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Group objects to members of Lake Ray Roberts Zoning Board

Controversy spices meeting on hospital



Sacred Heart plans observance of Catholic Schools Week



Lindsay ISD Board gets thanks and raises tax cap



luenster Spirits had their official ribbon cutting this week. Attending were, from left, Henry Weinzapfel, ryan Nance, Bill Freeman, Jill Freeman, Margie Starke, Robert Weinzapfel, Tina Nance, Cathy Otto, Joh isher. Troy Sicking, Rance Jackson. and Annette Walterscheid. Photo by Janie Hartman

RAY ROBERTS

should be concerned about their activities and actions are in the future.

Commissioners Court was unanimous in the appointment of this Board.

Oak Ridge received permission from Commissioners Court to hold an election for the option of selling alcoholic beverages, including mixed drinks. Judge Harris set the election date for Peb. 17 with early voting will be held at the Oak Ridge town hall with the city secretary acting as early voting election judge. This will all be at the expense of Oak Ridge.

A petition was submitted with sufficient signatures asking for the election. Knight said all of the signatures had been checked and were valid. Two had failed to change their address with her office when they moved to Oak Ridge, but they were valid voters now residing in the Oak Ridge city limits.

With the approval of

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With the approval of Commissioners Court, Cooke County is relinquishing its task of collecting monthly inventory taxes. The responsibility is now that of the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD). Billie Jean Knight, county tax assessor-collector, explained that car dealers, heavy equipment operators, and mobile home dealers remit taxes monthly. These currently are paid to the tax assessor-collector's office. This money is held in escrow until the end of the year when it is paid to the CCAD.

Due to changing laws, Knight would have to be sent to school for training as a tax collector and then certified to continue to service. With the installation of its new computer system, the CCAD has a program to keep track of the money being remitted monthly and have volunteered

Raymond Wimmer

to take on the task. "The money goes there anyway," said Knight.

Names were drawn from last year's Grand Jury membership to serve on the Grievance Committee for 2001. The names drawn were as follows: Ray Spears, James Lovett, Tommy Jackson, Juanita Bright, Michael Bengfort, Tony Collums, Cliffo Odom, Ron DeDoes, Sissy Clammer. Alternates drawn were William Zimmerer, Linda Langston, John Martin, Jerry Tucker. These were all approved by the Court.

Heard from two Southwestern Bell representatives concerning the County's recent decision to move its telephone service to lonex. The rates were much less and the service was promised to be quicker. The County has a three month trial period in which it can change its mind.

The Southwestern Bell reps reminded Commissioners that in 1997 the Court had signed a five year contract on its plexar lines and there would be a penalty to pay if they did indeed break that contract.



Don't Forget **Howard Garrett the** "Dirt Doctor" speaks to the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, Saturday

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Year 2000 total moisture is normal

Cooke County ended the year 2000 on a wet, icy note. This followed an especially dry spring and summer. Most of this year's moisture came in the last four months. December brought freezing rain and sleet on Christmas and it snowed twice during the month.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
50	2.25	2.45	. 09	2.53	7.64	5.51	7.71	10.47	4.74	.02	.09	.03	43.53
60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	.29	3.54	31.70
70	.36	3.83	2.57	4.83	4.05	1.09	1.09	-13	11.61	1.56	.52	.57	32.21
'80	1.58	1.71	.56	1.72	2.19	1.61	.26	.12	8.94	5.42	1.30	1.73	27.14
1946 to 1955												*	
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
1956 to 1965													
10-yr avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
1966 to 1975													-
10-yr. avg.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985													
10-yr, avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5,43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995													
10-yr. avg.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
1996	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	.18	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	.18	36.25
1997	.49	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	.52	1.47	. 97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.15
1998	4.15	1.89	5.44.	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2.67	30.55
1999	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2.49	26.62
2000	1.75	0.70	2.93	2.80	1.00	4.66	2.69	0.00	2.07	7.92	7.12	3.50	37.14

Have you received your CCAD tax notice?

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Appraisal
District (CCAD) Chief
Appraiser Doug Smithson
reminds tax payers that they
should have received their tax
notices by now. "If anyone has
not received a tax statement, call
us and we'll send one because on
Feb. 1 they become delinquent
regardless of whether they
received it or not," noted
Smithson.

president of the Student Council.

The Board approved health insurance coverage by Aetna for the staff and faculty. They were happy to get this relatively better coverage after being dropped by Pacific Care. Betsy Fleitman asked the Board to write letters to the state representative and senator urging them to improve the teacher insurance situation.

The meeting concluded with

situation.

The meeting concluded with executive session. Afterward the Board acted to extend Travis Winn's contract for one year, holding him currently under a three year contract.

He said that those who still have taxes to pay might want to take advantage of the facility's drive-up window or night depository. Those who have not signed up for homestead exemptions and who are eligible should also do that now, said Smithson.

Board members were reminded that the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts (TAAD) Convention would be Feb. 18 - 21 in Houston. Marvin Knight said he planned to attend.

Board member Michael McHorse commented to Smithson, "I'd like to commend you and your staff, looking through the budget expenditures versus the budget out take, I think you did a good job coming in well under budget. That's unusual these days."

Gainesville ISD did not have its collection contract submitted to the CCAD in time to have it approved with all those of the other county entities. The Board approved it unanimously.

The CCAD Board gave its stamp of approval to the new employee policy manual. It was patterned after ones used

by county appraisal districts in Denton and El Paso. Changing laws make updates necessary.

Deborah Reed of Denton has a business called Refinancial. She was the CCAD's representative with Nationwide, a company offering derferred compensation to employees. Nationwide eliminated its field force in March and went strictly to Internet transactions.

Since most find it easier to deal with an advisor rather than a computer, CCAD employees asked to have the option of using Reed's company. The Board approved 5-0.

No action was taken as the result of an executive session.

The Board's next meeting was set for Thursday, Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the CCAD building.

Catholic school facts

The average per pupil cost is \$2,825 in cost is \$2,825 in elementary schools. Eighty-five percent of the schools receive a parish subsidy; 48 percent have an endowment program.

power lifting team. She is also Pep Club president and vice-president of the Student Council.

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The two promised to be back at the next Court meeting with figures of a proposed lower cost phone service.

In other business Commissioners Court:

• Awarded bids on diesel fuel and gasoline to Douglass Distributing who was the sole bidder.

• Approved investment policy as submitted by County Treasurer Judy Hunter.

• Discussed and approved minutes from Jan. 11,2001 meeting of Lake Ray Roberts Planing and Zoning Committee.

• Passed a resolution concerning the implementation of an effective accident prevention plan in agreement with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC).

• Appointed Historical Commissioner members for 2001. Ona B. Reed will serve as chairman. Mary Jane McElreath resigned and a replacement will be named later.

• Public official bonds were approved for Michael Lacey and Roger Petit of the Cooke County Sheriff's Department.

• Authorized Judge Harris to present Larry Pool with a certificate of completion from the State of Texas verifying completion of the required training for the Veteran's Commission.

• Approved minutes of last meeting, bills, and monthly reports as submitted.

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those he talked to. Ninety-nine of 100 of those gave positive comments about the gym, saying, 'It's time to look at it again," but they want it basic, not fancy. Root also asked them to carefully study the kind of floor to be used. David Hermes emphasized what Root said and also asked about different methods of raising money. Root said, 'We support you and want to help. I'm willing to talk to people and help work for a solution." They also discussed conditions and crowding in the current gym, especially problems with the floor.

Principal Jerry Matales account of the support of the su

especially problems with the floor.

Principal Jerry Metzler gave a report on spring activities and competitions including the Science Fair on Mar. 5. Twenty-two Lindsay students are currently taking 40 classes at NCTC which is the biggest enrollment ever.

Metzler also showed a video interview of Deanna Meurer by Channel 12 Television on their Scholar Athlete of the Week program. Deann has a 4.0 grade ratio and is on the

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Parent and Grandparents
Appreciation Day. They are
invited to lunch on turkey and
dressing and all the trimmings
to be served in the cafeteria.
All who plan to eat lunch there
that day need to notify Nellie
Martin at the lunch room or
Mary Bayer at school.
Students will be writing notes
of appreciation for the gift of
Catholic education made
available to them.
Service Organization and
Volunteers Appreciation Day
is Friday. Each class will be
responsible for expressing
their appreciation to several
groups or organizations that
are so important to the
function of the school. Mass
will include closing liturgy for
the week. It is the feast of the
Presentation or the Lord. The
Mass is planned by the junior
class and teacher Stephanie
Whaley.







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Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30 S.N.A.P. Center

Thursday, February 1, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum 1 to 4PM CLOSED

Friday, February 2, 20 Muenster Museum to 4PM CLOSED Saturday, February 3, 2001

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Monday, February 5, 2001 City Council meeting, 7:30 PM Home Hospice Bereavement Parent/Grandparent Support Group, 7 Рм, Home Hospice Office HOLIC

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Thursday, February 8, 2001 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum O460 SED

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Saturday, February 10, 2001

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there are a couple of other places that look the same way. There's nothing dishonest about it. It just makes the thing, look bad."

Endres corrected, "What he said was the Board can control that end of the year hit by, if they want to, increasing the amount that we write off every month so there's not a big hit at the end of the year."

Back on the topic the hospital being broke or not. Endres and the three Board members said that they still stood by their statements about the hospital being in financial trouble. Phil Endres said, "I don't know if Jack ever said that we are broke, but let's look at what broke might mean. For as much money as we're talking about here is five or six hundred thousand dollars in savings that far from being broke if you really got in a bind and look how big payroll is and other things that have to be met?"

Aytes asked Henscheid, who served about 19 years on the hospital board, how close to the bone they got in years without any tax. He answered down to around \$50,000.00.

Commenting to Endres and the Board Aytes said, "Point being here, we're not that far from making a profit. If you people will put your energies into running our hospital and running it efficiently, cut out the obvious bad management practices..."

Endres asked to address some of the bad management practices Aytes referred to.

St. Richard's Villa
St. Richard's Villa was the first discussed. It is still being run by the same person who was running it when it was making money said Endres. "Immediately after you took over he started increasing salaries and it didn't attain anything like you had planned that it would," said Aytes. "That was stability and lack of turnover in employees. It didn't do it and we are almost double the labor expense as compared to the point where we took it over."

Endres asked Aytes why he thought that was. Aytes said, "I think that Jack has a misconception about management that you stand back and throw money at it instead of going to work to cure the problem."

Endres wondered if Aytes felt the salary of any of the employees is double what other area nursing homes are paying. Aytes reply was that the total labor cost has almost doubled in the last two years.

Henscheid asked if Fuson was paying half wages when he owned the place. Endres said that the nursing home industry has gone nuts in the last three years. He said if they read the Dallas Morning News they might notice that. Twenty to 25% of the nursing homes in Texas are going bankrupt. Don Flusche said that St. Richard's employees were going to Gainesville for jobs that paid more.

Ben Bindel asked what the nursing homes bankruptcy to. Endres said, "The state is not paying the nursing homes enough. They're putting one regulation after another. They're making them increase staff and part of the reason they're going bankrupt is the reimbursement isn't there. We're like 47th in the nation

out of 50 states as far as the amount of reimbursement we make on the nursing homes. While that's happening we're having a real-good economy.... All these corporations were hiring. They were bringing in people and paying them \$12 bucks an hour to put widgets in the bins where they can only get \$7 bucks and hour or \$6 at the time to be a nurse aide that's hard, dirty work and its very, very hard to get people to work out there. Whenever that hit every body left the nursing homes and went and got better jobs. The economy was doing great, but the nursing homes were left sucking wind because they can't get anybody to work there."

Don Flusche noted that

Don Flusche noted that workman's comp went through the roof at that time as well for nursing homes.

Someone asked why it was purchased if it looked like a bad deal. Flusche remarked, "It looked really good when we bought it."

Endres noted that as a small hospital, they couldn't make it anymore unless they keep expanding their services and the nursing home was a way to get captive amount of business at the nursing home.

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"Now I will say, and y'all want to continue to ignore this, we pulled business out of the nursing home on purpose," Endres explained. "The nursing home no longer does skilled nursing care out there. I mean Part A Medicare skilled care. That was all brought into the hospital to be done in our swing bed because we could get a little better reimbursement. How much? A little better. Plus we didn't have to put up with nearly the amount of regulations that they heaped on us with the new Balanced Budget Act. We pulled that money out of the nursing home and pulled into the hospital. We're going to put them back out there. God forbid we try to make a little extra money in the hospital because I can't make people understand that what the nursing home has done as far as some of the losses they incurred we did to them on purpose. We took that money out of the nursing home and put it on the hospital side of the balance sheet."

Aytes asked Endres, "Would

Aytes asked Endres, "Would any businessman, especially a well-trained lawyer, take a business that is spinning off \$165,000.00 a year profit knowing that there is no salary for the manager in that, turn it into an operation where you pay a salary, you load it down with purchase debt, you start out by raising salaries by 12 to 18 percent, and do you have any doubt that those moves would sink the ship? That you would buy an operation like that and not know ahead of time that that would sink it, that it would turn it into a loss?"

Flusche stated, "First of all, Jack didn't buy that all by himself I was a big advocate of that and when we ran the numbers on it, it looked really super good. Yes, we knew we were going to be paying Wes Fuson a big salary. We tried to figure out ways to make it work. It just didn't work because the salaries hit us a little harder than we thought they were going to.

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Endres said that it wasn't true that Wes didn't take any money out of St. Richard's. He wasn't taking a salary, but was taking the profit, said Endres. When Fuson was owner he had another man hired as administrator and that salary was paid by the nursing home.

"When we took it over we let that guy go and Wes took over as a dministrator," Endres noted. He added that the hospital district wouldn't have any property tax, sales tax or income tax to pay and they planned to take that money and increase the salaries to get a little stability out there and provide better patient care for the same money. They didn't anticipate the economy taking the employees, he said.

Aytes asked what was the worst year since the hospital district took over St. Richard's Villa. Endres said that there hadn't been a drop in revenue for St. Richard's Villa. "Yet you're saying that it is all the fault of the conditions of nursing homes in general right now is the reason that you've had such a bad period," said Aytes. Endres answered, "The revenue is capped by the state. It is this level which is about the third worst in the nation. Expenses have gone up like this. Salaries have gone up like this. Salaries have gone up like this. It doesn't matter if we doubled our rates out there. It wouldn't double our income because the state pays most of it. It is just like saying why don't you charge more money for people to stay in the hospital. It doesn't do any good when Medicare pays 60 or more percent of our total revenue and they tell us they'll pay us this much and you write off the rest. You're never going to get it."

Note: this article will be concluded next week. Space constraints deem it necessary.



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Cunningham promoted at Muenster State Bank

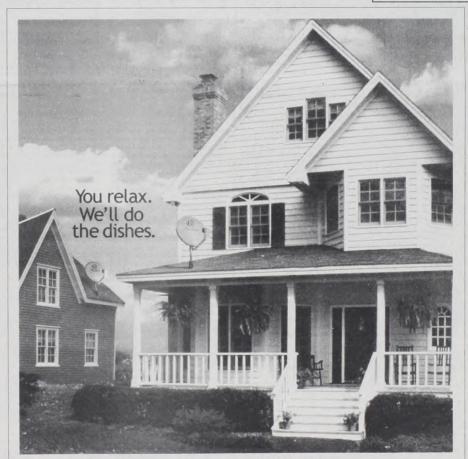
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Karla Cunningham

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to the Editor Letters

Dear Editor:

I would like to offer a few comments in response to the front page article in your January 19, 2001 issue regarding the "public" program presented by Mr. John Aytes. Does anyone remember seeing any agenda posted, announcement on Channel 2, flyers around town or notice in the Enterprise about this "public" meeting? This meeting was by invitation only unless you happened to learn about it from someone else as several Board members and I did. The last thing Mr. Aytes wants is a public meeting where both sides of the issue can be presented as we did with the townhall meetings presented by the Muenster and Gainesville Hospital Districts.

Mr. Aytes makes a shocking discovery and rushes to inform us that the District had eash in the amount of \$836,000.00 as of the end of June 2000. He wants you to think that he had to dig through layers of secreey and misrepresentation to arrive at the shocking truth. In fact, I have presented a report of the District's investimation account blances, and the interest of the end of June 2000. He wants you to this think the had to dig through layers of secreey and misrepresentation to arrive at the Special Properties of 1996 when it was prepared quarterly. Since January of 1997, this report has been presented to the Board and and every month. This same information was provided to the Board in September of this year by our accounting firm when they presented the audited financials to the Board. Mr. Aytes has been present at many of these meetings and Janet Felderhoff, reporter for the Enterprise, at nearly all of them. Mr. Aytes also does not mention that \$365,061,00 of this money came from the tobacco settlement from the state of Texas and the termination of an old Hospital retirement plan, not taxes. Finally, you should be aware that at our Board meeting last night the investment report showed District cash reserves at \$569,950.5 This includes taxes we have collected so far this year in the amount of \$114,572.20. So despite collecting about neethird of our tax revenue fo

also note the profit we made in voveincer, since you also show we lost \$183,844.71 in December.

Finally, I must address the petition being circulated by Mr. Aytes' opposition group. As we discussed in our Board meeting last night. We disagree as to whether it is possible for the Hospital to hold a referendum on the dissolution of the Hospital. If our legal counsel (not me Mr. Aytes) is wrong as to our ability to hold such an election, I'll be the first to admit it in the paper. (I wish you would do the same as to all the claims you've made in your letters to the editor.) I do see this morning that I was wrong in my understanding that you wanted to hold a non-binding referendum on the merger, I apologize for that error. I see that you actually want to vote on dissolving the District. Assuming such an election can be held, I couldn't help but wonder why you would want a vote to dissolve the district since you argue that the Hospital must stay open and the District must not be dissolved. Could it be that you think that by holding an election to dissolve the District (without the possibility to vote on the merger) you would block any actual vote on the merger with Gainesville for one year since the enabling legislation of the District requires a one year delay before voting on the same issue again? That seems to be a little hypocritical given your statements that you just want people to have the opportunity to vote, when what you're actually doing in trying to block the people from voting on the merger. I hope the residents of the Muenster Hospital District will consider this before they risk losing their right to vote on the merger by signing your petition.

Jack R. Endres Administrator Muenster Memorial Hospital

Letter to the Editor,

I've always been amazed at the way the federal bureaucrats give away taxpayer money through the various programs. One such program that tops the list is our Foreign Aid Program. We give away billions (if not trillions) of our tax dollars to almost any foreign country that request our money. In many cases the money is given to countries and powers that are not even our friends or allies.

allies.
The Muenster Hospital internal financial report for the FY 2000 shows \$843,000 in cash and investment (\$836,000 is in cash). Now this cash may

not be a large sum to our D.C. bureaucrats, and it wouldn't go far in paying the foreign aid bill, but I still consider the \$843,000 an important sum to our local Muenster residents.

The questions I pose to the Hospital Administrator is 'If we merge with the Gainesville Hospital District, what happens to the \$843,000 cash balance? Will it be distributed back to the local residents who paid it? Will it be given to Gainesville as a "gift" from their neighbors next door? The taxpayers of the MMH district would like to know where our money will be going.

Doug Hellman 970-884-9555

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

I am writing in response to the article in the Muenster Enterprise Jan. 19. The Rest of the Story." John Aytes "Story" is incomplete and inaccurate. I could have informed him of his errors prior to the presentation at the "public" meeting if he had only taken the time to talk to me.

Mr. Aytes is using 4 as the average inpatient count, but he did not include any count of outpatients who receive meals before they leave the hospital. Evidently he doesn't know that mothers of small children receive a tray so they can stay with their child, that we give juice and toast to patients who are faint after lab work or x-rays; that we develop and provide patients with dietary information and handouts on special diets when they are discharged from the hospital; and numerous other things that make us a special hospital, not a corporation. These additions to the 4 average inpatient count would significantly change your published figure of \$26.26 per patient meal

I am sorry to see someone who proclaims he is trying to save the hospital, is instead attempting to destroy the people (staff, doctors, nurse practitioners, administration and board members) who have worked hard and sacrificed for years to keep the hospital open this long.

More inpatients would improve the bottom line čost,

years to keep the hospital open this long.

More inpatients would improve the bottom line cost, but isn't that the exact point that is being made - Can we stay open with so few patients. In regards to Doug Hellman's letter to the editor; I'm glad he enjoyed his meals at MMH and hope he enjoys it even more when he realizes that Mr. Aytes' numbers are wrong.

wrong. Betty Miller CDM, CFPF 227 S. Hickory Muenster, TX 76252

As a former Mayor of this city I feel very strongly that we cannot let MM Hospital close

Our Hospital is not broke, we do have substantial money in the bank, about three-quarters of a million dollars, but if the community thinks that the hospital is broke and will have to close, then the people will stop patronizing it. It is already happening. They will go out of town, causing the ultimate failure. And think what it must be doing to the doctors and their businesses. It needs to be established that we are not going to close down, then set about supporting our hospital. A great number of us are determined that we are not going to give up our Hospital District. We want you citizens of this district to join us in saving our hospital.

The best way to do that is have the vote on whether or not we are going to shut down this Muenster Hospital District, and get all talk of closing behind us so that we all come together to save our hospital. This community has done it many times in the past, and it will do it again.

The Gainesville Hospital District residents let it be known by the vote that they are willing to pay for their new hospital. They have been notified that it is likely we will not be joining them in their effort, because we want our own district and hospital. But for the people here in this district who have wanted to see a new facility built in the county, now be content that it is going to be done. Some of us will have need to use it in the future, and you better believe they will welcome us with open arms. We do not have to give up our hospital and take on their debt in order to have and use a new facility within the county. And we do not have to deprive our senior citizens of a local facility when they need it. You must realize how difficult it is for the elderly to get transportation out of town, and the inconvenience to all involved in getting them to out of town facilities. So, please, let's get set to vote to keep our MM Hospital and Hospital District. In the meantime sign the petition that calls for the vote.

Leo Hess, Muenster

Letter To The Editor, Muenster

The PETITION being circulated is for the purpose of finally bringing to the VOTE the question of whether or not we will close our Hospital District and, of course, our Muenster Memorial Hospital The question of MERGER with the Gainesville District will be left for later, until the legislature in Austin acts on the proposed enabling legislation that will allow creation of a new district. Of course that question regarding MERGER is automatically dead once the vote goes in favor of saving the Hospital District

The Hospital Board and Administrator are very much in favor of holding off on any vote until both questions can be voted on simultaneously. The problem with that is that every day we waste waiting on our legislatures to act on the enabling legislation, the further we travel down the road away from a financially healthy hospital operation. The point was made crystal clear during our last meeting with representatives from the Board (and the Administrator) that when they announced the eventual closing of our hospital they actually started closing the doors at that very instant. Once the announcement was made, the effect was to turn patients away from using not only the hospital, but to some degree the doctors as well! So long as the community perceives that the hospital will close, then it most certainly will close.

With the legislature tied up on re-districting the congressional districts – as they are now – no one knows when they will find time to look at the proposed enabling legislation. It just doesn't rank high on their agenda probably. It may be the next session, two years from now, before it is brought to the floor. No one knows. We cannot afford the luxury of waiting any longer to make it clear to Board and Administrator that the community wants – demands – a vote! Now!

Sign the PETITION. When it is time to vote, then vote, regardless your convictions. Yes, there are many of us who believe this community will vote to maintain our hospital. When that is proven through the vote, then we can start working to gain back the use and financial support it requires to make our Hospital fruly successful. So sign the PETITION. And then VOTE your John G. Aytes, Muenster

Dear Editor

In response to Mr. Jack Endres' reply (January 12) to my letter on January 5, I would like to say that my purpose in writing that letter was simply to share information with the community. When trying to make a decision as important as whether or not to close a community's hospital, people need to believe that they have all the facts. That has not seemed to be the feeling among the residents of Muenster, despite the communications efforts of Mr. Endres and the hospital board.

I commend Mr. Endres for his work with the Texas Rural Hospital Association and his efforts to utilize its programs for the benefit of the hospital. However, it appeared that people in the community were not aware of those efforts, either because they had not previously been publicized or because people simply forgot. On numerous occasions when I was speaking with people in the community about the type of work I do, individuals asked me if the type of programs I described could be made available for Muenster, and if so, would I provide information about them to the community. I was happy to do so.

Mr. Endres pointed out that some, though not all, of the programs I mentioned in my previous letter have been explored by the hospital board. That is wonderful. Perhaps now, after both of our letters, the community is better informed. This is key to the city's attempt to make the best decision regarding its hospital. Knowing all the options available, which ones have been pursued successfully and unsuccessfully, and which ones remain unexamined can only make people feel more confident in their decision about the future of the hospital come election time.

Just for clarification, my previous letter referred to visits by hospital board members to Harris Hospital. I mentioned this because former board members have said on several occasions that they made repeated trips to Fort Worth to "wine and dine" Harris Hospital physicians. Mr. Endres may not have been aware of those visits if they were before his tenure as hospital administrator.

Another disagreement between Mr. Endres and me is really just a different interpretation of the same numbers. I said in my previous letter that the tax rate for the hospital has not come up during the past four years. In fact, according to the Chief Appraiser for the Cooke County Appraisal District, it actually dropped between the years 1999 and 2000. Mr. Endres argued that the effective tax rate has increased. That is true, but it is not the same thing. The effective tax rate is the result of the actual tax rate multiplied by property values. When property values rise, the same tax rate on those properties brings in more tax revenue. However, the Cooke County Chief Appraiser reports that it is not an increase in property values that has led to an effective tax increase in Muenster, but an increase in the value of mineral rights. Most people in the community are paying the same amount of tax or less than in previous years. On the other hand, some individuals who own mineral rights have seen the value of those rights increase, with a subsequent increase in tax revenue for the hospital without an actual tax rate increase.

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Mr. Endres and I also have different ways of determining whether the hospital is losing money. Mr. Endres cited hospital losses from the previous year because tax revenue was used to cover expenses. True, the hospital did not meet all its expenses without the benefit of taxes, but that was expected by the community and is, in fact, typical for most rural hospitals. The reason hospital taxing districts are created is that cities or counties know that their hospitals cannot support themselves solely on private funding sources. The taxing districts create an additional pay source for the hospitals, and that revenue becomes a normal part of a hospital's operating budget. Therefore, I said previously that Muenster's hospital was not losing money because, each year

for the past four years, it has not needed to use all of its tax revenue, and that money has been added to a growing savings account. It is true that the amount of surplus revenue has gotten smaller over the past couple of years. That is why I urged the community to explore options to reverse that trend before the hospital starts losing money.

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I had mentioned the Rural Hospital Association's Texas Prairie Doc program as a way to recruit more health care providers and thereby increase hospital revenue. I would say that just because Health Find — one small part of that program — has not proven beneficial for Muenster in the past does not mean it won't in the future. The reason Texas Prairie Doc sends out monthly registries of health care providers looking to practice in a small town is that things are constantly changing. Who knows? Next month's registry may have just the surgeon Muenster is looking for. Perhaps there is someone like Dr. Marvin Knight was years ago, thinking of cutting back on his workload and completing his years of practice in a small town. That is not an unusual occurrence. Maybe there are more physicians like Dr. Kralicke or Dr. Antonetti, who can run a family practice and also do surgery. Or maybe there is a young surgeon who is just starting a family and is looking for a good place to raise his or her children. He or she may be willing to serve on staff at both Muenster Memorial Hospital and, for example, the Nocona or Gainesville hospital in order to have a full workload, Many doctors in large cities are on staff at more than one hospital—often miles apart on opposite sides of town — so having only a part-time surgical position in Muenster would not necessarily be a major barrier in recruiting efforts. Right now, the biggest deterrent to a surgeon or other health care professional considering a move to Muenster is word that the hospital is closing.

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One final note: Although Muenster does not currently need more family practice physicians, there are many other reasons to take advantage of the beneficial programs available through the Prairie AHEC (Area Health Education Center) in Denton. Health career opportunity programs that would inform Muenster's young people about the huge variety of health professional careers, accessible continuing education programs to help local health care professionals of all types upgrade their knowledge and skills, and clinical rotations that expose health professions students of all types to the wonderful community of Muenster can only benefit the town, no matter what it decides about its hospital.

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FROM MY SIDE OF THE FENCE by Ed Cler

After a good Sunday dinner many years ago when our oldest son, Gary, was about four, I was sitting on the porch just enjoying the nice day and the ease, after a week of work on the farm.

While dozing, off and on, I overheard Gary talking to his Uncle Jack. These two hit it off real well and always seemed to enjoy seeing each other.

"Uncle Jack," Gary asked, do you like me?" "Why Gary," Jack answered,

"Why Gary, ones."
"Ilove you!"
Well, Gary didn't seem to get the answer he was looking for, so turning to his uncle again, he restated his question. "I know you love me Uncle Jack, but do you like me?"
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Now sometimes one has to hear it from a child, but there is a big difference.

Visitors guide to include Muenster

While driving home after a day of fun and shopping in Fredericksburg, Paula Ramsey reflected on the afternoon - the wonderful restaurants, the unique gift shops and the beautiful bluebonnets that blanketed that particular area of the Texas Hill Country.

Even though Ramsey had visited Fredericksburg several times before, it seemed that every time she returned, she discovered a new treasure.

"Wouldn't it be great if I had a shopping guide of that area?" she thought. "Someone should write a book about Fredericksburg - a book that would tell visitors in advance about the shops, their owners, and their special services and products."

Ramsey wrote that guide. "A

and their special services and products."
Ramsey wrote that guide, "A Lady's Day Out in Fredericksburg," which made its debut in 1992. Now, eight years and 12 books later, Ramsey's daughter, Jennifer Ramsey Hutto, continues the Lady's Day Out series following the death of her mother.

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The 13th and 14th books, "A Lady's Day Out in Mississippi" and "A Lady's Day out in Texas, Volume III," will be

published in this spring. The third Texas volume will include towns that are not large enough to have a book of their own. Two cities in Cooke County, Gainesville and Muenster, will be featured.

Sales representative Mary Weeks-Ayala spent several days in Gainesville in December. She plans to arrive in Muenster Jan. 30 - Feb. 2 to interview business owners who are interested in having their businesses featured in the Muenster chapter.

Hutto said the books have been so popular with shoppers because they are all written in story form. The books have been en feetive for the businesses because the shoppers want to visit the places described in the stories.

"Each story is an advertisement for that particular business, but it's not like looking at an ad in the Yellow Pages," she explained.

"We write each story advertorially, adding a lot of human interest. We give the business people the opportunity to tell what makes their businesses special and unique. When people read information like that they

retain it because it is so appealing. It's like the written word of mouth from one friend to another.

The books are timesavers for women-on-the-go, says Hutto, because they take the guesswork out of shopping. "Women are planners," she said. "We like to read about a place and research it before we go. The books give women a glimpse of the entire town before they ever set foot in it. They'll know the best places to stay, shop, and eat after only reading a few pages."

and we're happy to story."
Merchants who would like to have their businesses featured in the latest book may call Weeks-Ayala for an appointment at 817-939-6696.

Gary Endres: At home with family, at home with Muenster

Submitted by Stephen Bonin growths that could be life threatening. Faced with the first-ever major blow to their family's sound health, Mary said, "All of a sudden, I couldn't stop crying." Amidst the rough, tough, runnin'-strivin'-gruntin', shirtrippin', crewd-roarin', ball-throwin', boy-tacklin' world of Sacred Heart High School Football 30 -years ago, 4year quarterback Gary Endres embodied the above mentioned and civility. As his good buddy John Bartush remembered, "He would not tolerate dissension in the huddle, and he would not blame anybody for any failures."

"As a leader he took control of the team," Bartush said assuredly.

Thirty years later Gary controls a major business on Highway 82 in Gainesville. As owner of Stevens Floor Covering and Storage, he coordinates a team of a different sort. And his civility is still remarkable.

For example, Gary's young manager Phillip Blakesly commended his boss for working late often, seeing that the job of measuring in houses for carpet and flooring is done properly. Even during holiday times like the Saturday after Thanksgiving!

Furthermore, on the occasion of his three-month anniversary November 28. Blakesly said that Gary had emphasized the salience of teamwork that morning. "It takes all of us to make a sale." Blakesly spoke with conviction.

Then, grinning, Blakesly thought of another Endres virtue; patience. This quality is practiced as Gary steadily teaches his young manager the vicissitudes of the business.

With a big smile, Blakesly said, "With eight children, he's got to have patience!"

Patience and faith, amen! At home in Muenster, Gary proudly shows visitors a game room in construction. Though finances are tight, he sees the wisdom of building now "while they're here to enjoy it."

And just who are the children? In their father's eyes, briefly.

Providentially, hope would be rewarded. "Long-time friend and co-music minister Mary Lin Knabe paid a visit at the Endres house and introduced a Padre Pio Prayer.

Mary laughed as she remembered the chaos during Knabe's visit. As the two friends tried to pray, lots of children were making a ruckus!

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It has been said that the prayer of a child is powerful. On that day, the prayer of two women in the presence of lively children was powerful! After going home, Mary Lin called Mary to testify that she was smelling a beautiful aroma like roses. Shortly thereafter

Columbus. And Gary worked hard at various jobs, remembered Clara. Brother Stan, an owner of The Center, recalled Gary needing eye glasses to correct cross eye, but receiving healing prior to football.

After earning a master's degree, Gary taught in Mesquite for 7 years. Gradually the call to move back to Muenster with his wife and young family became stronger and stronger. "I get teased at work for saying 'Muenster is the center of the universe'!" he said, acknowledging the grand blessings of family, church, school all here.

At Sacred Heart for many years, Gary and Mary have earned accolades from Christy Hesse for commitment to teach Natural Family Planning.

The Endres marriage emanates trust and respect.

Hall named ranking minority member of science committee

The House Democratic Caucus re-elected Rep. Ralph M. Hall (D/TX) as the Ranking Minority Member for the Committee on Science. Hall has served on the committee since 1981, when he was first elected to Congress. He has chaired the Space Subcommittee through two prior Congresses and stepped up to the Senior Democratic slot in 1999.

The Science Committee's jurisdiction covers all of the Nation's most important civilian research and

development agencies: NASA, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, the National Weather Service, the National Institutes of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Institutes of Standards and Technology.

continuing prosperity for our Nation," Hall said. "I will continue to work in a bipartisan fashion to promote space, biomedical and energy research."

"I also look forward to working with President-elect Bush and his Administration to enhance our scientific and technological efforts," Hall added. "The President-elect was very supportive of these initiatives as Governor of Texas, and I am confident that he will make this a priority of his Administration."

Local elected officials attend FEMA meeting on ice damage

County officials and TCOG staff from Cooke, Grayson, and Fannin counties attended a meeting in Texarkana on Monday, Jan. 15 hosted by Texas Department of Public Safety and Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide information on recovering from damages experienced with the December ice storms. Although the official Presidential Declaration of a Disaster area only included Cass, Red River, and Bowie counties at that time, another 20-30 counties are being considered and could be announced any day.

Commissioners Randy Davis and Ronnie Rhudy of Fannin County and Commissioner Jerry Lewis of Cooke County were present to express their interest in being included in

and donated equipment and volunteer time. Well documented costs were the only way to be assured that the costs would be considered for reimbursement. Some costs are only reimbursed if they occur in the first 72 hours after the disaster. Representatives from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (offering grant information for the 25% match), Texas Department of Insurance, Salvation Army, Red Cross, and the Texas Department of Human Resources were also available for questions. Commissioner Lewis said "Cooke County Electric Cooperative estimated their damages alone at over \$300,000."

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Eldest child Nicole "is just like her Momma" in the way, she has fun with her daughter Lydia and stepson, Austin.

Shauna is "fun, a hardworker too," working full time for a Gainesville dental office, part-time for Gary's business and part-time for The Center restaurant.

Luke, a junior in high school, captures his father's admiration for garnering respect as Sacred Heart quarterback-déjà vu!

Of the team this year and the one he anticipates in Luke's senior year, Gary said: "They have a lot of talent!"

Lisa, a freshman, is "very bright," a cade mically, singing in Angelic Acappella Gary delights in her evolution to open her mouth wide when she sings and credits wife Mary, who has been a music minister for many years, for influencing her.

Natalie, fourth grade, "is prissy." She likes to do hair, like the other girls in her class.

Victoria, second grade, "is very serious."

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Roy, recently turned 1, radiates contentment.
On the contrary, all was not calm, and all was not bright soon after his birth. Through a time of trial, God sent a condition that provided Mary and Gary a faith boost.
Initially Roy seemed like a healthy baby, even with purple spots over his back. Mary was going to let them go, but the doctor made an appointment. Tests confirmed that Roy had

Gary and Mary Endres, with son Roy, enjoy a Sacred Heart basketball game. Photo by Dave Fette

there was confirmation. When trying to rock Roy to sleep late at night, Gary was watching an EWTN program on Padre Pio. Walking into the kitchen, he smelled fresh flowers!

Gary's active faith has been lifelong. In the fifth grade he started serving the Latin Masses, proudly spoke his mother Clara.

Brother Thomas Moster of Subiaco Abbey, who served Sacred Heart Parish until 1977, acknowledged Gary's religious formation.

"He was a very faithful altar boy for the next eight years, serving Mass through his senior year. Gary served hundreds and hundreds of Masses. Getting up early for 6 a.m. winter weekday Masses was no problem for Gary. The Lord knows and I knew that Gary would be there, rain or snow!

"For years, Gary and other altar boys, faithfully swept and cleaned the church on Saturdays, and he also eagerly helped in the festive week-long decorating of the church at Christmastide.

As Gary's school teacher, Moster noticed, "He always, had a smile for everyone, indicative of his pleasant personality The seeds of love and dedication to family, church and school were sown in his youth and now bear much fruit in his adult life. Gary still faithfully serves family, church and school were sown in his youth and now bear much fruit in his adult life. Gary still faithfully serves family, church and school were sown in his youth and now bear much fruit in his adult life. Gary still faithfully serves family, church and school were sown in his youth and now bear much fruit in his adult life. Gary still faithfully serves family, church and school were sown in his youth and now bear much fruit in his adult life. Gary still faithfully serves family, church and school were sown in his youth and now bear much fruit in his adult life. Gary still faithfully serves family, church and school were sown in his youth and now bear much fruit in his adult life. Gary still faithfully serves family, church and school were sown in his youth and now bear much fruit in his adult life. Gary still faithfully serves family, church and

NCTC names two new deans

The North Central Texas College Board of Regents recently named Dr. Larry Gilbert and Robert Wallace as new deans at the college, announced Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, president of NCTC. "We are excited to have these two fine people come aboard and we look forward to continuing to advance the

aboard and we look forward to continuing to advance the goals and missions of the college through their hard work," Dr. Glasscock said. "This next year promises to be an exciting time and we're thrilled to have two well-qualified leaders joining the team."

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Dr. Larry Gilbert was
named the dean of Arts and
Science. Dr. Gilbert replaces
Dr. Eddie Hadlock who is now
the vice president of
instruction.

"Dr. Gilbert comes to us with
more than 18 years of
instructional and
administrative experience, all
of which was in Texas schools
and colleges," Dr. Hadlock
said. "With his proven track
record, we hope for continued
success throughout North
Central Texas College."

Dr. Gilbert earned his
doctorate degree in higher
education from Texas Tech
University in 1992. He started
his administrative career as a
teacher and coach in Waco in
1976 and later as a teacher
and coach at Pampa High
School in Clarendon. From
there he went on to become the
director of Clarendon College,

Pampa Center from 1982-89 and dean of the college from 1989-91. Since 1991 he has been the dean of Navarro College, Ellis County Center in Corsicana and the dean of School Relations and Continuing Education.

"I'm excited by the future potential I see in the North Central Texas College service area," Dr. Gilbert said. "I'm extremely enthusiastic about doing my part to fulfill the college's mission. I immediately see a lot of work we can do in the dual credit area that is conducive with our role in this community in preparing high school students for college."

Robert Wallace was named the dean of Continuing Education. He replaced Dr. LeAnn Nutt who is now the provost at North Central Texas College's Corinth Campus.

Wallace comes to NCTC with more than 25 years of educational experience.

began his career with the North Dakota State Board for Vocational Education in 1975 as the assistant state supervisor for trades, technical and health education. From 1980-85, he was the director of the Lubbock Center of Wayland Baptist University and later, from 1985-89, he was the coordinator of cooperative education at Texas State Technical College.

From 1989-97 he was the director of business and industry training at Pioneer Technology Center. Wallace also was the director of lifelong learning at Murray State College from 1997-99 and the last year he has been the assistant director of continuing education and contract training at Cedar Valley

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"I look forward to working with the community to bring in

with the community to bring in some great programs that will not only be fun, but will help in job placement, advancement and increase technological abilities," Wallace said.

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Hall meets with President Bush

Rep. Ralph Hall (D/TX) met with President George W. Bush Tuesday afternoon at the White House in what was characterized as a "listening session." Hall was one of 21 members - 12 Democrats and 9 Republicans - invited to the bipartisan session that lasted approximately one hour.

"President Bush is committed to promoting bipartisanship," Hall said. "This meeting with members from the House of Representatives was a first step to reach out to Democrats and to begin to build consensus between Republicans and Democrats on key policy issues."

"Our meeting was cordial"

and informal," Hall noted. "Each member present had an obsourch to Member of importance to simportance to the electricity crisis in California. We touched on a number of topics - including tax relief, education, health care, and energy - but the central message was that the President and his staff want to work with members of both consensus between Republicans and Democrats on key policy issues."

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Lifestyle

Golden Anniversary observed by Eddie and Margie Krahl

by Elfreda Fette
Eddie and Margie Krahl
celebrated their fiftieth
wedding anniversary on Jan.
14, 2001, recalling the day
they were married in Sacred
Heart Church on Dec. 27,
1950.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eberhart and he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krahl.

The celebration of the anniversary began with the Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14 in Sacred Heart Church, officiated by Father John Ohner OSA, pastor. He presided for a special blessing for the honor couple, after Mass. All of the couple's children, spouses and grandchildren were in attendance, and a large number of relatives, neighbors and friends.

During the Mass, Offertory gifts of bread and wine were carried to the altar by Christine Jordan, Jonathan Krahl and Daniel Wimmer, each being the eldest child of the Krahls' children. Jennifer Hughes, daughter of Lisa and Steve Hughes sang the "Ave Maria" as a special favor for her grandparents at Offertory.

Following Mass, a party was held in their honor at Eddie and Margie's home, hosted by their children. A bountiful buffet of smoked turkey, ham, salads, casseroles, fruit tray, cheeses, chips and dips was served.

The special, two-tiered anniversary cake was made and served by Imogene Zimmerer as a gift. Angela Wimmer and Lauren Krahl assisted in serving.

Music for the afternoon was provided by Katie Eberhart, Buddy and Dorothy Mae Yosten and their daughter, Karla Stevenson, accompanied by Mildred Lawson on banjo, guitars and accordion A very

guitars and accordion. A very favorite song "Goodnight, Irene!" brought back memories because it was played repeatedly during their

wedding dance. Also, Buddy Yosten sang, and dedicated a special song to the couple "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." A champagne toast was given by David Krahl, a son of the honorees, noting the many long years of marriage.

Among gifts were a certificate of a Papal Blessing from Pope John Paul II; a gold rosary, 50 gold coins to represent each year of marriage; a Crucifix blessed at the tomb of St. Francis; and other treasured items.

On display were Margie's wedding dress, the couple's wedding portrait and a recent photo of the couple, souvenirs from the wedding trip, photos of their first apartment in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and an album with many old pictures of family life. Pictures of all the children and grandchildren were also displayed.

Recalled during the afternoon was the wedding day on Dec. 27, 1950 when Father Anthony Schroeder OSB offered the Nuptial High Mass at 9:00 a.m., with organist

"Big steps to your first birthday!" was the theme of Ava Rheams first birthday celebration on Jan. 13, 2001. Ava's birthday cake had a screening on it of Ava's footprints at birth and her current footprints. The difference was simply amazing because at birth Ava weighed under 2 pounds. She has come a long way since then!

During her party, Ava

Heart Men's Choir singing "Missa Tertia" in Latin. The bride wore a white taffeta and marquisette formal gown, with silver sequin trim, a nylon net veil and a silver sequin head dress. She carried an arm bouquet of white carnations; a silver rosary from her sister Elvira (Mrs. Bill Flusche), and a silk handkerchief from her brother Sgt. Bill Eberhart sent from Paris during W.W.II. Lydia Krahl, groom's sister, was maid of honor; Walter Eberhart, bride's brother, was best man. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flusche. There was a noon dinner for the bridal party, relatives and guests; and a dance in the evening in Lindsay Hall. On Jan. 5, the groom was inducted into the U.S. Army.
Special guests for the anniversary celebration were Father John Ohner OSA, pastor of Sacred Heart; Walter Eberhart, who was best man for the couple. Unable to attend was the couple's

bridesmaid, Lydia (Krahl)
Garraway of Montgomery,
Alabama. Other guests present
included children and
grandchildren, David and Judy
Krahl and family, Lisa and
Steve Hughes and daughter,
Jennifer, Randy and Linda
Wimmer and family, Sam and
Janet Jordan and family. All
16 grandchildren were
present.
Sisters and brothers of the
couple present included
Herman and Katie Eberhart,
Walter Eberhart, Elvira
Flusche, Julius and Isabelle
Stelzer, Dorothy Smith, Mary
Sicking, George and Virginia
Krahl, Martin and Nancy
Krahl, Millie Kessler, Elmo
and Vicky Self, Albert and
Imogene Zimmerer.

Big steps to her first birthday!

watched closely as her cousins and friends played musical chairs, broke a piñata, had some dance contests, and enjoyed dinner. Ava is the daughter of Connie and Ken Rheams and the granddaughter of Herman Stoffels of Muenster and Charlie and Nance Rheams of San Antonio.

Median freshman tuition in September 1998 was \$4,100.

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Baptisms

Muller

Samantha Nicole Muller, daughter of Wayne and Deann Muller of Muenster was baptized in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Dec. 17. Father John Ohner, O.S.A. officiated. Godparents are Samantha's uncle Gary Muller and cousin Kayla Felderhoff.

Samantha wore a long satin and lace slip made by her great-grandma Aileen Knabe. The baptismal gown worn over the slip was a white crocheted dress hand—made by her great-great-grandma
Gertrude Koelzer. Special gifts given to her for the occasion were a gold cross necklace from her maternal grandparents and silver cross earrings from her paternal

grandparents.

After the Baptism, a fried chicken dinner was hosted in the home of her parents. Guests celebrating the special occasion with Samantha were: grandparents Ross and Janet Felderhoff and Steve and Sharon Muller; greatgrandparents Arnold and Aileen Knabe and Alphonse Felderhoff; great-greatgrandmother Gertrude Koelzer; uncles, aunts, cousins and friends Jody Felderhoff, Kenny and Kim Felderhoff and Kayla, Keith, Kara, and Kirk; Gary Muller and Crystal Klement; and Carol Sicking.

The average pupil-teacher ratio is 18 to 1 in elementary schools.

Happy 13th, Ween

Love, Mom, Dad & Ryan

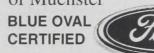


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Mindy Hennigan is graduate of Texas Tech

Mindy Jane Hennigan, daughter of Mike and Janie Hennigan and the granddaughter of Trudy Felderhoff and Pat and Alice Hennigan, graduated from Texas Tech University on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

Texas Tech University on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. David J. Schmidly, President of Texas Tech, presided for the ceremony. The commencement address was given by award-winning writer Barry Lopez.

Mindy received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology. She was a member of the Psy-Chi Sorority and the Golden Key National Honor Society. She wore the Psy-Chi medallion, the National Honor Society pin and two honor cords with her cap and gown.

After the graduation ceremonies a reception was held for the College of Arts and Sciences graduates in Holden Hall.

Mindy, and, her, family

Hall.

Mindy and her family enjoyed supper at the County

Line and Christmas lights at Ransom Canyon before Mindy and friends celebrated later that night.

Her guests at graduation were her parents, sisters Megan and Meredith, and Justin Vowels.

Mindy is a graduate of Muenster High School. She will continue her advanced education, pursuing a Master's Degree this Fall.



Walter receives doctorate degree in Anthropology

Tamra Lynn Walter, daughter of Claude and Nancy Walter of Muenster, received her doctorate degree in Anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin on Dec. 9, 2000. Dr. Walter completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin in 1991 and returned to graduate school in 1994. She received her Master of Arts degree also in Anthropology from the University of Montana at Missoula in 1997. Attending the doctoral graduation were her parents, husband Don Badon, brother Alan Walter of Arlington, sister Rachel Walter of Flower Mound, aunts and uncles Marilyn and Gene Walter of Muenster, Jeanette and Bill Karr of Temple, and aunt and Godmother Dolores Swirczynski of Mineral Wells. Also family friends Doyle High, Christy Stehlin, David Pierce and Goddaughter,



Sydney is five

Sydney Leigh Huchton, daughter of Neil and Peachie Huchton, was the center of attention at a party hosted by her parents in observance of her lifth birthday on Sunday, Jan. 21.

A faitter for

her fifth birthday on Sunday, Jan. 21.

A fajitas feast with all the trimmings was served, at the parents' home followed by dessert of ice cream and a Barbie-decorated birthday cake. Gifts were opened and displayed.

Guests included Sydney's brother Jason and a friend Monica Ashley of Wichita

Falls; grandparents Tony and Sis Klement, Grandma Theresa Huchton; aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, Kevin, Terri, Kyle, and Kolby Klement; Don, Darlene, and Matthew Abney; Dave, Diane, and Trevor Muller, Mindy Walterscheid; Keith Walterscheid; Dalana, Sean, and Natali Chism; Deno, Jeannene, Dillon, Kendi, and Nolan Bayer. Also Donny, Renee, Madison, and Taylor Knabe; Brittany Pagel; Mason Binder; Karen Barnhill; Larry Joe, and Mike Hacker.

New Arrivals

Henscheid

Henscheid
Brad and JoAnna Henscheid
of Muenster joyfully announce
the birth of a daughter, Allison
Kate Henscheid, on Monday,
Jan. 8, 2001 at 3:14 p.m.,
weighing 7 lb. 5 oz. and
measuring 19 inches long in
Denton Regional Medical
Center. She joins a brother,
Bradley Edward Henscheid II,
age two. Their grandparents
are Ted and Carol Henscheid
of Muenster and Travis and
Pat Cantrell of Saint Jo.
Great-grandparents are Lucy reat-grandparents are Lucy less of Muenster and the late id Hess, and T.A. Cantrell of ainesville and the late onnie Cantrell.

Henley
Jason and Amy Henley of
Round Rock, Texas announce
with pride and joy the birth of
a daughter on Jan. 22, 2001 at
6:54 p.m., weighing 7 lb 10 oz.
and measuring 19 1/2 inches in
length. They have named her
Cler Marie Henley. She joins a
brother, Kevin Henley at
home. Grandparents are

Wayne and Debbie Cler of Gainesville and Jim Henley and Rose Mary Henley of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Armella Cler of Muenster and Thelma Russell of Woodbine.

Russell of Woodbine.

Erwin

Matthew D. and Maria
Erwin of Nocona announce the
birth of a son, Mason Al Erwin
in Muenster Memorial
Hospital on Jan. 20, 2001 at
10:24 a.m. weighing 5 lb. 5.7
oz. and measuring 19 inches in
length. He joins a sister,
Deanna Newcomb age 6.
Grandparents are Matthew A.
and Virginia Erwin of Nocona,
Rose McKellar of Troy,
Tennessee, and Chess
Armesteadt of Harrisburg,
Arkansas.

Catholic school facts

The average pupil-teacher ratio is 13 to 1 in secondary schools.





Leah Rimmer and Matthew Fuhrmann will be married in St. Peter's Church of Lindsay on June 16, 2001 in a Nuptial Mass at 5:00 p.m. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by her parents, Bert and Tammy Rimmer of Gainesville. The future-groom is the son of Mark and Linda Fuhrmann of Muenster. The bride-elect is currently attending North Central Texas College and is employed at Plaza Pharmacy. Mr. Fuhrmann attended North Central Texas College and is employed by Fuhrmann and Zimmerer Builders, Inc. Attendants in the wedding will be Amy Jo Sandmann, maid of honor, and Kelli Goree, Jennifer Warren, Melissa Holland, Tiffany Watson, and Kendra Williams; and Aaron Hess, best man, and Brad Schilling, Derek Fuhrmann, Chris Fuhrmann, Clint Fuhrmann, and Rhett Rimmer.

Winter weather drives

Battling one of the coldest Decembers in North Texas history, customers of TXU Electric & Gas fired up their heaters and nearly doubled their use of natural gas, leading to a 140 percent increase in the average residential bill from one year ago.

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ncrease in the average residential bill from one year ago.

With this past December tying for the third coldest in North Texas history, the average residential customer used 92.5 percent more natural gas than December 1999. The average cost of natural gas rose by 24.6 percent since last year.

In response to higher natural gas bills, TXU Electric & Gas continues to offer immediate relief through the average billing plan to gas customers. The average gas customers could reduce this month's payment by about 40 percent through the average billing plan.

"Since last month was so cold, customers used much more natural gas to stay warm as opposed to last year," said Terry Tombaugh, Gainesyille TXU Manager.

"TXU Electric & Gas helped keep customer contracts when the

market price was lower. Even though increased national demand for natural gas has pushed the market price more than three times higher than last year, our customers saw a much lower increase in fuel costs," Terry said.

TXU Electric & Gas has not profited from the increased market cost of natural gas. The customer and TXU Electric & Gas both pay the same amount for natural gas. TXU Electric & Gas makes its profit from the delivery of natural gas to the customer.

Since offering immediate payment relief last week, TXU Electric & Gas makes its profit from the delivery of natural gas to the customer.

Since offering immediate payment relief last week, TXU Electric & Gas has received many phone calls from customers who have chosen to switch to average billing.

If customers opt for average billing, a rolling 12-month average will be applied effective with this payment. The customer then will pay the estimated monthly average with minor adjustments based on the actual balance.

"The average bill payment is how we are helping customers during this difficult time," Tombaugh said.

Gas customers interested in average billing can contact TXU Electric & Gas at 1-800-460-3030.



Sydney Leigh Huchton

New **Arrivals**

King
Gypsy Dawn Harper and
James Roger King of
Gainesville are parents of a
daughter Vivienne Kay
Cornelia King, born in
Muenster Memorial Hospital
on Jan. 19, 2001 at 8.39 a.m.
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length. Great-grandparents
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King of Gainesville.

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We request that you pay special attention to correct spelling of names. Thank you and we look forward to continuing to serve our readers
by providing the best in wedding coverage.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 6205 meet Jan. 16

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 6205 held their regular meeting Jan. 16 in the Post Home. President Frances Bayer presided. Chaplain Ethel Hesse led opening prayer, assisted by Linda Knabe, conductress and Juanita Knabe, patriotic instructor pro-tem.

Roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary Ida Bindel, and approved Lucille Hesse, treasurer, gave her report. Ethel Hesse, rehab chairman reported on projects completed, Christmas Party for Kids, Bingo at St. Richard's, In lieu of Christmas cards, and sympathy and get well cards that were signed and sent to

members, Program Participation by Armella Cler, chairman, a silver drill was taken up for PAC and a donation was made to the State Nurses Scholarship Fund. Linda Knabe reported the shipment of flags came in that were ordered.

GMH offers individuals with diabetes, In-DEPTH program

Individuals with diabetes are now able to receive comprehensive training in diabetes self-management with the implementation of a new, quarterly GMH education program - Diabetes In-DEPTH - Diabetes Education Program for Total Health.

Scheduled for Feb. 3 and Feb. 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., this comprehensive two-part series will be taught by GMH dietitian Lucy Krahl, with 12 years nutritional experience, and Joan Walterscheid, RN, certified diabetes educator, with 20 years personal experience with diabetes. Both sessions will be held in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at Gainesville Memorial Hospital.

"Diabetes In-DEPTH' is ideal for newly diagnosed patients or for those who need improved control or a better understanding of their diabetes," according to Krahl.

Participants will receive two days of group training, individual sessions with Joan and Lucy, two follow-up sessions, a free glucometer and personal instructional notebook. A nutritious lunch will be provided both days, giving participants firsthand training in meal planning.

Topics will include:
Nutrition - meal planning, carbohydrate counting; Medication - oral medications, insulin therapy; Monitoring - keeping on track, reaching target goals; Staying Active - exercise, foot care and weight control; and Coping Skills - stress management, getting help.

For information and questions, call Joan Walterscheid at 940-759-2395 or Lucy Krahl, 940-612-8340.

For information on fees, insurance coverage and enrollment, call GMH Therapy Services at 940-612-8133.

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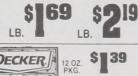
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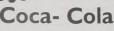




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School News

January is Public School Board Appreciation Month

"School board members are rdinary people who have an xtraordinary dedication to ur public schools," noted uperintendent Clyde iteelman. It is time we hanked them for their nitring efforts."

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Too often we are quick to criticize school board members are without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision. Steelman noted. Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrevarded. January is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide leadership for our schools. Steelman continued "The school board works closely with parents, education for our students." School boards are accountable to the public. They are responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public students, staff, and programs. The school board members are form throughout our district.

In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board members are: Clifford Sicking, president; Tom Hartman, vice-president; Neil Huchton, secretary; and Jim Enders, Tim Felderhoff, Peggy Lutkenhaus, and Nick Walterscheid, members.

Goodwill Industries of Northeast Texas, Inc., scholarship program 2001

announces the continuation of its scholarship program for high school seniors. During the year 2001, up to forty \$500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors in Goodwill's service area. In keeping with the organization's mission, Goodwill Industries desires to assist graduating students with financial needs and disadvantaging conditions to pursue vocational or technical higher education.

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School Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Sausage on a bun, pinto beans, potato wedges, pears, brownies. Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls.

Corn dogs, green lettuce, graham

fruit.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, bread.

Tues. - Taco salad, pinto beans, peaches, bread.
Wed. - Lasagna, okra, cole slaw, pears, bread.
Thurs. - Corny dogs, salad, French fries, mixed fruit, bread.

Fri. - Na Sch.

Fri. - No School.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Crispy tacos, trimmings, pinto beans, cornbread, sugar cookie.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, fruit mix, hot roll.

Wed. - Frito chili pie, green beans, tossed salad, peaches, chocolate pudding.

Thurs. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, strawberry applesauce, tossed salad, breadsticks.

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

King appointed to committees of juvenile justice and safety

State Representative Phil King (R-Weatherford), was appointed for a second term to the House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues, and the House Committee on Public Safety. King requested both appointments from Speaker of the House based on his prior law enforcement, judicial experience, his continued law practice, and his extensive work on both committees during the last legislative session and interim.

Each committee that King will serve on has specific authority over certain legislative issues. The House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues is scheduled to address juvenile delinquency, gang violence, adoption, divorce, child support, and criminal and civil procedures as they relate to juveniles. Additionally the committee has oversight over child support enforcement, the

Commission, and all juvenile justice alternative education programs.

The House Committee on Public Safety will focus on issues of crime prevention, emergency preparedness, apprehension of criminals, security services, and oversight of such agencies as the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards-Education.

King, along with other legislators, received notification of their committee appointments prior to the weekend adjournment for the legislature. On Jan. 22, the lawmakers started to work with hearings, and to debate on over 2,000 bills that have been filed for the legislative session.

Views on Catholic Schools by Sacred Heart journalism students

A Catholic Education
by Melanie Bartush
Upon attending a Catholic
school, I have found that there
are many advantages to
getting a Catholic education.
Some of these advantages are
the uniforms or dress code, the
teachers, the curriculum, and
the atmosphere. There are
certain things one cannot
experience in the public school
system.
Uniforms add to the
environment of a Catholic
school. They eliminate the
competition between students
to have the right "brand or
style" of clothing. Those with
less money do not have to be
embarrassed for not having
the "best" clothes. They also
help in avoiding the hassles of
having a dress code. For
example, students do not have
to be sent home to change for
wearing ragged jeans or too
short a shirt because they have
a uniform. Uniforms save
much time as well. I speak
from personal experience. In
the mornings before school just
grabbing a uniform from the
closet is a lot faster than
finding something that I want
to wear and making sure it is
clean the night before. At a

Catholic school, we are one and our uniforms help us establish our unity.

After spending 13 years of my life at a Catholic school, thinking back my teachers bring good memories. I have been taught by both lay teachers and Benedictine Sisters. The combination of both has contributed to my learning experience. Another good thing about a Catholic school is that classes are usually smaller and teachers have a better opportunity to work one on one with each student and give each one the special attention he deserves. Teachers at a Catholic school are always very dedicated and hard working.

A Catholic education is something priceless. Throughout grade school, the students learn school work plus essentials about the Catholic faith. When entering high school, students get deeper into the faith. The freshmen class studies morality: the difference between right and wrong. Sophomores study the Old Testament. Juniors study church history. The senior class prepares to go out on their own by studying about the different vocations and how to defend their faith. One of the problems with many Catholics today is that they do not know what their faith is all about. People who do not get thing from base in grade school and high schools. At Sacred Heart School, we are a family. Everyone works together to get things done. People such as parents, relatives, and alumnidonate money and endless hours of their time to raise money for the school. The love and support in Catholic schools is shared by the parents, administration, faculty, unique curriculum, and the warm environment make Catholic schools pecial. As a student at Catholic school, I would not trade my experience.

My Views About Sacred Heart
by Mattie Sicking
I find it a privilege to say
that I am a part of Sacred
Heart Catholic High School. It
has been a privilege, that has
been passed down from
generation to generation
within my family, to say that
we attended Sacred Heart
School. It started with my
Great-Great-Grandpa Hesse,
who not only gave his time and
effort, but he put his heart into
building this Catholic school so
he could secure the Catholic
education for all his
generations to come. It was my
Great-Grandpa Mollenkopf
who not only became Catholic,
but fought to save Sacred
Heart School so his children
could go to a Catholic school.
Both my grandparents and my
mom went to this Catholic
school.
I feel as though this school

be experienced with their religious background and religious belief. With them attending a Catholic school, they are able to ask and find the answers to any questions that they may have about God or their religion.

There are many advantages to going to Sacred Heart School. I feel as though Christ is all around us. We have the opportunity to pray before or after each class. It also allows us to go to church whenever we want to and attend at least two daily Masses per week. We are taught a good Catholic education, and values and morals which will able us to be better people as we walk along life's path with God. We wear uniforms like most Catholic schools, which I have found to be a very successful rule. It provides a sense of security to the students because they are not forced to worry about discrimination about their clothes. One of the very most unique things about Sacred Heart is that our slogan, "were not just a school, were a family," is very true. The students here are treated as a part of one big family and grow together with God and each other.

The Importance of Catholic

them to look to Him for love and guidance. Catholic school students have the opportunity to attend Mass regularly. This enables students to participate in school of Masses and to better understand the Mass.

As a student of Sacred Heart School, I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend a Catholic school for my entire education. I have learned some of the most important and valuable morals that I will carry with me wherever I may go in the future. I was taught to focus my life on God and that He would always be there for me in time of need. My classmates and I were taught to live by Jesus' Golden Rule, and we are still expected to follow the rule today.

Attending a Catholic school is very important to my family and I. My grandparents and my parents also attended Sacred Heart School. They learned the same morals and lessons that I was taught. I have also had a few of the same teachers that my parents had when they were in high school. The teachers, in many ways are still the same as they were 20 years ago. My parents felt that it was important for their children to attend a school in which they would be able to practice their faith and learn about God. Our religion is extremely important to my family and we feel that attending a Catholic school is essential.

Texas enhancement program meeting

program meeting

Texas Department of Transportation representatives will conduct a workshop concerning the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program. The program is a proactive community-oriented effort that provides federal funding assistance for a broad range of activities related to transportation. Examples of eligible work include construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, scenic and landscaping projects, preservation or restoration of historical properties and transportation museums.

The public is invited to come and participate in the workshop. Ms. Shawn McMahon, Regional Transportation Coordinator from Austin, will be conducting the Jan. 23 workshop with the District personnel assisting.

The workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Area Engineering Office at 2844 E. Central Freeway in Wichita Falls.

Contact the District Office to confirm schedule should inclement weather occur. If further information is needed prior to the meeting, contact Carolyn H. Askins at 940-720-7712.





Sports



In Sacred Heart action last week against Bethesda, Daniel Bartush, left, and Karen Gehrig, right, move the ball down court. Both varsity teams took-conference victories from Bethesda. Photo by Dave Fette

Sacred Heart teams notch four more victories over Lakehill and Highlands

Courtney Hartman pops up a three pointer against Highlands Tuesday night. Photo by Dave Fette

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Robert Burlinga

The Sacred Heart varsity teams added more notches under the win column earlier this week when the Tigers and Tigerettes both won big over Lakehill and Highlands. Monday, the teams traveled to Lakehill. The Tigerettes gave the Lady Warriors a 70-17 beating, giving Coach Jon LeBrasseur his 500th victory. "Our goals are high and we must continue to work hard to have the opportunity to achieve those goals," noted Coach LeBrasseur.

Jayna Biffle was high scorer in the game with 12 points. Raney Bauer added 11, Andrea Bauer 10, and Jana Truebenbach 9. Courtney Hartman put in 7 points, with Audrey Barnhill and Mary Jane Callahan each getting 6. Karen Gehrig scored 5 and Same LeBrasseur with 12 points. The Tigerstess guaranteed the 10-0 district record and 21-6 for the season.

A. Bauer led the team at the basket with 24 points, 14 in the



Jack Biffle (30) puts pressure on a Bethesda player. Also pictured is Marty Farrell (14). Photo by Dave Fette

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Muenster sinks Pirate teams

Tuesday night, Muenster traveled to Collinsville in second round action and brought home two district

wins.
The Lady Hornets started show, then tied the game at half-time. The second half, Muenster out-scored the Lady Pirates by 7 points to get a 50-43 victory. Muenster hit 20 of 36 free throws.

The Hornets allowed the Pirates a 5 point lead at the

Muenster Hornet teams fall to Era Hornet teams

The Muenster Hornet basketball teams traveled to Era last Friday night and were handed two varsity defeats.

The Lady Hornet battle went under Era's control in the second quarter when the Gold Bees out-scored Muenster by 13 points for a 37-18 half-time score. The Skelton girls teamed up to score 28 points for Era.

Eight Muenster players hit the basket with Lisa Felderhoff and Ashley Hess leading with 7 points each. Ashley Klement and Melinda Walterscheid scored 6 apiece, with Megan Lippe getting 5, and Kristie Lutkenhaus, Brittany Haverkamp, and Amanda Felderhoff all scoring 2.

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In the boys contest, Brett Howell dropped in 21 points, but it was not enough to pull out a win.

The Red team had a 4 point lead after the first period, then eldowed Era too many points in the second quarter to take a 27-33 half-time lead. Muenster ello farther behind the second for the district defeat.

Also scoring in the double digits were Elliot Klement with 13 points and Greg Johnson with 11. Mitch Endres added 5, and Chisam Cain 4 for Muenster.

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ahead in the second period to take and keep the lead for a 51-47 victory.

Mitch Endres dropped in 27 points for the Hornets, including hitting 8 of 10 free throws. Greg Johnson and Elliot Klement each added 7 points. Chisam Cain scored 6 and Brett Howell 4 for Muenster.

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Tigerettes get wins

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes got a non-district win on Jan. 11, bringing home an 82-53 victory from Thackerville, Oklahoma. Tlike where we are headed," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur after the game.

Andrea Bauer was the game's high scorer with 26 points. Jayna Biffle had a career high game with 24 points and 14 rebounds. Raney Bauer added 12 points, with Audrey Barnhill and Karen Gehrig each hitting 5. Mary Jane Callahan scored 4, Jennifer Hoedebeck 3, Kristen Zimmerer 2, and Jana Truebenbach 1.

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The Tigerettes hosted Bethesda for conference competition and finished with an 88-50 victory last Thursday.

A Bauer led all scorers with 32 points. Barnhill dropped in 14, Callahan 13, and Biffle 10 for Sacred Heart. Also scoring were Truebenbach with 8, Hoedebeck 6, Courtney Hartman 3, and Gehrig 2.

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Sacred Heart 38 Era 24
The Lady Cubs opened the tournament with a victory over Era. Katie Flusche and Jacqueline Bauer were high scorers with 12 points each. Stephanie Henscheid added 6, with Rose Bartush and Christine Fetsch each scoring 4.
Abby Endres led Era with 12 points. SH 8 8 10 12 38
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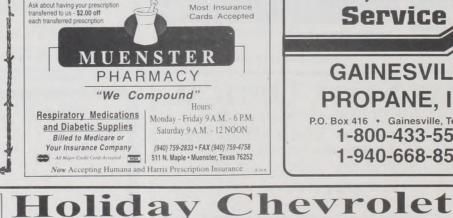
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Defendants in the herinafter styled and numbered Cause: CAUSE NO. 01-103, IN THE 235TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS, T.S.C. OIL. & GAS, IN VS. D.C. EDWARDS AND ANNIE WILLIAM EDWARDS AND OR THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES.

roduced from the following described land in Cooke County, 2xas, to-wit:

80 acres, more or less, located in the Ambrose Hilburn Survey, 480 acres, more or less, located in the Ambrose Hilburn Survey, 441, Cooke County, Texas, being the same land more fully secrebed in that certain Mineral Deed from Gilbert Irwin and wife like Irwin to A.W. Pearson, dated July 30, 1929, and recorded in folume 188, Page 331, Deed Records, Cooke County, Texas, and that said receiver, under orders of this Court wherein this suit is led shall have the power and authority and be directed by said out to execute and deliver to a lessee or lesses an oil and gas asse covering the interests of said Defendants upon such terms and or such other and further relief as Plaintiff may be entitled to at lax or such other and further relief as Plaintiff may be entitled to at lax or such other and further relief as Plaintiff may be entitled to at lax or such other.

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The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the
same according to law and make due return as the law directs.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of
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WITNESS Pat Payne, Clerk of the 235th Judicial District Court
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Given under my hand and seal of said Court in the office in
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(Jerk of the 235th)

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100 acres, more or less, located in the Hiram Brinlee Survey, A-19 in Montague and Cooke Counties, described as the South 100 acres of the following 199 acres tract of land;

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THENCE North approximately, 714 varas to the Southeast corner of a 100 acre tract in Said Brinlee Survey formedly conveyed to John Morris, said point also being the Northeast corner of a 237 acre tract of land conveyed by Peggy Anne Kelly to M.M. Franklin;

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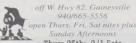
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Bush nominates Veneman for Agriculture Secretary

Secretary

President George W. Bush has nominated Ann M. Veneman to serve in his Cabinet as Secretary of Agriculture. She brings solid experience to the post, having previously served as secondranking person at the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1989 to 1991 and as Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture from 1995 to 1999. Most recently, Veneman has been a partner with the California law firm of Nauseam, Guthner, Knox and Elliott, LLP, specializing in food, agriculture, environment, technology and trade related issues. She has a doctorate in law from the University of California.

A Deputy Secretary of USDA, she directed and oversaw the activities and policies of the USDA and its 42 agencies, with a budget of more than \$60 billion and a work force of 111,000 employees. From 1989 to 1991, she was Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, managing international issues, including trade policy, trade negotiations and food aid.

Bringing renowned speakers in their fields from all over the country, the conference will explore ever widening fields of ecosystem components from the soil food web through the role of insects, human communities and agriculture economics from the family through farming communities. This is an important conference for anyone wishing to gain greater understanding of systems working within larger systems, all dependent on balance, and how we can influence the systems consciously for the greater good of the earth. The two-day conference is packed with intensive training suitable for the in service requirements for ag professionals. Some scholarships are available.

Friday, Mar. 2 begins at 8:00 a.m. with the whole spectrum of speakers. The program includes lunch and dinner, as well as an audience/speaker forum after dinner. The Saturday workshop on getting organic matter back into the

soil, will be from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and is included in the conference registration fee.

Registration by Feb. 10 is \$110 per person, \$200 per married couple or family member pair, \$85 student rate. Registration after Feb. 10 is \$120 per person, \$220 per married couple or family pair, \$90 student rate. To receive registration materials for the conference, please contact HRM of TX Executive Secretary, Peggy Jones via e m a i delphic@earthlink.net, or call 512-858-2761, clearly stating your name, address and phone. The conference site is the newly redecorated Holiday Inn South Conference Center (I-35 exit 44 in South Fort Worth). The room rate is an affordable \$69 per night (for up to 4 people), if you reserve your room by Feb. 1. Call special reservations manager Debbie Mahan at 817-759-4601 and say you are attending the Sustainable Agriculture Conference.

Tips for controlling weeds and brush

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption to use imazapic plus 2, 4-D (Oasis Herbicide) to control grassy weeds in bernudagrass hay meadows and pastures. The specific exemption allows the use of Oasis from Feb. 1, 2001 until Oct. 31, 2001.

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TDA secures specific exemption to

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Austin update

Listed below are some bills of interest to the cattle industry that have been filed for the 77th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. The Legislature convened Tuesday, Jan. 9, and will adjourn Monday, May 28.

Complete text of the bills many be viewed on-line at www.capital.state.tx.us/capitol/daily77.htm or you may call Texas Southwestern Cattle Raiser's Public Affairs Department at 1-800-242-7820, ext.147.

HB 292 by Maxey. Relating

to directing the telecommunications infrastructure fund board to provide for the development and availability of information technologies and telecommunication services for telemedicine services to rural

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HB 303 by Burnam.

delating to the minimum wage.
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HB 340 by Keffer. Relating to the acquisition by a county of a public interest in certain roads. Includes a provision to provide a public meeting at which a person asserting a private right, title or interest may appear before the commissioners court to protest the county's claim.

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HB 453 by Swinford.
Relating to creation of the Agriculture Policy Board to recommend strategies that enhance agriculture production, income and employment and benefit consumers.

HB 147 by Wentworth. Relating to the reapportionment of state legislative, congressional and judicial districts and the creation, function and duties of the Redistricting Committee.

Ag Briefs

Texas remains one of five states that are not certified free of cattle brucellosis. Two herds are still under quarantine, in Orange and Live Oak counties.

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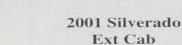








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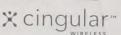
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