



Muenster Jaycees outgoing president Craig Monday, presents David Felderhoff the Jaycees Outstanding Citizen Award. Courtesy Photo

Jaycees name Felderhoff Outstanding Citizen

by Janet Felderhoff
Muenster Jaycees took time Saturday, Feb. 10 to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and to award some of their members for jobs well done. Installation of officers for 2001 kicked off the new year. The banquet was held in the Muenster K C Hall.

Outgoing President Craig Monday announced recipients of several awards. David Felderhoff was named Outstanding Citizen of the year for all of his contributions to youth sports in the community.

Monday said that Felderhoff was instrumental in forming the Muenster Youth Basketball League. He has been an officer, coach, and referee since its inception, said Monday. Felderhoff has also coached girls' softball several years and served as referee. "He has been T-ball commissioner since 1993 and made instrumental changes to bring the fun back into the game," Monday remarked.

David Felderhoff joined the Muenster Jaycees about a year and a half ago and has chaired several important projects for them. He has been on the Baseball Park Committee as well as helping out with many other projects.

Key Man is elected by his fellow Jaycees as a key part of what the chapter is trying to accomplish as a group.

This year's Key Man award went to Neal Flusche. "He is a motivator and a worker as well," Monday said of Flusche.

Outstanding Chairman is also chosen by the chapter. According to Monday, an outstanding chairman has to be willing to dedicate a lot of time to the chapter. "Some projects take more time than others and some can be a little frustrating trying to complete," Monday noted. "This year's chairman pulled it off with ease." The honor went to David Felderhoff.

Monday chose Gus Ashley as deserving of the President's Partner Award. "He is someone who helped out when you needed it. He is always there to lend a hand and may actually stand in for the president when the situation arises," said Monday.

Officers for 2001 were installed by Jaycee Senator Wayne Klement who also served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Officers are Gus Ashley, president; Kevin Reeves, 1st vice-president; Doug Hermes, 2nd vice-president; David Flusche, treasurer; Jeremy Walterscheid, secretary; Tim Schneider, state director; Nick Walterscheid, Damie Hellman, Michael Harrelson, and Shawn Flusche, directors; Neal Flusche, 5th Thursday chairman.

MMH Board presented petition for election

by Janet Felderhoff
John and Carol Aytes presented a petition signed by 475 people to Don Flusche, president of the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors Tuesday evening before the Board meeting opened. The petition requested, "that the Board order an election on the question of the dissolution of the said Muenster Hospital District."

A cover letter attached to the petition explained, "We, the residents of Muenster Hospital District, representing more than 15% of the total registered voters in said District, petition the Board of Directors of the Muenster Hospital District to call an election on the question of the dissolution of the Hospital District at the earliest time possible. We do not want to see the District dissolved, but feel it is necessary to call for the election in order to prove that the majority of voters in the District support

maintaining our District independent of any plan to merge with the Gainesville Hospital District.

We also feel it necessary to prove via the vote that the people in the District want you, the Board and Administrator, to launch an all out effort to keep the Hospital in operation, and refrain from further talk of dissolution and merger. That kind of talk only serves to drive patients away from use of our Hospital and doctors. If after several years the people within the District feel the need to once again look at merger as a means of supplying health care to the residents, then an election on the question can be revisited. But we, the tax payers and voters in this District, deserve the opportunity to do our best to save and maintain our Muenster Memorial Hospital."

Currently there are 2,041 voters registered in the

Muenster Hospital District according to information from Billie Jean Knight Cooke County Tax Assessor Collector. Aytes said that they checked all signatures validity and all but a few were registered voters in the District. That means that at least 22 to 23% of the voters favored the election.

John Aytes also supplied Flusche with a copy of a standard form from the secretary of state on frequently asked questions and answers on petitions and general rules on petitions.

The Board accepted the petition and said that they would take it under advisement.

According to the MMH enabling legislation, the election shall be held not later than the 60th day after the date the election is ordered.

The legislation also states that if a majority of the votes in the election favor

dissolution, the Board shall find that the District is dissolved. If a majority of the votes in the election do not favor dissolution, the Board shall continue to administer the District and another election on the question of dissolution may not be held before the first anniversary of the most recent election to dissolve the District.

The legislation also states that if the majority favor dissolution, the Board must transfer the land, buildings, improvements, and other assets that belong to the District to a county or another governmental entity in the county.

* Watch next week for complete story of Feb. 20 meeting of MMH Board. Note that another town hall meeting has been set for Monday Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in Muenster ISD gymnasium. Both members of the MMH and GMH Boards will be present and all are encouraged to attend.



Lee Adams, Texas Highway Department, installs new school crossing signs on Main Street earlier this week. The high intensity fluorescent yellow school signs replaced the old "orange" signs. The new color should draw awareness to drivers that they are approaching the school zone. Photo by Janie Hartman

Metzler earns contract extension

by Janet Felderhoff
Trustees of Lindsay ISD agreed with Superintendent Travis Winn that Principal Jerry Metzler's contract should be extended for another year. That would carry it through June 30, 2002. "Jerry's done a good job," remarked Winn. "He and I have made a pretty good team. During the last year I think we've made some real significant progress. I am well satisfied with the job that he has done. He's very much a champion of Lindsay ISD and probably puts kids first more than a lot of people I've worked with."

Board President David Arendt agreed, "I think we've seen improvement from a lot of areas - discipline, morale." Donna Hess added public support to the list. The Board approved the contract extension with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

Two members of the Board, David Arendt and Mike Kendall, have terms expiring this Spring. An election was called for May 5. Anyone wishing to file as candidates for those positions have from Feb. 19 until 4:00 p.m. March 6 to do so. They can file at the school business office during regular school office hours.

Election judges were also approved as Evelyn Fuhrmann and Luella Fuhrmann and assistant Annette Fleitman. Early voting will be conducted from April 18 through May 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wilbur Block residence, 900 Hickory, Lindsay. This coincides with the district's tax cap election.

Principal Metzler reported that the members of the textbook committee had met on Feb. 8 and decided on textbooks to recommend for 2001 - 2002 for Language Arts, Reading, Literature, Journalism, etc. Members of the committee were Charlotte Murrell, Barbara Tombaugh Judy Knight, Patty Eberhart, Reta Johnson, Lorna Goin, Craig Hertel, and Jerry Metzler.

The Board approved the recommended textbooks unanimously.

Board members were presented copies of the proposed 2001-2002 school calendar. School classes would begin on August 15 and end before the Memorial Day weekend in May.

Metzler noted that three days of teacher inservice were not built into the school calendar, but would see LINDSAY, pg 2

MISD rehires principals, AD

by Janie Hartman
The Muenster ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Elementary principal Gwen Trubenbach, junior high/high school principal Philip Newton and athletic director Gordon Martin all had their contracts extended, approved unanimously.

Trubenbach has been associated with the district for 30 years, and principal of the elementary campus since 1982. Newton was first hired last summer and Coach Martin will begin his fourth year as coach and second as the director.

In the superintendent's report, Clyde Steelman reminded board members that Public School Week is March 5-9 and Muenster's annual open house and arts and crafts show will be Tues., March 6 from 6-8pm.

Other discussion included Steelman and Clifford Sicking attending the TARS conference, with both reporting on several of the sessions they attended; Newton and Trubenbach compiling information for the district's Master Plan; no progression on the survey of the school property and the school's computers has a virus.

Coach Martin reported that the re-crowning of the football field remains on hold due to the damp weather conditions. It will be April before work can begin, weather permitting.

In her principal report, Mrs. Trubenbach noted that Muenster was again one of 325 "distinguish" Title One schools. She also noted that in February, 18 teachers have or will be attending workshops. The six weeks ended with an awards assembly on Feb. 14. "We've had a successful six weeks," Trubenbach concluded.

Mr. Newton advises the board that they are "firming up our schedule for next year." He also noted upcoming UIL events: district one act play in Graham, March 20; Academic meet at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, March 22, and the junior high meet April 12 on the Muenster campus.

Newton also bragged on the students behavior during the bands performance at the TARS conference and that two teachers were attending AP workshops.

Mr. Steelman told the board that 73% of the tax revenue had been turned in to the district. Subjects to be discussed or considered included the first reading of local policy update on student travel was approved. Items on the policy include: * Students who participate in school-sponsored trips shall be required to use transportation provided by the school to and from the event. * Prior approval from the Superintendent, based

on the recommendation of the principal is required for such trips. * Such trips shall be scheduled in a way that minimizes the loss of instructional time ... absence for no more than two instructional days shall be permitted.

Other items:
* March meeting will be March 14, during Spring break.

* "Problems" with the school calendar for 2001-2002, it was sent back to the committee.

* The board passed the Texoma School-to-work Partnership.

* No interest was given for the TASS trustee vacancy position.

Approved a kindergarten transfer from Nocona.

* Board of Trustee election was ordered for May 5, 2001, in the junior high (old High School) foyer. Early voting can be done at the administration office April 18 through May 1. Two places are up for re-election, Place one and two, currently held by Clifford Sicking and Peggy Lutkenhaus. Applications are now being accepted. The deadline for a name to be placed on the ballot is March 21, at 5pm. Deadline for write-ins is March 26 at 5pm.

* Edgar Dyer will be the presiding election judge with Eddie and Mary Ann Fleitman as alternates. Carol Klement is the early voting clerk.

At a Feb. 7 called

meeting, the board met with three more Needs Assessment Committees - Academics, Fine Arts and Athletic. Each representative presented what their group decided was the top priority issues in their department, for the board's consideration.

The Academic committee decided that science labs for all levels of the school district and updating the present labs were their number one concern. Also more AP and pre-AP programs - existing staff can be used and cost would be covered by grants and the state. The third item was assistance for students, students who do not qualify for resource or other services.

Improvements in the Fine Arts department - theater arts, art and band - included hiring a qualified theater arts teacher; remodeling existing auditorium or build a cafeteria; work on scheduling so that all students who desire to take band may do so; and increase the art department's present budget.

The athletic committee's prioritized list includes to build a field house and weight room or add onto the existing structure; install curbing around the track and add two runways for the jumping events; and additional coaches to ensure all athletes get the attention and supervision needed.



Do these lovely ladies look nervous in the company of such questionable sailors? They were really quite composed in presenting "Murder on the High Seas," a dinner theater presented by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce on Valentine's evening. From left, the thespians are Eric Reeves, Tamera Broyles, John Broyles and Julie Krahl. John Noblitt was a fifth actor, but he was deep-sixed early and missed the photo. Americas Productions performed and Rohmer's Catering did the culinary honors in the Sacred Heart Community Center. Dave Fette photo



Heavy rains hit the North Texas area last Thursday night/early Friday morning filling some local creeks, including the creek in the city park. By sunrise, the waters had already descended several feet. If the rain wasn't enough, by mid day, temperatures dropped and the precipitation turned to sleet, then snow, dropping a white blanket around Muenster. The cold weather didn't linger too many days, as foggy mornings turned into a beautiful spring day Tuesday afternoon, with temperatures hitting in the high 70's. By Wednesday afternoon, another cold front dropped temperatures, with more rain predicted this weekend. Photo by Janie Hartman

Farm Bureau supports youth with scholarship money

Texas Farm Bureau invests large amounts of money and time in developing youth leadership. Each year, more than \$73,000 in scholarships are awarded to young people from across the State of Texas. These scholarships are awarded through participation in a variety of contests, seminars, and by application. The Cooke County Farm Bureau would like to announce the upcoming scholarships which are offered to all college-bound high school seniors. Applications for each of these programs are available through the area high school counselors office (Cooke County) and the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau (1212 W. Highway 82, 940-665-1763).

The Texas Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship is based on graduating seniors planning to enter college in Fall 2001 and whose families have been Texas Farm Bureau members since at least March 15, 1999. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per year, renewable up to four years, will be awarded by May 2001 on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activity involvement and other recommendations and financial need. Applications must be postmarked no later than Mar. 10, 2001 and are to be sent to the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau.

In May 2001, the Cooke County Farm Bureau will award one (1) scholarship to a student graduating from high school in the Spring of

2001 and entering college in Fall 2001 and whose families have been members of the Texas Farm Bureau since at least Apr. 15, 1999. This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the application information, high school grades and GPA, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, family financial need, and potential to succeed in post-secondary educational goals. Applications will be available in all Cooke County high schools beginning Mar. 5, 2001 as well as being available through the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau. All applications must be postmarked no later than Apr. 16, 2001 and sent to the Gainesville office of the Cooke County Farm Bureau.

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be individual inservice days which the teachers could complete either during the summer or in the fall. Traditionally these days have been built into the school year and causes the school year to stretch out some, said Metzler. Besides cutting down on the length of the school year, this allows teachers to pursue more meaningful inservice. These might include technology training or a graduate class. Actual calendar will be voted on at the next meeting.

Approval was given by the Board on the Telecommunications Infrastructure Funds Grant (TIF) application for \$50,000. Winn noted that it would be used to upgrade the business ed/computer ed classroom. If approved the school must contribute \$5,000.00. Metzler said that would make three full computer labs and they hopefully would teach out of two and use the third as a library lab.

During his principal's report, Metzler commented on the Spanish III Class trip to Mexico. The two chaperones, Denise Schumacher and Belya Harris, and three students, Ashlie Privett, Courtney Miller, and Brent Connert, wrote letters of appreciation to the school board. Although there were more students eligible for the trip, they had conflicting activities and were unable to take part. Each Board member was presented with friendship bracelets purchased on the trip.

Metzler reported on the Elementary UIL competition held at Lindsay and of upcoming competition at NCTC. He said that the 7th grade boys basketball team has gone undefeated for the season.

In other business conducted at the Feb. 19 meeting, the Board:

- Chose to contract with Fireman's Fund Insurance for liability and property insurance through David Hutcherson of Gainesville. The total is \$8,847.00, an increase of about \$2,000.00 from last year.

- Approved transfer student Kelly Mitchell to Lindsay 6th grade.

- Changed date of March Board meeting from March 19 to March 26 due conflict with Spring Break.

HOSPITAL LETTER

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would be provided from it, in fact he has stated quite the contrary. He has stated that many services would still be provided right here in the Muenster Memorial Hospital. My question is this: Will this medical facility still need an administrator? And, furthermore will Mr. Endres commit to continuing to serve our community in this capacity? Or does he has bigger and better things in his sights?

I again join Mr. Aytes and many others in urging all of you to vote against the dissolution of the Muenster Hospital District and to vote against the merger of the Muenster Hospital District with the Gainesville Hospital District.

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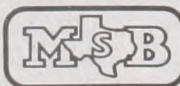
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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25, 2001	Monday, February 26, 2001	Tuesday, February 27, 2001	Wednesday, February 28, 2001	Thursday, March 1, 2001	Friday, March 2, 2001	Saturday, March 3, 2001
Muenster Museum CLOSED	Diocesan In-Service, NO SCHOOL for Sacred Heart Town Hall meeting on hospital merger, 7 PM, MISD Auditorium	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Ag Marketing Club meeting, 7 PM, Cooke Cty. Farm Bureau	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Rel. Ed. Class Mass, 6:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Sacred Heart School, 2:30 PM dismissal	
Sunday, March 4, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, March 5, 2001 St. Peter's First Reconciliation, 7 PM Bereaved Parent/Grandparent Support Group, 7 PM, Home Hospice City Council, meeting, 7:30 PM	Tuesday, March 6, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MISD Open House and Arts & Crafts Show, 6-8 PM	Wednesday, March 7, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11 AM, Cooke Cty. Electric Co-op Rel. Ed. Class, 7 PM C of C Board meeting, 5 PM	Thursday, March 8, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Cooke Cty. Youth Fair BPW meeting, noon at The Wooden Spoon, Lindsay MISD Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL	Friday, March 9, 2001 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Cooke Cty. Youth Fair NO SCHOOL MISD Teacher In-Service ABBA Fund Raiser, 7 PM, Christian Life Center, Gainesville	Saturday, March 10, 2001 Cooke Cty. Youth Fair Sale
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Obituaries

Sarah "Sally" Almyra Flusche Corvilla Jane (Givens) Robeson

1936 - 2001

1915 - 2001

by Elfreda Fette
Mass of Christian Burial was held for Sally Flusche of Decatur on Friday, Feb. 16, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. in Assumption Catholic Church, officiated by Father Gonzalo Morales, assisted by Deacon Art Casias. Sally Flusche died on Feb. 13, 2001 at 6:45 a.m. at her home, at age 64. She was the wife of James J. Flusche and the mother of Phillip Flusche, Carl Flusche, Conrad Flusche, Kathy Todd, Paula Thompson, and Monica Guerra, and beloved grandmother of 19 and great-grandmother of one.



Sarah "Sally" Flusche

Sarah "Sally" Almyra Flusche was born on June 21, 1936 in Millsap, Texas. On Apr. 24, 1957 she married James J. Flusche in Denton. She was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur, and worked as a bookkeeper for the family auto repair business.

Survivors are her husband, sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Brenda Flusche of Muenster, Carl Flusche of Dallas, Conrad and Kristy Flusche of Dumas; daughters and sons-in-law Kathy and Neil Todd of Flower Mound, Paula and Kenneth Thompson of Saint Jo, and Monica and Paul Guerra of Waxahachie. Also her sister Louise Birdson of Denton, and brothers Chuck Becker of Prescott, Arizona, and George Becker of Denton.

There are 19 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

On Thursday evening, a Rosary Service and visitation were held in Assumption Catholic Church.

Assisting Father Gonzalo Morales of Bridgeport and Deacon Art Casias of Jacksboro in the special funeral liturgy were altar servers Nicholas Flusche and P.J. Guerra. Father Jerome Jayasuriya of Waxahachie was present at the altar. Monica Guerra and Conrad Flusche were lecturers and gave the First Reading from the Old Testament and the Second Reading from the New

Testament respectively. Phillip and Brenda Flusche gave the Responsorial Psalm. Deacon Art Casias gave the homily. The three brothers and three sisters, children of James and Sally presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

Eucharistic Ministers were Phillip Flusche, Kathy Todd, and Evelyn and Jerry Sicking.

Remarks of Remembrance were given by the oldest grandchildren, Angela Todd, Christel Thompson, and Jacqueline Flusche, before the final blessing.

Sacred music was presented by the church choir, including "All My Days," "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," and "On Eagle's Wings." Monica Guerra sang "Amazing Grace" before the Readings.

A Meditation Hymn "How Beautiful" was performed by Kenneth and Jennifer Thompson. Carmelina Holloway played a solo "Ave Maria" on the harp at Communion. She was accompanied by a second harpist.

Ushers were John Huber, Terry Workman, and Mateo Nunez.

Burial in Oaklawn Cemetery of Decatur was directed by Coker Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were the three sons and three sons-in-law.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur.

Corvilla Jane (Givens) Robeson, lifetime resident of Cooke County, Texas, died at Indian Wells, California on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001 at 2:30 a.m. at age 85. She was born on Aug. 15, 1915, and was a homemaker and full time farmer while raising two children. Her entire life was spent in the Rosston area.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law Nina Sue and John P. Marcinek of Indian Wells, California, and a son Jimmy Lewis Robeson of Tustin, California; two grandsons Corey Robeson of Houston and Cameron Robeson of Palm Desert, California; also a nephew Wendell Givens of Highland Village, Texas; two nieces Marilyn

Johnson of Bridgeport and Geneva Ann Fender of Riohosa, New Mexico; also 13 great-nieces-and-nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, E.H. (Eddie) and Cora Reed Givens, and one brother, Wyatt Givens.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Forestburg, officiated by Marshall Stewart of Rosston and Corvilla's nephew Wendell Givens of Highland Village.

Burial in Perryman Cemetery in Montague County was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were great-nieces-and-nephews.

Pearl Harbor survivors choose Texas for 60th Anniversary

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association has named the National Museum of the Pacific War (formerly the Admiral Nimitz Museum) the mainland site of the 60th anniversary commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor, scheduled for Dec. 7, 2001.

With the diminishing number of veterans of World War II, the 60th anniversary takes on special significance. Although a ceremony also will be held at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, the long flight to Hawaii may be difficult for many of the veterans.

The 60th anniversary commemoration will include a hero's parade, a fly-over by vintage World War II planes, and a special ceremony at the National Museum of the Pacific War with nationally known speakers. John Finn, the last living Congressional

Medal of Honor winner from Pearl Harbor, will be the grand marshal of the parade.

The National Museum of the Pacific War is the only museum dedicated to telling the entire story of World War II in the Pacific. The facility is dedicated to the 2.5 million men and women who served with Adm. Chester Nimitz, a native of Fredericksburg, in the Pacific war. Operated as a state historical park by Texas Parks and Wildlife, the museum is supported by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation. The museum motto is "We inspire our youth by honoring our heroes."

For more information on the 60th anniversary commemoration, visit the museum's Web site (<http://www.nimitz-museum.org/>) or phone 830-997-4379, ext. 228.

Free Seminar offered to area businesses

The North Central Texas College/Small Business Development Center and the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce will be providing a free seminar for area businesses on *Managing Credit Customers and Debt Collection*, Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. This free seminar will help prepare businesses to effectively deal with credit customers and in particular how to deal with the sensitive topic of delinquent accounts.

Presenter, Jerry Cox, account executive for ICS First Collection Services, will be addressing the importance of keeping receivables current, what a business needs to know about credit customers, internal follow-up, when outside professional help is necessary, and what type of assistance is available. This seminar is scheduled to meet at the Gainesville

Chamber. Pre-registration is requested and can be made by calling the NCTC/SBDC offices at 668-4220.

The NCTC/SBDC is offering several additional seminars at the college, targeted specifically for small businesses, on the following topics: *What You Need To Know About Patent/Trademark/Copy rights*, Thursday, Mar. 29 9-Noon; *Effectively Marketing Your Business on the Internet*, Wednesday, Mar. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; *How to Make the Government Your Customer*, Thursday, Apr. 5, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and a five week course on utilizing *QuickBooks Pro 2000* for business, Mondays, Feb. 26 to Apr. 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Pre-registration is requested for all SBDC seminars. Contact the NCTC/SBDC offices at 668-4220 for registration information.

Smith family donates \$20,000 as endowment to North Central Texas College

David and Elnora Smith of Gainesville have donated a \$20,000 endowed scholarship to North Central Texas College designed to benefit Cooke County students majoring in agriculture.

The scholarship is the first endowment presented to the NCTC Friends of Agriculture Program, which has already collected \$21,000 in other scholarship monies since the program began in November, said T.J. Davidson, chair of the NCTC Agriculture Department.

The scholarship is named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. David Hicks Smith, Mr. David Hicks Smith delivered fresh milk from his dairy in Cooke County for 50 years. Mr.

David Hicks Smith was one of 11 master farmers named by *Progressive Farmer Magazine* in 1955 and was the only person in Texas to receive a lifetime permit to sell raw milk.

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Smith both attended NCTC.

For more information on the Smith family scholarship or the NCTC Friends of Agriculture Program, contact T.J. Davidson in the Department of Agricultural/Equine Science at 940-668-7731, ext. 353, or by e-mail at tdavidson@nctc.cc.tx.us. Or Debbie Pounds, vice president for advancement and executive director, NCTC Foundation, at 940-668-4213, or by e-mail at dpounds@nctc.cc.tx.us.

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to Editor,

I want to thank the *Muenster Enterprise* for what I consider fair and accurate reporting of the meetings held regarding the hospital controversy. Board meetings, as well as John Aytes' meeting were reported accurately.

It is my perception however, that the Letters to the Editor are not being printed in the same unbiased manner. Allow me to explain why I feel two standards are being applied.

The anti-merger hospital favors have had numerous Letters to the Editor rejected and not printed. In other instances, the *Enterprise* has "edited" our letters by omitting vital sentences and "punch lines." Evidently, the editor deemed some of our comments too forceful or just "mean spirited." He has the prerogative to make those decisions.

I don't feel that Jack Endres letters are held to the same standard. The following quotes will illustrate my point: Letter to Editor, Jan. 12 "Mr. Aytes... your letters have more fantasy than Disneyland." "While they have worked hard to increase the volume of their letters, they've done nothing to increase the accuracy of their statements." Jan. 26

"Mr. Aytes's comments about the kitchen and hospital just illustrate his complete and utter lack of knowledge about the operation of the hospital." And Feb. 9 "...as usual, Mr. Aytes strayed far away from the truth."

Mr. Editor, are different standards applied to the Letters to the Editor, or is it my mis-interpretation?

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

Editorial Response:

I believe it is your mis-interpretation. Unfortunately I'm the person who has to sit in judgment of whether or not I'm printing or "editing" a slanderous statement. My "rule of thumb," flawed as it might be, is to disallow accusations of intentional wrong-doing. No, I'm not going to give examples.

We are trying to be fair in our treatment of this issue though neither "side" thinks we are. With all respect to my elders and those better informed than I, the considerable energy being spent on personal attacks could be better spent working toward a common goal that we must eventually come to.

I've already been told how Pollyanna-ish that idea is.
Dave Fette

Dear Editor:

Recently you published the announcement of Sr. Anselma Haverkamp's 103rd birthday on Jan. 22, 2001. This was requested by Polly Haverkamp. She suggested that Sr. Anselma's friends and relatives send her a birthday card with a dollar bill enclosed. Needless to say, she received many such cards and cash in the mail. In fact, she received so many that it is impossible to thank everyone personally. Since Sr. Anselma is unable to write, I am writing this in her name. I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of your readers who took the time to send cards. Your act of kindness made her birthday a very special one indeed!

God Bless you!
Sincerely,
Sr. Eileen Schneider, O.S.B.
Priress, Olivetan
Benedictine Sisters
P.O. Drawer 130
Jonesboro, Ark. 72403-0130

To the Editor and Tigerette Basketball Fans,

TEAM - definition of - a group of people working or playing together, especially one of the sides in a game.

SQUAD - definition of - any small group of people working, training or acting together, a TEAM, a UNIT force.

Tigerettes Basketball - TEAM work - SQUAD play - TEAM WIN! ALL with good coaching and enthusiastic fans and supporters of the TEAM. It's great basketball to watch. Having played the game myself, I know that each player has to think TEAM and each has to abide by the rules, curfews, etc. for the good of the TEAM effort. Great TEAM work makes for a great TEAM, - a winning TEAM and an enjoyable time for the fans of any TEAM sport. Hats off to Basketball Coach Jon LeBrasseur and his assistant Beth Bartush, and to the Tigerette TEAM - Mary Jane Callahan, Audrey Barnhill, Jana Truebenbach, Andrea Bauer, Raney Bauer, Jayna Biffle, Courtney Hartman, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Karen Gehrig, and Kristen Zimmerer.

Since I'm writing about the Regional game win of the Tigerettes against Amarillo Lady Lions (63-53) at Denton on Friday night (Feb. 16), I would like to compliment the Sacred Heart School young ladies who led the singing of the National Anthem at the beginning of the sports event. Great TEAM work there too! They were - Kimberly Hess, Diane Becker, Kate Sepanski, Dana Miller, Tiffany Richey, and Katie Cox.

Sincerely a Sacred Heart TEAM fan,
Frances Bayer
136 SFM 373
Muenster, TX 76252

Opinion / Editorial

The Old Rugged Cross

I enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard May 25, 1942, and was sworn into service May 28 in Fort Worth, Texas. I was now a part of the newly formed Company 03.

We departed Fort Worth by train at 5:15 p.m. and arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana at 8:20 the next morning, that being a Friday. The rest of the day we were shown our sleeping quarters and were issued our uniforms. Saturday was an off-day, I had nothing to do. That took some getting used to. Then came Sunday

morning, a time to go to Mass. Things didn't go well. I overslept, missed breakfast, and didn't know where I was or where church services were at. A complete rookie.

I finally found a bulletin board where various services were held and at what times. The Catholic Mass was to be at 9:00 a.m. and my watch was showing 9:30, so that was out. I finally opted for a non denominational service nearby to begin at 10:00.

The chaplain came in and gave us a short pep talk,

then asked the pianist to play and have us sing a song. She asked him for the song and music books and he said she was supposed to have them, but she didn't. After going through a stack of scrap looking papers she found one single sheet of music, complete with lyrics, four verses, and refrain. Yes, it was "The Old Rugged Cross." The chaplain asked for a few of us to come up front to lead the singing, and I being in the first row, front and center, was the first to volunteer. (The Sunday before this I was singing 1st tenor with the Men's Choir at Sacred Heart.)

After singing all four verses, the chaplain read a bit of Scripture, we sang "The Old Rugged Cross" a second time, followed by a third, fourth and fifth time. At first you could hardly hear anyone singing with the leaders, but before the service was finished, everyone was singing loud and clear, and louder with each verse.

As the services ended, I dare say that there wasn't a dry eye, mine included, in the congregation of 300 or so.

So when I hear or see "The Old Rugged Cross" sung or in print, as Wayne so nicely used it, I think of that first Sunday in June 1942, at the Naval Base in Algiers, New Orleans, Louisiana. Next for me is an emotional high, and a tear of joy and contentment rolls down my cheek - again.

John H. Wimmer
P.O. Box 362
Muenster, Texas 76252

Editor's Note: We hope more people will write of their similar experiences with "Old Rugged Cross."

Talk is cheap

Opinion by Dave Fette

Talk is cheap. So where do you get information with real value? Listen to both sides. Really listen closely. Make an unbiased decision... Dream on with Dave. But you had better listen closely because the controversy over our hospital is dangerously real. The group opposing the merger of the Muenster and Gainesville hospital districts presented a petition to the Muenster Hospital Board Tuesday night with about 470 signatures requesting an election on the question of the dissolution of the said Muenster Hospital District. It is no longer just talk.

The Muenster Hospital Board is holding a public meeting Monday night, February 26 at the Muenster ISD auditorium to further explain the hospital situation. I appreciate them giving us advance notice so we can help spread the word. There should be at least 470 people there listening very closely.

The Muenster Hospital Board will be held accountable for what happens to the hospital. We voters have accepted no responsibility with a secret ballot. Real accountability and real support happen when Muenster Hospital District voters become Muenster Memorial Hospital patients even if their doctor is somewhere else, even if their insurance company won't pay here. The real ballot is the green one you pay taxes with to continually upgrade equipment and doctor services.

So, if the Muenster Hospital Board and administration are wrong, prove them so. Show them real medical demand right here. Show them a full list of candidates anxious for election to the hospital board of directors. Filing is open for May 5.

There is no such thing as the status quo; you're either moving forward or backward.
Talk is cheap.

Dear Editor,

Hello fellow Muensterites!!! WOW! Talk about a hornet's nest huh? Each week I return home from college in Dallas to find a plethora of letters to the editor regarding the possible merger of the Muenster and Gainesville hospital districts. I have written one previous letter to the editor stating my thoughts on the matter. Since that time my position on the matter has not changed, however I now feel I must again speak up and share my thoughts.

First of all, I attended the "town meeting" hosted by Mr. Aytes and found it quite informative. Along with many other residents of the hospital district, the hospital's administrator as well as two board members along with the board president were also in attendance. The meeting was an open forum for Mr. Aytes to present some facts and figures from audited financial reports concerning the solvency of the hospital. Many questions were asked and answered, both by Mr. Aytes as well as Mr. Jack Endres, the hospital's administrator. My general feeling about the meeting was that those citizens gathered there were not in favor of dissolving the Muenster Hospital District nor were they in favor of

merging the district with Gainesville.

Since that time I've read the opinions of those persons choosing to share them in the form of Letters to the Editor and I've tried to keep an open mind. However, I must say that I feel the attitude conveyed by Mr. Jack Endres in his letters to be condescending and quite unbecoming of any one who is the administrator of a public facility. He has referred in his letters to "personal attacks" made against his character but I have yet to read one such "attack" posted by Mr. Aytes or anyone else for that matter. A "personal attack" is just that an attack made against someone personally, not professionally. What seems to be in question here are Mr. Endres' decisions and apparent support of the merger. To that end I think Mr. Endres needs to understand that any person in an administrative position over a public entity i.e.: a school, hospital etc., will be open to large amounts of public scrutiny. Sorry, it just comes with the job. And at the risk of being too bold "if you can't stand the heat..." you know the rest.

Furthermore, speaking from even more unfortunate personal experience, for about the past three weeks

my grandmother, Pearl Evans, has had a new address, Room #117 at the Muenster Memorial Hospital. She suffered a fall in her home and cracked her pelvis. OUCH! As a side note she truly appreciates all the cards, flowers, well wishes and prayers of her many friends. My point is this; after the initial ambulance ride to MMH the staff thought that she may be better served by a specialist in Denton. She was taken to a large hospital in Denton via ambulance where the specialist opted not to do surgery. Instead, bed rest and physical therapy was her best option. In approximately the 48 hrs. she was in the Denton hospital her pain medication was administered late, causing her a great deal of pain and discomfort, her meals were withheld due to the fact that one of the doctors was planning to perform a procedure on her later that day and not only was the procedure never performed, the doctor never even returned to explain why. After her repeated requests for something to eat a nurse was able to find out that the procedure had indeed been canceled, however could not give my grandmother a reason why. At long last she was served a meal. Luckily for Pearl the following day she was transferred back to MMH for recovery. Since that time she has enjoyed five-star service of the loving and dedicated staff of our hospital. I hope you can all appreciate what a comfort it is for an 89 year old lady to be cared for by nurses she knows by name most of which she can even recall their being born and a few who even worked for her at The Charm Shop. Not to mention how nice it is to be right here in Muenster where her friends can easily stop in and say hello. I suppose to put a fine point on a broad idea, where hospitals and care are concerned, bigger is not necessarily better.

Finally, I would like to pose a question. It is one that I feel many people are wanting to ask, but since I've yet to see it in print I'll go ahead and do the honors. Mr. Endres has stated in both his letters as well as verbally at the "town hall" meeting that a merger WOULD NOT mean that the hospital building itself would actually close and that no medical services See HOSPITAL LETTER, pg 2

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Some 50 years ago Aileen and I and our two oldest children, Phyllis and Gary, then 4 and 3 respectively, moved from Garland, Texas to the farm we worked for so many years.

Sandra joined our family shortly after the move, so we had two very active youngsters and a baby.

It seems that the 42 Club that most of our neighbors belonged to would occasionally need a couple to fill in for a member who could not attend, and we would be asked to do the honors.

Well, we enjoyed playing 42 and gladly accepted the call, but there were times when we simply had to take the kids along.

Usually the children would busy themselves with the adults who always seemed to enjoy them, for a time, and then find a sofa or big chair to curl up in and go to sleep.

Yet they had an uncanny

habit of waking just in time for the break and the delicious desserts served by whomever was hostess for the evening.

One particular night the hostess served up a pie that was exceptionally good, but I must admit the crust was not as tender as one would like.

Some of the guests began to compliment the hostess's tasty pie, and that's when our honest kid, Phyllis, spoke up.

"Yeah, your pie is sure good, but the crust is tough," she said.

Well, we wanted to stuff her under the table and then join her, but the lady spoke up, saying "Yes, the crust is tough! I'll bet your mother don't make crusts like that!"

"No, she don't!" Phyllis blurted out.

Well, the room rocked with laughter, but just remember, kids tell it like it is.

From the Enterprise files

July 27, 1962
Confetti, by R.N. Fette

Last Sunday's ground breaking ceremonies to start construction on the Muenster Memorial Hospital was an important event in the history of this community.

Hospital facilities rank next to the church and the school in meeting the essential needs of the people in its area.

Not many towns of our size are privileged to have such a wonderful set-up. So we of Muenster have abundant reason to show greater pride in our community than we have ever shown before.

Much has already been said about the advantages of having a good hospital here. Nearness is often a vital factor in sickness. Sometimes it can save a life. More frequently it brings earlier relief from pain and permits treatment of sickness in its earlier stages. Local patients will get a better break than they have ever had before.

Nearness will likewise be a worth while factor to visitors. The time and mileage they will save in seeing loved ones will count up.

Another big consideration is the economic value to the community... payroll to a sizable staff... more trade into town... making this a better town in which to live.

All these factors give us reason for tremendous pride in our community, the kind of pride that deserves enthusiastic backing from everyone of us... It's worth far more than the price we will have to pay.

Muenster has long had a reputation for getting things done. Now's the time to live up to the reputation in a big way and see that our financial goal is reached... that's a big undertaking we have to admit, but our satisfaction will be in proportion to our achievement... it's easily within our ability if all of the community will give its enthusiastic support. There is no question about our potential. The money is here. Nor is there any lack of incentive. We have the way, if we only have the will.

Another factor in our drive, once a big issue but apparently forgotten by many, is the defeat of a tax election for a county hospital. It would help a lot if donations reflected a real appreciation of the tax savings.

Letter to the Editor,

Several people from Muenster including myself went to Austin last week. I had received a call from State Representative, Phil King's office seeking opinion on the Hospital Merger issue. Representative King was going to be meeting with a contingent from both Gainesville & Muenster Hospital Boards with the purpose of changing wording in the pending Cooke County District Hospital Legislation. The contingent boards sought wording changes that would essentially negate any petition vote on the question of dissolution of the Muenster Hospital District. Rep. King realized that there is opposition to the merger here in this District and wanted both views so that any changes would be acceptable to both sides.

We know that many people are opposed to this type of change because it would deprive voters here in Muenster of the opportunity to vote on the issue of Dissolution and Merger until it was too late to save the Hospital. Seeking to change wording in the legislation document would slow down its movement through the legislature, as this rewording could take several weeks. Any slow down in bringing both questions - Dissolution and Merger - to a vote would work against the will of the voters in this District. Everyone agrees that if we had an immediate vote it would be better to present the entire issue to the voters, that is, vote on both Dissolution and Merger, and do it right away. But that is not legally possible until the proposed legislation comes out of the legislature. All that can be voted on is the first half - Dissolution of the Muenster Hospital District - because that definitely is allowed under the enabling legislation of the Hospital District as it currently exists.

Past letters to the Editor state that voting on the first half (Dissolution of the Muenster Hospital District) has no merit and introduces confusion by hinting that it is not practical, or maybe even not binding, or that anyone voting on the first half only cannot vote on the second half (Merger) later. None of that is true.

Our Senator, Tom Haywood advised to let the people speak, let them hold their petition election. When it is over we will know how the voters feel about the Merger. Common sense must settle the issue of Merger. If one votes against Dissolution, then it follows that the voter is against Merger, because this Muenster District must be Dissolved before it can be Merged into a new Cooke County-wide District. Saying "No" to Dissolution is automatically saying "No" to Merger.

On the other hand, saying "Yes" to Dissolution means that you are probably in favor of the Merger, however, you will still have to vote "Yes" to the question of Merger, when that vote becomes available once the proposed enabling legislation is out of the legislature.

Why not just wait until both questions can be voted on at the same time? Because the legislation will not be finished in time to vote both questions, and still save the Hospital.

Over 470 people have signed a petition to call an election now on the Dissolution of this District. Lets have the vote and let the people decide.

Angelo Nasche P.O. Box 427 Muenster, TX 76252

Lifestyle

NCTC sponsors writing contest for competition

The Communications and Fine Arts Department at North Central Texas College is seeking amateur writers who would like to submit work for the 38th Annual Creative Writing Competition.

The competition, which normally draws 500-600 entries, will encompass three major divisions: essay, poetry writing, and short story.

Non-students of any age, who hail from Texas or Oklahoma, may submit entries in the North Central Texas College Regional Contest for Non-Students. The Brad Dill Memorial Poetry Contest and the Brad Dill Memorial Short Story Contest are limited to submissions from high school students. The Jerry Simpson Memorial Poetry Contest and the Jerry Simpson Memorial Short Story Contest are designed for competition among area middle school students. Submissions must be received no later than Mar. 2 for non-college students and Mar. 30 for college students.

Writing contests

conducted only for NCTC students include the Jack Joyce Memorial Essay Contest; the Mattie McDaniel Ramage Memorial Literature Essay Contest; the Trudie McDaniel Memorial Historical Essay Contest; the Layuana Hicks Memorial Short Story Contest; and the Layuana Hicks Memorial Poetry Contest. Submissions must be received no later than Mar. 30 in any of these categories, Coolen said.

All work must be presented in the form of a manuscript. No one may enter more than one submission per category. Submissions should be mailed to Coolen at 1525 W. California, Gainesville, Texas, 76240-4699 by the specified deadline.

For information regarding eligibility, restrictions, or manuscript specification for the Creative Writing Contest can be viewed on the college's Web site at <http://www.nctc.cc.tx.us> or by contacting Linda Coolen by phone at 940-668-7731, ext. 306 or by e-mail at lcoolen@nctc.cc.tx.us.



Amy Renee Sturm of San Diego, California and Yancy Lawrence Culp of San Diego will be married in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on July 7, 2001. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by parents of the bride—elect, Mike and Joanie Sturm of Muenster. Parents of the future—groom are Bill and Charlotte Culp of Muenster and Glenn and Judy Denny of Dallas. Amy is a 1994 graduate of Muenster High School, attended Texas Tech University 1994 to 1996, graduated in 1999 from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition. She is presently serving an internship in dietetics at V.A. San Diego Medical Center. Mr. Culp is a 1990 graduate of Muenster High School; attended the University of North Texas in 1990-91; served in the U. S. Navy in 1992-1996; attended Naval Petroleum Engineering School in 1999. He is the Southern California Director of Operations for Texas Based TRAJEN Flight Support. Father John Ohner O.S.A. will officiate the wedding. Attendants will be Kimberly Sturm, maid of honor; April Aduddell, matron of honor; Cindy Frederick, Ashley Weldon, Amy Binder, bridesmaids; Mikah Felago, best man; Jason Biffle, P. J. Vilosai, John Sturm, Shawnee Nunley, and Rich Felago, groomsmen.

John Daniel is two

John Daniel Rohmer, son of Neil and Donna Rohmer of Lindsay, celebrated his second birthday on Saturday, Jan. 6. He was born Jan. 3, 1999.

His party was held at



John Daniel Rohmer

McDonald's. Guests enjoyed Happy Meals and chocolate cake. Games were played and videos were taken.

Attending were his parents; his brother Thomas and his sister Anna Rose; aunts Shirley, Lisa, Ginger, and Brandi Dieter; cousins Rachael and Sarah Dieter, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Grace Dieter, Katie and Andrew Dieter, Nicholas Dieter, and his grandmother AnnaBelle Dieter.

John also celebrated with a party in the home of his daycare provider, Donna Reed. Chocolate chip cookies and apple juice were enjoyed by all the children.

John is the grandson of Rudy and AnnaBelle Dieter of Lindsay and Alois and Rose Rohmer of Muenster.

New Arrivals

Cochran

Danny and Deborah Cochran of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of a son, Joseph Kenneth Cochran in Wilson N. Jones Hospital on Feb. 13, 2001, weighing 9 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. He joins Grace 17, Alicia 15, Daniel 13, Johnathan 12, Mary 9, Luke 6, and James 3. Their grandparents are Faye Grissom of Grand Prairie; Jack and Dorothy Cochran of Harper, Kansas; Diana Bland of Burbank, California; Michael Miller and Janice Kiraly of Arlington. The great-grandmother is Mable

Bland of Los Angeles, California.

Huchton

Lynn and JoAnn Huchton are welcoming a new baby daughter, Katelynn Paige Huchton, born in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Feb. 13, 2001, weighing 7 lb. 3 oz. She joins a brother, Shane, and two sisters Dana and Valerie. Proud grandparents are Joe and Anna Mae Bezner of Lindsay and Billye Huchton of Muenster and the late John Huchton.

College Student News

Debra L. Voth of Muenster, daughter of Danny and Janet Voth, and a sophomore at Stephen F. Austin State University has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. She is pursuing an interdisciplinary studies

major, with specialization on teaching mathematics in Elementary School. She is carrying a full student load and has maintained an excellent grade point average. Debra is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School.

Attention Engaged and Married Couples

Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes will begin Feb. 25 at 2:00 p.m. For more information and to pre-register call Gary and Mary Endres at 759-4810.



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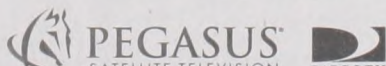
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Pack 664 Scouts earn religious emblem

On Sunday, Feb. 11, Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Worth was filled with Scouts from the Diocese of Fort Worth who were presented their religious emblem through the authority of Bishop Joseph P. Delaney. Among those were Pack 664 Scouts from Sacred Heart Parish receiving their Parvuli Dei emblem.

Parvuli Dei means Children of God. This emblem is a National Emblem given by the Catholic Church in recognition to Cub and Webelos Scouts for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual growth. The purpose of the emblem is to help young boys discover the presence of God in their daily lives as a member of their family and parish, as well as develop a good, positive self image through the contributions they can make in their community.

In order to earn this emblem, each Scout was required to complete the Parvuli Dei activity book.

Completion of the requirements was the responsibility of the Scout Scouts with the assistance of his parents. Upon completion of the activity book, each boy was required to present a banner symbolizing things they learned and their completed activity book to their Parish Priest, Father John Ohner. Father John interviewed each boy and reviewed their activity book. Once the activity book was signed by Father John, their den leader, and Cubmaster, it was sent to the diocesan Scout chaplain for final approval.

Receiving emblems from Pack 664 were Den 3 Webelos Brandon Bindel, Nicholas Flusche, Kirk Felderhoff, Joe Hesse, Corey Pumpfrey, John Rohmer, and Richey Sweeney; and Den 5 Cub Scouts Jacob Bayer, Scott Endres, Chad Henscheid, Ryan Henscheid, Tyler Pagel, Christopher Valliere and Steven Valliere. Den 3 leader is Ben Bindel and Den 5 leader is Rita Bayer.



Muenster Pack 664, pictured with Bishop Joseph Delaney, earn religious emblem awards. Courtesy Photo

Baptisms

Koesler

Stephanie Marie Koesler was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 4 at 12:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church with Rev. John Ohner O.S.A. officiating. She is the daughter of Max and Cindy Koesler. Stephanie's godparents are cousins Jonathan and Kristen Yosten. Her baptismal gown was a family treasure also worn by aunts, uncles and cousins of the Koesler side of the family. Her blanket was made by Great-grandma Voth.

After the ceremony a meal was hosted by Stephanie's parents and sister Samantha Rose in their home. Cake and ice cream were also served.

Attending were:

grandparents Alfons and Mary Ann Koesler and Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling; great-grandparents Ben and Gertrude Voth, Charlie Wimmer, and Caroline Schilling; aunts and uncles Barbara Koesler, Duane and Marylin Knabe, Carol Luttmer, Tina Hess, Erica Schilling, Brad and Charlie Schilling; cousins Nicholas, Telisha, Debra Yosten, Diana and Amanda Knabe, Abby and Amy Luttmer, Trevor and Dalton Hess; and friends Maloney Gieb and Tony Szymanski.

Unable to attend were Rod, Kelly, and Mason Lanier, Ryan Hess, Stephanie Fleitman, James and Sue Yosten, Gene Luttmer, and Joe and Kristy Koesler.

Alzheimer information session planned

Approximately four million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. A national survey conducted in 1993 indicates that approximately nineteen million Americans say they have a family member with Alzheimer's, and thirty nine million know someone with Alzheimer's disease. Unless a cure or some form of prevention is found, it is estimated that fourteen million Americans will have Alzheimer's by the middle of the next century.

Everyone can benefit from knowing more about this critical issue, so a series of informational meetings have been planned by the Soroptimist Time Out Advisory Committee. The first session will be on Thursday evening March 1, at 6:30 P.M. at the Gainesville Memorial Hospital Culwell Conference Room.

Dr. Easwar Sundaram, Jr. will discuss "Diagnosis and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease". A question and answer

series will be held following his presentation. A representative of the Alzheimer's Association will also be on hand to answer questions.

The second program in the series will be on the "Emotional Impact of Alzheimer's" and will be held on April 5.

The final program in the series will be on "Legal Aspects of Alzheimer's" and is scheduled for May 5.

This series of meetings are being co-sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging of Texas, Gainesville Memorial Hospital, the Alzheimer Association and the Cooke County Extension Service.

All of the programs are open to anyone wanting to learn more about this disease. Individuals wanting to learn more about this disease are invited to participate.

For more information call Evelyn Yeatts at (940) 668-5412 or Rene Gregory at (940) 612-8169, or Nora Habal at (903) 813-3506.

NEA's Read Across America set for Mar. 2

The joy of reading - as well as its necessity - will take center stage in cities and towns throughout the nation on Mar. 2, when for the fourth year, the National Education Association (NEA) invites every child, every teenager, every adult in every community to celebrate Read Across America.

The annual literacy event - the largest in the nation, if not the world - coincides with the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel), whose beloved books and zany characters provide the backdrop for what NEA President Bob Chase calls: "a day of fun with a purpose. We hope students of all ages will explore with us the fun, adventure, and magic that reading - and books - provide. We want readers young and old to join us for the ride."

Last year the reading extravaganza engaged more than 30 million participants. Even more are expected to be involved in Read Across America activities this year. Those scheduled to honor reading on Mar. 2 include First Lady Laura Bush, Members of both Houses of Congress, mayors, governors, and state legislators in all 50

states. Opening up the world through books and reading is the message behind *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, the theme for this year's festivities. Taken from the Seuss title, the theme provides teachers, librarians, parents, students, authors, actors, politicians, and others an opportunity to share the journeys they have traveled through books as well as the world of ideas that books have opened for them. In scores of schools and libraries in dozens of states, students will be engaged in read-a-thons, reading pajama parties, original plays and skits based on Seussian themes, reading walls that reflect students' favorite books, reading highways that students travel as they complete books about each state, and special breakfasts that feature, you guessed it, *Green Eggs and Ham*.

For the list of NEA's Read Across America partners as well as a rundown of state activities, visit www.nea.org/readacross. Also available on the site are Seuss quizzes, sample proclamations, and other information about the nation's premier reading event.

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School News

Davis places first in SHS Geography Bee

Sacred Heart School sponsored its annual Geography Bee competition and Andy Davis won. Micah Flusche took second place. Others placing in the top 10 were Stephen Davis, Joshua Yosten, Sara Whitecotton, Matt Flusche, Christine Fetsch, David Whitecotton, Debra Yosten, and Mark Gehrig.

Class winners placing first, second, and third respectively were: 4th grade - Matthew Flusche, Kaitlyn Felderhoff, and Dylan Flusche; 5th grade - Stephen Davis, Joshua Yosten, and Colby Richey; 6th grade - Micah Flusche, Jessica Bartel, and Dustin Hesse; 7th grade - David Walterscheid, Debra Yosten, and Mark Gehrig; 8th grade - Andy Davis, Christine Fetsch, and Jon Pels.



Sacred Heart Geography Winners, from left, front - Andy Davis and Micah Flusche. Back - Matt Flusche, Sarah Whitecotton, Stephen Davis, Christine Fetsch, Joshua Yosten, Debra Yosten, David Walterscheid and Mark Gehrig. Photo by Janie Hartman

7th Grader, Angie Cox wins Sacred Heart Spelling Bee

Sacred Heart elementary students participated in the annual Dallas Morning News Spelling Bee held on Feb. 15. Thirty-two students were selected from grades five through eight.

Bee words were selected from an approved list purchased from the Dallas Morning News. This annual bee traces its origin to a 1925 bee sponsored by the Louisville, Kentucky Courier Journal.

Local bee winner, 7th grader Angie Cox, will now advance to the county level bee in March. Runner-up was 5th grader Lauren Sepanski. Ribbons and trophies were provided by

Sacred Heart Alumni & Friends.

Class top five placers were as follows: 5th Grade - 1st, Lauren Sepanski; 2nd, Colby Richey; 3rd, Joshua Yosten; 4th, Stephen Davis.

6th Grade - 1st, Zachary Bartush; 2nd, Jessica Bartel; 3rd, CB Hennigan; 4th, Theodore Otto; 5th, Micah Flusche. 7th Grade - 1st, Angie Cox; 2, Shannon Hartman; 3rd, Mark Gehrig; 4th, Diana Knabe; 5th, Adam Dangelmayr. 8th Grade - 1st, Christine Fetsch; 2nd, Rose Bartush; 3rd, Jon Pels; 4th, Jordan Smith; 5th, Stephen LaChance.

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

Fourth Six Weeks "A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Mrs. Anderle)

Jimmy Abner, Tyler Anderle, Chelsey Caldwell, Jordan Fredrick, Blake Grewing, Chase Hammer, Olivia Haverkamp, Kameron Heady, Andrea Hess, Andrew Loyd, Hunter Nobile, Kendall Reiter, Peyton Roberts, Shane Sicking, Jace Wann. (Mrs. Dankesreiter) Kayla Acuna, Seth Bewley, Kaly Dangelmayr, Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, Paige Hennigan, Cole McAden, Joseph Monday, Allison Pagel, Nicole Pagel, Chloe Schneider, River Stewart, Blake Voth Caleb Winters. (Mrs. Frederick) Courtney Bell, Luke Crabtree, Andi Felderhoff, Mark Jones, Dalton Koesler, Demi Koesler, Landon Presnall, Dan Schmidkofer, Stefani Tucker, Kendra Walterscheid.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Heers)

Dillon Bayer, Michelle Henseich, Taylor Klement, Danielle Lewis, Shane Presnall, Taylor Reiter,

Alley Trubebach, Lacey Trubebach, Garrett Walterscheid, (Mrs. Hess) Tyler Acuna, Cathy Aston, Briana Bindel, Zachary Gunnels, Hayley Hess, Lindsay Kelley, Devon Kubis, Jason Luke, Spencer Nielsen, Will Taylor, Phillip Vogel, Joshua Voth.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres)

Shaina Felderhoff, Lia Heers, Eric Hellman, Jackie Klement, Andrew Koesler, Tyler Pagel, Derek Schmidkofer, Corey Sicking, (Mrs. Popp) Jodi Abner, T.J. Acuna, Jacob Klement, Levi Trubebach, Christopher Valliere, Natalie Valliere, Steven Valliere, Sara Walterscheid.

4th Grade (Mrs. Klement)

Brandan Bindel, Paul Crabtree, Samantha Endres, Elizabeth Martin, Joshua Sicking, (Mrs. Presnall) Brandy Dangelmayr, Jordanne Hellman, Victoria Wright. (Mrs. Hale) Caitlyn Barrett, Emily Endres, Cassie Hale, Alison Miller, Lindsey Watson. (Mrs. Chism) Christina Eckart, Cletus Fuhrmann, Craig Grewing, Laura Heers, Alison Teafatiller, Lee Walterscheid.

5th Grade (Mrs. Schneider)

Matthew Abney, Kyle Caldwell, Brad Endres, Megan Felderhoff, Amber Fuhrmann, Evan Koesler, Jennifer Neel, Zachary Swirczynski, Michael Valliere, Collin Walterscheid, Krystal Wolf.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Mrs. Anderle) Daniel Fleitman, (Mrs. Dankesreiter) David Fleitman, Daniel Lutkenhaus, (Mrs. Fredrick) Alyssa Stewart.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Heers)

Aaron Grewing, Brianna Klement, Derek Pagel, Kelsey Pagel, Tanner Silmon, Jacy Steelman, Tiffany Teafatiller. (Mrs. Hess) C.J. Harrison, Zachary Pierce, Diana Velasquez.

3rd Grade (Mrs. Endres)

Ashton Barrett, Jon Britain, Scott Endres, Christina Hale, Abigail Loyd. (Mrs. Popp) Toby Dyess, Allen Fette, Camille Hale, Amanda Hundt, Jeremy Lutkenhaus, Dustin Pumphrey, Delana Sicking. 4th Grade (Mrs. Klement) Brooklyn Caldwell, Jordan Hiser, Madchen Moseley, Seth Pierce, Holly Rohmer. (Mrs. Presnall) Noel Barnhill, Stacie Knabe, Jennifer Luke, John Monday, Brett

Morris, Victoria Oubre, John Rohmer, Laticia Schingoi, Derek Sicking.

5th Grade (Mrs. Hale)

Jessica Fisher, Adam Fredrick, Dillena Hundt, Colton Steelman, Anne Walterscheid. (Mrs. Chism) Rebecca Grewing, Ricky Grewing, Heather Harrison, Megan Harrison, Garrett Hennigan, Kim Patel, Hillary Swirczynski.

6th Grade (Mrs. Schneider)

Melissa Cox, Sandy Endres, Meredith Hennigan, Roman Vogel, Bret Walterscheid, Jessica Walterscheid.

"A" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade - Kelly Endres, Ryan Fuhrmann, Tiffanie Klement, Malcom Martin.

8th Grade - Eric Endres, Derek Felderhoff, JoAnna Felderhoff Sean Fuhrmann, Clint Miller, Adam Vinson, Whitney Watson.

9th Grade - Melinda Walterscheid.

10th Grade - Ricky Endres.

11th Grade - Grant Hartman, Chris Jackson, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Shanelle Spakes.

12th Grade - Mary Skinner.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade - Noah Barnhill, Danielle Bindel, Stephanie Buhrmann, Megan Dangelmayr, Michael Eckart, Jennifer Endres, Katherine Endres, Jenna Felderhoff, Travis Felderhoff, Brianna Fleitman, Karen Flusche, Ryan Hennigan, Haylee Hess, Jace Koelzer, Nathan Privett, Leah Vinson, Jordon Walterscheid, Keith Walterscheid, Dustin Wimmer.

8th Grade - Dustin Felderhoff, Lana Fisher, A.J. Fleitman, John Frederick, Carrie Grewing, Shannon Grewing, Kristen Hess, Stevie Klement, Tara Swirczynski, Mindy Walterscheid, Justin Wolf.

9th Grade - Rachel Clark, Kristi McAden, Daniel Russell.

10th Grade - Cody Cory, Amanda Felderhoff, Mitch Felderhoff, Karl Fisher, Kelly Grewing, Brady Howell, Kami Klement, Wesley Koelzer, Megan Lippe, Cindy Tempel, Tyler Walterscheid.

11th Grade - Laura Drachenberg, Krystal Hale, Ashley Hess, Shawn Tyler, Ashley Klement, Kay Lee Price, Toby Walterscheid.

12th Grade - Diane Britain, Lauren Dangelmayr, Keri Felderhoff, Josh Freeman, Kacie Garcia, Ami Graham, Chris Grewing, Gladys Guerrero, Megan Hennigan, Jennifer Hermes, Brett Howell, Toby Johnson, Kristie Lutkenhaus, Mary McCourry, Kristen Smith, Bronya Vogel.

Meeting Notice

Bereaved Parent/Grandparent Support Group will meet Monday, Mar. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Home Hospice Office, 1001 East Broadway, Gainesville. Call Kelly at 940-665-9891 for more information.

Bits of Wisdom

Excuses are the tools with which persons with no purpose in view build for themselves great monuments of nothing.

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

Emerson



Dr. Elaine Schilling, shows Muenster kindergarten students, Brittany Pagel, Michelle Sicking and Christina Rohmer how to make an impression. Courtesy photo

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEB. 26 - MAR. 2

MUEINSTER ISD

Mon. - Hot dogs w/chili and cheese, potato wedges, ranch style beans, peaches, brownie.

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

Wed. - Tuna or peanut butter sandwiches, chips, carrot sticks, cookies, oranges.

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

Fri. - Fish sandwiches, French fries, lettuce and tomatoes, carrot sticks, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS

Mon. - Taco soup, ham sandwiches, oranges.

Tues. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, fruit, cinnamon bread.

Wed. - Tuna casserole, peas, lettuce, fruit, bread.

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, bread.

Fri. - Cheese pizza, mixed vegetables, salad, fruit.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chili dogs, French fries, baked beans, pineapple.

Tues. - Enchiladas w/chili sauce, ranch style beans, vegetable sticks, peaches, bread.

Wed. - Fish, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, cole slaw, pears, bread.

Thurs. - Tacos, pinto beans, applesauce, mixed fruit, bread.

Fri. - Fish, French fries, salad, oranges, bread.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Country fried pork steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, fruit mix, hot roll.

Tues. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, peaches, sugar cookie.

Wed. - Chicken spaghetti or barbecue wieners, green beans, tossed salad, sliced pears, breadsticks.

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

Fri. - Pizza: pepperoni or cheese, French fries, strawberry applesauce, ice cream.

Pictured below, Christy Beizer, dental hygienist, shows Muenster pre-K students, BrookLyn Lyons, Jace Frederick and ShyAnn Bartel how to fill a cavity. Courtesy photo



Angie Cox and Lauren Sepanski

Courtesy photo



Sacred Heart 8th graders at Saint Andrew in Fort Worth.

Sacred Heart 8th Grade attends Diocesan Mass

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, the Sacred Heart School 8th grade traveled to St. Andrew Church in Fort Worth to attend the annual 8th grade Diocesan Mass. Eighth graders from Catholic schools across the Fort Worth Diocese were present. The theme of the Mass was "Heralds of Good News to the World." Prior to Mass students and visitors were given pins to wear that signified the theme of Catholic Schools week "Celebrate Catholic Schools."

Sister Bernice Knappek, SSMN, Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools, welcomed all. Most Reverend Joseph P. Delaney, Bishop of Fort Worth, was the principal celebrant, with parish priests as concelebrants.

During his homily Bishop Delaney welcomed students, parents, teachers, and principals. He stated that there would be four new 8th grades in the diocesan schools next year, more heralds for the church. The students are "announcers of the Good News." "No one is ever too young to be a herald - Jesus will give us what we need," Bishop Delaney continued. "God loves us and saves us, we are living signs of His love."

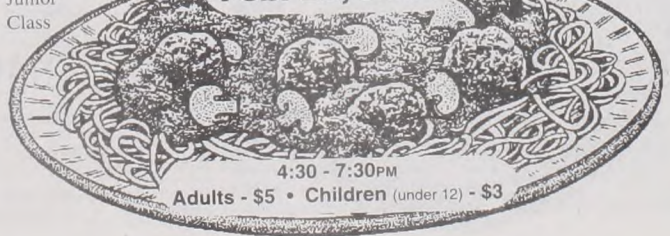
Sister Marguerite Connors, SHSp., Superintendent of Catholic Schools, gave closing remarks that included thanking Saint Andrew's church for the wonderful site for the Mass and thanking Bishop Delaney, the visiting priests, principals, teachers, parents, and students of the 8th grade for attending. She reminded the students of the gift of vocation, and to pray for the grace to respond to vocations.

Members of the 8th grade class are Paul Bartush, Rose Bartush, Jacqueline Bauer, Sarah Brundage, Daniel Cochran, Casey Coker, Dillan Connell, Andy Davis, Christine Fetsch, Katie Flusche, Stephanie Henseich, Chris Hoedebeck, Jessica Knabe, Stephen LaChance, Thomas Otto, Jon Pels, Alex Sicking, Jordan Smith, and Clayton Trubebach. Teachers, Ms. Dorothy Bengfort and Annette Bayer accompanied the class, along with school principal, Dr. Jack Murdock, who also served as Eucharistic minister during the Mass. Family members Beth Bartush, Lanie Bartush, Jeff and Barbara LaChance, and Gene LaChance joined the class as well.

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Sports

Tigerettes are state bound

Jayna Biffle blocks an attempted Trinity shot in last week's Tigerette regional victory over the team from Amarillo. Also pictured in action are Mary Jane Callahan (31), Karen Gehrig (11) and Audrey Barnhill (10). Photo by Janie Hartman



The Sacred Heart Tigerettes, after their 63-53 Regional victory over Amarillo Trinity Fellowship last Friday, will travel to Waco this Friday in TAPPS State Semi-Final action. The Tigerettes will play The Waldorf School of Austin at the Farrell Center (Gold Dome) on the campus of Baylor University with a 12:30 tip-off.

The Roadrunners lost in the 2000 State championship game as a class A member last year. With no senior on last year's squad, Waldorf returns with five seniors on an experienced squad. Ani Hanelius, a 5' 10" senior post, is a do everything, 2000 All-State player. "She can control the inside and also hit the 3," noted Coach LeBrasseur. The sophomore guard, 5' 10" shooter, Ginny Hermann, has a good range and feeds Hanelius in the post. The other guard spot is Lizzy Sorrell, a 5' 6" sophomore, with the offense directed by Anna Parker, a quick 5' 2" senior guard. The final starting spot belongs to 5' 9" senior forward Rita Stewart.

"Waldorf plays a half court man defense with some full court. Offensively they want the balls in the hand of Hanelius and Hermann," noted LeBrasseur. The Tigerettes look to play more full man defense, trying to create an up-tempo game. "This team has come a long way since October and we hope to continue to improve our play and reach our expectations of another title," the coach concluded. The other side of the bracket will pit Jesus Chapel (the district runner-up against Amarillo Trinity Fellowship whom the Tigerettes defeated) against Texas Christian of Waco. Texas Christian is a consolidated school of Waco Covenant Christian and Waco Christian.

If the Tigerettes win, they will play the winner of the Jesus Chapel-Waco game. The final game will be played at Temple College on Saturday at 12:30. **Directions to the Games** The Farrell Center, on the campus of Baylor University in Waco, is located at University Parks Drive, between I-35 and LaSalle Avenue.

Temple College is located at 26005 First Street in Temple, just off Loop 363. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Tigerettes win Regional Playoff

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes earned a trip to the TAPPS Final Four State games with an exciting, come-from-behind Regional victory against Amarillo Trinity Fellowship last Friday evening at TWU in Denton. "It was a great game of basketball played by two outstanding teams. Both teams are champions," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "An outstanding performance. Our best game of the year. We needed an outstanding game to defeat such a well-coached team."

Trinity took the opening tip, scoring five points, while Sacred Heart missed their first six shots before Andrea Bauer dropped in the first bucket. Tigerette shooting was still cold, missing the next 7 shots, falling behind 2-9. Bauer hit in 5 more points and Audrey Barnhill 1 for an 8-16 score at the end of the first quarter.

Sacred Heart took possession to start the second period. Jennifer Hoedebeck scored a quick two, then the Lions put in 3 points. Karen Gehrig made the score 12-19, but then the Lions took their biggest lead of the game, 9 points, with 4:53 on the clock.

A couple of Trinity turnovers assisted in the Tigerettes making a come back. Jayna Biffle and Gehrig each got baskets, with Trinity hitting only free throws.

Raney Bauer dropped in a free throw, missed her second attempt, Biffle rebounded and shot for 2 for a 19-24 score. Sacred Heart caused a turnover, A. Bauer closed the score to 21-24. After passing, the Lions stepped out of bounds, the Tigerettes got the ball, and A. Bauer's shot put Sacred Heart a point behind.

With less than a minute on the clock, the Lions missed a shot, Biffle rebounded, but a tied ball gave Trinity the ball. R. Bauer stole the ball, dishing it to Courtney Hartman for 2 points, and Sacred Heart's first lead of the game. The Lions then threw the ball away as the Tigerettes worked the last 18 seconds, but missed the final shot for a 25-24 half-time lead.

The Tigerette offense started the 3rd quarter. On a rebound, Barnhill extended Sacred Heart's lead to 27-24. The Lions hit

in two baskets and A. Bauer a 2-pointer for a 29-28 score.

Sacred Heart stepped up their defense, with back and forth possessions on the court. With 3:36 on the clock, Jana Truebenbach grabbed an offensive rebound and shot for two. A nothing-but-net 3 pointer by R. Bauer gave the Tigerettes a 34-28 lead.

Trinity continued to hit baskets. R. Bauer got another 3 pointer, but the Lions closed the gap to one point with 5 seconds on the clock. Barnhill brought the ball into Tiger territory and

free throw by A. Bauer gave Sacred Heart a 52-47 lead. The Lions sunk another basket as the clock ticked down to two minutes. R. Bauer, at the free throw line, popped in 2 for a 54-49 score.

After a Lion walk, A. Bauer hit another 2 baskets and a free throw to Trinity's 2 points for a 59-51 score with 59 seconds on the clock.

The Lions missed a 3 pointer, then immediately fouled Gehrig, who hit her first shot. Trinity rebounded

"We are thrilled to be back in the Final Four, looking to defend our title and capture the school's 9th overall championship," said Coach LeBrasseur, who noted that the Tigerettes had 11 turnovers and Trinity 9 and that both teams shot 50% from the field and "both teams played their hearts out."

Andrea Bauer was the game's high scorer with 24 points. Raney Bauer added 17 points, had 6 assists, and 2 steals. Audrey Barnhill scored 7, Karen Gehrig, 5, Jayna Biffle, 4 with 8 rebounds and 3 blocks. Scoring 2 apiece were Courtney Hartman (and 2 steals), Jana Truebenbach, and Jennifer Hoedebeck. Mary Jane Callahan and Kristen Zimmerer are also members of the team.

Leading scorer for the Lions were Josey Ratcliff with 18 and Nicole Taute with 10 points.

SH	8	17	17	21	63
TF	16	8	14	15	53



Raney Bauer looks to the basket for a shot in the Tigerettes regional victory last Friday. Also pictured is Andrea Bauer. Photo by Janie Hartman

shot a long 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Tigerettes a 42-38 lead going into the final period.

Again the Tigerettes took first possession, R. Bauer was bumped and hit one free throw. The Lions came back with a basket, then A. Bauer dropped in 2 points and R. Bauer a 3 for an 8 point Sacred Heart lead.

Trinity got the next 7 points to close the gap to 48-47. After several steals, A. Bauer popped in a 3 pointer, then after more rough playing, Trinity's Nicole Taute fouled out and the

second attempt, drove and hit the basket for a 60-53 score. Gehrig was fouled again, missed, the Lions rebounded, turned over the ball, then fouled R. Bauer, who hit both shots from the stripe for 62-53 score.

Amarillo then missed two more shots, the Tigerettes rebounded and Barnhill was bumped. She hit one for the line for a 63-53 score. The Lions last second shot fell short for a Sacred Heart victory.



Jennifer Hoedebeck and Jana Truebenbach steal the ball from a Trinity player. Photo by Janie Hartman



The Tigerettes on the court get lots of support from the bench as Sacred Heart turns the game around to become a final four team. Pictured are, from left, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Mary Jane Callahan, Jayna Biffle, Kristin Zimmerer and Courtney Hartman. Photo by Janie Hartman

Benefit Golf Tournament

The Muenster Jaycees will sponsor a golf tournament to benefit Laura Taylor. It will be held on March 17 at the Turtle Hill Golf Course. Tee off is at 12:30. The entry fee is \$240 per team and is limited to the first 36 teams. Prizes will be awarded in 4 flights. A meal will be provided following the tournament at the Muenster City Park. For more information, call Brian Herr at 759-4512 or 759-4911 (if no answer, leave voicemail)



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NOTICE TO PAVING BIDDERS
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BID INVITATION
 The City of Muenster solicits bids for the purchase and delivery of approximately 400, tons of 3/8" washed pea gravel stone to comply with Cooke County road building specifications. The 3/8" washed material must meet the following specifications:
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BID INVITATION
 The City of Muenster solicits bids for the construction of concrete curbing and radius at intersections. **Curbing:** Construction includes approximately 635 linear feet of curbing. All curbing is to include two 3/8 in. steel rods and be a 5-bag mix, 3,500 psi test. Curbing bids should specify cost per running foot. **Radius:** Construction includes one radii at intersection with 1/2" steel rods. Radius bids should specify cost per linear foot. **General:** Bid for each category must include cost of all materials and labor, including cutting grade and preparation. A total bid summarizing the bids for curbing, radii, and dips should be indicated. Before submitting a Bid, each Bidder will be responsible to make such explorations or tests concerning physical conditions (surface, subsurface, and Underground Facilities) at the sites which may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work and which bidder deems necessary to determine its Bid for performing and furnishing the Work in accordance with the time, price, and other terms and conditions of the Agreement. Specific information on location is available at City Hall. Work must be completed within 45 days of notification of acceptance of bid. Please send sealed bids to City Hall, 400 North Main Street, P.O. Box 208, Muenster TX 76252 to arrive before 4:00 p.m. on March 2, 2001. The outside of the envelope should be marked "CURBING BID". For any questions on specifications, contact Chris Yosten at City, (940) 759-2236. Bids will be opened at the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 5, 2001.

NOTICE OF BID INVITATION
 The City of Muenster is requesting bids for the construction of a new fire station addition. A copy of project specs and bid forms are available at Muenster City Hall, PO Box 208, 400 N. Main Street, Muenster, TX 76252. All bids should be marked as described on bid form and delivered in sealed envelope to Muenster City Hall, PO Box 208, 400 N. Main Street, Muenster, TX 76252 by 12:01 pm local time on Monday, March 5, 2001. The Muenster City Council reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

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Wheats worth

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Changes in government programs, particularly the Conservation Reserve Program, and the state wide drought which Texas has experienced over the past three years have reduced the production to 66 million bushels for a value still in the excess of \$275 million.

The Texas wheat industry has an impact on the state's economy of nearly \$2 billion annually. Approximately 6 million acres of wheat are grown state wide on an annual basis of which nearly 3 million are harvested. Texas leads the nation in producing dual purpose wheat, wheat used as grain for human consumption and forage for livestock.

Texas Wheat Producers Association



Cooke County Dairy Judging Team Courtesy Photo

Dairy judging team wins district competition

Thursday, January 25, 2001 was an excellent day for the Cooke County 4-H Dairy Judging team. That was the day that they competed in the Junior 4-H and FFA Dairy Cattle Judging contest at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Ft. Worth, Texas and went home with several plaques and ribbons.

The members of Cooke County's 4-H team were Chris Aitchison, Angela Schad, Garin Taylor and Ben Wyrick. Rachel Stobaugh participated as our first

alternate. Phillip Bayer judged as a Senior Individual.

Of the 16 Junior teams entered, Cooke County placed second overall in the invitational contest and first overall in oral reasons. As a team, they placed tenth in Brown Swiss, sixth in Holstein, third in Guernsey and first in Jersey.

In the individual overall standing, Angela Schad was second and Chris Aitchison was sixth. IN the individual reasons overall, all four team members placed in the top 25. Garin tied for eleventh, Ben tied for sixth and Chris and Angela tied for fifth.

Finally, this contest was also considered the District competition for 4-H teams from District IV. Cooke County placed first in District results. In the individual results, Chris placed second and Angela Schad was first.

Those 4-Hers, who did not make the official team, went along that day and were able to judge from the stands with team coach and instructor, Wayne Becker. He stayed with them throughout the contest, giving them pointers as it progressed.

This was a great hands-on learning experience for Debra Aitchison, Mary Bayer, Pat Bayer, Whitney Taylor and John Wyrick. Later that evening, the 4-Hers, their parents and Coach Becker enjoyed attending the Bar-B-Que Awards Banquet and hearing Cooke County's name called so many times.

DEALING WITH HIGHER NITROGEN FERTILIZER PRICES

Fertilizer management is an important part of crop production, more so now than ever. This is due in part to increasing costs for fertilizer materials, particularly nitrogen fertilizer. Natural gas is used as a feedstock in the production of anhydrous ammonia which is the starting point for production of most commercial nitrogen fertilizers. Natural gas serves as a source both for energy in the reaction and for the hydrogen that is combined with nitrogen (N) from the atmosphere to produce anhydrous ammonia (NH₃). Thus, as the cost of natural gas increases, so does the cost of most commercial fertilizers containing nitrogen.

Over the past 10 years, natural gas prices for North American ammonia producers have been around \$2.00 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), but the price climbed to over \$6.00 in late 2000 and could reach as high as \$8.00 per MMBtu. The demand for natural gas has increased due to cold winters and the greater interest nationally in cleaner burning alternatives to coal and fuel oils. Production of each ton of ammonia requires about 33.5 MMBtu of natural gas. At \$2.00 per MMBtu, the wholesale per ton cost for ammonia is about \$230 or \$0.14 per pound of N. In contrast, at \$8.00 per MMBtu, the cost for ammonia will be near \$400 per ton or about \$0.24

per pound of N. Other nitrogen fertilizers produced from anhydrous ammonia, such as urea and ammonium nitrate, require further processing for their production and will have a proportionately greater cost. Dealing with higher fertilizer prices will require more aggressive management by growers than ever.

First, get a soil test. Routine soil testing will help identify what the fertilizer needs are for each field to achieve optimum growth and production of the planned crop at the expected yield goal. Cost savings achieved by applying just the required nutrients at the optimum rates will conserve input dollars.

Second, purchase fertilizer on a cost per pound of nutrient, not on a cost per ton. This can be calculated easily by dividing the pounds of N per ton of fertilizer material into the cost per ton. In the cost comparisons above, anhydrous ammonia is 82% N and thus contains 1640 pounds of nitrogen per ton (2000 x 0.82 = 1640). If the per ton product cost is \$230, then 230/1640 = \$0.14. Comparing the per pound cost for just those nutrients recommended by soil test can help in selection of the most economical fertilizer material.

Third, consider alternative sources of nitrogen such as livestock manure or sewage sludge. Manures can be tested for their nutrient content at the Extension Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory in College Station, or at various private laboratories. New EPA Class A sludge materials are available from several sources. These materials have been specially processed to remove potential pathogens and are required to meet specific limits for heavy metals. Class A materials have no site restrictions on where they may be applied, often have a guaranteed analysis to ensure value, and like manures, provide organic matter important for improving soil tilth. Be sure to make applications consistent with a current soil test recommendation to ensure that essential plant nutrients are applied at the proper rates. Over-application can lead to plant growth problems and be a threat to water quality.

Fourth, ensure that nutrients

are applied at the optimum time for efficient uptake and use by the crop. Warm-season grasses should not be fertilized until the crop is actively growing, which generally does not occur until nighttime temperatures are consistently above 60 F. For annual crops, fertilizer applications should be made as near the time of planting as possible to improve availability. Premature nitrogen fertilizer application can lead to nutrient loss by leaching, runoff or volatilization. In addition, it can stimulate the growth of undesirable plants (weeds) that may compete with the crop and require additional inputs for control. Regardless of the crop, split applications of nitrogen can significantly improve the efficiency of nutrient uptake and ensure that fertilizer is available during periods of peak demand.

Finally, growers should evaluate the potential to modify their cropping system to reduce the need for supplemental fertilizer. Incorporation of legume crops into rotational cropping systems can improve soil quality and serve as a source of nitrogen. Legumes form symbiotic (mutually beneficial) relationships with certain soil microbes which live in their roots and enable the plants to fix nitrogen directly from the atmosphere. This nitrogen can be cycled into the following crop to reduce fertilizer requirements. Beef producers also may want to evaluate whether a rotational grazing system may be preferable. Economic comparisons can be used to determine whether an effective grazing system could be more cost effective than hay production to meet long-term goals.

AGRICULTURE MARKETING CLUB

Ag Marketing Club will meet Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cooke County Farm Bureau building in Gainesville. Dr. Blake Bennett, Texas Agricultural Extension economist will present the program. Blake will also have a computer program available to producers that offers a shortcut to analyzing various Futures and Options decisions. Ag Marketing Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the spring months at the Farm Bureau building. Producers are encouraged to attend.

Ag Briefs

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Sold at Friday's sale were 199 head of cattle compared to 996 head of cattle the previous week. Results follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.10-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.10; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.12-1.22; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.12; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.06-1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.06; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.03; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.00; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 87-99; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-87; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 79-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-79.

Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.00-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.00; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 98-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-98; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 94-1.02; Nos. 2 & 3, 82-94; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, 86-95; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-86; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, 79-85; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-79; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, 72-77; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-72.

Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 49-55. Slaughter cows: #1-3, 40-47; Cutter, 30-40.

Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$775; medium frame, \$450-\$600.
Cow-calf pairs/walves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$725-\$850; medium frame, \$625-\$725.
Holstein baby calves, \$50-\$80; Crossbreds, \$130-\$195.

Barrows & Gilts:
US #1, 230-270, 38-40; US #2, 220-280, 35-37.

Feeders (per head)
100-175 lbs., \$45-\$60; 25-90 lbs., \$20-\$40.

Sows:
Feeder, 400 or less, 25-28; Light wt., 400-500, 28-30; Med. wt., 500-600, 31-33; Heavy wt., 600-up, 33-34.

Boars:
300 lb. up, 10-12; 200-300 lbs. NT, Light wt., 20-22.

Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 95-1.10; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., 90-95; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., 85-90.

Ewes:
Stocker, 50-55; Thin, 40-42; Fat, 45-50.

Bucks:
Thin: NT, Fat, 45-48.

Barbados (per head)
Lambs: \$25-\$40. Ewes: NT, Bucks: \$45-\$75.

Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$40; 35-55 lbs., \$40-\$60; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$80. Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$110.

Nannies (per head)
Stocker, \$60-\$70; Milk Type, \$70-\$100; Slaughter, Thin, \$35-\$40, Fat, \$50-\$65.

Billies (per head)
120 lbs-up
Breeders, -, Slaughterers, -.

Boer Goats (per head)
1/2 Nanny, NT; 3/4 Nanny, NT, Full Nanny, \$100-\$150.

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