaughter of Wilfred and Ida Mae Bindel of Muenster.

Garrett Mac turns 4

Garrett Mac, son of Randy and Lisa Miller, celebrated his 4th birthday on Jan. 21. He celebrated with his friends at Felicia Reiter's by sharing cupcakes. Those helping him celebrate were his brother and sister Kailob and Taylor Miller, Taylor, Kendall and Peyton Reiter, Tyler and Trey Anderle, Colton Morris, Dawson Anderle, Darryll Hermes and Kristin Reiter.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, he celebrated with a party in his home. Garrett chose a "Toy Story 2" theme. The birthday cake was made by his mother. Those attending the celebration included his parents; brother Kailob and sister Taylor; grandparents Bryan and Glenda Russell, and Barbara Luke; godmother Amanda Russell and Michael Sofo; godfather Ryan Hess and Tina, Trevor and Dalton; Sharlene, Shannon, and Dainah Hartman; Renate, Derek, Kelsey, Miranda, and Collin Pagel; Tommy Sue Hess, Marlene, Kelly and Sandy Endres, Meredith Hennigan; Billy and Sandy Harris; and Luke and Mary Cochran.

Guests enjoyed cake and punch. They also enjoyed watching Garrett open his presents and give out "thank you" hugs. Pictures were taken and videos were made.

Diocesan Synod set for Feb. 6

The Diocesan Synod for Sacred Heart Parish will be this Sunday, Feb. 6 from 2-4 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Community Center. This will be a listening session.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Blood Drive receives 48 donors

The Texoma Regional Blood Center accepted 48 donors on Jan. 20, when the event was held at the KC Hall. Special attention is called to the next scheduled Blood Drives on Apr. 20, June 15, Aug. 17, Oct. 19, and Dec. 21. The Hospital Auxiliary appreciates all donors and the assistance of Charles Wimmer.



Kyle Klement



Garrett Mac Miller

WITH SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to say Thank you to everyone that helped in any way with the James Dunham Benefit Ranch Rodeo. Your kindness and hard work is greatly appreciated and will forever be remembered. Though our loss is great and everyday we are faced with that empty space that James left behind, we are constantly reminded of how much everyone cares and your friendship and support keeps us going.

Thank You again from the very bottom of our hearts.

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Each session will last approximately two hours and will feature demonstrations of cooking healthy recipes. Included will be presentation on the latest scientific evidence for reducing the risk of cancer heart disease, and other killer diseases through healthy diet and lifestyle. Each evening participants will have the opportunity to taste the delicious vegetarian recipes demonstrated that evening.

To pre-register call 940-665-4947. A one-time on-line registration fee of \$15 (\$20 per couple) or \$5 per night, cover the work/text book, recipes food samples, and handouts.

Chorale begins spring concert rehearsals

Rehearsals have begun for the spring concert of the North Central Texas Chorale. This group is looking forward to performing "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata composed by Theodore Dubois.

Dr. Michael Linder, director of the Chorale, and also professor of choral music at NCTC expressed admiration of the group's ability to perform challenging works of music. The previous concert held on Dec. 5, 1999 in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster featured the music of Franz Joseph Haydn, "Te Deum" and "Third Mass in D" and was well received by the audience.

Other great works performed by the Chorale in the past were

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Tues. - Taco casserole, ranch style beans, salad, fruit.
Wed. - Oven fried chicken, rice, peas, cranberry sauce.
Thurs. - Barbecued ham, mashed potatoes, baked beans, jello, bread.
Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, curly Qs, fruit.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos, shredded lettuce and cheese, diced tomatoes, ranch style beans, fruit, banana bread.
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Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, onions and pickles, French fries, baked beans, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, corn, peas, bread.
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Wed. - Burritos, refried beans, Mexican rice, applesauce, peaches, bread.
Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit.
Fri. - No School!

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets or chicken fried steak, tossed salad, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peaches, hot roll.
Tues. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, strawberry applesauce, cornbread, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie.
Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pears, tossed salad, chocolate pudding.
Thurs. - Frito Chili pie, corn, tossed salad, fresh apple wacky cake.
Fri. - Corn dog, Curly fries, pickle spears, ice cream.

Muenster FFA participating in fund-raising program

The Muenster FFA chapter is participating in a special fund-raising program with WIX Filters between Jan. 1 and Apr. 15, redeeming WIX filters box tops for 25 cents each.

"The funds we raise in this program are very important to our chapter's programs, and we are encouraging everyone in the community to use WIX filters and save the box tops for our chapter," said FFA president, Krystal Sparkman. "You can drop your filter box tops off at Muenster Auto Parts, 330 W. Hwy. 82, Muenster, or give them to an FFA member."

WIX Filters is helping FFA chapters across the country raise funds through a box top promotion, paying 25 cents for every WIX filters box top redeemed between Jan. 1 and Apr. 15. Since the program began in 1986, WIX Filters has contributed more than \$250,000 to FFA chapters.

In addition to the 25 cents paid for every WIX filters box top, the company is also offering four incentive bonuses of \$1,000 each to the chapters with the highest number of box tops redeemed per member and a \$1,000 bonus to the chapter with the greatest percentage increase from last year. WIX Filters also offers four National FFA College Scholarships to FFA members pursuing degrees in agricultural mechanics, and WIX is a sponsor of the National FFA Foundation.

Professional auto parts stores carrying WIX filters are also participating in the program by serving as official FFA Box Top Collection Centers.

WIX Filters, a division of Dana Corporation, manufactures a full line of filters for cars, trucks, vans, buses, and farm and heavy duty equipment. Headquartered in Gastonia, North Carolina, the division has manufacturing and distribution facilities worldwide.



Winning the Muenster Hornet mascot in the entry hall of Muenster High School are, from left- Raegan Koester, Jeff Klement, Jackie Henscheid and Karen Cler. Courtesy photo

MISD sixth graders take part in Math-a-Thon

The sixth graders of Muenster Public Junior High, under the direction of teacher Rosemary Dankesreiter, participated in a Math-a-Thon benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. After viewing a video from St. Jude's, the students recognized the need to help children with cancer and other serious illnesses.

The sixth graders received their Math Fun booklets in which they had 240 sixth grade level Math problems to complete. The students asked family members and friends to pledge any monetary amount or problem worked and

donations were also accepted. They were allowed 10 days to complete the Math Fun book. Twenty-five students participated, collecting a total of \$924.05 in pledges and donations, all going to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Rosemary Dankesreiter said many of the students expressed pride after the completion of their Math Fun book and bringing in their pledges and donations. Not only did they increase math skills, but realized that through their efforts, children less fortunate than they, will benefit through cancer research.

Paw Prints by SH Journalism Students

Thoughts on Catholic Schools Week from the local students

by Holly Hartman

There are many schools in the world. Each school is different and has its own special uniqueness. A Catholic school is a school like no other. A Catholic school focuses on Jesus Christ. Many things are taught at a Catholic school that are not allowed to be taught at other schools. Students that attend a Catholic school will learn valuable lessons that they will treasure throughout their lives.

classroom especially clean for the visitors. Each grade celebrates Catholic Schools Week in their own ways. Several teachers reward their wonderful students with a treat or even give the class a party. Whatever the event may be, everyone works together to have a successful Catholic Schools Week.

Almost every Catholic school in the world celebrates Catholic Schools Week. It is a time to recognize the importance of a Catholic school. I have always enjoyed the events that took place during Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week reminds everyone that Catholic schools are a great source of education. At a Catholic school, we are not just a school, but we are also a family.

saying, "We're not just a school...we're a family!" Most Catholic schools are small so the students get to know each other and their teachers really well. The smallness of the schools help build stronger relationships. This is good because some of the friendships that are made in school last a life time.

Catholic schools are important because they help the students build a strong base for their faith. Which is very helpful because children need a strong background for their faith for when they go off to live by themselves. Going to a Catholic school also helps build wonderful friendships, which is important because friends are vital in leading a normal life. Catholic Schools Week is just a small way to say thank you for so many marvelous things.

Sacred Heart School was established in 1890 by the new settlers of Muenster. A Catholic school was very important to the settlers and it was used for religious ceremonies until the church building was completed. They worked hard to start the basis of Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart School. Sacred Heart is a great example of a well-rounded Catholic school.

Catholic schools are a great choice of education. They provide students with a religious background, as well. Students and teachers share a time of prayer, either before or after each class, which creates a very loving environment. The teachers are very compassionate towards students and are always willing to help them in any way. Catholic schools give us the opportunity to plan, participate in, and attend the liturgy on a weekly basis. They offer a religious education that helps us deepen our faith and learn about our religion.

Deadline nears for grade school grant program

The deadline to submit grant application materials for Catholic Life Insurance's Grade School Grant Program is approaching on Feb. 15. Any Catholic elementary school in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico is eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000.

The program announced in Dec. 1999, will provide supplemental funding to seven Catholic elementary schools.

Grant awards may be used for tuition aid, building renovations, teaching materials, computers or any other need/project the school has. Priority will be given to schools whose need is most crucial.

All elementary schools in need are encouraged to apply for a grant. To receive an application, schools should contact Sadie D. Wilks in the Communications Department at 210-828-9921 ext. 135.

Local FFA/4-H members will show at Houston Livestock Show

Thirty-nine FFA and eight 4-H members from Cooke County will be showing livestock at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 18 - Mar. 5 at the Astrodome in Houston.

Justin Walterscheid, Muenster FFA, will exhibit a market steer along with 4-H members Arlie Bayer, Sunni Bayer, Casey Bell, Lauren Dangelmayr of Muenster and

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More than 14,000 entries, representing 1,014 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters will compete in this year's junior show.

Take Note

Sacred Heart High School has announced three corrections to the honor roll submitted for last week's paper. Andrea Bauer was listed under the "B" honor roll and should have been under the Principal's, Haley Rogers and Sara Rogers should have been included on the "A" Honor Roll.

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Paula Reiter tells us that seminar attendees will discover the art of making delicious, nutritious, homemade bread. They will also learn healthful new ways of making breakfast a better meal. Help in planning nutritionally balanced meals, and getting adequate protein will make meal planning easier. There will even be ideas on how to satisfy your craving for sweets without feeling guilty.

Each session will last approximately two hours and will feature demonstrations of cooking healthy recipes. Included will be presentation on the latest scientific evidence for reducing the risk of cancer, heart disease, and other killer diseases through healthy diet and lifestyle. Each evening participants will have the opportunity to taste the delicious vegetarian recipes demonstrated that evening.

To pre-register call 940-665-4947. A one-time only registration fee of \$15 (\$20 per couple) or \$5 per night, covers the work/text book, recipes food samples, and handouts.

Chorale begins spring concert rehearsals

Rehearsals have begun for the spring concert of the North Central Texas Chorale. This group is looking forward to performing "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata composed by Theodore Dubois.

Dr. Michael Linder, director of the Chorale, and also professor of choral music at NCTC expressed admiration of the group's ability to perform challenging works of music. The previous concert held on Dec. 5, 1999 in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster featured the music of Franz Joseph Haydn, "Te Deum" and Third Mass in D" and was well received by the audience.

Other great works performed by the Chorale in the past were

Beethoven's "Mass In C, Brahms' "Requiem," J. S. Rutter's "Magnificat," Handel's "Messiah" and two pieces by Mozart "Coronation Mass" and "Requiem."

The Chorale meets Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the 200 building of the college, unless otherwise notified.

New potential singers are asked to meet with Dr. Linder or contact him by phone at the college, 668-7731, ext. 382.

Just A Thought

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School News

School Lunch Menus

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Tues. - Taco casserole, ranch style beans, salad, fruit.
Wed. - Oven fried chicken, rice, peas, cranberry sauce.
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Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, curly Qs, fruit.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos, shredded lettuce and cheese, diced tomatoes, ranch style beans, fruit, banana bread.
Tues. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls.
Wed. - Chicken patty on a bun, chips, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, animal cookies.
Thurs. - Baked ham, creamed potatoes w/gravy, peas, fruit, hot rolls.
Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, onions and pickles, French fries, baked beans, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, corn, pears, bread.
Tues. - Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, applesauce, pineapple, bread.
Wed. - Burritos, refried beans, Mexican rice, applesauce, peaches, bread.
Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit.
Fri. - No School!

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets or chicken fried steak, tossed salad, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peaches, hot roll.
Tues. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, strawberry applesauce, cornbread, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie.
Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pears, tossed salad, chocolate pudding.
Thurs. - Frito Chili pie, corn, tossed salad, fresh apple wacky cake.
Fri. - Corn dog, Curly fries, pickle spears, ice cream.

Muenster FFA participating in fund-raising program

The Muenster FFA chapter is participating in a special fund-raising program with WIX Filters between Jan. 1 and Apr. 15, redeeming WIX filters box tops for 25 cents each.

"The funds we raise in this program are very important to our chapter's programs, and we are encouraging everyone in the community to use WIX filters and save the box tops for our chapter," said FFA president, Krystal Sparkman. "You can drop your filter box tops off at Muenster Auto Parts, 330 W. Hwy. 82, Muenster, or give them to an FFA member."

WIX Filters is helping FFA chapters across the country raise funds through a box top promotion, paying 25 cents for every WIX filters box top redeemed between Jan. 1 and Apr. 15. Since the program began in 1986, WIX Filters has contributed more than \$250,000 to FFA chapters.

In addition to the 25 cents paid for every WIX filters box

top, the company is also offering four incentive bonuses of \$1,000 each to the chapters with the highest number of box tops redeemed per member and a \$1,000 bonus to the chapter with the greatest percentage increase from last year. WIX Filters also offers four National FFA College Scholarships to FFA members pursuing degrees in agricultural mechanics, and WIX is a sponsor of the National FFA Foundation.

Professional auto parts stores carrying WIX filters are also participating in the program by serving as official FFA Box Top Collection Centers.

WIX Filters, a division of Dana Corporation, manufactures a full line of filters for cars, trucks, vans, buses, and farm and heavy duty equipment. Headquartered in Gastonia, North Carolina, the division has manufacturing and distribution facilities worldwide.



Introducing the Muenster Hornet mascot in the entry hall of Muenster High school are, from left- Raegan Koesler, Jeff Klement, Jackie Henscheid and Karen Cler. Courtesy photo

MISD sixth graders take part in Math-a-Thon

The sixth graders of Muenster Public Junior High, under the direction of teacher Rosemary Dankesreiter, participated in a Math-a-Thon benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. After viewing a video from St. Jude's, the students recognized the need to help children with cancer and other serious illnesses.

The sixth graders received their Math Fun booklets in which they had 240 sixth grade level Math problems to complete. The students asked family members and friends to pledge any monetary amount for problem worked and

donations were also accepted. They were allowed 10 days to complete the Math Fun book.

Twenty-five students participated, collecting a total of \$924.05 in pledges and donations, all going to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Rosemary Dankesreiter said many of the students expressed pride after the completion of their Math Fun book and bringing in their pledges and donations. Not only did they increase math skills, but realized that through their efforts, children less fortunate than they, will benefit through cancer research.

Deadline nears for grade school grant program

The deadline to submit grant application materials for Catholic Life Insurance's Grade School Grant Program is approaching on Feb. 15. Any Catholic elementary school in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico is eligible to apply for a grant of up to 2,000.

The program announced in December 1999, will provide supplemental funding to seven Catholic elementary schools.

Grant awards may be used for tuition aid, building renovations, teaching materials, computers or any other need/project the school has. Priority will be given to schools whose need is most crucial.

All elementary schools in need are encouraged to apply for a grant. To receive an application, schools should contact Sadie D. Wilks in the Communications Department at 210-828-9921 ext. 135.

Local FFA/4-H members will show at Houston Livestock Show

Thirty-nine FFA and eight 4-H members from Cooke County will be showing livestock at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 18 - Mar. 5 at the Astros Hall in Houston.

Justin Walterscheid, Muenster FFA, will exhibit a market steer along with 4-H members Arlie Bayer, Sunni Bayer, Casey Bell, Lauren Dangelmayr of Muenster and

Cecil and Mitchell Ward of Lindsay.

More than 14,000 entries, representing 1,014 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters will compete in this year's junior show.

Take Note

Sacred Heart High School has announced three corrections to the honor roll submitted for last week's paper. Andrea Bauer was listed under the "B" honor roll and should have been under the Principal's, Haley Rogers and Sara Rogers should have been included on the "A" Honor Roll.

Just A Thought

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Paw Prints by SH Journalism Students

Thoughts on Catholic Schools Week from the local students

by Holly Hartman

There are many schools in the world. Each school is different and has its own special uniqueness. A Catholic school is a school like no other. A Catholic school focuses on Jesus Christ. Many things are taught at a Catholic school that are not allowed to be taught at other schools. Students that attend a Catholic school will learn valuable lessons that they will treasure throughout their lives.

As a student from Sacred Heart School, I can tell of the wonderful experiences of attending a Catholic school. I have attended Sacred Heart School since I have been in preschool. Every year at the end of January, Sacred Heart celebrates Catholic Schools Week. Many special events and activities take place during the week. On the Monday of January 31, Catholic Schools Week, the school begins to celebrate with an all school Mass. Many times the elementary students sing a song on the altar, make banners to represent the theme of the week, or other meaningful symbols of Catholic Schools Week.

Our school holds an open-house for the parents and other family members and friends on Thursday, Feb. 3. The open-house enables the students and teachers to show the guests how well they are doing in school. The students get the

classroom especially clean for the visitors. Each grade celebrates Catholic Schools Week in their own ways. Several teachers reward their wonderful students with a treat or even give the class a party. Whatever the event may be, everyone works together to have a successful Catholic Schools Week.

Almost every Catholic school in the world celebrates Catholic Schools Week. It is a time to recognize the importance of a Catholic school. I have always enjoyed the events that took place during Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week reminds everyone that Catholic schools are a great source of education. At a Catholic school, we are not just a school, but we are also a family.

by Andrea Bartush

Catholic Schools Week is a very important week. It helps people realize how important it is to have Catholic schools. The week stresses all of the good things about Catholic schools.

One of the best things about Catholic schools is the fact that the students are able to learn about God and their faith. All through school the students learn more and more about Christianity. This gives the students a stronger base for their faith.

Catholic schools almost always give the impression of one big family, you know the

saying, "We're not just a school...we're a family!" Most Catholic schools are small so the students get to know each other and their teachers really well. The smallness of the schools help build stronger relationships. This is good because some of the friendships that are made in school last a life time.

Catholic schools are important because they help the students build a strong base for their faith. Which is very helpful because children need a strong background for their faith for when they go off to live by themselves. Going to a Catholic school also helps build wonderful friendships, which is important because friends are vital in leading a normal life. Catholic Schools Week is just a small way to say thank you for so many marvelous things.

by Debra Dangelmayr

In 1887, the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. was founded by bishops of the United States. They founded this school as the official national Roman Catholic university in the United States. By the early 1900s, Catholic schools, ranging from the elementary to the university level, were springing up all over the United States. Catholic schools are a great source of quality education and provide one with a strong religious background.

Sacred Heart School was established in 1890 by the new settlers of Muenster. A Catholic school was very important to the settlers and it was used for religious ceremonies until the church building was completed. They worked hard to start the basis of Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart School. Sacred Heart is a great example of a well-rounded Catholic school.

Catholic schools are a great choice of education. They provide students with a religious background, as well. Students and teachers share a time of prayer, either before or after each class, which creates a very loving environment. The teachers are very compassionate towards students and are always willing to help them in any way. Catholic schools give us the opportunity to plan, participate in, and attend the liturgy on a weekly basis. They offer a religious education that helps us deepen our faith and learn about our religion.

The week of Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 is Catholic Schools Week. This is a time to recognize the importance of Catholic schools. The week is full of activities like a non-uniform day, a teacher appreciation day, and a community day. During this time of Catholic Schools Week we should be truly grateful that we have the opportunity to go to a Catholic school.

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Sports

Sacred Heart takes victories Tuesday

Both varsity basketball teams at Sacred Heart came out victorious over Highlands earlier this week. The Tigerettes got their 8th conference win, 101-14, with the Tigers finishing the contest with a 77-48 victory.

"Our intensity is coming back," commented Tigerette coach Jon LeBrassuer. "This squad will be ready for the playoffs."

The Tigerettes were 17 of 19 from the line, 32 of 59 from the field and 6 of 19 from behind the arc.

Kayla Felderhoff scored 35 points and is credited for 8 steals. Audrey Barnhill added 17, while Sarah Hess and Andrea Bauer put in a dozen each. Raney Bauer scored 7, Joanna Gehrig 6, Anne Flusche 5, Jennifer Hess 3 and two

apiece by Andrea Bartush and Jana Truebenbach.

SH	38	30	17	16	101
H	?	?	?	?	14

The Tigers earned another notch in the win column with 11 players putting points on the board. We couldn't get in the groove early in the game, but fate in the third quarter we looked pretty good," Coach Kelly Bayer noted.

Marty Farrell led the Tigers with 18 points and 12 rebounds. John Yosten added 12 points, Luke Endres 11, Chris Smith 9 and 8 each from Jack Biffle and Ken Grewing. Matthew Nasche put in 3, with Mike Bayer, Chris Fuhrmann, Stephen Hofbauer and Daniel Bartush each scoring two.

SH	21	15	17	24	77
H	15	12	8	13	48



Jana Truebenbach fights to control the basketball for Sacred Heart against the Lady Eagles of Ambassadors. The Tigerettes won 68 to 25. Photo by Dave Fette



Johnny Yosten carries in a lay-up during basketball action Friday with Ambassadors. Photo by Dave Fette

Hornets sink Pirates

The Muenster Hornets started their second round of district play last Friday with a big 75-69 victory over the Collinsville Pirates.

The Hornets fell behind in the first quarter, then came back to lead 36-33 at the half, and never again relinquished the lead.

Jim Stoffels led the Hornets with 15 rebounds and 16 points. "Jim was the spark that made the difference," noted Coach James Hopper. "Between our post players there is virtually no drop-off in performance when a different player comes in the game."

Hopper continued, "We have talked a lot about playing as a team. Occasionally someone

will have an off-night. When that happens, someone has to step up and fill the void. That's what Stoffels did tonight."

Hopper stated that two weeks ago it was Chisam Cair hitting a buzzer beating shot to send the game into overtime. "We went on to win that game also I couldn't be more pleased with our teamwork at this point," Hopper concluded.

Mitch Endres was high scorer for the Hornets with 17 points. Brett Howell added 11. Danny Felderhoff 9, Greg Johnson 8, 5 apiece from Randy Grewing and Justin Fleitman, and 3 by Cain.

M	14	22	21	18	75
C	18	15	20	16	69



Brett Howell scores two for the Muenster Hornets who beat Collinsville in the Muenster High School gym Friday night. Photo by Dave Fette

UIL announces districts for 2000

The University Interscholastic League has released the 2000-2002 conference A, 11 man football district alignment.

In Region II, District 14, Muenster, Era, and Saint Jo are joined by Lindsay, Petrolia, and Windthorst. Collinsville and Savoy join Celeste, Detroit, Ladonia Fannindel, and Quinlan Boles in District 16. Valley View joined class AA, District 12 with Callisburg, Prosper, Pilot Point, Celina, and Aubrey.

To the west, in District 13 are Alvord, Chico, Perrin-Whitt, Santo, Throckmorton, and Tolar.

In basketball, District 12-A will consist of Muenster, Lindsay, Era, Collinsville, and Slidell. Saint Jo moved to District 11 with Alvord, Chico, Windthorst, and Petrolia.

Bike races this weekend at Bar H

The Dallas Off Road Bicycle Association is celebrating the new Millennium at the first race of the 2000 Texas State Championship Series at The Breaks at Bar H, north of Saint Jo located in northwest Cooke County.

Races will be this weekend, Sunday, Feb. 6, rain or shine.

The Breaks at Bar H Mountain Bike Ranch has trails from beginner to advanced, located on 1100 acres of land. Elevations range over 900 vertical feet to creek beds. The trails have been built solely for mountain bicyclists by a company that specializes in design and construction of mountain bike trails.

Three classes will compete. Expert/Pro/Elite class will start at 9 a.m. Sport class begins at 11:15, and Beginners start at 1:30 p.m. Thousands of dollars in cash and prizes will be awarded.

Directions to The Breaks are from Saint Jo, go north on FM 2382 (at the Dairy Queen) 4.5 miles. At bikes on fence, go left on CR 433, down the hill one mile and look for 1942 fat tire bike on the left, which marks the entrance.

Kid's Kup

The Texas Mountain Bike Race Association is adding a comprehensive, free Kid's Expo on Saturday, Feb. 5 from noon to 4:30 p.m. Youngsters, ages 6-14 are invited to this "hands on" area designed just for them, exposing children to everything mountain biking has to offer. Kids will be able to learn new skills and brush up on existing ones. There will be two different age and distance appropriate race courses, a slow race and a fast one. Also local hazards, and bike trail technology will be taught.

For more information call Tia at 995-2309.

Health Notes

Common sense urged when exercising

More than 21 million Americans suffer from osteoarthritis, which causes pain and stiffness in the joint that bear weight — the hips, knees, and ankles.

The cause of osteoarthritis is not entirely understood, but sports injuries play a role, notes Dr. David Karp, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

With the popularity of high impact and injury-prone sports such as rollerblading and skiing, and with people continuing to exercise as they age, the opportunity for sports injuries is rising. Arthritis may not appear for many years after an injury, with most cases found in people older than 45.

Karp said there are many beneficial reasons to exercise, simply use common sense and the proper equipment, including protective gear.

"Don't stress one joint all the time or try to push through the pain," he said. "If you are injured, seek prompt treatment. Make a plan for rehabilitation, then stick to it. Early use of an injured joint before it heals can make things worse."

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Junior High Action

SAINT JO TOURNAMENT 7TH GRADE

Sacred Heart 30 Petrolia 20
In their opening tournament game, Stephanie Henschel led the Lady Cubs on the scoreboard with 11 points. Jacqueline Bauer added 9, Katie Lusche 6, and 2 apiece from Rose Artush and Christine Fetsch.

Sacred Heart 39 Era 25
The Cubs got a big win with only three members of the team getting points on the board. Paul Bartush scored all players with 19 points. Andy Davis and Chris Hoedebeck added 10 points each.

Sacred Heart 29 Saint Jo 24
The Lady Cubs started cold in their championship game with their host, it came back the 2nd half to take first place. Flusche scored 10 points and Henschel 8, with Bauer and Bartush each adding 4. Jessica Knabe put in 2, and Fetsch 1. Sarah Brundage also assisted in the win.

Sacred Heart 45 Saint Jo 3

The young Tiger Cubs clobbered the Panther Cubs with every Sacred Heart player putting points on the board. Bartush again was high scorer, with 15 points, Hoedebeck added 7, and Davis, Jeff Walterscheid, Todd Hess, and Clayton Truhenbach each scored 4 points. Alex Sicking and Jon Pels put in 2 apiece, and Stephen LaChance 1.

SAINT JO TOURNAMENT 8TH GRADE

Sacred Heart 19 Era 32
The Lady Cubs fell in their opening tournament contest. Courtney Hartman contributed 8 points, Karen Gehrig 6, with Christina Weinzapfel and Lynn Sicking each adding 2, and Jayna Biffle 1.

Sacred Heart 15 Era 21

The Cubs couldn't pull out a victory in round one Saturday. Zach Barnhill and Adam Taylor each put in 5 points or Sacred Heart. Kevin Walterscheid added 4 and Wes Wimmer 1.

Sacred Heart 31 Petrolia 23

Sacred Heart got back into the winner's circle with a game 2 victory. Gehrig dropped in 13 points for the Lady Cubs. Hartman added 8, Biffle 6, and 2 apiece from Sicking and Cindy Hartman.

Sacred Heart 23 Petrolia 35
Wes Wimmer scored 10 points, but the Cubs couldn't get enough points to win in round two. Barnhill added 8, with Tony Koessler and Walterscheid each scoring 2, and Taylor 1.

Sacred Heart 47 Prairie Valley 22

Courtney Hartman scored 10 and Jayna Biffle 9 in the first quarter to boost the Lady Cubs to a 3rd place victory. Hartman had 20 game points and Biffle 15 to lead all scorers. Lisa Endres and Karen Gehrig each added 6.

Sacred Heart 26 Saint Jo 15

The Cubs took the consolation prize by beating the host Panther Cubs. Wimmer whipped in 13 points for Sacred Heart, Barnhill added 6, Noah Hess 3, John McCoy and Taylor 2 apiece.

Muenster 27 Valley View 43

The Stingers allowed the young Eagles to win in the final junior high match of the year. After staying even the first quarter, the Birds took an 8 point half-time lead. Muenster drove within 4 points before allowing their opponent to take the win. Daniel Russell dropped 9 points in the basket with Jared Ledbetter adding 8, Kyle Endres 6, and Kirk Hartman 4.

M 5 5 11 6 27
VV 5 13 10 15 43

The 8th grade boys finished district with 5 wins and 5 losses. For the season, Jared Ledbetter was the team's high scorer with 90 points. Daniel Russell and Kirk Hartman each scored 79. Kyle Endres contributed 49, and John Sturm 37.

Muenster 7th 44 Valley View 29

The young Hornet Stingers finished their season Monday night with a victory. John Fredrick and Russell Endres both scored 11 points for Muenster, while Sean Fuhrmann added 10. Derek Felderhoff put in 8, with Chase Cain and Craig Hopper each getting 2.

M 12 11 10 11 44
VV 8 7 8 6 29

The 7th grade boys were undefeated in district play, winning over Era, Collinsville, Saint Jo, Alford, and Valley View, twice. In district action, the young Hornets scored 369 points, while allowing their opponents only 151 points.

JV Action

Sacred Heart 43 Valley View 36

The Tigarettes started slow, but a good second quarter made the win in their season final.

"We were a little flat, but the girls really turned up the defense in the second period," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "The girls had a great desire to pull off this win."

Sara Sepanski scored 9 points for Sacred Heart. Elizabeth Fette and Jennifer Hoodcheck each added 8. Lilly Nasche put in 7, Mary Jane Callahan 6 and Kristen Zimmerer 5.

SH 2 8 20 13 43
VV 10 8 8 10 36

CCYC

Muenster II 13 Muenster III 16

Muenster II were handed their first loss of the season last Saturday in a close contest.

After a low scoring 5-4 half-time score, both teams dropped in more balls for the final 13-16 score.

Putting in points for II, coached by Danny Endres, were Shannon Hartman with 4, Kelly Endres 3 and 2 apiece from Dainah Hartman, Sandy Endres and Nicole Bayer.

Jacque and Monte Endres team, Muenster III had Katie Metzler scoring 6, Holly Crenshaw 4 and Joelle Fuhrmann, Hannah Hess and Whitney Wimmer adding two each.



Lilly Nasche (11) launches a long 2-pointer for the Tigarette Junior Varsity while teammate Elizabeth Fette moves in for a rebound. The Sacred Heart ladies won their final game of the season against Valley View.

Photo by Dave Fette

North American Youth Sports to hold annual spring youth basketball tournament

North American Youth Sports will hold their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Dallas area Apr. 7-9 at McMath Middle School.

The tournament will feature ten different brackets. They include boys and girls team for 5th-6th grades, 7th grade, 8th grade, 9th-10th grades, and 11th-12th grades. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline for the tournament is Mar. 17. For additional information or an entry form, please call Harry Ennis at the toll-free number 1-888-629-2275.

Lady Knights lose to Callisburg, 53-47

Lindsay's Lady Knights made the path to a playoff berth a little more difficult by dropping their Friday game against Callisburg to the Lady Wildcats 53-47. The game was moved to a 3 p.m. start at Callisburg to avoid any possibility of dangerous travel by the teams.

The Lady Knights led by as many as 9 points in the first quarter and finished ahead by 4, 13-9, but lost their focus and watched the Lady Wildcats tie the game 19-19 with 2:32 left in the half. Callisburg led 28-22 at the half.

It was a low-scoring and closely fought third with Lindsay scoring only 5 and Callisburg adding only 8 to their total. Lindsay once again

outscored the opposition in the fourth by 20-17, but it wasn't enough to erase the deficit.

Karah O'Dell led scoring for Lindsay with 13. Jo Sparkman, Amanda Tamplin and Amber Selby each added 7, Maggie Hoelker had 4, Jacque Bezner 2, and Deanna Meurer 1.

Defensively, the Lady Knights were once again led by Tamplin's 3 blocks. Hoelker and Sparkman added 3 steals each. Sparkman led in boards with 7.

Smith had the majority of Callisburg's points with 16. Brown added 10, Riney contributed 9, Wooldridge put in 7, Peyrot got 4, Threadgill added 3, and R. Smith and Shasteen had 2 each.

Lindsay falls short with Hounds

Lindsay's Lady Knights made a valiant effort at defeating the second place Lady Greyhounds of Peaster Tuesday, but fell short in the last two minutes as the Lady Hounds went to the free throw line and made 7 of 8 in the space to put the game away 50-43.

Lindsay got off to a slow start allowing the Hounds to put 10 points on the board before the local team got their first point. Lindsay finally got going enough to close the score to 17-13 at the end of the first period.

The second quarter was nip and tuck and tied at the half 24-24.

The third period saw Lindsay get outscored by 7, then battled to even it up in the fourth, coming within one before having to give fouls to gain possession. Peaster made 14 of 18 free throws while Lindsay made 4 of 9, the difference in the game, not only in percentage made but in chances.

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Farm & Ranch

Bill would trample Texas' Rights

by Sen. Kay Bailey Huchison

In Nov. 10, 1999, the Senate voted to override a 160-year-old Texas tradition: the right to keep one's family home when filing for bankruptcy.

The U.S. Constitution gives the federal government the power to establish bankruptcy laws. For more than 130 years, the Texas Legislature has properly allowed states to determine their own laws regarding property rights. Before Texas became a state, our constitution allowed farmers to keep their homes even during times of crop loss or financial hardship. The Supreme Court held the rights of states to just this in 1902.

It is a terrible mistake for the federal government to consider overriding these precedents by trying to substitute its will for the Texas Constitution and the rights of 10 other states. The Senate bill does more than trample states' rights. It bad news for our farmers and senior citizens as well. By 2025, 54 million Americans will be over age 65. Because 81 percent of seniors own their homes, they are most at risk when creditors seize homes to pay debts.

The Senate action that I fought to defeat would let homeowners keep only 100,000 in home equity during a bankruptcy, but the median resale value of an existing home in Texas is 25,200. The average senior citizen in our state - especially those facing high medical costs - would be hurt if this legislation becomes law.

In addition, property values across the nation vary widely. The median resale price of a

home in California is \$215,000. In Nebraska, it's \$70,200. Clearly, the states should set their own levels of bankruptcy exemptions, not adopt a one-size-fits-all mandate from Washington. This is an area in which states' rights should prevail.

I also oppose this legislation because it puts Texas farm families at risk. The federal government just spent nearly \$9 billion to aid farmers hurt by low commodity prices and bad weather. In an ironic twist, should small family farmers in Texas have to declare bankruptcy under the law now being debated, they might have to give up their home or the farm.

Those seeking to overturn 132 years' worth of states' rights on this issue cite abuses by a very small number of wealthy people. But the office that oversees all bankruptcy cases stated that it did not find a single debtor who came close to the popular stereotype of homestead abuse...this is a relatively rare phenomenon."

We should pursue those who abuse the system - not everyone else. Good safeguards are to be enacted. For example, the bankruptcy bill now being debated requires that debtors must live in a state for at least two years before their homes can be exempt from bankruptcy proceedings. Not many people plan their bankruptcies 24 months in advance. And judges now have enough power to ferret out and punish would-be cheaters.

Banks and other lenders are sophisticated. They know better than to use a house as collateral in states that exempt homes from bankruptcy proceedings. Further, the law already has adequate laws to protect these lenders.

This matter that should be decided by Texans, not the federal government. I feel strongly about this because of the homestead exemption's place in the Texas Constitution.

The Senate rejected my amendment that would have allowed states - not the federal government - to set their own homestead exemptions. The House of Representatives has its own version of the bill and it includes this provision. I am working hard to make sure that when the dust clears, the final bill allows states to decide their own homestead exemption policies.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

Texas Farm Bureau makes several specific recommendations to improve drought policy

Texas Farm Bureau President Donald Patman told members of the National Drought Policy Commission that the combined effect of the 1996 and 1998 droughts caused more than \$4 billion in direct losses to Texas farmers and ranchers with an impact on the state's economy close to \$11 billion.

The TFB president commended various state and federal agencies and officials for a good job of disseminating drought assistance information and members of Congress for their recent efforts to help agriculture.

Speaking without hesitation, Patman said the primary role of the federal government during extended drought periods is that of providing adequate funding in a timely manner to help with the emergency situation as well as making necessary adjustments

in related federal programs to help offset the impact.

Texas Farm Bureau's recommendations to improve drought policy include the following:

- Provide adequate funding for the Emergency Livestock Feed program, as well as some form of water transportation assistance; and the establishment of a revolving emergency fund, to be replenished and available without special congressional action and appropriations.

- Allow hay from Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land to be sold and moved across state lines to drought-affected areas without reduction in CRP payments to producers; and allow drought-affected producers to ship livestock to areas where CRP land is available, to be grazed.

- Exempt capital gains on the forced sale of livestock due to drought.

- Implement an emergency "refundable tax credit" that would utilize a farmer's IRS schedule F income from prior years, to provide additional income at a critical time (all commodities).

- Request the Comptroller of the Currency direct banks to

expedite re-amortization of loans for borrowers who have been "good payers."

- Provide priority attention to expedite Farm Service Agency disaster loan processing.

- Provide some relief from the aflatoxin problem, which is increased during a drought, and can significantly impact both yields and quality of corn.

- Consider the alternatives to address rural water system problems - particularly small and disadvantaged communities - which seem to occur during drought situations.

- Develop an effective risk management insurance program for all producers of commodities, which is critical to the long-term stability of agriculture.

In closing, Patman said, "I should note for the record that it is apparent that we are in the midst of another drought here in Texas. Most areas of our state are in very, very dry condition. We hope that the commissions efforts will lead to a positive drought policy for agricultural producers in Texas and across the nation. It is long overdue."



A little bit of frost Monday morning was all the moisture the area received after weathermen predicted rain for the area - rain that never fell. Janie Hartman photo

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

NEW DROUGHT WARNING SYSTEM WILL AID RANCHERS

Ranchers will soon be able to make cost-saving decisions months in advance of a drought. A new early livestock warning system will distribute weather predictions through the Internet. It will also be available through local media and county extension offices. Jerry Stuth of the Center for Natural Resource Information Technology says the program's goal is to help ranchers prepare for drought. Range conditions are correlated with weather conditions to predict dry weather sixty days in advance. Producers often receive drought assistance after the fact. The early warning system will allow more time to distribute financial help. Testing is beginning in twenty counties, and the actual program will be put into place sometime next year.

CORN & GRAIN SORGHUM MEETINGS

Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension agronomist at Texas A&M will present a program on the issue of GE, Conservation Tillage of Grain Sorghum During Drought, and Cultural Practices at the two meetings on Thursday, February 10, 2000. The meetings will be at 8:00 A.M. at W.B. Hudspeth at Era, or 11:00 A.M. at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op in Muenster. 2 CEUs will be offered to those producers attending toward recertification of TDA pesticide licenses.

MARKETING CLUB

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next session will be Tuesday, February 8, at 7:00 P.M. at the Farm Bureau Building on Hwy. 82, in Gainesville. They will be covering topics including hedging with futures & options, forward contracts, and market analysis using technicals.

PESTICIDE APPLICATORS EDUCATION CREDITS

Pesticide applicators have several options for getting the continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to renew their license. Many pesticide applicators face a February 28, 2000, renewal date. Producers need to look at their license for proper renewal dates. The term of the license is posted. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and several private vendors offer traditional classroom CEU courses. However, Susan Combs, Texas Secretary of Agriculture, and the Texas Department of Agriculture are exploring more convenient ways

to help applicators keep current on changing regulations and products.

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 an applicator can take the private applicator training course and test.

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.

Combs advises pesticide applicators to check with their county Texas Agricultural Extension Service office for courses offered or call the Texas Department of Agriculture at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7548 for a list of approved courses. A list of CEU courses is available on TDA's web site at (www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceuhome.htm).

Ag Briefs

U.S. Congress passed mandatory price reporting legislation and Wes Sims, president of Texas Farmers Union, says it's about time. Large meat packers must now report daily prices they pay for hogs and cattle.

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Light rain - Not tested well on all classes due to snow & ice. Sold at Friday's sale were 285 head of cattle, compared to 1315 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 123 goats, 35 sheep and 169 hogs. The numbers for last week were 135, 35 and 128 respectively. Results follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 90-120; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-100; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 105-120; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-105; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 90-100; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-90; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 90-96; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-90; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 83-86; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-83; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 78-80; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-78.	Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy tested, 3 to 9 year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$720; medium frame, \$450-\$600. Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$625-\$725; medium frame, \$500-\$625. Holstein baby calves, \$20-\$60; Crossbreds, \$75-\$200. Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 33-34; US #2, 220-280, 32-33.	Ewes: Stocker, NT, Thin, NT, Fat, 35-40. Bucks: Thin: NT, Fat, NT. Barbados (per head) Lambs: \$35-\$45; Ewes: \$45-\$55; Bucks: \$40-\$45. Goats (per head) Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$55; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$80. Nannies (per head) Stocker, \$45-\$50; Milk Type, \$50-\$60; Slaughter, Thin \$30-\$40, Fat, \$40-\$50.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 91-110; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-91; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 88-110; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-88; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 85-92; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-85; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 80-84; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-80; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 78-80; Nos. 2 & 3, 61-78; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 70-75; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-70.	Sows: Feeder, 400 or less, 20-24; Light wt., 400-500, 30-35; Med. wt., 500-600, 35-40; Heavy wt., 600-up, 40-42. Boars: 300 lb. up, 07-11; 200-300 lbs., 11-13; Light wt., 15-20.	120 lbs-up Breeders, NT, Slaughter, NT. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, \$60-\$80; 3/4 Nanny, \$100-\$175; Full Nanny, \$200-\$290. Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, \$50-\$60; 3/4 Billy, \$60-\$80; Full Billy, \$100-\$130.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 42-52; Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, 25-38; cutter, 35-42.	Sheep (per lb.) Feeder lambs 40-60 lbs., 80-82; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 75-80; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 65-70.	

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- 20 Limousin black heifers nice 650 to 750 lbs. open.
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