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Commissioners Court strives to create Cooke County Court at Law

by Janet Felderhoff
 With the affirmation of three county judges, former and current, Cooke County Commissioners Court unanimously adopted a resolution seeking legislation to create a Cooke County Court at Law. This proposal will be introduced in the 74th Texas Legislature.

"There's obviously a need for it," Cooke County Judge Bill Harris said of the proposed County Court. "A need to get that court in a state where you can handle these criminal cases, eventually when you get the docket cleaned up, in six to nine months. It's not right to have these criminal cases hanging on the docket for five, six, to seven years, some of them eight years. Of the first four cases I tried last year, one was 1993 and three of them were 1992."

Harris said that there are about 100 to 120 cases a month added to the docket. It's hard to keep the number of cases down to 2,200, he added. If there is a way to fund a County Court he feels it should be done. "It should have been done five years ago and we'd be in better shape than we are right now," Harris remarked.

Phil Adams, president of the Cooke County Bar Association, spoke in favor of the resolution. "The Cooke County Bar Association supports the creation of a County Court of Law," Adams stated. "It's something that we were in favor of five years ago. It's been my experience that county courts at law will make you money and make you money very quickly."

Adams noted that when it becomes apparent that there will be trials on a regular

basis, there will be more pleas and that will create more revenue.

Former Cooke County Judge Russell Duncan offered his insight on the situation. "I don't think that anybody can address this issue more than the former and current County judges," he remarked. "I know that you all work closely together, but you do not see the magnitude of what that office is. If we were a county like King County with a total population of 822, a county seat of about 20-25 people, a constitutional county judge probably could do a good job. The current county judge tries to serve wearing the hat of administrator." Duncan listed a number of duties performed by the county judge including participation in numerous committees, some with other counties.

"The other facet is as a judge you hear all of the probate cases, all of the mental health cases, all of the criminal cases, the criminal are driving while intoxicated, checks, and drugs," explained Duncan. "It got so tangled, so that finally we were taking eight pleas at a time. I would line up eight people at one time so that they could make their pleas, go down the line."

"If you have a county court at law, you divide the judicial from the administrative situation. You would have a lawyer who would handle the criminal cases and not necessarily a lawyer who would handle the administrative part. Our sister counties, Denton and Grayson, all have county courts at law."

Financially Duncan feels that a county court at law

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Hospital legislation goes to 74th Texas Legislature

by Janet Felderhoff
 Members of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors met Tuesday, Nov. 28. Administrator Jack Endres announced that the proposed enabling legislation adopted by the Muenster and Gainesville Hospital Districts was to be presented that day to State Senator Tom Haywood and State Representatives Ron Clark and Phil King. These local representatives will present the new enabling legislation for consideration during the 74th session of the Texas Legislature.

Endres noted that when the Muenster Board adopted the enabling legislation some changes were made to it. It was reviewed by Gainesville and by the attorneys and since nothing was heard Endres assumed the changes were accepted.

Phil Endres asked if the legislation would be presented during this session. Jack Endres responded, "Unless all hell breaks loose. They are going to be dealing with redistricting. So that's going to be a big problem. My understanding is that don't start with redistricting actually until March. So assuming we can get it through in the first couple of months of the session, I think it's 45 days until they get all embroiled in the redistricting process."

"There shouldn't be a problem. As we talked about in the meeting when we adopted it. It doesn't establish anything, it just gives people the right to vote."

Board members Don Flusche, Carol Grewing, Chas Bayer, and Administrator Endres met with Arthur Hoenburger of Texoma Medical Center in Denison. Hoenburger had spoken previously with Henry Weinzapfel and a number of other Muenster people about ways to save the Muenster Hospital.

"We had a real good discussion with him," Endres said. "He talked about the assistance that they had



Muenster Memorial Hospital's new CT scanner, top photo, with x-ray technician Jason Endres. At left, x-ray technicians Sally Hacker (standing) and Theresa Moseley in control room where they can operate the CT scanner. An intercom system allows for communication with the patient during testing.

Photos by Janie Hartman

have the net income guarantee plus the expense on top of that. You'd be running into a high cost to recruit a surgeon to the area."

"We went through a rough idea of what the hospital was doing, our average census we had on the inpatient side, what we were doing on the outpatient side, and then how many surgeries we did in a year. By the time we got finished with that discussion, his comments was he didn't understand why were still open. It's not a lot there that wasn't proposed by Denton Regional or Denton Community or Wilson N. Jones."

Carol Grewing remarked, See HOSPITAL, pg 4



The south entrance to Fischer's Meat Market is dominated by the impressive clock tower that points upward for 40 feet to present the Glockenspiel and its seven traditional characters.

Photo by Dave Fette

Glockenspiel becomes reality at Fischer's Meat Market

by Elfreda Fette
 Destined to become a landmark for Muenster, the new clock tower and its "Glockenspiel" at Fischer's Meat Market is entering another phase of its construction.

Owners John Fisher and Butch Fisher state that there are only three or four known Glockenspiels of like creation in the United States, certainly not even a half dozen.

The Fishers were dedicated to adherence to ethnic authenticity. They visited several cities where Glockenspiels actually existed, in operation. Planning and research took several years. That explains how they became acquainted with Erla Young who is responsible for the design, artistry, and workmanship in the finished product, the figurines in the Glockenspiel in Fischer's clock tower.

The Glockenspiel is designed with seven traditional figures, namely: 1) a sausage man; 2) a milkmaid; 3) a cow; 4) a fraulein dancer; 5) a frau dancer; 6) a bear; 7) a King.

In traveling to several areas of the United States, the Fishers made a trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan (near

Saginaw). This is one of the most complete German facade towns in the U.S., ranked along with Helen, Georgia and Leavenworth, Washington. Erla Young of St. George, Utah had designed the Glockenspiel of Midway, Utah.

The Glockenspiel in Muenster is an original, designed by Bob Bowlin to specifications, pictures, conversations with, and needs of the Fishers. Being very versatile, Erla Young has professionally worked as a fashion designer, illustrator, interior designer and teacher, and is an author and illustrator of children's books and stories. She studied at the University of Utah, Critcher School of Illustration in Washington, D.C. and the Art Center in Los Angeles and the New York University. She has been on the staffs of the University of Utah, trade schools and Brigham Young University. Her paintings have won national and local awards. Truly, she is a versatile artist.

"At present, the Glockenspiel at Fischer's is operated manually. When automated in the near future, the figurines will probably run on the quarter hour, with

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Gainesville Memorial Hospital deals with tax rollback petition

by Janet Felderhoff
 Gainesville Memorial Hospital's (GMH) tax rate of 18 cents per \$100 property valuation was challenged Monday when Roger Martin and Rod Tyler presented a rollback petition signed by 2,770 registered voters in the Gainesville Hospital District. At least 1,809 valid signatures are required. That is 10 percent of the District's registered voters.

Taxes were increased from 9 1/2 cents to 18 cents exceeding the amount allowed without risking a rollback petition. The tax increase was set to help fund the building of a new hospital. Asked his reason for

pursuing a rollback election Martin said, "When they denied the people the right to vote on Gainesville Memorial Hospital, I value my right to vote highly. When somebody takes it away they're in for a fight!"

GMH has the ball in its court now and has 20 days to signatures on the petition. GMH Director of Public Relations Gayla Blanton remarked that they were surprised at the number of signatures on the petition since the numerous Town Hall meetings held on the topic of building a new hospital yielded overwhelmingly positive comments. She said they will

be very carefully validating signatures in the next 20 days.

Blanton said that a special meeting of the Gainesville hospital board will be called for Dec. 12 when the board will give an opinion as to whether the rollback petition is valid or invalid. If it is found to be valid the board will call an election. She said that according to state law they will have 90 days to hold an election, but it cannot be within the first 30 days of that 90 day time frame.

Should the election occur and voters disapprove of the tax increase, what will GMH do about building its new facility? (That would cause the tax to go back to 9 1/2 cents)

Blanton said it would be premature to say. "We've always been up front saying that tax revenues are needed to build," remarked Blanton. She said the situation would have to be evaluated should the tax increase be voted down. She was unsure if it would block the building of a new hospital since there are other options available such as general obligation bonds although revenue bonds were the hospital board's top choice.

"We respect the voice of the people in this matter," stated GMH Administrator Andrew Anderson Jr. "We accept the petitions and will begin our

task of validating each signature."

"It has always been our desire to listen to the needs of our community. It is still our deep belief that the will of the people is to expand and improve healthcare services in Cooke County. If the petitions are verified and meet the letter of the law, we will hold an election which will place this issue in the hands of the voters within the Gainesville Hospital District."

When Martin learned that the people weren't going to have a vote on building a new hospital or how it was to be paid for he took action. He started by opening an office

and having an attorney draw up the rollback petition. According to Martin the first people to visit the office were angered by the fact that they didn't have an opportunity to vote. These people took petition sheets and set out to get signatures. Martin said he feels they could have gotten many more signatures, but ran out of time.

"This will (petition) will send a message to the board that there is a measure of dissatisfaction with the board's decision," Martin speculated. By forcing an election the people will get their chance to voice their opinion, said Martin.

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would work. He said that if there are 1500 to 2000 cases to be tried and the average fine is \$300, plus court costs, plus probation fees, that amounts to a lot of money.

Another former county judge, Jim Robertson, spoke briefly due to his voice not being well at the time. "I think the time has come for a county court at law," he noted. "I can see the tremendous change that's happened since I left office in 1981. It's a 103 percent different. The bottom line is that now is a good time; now is the right time to have a county court at law." Commissioner Bill Cox said that he'd hoped that there wouldn't have to be a tax increase next year. He was concerned that expenses from creating the County Court would cause a tax increase. He also conceded that it needed to be done and that it would be beneficial to the citizens of the county.

Judge Harris said that the biggest expenses would be the judge's salary and a full time court reporter's salary. He said that \$35,000 of the judge's salary would be paid by the state.

Commissioners Jerry Lewis and Virgil Hess remarked that the county was in better shape financially to make the change now than it was five years ago. At that time the county would have had to increase the

county attorney's salary and the state wouldn't have paid part of the judge's salary.

After the resolution is approved by the Texas Legislature, Commissioners Court will appoint the person to first serve in the new position of Judge of the County Court at Law. As it is written now he or she would begin serving Dec. 1, 2001. That position will be up for election during the next election year. Any person holding that position will not be allowed by law to have an outside practice.

"There are 2,200 cases on that docket," observed Harris. "It'll take a few years to catch that up. Maybe not too long if the judge is active. If he's not active it'll still take a little more. He's going to have to be active to get these cases set and tried or set and disposed of. Then when a criminal case gets on the docket as soon as it's filed, in six to nine months it ought to be disposed of. About a third of the cases are usually pleas, but the other two thirds, 100 to 120 a month, stay on that docket and they need to be disposed of. There's no sense in a case staying on the docket for years."

If the new position is created the constitutional county judge will handle all administrative duties such as chairing Commissioners Court, county budget, etc. All judicial duties

will be handled by the judge of the county court at law. Presently the county judge handles both the administrative and judicial duties.

Cox explained that Commissioners Court would be asked from now on to approve the minutes of the Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Board meetings. The minutes will be filed in the County Clerk's office. "As you all know the Lake Ray Roberts zoning area is getting real active," Cox said. "We're going to have to keep a better handle on this. We're going to be making some changes there in January." He added that the activity was going to be there and they'd need to stay alert as to what is happening.

At the request of Cox, Commissioners Court agreed to meet with the Lake Ray Roberts Zoning Board in the near future to consider proposed changes in the bylaws and regulations. "I know we've got a problem down there," Cox said. "We've got a growth problem and we need to make some changes in the regulations. We'll get ourselves in a big bind if we don't."

Although Commissioners considered passage of an amendment to the personnel policy handbook, action was tabled. Judge Harris explained that he felt more than a little patchwork was needed. He would like to meet with a representative from TAC (Texas Association of Counties) and go over the whole manual. Lewis agreed to contact TAC and set up a meeting time probably in January.

In other business conducted during the Nov. 27 regular meeting of Commissioners Court:

- Approved public official bond for Janelle Haverkamp
- Approved contract for collection services with the Cooke county Appraisal District which is the same as last year.



Mike Daley (center) of Ford Motor Co. presented the Golden Shovel Award to Klement Ford of Muenster, represented here by (l-r) Kim, Edna and Karl Klement and Kirk and Donna Klement. At right is Larry McKinney of Ford Credit Corp. during grand opening ceremonies Nov. 17. Photo by Dave Fette

NCTC names Robeson new dean of applied sciences

Maurice Robeson is the new dean of applied sciences at North Central Texas College. The college's Board of Regents officially approved the appointment at its regular November meeting on the Cooke County Campus recently.

Mrs. Robeson, who had been serving as director of NCTC's Bowie Campus since its opening last year, also is the former chair of the college's Department of Nursing. She fills a vacancy left recently by the reassignment of Rusty Waller as dean of institutional

research.

Prior to addressing the remaining action items on a light agenda, the regents heard an in-depth report from Dana Pearson, director of library services and learning resource centers, on the rapidly expanding array of resources now available to NCTC students on-line via TexShare.

In other business, the NCTC regents:

- Tabled consideration of a name for the new residence hall currently under construction.

• Rescheduled the regular January meeting to Jan. 22.

• Due to recent personnel changes, revised the list of college representatives authorized to execute financial transactions with TexPool.

• Approved several minor revisions to college policy to more accurately designate college personnel responsible for such matters as records management and safety procedures.

• Accepted a letter of resignation from John Marsh, chair of the Department of Applied Technologies.

City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, December 4, 2000.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on November 6, 2000.
4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on Amendment to Sign Ordinance, City Code Section 8-3-1, relating to permitting of billboard placement. (Reading 1).
2. Consider and act on proposed Ordinance #25, Section 4B Sales Tax Election (Reading 2).
3. Consider and act on closing of East Eighth Street.
4. Consider and act on purchase of water meters.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive final report from Interim City Administrator Joseph Bright.
2. Consider and act on removal of old water storage tank.
3. Hear from Mary Lee Alford regarding conceptual ideas for Muenster Beautiful's Main Street project.
4. Consider and act on TxDOT amendment to Bddy Street bridge replacement agreement.
5. Review and act upon monthly bills.
6. Adjourn.

Denton High Chorale performs at Sacred Heart

The Denton High School Chorale presented a Holiday Concert in Sacred Heart Catholic Church Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. The concert was devoted to Christmas music, principally carols, sacred music, and several secular Christmas songs. Those who were present for the 1999 concert here were very pleased with the program.

MHS band concert is Sunday

The Muenster High School Band will present a Christmas Concert in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3:00 p.m., highlighting traditional Christmas music, carols, and sacred songs. It is open to the public and everyone is invited.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR						
<p>Sunday, December 3, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4pm Sacred Heart Alumni Christmas Shopping Spree MISD Band Concert, Sacred Heart Church, 3pm</p>	<p>Monday, December 4, 2000 City Council meeting, 7:30pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 5, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 6, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7pm Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5pm Religious Ed Class, 7pm</p>	<p>Thursday, December 7, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Sacred Heart Elementary Diamond Jubilee Celebration TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11am, Cooke Co. Electric Co-op</p>	<p>Friday, December 8, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4pm Sacred Heart School, NO SCHOOL, Holy Day</p>	<p>Saturday, December 9, 2000 VFW Children's Christmas Party, 9:30 AM, VFW</p>
<p>Sunday, December 10, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4pm Sacred Heart Elementary Diamond Jubilee Celebration JC Punt, Pass & Kick, 1pm, Hornet Stadium</p>	<p>Monday, December 11, 2000 VFW & Auxiliary meeting, 8pm, covered dish</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 12, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 13, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Co-ed Volleyball, 7pm NO Religious Ed Class SH Alumni meeting, CC meeting room, 7:30pm Muenster School Board, 7:30pm C of C Breakfast, 7:30am, Center</p>	<p>Thursday, December 14, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center</p>	<p>Friday, December 15, 2000 Muenster Museum Open, 1 to 4pm</p>	<p>Saturday, December 16, 2000</p>

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OBITUARIES

Dick LeBrasseur dies on Nov. 26

Dick LeBrasseur, father of Coach Jon LeBrasseur, died in Michigan, at age 78 on Sunday, November 26, 2000. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Wednesday, Nov. 29 in Saint Anthony of Padua Church in Escanaba. Survivors are his wife Fern LeBrasseur; two sons, Dick, Jr. and Jon LeBrasseur.

Jon was at his bedside Saturday, and Monica and Kristin LeBrasseur and Joanie Hartman flew up Sunday to attend services.

Cards of sympathy may be sent to his wife Fern at Woodland Estates, No. 217, 1600 S. 30th St., Escanaba, Michigan, 49829.

Olivia Wimmer dies Nov. 29

The death of Olivia Wimmer, wife of Johnny Wimmer and mother of Shirley Reiter, Cindy Miller, and Mary Cain occurred on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000 at 4:37 a.m. in Denton Community Hospital. Mass of

Christian Burial is set for Friday, Dec. 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. The obituary, liturgy and photo will be printed in next week's Muenster Enterprise.

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music in the background," John Fisher related. "Viewers are invited to comment," he added. The clock chimes on the quarter hour.

Construction on the clock tower began in July 1999. In advance of construction, more than a year was spent in research and design. This most impressive addition to Muenster's skyline, the 40 ft. clock tower is at the south entrance. Built and designed by Bob Bowlin Engineering, it employed the same architect, a friend of the late Joe and John Fisher, who directed the original construction of the adjoining processing plant. The tower was transported by truck from Fort Worth, Engineering, in addition to Bob Bowlin, included Darrell Walterscheid, Jesse Walterscheid, and Dan Bezner of JAWS Construction of Muenster. David Flusche and Structures, Inc. of Muenster, erected and installed the metal roof of the tower.

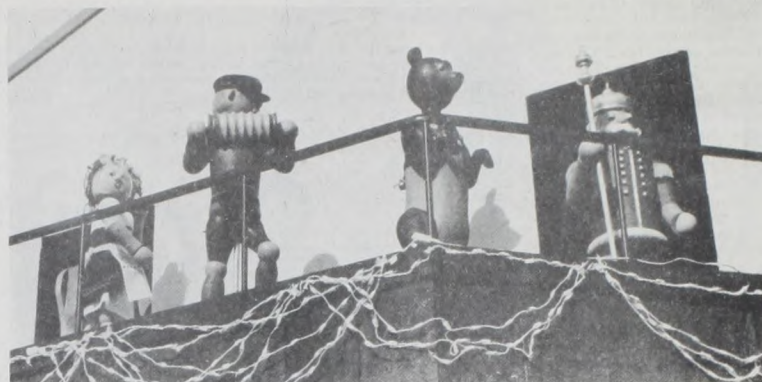
The Fischer Market clock tower took another step toward completion late in October, 1999, with installation of the clock, and exterior painting. Jay Gaston fastened the face on the outside, while Milton Knauf did the electrical hook-up inside. Bill Bayer, Dale Bayer, Bert Walterscheid, Milton Knauf, James Walterscheid and Jack Flusche worked on the construction, manufacture of, and installation of the Glockenspiel's mechanical operations.

John Fischer added, "JAWS designed and installed the overhang where the movement of the mechanical work is situated. Darrell Walterscheid will soon complete the mechanically-operated doors."

Repeating the above opening paragraph, Fisher's clock tower and Glockenspiel are destined to become a landmark of Muenster's skyline. In reflection, longtime residents of Muenster and student pilots stationed at Sheppard Field in Wichita Falls during W.W.II



Three characters, shown close-up are, from left, sausage man, milkmaid and cow. Photo by Dave Fette



Four characters are shown close-up, from left, frauëln, accordionist, bear and king. Photo by Dave Fette

will recall with nostalgia, how the majestic steeple of the old red brick Gothic-styled Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, and our distinctive period water tower were landmarks for Muenster and guideposts for pilots during W.W.II, and

were listed prominently on their maps and radio communications.

Now Fischer's clock tower and Glockenspiel will add historically to Muenster's skyline.

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"I'm glad we went, it was enlightening to me. He was very personable and glad we came. He said about the only way we could stay afloat probably is if we found some good fairy to give us about two or three mil. a year and we don't know anybody like that I don't think."

Patients are now able to use the CT scanner being leased from Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Installation is complete and patients have already used the CT scanner which is inside the hospital instead of located in the trailer on the hospital parking lot as the other was. The new machine has cut scan time from 50 minutes to 20 minutes in some cases, said Endres. Three x-ray techs, Theresa Mosely, Jason Endres, and Sally Hacker have been trained to operate the scanner.

The Board ratified a one year service contract with Siemens for the CT Scanner.

Endres told the Board that the hospital's dictation system for medical records was in need of replacement since it can no longer be serviced. He plans to write another grant application hoping to receive assistance to purchase the \$21,000 system.

Board members were each given an updated drawing of the proposed new hospital design to study. Flusche said it is just a footprint and the flow of things is being studied and changes made when it seems advantageous.

Only one proposal was received for the hospital's workman's comp insurance. It was from the TORCH sponsored program RCH Protect for \$92,658.00, an increase of about \$20,000 from last year. Endres has an independent agent searching for a better deal, but none had been found as of Tuesday. The deadline is Dec. 1 so the Board authorized Endres to accept the best offer.

Endres informed the Board that the hospital will be paying a Medicare cost report liability of approximately \$130,000 and he would be mailing a check for in the next day of two. He also noted that there was a Medicaid receivable of \$85,000 which would probably not be received for possibly a year.

There will be a change in the date of the December board meeting due to the holidays. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.



The Service Department of Klement Ford of Muenster is over twice as large as their previous location. Service manager Jeff Parsons gathered his "techs" together for a photo during grand opening Nov. 17. Pictured are (l-r) Glenn "Hutch" Hutchins - service writer, Randy Proffer, Daniel Proffer, Jim George, Clayton Huddleston, Jeff Moseley and Bob Baker. Photo by Dave Fette



Edna Klement is joined by her sons, Karl and Kirk in dedicating a portrait of Marty Klement at the Grand Opening ceremonies last Friday at Klement Ford of Muenster on east Highway 82. Photo by Dave Fette

KLEMENT



**GRAND
OPENING**



Autumn has arrived and with it spectacular fall foliage. Despite an especially dry summer, this year's colors are especially brilliant. Pictured are leaves from an ornamental pear tree. Photo by Janie Hartman

State Theatre's Gala Opening set for December 1 with musical

Gainesville's historic State Theatre will open its doors once again during a special gala performance slated for Dec. 1 featuring Butterfield Stage's production of the country gospel musical, *Sanders Family Christmas*. The newly renovated theatre, brought back to life by Gainesville residents David and Susie Jones, returns as a focal point in the North Texas city's charming downtown district, promising new cultural and economic opportunities for the city and surrounding area.

Since its landmark opening

in 1913 as the Majestic Theatre, the State Theatre has provided a view of the ever evolving culture of a small, vibrant city, during periods of growth and change. For many, it is remembered as a site that resounded with rousing applause to a multitude of stage and motion picture performances; offered entertainment and information to the war weary; and provided an avenue for community gatherings and special events. Today, the theatre is designed to serve again, offering a venue for artistic performances, civic

functions, and corporate gatherings. With a seating capacity of 399, the theatre



Rev. Oglethorpe (John Noblitt) welcomes all to an evening of vintage hymns and hilarious Yuletide stories in *Sanders Family Christmas* slated to play at the newly renovated State Theater this December.

retains an intimate nature that compliments its historic location and design.

Slated during the city's holiday celebration, the first two weekends of December, will be the delightful musical comedy, *Sanders Family Christmas*. Performances are scheduled for Dec. 1, 7, 8, 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Then in July, a return to the days of bobby socks and leather jackets comes to the State when BSP presents the musical salute to rock 'n' roll, *Grease*. This popular musical begins its summer performances on July 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28.

For reservations or more information about *Sanders Family Christmas* or Butterfield's 2000-2001 season, contact Butterfield Stage by calling 940-665-8152 or bsp@nortextinfo.net.



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Jerome A. Caplinger ordained Permanent Deacon

Jerome A. Caplinger, son of J.D. and Miriam Caplinger, was ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City on Nov. 3, 2000 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral in Oklahoma City. The Most Reverend Eusebius J. Beltran, Archbishop of Oklahoma City presided.

Jerome's nephew Stephen Zimmerman and niece Jennifer Endres were altar servers for the ordination. Other family members attending were: his wife, Cynthia; his mother, Miriam Caplinger; Paul and Susan Caplinger; Robert Caplinger; Jack, Mary, Eric, Emily, and Scott Endres; Gary, Diann, Natalie, David, and Lydia Zimmerman; Duane, Mary Lin, Diana, and Amanda Knabe.

The Reverend Mr. Caplinger entered the Deacon Formation Program in September 1997. The 3-year program

encompasses over 400 hours of instruction in Pastoral Counseling, Theology, Scripture, Homiletics, Canon Law, and Church History.

In addition, Deacon aspirants must complete at least 33 credit hours of course work in theology and pastoral ministry provided by the Archdiocesan Office of Education in partnership with Newman University of Wichita, Kansas.

Jerome and his wife Cynthia are members of St. Andrew's Parish in Moore, Oklahoma where he assists with the parish RCIA program, counsels engaged couples in preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, and is the spiritual advisor for the St. Vincent de Paul Conference. He also serves on the Pastoral Council and the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee. It was at St. Andrew's Church

that Jerome assisted with his first Mass on Sunday, Nov. 3. Family members attending this Mass were Jack, Mary, Eric, Jennifer, Emily, and Scott Endres.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, Reverend Mr. Jerome Caplinger assisted Fr. John Ohner at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Muenster. Jerome read the Holy Gospel and presented the homily and petitions at the Mass. Family members participating included wife Cynthia with the Second Reading and Eucharistic minister, and nephew Cyle Caplinger with the First Reading and Eucharistic minister. Offertory gifts were presented by nephews David Zimmerman and Scott Endres, and niece Lydia Zimmerman. Altar servers were nieces Natalie Zimmerman and Emily Endres, and nephew Eric

Endres. Other Eucharistic ministers were brother Paul Caplinger, sisters Diann Zimmerman and Mary K. Endres, aunt Sr. Mary Lin Koesler, and cousins Gretchen Kostyniak, Mary Lin Knabe, and Rudy Koesler.

Immediately following the Mass, a reception was held at the Sacred Heart Community Center with about 60 family members attending. Adding to these special events was the fact that Jerome's parents, J.D. and Miriam Caplinger celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Nov. 11.

The Reverend Mr. Caplinger attended Sacred Heart Elementary School in Muenster and graduated from Subiaco Academy in 1971. He moved to Oklahoma City in 1975 where he is employed in Research Service at the Department of Veteran's Affairs Medical Center.



Deacon Jerome A. Caplinger and Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran.



Anne Flusche



Kristen Knauf

Local students found program

Kristen Knauf and Anne Flusche have been appointed to a founding program at Texas A&M University designed to provide freshmen more leadership opportunities. Aggies Selflessly Serving In Shaping Tomorrow (A.S.S.I.S.T.) is dedicated to developing leadership through the intrinsic values of service. It is believed that this development can best be achieved through the values, lessons, skills, and leadership that can be gained through volunteer service to the addition to service projects, freshmen will have the opportunity to develop through committees, social groups, influential speakers, leadership retreats, socials, liaison programs academic programs, and numerous other events.

A.S.S.I.S.T. was born last spring, appointing 50 freshmen from the class of 2004. Each member is involved in 1 of 7 committees, 1 of 7 clusters (small social groups), weekly meetings, committee

meetings and cluster get-togethers, social and leadership retreats, service projects, and fund-raising events.

Kristen, daughter of Bob and Michelle Knauf, is a member of the Campus committee whose responsibilities are to create, plan, prepare, and execute various programs to serve the Texas A&M campus. In addition, this committee works to involve the Texas A&M student body in community service.

Anne Flusche, daughter of Harold and Jeannine Flusche is a member of the Staff Committee which handles the following: Academics, Bigs, Liaison programs (networking), and T-shirts.

The committees are the true means of leadership development in A.S.S.I.S.T. It is through the committees that freshmen have the opportunity to learn first hand what is required to take a project or event from conception to completion.

Morton Museum program is Monday

The last program in the Morton Museum of Cooke County's Fall Series - "Celebrating in the Modern Age: Christmas in the '40's, '50's and '60's" - will take place at the museum at noon on Monday, December 4, and again at 3pm.

In the first part of this session, the Museum will look at the way Christmas has been celebrated in the U.S. during that era. After that part of the

program, participants will be allowed to tour the John Schmitz home before going to the Rose House for refreshments common to that time period.

For members of the Cooke County Heritage Society, the cost to attend the program is \$9 and for non-members, \$10. Seating is limited. To reserve a space or for more information, call the museum at 940-668-8900.

Baptism

Fisher
Ashleigh Margaret Fisher, infant daughter of Penny and Steven Fisher of Muenster, was received into the family of God at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Nov. 12, 2000. Ashleigh's godparents are her aunt, Tiffany Purcell of Hood, and her uncle, Todd Fisher of Spanish Fort. Fr. John Ohner presided at the Sacrament of Baptism.

Ashleigh's christening gown was a gift from her grandparents, Butch and Eileen Fisher. She also wore a tiny pearl bracelet and crucifix necklace, gifts from Stanley and Tonya Hess and Kaileigh, Tyler, and Mandy.

Following the services, a fried chicken dinner catered by the Schneiders was served to 43 guests at the paternal grandparents' home. Guests included: parents, Steven and Penny; maternal grandparents, Roy and Connie Purcell of Hood; paternal grandparents; great-grandfather, William Purcell of Gainesville. Also attending

were Tiffany Purcell, Todd Fisher and Angelita and Ritchy Cantu of Nocona; aunt Tonya and Stanley Hess and Kaileigh, Tyler, and Mandy of Lindsay; aunt Gail and Scott Killian and Austin, Allie, and Ross of Hurst; aunt Janie Fisher; Karl and Virginia Kelson and Anne Marie and Kevin of Corinth; Carl and Diane Sicking and Delana, Michelle and Brandon of Myra; Hugh and Karen Aljoe and Josh and Jessica of Era; Faye and Dan Hamric; great-uncle Rick Purcell and Heather and Travis of Gainesville; and great-aunt Sally and Ken Combs of Georgetown.

Ashleigh's white cake was in the shape of a christening gown with keepsake pieces of lace and tiny strings of pearls made by Betty Rose Walterscheid.

Ashleigh is also the great-granddaughter of George and Paula Bush and the great-great-granddaughter of Myrtle Harrison, all of Angleton who were unable to attend.

Area Happenings

The 50th Annual German Sausage meal will be held Sunday, Dec. 3, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Windthorst. The menu consists of 100% pork sausage, spare ribs and sauerkraut with all the trimmings, including dessert and drink. The price of the all-you-can-eat meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12 years of age. Raw sausage will also be available to take home and enjoy at \$2.50 per pound. Serving time is 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Co-chairmen are Jerry Horn, Program Director and Ray Peysen, Grand Knight. For additional information call 423-6600 or 423-6444.

The First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present their 2000 Christmas musical *Welcome to Our World*. The musical will be at the church at 308 E. Broadway in Gainesville. There is no charge for the concert.

For more information call 940-665-4347.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, in Lindsay after St. Peter's 10:00 Mass, the St. Peter's Society is sponsoring a brisket dinner with all the trimmings in the Centennial Hall.

Cost is just \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 years of age.

Immediately after the dinner, the Secular Franciscans will have a cake walk, silent auction and raffle. St. Peter's parishioners are baking up a variety of goodies for the cake walk.

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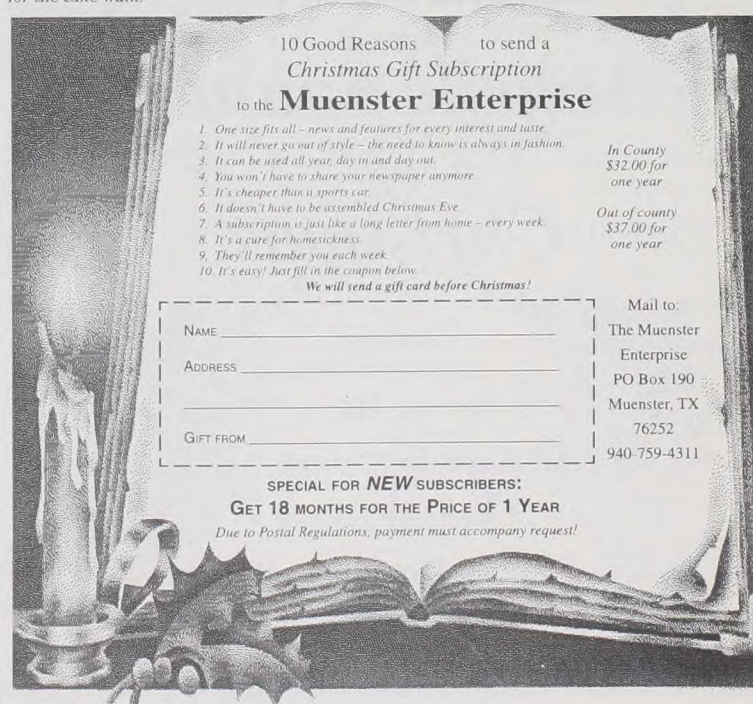
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Committees report on SH Picnic

The annual Sacred Heart Parish Picnic for the year 2000 has come and gone and boy did we celebrate the millennium year right! The total picnic net (that is after expenses) is \$99,948.36, just \$52.00 short of the \$100,000.00 that the committee was aiming for. That amount is up from the 1999 total of \$83,127.00. Thanks to all who attended and spent your money!

A record amount of lunches were served according to Chairman Beverly Fuhrmann. A total of 1404 were served for a total of \$8,806.00. The evening meal took in \$1,603.00, up almost \$600.00 from last year. Chairman Karen Moster said the French fries were a hit! The Gun Raffle doubled what it took in this year for a whopping \$4,165.15. The Quilt Raffle that the SNAP ladies did was up \$400.00 to a total of \$2,230.00. The Main Raffle was down a little, but it still took in \$8,929.00. Maybe we need to put some different things on it next year or maybe people decided on a sure thing and spent their money in the Arts and Crafts store that took in \$1,539.00 up \$150.00 or so.

The Pill Game (\$672.00) and the Cake Walk (\$828.00) were both big hits this year and took in more money as did the

Sweet Shoppe which almost doubled its money (\$992.00). The Kids Games were a smash. Everytime I tried to go into the room it was packed and I backed back out. Billie Fleitman did a great job at seeing the kids had fun things to do. They netted \$573.00.

The two auctions were the big hit of the day as they netted \$60,502.05. For the Silent Auction \$12,232.50 and for the Live Auction \$45,904.50. The Card games brought in around \$2,300.00. Cash donations were in excess of \$10,000.00.

Thanks to all the volunteers and to the purchasers who helped make this one of the best picnics Sacred Heart has ever had. The committee would especially like to thank Father John for all his support and attendance and ideas at some of the meetings. It made our job easier.

And once again if we missed anyone we are sorry, but if you wanted to donate but did not because we missed you or you were out of town, please feel free to still donate by sending the church a check or calling me to come by to pick one up designated for the picnic fund. Just think, we only need \$52,000 more to hit the goal.

Hope to see you in church or around town.

Submitted by *Debbie Hess*
Winners of the various picnic raffles were as follows:

Main Raffle
\$500 Savings Bond donated by Catholic Life - Frances Yosten; Stihl 16" chain saw with one gallon Bar oil and six cans for gas mixture - Raymond Zimmerer; \$200 Saving Bond donated by Gainesville National Bank of Muenster - Margie Krahl; \$200 in trade donated by Klement Ford of Muenster - Julia Cunningham; Huffy bike donated by Dr. and Mrs. Martin Kralicke - Leona Eberhart; \$150 gift certificate donated by DI One Stop - Bob Hermes; \$100 in trade Muenster Building Center - Margie Krahl; magazine rack donated by Hess Furniture - Leona Eberhart; \$50 savings bond donated by American Bank of Texas - Bob Hermes; \$50 trade to Tom Thumb of Gainesville - Nancy Walter; can of Subiaco peanut brittle donated by Duane and Mary Lin Knabe - Cecilia Schilling.

Gun Raffle
Ruger rifle donated by Gehrig Hardware - Gene Hess; 22 long rifle from Gehrig Hardware - Mike Adair
Don Eckart won the quilt in the SNAP Quilt Raffle.



Macie Pagel

Macie Pagel turns two

Macie Raye Pagel, daughter of Troy and Lisa Pagel, celebrated her second birthday on Nov. 12 at the home of her grandparents, Phil and Marlene Endres. Macie chose a Winnie-the-Pooh theme for her party.

Those attending the party were Macie's parents; grandparents Phil and Marlene Endres and Sheri and Larry Tisdale. Also aunts, uncles, cousins and friends Lacy, Ricky, Kelly, and Sandy

Endres; Judy Milligan; Dwayne and Nicole Pagel; Glenda and Amanda Russell; Sharlene and Dainah Hartman; Lisa and Garrett Miller; Dana and Payton Wimmer; Judy Brown; and Kim and Taylor Brown.

On Macie's actual birthday, Nov. 7, she shared afternoon snack and treat bags in the theme of Bear in the Big Blue House with her friends at The Children's Tree Learning Center in Whitesboro.

Girl Scouts enjoy busy month

On Oct. 28, Girl Scouts from Cooke County enjoyed a Halloween Tricks and Treats party. Girls came for crafts and games and participated in a costume contest. The girls played bingo and took home many door prizes.

On Nov. 3-5, Muenster's Girl Scout troops 2007 and 45 participated in a wildlife campout at Lake Murray. Despite the rain, the girls enjoyed hiking, rock climbing, horse back riding, and doing crafts until the early morning hours. A visit to Tucker's Tower was a highlight. The girls learned about many kinds of mammals in our area. Hands-on fun included guessing different types of mammal hides, guessing footprints, and making plaster molds of animal tracks. Songs and skits were performed at the Saturday night campfire. And of course, don't forget the s'mores and swap-outs. Scouts attending included Christina

Eckart, Anne Walterscheid, Tori Wright, Holly Rohmer, Brooklyn Caldwell, Jessika Hartman, Renee Dittfurth, Jayna Rohmer, Kristen Miller, Dainah Hartman, and Kalya Rohmer.

The annual Veteran's Day celebration in Gainesville Leonard Park took place Nov. 11. Cooke County Girl Scouts passed out flags, poppies and programs. The girls were recognized by the mayor for their wonderful help despite the cold weather. Muenster scouts participating included Samantha Barnett, Nicole Pagel, Christina Rohmer, Delana Sicking, Michelle Sicking, Tori Dyess, Lauren Rohmer, Kalya Dangelmayr, Natalie Valliere, Dainah Hartman, Kalya Rohmer, Jayna Rohmer, and Holly Rohmer.

Scout leader, Dana Walterscheid, held an investiture/rededication ceremony for all scouts in her troop on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Each scout was presented with badges that have been earned so far this year. Several adults were given a certificate and pin of appreciation for troop support. A candle lighting, flag ceremony, and recognition of the World Association Emblem were given. The ceremony was concluded with all girls singing and doing hand motions to the girl scout song "Growing Strong."

The girl scout Thanksgiving holiday bake sale was a huge success. Several trips are being planned for the girls to use the proceeds.

On Nov. 18, 49 Cooke County scouts and their families attended a "hoe-down" barn dance at the home of John and Dana Walterscheid. Approximately 120 people enjoyed an evening of drinks, snacks, dancing, music, outside games, and a hayride in an antique corn wagon pulled by a 1944 B-Farmall tractor donated for the event by Cyril Walterscheid.

New Arrivals

Hesse

Mike and Kim Hesse proudly announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Michael Hesse. He was born on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000, at 11:22 p.m. in Denton Community Hospital. He weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and measured 18 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Tom and Lucille Hesse and Rick and Darlene Stewart, all of Muenster, and Laura and George Gould of Mustang, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Ida Hesse and Evelyn Koesler of Muenster.

Thackerville, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are J.W. and Louise Glenn of Gainesville and Wanda Hollar of Thackerville.

Belt

Melissa Belt of Nocona announces the birth of a son, Jacob Aaron Belt in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Nov. 20, 2000 at 3:29 p.m., weighing 7 lb. and measuring 18 inches long. He joins two brothers, Tristan Parr age 4 and Joshua Belt age 3. Grandparents are James and Darla Belt of Nocona and Neoma Smith of Nocona.

Durham

Alisha Durham and Patrick White of Nocona are parents of a daughter, Karissa Daelynn Durham born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Nov. 19, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 8 oz. and measuring 20

inches in length. Grandparents are Ray and Rolana Durham of Nocona and James and Marie White of Olton, Texas. Maudine Durham of Nocona is the great-grandmother.

Gaschler

Natalie Gray and Justin Gaschler of Gainesville are parents of a daughter, Alyssa Paige Gaschler, born in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Nov. 21, 2000 at 11:46 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Cynthia Cox, John Gray, Diane Fisher, and Joel Gaschler, all of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Gene and Lita Romero, Gladys Gray, Dorothy Rowe all of Gainesville and Bill Gaschler of Garden City, Kansas, and Bertha and Harold Knabe of Muenster.

Neu

Ronnie and Becky Neu of Gainesville announce with pride and joy the birth of a son, Skyler Henry Neu on Nov. 6, 2000 at 4:42 p.m., weighing 9 lb. 1 1/2 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length, at Gainesville Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Vernon and Alberta Badgett of Lindsay and the late Henry Schroeder, and Freddie and Betty Neu of Gainesville. Skyler joins two brothers, Corey and Dustin, and four sisters Robin, Whitney, Kendall, and McKenzie at home.

Hollar

Alisha Jones and Jeremy Hollar of Gainesville are parents of a daughter, Tori Anne Hollar, born on Nov. 17, 2000 at 3:10 a.m. weighing 9 lb. 7.3 oz. and measuring 22 inches long, in Muenster Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Perry and Linda Jones of Gainesville and David and Cindy Hollar of

Butterfield Stage auditions for English comedy

Niles and Frasier in nineteenth century England? Or so it seems, as Butterfield Stage holds auditions for the English comedy, *The Importance of Being Earnest* on Dec. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. at the theatre, 201 S. Denton, Gainesville. Needed for the cast are five men and four women, ages sixteen to seventy years.

Performances of *The*

Importance of Being Earnest are scheduled for Feb. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24. Those interested in acting as production personnel are also encouraged to attend the auditions.

For more information about auditions or the production, please contact the theatre by calling 940-665-8152 or at bsp@nortextinfo.net.

VFW Auxiliary meets Nov. 20

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 6205 held their regular meeting Monday, Nov. 20 in the Post Home. President Frances Bayer presided.

Chaplain Ethel Hesse opened with prayer, assisted by Conductress Linda Knabe and Patriotic Instructor Eleanor Felderhoff. Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were read by Ida Bindel, secretary.

Treasurer Lucille Hesse gave her report. Rehab chairman Ethel Hesse reported 10 members participated in "Make a Difference Day" on the trash pick up day in October. She also reported on the program at Muenster ISD on Nov. 10 honoring all veterans. A large turn out, a very impressive ceremony, and students from both schools were there. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, about 60 people attended a short program at the cemetery remembering the veterans. Members signed a card for one member.

Program participation chairman Armella Cler, made

motion to send donation to cancer aides and research and the motion carried.

Frances Bayer and Linda Knabe attended District I meeting, Nov. 4-5. The bright blue shirt decorated with Buddy Poppies, made by Buddy Poppy chairman Sandy Hennigan was on display. It had VOTE on the back outlined with Poppies, and also on collar sleeves and on the front. It was entered at the Buddy Poppy contest at the District meeting.

Frances attended the Veterans Day Program in Gainesville Nov. 11. She also helped their Auxiliary serve the meal. She said the fireworks were outstanding. Members voted to give a donation for prizes for Bingo at St. Richard's Villa.

The Children's Christmas party will be Dec. 9, at 9:30 at the Post Home, with Santa.

In lieu of Christmas cards, send donation and name to Juanita Knabe or Frances Bayer.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be with the VFW on Dec.

11 and ladies are asked to bring a covered dish.

Eleanor Felderhoff served lunch to 13 members. Lucille Hesse won the door prize.

Saint Peter's groups will be caroling

The R.O.C.K. group and the Cactus group will both be caroling on Sunday, Dec. 17 in Lindsay from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. One group will travel north of Main Street and the other south. Anyone in Lindsay wishing for the singers to stop at their home, must turn on the porch lights. The groups are also going to try to visit outside the city limits.

While caroling, R.O.C.K. and CACTUS will be collecting warm coats, jackets, and sweaters to send to needy families and food donations for VISTO. Please donate these items when they come by your home.

Tour of Homes planned at Saint Jo

The 14th Annual Tour of Homes has been planned by the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce for December 10, 2000. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. and continue til 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the Saint Jo Nursing Center, 405 West Boggess Street-Lobby.

The first home to be shown is the Tim West house at 200 West Boggess Street. This home is a turn of the century place about one hundred years old.

The second home is located at 308 South Meigs and is the home of Curt and Dawn Simmons. This home was also built about 1903.

The third home is located at the corner of Hwy. 82 and West Howell Street and is owned by James and Loretta Parmer. This home has not been shown on any of our tours previously and we are very pleased to have it on this year. This home goes back almost 100 years.

Our tour will end at Texas Kings Hotel on the West side of Hwy. 82. There we will have refreshments and enjoy the atmosphere of a previous time.



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School News

Sacred Heart Machinators special guests at Texas Best kickoff reception

The Sacred Heart High School Machinators Robot Club members were special guests of the Texas BEST Kickoff and preview of the NASA International Space Station Exhibit at Reed Arena on the campus of Texas A&M University on Thursday evening, Nov. 16. Their Project Notebook and Oral Presentation Team were featured during the reception.

The reception was opened by Dr. Mark Weichold, Texas A&M Provost, who first welcomed, then commended and congratulated the students, their coaches, mentors from industry and academia, and local hub contest organizers for their participation in and dedicated support of the BEST program.

Texas Instrument's Photolithography Module Manager, Clark Sutton, followed by stating, "I view BEST as one of the most successful methods of sparking the interest of today's students in engineering and sciences."

"We also see BEST as a long-term investment in TI's future and, indeed, the future of engineering and innovation in our state and across America. Our nation's ability to compete globally depends on preparing our youth to use their minds and imaginations to help reverse the declining trend of American students in engineering and technical training. BEST is an excellent program toward accomplishing this goal."

Steve Nesbitt, Director of Public Affairs, welcomed guests and provided an overview of what the students would see on a private tour of the International Space Station mockup contained in two connected trailers on the Reed Arena parking lot after the dinner phase of the program.

"The Machinators' Project Notebook was featured and was the most heavily viewed exhibit among the many NASA mockups and space paraphernalia," said Angela Smith, teacher-coach. "It truly reflected the commitment of the Sacred Heart Machinators

Robot Club to embody and foster the concept of Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology at the local, regional, state, and national levels."

Sara Sepanski, Machinators Documentation Group leader, told of her most satisfying experience working on the Project Notebook: "I was performing my last quality control check page by page—checking pagination, sequencing, figure references, and looking for missing or misplaced photos or figures—and as I passed the halfway point in the notebook, I was suddenly overwhelmed by the thought of how valuable the Texas BEST experience was to all our team members. The BEST competition truly recognized that inclusiveness, exposure to the SMART method of planning, the use of "brainstorming" techniques and the engineering process, team work, the impossible deadlines in an already busy schedule, the creativity required, the enthusiasm generated, and the support of the rest of the school and the Muenster community already made us all winners even before we submitted our notebook and won a top place."

"BEST cofounders Ted Mahler and Steve Marum had the highest praise for our documentation," said Bob Sepanski, industry coach. I was surprised by Mr. Marum's comment that he liked the statement in our notebook that Sacred Heart did not have a drafting program but did have an excellent art department. He also added that they were the best drawings (drawn by Jackie Bartush and Dana Miller) that he had ever seen. What surprised me about his comment was that it indicated that he had not only looked at the book, but had read it."

Ms. Smith stated, "Though the whole team was invited, only eight members were present because of schedule conflicts with a three-day basketball tournament in Saint Jo and the football playoff game on Saturday in Waco at 1:00 p.m. Most people

have 15 minutes of fame, but our students enjoyed a whole evening of celebrity status, interviews, and special attention by Texas BEST and NASA personnel."

Bob Sepanski added, "As a coach and father of Sacred Heart students, I particularly enjoyed the comments I received Saturday during the day, when people like Brenda Sims and Dr. Leach, both judges, and some people from the American Bridge Company identified me by my Sacred Heart shirt and provided positive comments, not only on the fine work on display, but on the knowledge, poise, and professional appearance of our students. Also, as our students walked around the various displays, more than a few of them overheard different officials remark, 'Those Sacred Heart kids are sharp.' As a parent, feedback like that makes everybody's effort worthwhile."

Friday morning was spent doing the final tweaking of the robot and giving the team's newly recruited drivers their first experience with the robot. The afternoon saw some team members decorating Code Red, the team's robot, and others

visiting the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, on the campus and very popular among student participants of Texas BEST.

Saturday the team's drivers got their first real experience performing the various tasks under timed conditions during a five-round seeding competition. During the afternoon the Machinators received two first place wins before being eliminated in Game 39.

"Our students feel we were the big winner of Texas BEST," stated Ms. Smith. "And given all the acknowledgment and opportunities afforded us, I would have to concur. We were left with no doubt regarding the quality of our documentation and oral presentation. I'm also very proud of our robot, which operated flawlessly throughout, and our drivers. We needed five operators/spotters, and I can't thank freshmen Noah Hess, Kevin Walterscheid, and Wes Wimmer and sophomore Jesse Coker for stepping up in the ninth inning, agreeing to join the team and operate the robot when they could have suited

up for the playoff game. Along with team member Sara Rogers, they did a super job. And I know it wasn't easy. As Jesse said afterwards, 'I wasn't nervous about being in front of a big crowd—I just didn't want to let the team down.'

"And they can certainly know that they didn't. In the DC BEST robot competition, our original drivers placed 6th, while, for example, Era, a school in their seventh year of competition, placed 14th. At Texas BEST, our newly recruited drivers were eliminated eight games after Era was eliminated. So I would say they all did an admirable job."

Bob Sepanski added, "The person I want to thank is the coach who protested the right of Sacred Heart, as the third place winner of DC BEST, to compete at Texas BEST. If it weren't for him, we would have been just one of the 58 or so teams competing and coming home with another trophy and check. Though our nonparticipation was perhaps legally justified, it was perceived by many as a great injustice. As a result came the special invitations, national media attention by four major

networks, special tours, attention from NASA experts, and a request from a major international company to send and 8-10 person team and coaches to spread the word to a number of schools out of state. The details should be worked out by Christmas break. The trip should be a memorable one and the added stipend very much appreciated. The whole chain of events has greatly motivated our team—Machinators: No. 1 in 2001!"

Dr. Jack Murdock, Sacred Heart principal, stated, "The Machinators have worked hard and accomplished a lot in a short time. National media attention is always good for the school and the Muenster community. We'll work around our spring athletic and academic competitions to allow the Machinators to travel to the other BEST programs, and perhaps they will increase the quantity and level of competition. Any school days lost will be more than offset by the experiences and the slated tours of technical facilities, academic institutions, and museums, and cultural events."

submitted by SHHS Machinators Club

Muenster ISD TMSCA students attend City View meet

Muenster ISD's Texas Math and Science Coaches Association members traveled to Wichita Falls on the 11th of November. City View ISD in northwest Wichita Falls was the host school for a large gathering of future mathematicians and scientists. Thirteen students vied for medals and ribbons in four contest categories. Student competitors and their places are as follows:

5th Grade: Christina Eckart, 3rd Number Sense, 1st Mathematics, 2nd Science; Adam Fredrick, Number Sense, Mathematics; Laura Heers, 15th Number Sense, 17th Mathematics, 3rd Science; Kim Patel, 8th Number Sense, 13th Mathematics, 12th Science; Derek Pittelkow, 16th Calculator, Mathematics, Science; Alison Teafattler, 5th Number Sense, 7th Mathematics, 16th Science.

6th Grade: Collin Walterscheid, 10th Mathematics, 3rd Science, Calculator; Krystal Wolf, 15th Number Sense, 18th Mathematics, Calculator.

7th Grade: Michael Eckart, 16th Mathematics, 4th Science, Number Sense, Calculator; Travis Felderhoff, 9th Mathematics, 10th Science, Number Sense, Calculator; Ryan Hennigan, 2nd Science, Number Sense; Keith Walterscheid, Calculator, Mathematics; Dustin Wimmer, Calculator, Mathematics.

Team Number Sense 10th, Team Mathematics 9th, and Team Science 3rd. Team scores were derived from the top four scores from each school and adding them together. Muenster's team scores did not include any 8th grade scores since no 8th graders attended this meet.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF DEC. 4-8 MUESTER ISD

Mon. - Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, refried beans, cheese sticks, peaches, pineapple cake.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, apricots, hot rolls.

Wed. - Chicken patty on a bun, chips, pears, carrot sticks, cookies.

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

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

SACRED HEART

Mon. - Sausage on a bun, tator tots, fruit.

Tues. - Crisptos, lettuce, green beans, fruit.

Wed. - Spaghetti and meat, corn, salad, applesauce, hot rolls.

Thurs. - Mexican casserole, ranch style beans, salad, fruit, bread.

Fri. - No School.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Ham sandwich, baked beans, macaroni salad, pineapple, bread.

Tues. - Taco salad, applesauce, peaches, bread.

Wed. - Stew w/veggies, blueberry muffins, pickle spear, pears, bread.

Thurs. - Baked potato, salad, cheese, mixed fruit, bread.

Fri. - Spaghetti and meat sauce, cole slaw, corn, oranges.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Barbecue wieners or steak fingers, green beans, sliced pears, chocolate chip cookie.

Tues. - Crispy tacos, shredded cheese, trimmings, pinto beans, cornbread.

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

Thurs. - Pizza: pepperoni or cheese, corn, fruit cocktail, wacky cake.

Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

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Sports

Tigerettes handed loss in double overtime

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes hosted the Bells Lady Panthers Saturday, ending regulation play in a 41-41 tie, going into overtime. Each team scored 4 points in overtime, carrying the game into a second overtime, where the Tigerettes were outscored 12-7.

Raney Bauer was the Tigerette high scorer with 16 points. Audrey Barnhill and Andrea Bauer each added 9. Jana Truebenbach scored 6, with Courtney Hartman and Mary Jane Callahan getting 4 apiece. Jayna Biffle put in 3 and Kristen Zimmerer a free throw.

Sacred Heart hit 11 of 17 shots from the charity strip, but dropped in only three 3-pointers.

SH	10	18	8	5	4	7	52
B	11	9	15	6	4	12	57

"Coach Jon's absence showed up, as the girls were a little tense," noted Coach Keith Barrick, who assisted substitute Kayla Felderhoff.

Tigers win two

Sacred Heart hosted the squad from Thackerville last week Thursday and sent them back across the River, handing them a 62-48 defeat. Twenty-four points the 2nd quarter boosted the Tigers to an 8 point half-time lead.

Marty Farrell was the game's high scorer with 23 points. All nine Tigers put points on the board. Luke Endres and Johnny Yosten each added 9. Jack Biffle put in 5, with Jeff Hartman and Matthew Grewing scoring 4. Chris Smith and Keith Felderhoff added 3 points apiece, and Jared Zimmerer rounded out the scoring with 2.

Coach Keith Barrick noted that Chris Smith had an outstanding defensive game against Thackerville's 3-point shooters.

SH	11	24	14	13	62
T	17	10	9	12	48

Saturday, the Bells Panthers made an attack at the Tiger Den, but were turned away in a 55-42 beating by Sacred Heart.

Johnny Yosten led the Tigers both offensively with 16 points and defensively with 21 rebounds. Farrell and Endres both added a dozen points, with Felderhoff getting 6, Biffle 5, Zimmerer 2, and a free throw point from Hartman and Grewing. The Tigers held Bells to single digit scoring the first three quarters.

SH	12	14	20	9	55
B	9	9	7	17	42



Jana Truebenbach looks for assistance from teammates after pulling down a rebound. Ready to help is Tigerette Andrea Bauer. Photo by Dave Fette

Tiger's roar not enough for victory with Savoy Cardinals

The Sacred Heart Tigers hosted the Cardinals from Savoy Tuesday night in a hard fought contest. Behind by one at half-time, the Tigers allowed

Savoy to score 42 points the 2nd half and take a 67-50 victory.

"A tuff four corner offense by Savoy made the Tigers play a new defense the 2nd half," noted Sacred Heart coach Keith Barrick. "This led to Savoy hitting 15 of 19 free throws to our 4 of 6."

Marty Farrell dropped in 20 points to lead the Tigers in scoring. Johnny Yosten added 17 with Luke Endres hitting 7, Keith Felderhoff 5 and Chris Smith one.

Savoy had two players combine their talents for 47 points.

SH	12	12	12	14	50
S	14	11	20	22	67

Lady Hornets sting Nocona 65-55

Muenster girls varsity basketball team put a notch under the win column with a 65-55 victory over Nocona.

"We were very confident and aggressive on defense, which led to some good shots on offense," noted Coach Jeff Presnall. "The girls shot the ball much better and really impressed me with their passing and team play." We still need to work on breaking

the press and improving our effort in the fourth quarter."

Kristie Lutkenhaus, Ashley Hess, and Brittany Haverkamp led the team by each scoring 10 points. Melinda Walterscheid and Lisa Felderhoff added 8 apiece. Megan Lippe scored 6, with Krystal Hale and Kami Klement putting in 5 each, and Ashley Klement 3.

M	14	20	22	9	65
N	15	14	8	18	55

Punt, Pass & Kick tries again after rainouts

The Muenster Jaycees will make their third attempt to hold the Punt, Pass, and Kick competition on Sunday, Dec. 10. The first two scheduled contests were rained out.

Competition begins at 1 p.m.

at Muenster Hornet Stadium. Boys and girls, ages 8-13, are invited to join. For more information, call Neal Flusche at 759-4747. Please bring the shown signed permission slip to the field on Dec. 10.

Jaycees' Punt, Pass & Kick Entry Form

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If you harvest doe, then the remaining doe have more food. In this situation ten doe can raise six fawns. Let's say that three fawns are bucks and

three fawns are doe. Guess what? You have three new bucks that can be hunted when they get older.

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As the doe harvest increases, then the number of bucks compared to the number of doe goes up. The dry weather we have had this year really impresses on me the need to harvest doe. The deer got so skinny this summer. The little fawns were dropping like flies. It would be great if more hunters would use their doe tags. Remember, keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back, and the Lord in your heart! Good hunting.



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Junior Varsity Action

SH 42 Thackerville 56
The junior varsity Tigers fell to the Thackerville 'Cats on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Clint Fuhrmann was the game's high scorer with 21 points. Chris Fuhrmann added 9, Tony Koessler 6, and 2 apiece from Mikey Bayer, Zach Barnhill, and Daniel Bartush.

SH	4	8	10	20	42
T	19	15	15	7	56

Sacred Heart 54 Bells 49
Last Saturday the Tigers hosted Bells, beating the Panthers after a big half-time lead. The Fuhrmanns were high scorers with 12 and 10 points. Wes Wimmer added 9, Matthew Crawling 8, Bartush 7, Bayer 5, and Barnhill 3.

SH	8	20	11	15	54
B	3	10	16	20	49

Sacred Heart 35 Bells 44
Seven junior varsity Tigerettes put points on the board last Thursday when Sacred Heart hosted Bells.

Catherine Bartush led Sacred Heart with 9 points. Elizabeth Fette added 7, and Sara Sepanski 5. Crystal Hess, Lilly Nasche, and Kristen Yosten each scored 4, with Kate Sepanski dropping in 2.

SH	7	12	3	13	35
B	13	13	14	4	44

Lindsay 32 Pilot Point 14
The Lindsay junior varsity Lady Knights dominated their game with the Lady Bearcats on Nov. 14.

Julie Gieb led all scorers with 17 points. Alex Hellinger and Whitney New both added 4, while Chelsea Brewer, Laura English and Robin Neu put in two apiece. Adding a free throw was Katie Carpenter.

L	12	2	4	14	32
PP	2	6	6	0	14

Lindsay 21 Alford 30
The Lady Knights were handed a defeat in the Dogs house last Tuesday. Gieb scored 6, Amber Wolf 4 and Brewer 3. Adding 2 apiece were Hellinger, Alex Shauf, W. Neu and Sarah Camp.

L	3	4	9	5	21
A	8	10	6	7	30

Lindsay 23 Aubrey 26
Lindsay lost a close contest Tuesday at Aubrey. Seven Lady Knights put points on the board, led by Gieb with 7.

Corrie Crosby added 5, Brewer 4, and two each from Hellinger, Carpenter and Wolf. Lori Kasparek dropped in a free throw.

L	3	4	8	8	23
A	8	6	4	8	26

Lindsay 9th 19 Pilot Point 31
The Freshman girls battled the Lady 'Cats on Nov. 14. All six Lady Knights put points on the board, led by Lindsey Williams with 7.

Crystal Bunbard added 4, Sara Camp 3 and two apiece from Stephanie English, Wolf and Kasparek.

L	2	5	4	8	19
PP	8	12	5	6	31

Sacred Heart 75 Savoy 16
The junior varsity Tigers crushed the Cardinals Tuesday night. Four Sacred Heart boys scored double-digit points, led by Chris Fuhrmann with 19.

Clint Fuhrmann put in 15 points, Matthew Crawling 14 and Zach Barnhill 12. Daniel Bartush added 7, Mikey Bayer 5 and Wes Wimmer 3.

L	19	17	15	24	75
S	7	2	5	2	16



Elizabeth Fette goes up for two points in JV action against Bells. Also pictured is Tigerette Kristen Yosten. Photo by Dave Fette

Junior High Action

SH 7th 31 Aubrey 36
Sacred Heart hosted Aubrey on Nov. 9, coming up short on the scoreboard. Whitney Wimmer was high scorer for the Lady Cubs with 10 points.

Shannon Hartman added 8 and Hannah Hess 6. Diana Knabe scored 4 and Nicole Bayer 3 for Sacred Heart.

SH	8	2	11	10	31
A	12	9	10	5	36

SH 8th 37 Aubrey 26
The Lady Cubs began their season with a win. Jacqueline Bauer led the team with 10 points. Stephanie Henscheid and Katie Flusche each added 8, with Rose Bartush getting 7 and Jessica Knabe 4. Christine Fetsch had a good defensive game.

SH	3	11	13	10	37
A	12	6	2	6	26

SH 8th 46 Forestburg 2
The Lady Cubs blew away the Lady Horns with Bauer dropping in 20 points to lead all scorers. Knabe and Flusche each scored 9 points with Henscheid hitting 4 and Bartush and Fetsch making 2 points each.

SH	21	12	6	7	46
F	0	2	0	0	2

SH 8th 34 Forestburg 14
The Cubs tucked a victory under their belt in their first game of the season. Paul Bartush was high scorer with 18 points. Andrew Davis, Clayton Truelsen, and Adam Dangelmeyer each put in 4 points, with Stephen LaChance and Todd Hess scoring 2 apiece.

Kody Kunkel scored all of Forestburg's points.

SH	2	12	7	13	34
F	4	7	1	2	14

SH 7th 41 Selwyn 10
The 7th grade Lady Cubs started Monday night action with a big victory. Whitney Wimmer was the game's high scorer with 16 points. Shannon Hartman contributed 7, Hannah Hess 6, and 4 each from Diana Knabe and Nicole Bayer. Joelle Fuhrmann and Chelsie Switzer each added 2.

SH	12	9	14	6	41
S	2	0	6	10	10

SH 7th 16 Selwyn 31
The young Cubs had five members on the court Monday night. Timothy Otto was high scorer for Sacred Heart with 9 points. Adam Dangelmeyer added 3 points, with David Walterscheid and Mark Gehrig each scoring 2. Neil Bayer had a good defensive game.

SH	0	2	2	12	16
S	14	8	1	8	31

Sacred Heart 8th 62 Texoma Christian 7
The five members of the Lady Cub 8th grade team dominated their visiting team. Jacqueline Bauer led all scorers with 28 points, 16 of those in the first quarter. Katie Flusche added 14, Stephanie Henscheid 8, and 6 apiece from Jessica Knabe and Christine Fetsch.

SH	28	14	12	8	62
TC	2	0	3	2	7

Sacred Heart 8th 40 Texoma Christian 21
The 8th grade Cubs jumped into an early lead, dropping in the baskets, extending their points, to dominate their opponents throughout the

contest. Paul Bartush put 23 points on the score board as the game's leading shooter. Clayton Truelsen hit 10, with Andy Davis, Stephen LaChance, and Alex Sicking each adding 2. Thomas Otto contributed a free throw point. The Cubs were 10 of 14 from the free throw line.

SH	15	10	10	5	40
TC	6	0	2	13	21

Lindsay 8th 10 Era 45
The Era junior high team blew Lindsay's 8th graders out of the gym on Nov. 16.

Heidi Hess scored 4, with Kaylee Privett, Jessica Bezner and Joni Erwin each adding 2.

L	4	6	10	4	22
E	25	20	4	5	45

Lindsay 7th 22 Collinsville 14
The 7th grade Lady Squires sent the Pirates packing on Nov. 20.

Four Lindsay girls scored, led by Mallory Block's 10 points. Allison Hundt added 6, Shelly Rauschuber 4 and Megan Benton 2.

L	8	6	4	4	22
C	6	2	2	4	14

Lindsay 8th 22 Collinsville 19
The Lady Squires squeezed out a victory Monday night.

Hess and Bezner were high scorers with 6 points each. Cheryl Knabe added 4, with Erwin, Privett and Tori Hinds each getting two.

L	6	4	4	8	22
C	4	10	4	4	19

Lindsay 8th 20 Slidell 5
Monday night the young Lady Squires had total control at the Hounds pit.

Nine Lindsay girls put points on the board, led by Block's 6 points. Hundt, Stephanie Metzler, Tiffany Martin, and Leanna Gustine added 4 points apiece. Scoring two each were Rauschuber, Sarah Carpenter, Sarah Reed and Elizabeth Klement.

L	8	6	10	6	30
S	2	2	0	1	5

Lindsay 8th 22 Slidell 23
The Lady Squires lost a close battle to the Lady Puppies Monday night.

Bezner was Lindsay's high scorer with 6 points. Knabe and Privett each added 4, while getting two points apiece were Erwin, Hess, Stephanie Hermes and Britanny Selby.

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Knights win, then loose two close battles: Alvord & Aubrey

The varsity Knights took a big win at Forestburg, then fell to Alvord by one point and to Aubrey in overtime as Lindsay basketball season emerges.

On Monday, Nov. 20, the Knights traveled to Forestburg, defeating the Longhorns 50-24. Mitch Creed led all scorers with 18 points. Brad Minnix added 8, Chris Horner 6, and four points each from Tommy Arendt, Rhett Rimmer and Jonathan Bengfort. Nicholas Fuhrmann scored 3, Josh Goldsmith 2 and Chuck Hinds one.

Tim Vann was high point maker for Forestburg with 10.

L	12	14	7	17	50
F	10	3	2	9	24

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, the Knights were challenged by Alvord in the Bulldog's pit. Lindsay had a slim lead for three quarters, then allowed

the Dogs to outscore them in the final period for a 56-57 loss. Fuhrmann led Lindsay with 14 points with Rimmer and Bengfort each adding 11. Creed popped in 6, Minnix 5, Arendt 4, Goldsmith 3 and Horner 2 points.

L	19	15	10	12	56
A	18	14	8	17	57

Making the trip to Aubrey Tuesday night, the Knights battled the Chaparrals to a 38-38 tie after four quarters of play. In overtime, Lindsay hit two 3's, but gave up 11 points, to give Alvord a 44-49 win.

Minnix hit the boards for 11 points to lead Lindsay's offense. Creed added 8, Goldsmith 6 and 5 points from Rimmer and Arendt. Bengfort put in 4, Horner 3 and Fuhrmann 2.

L	9	11	6	12	64
A	8	11	10	9	49

Lady Knights split two pre-turkey contests

The Lindsay girls varsity team took home a 56-47 victory last week Monday from Forestburg, only to fall 49-36 at Alvord the next night.

Forestburg had two girls hit double digits. Kelly Minton scored 18 and Alicia Loerd 17.

L	11	17	10	18	56
F	4	10	9	24	47

In Tuesday's action at Alvord, the Lady Knights had the lead at half-time, but allowed the Lady Bulldogs too many baskets in the third quarter, giving Alvord the lead, which they extended through the final quarter.

Hess led Lindsay in scoring with 10 points. Luttmere added 7, with O'Dell and Selby each getting 6. E. Trammell, Katie Schneider and Fuhrmann scored 2 points apiece with Bezner hitting 1.

L	14	18	10	4	36
A	10	5	22	12	49

2001 stock show open rodeo ticket office

Rodeo tickets for the 2001 Southwestern Expo and Livestock Show go on sale at the Will Rodgers Memorial Center box office at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4. The event is scheduled for its 105th annual 17-day run Jan. 19 through Feb. 4.

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Lady Knights lose at Aubrey 65-43

Tuesday night, Lindsay traveled to Aubrey to take on the class 2A Lady Chaparrals. A strong first quarter performance by Aubrey set the pace of the game, allowing a 65-43 defeat to the Lady Knights.

DeeAnn Fuhrmann was high scorer of the game with 22 points. Amber Selby added 8, with Karah O'Dell scoring 4. Emmy Trammell, Alex Haayen, Jacque Bezner and Elaine Hess each contributed two points with Maggie Luttmere getting one.

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Gymnastics team competes

The Gymnastics Team from Thackerville competed in their first Oklahoma meet for the 2000-2001 season. The meet was held on Nov. 4 in Yukon, Oklahoma at the Flip Centre. The members were Madyson Bond, Heather Branscum, Rashae Dangelmayr, Caitlin Gilbreath, Karis Holder, Karly Holder, Jillian Martin, Morgan McKenzie, and Lauren Romines. The girls came home with a Level Five 2nd Place Team Trophy as well as individual success. Bond had a 31.05 and placed 5th in the All-Around. Dangelmayr had great success on vault with an 8.6, champion on Floor, and winning the All-Around. Gilbreath is new to the sport and already qualified for Sectionals. Karis Holder was very consistent with a 31.05 in the All-Around. Karly, her twin, competed Level 6 for the first time and already qualified for the State Competition with a 31.75. Martin also had her first meet ever with a score on beam to put her in 5th place. McKenzie placed 3rd in the All-Around and was champion on Beam. Romines did great on beam, placing her 2nd with an 8.9 and had an excellent Floor Routine putting her in the champion's position.

Merry Christmas from all of us! May this season of joy find you in the company of friends and family.

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Farm & Ranch

Combs: "New farm bill should include improved risk management and export assistance."

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said the upcoming Farm Bill should emphasize improved risk management and export assistance for a coalition of large agricultural states known as NFACT, encompassing New Mexico, Florida, Arizona, California, and Texas.

Combs spoke during an NFACT listening session that she hosted in Austin on the upcoming Farm Bill, which is scheduled to be reauthorized in 2002, but could be taken up by Congress as early as 2001. More than 40 agricultural organizations and individual farmers and ranchers spoke at the session, which is one of several meetings on the Farm Bill that will be held in the five NFACT states.

"I appreciate the time and effort our producers took to come to this meeting," Combs said. "I and the other NFACT states very much admire all that they do for agriculture, and I know that their comments will be very helpful in the coming months."

"Our five NFACT states are a fairly powerful agricultural force in our own right," Combs said. "We account for 25 percent of all the nation's agricultural cash receipts. In total, our congressional delegations make up 27 percent of Congress. With this clout, we have come together to give our producers a strong, powerful, and unified voice to address agricultural issues in Washington, D.C."

Each of the five states has experienced agricultural losses from weather disasters, but Texas' drought has been reducing farmers' and ranchers' incomes since the last Farm Bill was reauthorized in 1996, Combs said.

"In Texas, no one could have predicted that our farmers and ranchers would enter into a drought in 1996, when the last farm bill was enacted, and four years later in 2000 still be suffering tremendous losses," the commissioner said. "Since 1996, drought has taken a \$5 billion bite out of our farmers' and ranchers' pocketbooks."

"Whether the threat is from plant diseases or weather, the practice of ad-hoc disaster assistance from Congress for our NFACT states has not been very efficient or effective," Combs said. "Clearly, we must come up with a better safety net for our producers."

The NFACT states also need continued assistance for developing export markets and for controlling the introduction of plant diseases and pests from other countries, Combs said.

"We all are high volume trade states," she said. "And we essentially serve as a buffer zone protecting the rest of this nation's agriculture from the introduction of foreign pests and plant diseases."

The Farm Bill is a multi-year, multi-commodity federal support law that encompasses commodity programs, trade,

rural development, farm credit, conservation, agricultural research, food and nutrition programs and marketing. Every few years, Congress reauthorizes, repeals or amends sections of the Farm Bill that are not part of permanent law. The last adjustment to the Farm Bill occurred with the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, also known as the Freedom to Farm bill, which authorized reducing crop price supports through 2002 through gradually declining transition crop payments.

Live cattle trade increases

Live cattle trade is increasing as North American markets continue to integrate, report analysts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service.

Live cattle exports were up 68 percent for the first eight months of 2000, as feeder calves were exported to Canada and cull cows were sent to Mexico for slaughter.

Embargo to Cuba lifted

Recent action by a House-Senate conference committee to lift the embargo on food and medicine sales to Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, and Sudan is "great news" for Texas farmers and ranchers, according to Edwin "Demp" Knight, president of the Cooke County Farm Bureau. "This action is a welcome signal to agricultural producers that food will no longer be used as a weapon," Knight said. "Lifting sanctions not only helps feed hungry people, but aids U.S. farmers and ranchers as well."

He said the five nations included in the sanctions reform measure import over \$6 billion worth of farm products annually. "Unfortunately, because of the sanctions, we have lost those markets to our competitors," Knight said. "Now, we will once again be able to compete." Texas producers in particular are set to gain markets with the lifting of sanctions against Cuba. Texas Farm Bureau has been active in pursuing potential market opportunities there. "Texas Farm Bureau has sponsored two trade missions to that island nation," Knight said. "With our contacts there and the close proximity of our ports, we should be able to be a real competitor in that market."

The sanctions reform breakthrough was contained in the 2001 agriculture spending bill. President Clinton has indicated he will sign that bill.

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Cooke County Farm Bureau wins state awards

Awards for County Farm Bureau public relations and membership were presented at the Texas Farm Bureau's 67th annual convention. Judged to have done an outstanding job during 2000 in public relations activities, including media coverage and the use of organizational newsletters, included Cooke County Farm Bureau.

Recognition was also given to Cooke County for showing the largest gain in membership, the highest renewal percentage, the largest number of new members and the longest continuous gain, 19 years.

Texas Farm Bureau finished fiscal year 2000 (Oct. 31) with 308,526 members.

Exports to Canada, mainly under the Northwest Cattle Project, were nearly double the level of last year, at 149,358 head.

Non-program activity over the last several months suggests that exports under the Project for the 2000/2001 season begun in mid-October may exceed earlier expectations. Exports to Canada are now expected to total 275,000 to 300,000 head, much higher than the 222,830 head exported last year.

Exports to Mexico were 40 percent above year-earlier levels, owing mainly to slaughter cattle. Breeding cattle dropped from nine to 12 percent of total exports to Mexico during the past three years, to seven percent this year, reflecting the lack of herd rebuilding incentives from drought and financial distress.

Cattle imports were up 13 percent for the first eight months, mainly because of stronger-than-expected imports of feeder calves from Mexico.

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

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If you are the holder of a Private Pesticide Applicator Certificate from the Texas Department of Agriculture you should have received a packet with instructions for recertification. The certificates expire on December 31 of 2000. Private Certificate Applicants need a total of 15 CEU's that include at least two (2) in Laws and Regs. and one (1) in IPM. You must enter all your CEU credits obtained in the last 5 years on the forms and return the form to the Texas Department of Agriculture at Austin. If you have not received your packet then check your license for expiration date and be sure your license expires on 12-31-2000. If you have questions you can call TDA at 1-800-835-5832.

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SMALL-GRAIN PASTURE AS A SUPPLEMENT FOR COWS

Some people now have some small-grain pasture. What is the best way to use it for cows if acreage is limited? Arkansas researchers compared a 20% protein supplement (fed 3 times a week), with small-grain pasture grazed 7 hours a day for either two (2x) or three (3x) days per week. All cows were on dormant Bermuda pasture with free-choice 9% protein Bermuda hay, from yearly January to mid-April. Breeding commenced in early May. There was no difference in birth weight, conception rate, calf average daily gain, or weaning weight. Limit-grazed cows consumed 15% (2x) and 19% (3x) less hay. Other research has shown that grazing small-grain pasture 2 hours every day also works well.

Rural areas seeing population growth

More people are moving to rural areas than are moving out, according to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. College graduates between the ages of 26 and 30 represent the largest group of these new rural transplants.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 196 of Texas' 254 counties are rural, 106 of which are located near one of the state's 27 metro areas. Some 57 counties are completely rural - containing no town with a population of 2,500 or more.

Of the 168 million acres of land in Texas, 131.5 million, nearly 78 percent, were used to produce agricultural products worth \$14.6 billion in 1999.

Between 1970 and 1997, rural employment increased 54 percent, although 38 rural counties actually lost jobs during this same period. Urban employment increased almost 139 percent.

Texas rural population is growing, up 9.5 percent from

1990 to 1999, compared with the 4.3 percent in the 1980s.

Still, the rural share of the state's population is dropping because the urban population is growing at an even greater rate - 22.3 percent in the 1980s and 19.2 percent from 1990 to 1999.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

It's A Stat

MILK PRODUCTION
Texas milk production totaled 447 million pounds during October, up 3 percent from last year. Revised production for September 2000 totaled 396 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during October averaged 345,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year. Production per cow averaged 1,295 pounds, up 3 percent from last year and up 13 percent from the 1,145 pounds during September 2000.

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Nos. 2 & 3, 75-88; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .77-.86; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.77; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .72-.83; Nos. 2 & 3, .60-.72

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Texoma CattleWomen's next meeting will be held on Monday at 7 p.m., Jan. 8, location still pending. This is an open meeting any women connected to or interested in the beef industry in any way are welcome and encouraged to come. Membership is open to anyone whether or not they are involved in the cattle industry. This session is open and free to the public. Anyone interested in beef cattle or beef products should attend.

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FAMILY PACK PREVIOUSLY FROZEN SPLIT Fryer Breast 79¢ LB.

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6 OZ. DIAMOND **Walnut 1.69**

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