

Gainesville Townhall meeting seeks merger

by Dave Fette

Gainesville's hospital townhall meetings were less confrontational than administrator Andrew Anderson anticipated. The purpose of the townhall meetings held at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 at the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce building was to give an overview of the reasons for the proposed merger of the Gainesville Hospital District and the Muenster Hospital District and plans to build a new hospital. Anderson said he and hospital boards want the input and questions of the people.

According to Anderson, the formation of a Cooke County Hospital takes legislative action. Each current district must vote to abolish itself and then vote again for a new county district in 2001. The Gainesville Hospital board is committed to build a new hospital and hope to break ground this year. They seek the input of Muenster and already have the support of the Muenster Hospital board and administration. Muenster will hold a townhall meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at

the Muenster ISD auditorium.

Anderson's presentation, similar to that in a brochure handout and programs given at many other recent meetings around the county, included, in an abbreviated form:

- Remodeling or renovating current facilities to new hospital standards would be extremely expensive.

- Cooke County needs a new and expanded emergency department.

- Current facilities are not adequate to support evolving outpatient care which is vital to the survival of healthcare institutions.

- A new hospital will help attract and maintain new business and industry and aid the recruitment of specialists and healthcare professionals.

- Demographic studies show enough population to support a new facility.

The proposed new hospital will be built adjacent to Highway 82, just west of the intersection with Interstate 35, at an approximate cost of \$20 million. Funding will probably be by revenue bonds backed by a county-wide operating and maintenance tax. The boards believe this method will allow the new entity to decrease

taxes over time as the health care business grows. The current tax rate in Gainesville Hospital District (GHD) is \$0.095 per \$100 evaluation. The Muenster Hospital District (MHD) rate is \$0.27450. The estimated new tax rate for both entities will be 0.18. For an average \$50,000 home the hospital tax will be \$90 per year.

The boards of both hospitals would oversee the 18 month construction project handled by a building contractor and

architects well versed in building hospitals.

Anderson believes a new hospital will generate more business and revenue through the expansion of services, keeping more residents in the county, recruiting more physicians and specialists, gaining sole-provider status from Medicare and Medicaid and emphasizing wellness and efficiency.

Questions followed: Why does the GMH board favor a revenue bond over a

general obligation bond?

The general obligation bond, which requires a vote, would be a fixed debt with a fixed tax rate for 30 years. Anderson estimated the rate would have been comparable, .15 to .18 with the addition of the indigent care tax. The proposed plan of revenue bond at .18 includes indigent care. "We feel comfortable we can support ourselves and drive the tax rate down according to the revenue generated. A rate of .18 will support us at \$0

revenue," he said.

Why not let a for-profit company come in and build and operate a new hospital?

Anderson believes a for-profit hospital would provide some services, but certainly want to control the flow of patients into their tertiary facility (the large metropolitan home hospitals), the property taxes they would pay, after the large abatements they would certainly demand, would simply be charged to the patients. Muenster Administrator Jack Endres said they hope to have further comparison with for-profit hospitals soon.

What uses exist for our current hospitals?

Both hospitals would continue to be used until the new facility is complete. Muenster is very logical to use for urgent care with clinic facilities, lab and x-ray in place. It makes good sense to keep a presence in Muenster where physicians and healthcare professionals have their offices. The Gainesville facility is being studied for possible geriatric/psychiatric services, drug/alcohol treatment, day care, and others.

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Davis, Odom spar over performance of CA office

by Janet Felderhoff

Thursday, Feb. 27 the Cooke County League of Women Voters hosted a Candidate Forum at the First Christian Church of Gainesville. Tom Carson served as moderator for the evening. Betty Buttolph, Voter Service Chairman for the League, welcomed guests and introduced Carson.

position. The following year she ran for that office and was elected.

The County Attorney outlined the duties of her office as to prosecute all adult criminal misdemeanor cases, all juvenile crimes, mental and chemical commitments, to represent all children's protective services and hearings, and to advise county



Cooke County Attorney Tanya Davis and opponent Lanhon Odom. Photo by Dave Fette

All candidates for positions in the county were invited to participate in preparation of the March Democrat and Republican Primary elections. The only local contested race is in the Republican Primary for the county attorney position. Incumbent Tanya Davis is challenged by Lanhon Odom.

Davis graduated from St. Mary's School of Law in 1985 and was licensed that November. In February 1987 she became an assistant attorney for Grayson County and began her career as a prosecutor. She worked there until October 1990 when she was hired as assistant county attorney for Cooke County. When the County Attorney resigned in September 1995 Davis was appointed to that

department heads on legal matters. Until Sept. 1, 1999 the office also handled all J. P. Courts cases. Davis said she has an excellent staff which consists of two attorneys, four support staff members, and an investigator.

Odom noted that he began his career by entering private practice in 1988 in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. During the eight years he was in general practice his practice included family law, civil law, and an abundance of experience in administrative law, child support cases and has done some criminal defense. For the past four years Odom has served as legal counsel for the Texas Department of Public Safety. See CO. ATTORNEY, pg 2

Jaycees honor Endres

by Dave Fette
The Muenster Jaycees picked one of their own for the

first time honoring Jim Endres as their Outstanding Citizen. Endres joins the ranks of

many distinguished men and women who have given of their time and talent to help make Muenster a great place to live. Jaycee President Gus Ashley introduced Endres telling of his service with the Jaycees, including a term as president, and his continuing help for the youth in coaching many different sports and teaching religious education. He also serves as a member of the Muenster ISD board of trustees.

Jaycee Senator Wayne Klement was master of ceremonies for the program celebrated in the Knights of Columbus Hall Saturday evening. Jim Nielsen was chairman of the Banquet project catered by Rohmer's Restaurant.



Craig Monday, left, new Jaycee president for 2000 poses with President's Partner Award winner Doug Hermes, outgoing president Ashley, and Key Man Award winner David Flusche. The Outstanding Chairman Award went to Troy Pagei who was unable to attend. Dave Fette photo



New Jaycee officers for 2000 are, from left, David Flusche, 5th Thursday; Brian Herr, director; Shawn Flusche, director; Jim Nielson, treasurer; Tim Schneider, state director; Kevin Reeves, first vice-president; Neal Flusche, director; Jeremy Walterscheid, second vice-president; and Rick Walterscheid, secretary. Dave Fette photo

Bond failure pondered by Lindsay ISD Board

by Janet Felderhoff

Hopes for a solution to scheduling woes in the sole gym at Lindsay were doused by voters of the school district when they went to the polls on Feb. 12. They voted 362 against and 221 for the proposed bond needed to build the new complex.

"With the vote on the Bond Election, what the board, the administration, and perhaps the community, is going to have to do is to try to determine why this bond issue failed," contemplated Superintendent Travis Winn at the Feb. 21 regular meeting of the LISD board. He said he'd inquired of people, not knowing how they had voted,

why they thought it had failed and if they opposed it, at what level they would support it.

Winn said that he'd heard several reasons people were against the bond included that people felt the proposed complex was too expensive, that they were against certain parts of the facility such as the overhead storage, the dedicated space for future food service, extra space for extra curricular activities such as music, etc. He suggested that after getting input from the community, the board would have to decide at what level, if any, they would support a new facility and then if they would support some type of gymnasium, return to the

architect for new drawings. If people won't support a tax increase at any level, then they shouldn't pursue the issue.

Members of the school's Facilities Committee were present. Winn asked for their input on the situation. Norb Mages responded, "I think that the biggest mistake that you made and the board made was that you did not have a public hearing. You represent everybody in the district and you effectively told everybody in the district, 'We're not going to answer your questions, we don't want to be confronted with it.' You had to decide some where along the way that you weren't going to have a

public hearing because it was always talked about. That's my feeling and that's the feelings of the pros and cons that I hear - that you didn't share with the community what you were going to do."

Members of the board asked where all of the people were when the proposed project was being discussed at board meetings. Mages replied that people felt that a school board meeting wasn't the place for a large number of people to come to discuss such an issue. Mages said that he didn't consider a meeting a good forum. Also at a hearing, those who didn't want to get up and ask a question could write it out and still get an answer.

Board member Danny Nortman said he agreed with Mages that there should have had a public hearing, but said that he didn't recall the board ever making a conscious decision to not have a public hearing.

Mages said that he's made a lot of the board meetings and didn't recall a lot of discussion about what should be included. He said that a lot of the things were put into the plan without the knowledge of the Facilities Committee. "What happened was a lot of people out here had a lot of fun with this," remarked Mages. "They added a lot of things that you were going to do and that you had no intentions of doing."

David Arendt said that the board had made a mistake and if they did it again they would have a public hearing. Rudy Zimmerman added that this was the first bond election they'd done in 30 years and this was a learning process for all of them.

Raymond Root spoke from the audience saying he spoke with many people and almost all seemed to be in favor of some type of gymnasium. Board President Earl Cunningham said that the board would get input and then get back to the drawing board if necessary.

How soon a new election could be held was discussed. See MISD BOARD, pg 2

TXDOT approves Combs' request for mowing and baling of forage on Texas highway rights-of-way

The Texas Department of Transportation has notified the Texas Department of Agriculture that farmers and ranchers who obtain written approval from TXDOT district offices can mow and bale vegetation on highway rights-of-way in Texas.

TXDOT offices can be found at the website www.dot.state.tx.us under "Local Information." They will also be listed on the Texas

Department of Agriculture's website at www.agr.state.tx.us under the "Producer" section.

Mowing and baling is generally restricted to areas along rural roads and other areas that do not create a safety hazard to travelers. The landowner immediately adjacent to the requested rights-of-way has the "right of first refusal" to mow and bale it.

Lindsay ISD hires Jerry Metzler as new principal

by Janet Felderhoff

After a lengthy executive session at their Feb. 21 board of trustees meeting, the Lindsay ISD Board voted unanimously to hire Jerry Metzler as the new K-12 principal. Principal Gary Hamilton submitted a letter of resignation which was accepted at a special board meeting on Feb. 15. Hamilton has accepted the position of superintendent for the Marfa ISD. His last day at Lindsay is Feb. 25.

Metzler won't officially begin his duties until April 1. Superintendent Travis Winn said that Dan Hamric of Muenster will be the interim principal. Hamric currently works part-time in the Lindsay English department. Winn noted that Hamric will bring lots of experience to the interim position since he's held both the position of principal and superintendent.

"I'm very, very excited about him coming to the district, and I feel that I can speak for the Board of Trustees as their vote was unanimous," Winn remarked. "He brings a world of experience to the district. I anticipate a seamless transition from Gary leaving, Dan's interim and Jerry's

coming. Both are familiar with the staff and students. Winn said that all Metzler received high praise from all of his references.

When Lindsay native Metzler heard he had the job offer he said, "I'm delighted and look forward to it!" He is now the Dean of Administrative Services and Human Resources at North Central Texas College and has been since July 1995.

Other positions held by Metzler include elementary principal at Rad Ware, high school principal for Muenster ISD from May 1990 to June 1993, assistant principal/principal at Gainesville State School administrative coordinator in the superintendent's office of the Del Valle ISD. Metzler began his career as an educator in 1977 when he taught English and coached at Valley View ISD. He also filled those positions at Callisburg ISD, Strickland Junior High, and Denton High.

Jerry Metzler graduated from Lindsay High in 1974 as the Class Salutatorian. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education with a secondary education major in English.

Pat Henscheid retirement announced

Pat Henscheid has announced her retirement from FMW Insurance Agency on Feb. 29.

Pat was hired by Earl Fisher in August of 1968 from her job then as City Secretary. She has worked continuously in the agency for 31 1/2 years. "Pat has been one of the most loyal persons I have ever hired," said

Earl Fisher. "She has been a faithful and trusting employee," said Fisher, "and it was a pleasure to have worked with her over the years."

Everyone is invited to drop by the agency on Feb. 29 to wish her well in her retirement. Refreshments will be served.

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He said he is supervisor over six attorneys who juggle four different dockets in four different counties across the state.

According to Odom the issues of the race could be boiled down to one word - confidence. "I think that the peace officers of Cooke County deserve to know that when they go to the effort of making an arrest, to put their life on the line, that that case will be prosecuted in a timely fashion," stated Odom. "I think it's also important that the citizens of Cooke County have their confidence toward the Cooke County Attorney's office so that their complaints do not fall on deaf ears."

Odom went on to make a campaign promise. "In the evaluation of any criminal cases that come before me I would not look at the person's name on the information or indictment, but would look to the actions and reaffirm that in this county there is only one set of scales and not one set of scales for the haves and another set of scales for the have nots."

The first question fielded by the candidates was whether their office would have a strong policy and enforce it as far as warrants and collecting on non-payment of child support and hot checks and also if hiring more attorneys was the answer to lowering the 2,000 cases in the year 2000. Odom said he understood that the two were extremely important to the people involved and would be extremely important to his office. As far as lowering the number of cases pending he

said he didn't believe the answer is in the number of staff, but in the ability to marshal what resource are available and apply them to the most needy places in such a way that they may become most effective.

"There are cases out there that have been on this docket since the 1980s, some with and some without warrants," claimed Odom. "That's totally unacceptable and inexcusable."

Odom countered, "During the last four years that I've been County Attorney the County Attorney's office has collected over \$644,000 in restitution for victims of crimes. A lot of that is in hot check collections. Looking back and the fact that in the six years prior to that \$637,000 was collected. So in two less years we've already collected more money than was collected in the six previous years. I don't believe there are any cases pending in my office from the 1980s. There are a little over 2,000 cases pending. Over a thousand of those cases have warrants outstanding toward them. Those people need to be arrested before we can deal with them."

Davis said that she believes that additional staff is necessary because the County Attorney's office does so many different areas. With another attorney she said that one could be assigned strictly to the docket, another would handle the Child Protective Services cases, and the other could handle everything else that needed to be done.

Davis responded first to the question of how mental health commitment cases are handled and what improvement in the procedure would be recommended by the candidate. She said the process begins with a concerned individual going to Mental Health Mental Retardation (MHMR) to see if a mental commitment is the right way to go. Once paperwork is completed it is sent to the County Attorney's (CA) office. If a warrant is required to have the person picked up and taken to a hospital the CA's office generates the warrant, sends it to the Gainesville Police Department or the Cooke County Sheriff's Department. The patient is taken either to the Gainesville

hospital of to Texoma Medical Center in Denison and a doctor determines if further process is needed.

"We've had some problems with mental commitments in this county because they take a lot of time and they tie up police officers," Davis remarked. "We've worked since 1990 trying to streamline that process," she feels it's a good process, but said it still takes time due to the requirements of being seen by a caseworker, a doctor, and being transported.

Odom remarked, "It's unfortunate that we don't have the quality of protocol here in Cooke County that perhaps we should have. It should be a protocol that's in place that first of all determines if the individual is a danger to himself or to others. That I believe is properly dealt with by medical personnel." Odom thought that it should take that person being taken to a hospital as a result of an incident that demonstrated that they were a danger to themselves of others to start the commitment process. Otherwise he ventured many cases would be started that would eventually depend on a doctor's decision anyway to make the determination. He said he would consider putting that protocol in place.

A question came from the audience on what the candidates' perceptions were of what the CA office's role is in working with the County Commissioners Court, how much time would be spent interacting with the Commissioners Court and if there is a necessity to be on hand for each of the Commissioners Courts. Davis said it was the County Attorney's duty to advise the Commissioners Court when it brings a legal matter to the office.

"My doors are open any time one of the commissioners want to come in and discuss anything with me provided I'm not in court," Davis said. She added that at times she has asked for time to research and told them she'd get back to them, but is always willing to give any amount of time needed.

Odom accused, "The fact is this county attorney has not been doing the job that she's supposed to be doing. The county commissioners are entitled to be able to go to the county attorney for prompt

response to any legal question they've got. They're entitled to a prompt and accurate response. I don't believe that happening."

In his concluding statement Odom said that he entered the race primarily for two reasons. "Number one, as legal counsel for the Texas Department of Public Safety I continually ran into peace officers from Cooke County who implored me to run who felt like it was extremely important we have a new change of county attorneys in this county," Odom said. "They felt that too often they were doing the work and putting their life on the line and the cases weren't in fact being processed." His second reason was his experience in the military for two and a half years, his experience with Southwestern Bell, and his experience with practicing law, including his own practice, he felt like he has something to offer. "That honesty and integrity and full day's work for a full day pay," said Odom.

"Ask a peace officer if it time to change the leadership of the County Attorney's office if they say yes I would appreciate your support," they say no, I'll understand."

Davis replied that she works with peace officers every day and she's not had one come to her and complain about a backlog or cases taking too long to get to trial. "The numbers in the County Attorney's office are higher than I'd like them to be, but they're not insurmountable," she remarked. "When I first came to this office in 1990 we were filing a little over 500 cases a year. In 1999 we filed a 1,000 cases, but we're also disposing of cases. If we didn't our backlog would be 7,000 for 4,900 cases and it's not. It's a little over 2,000. I work every single day other than vacations. I've taken very little sick leave. You'll come by the courthouse most evenings between 5:30 and six, you'll see me sitting at the courthouse, give a full day's work for a full day's pay. I believe that you should be responsible for your actions. I don't think we should just pop someone with a \$100 fine or a \$200 fine as we can make the numbers look better. I think we ought to meet out punishments that fit the crime and I'm not going to back off and have people just pay a \$100 and \$200 just so we can lower the numbers."

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Zimmerer suggested that they wait until the report came back from the State Fire Marshall. They could be facing some mandatory expenses, he said. The Fire Marshall had recently visited Lindsay's campus in response to a complaint from someone in the community saying something to the effect that the middle school was "falling down around their ears." While on campus he was asked to inspect all of the buildings and his deficiencies report is expected at any time. No action was taken on the election since it was just a discussion item on the agenda.

An election was ordered by the board for May 6. Evelyn Fuhrmann was appointed as election judge and Sonny Block as the early voting judge. Monday was the first day to file for any of the positions on the board. The last day will be March 27.

The 2000-2001 school calendar was reviewed. Rudy Zimmerer asked if it wouldn't be possible to have a later starting date. Winn noted that the calendar is drawn up to make the semesters as equal in days as possible and that there are many dates on which things are mandated so making the calendar work isn't always simple. It was agreed that two calendars would be submitted for the next meeting, one will have a later start date.

After discussing it in Executive Session, the board tabled the matter of Vice-Principal Scott Knight's contract. The board voted 6-0 to hire Jerry Metzler as the new principal following the resignation of Gary Hamilton.

Members of the LISD board are Earl Cunningham, David Arendt, Donna Hess, Mike Kendall, Danny Nortman, Pat Zimmerer, Rudy Zimmerer. Donna Hess was not present.



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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 27, 2000	Monday, February 28, 2000	Tuesday, February 29, 2000	Wednesday, March 1, 2000	Thursday, March 2, 2000	Friday, March 3, 2000	Saturday, March 4, 2000
Relay For Life Benefit Trail Ride, 10 AM	Sacred Heart School - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In Service Sacred Heart Preschool Parent's meeting, 7 PM Germanfest Fun Run Work meeting, 7 PM, KC Hall Town Hall meeting on hospital merger, 7 PM, MISD Auditorium	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Education Program, 8-9 PM, SHHS Library Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 PM, Old Muenster Gym Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5:30 PM Religious Ed. Class 7 PM	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM	Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM Sign-Up Deadline for Relay for Life for Life Benefit Trail Ride Immunization Clinic 9-11 AM, Cooke County Electric	Muenster FFA & 4H Stock Show, 9 AM, Cooke County Fairgrounds Bodie Truebenbach Memorial Benefit Dance, 9 PM to 1 AM, Muenster VFW Hall
Relay For Life Benefit Trail Ride, 10 AM	Meeting on proposed loop highway around east & south Gainesville, 3 PM, GNB-Gainesville City Council meeting, 7:30 PM City Hall	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Open House, 6-8 PM Arts & Crafts Show in Old Gym	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Education Program, 8-9 PM, SHHS Library/Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 PM, Old Muenster Gym/C of O Breakfast 7:30 AM, The Center/Rel Ed. Mass, 8:30 PM, Class following	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM MISD Board meeting, 7:30 PM	Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM	

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Obituaries

Joe Galloway 1933 - 2000

Joe L. Galloway, age 66, of Wichita Falls, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000 in Wichita Falls. Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 21, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Ivor Koch, Pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Hampton Vaughan Crestview.

Mr. Galloway was born on July 3, 1933 in McCaulley, Texas. He and Jeanette Fisher were married on Dec. 26, 1955 in Muenster. He was an insurance agent and owned Joe Galloway Insurance Company for 35 years. He was a veteran, having served in the United States Air Force for nine years and was a crew chief on B-36 and B-52 bombers. While residing in Muenster, he organized the Muenster Jaycee chapter in 1963. He was very active in civic and community affairs. He was the first president of the Muenster Jaycees for the first two years and very influential in matters supporting community improvements. He was a major figure in establishing the "Outstanding Citizen Award" and the "Key Man Award." He was an inspiration to both young and old. His leadership set the spark that has kept the Jaycee organization as strong



Joe Galloway

as it is today. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and had resided in Wichita Falls for 35 years.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette, of the home; one son, Joel F. Galloway of Dallas; two daughters, JonAnn Lucy of Arlington, and Mary Thompson of Iowa Park; one brother, Al Galloway of Floydada, Texas; and three grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20 in Wichita Falls.

Memorials may be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Fund, 1504 Tenth Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76301.

Mass of Christian Burial was held for former Muenster resident, Jeanette (Haverkamp) Wickliffe on Feb. 15, 2000 in Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving. She died on Feb. 11, 2000 at Baylor Medical Center in Irving at the age of 60.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Travis Neal Wickliffe and their five children Rhonda Sewell and husband James of Irving, Dana O'Connor and husband Michael of Flower Mound, Lisa Martin and husband Steven of Allen, Jeffrey Wickliffe and wife Michelle of Irving, and Lana Wickliffe of Dallas. There are eleven grandchildren. Also four sisters Florence Schumacher of Gainesville, Olivia "Ollie" Forgy of Dallas, Dolores Wiesman of Bixby, Oklahoma, and Joyce Boydston of Muenster. Also two brothers, Walter "Chalkie" Haverkamp of Whitesboro and Robert Haverkamp of Las Vegas, Nevada. Also an extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, and many, many loving friends.

Participating in the funeral Mass were Msgr. Jerome Duesman and Deacon Lee Stieber. The white pall was placed over the casket by Msgr. Duesman; the Bible was placed on top of the casket by daughter Dana and the cross by daughter Lana. Altar servers were Kyle McMurrin and Leroy Wiesman.

Lectors were Ollie Forgy and Karla Haverkamp, presenting the First Reading from Wisdom 3:1-9 and the Second Reading from Romans 14: 7-12, respectively.

Prayers of the Faithful at Offertory were read by Peggy Potts. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by grandchildren, Ryan Adrian, Taylor Martin, Justin Wickliffe and Emily O'Connor. The gospel was read by

Jeanette Wickliffe 1940 - 2000



Jeanette Wickliffe

Deacon Stieber, Matthew 5: 1-12a.

Sacred music was presented by the Holy Family Church Resurrection Choir and soloist Desiree Rene, including "Amazing Grace," "Shepherd Me, O God," "Prayer of St. Francis," "You Are Near," "Ave Maria," and "Be Not Afraid."

Remarks of Remembrance were given by Kandy Moss, Michael O'Connor, Barbara Barry and Ollie Forgy.

Included were mention of her parents, the late Alois "Lee" and Mary (Spaeth) Haverkamp. "Jeanette graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Muenster; moved to Dallas to attend beauty school...met her future husband there and married him on June 6, 1959...She was a licensed beautician...they moved to Irving where they lived for 38 years...and were members of Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Parish...She cherished her life as mother and grandmother..."

"After her children were grown she worked for GTE Directories for 20 years, rising to Supervisor over market management...was admired for her strong work ethic...a person of kindness and compassion...loving and patient...a lady of class, strength, spirituality and beauty."

A Rosary Service was held at Holy Family church on Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Burial in Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas on Tuesday was directed by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home of Irving. Pallbearers were Donny Boydston, Chris Forgy, Monte Haverkamp, Tim Schumacher, Daryl Wiesman, and Bret McCoy.

Jeanette's family invited relatives and friends to return to Holy Family Parish Hall after the graveside service. For those who have asked, the Wickliffe family suggested memorials sent to the American Cancer Society.

Among local relatives and friends attending the funeral, in addition to the above were Monte and Sheri Haverkamp and family of Gainesville; Bill and Peggy Potts of Keller; Jimmy and Tammy McMurrin and family of Tulsa; Chuck Schoech; Rudy Schumacher of

Era; Patsy Henry of Gainesville; Mickey Spaeth of Gainesville; Donna Harlow of Canton; Mark Schumacher of Gainesville; Ramie and Evie Hesse of Denison; Butch Fisher of Muenster; Albina Schmitz of Gainesville; Michael B. Lutkenhaus; Bob and Patsy Grober; Dolores Reiter; Georgia Barry; John L. Schumacher; Evie and Arthur Felderhoff of Muenster; Marianna and Mark Duebner of Scottsdale, Arizona; Elton and Bonnie Wickliffe; and a large number of parishioners.

Graveside services for Mary Katharine Small Redman

Graveside rites for Mary Katharine Small Redman were held at Mountain Park Cemetery on Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, with Rev. Oliver Harper officiating. Services were directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo.

Preceded in death by her husband in 1986, Mrs. Redman is survived by sons, Dr. Vanis W. Redman of Denton, William J. Redman of Saint Jo, and a daughter Mrs. Curtis Cameron of Fredericksburg; granddaughters Kalen Cameron Spies, Cyrena Cameron Benson, Vanessa Redman, and grandsons Charles V. Redman and James C. Redman. Also surviving are a niece Lucy Ann Meador Martin, a nephew Bill Thomas Meador and two great-granddaughters.

Descendant of a pioneer Montague County family and a life time resident born in Stoneburg, the former Mary Katharine "Kay" Small was the daughter of Mary Etta Angell and William Thompson Small. She earned her Bachelor Degree from the University of Texas where she was a member

of Kappa Delta sorority. She married Vanis W. Redman June 14, 1932. In 1938 they moved from Necona to their home in Saint Jo.

She was active in church, civic and social organizations and celebrated with her husband their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1982.

She was one of the first women to serve as deaconess of her Presbyterian Church, on a Montague County Jury as well as the County Historical Commission. She was a long time member of the Wichita Falls Women's Forum, Garden Club and Colonial Dames 17th Century.

Genealogy and family history research was an engrossing hobby leading to documentations and membership in a number of hereditary societies including Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughter of the War of 1812, Colonial Dames 17th Century, Manakin Virginia Huguenots and Magna Charta Dames.

Memorials may be made to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital.

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Correction

There were two mistakes in the outline under last week's front page picture of seven Muenster High School students. The boys were named to the Academic All-State team including senior Jim Stoffels, not his brother Jerry.

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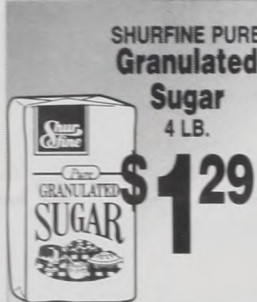
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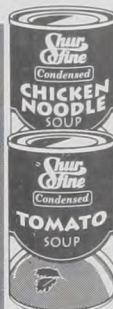
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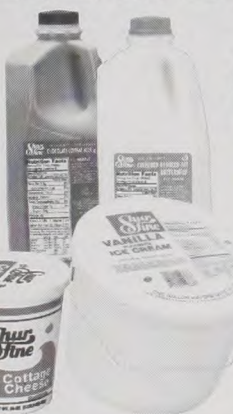
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
 Since I have taken a stand in open opposition to the merger of the Muenster Hospital District with the Gainesville Hospital District, many people have contacted me offering their moral support. They express their frustration and disappointment in the current merger proposal of the two hospital districts. Unfortunately, most prefer not to take a public stand and some wish to remain anonymous altogether.

Recently, I received a most persuasive and thought provoking letter. After considerable thought, I felt I must share this letter with all the citizens of the Muenster Hospital District:

Mayor Weinzapfel:
 I applaud you and Mr. Henscheid for your willingness to speak out against the proposed merger with the Gainesville Hospital District. Since I first read about the merger news several months ago, I have been perplexed by the apparent apathetic reaction among the citizens of Muenster. I kept anticipating business and civic leaders, elders, and others to publicly confront the actions of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board and fight to keep their hospital - not settle for a downgraded model of delivery care such as a clinic. It finally occurred to me that many are probably concerned, but lack an understanding of the "business-side" of health care, and hence, are subject to accept face value the bleak picture of the future of rural hospitals painted by certain outspoken individuals. Yes, it is true that it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain a financially sound organization in today's volatile health care environment, and it will most likely worsen. But, small rural hospitals have historically been resilient against great odds due to the unyielding spirit, tenacity, creativity, and community pride that exists among the small town people that the hospital purposefully serves.

Rural hospitals across the nation play a vital role in the national health care infrastructure, which is finally being understood in Washington. Without the primary level of care provided

in rural America, the secondary and tertiary facilities in metropolitan areas would be flooded with low level acuity patients occupying the beds needed by the more complex, high intensive resource patients who the hospitals are better equipped to serve. This is one of many reasons why Congress recently passed \$17 billion in BBA (Balanced Budget Act) relief, much of which is specifically targeted to help aid rural hospitals. If Muenster operates in the black now (with the supplemental tax revenue) there is nothing drastic that will be enacted over the next few years that will necessitate immediate closure. In fact, hospital leaders across the nation are planning to fight for additional relief from the BBA. Furthermore, the additional BBA cuts proposed will be implemented gradually allowing hospitals to make operational adjustments, alter strategies, form creative alliances, and seek alternative sources of revenue in response.

It appears that the impetus for the merger is to pool resources, eliminate redundancies, and reduce costs, while increasing the patient base to support additional service lines and new specialists preventing the need to travel to Denton or Dallas for medical care. If Muenster's service population is 5,000, do you believe this relatively small increase in patient base will make such an impact? Also, I believe you realize that the people of Muenster choose to support and use MMH for a special reason, and it isn't something that can be replaced or replicated simply by building a new, bigger facility with upgraded equipment. This is not the panacea it is portrayed to be. Health care is truly a people and service-friendly establishment.

Over the last several months I have read many good reasons and justifications that support the merger. But, I am bothered by the many unfounded generalizations vocalized about the health care industry that are used argumentatively as reasons to move forward with the merger. For example, the BBA is conveniently used as a scare tactic portrayed as an inevitable force that can not be overcome. The truth is, no one knows for certain what and

when the BBA proposals will be implemented, or if health care lobbyists will be successful in gaining additional relief in the 2000 legislature as was accomplished in 1999. Other comments made were that too many beds exist in health care wasting unnecessary resources and through a natural selection process there will be a downsizing of beds and closure of facilities, like MMH, to adjust for this supposed over-capacity. These statements are true from a national perspective. But, we have learned that health care must be viewed on a local and regional basis. With the growing population in North Texas, I would be interested if there truly is an over-capacity of beds among this specific market place.

I am pointing out these discrepancies because I believe you and others should scrutinize every bit of information fashioned to support the merger. There is nothing more vital to a small community than its hospital, yet Muenster seems willing to give up on MMH with little fight or concern over the future retributions. As you are aware, Muenster will have little success in attracting new businesses and the ensuing labor force without its hospital. The new hospital will definitely benefit the County, but at what cost to Muenster specifically if it is without a hospital - the Myra analogy is not far-fetched. Through your leadership and knowledge of what is best for Muenster, I hope you continue to increase the awareness and knowledge among the community members of the economical force and unique identity provided by the hospital to the Muenster community.

Best Regards,
 Friend of Muenster
 There will be a Town Hall meeting on the evening of Feb. 28, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Muenster High School Auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed merger and possible alternatives. I urge all concerned and interested citizens to come to this meeting and make their thoughts known.

Henry G. Weinzapfel
 P.O. Box 201
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Letter to the Editor,
 Does everyone really understand what is happening to our hospital, or is everyone swallowing this sugar coated story from the hospital board on how merging with Gainesville Hospital is the best solution to our so called problem?!!

The hospital board is trying to plan the future for Muenster people without consenting with us, THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE MÜNSTER WHAT IT IS. How else could they be worried about a law suit, because they got the cart ahead of the horse?

Consolidating our district with the Gainesville District has many downsides. Allowing this merger to be carried out CAN result in the closing of our hospital, the nursing home (due to the fact that it is owned by the Muenster Hospital), and eventually to follow, the health center and probably the pharmacy due to the fact that we will already be in Gainesville" so therefore, people will go ahead and buy their medicine there. The hospital board is thinking with dollar signs and not about the future of our town that we have all worked so hard to build.

Another downfall to this merger is the phrase "consolidating districts." By doing this, that means that Muenster will lose its hospital district. If this happens, we can NO longer have a hospital in Muenster 10 years from now if WE, the people of Muenster

wanted because WE allowed the board to talk us into giving the hospital district to Gainesville to "play with."

Downfalls continue to pour in. If we merge with Gainesville Hospital, what about our town? Will it shut down too? Look at AMPI, approximately 40 people or more lost their jobs there. What is next, our historic stores lining main street, our grocery store, hardware stores, auto parts places? The town will die like Gainesville's historic California Street. Look at all those marvelous buildings sitting there unoccupied. We are a well built town with a supporting community and I think we control how much it grows or how much we lose.

According to a statement in the "Muenster, Texas - A Centennial History" book, I read the following statement: "This community, like all others, exists, only because of the people who came and joined with their neighbors to make it good and fit, a wholesome place to live and work, to play, to pray, and to raise their families. Businesses, organizations and institutions survived or flourished only because of the people who supported them and believed in their merits."

The town of Muenster has a "legacy to us and to the community that can never be measured and certainly never repaid." This town was built with pride by our ancestors,

who were the first settlers, the German Catholics. The town came together to build the "essentials" of a town. They had their church, school, general store, blacksmith, and of course, the town doctor. Our ancestors started this project in the 1940s and formally opened the hospital in 1964. By allowing this merger, we will be destroying of what our ancestors have worked so hard to build.

As for families who have lived here, they utilized the hospital for their family emergencies. They were there for broken arms, they were there for that high fever. The hospital has been there for us in the past, but now we have to be there for our hospital. We know that they may not offer a dermatologist for our acne problems, but they offer doctors and a nursing staff who cares. They are there for the patients through all good and bad. Our duty, as being the residents of Muenster that we are, is to do what our ancestors did-BUY LOCALLY. That includes using the Muenster Hospital for our emergency needs. Our support helps to keep the hospital open and hopefully our town will continue to flourish.

Don't forget about the town meeting, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Muenster Public School Auditorium. We have to let them know how we feel.

Steven and Penny Fisher
 2582 N FM 373
 Muenster, TX 76252

Letter to the Editor.
 Drivers, walkers, bikers, focus your attention to the street corners. Notice the new, more readable green street signs. These new signs are much clearer than the old. They will be easier for out of town ambulances, etc. to find a particular address in Muenster.

We are very much enjoying our newly paved street on South Hickory.

Thanks to city employees, city council, and mayor for two jobs well done!

Robert Miller
 227 S. Hickory
 Muenster, TX 76252



Herbie Miller won the first of many "True to Texas" CDs being given away by Keep Muenster Beautiful. Courtesy photo

Newton to unveil 1st bill in Congress

During a press conference on Friday, Feb. 25, in Muenster, Republican candidate Jon Newton unveiled the first bill he will introduce once elected to Congress.

Newton unveiled the "Foreign Aid Accountability Act" at 3:30 p.m. on the front steps of the Muenster City Hall, located at 400 N. Main, in Muenster.

"We need to take care of Americans before we take care of countries opposed to America," said Newton, whose initiative would eliminate economic and development assistance to over 100 countries that do not support U.S. foreign policy. "My proposal will hold other countries accountable when they openly oppose the United States."

The United States gives over \$14 billion in foreign aid each year to 156 countries. Egypt, the second largest recipient of foreign aid at \$2.1 billion per year, has voted against the United States 61% of the time before the United Nations. India, the fifth largest recipient, votes against the U.S. as often as Cuba and more often than Iran.

"It makes absolutely no sense to be giving our hard earned tax dollars to nations that oppose our foreign policy," added Newton. "Our tax dollars are not being spent wisely."

At the press conference, Newton will provide details of his proposal, including a list of countries to which we should stop sending foreign aid and the amount this will save the taxpayer.

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How would the Muenster facility be funded?

Muenster is included in the district and funding, under the plan for one self-sufficient organization.

Would Home Health be continued?

Home Health is a needed service to the community and would certainly be continued. The moves toward outpatient care make Home Health even more necessary.

How many beds would the new facility have?

Estimate 65 beds with planned expansion possible.

What if the districts don't unite?

Anderson said GHD will go ahead. "If Muenster doesn't dissolve their district they might want to contract for some services, but they would still pay the higher MHD taxes," he said. "But we're not looking at it as we and they. This is a county endeavor meant to bring the county together and provide better and expanded health care. It's more than just a business, it's a compassionate industry."

Why is the ground breaking before the legislating?

The GHD does not need to alter its district to build a new hospital.

How much does GHD still owe on the debt of their last expansion?

\$930,000.00.

How much was paid for the new land?

\$5,000.00 per acre for 52 acres.

What do you currently do with the interest earned from tax accumulations?

Anderson said the taxes trickle in and there is never a big amount put out to earn interest. It is not mixed with the operating fund.

Dr. Rahman commented that not only the emergency room in Gainesville needs help, but the intensive care unit is inadequate. We have only four beds and we need six or eight.

In addition to GHD staff and board members at the Tuesday meetings about a dozen county residents attended the afternoon and evening meetings.

"True to Texas" CD promotion helps keep Muenster beautiful

Keep Muenster Beautiful recently purchased a number of "True to Texas" Texas Live CD's with the original intent to give them away at the next community wide cleanup. After reviewing the music on the compact disk, Keep Muenster Beautiful decided not to give the CDs away to those helping to clean up the highways, many of whom are children. The decision was then made to give the disks away to those who would appreciate the CDs most - those who drink beer and enjoy country & western music.

The Keep Muenster Beautiful mission is to continuously ensure and improve the cleanliness and beauty of the community in such a way that it is attractive and appealing to tourism, business and residents. Beer packaging litter is a major blow out on the highways if not properly contained or thrown away. Beer bottles and cans are too often tossed out the window onto the highways. Beer cans and boxes are found in piles on the highway as if someone has stopped and emptied their vehicle in one spot. All of this behavior has a

negative impact on our community and many concerned volunteers pick up after the litterers. Picking up this trash won't minimize the problem. The answer to the problem is to educate the litterers. Keep Muenster Beautiful is providing education to potential litterers with its new CD giveaway campaign.

Keep Muenster Beautiful giving away one of the "True to Texas" CDs every week until May 5. To be eligible to win CD, a registration form for the drawing must be complete and mailed to Keep Muenster Beautiful. The information provided on the registration form will be used only to contact the winner. The registrant's information is not being used for any other purpose. No mailing list is being generated. No information is being shared. The beauty of this campaign is the anti-litter education information is on the registration form.

Registration forms are available in every establishment in Muenster that sells beer.

Severe weather season is approaching soon

The tornado season is from April through June. As part of a Tornado Alert Drill, the City of Muenster will turn on the siren for 15 minutes at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 1. The siren will sound a steady tone for 55 seconds, followed by 5 seconds of silence. This sequence will then repeat. If the weather is threatening at the time of the drill, the drill will be postponed until the following day at 10:00 a.m.

During the drill, no response is needed by citizens. However, if the siren goes off in this pattern without prior notice, people should take cover in preparation for severe weather, including a possible tornado, hitting the city very soon. In addition, people should listen to the radio or TV to obtain current weather information. Keep a battery-powered radio available for the latest weather information. Make sure you have plenty of first aid supplies.

A **tornado watch** means that weather conditions are such that a tornado may form and strike in the watch area. When a **tornado watch** is issued, be prepared to abandon your car or mobile home. A **tornado warning** means that a tornado has touched down in our area. Fast action is crucial when a **tornado warning** is issued. Go to the basement or an interior hallway. Get under something sturdy and stay away from windows. If you are in an automobile or mobile home, leave it immediately and head for a permanent shelter or get in a low-lying ditch. Remember, preparation means survival.

One clue to an oncoming tornado is the loud roar of freight train or jet airplane that it produces. If you hear this sound during severe weather, a tornado could be nearby. Head for cover immediately. It takes a tornado only a few seconds to level building or toss a car through the air.

Severe weather also includes floods and flash floods. If flood threatens, stay away from low-lying areas and streams.

Flash floods are caused by torrential rainfalls and occur suddenly. When a **flood watch** is issued, have a battery-powered radio and flashlight handy, in addition to the fuel tank of gas in your car. When **flood warning** is issued, a **flash flood** is imminent. Act immediately by getting away from streams, canyons, washes and other flood-prone areas and head for high ground. Don't attempt to cross a stream of water on foot, if the water above your knees, or if it is fast-moving stream. Don't park near streams and washes during severe weather conditions. Similarly, don't drive or walk on a flooded road or bridge. Seventy percent of all flood-related deaths are caused by motorists crossing flooded areas. Electricity may be cut off, so store water in containers and have plenty of non-perishable food stocked. Listen to a battery-powered radio for the latest weather advisories. In case of flood water rising, keep a full tank of gas in your car, and be ready to leave for higher ground quickly.

Submitted by Steve Broyl

Duncan joins incumbents Tibbets and Kemplin on NCTC Board of Regents ballot

As of the close of Monday's (Feb. 21) first day of the filing period, two of three incumbents and one new candidate had filed for the three open positions on the upcoming May election ballot for the North Central Texas Board of Regents.

Incumbents Neil Tibbets, board secretary, and member Ann Kemplin are the incumbents filing for the Place 2 and Place 7 seats, respectively. Local attorney Russell Duncan has filed for the Place 1 seat to be vacated by the expiration of Charles Draper's six-year term.

Mrs. Kemplin of Valley View, was recently appointed by the regents to fill the late Guy Winstead's Place 7 seat on the

board. According to statute however, this appointment is valid only until the next scheduled election, at which time such appointees must, if they so wish, stand for election for the actual balance of the unexpired term.

Four years remained of Winstead's unexpired term. Both of the other positions of the board will be for regular six-year terms.

Deadline for applying for place on the May ballot for an of the open places on the college's Board of Regents is Wednesday, Mar. 22, in the office of the Dean of Administrative Services, Room 109 of the Administration Student Center Building.

FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

by Ed Clev

While I'm trying to think of a subject to write about, I keep thinking of things that would be nice.

A good soaking rain would be nice, it would be nice if the fruit trees would bloom at the proper time.

Our peach tree is past full bloom, the 23rd nights about a week ago didn't seem to set it back any, and we can just about bet it will freeze again later.

These warm winters are nice - on people, but they tend to upset the apple cart for fruit trees, and bugs and insects we don't want.

Another thing that would be nice is an election that would

give us a president who wouldn't lie, and would bring back dignity, respect and integrity to the office.

It would be nice to have a president who could make people believe in patriotism, one who would put America first, one who would fight to see the Panama Canal under American jurisdiction and also uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

Legislators who had enough back-bone to do the right thing, rather than what might be "politically correct." This too would be nice.

Then it would be nice to see U.S. out of the U.N. and the U.N. out of the U.S.

President Reagan, I have read, was so in awe of the Presidency, that he would not enter the office without a coat or jacket on. This too was nice.

Well, I could go on and on about what would be nice, but I think the above would be a good start in the right direction.

Yet, it would also be nice to see the stock ponds full of good water, and the grass with plenty of moisture to grow, and feed the livestock this coming spring while farmers crops were thriving. They say hope is eternal.

Lifestyle

NSDAR essay winners announced

The Francis Lightfoot Lee Chapter of NSDAR is pleased to announce 21 entrants in their American History Essay Contest. All entrants were from the Sacred Heart School in Muenster.

The 7th grade entrants were Jessica Knabe, Christine Putsch, Andy Davis, Dillon Connell, Paul Bartush, Stephen LaChance, Sarah Rundage, and Thomas Otto.

The 8th grade entrants were Cindy Hartman, Karen Gehrig, Ashley Walterscheid, Wes Vimmer, Lynn Sicking, Laura Taylor, Amy Trevino, Lisa Andres, Adam Taylor, Kathryn Sepanski, Andrea Bonin, Christina Weinzapfel, and Tony Moster.

Although all of the papers were good, only one paper could be sent to state from each grade. These were Stephen

LaChance, 7th grade, and Kathryn Sepanski, 8th grade.

All entrants will receive certificates. The winners will also receive bronze medals.

The topic this year was "An Obituary for George Washington, 1732-1799" commemorating the 200th birthday of our first president of these United States of America.

George Washington remains one of our greatest presidents.

Mrs. Juanita Leach is Regent of Francis Lightfoot Lee Chapter NSDAR.

The American History Committee is composed of Mrs. Jeanette Balentine, Mrs. Maurine Griggs, and Mrs. Rebecca Jones.

All 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are urged to enter this contest each year.



Tracey White of Decatur and Stanley Austin of Muenster will be married on Feb. 26, 2000 in a ceremony at 4:00 p.m. performed by Rev. Jerry Miller at The Father's House of Decatur. The engagement and approaching marriage were announced by parents of the bride-elect John and Paula White of Decatur. The future-groom is the son of Ronnie and Jessica Austin of Ringling, Oklahoma. Tracey is a graduate of North Central Texas College with a degree in marketing. Mr. Austin is a graduate of Vernon Regional Junior College and Oklahoma State University. The couple will reside in Muenster. The couple is sending a special message to their relatives and friends. Only recently they learned of an error in addressing their wedding invitations and are trying sincerely to assure friends and relatives of a warm welcome. Please honor them with your attendance.

Historical Commission seeking membership

The Muenster Historical Commission will have a membership drive during the month of March. Anyone interested in preserving the history of Muenster and helping to support the Muenster Museum is invited to become a member of the Historical Commission.

There will be two levels of membership offered: Active membership for those wishing to actively participate in the

operation of the museum, and Supporting membership for anyone wishing to help support the museum but unable to take an active part.

Membership dues will be \$5.00 per year to go to help support the museum. Anyone wishing to become a member of the Muenster Historical Commission may submit the following application or may contact any member of the Historical Commission.

Park party celebrates Sean Chism's fifth birthday

Sean Chism celebrated his 5th birthday on Sunday Feb. 13, at the Gainesville Park. His actual birthday is Feb. 12.

Sean and his friends enjoyed a Pokémon cake, cupcakes, and ice cream. Then they had fun playing at the new city playground and seeing the animals in the zoo.

Those helping Sean celebrate included his parents Steve and DaLana Chism; grandparents Charlie and Judy Taylor of Lake Kiowa, and Giles and Marlene Walterscheid of Muenster; great-grandparents, Jessie Taylor of Wichita Falls, Sonny and Dee Cole of Saint Jo, and Augusta Walterscheid of Muenster.

Also aunts, uncles, and cousins: Mike, Laurie, and Lauren Chism of Arlington; Jeff and Joyce Walterscheid of Muenster; Keith Walterscheid of Muenster; Mike, Lynetta, Josh, and Jared Cole of Alvord; Neil, Peachie, and Sydney Hughton, Trevor Muller, Dillon and Kendi Bayer, and Mason

and Brennan Binder all of Muenster, and friends: Shawna and Vincent Brooks of Ardmore, Oklahoma; Clayton Fangman, Steven Flusche, and Andrew Flusche all of Muenster.



Sean Chism

Magees of Arlington will be honored on 50th Anniversary

Dale and Norma Magee of Arlington, Texas will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception in the home of their daughter, Dani Van Wig also of Arlington. Dale is the son of Fowler and Pauline Magee of Montague. Norma is the daughter of Oscar and Dan Lee Johnston-Griffin of Forestburg.

Dale and Norma were born and raised in Montague County and met at the Montague County Courthouse where Norma had been working. Married on Mar. 3, 1950, the couple began their marriage in

Montague. Dale served in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany and was later employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone in Lubbock, Texas. He later served as a representative and Vice-President of District 12 of the Communications Workers of America. Norma is a retired homemaker and active grandmother.

The Magee Family includes one daughter, Dani; son-in-law, Peter Van Wig; and two grandchildren, Amy and Travis, all of Arlington.

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Norma and Dale Magee

Miller named to Dean's List

Patrick Miller is a freshman in the honors college at Texas Tech University, majoring in chemical engineering. He has been named to the Dean's list for the fall semester with a GPA of 3.8.

He has a part-time job in the chemical engineering department working under Doctor Harry W. Parker.

Patrick has been invited to join the Gamma Beta Phi Freshman Honor Society. He is also a member of an intramural basketball team.

Patrick is the son of Robert and Betty Miller. Also he is the grandson of Bill Miller, and Albert and Wilda Stoffels, and a graduate of Sacred Heart High School.



Patrick Miller

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National Hospice Organization adds Palliative to name

The National Hospice Organization announced that the Alexandria, Virginia-based group changed its name to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. The organization represents nearly 2,500 hospice care programs and thousands of professionals in the United States, including Cooke County Home Hospice and its staff. NHPCO is the largest nonprofit membership organization for hospice and palliative care.

"Hospice care and palliative care share the same core values and philosophies," said Karen A. Davie, president of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. "Adding palliative care to our name - as many hospices have already done - reflects the natural evolution in end-of-life care and fosters recognition of

the role of hospices in providing such care." The world Health Organization defined palliative care in 1990 as addressing not only physical pain, but also emotional, social and spiritual pain to achieve "the best quality of life for patients and their families." Hospice care professionals and volunteers provide services that address all of the symptoms of a terminal illness - ranging from physical to emotional to spiritual - with the aim of promoting comfort and dignity and living as fully as possible at life's end.

According to organization representatives, the name change reflects the success that hospice programs have already achieved in caring for individuals who have advanced illness. Currently, Cooke County Home Hospice, a

member of NHPCO, provides hospice care to more than sixty people each year regardless of their ability to pay. This care offers a patient-centered, team-oriented program of expert medical care, pain relief emotional support for individuals confronting terminal illnesses and for their families. Home Hospice, like hospices across the nation, utilizes a professional staff consisting of medical directors, nurses, social workers, chaplain, home health aides and office support personnel, along with the efforts of volunteers to provide this high quality end-of-life care.

"In order to enhance quality of life, hospice programs encourage access to care earlier in a patient's illness or disease process," said Davie. "The name change more accurately reflects the range of care and

services our members provide, but the principles of hospice care and the programs we represent remain the same." Marty Barr, Executive Director of Home Hospice, stated, "While Cooke County Home Hospice does not plan to change our name at this time, we have always provided quality palliative care for our patients and will continue to do so. We encourage early access to hospice care so that maximum pain control in all areas of the patient's life may be achieved and the broadest range of our services may be utilized."

Home Hospice invites anyone interested in serving as a volunteer for those served by the nonprofit hospice, or anyone seeking more information, to contact them at 940-665-9891.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bussell of Bryan are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stacy Bussell, to Michael Tepera, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tepera Lindsay. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in genetics. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in developmental biology at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston. The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in geography. He is currently an IT consultant with Modis Solutions in Houston. The wedding will take place on May 6, 2000 at First United Methodist Church in Bryan.

New Arrivals

Martin
Cyle and Sharisse Martin of Gainesville announce the birth of a daughter, Taylor Brooke Martin in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 22, 2000 at 1:18 a.m. weighing 8 lb. 8 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Tom and Linda Martin and David and Hortense Rivera all of Gainesville.

Riggs
Ricky and Jamie Riggs of Whitesboro announce the birth of a son, Cody Lane Riggs in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 21, 2000 at 7:15 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 15.2 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. He joins two brothers Michael age 3 and Ricky Jr. age 18 months.

Gonzalez
Crystal Kuykendall and Alfredo Gonzalez of Gainesville are parents of a son, Tony Alfredo Gonzalez born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 17, 2000 at 22:55 (10:55 p.m.) weighing 7 lb. 9.6 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. He joins a brother Darius Kuykendall age 21 months, a sister Chastity Kuykendall, age 4 1/2 years.

Hess
Tonya Dugger and Chris Hess of Muenster are parents of a son, Jonathan Edward Hess born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 8, 2000 at 3:51 p.m. weighing 7 lb. 13.5 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. He joins a sister Madison Dugger.

Grandparents are Melinda and Bill Eddows of Gainesville, Tony and Becky Dugger of Myra, Quintin Hess of Gainesville and Rita Romero of Decatur. Great-grandparents are Gary and Caroline Hess of Muenster, Becky and Charles Tucker of Decatur and Louella Dugger of Gainesville.

Gonzales
Ellen Jones and Bee Gonzales of Gainesville are parents of a daughter, Mysterii Elena Gonzales born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 7, 2000 at 5:42 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 14.7 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Grandparents are Perry and Linda Jones and Rose Vela and Bee Gonzales Sr. all of Gainesville.

Hughes
Eddie and Terri Hughes of Lindsay announce the birth of a son, Cameron Dakota Hughes in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 17, 2000 at 7:30 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 10.4 oz. and measuring 20 1/4 inches in length. He joins a brother, Dylan Hughes age 4. Grandparents are Jerry and Helen Hughes and Elroy and Pat Neu. Great-grandparents are Paul and Dorothy Fisher and Gertrude Drozd and the late Bill Drozd.

Urbina
Madelina C. De La Rosa and Erick A. Urbina of Fort Worth are parents of a daughter Milenia Idalis Alejandra Urbina born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 17, 2000 at 3:02 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches long.

Brown
Sabrina and Luther Brown of Nocona are parents of a daughter born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 12, 2000 at 14:32 a.m. (2:32 a.m.) and measuring 20 inches in length. They have named her Heaven Lee Brown. She joins two brothers Luther Karl Brown Jr. and David Allen Brown.

Green Tips
Fact: Water heating is the second largest residential energy expense, behind heating and cooling.
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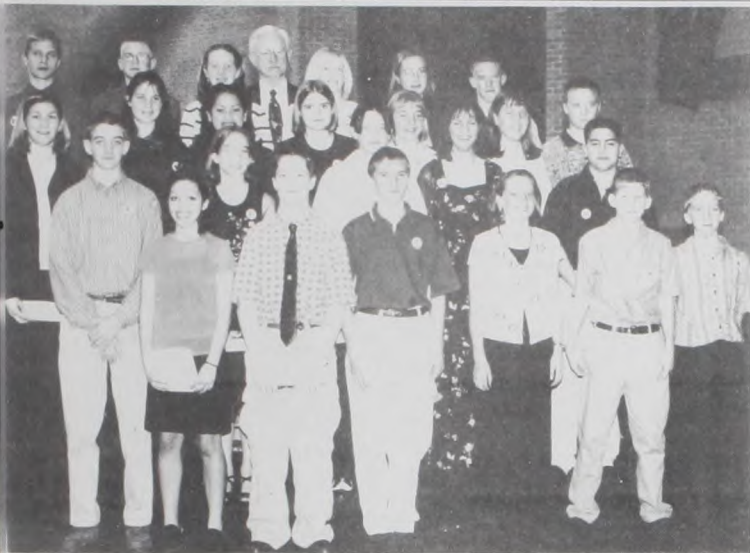
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School News



Sacred Heart 8th grade attends diocesan Mass

On Feb. 9, the Sacred Heart School 8th graders traveled to Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Arlington to attend the Diocesan Mass. This Mass is held annually for all Catholic School 8th graders across the Diocese of Fort Worth. The theme of the Mass was *Lighting the Way to a New Century*. The 11:00 a.m. Mass began with a candle procession, followed by the presentation of gifts by Kevin Walterscheid from Sacred Heart and Lauren Stoffels from Saint Mary's. Other Sacred Heart students participating in the liturgy were Laura Taylor, candle bearer, and Tony Mosler, presentation of the mission basket.

Following Communion, Sister Marguerite Connors, S.H.S.P., Diocesan Superintendent, spoke to the students about taking the 86,400 seconds of the day and

them possible. He challenged the students to set examples for younger students, and to ask God's grace as they go out as the light of the world to bring God's love and presence to people.

Prior to going to Arlington, schools were asked to collect monetary donations for the sister mission in Honduras. A student from each class presented a mission basket, followed by the presentation of gifts by Kevin Walterscheid from Sacred Heart and Lauren Stoffels from Saint Mary's. Other Sacred Heart students participating in the liturgy were Laura Taylor, candle bearer, and Tony Mosler, presentation of the mission basket.

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others, to be the light of Christ daily. Music selections included *Christ Be Our Light, Servant Song, Pan de Vida, and Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*.

Attending were teachers Dorothy Bengfort and Annette Bayer, also Jack Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Trevino, Betty Trevino, Gary Endres, Debbie Hess, Doreen Taylor, Sandra Walterscheid, Tina Weinzapfel, Donna Biffle, Cindy Gehrig, and Karen Mosler. Sacred Heart students are Zach Barnhill, Jayna Biffle, Andrea Bonin, James DeGarmo, Lisa Endres, Jake Figgall, Karen Gehrig, Cindy Hartman, Courtney Hartman, Kim Hess, Noah Hess, Frank Klement, Tony Koessler, John McCoy, Tony Mosler, Kate Sepanski, Lynn Sicking, Adam Taylor, Laura Taylor, Amy Trevino, Ashley Walterscheid, Kevin Walterscheid, Christina Weinzapfel, and Wes Wimmer.

School Lunch Menus

EEK OF FEB. 28 - MAR. 3 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, French fries, beans, fruit, sunshine uares.
 Tues. - Baked ham, creamed potatoes and gravy, corn, fruit, t. rolls.
 Wed. - Chicken patty on a bun, chips, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, carrot sticks, animal cookies.
 Thurs. - Beef and macaroni, tucce salad w/dressing, green beans, fruit, hot rolls.
 Fri. - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onion, cheese sauce, French fries, fruit, ice cream.

SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS

Mon. - No school. Teacher in-service.
 Tues. - Hoagies w/ham and cheese, lettuce, pork and beans, neapple.
 Wed. - Pizza, black-eyed peas, lettuce, fruit.
 Thurs. - Salisbury steaks, potatoes, corn, fruit salad, rice toast.
 Fri. - Cheeseburgers /trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken fajitas, exican rice, pinto beans, ead, pineapple.
 Tues. - Roast beef w/gravy, eamed potatoes, green beans, ead, peaches.
 Wed. - Turkey and noodles, eas, cranberry sauce, apple isp, bread.
 Thurs. - Hamburger /trimmings, cheese slice, ench fries, ice cream.
 Fri. - Lasagna, broccoli and eese, corn, lettuce salad, sars, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Student Holiday.
 Tues. - Pizza: pepperoni or eese, corn, mixed fruit, rice ispy treat.
 Wed. - Chicken spaghetti or

chicken nuggets, green beans, strawberry applesauce, garlic hot roll.
 Thurs. - Soft taco, pinto beans, trimmings, corn bread, chocolate pudding.
 Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, French fries, pickle spears, ice cream.

Lindsay held annual Science Fair in Jan.

Lindsay Elementary and Junior High Schools held their annual Science Fair the week of Jan. 31.

Overall champions were Division I (3rd - 5th grades) Rebecca Brannon, and Division 2 (6th - 8th grades) Diane Knauf. The top three finishers in each grade were:

3rd Grade: 1st, Rebecca Brannon; 2nd, Ryan Sicking; 3rd, Kelly Laux.
 4th Grade: 1st, Rhea Claire

Jeff Klement earns award

Jeff Klement, a senior studying Computer Aided Drafting, Woodshop at Muenster High School, has been named a winner in the 1999-2000 Tools for Tomorrow All-American Vocational Student Awards (AAVSA) program. He is the son of Wayne and Tudor Klement of Muenster.

At MHS Jeff is a student of Rudy Koessler in Computer Aided Drafting, Woodshop. He is also involved in football, track, powerlifting, is a member of the Student Council, and is consistently on the Honor Roll academically.

Jeff has received a personalized award certificate and a \$100 gift certificate redeemable at any Coast To Coast, ServiStar or True Value Store. He is one of more than 1500 vocational technical students from across the country chosen to receive this honor. Selection of winners is based on their performance in academic and vocational classes, commitment to community service, participation in vocational student organizations and other extracurricular activities, honors and awards.



Lynn Sicking wins back-to-back Spelling Bee

On Thursday, Feb. 10, Sacred Heart School held their annual Spelling Bee. Winning for a second year in a row was 8th grader Lynn Sicking. Finishing in 2nd place was 6th grader Mark Gehrig. Lynn will go on to compete at the county level. Students placing in the top 6 from grades 4 through 8 are as follows:

Grade 4: 1st, Lauren Sepanski; 2nd, Nicholas Flusche; 3rd, Paige Riggsby; 4th, Clay Knabe; 5th, Joshua Yosten; 6th, Kristina Koessler.
 Grade 5: 1st, Micah Flusche; 2nd, C.B. Hennigan; 3rd, Dustin Hesse; 4th, Theodore

Otto; 5th, Kristen Miller; 6th, Charlotte Bartush.
 Grade 6: 1st, Mark Gehrig; 2nd, Sarah Whitecotton; 3rd, Nicole Bayer; 4th, Shannon Hartman; 5th, Adam Dangelmayr; 6th, Diana Knabe.
 Grade 7: 1st, Jon Pels; 2nd, Andy Davis; 3rd, Dillan Connell; 4th, Jeff Walterscheid; 5th, Christine Fetsch; 6th, Jordan Smith.
 Grade 8: 1st, Lynn Sicking; 2nd, John McCoy; 3rd, Cindy Hartman; 4th, Kate Sepanski; 5th, Jayna Biffle; 6th, Amy Trevino.



Jeff Klement

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2nd Grade: John Block, Dianne Brown, Haley Haverkamp, Brett Hermes, Colton Hermes, Shirley Hess, Adam Krebs, Greg Luttmr, Wes Morrison, Katie Neu, Austin Reiter.

3rd Grade: Nicholas Bezner, Jacob Biffle, Rebecca Brannon, Steven DeGarmo, Kelsey Hawkins, Rose Hermes, Kayla Hess, Kristan Hoberer, Kelly Laux, Nichole Metzler, Amber Nortman, Pooja Patel, Natalie Rose, Casey Shauf, Jon Michael Sweeney, Jacob Truitt.

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5th Grade: Levi Hermes, Kaileigh Hess, Amy Nortman, Heather Odell, Joe Otto, Chandni Patel, Karissa Reiter, Angela Schad, Laura Zimmerer, Rachel Zimmerer.

6th Grade: Bradley Arend, Mallory Block, Dustin Hughes, Diane Knauf, Stephanie Metzler, Michelle Rauschuber, Jacob Root.

7th Grade: Bradley Anderle, Rameez Anwar, Jessica Bezner, Joni Erwin, Whitney Galubenski, Jacob Geray, Danny Kendall, Cheryl Knabe, Travis Reiter, Kelsey Tucker.

9th Grade: Patrick Zimmerer, Genevieve Knauf, Emmy Trammell, Joey Arendt, Renee Sandmann, Sara Luttmr.

10th Grade: Jeff Kendall, Tommy Arendt, Nabeel Anwar, Sophia Rahman, Jennifer

Wilson, Chelsea Brewer, Alex Haayan.
11th Grade: Deanna Meurer, Michael Kendall, Jonathan Bengfort, Ashlie Privett, Nicholas Fuhrmann, Jennifer Bengfort, Ellen Bezner.
12th Grade: Diana Schad, Leslie Schumacher, Leah Hermes, Abbas Rayjani, Jonathan Whitaker, Daniel Hellinger, Courtney Hoelker, Clint Metzler, James Thomason.

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1st Grade: Justin Anderle, Aaron Beard, Dakota Butler, Rebecca Fuhrmann, Regan Gore, Tyler Hundt, Jonathan Husman, Macy Perry.

2nd Grade: Zohaib Anwar, Kanielle Boren, Kymberli Collins, Mitch Dieter, Dax Griffin, Dillion Hanson, Josh Hess, Kaleigh Holm, Haley Hughes, Ross Jones, Ryan Kendall, Cammi Neu, Kelli Reed, Conner Skinner.

3rd Grade: Kyle Bezner, Crystal Dickerson, Jay Foster, Bradley Hellman, Ashley Hess, Derek Hundt, Laura Kelley, Beverly Knabe, Matthew McPherson, Dillon Miller, Ian Milunas, Kendall Neu, Brianne Sidener, Sam Sparkman, Kyleigh Zimmerer.

4th Grade: Charlotte Bartlett, Mary Kate Bayer, Garrett Block, Joey Block, Madison Burrows, Lauren Creed, Elizabeth Dieter, Emily Fuhrmann, Josh Heilman, Keith Hermes, Hillary Hoelker, Michelle Husman, Neil Jones, Mathew Messengale, Preston Mendez, Jaden Perry, Dustin Reed, Clayton Starnes, Sarah Stoffels, Mason Ward, Morgan Webster.

5th Grade: Brittany Anderle, Sanaa Anwar, Jillian Bezner, Sabrina Bezner, Michael Conaway, Lauren Hamilton, Julie Hanson, Amanda Hess, Jeff Hess, Paul Jones, Josh Jones, Melissa Jordan, Dustin Neu, Elizabeth Neu, Kayla Otto, Brian Sandmann, Jenny Schroeder, Ben Wyrick, Johnathan Zimmerer.

6th Grade: Patrick Bayer, Megan Benton, Sarah

Carpenter, Chad Dietz, Matthew Eberhart, Olivia Erwin, Jacob Guiling, Leana Gustin, Jonathan Hall, Allin Hundt, Adam Kaspar, Elizabeth Klement, Adm Koelzer, Derick Murr, Emerald Otto, Ethan Reiter, Clinton Williams, Erin Wyrick.

7th Grade: Cody Anderle, Allison Conaway, Ryan Dickerson, Nathan Hermes, Stephanie Hermes, Dana Huchton, Josey Kyle, Trinity Otto, Kevin Patrick, Amy Pox, Brittany Selby, Erin Shear, Mackenzie Webster, Ryan Zimmerer.

8th Grade: Philip Bayer, Matthew Brennan, Sarah Camp, Cody Hess, Lili Kasperek, Ashley McPherson, Whitney Neu, Kendyl Odd, Rebecca Reiter, Lindsay Williams, Amber Wolf.

9th Grade: Blake Bezner, Corrie Crosby, Dustin Dietz, Kyle Endres, Alexandra Hellinger, Elaine Hess, Chuck Hinds, Benjamin Hunt, Chelsea Laux, Jeremiah Luttmr, Chelsea Perry, Jane Price, Rhett Rimmer, Alex Shauf, Jalynn Wilson.

10th Grade: Megan Anderson, Jacque Bezner, Jeff Grind, Taren Hall, Austin Krel, Cathy Lusk, Robin Ne, Christina Otto, Daniels Porter, Faith Skinner, Ch Stoffels, Hannah Tramme, Kristan Tucker, Megan Ward.

11th Grade: Michael Almo, John Bayer, Melanie Brown, Melissa Carpenter, Brent Connert, Marcus Dennis, Dr Ann Fuhrmann, Stacie Garner, Rachel Lively, Maggie Luttmr, Paul Metzler, Courtney Miller, Kenne Reiter, Stacie Sandman, Brandon Schroeder.

12th Grade: Adrian Anderle, Sara Anderson, Kelly Beyer, Sarah Collis, Matt Crosby, Stephine Fleitman, Clay Gallagher, Jan Herman, Christine Jordan, Brent Krel, Scott Metzler, Josh Pierce, A Rahman, Tyler Schneide, Cody Secret, Carly Star, Ryan Tabbert, Amanda Tamplin, Abby Tramme, Sarah Trammell.



Muenster High School students participating in the Regional Texas Computer Education Association Programming meet included, from left, back - Paul Fleitman, Kevin Hermes, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Chris Jackson, Doug Knabe, Chris York, front - Brett Howell, Chris McLaughlin, Brady Howell, Laura Drachenberg, and Coach Jerry Eckart. Photo by Janie Hartman



Muenster High School students who competed in the academic meet at Denton Ryan High. Photo by Janie Hartman

MHS students compete at Denton Ryan High

Twenty-eight MHS students went to Denton Ryan High School for an academic meet on Saturday, February 12. They competed in the small schools division which consisted of schools classified as A, AA, and AAA by the University (of Texas) Interscholastic League. The results of students who placed in the top six in each event are as follows:
Prose - Laura Drachenberg 4th;
Headline Writing - Darren

Hennigan 3rd;
Top Biology Score in Science- Chris Jackson;
Informative Speaking - Mary Skinner 5th;
Persuasive Speaking- Raegan Koessler - 3rd;
Number Sense - Doug Knabe 2nd;
Computer Science - Chris Jackson 1st, Doug Knabe 2nd, Pamela Lutkenhaus tie for 6th, Brett Howell tie for 6th;
Computer Science 1st team - Chris Jackson, Doug Knabe, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Brett

Howell.
Students who competed but did not place in the top six include Brady Howell, Chris York, Justin Fleitman, Karen Cler, Casey Walterscheid, Justin Hess, Jackie Henschel, Kelly Grewing, Kacie Garcia, Ashley Klement, Greg Johnson, Kaylee Price, Wesley Koelzer, Kristin Smith, Lisa Felderhoff, Amanda A Felderhoff, Bronya Vogel, Paul Fleitman, Chris McLaughlin, and Daniel Rohmer.

Farm Bureau seeks students for seminar

The 37th annual Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar is scheduled for the week of June 5-9 on the campus of Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.
The purpose of the Seminar is to convey to the students a better understanding of our American Heritage and the capitalistic private enterprise system that has made ours the greatest of all nations. Students will be informed about the forces, both external and internal, that erode our way of life. They will be exposed to topics of constitutional government, relations, self awareness, and other similar subjects.
Eligible students are those: 1) Entering the 11th or 12th grades in September, 2000; B) In the upper 30% of the class scholastically; C) Demonstrating good character and leadership abilities.

Students previously attending the Citizenship Seminar are not eligible to participate.
Cooke County Farm Bureau will sponsor 2 students to the seminar. The Citizenship Seminar offers an opportunity and experience that will impact those participating.
As an incentive to attend the Citizenship Seminar, the Cooke County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers will award a \$250 scholarship to the two students who participate in the Seminar.
Students completing the Citizenship Seminar have taken the first step toward qualifying for the Free Enterprise Speech contest and \$19,500 in scholarships. The contest is thoroughly reviewed with the students during the Seminar.
Applications have been mailed to all Cooke County

high school counselors. You must complete an application and write a short essay telling why you wish to attend, how you are going to use the knowledge you receive at the Seminar in your life and what you hope to gain and learn from the Seminar.
Also send a recommendation from the school counselor or principal stating your grade status and ability.
Your application, essay, and recommendation must be received in the Gainesville office on or before March 28.

Awareness campaign aimed at troubled youth and families

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) launched a statewide public awareness

campaign for the Texas Youth Hotline aimed at troubled youth and families, according to Hotline Director, Jay Smith.

"The Texas Youth Hotline is answered 24 hours a day and provides prevention and crisis intervention services to callers who are in need of a caring voice and a listening ear," Smith said. "Hotline counselors talk with callers who face a variety of issues including family conflicts, delinquency, truancy, and abuse and neglect."

"Our goal is to help minimize problems at home or school or prevent youth from becoming involved in delinquent, self-destructive behavior," explains Smith.
For additional information about the Texas Youth Hotline contact 1-800-210-2278 or visit www.texasyouth.org.

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When less blood flows to the heart, the heart muscle may be damaged. If a blood clot forms in a narrowed artery and completely blocks the blood flow, part of the heart may die. This is called a heart attack or a coronary thrombosis, coronary occlusion or myocardial infarction.

How To Recognize a Heart Attack
Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes could mean a heart attack particularly if the pain spreads to the shoulders, neck or arms. Lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath also may occur. Not all of these symptoms occur in every heart attack.

What Should You Do
If you're uncomfortable for more than a few minutes, immediately call your local emergency medical service (EMS). If the EMS isn't available, get to a hospital offering emergency cardiac care as soon as you can. Know in advance your emergency medical number and the fastest route to the hospital from home and work. Discuss your possible choices with your doctor, or call your local American Heart Association and ask which recognized emergency medical service and hospitals cover your area. Keep emergency information where you can find it easily and develop a "buddy system" with someone you know.

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Sports

Tigerettes state bound

The Tigerettes of Sacred Heart earned a trip to the final TAPPS 1A State tournament in Waco this week by defeating the Lady Eagles of Villa Christian. The regional play-off action Saturday morning at the University of Dallas saw the Tigerettes get their 30th win of the season with a 79-40 victory.

"The girls followed the game plan to perfection," noted coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Everyone contributed to this total team victory. Hopefully our defense will continue to improve, as we advance to the semi-finals."

The contest was tied 2-2 one minute into the game and remained that way for 5 minutes before Sacred Heart got in 8 straight points for a 10-2 lead.

The Tigerettes full court pressure, led by Joanna Gehrig and Anne Flusche allowed only three baskets the first quarter.

A 3-pointer by Kayla Felderhoff before the buzzer gave Sacred Heart a 15-6 edge going into the second period.

Sacred Heart dropped in 8 more points, half from the free throw line, before allowing Villa to score midway through the quarter. Baskets by

Flusche, Audrey Barnhill, Gehrig and Felderhoff ended the first half with a 31-15 score. Sacred Heart out-rebounded the Lady Eagles 25-13 to the middle break.

The Tigerettes came out strong to start the third quarter, stretching their lead to 48-21 with 3:35 on the clock, before ending the quarter 54-29. With a 25 point lead, Sacred Heart was eight minutes away from a trip to Waco.

The Lady Eagles got in a few baskets, but the Tigerettes continued to increase their lead. Then it was all Sacred Heart as they scored a quick 8 points in what looked like a warm-up to turn the score to a 36 point lead.

Inside a minute on the clock, Sarah Hess and Bartush each hit two free throws, then Bartush two more to clinch the victory, 79-40.

"Kayla had a game players dream about," bragged Coach Jon. Felderhoff scored 34 points, pulled down 12 rebounds, grabbed 6 steals, dished out 3 assists and "did not let her girl score."

Every Tigerette put points on the board. Gehrig and Flusche

each added 10, Sarah Hess 6, with Jana Truebenbach, Bartush, and Barnhill each getting 4. Andrea Bauer contributed 3 points with Raney Bauer and Jennifer Hess each scoring 2.

The Tigerettes were 17 of 22 from the free throw line and teamed together to pull down 61 rebounds! Also there were 42 tied ball calls in the game.

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The Sacred Heart Tigerettes joined Hilltop Baptist, Waco Christian and Trinity Fellowship as the final four TAPPS 1A teams advancing to the state basketball tournament this week.

Sacred Heart was matched up against Hilltop Baptist in the semi-final game Thursday morning. Hilltop was their district runner-up behind Waco Christian. They are classified as being average in size, very scrappy, and they like to control the tempo.

The other bracket faced Waco Christian against Trinity Fellowship of Amarillo. The winners advanced and played Friday at 3 p.m. at McLennan College for the state championship.



Tigerette rebounding is a gang sport, left to right are Jennifer Hess, JoAnna Gehrig, and Jana Truebenbach in the game against Ovilla. Photo by Dave Fette

Lady Hornets end season

The Muenster Lady Hornets ended the 99-00 season, tied for second place in District 34A, their best season in six years according to Coach Jeff Teague. Muenster did not quite reach their goal, but they did reach the post season for the first time since 1994.

"We expected to finish second, we just did not know it would be a tie," said Coach Teague. "When I came here I guaranteed a second place district finish in my third season. We were ooh so close."

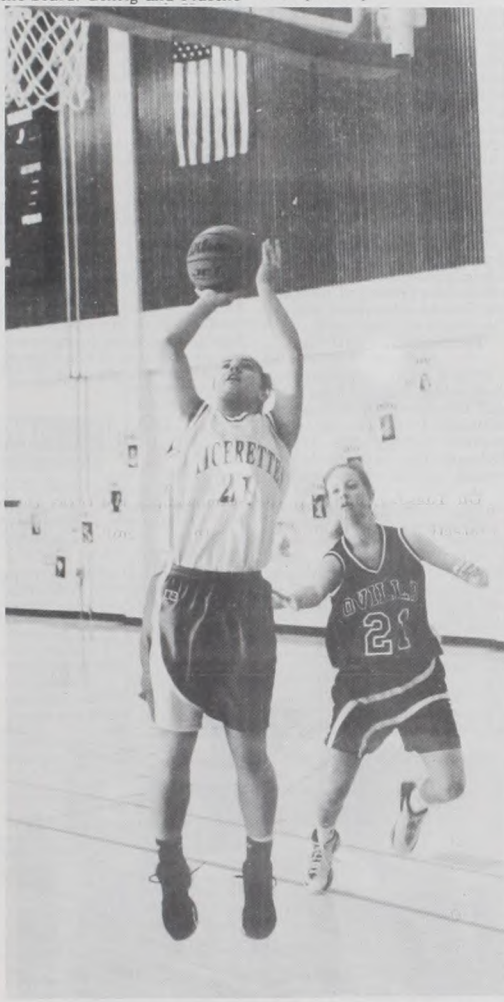
The team was led by senior members, Krystal Sparkman, Allison Endres, Kelly Felderhoff, and Heather Hess, along with younger teammates Kristie Lutkenhaus, Ashley Hess, Diane Britain, Ashley Klement and Brittany Haverkamp.

Top scorer for the season was Kelly Felderhoff, averaging 11.2 points on the season and 14.5 in district action. Heather Hess averaged 9.9 and 9, with Allison Endres scoring 8.3 and 7.8. Krystal Sparkman averages 8.3 in district play.

Kristie Lutkenhaus was the leading rebounder for the Lady Hornets, followed by H. Hess, Felderhoff, Endres, and Ashley Hess.

Felderhoff and H. Hess grabbed more steals and dished out more assists.

As a team, the Muenster girls hit 57% of their free throws in the season, improving to 64.4% in district.



Kayla Felderhoff shoots two of her game leading points last Saturday in the regional playoff game. Photo by Dave Fette

1999-2000 34A All-District

Most valuable player: Jordan Davis - UU
Offensive player of year: Julie Prescher - UU
Defensive player of year: Bethany Puckett - E
6th man award: McKenzie Meyer - UU
Newcomer of year: Shea Skelton - E
Coach of the year: Jeff Teague - M

First team all-district
 Haley Durden-C; Kinsey Boyd-E; Kelly Felderhoff-M; Sarah Schneider-UU; Dabney Clifton-UU

Second team all-district
 Tara Boyd-E; April Selby-E; Penny Foster-UU; Heather Hess-M; Becky Stuckey-C; Jennifer Nunneley-SJ

Muenster honorable mention
 Allison Endres and Kristie Lutkenhaus
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Muenster medalists advancing in first place from the district KC Free Throw contest were, from left, Courtney Hartman, age 13, 21 of 25; JoAnna Felderhoff, age 12, 17 of 25; Raney Bauer, age 14, 18 of 25; Russell Endres, age 12, 22 of 25; Mitch Felderhoff, age 14, 17 of 25; Below Regional medalists Endres, first place, 21 of 25; Felderhoff, third, 16 of 25; Felderhoff, second, 15 of 25; Hartman, second, 18 of 25; Hartman was tied for first place, losing by one basket in a shoot-off. Endres advances to Austin to compete at state.

Courtesy photo



Muenster Hornets basketball season ends on a positive note

The Muenster Hornets wrapped up their basketball season recently. Many positive advances were made this year that will serve as stepping stones for next year's team. The Hornets knew they had their work cut out for them this year, says Coach James Hopper. We started late due to the football playoffs, then the boys had to adjust to a new coach. I admire the tenacity that these boys showed all season long. Then we lost a couple of seniors to injuries and what have you... Due to all this, we never really started getting settled as a team until after Christmas. And that's too late. However, I am very proud of the accomplishments these boys have made.

Danny Felderhoff led the team in scoring, averaging 14 points per game, and 13 rebounds per game. From beginning to end, he was our most consistent performer. It is rare to have the good fortune of working with an athlete of Danny's demeanor who is not only coachable, but has the skills to get the job done. He will be sorely missed.

Guard Brett Howell led the team with 4 assists per game. His quickness on defense also netted 72 steals over the course of the season. Brett emerged as a team leader as district play progressed. He displayed a tireless in-your-face defensive style. This enabled us to give him the toughest assignments with confidence.

Mitch Endres played guard and forward and was consistent with 8 points per game and led the team in 3 point shots, with 14. His most admirable quality is his desire to be the best, and to win. Mitch will be returning as a junior with two years of varsity experience under his belt, one as a starter. His experience and desire will combine to make him a great asset on the 00-01 Hornets.

Justin Fleitman used his 6'5" frame to lead the team in blocked shots with 31. During district play, he shot a team leading 69% from the free throw line. Justin was our tip-off man this year and proved invaluable on the boards as well. It will be difficult to replace him.

Greg Johnson rounded out the starting lineup at forward. His great ball handling enabled him to weave through defenses for seemingly effortless lay-ups. Another major asset that he provided this year was his tenacity on defense. Greg has talents that he has yet to tap.

His senior year should prove to be an outstanding one.

Jim Stoffels provided the Hornets with a quality 6th man. Jim could come in and there was no drop-off in performance. This is especially impressive when you realize that this was only his second year to play High School basketball. What he lacked in any area, he made up for in hustle. His most memorable performance was against Collinsville. Jim pulled off a double-double with 16 points and 15 rebounds. He provided the spark that ignited the Hornets to victory.

Chisam Cain is a sophomore who has lots of promise for next year. His moment in the spotlight came when he started the game against Thackerville. He went 6 for 9 from the free-throw line, and scored 14 points. But, the most significant basket came when Muenster took the ball the length of the floor with less than 6 seconds on the clock. The pass came to Chisam, he gave a head fake, and a dribble and got off the game tying shot as the buzzer went off. That sent the game into overtime and the momentum carried the Hornets to a 9 point victory.

Senior Randy Grewing provided the Hornets with a smart and cool-headed three-point shooter. He was good on 12 throughout the season. Randy typifies the student-athlete who has a love for the game and is willing to do whatever it takes to help the team pull off a win. His unselfishness is a coveted characteristic on any team.

I greatly appreciate all the support of the parents and student body during this transition year. I consider it to have been a great experience and a very special privilege to have worked with these athletes this past year. We accomplished many of our goals this year.

As my one year coaching commitment draws to completion, I am very confident that MISD will provide the best basketball coach for our athletes for next year. Good Luck Hornets!

by James Hopper
Muenster Hornet Coach

Who is the game warden? What does he do?

by Stephen Bonin
NCTC Professor of English
and
Contributing Writer

In Texas, as on a national level, a district's population determines the number of governmental representatives; so too does a county's population determine the number of game wardens stationed there. For example, while Denton County has two game wardens, and Grayson County has two, Montague County has one, and Cooke County has one - sometimes two, sometimes three, even four, five, six or more.

No, cloning is not in operation!

Basically, an occasional influx of game wardens from around the state is spurred by demand, said Jim Lundberg, Cooke County's resident game warden, who receives assistance from Fort Worth area wardens and others during deer hunting season.

Appreciative of their assistance, Lundberg acknowledges that all wardens of the state form a fraternity. Each warden in this fraternity of professional law enforcement officers has a further-reaching authority than all others, as she/he can trespass onto private property without a warrant - if the health and safety of the game is the motive. Besides partnerships with each other, Texas game wardens form partnerships with the public, with nature, with their families and with other officials.

Partnerships with Other Wardens

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the next-to-last day of Duck Hunting Season, Lundberg drove south on Old Denton Road to 922, east to Mountain Springs, then south to Lake Ray Roberts. To the day his 17th anniversary as a game warden, he exclaimed, "There's not a day that I don't look forward to going to work!"

From 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Lundberg, and frequent partner, John Brooks of Denton County, with whom he shares office space in Sanger, met camouflage-clad hunters as they were returning to their vehicles, checked their guns and permits and issued penalty tickets in three out of five encounters.

Working on Army Corps of Engineers property, they shared the duties of confronting hunters, each traveling in groups. All except one group were from the metroplex. And one of those big-city residents said Lake Ray Roberts is "the" place to hunt duck.

Each group had some ducks - including the varieties Teal and Pin Tail. And all hunters conversed with the wardens about the unseasonably warm weather which affected their catches.

Lundberg and Brooks fined one hunter for not possessing the specific permit to hunt on Wildlife Management property. They ordered another man to call a judge about taking the Hunter Safety course. And they ticketed a third, a man there with his young daughter who was using illegal cartridges.

Brooks, younger than Lundberg, was marking a different milestone that day - his wife would deliver their child any time. Banter between

the two men revealed an age difference; however, the overall communication flow accentuated professional cooperation and friendship.

Receiving a compliment for their respectfulness from one of the groups, the two wardens then discussed the importance of staying informed. Recently classes of infractions changed, so hunters need to log into the web site or research in magazines.

A most severe example of consequences under the new classification of infractions system involves a hunter who was caught trespassing on someone else's deer lease. He faces a possible jail sentence or huge fine.

What are the effects of these changes in punishment classes?

"Paperwork has tripled," Lundberg said, acknowledging Brooks' stronger skills on the computer.

Later, over soft drinks and doughnuts at a Mountain Springs establishment, Lundberg and Brooks took a break for their morning task. William Heath, game warden stationed in Pilot Point, pulled up a chair, and the fraternity thrived.

The men casually touched on various topics in swift succession: boat safety beginning in March; a new warden in the area; a retirement dinner later that day; the step test they take every four years; the regional and district structures; activity at the boat ramp in Heath's area; a few calls about nefarious deer spotlights; the upcoming convention in Corpus Christi and, of course, Brooks' baby on the way and the in-laws who drove in their new recreational vehicle to be here for finally.

Finally, a topic showcases that unity of pride. The State's Game Wardens raise money to send underprivileged hunting and fishing at summer camps. They hunt hunting safety.

Partnerships with the Public

A Mr. Miller saunters to their table, and the men take time to visit with him. It seems Miller has had trouble with beavers eating his trees. Although the wardens do not handle this case, Lundberg partners with Bill Stanley of NCTC for this type problem.

"We depend a great deal on people calling us about problems," Lundberg said. "Most people we deal with are law-abiding citizens. We're not bad guys. Our intent is to get along with the public."

Soon the wardens will be encountering family groups and teenager groups as water recreation season starts. In a few years Muenster will be seeing more of the game warden as the Muenster Water District's Lake with 418 surface acres will offer recreation and fishing.

Boating While Intoxicated is the serious offense. As peace officers, they will test the people the same way drivers are tested. Brooks is licensed to test. Another serious issue in lakes results from the past several years of drought. Lundberg, who in 17 years has seen 100 drownings, said, "With lowering water levels, recreationists must be careful as they go fast. They could be injured running into stumps."

Partnership with Nature

Though both Lundberg and Brooks did not start out as game wardens, both are glad to incorporate their love of the outdoors with their professions. Lundberg started out in a neighboring role.

"I always knew I wanted to be in law enforcement. I did work as a policeman right out of high school. Then I was approached by a local game warden," Lundberg said.

Being approached was remarkable, in contrast to the way it is today. Currently there are 3,500 applicants for every 30 wardens commissioned in the state, the wardens said.

For his first four years, Lundberg was stationed at Lake Livingston. When an opportunity arose in Denton County in 1987, he and his wife decided it would be advantageous, since both his and her parents are nearby. In

1997, he saw a "better opportunity - the rural count Cooke. The previous game warden retired.

Brooks started out his career as a financial analyst and made a decision to switch to something close to his heart. The decision has been worthwhile, stress factor obliterated. A different kind of riches is his focus now.

"I encourage everybody to go after their dream. I don't think I can change the world, but I am having an effect," Brooks said, adding that he is working the same amount of hours as he did as an analyst, just now he is in nature.

Partnerships with Family

"It's a tremendous strain on your family. Your wife has cooked for an hour; you sit down, a call comes," said Lundberg.

"There may be days in hunting season we work 24 hours; but we'll be compensated with time. We are under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act," Lundberg said. A steady voice exemplifying the cultivated courage of a man who has served as authority long enough to know it's no something to take lightly.

"Love in family, articulated for both."

Lundberg said people who get to know him know to call his house directly. If they don't know, they call the sheriff. However way, he responds to complaints that seem legitimate. "We depend on other people. Our primary job is to enforce laws relating to the taking of any wildlife resources."

Horseshoe tournament scheduled

The Relay For Life "Fishing for a Cure," team is sponsoring a horseshoe tournament Sunday, March 12 at the Lindsay Park Horseshoe Pit. Sign in is at noon, tournament begins at 1 p.m. A donation of \$10.00 per player, plus \$2.00

per game is requested to participate. The first 36 entries receive a gift pack.

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

For more information contact Herbie Fisher at 759-4463 nights or Pat Bezner 665-6609

Leslie Felderhoff to play college soccer

Leslie Felderhoff signed a National Letter of Intent on Feb. 2 to play soccer at Stephen F. Austin State University beginning Fall, 2000. Leslie, a defender/midfielder from Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas, was a four-year letter winner. She was a captain of

both her high school and club teams (1998-2000). Leslie was named Rookie of the Year as Freshman and named to the all-district team as a Senior. Felderhoff's high school team placed third at the TAPP state tournament in 1998 and she has been an honor student at Bishop Lynch.

Leslie is the daughter of John and Cheryl Felderhoff of Garland, and the granddaughter of Doc and Billie Reinart and Eleanor and the late Frank Felderhoff all of Muenster.



Members of Gymnastic Sports Center of Muenster participated in a meet at Dick Freeman's Center in Sherman on Saturday, Feb. 12. All girls won trophies. Pictured are, from left, front - Kara Felderhoff, Jena Felderhoff, Lauren Creed; back - Dalana Sicking, Taylor Hess, and Jenny Luke.

Photo by Janie Hartman

Leslie Felderhoff

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Muenster II 34, Kaler Oil 15

The Muenster II, 5th and 6th grade girls basketball team took a big win Saturday, Feb. 12, led by Sañdy Endres with 10. Shannon Hartman and Nicole Bayer each added 8. Megan Dangelmayr 4 and 2 apiece by Kelly Endres and Dainah Hartman.

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The Muenster II 5th and 6th grade girls basketball team earned another victory Saturday, Feb. 19.

Sandy Endres, Dainah Hartman and Shannon Hartman each scored 4 points. Getting 2 points apiece were Katie Endres, Kelley Endres, and Nicole Bayer for the Muenster team.

Stefanee Broyles was high scorer for West with 4 points.

Muenster II 24 Era 11

Nicole Bayer dropped in 10 points to assist the Muenster team to victory. Shannon Hartman added 5, Kelly Endres 4, and 2 apiece by Dainah Hartman and Sandy Endres. Katie Endres put in a free throw.

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Original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Marvin P. Knight, Sr., Deceased, were granted to Walter M. Knight, Dallas, Texas, in case No. 15067 pending before the Cooke County Court, Gainesville, Texas, on the 15th day of February, 2000. All persons having claims against the Estate of Marvin P. Knight, Sr. are hereby given notice to present the same within the time prescribed by law to Walter M. Knight, Independent Executor of the Estate of Marvin P. Knight, Sr., Deceased, in care of George Nachman, Attorney at Law, 8333 Douglas Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75225, this notice being given under the provisions of Section 294 of the Texas Probate Code.
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TDA continuing drought updates

With drought conditions continuing across the state, the Texas Department of Agriculture will provide updates as needed.

- 95 percent of the state's ranges and pastures are in fair to very poor condition.
- Forty additional counties have received a disaster declaration from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for drought losses occurring from Jan. 1, 1998 to the present. This brings the total to 128 counties in Texas eligible for drought disaster assistance.

- Ten additional counties have requested a drought declaration and are awaiting approval from USDA.
- Farmers and ranchers can mow and bale vegetation along Texas highway rights-of-way. Producers must obtain written permission.
- USDA has granted TDA's request for emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program Land in Texas.
- USDA has approved 31 Texas counties for the Emergency Conservation Program, which provides financial assistance to

implement water conservation measures during severe drought. Producers should contact their local FSA office for availability of funds and sign-up deadlines.

- Texas livestock producers who need hay or who are looking for pastureland to lease should contact TDA's Hay and Grazing Hotline. Currently there are more than 400 suppliers listed. Call toll free at 1-877-429-1998. Producers who need to hire motor carriers to transport hay can call the Texas Motor Transportation Association at 1-800-727-7135.

USDA survey data used to distinguish farm types

USDA surveys about 8,500 farms and ranches for in-depth data on financial information. The 1998 survey data were used to develop a set of eight farm types based on dollar sales of crops and livestock, total value of farm assets, total operator income, non-farm occupation and retirement. Of the estimated 2.06 million farms, 1.7 million (82.2 percent) rely mostly on non-farm income. These farms are defined as retirement, residential/lifestyle, limited resource and farms with sales of less than \$100,000 per year. The remaining 367,000 farms, 17.8 percent of all farms, had sales of \$100,000 or more per year and on average rely on farming for roughly half or more of their family income.

farmers may report farming, a non-farm occupation, or retirement as their major occupation.

Occupation/lower-sales. Small farms with sales less than \$100,000 whose operators report farming as their major occupation (excludes limited-resource farms whose operators report farming as their major occupation).

Occupation/higher-sales. Small farms with sales between \$100,000 and \$249,999 whose operators report farming as their major occupation.

Family farm. Farms with sales between \$250,000 and \$499,999.

Large family. Farms with sales of \$500,000 or more.

Family. Farms organized as non-family corporations or cooperatives, as well as farms operated by hired managers.

helped marginally by traditional farm policies, it would likely continue to rely mostly on non-farm income. This group, which has an average network of \$522,000, may more accurately fit the retirement of lifestyle farms.

Four groups total 1,697, 10 farms, 82.2 percent of the farms. The last four groups, family farms with sales of \$100,000 to \$249,999, family farms with \$250,000 to \$499,999 sales, family farms with sales of \$500,000 or more and non-family farms, total 366,977 farms, or 17.8 percent of all farms. These farms on average get half or more of their income from farm sources and have total assets of \$750,000 or more. The groups are the ones that people think about when farm policy issues are discussed.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

EFFECTS OF DROUGHT ON PASTURE GROWTH

It seems the past two years of drought has taken a toll on our pastures. This winter we saw a real reduction in growth of perennial cool season pasture like wheatgrass. Because of the potential seriousness of a drought whenever and wherever it occurs, land owners and managers need to be aware of the effects of drought on range plant growth. Obviously, lack of soil moisture restricts plant growth, both in terms of amount and time in which it is produced. The extent to which forage production is decreased by weather varies with the site, climate, vegetation type, and current and past grazing management. Every situation is different and it is impossible to present, as management guidelines, something that will universally applicable even for Texas.

in the soil until more favorable conditions return.

Typically warm season, perennial sod grass and bunchgrasses support above ground growth for eight to nine months out of the year. The plant must support its root system and bud tissue, which will produce next year's growth. To survive during this period, the plant must draw on carbohydrates or food reserves that were produced the previous growing season and stored in the roots or crown of the plant. These reserves furnish the necessary energy for growth initiation each spring. About 20 percent or more of the years growth will occur using these stored reserves before the plant stops using reserves and maintains itself on mature leaves produced that season.

In a drought the plant has to rely on the stored reserves for a longer period of time thus reducing stored nutrients for future use and increasing the plants susceptibility to damage in extended periods of drought and grazing uses. A healthy root system is of paramount importance to the growth of a range plant when we realize that 50 to 80 percent of the plant exists below the soil surface.

The lack of available moisture usually reduces the length of the growing season. Warm season perennial grasses will initiate growth in the spring, but produce less forage and go dormant sooner under drought conditions. During drought we would expect plant growth to slow before carbohydrate reserves (sugars and starches) are replaced. Because of this, grasses may enter a longer than normal dormant period with less reserves. If rains come, the plant is slower to respond. If heavy grazing has occurred, this may hinder the accumulation of new reserves. A perennial grass that is heavily grazed during the growth period could stop growth altogether. If soil moisture were declining rapidly at the same time, the grazed plant would not have opportunity to

recover. In drought years, grazing should be light at this period to enhance the plant's ability to make maximum use of soil moisture available. Plant loss or death occurs in periods with several growing seasons with below normal precipitation.

The effect of drought on range plant is a function of both the intensity and duration of drought and the general health and vigor of the vegetation before the drought. Plants with healthy root systems and adequate carbohydrate reserves will fare much better during and after drought than plants that have been struggling to maintain themselves continuously.

4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 2000 4-H Livestock Show will be held Saturday, February 26, at the Cooke County Fairgrounds in Gainesville. Judges for the 2000 show are Sarah Griffith, of Sanger, for rabbits; Al Berry, of Gainesville, for poultry; and Ron Gill for other livestock (i.e. goats, beef, dairy, swine, and sheep).

The 4-H Livestock Show offers Cooke County 4-H members a place to exhibit and tune their showmanship skills. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m. and a concession stand is available. The public is invited to attend.

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MILK PRODUCTION
Texas' milk production totaled 525 million pounds during January, up 4 percent from last year. Revised production for Dec. 1999 totaled 487 million pounds. The number of milk cows during January averaged 350 thousand head, up 10,000 head from last year. Production per cow averaged 1,500 pounds during January.

FARMS DEFINED

Eight farm type definitions are:

Family Farms (sales less than \$250,000). Small farms whose operators report they are retired (excludes limited-resource farms operated by retired farmers).

Residential/lifestyle. Small farms whose operators report a major occupation other than farming (excludes limited resource farms with operators reporting a non-farm major occupation).

Resource. Any small farm with: gross sales less than \$100,000, total farm assets less than \$150,000, and total operator household income less than \$20,000. Limited-resource

Texoma Cattlewomen set March meeting in Sherman

The Texoma CattleWomen will be holding their March meeting in Sherman at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 6 at the Golden Corral. Speakers for the meeting will be Will Grote & Merial. They will have a presentation on the Iovome Generations of Excellence Scholarship. This is a great opportunity for a young man or woman. A new scholarship that the Texoma CattleWomen will be sponsoring, will be a \$500 scholarship award to a local rancher, to cover registration, hotel and travel to a Beef Cattle Short course held at College Station in August of 2000.

Don't mess with Texas

INCOME STATISTICS NOTED

The number of retirement farms and residential/lifestyle farms total over 1.1 million farms and account for 54.5 percent of farms. They are not logical targets for traditional farm policy activities.

Resource farms total just over 150,000 farms, 7.3 percent of all farms. Remember, they have gross sales of less than \$100,000 per year, farm assets of less than \$150,000 and total operator income from farm and non-farm sources of less than \$20,000 per year. On average, they have gross cash farm income of \$7,400 per year, net farm income of minus \$600 and off-farm income of over \$13,000 per year. With their small gross cash farm receipts, they are also outside the traditional farm policy framework, with sales of less than \$100,000 and farming as the principal occupation, but not limited.

Resource farms totaled about 420,000 farms, 20.4 percent of all farms. They have average gross cash farm income of \$35,000, but only \$1,000 in net farm income. They have off-farm household incomes of over

\$37,000 per year. They could help marginally by traditional farm policies, it would likely continue to rely mostly on non-farm income. This group, which has an average network of \$522,000, may more accurately fit the retirement of lifestyle farms.

Four groups total 1,697, 10 farms, 82.2 percent of the farms. The last four groups, family farms with sales of \$100,000 to \$249,999, family farms with \$250,000 to \$499,999 sales, family farms with sales of \$500,000 or more and non-family farms, total 366,977 farms, or 17.8 percent of all farms. These farms on average get half or more of their income from farm sources and have total assets of \$750,000 or more. The groups are the ones that people think about when farm policy issues are discussed.

The number of family farms with sales of \$100,000 to \$249,999 in 1998 was 171,500, 8.3 percent of all farms. They had an average gross cash income of \$161,000 and average net farm income of \$25,300, 15.7 percent of gross cash income. They had average off-farm incomes of \$28,700.

Family farm category with sales of \$250,000 to \$499,999 per year had 91,900 farms, or 4.5 percent of all farms. They had an average gross cash income of almost \$350,000 with net cash income of almost \$53,000, 15.2 percent of gross cash income. Average off-farm income was \$47,000.

Family farm group, with sales of \$500,000 per year or more, had 61,300 farms, 0 percent of all farms. They had average gross cash income of \$975,000 per year with net cash income of over \$210,000, 21.8 percent of gross cash income. Their off-farm income was \$33,000 per year. Non-family farms group total 42,296 farms, 2.0 percent of all farms.

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Sold at Friday's sale were 1,713 head of cattle, compared to 1,244 head of cattle the previous week. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 218 goats, 95 sheep and 127 hogs. The numbers for last week were 192, 62 and 114 respectively. Results follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.35; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-1.10;
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.21; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-1.05;
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .95-1.16; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-95;
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .90-1.04; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-90;
600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .85-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-85; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .78-86; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-78.

Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, .95-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-95;
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, .90-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-90;
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .85-1.02; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-85;
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .82-94; Nos. 2 & 3, 65-82; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .78-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 61-78; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .75-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-75.

Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 42-51; Slaughter cows:

utility 1-3, 25-37; cutter, 37-41.
Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$900; medium frame, \$450-\$600.
Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$625-\$1020; medium frame, \$500-\$625.
Holstein baby calves, \$20-\$70; Crossbreds, \$75-\$200.
Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 33-34; US #2, 220-280, 32-33.
Feeders (per head):
100-175 lbs., \$35-\$45; 25-90 lbs., \$15-\$25.
Stags:
Feeder, 400 or less, 25-28; Light wt., 400-500, 30-35; Med. wt., 500-600, 35-38; Heavy wt., 600-up, 40-41.
Boars:
300 lb.-up, .05-.07, 200-300 lbs., 10-14; Light wt., 15-20.
Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs 40-60 lbs., 90-1.01; Light lambs 60-90 lbs., 85-91; Fat lambs 90-120 lbs., 80-85.
Ewes:
Stocker, 48-50; Thin, NT, Fat, 45-48.
Bucks:
Thin: 40-45; Fat, 40-45.
Barbados (per head)
Lambs: \$40-\$45; Ewes: \$35-\$45; Bucks: \$45-\$60.
Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$45; 55-75 lbs., \$45-\$60; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$60-\$80.
Nannies (per head)
Stocker, \$50-\$65; Milk Type, \$65-\$75; Slaughter: Thin \$40-\$45; Fat \$45-\$60.
Billies (per head)
120 lbs-up
Breeders \$60-\$85; Slaughter, \$55-\$75.
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