



The Sacred Heart Tigerettes were tournament champions of the 14th annual KGAF-NCTC Holiday Classic last week. Pictured are, from left, back - Kristen Zimmerer, Andrea Bauer, Jennifer Hoedebeck, Jayna Biffle, Jana Truennenbach, Mary Jane Callahan; front - Courtney Hartman, Raney Bauer, Audrey Barnhill and Karen Gehrig. Courtesy Photo

Cooke County hopes to sell its used law books

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County's law library has become obsolete in the light of modern technology. County Judge Bill Freeman noted that the Courthouse is bulging at the seams for space and the law library hasn't had any new additions in a number of years. Everything is kept on CC ROM. It's a lot easier and a lot quicker to use the computer, said Freeman.

Judge Freeman asked that they advertise for bids on the books until the January meeting and then make a decision as to whether they should be sold. It was approved 5-0.

for regular unleaded; 93.73 for super unleaded; and 82.35 for diesel were accepted. There is a profit margin of one cent allowed on all fuel types.

Precinct #1 will purchase a 2000-2001 track loader. DARR Equipment submitted a bid of \$200,669.00. It was the sole bid submitted and was accepted by a vote of 5-0.

One bid was submitted for the bridge located on County Road 202. The bid was accepted. No bids were

submitted for the bridges on County Roads 232 and 223.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved requests by Cox communication to install cable on County Road 154 and a cable to be bored on County road 149 approximately one-half mile south from Hwy. 82.

- Approved the preliminary plat for Shady Lane Estates (Lots 1-4) located on CR 113 in Precinct #1.

- Approved public official bonds for Bill Freeman, Bill Harris, Donald Joseph White, and Keisha Tucker.

Smithson reviews CCAD accomplishments of 2001

by Janet Felderhoff
At the Dec. 18 Board meeting, Doug Smithson, Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) chief appraiser, distributed written reviews of the accomplishments of various departments during 2001. He asked the Board of Directors to share any suggestions on how the taxpayer might be better served.

Collections Department

- Performed a 20 year Real Property and 10 year Personal Property purge of delinquent accounts resulting in a much more accurate Projected Collections for each taxing unit. This should result in more state funding for school districts this year.

- More timely mailings of monthly reports to the taxing entities are the result of the change from CPS System to the True Automation System. It went from three days to 15 to 20 minutes.

- Took over the responsibility of coding all Mortgage Company accounts resulting in more accurate Mortgage Company roll and freeing the Computer Department allowing more date entry time.

- Took on the

responsibility of correcting all address changes resulting in a more accurate mailable Tax Roll.

- Spent months of research over Internet, phoning, and with Rural Addressing to correct 100s of accounts returned due to incorrect addresses.

- New postage machine cut mailing time. To mail 18,000 pieces of mail once took a day and a half and now takes four hours.

- The Appraisal Districts website (cookecad.org) is up and running. Taxpayers can get their information and printouts at their convenience.

- Now able to both export and burn to CD the delinquent data needed by the five Delinquent attorneys, resulting in several mail outs this year and the collection of hundreds of delinquent accounts for the taxing units.

- Revamped Bankruptcy files so that all are filed alphabetically and coded in the computer.

Computer Department

- For the first time since 1995, CCAD was able to submit the PTD State Reports of property values electronically to the State Comptrollers office. This is

due to the change to the True Automation system.

- Updated operating systems from Windows 98 to Windows 2000 in September.

In process of updating appraisers fieldwork. Exemptions are being updated. As time allows homestead and agricultural exemptions are being scanned into record.

Mapping Department

- About 85% of the county is totally mapped. The rural area north of Muenster and the Dexter area are the future mapping projects.

- Prices for maps to be sold to the public are being studied.

- Ownership of property is current. When a roll comes in the turn around time on working the roll is about a week. An estimated 1,600 to 2,000 pages are on a roll. Two rolls have been coming in about every four to six weeks.

- A desktop microfilm machine purchased mid year has helped expedite work and eliminated the need to copy an estimated 27,840 pages to transfer deeds. This saves around \$250.00 a year on paper.

The Center changes ownership January 1

by Janet Felderhoff

Three local couples purchased the Center Restaurant, located at 603 East Division in Muenster. Ownership changed from Jim Klement to J. T. and Renata Pagel, Dwayne and Denise Pagel, and Bryan and Glenda Russell on Jan. 1. The business was temporarily closed, but re-opened at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3.

Asked about plans for the business, Dwayne Pagel

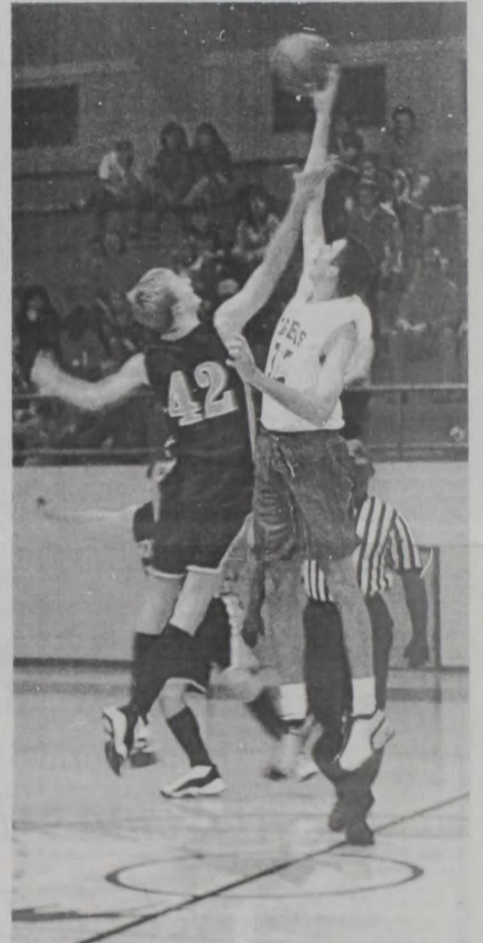
said, "We hope to get back the way it was with good food, good service and a friendly atmosphere."

Business hours are announced as 8 a.m. to midnight on Tuesday through Friday; Saturday 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Sunday 6 a.m. to midnight; and closed on Monday.

Klement had purchased the business last summer from then owners Stan Endres, Phil Endres, and J.T. Pagel.



Muenster Volunteer Fire Department prepares to extinguish a fire in the chimney at the Tommy Harrison residence Wednesday afternoon. MVFD Chief Herbie Knabe reminds people with fireplaces and woodburning heaters that the chimney should be cleaned every year. Creosote builds up when green wood is burned. It can cause hot spots to develop and possibly cause a house fire. Janie Hartman Photo



Sacred Heart Tiger Marty Farrell out stretched a defending Indian in the team's first contest in the KGAF-NCTC Holiday Classic last week. See page 6 for more on the Tournament. Photo by Janie Hartman

Judicial candidates speak at Jan. 3 meeting

On Thursday, Jan. 3, the Cooke County Republican Women had their general meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce at 100 Culberson Street in Gainesville.

It was an outstanding meeting, in that the candidates for the judicial positions on the Texas Supreme Court of Appeals, the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals, and those candidates for the 2nd District Court of Appeals were speakers. This was the first opportunity to see and listen to those running for

these important positions. "As long as we have the opportunity to elect, those running will come and meet the public. There has been a movement to have appointed judges for these positions," remarked Cooke County Republican Women's President Pat Peale.

The public was invited. A question and answer session was part of the program. People were encouraged to come and be informed rather than wonder what is going on - you can find out by being involved.

Democratic Party holds party, honors Bill Harris

The Cooke County Democratic Party held its annual Christmas party Monday night, Dec. 17, at the Smokehouse Restaurant in Lindsay. It was a non-partisan gathering as an overflowing crowd was in attendance to take part in honoring Judge Belvin (Bill) Harris's accomplishments through the years.

John Pipes hosted the event which included a "roast" of the Judge by some of his long-time friends and colleagues. Funny stories were enjoyed, as well as some touching and endearing testimonies of the Judge's friendship and loyalty through many years. A poster board chronicled many years of fashion, cars,

and other changes in the Judge's life and showed his great sense of humor.

Attorneys Bill Sullivan and Larry Sullivant acknowledged his intense knowledge and love of the law, along with District Judge, Jerry Woodlock. Numerous friends shared humorous events and loyal friendships through the years, and a special gavel was presented to the judge by Commissioner Virgil Hess.

The next "back-to-business" meeting of the Cooke County Democrats will be Jan. 21 at the Smokehouse in Lindsay at 6:00 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

New Year, New You

With each new year comes New Year's resolutions. The Texas Medical Association lists the following tips for making those resolutions a reality:

- Make and post a list of the benefits of changing.
- Form a support system to cheer you on and challenge you.
- Counter negative ideas with positive thoughts.
- Reward yourself for your progress.

Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Medical Association.

Latest audit shows NCTC books in excellent condition

For the ninth straight year, North Central Texas College has received an "unqualified" audit of its financial records, according to a report heard by the NCTC Board of Regents at its regular December meeting.

"The college's books are in excellent condition," said Tom Schalk of Schalk & Smith, P.C., the local accounting firm that performed the audit, "and the financial health of the college appears to be in equally excellent shape."

Both Schalk and Dr.

Ronnie Glasscock, NCTC president, commended Heidi Ellis, vice president of financial services, and her staff for their outstanding work in maintaining and helping manage the college's finances. "They've become so regular, it would be easy to take these kinds of exceptionally favorable audits for granted," Dr. Glasscock commented, "but they are of tremendous significance, as evidenced by the recent action of our accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS).

"Remember that SACS, as part of the process of reaffirming our accreditation this past year, gave NCTC a special commendation for its outstanding financial record keeping and financial resources management. Such commendations are very hard to come by, and it is something we are very proud of."

Turning to other business on a fairly light agenda, the regents approved a contract with TXU Energy Services to provide electric utility services to its Gainesville and Corinth campuses,

effective Jan. 1, 2002. Costs for electricity at NCTC's Bowie Campus are paid by the City of Bowie, which financed construction of the physical plant.

At the November meeting, the regents had authorized Dr. Glasscock to seek "best and final offers" from retail electric providers and to sign the contract.

TXU Energy Services was one of two retail electricity providers originally submitting bids as a result of recent legislative deregulation of electric utilities in Texas. Dr.

Broyles said Reliant Energy Solutions, affiliated with the financially troubled Enron Corporation, subsequently withdrew its bid.

The regents next approved a request from Weber Aircraft L.P., a Zodiac Company (formerly Weber Aircraft Inc.) of Gainesville for a tax abatement. Carlos Vigil, representing the City of Gainesville, and Weber chief financial officer Ken Essenburg, appeared before the board to answer questions.

The 90-percent abatement was requested for a total of \$9.4 million in expansion and renovation projects at Weber's Gainesville plant. According to Vigil, this will abate some \$71,000 in tax revenues that would have been collected by North Central Texas College over the 10-year abatement period.

The regents approved the expenditure of \$21,000 in reserve funds to construct a four-foot-wide concrete flume along the southern perimeter of the Corinth

Campus to facilitate drainage. Total cost of the project, required to meet local construction codes, is \$33,000, with the balance to be covered by Hill & Wilkinson, construction manager at risk for the third floor completion project.

In other business, the NCTC regents:

- Approved on second and final reading a revised policy relating to the operation of college-owned vehicles, in particular those used to transport students.

- Approved the offering of employment contracts to Kevin Davis, full-time social sciences instructor; and Scott Pulte, project manager for the grant-funded North Texas Rural Networks - Community Technology Centers program. Pulte, formerly the project's technology specialist, assumes the position vacated by Donna King, employed last month as NCTC's new dean of continuing education.

- Accepted the resignation of Warren Litherland, law enforcement instructor.

TXU becomes #1 competitive energy retailer in United States

When Texas officially opened its electric market January 1, TXU became the No. 1 competitive energy retailer in the United States, completing a transformation from traditional Texas electric and gas utility to a competitive energy company that began in 1995.

The first day of 2002 marked the creation of the largest competitive electric market in the United States. For the first time, eight million Texas customers may choose to buy their electricity from more than one source. Texas is also the first competitive electric market to open on time.

"TXU and Texas will lead the way in showing the United States that competition is good for consumers and good for the nation," said Erle Nye, chairman and chief executive, TXU. "We believe in competition and the wisdom of the marketplace. Competition is better for the consumer and the investor, and the Texas market is carefully designed to take advantage of the experiences of other states. TXU intends to play a leading role in the Texas success story. This is an historic moment for Texas."

On Jan. 1, TXU's fleet of power plants became part of TXU Energy, a competitive business able to sell electricity to wholesale and retail operations. TXU has

been selling in the competitive wholesale market since 1995. TXU Energy manages the state's largest fleet of power plants, buys, sells, and trades electricity and gas for a profit, and serves wholesale and retail customers. TXU's 2.7 million retail customers may now choose to stay with the TXU Energy, TXU's retail energy provider, or go to another provider operating in Texas.

Nye said consumers were already reaping the benefits of competition by paying lower electric rates statewide. TXU Energy's rates within the company's traditional service territory dropped more than 14 percent. TXU Energy plans to actively compete for customers throughout Texas and the U.S.

These events represent a milestone for TXU. In 1994, TXU earned 100 percent of its revenues from regulated rates as a traditional electric and gas utility in North Texas. In 1995, TXU began a series of acquisitions in Australia and the United Kingdom that capitalized on deregulation of electric markets overseas. In less than five years, TXU doubled in size. In 2002, TXU will earn over 75 percent of its net income from competitive, faster growing businesses. TXU expects its energy delivery and merchant energy businesses to grow at a

combined rate of 9-11 percent per year, with the merchant energy business contributing strong double-digit gains.

"We've gathered valuable experience operating in markets in the United Kingdom, continental Europe and Australia. Our strategy of integrating generation, merchant trading and retail to identify opportunity and balance the market's variations has served us well in Europe. Australia will open its residential markets in just a few weeks, and we'll apply our model there, too," he said. "We're confident we'll deliver good returns to our shareholders

and growth to our area. While Texas is our home, we're also anxious to expand throughout the U.S."

TXU's national strategy is to grow in regions, such as the Northeast and Midwest, where the company has already taken positions in wholesale markets.

"Now is the time to move forward. Despite the setbacks in California, reform is changing our industry. We'll be more efficient, more nimble, more responsive, and more creative with less regulatory oversight. TXU intends to remain a global and national leader in the energy business by focusing on customers," he said.

Obituaries

Kendall Joe Covington 1913-2001

Kendall Joe Covington of Terrell, Texas died at age 88 on Dec. 12, 2001 in Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas at 12:00 p.m. Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001 at 10 a.m. at McCoy Funeral Chapel in Saint Jo, officiated by C.E. "Sonny" Cole.

Mr. Covington was born on Sept. 9, 1913 in Montague County to William Carol Covington and Bertha Smith


Covington. On Dec. 3, 2000 he married Nettie E. Stamper in Dallas.

He lived in Terrell, Texas since 1982. He volunteered for the U.S. Army after 11 years of school. After the years in service he went to work for Douglas Aircraft and then LTV and then for General Motors in 1954. He did various jobs while at General Motors, finishing his career in 1985 as an inspector. Earlier, he had married Bobbie Jean Fulcher on Sept. 19, 1979. She preceded him in death on Oct. 2, 1994. On Dec. 3, 2000 he then married Nettie E. Stamper in Dallas.

Survivors are his wife, Nettie E. Covington of Terrell, Texas; two step-daughters Donna Stenson of Kansas City, Missouri and Mildred Eudy of Mesquite, Texas; and four step-sons, James and Eldon Wicker of Rice, Texas, Doug Morgan of Sunnyvale, Texas and Jerry Morgan of Canton, Texas. There are 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also a sister, Annette Gaylor of Alvord.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his first wife, Bobbie Jean Covington; one sister Leatrice Sherwood; four brothers Harold, Bobby, Billy, and Leon Covington.

Burial in Perryman Cemetery in Forestburg was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Charles Broumley, Frankie Broumley, James Stamper, Doug Morgan, Preston Eudy, and Jerry Morgan.



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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, January 7, 2002 Bereaved Parents/Grandparents Support Group Meeting, 7PM, Home Hospice MHS Booster Club Meeting, 7PM, High School City Council Meeting, 7PM	Tuesday, January 8, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM	Wednesday, January 9, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM C of C Breakfast, 7:30AM, Rohmer's Restaurant Religious Ed. Class, 7PM SH Alumni Meeting, 7:30PM, Comm. Center	Thursday, January 10, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Dialogue Support Group Meeting, 7PM, Home Hospice	Friday, January 11, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, January 12, 2002
Sunday, January 13, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, January 14, 2002 VFW Meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, January 15, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30AM, SNAP Center Library open 10AM-6:30PM	Wednesday, January 16, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM Religious Ed. Class, 7PM	Thursday, January 17, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, January 18, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, January 19, 2002

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Reduction of Identity Theft to be Topic for Study

Many Texans are concerned that the increasing use and availability of Social Security numbers increases the possibility of identity theft. This problem will be reviewed during the Interim by the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence. The Committee is to suggest ways to reduce this type of crime and study the trends and methods involved in stealing a person's identity through Social Security information, credit card numbers, and drivers' license records.

The Committee also has the responsibility to:

- * suggest ways to eliminate obscure language dealing with the legality of the possession and use of eight-liners;
- * study the issue of how sexual assaults are reported in Texas and address the wide discrepancy between groups that report statistics on sexual assault cases;
- * study identity theft in Texas;
- * consider way to cooperate with Mexican states to reduce international drug trafficking; and
- * review changes in federal laws and law enforcement procedures, as well as recommendations from state and national agencies charged with homeland protection, to assess the need for changes in state criminal laws to protect life and property and to detect, prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.

The House Committee on Land and Resource Management has been given the responsibility during the Interim to conduct a comprehensive examination of issues associated with the expansion of metropolitan areas into formerly rural areas ("urban sprawl"), including impacts on infrastructure, changing of the rural or small town character, and the loss of open spaces including farm land and wildlife habitat.

The Committee is to consider the range of state, local and private measures (including the purchase of development rights) that might alleviate the negative side effects of such growth.

Another issue the Committee has been charged with is the ownership and maintenance of rural roads. The Committee is to assess the benefits of legislation that would clarify ownership and county responsibility for maintenance of those roads.

HB 472, passed during the 2001 Legislative session, enables the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to implement a statewide "Do Not Call" list for consumers who wish to stop telemarketing calls to their homes. Beginning January 1, 2002, customers and telephone solicitors may call 1-866-TXNOCALL (896-6225) for more information about the "Do Not Call" lists or to subscribe to the lists. Customers may also apply for inclusion on the lists online at www.texasnocall.com

I wish you a healthy and successful 2002.

Expect more from your energy provider

It's the dawn of a new way of doing business with energy providers as Texas prepares for electric deregulation starting Jan. 1, 2002. And, for savvy businesses, the introduction of competition in the electric industry means a whole lot more than just an array of competitive pricing plans. Choosing an energy provider that has a strong portfolio of products, services and capabilities -- in addition to economical pricing plans -- can help businesses take advantage of new channels for growth in an unpredictable economy. In short, the deregulated environment means that it's time to expect more from electric providers, not less, than what has been received in the past.

Texas has approached deregulation slowly and methodically in an effort to ensure that customers and energy providers experience positive results when competition opens in 2002. The legislation was enacted in May 1999 and a pilot program, under which 5 percent of Texas customers could sign up to participate, began this summer and runs through December. The pilot allows a representative set of customers to shop for and

choose electric providers and serves to test the systems necessary to support deregulation in Texas.

When competition opens, most Texas customers will be able to choose the company that provides their electricity. Electric providers will strive to differentiate themselves from competitors. The most evident differentiator will likely be price, but the true value of competition is greater.

In the same way that competition in the telecommunications industry has led to innovations and new products -- like global Internet access, faster phone lines, cell phones, voice mail and lower long distance rates -- so, too, should electric competition lead to new energy management tools, innovative products, new pricing plans and enhanced services. Therefore, in order to fully capitalize on the benefits of a competitive electric environment, businesses should look for providers who offer the most value for the energy dollar spent.

In essence, those customers who ask the right questions and select a provider based on

relationship and partnering potential stand to increase revenue opportunities. Go beyond the obvious questions for your electric provider. What is the cost per kilowatt-hour? Do I have to sign a contract and for how long? Is there a cancellation fee? Does my usage affect my price? By probing deeper, businesses will discover further distinction among providers than merely price and contract duration.

To determine the total value of a provider, take time to ask informed, service-oriented questions. What kind of account management support will you provide my company? What value-added benefits and services do you offer? Can you tailor a plan specifically for my business? Do you have the channels that can help me market my products and services? What billing and payment options are available? Are your products and services designed in a way that lets me plan for the future, or will I be exposed to volatile commodity markets? Who do I call with service problems?

These questions demand higher deliverables from energy providers and drive new products and services to market faster.

Communicate with your energy provider. Build a strong business case for combining current offerings with innovative ones. Taking this approach gives businesses a good reason to expect more, and get more, from their energy provider.

Businesses have the ability to leverage the knowledge and experience of their electric provider to strengthen the bottom line. That's an exciting proposition -- and one that should be explored now. Some examples of value-added services are: customized billing options that match businesses' individual billing cycles, commodity purchasing and energy management tools that help customers control the way energy is used. But, that's only the beginning. The rest of what is to come is limited only by the needs of business and the imagination to blend it all together to make it happen.

Carl Bracy is the vice president of small and medium markets for TXU Energy Services, headquartered in Dallas, Texas. TXU Corporation is one of the world's largest energy companies and a premier deliverer of electricity, natural gas, and related energy management services. *submitted by Carl Bracy*

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

The passage of HR 1542 would re-establish the monopolistic choke hold on American consumers once enjoyed by AT&T. What's good for AT&T is not what's good for America. This misguided bill would prevent competitors from offering and providing American consumers with their choice of cable internet and long distance. Consumers in many parts of the country now enjoy many of these services only

because competition forced them to offer them. This bill must be defeated. The Telecom Act of 1996 would be completely gutted if it were to pass and be signed into law. Our country would again be held hostage by AT&T. The consumer should be the only one to decide who provides his or her internet, long distance, local phone and other service -- NOT AT&T.

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From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Well, folks, Christmas '01 has come and gone. It was a beautiful time, as usual. The many displays of beautifully designed lightings, along with religious symbols were there for everyone.

It is my fond hope that everyone enjoyed the season, and had a Merry and Blessed anniversary of our Savior's birth.

Now the New Year has come upon us, ready or not. Time just rolls on, - the year 2002 is here, I hope it is a Happy and Prosperous one for all.

Many things have happened during the past year, - some good, some terrible.

Sept. 11 came as a super shock as terrorists from other lands wreaked havoc in New York and Washington D.C.

I spent that time in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas and could only look at the T.V. picture of the terrible carnage. I think there were some 3000 unsuspecting people trapped in the destroyed twin towers of the World Trade Center. Many were Police and Firemen who rushed into the blazing buildings to try and save many people who were caught inside, and many gave their own lives in the effort.

One must be pretty proud of our new President's and his administration's efforts

to prosecute the perpetrators of the horrendous deeds of that infamous day.

Our economy was beginning to lose ground before 9-11 and as many jobs were lost, especially in the air-transportation industry, our losses slipped into high gear.

Geo. W. Bush, in trying to stimulate the economy, has asked our representatives to pass an economic stimulus bill.

Well, it sailed right along on its way to approval until it reached the Senate. There, trouble in the form of Sen. Tom Daschle stopped it in its tracks.

It seems that Sen. Daschle, a liberal Democrat and Senate leader, would rather see the U.S. fail in its efforts, than to see a bill that is good for the Country, and backed by a Republican administration along with quite a few Democrats, pass.

So far Sen. Daschle has stopped the bill from coming to a vote in the Senate.

Daschle, and one of his cronies, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri are doing all they can to de-rail or change anything the Administration asks for.

With friends like these people, who needs enemies?

God bless America! God bless our Military, and grant them the wisdom to make the right decisions.

A father's concern

by Dr. David F. Russell

What follows is a story from a dear friend. His son is a soldier, who has been deployed in the war on terrorism. The words are especially poignant, because they speak for thousands of mothers and fathers and husbands and wives who are today anxiously waiting for word from their loved ones:

"It both ends and begins with a phone call.

"Hey Dad ... Just got the word that we're moving out, pronto. Like we talked before, it'll be a while before I can call again. I love you. Don't worry about me. Put Mom on for a sec, will you?"

"It's the end of the waiting for military orders. The end of hope that they don't come. The end of uncertainty about deployment. He's going.

"The end is bad, but the beginning is worse. It's the beginning of long months of silence. Long nights of worry. Watch the news. Search the Internet. Wait for the phone to ring ... but it doesn't.

"He might be in Turkmenistan, or Uzbekistan, or a dozen other countries I didn't know existed before September 11. I knew it might happen. After all, this is what he was trained for. He's a soldier. I know he's proud to do his duty. And I'm proud of him.

"I hug my wife and tell her he's going to be okay, but we need something more to cling to. Lord give him strength. Lord protect him." Still, I have to focus. I have to keep on living, despite the hollow numbness in the pit of my stomach.

"My boy's gone to war. I've been there - but I've never been here. I've been the one to go to war, but not the one left behind ... to wait ... to worry ... to wonder. I didn't want this for him.

"Only yesterday he was a little kid pleading for me to go outside and play ball. Today he's a man doing his duty, defending his nation.

"He's special to me, but really no different from thousands of others. Your sons and daughters,

grandsons and granddaughters, friends and neighbors. They're all doing their duty, leaving their homes, leaving their families to fight an enemy who wears no uniform, swears allegiance to no country, and recognizes no rules of war.

"America's troops may be gone for weeks, even months or years. Some may never come home, yet all will be with their family."

"Not blood relatives - not mom and dad - but with other young men and women with whom they serve in the military uniform of our country. Come what may, none will fail those with whom they serve.

"They are today's 'Private Ryans' and 'Band of Brothers.' Their platoons and air wings and ship's companies are their families, their brothers and sisters.

"Each has pledged his life and entrusted his safety to the other. All have forged a sacred bond that will last a lifetime, a bond none can understand; except those who share it.

"We are praying as a family, because, in a very real sense, every Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman, and Coast Guardsman is a part of our family. The American Legion family, and we love them all and we're proud of them.

"No words are sufficient to describe our national sense of resolve or our collective feeling of concern for those young ones who have gone into Harm's Way on our behalf. Instead let us pray to the God of us all that we gain victory and rejoice in the safe return of our family.

"Nonetheless, let us also pray that His will be done, and that He give us the strength to bear it - be it sorrow or rejoicing.

"God has blessed America with much bounty and many fine men and women through the years who have risked their lives - and given them - to preserve our liberty and our way of life.

"So today let this be our prayer, as in ages past, 'God Bless America.'"

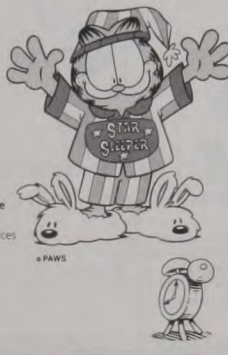
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Down on the Farm Bill

By Edwin Feulner

Other than being rich and famous, what do David Rockefeller, Ted Turner, Sam Donaldson and Scottie Pippen have in common?

They all feed at the public trough. More precisely, they collect subsidies from the federal farm program, as do at least 14 members of Congress. They grow, or agree not to grow, the "right" crops -- the corn, wheat, rice, cotton and soybeans that eat up 90 percent of subsidy dollars. The farmers foolish enough to produce the "wrong" ones -- poultry, eggs, cattle, nuts (with the exception of peanuts) and most vegetables -- get nothing from Uncle Sam.

The subsidies don't all go to rich people, however. Some go to rich corporations. Chevron, with revenues of \$5.2 billion in 2000, received \$260,223 between 1996 and 2000. John Hancock Life Insurance, with \$9 billion in annual revenues, raked in \$211,368.

Why should multi-millionaire hobby farmers and large, well-heeled corporations get lavish federal handouts while most family farms get nothing but a tax bill? It's because the playing field is tilted: The top 10 percent of farm subsidy recipients collect two-thirds of the money, and the bottom 80 percent get just one-sixth. In fact -- by design -- subsidies go to the biggest, most profitable farms.

Take Rockefeller, grandson of oil tycoon John D. Rockefeller and former chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank. From 1996 to 2000, he received \$352,187 from the government for the corn, wheat and soybeans grown on his family farm in Hudson, N.Y.

Turner, worth more than \$6 billion, reeled in \$176,077 in federal handouts over the same period. And Pippen, who will make \$18.1 million this season playing basketball for the Portland Trail Blazers, got \$131,575 to not grow crops on his Arkansas farm.

Not surprisingly, just as many hardscrabble farmers live inside the Beltway.

Rep. Marion Berry, D-Ark., a member of the House Agriculture Committee, has rung up more than \$750,000 in subsidies, placing him in the top fifth of the top 1 percent of subsidy recipients. Rep. Doug Ose, R-Calif., the 22nd richest member of Congress, has collected \$149,000 in rice subsidies. Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, with a net worth of \$7 million, has pocketed nearly \$50,000.

Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., a member of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, owns one-ninth of a family farm that has received \$351,085 in subsidies. With refreshing candor, though, she admits that the \$10,000 check she gets as her share is "not critical to my sustenance or my sustainability."

Now Congress is trying to open the spigot even wider. In October, a full year before the current farm legislation will expire, the House passed the "Farm Security Act of 2001." It was originally labeled the "Agriculture Act of 2001," but members somehow divined that this peculiar exercise in "trickle-up" economics was a matter of national security. They plan to reconcile their bill early next year with a similarly misguided version produced by the Senate.

Why jam this budget buster (calling for \$73 billion on top of the \$95 billion already approved for farm subsidies next year) through now, with a war on and the projected surpluses of the summer just as gone as the summer itself? Brace yourself for more candor. "The money is in the budget now," says Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee. "If we do not use the money, it is very likely not going to be available next year."

Think about that the next time you hear lawmakers say we can't afford another tax cut. The money's "available" for them. Why not for the rest of us?

Edwin J. Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

Lifestyle

GMH program keeps diabetes patients on track

Data from the Third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES III) show that more than half of people with Type 2 diabetes in the United States have unacceptably high blood sugar levels, putting them at increased risk for serious diabetes-related complications.

To address this critical health problem, Gainesville Memorial Hospital has developed a program to assist individuals with diabetes in controlling their disease.

"How Sweet are you?" is a check-up for persons diagnosed with diabetes. For \$10, beginning Monday, January 7, and continuing through Friday, January 11, individuals with diabetes can participate in the check-up and receive a Hemoglobin A1c test, widely considered the best test for measuring blood sugar

control.

The Hemoglobin A1c test should not be considered a substitute for daily monitoring of glucose levels, but is an excellent tool for the patient with diabetes and their physician to use in designing an effective treatment program.

Individuals with diabetes interested in receiving this service should check in at the GMH Business Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, January 7-11. Participants will be asked to complete a simple information sheet and pay their \$10 fee.

Blood will be drawn in the laboratory following check-in. No appointments are necessary and there is no need to avoid food or drink prior to the test.

For more information call 940-612-8340 or 940-759-2395.



From left, Santa (Quinn Sicking) and his helpers Vallerie Nystrom, Karli Anderle and Austin Miller reminded everyone about the importance of giving and sharing during the annual Sacred Heart Christmas Program held Dec. 19 in the SH Community Center. Courtesy Photo

Pat Hennigans host Christmas gathering

House guests of Pat and Alice Hennigan for Christmas were their children Jean and Sheila Gebman and family, Ryan, Michael, and Heather of Santa Monica, California. They flew in on Dec. 20 and returned on the 28th. The other children were guests for dinner Christmas night and a gift exchange. Attending were Pat Hennigan, Jr. and family, Melissa and Ernest Keenan of Austin, and Stacey and

Corey of Lewisville. Also Michael and Janie Hennigan and family, Michelle, Mindy, and Meredith of Muenster; and Tom and Lora Hennigan and family, Darren, Ryan and Garrett; Joe and Kim Hennigan and family, Paige and Brandon; and Tim Hennigan of Gainesville. Also Allison Endres of Muenster. One evening, all were dinner guests of Mike and Janie Hennigan in their home.

Rohmer receives Master's degree

Brian Rohmer graduated at Tarleton State University in Stephenville on Dec. 15, 2001 from the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences with a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Education. He maintained a 3.83 grade point average.

The commencement address was given by the Honorable Troy Fisher of the Texas Senate. Brian is a 1994 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a December 1998 graduate of Tarleton State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development. He has accepted a position

at Tenaha ISD as Vocational Agricultural Science teacher.

Family members attending on Dec. 15 were his mother, Viola Rohmer; his brothers Alan and Curtis Rohmer; and niece, Lisa Rohmer.



Brian Rohmer

Walterscheid graduates from UNT on Dec. 15

Joyce LeAnn Walterscheid graduated from the University of North Texas at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001. Joyce earned a Bachelor of Science with a major in Accounting Control Systems. She graduated cum laude.

Attending the graduation were: her husband and son, Jeff and Jaden Walterscheid; her parents, Jim and Lynda Hacker; parents-in-law, Marlene and

Giles Walterscheid; brothers and sisters, Sherry Hacker and Eric Hess, Jimmy and LeAnn Hacker, Dalana Chism and Keith Walterscheid; her grandmother, Joyce Rigler; her aunts and uncle, Jan Brazelton, Diane Rigler, and Karen and Louie Hacker; nieces and nephews also attended. After graduation, a party was held at Diane Rigler's house.

Joyce is a 1998 graduate of Muenster High School.

Dominic Xavier Nervo is 2

Dominic Xavier Nervo was honored with a party for his second birthday on Friday, Dec. 7 in the home of his parents, Donna and Nicolas Nervo. His actual birthdate is Dec. 12.

Dominic was delighted with the clown theme, accented with a puppet, piñata, and table figurines. Balloons, mobiles, and colored crepe paper completed the decorations. A "Happy Birthday" banner hung above the main table. A large white sheet cake depicted a circus scene with juggling clowns, performing animals, balloons, a carousel and a circus train. Guests were given clown gift bags.

Special guests included the honoree's parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo,



Dominic Nervo

his brother, Alexander Nicolas of Arlington, his grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster, and other family members.

New foster grandparent training scheduled Jan. 8-10

Jan. 8 - 10 is the scheduled date for orientation and pre-service training for new Foster Grandparents. The training will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Texoma Council of Government's office at 1117 Gallagher Drive, Sherman.

They are actively recruiting at this time. Foster Grandparents serve as mentors/tutors to "at-risk" children/youth in

schools, day care centers and community centers. They serve 20 hours per week and income qualified persons who are at least 60 years of age may receive a non-taxable stipend of \$2.55 per hour. This stipend does not affect any other benefits a person receives.

Anyone wishing to attend or needing more information may call Monday 903-813-3501 or 1-800-677-8264.

New Arrivals

York

Bret and Jennifer York of Denton announce with joy the birth of their second son, Brady Jessie York on Dec. 19, 2001 at 4:41 p.m., weighing 9 lb. 2.8 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length, in Muenster Memorial Hospital. He joins a brother Dillon, age 6, at

home. Grandparents are Gayle Butman of Pueblo, Colorado, and the late DeWayne York of Nocona, and Don Nicholson of Clayton, New Mexico and the late Jessica York of Nocona. Great-grandparents are Lois Nicholson of Clayton, New Mexico and Clyde Toney of Clayton, New Mexico.

NOTICE!

The Cooke County A&M Club will hold its luncheon in the New Ranch House in Gainesville on January 4 at noon.

DIALOGUE

DIALOGUE, an ongoing support group for cancer patients and their families and friends will meet Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Home Hospice office, 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville. For more information call Kelly Lamkin, L.S.W. at 665-9891.

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Over \$800 raised for Littlest Angels

Lindsay High School Student Council and the students of Lindsay High School raised \$826.50 for the Littlest Angel Program. Chairman Hannah Trammell and her committee set a goal of \$800 to provide Christmas gifts for six people, three children and three elderly. After a slow start the students went over the goal and allowed the council to help even more than originally planned.

On Friday, Dec. 14 Council members made

wrapping paper for their gifts. The members decorated white paper with Christmas ornaments, trees, etc. and wrote Christmas messages to the recipients. Sunday, Dec. 16, committee members went

shopping for their six angels. Then Council members gathered at the high school for a wrapping party. Members wrapped packages and enjoyed refreshments. Monday, Trammell delivered over \$650 in wrapped gifts and a

check for \$175 to the Civic Center, where the Littlest Angel committee was preparing the gifts for delivery. The \$175 was to be used for food baskets or for any other items needed to fulfill the Angel wish lists.

The Student Council was aided in reaching its goal by donations from the Lindsay High School FCCLA, FFA and Science Club. Council members collected money each day at break and lunch.



The Cherub Choir (Kindergarten and 1st grade) presented angelic Christmas music during the annual Sacred Heart Christmas Program on Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the Sacred Heart Community Center. Courtesy Photo



Aliens Jared Flusche, left, and Tom Torcellini, both 5th graders, take card requests from the family to help them decide on which card to send to people. Courtesy Photo



From left, shepherds Dylan Flusche, Zach Zanchetta, Ian Barnhill, Joe Hesse and Aaron Flusche (a group of 4th and 5th graders) discuss how they have such a hard time as shepherds. However, they were amazed at seeing the angels and that God thought they were important. Joe Hesse performed a solo, "A Shepherd Has a Very Hard Life." Courtesy Photo



"THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS CARD" was just one of the songs presented by the group comprised of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Courtesy Photo



Members of the cast of the Sivelis Bend 3rd and 4th grade cast of "Christmas Time Again". The play was written and directed by 4th grader Lauren Staten. Courtesy photo

County Youth Fair set for March 6 - 9

The Cooke County Youth Fair met at the Cooke County Fair Grounds. New business items discussed were: purchase of rabbit scales, rabbit cages, pig panels, tables for the office, copier, and home ec display board. These were approved by vote.

Judges were discussed and voted on for the 2002 Youth Fair. The 2002 Youth Fair will be expanded one day due to the growth of the equine program and lack of space available to the show. Show dates are: Wed., Mar. 6 at 1:00, Equine; Thurs., Mar. 7, Poultry, Shop and Home Ec Projects, Lambs, Breeding Beef, and Steers; Fri., Mar. 8, Goats, Rabbits, Dairy Cattle, Swine. The premium sale will be Saturday, Mar. 9.

54 members inducted into NCTC's NHS

The Psi Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at North Central Texas College recently inducted 54 new members in its ranks.

Phi Theta Kappa was founded in 1919 by presidents of two-year colleges in Missouri. The founders were seeking to recognize scholastic achievement by their students, and to establish a common purpose and standard for honors organizations on their different campuses. The founders chose to model their new Society after the prestigious senior honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. The name "Phi Theta Kappa" was taken from the initial letters of the three Greek words meaning "wisdom," "aspiration" and "purity."

Phi Theta Kappa membership is available to any student who has completed 12 semester hours at NCTC and has a 3.5 GPA at the time of induction.

The following students were among those inducted: Polly Anna Fette of Muenster, Natalie Sue Hess of Lindsay, and Vicky Tyler Lutkenhaus of Gainesville.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 7-11 SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENU

Mon. - Cheeseburgers w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Tues. - Crisпитos, corn, salad, fruit.

Wed. - Taco soup, ham sandwich, lettuce, fruit.

Thurs. - King ranch chicken, green beans, salad, fruit, garlic toast.

Fri. - Turkey sandwiches on a bun, baked beans, pineapple.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Corny dogs, potato wedges, ranch style beans, sliced pears, brownies.

Tues. - Burritos with salsa, lettuce salad w/dressing, macaroni and cheese, oranges or apples, animal crackers.

Wed. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls.

Thurs. - Chicken patty, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, sliced peaches, hot rolls.

Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, French fries, pork and beans, applesauce,

pickles and onions, carrot sticks, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chili dog, baked beans, vegetable sticks, mixed fruit.

Tues. - Fish, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, pineapple, bread.

Wed. - Hamburger w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.

Thurs. - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, corn, pears, bread.

Fri. - Vegetable beef soup, turkey or ham sandwich, pickle, lettuce, peaches, crackers.

ERA ISD

Mon. - No School.

Tues. - Chicken fried steak or chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, peaches, tossed salad, hot roll.

Wed. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, fruit mix, tossed salad, cornbread.

Thurs. - Pizza: pepperoni or cheese, corn, strawberry applesauce, tossed salad, sugar cookie.

Fri. - Corn dog, tator tots, pickle spears, ice cream.

Fifty-six gallons of pull tabs delivered

On Saturday, Dec. 15, the Lindsay High School Student Council delivered 56 gallons of pull-tabs to the Ronald McDonald House at Cooke Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. Over the past two years, this ongoing project has collected and delivered over 150 gallons of pull-tabs. Each gallon of tabs enables a child to receive a medical treatment at Cooke's Children's Hospital.

The Student Council took on this project after hearing about it from Lisa Bezner, who had a niece who was a patient at the hospital and benefited from the work of the Ronald McDonald house there. The Council delivers

their collected tabs twice each year and they are always donated in honor of Katie Bezner.

The members enjoy going at Christmas to see all of the beautiful decorations at the House. A volunteer takes the Council members on a tour and explains the work of the Ronald McDonald House and how they help the patients at the hospital. The Council members especially enjoy the different decorations made by the children and a highlight of the tour is the children's playroom with its murals of different cartoon characters and the toys and stuffed animals for the small to enjoy.

Debunking cold-season myths

Your mother probably told you never to go outside with wet hair or you might catch a cold. Infectious disease experts say wet hair, cold temperatures, or going outside without a coat can't cause a cold.

Viruses transmitted person-to-person cause colds. A recent study found that nearly half the people surveyed thought they could catch a cold by not wearing a coat in winter or by going outside with wet hair. Almost 60% believed chilly weather could cause a cold. These old adages don't hold up to scientific fact. "The best way to prevent yourself from getting a cold is to wash our hands to prevent spread of the virus through contact," said Daniel Skiest, associate professor of internal medicine.

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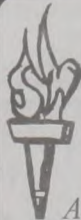
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Sports

TIGERETTES WIN HOLIDAY CLASSIC

The 2001 KGAF-NCTC Holiday Classic was played last week with 17 teams participating. The 14th annual basketball tournament was won by the Sacred Heart Tigerettes and the Pilot Point Bearcats.

"There was a lot of pressure on the girls and they excelled to Sacred Heart's first ever KGAF Classic title," noted Tigerette Coach Jon LeBrasseur. The Tigers made a run for the title, but were cut short, settling for second place.

Girls action began Thursday with Pilot Point defeating Slidell, then Gainesville, who got a bye. The Lady Cats then won over Era to place them in the championship game against Sacred Heart. The Tigerettes defeated Nocona and Lindsay to earn a place in the final round.

The boys championship bracket saw the Sacred Heart Tigers defeat Nocona and Lindsay before settling for 2nd place behind Pilot Point. The Bearcats defeated Slidell and Callisburg on their way to the championship. Nocona girls and Era boys won the consolation prizes, with the Lindsay teams settling for fourth place.

SH 16 17 7 15 55
N 6 13 12 7 38

Lindsay 45
Valley View 37

The Lady Knights took a victory from the Lady Eagles Thursday night to remain in the winners bracket. "It was a typical first game back. We didn't play real well," noted Lindsay Coach Donald Neu.

Amber Selby and Jacque Bezner were Lindsay's leading scorers with 15 and 14 points. Emmy Trammell added 9, Katie Schneider 5, and Elaine Hess 2.

L 12 9 11 13 45
VV 8 10 9 10 37

Lindsay 59
Valley View 44

The Knights shot down the Eagles with Rhett Rimmer burning the boards with 21 points. Coach Alan Gustin noted the Knights played hard, holding Valley View's high scorer to 6 points, making the difference in the game. A run on the scoreboard the 3rd quarter boosted the Knights to victory.

Mitch Creed added 12 points, Tommy Arendt 9, Ben Hundt 7, Josh Goldsmith 6, and 2 apiece from Chuck Hinds and Trinity Otto.

L 12 9 27 11 59
VV 9 12 14 9 44



A Tigerette gets the shot under the pressure of Lady Indian Kathryn Rhyne. Also pictured is Kristen Zimmerer (30). Janie Hartman photo

SH 17 8 22 14 61
L 11 4 10 13 38

Sacred Heart 62
Lindsay 41

A strong second quarter named the winner of Friday's final game, as the Tigers defeated the Knights to advance to the championship game.

Marty Farrell dropped in 24 points to lead all scorers in the contest. Jack Biffle

Mitch Creed each adding 6. Tommy Arendt put in 4, Joey Arendt and Trinity Otto 2 apiece and Josh Goldsmith 1.

L 4 10 14 18 46
C 20 13 12 19 61

Sacred Heart 53
Pilot Point 52

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes won their first



Sacred Heart Coach Keith Barrick and the Tigers accept the runner-up trophy from the Classic Tournament from Commissioner Virgil Hess. Courtesy Photo



The Knights and Eagles battle for a rebound at the Classic. Lindsay's Mitch Creed (20) is also defending the basket. Photo by Janie Hartman



The Lady Knights keep the Eagles from getting a shot. Pictured are Jacque Bezner, Hannah Trammell, Emmy Trammell (11), Julie Gieb (21), and Elaine Hess (42). Photo by Janie Hartman



Matthew Grewing blocks a Nocona shot in the Tigers opening victory at the Holiday Classic. Photo by Janie Hartman

Sacred Heart 72
Nocona 54

The Tigerettes' first game of the tournament was Thursday afternoon against the Lady Indians of Nocona.

Andrea Bauer "had a great second quarter," noted Coach LeBrasseur. Bauer scored 13 of her 23 points in that period. Raney Bauer added 17, Jana Truebenbach 10, Courtney Hartman 6, and Jayna Biffle 5 points, 7 blocks and 15 rebounds. Karen Gehrig put in 4 points, Audrey Barnhill 3, and 2 apiece by Mary Jane Callahan and Jennifer Hoedebeck.

SH 13 29 15 15 72
N 20 14 7 13 54

Sacred Heart 55
Nocona 38

The Tigers started the tournament with a big win over the Nocona Indians. After taking a 10 point lead the first quarter, the Tigers extended the points to a comfortable 33-19 half-time score.

Jack Biffle was high scorer in the contest with 19 points. Marty Farrell added 13 for Sacred Heart, Matthew Grewing put in 7, and Clint Fuhrmann 6, with Luke Endres and Jared Zimmerer each scoring 5.

The Tigers were 8 of 14 from the free throw line and hit three 3-pointers, all by Biffle.

Sacred Heart 61
Lindsay 38

Friday night's action saw the Tigerettes take revenge on the Lady Knights, who handed Sacred Heart their lone defeat so far this season.

"This is the best defense we have played in a month," bragged the Tigerette coach. "Jana and Jayna shut down Hess, and our guard defense was outstanding."

Seven Tigerettes put points on the board, led by Jana Truebenbach's 16 points. Andrea Bauer added 13, Mary Jane Callahan 10, Kristen Zimmerer 7, Audrey Barnhill 5, and 4 apiece by Karen Gehrig and Jayna Biffle, and 2 points from Raney Bauer. The Tigerettes were six of six, 100%, from the free throw line.

All of the Lady Knights scored, with Katie Selby getting 8 points, Emmy Trammell 6, and Katie Schneider, Julie Gieb, Jacque Bezner, and Elaine Hess all scoring 5. Alex Hellinger put in 2, with Hannah Trammell and Chelsea Brewer each hitting 1.

The Lady Knights were 16 of 26 from the charity line. "Sacred Heart played well - very good defense," noted Coach Neu. "We had a cold 2nd quarter."

added 18, Clint Fuhrmann 8, Matthew Grewing 6, Luke Endres 4, and Jared Zimmerer 2. The Tigers were 11 of 19 at the charity strip, hitting seven 3-pointers.

The Knights' scoring was led by Rhett Rimmer and Mitch Creed with 13 and 10 points. Ben Hundt added 8, Chuck Hinds 4, and 3 apiece from Tommy Arendt and Josh Goldsmith. Lindsay was 9 of 15 at the free throw line.

SH 12 20 19 11 62
L 10 9 15 7 41

Lindsay 42 Era 58

In a battle for 3rd place, the Lady Knights fell to the Lady Hornets. The game was close for three quarters, but the third quarter killed Lindsay, who scored only 1 point. "We couldn't hit, we couldn't score. It was just one of those quarters," said Coach Neu.

Elaine Hess dropped in 14 points for Lindsay, with Katie Schneider adding 12, Jacque Bezner 8, Emmy Trammell 4, and 2 apiece from Hannah Trammell and Julie Gieb.

L 12 17 1 12 42
E 11 15 19 13 58

Lindsay 46 Callisburg 64

The Knights settled for fourth place in the tournament after falling to the Cats Saturday evening. "We tried to stop (Cole) Trail, but (T.J.) Janke scored 20 points in a half - that hurt us," commented Coach Gustin.

Rhett Rimmer dropped in 19 points, with Chuck Hinds, Ben Hundt, and

Holiday Classic title in an exciting overtime game.

"Jana and Jayna did a great job defensively for us," Coach LeBrasseur noted. "They shut down Darwin!"

The Tigerettes spread their points among nine players, led by Raney Bauer with 11 points. Andrea Bauer added 9, 6 in overtime, with Mary Jane Callahan and Jana Truebenbach each getting 8. Karen Gehrig put in 6, Audrey Barnhill 4, Kristen Zimmerer 3, and 2 apiece from Jayna Biffle and Jennifer Hoedebeck. Callahan pulled down seven rebounds and A. Bauer got four steals.

"Andrea showed why she was the MVP with a great effort in overtime," added the Tigerette coach. Truebenbach was also named to the All-Tournament Team.

SH 9 14 10 10 10 53
PP 7 17 7 12 9 52

Sacred Heart 47
Pilot Point 80

The tournament ended Saturday night with the boys championship game. After an even first period, the Bearcats gained each quarter over the Tigers to win the tournament.

Jack Biffle and Matthew Grewing led Sacred Heart on the scoreboard with 11 and 10 points. Marty Farrell added 8, Clint Fuhrmann 6, Zach Barnhill 5, and 2 each by Wes Wimmer, Chris Hoedebeck, and Luke Endres. Chris Fuhrmann added a free throw.

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PP 13 22 20 25 80

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Muenster teams take 2 wins over Saint Jo

Muenster hosted the Saint Jo varsity basketball teams during the holidays, taking two victories.

In girls action, the Lady Hornets took a quick 20 point lead in the first period before scoring leveled out for a 74-43 Muenster win.

Ashley Klement was high scorer with 17 points. Melinda Walterscheid and Joanna Felderhoff each added 10, with Lisa Felderhoff and Megan Lippe each scoring 8. Ashley Hess put in 7, Robyn Hermes 6, Alisha Walterscheid 5, Pamela Lutkenhaus 2, and Krystal Hale 1.

M	26	19	16	13	74
SJ	6	19	5	13	43

The evening ended with the Hornets defeating the Panthers 65-49. Chisam Cain dropped 20 points in the basket to lead Muenster on the scoreboard. Kevin Hermes added 17, Mitch Endres 12, with Colby Newton and Cody Cory each adding 6. Ricky Endres and Tyler Walterscheid scored 2 points apiece.

A dominating third quarter pushed the Hornets to a 22 point lead going into the final period of play.

M	15	15	23	12	65
SJ	12	8	11	18	49



Pamela Lutkenhaus and Robyn Hermes (20) team up to block in a Lady Panther. Photo by Janie Hartman



Mitch Felderhoff goes up for a lay up with a Panther in close pursuit. Photo by Janie Hartman

Junior Varsity Action

Sacred Heart 32 Slidell 52

The Tigers allowed the Hounds to take an early lead, then couldn't get into the game in a pre-Christmas match. Zach Barnhill was the Tigers' leading scorer with 10 points. Mikey Bayer added 9, Clayton Truebenbach 5, with Joseph Skotnik, Alex Sicking, and Tony Koessler each getting 2. Thomas Otto and Wes Wimmer each hit a free throw.

SH	5	8	9	10	32
S	17	15	8	12	52

Sacred Heart 65 Slidell 17

The junior varsity Tigerettes penned the Lady Hounds in a pre-Christmas game at Slidell. "Our JV continues to improve," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Jacqueline Bauer played her best game of the year and Stephanie Henschel is improving her point guard skills daily."

Bauer led all scorers with 16 points, a dozen scored in the first period. Henschel added 15, and Maggie Farrell 13 to lead the Tigerettes on the scoreboard. Katie Flusche put in 6, Lisa Endres 5, with Melissa Thomas and Ashley Walterscheid each getting 4. Becca Stalling rounded out the scoring with 2.

SH	23	17	15	10	65
S	3	7	2	5	17

Muenster 41 Sacred Heart 42

The junior varsity Hornets and Tigers had a pre-holiday match on Dec. 18. Muenster had a small lead for three quarters before Sacred Heart fought back, hitting the winning shot with 2 seconds on the clock.

The Tigers hit six 3-pointers to stay in the game, then dropped in six of eight free throws in the fourth quarter to get the win. Muenster was 4 of 14 from the charity strip all four quarters. Mikey Bayer was the game's leading scorer with 18 points, which included four 3-pointers. Zach Barnhill added 12, Clayton Truebenbach 7, and Wes Wimmer 5.

Ricky Endres led the Hornets with 13 points. Kirk Hartman, Dustin Hiser, and Jared Ledbetter each added 8 points. Kyle Endres

and Josh Porter added 2 points apiece.

SH	6	14	8	14	42
M	9	14	8	10	41

Muenster 53 Forestburg 48

The JV girls had a close battle at Forestburg on Dec. 27. Amanda Felderhoff led the Lady Hornets with 13 points. Joanna Felderhoff added 9, with Jami Gerstberger and Deann Dangelmayr each scoring 7. Tara Swirczynski and Stevie Klement added 5 points each. Kami Klement scored 4, and Whitney Watson 3.

M	8	21	12	12	53
F	10	11	15	12	48

Muenster 38 Saint Jo 26

The junior varsity Lady Hornets took a holiday victory last week Friday. Deann Dangelmayr was high scorer in the contest with 19 points. Whitney Watson added 9, Kami Klement 8, and Stevie Klement 2.

M	15	11	8	4	38
SJ	8	4	7	7	26

Muenster 30 Saint Jo 33

The Panthers jumped into an early 16-3 lead, taking a 23-12 half-time score into the locker room before the young Hornets got into the game to close the score to 3 points.

Ricky Endres was high scorer with 10 points. Kirk Hartman added 6, Justin Wolf 4, and Kyle Endres 3. Daniel Russell, Dustin Hiser, and Clint Miller each added 2, with Joseph Dangelmayr hitting 1. Muenster was two of seven from the free throw line, while Saint Jo hit 10 of 21.

M	3	9	10	8	30
SJ	16	7	4	6	33

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Tigers win over Hornets

The Sacred Heart Tigers took a 53-40 pre-holiday victory from the Muenster Hornets on Dec. 18 in the Tiger Den. A strong second half lifted the Tigers and they outscored the Hornets 28-12.

Jack Biffle was the game's high scorer with 19 points, which included four 3-pointers. Marty Farrell

added 15, Clint Fuhrmann 11, Matthew Grewing 6, and Luke Endres 2.

Colby Newton led the Hornets with 17 points, with Chisam Cain adding 10. Mitch Endres put in 7, Kevin Hermes 4, and 1 apiece by Cody Cory and Justin Wolf.

SH	11	14	15	13	53
M	16	12	6	6	40



Attempting to get the rebound from Saint Jo include Hornets Chism Cain (5), Tyler Walterscheid, and Mitch Endres. Photo by Janie Hartman

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During the three-week period, the Omni Theater will show two IMAX® films on its 80-foot domed screen: *Bears and Shackleton's*

Antarctic Adventure. Special traveling exhibits include *Magic: The Science of Illusion* and *Scholastic's The Magic School Bus: Inside The Earth*. The Noble Planetarium will show *Texas Sky Tonight*.
The Museum is located at 1501 Montgomery Street, across from the Will Rogers Memorial Complex. Regular ticket prices for the Omni Theater are: \$7 Adults; \$6 Seniors (60+); \$5 Children (3-12); under 3 free. Exhibit tickets are also \$7, \$6, and \$5. Planetarium tickets are \$3.50 each. Combination tickets to two or three options are available. The Museum is open daily. For show times and gallery hours, call 817/255-9300 or go to www.fortworthmuseum.org.

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Type 2 diabetes seminar is Jan. 16

The Texas Family Forum, in conjunction with the Blackland Income Growth Program, will host a seminar called "Watch Out! Don't Let Diabetes Catch Your Children! Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes" scheduled for Jan. 16 at Texas A&M Dallas. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m.
Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes and is the sixth leading cause of death in Texas," said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist and one of the scheduled speakers. "Eighty-five percent of the children diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes are obese."
The target audience for this seminar includes school nurses, physical education teachers, and interested classroom teachers, but anyone who works with elementary age students is welcome to attend.
The focus of this seminar is early recognition of the disease, prevention

practices, and understanding the biological, psychological and sociological impact of diabetes on children and their families.
After lunch each location will continue independently with concurrent workshops on the health and nutrition impacts, emotional impacts and physical impacts of the disease.
"There are things that can be done to lower children's risk of developing Type 2 diabetes," said Rice. "Many think for now, the best strategy is to increase children's physical activity level and improve their nutrition by keeping their fat intake to 30 percent of their daily calories."
"Texas Cooperative Extension has a program, Walk Across Texas, that schools can use to increase children's physical activity by walking," added Rice.
The fee for the seminar is \$25. To register, contact Jacque Hand at 979-845-7692. CEUs will be available at each site upon registration.



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No farm bill this year

With dashed hopes of new farm policy this year, farmers now go into the next crop year with the lowest safety net in decades, Texas Farmers Union (TFU) said.

"Farmers, ranchers and their lenders had united in asking the Senate to move forward with a farm bill so they might have certainty as they planned for their next round of crops," said TFU President Wes Sims. "Unfortunately, a minority of senators turned a deaf ear to the pleas from the countryside and voted against enacting a farm bill this year."

The motion to invoke cloture lacked six votes to pass, leaving the bill vulnerable to filibuster and unrelated amendments meant to obstruct the bill until the following year. If the motion would have passed, debate would have been limited to 30 hours and only related amendments would have been in order.

Immediate Senate action on a farm bill could mean a \$775 million dollar increase in much needed assistance for Texas agricultural

producers each of the next five years. Using statistics from the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute and Senate Agriculture Committee, TFU estimated this significant increase in farm assistance under S.1731 from what is provided in current farm law.

"We commend Senators Daschle and Harkin, as well as Representatives Combest and Stenholm for their steadfast efforts to restore a safety net to rural America," Sims said. "We are extremely disappointed that a minority of senators did not share their same sense of urgency to restore the rural economy, which has been in a depressed state for five years."

Sims said Farmers Union will continue to push forward for farm bill consideration early next year. In the meantime, he said farmers and ranchers should share their concerns with legislators during the recess - especially those senators who chose to block this important legislation.

A newly started research project could save feedlots billions of dollars in feed costs and lower the cost of beef to the consumer.

The project, a joint effort between the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Tech University, is looking for genetic variation in beef cattle bio-types that are directly related to how efficiently a given animal converts feed into pounds of quality carcass.

Researchers at College Station, Amarillo, Overton, McGregor, Uvalde, Vernon and Texas Tech are looking at stress responsiveness and something called residual feed intake (RFI).

RFI is not to be confused with feed conversion, a measurement used by animal scientists and agricultural producers for decades to improve net efficiency in poultry and swine operations.

Feed conversion, sometimes called feed efficiency, is a useful tool, but it has limitations. High feed conversion is inherited but closely connected to growth rate. Consequently, when cattle breeders select animals with high feed conversion they often also select for bigger mother cows. Larger mother cows take more feed to maintain, and consequently overall efficiency of an operation is not always improved. Also, the larger carcasses of cattle with higher growth rates can pose problems for beef processors who need a product that can be standardized for retailers.

The reason for his problem is that feed efficiency measures only how much feed is required for a pound of gain. It's simple mathematics: weight

differences independent of growth rate or mature size. Environment and stress play a role, too, so researchers are looking at how the action of an animal's natural metabolic hormones interact with RFI to affect weight gain.

Once animals are identified as having a high net feed efficiency independent of size and growth rate, then researchers can look for genetic markers unique to a low RFI, and select for animals that are efficient at converting feed to body weight without the undesirable carcass characteristics.

"We don't know if this is going to work or not. Some research in Australia indicates it might, but there is skepticism," said Dr. Ron Randel, who is based at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton. "The potential savings to the Texas beef industry are so high, however, we can't ignore the possibility." Randel, an international authority on beef cattle physiology, will initially be looking at the stress effects on RFI.

Cattle are stressed whenever they are moved, shipped, or run through chutes for vaccination. It's long been known that stress adversely affects an animal's metabolism and its feed efficiency. Like humans, some animals handle stress better than others, and the differences may be genetic.

To examine correlations between stress and RFI, Randel is looking at levels of growth hormones, insulin and cortisol, a stress-related

steroid produced by the adrenal gland. Blood samples are taken before and after an animal has been given an injection that simulates the stress experienced when the animal is moved or handled.

"As functions of the adrenal and other systems depend upon hormone-mediated expression of important genes, we hope to be able to find genetic markers related to growth," Randel said.

Most of the early RFI measurements are being done at College Station and the McGregor Center with 180 steers. The steers will be fed individually so their intake can be accurately measured. For the stress study, Randel is working with steers of a similar bio-type.

The 180 steers will be separated into those with high, medium and low RFI. An equal number of the three RFI level animals will go to an experiment station feedlot at Amarillo and to the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde. The Amarillo animals will be individually fed out for slaughter while the Uvalde animals will be grazed. RFI measurements will be continued on both groups.

Other animals from the original 180 will be taken to centers at Vernon, Overton and Uvalde to test them under various pastures and environments.

"This is a statewide cooperative experiment with scientists from different disciplines involved. We hope this can be a model for future research efforts targeting issues affecting the beef cattle industry," Randel said.

Fort Worth Stock Show off to a rousing start!

The 106th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock is off to a rousing start with an entry list in excess of 25,000 competing in the Livestock Show. This, coupled with 83 rodeo performances, outstanding educational exhibits, a large commercial exhibit show, and more, all points to a very successful year for the Fort Worth Stock Show.

The show starts Jan. 12 with the Ranching Heritage Weekend, featuring the show's first Invitational Ranch Rodeo followed the next day by the prestigious Ranch Horse Show and Sale.

Starting Jan. 18 will be the first of 30 performances of the World's Original Indoor Rodeo. The PRCA-approved rodeo will include previous years' world

champions along with a record purse.

The Stock Show is scheduled through Sunday, Feb. 3 at Will Rogers Center on the near West Side of Fort Worth.

Rodeo tickets are available at the box office at the north entry to Will Rogers Center. The Ranch Rodeo and the two Mexican Charra events are priced at \$16 each. Friday night and all weekend PRCA rodeos are priced at \$18, and weekday matinees and Monday through Thursday nights are \$16.

Tickets may be charged on VISA or MasterCard by calling 817-877-2420, and are available at area TicketMaster locations. Grounds open daily at 8 a.m. For additional information on the Stock Show and Rodeo, check the website at www.fvssr.com.

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

2002 Texas Master Gardener Class Now Forming

The Cooke County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension Service is now recruiting candidates for the 2002 Texas Master Gardener program. Candidates selected will receive 70 hours of classroom and field instruction in environmental and consumer horticulture and will, in return, provide 70 hours of service to Extension clientele through a variety of learning experiences.

The Master Gardener training program for Spring 2002 will be held in conjunction with Collin and Grayson Counties. The Master Gardener program will consist of 10 sessions. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays from March 5, 2002 through May 7, 2002. Each session runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and will be conducted at the Grayson County Courthouse in Sherman. Registration fee is \$100.00. For more information call the county Extension office at 668-5412.

Master Gardeners serve in many different capacities. In addition to routine field or office work, Master

Gardeners make presentations to civic groups, garden clubs, churches, schools and others requesting information or training. Master Gardeners also assist with community, public, and youth gardening projects, clinics, tours, shows and demonstration. Master Gardeners initiate their own projects, take leadership of projects initiated by Extension clientele and assist other Master Gardeners with projects already underway.

Consultations with the Extension Agents for Cooke County and collaborations with other Texas Master Gardeners in the program provide limitless learning opportunities beyond the formal curriculum.

A \$100.00 registration fee will be charged to cover training materials. Each Texas Master Gardener receives a copy of the Texas Master Gardener Handbook which contains Extension recommendations on environmental and consumer horticulture in a concise and easily referenced format.

Call us at 668-5412 to sign up for the Master Gardener School and an application to learn more about becoming a Master

Gardener. This program is offered only once a year and class size is limited...SO DON'T DELAY! Applications will be taken until January 31, 2002.

Marketing Club
Ag Marketing Club will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, at the Cooke County Farm Bureau Bldg. on Hwy. 82 in Gainesville. Dr. Blake Bennett, Extension economist, will present the program. Crop and livestock producers in the area are invited to attend. Topics include futures, options, outlook and other marketing alternatives.

- Ag Briefs -

Ask most people to think of Texas agriculture and they immediately think of beef cattle, cotton, broilers and corn. They're only partly right. It surprises many to learn that the number two agricultural enterprise in the state in terms of cash receipts - moving up from third in 1999 and from fourth since 1996 - is the nursery and greenhouse industry. The industry produces cut flowers, potted plants, starter plants, green plants and other items found in florist shops and garden centers throughout the country.

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

MILK PRODUCTION
Texas milk production totaled 390 million pounds during November, down 8 percent from last year. Production for October 2001 totaled 391 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during November averaged 316,000 head, down 29,000 head from last year and down 1,000 head from October 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,235 pounds.

CATTLE ON FEED
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.99 million head on Dec. 1, up 1 percent from a year ago. The estimate was down 3 percent from the Nov. 1 level. Producers placed 430,000 head in commercial feedlots during

November, down 2 percent from a year ago and down 37 percent from the October 2001 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 500,000 head during November, a 4 percent increase from a year ago, but a 12 percent decrease from the October 2001 total.

EGG PRODUCTION
November egg production in Texas totaled 390 million eggs, up 2 percent from November 2000. The number of layers during November averaged 18.4 million, up slightly from last year. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,114 eggs, up 2 percent from last year and up slightly from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 48.5 million, up 1 percent from last year.

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200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, 91-1.10; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.33; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-96-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-96, 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 90-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 80-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-80; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 72-77; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-72.	200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.21; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.05; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.13; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-93; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 90-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 82-90; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-82; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 72-83; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-72; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 70-74; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-70.	1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 44-60; Slaughter cows #1-3, 35-44; Culler, 22-35; Stocker Cows (per head) - Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$950; medium frame, \$450-\$600.
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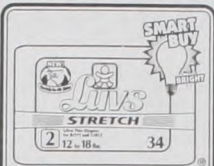
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