



Pat Stelzer and Tom Valliere, seated, Friends of Muenster Public Library, sign a grant contract with the Meadows Foundation for \$69,000.00 to be used toward constructing a new public library. Witnessing the signing were, from left, Librarian Kay Broyles, library board members Jerry Eckart, Jamie Hartman, Nancy Walter, Ramona Felderhoff, city liaison Jewel Otto, and Mayor Henry Weinzaepfel. Not pictured is library board member Jeanette Meurer.

Photo by Janet Felderhoff

Muenster Library receives building grant of \$69,000

The Friends of Muenster Public Library wish to announce the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$69,000 from the Meadows Foundation to assist in the construction of a new library.

The Meadows Foundation is a private philanthropic institution established in 1948 by Algor H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas. The Foundation's mission is to assist the people and institutions of Texas improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations.

The Foundation looks for programs and services that employ imaginative, innovative ways to solve community problems through projects leading to organizational self-sufficiency and in capital plans that enable agencies to flourish. It seeks to support projects that can alleviate pain, enhance social skills and promote better human relations.

Since its inception, the Foundation's assets have grown to a current value in excess of \$850 million, and it has dispersed over \$430 million in grants and direct charitable

expenditures to over 2,000 Texas institutions and agencies.

The Meadows Foundation is among the most recognized private philanthropies in the country. It has received numerous awards for both its philanthropy and its management, and has been named an Outstanding Foundation of the year by the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives. For additional information, contact The Meadows Foundation on the worldwide web at <http://www.mfi.org>.

Sylvia's Creations blossoms in new location on Hwy 82

by Janet Felderhoff
Since Jan. 1, 2000 Sylvia's Creations Florist and Giftware has been settling into its new location at 123 West Division in Muenster. Sylvia initially started the business in her home more than three years ago, later she moved to a location on Main Street. On Monday, Feb. 7 owners Sylvia and Brian Herr celebrated the recent move with a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce.

Sylvia credits her customers' continued support with making the move to a more spacious location possible. She is pleased with the new location which offers much more space, better visibility, and highway access. Sylvia said that it has drawn a number of out of town customers who stop by on their way home from work in the evenings.

Products offered include a full line of fresh flowers and plants, customized gift and fruit baskets, sympathy designs, wedding service, special birthday, Get Well and New Baby Bouquets. She can deliver nationwide by using wire services with several companies. Local delivery is offered at no charge.

"We offer competitive prices and a full line of gift items ranging from \$5 and up," remarked Sylvia. Some of the gift items available are decorative magnets, resin figurines such as teddy bears, angels and Noah's arks, brass and glass, porcelain dolls, ceramic mugs, toys. Decorative photo frames are a very popular item at Sylvia's. She began sending them with balloon arrangements instead of the traditional mug and found that there was a big demand. She has a large selection of various designs and several sizes.

Besides the silk flower arrangements and wreaths designed by Sylvia, there are hand-made items created by other local crafters. Some of these gift ideas include: hand-drawn greeting cards, buttons and other personalized gift items with some including name description by Jan. anders; Monica's Mysteries

handmade jewelry by Monica Hess; items hand sewn or crafted by Marge Fuhrmann; and hand-made candles by Carrie Neu from Makin' Cents. There are even some gifts appropriate for men.

Joaline Henscheid assists Sylvia at the shop and on

occasion Mattie Sicking also helps out.

Business hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Extended holiday hours are offered when needed.



Lindsay ISD voters must decide on gym

by Janet Felderhoff

Members of the Lindsay ISD Board of Directors called for a bond election on Saturday, Feb. 12. This is the first bond election called for by Lindsay ISD in 30 years. The \$2.4 million Multi-purpose Center and Gymnasium Complex would help to alleviate scheduling conflicts among the 500 students who need to use

the gym for sports, P.E., and other extracurricular activities.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. Saturday at Conrad Hall of St. Peter's Parish. They close at 7:00 p.m. Evelyn Fuhrmann is the election judge.

Early voting ended on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Several early voting opportunities were See LINDSAY, pg 2

Electric utility deregulation affects city power tariffs

by David Fette

Terry Tombaugh, TXU Electric Power representative, addressed the City Council Monday night to request approval of the new electric tariff ordinance. He explained that it doesn't affect rates immediately, but allows TXU time to prepare for deregulation. (See related story).

TXU will automatically reduce their rates six percent on Sept. 1, 2000. This was the first reading of the ordinance. The item was tabled until the March meeting.

Tombaugh further explained that under deregulation, various Retail Energy Providers (REP) would be allowed to buy energy from TXU, then re-sell it to customers. Many services currently provided by TXU will be offered by REPs and TXU will curtail or cancel some of the services, thus the need to restructure tariffs.

R.W. Smith appeared before the Council next, to request the city's participation and support of the North Texas Regional Drug Enforcement Task Force. They were involved in a recent bust in Gainesville that included a couple of new Muenster residents that local police had been watching. The Council agreed to pledge their share of support which this year could be as high as \$8,463.00. However, the primary support for the task force is confiscated drug money and property. To date, the various participating entities including Muenster have never been asked to pay even part of their pledge.

In other action:
• The Council approved a \$6,500.00 grant application to the Texoma Council of Governments for Police Department Computers.

• The city is planning to participate with the Texas Dept. of Transportation to rebuild the Eddy Street bridge over Elm Creek. The city's share is estimated to be about \$18,000.

• The city levied a \$150.00 fine on a Muenster resident for

failure to clean up his property. The offender's name was not released at the meeting.

• The city approved a rate extension for trash collection with IESI to five years from the original three years. The new contract includes a 4.1 percent rate increase over five years in return, a \$500.00 contribution to the library and free trash collection at Germanfest.

• The Council instated a four percent Hotel/Motel tax after Mrs. Sudah Patel requested a slower start-up than the originally intended seven percent. She felt the higher tax might discourage some of her regular customers at the A-OK Motel. The Council agreed. Proceeds are intended to

encourage tourism in the Muenster area.

• The Council committed to provide water and sewer service to the new Jaycee baseball field in the north-east corner of Muenster. The time frame or specifics were not stated, but water should be available by the time the Jaycees open the first field this summer.

• City Council positions 1, 2, and 4 currently held by Troy Sicking, John Pagel, and Jewel Otto, respectively, will be sought by the same candidates for another term in the May 6, 2000 election.

• Monthly bills totaling \$61,132.62 were approved for payment.

TXU Electric readies for industry deregulation

In anticipation of retail competition in the electric market in Texas as a result of the passage of the 1999 electric industry restructuring law, TXU has filed a change in tariffs with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and each original-jurisdiction municipality we serve. This filing is being made to facilitate the move to retail competition in Texas. TXU is attempting to be proactive in their efforts to prepare for the start of competition.

There are four types of changes proposed:

1. Close certain retail tariffs to new customers for services deemed competitive energy services which they cannot provide after September 1, 2000.

2. Close and/or modify optional retail tariffs with contract provisions that extend beyond the Jan. 1, 2002 date of full competition or that are no longer necessary.

3. Modify retail tariffs to limit contract term for basic rates to Dec. 31, 2001, and

4. Delete retail tariffs that are no longer being utilized.

Competitive energy services are customer energy service business activities which are capable of being provided on a competitive basis in the retail market. Examples include: energy efficiency services, energy audits, and guard lights. The electric industry restructuring passed by the Texas Legislature in 1999 requires that on or before Sept. 1, 2000, an electric utility shall separate its regulated utility activities from its customer energy services. The PUC initiated an industry rulemaking to identify those competitive energy services. As a result, TXU Electric has identified its competitive energy services and filed a plan with the PUC on Jan. 10, 2000 to describe how they will accomplish this separation.

These changes will not impact anyone's rates. Rates were frozen effective Sept. 1, 1999 in accordance with the electric industry restructuring law.

Sacred Heart Tigershark Swim Teams take 5th at state

The TAPPS State 2000 Swimming and Diving Championships were held in Austin at the University of Texas Jamail Swim Center last weekend, June 5.

Both boys and girls teams captured 5th place in fields of 13 and 16 respectively.

Swim Coach Jeannine Flusche said this is the first time that the swimmers had to qualify for State and we did it with 5 a.m. practices and extra competitions prior to state. Our times improved with each session.

Diving coach Bob Bauer mentioned that although we were hampered by a lack of diving facilities for practice, it

all came together at State and we were able to make a significant addition to the overall point total.

Team members were: freshmen Daniel Bartush, Marty Farrell, Chris Fuhrmann, Clint Fuhrmann; sophomores Jonathan Bayer, Andrea Bauer, Sara Rogers; juniors Jackie Bartush, Jeff Hartman; and seniors Anne Flusche, Sarah Hess, Sarah Kelly, and Josh Walterscheid.

Swim highlights boys: 100 breaststroke, Jeff Hartman, 8th; Medley Relay, Marty Farrell, Chris Fuhrmann, Jeff Hartman, Clint Fuhrmann, 5th; 200 Free Relay, Marty Farrell, Chris Fuhrmann, Jeff

Hartman, Clint Fuhrmann, 6th.

Swim highlights girls: 200 Free, Anne Flusche, 7th; 100 Breaststroke, Anne Flusche, 4th; 500 Free, Sarah Hess, 5th; 200 Individual Medley, Sarah Hess, 8th; 200 Free Relay, Sara Rogers, Anne Flusche, Sarah Kelly, Jackie Bartush, 8th.

1m Diving Highlights boys, Josh Walterscheid, 4th.

1m Diving Highlights girls; Andrea Bauer, 2nd; Sara Rogers, 4th; Jackie Bartush, 6th.

An unrelated plus for the ceremony was supplied when the meet coordinators were trying to find someone to sing See SH SWIM, pg 11



The Sacred Heart High swim team coached by Jeannine Flusche (right) and assisted by diving coach Bob Bauer (left) placed fifth overall at the state meet Friday in Austin.

Courthouse deemed part of Cooke County history

by Janet Felderhoff
J. L. Wilson's statement in the Dec. 18, 1911 issue of the *Gainesville Semi-Weekly Register* proved most prophetic. He wrote, "While it was probably an unpopular thing to do at the time to build such a courthouse as the county actually needs now and will need worse as the county grows in population and resources, there will come a time of second thought with reflection among the masses when they will sound the praises of the commissioners who let the contract and the others who completed it. Wait and see. ... We believe the builders did the right thing because the house will never have to be built over or added to, it is proof and everything in it from destruction by fire, and will last when the present generation is gone and several generations to follow, standing there on the square as eternal proof that the builders built wisely and well for this day and time and for the days and times to come."

This courthouse still stands today and was pronounced by Cooke County Commissioner Virgil Hess to probably be one of the most functional courthouses in the State of Texas. There are more than 100 employees and besides the county offices, there are a number of other agencies housed in the courthouse. These include Red Cross, VISTO, Texas Highway Patrol, and the driver's license agency.

The present courthouse was the fourth one erected by the county. All were on the same location. Gainesville's business district was built around the courthouse square.

Architects for the building were Lang and Wittchell of Dallas and Garrett and Collins of Gainesville. On Nov. 10, 1910 the 3,000 pound cornerstone was laid. The building is built on a cruciform plan with a dome above.

Repairs have been done at various times throughout the years and a few modifications made. When air conditioning was added in 1948, the ceilings were dropped in most offices. Prior to that windows on the third floor overlooking the

room, then used as the County Courtroom and which is now the Commissioners Court, were open to vent heat from that room. The windows can still be opened and the view is of the underside of the second floor ceiling.

According to an agreement made between the County and the Texas Historic Commission in 1988, the false ceiling will be removed when the funds become available. This is one of the projects the County hopes to accomplish if awarded the Governor's grant.

When the false ceiling comes down, residents will again be able to stand on the third floor and watch activities in the second floor courtroom. Those in the courtroom will be able to appreciate the plaster frieze ornamentation on walls near the ceiling.

Part of the unique charm of the Cooke County courthouse is its topmost architecture. Seen from a distance before anything else is the tall square made of bricks and columns supporting a copper covered dome. Hess noted that it called a drum not a tower. This is skirted on all four sides by a wide terrace. Clocks placed in the dome tell time for residents looking from all four directions. Inside the courthouse an open rotunda in the center extends from the basement to the dome. The beautiful stained glass dome can be seen from all floors as the viewer gazes upward.

Clocks weren't always a part of the courthouse. They were added in 1920 by the ladies of Cooke County under the direction of the XLI Club. They were placed in commemoration of those from the county who lost their lives in World War I. These names are listed on a tablet located to the right of the east door of the courthouse.

When first placed the clocks had to be wound every week to keep them running on time. This was accomplished using rope, pulleys and chains. As Hess researched the courthouse history in the minutes of previous Commissioners Courts, he noted that each year someone was appointed to wind the



ATOP THE COOKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE - Capped by a copper covered dome, this brick covered drum graces the skyline of Gainesville as it has since the building's construction in 1911. Inside the windows are wreaths not yet down from the Christmas holidays. Each wreath is eight feet in diameter which might give some perspective on the size of this historic structure.

Photo by Janie Hartman

courthouse clocks. This task paid \$50 and included a weekly climb up steps and ladders to the clock tower.

Hess said at first he was baffled as to why this was so important. He later determined that the courthouse clocks were used to know when it was time to go to work, take a lunch break, and when to quit work each evening. A bell sounded the hour.

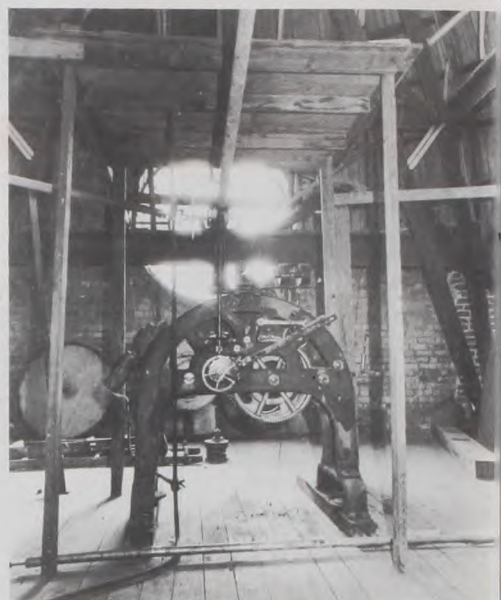
At some point in time the dome was neglected and a broken window allowed pigeons free entry to roost. When it was finally decided to restore the dome, Hess said he was told that there were pigeon droppings 18 inches deep. He thinks that was in about 1959 that the repairs were done.

In 1948 electricity made the weekly winding session a thing of the past. The clocks still work today and are currently maintained by Jerry Lawson.

"About 1946 or '48 they painted this courthouse white, the dome and all," said Hess. "They painted it white all the way down to the terra cotta." Later it was decided to restore the courthouse to its original appearance. Local architect Mary McCain supervised much of the restoration work.

Hess explained that the drum is constructed with a double wall of bricks. All of the outside brick was removed since it was then white and couldn't be restored. "The reason we're having so much

trouble with the courthouse now is below the terra cotta, all the way around the courthouse you'll see that white (stain)," explained Hess. "What happened was years ago they came in and sandblasted that to clean the brick up. This brick has a glaze on it and that



INSIDE THE DRUM - Courthouse clocks are kept operating by the machinery which is housed inside the courthouse drum (clocktower). Electricity now keeps them ticking, but at one time a weekly trip up many steps and ladders was required.

Photo by Janie Hartman

stops water from penetrating it. They didn't know this years ago and they sandblasted this slick off there and that left the moisture penetrate. It penetrates the brick and as it comes back out it brings the salts out of the rock around the brick and that's what turns it white." The remedy, said Hess, is to wash the brick down and seal it to stop the

moisture from penetrating. It will have to be resealed every five or six years. Someday the brick might be replaced if the county has enough money and a matching brick can be located, he noted.

Cooke County has applied for a state grant through the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. This is

See COURTHOUSE, pg. 4.



A RARE VIEW - the underside of the Cooke County courthouse's copper covered dome is the highest point inside the building. The intricate angles were necessary due to the dome's curves.

Janie Hartman photo

LINDSAY VOTE

provided during special school functions such as basketball games and Open House. According to Superintendent Travis Winn about 160 people had voted early by noon Tuesday. There are approximately 1,000 registered voters in the Lindsay School District, according to Mr. Winn.

Superintendent Winn remarked that he hoped that the public would look at the project as trying to meet the visionary needs for next year and in 10 years. The proposed facility should last 40 to 50 years and Winn said that he hopes that when 20 years down the road someone looks back that the Board will have

made the right guesses as to what was needed.

Votes will be canvassed on Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. during a

special school board meeting. The regular school board meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21.

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Sunday, February 13, 2000 Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Dance, 7-10 pm, KC Hall	Monday, February 14, 2000 VFW meeting, 8 pm Census Workers Test, 1:30 pm, Ray Wilde's home <i>Be My Valentine</i>	Tuesday, February 15, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Library Board meeting, 7:30 pm	Wednesday, February 16, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed. Class, 7 pm Adult Education Program, 8-9 pm, SHHS Library Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm, Old Muenster Gym	Thursday, February 17, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center League of Women Voters, candidate forum, 7 pm, First Christian Church Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 p.m.	Friday, February 18, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 p.m.	Saturday, February 19, 2000
Hospitalized American Veterans Week						
Sunday, February 20, 2000	Monday, February 21, 2000 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8 pm SHS Advisory Council meeting, 7:30 pm, Library	Tuesday, February 22, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board meeting, 7:30 pm	Wednesday, February 23, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed. Class after 6:30 Mass Adult Education Program, 8-9 pm, SHHS Library Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7 pm, Old Muenster Gym	Thursday, February 24, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 p.m.	Friday, February 25, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 p.m.	Saturday, February 26, 2000

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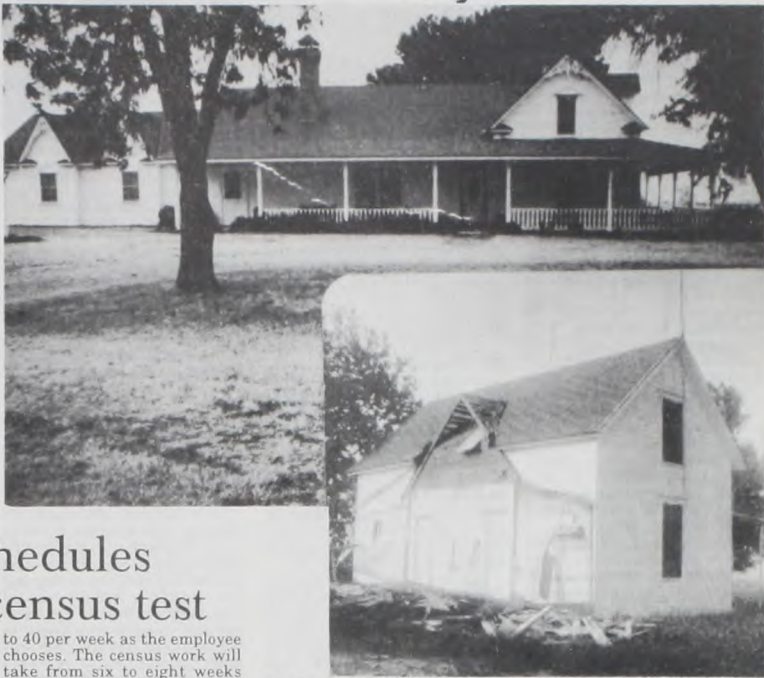
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State ceremony honors Knabe family farm

by Janet Felderhoff
Families who have kept their farm or ranch in the family and in continuous operation for 100 years or more are recognized annually in Austin. Angelo and LaVerna Nasche's property, the Albert Knabe Heritage Farm, was named among the 184 farms and ranches honored this year by the Family Land Heritage program. To date 3,400 Texas farms and ranches have achieved such distinction. This is the Silver Anniversary of the program.
On Jan. 21 the Nasches and Herbie and Edna Knabe went to Austin to accept the award from Agriculture Commissioner Susan Coombs.

The ceremony was held in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium on the campus of the University of Texas. LaVerna and Herbie are great-grandchildren of Albert and Elizabeth Nabors Washburn Knabe who were the first generation to own and operate the farm north of Muenster. Albert bought the farm from Jot Gunter and C.E. Wellesley on June 23, 1893. The Knabes and their nine children and a son-in-law had just moved to Muenster from St. Libory, Nebraska. While the family's two story home was being built in 1896 they stayed with John Henry and Christina Van De Meurer. LaVerna and Angelo Nasche

acquired the farm in 1974. They remodeled the home, but took care to keep the original house intact. At some point an addition had been added and this section was torn down before the Nasche's remodeled. LaVerna and her children are the fourth and fifth generations to make their home there.
The Nasche family raises cattle and sheep on the farm. They also plant crops for grazing and hay.
Others from Cooke County recognized this year were Bevers Hill Farm, Enderby-Beck Ranch, Kemplin-McCubbin-Hudspeth Farm, and the Thurman Ranch.
At right - the original two story home built by Albert Knabe in 1896 pictured during renovation by the Nasche family. Also pictured is the remodeled home after additions made by Angelo and LaVerna Nasche. The Albert Knabe Heritage Family Farm was recently recognized in Austin.
Courtesy photo



Just in time for Valentine's Day gifting, Sylvia Herr has opened in her new location for Sylvia's Creations on Highway 82 in Muenster.
Photo by Dave Fette

Hermes schedules Muenster census test

Gilbert Hermes has announced that testing for potential census workers will be done in Muenster on Monday, Feb. 14 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Ray Wilde home, 1012 W. Cherry Lane. Those interested in the temporary position must first pass a test by correctly answering at least 10 out of 28 questions.
Hours required are from 20

to 40 per week as the employee chooses. The census work will take from six to eight weeks and begin around the end of March. Pay is \$11.25 per hour plus 32.5 per mile if you drive.
For more information contact Ray Wilde in Muenster (940)759-2535 or Gilbert Hermes (940)665-4617. Hermes is in charge of giving and promoting the test in the Cooke County area.

Scouting for Food
Members of Muenster Cub Scout Pack 664 will go door-to-door this Saturday, Feb. 12 collecting non-perishable food donations to benefit the social concerns committee. If you must leave home, please leave any donations on your front porch. Thanks, from the Cub Scouts!

BUSINESS REVIEW

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The Crafty Olde German Gift Shoppe & TeaHaus

Terri Cagle & Peggy Grewing, Owners

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In their tea house, they feature fine German foods and light lunches. One favorite of many is the *TeaHaus Salad Platter*, with choices of chicken salad, tuna salad, broccoli and grape salad, fresh fruit salad or spinach salad. Their superb garden salads are prepared fresh daily and feature an array of delicious homemade dressings. More favorites include the *Taste Of Muenster Sampler Platter*, subs, croissants or their unique pretzel sandwich. They also feature veggie wrap sandwiches, homemade desserts, and the soup of the day is always a treat. Top it all off with their tasty apricot, iced or hot teas. You'll sure be glad you took the time to stop by **The Crafty Olde German Gift Shoppe & TeaHaus**.

Red River Medical Center

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Most people have fond memories of the caring treatment they received from their family doctor as they were growing up. From broken bones to routine check-ups, their doctor was always there when they needed medical attention. **Dr. Patrick Kwan** is committed to maintaining a combination of old-fashioned skill and care, and modern knowledge and technology.
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Conveniently located in Gainesville at 801 North Grand Avenue, phone 665-0683, his office hours are available by appointment and walk-ins are welcome as time permits. When you need the services of a family doctor, it's nice to know that there is a skilled physician available to take care of your needs right in your own neighborhood. Call to schedule an appointment with **Dr. Kwan**.

Letters To The Editor

Letter to the Editor,

In the most recent *Muenster Enterprise* Letter to the Editor of 2-4-2000, Mr. Hopper, MISD principal, stated that "What is right is not always popular." The policy change issued to teachers on 1-10-2000 is neither right nor popular. This policy change is the start of the deterioration of the educational discipline that the faculty and parents of MISD have built over many years of hard work.

Our scores on TAAS, TASP, ACT, SAT, ITBS, AP, and End-of-Course tests are the tops in the state. We are consistently rated exemplary by TEA. Our educational success is unmatched in the state. Why change anything? I say, "If it's not broken, don't try to fix it." Furthermore, this distraction has come at the very time that all teachers are working to prepare students for these tests and for UIL events.

In the *Muenster Enterprise* article of 1/21/2000, Mr. Cooper, MISD superintendent, stated that the protest that I made to the MISD School Board was about a "perceived lack of communication." My complaint was made because we have NO communication, not a lack of Mr. Hopper issued his policy change on 1-10-2000. The MISD School Board did not learn of this until 1-13-2000. This is no communication with the ultimate decision-making body. The Site-Based Management committee of teachers and parents was never consulted. This is a lack of communication. A faculty committee was quickly formed on 2-2-2000, only after the

policy situation had caused much disruption in our school - all this because of no communication.

In the same article, Mr. Cooper also stated that it takes many people to make a school succeed. Why does a policy change happen with the decision of one, yet affect all who have made our school the success that it is? Why can one person change a school policy without the approval of the school board? Why was the Site-Based committee not used? Why did this have to happen suddenly on 1-10-2000? Why did a letter to the editor submitted to the *Enterprise* on 1-25-2000 concerning this issue not get printed until 2-4-2000 and then only after Mr. Hopper was allowed to respond? What else is to be changed at the decision of one person? There is something missing concerning this issue. Many questions are unexplained.

This policy decision is too important to be made by one person with a short tenure at MISD when the experience and dedication of the MISD faculty has been totally ignored.

Is there proof that this policy change will make our school better? What if it lessens the quality of the MISD educational standards? Will the people proposing this change be here to help fix the problem? Probably not. We all have proof that the policy that we had in place before 1-10-2000 has made MISD exemplary. This standard should not be compromised at any cost.

Rudy Koesler
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Muenster, TX 76252

Publisher's note:

I judge it best, in the case of many controversial letters to ask for a reply from the accused party to be printed alongside the letter, rather than have the two separated by a week. I handled the letter from Susie McDonald and reply by Cooke Co. Sheriff Mike Compton the same last year. Both Chris Greewing and James Hopper were informed as soon as the letter was received and the two were printed together with their agreement.

To the Editor:

Each day I hear of more people who are dissatisfied and frustrated with the direction our hospital board has taken in planning for the future of our hospital. As I understand the board's agenda, it is to consolidate our district with the Gainesville district and merge the primary medical facilities into one large hospital to be located on the west edge of Gainesville.

It is proposed that the new county hospital will establish satellite facilities at Lake Kiowa, Valley View, and Muenster. The county hospital and the Lake Kiowa and Valley View facilities will need to be built from the ground up whereas our hospital is already in place, operating and paid for. Presumably being a satellite would be a better alternative than closing our hospital as our board says it is no longer profitable. However, if the county hospital board should decide the Muenster satellite is not essential to supporting the central hospital they could then decide to withdraw support and close our facility. Should this occur we would no longer have a district or the ability to reopen and support a hospital or clinic of any kind in Muenster.

Dear Editor,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Valentine. I lived in Rome during the third century...a long, long time ago...when Rome was ruled by an emperor named Claudius. I didn't particularly like Emperor Claudius, and I wasn't the only one! A lot of people shared my feelings.

You see, Claudius wanted to have a big army, and he just expected men to volunteer. As you might have guessed by now, no one was jumping up and down to join his army and fight. When the emperor discovered that most men did not want to leave their wives and families to fight in his wars, he became so furious that he made up a new law forbidding any more marriages in the land. His thinking was that if men were not married, they would not mind joining the army. WRONG! Young people thought his new law was cruel! I thought it was preposterous, and I certainly was not going to support that law!

Did I mention that I was a priest? One of my favorite activities was to marry couples...even after Emperor Claudius passed his law. It was quite exciting...if you can imagine...secretly performing marriage ceremonies in a whisper all the while listening for the steps of soldiers. One night, we did hear footsteps. It was scary!! Thank goodness the couple I was marrying escaped in the nick of time...I wasn't quite so lucky. (Not as light on

my feet as I used to be, I guess). I was thrown in jail and told that my punishment was death.

I tried to stay cheerful even though my end was near, and you know what? Wonderful things happened...many young people came to the jail to visit me! They threw flowers and notes up to my window...they wanted me to know that they, too, believed in love. One of these young people was the daughter of the prison guard. Her father allowed her to visit me in the cell and sometimes, we would sit and talk for hours. She helped me keep my spirits up. She agreed that I did the right thing by ignoring the Emperor and going ahead with the secret marriages. On the day I was to die, I left my friend a little note thanking her for her friendship and loyalty. I signed it... "love from your Valentine."

I believe that note started the custom of exchanging love messages on Valentine's Day. It was written on the day I was beheaded, Feb. 14, 269 A.D. Over 200 years later, in 496 A.D. to be exact, Pope Gelasius would set aside Feb. 14 to recognize me as the patron saint of lovers. What an honor! now, every year on this day, people can remember what I was willing to die for. And that, my friend, was I-o-v-e!

In 1 John 4:19, the Bible says, "We love because He first loved us." Not because of beauty, fortune, fame, or anything else of this world...because He, our



Roger and Pam Purdy (right and left) of Gainesville recently hosted a fund-raiser in their home for U.S. Congressional candidate Jon Newton (center left). Noble Willingham of *Walker Texas Ranger* fame was a special guest for the evening. Jon Newton, Republican candidate for the 4th Congressional District, and his wife Shelly live in Rockwall. They attend Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church. Newton is a native Texan and lifelong Republican. He is an attorney with Baker & McKenzie. Newton has interned on Capitol Hill and worked as a Judicial Assistant at the Texas Supreme Court. He is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and Cornell University. Interested persons may contact the campaign at (214) 739-5550, Newton4Congress@aol.com or www.Newton4Congress.com.

From My Side Of The Fence by Ed Cler

In our younger years, I believe my younger brother and myself sometimes spent about half our time thinking up things to get into, and the other half trying to figure out how to get out of them.

One Sunday afternoon we came up with the idea of riding some livestock. Trying to ride some of the steers was always fun but the cattle were out, and it would have taken considerable effort to get them up and pen them, then to single them out and try our luck.

So, there were always several mares in the stable and saddling one was an easy task.

Well, we saddled up one of the black mares and one of us mounted into the saddle and nothing happened. The big black was perfectly content to just stand or walk, and seemed to pay little or no attention to

us. The next question was, how to get a rise out of her.

That wasn't hard either. One of us was in the saddle and the other mounted behind to be in a better position to dig our heels into her flanks. She didn't seem to like that, and we were having a pretty good time as she bucked a little and bawled and grunted a lot, enough to get Dad's attention as he was trying to nap in the room closest to the stable.

Well, we were having a pretty good time until I felt what felt like a branding iron rolling over my back and we hit the ground running, both of us.

There was old Dad with his horse whip, and as the two of us were putting some distance between us and him, "I'll teach you to ride my brood mares," he said, and believe me, we got the idea.

FCC reverses religious broadcast restriction in wake of public outrage

Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX) applauded a decision by the Federal Communications Commission to reverse its recent ruling that would have restricted religious broadcasting on television. Hall was the lead Democrat in cosponsoring legislation introduced by Rep. Mike Oxley (R-OH) that would have overturned the FCC directive.

"This is a victory for all those who believe in the constitutional guarantees of freedom of religious expression," Hall said. "The FCC was wrong from both a procedural and a constitutional perspective, and I am very pleased that this ruling has been quickly reversed."

Last month, without the benefit of public comment or congressional input, the FCC issued an order that would force some religious television broadcasters to alter their programming or risk losing their licenses. The order involved a television license transfer between a commercial station and a noncommercial educational station in the Pittsburgh area. The FCC approved the licensed transfer with the pre-condition that "religious exhortation, proselytizing, or statements of

personally-held religious views and beliefs generally would not qualify as general educational programming." It said that church services also normally would not qualify as "general educational" programming.

Religious groups and thousands of concerned citizens also weighed in with calls to congressional offices during the past two weeks expressing their opposition to the FCC ruling.

Abandoned wells pose hazard to all

Clean, clear water makes it possible for us to enjoy the food we eat, the conveniences we have and the pleasures of everyday life. Protecting this vital resource is the responsibility of all Texans.

However, it is estimated there are more than 150,000 abandoned water wells in the state, according to Dr. Bruce Lesikar, agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Abandoned water wells increase the risk of contamination to groundwater, Lesikar said.

"We dump trash into them, spray chemicals over them and for the most part pretend they don't exist. However, that's an attitude that's illegal in Texas."

Texas law makes landowners responsible for plugging abandoned wells and liable for any resulting contamination or injury. A well is considered abandoned if it has not been used for six consecutive months and is unusable because it is deteriorated, Lesikar said.

"Abandoned water wells need to be properly closed," he said. Some landowners may be able to do the job themselves. In some cases, it is recommended that a licensed water well driller or pump installer is hired to seal and plug an abandoned well.

Landowners who plan to do the work themselves must first contact the Water Well Driller Program of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation with their intent and method they plan to use. They also should request a state well plugging form. Within 30 days of plugging the well, they must send a copy of the form to the TDLR and a copy to their local groundwater district, if one is present.

Further information about plugging abandoned wells is available from county Extension agents, local groundwater districts or by contacting the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation at 512-463-7880.

The time to change school calendar is now

by Toni Stout

Complaints from parents in early August echoed from Dallas to Dumas. Why, exasperated mothers and fathers were demanding, are children going back to school so early? An why, equally frustrated parents were asking, does school start so early, only to shut down for 10 or more teacher in-service days and even more vacation days during the year when there is no one around to watch the kids?

The time to ask questions and to complain is not in early August. It is now when schools boards and superintendents are appointing calendar committees. During the next two to three months, these groups will decide when the 2000 school year starts and ends. They will sketch out a calendar that once approved, is carved in stone.

As parents, we owe it to our kids and to ourselves to get involved - to call our local school superintendent, to find out who is on the calendar committee and when it meets. Parent who have strong feelings about this issue should ask question but also make their views heard.

The responsibility lies with us, parents. It's up to us to help drive the effort to turn the clock back, and bring some rational thinking to the way we structure our kids' school year. Attending calendar committee and school board meetings is the best way to explain our position and hold members of these groups accountable for their decisions. Complaining in August won't do the trick. The school calendar has nothing to do with education. All children in Texas attend school for 175 to 180 days. At stake is not the time spent at school. The question is how many breaks are scheduled during the year. In the Austin ISD, for example, students go to class 175 days a year. Schools shut down for 24 holidays and 10 teacher in-service days.

In order to accommodate those additional 34 days, school must start particularly early. This year, Austin ISD started school on Aug. 11. For Houston and Dallas ISD students, it was Aug. 16, and in the San Antonio ISD, it was Aug. 9. And just when you thought it couldn't get any worse, Plano ISD started on Aug. 3 this year!

A majority of Texans, including many teachers, dislike the new early start trend. A short summer break makes it hard for teachers to attend continuing education classes and for high school students to get a summer job, gain work experience and learn the value of an education. A short summer does not give anyone enough time to get rested and ready for the new school year. Younger children don't start the school year with the enthusiasm that comes from getting bored and therefore read for class.

Equally important is that an early start means lots of day when school is closed. For working parents like me, that translates into serious problems. Activities such as camp and swim team can be organized for youngsters during the summer. During the school year, there is no good solution. It is difficult and expensive to find a babysitter and leaving children home alone is not a solution.

School board members are not always aware of parents' like and dislikes. They may not fully understand the issue. Some parents have circulated petitions in their neighborhoods asking them to the school board to show the level of unhappiness with an early school start. Others have encouraged their friends and neighbors to attend school board meetings. Still more have found that writing a letter to the editor of the local paper generates interest and attention in the community.

The underlying message is that an early return to school does not help our children's education while a return to a traditional school year - late August or early September to June 1 - will benefit our students and our teachers. It may seem obvious but it is going to take hard work and good timing to turn the clock back. And the time is now.

Toni Stout is the mother of two children in the Pflugerville ISD, which last year started school on August 10.



One of the richly ornamented cornices of the courthouse featuring Beaux Arts details. Photo by Janie Hartman

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an 85 - 15 percent grant with the state paying the largest amount. The State of Texas has set aside \$50 million dollars to restore historic county courthouses. Cooke County plans to apply for \$2.5 to \$3.2 million out of possible \$4 million.

"Some people think that we ought to return it (courthouse) back to its original order, but according to the grant it states that they would like you to keep your courthouse as functional as possible and put it back to its original state if possible," Hess explained. To restore the county courthouse to its original state would create problems with the day to day functions that occur there.

The Cooke County Historical Commission and other members of the grant application committee have designed a plan for restoration of the building and submitted it to the Texas Historic Commission for the grant. Texas has about 220 historic

courthouses, more than any other state. Courthouses that are 50 years or older are considered historic by the Texas Historic Commission. The Commission points out that for more than 150 years the Texas courthouse has been considered a local symbol of strength, pride, progress and democracy. They are the center of public and business life in communities throughout the state. Texas communities have grown up around county courthouses which are tangible links to the past. Some even common to courthouses are marriages, trials, elections, parades, and other celebrations.

Cooke County hopes to continue to preserve its courthouse as a link between generations. Should the county be fortunate enough to be awarded the grant, it will make restoration and preservation a possibility; rather than a thing to be done "someday when we get enough money".



OBITUARIES

Bernice Miller Yosten 1920 - 2000

by Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Bernice (Miller) Yosten in St. Paul's Catholic Church of Fort Worth on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. She died on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000 on her 80th birthday, after an illness of about five years.

She was the wife of former Muenster resident, Paul J. Yosten, and the mother of Mike Yosten, Joel Yosten, Sharon Walterscheid, Barbara Burns, Edith Baker, and Paulette Pulvado; grandmother of 14 and great-grandmother of four. Bernice Elizabeth Miller Yosten was born on Jan. 30, 1920 to T. and Rose (Herr) Miller in Muenster. She attended both Sacred Heart School and Muenster Public School and later met Paul Yosten. After a four-year courtship, their wedding plans were delayed by W.W.II. During a 36-hour leave, they were married on May 25, 1942.

St. Mary's Church of Muenster. They made their home in San Antonio for two years and later in Jackson, Mississippi. After Paul was sent to the Philippines, Bernice and baby lived in Muenster. After Paul's discharge, the family moved to Fort Worth in 1946, where they made their permanent home.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and treasured grandmother. She enjoyed cooking and housekeeping, sitting the grandkids and playing with daughters.

Paying tribute, during the funeral liturgy her children said, "She was always there when any job needed to be done, with no complaints and anticipation of praise,....the best example of selflessness,....a great lady with a sweet smile,....a role of flagging energy,....a model of a loving wife and mother,....a grandmother who shared recipes,....whose daughters and daughters-in-law said 'We will honor her, by being the kind of wife and mother she was.'"

She was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and of the Altar Society at St. Paul's. Survivors are her husband Paul Yosten, sons and



Bernice Yosten

daughters-in-law Mike and Paula Yosten; Joel and Kathy Yosten; daughters and sons-in-law Sharon and Clyde Walterscheid; Barbara and David Burns; Trish and Tommy Baker; Paulette and Tim Sepulvado. Also three brothers Bill Miller and Herb Miller both of Muenster and Ted Miller of Sherman; and four sisters Barbara Felderhoff and Carol Henschel both of Muenster, Marilyn Bayer of Roanoke and Rosabel Yosten of Fort Worth. Also fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Father Ellsworth "Tom" Wigginton officiated for the funeral Mass on Thursday. Participating in the special liturgy were Bernice's grandson, Brett Burns, who gave a Reading from the Old Testament, Proverbs 31; a niece, Loretta Holland gave a Reading from the New Testament 1 John 4:11-19.

Father Wigginton delivered the Gospel and homily. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by Bernice's grandchildren, Lindsey Baker, Kara Yosten, and Erin Yosten.

Sacred Music was presented by Charles Hutcheson, including "Gather Us In," "Shepherd Me, O God," "We Walk By Faith," "I Am The Bread of Life," "Song of Farewell," and "City of God."

A Vigil Service led by Deacon Ron Anzere was held on Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel, with

Rosary, "Ave Maria" sung by Kathy Bowden; a Reading from I Corinthians 13:1-13 by Tommy Baker; and two songs "Be Not Afraid" and "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman."

Service at the graveside following Mass included two songs "Prayer Of St. Francis" and "How Great Thou Art."

Burial in Greenwood Memorial Park was directed by Greenwood Funeral Home. For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to Alzheimer's Association, Tarrant County Chapter, P.O. Box 9709, Fort Worth, TX 76147.

Among relatives and friends attending were: Juanita Knabe, Arnold Muller, Emmett Walterscheid, Helen Yosten, Gene and Linda Yosten, Spike and Frances Yosten, Jim and Diane Grewing, Rose Henschel, Margie York, Herb and Dolores Miller, Tom and Barbara Felderhoff, Bill Miller, Robert and Betty Miller and Julie, Ervin and Carol Henschel, Steve Henschel, Brenda Green, Kathy Berres, Butch and Doris Schmidtkoer.

Also Janette Hess, Henry Yosten, Carol Vogel, Linda Flusche, Alan Miller, Billy and Dianna Felderhoff, Tommy Felderhoff, Jr., Buddy and Dorothy Yosten, Judy McDaniel, Flo Walterscheid, Gloria Becker, Evelyn Koesler, Henrietta Fisch, Jake Schilling, John and Pat Yosten, Al and Dorothy Yosten, and Bonnie Hess all of Muenster.

Also Sandra Harrell of Gainesville; Teddy and Lani Yosten, Teresa Yosten, Arnold and Kathy Yosten, Susy and Jacky Gardner, Rosabel Yosten, Ed and Hazel Swirczynski, Harriette Yosten, and Greg and Tammy Yosten all of Fort Worth; Debbie and Jackson Bradford and Susie Bullion of Austin; Dwayne and Diane Koehler, Doug and Leigh Walterscheid, and Cheryl Caldwell of Grapevine; and David Yosten of Plano; Don Muller of Denton; Phil Herr of Arlington; Brian Miller and Ted and Cindy Miller of Sherman; Loretta Holland of Austin; Randy and Mary Bayer of Roanoke; and Shirley Stewart of Denton. Also all the children and grandchildren.

Catherine Terrell Smith 1922 - 2000

Helen Catherine Terrell Smith, president of Trumeter Petroleum Corp. died Feb. 4, 2000 at the age of 78 in Fort

Worth. Burial was Monday, Feb. 7 at Mount Olivet Cemetery, following Requiem Eucharist of Christian Burial at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Survivors are her husband Paul Yosten, sons and

E-commerce will affect local sales and use taxes

Bargain hunting isn't what it used to be. Instead of going from store to store, or calling around for a good deal, many shoppers have taken a new approach, namely, browsing on the Internet.

However, along with 24-hour convenience, attractive deals, and enormous variety, the world of on-line shopping (or e-commerce) has brought a tempting lure that is threatening local stores, and the well-being of entire communities. It is the enticement of tax-free shopping; the situation exists because of a tax shelter created by Congress. It is arbitrary, it is unfair, and it has created a high-stakes conflict with enormous implications for all of us in the City of Muenster, as well as cities and towns throughout the State of Texas and across America.

What is happening not only affects Muenster retailers, but it also affects our entire local economy. Many of our citizens depend on Muenster retailers for jobs. We all enjoy the choices offered by the merchandise they sell. The revenue generated by their property taxes and the sales taxes they collect is a mainstay of our local budget. Without a viable and healthy local retail sector, we would all be much worse off.

So, what's the big deal? Simply stated, it is this: As an example - if one of our local stores advertises a super home entertainment center for \$2,000 and our local sales tax is 8.25 percent, then the total price is \$2,273.25. If an Internet vendor is offering the exact same package for the same price (plus shipping and handling), but no sales tax, what do you expect a customer to do?

Money talks and "getting a deal" is one of the most persuasive ways it talks. The unfortunate part of this kind of deal is that it isn't a fair deal - the Muenster merchant plays by one set of rules, while the on-line vendor is allowed to use another set of rules to gain a significant overall price advantage. The "smart shopper" looks for the best "deal" and takes it.

If this occurs often enough or long enough, imagine what will happen. Muenster merchants will lose sales. They may lay off employees and close stores. The city sees its property taxes decline. The state and city sales tax receipts shrink. Still, the roads must be maintained, the neighborhoods kept safe, the trash collected, the schools and library kept open, and all other municipal services provided. But how? The same amount of money simply isn't there anymore, unless, of course, new taxes are imposed.

Who gains from all of this? Certainly not the local community as a whole. Even the "smart shoppers" may find things less to their liking if local services are cut or other taxes raised. Obviously not the local workforce or local retailers, nor the city council who may be hard pressed finding ways to make ends meet or which services to cut. In the City of Muenster, for example, a loss of 5 percent of our sales tax revenue translates into a loss of \$10,000 for the city's budget, as well as a loss of \$45,663.75 for the State of Texas. Multiplying a 5 percent loss in sales tax by each city in the State of Texas shows a major impact on the local and state economy!

The only clear "winner" is the on-line vendor who uses a tax break written in

Washington to lure customers with a "saving" that at the same time "costs" the customer's hometown dearly.

I have no quarrel with electronic commerce. Yes, I have ordered items over the Internet, but I've bought items not available in Muenster. I am as dazzled as anyone else by all of the products and services, and thus to promote choices and competition. However, the competition must be fair, with a level playing field and the same set of rules for everyone and for all types of transactions.

The Internet Freedom Act passed by Congress in 1999 went the opposite direction. It imposed a three-year moratorium on collecting state or local sales taxes on out-of-state Internet sales transactions, while at the same time setting up a study commission to examine and make recommendations about tax issues involving electronic commerce.

The Internet is vibrant and growing as a powerful new component of our economic system. It should be allowed to grow and flourish without any unfair or discriminatory burdens being placed on it. At the same time, it neither needs nor deserves any unfair or discriminatory preferences, either.

The federal study commission could help achieve these outcomes by following a few ABCs: Abolish Biased Commerce, in order to Allow Balanced Competition, so that All Benefit Comparably, which will Always Benefit Customers and help to Achieve Better Cities.

submitted by Steve Broyles

NCTC names 257 students honor roll

North Central Texas College recently named 257 students to either the President's List or the Dean's List due to their Fall 1999 academic accomplishments.

To be eligible for placement on the President's List, a student must complete 12 or more college credit hours with a final grade point average of 4.0 for the semester. According to NCTC Director of Admissions Condoa Parrent, 90 students from throughout the

region earned this honor.

To meet criteria for Dean's List recognition, students must complete 12 or more college credit hours with a final grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 for the semester. Parrent said 167 students were acknowledged for this achievement.

Students named to the Fall 1999 President's List at North Central Texas College included: Melissa Alexander, Cody Peddicord, Sadie Trammell, and Rachel Laster,

Lindsay; Kristin Dickerson, Melinda Klement, and Joseph Reiter, Muenster.

Students named to the Fall 1999 Dean's List at NCTC included: Doretta Loyd, Cody Perryman, Forestburg; David Fuhrmann, Amanda Hellinger, Amy Hoberer, Alex Krah, Jeanette Mosman-Jones, Amy Sandmann, and Brian Wiese, Gainesville; Joseph Wilson, Lindsay; Cristy Drachenberg, Elizabeth Fuhrmann, Shirley Hoofard, Holly Mullins, and Mary Ann Sheaff, Muenster.

God Bless

All those who knew, loved and experienced Gertrude Pagel. May you cherish her memories of kindness, laughter and love forever.

Her family and friends will miss her but are consoled in knowing she is still with us, only in a better place.

A very deep heartfelt thank you to everyone that helped make a very difficult time more bearable. Your love and caring assistance is beyond a wordly thank you.

To express our appreciation, the Pagel Family prays that God and Gertie watch over you all forever.

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Sally Ann Fisher and Maurus John Hacker Jr. have chosen March 18, 2000 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Chuck and Vicky Fisher of Muenster. Parents of the future-groom are Maurus and Lynn Hacker of Myra. Father Thomas Craig will officiate in Sacred Heart Church at 2:00 p.m. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Muenster High School and a 1998 graduate of Midwestern State University. She is employed at Muenster Memorial Hospital as Radiologic Technologist. Mr. Hacker is a 1995 graduate of Muenster High School and is co-owner of H&W Cabinet Shop. He is a machinist at Superior Machining and Fabrication.

Arendt graduates from UTD

Nicole Colleen Arendt recently graduated cum laude from the University of Texas at Dallas with a Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Performance. She specialized in photography. Nicole is a 1994 graduate of Lindsay High School and the daughter of Andy and Jean Arendt.

Attending the graduation were her parents, Mary Ann Arendt; Scott Arendt and Kim Alcorn; Mindy Arendt; David and Julie Ryals with children Cameron, Hunter and Gavin; Brandi Bezner; Julie Chadwick and Justin Leger.

Nikki is currently taking graduate courses at UTD.



Nicole Colleen Arendt

Era FFA auction and chili supper to be held

An auction and chili supper to support the Era FFA Youth will be held Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Era ISD Ag Department. Supper will be served from 4:30 p.m. till the auction ends. The auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Items to be sold include picnic

tables, gift certificates, a firewood rack, small projects, show pigs for 2001, gift baskets, plants and more. For more information, contact Ed Perkins, Era ISD Ag instructor at 665-5961, ext. 43.

Knights of Columbus event held Jan. 22

The Muenster Council, Knights of Columbus participated in the "Respect Life" weekend, Jan. 22, the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. With the symbolic placing of roses on the altar, lives of all those lost to abortion were remembered. Muenster Girl Scouts carried the U.S. and Girl Scout flags, and the arrangement of red,

long-stemmed roses and placed them near the altar at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. By participating, the members joined the Knights of Columbus asking, as stated in the Girl Scout Law: We ask everyone to be "responsible for what I say and do, respect myself and others, respect authority, and make the world a better place" by taking a stand against abortion.

Jeanann Hartman graduates with honors from Tarleton State

Jeanann Hartman, daughter of Leonard and Emily Hartman of Muenster, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tarleton State University on Dec. 17, 1999. A Summa Cum Laude graduate, she maintained a 4.0 grade point average in a 4.0 g.p.r.

She was one of thirteen Departmental Outstanding Graduates honored to receive special recognition during winter commencement exercises. She majored in Horticulture and Landscape Management, and was selected from the Department of Agribusiness, Agronomy, Horticulture and Landscape Management.

A member of Alpha Chi, a National Honor Society, she is employed at Green Wholesale Nursery in Stephenville and is a sales representative. She

graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1978 and attended NCTC for an Associate of Science degree.



Jeanann Hartman



Renee Dittfurth, Rebecca Grewing, and Dana Walterscheid in Respect Life ceremony. Courtesy photo

Jennifer Endres graduates from Texas A&M University

Jennifer Theresa Endres, daughter of Sam and Karen Endres, graduated from Texas A&M University on Dec. 17, 1999, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. Attending her graduation at Reed Arena in College Station were her parents; grandmother, Virginia Sibley of Clayton, Louisiana; Mark and Angie Eason and daughter Kaleigh, Becky and Jacob Endres; Uncle Rick Sibley of Monterey, Louisiana; Sam Almerico of College Station; Alicia Fairman of Austin, Texas.

Jennie was a member of the Society of Women Engineers, the Aggie Orientation Leadership Program, and publicity chairman of the American Society of Civil

Engineering. She has accepted a position at Kimley-Horn & Associates, Engineering Consulting Firm in Fort Worth.



Jennifer Theresa Endres

New Arrivals

Ryals

Julie and David Ryals of Dallas announce the arrival of a daughter, Harlee Breann Ryals, born Jan. 27, 2000 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, weighing 8 lb., 10 oz. She joins Cameron 5, Hunter 5, and Gavin 18 months. Grandparents are Andy and Jean Arendt of Gainesville, and Allan and Margaret Ryals of Garland. Great-grandmother is Mary Ann Arendt of Lindsay.

Weems

Christi and Eric Weems of Dallas are proud parents of their second child, a son,

Austin David Weems, born on Jan. 27, 2000 in Denton Community Hospital at 7:59 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 9 oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches long. He joins a brother, at home, Garrett Lewis Weems, age two years. Grandparents are Char Smith of Nashville, Tennessee, Shirley Weems of Lindsay, and June and Jim Weems of Longview, Texas. Great-grandparents are Elnora and David Smith of Gainesville; Geraldine and the late Garrett Lewis of Gainesville and the late Woody and Jean Weems. The great-great-grandmother is Effie Dudley of Gainesville.

Meeting Notice

Cooke County Diabetes Support Group

Margie York, O.D., a therapeutic doctor of Optometry, will present a program Diabetes and Risk From Blindness at the next meeting of the Cooke County Diabetes Support Group. The meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Muenster Memorial Hospital Conference Room. All are welcome to attend the meeting which is open to the public.

For more information contact Joan Walterscheid at 940-759-2395.

Cooke County Friends of the Family offers a variety of service

Cooke County Friends of the Family is a non-profit victims' assistance agency. CCFF is funded by federal and state grants, Cooke County, the City of Gainesville, United Way and corporate and private donations. Their goal is to offer support and assistance to victims of violent crimes. These crimes include, but are not limited to, child abuse, aggravated assault, sexual assault, family violence, and intoxication manslaughter.

Crime victims not only suffer physical injuries, but also emotional and mental anguish. Whether a person was assaulted by their spouse, robbed at gun point, or hit by a drunk driver, their lives will never be the same. Friends of the Family offers free counseling to help crime victims overcome the fear of their assault and lead productive, happy lives again. Free counseling is also available to family members of

crime victims. For victims of domestic violence, CCFF can provide them the tools to leave violent relationship, including a safety plan and protective order. Staff and volunteers are also available to assist with transportation to an area women's shelter.

Other services include training to community professional groups. CCF offers free training about domestic violence and sexual assault. Their goal is to abolish the myths that exist about these crimes and replace them with truth and understanding.

Opportunities are also available for volunteers. Volunteer positions include clerical work, providing support and information to victims, and presenting anti-violence programs to local youth. For more information about services, training, or volunteering, call 665-2873.

Discuss business start-up during SBDC seminar

Discuss ideas for development of a small business during an upcoming seminar regarding "How to Start a Business" offered by the Small Business Development Center at the North Central Texas College. Presented by Pam Livingston, business development specialist for SBDC, the course will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Feb. 26 at the NCTC Corinth Campus and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mar. 30 at the NCTC Gainesville Campus. Featured topics are "Quick

Books"; "Marketing for the Small Business"; "Starting an Operating Your Own Home Business"; and "Practice Financial Management: Small Business."

Registration is required at least four days in advance of each seminar. To register please complete the registration form and mail along with seminar fee to NCTC/Sma Business Development Center 1525 W. California Gainesville, TX 76240-4699 or phone 940-668-4220 or 1-800-351-7232.



Thank You

Words will never adequately express how much the outpouring of love and support from family, friends and community has meant to our family during the illness and loss of Sis. Your kindness during her illness and death has touched our family. We are grateful to all who during Sis's last days visited, brought food, sent flowers, cards, and well-wishes, and kept her in their prayers. Also special thanks to Cooke County Home Hospice for their skillful care, concern, and kindness; to Father Tom for his visits, to the Eucharistic ministers, and to family members and friends for their support.

Thank-you to all who participated in the rosary, wake and funeral services, especially Fathers Sebastian Beshoner and Harry Fisher, to Linda Flusche, Dave and Pam Fette, and Emily Klement whose beautiful music added to the funeral service, and to those who served Mass. Thank-you to all who donated, prepared and served the delicious family meal after the funeral and to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall. Thanks to McCoy Funeral Home for their professional and sympathetic support.

All of the gifts of food, flowers, cards, visits, words of support, and acts of kindness will be treasured always. The outpouring of love and kindness from family, friends, and community is felt and appreciated.

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Cub Scouts observe Scout Sunday

"Let each person here look at the truth and the knowledge of the arrow. Just the flight of the arrow is right and true, so let your be." ...from the Order of the Arrow ceremony conferring the "Arrow of Light" on the ebelos Scouts, Sunday, Feb. at the Cub Scouts Blue & old Banquet. This was a long waited day which culminated them "bridging over" to Boy Scouts. As the boys crossed the remonial bridge with their parents, they were greeted by e Boy Scouts and Boy Scout leaders Gary Fisher and Shirley Knabe. Regarding the row the scouts were given, rs. Knabe said, "This is not a y. This arrow is to remind u of all the fun times you had a cub scout. You will notice at the shaft is straight and ue. This is to remind you to llow the trail of scouting. The aters on the end are to mind you of God's creatures rry and winged. Please take re of them. You will notice e tip is tough and strong. is is to remind you of the ong morals that scouting is aching you. Remember this row is not a toy. ongratulations." The Boy ounts assisting in the remony were Eric Knabe, ric Fisher, Karl Fisher, aniel Rohmer, Ryan ennigan, Kit Morrill, and ephen LaChance.

The banquet was held at the FW Hall following 10:30 Mass Sacred Heart Church. onored guests were Fr. omas Craig, Pastor of Sacred eart Church; Rev. Bill edbetter, Pastor of the First aptist Church; Tom Hartman, gle Scout and Master of eemonies; Shirley Knabe, SA Assistant District ommissioner; Chrystal nabe; and Don Wallace, epresenting the Friends of outing.

Awards were then presented the Scouts. Tiger Cubs aron Grewing, Jason Luke, anner Silmon, and Will aylor received Tiger Paw #12. achary Gunnels received er Paw #2, 4, 7, 8, and 12. encer Nielsen received Tiger aw #2, 7, 8, and 12. Derek agel, Zachary Pierce, and illip Vogel received Tiger aw #12, and a Scout Sunday tch. Joshua Voth received er Paw #12 and a Pinewood erby patch.

Den 4 Wolves Zachary

Moritz, Dustin Pumphrey, and John Nystrom received a Scout Sunday patch, a Wolf badge, Mother's pin, and a gold and a silver arrow point. In addition, John Nystrom received a gymnastics pin. Ashton Barrett received a Wolf badge, Mother's pin, and a gold and three silver arrow points. Gerry Brundage received a Scout Sunday patch, a Wolf badge, Mother's pin, and a gold arrow point.

Den 5 Wolves Jacob Bayer, Christopher Valliere, and Steven Valliere received a Scout Sunday patch, a Wolf badge, Mother's pin, and a gold and a silver arrow point. Chad Henschel and Ryan Henschel received a Wolf badge, Mother's pin, and a gold arrow point. Pierce Morrill received a Wolf badge, Mother's pin, and a gold and a silver arrow point. Tyler Pagel received a scout Sunday patch, a Wolf badge, Mother's pin, and a gold arrow point.

Bears Brandon Bindel and Josh Sicking received a Scout Sunday patch, a Bear badge, Mother's pin, and a gold and four silver arrow points. Ryan Bartush and John Rohmer received a Scout Sunday patch, a Bear badge, Mother's pin, and a gold and three silver arrow points. Seth Pierce and Kirk Felderhoff received a Scout Sunday patch, a Bear badge, Mother's pin, and a gold and a silver arrow point. Jordan LaChance received a Scout Sunday patch, a Bear badge, and a Mother's pin. Joe Hesse received a Scout Sunday patch, a Bear badge, Mother's

pin, and a gold arrow point. Paul Crabtree received a Scout Sunday patch, a Bear badge, Mother's pin, soccer belt loop, and a gold arrow point.

Webelos Matthew Abney received the Arrow of Light, Scout Sunday and honor roll patches, craftsman, forester, scholar, and showman pins, and a metal compass point. Evan Koesler received the Arrow of Light, Scout Sunday, and honor roll patches, scholar pin, and a metal compass point. Michael Valliere received the Arrow of Light, Scout Sunday and honor roll patches, scholar and naturalist pins, and a metal compass point. Roman Vogel received the Arrow of Light, Scout Sunday and honor roll patches, artist, naturalist, family member, engineer, outdoorsman, scholar, traveler, readyman, and athlete pins, compass patch, and two metal compass points. Chad Endres and Brad Endres received the Arrow of Light, and Scout Sunday and honor roll patches. Kyle Caldwell received the Arrow of Light, Scout Sunday and honor roll patches, family member and showman pins, and a metal compass point. Joe Coleman received Scout Sunday and honor roll patches. Ricky Grewing and John Crabtree received the Arrow of Light, Scout Sunday and honor roll patches, and a citizen pin. All the Webelos "bridged over" to Boy Scouts and were given a new scarf and cap. Every scout attending received a "Blue & Gold" patch.

submitted by Cheryl Rohmer



Cub Scouts bridge over at Blue-Gold Banquet.

Courtesy photo

Saint Jo Opry scheduled for Feb. 12

Saint Jo Opry fans will be treated with the sounds of Blue Grass music during the February show Saturday, Feb. 12. Starting time will be 7:00

p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The admission is \$2.00 for adults, and children 12 and under admitted free, as are

nursing home residents and other special groups. The Opry makes donations regularly to community and school projects and volunteer Fire/EMS Departments in the area.

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Don't Smoke Cigarettes. Smoking increases the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Eat Nutritious Food in Moderate Amounts. Eat a well-balanced diet that's low in cholesterol and saturated fats and moderate in sodium (salt). Fatty foods contribute to atherosclerosis, which is a major contributor to heart attack and stroke. Eating too much sodium can cause high blood pressure in some people.

Have Regular Medical Checkups. Major risk factors such as cigarette smoking, elevated blood cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, and physical inactivity - and contributing factors such as excess weight - call for medical supervision.

What you can control with medical supervision:

Blood Cholesterol. Having too much cholesterol isn't healthy, because when it's carried by the blood it can build up in artery walls. This can narrow the arterial passageways, reduce blood supply to the heart or brain, and set the stage for a heart attack or stroke.

High Blood Pressure. Modern medicine hasn't identified the cause of most cases of high blood pressure. Even though the cause isn't known, hypertension can be treated and controlled. Lifestyle and medication can be used to keep your blood pressure in check.

Diabetes. Diabetes is linked with an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Your health care professional can detect diabetes and prescribe a program to control your diet and weight if necessary.

What you can't control.

Heredity. Some families have a higher incidence of heart attacks and strokes. In such cases reducing the controllable risk factors becomes even more important.

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Felderhoff on Dean's List at Texas Tech

Chad Felderhoff, son of Ronnie and Sharon Felderhoff, was named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a GPA of 3.6. Chad is a member of Gamma Beta Phi, a service and honor society. He is also a member of the Agriculture Economics Association and was recently elected secretary of The Sneed Hall Complex Council, a student representative group. Chad works at the Texas Tech University Feedlot, Burnet Center.

Chad is the grandson of Arthur and Evelyn Felderhoff of Muenster, and Raymond and Helen Metzler of Lindsay.



Chad Felderhoff

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School News



Our Muenster High students have qualified to compete at the State Essay-Examination Debate Meet in Austin on March 13-14. Jackie Koesler and Reagan Koesler, seniors, won first place at the district debate tournament on Monday, Jan. 31, held at Era High School. Lauren Dangelmayr and Brett Howell, juniors, finished second. Both teams are coached by Martha Koesler. This year's topic required the students to research and examine educational policies designed to increase achievement in secondary schools in the U.S. Through participation at the State Meet, students qualify for Texaserscholastic League Foundation Scholarships. Janie Hartman photo



Jack Walterscheid, top center, assists Muenster ISD students, from left, Megan Felderhoff, Meredith Hennigan, Zach Swirczynski, Amber Kirmann, Krystal Wolf, Cori Krewson, Alison Teatfallier, Brandy Dangelmayr, Brad Endres, and Jordanne Hellman with time capsule. Courtesy photo

Muenster Elementary Student Council stores time capsules

In honor of the new year, the Muenster Elementary Student Council has put together time capsules to be stored away for the future. The council representatives and officers distributed a time capsule form to all students, grades Pre-K through 5. Each student filled out the form with their class, friends, or alone.

This form asked for information such as the student's name, age, grade, and teacher. They also answered questions about their favorite subject and activity in school, their friends and what they want to be when they grow up. Some of the students also

brought possessions from home that will prove to be "a sign of the times." Examples of some items stored away are power beads, Pokemon cards, WWJD bracelets, yo-yos, and the newly minted quarters. Each grade's time capsule was sealed and labeled with their year of graduation.

The capsules are being stored in the ceiling of a room on the Elementary Campus. Each individual class will open these boxes on the date of their high school graduation. Rick Walterscheid assisted the Student Council in storing the boxes away.

Gifted students sought for workshop

Each summer the Larry McMurry Center for the Arts and Humanities hosts workshops in which gifted high school sophomores and juniors can better their skills while earning college credit at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. It is a unique opportunity to study literature and writing or acting and broadcasting.

During the two weeks of classes students live in the dorms at Midwestern. This year's workshops will be held June 18-30. Only 36 students will be accepted as classes (Literature and Writing or Acting and Broadcasting) are limited to 18 students. Cost per student is \$250 thanks to donor funded scholarships.

Applications are due April 1, 2000. For more information contact the Midwestern State University Office of School Relations at (940)397-4334 or (800)842-1922.

"Ag in the Classroom" reaches Texas grade schools

The Texas Farm Bureau-sponsored "Ag in the Classroom" program for elementary grades has proven popular around the state since the activity was begun in 1986.

Gloria Klement of Muenster is chairperson of the Cooke County Farm Bureau "Ag in the Classroom" program.

The more than 1,400 Texas teachers who used Texas Farm Bureau's resource guide and videos "What's to Eat?" and "Let's Visit Texas" have praised the educational activity for its contribution in the classroom.

"Let's Visit Texas," a four-part, two-hour video program on Texas geography, takes students on a tour of the Lone Star State so they can get a



look at major geographic landmarks, historical sites, and Texas agricultural crops and processing centers. Teachers are enthusiastic about the way "Let's Visit Texas" enhances their lessons on Texas social studies. By incorporating agriculture into the curriculum of many subjects in the classrooms of grades one through six, teachers show children how cows are milked, how that same milk becomes butter and cheese, what crops are grown in their areas, and how efficiency on the farm helps their families. If you would like additional information concerning "Ag in the Classroom," please contact Cooke County Farm Bureau at 665-1763.

Journalism scholarship applications to be awarded by press association

To further the cause of community journalism, the North and East Texas Press Association will award two \$1,000 journalism scholarships this spring, according to Dave Fette of the Muenster Enterprise.

The NETPA scholarship program was begun in 1999. Winners were Tracy Finch of Quinlan and Brian Wellborn of Lufkin.

The Muenster Enterprise is a member of the NETPA.

Scholarships will be given to college-bound graduating high school seniors and actively enrolled college students from

the NETPA region pursuing an education in print journalism.

Scholarship applicants should submit a completed application, a 500-word essay and two letters of recommendation, including one from a newspaper professional. Deadline is March 1.

Applications are available from the Enterprise, and completed applications should be mailed to Phil Major, Clay County Leader, Box 10, Henrietta, Texas 76365.

The winners will be recognized at the annual NETPA convention, to be held in Waco Apr. 6-8.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEB. 14-18 MUESTER ISD

Mon. - No School.
Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, fruit, hot rolls.

Wed. - Ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, carrot sticks, cookies.

Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, fruit, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, cheese slices, French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

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Mon. - Ravioli, lettuce, green beans, applesauce, cake.

Tues. - Mexican casserole, ranch style beans, lettuce, fruit, bread.

Wed. - Crisitos, peas and carrots, salad, fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Spaghetti and meat, corn, applesauce, hot rolls.

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

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Crisitos, pinto beans, Mexican rice, apple crisp,

bread.
Tues. - Deli Sandwiches, macaroni salad, green beans, mixed fruit.

Wed. - Lasagna, mixed veggies, lettuce salad, peaches, bread.

Thurs. - Baked potato, cheese, lettuce salad, pears.

Fri. - Chicken, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cole slaw, pineapple.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Chicken nuggets or pork fried steak, tossed salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, strawberry applesauce, hot roll.

Tues. - Burritos w/cheese sauce, Mexican salad, or tossed salad, pinto beans, sugar cookie.

Wed. - Barbecue wieners or Salisbury steak, brown gravy, green beans, tossed salad, pears, macaroni and cheese.

Thurs. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, breadsticks.

Fri. - Chicken fried steak sandwich, cheese slice, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.



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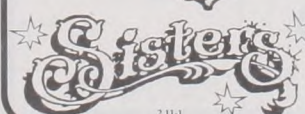
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Sports

Lady Hornets earn another game

The Lady Hornets win down the stretch to force a playoff game with Era. On Friday night Feb. 11, the Muenster Lady Hornets will travel to Saint Jo to face the Era Lady Hornets in a showdown for second place. The second place tie in district 34-A was forced when Muenster started the second half of district play with

three straight wins. Era fell first. Collinsville followed and then after a scare by an unlikely foe in Saint Jo the Lady Hornets guaranteed themselves at least one more game. "We played poorly in Saint Jo. There's no other way to put it. But if we were going to have a let down, that was the night to have it. Give Saint

Jo credit - they came out ready to play and took it to us."

The win was not pretty but it did give the Lady Hornets the chance to play Era again for the second place spot in the playoffs. The game will be at Saint Jo on February 11. Start time is 8 p.m.

Muenster defeated Saint Jo 46-38 last week Tuesday with Krystal Sparkman scoring 14 points to lead the Lady Hornets on the boards. Kristie Lutkenhaus added 9, Kelly Felderhoff 7, and Ashley Hess 6. Brittany Haverkamp and Allison Endres each added 3, with Ashley Klement and Heather Hess getting 2 apiece.

Jennifer Nunneley was high scorer for the Lady Panthers with 15 points.

M	9	2	15	20	46
SJ	10	8	6	14	38

On Jan. 28, the Muenster varsity girls took a 61-51 victory from Collinsville. Muenster was 20 of 29 from the free throw line. Sparkman again led the Lady Hornets with 20 points. H. Hess dropped in 15, with Felderhoff and Endres each adding 9. Haverkamp put in 6, A. Hess 3, and 2 apiece from Diane Britain and Klement.

M	22	14	12	18	66
C	13	7	16	15	51



Heather Hess battles with Valley View's Julie Prescher. Also pictured is Allison Endres. Photo by Janie Hartman

Tigerettes finish with 97-17 victory

The Sacred Heart varsity girls dominated the court Tuesday night, beating the Lakehill Lady Warriors 97-17 in their final district victory.

"The girls are almost ready for the playoffs! They were impressive. The warm-up game against Trinity Christian of Addison on Friday will be the tough game that we need," said Tigerette Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

After taking a 63-12 half time lead, the Tigerettes held Lakehill to only 5 points the second half, while dropping in 34 points.

"Kayla had a great game!" noted Coach Jon. Felderhoff scored 31 points in three quarters of play. "Sarah Hess dominated the inside and Joanna Gehrig is really starting to go." Hess scored 10 points, shooting 5 of 5 and Gehrig added 5 to the scoreboard and pulled down 8

rebounds and had 8 assists.

Andrea Bauer dropped in 15 points with Audrey Barnhill, Anne Flusche and Jennifer Hess each scoring 7. "Hess defense is in top form and Flusche has been deadly from the outside. The bench continues their fine play," Coach Jon added.

Jana Truebenbach and Raney Bauer each scored 6 and Andrea Bartush 3.

Tigerettes to host Trinity Christian in warm-up

Friday evening the Sacred Heart Tigerettes will play a warm-up game as they prepare to defend their state championship. The Tigerettes will host Trinity Christian of Addison at 6 p.m. in the Tiger Den.

Trinity Christian will bring a very athletic squad to the Tiger Den led by Marsha Hamm and Lynnsey Jones. The TCA Club qualified for the playoffs by finishing in the runner-up slot in district 1-A to Bishop Lynch.



Jim Stoffels pulls down a rebound in Muenster's battle with Valley View Tuesday night. Also pictured are Hornets Danny Felderhoff, Mitch Endres (5), Chisam Cain (33), and Eagle Clint Barthold (12). Photo by Janie Hartman



Lady Eagle Julie Prescher grabs the ball as Muenster's Kelly Felderhoff (14), Christie Lutkenhaus (10), and Krystal Sparkman (5) move in. Also pictured is Allison Endres (23). Photo by Janie Hartman

Walterscheid earns gold

Justin Walterscheid competed in the Saint Jo Booster Club Invitational Power Lifting Meet, held Feb. 5 at Saint Jo High School. Twenty-two schools attended the meet, from classes A to AAA.

Competing in the 220 weight class, Walterscheid lifted a total of 1150 pounds for a first place finish. In individual events, Justin lifted 455 pounds in the squat, 225 in the bench press and 510 in the dead lift. Walterscheid's gold medal placed Muenster in 8th place in team standings. Lake Worth, Henrietta, Iowa Park, and Bowie, all 3A schools, took the top 4 finishes.

Also competing at Saint Jo were Hornets Angel Hernandez, Brad Felderhoff, Daniel Rohmer, Chris York and Derek Elliott.

Muenster will compete in the Sanger meet on Feb. 19 and Collinsville Feb. 26.

Tigerettes claim victory from Ambassador

On Friday, Jan. 28, the Tigerettes took a 68-25 win over Ambassador in the Tiger's Den. "The bench is really bringing their game to the floor!" bragged Coach LeBrasseur.

All ten team members added points to the win, led by Kelly Felderhoff with 23 points. Andrea Bauer added 14, Audrey Barnhill 7, Sarah Hess 6, Raney Bauer 5, Jennifer Hess 4, Andrea Bartush 3, and 2 each from Joanna Gehrig, Anne Flusche, and Jana Truebenbach.

SH	11	27	9	21	68
A	0	3	10	12	25



Tigers conclude basketball season

The Sacred Heart Tigers ended their basketball season Tuesday night, hosting the Dallas Lakehill Warriors.

"I thought we played very well, but shot cold from the 3-point and free throw lines. Had we done better in those areas and offensive rebounding, there would have been a different ending," said Tiger Coach Kelly Bayer.

Marty Farrell dropped in 18 points, pulled down 12 rebounds and had 4 blocked shots to lead the Tigers in their 55-79 ending season loss. John

Yosten added 16 points, Luke Endres 10, with Chris Smith hitting 5 and 3 apiece from Stephen Hofbauer and Matthew Nasche.

"My hat is off to our seniors. They played and practiced hard with no complaints and they beat a team (Muenster) this season that I don't remember ever beating," concluded Bayer.

The Tigers ended the season with a 9-19 record, 4-6 in district action.

SH	8	13	20	14	55
L	18	15	24	22	79

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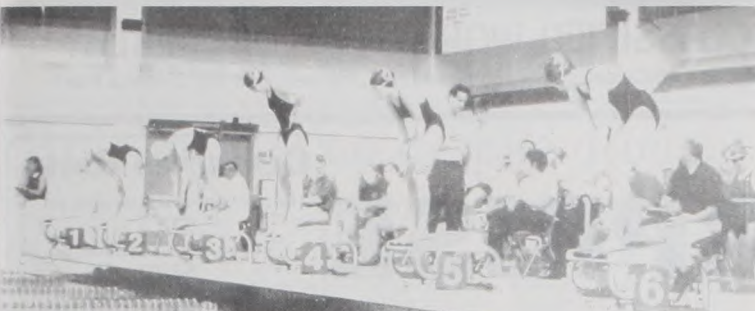
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Swimmers get set for the 100 meter breast stroke at the state meet. Anne Flusche (right) placed fourth in his event. Photo by Bob Bauer

SH Swim

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the National Anthem. Sacred Heart supplied three members of their entourage - team managers, Gina Yosten and Katy Cox, with team swimmer Jackie Bartush, members of the Angelic Acappella Choir, WOW'd a very appreciative and quiet, packed house.

On the night before the competition the team visited with Sacred Heart '82 graduate Kirk Mollenkopf, the athletic trainer for McNeil High, a 5A school in Round Rock, Texas. He gave the team a tour of the athletic facility and treated them to a top shelf varsity girls basketball game.

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Lady Knights prove power

The Saint Jo Booster Club held their annual Invitational Power Lifting Meet on Saturday, Feb. 5.

The Lady Knights finished in 8th place overall, trailing behind S&S, Nocona, Collinsville, Iowa Park, Anna, Olney, and Saint Jo. Three Lindsay girls placed in two different weight classes. In class 148, Alex Haayen lifted a total weight of 530 for fourth place, while Deanna Meurer lifted 520 to finish in fifth.

In the 165 weight class, Maggie Luttmer took third place with a lift of 570 total.

In the boys competition, two Knights placed in two weight classes. In 114, Dominic Fuhrmann lifted 540 for fourth place. In class 242, Cody Secrest lifted a total weight of 1175 pounds for a fifth place. The Knights settled for a 14th team finish, competing against schools such as Lake Worth, Henrietta, Iowa Park, and Bowie, the four top-finishing teams.



Elliot Klement makes another 2 points for the Muenster JV Hornets. Photo by Janie Hartman

JV Action

Muenster 33 Valley View 53
Muenster's junior varsity hosted Valley View Tuesday night, their second last game of the season.

Elliot Klement was high scoring Hornet with 14 points, and 10 rebounds. Chris Grewing and Michael Endres each added 5, with Tyler Walterscheid scoring 4. Colby Newton and Ricky Endres put in 2 each, and Paul Fleitman a free throw.

Brady Howell, Cody Cory, Mitch Felderhoff, Karl Fisher, and Kevin Hermes also played for the team.

The Hornets will battle the Hornets of Era at 4:30 p.m. Friday.



Trent Endres puts one in for 2 points. Janie Hartman photo



Abbas Ravjani, Cody Secrest, and another Knight trap a Yellowjacket in Lindsay's 47-39 loss to Boyd Tuesday night. Janie Hartman photo



Jacque Bezner and Dee Ann Fuhrmann battle Boyd for possession of the ball. The Lady Knights fell to the district champion Lady Jackets 77-46 in their final game of the season Tuesday night. Photo by Janie Hartman

Quail decline in Texas

The Texas bobwhite quail population has decreased at the rate of 4.7% annually over the last 18 years, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The rate of decline approaches 10% annually in parts of East Texas.

Quail researchers are predicting that bobwhites will be extinct in the southeastern United States by 2005.

What is causing such a

decline? Land use changes, fire ants, predators, habitat fragmentation, overgrazing, overhunting, pesticides, aflatoxins, and diseases are all guilty in some aspect.

An idea to create a legislative initiative entitled, "Quail Decline in Texas," to secure state funding for quail research and management outreach education is in the making.

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Muenster II 19

Muenster I 8

On Saturday, Feb. 5, Muenster II defeated Muenster I 19-8. At half-time the score was 11-0.

Scorers for II were Nicole Bayer with 11 points, Sandy Endres 4, and 2 each from Dainah Hartman, and Shannon Hartman.

For the I team, Kellie Brown, Crystal Wolf, and Haylie Broyles each scored 2 points, while Danielle Bindel and Meagan Felderhoff had one each.

Muenster IV 18

River Valley Bingo 16

Muenster IV won a thriller with River Valley Bingo on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Scoring for IV were Jessica Schilling with 6, Karen Flusche 4, Diana Knabe and Jenna Felderhoff with 3 each, and Meredith Hennigan 2. Helping with the win were Stephanie Berman and Jordan Ledbetter.

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Cattle market up despite drought

There is a bright spot in the stock business because feed prices are a little lower," said Travis Miller, agronomist at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and a member of Gov. Bush's Joint Preparedness Council.

Dr. Ernie Davis, an extension beef economist, said that while prices are looking at indling herd sizes across the state, and they are hoping to have as many cattle as they can. There are more lighter cattle out there for two reasons: No. 1 is we don't have winter pasture because of dry weather. And, No. 2, droughts are looking at smaller numbers. They understand that they've got to feed cattle, and they're scrambling to get them where they run out.

Davis also pointed to an increase in demand for beef and new innovative ways to market cheaper beef cuts. That is increasing the overall value of the carcass, he said.

"For the first time since '76, we've seen a significant increase in demand for beef," said. "Hog numbers are down, and there has been a lot of money spent on the beef checkoff program. Retailers really woke up and saw that these fast food restaurants are beginning to take away their beef sales. They decided to get some of those beef sales back by going with shelf-ready, partially prepared products that are ready to eat in 10 minutes. You've got that going all across the nation right now."

Davis predicts beef prices will continue an upward climb, with some of the highest prices coming during the fourth quarter of 2000.

"Actually, the peak could be delayed to 2001," he said. "If people don't start expanding herds, this thing is going to

dwindle down even smaller. So that means prices are going to go up."

Lower grain prices are enabling producers to hang on to cattle, even though pastures are dried up, and there is little available forage.

Curtis Burlin, owner of the Navasota Livestock Auction Co. in Navasota, said, "The cattle market has just run off in the last six weeks. It's got to be because of the cheap feed. The corn crop was massive in the Midwest's Corn Belt. The market is fantastic. Producers are having some money to buy feed," Burlin said. Therefore, producers can keep cattle instead of having to sell them off. Several factors are fueling the increased beef demand by consumers.

Light rains across most of

the state in November and December have had little effect on pasture growth, Miller said.

Winter wheat - upon which many producers depend for grazing - is in dire need of moisture to produce pastures and/or grain that can be harvested with a combine.

"Many ranchers are in the fourth or fifth month of feeding in an effort to maintain herds," Miller said.

Livestock culling has increased slightly, with some producers completely liquidating their herds. Some of the state's producers - especially those with only surface ponds - are hauling water or moving livestock to other pastures, said Dr. Stephen Hammack of Stephenville. Extension livestock specialist.

U.S. net farm income projected \$7.6 billion less than year ago

"Large supplies of grain, coupled with low commodity prices will lead to projected United States net farm income of \$4.4 billion in 2000 - down \$7.6 billion from the amount estimated in 1999, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report.

Low commodity prices in 1999 led to a \$1.7 billion drop in total crop receipts, with the \$93.3 billion received the lowest amount recorded since 1994. Receipts for 2000 are projected to be down \$2.1 billion for major field crops, though fruit, vegetable and greenhouse/nursery products will rise \$1.2 billion.

"We expect prices for our major commodities - corn, sorghum, soybean, rice and cotton - all of them to be below the cost of production for the coming year," said Dr. Carl Anderson, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "That will be the cutting edge into the net income of crop farmers especially."

Net cash income is forecast at \$49.7 billion - \$9.4 billion less than the preliminary estimate for 1999.

Crop farmers are not only faced with low commodity prices to start off the new year, but also a shortage of sub-soil moisture.

"The drought that has been in place since the mid-year still

exists and now is becoming a growing concern not only to livestock and forage production, but now it's going to become very important to crop farmers," Anderson said.

Anderson noted the outlook for beef producers is "upbeat" because of the low grain prices.

Dry weather has caused herd sizes to decrease across Texas, and feedlots are hoping to buy as many cattle as they can, said Dr. Ernie Davis, an extension beef economist. "There are more lighter weight cattle out there for two reasons: No. 1 is we don't have the winter pasture because of the dry weather. And, No. 2, feedlots are looking at smaller herd numbers."

"They understand that they've got fewer feeder cattle, and they are scrambling to get them before they run out," Davis said.

A decline in 2000 farm income will be partially offset by an increase in off-farm income, the Agriculture Department reports. Average farm household income is forecast at \$59,350, down from an estimated \$61,363 in 1999. However, that estimate is close to the 1998 level as farm operators' household income has averaged about the same as U.S. household income during the past three decades.

"I'm one that thinks crop farmers will be looking at alternative sources of income," Anderson noted. "We are fortunate in the large, middle part of Texas, that we have available off-farm jobs. They can be quite a boost in terms of supplemental income."

Clerical, teaching and health care professions give spouses options when earning off-farm income.

Anderson said producers are

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

DROUGHT DECISIONS

Recently I read that a "true drought" is defined as 75% or less of the average yearly rainfall. Moving from East to West Texas, this occurs from 16 to 45% of the time. Whether you go by this definition or not, we're definitely in need of rain and especially runoff water. Many of our producers have stock water ponds that are completely dry or critically low. The recent rains we had have been helpful in greening up pastures and small grain crops, but little runoff has occurred for livestock water.

Surviving these drought years requires planning. Farmers are currently making decisions on spring planting of corn and grain sorghum. Fuel costs are up some \$0.25 from this time last year, and we also look to see fertilizer costs rise this spring.

Test soils for carry-over fertilizer: Crop producers who have been experiencing drought conditions should test their soil to assess fertilizer nutrient carryover prior to fertilizing for the next crop. This is especially true where crops were fertilized for yield goals

considerably above actual yields attained in the past or present season. Crops stressed by drought likely will not absorb or use fertilizer nutrients in the same amounts as those crops not stressed. Therefore, reduced fertilizer rates may be in order for this next crop following our fall drought.

Early tillage and seedbed preparation: Practices that retain and conserve water are especially valuable when employed as early as possible following a drought. Early primary tillage practices and final seedbed preparation will allow for rainfall, received before the next crop, to be conserved at a maximum level. In our area where weeds grow during winter months, an appropriate weed control program should be employed after the seedbed has been prepared. Stale seedbeds offer moisture to newly planted seed so as little soil disturbance as possible of fall and winter prepared seedbeds will help.

Make decisions on crops to plant, and planting times. We know moisture is more critical in corn production due to aflatoxin problems. So, corn can be planted early enough to take advantage of those early rains. Soil temperature of 50 degrees for corn and 55 degrees for grain sorghum for five or so days are needed. We can usually plant some ten days prior to our last killing frost date. Yield expectations are another consideration during drought. 75 to 90 bushels in dry years may be more realistic goals, and seeding rates need to also be adjusted. If for some reason planting comes toward the end of March then go to grain sorghum.

We can also make some livestock decisions by culling all non-productive open cows, and females that fail to wean an offspring. Cull anything that is questionable as to future breeding success: that is, smooth mouths, poor body condition, etc. Sort the herd by production status, dry versus lactating animals, growing replacement females, first calf heifers, second calf heifers, mature females. This will help target scarce supplemental feed resources where they are most needed. Cull herd sires according to need.

Try and keep cattle in a body condition score of five (5) prior to calving (no ribs showing). Rebreeding success will be low on thin cows and it's easier to maintain condition on a dry cow, than it is to "feed up" a thin cow that is also lactating. These objectives are greatly complemented by using controlled calving seasons, since, during a short time span, supplemental nutrients can be "targeted" for cattle in a given stage of production. Furthermore, short calving seasons allow one to feed a larger amount of supplement

for a shorter period of time when compared to long calving seasons.

NORTHEAST TEXAS PESTICIDE SEMINAR

Some producers have called needing additional CEU's before February 28. Here's an opportunity to get seven (7).

The eighth annual Northeast Texas Pesticide Seminar and Licensing School will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 in the Titus County Civic Center, Mt. Pleasant.

Registration will take place at the Civic Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be collected.

Producers who already have a private, commercial, or non-commercial license issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture will receive seven (7) hours of Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for attending the seminar. Credits will be allocated as follows: 1-Integrated Pest Management, 1-Laws and Regulations, 0.5-Drift Minimization, and 4.5-General for a total of 7 CEU's.

Speakers will include faculty and staff of Texas A&M University, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, and Agri-Chemical Company Representatives.

4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 4-H Livestock Show will be held Saturday, February 26, 2000 at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. Entries are due in the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18. At this time the following will be due: an entry form, a Project Record form, and an entry fee of \$5.00 per animal.

EFFECT OF CALVING SEASON AND WEANING AGE ON PROFIT

Western Canadian researchers used a simulation program to study calving season and weaning age. Cows were 1200 lb mature size, moderate milking. Spring calving began March 28, fall began September 8. Calves were weaned every 20 days from 140 to 220 days old. For both calving seasons, profit increased as weaning age advanced. Feed costs were higher with fall calving. If calves were weaned at 200 days or younger, spring calving was more profitable. But at 220 days, fall calving made more money, mostly due to higher calf price. Such things as forage availability, requirements for supplemental feed, health, and seasonal price differences must be considered in determining the most profitable season to calve.

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STRONG CATTLE PRICES PREDICTED

"We look for the first quarter of the year to average near \$67.50 with a range of \$66 to \$69," said market analyst Dave Maher of Securities Corporation. "The USDA is estimating higher at \$67 to \$71."

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VFW & Auxiliary attend meetings

On Sunday, Feb. 6, 5 members of Muenster VFW #6205 and the Ladies Auxiliary attended District I meetings and a dinner banquet which were held at Lake Texoma Post #7873.

Attending the ladies sessions, which were conducted by District I president, Tina Causey of Farmersville Post #7426, were Muenster Auxiliary members, President Frances Bayer and Conductress Linda Knabe. Special guest at the meeting and dinner was the State President, Betty Odom from Dallas. She spoke at the dinner and the meetings about the VFW National programs and encouraged the full participation by all the auxiliaries. Some programs mentioned were: Americanism, Buddy Poppy, Cancer Aid and Research, Community Activities, Hospital/VAVS, Legislative/PAC, National Home, Safety and Drug Abuse, Teachers Day, Youth Activities/Voice of Democracy,

and State Press Special project which is Cystic Fibrosis.

Frances Bayer is the District I chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis project and she conducted a raffle fund-raiser at the meeting. Lou Cullem and Margarette Porter of Auxiliary #1922, Gainesville, assisted Mrs. Bayer, and Dickie Rodgers of Denison Auxiliary #2773 made and provided the item for the raffle. \$110.00 was raised at this meeting which brings the total raised thus far by District I at the meetings to \$346.97. There are 17 auxiliaries in District I and all participated in this program.

Attending the men's meetings, which were conducted by District I Commander Al Harris of Princeton #9167, were the Muenster Commander Don Hess, Quartermaster Don Eckart, and Arthur Bayer. The State Representative for the men was State Jr. Vice Commander, Danny Henry of Austin.

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Gala concert to be offered

On Mar. 4 and 5, Butterfield Stage and the Cooke County Hispanic Scholarship Foundation will offer area residents an exceptional artistic opportunity when they present concert pianist, Goulmara Iliassova, and Dallas Opera tenor, Mario Antonio Pérez in gala and matinee performances.

Returning to Gainesville for an encore performance, will be Ms. Iliassova, the featured artist in the foundation's private fundraising fete last year.

Born in Nebereznye Chelny, Russia, Goulmara Iliassova began her musical studies at the early age of six years. As a young adult, her gifts were further revealed when she graduated with honors from the Music College of Kazan City, was accepted to study at the Saint Petersburg Conservatory, and performed in the International Music Festival in Belgium. In 1994, Ms. Iliassova began her studies with Joseph Banoweta at the University of North Texas where she won the UNT Concerto Competition and received further recognition as a finalist in the International Wideman Piano Concerto Competition. Later, after her graduation from the Conservatory of Saint Petersburg in 1997, the pianist received acceptance into the

Master's program at the University of North Texas. Presently, Ms. Iliassova shares her musical talents with others as an instructor and performance artist in concerts in the United States and a number of foreign countries.

A native of the Lone Star State, Mario Antonio Pérez, hails from Laredo, Texas. However, his musical skills brought him north to Denton and the University of North Texas to study with Professor Laurel Miller. As a selected recipient of an Ambassadorial Rotary Scholarship, Mr. Pérez was able to further his education at the 'Real Conservatorio de Musica' in Madrid, Spain, where he received his diploma. Currently, a resident of the Metroplex, Mr. Pérez is an active member of the Dallas Opera Chorus, where he made his solo debut last year as Amelia's servant in Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera*.

This year's gala event has been designed as an alliance between Butterfield Stage and the Cooke County Hispanic Scholarship Foundation as they continue their investment in youth programming. School children, as well as young adults, are served by BSP and CCHSF initiatives which presently support educational and artistic scholarships, youth classes, and a theatrical school

tour which touches approximately 4,000 school children each year. Foundation and theatre scholarships, alone, have served over one hundred and sixty youths.

Performances for the concert weekend include a gala performance/reception slated for Mar. 4 and a Sunday matinee planned for March 5. Saturday evening's gala performance and reception will begin with the concert at NCTC's Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. and will continue at the Cloud-Stark-Jones home, where patrons will be invited to meet the artists and enjoy culinary delights. The historic home, currently the private residence of Jeff and Carol Jones, represents a rare example of Victorian-Italianate architecture. On Sunday, the matinee performance will begin at 2:30 p.m. and conclude with a reception at the NCTC auditorium offering coffee and a light dessert for concert patrons.

Tickets for the gala performance are \$50.00 per person. Matinee tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. Reservations may be made beginning by calling the theatre, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. at 940-665-8152 or visiting the theatre, 201 S. Denton, Gainesville.



Dara Dawn Walterscheid

Walterscheid named to Deans List at UNT

Dara Dawn Walterscheid of Muenster, daughter of Nick and Robin Walterscheid, is named to the University of North Texas Dean's List for the fall semester 1999. She maintained a grade point average of 3.75 in a 4.0 ratio, and carried a full course load. She is pursuing a degree as a Clinical Psychologist. Dee is a graduate of Muenster ISD.

Grandson of Mr. A. J. Felderhoff selected to serve at ceremonies

Nicholas Alford, son of Terry and Cindy (Felderhoff) Alford and grandson of Mrs. A. J. (Girle) Felderhoff, and member of Cub Scout Pack 115, Den 2, was one of 10 delegates selected to serve at the Twin Valley District's Capital Area Council to the 90th Anniversary 'Report to State' Ceremonies held in Austin on Feb. 5.

Delegates and their parents attended the all-day event, beginning with a breakfast with Gov. Bush. Later the Scouts helped lead a parade on Congress Avenue to the State Capitol. The Scouts won a trip by winning an essay contest on "Why it is important to have character," in their lives.



Nicholas Alford

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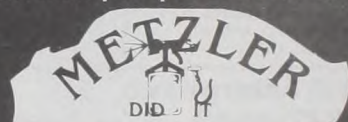
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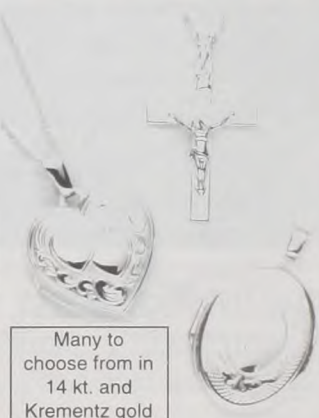
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