Meeting defines critical access hospital designation

by Janet Felderhoff
Thursday, Feb. 21's Town
Hall meeting hosted by
Muenster Memorial
Hospital drew a crowd of
residents interested in
learning exactly what
changing the facility's
designation from acute care
to critical access would
mean.

designation from acute care to critical access would mean.

"We view this as the most significant piece of legislation that has come toward rural health care in 25 years. It absolutely is a result of rural America saying to their congressmen, 'We're losing our health care. We no longer can loose our health care. You've got to help us maintain our health care,' said Jim Bullard speaking about Critical Access programs for rural hospital

Limitations with a CAH

Limiting the hospital to a maximum of 25 licensed beds: 15 acute and up to 10 swing beds.

Limited to 15 acute care patient at any one time.

Patients are limited to a 96- hour (4day) annual average length of stay.

of stay.
* No distinct part units.

of the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).
"Covenant Health Systems runs several Critical Access hospitals either directly by lease or by management and so they have a pretty good experience and track record in operating Critical Access hospitals," noted MMH Administrator Jack Endres. The speakers were Jim Bullard, the regional vice-president of Covenant Health Systems; Mark Havens, the regional chief financial officer for Covenant Health Systems; and Clay Taylor, the administrator of Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City, Texas (a Critical Access hospital).

Bullard explained that Covenant is a large health care system out of Lubbock

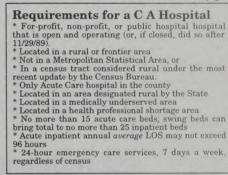
that manages or leases 15 regional hospitals. "Several of those are just like your facility here in Muenster," he said. "They're small community hospitals that are basically for the purpose of delivering health care to the immediate residents in that area."

According to Bullard there are two things that are extremely critical in the implementation of Critical Access. He said, "One of those is the financial forecast or financial performance to ensure that your facility's conversion to Critical Access is a good fiscal decision. The most difficult thing in health care in rural America today is basically how to get paid for what you do and how are you going to survive the fiscal management

responsibility of what you've entrusted your elected officials to do and that is to provide health care for your community." The second thing is to have Town Hall meetings or gatherings so the impact and real significance of what Critical Access really means can be expressed to everybody and the citizens can have input. "We've learned the hard way that in many instances there are some very, very good plans that some very well-intended people put together and they forget to tell their friends and neighbors and they absolutely die on the vine because not everybody was informed," he noted.

Presently MMH is reimbursed for Medicare services on perspective

Requirements for a C A Hospital





Commissioners talk deregulation

by Janet Felderhoff
Don Lee, executive director of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties and of the Public Power Pool. He explained that Public Power Pool it a nonprofit political subdivision corporation started by several counties and now includes other governments. It handles electricity deregulation issues for those local governments.

County Judge Bill Freeman remarked that had met Lee during a class at College Station on the deregulation of electricity. He invited Lee to speak to the Court on the topic.

"With deregulation electricity is no longer a sole source item," reported Lee: "It is an item that some county attorneys have told their commissioners courts that they must go ahead and bid out. We do know now that the price for electricity after January 1, 2002 when we were all switched to a new electric provider by the Legislature on January 1. It is now incumbent upon us as consumers to determine if we get good deals or bad deals in the electric market because now there are arange of prices. Retailers offer different prices and there are good ones and there are

under Shenandoah Phase I agenda. He did respond to and Phase II in the Shadow Wood Subdivision in Precinct #1. "I wrote Mr. Fraiser a letter back in December about his roads not being compliance as we'd agreed to in the Subdivision Regulations of Cooke County," noted Judge Freeman. "He did not respond. I sent him another letter about two weeks ago about placing it on the



Carl and Marylee Alford on loc

Tigerettes continue state dominance

The Sacred Heart
Tigerettes took their fifth
in-a-row TAPPS State
Basketball Championship
last Friday afternoon at
A&M University in College
Station.

The Tigerettes ended a
perfect district season
several weeks ago with an
85-5 blowout over
Lighthouse. They then
dominated the bi-district
game 73-33 over
Waxahachie Cornerstone,
advancing to a Regional
win, 50-24 over Midland
Classical Academy.
At the state Final Four,
Sacred Heart work and Mary Jane Callahan. Bauer
is a "4 time" State AllTournament winner,
possibly the only in TAPPS
1 history. "All ten
Cirgerettes) are AllTournament players," Coach
LeBrasseur said. "Our three
seniors, Andrea, Audrey and
Kristen (Zimmerer) will
leave with four basketball
championships."

Other members of the
State Championship
Tigerette team are Karen
Gehrig, Courtney Hartman,
Jayna Biffle, Raney Bauer,
and Jennifer Hoedebeck.

Dive in to a different school of thought

Students and educators throughout the state are opening their doors and inviting their communities to take a first-hand look into their educational programs during Texas Public Schools Week, Mar. 4-8.

"The community is always welcome in our schools, but this week is most exciting because our children have planned many special activities to demonstrate the learning taking place every day," said Clyde W. Steelman, Jr., Muenster ISD Superintendent. As part of the week-long emphasis, local schools will be inviting parents and community members to visit classrooms and participate in open house events.

"Texas Public Schools Week for more than four million students attending Texas Public Schools. Muenster ISD invites parents and the community on 8:00 p.m. Mar. 5 at the ampus in celebration of Texas Public Schools Week is a celebration where everyone can participate," Clyde Steelman said. "This observance gives us a chance to shine a light on our students and their outstanding achievements. We invite everyone into our schools so they can see how we are preparing students to dive into the challenges of the future."

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Well, yesterday was a warm one, but according to the weatherman, that is all going to change. In fact a north wind has already replaced the strong south wind of yesterday.

The forecast is for much colder, with a hard freeze expected tonight. Likely the coldest of the season - could possibly drop to the teens. Maybe well find out if our peach tree is freeze proof.

Had a good lunch at the Center yesterday, in the company of Aileen, Tony, and Leon and Sandy Fuhrmann, then decided to explore a bit more of Cooke County.

We drove to Marysville, then took the east roads to 1201. I don't think I had

ever been on some of these roads before. We saw homes and other improvements we had never seen.

Much of this land is overgrown with trees and brush and affords good cover for the many deer and wild turkeys that make their home there. Couldn't help but notice the many "No Hunting" signs displayed here and there. I'm sure many sportsmen have taken note of the fact that Cooke County affords just as much game as areas that are far away.

We thoroughly enjoyed the tour, and are looking forward to a repeat in another section of the country at a later date.

Republican candidates to speak on March 7

The Cooke County Republican Women will be holding their March meeting at the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting will include the two Republican candidates for the State Senate race, Dave Deison and Craig Estes; the two Republican candidates for the U.S. Congress District 4, Eddie Conger and John Graves; and one of the Republican candidates for Supreme Court of Appeals, Place 2 Dale Wainwright. It will be the last time you will be able to visit and ask questions of these candidates before the primary, which is Tuesday,

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City Council Agenda

- Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the emeeting and to discuss their business.

- and act on repairs to City Hall

- Consider and act on items relating to the T from the Office of Rural Community Affairs:
- Receive audit report for fiscal year 2000-2001 Consider and act on accepting audit report.

- Receive status report on city projects

- Consider and act on employee salar water and sewer licenses.

Early voting in progress for primary elections

by Janet Felderhoff
Tuesday, March 12 is the
date of Primary elections.
Early voting began in Cooke
County on Monday, Feb. 25
and will continue through
Friday, March 8. Those who

wish to cast their votes early may do so at the County Courthouse between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during the designated period.

Tables are set up for both the Democratic and Republican Primary elections. Be sure to bring your voter registration card when you vote.

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Special thanks to Father John for the beautiful funeral services and the Catholic Daughters for the wonderful meal. We appreciate the use of the KC Hall, all the prayers, Mass offerings, flowers, cards and other donations. Dad especially enjoyed the visits from his family and friends during his months of illness preceding his passing. We will long remember all the thoughtful

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Sunday, March 10, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pw Lindsay's St. Anne's Turkey Dinner, 11pw, Centennial Hall Lindsay City Hall Grand Opening

Monday, March 11, 2002 VFW Meeting, 8PM

Tuesday, March 12, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Primary Election Polls Open 7AM-7PM

Saturday, March 16, 2002

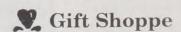
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Obituaries

Opal Pearl Cooper 1911 - 2002

by Elfreda Fette
Opal Pearl (Meredith)
Cooper died on Feb. 21,
2002 at 2:25 p.m. in St.
Richard's Villa of Muenster
at age 91 of congestive heart
failure. She was the mother
of Linda Walterscheid of
Muenster and the
grandmother of Kim
Felderhoff, Mike
Walterscheid, and Duane
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Walterscheid. There are
also four greatgrandchildren: Kayla,
Keith, Kara, and Kirk
Felderhoff.
Preceding her in death
were her husband; her
parents; one sister Ruby
Willis; three brothers Ira,
Dee, and Arthur Meredith.
Opal Pearl Meredith
Cooper was born on Feb. 15,
1911 in Sayre, Oklahoma to
Preston Arthur Meredith
and Hattie D. Cagle
Meredith. She married
Henry Fuller in 1943 in
Roswell, New Mexico. He
died in 1948.
She was a homemaker, a
member of Hillcrest Church
of Christ in Gainesville. She
moved from Hobart,
Oklahoma to Gainesville in
1983, and then to Muenster
in 1990. Very fond of her
flowers, she delighted in
gardening and canning
Enjoying all activities at St.
Richard's Villa, she was
very outgoing and was
known as "The Official
Greeter"! She earned this
pet name because of her
sitting outside in the sun,
and giving everyone who
entered a cheerful greeting.
She was a wonderful wife,
mother, grandmother, and
friend.



Opal Cooper

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002 at McCoy Chapel in Muenster, officiated by Eddie Ramsey. He sang "In The Garden Alone," and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and led the Opening and Closing Prayers. He read several passages from Scripture. Speaking gently and respectfully about Opal, he sought to ease the loss felt by her survivors, as he sometimes does Sunday mornings for "Little Church" at St. Richard's. Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Mike Walterscheid, Kenny Felderhoff, Eddie Ramsey Bert Walterscheid, and Tim Walterscheid.

Jimmy C. Christian 1934 - 2002

Jimmy C. Christian departed this life at age 68 on Wednesday Feb. 20, 2002 due to complications following a stroke.

The funeral was held on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Outreach Of Love Church, followed by burial in Rosston Cemetery under direction of White's Funeral Home of Springtown.

Jimmy C. Christian was born on Jan. 13, 1934 to C.H. "Tipp" and Ruth Christian in Decatur. He was the retired owner of Christian Trucking Co. of Fort Worth.

Survivors are his sons and daughters-in-law, Richey and Jodi Christian of Aledo, Kevin and Rhonda Christian of Springtown; Chad and Kristi Christian of Springtown; also one brother Fred Christian of



Jimmy C. Christian

support. Haven answered, yes and gave a number of reasons. Included were the need of capital dollars to keep the facility open, to keep equipment up to date, which is more expensive as it gets older. "Probably 90% of your commercials insurances are PPO or HMO and sometimes you're not going to make the money that need to make on those contracts," he said.

Al Lewis explained that ORCA is a new state agency created by the last Legislature to join three agencies, the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, Texas Department of Housing, and Community Affairs. Included in his responsibilities is dealing with Critical Access hospital programs all over the State.

Critical Access Hospital program was created with the intent to allow rural communities to preserve access to primary care and emergency services, provide health care services that meet community needs, and help assure the financial viability of program participants through improved reimbursement and different operating requirements, said Lewis.

In explaining how Benefits Improvement& Protection Act (BIPA) 2000 helps Lewis said, "Basically it allows hospitals that are Critical Access to have a Case CA MONETTAL nage 6 Stephenville. Also eight grandchildren Ryan, Casey, Hannah, Cade, Todd, Christopher, Kyler, grandchildren Ryan, Casey Hannah, Cade, Todd Christopher, Kyler Cameron; and numerous cousins and other relatives and a host of friends.

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you are," noted Bullard.
Bullard said it is
important to remember that
changing from acute care
designation to critical access
doesn't change the services
offered.

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Mark Havens explained swing beds or skilled nursing units. "It's patients that are getting better, but not ready to go home yet," he said. "What we do is "swing" them. They stay in the same bed. You don't have to move them out of

Required Services and Agreements for a CA Hospital

* Inpatient care
* 24-hour emergency/
nursing care
* Laboratory services
* Radiology services
* Participate in a rural
health network
* Patient referral and
transfer agreements

bed, it's just a different admission type of Medicare. It's a way of maximizing your reimbursements." MMH already has a swing bed program. He said there could be any combination of swing

any combination of swing and acute beds such as 15 swing and no acute or 15 acute and 10 swing.

Havens noted that once you become a Critical Access hospital if your volume grows and its putting restriction on the facility, it is possible to go back to an acute care facility.

Clay Taylor said that Yoakum County Hospital changed to Critical Access on Aug. 1, 2000. In 1999 they used about \$1 million in county taxes to fund the hospital. He said that annually they used about \$700,000.00 in tax money to operate the hospital. At the end of the first year under Critical Access, they closed the year with \$150,000.00 in the bank. They have been able to add some equipment like a CAT scan and to build a physician's clinic. Taylor noted that physician support is very important to the success of a Critical Access program.

"Recently the cost based reimbursements was made inclusive of all outpatient services and in the original Critical Access plan as it came out of Congress lab was not included as a cost based item," Bullard noted. "It was under what we call a fee schedule. Radiology was not cost based either." He noted that had kept a lot of facilities from using the Critical Access program. All services are now cost based with the exception of Home Health, he said.

A hospital's cost report has been filed, but not back from Medicare. It was promised for March and recently MMH was notified that it might be June.

Betty Miller asked if the Critical Access hospitals still needed tax dollars for

First Litter Glitter Adopt-A-Highway sign goes up in Muenster on FM 373

Carl and MaryLee Alford qualified to be Muenster's first Litter Gitter Superstar Adopt-a-Highway Group in August 2001. Now a special addition to note the honor has been placed on the Alford's Adopt-a-Highway sign on FM 373.

The Texas Department of Transportation in the Wichita Falls District started a new incentive program in order to promote more litter pick-ups, recruitment of new groups, and give special recognition to outstanding AAH groups. An AAH Group can qualify to be a Litter Gitter Superstar if they pick up every month or clean up four times a year and recruit two new groups.

Groups who qualify as a superstar will receive a "Don't Mess With Texas"

certificate of appreciation, a personal gift, a special Litter Gitter Superstar sign to recognize them as an outstanding AAH group. Also, TxDOT will plant wildflowers in their 2 mile adopted section.

The Alford family has been TxDOT's brightest star since moving to the Wichita Falls District in 1998. They pick up their adopted section on FM 373 once a month and collect approximately 50 to 500 gallons of trash each time. In 1998 MaryLee formed a committee and encouraged Muenster to become a "Proud Community" and join "Keep Texas Beautiful," noted a TxDOT spokesperson.

Adopting a section of highway is clean and beautiful," noted a TxDOT spokesperson.

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Adopting a section of highway program depends on one thing: volunteers like we have seen in the small town of Muenster, who go above and beautiful," noted a TxDOT spokesperson.

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Officers elected for Cooke Co. Democratic Club

The Cooke County Democratic Club held its monthly meeting, Monday, Feb. 18, at the Smokehouse in Lindsay. There was a good turnout of members and everyone was eager to

get started with issues and club activities. The club has been very successful in gathering clothes and donating them to area

nursing homes and "Friends of the Family." Della Koonce has done a tremendous job in making this a successful activity for the club.

Emergency/

nursing care

* Emergency services are required to be available on a 24-hour a day basis, along with a practitioner (MD, DO, PA, NP) with training or experience in ER care needs to be on-call and immediately available by telephone or radio contact and available on-site within 30 minutes on a 24-hours a day basis.

See C A HOSPITAL, page 6 **CAH Network**

Agreements

Agreements
* The CAH must have
the following signed
written agreements
with another non-CAH
hospital:
- Emergency and nonemergency patient
referral
- Emergency and nonemergency patient
transfer
- Agreement for the
electronic sharing of
patient data
- Credentialing and
quality assurance
May also be with an
IPA or PRO

Club members made plans for their Annual, all you can eat, "Rib Fest" to be held on Sunday, Mar. 17, at the Gainesville VFW. Ribs and all the "trimmin's" will be served from 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Other activities will include a cakewalk, door prizes, and a raffle for a rifle. Invitations have been extended to Ron Kirk, Tony Sanchez, Ralph Hall, and other local and state candidates. Tickets can be purchased for \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children from club members Ideal°50

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and political candidates. They invite the public to come join them for some of the best ribs you'll ever eat and to meet some of the candidates running for office.

At the meeting, Jan. 21, officers were elected as follows: Ronnie Davis was elected as president of the club; Della Koonce, vice president; Susie McDonald, treasurer; and Debbie Davis, recording secretary.

Ronnie is currently the president of UFCW/Local 513T Union at Johnson & Johnson in Sherman, Texas. President for seven years, Ronnie is also involved with the community activities and political issues. Heattends the Texas AFL-ClO Conventions every year and has worked with Bob Slagle for the Grayson County.

Democratic Club. Ronnie has made several presentations with a company representative, at national "Union and Management, Working"

Together" conferences around the country.

Della and Susie are longtime members of the club and will continue their hard work and dedication to the community and club. Debbie worked at Johnson & Johnson for 23 years before her retirement in 1998. She has become a community servant for Whitesboro's Snap Center. She delivers mals for "Meals on Wheels" for the Whitesboro and Lake Texoma areas Monday through Friday. She was awarded the "Volunteer of the Month" in Grayson County.

Democratic headquarters is located at 208 East California Street. Meetings are held at the Smokehouse in Lindsay, on the third Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a club member, join them at the next meeting, Monday, Mar. 18 at 6 p.m.

submitted by Debbie A Daws

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Cubs hold Blue & Gold Banquet

On Feb. 3, 2002, Cub Scouts Pack 664 held their innual Blue and Gold Banquet at the V.F.W. Hall. The theme of this year's anguet was "Native innerican," with each den leggrating, their area Banquet at the V.F.W. Hall. The theme of this year's banquet was "Native American," with each den decorating their area accordingly. Everyone enjoyed a turkey and dressing meal catered by Rohmer's Restaurant.

Master of Ceremonies was Cubmaster Ben Bindel. Opening the ceremony with the Presentation of Colors was Den 3 Webelos. Invocation was led by Rev. Bill Ledbetter.

Pack 664 Committee were recognized as follows: Cubmaster, Ben Bindel; Assistant Cubmaster, Kim Felderhoff; Advancements and Treasurer, Laurie Valliere; Assistant District Commissioner, Shirley Knabe; Secretary, Kim Pierce; Public Relations, Shari Flusche and Rita Bayer; Committee Chairman, Neil Hesse; Membership Chairman, Kim Felderhoff; Tiger Cub Leader, Tina Weinzapfel; Wolf Leaders, Allison Crabtree and Lisa McAden; Bear Leaders, Jan Nielsen and Charla Taylor; Webelo

Leaders, Rita Bayer, Ben Bindel, and Nancy Nystrom. A special presentation was also given to Ben Bindel and Kim Felderhoff for their years of dedication and time serving as Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster. This will be their last year holding these positions.

Among the awards given to the souts were activity rank badges. Those boys completing Tiger Cubrequirements were Clayton Fangman, Steven Flusche, Clayton Rohmer, Tony Schniederjan, and Michael Weinzapfel. Bobcat badges were awarded to Jimmy Abner and Allen Fette. Requirements for the Wolfbadge were met by Luke Crabtree, David Fleitman, Daniel Fleitman, Austin Miller, Trevor Riley, Caleb Winters, Quinn Sicking, Josh Biffle, and Jimmy Abner. Those earning their Bear badge were Ryan Felderhoff, Aaron Grewing, Jason Luke, Tanner Silmon, Will Taylor, Chad Walterscheid, Spencer Nielsen, Zachary Pierce, Phillip Vogel and Josh Voth. Webelo badges were awarded to Gerry Brundage, Zachary Moritz, John Nystrom, Dustin Pumphrey,

Valliere, and Steven Valliere.

A special ceremony was conducted awarding the Arrow of Light to nine scouts. This award is the highest rank in Cub Scouts. While working on activities and badges to earn this award, each scout gained knowledge and skills in many subjects, preparing them to enter into Boy Scouts. The scouts earning the Arrow of Light Award were Ryan Bartush, Brandon Bindel, Paul Crabtree, Kirk Felderhoff, Joe Hesse, Matthew McAden, Seth Pierce, Jeffrey Schniederjan, and Richey Sweeney. These boys then, along with their parents, bridged over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. They were welcomed by many scouts and leaders from Boy Scout Troop 664.

Following all award presentations and ceremonies, Benediction was given by Father John Ohner, O.S.A. Closing flag ceremony was led by Den 5 Webelos.



Local Girl Scouts earn religious awards



Girl Scouts Teresa Greathouse, Amber Fuhrmann and Crystal Fuhrmann with Rev. Anh Tran and Bishop Joseph P. Delaney. Courtesy Photo

Baptisms

Lauren Michelle Day, daughter of Nathan and Gretchen Day, was baptized on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002 by Msgr. Leon Duesman in St. Francis of Assisi Church in Frisco. Her godparents are Hoenig, Cheryl and Beverly Uncle Dominic and Aunt Collette Knabe. Her grandfather Ray Hoenig was proxy since Dominic was unable to attend. Others joining in the celebration were her days of the standard of the standard

Kimber celebrates four!

Jennifer Campbell
Lemons was notified on Feb.
6, 2002 that she passed the
Uniformed Certified Public
Accounting Examination.
This makes her eligible as a
Certified Public Accountant.
Jennifer is a graduate
student at University of
North Texas and will
graduate with her Master of
Science Degree in
Accounting this summer.
She is employed at Adams
CPA firm in Denton
(formerly, Hutton and
Hutton, CPA).
Jennifer is a 1997
graduate of Sacred Heart
School. Her parents are
Yvonne and Bob Ambrose.

Kimber Louise
Walterscheid celebrated her
fourth birthday on
Saturday, Feb. 16, at her
home. Kimber chose a
Scooby Doo theme for her
party. Guests enjoyed
playing games, hitting down
a Scooby piñata, and the
surprise visit from Scooby
Doo. Everyone enjoyed dips,
chips, ice cream, and a
special Scooby Doo cake
that was made by Lisa
Rohmer.
Attending her party were
her parents Jennifer and
Darren; her baby sister
Sterling Grace;
grandparents Jim and Judy
Vernor of Arlington, and
Boobie and Pat
Walterscheid of Muenster;
aunts and cousins: Jill and
Jacqueline Vernor of
Arlington; Staci Bartel, and
Carla, Stevie, Jackie, and
Hunter Klement all of
Muenster; also friends
Davis, Jay, and Molly
Baucum of Dallas; Emily



Kimber Walterscheid

English, and Merishia, Mason, and Garrett Morrow of Gainesville; Keleigh Pearson of Lindsay, Kelsie Sicking; Emily, Eve, and Juline Brogdon; Tammy and Garrett Truebenbach; and Brenda and Cade Klement all of Muenster.

Unable to attend, but sending birthday wishes were aunts, uncles, and cousins; Jeffrey, Christy, and Lilly Vernor of San Antonio; and Franklin, Brenda, Alicia, and Frankle Leon of the Dominican Republic.

Kimber had a wonderful birthday and received many special gifts. She celebrated her birthday at Ms. Terry's in Lindsay on Valentine's Day and took heart shaped cookies for everyone.

Air quality tips

Locals on Texas Tech's honors lists

Texas Tech University has announced the names of students making the Honors List for the Fall Semester of 2001. Students on the President's List for the Fall Semester of 2001. Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students from Muenster named to the President's List are: Kelly Felderhoff, daughter of Tim and Ramona Felderhoff, a junior, she is majoring in Business. And Raegan Koesler, daughter of Rudy and Martha Koesler; a senior, she is majoring in General Business.

Texas Tech University has announced the names-of students qualified for the Dean's List, carrying 12 or more hours of class work and maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 up to 3.9 in a 4.0 ratio. Muenster students named to the Dean's List are Janet Fetsch, daughter of Garry and Susan Fetsch. A junior, she is majoring in Agribusiness. Also on the Dean's List is Valerie Erwin, daughter of George and Maurine Erwin. She is a graduating senior and majored in Political Science. Also on the Dean's List is Bryan Miller, son of Alan and Darlene Miller. He is a sophomore and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Meeting Notice

Cooke County AARP meeting will be held Mar. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Stanford House in Gainesville. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and 9 volt batteries. Speaker will be Linda Webb, Muenster City Manager. The Public is welcome.

ANNOUNCING PRACTICE SITE CHANGE

The Cross Timbers Girl Scouts Troop 1081 participated in the Diocese of Fort Worth Religious Awards Program. It was held Feb. 23 at the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller.
Out of the 304 individual Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts attending, Amber Fuhrmann, Crystal Fuhrmann, and Teresa Greathouse were the only individuals out of the Diocese to receive the Marian Award presented by Bishop Joseph P. Delaney. To receive the Marian Medal you must have participated in the program designed for young Catholic women ages 12-15, to enable them to "Proclaim the greatness of the Lord". It features active involvement understanding Mary as the role Model of openness and spirituality — a woman of the Church. The program develops a Christian spirit of hope, faith, and joyful Christian Community.

New Arrival

Kasper
Paul and Jo Angeli
Kasper of Gainesville
announce with pride and joy
the birth of their son,
Joseph Daniel Kasper in
Muenster Memorial
Hospital on Feb. 20, 2002 at
7:41 a.m., weighing 8 lb.
12.7 oz. and measuring 21
1/4 inches in length. He
joins a sister, Johanna Faith
Kasper, age 5.
Grandparents are Elsie
Zertuche of San Antonio,
Jose and Esther Zertuche of
Hacienda Heights,
California, and Paul D.
Kasper of California.

GMH and Rotary to sponsor Blood Drive on March 6

Give the "Gift of Life" donate Blood when the Texoma Regional Blood Center conducts a blood drive at Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, March 6, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The drive is sponsored by GMH and the Gainesville Rotary Club.

The mobile unit team will be set up for blood donations in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at GMH. The public is invited to participate.

For more information on the blood drive, contact Gayla Blanton, Director of Community Relations at GMH, 940-612-4641, or any Gainesville Rotary Club member.

Notice

After 30 years of recycling aluminum cans, we are discontinuing this service immediately. Over this past 30 years, we have recycled approximately 46 million aluminum cans for the Muenster area, and have paid about \$500,000 to area citizens for their recycling efforts.

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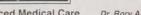
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The Forestburg Community Center is hosting a Benefit for the Stephanie and Bo Love family, whose home burned to the ground on Monday, Feb. 18. The benefit pot luck supper will begin at 7 p.m. and the auction will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 2 at the Forestburg Community Center.

Please bring donations of auction items to the Forestburg Country Store (964-2366) or the Forestburg Post Office (964-5066).

(504-2366) or the Forestburg Post Office (964-2235) during regular business hours until noon, Saturday, Mar. 2.

Benefit this Saturday for the Bo Love Family Please bring donations of food items to the Forestburg Community Center before 6:45 p.m. Saturday. Cash donations are also being accepted at the Forestburg School and Forestburg Country Store.

There is no charge for supper, but a donation box will be available.

Air quality tips Plan ahead to combine trips. The fewer trips, the less air pollution – and you save gasoline.

School



enster High TCEA regional competitors were, from left, Justin Wolf, Sean Fuhrmann, Clint er, Derek Felderhoff, Adam Vinson, Pamela Lutkenhaus, Chris Jackson, and teacher Jerry art. Not pictured are Grant Hartman and Brady Howell. Photo by Janie Hartman

MISD competes in contest

Computer Science students. The programming students from Muenster meet gave them the High School competed in the Texas Computer Education skills and learn new skills and learn new skills and learn new skills and learn new skills from more experienced programmers. Team One, consisting of Worth at Education Service Center XI. Muenster Jackson, and Pamela competed with other 1A, 2A, Lutkenhaus placed second and 3A schools. Several of the Muenster students are first year computer science

contest. Team Two, composed of Grant Hartman, Chint Miller, and Justin Wolf finished seventh. Team Three, consisting of Derek Felderhoff, Brady Howell, and Adam Vinson, received tenth place. "It was a fun

learning experience for all who went," commented Jerry Eckart, teacher.

MJH wins Science at Bridgeport

Saturday, Feb. 23, the Junior High TMSCA team competed at the Bridgeport Math and Science meet. They have been working all year on their math, calculator, number sense, and science skills. "Ms. Becky Scott has been coaching the calculator students," said Jerry Eckart, "and it became apparent that she is an asset to the program." Travis Felderhoff scored over 300 on his calculator students," said Jerry Eckart, "and it became apparent that she is an asset to the program." Travis Felderhoff scored over 300 on his calculator students, yet was only good enough to plate with the place in t

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This art show is free and open to the public. The Santa Fe Depot Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call 940-668-8900 or 940-612-4906.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MAR. 4 - 8 MUENSTER ISD

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Mon. - Tacos, Spanish
rice, refried beans, lettuce,
tomatoes, and cheese, pears,
pumpkin bread.

Tues. - Chicken nuggets,
creamed potatoes w/gravy,
black-eyed peas, pineapple
tidbits, hot rolls.

Wed. - Vegetable beef
soup, ham and cheese
sandwiches, lettuce and
tomatoes, cornbread and
crackers, apple cobbler,
apricots.

apricots.
Thurs. - Baked ham, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches, hot rolls.
Fri. - No School.
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Mon. - Hot dogs, tator Mon. -

Tues. - Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit salad.

Wed. - Crispitos, ranch style beans, salad, graham crackers.

Thurs. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, peaches, cinnamon bread.

Fri. - Tomato soup, cheese sandwiches toasted, celery sticks, fruit.

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LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chicken fajitas, corn, tomato, lettuce, oranges, bread.

Barbecue

Barbecue

Barbecue corn, tomato, oranges, bread.
Tues. Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, ice cream.
Wed. Stew w/veggies, pickled beets, batter bread, peaches.
Thurs. Chili dog, pinto beans, vegetable sticks,

peted at the Bridgeport meet. Courtesy photo

pineapple. Fri. - Fish, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, pears, bread.

Mon. - Chicken nuggets or mini corn dogs, green beans, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, strawberry

cheese, strawberry applesauce. Tues - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pear halves, tossed salad, apple brown Betth:

tossed salad, apple brown
Betty
Wed - Chicken patty or
sliced turkey, mashed
potatoes, gravy, peaches,
tossed salad, hot roll.
Thurs. - Pepperoni or
cheese pizza, corn, fruit mix,
tossed salad, wacky cake.
Fri. - No School.

Muenster ISD Honor Roll

Fourth Six Weeks
"A" HONOR ROLL

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7th Grade - Brad Endres,
Megan Felderhoff, Evan
Koesler.
8th Grade - Malcom
Martin.
9th Grade - Sean
Fuhrmann.
10th Grade - Melinda
Walterscheid.

10th Grade - Melinda
Walterscheid.
12th Grade - Grant
Hartman, Chris Jackson,
Pamela Lutkenhaus.
"A-B" HONOR ROLL
7th Grade - Matthew
Abney, Catherine Cox,
Kendra Guthrie, Meredith
Hennigan, Zach
Swirczynski, Bret
Walterscheid, Krystal Wolf
8th Grade - Noah
Barnhill, Danielle Bindel,
Michael Eckart, Jennifer
Endres, Katie Endres, Kelly
Endres, Brianna Fleitman,
Karen Flusche, Ryan
Fuhrmann, Ryan Hennigan,

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Koelzer, Patrick McAden, Kristen Osborn, Lutkenhaus, Kamini Mistry, Josh Patrick, Leah Vinson, Jordon Walterscheid, Dustin Wimmer.

9th Grade - Eric Endres, Derek Felderhoff, JoAnna Felderhoff, Lana Fisher, Carrie Grewing, Stevie Klement, Clint Miller, Ruthie Muller, Tara Swirczynski, Adam Vinson, Mindy Walterscheid, Brittany Haverkamp, Ashley Hess, Ashley Hoss, Ashley Hess, Ashley Hoss, Ashley Hess, Ashl

Kristian Koesler, Kristi McAden, Kristen Osborn, Daniel Russell.

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say ISD science fair winner were, from left, Brian Sand mes, Adam Koelzer, Derek Hundt and Krystal Arend. Sandm

Lindsay Science Fair winners are announced

The annual Science Fair for the 3rd through 8th grades was recently held in Lindsay. It took place in the Conrad Hall and was put on by the Lindsay High School Science Club, sponsored by Molly Sicking. It was a huge success with 110 students participating.

Participation ribbons were given to every competitor and also 1st-3rd awards were given to each grade level. Awards were also presented to the overall winners of 3rd and 5th grades and 6th-8th grades.

The awards were as follows: 3rd Grade - 1, Derek Hundt. 2, Jayden Root; 3, Rhea-Claire Galubenski. 7th Grade - 1, Brian Sandmann; 2, Michael Conaway; 3, Zack winnix 8th Grade - 1, Strand Arend; 2, Jayden Mosman; 3, Pat Bayer.

3rd - 5th Division I winner was Derek Hundt.

6th - 8th Division II winner was Brian Sandmann.

Promote reading for all children

Check out The Read-aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease (New York: Penguin Books, 1995). It's loaded with fun tips. Tips from NEA Read Across America

COOKE COUNTY

Lindsay ISD registration

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Reading to infants and toddlers

Look for books that are about things that interest your toddler. For example, does your child like cars, insects, or animals?

kindergarten

Lindsay ISD will have Kindergarten registration, Thursday, Mar. 14 from 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. in the high school principal's office. Parents of kindergarten transfer students should be sure to register their children at this time as well.

Please bring a copy of your child's social security card, an original birth certificate, and shot records. If you are unable to come, please call Jerry Metzler, principal at 668-8474 on or before Mar. 14.

HOSPITAL

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Services required in a CA hospital are to have at least one M.D. or D.O. on staff and staffing sufficient to provide the services essential to the operation of the CA hospital. "If you have one patient, you need one nurse," and Lewis. "If you have four patients, you may only need one nurse, You have to have sufficient staff to provide appropriate patient care."

The steps to becoming a CA hospital were outlined by Lewis. One is a feasibility study. He remarked, "There are some hospitals that will do a feasibility study show they will be \$40,000.00 better and that's not enough for them, they don't want to go CA. There are other hospitals that show to be \$200,000.00. They've revised the way they do things. They've tailor made their hospital and are more efficient in the way they do things. They've tailor made their hospital and are more efficient in the way they do things."

with network hospitals; increased ability to focus on the community's health care needs; and access to technical assistance from ORCA's CAH Program Team. Matching grants are available (15% match for hospital) through a Capital Improvement Fund.

David Bright asked how CA designation would result in increased or enhanced Medicare reimbursements. Lewis answered, "Through cost based reimbursement for services. Reasonable cost based reimbursement means that if you have an IV bag of solution. You can't charge \$50 for it when you normally charge \$10. Medicare does put a limit on a lot of what can be reimbursed and how much. It's not on a fee schedule. It is getting paid for the services versus a percentage of the services so it increases the amount of income back to the hospital. It would increase the income by bringing back to the hospital what's expended versus a percentage. If you spend a \$100 its better to get a \$100 back rather than \$60."

Currently there are 26 CA hospitals in Texas. Seven more are in the application proves, and seven more are currently having a feasibility study done.

A special meeting of the MMH Board has been called for Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room to hear the operation recommendations offered by the Covenant Health Care Systems

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Sports

Tigerettes win Semi-Finals 62-39

the line, made 1, then missed their first free throw of the game.

Karen Gehrig swished a 3-pointer, and Truebenbach 2 to give the Tigerettes a 10 point lead, 15-5. Round Rock got a basket, then Gehrig hit 2 free throws, for a perfect 7 of 7 at the line for the Tigerettes. The Lady Crusaders got another free throw for a 17-9 score. The Tigerettes controlled the final minute, but couldn't score as the first period ended. The Lady Crusaders put in the first basket of the quarter, but Sacred Heart returned down court to Truebenbach for 2 and a 19-11 score.

Bauer made one free

Bauer made one free throw, Round Rock hit 2

Tigerettes win Semi-Fin

The Sacred Heart
Tigerettes advanced to the
Final Four of the TAPPS 1A
State Championship playoffs last week. Game one
matched Sacred Heart
against the Lady Crusaders
of Round Rock Christian.
Both teams had play-off
experience.

A Tigerette victory was
still in doubt the first half of
play with a 29-24 score, but
Sacred Heart came out the
second half, out-playing a
tired Crusader team,
winning 62-39, moving to
the State Final game.

"We didn't get good
defensive position the first
half. They were quick,
noted Coach Jon
LeBrasseur. "We switched
to zone defense midway in
the third and wore them
out." Sacred Heart kept
Round Rock from the first
half they hit 12 of their
points.

Andrea Bauer got the tipoff, then quickly popped in a
3 pointer. Round Rock came
back and hit two free
throws. Mary Jane Callahan
popped in 2 from the charity
strip, then Bauer drew a
foul on a lay-up, making
both shots for a 7-2 score
with 5:27 on the clock.

The Lady Crusaders
dropped in 2 from the charity
strip, then Bauer drew a
foul, and missed both attempts and the score
remained 20-13 with 5:37 on the clock.

The Tigerettes missed
several shots, rebounding,
but unable to find the
saket, ending their set-up
with a turnover. An illegal
substitution gave the
Crusaders a free shot, then
they hit 2 more from the shots of the State Final game.

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Truebenbach hit he basket,
was fouled, and made it a 3
point play for a 10-4 score
with 2:55 remaining in the
first period of play.

Round Rock again went to
the line, made 1, then
missed their first free throw
of the game.

Karen Gehrig swished a
3-pointer, and Truebenbach
2 to give the Tigerettes a 10

The Crusaders drew a
foul of the first

clock. She got the first for a 29-24 half-time score.
Callahan got a basket, then Round Rock, followed by two baskets by Truebenbach and a 3 by A. Bauer to give Sacred Heart a 38-26 lead, midway through the third quarter. The Lady Crusaders got back to a 10 point ball game, then Truebenbach got another 2 points. R. Bauer stole the ball, got a basket, then hit a 3 pointer to put the Tigerettes on top 45-28 with 2:16 on the clock.
The Crusaders got another 2, then Jayna Biffle sank her first bucket for a 47-30 score. With 28 seconds ticking off the clock, the Tigerettes worked on a single shot. Gehrig hit a 3 and Sacred Heart had a 50-30 lead going into the final quarter.
Callahan hit the first basket in the fourth, followed by 5 Round Rock points.
The Tigerettes worked on the clock, but a turnover returned the ball to the Lady Crusaders with four minutes on the clock. Round Rock got a free, Truebenbach got her 19th point of the game, then Round Rock another 2 for a 54-38 score with two minutes on the clock.
Biffle got 2 under the basket, drew the foul and hitting both for a 59-38 score.

score.
The Crusaders hit 1 of 2

Tigerettes dominate state

"We ended the season just the way we dreamed it," commented Sacred Heart dominating the court 24-4.
Tigerette Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "All the hard work the young ladies put in is a direct reflection to their success this season." Coach Jon noted that Sacred Heart dominated that Sacred Heart dominated the championship game by playing perhaps their best game of the season. "Our defense and rebounding were unbelievable."

The Tigerettes and the Lady Eagles of New Life than the Lady Eagles of New Life Christian of San Antonio advanced to the championship game Friday afternoon in Reed Arena on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station.

New Life got the tip, but

Sacred Heart got six 3s in the first quarter, dominating the court 24-4.
Audrey Barnhill hit the first points of the game with a 3. The Lady Eagles came back, getting 2. Andrea Bauer then hit two 3s, with Karen Gehrig and Jayna biffle each getting a bucket to New Life's 2 points. Another 3-pointer by Barnhill and 2 by Jana Truebenbach gave Sacred Heart a 21-4 lead with 57 seconds on the clock. Raney Bauer got a 3 shot, with both teams missing free throws as the first quarter ended.

Barnhill dropped in her third 3-pointer, followed by the Bauer sisters each adding 2 to give Sacred Heart a 31-4 lead.

The Lady Eagles got 4 points, then with 4:32 on the clock, Mary Jane Callahan added 2 to the Tigerette lead. New Life got one free throw, for a 33-9 score with three minutes remaining in the first half.

With the Tigerettes in full command, Biffle added a basket and Callahan 2 from the line with 1:12 on the clock for a 37-9 score. The Lady Eagles got a bucket and free throw for a 37-12 half-time score.

"Knocking in 3s was super," noted Coach Jon, "but I was impressed by our defensive pressure."

Callahan made the first points of the second half, intting two free throws for 100% from the line. Callahan later sank a basket and Sacred Heart led 41-12. A-Bauer dropped in 2 from the charity strip, with Jennifer Hoedebeck getting a basket to make the score 45-12 with 3:32 remaining in the third quarter.

New Life got a 3 pointer, their only score of the period, followed by baskets by Biffle and Gehrig. Biffle dropped in a lay-up as the last minute to the final quarter ticked off the clock with the Tigerettes in the lead 51-15.

R. Bauer got a quick 3 to begin the fourth. New Life hit three 3s for 9 points while Sacred Heart slowed things down, hitting 10 more points for a 62-24 State Championship victory. "Jana was a scorer yesterday, today she was a solid defensive player and got the job done," Coach LeBrasseur commented after the game.

Andrea and Raney Bauer were high scorers in the game with 13 points each. Andrea also pulled down nine rebounds and got seven steals. Raney had five assists. Audrey Barnhill added 11 points for the Tigerettes. Jayna Biffle and Mary Jane Callahan each scored 8 points kand each got the rebounds and got seven steals. Raney had five assists. Audrey Barnhill added 11 points for the Tigerettes. Jayna Biffle and Mary Jane Callahan each scored 8 points kand each got the rebounds and got seven steals. Raney had five assists. Audrey Barnhill added 11 points for the Tigerettes. Jayna Biffle and Mary Jane Callahan each scored 8 points kand each got the rebounds and got seven steals. Raney had



Above, senior Tigerette Audrey Barnhill, makes a move around two defenders. Below, Mary Jane Callahan takes the ball into the paint, looking for a shot. Photos by Dave Fette

from the line, as did Zimmerer. Round Rock turned the ball over to the Tigerettes with 30 seconds on the clock. Barnhill got 2 free throws with nine seconds remaining in the game, for the final 62-39 score.

"We had a great defensive effort in the second half," said Coach LeBrasseur, noting that Gehrig and Truebenbach were outstanding and A Bauer's big asset in the game was her ball handling.

Truebenbach was high scorer in the game with 19 points and 10 rebounds. A Bauer added 11 points, had six assists and five steals. Gehrig dropped in 8 points, R. Bauer 7, Callahan 6 with 9 rebounds, Biffle 5, Barnhill 4, and Zimmerer 2.

All of Round Rock Christian's scoring came from their five starters, getting nothing from the bench.

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CCYC softball sign-up begins

Lindsay 8th grade boys win district basketball

Lindsay 8th grade boys finished their basketball season strong with first place in the District 12A Tournament held in Era on Saturday, Feb. 9. Lindsay's record for the season was 13-1.

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Lindsay played Muenster for the championship game winning 43-24. Scoring for the championship game were Adam Kasparek with 14 points, Jacob Root 12,

Alan Trammell and Kristopher Creed with 6 points each, Dustin Hughes 3, and Chad Dieter 2.

Additional team members contributed to the win with good defense and hustling. These members are Gary Anderle, Tanner Henry, Clint Williams, Derick Murray, Brad Arend, Adam Koelzer, and Chris Fleitman.

Sign-up for the 2002
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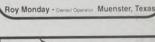
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"Because sandbur is a grass, it's difficult to control without damaging the bermudagrass stand," said David Bade, extension forage specialist at Texas A&M University. "It can

Calf working clinic

Saturday in Denton

The Denton County Extension Crops, Beef and Forage Committee will host its annual Calf Working Clinic on March 2 at the North Texas Fairgrounds in Denton.

Registration begins 8 a.m. with the clinic concluding at noon. The North Texas Fairgrounds is located on 2217 North Carroll Boulevard just off University Drive (Hwy 380) and directly behind Kroger. Instructors for the clinic will include Dr. Buddy Faries, Extension veterinary specialist; Dr. Ron Gill, Extension livestock specialist, and veterinarian Dr. Dale Gleason.

General topics to be covered will be: calving and assisting calving difficulties, dehorning, castration, deworming, implanting and vaccination programs. Health care skills, such as the use of syringes and

spread quickly, particularly in dry years."

Weed contamination, whether from sandbur or other invaders, is the bane of the quality bermudagrass hay grower, whose reputation rides on delivering a consistent and pure product. Infested bermudagrass hay can't be sold as horse hay - which can command prices as much as 50 percent more than for cattle hay.

There are a number of sandbur species, all of which are members of the Poaceae family. Sandbur is a warmseason annual grass distinguished by the sharp, spiny burs that are part of the flower spike. Mature plants are branched, usually spreading in mats.

Ting clinic in Denton

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For more information, contact BASF at (800) 545-9525 or visit www.vmanswers.com.

More than 200 Texas Farmers Union members will travel to Irving, Texas, Mar. 1-4 for National Farmers Union's 100th anniversary convention.

The convention b gan Friday, Mar. 1, with an address from U.S. House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Charles Stenholm, D-Texas and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

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Founded in 1902 at Point, Texas, the family agricultural organization will return to its roots for a special celebration. During a trip to Point, conventiongoers will enjoy a Texasstyle barbecue on the site of the Point Railroad Depot, circa 1902, and will gather at the first public meeting place of the Farmers Union. Country music singer and Texas native Mark Chesnutt will also perform.

In addition to reflections of the past, convention delegates will also focus on

TFU members attend

centennial celebration

IRS issues final regulations

averaging negative income years.

• Cropshare landlords will be able to use income averaging for rental income from the tenant's farming business. After 2002, lease agreements must be written. The IRS had not previously taken an official position on this matter.

• Farmers who do business as S corporations will be able to use income averaging for wages received from S corporation that is attributable to farming.

• Taxpayers will be able to choose income averaging

that is attributable to farming.

• Taxpayers will be able to choose income averaging in a late or amended return, to change the amount of income averaged and to revoke a previous decision. This was greatly restricted under previous IRS rules.

the future of the organization and the farming and ranching industry. The Texas delegation will join members from across the nation to discuss and adopt NFU's legislative policies for 2002.

Did your

brand get

registered?

The Internal Revenue Service has issued final regulations regarding the governance of farm income averaging. Provisions that will benefit cattle producers include:

In 1997, Congress provided ranchers with three-year income averaging. In return, in 1999, the Internal Revenue include:

In years with losses, farmers and ranchers can use a negative number in the three-year income averaging formula. Originally, the IRS had only allowed zero to be used for averaging negative income years.

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Farm Service Agency news highlights ...

Crop Acreage ReportsFall Seeded. May 1, 2002 is the final date to report wheat, oats, barley, and native and improved grasses for grazing and forage. Please contact us as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

We strongly encourage all producers in the county to do a full farm acreage report. With the new farm bill in the process of being passed and non-insured crop assistance program being implemented it is not a good idea to forget to report. It is too costly.

Several of you have already reported these crops since we started so early this year. If your intentions

have changed, such as wheat for grain to wheat for hay or wheat for grain to wheat grazed out, please let us know of the change. We need to have an accourate account of the use made of the crop.

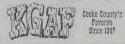
Crop Acreage Reports-Spring Seeded. July 15 is the final date to report corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, peanuts, and seeded hay crops. Please contact us to schedule an appointment. For those of you that are signed up in the Freedom to Farm program, I do not have to tell you how important it is to keep your crops reported.

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