Sacred Heart Tigerette Andrea Bauer gets sandwiched between two Tyler Street Christian Academy players in the Tigerettes commanding bi-district win last week. The girls next playoff game is tonight (Friday) at TWU in Denton. Photo by Dave Fette

KXGM Home & Lawn set for this weekend

The thirteenth annual KXGM Home & Lawn Show is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 17 and 18 at the Gainesville Civic Center with more than 30 area vendors participating. Exhibitors in the Show include computer and technology dealers, educational, cellular phones and Internet services, home improvement dealers, carpeting, real estate firms, financial and insurance, lawn sprinklers and landscaping, satellite TV systems, curbing, seamless gutters, storm shelters, pool decking, roofing, siding, heating and air conditioning, home decor, trailers, lawn equipment, mowers and tractors and more.

The Show is designed to encourage consumers to look more closely at Cooke County is goods and services before driving to the KXGM will be given the conditioning to the KXGM will be given and air conditioning, home decor, trailers, lawn equipment, mowers and tractors and more.

KXGM will be given and carries are several new vendors at the Home & Lawn Show this year, and a concession stand will be furnished by the Electric Red Boosters of Gainesville High School.

The Show is designed to encourage consumers to look more closely at Cooke County's goods and services before driving to the Metroplex for their needs. KXGM owner and general manager Charley Henderson said "area residents may be surprised at the diversity of products and services to be found around Cooke County." The

KXGM will be broadcasting live both days from the Show. Home and Lawn Show hours are this Saturday from 10 till 4, and Sunday noon till 4. Admission is free. For more information, contact KXGM 940-665-1065.

Judge Harris to appoint a communications committee

by Janet Felderhoff
Mike Selby, president of
the Cooke County Fire
Fighters Association
(CCFFA), presented a
request to the Cooke County
Commissioners Court
asking that a
Communications Committee
be appointed to study
dispatch options within the
county.

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Selby said he would like the committee to look at long-term options with the dispatch system and consider whether the county would be best served by keeping the dispatch in with the Sheriff's office, as it is now, or putting it on its own somewhere. "I'd like to see us have as good a system as we can have," remarked Selby. He hopes that the committee will look at what other counties are doing and how their systems are working compared to Cooke County's.

Selby had requested that the committee onesist of a representative from each entity in the county that uses the dispatch system and also of several citizens. Cooke County Judge Harris said that would be too large a committee. "We'd like to see everybody that's involved with the dispatch system in the county have an input on what needs to be done," Selby related. "We feel like there are some problems that we'd like to see taken care of over period

of a long term. We don't expect anything to happen overnight. It can't happen overnight."

Commissioners Court unanimously agreed that Judge Harris should appoint the members of the new committee. Currently the Sheriff's department, volunteer fire departments, EMS, and town police departments dispatch from the Sheriff's department.

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton requested approval from the Commissioners Court to purchase L.E.T.N. (Law Enforcement Television Network). It requires a 36 month agreement at a cost of \$3,936.00 a year with a one time set up fee of \$985.00 L.E.T.N. provides a star system which is a computer based system that allows an officer to sit down at a computer based system that allows an officer to sit down at a computer based system that allows an officer to sit down at a computer based system that allows an officer to sit down at a computer to take a pretest, view a video and then take a post test, explained the Sheriff. "At the end of that, if they pass the post test, then they get credit with T.C.L.O.S.E. for law enforcement class for an hour, "explained Sheriff Compton. "It just so happens that the curriculum within law enforcement satisfies the safety requirements for T.A.C. (Texas Association of Counties) for viewing the videos, etc., for safety training." The county is receiving a \$9,000.00

discount on insurance if the employees participate in a required number of safety training classes.

Since the Sheriff's deputies are on 24 hour, seven day a week work schedule, Compton said it is difficult to find opportunities to hold required classes or to send the deputies off to seminars. He feels the computer training would alleviate some of the problems of training schedules as one ofter an ing schedules as one officer can take the class at a time for an hour. Officers will still have to go off to take some required classes, but this should save some of that, he said.

Judge Harris asked if Sheriff Compton had gotten approval from T.A.C. to count that type of training toward the required safety training. The Sheriff said he'd contacted Mike Strawn of T.A.C. and received verbal approval. He was waiting for a FAX to confirm that approval.

Judge Harris said that if T.A.C. approves the L.E.T.N. courses based on Cooke County's agreement with them, he found no problem with the Sheriff's department using the program as long as T.A.C. has the right to monitor the courses.

"When T.A.C. comes in they get a list of the courses we've done," said Compton. "What's going to happen on

this is there's going to be some courses that will satisfy them (T.A.C.), there'll be some courses that won't have anything to do with T.A.C. but has everything to do with law enforcement. All of the courses that we take will have "to do with law enforcement. Alt of them are going to cross over into the T.A.C. side of it and going to give us enough hours to satisfy from the Sheriff's office for the safety requirement."

Commissioners Court unanimously approved the purchase of the program contingent upon T.A.C.'s approval of it's use as meeting the required safety courses.

Two Southwestern Bell Telephone representatives gave a proposal to Commissioners Court hoping that they would change their decision and keep all the county's phone service with them. In January Commissioners signed a contract with Ionex. It is a company that is contracted with Southwestern Bell and resells its service to customers at a cheaper rate than is currently being paid. Deregulation made this a possibility. The County has a 90 day trial period and may cancel the contract at any time before the three months are up.

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Almons honored by LISD Student Council NCTC enrollment reaches all time high

Lindsay High School's Student Council has made a first time award to recognize students who are not members of the Student Council, but who make an outstanding contribution to the community. Two brothers and members of the senior class, Michael and James Almon, share the distinction of being named the first recipients of the Lindsay High School Student Council's Good Citizen Award.

Student Council President Brent Connett made the award presentation at a special assembly last week. Student Council members nominated and voted on who should be the award recipient.

Both students are active in Boy Scouts and have been since they were in kindergarten in 1989. As members of Boy Scout Troop 668 they participated in the Adopt a Highway program, assisted with Scouting for Food, Participated in work projects such as First Baptist Church Easter Pageant set-up and Frank

Buck Zoo renovation. They were members of Color Guards during their Boy Scott tenure and have helped with numerous Eagle projects including restoring St. Mary's playground equipment and moving St. Peter's Church library. They were selected to attend to the 1997 Boy Scout National Jamboree in 1997. The brothers earned Boy Scout religious awards and will be working staff this summer at Worth Ranch. The two are members of their church youth group and help with the Church Food Room.

Michael cleaned up the area around the South side Baptist Church Daycare for his Eagle project. He's held numerous leadership positions, including Junior assistant senior patrol leader, quartermaster, chaplain Aide, patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow (OA). He was selected by peers in Scout Troop Brotherhood to second highest rank out of



Brothers, Michael, right, and James Almon, received Lindsay Student Council's Good Citizen Award. Photo by Janie Hartman

Student Council's Good Citizen Award. Photo by Janie Hartman three OA service organization. Michael attended five years of summer camp at Worth Ranch.

In school, Michael is a member of the National Honor Society, was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students, and competes in Mathematics, Number Sense, and Computer Sense in UIL Academics.

For his Eagle Scout project, James restored the Southside Baptist Church playground. His numerous

Enrollment at North
Central Texas College
reached an all time high
this semester, with more
than 4,980 students
registered throughout the
college's three campuses.
Rusty Waller, dean of
institutional research, said
the majority of the growth
came from Denton county
with more than 3,380
students registered at the
Corinth Campus this
semester, compared with
3,059 in the spring semester
of 2000. This is an increase
of more than 10 percent.
Headcount at the
Gainesville Campus fell
only slightly - from 1,660
students in the fall to 1,532
this spring. Waller said,
is "encouraging since
headcount traditionally
decreases substantially from
fall to spring at most longestablished campuses
around the state."

System-wide, Waller said,
enrollment increased from
4,343 in the spring semester

From managing the City of Muenster to managing the "city" of NCTC

A Profile of Steve Broyles by Vince Bonin Courtly: (1) Suitable for a royal court; stately. (2) Elegant in manners; refined.

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The American Heritage
Dictionary
If the American Heritage
Dictionary knew Steve
Broyles, his name would
probably fit in that cluster

probably fit in that cluster somewhere. Muenster City Secretary Micallee Matson, who worked with him from 1995 until May 2000 when he left the position of City Manager, recalls his courtliness in action as he tended to details. North Central Texas College President Ronnie Glascock, who hired him to manage the "city" of NCTC, agrees about the man for whom 12-hour days may be de rigeur.

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In review of Broyle's first seven months, Glasscock said. "I think Steve has made very significant contributions to the college. He does a thorough job handling administrative details. It does not surprise me that he has a doctorate in public administration. He is meticulous. Things will be done right. In short, he's just been a tremendous asset."

NCTC's first Director of Human Resources, who was hired as part of Broyle's first set of priorities, pointed out another dimension of courtliness. "You can walk in his office to find he's always going to take time to talk with you," said Thomas Klinck. Praises gushed and advanced like a waterfall as more Muenster folks and more NCTC folks were interviewed about Steve Broyles. Their effusiveness of excitement prompted the question for Broyles: What past influences factor into your admirable character today"

First was his father. "From my dad I learned responsibility. He showed me how to do a task correctly the first time," Broyles said in his Gainesville office, where a three-sided desk and

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Just as Steve Broyles.

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Just as Steve Broyles delighted in the ubiquity of castles, the City of Muenster continues to benefit from the ubiquity of Steve Broyles. Gone from the office of City Manager seven months, he is still vitally involved here. For example, he still vitally involved here. For example, he still volunteers his time and knowledge on such categories as sewage and water, including the "Dream-Come-True" lake, commenting at City Council meetings. On Wednesday, December 6, two days before opening some important bids at NCTC, he defended Muenster's application for a \$250,000 grant before the Texas Council of Governments in Sherman. There were 24 competitors. Also, he serves as treasurer of Keep Muenster Beautiful, participating with wife Kay. The genesis of KMB illustrates Broyle's civility. KMB Director Mary Lee Alford and her husband Carl had recently settled in Muenster, and she had started picking up trash around their country property on scorching August days. One day, frustrated and tearful at the relentlessness of litter invasion, she drove to City

Tall with a trash ag in the back of her truck.

"Come look at this!" she urged Broyles.

Today, as the KMB organization churns idea wheels to wisely spend grant money and to earn more funds toward en no bling this environment, she lauds his genuine concern and Ph.D.-honed reading and writing skills. Following mystery-detective searching and driving around the community, he created a thick report which produced dynamic results. Recalling his diligence, Alford exclaims, "If it weren't for Steve Broyles, we would not be certified now! People are amazed at the quick timing of Keep Muenster Beautiful's progress!"

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of Keep Muenster Beautiful's progress! "
Ultimately, Keep Muenster Beautiful has earned the Governor's Community Achievement Award two years in a row thanks to this "dedicated, loyal, faithful individual," Alford said.
Looking back, Broyles finds pleasure in one other accomplishment. Soon after filling the city manager seat in 1995, he instituted computerization of water and utility bills, cutting the processing from 14 days to 3! In the Air Force he had instituted a similar software for 125 computers.
However, no accomplishment nears the joy of working with "very See BROYLES, pg 3

From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

The peach tree in our back yard is stupid. These days, if you don't like someone or something, you use the word, stupid. But this tree seems unable to tell one season from another.

Last year it began to bud and bloom in January, and by early February it was in full bloom.

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A few days later the temperature dropped to 24 degrees and we wrote the tree off as a total loss, yet as the temperature rose we found the blooms were hale and hearty.

Little peaches began to grow, and there were so many we picked off about nine gallons when they of reached about an inches in diameter – we should have thinned them five gallons reight.

Our good neighbor, Eileen Vogel, told us the tree had never produced fruit before.

Well, they were small and cling stone, but delicious. Aileen put up enough for several cobblers, and they were great, but no one should have to work that much for a few peaches.

Folks, last year was an exceptionally warm winter, and could account for the tree blooming so early, but last month was cool and quite a number of nights brought freezing temps, yet that darn tree is at it again. It is budding, and has many leaves up to three quarters of an inch long, although no blooms as yet.

We are considering its removal and replacement.

Letters to the Editor

To whom it may concern:
My name is "A. J.", my father is Andy and I received my name from my grandfather, Albert August Knabe. I am writing on behalf of the Youth Group associated with Muenster High School CCD Classes.
At the last City Council meeting, Urban Endres voiced his opinion that the Ford Building should used as the new location for City Hall and the Fire Station.
WE, The Progressive Youth of Muenster, respectfully request that said building NOT be used as such. Instead, WE humbly suggest that said location be used to house a

New Recreation Center for the Youth and Families of our community. In doing so, we provide a valuable service to the very future of our welfare. Every other year, someone from our community's youth is killed or seriously injured by an alcohol related car accident. Trust me, I speak from experience here. I could easily pick up a phone book and point to family after family that has had their lives forever changed by these horrible events.

I for one, can see a glaring NEED for a social place for Our Youth to meet and gather to replace open pastures with bonfires and kegs of beer! I understand that this concept has been discussed before, and has met with failure due to a host of reasons. However, it is with much hope and enthusiasm that WE CAN give our children a safe place to commune.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I hope that this letter will begin to open a dialogue about the use of said building.

Sincerely, Albert J. Knabe.

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NCTC.

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of NCTC students being 24 years, 9 months. Nearly 62 percent of the students at NCTC took more than 12 semester NCTC were between the ages of 18 and 25.

The ethnicity breakdown was very much in line with the demographics of the students at NCTC were the demographics of the service areas. According to the data, 84 percent of the students at NCTC were considered economically disadvantaged and 28 percent of the population was white, 5 percent black, and 6 percent Hispanic.

More than 43 percent of students of the students at NCTC took more than 12 semester hours, while about 23 programs while 25 percent were in academic programs. The Top 5 majors were general studies (1,564), business (595), associate degree nursing (344), computer science (173), and pre-professional (168).

COUNTY.

The County signed a five year contract with Southwestern Bell on May 11, 1998 for Plexar lines. To break the contract would cost the County \$29,000.00 Bob Della Valla, Ionex representative, said that if the contract had 18 months or less to go, his company could possibly buy them out. Southwestern Bell was prepared to offer the County a savings if they would return to them and sign a term contract. Asked why they'd waited until the County changed companies, the answer was that they had only just been enabled to offer customer discounts. The proposal was for a two year term contract with out of state long distance at 6.9 cents a minute or on a three year term at 6.6 cents and in state long distance at 8.5 cents a minute on two year term and 8.2 cents on a three year contract. Ionex's offer was lower.

Commissioners decided to let the phone service remain as is for now. This will keep all Plexar lines with

Southwestern Bell and allow the trial period to continue on all other lines that have switched to Ionex. A decision will be made before the 90 day trial period expires, said Judge Harris The Court approved a Quit Claim Deed for Corinth Baptist Church. If all entities in the county agree the church will be able to file for a tax exempt status.

In other business

status.

In other business conducted at the Feb. 12 meeting Commissioners court.

• Tabled discussion of long term care insurance.

• Approved replacement of Cooke County Sheriff's patrol car (totaled during

accident on ice) with a used vehicle and warranty from Big Bear Cruisers in Texarkana.

• Approved

Approved resolution supporting Legislative funding for Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Centers.

Approved public official bonds for Sheriff's Department for David Busch, Casey Blackwell, Jeremy Arrington, and Shannon D. Jones.
 Approved monthly bills, reports submitted, and minutes of previous meeting.

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MMH Board meeting, 7 PM

Thursday, February 22, 2001
Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30,
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Muenster Museum CLOSED
Composting Seminar, 6 pw in
Gainesville
C.C. Business Women's
meeting, 6 pw, The Center
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12-8 pw, KC Hall

Friday, February 23, 2001 Muenster Museum CLOSED

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Thursday, March 1, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum CLOSED

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Obituaries

Sally Flusche dies Feb. 16

Sally Flusche (Mrs. James Flusche) of Decatur died in her home Feb. 13, 2001 at 6:45 a.m. following several years of illness. Rosary

rvices were held Thursday 7:30 p.m. in Assumption atholic Church in Decatur. ass of Christian Burial was offered Friday, Feb. 16 in Assumption Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. Survivors are Phillip and

Brenda Flusche of Muenster, Cathy and Neil Todd of Flower Mound, Paula and Kenneth Thompson of Saint Jo, Carl Flusche of Dallas, Monica and Paul Guerra of Waxahachie and Conrad and Christy Flusche of Houston.

The full obituary and photo will be included in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

BROYLES

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friendly, outgoing, good folk" in Muenster, he said.

At NCTC some of the priorities at the Gainesville Campus have included construction of a new residence hall and concession stand at the baseball and softball fields, a new parking lot for the existing residence hall, and emendations of all bathrooms so that they comply with ADA standards. At the Corinth Campus, he has managed the creation of a new parking lot.

Furthermore, there's the creation of a new department. Extending gratitude to President Glasscock for "recognizing the importance of bringing a Human Resources position," Broyles said "rewriting the process of hiring" has kept Klinck busy.

"Impressed with the

"Impressed with the teamwork management style" and the "excellent bunch of maintenance folks" at NCTC," Broyles said his biggest surprise is the vigorous expansion of

the college. Accenting his smile and speech with frequent fluidity of arm and hand language, he said, "Twenty five percent growth in enrollment is phenomenal!"

Friends of Broyles may be initially surprised to learn of his training in classical music. When starting college many years ago, he declared a major in organ, then shifted to piano. He favored Mozart and Schube'rt. How fitting! Classical musicians inspire awe of the brilliant composer and the prodigious musician who delineates massive emotional statements in prestissimo-to-pianissimo patterns. In like manner, Steve Broyles inspires awe and cooperation as he delineates important details and works feverishly to accomplish goals, loyally staying glued to that bench-be it Muenster or NCTC-hands and fingers married to those "keys" of people and progress.

Teachers shown appreciation by Lindsay ISD Student Council

The Lindsay High School Student Council selected the week of Feb. 2 through Feb. 9to show their appreciation of Lindsay ISD teachers and staff. They began the week of activities by preparing breakfast for all the Lindsay ISD teachers and staff or Friday, Feb. 2. This was an in-service day for the teachers. The Council members served rasusage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, orange juice and coffee. The teachers enjoyed their meal and had time to visit with colleagues from different buildings. Biscuits, juice, and coffee were left for the teachers to enjoy during ther morning break and Council members returned later to clean up.

Take the students are considered to the teachers to each teacher says and concerning the week some Student Council members returned later to clean up.

The Lindsay High School of each teachers, cit the students, for their many students. The student Council's from a day be received a black to eachers all wore their teachers and holiday for the teachers and holiday for the

County gets grant to enhance safety

In a recent ceremony, Cooke County was awarded \$7,113 for the enhancement of their safety efforts. The award comes from the Workers' Compensation self-insurance pool in which Cooke County participates. This self-insurance fund is owned and operated by Texas Counties and County related political subdivisions.

In 2000, Cooke County officials took a pro-active stance on improving workers' safety by implementing several safety improvement measures recommended by Texas Association of Counties who administers the self-insurance pool. The Texas

entities in a non-profit Workers' Compensation self-insurance pool and made approximately \$7,113 available in exchange for the enhanced safety effort. The board has "invested" this money with the County, confident that the comprehensive safety efforts will pay off for Cooke County their employees, and other members of the self-insurance pool.

Texas Association of Counties (TAC), which administers the program, provided safety specialists at no additional charge to the county to assist in realistic, cost effective measures for accident prevention.

TAC's Mike Strawn, who oversees this initiative stated, "It's great to see County officials taking their safety efforts seriously."

He added, "There are so many things that county officials can let fall through the cracks and unfortunately, many taxpayers would never know. Safety programs usually fall into that category, so seeing this commitment is a testament to these officials working together to prevent unnecessary accidents and save on Workers' Compensation costs to taxpayers."



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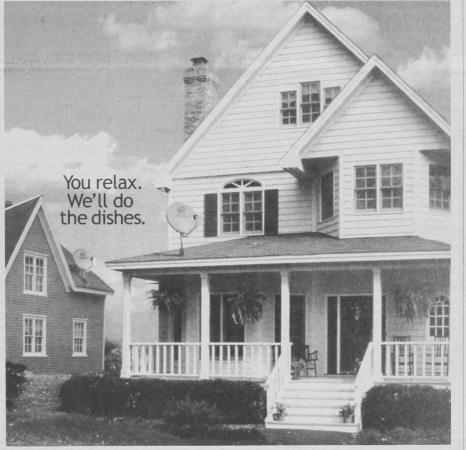


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Letters to the Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It's hard for us as medical professionals to listen to the insults being hurled throughout this community against the healthcare that is being delivered. We will not be involved in mud slinging or false statements that we can not back up with documentation. We would, however, like to address the community through the use of the "Letter to the Editor" in the Muenster Enterprise.

We would like all of the citizens of this county to know that we are a dedicated group of professionals working hard to deliver the best possible healthcare to the people we love. We were raised here, and we choose to continue living here because we call it love. We were raised here, and we choose to continue living here because we call it home. We have become nurses, radiology technicians, laboratory technologists, respiratory therapists, maintenance workers and housekeepers, food service workers, clinicians, and administrative personnel. Every one of us could move to higher paying jobs in cities, but our choice is to live where we can raise our children free from most of the influences that larger cities have to contend with. We take special pride in our work because we usually know the person laying on the bed or sitting in the chair before us, and we care about and for their health.

We do not separate ourselves into a Muenster/Gainesville mentality. Rather, we believe that this whole community is our responsibility to care for. Many of us Gainesville Memorial Hospital employees were raised and continue to live in Muenster. We don't consider ourselves traitors. We consider ourselves caregivers. It hurts all of us, from the physicians to the clerks, to read quotes like those attributed to Mr. Bindel in the Muenster paper. One thing we would like to ensure Mr. Bindel is that when he has an emergency, we will continue to do our best to give him the highest quality care possible without accusation or prejudice.

If you love your community as we do, stand behind the vision and growth that will allow health care to continue to grow so that we can do even more for the county. Isn't it about time to unite this great county instead of constantly working to divide and destroy it? All of us as healthcare professionals are willing to take the time to show you all what we do, how we care, and what we want to accomplish for the wellbeing of all of the members of this county. We will put our integrity on the line to always give you the best of our ability in personalized, professional care.

Marcia (Clar) Dennison

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Stacie Miller, R.N.,
Deborah (Schilling)
Walterscheid, R.N.,
Barbie Felderhoff, R.N.,
Molly (Wimmer) Gieb, R.N.,
Jeannene Bayer, R.N.,
Sandy Carpenter, R.N.,
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Letter to the Editor,

About my problems with the facts. According to Jack, the Administrator. He said that everything I put in my last LTE regarding the validity, legality, and correctness of forcing our petition to a vote is ABSOLUTELY FALSE! So, once again he becomes terribly tangled in his web of "truths".

So, Sir, be assured that there will be no vote regarding our petition until a qualified legal counsel has verified every minute detail on the issue......

In the meantime before the election on the Hospital District you eligible voters continue signing the petition — we are doing just great! And to make it easier for you voters that feel strongly enough about the fight to save our District and Hospital that you have been sending money through the mail, well hereafter please be aware that you may send or take the contributions directly to Muenster State Bank for deposit in the account of MMH Support Group. We will ke books so that you see where and how the money is used in our effort. And to you same peop a very warm and heartfelt THANKS — not only from me personally, but from the entire communication.

John G. Aytes PO Box 209 Muenster, TX 76252

Dear Editor:

In keeping with my policy to publicly address any errors brought to my attention regarding my letters to the Muenster Enterprise, I need to correct a statement made in my February 4, 2001 letter to the editor. In that letter I stated that Mr. Doug Hellman did not live in the Muenster Hospital District. In a previous letter to the editor Mr. Hellman listed a Colorado telephone number and in his last letter he listed his address as Saint Jo, Texas. Mr. Hellman has informed me that he in fact lives in the Muenster Hospital District. I will take

him at his word and I offer Mr. Hellman my apology. I should not have relied on Mr. Hellman's letters. Everything else in my letter stands.

stands.
With respect to the due With respect to the due diligence review performed by the District before purchasing St. Richard's Villa, I am enclosing a letter from the accounting firm that represented the District at the time we purchased St. Richard's. I believe Mr. Durbin's letter speaks for itself.

Sincerely.

or itself.
Sincerely,
Jack R. Endres
Administrator
Muenster Memorial
Hospital

Jack R. Endres, CEO Muenster Memorial Hospital P.O. Box 370 Muenster, Texas 76252

Muenster, Texas 76252

Dear Jack:

With regards to the acquisition of St. Richard's Villa by the Muenster Hospital District, this letter is to confirm that this firm assisted your hospital in a due diligence investigation of the nursing home. Our review included reviewing past and current financial statements, tax records, and other operational data to determine viability and the net cash flows available for debt service in the future. We also reviewed the Balanced Budget Act to determine the effect to the financial statements and future cash flows available for debt service.

Our review indicated that there were sufficient revenues to meet the debt service. Our experience

with other nursing home acquisitions indicated that the purchase price paid by the District for the nursing home was reasonable based upon representations of the industry and the market at the time.

The nursing home industry, both nationally and especially in Texas, has been in a severe financial crisis for the last two years. The problem is three fold 1) changes in Federal payment rates, 2) Texas is the 45th lowest paying State, and 3) severe staff shortages. Staff shortages were aggravated due to the booming economy and corresponding low unemployment as well as documented nursing shortages.

I hope this information is useful. Please call me if you need any further assistance.

Very Truly Yours, Durbin & Company, L.L.P.

J. Brandon Durbin, CPA

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Dear Editor,
In response to Mr. Doug Hellman's letter to the editor in the February 9th edition of the Enterprise, I agree that many large hospitals offer educational assistance plans to their employees. In fact, during my career I have worked at many such hospitals, but was unable to take advantage of those opportunities at that time. Muenster Memorial Hospital, like many small hospitals, does not offer such educational assistance as a part of its personnel policies. There is however an excellent program available to anyone through the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. This is the Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition program. The CRHI advertises this program and there have been articles in the past in this very paper regarding this program.

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been articles in the past in this very paper regarding this program.

I became aware of the CRHI program in 1994 when I first considered returning to school. I gathered information about nurse practitioner programs, physician assistant programs and medical school. I spoke with school counselors and financial aid personnel at several schools in North Texas. It was during this time that the Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition program was brought to my attention. This program offers opportunities for individuals to pursue their education and give back to their local communities. This is what I was hoping to be able to do, since it is the Muenster Memorial Hospital that has provided me, since the age of 16, with excellent experience and support during my nursing career.

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Letter to the Editor,
Jack Endres' letter to the editor, deserves a response. His letter, in an apparent attempt to discredit me, stated that "... I shouldn't expect Mr. Hellman to know the facts since he doesn't live in the MMH district..."
Well, talk about the "pot calling the kettle black"! First, let me state that I live in the MMH District. (If I don't, I'd like my tax refund for the past 5 years). Mr. Endres is the one who needs to get the facts correct!
I find his inaccurate statement very interesting for 2 reasons. 1. As the Administrator of the Hospital, he should know the boundaries of the district. 2. As an attorney, I would assume he should be very careful to know the facts before he made a public statement.

Doug Hellman Saint Jo Postal Route

Doug Hellman Saint Jo Postal Route (within the MMH District)

Dear Editor:

It was really nice to open the Enterprise last week and read the uplifting (and short) letter to the editor commenting on Wayne's special "communicating with God spot".

If we thought about it, I bet we all could have such a spot. Someplace that especially reminds us of the glory of God. Or maybe it is not a place, but rather the people you are around. Those of you that are grandparents of perfect children (like mine) can surely see God's handiwork in those children.

As we go about our daily lives, I think we would all be better off to look for God around us because He can be found everywhere and in everybody.

Sincerely, Theresa Walterscheid

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of the Rural Scholar program and during the application process, I presented the information to the MMH Board of Directors for their consideration. I am very grateful to Muenster Memorial Hospital and the Board of Directors for their encouragement and support. One of the requirements of the Rural Scholar program was that upon completion of my nurse practitioner training, I work for the Muenster Memorial Hospital for the same length of time that I was enrolled in the Rural Scholar program. Besides myself, there have been two more individuals who have received their nurse practitioner certification with the assistance of the Outstanding Rural Scholar program.

Thank you Mr. Hellman for inquiring about educational opportunities available to employees. The Center for Rural Health Initiatives Outstanding Rural Scholar programs available to students regardless of where you are employed. The phone number for the Center for Rural Health Initiative is (512) 479-8891, if you would like more information about the types of programs available to you. Or you may contact me at 759-2226, if I can be of any assistance.

On another note, I would like to thank Mr. Wayne Klement for sharing his story about the old rugged cross. It was just another reminder to me of the strong, faith-filled community in which we live.

MMH Family Health Clinic wint in the strong of the since rely.

Sincerely, Mary K. Endres, FNP-C MMH Family Health Clinic P.O. Box 370 Muenster, Texas 76252

Dear Editor;
As a member of the Hospital Board of Directors, I feel it is in order to give my views of the current situation, and also where the Board is coming from.

Let's begin by looking at the way things were in the beginning to now. The first few years were tough until we got some family doctors in here. Then Dr. Kralicke and Dr. Hejduk joined the staff and later Dr. Antonetti. A few years later Dr. Knight began his practice here. The family doctors did all kinds of surgeries, and delivered babies. Dr. Knight had people from all over coming here to take care of their orthopedic problems. During that time Medicare paid 100%, no questions asked. Patients stayed in the hospital until the doctor was ready to release them. Usually the patient was the one begging to go home. Several years later Medicare got cut, and the hospital stays were much shorter. Insurance rates began to climb for physicians doing surgeries and deliveries, so our family doctors quit doing them. A lot of things that were done at Muenster began going to specialists in other places. Most of the work being done through the hospital, was switched to out patient status because insurance companies and Medicare would not allow longer hospital stays. Dr. Knight also retired during this time, so the hospital started losing money most months until it was down to practically nothing.

There are several reasons we can still operate with some cash on hand. Dr. Currier joined the staff doing more surgeries and resumed delivering babies at the hospital stays and managed care, Medicare, and Medicare would not allow longer hospital stays and resumed delivering babies at the hospital money. On their patients is limited however, because of short hospital stays and managed care, Medicare, and Medicare word by Medicaid. We were fortunate to recruit Dr. Advincula and Dr. Morrill. What the hospital money. On the stays of the stays of the stays and managed care, we do a surgeries and resumed the surgeries and the search of the stays of the stays of the stays of

sole community provider we should improve the bottom line by about 15% in regards to Medicare and Medicaid. As time goes on I believe it will open new jobs as additional services become available. People from here can fill these jobs, and continue to live here. This statement that we are giving it to Gainesville is not true. You and I are part of the county as much as Gainesville is. That means the county hospital board can be represented by anyone throughout the county. There are many caring people in the county and some will always be willing to serve on the Board. Take a look at the county commissioners court. We had Robert Bayer, Virgil Hess, and Paul Hesse from here. Earl Taylor from the Hood community was commissioner for many years. Jerry Lewis from Era has served more than twenty years. The point is, if it is a county thing, people from the entire area will have involvement in it.

If the Wenester District votes not to go along with the merger, and Gainesville goes ahead with the plan, it won't be the same for them as if, it were a county hospital. It won't have the sole community provider status which could take 15% of the bottom line through Medicare and Medicaid. It could make a difference attracting some specialists to the area, if we continue to split up the market.

I will share something that sticks to my mind. After a person we know had passed away with cancer her daughter came and said to please keep working for that hospital. They had made many trips to Dallas and Denton for doctors and treatment, said it does it is looking to have an office nearby should we get the county hospital. Another person who had to take their mother for care and treatment said it doesn't make their mother for care and treatment said it doesn't make their mother for care many medical professionals in this and Denton or Dallas which takes of the professionals in the and professionals in the accounty hospital chosen of ob

Sincerely, Werner Becker Jr. 1739 Co. Rd. 318 Gainesville, TX 76240

Where to Write or Call:

Lifestyle

Struxness Wedding blessing held in Sacred Heart Church

by Elfreda Fette
Blessing of wedding vows was held for Amy and Zakaria Struxness of Aurora, Colorado on Jan. 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster. Father John Ohner OSA, pastor, was celebrant of the Mass, and presided for the recitation of vows with a special blessing, in double ring rites.

The bride is the former Amy Dankesreiter of Muenster. She is a 1992 graduate of Muenster of Muenster. She is a 1992 graduate of Muenster She is a 1992 graduate of Muenster She is a 1992 graduate of Muenster She is an a computer software tester.

The groom is the son of Eric and Lynne Struxness of Aurora, Colorado, He is an 1992 graduate of furon and an a 1997 graduate of Chistonia He is employed by the City and County of Denver as a computer programmer.

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Terrence Stuen of Aurora, both friends of the groom were groomsmen.

John Walterscheid, die Chart and Christina Eckart, friends of Christina Eckart, friends of Christina Eckart,

Zak and Amy Struxness.
Guests danced to music by
Dave Muller.
Cousins of the bride
Jennifer Hermes and Karee
Baker presided at the guest
book.

The bride's table was
centered with the Unity
Candle and garland
entwined with silver ribbons
and bows and white roses.
Votive candles and



Take Note

The Muenster Girl Scouts

Decorations in the reception area were made by Rosemary Dankesreiter, Amy and Zak Struxness, Dana Walterscheid, and Cathie Fuhrmann. Twenty-five silver trees held twinkling lights. Lattice work on the wall behind the bride's table was decorated with silver bows, ivy and miniature lights. Garland, silver ribbon bows, white roses, votive candles, and miniature bridal figurines were accents on guest tables.

The gift table held pictures of the bride and groom from childhood to the present time.

The rehearsal dinner was held Friday, Jan. 19 at the home of John and Dana Walterscheid, catered by Ginny Schneider, and hosted by Lynne and Eric Struxness.

Among wedding guests from out-of-town and coming from a distance were Jordan Lundquist of Redwing, Minnesota; Mike and Suzette Tran of Allen, Texas; Duane Dankesreiter of Dallas; Larry and Connie Dankesreiter of Fort Worth; Karan and Bobby Grimes of Arlington; Anna Mae Downs of Fort Worth; Gretchen Kostyniak of Arlington; Cecil and Doris Hermes of Lewisville; Cheryl Hacker of San Antonio; Brett Barnes of Colorado; Charity Parker of Dallas; and Sarah Morgan of Lubbock.

GMH Diabetes Education Program merits ADA recognition

patients with a comprehensive individualized education program.

Programs that achieve Recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide participants with comprehensive information about diabetes management. "The process

The prestigious American Diabetes Association Education Recognition Certificate for a quality diabetes self-management education program was recently awarded to Gainesville Memorial Hospital.

The American Diabetes Association believes that GMH's program offers high-quality diabetes self-management deucation believes that is an essential component of effective diabetes treatment. The Association's Education Recognition Certificate assures that educational programs meet the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs. These standards were developed and tested under the auspices of the National Diabetes Advisory Board in 1983 and were revised by the diabetes community in 1994 and 2000.

Programs applying for Recognition voluntarily submit to a rigorous review process by experts in the field of diabetes who evaluate each program on its ability to provide patients with a comprehensive individualized education programs. Incomprehensive individualized education programs in North Centified for diabetes with a comprehensive individualized education programs located in Denison and Lewisville.

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educational opportunities for individuals with diabetes. One-on-one sessions with the program's registered dietitian and diabetes educator and quarterly screenings and indepth training are the backbone of GMH's diabetes self-management education program.

For more information on Gainesville Memorial Hospital's ADA Recognized Program, call 940-612-8340.

self-management education program.

Krahl developed GMH's diabetes education program in conjunction with Certified Diabetes Educator and Program Coordinator Joan Walterscheid. They were assisted by an advisory committee consisting of GMH Director of Social Services Renee Gregory; Community Representative District Judge Jerry Woodlock; and Gainesville physician Robert R. "Bob" McLeroy, M.D.

Education Recognition Status is verified by an official certificate from ADA and is awarded for three years. GMH is certified from Jan. 5, 2001, to Jan. 5, 2004.

GMH's program is one of the few ADA certified programs in North Central Texas, with the closest recognized programs located in Denison and Lewisville.

Gainesville Memorial Hospital's ADA Recognized Program, call 940-612-8340.

In The Service

Army Lt. Col. Christopher Oduty at Fort Monroe, Hampton Virginia. He is assigned to Headquarters. Lt. Col. Martin is the son of Gainesville and Bill B. Martin of Saint Jo. In 1991, Col. Martin received a master degree from the University of Illinois and has served extensively overseas for a number of years. He is a former Lindsay resident and has relatives also in Muenster.

reters in Lindsay will host their annual dinner/raffle/cake walk on Sunday, Mar. 25. For more information, or to donate items to the raffle, call Brenda Block at 665-2969. The Cooke County Youth Fair will be held Mar. 8 - 9, with the sale on Saturday, Mar. 10, starting at 1 p.m.

The Muenster Girl Scouts are sponsoring a fund raising Taco Dinner. The meal, which includes all the fixings, will be served on Sunday, March 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Muenster K C Hall. Price is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for 12 and under. To go plates will be available. Tickets are available from any Muenster Girl Scout. Bits of Wisdom

If at first you don't succeed, try trying.

Business and Professional Women's to observe Women's Education Month

Cooke County Business and Professional Women's Feb. 22 meeting will be held at The Center in Muenster beginning at 6:00 p.m. This month's program will focus on Women's Education Month. Guest speakers will be Djuna Forrester, Community Programs Manager at NCTC, and Donna King, Manager Community Technical Centers. The program will highlight continuing education opportunities for business women offered at NCTC in addition to "Exploring the Internet" with tips and suggestions and announcing the free lab and programs offered at NCTC campuses. No reservations are required.

Tips for raising lifetime readers Infants and toddlers

Infants and toddlers

• Emphasize rhythms and rhyme in stories. Give your toddler opportunities to repeat rhyming phrases.

• Use pictures to build vocabulary by pointing to things and naming them and naming colors, too.

• Make reading a habit before bedtime, after lunch, or after nap time.

• Read stories again and again. Your toddler enjoys repetition, and it helps him/her become familiar with the way stories are organized.

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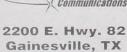
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The Cooke County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program adds new advisory council members

The Cooke County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program met last week at the Stanford House for their quarterly meeting. President Lyndon Lee welcomed members Penny Beaudin, John Bennett, Jimmy Cantrell, Janie Dumdei, Jo Ann Fenley, and Ethel McCoy. Robbie Bradley, Julia Cunningham, Betty Boone Kee, Raymond Miller, and Loretta Wimmer were absent due to illness. The Nominations Committee Chairperson, John Bennett introduced new nominees to be presented to the council. These were Carolyn Castleberry. Donna Freeman, John Kee, Jack McWilliams, and Mary Ellen Sowder. Other nominees who could not attend were Betty Flynn and Shirley Rector. All of these were approved and welcomed to the Advisory Council. Certificates were sent to members who had resigned.

Gainesville Community Development - answer stelephone, greet customers, filing - contact Carlos Vigil at 668-4504; the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to go to the Nursing Homes to visit. For more information on this, call Dianna Neiman-Harris at 903-813-3500 or contact Shirley Rector at the AAA office; Habitat for Humanity is needing volunteers for various jobs - call Penny at 665-3091; Home Hospice needs more volunteers for various jobs - call Penny at 665-3091; Home Hospice needs more volunteers for clerical, telephone and bulk mailings - call Kelly at 665-2873. These are just a few of the Stations needing volunteers. To ther business was setting the date for the samual Awards Recognition in April. This is a special time when the Volunteer of the Year and Station of the Year and Station of the Year are recognized, plus all the volunteers who have

Children's Health & Safety Lingering cough can indicate asthma

Many parents don't suspect asthma when their child has a nagging cough, but if the cough lingers or is accompanied by wheezing, there is cause for concern. Persistent or recurring coughing, wheezing, and difficulty breathing are the primary symptoms of asthma.

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"Asthma can start in infancy or onset later," Said Dr. Dan Seilheimer, medical director of the asthma center and Texas Children's Pulmonary Medicine Clinic. "It occurs in people who have a genetic predisposition and then something such as a virus or exposure to air pollution or toxic inhalation unmasks that tendency, which leads to sensitive airways."

Coughing may be most noticeable during the night as it keeps the child from resting. Wheezing is a high-pitched sound that asthmatic children sometimes make when breathing. The wheezing might only occur periodically. A child who is short of breath may complain that his or her chest feels tight, which can lead to breathing difficulties.

Identifying symptoms early can prevent more serious breathing problems or frequent asthmatic episodes. Early warning signs of an asthmatic episode include a runny, stuffy, or itchy nose; paleness; dark circles under the eyes; a stomachache or headache, crankiness or restlessness; poor appetite, sneezing, a sore throat, or an itchy chin, throat or back. Parents need to learn to avoid the triggers that can make asthma worse. Triggers, which are different for each child, include irritants such as smoke, strong odors and sprays, weather and pollution, exercise, dust mites, animal dander, pollen, molds, and viruses.

Asthma usually is treated with anti-inflammatory medication. These medicines keep the child's airways from becoming inflamed. Inflammation causes bronchiospasm and more mucus in the airways.

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Erin is one!



Relay For Life plans are under way

New Arrivals

Walterscheid
Mel and April
Walterscheid of Muenster
announce the birth of a son,
Kody Allen Walterscheid, on
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001 at
12:33 p.m. in Wilson N.
Jones Hospital of Sherman.
Kody weighed 7 lb. 14.9 oz.
and measured 20 inches in
length. He's welcomed by
siblings Amber, age six,
Cole, age 5, and Allie, age 2.
Grandparents are Carla
Truebenbach of Muenster
and the late Allen
Trubenbach and Peggy
Walterscheid of Muenster
and the late Raymond
Walterscheid. Greatgrandparents are Carl and
Cecilia Schilling.

Stephens

Bits of Wisdom

Form good habits. They're so hard to break as bad

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Memorial Hospital on Jan. 30, 2001 at 7:07 a.m. Hunter Thomas weighed 6 lb. 9 oz. and measured 19 3/4 inches long. Hayli Jo Ann weighed 6 lb. 2 oz. and measured 19 1/4 inches long. They join a brother Tanner Blake Stephens, age 2 1/2, at home. Grandparents are Johnny and Carolyn Perry of Gainesville and the late Ruth Stephens of Wichita Falls.

Falls.

Bradley
Staci Faye Moster and Jimmy Dean Bradley, Jr. of Valley View are parents of a son, Zachary Erin Bradley, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Feb. 2, 2001 at 7:23 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 10.2 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Grandparents are Wayne and Debbie Moster of Era, Cathy Franks of Ardmore, Oklahoma, and James Dean Bradley, Sr. of Harpersville, New York.



IT'S A TREASURE

Plans are well under way for this year's 6th Annual is walked by cancer 200ke County Relay For stife, which will be held Iune 8 and 9 at Hornet 2 tadium in Muenster. This report in Cooke County for the American Cancer Society. This allows a very dedicated and active 2 coral volunteer unit of the American Cancer Society to 2 coral volunteer unit of the American Cancer Society to 2 coral volunteer unit of the American Cancer Society to 2 coral volunteer unit of the 3 coral volunteer unit of the 4 coral volunteer unit of the 3 coral volunteer unit of the 4 coral volunteer





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ABBA fund-raiser scheduled for Mar. 9

The annual fund-raiser for A.B.B.A. Woman's Center will be held Friday, Mar. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Christian Life Center in Gainesville.

Dr. Lawrence White, nationally known speaker and author, will be the guest speaker. The Hermes Sisters are catering the meal.

Friday, the 9th, was the only time Dr. White was available, to speak. The location this year is located behind the Temple Baptist Church on East California Street.

Any gifts for the silent auction may be brought to the A.B.B.A. Center.

Stacie is six

Stacie Elizabeth Wimmer, daughter of Randy and Linda Wimmer, and granddaughter of Charles Wimmer, and Margia and Eddie Krahl all of Muenster, celebrated her sixth birthday on Jan. 27, one day following her actual birthdate of Jan. 26.

The party was held at Kids Club in Sherman. Cake and punch were served. Most all the kindergarten girls watched as she opened her gifts.

Guests included parents,

York earns honors

Christopher York, son of Ed and Dr. Margie York, Muenster ISD, now enrolled has achieved the distinction in the Texas Academy of of being named to the Math and Science at UNT, President's List at the earning dual credit, University of North Texas. simultaneously classified as He maintained a perfect a junior in high school and a grade point average of 4.0, freshman in college. His carrying a full course load future plans include throughout the Fall 2000 majoring in Pre-Med.

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Scouts honored at Blue and Gold Banquet patch, food drive patch, Blue and Gold; Scout Sunday, golf belt loop; Phillip Vogel, Wolf badge, honor roll patch, pinewood derby patch, food drive patch, Blue and Gold; Scout Sunday, shooting patch; Spencer Shooting patch, Fond drive patch, Blue and Gold; Scout Sunday, shooting patch, The mothers received the Wolf Pin.

On Feb. 4, Pack 664
Scouts of Muenster had
their yearly Blue and Gold
Banquet. This year
Muenster scouts chose the
"Great American Campout"
as the theme. The VFW was
decorated to its best with
campout ideas. A little hay
was spread around on the
floors to give it that real
outdoors feeling. This is the
banquet where awards are
presented; Arrow of Light is
recognized and scouts
bridge over to the "boy
scouts."

The evening began with
the opening flag ceremonies
by Jan Nielsen's Den 6
Wolves, Phillip Vogel, Josh
Voth, Spencer Nielsen,
Zachary Pierce.
Immediately following was
the Invocation by Father
John Ohner of Sacred Heart
Parish, the campout lunch
followed.

Ben Bindel, Cubmaster,
welcomed everyone and
introduced the guests. Next
was the Presentation of
Charter and Friends of
Scouting. The committee
was recognized for all their
hard work with awards and
gifts.

The presentation of
awards for all the scouts

The presentation of awards for all the scouts working towards their achievements were as follows:

working towards their achievements were as follows:

Den 1 Tiger Cubs - Josh Biffle, Luke Crabtree, Quinn Sicking, Caleb Winters, and Jimmie Abner all received Honor Student, food drive, pinewood derby, tiger paws 10 and 11, NRA shooting patch, Blue & Gold, Scout Sunday; Daniel Fleitman and David Fleitman received Honor Student, food drive, pinewood derby, tiger paws 10 and 11, Blue and Gold, and Scout Sunday; Austin Miller received Honor student, food drive, pinewood derby, tiger paws 10 and 11, and NRA shooting patch; and Trevor Riley received Honor Student, food drive, pinewood derby, tiger paws 10 and 11, and NRA shooting patch; and Trevor Riley received Honor Student, food drive, pinewood derby, and Trevor Riley received Honor Student, food drive, pinewood derby, and Trevor paws 10 and 11.

Den 2 Wolves - Ryan Felderhoff, Wolf badge, mothers pin, gold arrow point, 3 silver arrow points, skating sports pin, and bowling, bicycling, swimming, basketball, soccer and computer belt loops; Aaron Grewing, Wolf badge, mothers pin, gold arrow point, 2 silver arrow points, skating, sports pin, and bowling, bicycling, and

computer belt loops; Jordan Henscheid, Wolf badge, mothers pin, gold arrow point, 3 silver arrow points, skating sports pin, and swimming, bicycling, basketball, and computer belt loops; Matt Hesse, Wolf badge, mothers pin, gold arrow point, 3 silver arrow points, skating sports pin, and bowling, bicycling, swimming, basketball, and computer belt loops; Jason Luke, Wolf badge, mothers pin, gold arrow point, 2 silver arrow point, 2 silver arrow point, skating sports pin, and Bowling, bicycling and computer belt loops; Tanner Silmon, wolf badge, mothers pin, gold arrow points, skating sports pin, and bowling, bicycling, basketball, soccer, golf, and computer belt loops; Wilf Taylor, Wolf badge, mothers pin, gold arrow points, skating sports pin, and bowling, bicycling, basketball, soccer, golf, and computer belt loops; Wilf Taylor, Wolf badge, mothers pin, gold arrow points, skating sports pin, and bicycling, bowling computer, art, and communicating belt loops; Chad Walterscheid, Wolf badge, mothers pin, gold arrow pints, 4 silver arrow points, skating sports pin, and bowling, bicycling, fishing, basketball, c om p u t e r and communicating belt loops. All eight boys received patches for Honor Student, food drive, pinewood derby, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold, and Junior U.S.A. Shooting Team 2001.

Den 3 Webelos received the following awards: John Rohmer, Webelos badge, fitness pin, outdoors man pin, compass emblem, honor roll patch, artist pin, religious knot, pinewood derby, food drive, Scout Sunday, and Blue and Gold; Kirk Felderhoff, Webelos badge, Parvuli Dei, fitness pin, compass emblem, honor roll patch, artist pin, religious knot, pinewood derby, food drive, Scout Sunday, and Blue and Gold, sportsman pin; Seth Pierce, Webelos badge, fitness pin, outdoors man pin, compass emblem, honor roll patch, artist pin, religious knot, pinewood derby, food drive, Scout Sunday, and Blue and Gold, sportsman pin; Paul Crabtree, Webelos badge, fitness pin, compass emblem, honor roll patch, artist pin, religious knot, pinew



emblem, honor roll patch, artist pin, religious knot, pinewood derby, food drive, traveler pin and golf belt loop, and Blue and Gold; Joe Hesse, Webelos badge, Parvuli Dei, fitness pin, honor roll patch, religious knot, pinewood derby, food drive, Scout Sunday, and Blue and Gold; Ryan Bartush, Webelos badge, fitness pin, artist pin, pinewood derby, food drive, Scout Sunday, and Blue and Gold; Nicholas Flusche, Webelos badge, Parvuli Dei, fitness pin, outdoors man pin, artist pin, religious knot, pinewood derby, food drive, pinewood derby, Scout Sunday, and Blue and Gold; Nicholas Flusche, Webelos badge, Parvuli Dei, gold arrow point, silver arrow point, shooting patch, honor roll, food drive, pinewood derby, food drive, pinewood derby, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; Nicholas Flusche, Webelos badge, Parvuli Dei, gold arrow point, 2 silver arrow point, 2 silver arrow



Cub Scouts advancing to Boy Scouts, John Rohmer, Corey Pumphrey and Colton Steelman. Courtesy photo

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Den 4 Bears - Ashton Barrett, Bear badge, honors patch, food drive, pinewood derby, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; Gerry Brundage, honors patch, food drive, pinewood derby, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; Zachary Moritz, honors patch, food drive, pinewood derby, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; John Nystrom, Bear badge, gymnastics belt loop, sports letter, gymnastics pin, honors patch, food drive, pinewood derby, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; John Nystrom, Bear badge, gymnastics belt loop, sports letter, gymnastics pin, honors patch, food drive, pinewood derby, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; John Nystrom, Bear badge, gymnastics belt loop, sports letter, gymnastics pin, honors patch, food drive, pinewood derby Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; John Nystrom, Bear badge, gymnastics belt loop, sports letter, gymnastics pin, honors patch, food drive, pinewood derby Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; John Nystrom, Bear badge, pinewood derby Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; John Nystrom, Bear badge, pinewood derby Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; John Nystrom, Bear badge, pinewood derby Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold; John Nystrom, Bear badge, pinewood John Nystrom, Bear ba



Bear s- Den 4



Wolves - Den 6

Tips for raising lifetime readers Young children kindergarten – grade 3 • Keep reading to your child even when he/she can read. Read books that are too difficult or long for him/her to read alone. • Talk about the meaning of new words and ideas introduced in books. • Talk with your child about stories using the notions of the beginning, middle, and end of the story to organize thinking and discussion. • Talk to your child about favorite authors and help him/her find additional books by those authors. PSA from National Education Association and Muenster Enterprise

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National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame to break ground in Fort Worth

Fame to break ground in Fort Worth

More than 100 women on horseback will take part in groundbreaking festivities Springsteen, her stunt for the National Cowgirl double.

Texas inductees who will of the Cowgirl's 33,000 square foot new home, blatter of the Cowgirl's 33,000 square foot new home, blatter of the Cowgirl's 33,000 square foot new home, blatter of the Calgary Stampede; Lindy Gendy and Burnett-Tandy Streets, in the heart of Fort Worth, Texas' renowned cultural district.

Patricia W. Riley, a daring on the West, worked as ranchers and opened schools streets, in the heart of Fort worth, Texas' renowned to cowgirls, will emcee the momentous occasion. Twenty-six years ago the Cowgirl's first home started in the basement of the Deaf Smith County Library in the Texas Panhandle town of Hereford," Riley said. In 1994, we brought the Hall of Fame currently numbers 153 honorees in its Hall of Fame currently num

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School News

VFW District I Youth essay winner announced

Muenster VFW #6205
Auxiliary chairman,
Frances Bayer announced to
the Sacred Heart 7th and
8th grade classes the local
winner and the District I
winner of the Youth Essay
Contest. Joelle Fuhrmann
received a \$200.00 savings
bond from District I for her
winning essay on "What
Does It Mean to be
Patriotic?" Some 40 7th and
8th grade students
Does It Mean to be
patricipated on a local level.
On the District I level,
Joelle's essay competed
gainst other schools in an
area from Bonham to
Gainesville, McKinney,
Denton, Lewisville to

Muenster ISD Flormontery.

Muenster ISD Elementary participates in Jope Rope for Heart to help fight heart disease

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Muenster ISD Elementary students, first through fifth grade, are participating in the 21st Annual American Heart Associations Jump Rope for Heart, to raise money to help fight heart

Rope for Heart, to raise money to help fight heart disease.

Last year the students raised over \$2500.00 and hope to raise even more this year Coach Pat Hall noted. "The students learn new jump rope stunts everyday as well as learn about the fitness benefits of jumping rope," Hall added. "They are also learning about the importance of a good diet."

The third through fifth grade students are also

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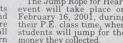
learning how to take their pulse and the health benefits from that. The hope is for the students to learn why we want to live a healthy lifestyle as well as how to live healthier. The Jump Rope for Heart event will take place on February 16, 2001, during their P.E. class time, when students will jump for the money they collected.

Anyone wishing to donate to the American Heart Association on behalf of Muenster Elementary, you may do so by leaving a donation with the elementary secretary, with attention to Pat Hall, Jump Rope for Heart.

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Four 4-H members from Muenster will be joining other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world. Arlie Bayer, Casey Bell, and Lauren Dangelmayr will compete with their Junior market steers. Also have any will compete with their Junior market steers. Also have and poultry before and projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 23. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the Show, which kicks off Feb. 13.

Entries from both the

Muenster High School attends TMSCA meet in Valley View

Muenster High School sent 19 students to the first through fifth place. Valley View TMSCA (Texas Math and Science Coaches Association) meet on Feb. 3. They returned with five out of a possible six trophies and 14 medals for their efforts. Trophies were awarded for first or second place team scores, and place team scores, and competitors were all grouped together regardless of grade level. Students of grade level. Students of grade level. Student classification, name, their events, and places are as follows:

12th - Ami Graham,

follows:

12th - Ami Graham,
Calculator; Bronya Vogel,
Number Sense 4th,
Calculator 6th, Math 6th,
Science 8th; Brett Howell,
Computer Science 6th,
Number Sense 2nd,
Calculator 9th, Math 6th,
Science; Mary Skinner,
Calculator 3rd; Diane
Britain, Calculator 10th,
Science.

Science.

11th - Chris Jackson,
Computer Science 1st,
Number Sense 1st,
Calculator 6th, Math 2nd,
Science 3rd; Kevin Hermes,
Computer Science, Number
Sense 6th, Calculator 10th,
Math 9th, Science; Chris
McLaughlin, Computer
Science 7th, Calculator 9th;
Pamela Lutkenhaus,
Computer Science 2nd,
Number Sense 5th,
Calculator 5th, Math 6th,
Science 6th; Paul Fleitman,
Computer Science 8th,
Number Sense 5th,
Calculator 7th, Math 8th,
Science 7th.
10th - Brady Howell,
Computer Science 10th,
Number Sense 3rd,
Calculator, Math 7th,
Science; Lisa Felderhoff,
Number Sense, Calculator
10th; Amanda Felderhoff,
Number Sense
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10th; Amanda Felderhoff,
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2nd; Math 5th, Science 1th,
10th; Amanda Felderhoff,
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2nd; Math 5th, Science 1th,
10th; Amanda Felderhoff,
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Local animals to be shown in Houston

Frances Bayer awards Distri with a \$200 savings bond.

Lindsay teachers from pre-k through high school were honored last week by the Student Council. Photos by Janie Hartman



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Wed. - Chicken noodle casserole, peas, fruit, garlic toast.
Thurs. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, green beans, pears, bread.
Thurs. - Pizza, lettuce salad, corn, mixed fruit, bread.
Fri. - Pizza, corn, lettuce, fruit.
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Mon. - Corny dogs, potato wedges, ranch style beans, pears, pumpkin bread.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, hot rolls.

Wed. - Chicken patty sandwiches, potato salad, lettuce and tomatoes, bananas, cookies.

Thurs. - Baked ham, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, French fries, onions and pickles, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.

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LINDSAY ISD Mon. - Ham sandwich.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Lasagna or chicken strips, corn, strawberry applesauce, tossed salad, breadsticks.

Tues. - Combo Burrito, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, wacky cake.

Wed. - chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.

Thurs. - Salisbury steak w/brown gravy or ham and cheese hot pockets, green beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, sugar cookie.

Fri. - Sub sandwich, potato chips, trimmings, orange half, ice cream.

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Tigerette team totals Tyler Street

The Sacred Heart
Tigerettes wiped the Tiger
Den floor with the
dismantled Lady Crusaders
of Dallas Tyler Street last
Saturday afternoon,
wreaking their bi-district
opponents 86-36.
The victory advances the
Tigerettes to the TAPPS
regional playoff game with
Amarillo Trinity Fellowship
this Friday.
"We were ready to play!
We had an excellent first
half," said Coach Jon
LeBrasseur of his victory

over Tyler Street. "Andrea (Bauer) had a great game." Bauer scored 31 points, 22 in the first half.

Jayna Biffle added 13 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, while Raney Bauer added 12. Jana Truebenbach scored 10, Mary Jane Callahan 6, Courtney Hartman 5, Karen Gehrig 4, Audrey Barnhill a 3 pointer and 5 steals, and Jennifer Hoedebeck 2 points.

points.
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The Tigerettes will play Amarillo Trinity Fellowship at TWU in Denton at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16. "This is the game," noted Coach Jon. "It will be a full court game for 32 minutes with both teams playing aggressive defense and up tempo offense."

In the most recent private school 3A and under poll, Sacred Heart is ranked third and Trinity Fellowship fourth.

The winner of this game advances to the semi-finals next Friday in Waco!



on a Tyler Street ball handler in

Tigers fall to Rockwall

The Sacred Heart Tigers, after finishing second place in district, then winning the pre-bi-district contest, fell to the Rockwall Christian Warriors in bi-district action last Friday night in Rockwall, 76-50.

"We got off to a slow start the first half, but played well the second half," noted Coach Keith Barrick. The Tigers fell 21-4 the first quarter and 37-13 at half-time before Sacred Heart began hitting their shots and got points on the board.

Marty Farrell was a high scorer of the game with 17 points. Johnny Yosten added 12 and Jack Biffle 8. Clint Fuhrmann put in 5 points, Luke Endres 4, Chris Fuhrmann 3, and Keith Felderhoff 1 for the Tigers Rockwall had three players score double digits, Caleb Palmer 17 with Nathan Jackson and Jared Alexander each getting 14.

Coach Barrick and the Tigers feel grateful for the support they received this season from their fans.

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Marty Farrell out stretches the other players on the court to grab a rebound against Rockwall Christian. Also pictured is Tiger's Johnny Yosten (40). Photo by Dave Fette

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Muenster High School Senior class members and parents were honored at the last Horne basketball game of the season on February 6. Seniors recognized were, from left, Brett Howell, Josh Freeman, Elliott Klement, Keri Felderhoff, Greg Johnson, Kacie Garcia, and Kristie Lutkenhaus.

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Miller round out the team



Senior Keith Felderhoff lays up the shot. Photo by Dave Fette

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/// Chuck Bartush Jr.
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No.: 01865000

by JILL RENEE WOOD, numbered 01-059, and entitled 'In the Matter of the Marriage of JILL RENEE WOOD and LAWRENCE KEITH WOOD And In the Interest of BLAKE ANTHONY WOOD, Minor Child.' The suit is a request for the Court to grant a divorce and to make orders for conservatorship and support of the child.

The following is the subject of the suit:

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The City of Muenster solicits bids for the purchase and ivery of approximately 400, tons of 3/8" washed pea gravel ne to comply with Cooke County road building cifications. The 3/8" washed material must meet the

BID INVITATION

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insurance are no exception.
Consider raising your deductibles to lower the payments, provided you have money in savings to cover the amount below your deductible.

• Prepare a spending plan. Make a list of your income and expenses so that you'll know what bills you'll some that can have to cover during your unemployment. It might be painful, but it'll help you solid plan."

avoid costly surprises.

Economists say that the down, at the saving to make a list of the personal issue. Someone who just lost their job is focused on their own situation, one that can easily turn into a crisis for a person who doesn't have a solid plan."

Legal fact Under Texas' zero tolerance law, it is illegal for a minor to drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in his or her system. Violating this carries a fine, driver's license suspension and could include jail time.

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Pesticide settlement a 'Slap' to farmers

A last minute settlement between the Clinton administration and on environmental group of a 1999 lawsuit challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act "represents a slap in the face to farmers and ranchers," the American Farm Bureau Federation says.

says.

The settlement agreed to by the Natural Resources Defense Council and EPA "would allow EPA to bypass many of the procedural steps needed to ensure that decisions on pesticide registrations are based on science, not politics," AFBF President Bob Stallman said

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"The timing and deadlines surrounding EPA's settlement with NRDC deprive farmers...in this suit of their ability to have any meaningful opportunity to review the proposal, let alone provide any substantive comment," said Stallman. "EPA has effectively yielded to NRDC without giving farmers a fair chance to comment on how the settlement will affect their ability to produce safe and abundant food," the farm leader stressed.

In 1999, AFBF, the American Crop Protection Association and other industry groups sued EPA, claiming the agency used flawed assumptions and incomplete data when making pesticide regulatory decisions under the 1996 Food Quality Production Act. The lawsuit also charged that EPA had failed to use customary regulatory rule making procedures

charged that EPA had failed to use customary regulatory rule making procedures before announcing its decisions.

Later that year, NRDC separately sued EPA over the agency's implementation of FQPA, claiming the agency failed to meet deadlines in regulating

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"Tor four-plus years EPA officials and others in the administration paid lip service to the notion that implementation of FQPA must be an open and transparent process, with opportunity for all affected parties to comment, and that the resulting decisions should be based on sound science," Stallman noted. "This settlement belies that notion," he asserted.

EPA issues last minute livestock watering guidelines

In the final days of the Clinton administration, EPA issued new guideline to reduce the water pollution from "large" livestock lots, feed lots with 300 cattle.

EPA has these implications:

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than 300 cattle would need a permit if they pose a threat to water.

* Poultry, veal and swine operations would be required to prevent all discharges from pits and lagoons.

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* Feeding operations of 500 animals or more would need permits, currently the number is 1,000.

* Operations with more discharges from pits and lagoons.

* The EPA and states will issue co-permits for corporations and contract growers to ensure that they have financial resources to satisfy Clean Water laws.

* Spreading manure on land owned by livestock facilities would be limited.

Supreme Court wetlands ruling applauded by Farm Bureau

The American Farm Bureau Federation has applauded a Supreme Court decision that says the Army Corps of Engineers cannot rely on the so called "migratory bird rule" to assert jurisdiction over isolated wetlands. The court agreed with assertions in a brief filed by the American Farm Bureau Federation, the North Dakota FB, and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, that the Corps' jurisdiction was without authority under the isolated wetlands issue."



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In 1929, the Shorthorn was the United States number one cattle breed.

A quick was to check for engine problems is to analyze the oil. Two companies that provide oil checks are Archer lubricants, 1-800-221-7017 and Phillips 66, 1-800-766-0500.

When Clinton was president told a group in England that wealthy countries could help the developing world earn income "if we ended our agricultural subsidies." he suggested poorer countries could produce "more cheaply than we." What was he thinking????

Farm export sales in the US increased 3.8% in the first 11 months of the Oct. Sept. marketing year that ended Sept. 30.

The US agricultural trade surplus increased 11% from July to August 2000. The Aug. farm export surplus was \$134 million higher than in 1999.

Focus on making the first experience an animal has in a new environment a good one, noted Colorado State University assistant professor Temple Grandin.

When moving heifers or cows into a new corral, give then 30 seconds to a minute to smell her new environment before entering.

Wheat producers that graze their crops then harvest the grain should apply two pounds of nitrogen for every bushel of grain yield goal, then topdress the wheat after the cattle are removed. Brent Bean, Texas A&M agronomist recommends 3/4 pound of nitrogen per acre for each bushel of your grain yield goal.

Want to know how various non-profit organizations allocate their funds? Check out www.guidestar.org. The site contains IRS 990 forms for more than 200,000 charities, with new ones posted daily.

Beef demand continued to climb in the third quarter of 2000, increasing 6% over the same 1999 period. It is estimated that consumer expenditures on beef will surpass \$53 billion in 2000, the first time it's topped \$50 billion.

The personal exemption someone can take for the 2001 tax year has risen from \$2,800 to \$2,900. Also the standard deduction for 2001 has risen to \$4,550 for singles and \$7,699 for couples filing jointly.

Benefits of rotational grazing: increases stocking rates; improves pasture conditions; requires less hay feeding in the winter; makes working and checking cattle easier; and reduces labor and vehicle expenses.

Low magnesium in a mother cow's diet depresses milk production, causing lower weight gain in suckling calves. In severe cases, grass tetany can disrupt a cow's nervous system, causing death.

According to the USDA's annual winter wheat seedings report, the 2001 crop, at 41.3 million acres, is 5% below last year's and the smallest crop since 1971.

Excess supply of corn is under US control. World production is stagnant, yet consumption is growing and stocks reclining. The corn stocks to use ratio is at one of the four lowest levels in the past 25 years. These factors should help the prices.

The January production report for soybeans is at 2.77 billion bushels, still the biggest crop in history. Prices will likely decline once spring planting is over.

Prices of fertilizer is rising sharply, another shoot-off of natural gas prices, which are five times higher that last

The price of natural gas, which makes up for 80-90% of the cost of producing ammonia, is making production a losing proposition. Because fertilizer is bought and sold as a commodity, fertilizer producers can not pass on the higher cost to the farmer. Stocks could fall 10% short of demand by spring planting.

A bull whose daughters have high milk production is incorrectly referred to as a maternal bull, though milk is not a maternal trait, but a growth trait. To increase the pre-weaning growth of your calves, select a producer with more milk production.

Bob Stallman welcomes new Ag Secretary

American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman applauded President George W. Bush's choice for agriculture secretary, Ann Veneman. Stallman said he looks forward to working with the first women to hold the post.

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"From her experience in her prior governmental positions, we know her to be an extremely knowledgeable, capable and effective advocate for all of agriculture," Stallman, former Texas Farm Bureau president said. "It's a real benefit that she has previous experience at USDA and service to California and American agriculture. She understands how the agriculture department works-and the range of responsibilities that she will have to oversee."

Immigrants need written proof to work on farms

Work on farms

In 1998, it was estimated that 600,000 of the more than 1.6 million farm workers in the US were here illegally.

By law, farmers are not allowed to hire anyone who cannot provide written proof that they are eligible to work in the US.

The following list of documents are acceptable in establishing eligibility and identity of immigrants for employment. A document from list A or a document from list A or a document from list B and C are required for employment.

List A - US passport; certificate of US citizenship; certificate of naturalization; unexpired foreign passport; alien registration receipt card with photo (green card); unexpired temployment authorization card.

List B - drivers license; government ID card card.

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