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Town troubled over loss of local hospital

Muenster ISD to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week

Ed York wondered if this was a one time opportunity thing, if the people of Muenster decide that they want to retain their district and not combine do they lose the window of opportunity? Endres said that depended on if you want to take the optimistic or pessimistic view "In the pessimistic view when we run into financial difficulties and we don't join now we're going to have about 120 employees looking for a job," he said. They are trying to be proactive by looking at what's coming down the road and right now things don't look good for small hospitals, he added.

A woman in the crowd challenged Endres and the Board, "In other words for five

"We've had our problems. ... Our emergency room is not very well organized ... We realize that we have not been real efficient there." David Hutcherson

option for the hospital. If we had not had the OB project and we had not had Dr. Currier here this hospital would have closed in 1993. That's the bottom line.

Dr. Currier hadn't come in here and we had not built that OB unit for him so that he would stay here and do his deliveries here, there would not be a hospital here now."

Tigerettes win state 3-peat

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Texas Public Schools Week week of Mar. 6-10. This is the raditional week to celebrate the raditional week to celebrate and no TAAS testing has been scheduled during that week.

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The Sacred Heart Tigerettes – 2000 TAPPS 2A State Champions. From left, standing – Bartush, Sarah Hess, Jennifer Hess, Kayla Felderhoff, Andrea Bartush, Coach Jon LeBrass Gehrig, Audrey Barnhill, Andrea Bauer, Anne Flusche; front – Raney Bauer and Arruebeni see page 8 for more state tournament coverage.

With a minute and half to play, the Lady Warriors began touling, mostly Felderhoff, who went to the line eight times for 8 points. With 8 seconds on the clock, S. Hess hit the last point of the game. Coach Jon had his senior starters on the court for the final seconds of the 68-48 championship victory.

"I have never witnessed a performance like Kayla's in a championship game, 45 points, 9 rebounds, and 6 steals. Waco Christian cut the lead to 8 late in the third period, and Kayla steps up and knocks down two NBA range 3-pointers, bragged Coach Jon.

Andrea Bauer added 8 points and led the team with 10 rebounds, and Gehrig 4.

Joanna is the unsung hero as she had a great tournament, and great defensive play. Gehrig also pulled down 8 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals.

County finds growing population creates more pet problems by Janet Felderhoff Tommie Kirksmith of the Red River SPCA or Cooke County Humane Society appealed to Commissioners Court Monday for assistance with the ever increasing pet problems in Cooke County. She submitted a letter asking for County assistance with some expenses such as the \$997.92 paid last year to euthanise unadoptable pets. "Tve been here before," said Kirksmith who has unsuccessfully appealed for assistance in the past 10 years. "It is really time to together and face this responsibility." She said she was hearing about exciting things happening in Cooke County, but as the population increases so does the number of dogs and cats. People all over the county, especially those coming in from other areas who are accustomed to having the dog problems taken care of, contact

Newton to unveil gun ownership proposal ... Republican challenger, Newton, to advocate second amendment

Republican candidate for Congress, Jon Newton, during a press conference last Friday at City Hall in Muenster announces the Foreign Aid Accountability Act he plans to introduce once elected to Photo by Janet Felderhoff

During a press conference on Friday, Mar. 3, in Muenster, Republican candidate Jon Newton unveiled a measure to trarantee that all citizens have the legal right to own a trun.

Newton unveiled the "Gun Dwnership Resolution" at 12:30 p.m. at 5 me 12:30 p.m. at the Muenster Tity Hall.

"Liberals have been trying to abolish your right to own a run, however, I am going to that a stop to it by introducing a measure once I'm in office to trarantee gun ownership," aid Newton.

The last time the U.S.

Supreme Court heard a case on the Second Amendment to the Constitution was 1939 with United States v. Miller. The case established a precedent that a person has nothing more than a "right to keep and bear arms" within a government-regulated militia. The Supreme Court fuel of the Second Amendment to the Constitution was 1939 with United States v. Miller. The case established a precedent that a person has nothing more than a "right to keep and bear arms" within a government-regulated militia. The Supreme Court fuel of the Second Amendment to the Constitution was 1939 with United States v. Miller. The case established a preson has nothing more than a "right to keep and bear arms" within a government-regulated militia. The Supreme Court fuel of the Second Amendment to the

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is some way to contract with some one or some entity to do this, I think it would be of benefit. I don't know if that's possible. The animal problem is an increasing problem and it is not going to get any better. We handle bite cases on a regular basis." In some instances the City of Gainesville sends someone from the city to assist the See PET PROBLEMS, pg 3

HOSPITAL MERGER

emergency room, the OB unit and surgery and those three things would not be there. It would be a comprehensive clinic, not an inpatient hospital. He added that the asbestos is not a problem unless remodeling is done.

Dr. Currier then addressed the problem he's seen of patients without insurance who Gainesville would not treat. When they came to Muenster they were treated or sent to a larger hospital for needed care. The patients are afraid to go to Gainesville and so return to Muenster for care, he said.

"How about telling Gainesville to clean up their act? How about telling Gainesville to start taking care of some of these people? You know and I know that we get how many people from Gainesville that don't have any insurance." Endres responded that Gainesville was not sending them over to Muenster. "They're tired of waiting in their emergency room," remarked Endres.

Dr. Currier countered that one man he was referring to had a chest mass and the surgeon refused to see him because he had no money. Endres said that was the surgeon and that a hospital can't force an individual to do something.

MMH Board President Don Flusche said that was a good

surgeon an individual to do something.

MMH Board President Don Flusche said that was a good reason to have one real good hospital in the county. Currier responded that, "These people here ought to know that this is the kind of care you're going to get. You've got to improve the care before you build the hospital. You can build the hospital. You can build the biggest Taj Mahal and the problem with it is if you don't have compassionate care, you'll get the same thing all over again." Endres agreed that it is not the building that compromises care. He said they were trying to get more doctors in to provide better care.

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they were trying to get more doctors in to provide better care.

Flusche tried to assure Dr. Currier that the Muenster employees would have jobs at the County facility and so the same compassionate care would be offered. Also the Board membership would be split between the two current districts and that the members would work to assure good care. Someone from the audience stated that she would not, no matter what, use the Gainesville hospital.

David Hutcherson defended GMH saying that they do not turn away indigent and can't because it is against the law. He thought that Dr. Currier must be referring to a surgery case which is not an emergency and the doctor has the choice and the hospital can't control the doctor's money. "As far as compassionate care, we think we offer compassionate care

money. "As far as compassionate care, we think we offer compassionate care over there," said Hutcherson. "We've had our problems. I think all hospitals have their problems. It seems like in a small town bad news travels fast, but here's bad news everywhere and we just have

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to minimize that and that is our intent. Our emergency room is not very well organized. The organization of that precipitated the study to decide if wanted to spend a bunch of money on that facility or build a new one. We realize that we have not been real efficient there. We've had to contract that out to physicians that don't have your interest at heart like Dr. Currier does or other physicians at Gainesville do. They are there because they are getting paid to be there so many and they just don't do as good a job as the individual practitioners do."

One of the reasons stated

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One of the reasons stated that a single county hospital would be more profitable than having two separate districts was achieving sole provider status. That would mean that the government would temburse for Medicare and Medicaid on a greater percentage. Just under 60 percent of MMH's revenue is Medicare and Medicaid Endres was unsure of Gainesville's percent. Asked if Sole Provider status was assured if the hospitals merged, Endres said he couldn't guarantee anything. He couldn't even guarantee that the program would be next week, much less next year, he said. "Government is intent on cutting reimbursements right and left," Endres noted. He

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new hospital as a joint venture and keeping that status rather than merging the two districts. That would assure Muenster of one third of the representation on the board forever more, he said. Endres noted that the Board had kicked that idea around some and would probably consider it some more. There were some issues that needed to be considered. One issue is liability for indigent care.

Betty Kralicke wondered what would happen to the Muenster Hospital district in the next three to five if there was no merger and the hospital did have to close. That had been discussed with an attorney who said that you couldn't have a hospital district without a hospital, said Endres. "If you read our enabling legislation the purpose of the district is to run a hospital," he noted. "It's not to sit there and tax people for care they don't provide."

Rufus Henscheid contended that if we became a hospital district that provides an outpatient clinic we would be assured of having an outpatient clinic from now on. He said he'd called Austin himself and was informed that there were a good many hospital districts. Endres said you could ask 10 different people and get 10 different answers to that. It's a very

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John Aytes

explained that a program that provides additional reimbursements to hospitals with a larger than normal amount of Medicaid patients. That reimbursement was cut last year. Last year he said Gainesville lost about 50 percent of their funding which was about \$600,000. Muenster lost 30 percent or about \$80,000.

If there is no merger Steve Broyles asked what is the projected closure date of the hospital. There is about \$600,000 in the investment fund, Endres responded. He said that he didn't think that would last very long with the current expenditures. He recalled that when he first became administrator there was over a million dollars in CD. These were cashed in \$100,000 at a time to cover expenses.

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CD. These were cashed in \$100,000 at a time to cover expenses.

Pat Hennigan asked about reimbursements that were due from the government from the 1999 Balanced Budget Relief Act. Endres said that the hospital specific numbers hadn't been released yet. He did have a study which was by Congressional districts. In Ralph Hall's district for rural hospitals about \$219 million was designated. "When the Balanced Budget Relief Act came in '99 it provided us the relief that you're hearing about in the paper. That relief was \$9 million dollars. For a small hospital that equates to four and a half percent. We still got a 95 percent cut and they're getting big press with the fact that, 'We gave you four and a half percent back.' That's not real helpful."

In response to Ronnie Felderhoff's question on the division of districts in the county, Endres said that about 1/3 of the county was in the Muenster district and about 2/3 in Gainesville's. Everyone in the county is in one district or the other.

John Aytes inquired about the possibility of building the

gray area, he noted. Also by keeping the district you keep the indigent care liability.

Discussion returned to a joint venture rather than a merger "It gives us a voice in the operation of the governing board and that will satisfy a lot of people if Muenster input is necessary," remarked Aytes.

"We're not asking for a majority voice, we're asking for a guaranteed solid voice into the future because demographics are going to change and our 5,000 votes in this district are not going to go very far when there's a lready 35,000 people in the district to take that vote essentially away from us."

Angelo Nasche commented, "I think that there's something that we're not remembering today and that's the Muenster Hospital is Muenster, It's always been our pride." He recalled the community's pride in good doctors and the excitement when the Dallas Cowboys were patients. "We all felt that the hospital was our hospital. It's Muenster's way of taking care of Muenster. So if it isn't broke, don't fix it.

Nasche wondered if any study had been done to see if it would really be so much less expensive to merge with Gainesville. He said that most entities are based upon tax dollars and that the properties being built in and around Muenster would bring more tax base. "I'm for keeping the hospital because it's Muenster and I wish you all would consider that," concluded Nasche. Many in the crowd voiced their agreement by applause at that point.

Endres asked the board to indicate if any of them wanted to close the hospital. He said the didn't want to close the hospital, but it's his job to take a look at the situation. "Pride won't pay the payroll," he noted. "He said it's not broke so don't fix it. I agree the see HOSPITAL, pg 4



Election ordered for three MMH board seats

three MMH

by Janet Felderhoff
Three positions on the Muenster Memorial Hospital board of directors are up for election this May. Board members whose terms expire are Werner Becker Jr., Jerry Hess, and Margie Starke. An election for May 6 was ordered unanimously by the board. Jack Endres will serve as the election judge and the early voting judge.

Those interested in seeking election to the board should contact Endres at the hospital. They may file from now until March 22. Early voting begins April 19 and ends on May 2.

Endres announced that the cardiac telemetry monitors are up and running. The staff has been trained to use them and really like them as they are a huge improvement, he said. The ultrasound contract was renewed by Endres. It is the same contract as last year except that it is \$400 less than last year. The board formally approved the contract. Discussion was held on the merits of placing an awning from the hospital's back door to the CT truck to help keep patients out of the weather.

A special meeting was called for the board for Feb. 28 to coincide with the Muenster Townhall meeting which is at 7:00 p.m. in the Muenster ISD Auditorium. MMH board members and administration

Cooke County Democratic Club schedules

two events

two events
The Cooke County
Democratic Club is sponsoring
a "Meet the Democratic
Candidates" function from
11:30 am. until 1:00 p.m. on
Monday, Mar. 6 at the
Gainesville Chamber of
Commerce. There will be
refreshments but no lunch.
We're inviting the public to
come by and meet our local
Democratic candidates.
The Cooke County
Democratic Club is also
sponsoring its 3rd annual Rib
Cook Spectacular on Sunday,
Mar. 19 at the Gainesville
VFW, from 11:30 a.m. until
2:00 p.m. Donations are
requested for the adults of
\$7.50 each and donations for
the children of \$3.50 each, for
all-you-can-eat Bar-B-Q Ribs
and all the trimmings.

will be on hand to answer questions and listen to any ideas. The board is anxious that anyone with questions or concerns attend and express them.

them. Dr. William Kernick, the radiologist who has served the Muenster Hospital for decades is retiring. Endres announced that Dr. Lee "Andy" Beeville will be taking over after Kernick's retirement. He is moving to this area from Elk City, Oklahoma.

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City Council Agenda

Consider and act upon approving the FY 1999 audit prepared and briefed by Stephen α . Gilland, P.C.

Consider and act upon approving the Boy Scouts of America's request temporarily use the old museum at 201 East Third Street as a meeting

March 27, 2000 - Visit by Insurance Services Office (ISO review city's fire insurance rating.

Status of on-going projects (lake, fluoridation, etc.

Open sealed bids on the FY 2000 Curbing Project. Consider a awarding the lowest bid of a qualified bidder.

Consider and act upon ratifying the Cooke County Electric easement in the new City Park on North Mesquite Street.

Green Tips

Fact: Every ton of paper that is recycled will save 17 trees and divert 3.3 cubic yards of garbage out of the landfills. Tip: Contribute your wastepaper to recycling projects and, just as importantly, use recycled products.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Relay For Life Benefit Trail

Monday, March 6., 2000 Meeting on proposed loop highway around east & south Gainesville, 3 PM, GNB-Gainesville City Council meeting, 7:30 PM City Hall

Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Open House, 6-8 PM Arts & Crafts Show in Old Gym

Exercise Class, 10,30-11;30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Education Program, 8-9 pm, SHHS. Library/Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7p, Old Muenster Gym/C of C Breakfast 7:30 am, The Center/Rel Ed. Mass, 6:30 pm, Class following

Thursday, March 9, 2000
Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30,
S.N.A.P. Center
Muenster Museum Open, noon
to 4 PM/MISD Board meeting,
7:30 PM/IALOGUE support
group meeting, 7 PM, Lindsay
Health Clinic/Cooke County
Youth Fair/NO SCHOOL MISD

Friday, March 10, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 PM Cooke County Youth Fair NO SCHOOL MISD

Saturday, March 11, 2000 Cooke County Livestock Sale

Tuesday, March 14, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Primary Election Wheat Tour, 8:30 AM, Selby Farm

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Wednesday, March 15, 2000
Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30,
S.N.A.P. Center
Adult Education Program, 8-9 PM,
SHHS Library/Adult Co-ed
Volleyball, 7-PM, Old Muenster Gyr
NO Religious Ed. Class

Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pw/League of Women Voters Forum on hospital merger, 7 pw, 1st Christian

Friday, March 17, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, noon to 4 pm

Saturday, March 18, 2000

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OBITUARIES

Jeanette Meurer Wiesman 1932 - 2000

by Elfreda Fette
Jeanette Frances (Meurer)
iesman died on Feb. 23, 2000
12:04 a.m. at her residence
Muenster at age 67.
Mass of Christian Burial was
ald on Saturday, Feb. 26 in
acred Heart Church at 10:00
m. officiated by Msgr.
homas Weinzapfel, her
iusin, and by Father Tom
raig, pastor, and Father
arry Fisher of Valley View.
Survivors are one daughter,
lair Cawthon of Gainesville;
the son Kurt Wiesman of Lago
ista, Texas; and two
andchildren and one greatrandchild. Also one sister,
lartha Sue Meurer of San
iego, California, and two
rothers John Dave Meurer of
rum and Robert Meurer of
rum and Friday at 4:00 p.m.,
d by a cousin, Sister Mary
by Seyler OSB and a close
itend limelda Rohmer. Vigil at
100 p.m. was led by Father
om Craig, pastor.
Participating in the special
turgy for the funeral Mass in
ddition to the officiating
linisters were altar servers
lyin Hartman and Butch
isher; and Christine
leinzapfel and Nancy Walter
ho gave Readings from the
ld Testament and New
estament, respectively.
Music Ministers were Ruth
elderhoff, organist, Christy
esse, Emily Klement, Pam
ette, Phillip Flusche, and
teven Bonin. Sacred music
cluded "On Eagles Wings" for
eentrance, Psalm "Shepherd
Ie O God," "Softly And
enderly Jesus Is Calling" at
ffertory, "Precious Lord" at
remunion, "May The Angels
'elcome You Into Paradise," at
the blessing, and "How Great
hou Art" for the recessional.
The gospel and homily were
ad by Father Tom Craig.



Remarks of Remembrance were given by Msgr Thomas Weinzapfel. He emphasized that 'In this moment of sorrow for us, there is at the same time the moment of joy for Jeanette, who has begun her journey to the life of eternity and to the Beatific Vision.... she was so dear and so kind.... enduring her illness without complaint.... and never a moment of self-pity.... she was a lady of grace and dignity.'

A summary of Jeanette's life was compiled by John Dave Meurer and Kurt Wiesman, intended for presentation at this time by her grandson, kenneth Michael Wiesman, as follows:

Jeanette was born on March 23, 1932 to Herbert and Evelyn Meurer. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Muenster in 1950 and then attended Loretta Heights in Denver, Colorado, East Texas State Teachers College, Texas Tech University, and the University of Houston. In 1953 she married Kenneth Wiesman, and graduated from the University of Houston. In 1953 she married Kenneth Wiesman, and graduated from the University of Houston. She taught in the Houston ISD until 1959 and

then moved to Washington, D.C. until 1963. Returning to Austin, she continued teaching. She was divorced in 1971 and began teaching again. After retiring in 1993, she moved back to her hometown and almost immediately became involved in the Muenster Public Library and the Muenster Museum. She was a member of the Muenster Library Board.

In her many activities, she was upbeat, enduring her illness of cancer with grace and dignity, without complaint.

Eucharistic Ministers for the funeral Mass were Janie Taylor, Viola Rohmer, Antonin Hess, and Imelda Rohmer.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McGoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Frank Fangman, Steve Fette, Dick Pagel, John Pagel, Robert Weinzapfel, and Larry Wimmer. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Monte Hellman and Henry Weinzapfel.

As the years go on, friends will reminisce and treasure their own memories of Jeanette. Other thoughts from a Fette cousin, John Ann Bezner have recalled "Jeanette's love for her grandchildren.... her upbeat, whimsical attitude, always light-hearted, always unselfish.... how she loved to decorate her home for all holidays." Mary Adams, another Fette cousin, and "Something Irish"... One of Jeanette's favorite stories (on herself), asked listeners "Have you ever traveled with two kids anywhere on an airplane?"....

Jeanette leaves a legacy to hundreds of her friends, of great memories that glow brighter with passage of time.

North Central Texas Dialysis Center to open soon at GMH

The North Central Texas Dialysis Center at Gainesville Memorial Hospital will open soon, housing new, technologically advanced equipment, and offering quality patient care by an experienced, knowledgeable staff.

Located at the northeast corner of the GMH campus, the North Central Texas Dialysis Center has the very latest in dialysis technology, according to Cindy DeLavern, director of the center.

The dialysis center machines are volumetric controlled. This type of equipment is optimal for the comfort of the patient, while providing proper filtration and cleansing. Volumetric machines allow the intracellular fluid to move outside the cell wall where it is readily available for removal. This fluid shift takes place over the entire time the patient is at the station.

This natural shift of fluid eases the process for the patient, reducing the cramping common to users of negative pressure machines. Negative pressure machines pull the fluid before allowing the body to perform the fluid shift needed.

The dialysis center's machines are also capable of being profiled for individuall use, meaning the patient, will have the machine individually set for his or her specific needs.

An added plus for GMH is the addition of the same type of equipment inside the hospital for acute care (in-hospital) patients. DeLavern and her staff will provide service for these patients as well, maintaining a continuum of care.

The center is an open physician facility, allowing any nephrologist to have patients served, if the physician has hospital privileges.

The leading cause of chronic renal failure is diabetes, according to DeLavern. The second leading cause is high blood pressure or hypertension.

These types of patients need education and help in their everyday lives, and the North Central Texas Dialysis Center will have such resources available.

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will have such resources available.

Providing assistance with dietary needs will be registered dietitian Lucy Krahl. Social services will be provided by Jane McLeroy. Both have master's degrees in their respective fields.

Education is a reoccurring theme for the center, as plans are being made to educate not only the patients already in dialysis, but patients who might be future candidates for the service.

"We want to do pre-dialysis

teaching," DeLavern said. "If we educate patients before they are on dialysis, get all of the facets in place before they become a patient, then they are not so frightened when they come in."

This commitment to education is just another example of Gainesville Memorial Hospitals' edication to providing a quality service.

"Once again, Gainesville Memorial Hospital has come to the forefront to offer a new healthcare service to the area,"

received an Applied Science Degree from Control Data Institute of Dallas.

"I've got the kind of staff that is very patient oriented," DeLavern said. "We want to be here for the patient."

Hospital administrator Andrew Anderson summed up the hospital's decision to offer dialysis services by saying, "We want to be able to provide for the health care needs of our community. Professional dialysis services, close to home for those who need it - that's



DIALYSIS CENTER TO OPEN SOON — The North Central Texas Dialysis Center at Gainesville Memorial Hospital is slated to open soon. As the grand opening nears, the center's staff is ready for patients. The staff includes, from left, Cindy DeLavern, Trish White, and Don Sheffield.

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GMH Administrator Andrew E. Anderson, Jr. said. "The dialysis center is just another way we are responding to a need of the region. We will offer a quality service for the residents of North Texas and Southern Oklahoma who require dialysis treatment."

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Currently, a number of Cooke, Montague and western Grayson county patients drive times a week for to dialysis treatments. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also, patients in Love County patients in Love County patients drive times a week for to dialysis treatments. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also, patients in Love County patients who require dialysis reatments. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also, patients in Love County patients in Love County patients who require dialysis reatments. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also, patients in Love County patients in Love County patients and to the converted time to five times a week for to dialysis treatments. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also, patients in Love County patients in Love County patients. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also, patients in Love County patients who require dialysis patients in Love County three to five times a week for to dialysis treatments. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also, patients in Love County patients. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also, patients in Love County three to five times a week for to dialysis treatments. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also to folialysis treatments. Most make a 65 to 75 mile round trip. Also to folialysis patients in Love Co

Jimmie C. Steadham of orestburg died at age 69 on eb. 23, 2000, at Denton community Hospital. He was orn on Jan. 14, 1931; was a armer and rancher, and a ifetime resident of Forestburg.

In his earlier life, Mr. teadham attended Prairie 'oint Church of the Nazarene, nd in later life faithfully ttended the Forestburg Jnited Methodist Church. For 0 years he was employed by Jeneral Motors of Arlington, 'exas until his retirement in 984. On Aug. 19, 1955 he narried Helen Orvell in Jainesville.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Helen Steadham of Forestburg; three daughters, Mrs. Debora Dill and Mrs. Doniece Lanier of Decatur; one son David Steadham of Forestburg. There are seven grandchildren McKenzie Lanier of Decatur, Brandy Dill, Zachary Scott, Meagan Scott, Ridge Steadham, Chase Steadham and Madison Scott all of Forestburg; also several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents Eulen Steadham in 1956 and Emma Steadham in 1958; one sister Ila Dean Cunningham in 1975; one

Jimmie C. Steadham 1931 - 2000

brother Donal Steadham in 1996, and one granddaughter Britany Dill in 1985.

Funeral service was held Friday, Feb. 25, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in Forestburg United Methodist Church, officiated by Rev. Me. Caraway, pastor of Forestburg United Methodist; and Rev. Marshall Stewart, pastor of Prairie Point Church, of the Nazarene. Interment in Perryman Cemetery of Forestburg was directed by Burgess-Fry-Owens- Brumley Funeral Home of Bowie.

Memorials may be sent to the Britany Playground, Rt. 1 Box 63, Forestburg, TX 76239.

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grants. He said that in the first round eight courthouses will share the \$30 million. If the county doesn't receive the grant in the first round, applications will be submitted for the second round which is for \$20 million.

Another item of information that Hess shared was that he and Carl Walterscheid, Cooke County Environmental Health officer, met with CSI that now owns Turtle Hill Golf Course. The group plans to build about a 50 bed condo on land across from Turtle Hill and hope to have it completed by September. There are also plans to build another condo, a chapel, and another 25 to 30 individual family cabins.

Hess said that he had plans to meet Monday afternoon with CSI and TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) because they want to change the highway right of way at the location. Plans include an additional turn lane so there aren't problems getting in and out and a "tunnel" under the highway for golf cart traffic.

Commissioner Cox again submitted a plea for speedy work on developing new subdivision regulations. There are currently about 300 proposed new homes for his precinct.

In other business conducted at the Feb. 28 meeting of Commissioners Court:

• Approval was granted to Sprint/United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. to install a buried communication cable along CR 435 in northwestern Cooke County.

• Considered and approved some project agreements from September 2000 to August 2001 with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Meeting Notice

DIALOGUE, an ongoing Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Lindsay support group for cancer Health Clinic. For more patients and their families and friends will meet Thursday, L.S.W. at 665-9891.



PET PROBLEMS

Sheriff's department with collecting and transporting a log that has bitten a person to he vet clinic where it is kept or observation.

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Commissioner Bill Cox reported that anyone can pay he Gainesville pound \$7 to ake a dog off their hands. Sarlos Vigil, Gainesville community Development Director, agreed that animal control in the county was becoming an increasing problem. Gainesville is working on a public awareness rogram, Vigil said. Already his year there have been five reported cases of rabies in Jooke County. That is only wo less than the seven reported for all of 1999.

Vigil suggested that he and Sheriff Compton work together o come up with a plan to ddress the problem of animal control. Commissioner Phil Young volunteered to work with them. The Court was manimous in their vote to orm a committee for the ourneys enfinding a solution to he county's animal control roblems.

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he county's animal control problems.

On behalf of the City of Sainesville, Vigil requested hat the Court considered tax ibatements for Alan Ritchey, nc. and IFS Coatings, Inc. The companies plan to open new plants in the county opening more jobs.

According to Vigil, Alan Ritchey, Inc. of Valley View equested the tax abatement or construction and operation of a facility as a business enture with another company ore-furbish, re-manufacture, repaint truck tractors to be ocated at 2300 N. I-35 in Sainesville.

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Gainesville.

"From what I understand of the semi trucktrailer, the engines are designed to go

much more than the cab or the interior of the units hold out. What they'll be doing is cleaning used semis and refurbishing the interior cab part, repainting and making them like new. This facility will the first of its kind," he remarked.

Ritchey will invest an estimated \$4 million in the operation. It should create between 120 and 150 new jobs. The abatement approved by Gainesville and now Cooke County is for 90 percent for 10 years.

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IFS Coating, Inc. will be located at 1501 Sivells Bend Road. Glen Mason, president of IFS, will be leasing the building. The lease is for three years so the abatement approved by Gainesville and the County was for 90 percent the first year and year two and three at 75 percent. It involves an investment of about \$1 million and will create 10 new jobs.

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The five year old software used by Cooke County's 911 Rural Addressing is good only for addressing is most and printing county maps. "We can't transfer this data into any other formats for either federal, state or local government agencies to utilize," reported Bob Harbin, Cooke County EMS director. It has to go back to SDR to have the data transferred. It will be a one time cost after which the county will be able to transfer data into any longitude and latitude format needed. When SDR makes the transfer the company charges for the service.

Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the prescript of the prescript of the company that prescript of the service.

Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the purchase and to amend the budget from the Fund Balance to cover the purchase

Rev. Brent Gentzel accepted on behalf of the Youth Missions Group of the First Baptist Church in Gainesville, a county flag and a state flag that had flown over the Cooke County Courthouse. The flags will be presented to officials in Jever, Germany as tokens of good will from our city, county, state, and nation. While in Germany the youths will represent the City of Gainesville, Cooke county, and the United States as good will ambassadors. A resolution was passed by Commissioners Court to that effect.

Commissioners Court proclaimed the week of March 19–25 as Poison Prevention Week in Cooke County. It is the purpose of the week to call attention to the hazards of certain household chemicals and medicines and how proper handling and disposal of these substances and proper use of safety packaging can help eliminate them.

Another proclamation adopted by Commissioners was for the American Red Cross. It requested help and assistance in both man power and financial assistance for the American Red Cross in its time of need.

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Hess reported that there has been a change in the time-line set up by the Texas Historical Commission to file for Historic Courthouse grants. There were 78 Masterplans submitted, he said. Of that number four were refused. They now have until March 15 to correct all deficiencies and resubmit. Hess said he and the appointed committee are working on that now. On March 25 they will learn if the Masterplan was accepted.

May 4 is when it will be learned who was awarded the

nake three choices:

1. Do we need a single teek hospital to serve this ounty? Those of us divided ver the issue of how to fund is construction do agree that a tew facility may be the best ong-term possibility of keeping ealthcare in this county.

If you disagree, then vote no or any changes in the present rrangement. If you agree, then to the second question.

2. Should the MMH and GMH Districts merge? Given the present scenario, there is little reason I can see why residents of the western part of the county would want to. It is a question of taxes. Under the present plan, the GMH district has bought land, intends to float the bonds and build the hospital. If MMH closes or reduces its services, the present tax load would almost disappear, and there would be a brand new hospital west of I-35 you could use but not have to pay for.

Again, if you think there should be no merger, then voten no for any change. If you think yes, however, then recognize you may still have a tax burded depending upon your answer to the third question.

3. Should the facility be built through a 30 year bond issue or as a private free enterprise by a hospital company? If you think it needs to be built with tax support, you support the present plans to fund

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If, on the other hand, you feel that hospitals such as Denton Regional, Denton Community, Bonham's Hospital and literally hundreds of other hospitals in this state are run well and provide quality services, then you should turn down this proposal.

Each choice has its positives and its negatives. Every hospital in this country,

HOSPITAL MERGER

nospital s not broke. State and federal reimbursements are what's broke. They're not paying what it would cost to maintain a small hospital at a low volume. Regardless of what you want to say about your hospital, at the end of the day you have to have enough money to pay payroll."

Imelda Rohmer questioned the logic of gettling more doctors at the hospital after the two merged because there would still be the same number of people in the county as before with the same amount of demand. Endres reasoned that now the hospitals are duplicating services such as two urologists. It there were only one that was used by all he would have a higher patient volume and be more likely to stay.

Dr. Currier disagreed on the ability of the county to support more physicians in some areas. There is a lack of use of the hospital by local residents, he noted. In his seven years of practice here, he's delivered only 43 Muenster babies. He said, "This town does not have the insurance. Their insurance is the cheapest insurance and that means they have to go to Gainesville, to Denton or Dallas.

"You guys are losing your heritage. You're losing your hospital. What else are you going to lose? I'm half German and my Mom taught me to fight. I'm stubborn as hell. My Mom told me to fight for what's right. Why won't you use this hospital? You bring your grandmother in, your bring your grandmother in, but I don't see any of you coming in. You're going out of town. Let's face it folks, you're losing your hospital. You're losing your hospital. You're losing your hospital. You're losing your forman heritage. I'm only half German and I'm hot as hell. Think about it." He received a show of support through applause.

Dennis Hess said that he spent four years serving on the Muenster Hospital Board and he cringed every time they had to purchase expensive new

equipment. "The truth of the matter is we could not afford to buy new equipment, but in some cases we bought it," he revealed. "But there's no way in the world that our usage was going to pay for that equipment. We have an opportunity here to finally have a facility that can afford good equipment and I think that there will be sufficient usage if we merge." He also received applause.

Endres told the concerned crowd, "This is coming together, combining all of our resources so that we can try to provide the best health care we can. We can come up with a lot of pride, a lot of reasons why you want to keep the hospital. There's just a few facts that

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up to Washington and screamed at them. We got four and a half percent relief They're not going to pay attention. They didn't pay attention to us last year and ir an election year they're not going to pay attention to us.

The fact is that you've got Baby Boomers moving up towards Medicare age and that's not going to change either. That's going to but this government in crisis and they're going to be looking for every way to save a nickel That's going to be at the expense of the rural hospitals.

That's just it in a nutshell. I agree with Mr. Nasche, it's not broken. I think we have a damn good hospital. I'm very proud of the work we do here. I world world we would will be a supported to the support of the work we do here. I would world we would will be a supported to the support of the work we do here. I would world we would will be a supported to the support of the work we do here. I would world we would we would will be a supported to the support of the work we do here. I would world we would we would would work we would we would would work we would would

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Betty Kralicke commended. Endres for the diplomatic manner in which he conducted the meeting.

As the evening ended some went away with a new perspective, some were happy that there would be a large hospital nearby, others were still woried about giving up the local hospital or the local district. Everyone went home

"I think we have a damn good hospital. I'm very proud of the work we do here. I think we give excellent care ... But it doesn't matter if we can't do payroll." Jack Endres

The second fact, the government is our major payer. Most of our money comes from either the state or federal government intent on paying us less each year to perform the same services. That is not going to change. You say we might have another Relief Act. ... Everybody you can image went

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There will be anothe opportunity for furthe inquiries at the League o Women Voters' Forum dealing with the proposed merger. It is scheduled for Thursday, Marcl 16 at 7 p.m. in the Firs Christian Church o Gainesville.

"You're going out of town. Let's face it folks, Dr. Tom Currier

are just facts. One, health care is getting more expensive. That's not going to change. It gets more complex, more reliant on technology. We're doing more and more outpatient, more outpatient, more outpatient laprascopic surgeries is an example. That equipment costs a fortune. You get out of the hospital the same day, but the equipment that let you do that cost a \$100,000 and it goes in every area like that. So you've got mounting costs that are not going to stop.

A Proclamation



Whereas, all children deserve a free public education with unities for learning; and

system of education and for almost 50 years has placed an emphasis on education with the observance of Texas Public Schools Week; and

Whereas, a joint effort must be made by parents, schools and the community working together toward a common commitment for preparing our children for the future; and

Whereas, Muenster ISD is preparing these students to become

March 6 through 10 March as Texas Public Schools Week and urge all citizens to make a commitment to public education and the future of Muenster by visiting their local public schools and by contributing their time and talents for the enhancement of our local Signed: Henry Weinzapfel



Mutual Success

by Raymond J. Wimmer

Need Workers

Dear Editors,
I'm sorry that I missed the town hall meeting on Feb. 28, 2000. I understand that Dr. Currier made several comments; I'd like to ask him a question about one. He states that he is completely against merging the two hospitals, so why is it that approximately 2 years ago he voted for sending a letter from the Cooke County Medical Society to the governing boards of both hospitals to encourage a merger to benefit the citizens of Cooke County? I think that since he made his statements in a public forum he needs to be questioned in a public forum and be responsible enough to answer in a public forum.

Sincerely,
Douglas Lewis, MD
PO Box 1239
Gainesville, TX 76241

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

The big question now-a-days is, are you for, or against merging Muenster Memorial Hospital District with Gainesville's district?

There are a number of considerations that come to mind as one ponders this question.

There are those that feel that the solution should not be left up to the Board of Trustees alone, that the taxpayers should have an opportunity to express their opinions by voting their convictions.

There again, are more considerations. Will the tax, which is the only way the costs can be met, go up or down? Twenty millions are a lot of dollars. What will become of our facilities? I understand our hospital could be used as a satellite facility to the main new hospital could be used as a satellite facility to the main new hospital for Gainesville, but here Muenster had better tread very carefully as Gainesville trustees have been running their hospital for many years, and they will be sure to try to continue that way. Their prime consideration will still be Gainesville, and if Muenster goes for the merger, our trustees must be certain to be in a position to have a genuine input into any and all decisions.

I, for one would hate to lose our local hospital. It has

The Cooke County Democratic Party is currently seeking people to act as Election Judges for the March 14th Primary. Due to unavoidable circumstances we are in need of 4 or 5 persons to act as Judges, Alternate Judges and Clerks. There will be an election school for the Democrats on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 P.M. at the Cooke County Courthouse, 2nd floor, Old County Courthouse, 2nd floor, Old County Courtroom.

For anyone interested, the work will require your being present from about 6:30a.m. until around 7:30 p.m. on election day. Workers will be paid for their time. Anyone interested in working in the Democratic Party Primary should call Larry Claxton at 665-8252 or 665-5947.

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Lifestyle

Prophecy seminar will eature Mark Finley

Baptisms

Soller. Alexander Michael Koller, John Roller, and Aaryn Rortson wore his mother's partismal gown which was ewn by his grandmother, leanette Reiter. He was also eccived in the chenille throwiven to him at birth by his grandparents, Tony and Karyn Smith. In keeping with radition Garrison wore the ame booties and bonnet his lider brother, Alex, wore four nid a half years ago.

Garrison's godparents are an incle John Roller and Garrison's home.

Person directed planning

offered as new service

Garrison Howard Roller, son f Greg and Cindy Roller, was aptized by Rev. Tom Craig, DSB, on Saturday, Feb. 19, 3000, in Sacred Heart Church, Jarrison was born Saturday, October 23, 1999 at 5:15 a.m. n Denton Community Hospital and was welcomed by his older rother, Alexander Michael toller.

During his 1

March is recognized nationwide as Mental Retardation Month Over the last decade, Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (MHMRST) has worked to update and improve the delivery of services to people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. Person-directed planning is one of the new services being implemented for persons with mental retardation.

What on earth will happen ext? Revelation of Hope eries, beginning Friday, Mar, 7:15 p.m. at the Seventh Day dventist Church, 2400 N. Weaver in Gainesville will be ining people across the nation o address this question, hrough a satellite downlink rom Greater Los Angeles equoia Conference Center. Revelation of Hope is a roduction of It is Written aternational Television Mark inley, the speaker-director as inspired crowds around the world with the message of hope ound in the powerful evelations of Bible prophecy. Its dynamic message has ouched huge audiences in lussia, Hungary, Poland, 'ugoslavia, Ghana, Brazil, and he Philippines. Mark Finley

grandmother Karyn Smith.
Others present were;
Garrison's parents, Greg and
Cindy Roller; his brother, Alex
Roller; grandparents Grady
and Linda Roller, Johnny and
Jeanette Reiter, and Tony and
Karyn Smith; greatgrandmothers Marie Reiter,
Augusta Walterscheid, and
Sally Hoedl; uncles Chad
Roller, John Roller, and Aaryn
Smith; aunt Leigh Ann Reiter;
great-aunt Cindy Rankin;
great-uncle and aunt Ken and
Pam Gowens: and friends Matt
Artho and Anne Flusche.



NCTC planning exciting youth summer program

The signs of spring are just arriving, yet the Continuing Education Division at North Central Texas College is already in high gear regarding their slate of summer courses for youth.

"College for Kids," scheduled for 12:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. on June 12-16, is a comprehensive, educational enrichment session for young people in grades three through six.

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During "College for Kids," participants can elect to attend three classes from a slate of nine topics: "Multimedia Presentations;" "Computer Image Editing;" "Information Exploration;" "Drawing or Pottery;" "Sign Language;" "High-Tech Cooking;" "Rainforests: Why Does It Rain or Snow; "Physical Science Potpourn;" or "Cartooning."

As always, sports camps for baseball and horseback riding will be offered by the NCTC Continuing Education Division. Dates for these sessions will be disclosed at a later time.

In the more specialized area, five workshops related to Advancing Careers in

(Just A Thought)

If you stop being better, you stop being good.

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Technology and Science will be featured for the first time.
These courses, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, are age appropriate for students aged 12 to 17. Classes are scheduled to be conducted at both the NCTC Gainesville and the Corinth Campuses.
Topics planned include an expanded version of NCTC's previous "Lego Dacta Intelligent House;" "Control Lab," Robolab;" "Innovative Web Site Creation;" and "Amateur Radio."
For information on these upcoming programs, call the NCTC continuing education division at 940-668-4272.

NCTC inducts 39 into Psi Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

Thirty-nine North Central Texas students were inducted Sunday into the Psi Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Membership in PTK, the international scholastic honor society for community college students, is reserved for those who exemplify scholarship by maintaining a grade paintaverage of 3.5 or higher.

According to the international Phi Theta Kappa by-laws, members promise to uphold four hallmarks. Scholarship urges the pursuit of academic excellence; Leadership as part of their educational experience; Fellowship reminds members to not only learn, but practice leadership as part of their educational experience; Fellowship reminds members that friendship starts at the chapter level and extends beyond the campus; and Service states that a scholar should be responsive to the needs of the local and global communities.

Newly inducted members of Phi Theta Kappa included Cristy Drachenberg of August 10 parts 10 p

Farm Bureau to award scholarship

In May 2000, the Cooke County Farm Bureau will award one (1) scholarship to a student graduating from high school in Spring 2000 and entering college in Fall 2000 whose parent(s) have been members of the Texas Farm Bureau since at least Apr. 15, 1998. This scholarship will be

awarded on the basis of the information requested on this application, including but not limited to high school grades/gpa, standardized test

activities, family financial need, and potential to succeed in post-secondary educational goals.

Applications have been sent to all Cooke County high schools. You may also pick up an application at the Gainesville and Muenster Farm Bureau offices.

Applications and necessary paperwork must be received in the Gainesville office no later than Apr. 15, 2000 to be eligible.



Friends made by correspondence during Centennial preparations are about to become friends in person. The FolkDance group from Muenster, Westfalia are planning a trip to see Texas and the little city of Muenster named after their famed and historic city in Germany. Plans are underway to greet this group on Oct. 1 with an abundance of warm and sincere hospitality. Anyone wishing to help organize and execute an interesting and enjoyable visit for our German friends is encouraged to call Juanita Bright at 759-4482.

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Mental retardation professionals now serve as supports as compared to their previously exclusive role as decision-makers. The person with mental retardation is the expert on his/her goals and preferences with the support of the family, whereas, professionals are the experts on tools and techniques of support. For more information regarding person-directed support. For more information regarding person-directed planning, contact MR Services at 903-465-2353.

planning with mental retardation.

Person-directed planning empowers the individual with mental retardation and, when appropriate, his/her legally authorized representative to direct the development of a plan of supports and services that meet the individual's person outcomes. Person-directed planning recognizes that individuals have the right to make choices and define what is meaningful in their lives. Using this process, they can set personal outcomes to achieve what they want. BE INSURANCE

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Golden Wedding Celebrated by Bengforts in Lindsay

by Elfreda Fette
The golden anniversary celebrated in Lindsay on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2000 observed the double wedding held in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Feb. 20, 1950 when two daughters of John and Ursula Herr became brides.

The goldenweds are Leonard and Ann (Herr) Bengfort. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bengfort.

Ann's sister, Eugenia Her and Earl Sheppard (now deceased) were married that same day.

Attendants for Ann and Leonard were Betty (Bengfort) Stoffels, Joyce Sims, Melvin Herr, and Ed Bengfort.

Recalled frequently during the anniversary Open House in Conrad Hall in Lindsay on Sunday, by many guests, friends, relatives and classmates who had attended the original day, memories of Ann and Eugenia's lovely white satin bridal gowns, made by their mother, designed in princess line, with fitted bodice, high round neckline, slim petal-point sleeves, and full, floor-length skirts.

The finger-tip veils of illusion fell from satin calots. The bridal bouquets of white

Lunch in Conrad Hall followed. Joe Bengfort, son of the couple, offered a toast to his parents, and asked his brother and sisters to add sentiments of their own.

Special keepsake treasures given to "our grandma and grandpa" were notes, crayon drawings and letters from the grandchildren.

At the Open House from 2:00 to 4:00 guests visited, reminisced, and were shown a video compiled by Julia Whitcraft of incidents in the lives of the family.

Joining many friends and relatives from Lindsay, Muenster, and the area were Sister Elise Bengfort of San Antonio, Ed and Ruth Bengfort of Farmington, New Mexico, Richard and Anna Herr of Muenster, and their daughter and son-in-law, Rose and

Denise Hacker and Chris Jones of Myra are parents of a daughter, Bailey Marie Hacker, born in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Feb. 9, 2000 at 5:49 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 10.5 oz. and measuring 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hacker of Myra, Barbara Jones of Gainesville and Evert Jones of Missouri. Great-

Hacker Hacker

and Jacob; Julia and James Whiteraft and son Travis; and Joe and Gisela Bengfort and children Lindsey and Joseph Bengfort; and Patrick and Selina Straub. All were in attendance.

The day started with the family attending Mass in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay at 10:00 a.m. and renewal of marriage vows during Mass.

Lunch in Conrad Hall followed. Joe Bengfort, son of the couple, offered a toast to his parents, and asked his brother and sisters to add sentiments of their own.

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Ann Herr Bengfort, daughter of the late John and Ursula (Koelzer) Herr graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1949. She was employed at Gainesville Memorial Hospital for eight years and at Joe Walter Lumber Co. for 18 years. She is now retired. Leonard Bengfort, son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Hermes) Bengfort graduated from Lindsay High School in 1944. He is still active in his construction company along

Roger and Vicki (Truebenbach) Polson of Mansfield, Texas announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter on Jan. 10, 2000 at 1:08 p.m. They have named her Hope Abigail Polson. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches in length.

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Ann and Leonard Bengfort ... on their wedding day, Feb. 20, 1950

Equine breeding management course offered by NCTC

A seminar pertaining to "E quine Breeding Management" will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mar. 4-5 at the NCTC Equine Center on the Gainesville Campus.

Dr. Anita L. Lang, coordinator of the NCTC Equine Program, said this comprehensive breeding management workshop encompasses two mornings of lecture; two afternoons of demonstration and a variety of hands-on activities.

Topics include: anatomy and Technology 1 and 1 a

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Auditions scheduled

Butterfield Stage will hold auditions for the comedy, Moon Over Buffalo, on Mar. 5 at 3 p.m. and Mar. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the theatre, 201 S. Denton. The backstage farce by the author of Lend Me a Tenor, Ken Ludwig, exacts comedy from a series of riotous misunderstandings and hilarious misadventures. Needed for the production refour men and four women of various ages. The production will be directed by BSP guest directors Bill and Vicki Kirkley.

Mue

Kimber is two

Kimber Louise Walterscheid elebrated her second birthday in Saturday, Feb. 19, her ctual birthday. The theme for er party was dollies', teddy ears, and hearts. Guests njoyed a sub sandwich, dips, nips, a dolly cake, and ice ream.

enjoyed a sub sandwich, dips, chips, a dolly cake, and ice cream.

Those helping Kimber celebrate included her parents Darren and Jennifer Walterscheid, grandparents Jim and Judy Vernor of Arlington and Boobie and Pat Walterscheid of Muenster. Also aunts, uncles, and cousins; Jimmy, Jill, Jamie, and Jacqueline Vernor of Arlington, Jeffrey, Christy, and Lilly Vernor of San Antonio; Tim and Staci Bartel, and Stevie, Jackie, and Hunter Klement all of Muenster.

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gdon, Floyd, Tammy,
rett, and Avery
ebenbach, and Kristi,



Thank You

New Arrivals

I want to thank Earl and Gary for the retirement party at FMW Insurance.

Also, thanks to everyone who dropped by to wish me well and for the cards, flowers, gifts and telephone calls.

I will miss seeing all of the customers who have become friends over the years.

Pat Henscheid

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School News

Lindsay ISD kindergarten registration scheduled

Lindsay ISD kindergarten gistration will be Tuesday, larch 21 from 8:00-3:30 in the igh school principal's office, lease bring a copy of your lild's birth certificate, shot secords and social security and If you have any questions lease call Brenda Fuhrmann : 668-8474.

Lunch Menu)

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S.N.A.P. MENUS
Mon. - Cook's choice,
getables, salad, dessert.
Tues. - Stew w/vegetables,
neese sticks, cole slaw,
eaches, cornbread, syrup.
Ash Wed. - Macaroni and
neese, deviled eggs, green
eans, fruit, bread.
Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti,
orn, lettuce, applesauce,
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read, Fri. - Tomato soup, toasted neese sandwiches, celery,

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Mon. - Tacos, shredded
ttuce and cheese, diced
matoes, beans, sunshine
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Tues. - Chicken nuggets,
camed potatoes and gravy,
orn, fruit, hot rolls.

Wed. - Tuna sandwiches,
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Fri. - No School.
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Mon. - Stew w/veggies,

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s. - Tacos, Mexican rice, applesauce, peaches

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Wed. - Fish, oven-fried otatoes, lettuce salad, incapple, bread.

Thurs. - Barbecue sandwich, ied okra, potato salad, pears.
Fri. - Fish, macaroni and neese, beans, cole slaw, mixed uit, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Nachos w/gr. beef, into beans, tossed salad, fruit lad, combread.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat auce or chicken nuggets, ossed salad, green beans, pplesauce, bread sticks.

Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, rilled cheese sandwich, diced ears, tossed salad, sugar ookie.

ookie. Thurs. - Hamburger, sliced heese, trimmings, French heese, trimn ries, ice cream. Fri. - Holiday

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

Fourth Six Weeks
"A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Mrs. Fredrick)
Tyler Acuna, Briana Bindel,
Hayley Hess, Lindsay Kelley,
Brianna Klement, Devon
Kubis, Danielle Lewis, Tiffany
Teafatiller, Diana Velasquez.
(Mrs. Klement) Cathy Aston,
Dillon Bayer, C.J. Harrison,
Michelle Henscheid, Taylor
Klement, Jason Luke, Spencer
Nielsen, Taylor Reiter, Will
Taylor, Ally Trubenbach, Lacey
Trubenbach, Josh Voth,
Garrett Walterscheid.
2nd Grade (Mrs. Heers) T.J.
Acuna, Shaina Felderhoff,
Allen Fette, Eric Hellman,
Amanda Hundt, Jackie
Klement, Jacob Klement,
Andrew Koesler, Abigail Loyd,
Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Derek
Schmid lik ofer, Levi
Trubenbach, Natali Yosten.
(Mrs. Hess) Jadi Abner, Scott
Endres, Christina Hale, Lia
Heers, Tyler Pagel, Corey
Sicking, Delana Sicking,
Christopher Valliere, Natalie
Valliere, Steven Valliere, Sara
Walterscheid.
3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres)

Valliere, Steven Valliere, Sara Walterscheid
3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres)
Shelby Anderson, Samantha Endres, Jordanne Hellman,
Josh Sicking, (Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Popp) Brandan Bindel,
Brandy Dangelmayr.
4th Grade (Ms. Schneider)
Christina Eckart, Ricky
Grewing, Cassie Hale,
Matthew Harrison, Alex
McGehee, Kim Patel, Alison
Teafatiller, Lee Walterscheid,
Lindsey Watson. (Mrs.
Walterscheid) Caitlyn Barrett,
Cletus Fuhrmann, Rebecca
Grewing, Laura Heers, Alison
Miller.

Miller.
5th Grade (Mrs. Hale)
Matthew Abney, Brad Endres,
Amber Fuhrmann, Evan
Koesler, Zach Swirczynski,
Krystal Wolf. (Ms. Hettler)
Melissa Cox, Megan Felderhoff,
Jennifer Neel, Michael
Valliere, Collin Walterscheid.

"B" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Mrs. Fredrick)
Aaron Grewing, Derek Pagel,
Kelsey Pagel, Zachary Pierce,
Phillip Vogel. (Mrs. Klement)
Zach Gunnels, Tanner Silmon,
2nd Grade (Mrs. Heers)
Ashton Barrett, Jon Britain,
Winter Dittfurth, Toby Dyess,
Camille Hale. (Mrs. Hess)
Pierce Morrill, Dustin
Pumphrey.

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Pierce Morrill, Dustin
Pumphrey.
3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres)
Paul Crabtree, Stacie Knabe,
Jenni Luke, John Monday,
Holly Rohmer. (Mrs. Kemp &
Mrs. Popp) Noel Barnhill.
Brooklyn Caldwell, Gretchen
Gregory, Shelbye Hess,
Elizabeth Martin, Madchen
Moseley, John Rohmer, Derek
Sicking.

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4th Grade (Ms. Schneider) John Cowden, John Crabtree, Cameron Gilliland, Annie Hopper, Derek Pittelkow, Hillary Swirczynski, Anne Walterscheid. (Mrs. Walterscheid) Emily Endres, Adam Fredrick, Johnny Green, Craig Grewing, Dillena Hundt, William Vogel.

5th Grade (Mrs. Hale) Sylvia Booth, Bret Walterscheid. (Ms. Hettler) Chad Endres, Sandy Endres, Cole Harrison, Meredith Hennigan, Jayna Rohmer, Kalyn Rohmer, Roman Vogel.

"A' HONOR ROLL
6th Grade - Danielle Bindel, Jennifer Endres, Kelly Endres, Ryan Fuhrmann, Tiffanie Klement, Malcom Martin Leah Vinson, Keith Walterscheid.

7th Grade - Chase Cain, Derek Felderhoff, Sean Fuhrmann, Craig Hopper, Clint Miller, Stephen Vinson, Whitney Watson.

8th Grade - Kristi McAden, Melinda Walterscheid.

9th Grade - Kami Klement.

10th Grade - Laura Drachenberg, Grant Hartman, Ashley Hess, Chris Jackson, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Chris

11th Grade - Kacie Garcia, Chris Grewing, Mary Skinner, Kristin Smith. 12th Grade - Karen Cler, Allison Endres, Kelly Felderhoff, Justin Fleitman, Darren Hennigan, Jackie Henscheid, Jeff Klement, Douglas Knabe, Jim Stoffels, Casey Walterscheid.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL
6th Grade - Megan
Dangelmayr, Michael Eckart,
Katherine Endres, Jenna
Felderhoff, Travis Felderhoff,
Brianna Fleitman, Crystal
Fuhrmann, Haylee Hess, Jace
Koelzer, Kevin Krewson,
Patrick Lutkenhaus, Casey
McAden, Nathan Privett,
Jordan Walterscheid, Dustin
Wimmer.

7th Grade - Eric Endres, James Fanning, JoAnna Felderhoff, Lana Fisher, A.J. Fleitman, John Fredrick, Carrie Grewing, Kristen Hess, Shelbi Jolliff, Stevie Klement, Candice McCrary, Allyson Moody, Tara Swirczynski, Aaron Walterscheid, Mindy Walterscheid.

8th Grade - Rachel Clark, Deann Dangelmayr, Robyn Hermes, Anna Jackson, Bridgette Klement, Kristian Koesler, Daniel Russell.

9th Grade - Michael Endres, Richard Endres, Amanda Felderhoff, Kelly Grewing, Megan Lippe, Tyler Walterscheid.

10th Grade - Mitch Endres, Krystal Hale, Shawn Hess, Ashley Klement, Crystal Lutkenhaus, Kay Lee Price.

11th Grade - Diane Britain, Lauren Dangelmayr, Keri Felderhoff, Ami Graham, Brett Howell, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Willie Scoggins.

12th Grade - Kristen Creed, 7th Grade

Willie Scoggins.

12th Grade - Kristen Creed,
Randy Grewing, Brandon
Mask, Nick Silmon.

Jeff McAden, Lattimore Materials pr Denton and Lewisville plants, brough Muenster Elementary and showed concrete is mixed. Students got to and put their initials in the permaner also got to watch.

Muenster ISD participates in FHA Week

Thursday was dress up day and the officer/senior luncheon. Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, tea and brownie sundaes were enjoyed by the seniors and officers.

Friday, students dressed up in their favorite sports team clothing. Secret pals, which had been a secret gift exchange throughout the week, were revealed Friday during activity period. Also on Friday, the FHA Sweetheart was chosen. Craig Hartman, Jeff Klement, John Flusche, and Justin Walterscheid were nominees, with Jeff Klement winning the election for MHS FHA Sweetheart.



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Lindsay ISD students compete in ALTA Spelling Bee

On Jan. 22, ten students from Lindsay ISD competed in the 14th Annual ALTA Phonetic Spelling Bee. ALTA the Academic Language Therapy Association, sponsors the bee each year for students who are in a phonetic dyslexia therapy program. The bee was held at Hillier School in Dallas. The ten students are in the Alphabetic Phonics Dyslexia Therapy program at Lindsay ISD. The students compete in different divisions according to their level in the Alphabetic Phonics curriculum, which is taught by therapist Monica L.

Johnson-Parkhil.

At the spelling bee, the students were awarded medals; a gold for a perfect score, a silver for one missed word, and a bronze for two or more missed words. The students participating and their awards were: Emily Fuhrmann, 4th grade, bronze; Donald Grecu, 5th grade, gold; Matthew Guiling, 4th grade, silver, Marc Hacker, 5th grade, gold;

Melissa Neu, 5th grade, bronze; Stephanie Neu, 4th grade, bronze; Joe Otto, 5th grade, silver; Randi Reed, 7th

grade, silver; Ben Wyrick, 5th grade, bronze; and John Wyrick, 3rd grade, gold.
Parents Jill Fuhrmann, Cricket Guiling, and Jane Otto attended the bee along with Parkhill.

"The students are always so excited about the bee and put forth their best efforts every time. This year, the bee was formatted differently and I am proud of how well the students adapted and succeeded. There is a lot of pride in their a chievement and perseverance," commented Parkhill.

Muenster ISD senior FHA members attend field trip

Twenty-three Muenster High School senior FHA members ecently attended their annual ield trip with two points of nterest. The group left the chool grounds at 8 a.m. with heir sponsor, Mrs. Joni Sturm and Muenster ISD employee, 4r. Rick Walterscheid.

Their first stop was Denton, it the University of North Pexas School of Merchandising and Hospitality Management.

School of Merchandising and Hospitality Management offers three degree programs in merchandising, home furnishings merchandising, and hotel and restaurant management. After an introduction about the programs, the students were treated to a tour of all the training facilities and classrooms. Two student

ambassadors provided the tours and were available for the seniors' questions about the program and college life in general.

general.

The next stop was Grapevine
Mills Outlet Mall where
students had the opportunity
to dine in a very unique
atmosphere at the Rain Forest
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browsed the mall for outlet
bargains before returning to
school.

Karen Cler, Toby Chapman, Kristen Creed, Danny Felderhoff, Kelly Felderhoff, Polly Fette, Kristen Fleitman, John Flusche, Kristen Grewing, Craig Hartman, Courtney Haverkamp, Jackie Henscheid, Angel Hernandez, Heather Hess, Brandon Klement, Jeff Klement, Raegan Koesler, Bryan Miller, Nick Silmon, Krystle Sparkman, Jennifer Tompkins, Amy Truebenbach, and Justin Walterscheid.



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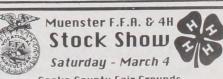
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Sports

Tigerettes blast Blazers... Sacred Heart wins semi-final by 52 points

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes entered the Farrell Center on the Campus of Baylor University last Thursday morning to take on the Hilltop Baptist Lady Blazers from Cedar Park in the semi-final match of the TAPPS 2A State Tournament. What was at times a 2-point ball game, ended with the Tigerettes burning the Blazers with a 52 point victory and another shot for a state championship.

This game was perhaps our best team performance of the season. We started out slow, but the experience of our seniors settled us down," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

The Tigerettes made 24 of 39 shots from the field, 8 of 23 3-pointers and 14 of 21 free throws. Everyone scored! Hilltop put in the first points, but baskets by Joanna Gehrig, Andrea Bauer, and Kayla Felderhoff quickly put Sacred Heart up by 8 and the Tigerettes never looked back. The Lady Blazers did out-rebound the Tigerettes the first quarter, closing the score to 12-10 before Gehrig popped one in for a 4 point Sacred Heart lead with 11 seconds in the opening period.

As the second quarter began, every Tigerette player saw action, while Hilltop kept their starting 5 on the court.

Good defense by Gehrig got more points for Sacred Heart lead with 11 seconds in the opening period.

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Good defense by Gehrig got more points for Sacred Heart had a 23-12 lead with 4:47 remaining in the first half Two 3-pointers by Felderhoff and Bauer, under a minute to play gave the Tigerettes a 38-20 half-time lead.

Hilltop put in the first four points of the 3rd quarter (Grimm got her 4th foul as did J. Hess. S. Hess scored the first points on a rebound shot, then Felderhoff dropped in 10 straight points to give Sacred Heart a 49-26 lead. Bauer

Basketball shootout for college bound players coming soon

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added 2, Gehrig assisted to Flusche for another basket, then Gehrig stole the ball, dished it to Felderhoff for a 55-26 score with a minute on the clock. Felderhoff added one more from the charity strip for the Tigerettes to go into the final period with a 30 point lead.



Basketball Action

Muenster I 20 Muenster IV 1

Muenster I took the lead and never looked back on Saturday morning. Kelly Brown scored 7 points, Danielle Bindel 6, Hayle Broyles 5, and Jace Koelzer 2. Others playing for Muenster I were Crystal Wolf, Jenny Endres and Megan Felderhoff.

Muenster IV's lone point came from Diana Knabe.

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The VFW Post 1922 got a victory Monday evening, Feb. 28. Karen Flusche connected for a 3 pointer for Muenster IV, with Diana Knabe and Jenna Felderhoff each scoring 2. Other Muenster IV members contributing to the game were Jordan Ledbetter, Jessica Schilling, Meredith Hennigan, and Stephanie Berman.

Hilltop's Grimm got one basket before S. Hess drew a foul, taking Grimm out of the game.

The Tigerettes continued to drop the ball into the basket increasing their lead as time ticked off the clock. Andrea Bartush hit the last basket of

the second half kept them off the board."

LeBrasseur noted that
Felderhoff can score from anywhere on the floor, played great defense, and knows the game. "Joanna gets down low and comes away with it (the ball)" and Sarah Hess controlled the boards and hit the 3s. "She's quick, has great hands."

Falderhoff had 33 points, 10

Felderhoff had 33 points, 10 of 13 from the field, 3 of 6 from the 3, and 4 of 6 from the free throw line.

Bauer added 13, with a perfect shooting game, 6 for 6 from the field, I of 1 from the 3 point line, and 1 for 1 from the free throw.

Sarah Hess scored 13, including three 3s and 6 steals, while Jen Hess added 6. Anne Flusche put in 5, and Gehrig 4. "Joanna turned the game in our favor with 8 steals and defensive play that was all over the court." commented LeBrasseur. Raney Bauer and Andrea Bartush each added 3, Audrey Barnhill 2, and Jana Truebenbach 1. SH 14 24 18 30 86 HB 10 10 6 8 34

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Two Lady Knights placed their classes, Alexandr Haayen 3rd and Magg Luttmer 6th.

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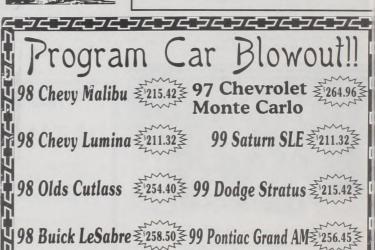
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Fri.-Sat., May 12-13

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Muenster Sacred Heart

District @ Chico

Area @ Graham Regional @ Abilene

State @ Austin



Sacred Heart High Track Schudule

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Most over-training injuries surface four to six weeks after a running program starts. At this point, beginning runners start feeling good and push themselves too hard According to Chorley, that is when the body can start breaking down. The most common injuries occur in the knee and shin.

However, not all of the side effects of increasing mileage too quickly are physical. Fatigue, anxiety and loss of enthusiasm are also signs that your run is wearing you down.

Chorley suggests that runners, especially those just starting out, follow the 10 percent rule - don't increase your mileage more that 10 percent a week. And if increasing intensity and pace are also a goal, runners should not work on both at the same time.

"It is more of a process of getting to know what your body can tolerate and seeing if you can meet the goals you have set for yourself," Chorley said.



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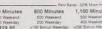
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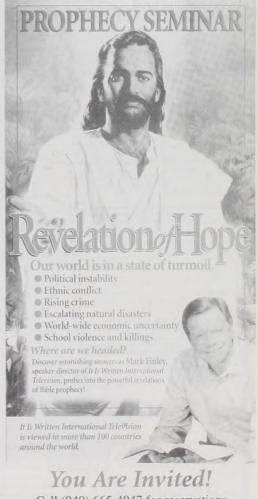


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The report also emphasized the international trade implications of adopting country of origin labeling. "Adopting such legislation could weaken the ability to effectively challenge similar regulations passed and enforced by countries that import United Sates beef."

However, the report also pointed out that "there are other legitimate policy reasons why Congress might choose to enact country of origin labeling requirements. Domestic producers, for example, are increasingly concerned that the market is not operating fairly and many doubt the benefits of increased international trade. Country of origin labeling could help restore producers' confidence in the market and promote support for international trade."

It would also "enable those consumers who prefer to support domestic industry an opportunity to do so."

Texas Cattlemen's Association



Courtney Haverkamp, Muenster FFA member, prepares her sh animal for this weekend's Muenster 4–H/FFA Livestock Show. Photo by Janie Hartu

It's A Stat! by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

consumers don't have much awareness of the production practices on today's farms and ranches.

"Because of that, things like excessive regulation and inattention to export markets become problems for agriculture," Ed Knight said.
"Our challenge is to translate the obvious concern and respect for agriculture into a national farm policy that addresses the obvious needs in our industry."

Mr. Knight said that consumers understand the issues, but they are not motivated to take action. Mr. Knight said that consumers understand the issues, but they are not motivated to take action unless they understand how they are affected personally.

"Agriculture is in crisis because of low prices and string of natural disasters, like drought. Protecting our ability to produce our own food is a national security issue," he said.

The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 13.90 million head on Jan. 1, 2000, down 1 percent from last year's revised inventory of 14.10 million head, and 4 percent below the 1998 inventory of 14.50 million head, and 4 percent below the 1998 inventory of 14.50 million head. Total inventory of 14.50 million head, up slightly from the revised 1999 total of 2.67 million head down 2 for million head down 2 percent from the 1998 crop of 5.25 million.

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SPRING ONION
Onion producers in South Texas expect to harvest 14,400 percent from a year ago, to 15,200 acres. This is 26.7 percent more than the 1998 crop.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.9 million head on Feb. 1, up 9 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 475 thousand head in commercial feedlots during January, up 12 percent from a year ago, and up 32 percent from the December 1999 total. Texas commercial feeders marketed 465 thousand head during January, down 2 percent from a year ago.

By Ace Reid

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million head, and 4 percent below the 1998 inventory of 14.50 million head.

"Dry conditions the last half of the year and little or no small grains available for grazing caused liquidation of some herds," said Robin Roark, State Statistician.

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Beef cow inventory was at 5.43 million head, and milk cow inventory was at 35.0 thousand head. Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.78 million head.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 770 thousand head on Jan. 1, down 6 percent from the 1999 total of 820 thousand head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was down 27 percent at 80 thousand head.

Texas' inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.580 million head, down slightly from the revised 1999

Deepening price crisis to be focal point of upcoming rally

New torecasts showing no signs of a rebound in the nation's commodity prices are yet another indication of the need for a farm policy overhaul, according to Wes Sims, President of Texas Farmers Union.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) most recent forecasts predict that soybean prices this year will fall to their lowest point in nearly a quarter of a century, corn prices to their second lowest point since 1972, and that wheat prices will drop to 14-year lows.

"Low farm-gate prices across the board are the fundamental cause of the devastating economic conditions in our area," said Sims. "The price crisis has impacted farm and ranch families as well as the greater community. I urge farmers and ranchers here in Texas to go to Washington for

tell iawmakers iirstnand now difficult it is to survive at these prices."

Farmers Union is working with other groups to organize participation in the Rally for Rural America, set for March 20-21, in Washington, D.C. The event will bring a cross section of rural America to the nation's capital to call for changes to federal farm policy, including the addition of an adequate farm safety net to provide protection in downturns.

Low prices have substantially reduced net farm income for U.S. producers. Excluding direct government payments, projections show 2000 net farm operating income declining 51 percent since 1996 when the farm program was enacted.

Rally for Rural America on

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Rally for Rural America on the Internet;
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County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

GRASS TETANY

This week several of our area veterinarians have brought a problem to our attention. With the warm weather, the lush pasture growth and the calving going on now in the area, there has been an increase in the incidence of magnesium deficiency, or grass retany.

Grass tetany is a nutritional disease or metabolic disorder characterized by a low level of magnesium in the blood serum.

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Grass tetany is common during cool, cloudy, rainy weather and most often occurs when this weather is followed by a warm period, during which grasses grow very rapidly. The disease usually affects beef cows, but may also affect stocker cattle, ewes and dairy cattle. It is most common in older animals, particularly during early lactation of beef cows that have had at least two calves.

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Because there is a daily reuirement for magnesium, symptoms
may appear suddenly, but the
deficiency developed over a period

deficiency developed over a period of time.

Grass tetany is most likely to occur on pastures grown on soils which are low in available magnesium and high in available potassium. Heavy fertilization, particularly with nitrogen and potassium, enhances forage production; however, it also intensifies the incidence of grass tetany because high levels of potassium and nitrogen reduce magnesium absorption and utilization.

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Magnesium deficient cattle have a reduced appetite and ability to digest dry matter. Initial symptoms of magnesium deficiency include undue nervousness, ears carried backward, excessive salivation, staring eyes and a stiff, irregular gait. As the disease advances, labored breathing, increased heart rate and tetanic muscular spasms can be observed. Affected animals sometime have the instinct to charge or fight people in the immediate area. In the most severe stage, the animal collapses to the ground with continued muscular spasms and their legs will thrash the ground around them. Convulsions, coma and death will occur rapidly if treatment is not administered. The only symptom that remains constant is a lowered blood serum magnesium.

Because the cow has limited capacity to store magnesium, a continuous dietary supply of magnesium is necessary, which can be supplied with a palatable mineral containing magnesium at higher levels during lush pasture growth.

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In addition, low levels of magnesium, 3 to 4 percent, in the perennial grass mineral supplement will increase efficiency of production, help maintain body stores and aid in preventing the "downer-cow" syndrome.

The best treatment for grass teany is prevention. Cattle afflicted with grass tetany need immediate treatment. Consult your veterinarian regarding recommended medical treatment; and remember, afflicted animals may show a surprisingly quick response to treatment, enough that they might get up and charge or fight those in the vicinity.

WHEAT TOUR

Tuesday, March 14, there will be a wheat tour of various wheat result demonstrations in the county to observe growth habits and disease resistance in varieties. The tour will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the state breeding trials, located on the Selby Farm. The plots are located approximately one mile south of FM 922 on County Road 321 southeast of Era. Other stops include plots on Schumacher Bros. at Era and J.H.Bayer and Sons at Muenster. Three CEU's toward recertification of TDA Pesticide License requirements will be offered those attending.

Toll-free number in place for rural economic development

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The Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Department of Economic Development have teamed up to operate a toll-free telephone line for rural economic development.

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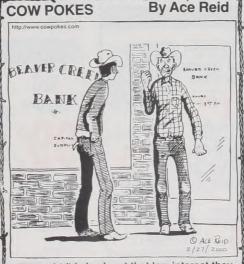
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