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Muenster Hornet Blake Garrison signed a letter of intent to play for the University of Houston Cougars. Watching the event are, from left, Robert and Julia Garrison and Coach Gordon Martin.
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Garrison signs with University of Houston

Blake Garrison, a senior at Muenster High School, signed the National Letter of Intent Wednesday, Feb. 6 to attend the University of Houston and play football as a member of the Cougar team. Garrison has been awarded a full athletic scholarship including tuition, room and board plus loan of books.

"Committing to the University of Houston was an easy decision for me. I visited the school and talked to Coach Dimel about his plan to build a winning football program," says Garrison. "I knew then that I wanted to be a Cougar and play with a winning team." "I have been watching Blake over the past years, he is a great football player, a natural athlete and I'm positive Blake will be a major factor in helping the Cougars become Conference champions," says Clancy Barone, offensive line coordinator for the University of Houston. Blake has experience at many different positions and plays both offense and defense, we expect him to be a real powerhouse on the Cougar team."

better team with the addition of Blake," Coach Dimel says. "With Blake's size at nearly 6'5" and 250 lb. we look forward to developing Blake into a great player."

The University of Houston is a NCAA Division I-A school in Conference USA. As part of Conference USA, the Cougars play TCU, Army, Southern Mississippi and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Conference USA has an eight-year agreement with ESPN and ABC Sports for television coverage. Garrison plans to pursue a degree in business. Besides a great opportunity to play Division I football, the University of Houston has one of the best business schools in the state," says Garrison. The University of Houston is one of the nation's best research and teaching institutions. With 30,757 students in 14 colleges, Houston ranks in the top one percent in the nation for its student enrollment.

Garrison had offers from several major universities to play football in Texas and

out-of-state. "I have talked to a number of coaches from some great schools but none had both the great academic program and winning football strategy like Houston," says Garrison.

He began playing football with a Pop Warner team while in elementary school in Tucson, Ariz. Garrison played for Muenster High School for four years, winning the All-District defensive lineman award two years in a row. "I owe a huge thanks to Coach Martin for all his help and support. Because of him contacting college coaches and helping me, I now have an opportunity to play college football," says Garrison.

In Blake's three years as a Muenster Varsity Hornet, he had 28 starts and averaged 8 tackles per game. In 50 of his tackles, there was a loss or no gain. He was also credited with 9 quarterback sacks.

Garrison is the son of Robert and Julie Garrison of Gainesville, Texas. Garrison's sister Ashlie is a graduate of Sacred Heart in Muenster and is currently attending Texas Women's University in Denton.

Muenster Hospital District denies property tax increase

by Dave Fette

Voters of the Muenster Hospital District approved the property tax rollback in Saturday's election to a rate of \$0.25723 per \$100 valuation. The Board of Directors had set the rate at about \$0.49, saying the rate was necessary to insure the Hospital's survivability, nearly doubling last year's rate.

Speaking for the rollback, Rufus Henschel, a former member of the Hospital Board for 18 years said, "We think the Hospital is making enough money to operate without raising the tax so drastically." He pointed out that according to Hospital reports, after the first six months of the fiscal year and after the rollback the Hospital would still have a projected \$240,000.00 left, including this year's taxes, in addition

to the reserves. "We've had leaner times than this and made it with less taxes," he said.

At a special meeting held at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 2, the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board canvassed votes from Saturday's election. There were 573 votes for the rollback and 246 against. The new rate will be .25723.

Board member Duane Knabe submitted a letter of resignation from the Board. (Please see letter on page 4.) Board members asked him to reconsider and stay at least until the next Board election in May. Knabe refused. He would have eight years of service on the Board in May.

Finally a motion was made by Carol Grewing and seconded by Werner Becker Jr. to accept his resignation.

It passed by a vote of 6 to 3 with John Aytes, James Walterscheid, and Angelo Nasche voting against accepting it.

Board Chairman Don Flusche then proposed that Kathryn Hicks be considered as a replacement for Knabe. Walterscheid voiced his objection. Nasche suggested that Kenny Klement be considered for the vacant position. After some discussion the Board decided to leave the seat vacant until it can be filled at the next election.

Discussion was held as to whether the public or Board members only should be included in strategic planning sessions and information sessions on proposed Critical Access Designation for the Hospital. The meeting adjourned without a decision being made.



Freshly-fallen snow Wednesday morning decorates the bridge in the City Park. The area received several inches of snow that began Tuesday morning and ended around noon Wednesday.
 Janie Hartman Photo

City Council okays C of C performing arts stage project

by Dave Fette

The Muenster City Council has approved a proposal by the Muenster Chamber of Commerce to build an open-air performing arts stage in the City Park. Chamber Board member Dave Fette made the presentation stating, in part:

"The Muenster Chamber of Commerce proposes a new construction project in the Muenster City Park. Recognizing the need for a multipurpose performing arts facility in our community, we have made plans for a permanent stage to be located where the temporary Germanfest Texas Stage was. After years of experience with Germanfest entertainment and with the benefit of advice from professionals in both technical and artistic fields, our Board of Directors has accepted the responsibility to move forward with construction."

"This facility will benefit our community and the surrounding area in many ways - **Economic benefits:** • Annual savings for Germanfest set-up. (Texas Stage annual expense is \$4,500). • Opportunity for income from concerts and performances. • Multiple tourism and residual effects for area businesses. **Cultural benefits:** • Promotion of the arts including music, theater and dance. • Aesthetic enhancement of our proactive and creative image. • Structure will complement, enhance the park's function."

"This facility is planned to be used for multiple purposes including family gatherings and business functions, as well as performances."

The plans and request were presented last week to the Park Board. The stage, or performing surface will be 48 feet wide, 27 feet deep and be raised two-and-one-half feet above the ground. It will be completely covered but open on three sides. The back or west side will be closed in with a band shell shaped wall for acoustical effect. Construction by Structures, Inc. should be finished for Germanfest. Design is by Dave Flusche, Sr.

The Council also approved a new emergency warning siren system for the City. Four sirens will be located on City property or right-of-way by Coast to Coast Communications, Inc. at a cost of \$26,525.00 in the north, south-west, south-east, and middle areas of the City.

Other items of action or discussion by the Council included:

• Action on opening Second Street between Maple and Ash was tabled pending plan from the adjoining property owners.

• Mayor pro-tem John Pagel set the City election for May 4, 2002. Positions on the Council to be open for election are: Place 1, now held by Troy Sicking; Place 2, now held by John Pagel; and Place 4, now held by Jewel Otto. The filing period to be on the ballot is Feb. 18 through Mar. 20, 2002.

• Contract was renewed with attorney Jim Robertson for collection of delinquent property taxes.

• New speed zones will come into effect soon on portions of U.S. Highway 82 within the City limits. Eastbound speed zones will be: 55 mph from the west City limits just before Saint

Richard's Villa to Ash Street; 45 mph from Ash Street to east side of Maple Street; 35 mph from east side of Maple Street to Hickory Street; 45 mph from Hickory Street to Power Station (east City limits just east of Hillcrest Center); 55 mph from east City limits for a distance to be determined by Texas Department of Transportation (outside of City limits).

Westbound speed zones will be: 55 mph to City limits (just east of Hillcrest Center); 45 mph from City limits to Hickory Street; 35 mph from Hickory Street to west side of Maple Street; 45 mph from west side of Maple Street to Ash Street; 55 mph from Ash Street to west City limits.

• Police Chief Bob Stoval reported that a new state law requires him to receive training on racial profiling and by March of 2003 he must report to the Council on demographic statistics of people getting traffic citations in Muenster.

• Henry Weinzapfel, John Pagel, and Linda Webb were appointed to the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Corporation which oversees the local sales tax devoted to sewer plant renovation.

• Bob Bauer, Pat Stelzer, and Wayne Grewing were re-appointed to the Muenster Water District Board after serving their terms.

• The City will proceed with involuntary annexation of property adjoining the north City limits and currently buying City water. Public hearings will be announced.

• Bills totaling \$74,878.27 were approved for payment.

ABBA fundraiser to feature J. Kerby Anderson March 2

by Janet Felderhoff

Saturday, March 2 is the annual Cooke County ABBA Women's Center fundraising dinner. It begins at 6 p.m. at the Centennial Hall in Lindsay. This year's featured speaker is J. Kerby Anderson, a renowned speaker and author and president of Probe Ministries.

Anderson has lectured on campuses around the country including University of Michigan, Vanderbilt University, Princeton University, San Jose State University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Colorado, and University of Texas. He has written a number of books such as *Fossils in Focus; Life, Death, and Beyond; Genetic Engineering; Living Ethically in the '90s; Signs of Warning, Signs of Hope; and Moral Dilemmas*. His articles have appeared in *Moody Monthly, Eternity, Kindred Spirit, and Bibliotheca Sacra*.

J. Kerby Anderson has been a guest on numerous radio and TV talk shows



J. Kerby Anderson

including the "McNeil/Lehrer News Hour", "Focus On Family", Beverly LaHaye Live", and "The 700 Club".

Included in Anderson's honors are the Blue Key National Honorary Society in 1974, *Who's Who in the World, Who's Who In Religion, Who's Who In the South and Southwest*, and

Who's Who In Writers, Editors, and Poets. He has served on the boards of Fine Cove Conference Center and Probe Ministries.

During the evening a silent auction will be conducted. Angelic A/Cappella Choir of Sacred Heart High School will provide musical entertainment. Donna Hertel of Miss Olivia's will cater the meal.

ABBA serves Cooke County and the surrounding area by offering the following services without charge: free pregnancy tests; counseling, parenting classes, clothes and furnishings for children, referrals for medical services, post-abortion support group, and single-parent scripture study. The Center is located at 414 East Elm in Gainesville. They are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Tickets are available now at \$20 per person and seating is limited. For ticket information, call ABBA at (940) 668-6391.

Independent Bankers of Texas launch identity theft campaign

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) and its members across the state, including Muenster State Bank, are leading the assault on one of the nation's fastest growing crimes with the launching of a statewide consumer information campaign attacking Identity Theft.

Identity Theft affects as many as 750,000 new victims each year and costs consumers, merchants and the financial industry billions of dollars. It occurs when someone steals personal information such as Social Security or driver's license numbers and uses it to establish credit by applying for loans or credit cards to buy merchandise and services.

"Fueled by the growth of the Internet, the number of consumers falling victim to identity theft has risen dramatically over the past few years," Christopher Williston, President and Chief Executive Officer of IBAT, said in announcing the movement. "We are going to use every means possible to get the message out to Texans in all parts of the state. And, that message is 'Your Privacy is our Priority!'"

The campaign "Don't Let Someone Steal Your Good Name" will be the principal project of the more than 40,000 bankers who make up the membership of IBAT. It includes print and electronic media materials in both English and Spanish geared to providing tips to avoid consumers on how to avoid

becoming victims of Identity Fraud.

"We believe our organization and its membership offer the best vehicle to get the word out to all of Texas, since our institutions are located in virtually every community throughout the state," Williston said. "This information campaign is just the beginning. We will also be meeting with our state officials to determine possible legislation to stamp out this critical problem."

The Federal Trade Commission reports that its fraud hotline receives about 1,700 calls each week. The U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Network reports that Identity Theft documented by financial institutions nearly tripled between 1999 and 2000. The Social Security Administration says reports of misuse of Social Security numbers on its fraud hotline increased by more than 500 percent between 1997 and

2000.

Here are just a few tips to protect "your good name":

- Carry only a few credit cards with you.
- Beware of "Dumpster Divers." Shred all credit card receipts and solicitations, canceled checks and financial documents before throwing them away.
- Watch out for "Shoulder Surfers"—people who lurk behind you when you are at an ATM and get your PIN number to gain access to your account.
- Check your credit card statements carefully and immediately report unauthorized purchases.
- Never write down PINS and passwords—memorize them and do not use any part of your Social Security number, mother's maiden name, your birth date or address.
- Don't leave paid bills in your mailbox.
- Check your credit report at least twice a year.



A spirited couple appeared in the yard of Lee and Donna Buddy — a football player and a cheerleader — after Tuesday night's snowfall. Janie Hartman Photo

Clerks attend conference

District Clerk, Pat Payne, and County Clerk, Evelyn Walterscheid, joined over 400 District Clerks, County Clerks, and Combination Clerks for the 30th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the College Station Hilton and Conference Center on Jan. 14-17.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored

by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas Cooperative Extension, The Texas A&M University System. The V.G. Young Institute of County Government provides information, education and technical assistance to elected county officials to help them complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

The theme for this year's seminar was: "Unconditional Respect Through Education and Professionalism." Included were workshops on web page design and development, preparing for the 2002 elections, customer service, courtroom responsibilities, records management, conflict resolution, routes to new jury systems, update on the Legislative Session and child support resolution.

"The continuing education seminar provided valuable information and updates on current laws and changes that affect both district and county clerks," said Pat Payne. She continued, "It also gives clerks the opportunity to interact with one another and exchange ideas and procedures that can make the daily operation of a clerk's office easier and clearer. This is probably the best way of getting answers to a variety of unique problems that arise in the clerks' offices. A common phrase that is heard among the clerks is, 'There are 254 counties in Texas, and there are at least that many different ways to do things in the District, County, and Combination Clerks' offices.'"

"Texas is one of a very small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits," explained John Gilmartin, Extension Coordinator of the V.G. Young Institute of County Government. Clerks who attended all of the sessions can receive up to 18 hours of credit. All clerks in Texas are now required to obtain at least 20 hours of approved educational training per year.

TASWA seeks immediate public hearing for permit application

The Texoma Area Solid Waste Authority (TASWA) announced recently that it has asked the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to directly refer its permit application to construct and operate a municipal solid waste facility for the Texoma area to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a public hearing on conformance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

TASWA is a local non-profit governmental organization founded by the cities of Gainesville, Denison, Sherman and Grayson and Cooke Counties. TASWA will own and operate a municipal solid waste disposal facility to be located on State Highway 56 between the towns of Southmayd and Whitesboro. The facility will be constructed on a 250-acre tract of land that will be surrounded by an additional 600 acres of land serving as buffer for the landfill operations.

TASWA's permit application has already been declared technically and administratively complete by the TNRCC and a draft permit has been issued by the agency. In addition, the Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) has determined that the proposed landfill complies with the Regional Solid Waste Plan, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued the required Clean Water Act permit for the facility.

With direct referral, TASWA's permit application will bypass the TNRCC referral phase of the permitting process. This direct referral procedure is allowable under new TNRCC rules that became effective in December 2001 and should reduce the overall permitting process by at least four months. The intent of the new rule is to save all parties time and money by moving directly to a public hearing on a landfill permit application.

"We've listened to our neighbors, taken steps to address their concerns, and produced a very strong application," said Dale Sissney, General Manager

of TASWA. "Moving directly to a public hearing will not only save valuable taxpayer resources, but it will also make this facility available to accept waste much sooner."

"This action by the TASWA Board could save many months worth of administrative costs associated with the permitting process, and Texoma residents should begin realizing that the competition and capacity TASWA brings to the region will have a positive effect on residents' solid waste

disposal bills," Sissney continued.

"The sooner the landfill opens, the more money taxpayers save," Sissney said.

TASWA expects SOAH to schedule a jurisdictional hearing within the next sixty days. That hearing will determine who actually participates as a protestant party in the months of legal proceedings prior to the public hearing and during the hearing itself. TASWA will keep the public informed as to the time and place of the jurisdictional hearing.

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2-WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

Sunday, February 10, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM KXGM Home & Lawn Show, 12-4 PM, G'ville Civic Center	Monday, February 11, 2002 MSD - No School VFW Meeting, 8 PM	Tuesday, February 12, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NET Retreat, St. Peter's, Lindsay, 6-10PM	Wednesday, February 13, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center ASH WEDNESDAY C of C Breakfast Meeting, 7:30AM, Rohmer's Restaurant Mass 6:30PM, followed by Religious Ed. Class until 8PM MSD Board Meeting, 7:30PM SHS Alumni & Friends Mtg., 7:30PM, Comm. Center	Thursday, February 14, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM DIALOGUE cancer support group meeting, Home Hospice office, 7 PM VALENTINE'S DAY 	Friday, February 15, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Deadline for Pro Life Essay Contest	Saturday, February 16, 2002 Truck Dance, Lindsay VFD, 6PM, Centennial Hall
Sunday, February 17, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, February 18, 2002 SHS - No School, Inservice SH Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30PM, Library VFW Auxiliary Meeting, 8PM	Tuesday, February 19, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, February 20, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Religious Ed. Class 7 PM	Thursday, February 21, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Friday, February 22, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHS - Early dismissal, 2:30PM NCTC Small Business Development Workshop, 7-9 PM	Saturday, February 23, 2002

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Obituaries

Edward Franklin Bonner 1913 - 2002

Edward Franklin Bonner of Forestburg died at age 88 on Feb. 1, 2002 at 1:09 a.m. in Centerville, Texas. Funeral service was held on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002 at the Forestburg Church of Christ officiated by C.E. "Sonny" Cole, assisted by Lloyd Morris.

Edward F. Bonner was born in Montague County on July 26, 1913 to O.H. Bonner and Ida J. (Kuykendall) Bonner. A lifetime resident of Forestburg, he was a member of the U.S. Army in 1946 and 1947. On May 15, 1937 he married Nannie Mae Kelley in Gainesville. They became parents of two daughters, Marcia Carr of Denton, Texas and Ida J. (Kuykendall) Bonner. He loved gardening and enjoyed sharing his harvest with friends and neighbors, and really enjoyed being with people. In the year



Edward Bonner

farmer and rancher, and retired from Victor Equipment Co. in Denton. He loved gardening and enjoyed sharing his harvest with friends and neighbors, and really enjoyed being with people. In the year

2000 he became a member of the Forestburg Church of Christ. His family has suggested that memorials may be made to the Hardy Cemetery Association Fund, in lieu of flowers.

Survivors are the two daughters, Marcia Carr and Becky Bryant and the son Edward Thomas Bonner; also nine grandchildren and nine great-grandsons; also one niece Marie Parr of Lake Kiowa.

Preceding him in death were his parents O.H. and Ida Bonner, and his wife Nannie Mae Bonner who died Nov. 12, 1987.

Burial in Hardy Cemetery of Montague County was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Saint Jo. Pallbearers were Paul Carr, Chris Carr, Carey Carr, E. Thomas Bonner, Darrin Smith, and Scott Peele.

Hugh Holcombe 1913 - 2002

Hugh Holcombe of Fullerton, California died on Jan. 28, 2002. He was born Nov. 12, 1913 in Marysville, Texas. He married Maxine Bell of Big Spring, Texas, on Oct. 5, 1940 in Denton, Texas. They moved to Gardena, California in 1942 and later settled in Compton, California where they lived for 48 years. Hugh became an insurance underwriter for New York Life in 1949. During the 60 years he lived in California, he frequently returned to Gainesville for the Sapp family Reunion and to Marysville for the Marysville Reunion. In 1995 they moved to a retirement home in Fullerton, California.



Hugh Holcombe

Time Fiddlers Association. In addition, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Compton, St. John's Presbyterian Church in Compton, and most recently Emmanuel Reformed Church in Paramount, California.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Maxine; a daughter and son-in-law Jane and Richard Poffenberger of Garden Grove, California; three sons and daughters-in-law Don and Mary Holcombe of La Palma, California, Stan and Diane Holcombe of Bakersfield, California, and David and Lisa Holcombe of Bakersfield, California; 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Thelma Brake of Newark, California, Olive Pearson of Fort Worth, Texas; one brother, Wayne Holcombe of Patterson, California.

Funeral service was held Saturday, Feb. 2, 10:15 a.m. at Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton, California, and interment at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

He was a long-time, loyal subscriber to the *Muenster Enterprise*.

KXGM Home & Lawn Show scheduled for this weekend

The fourteenth annual KXGM Home and Lawn Show is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 9 and 10 at the Gainesville Civic Center with more than 30 area vendors participating. Exhibitors in the Show include financial services, home insurance, real estate firms, windows and siding, lawn equipment, stone and masonry supply, home decor, water gardens, satellite TV, garage doors, heating and a/c, roofing, paint and decor, custom cabinets and countertops, floor coverings, seamless gutters, sprinkler systems, patio decks, home furniture, wireless telephone and internet services.

The Show is designed to encourage consumers to look more closely at Cooke County's goods and services before driving to the Metroplex for their needs. KXGM General Manager Charley Henderson said "area residents may be surprised at the diversity of products and services to be

found around Cooke County." The bottom line is to keep potential Cooke County customers shopping at home which helps the local economy. Show organizers say past shows have proved beneficial in customer referrals and in promoting tighter bonds between businesses. The Show gives business opportunities for direct contact with potential customers even if no sales are made immediately.

Show organizer, Pam Henderson of KXGM, said Show visitors should go home with a variety of complimentary items this year. Door prizes and giveaways from the exhibitors and the many door prizes from the KXGM booth should delight attendees of the 2002 Show. KXGM will be giving away numerous gift certificates from the merchants of Prime Outlets at Gainesville, a large group of hanging baskets from

Whitcotton Greenhouse in Montague, movies passes to Rave Motion Pictures Hickory Creek 16 in Lake Dallas and Cinemark Movies 12 in the Vista Ridge Mall in Lewisville. In addition, there will be a stack of prizes from the famous KXGM Prize Vault. Door Prize drawings will be held every 15 minutes and you must be present to win. There are several new vendors lined up for this year's Show. The concession stand will be manned by S.Q.U.I.G from the State School. They will be serving up their great charcoal grilled hamburgers and cheeseburgers. So, come hungry!!!!

KXGM will be broadcasting live both days from the Show. Home and Lawn Show hours are this Saturday from 10-4 and Sunday 12-4. Admission is free as always. For more information, contact Pam Henderson at KXGM 940-668-1065.

Donors help support NCTC agriculture and music students

Two separate donors have given generous scholarship contributions to North Central Texas College recently supporting the Agriculture and Music departments, announced Debbie Pounds, vice president of institutional advancement.

The first donation will be called the "Jan Parson Music Scholarship Fund" in support of the NCTC Music Program. The gift was an endowed scholarship and can be used by students seeking an education in any of NCTC's music disciplines

such as jazz, vocal or string. "I was educated in the public schools and taught in the public schools for over thirty years and I wanted to give something back," said Jan Parson, the namesake of the scholarship. "I hope this will help to create a larger interest in the music program at NCTC." She added that she hopes her donation will inspire others to donate to NCTC through scholarships as well.

The second scholarship was for \$1,000 by the Texhoma CattleWomen Organization (TCWO). The

scholarship can be used by students seeking an education in any of the various agriculture related fields taught at North Central Texas College, said Trudy Lucas, president elect of TCWO.

"We wanted to give back to the college and to agriculture related fields to help students realize the importance of cattle and agriculture in the world today," Ms. Lucas said. "While we are cattle women, our objective is to help all students, both male and female in getting a solid education."

Commissioner views advisory committee actions as unfortunate

The Oilfield Cleanup Fund (OFCU) was created by the Texas Legislature in 1991 in order to plug abandoned wells and to remediate polluted oil field sites around the state. Recently, a statutorily created Oilfield Cleanup Fund Advisory Committee had its initial meeting, and its first action was to remove the designated Chairman, Jack Miller.

action and hope this isn't an indication of how it will conduct business in the coming months, because the job is just too important," said Michael L. Williams, Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas, the State agency responsible for administering the OFCU.

Jack Miller, the Committee Chairman designate, is from the Texas Panhandle and currently works as president of Masterson Management Corporation. The new Committee Chairman is Senator Buster Brown, who currently chairs the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

"Senator Brown is one of

our State's best public servants and more than capable of managing the affairs of the Committee. I'm more than confident he will lead the State in this important effort," said Williams.

Silver-haired League seeks candidates

The filing period is underway for persons 60+ who wish to be a candidate for the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL), an all-senior elected body which advocates on behalf of older Texans. The official filing period began January 2 and will continue through February 28, with elections set for May 28, 2002.

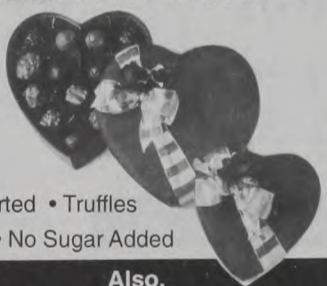
The TSHL is a non-partisan 116-member group that represents 28 districts in Texas. Members hold "legislative sessions" every two years in Austin to identify the issues that are most important to older Texans. Then they suggest appropriate action that the Governor and Texas Legislature might take to address these issues.

Candidates for the TSHL must be 60 or older by Jan. 1, 2002. They must be registered voters and live in the area in which they are seeking office.

Filing forms may be obtained from the Texoma Area Agency on Aging for TSHL representation for Cooke, Grayson, and Fannin Counties. Completed forms must be returned to the Area Agency on Aging along with a \$5.00 filing fee by Feb. 28, 2002.

Polling places in each county will be announced by the Area Agency on Aging at a future date. For candidacy forms and additional information, contact: Texoma Area Agency on Aging, 1117 Gallagher, Ste 200, Sherman, TX 75090, or phone 903-813-3581 or 1-800-677-8264 ext. 581.

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SMALL BUSINESS FOCUS



BY JACK FARIS

I Paid For What?

All across America, taxpayers are opening their mailboxes to find envelopes entitled, Important Tax Notice. The April 15 tax deadline is rapidly approaching.

But there is another kind of "tax" that is hidden from view—the \$600 or more you were "taxed" for lawsuits last year. Lawsuits? Not me, you say.

Yes, you. According to the Public Policy Institute, every American coughs up about \$616 a year to support the costs of litigation.

That humming sound you hear is not the first hummingbirds of spring or the daily activities of America's entrepreneurs busy at work. It's the lawsuit mill grinding away at our courts, where an average of one new lawsuit is filed every two seconds.

Consider one of the highest profile cases of recent years: Microsoft. Even after 40 states and Microsoft accepted a judge's settlement, the remaining states continue to press litigation. All the while, the lawyers' meters are ticking, and it's likely consumers will pay more for software and other products in the future and that innovation has been slowed during the process.

Litigation has become the nation's top growth industry, growing four times faster than the economy. Today, the civil legal system costs more than \$165 billion a year and guess who's paying the bills? You can bet it's not those preparing legal briefs.

Everyone who wears a pacemaker pays thousands of dollars more than the device actually costs to support liability fees. And that new car you bought? You won't see it on the invoice, but hidden in the final tally are costs that allow trial lawyers to dip into your wallet for an average of \$500 per car.

Saving for retirement? Don't worry about some Enron-type collapse eating into your earnings. Your nest egg is at greater risk from attorneys who can tap into your savings by just threatening to file a lawsuit against a company or the products of an industry where you have investments.

Small businesses are most vulnerable to the lawsuit filers who view them as an easy source of income. NFIB surveys show that, in some states, one-third of small-business owners have been sued and that many more reported lawsuit threats. In a national study, nearly one-fourth noted that they were so afraid of being dragged into court they refused to introduce new products or improve existing ones.

To make matters worse, they're having a tough time finding affordable liability coverage. Those that do are forced to spend money on preventive measures that would normally be used to create more jobs and expand the business.

Small-business owners want relief. Here are two steps Congress can take to begin reforming this legal shakedown: Cap punitive damages and abolish joint liability for non-economic damages for businesses with fewer than 25 employees. It won't be easy, because the trial lawyers are well-connected and well-financed—with your money.

But if we begin right now identifying and supporting congressional candidates who will work to end lawsuit abuse, Election Day, November 5 could come to be known as Refund Day—the day America took its money back from the trial lawyers.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB, the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Last week when I wrote about our old neighbors west of town, I forgot to mention the Alphons Walterscheids. They were a wonderful family, and it's always a pleasure to meet some of them from time to time.

For the last several months I have been more or less confined to the house and it is a real pleasure, now and then, to get in the van and just ride around in the county with Aileen doing the driving. I haven't driven for the past two years.

It's a revelation to see the changes that have been made and some that are in the making. As we drive along I can see the land that used to be farmed and is now producing grass. Years ago some of these fields were dotted with oil wells that produced a lot of oil.

I once pumped quite a number of wells on the Stacey land north of town. The place was divided into the "A" and "B" lease. At one time I was pumping over 7000 barrels per month.

Now I could see only one well that was still pumping on the "B" lease, and I am not really sure it is on the Stacey place. The "A" lease seems to have several wells still pumping, but most of the buildings are gone and it looks more like grassland than an oil field.

Many of the older buildings in the county are going to ruin - houses, sheds, granaries, if no longer needed are left to the ravages of weather and time.

But then there are also new homes and buildings scattered about the area giving one the feeling that new life is still coming on.

Hall announces re-election plans

Rep. Ralph Hall (D-TX) announced that he has filed to run for re-election as U.S. Representative of the Fourth Congressional District of Texas. Hall was first elected to Congress in 1980 and has been re-elected ever since. He serves as Ranking Democrat of the Committee on Science and is a senior member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Fourth District for the past twenty years," Hall said. "I am seeking re-election because I believe that our Nation and our President need senior-level conservative leaders on both sides of the political aisle to help ensure America's safety and strength for the future. I want to continue to

be helpful to President Bush during his first term in office and particularly now in this time of national emergency - and I want to continue to provide the leadership that the citizens of the Fourth District need and deserve.

"Over the years I've developed a close relationship with the good people of the Fourth District and with local governments, law enforcement, schools, hospitals and other agencies. Their needs - great or small - are

important to me, and I am in a position of seniority in the Congress that is helpful in bringing their problems and concerns to a satisfactory resolution," Hall added.

Letter to the Editor:

This letter serves as my formal resignation from the Board of Directors of the Muenster Hospital District, effective immediately. I will only give the two main reasons for my resignation. Hopefully, this will keep this letter short and it will avoid any accusations that my actions are politically motivated. My first reason is that I refuse to volunteer for a position that is certain to lead to conflicts. I am not naive enough to think that there will not be differences of opinions. However, I do believe that a group of adults should be able to reach a unanimous (or close to unanimous) decision. My second

reason is that I do not believe that I am able to represent the voters when I am told two totally different things by the same people. By voting against the merger, (which I have accepted and believe to be a dead issue that shall not be revisited) the people told me that they want their own hospital and were willing to support it even if it meant higher taxes. Now, many of these same people have indicated that they are not willing to support the hospital if it's going to mean higher taxes.

Thank you,
Duane Knabe
226 S. Sycamore
Muenster, TX 76252

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above letter was received before Saturday's hospital tax election.

Dear Editor:

The value of most things in our society can be determined by how long we have to work to acquire them, or pay for them. For example, according to the Tax Freedom Foundation, the average American works until the middle of May to earn enough to pay his or her taxes.

By contrast, the same average American will work only until February 8 to earn enough to buy food for the entire year 2202! What a blessing that is. The supply of safe, affordable and abundant food in the U.S. is no accident, however. It is a story that includes the skills and knowledge of a variety of people: research scientists, equipment manufacturers, retail specialists, and of course, our farmers and ranchers.

The Cooke County Farm

Bureau invites you to share in our celebration of Food Check-Out Day. Despite the abundance of our food supply, there are still those in need. The Cooke County Farm Bureau will be purchasing some food items for donation as well as conducting a food drive which will be delivered to V.I.S.T.O. on Feb. 8, 2002. The public is encouraged to participate by bringing food to either the Gainesville or Muenster Farm Bureau offices on or before Feb. 8.

National Food Check-Out day is a time when all of us can be glad we are Americans, living in a land of plenty. It is also an opportunity to share that plenty. Please join the Cooke County Farm Bureau for the celebration on Feb. 8.

Edwin "Demp" Knight,
President
Cooke County Farm Bureau
P.O. Box 1035
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Dear Editor,

We enjoyed reading about all the activities of the Jaycees in last week's Muenster Enterprise. We would also like to call attention to the tremendous good that they do by their donations to the Love Funds for people truly in need.

They are a Godsend to our community! May they be blessed, each and every one, for the good they do!

Gratefully,
Social Concerns Services
Imelda Rohmer, Treasurer
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national Airport. New technologies enable drillers to efficiently use much smaller plots of land, effectively reducing any disruption to the surrounding wildlife and natural habitat. If we made the commitment to drill in the ANWR today, in one year's time we could have the full capacity to produce the amount of oil that we import from Saddam Hussein's Iraq everyday.

Uncapping our Marginal Wells

There are nearly 500,000 low-volume wells around the country that have the capacity to produce roughly 10-15 barrels a day. While that figure may sound low, the combined production of these wells would equal 20 percent of America's oil needs - nearly the same amount we currently import from Saudi Arabia.

Unfortunately there is currently no economic incentive for producers to incur the expense of reopening and maintaining these wells. Producers need a safety net to weather the storm of price fluctuations. That's why I have proposed bipartisan legislation that provides a tax credit for marginal well operators if oil prices fall to between \$18 and \$15 per barrel. By implementing a floor on the price per barrel, we can create stability and ensure that domestic producers can continue contributing to our nation's oil demands, even in the face of dropping prices.

The Solution

We must free ourselves from the whims of foreign dictators and unstable regimes that do not have America's best interests at heart. Increasing domestic production by encouraging marginal wells and allowing access to ANWR resources would be a critical step towards ensuring that we are not beholden to foreign countries for our nation's energy needs.

It is critical that we emphasize a balanced and comprehensive strategy that meets the needs of today and plans for tomorrow - one that effectively balances conservation, development of alternative sources of energy, and commonsense exploration to increase our own energy supply here at home. This will be one of my highest priorities for Congress this Spring.

We must now focus on stability for our country - our economy, homeland defense and national security.

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Energy: An Essential Component of National Defense

Energy is not only a matter of economic security - it is vital to our national security. Now, more than ever before, it is critical that we reduce our reliance on foreign sources of oil.

In addition to altering the course of our lives and pushing us into a battle against terrorism, September 11, 2001 served as an unfortunate reminder of why our country must adopt a sensible, national energy policy. Stability depends on opening up our own resources.

Today, the United States depends on foreign oil production for about 60 percent of national demand. Yet back when the oil shocks of the 1970s knocked the wind out of our economy, that figure was closer to one-third. This is unacceptable - but solvable. We must take control of our destiny and increase domestic production to help stabilize oil prices, control our own energy supply and put Americans back to work - a strong energy policy would be one of the best economic stimulus packages Congress could pass.

Utilizing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

One of the first steps to reduce dependence on the Middle East is to open up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) for drilling. Opponents of drilling in the ANWR have unfortunately painted an inaccurate picture of environmental destruction and disregard for its habitat. The truth of the matter is that while the Refuge is the size of South Carolina, the proposed drilling area in Alaska is only 2,000 acres - smaller than the San Antonio Interna-

Correction

There was an incorrect credit in the front page story of the Muenster Jaycees 40th anniversary banquet in last week's Muenster Enterprise. The recognition of special guests

was made by Wayne Klement. He also noted the first officers to serve the organization, 40 years ago. Thanks for calling the error to my attention.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

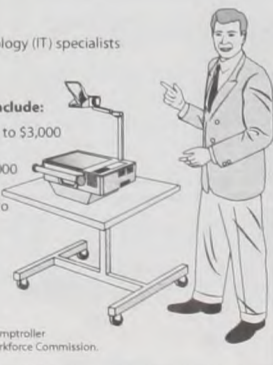
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- 138,000 nurses by 2009.

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- Information Technology - \$30,000 to more than \$50,000/year
- Nursing - signing bonus of up to \$5,000 and \$42,620/year



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Walterscheid, Swirczynski exchange vows in Sacred Heart Church

by **Elfreda Fette**

A Nuptial Mass in Sacred Heart Church on Feb. 2, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. united in Holy Matrimony Amy Theresa Walterscheid of Dallas and Glen Ray Swirczynski of Muenster. Officiating for the Mass and vows were Rev. Fr. John Ohner OSA, pastor, and Rev. Mr. Kyle Walterscheid, cousin of the bride.

Amy is the daughter of Sylvan and Theresa Mae Walterscheid of Muenster. She is a 1990 graduate of Sacred Heart High School; a 1993 graduate of Texas Woman's University; and a 1997 graduate of Oklahoma State University, and is employed in Doctor's Hospital of Dallas as a cardiac rehab coordinator.

The groom is the son of Tom and Paulette Swirczynski of Muenster. He is a 1989 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a 1994 graduate of Midwestern State University and is a teacher and coach at Muenster Public High School.

In church decor of elegant simplicity, the center aisle was lined with ivory tulle; and the main altar lit with two 12-branched pyramid candelabra entwined with ivy.

Presented at the altar by her father, Sylvan Walterscheid, the bride was wearing a formal, candlelight, sleeveless, chapel length wedding gown, designed with embroidered and pearl-beaded bodice, and princess

satin skirt with inverted box pleats, and satin covered buttons accenting the full length train.

Her removable, elbow length ivory veil was attached to a rhinestone and pearl studded tiara. She carried a fresh bouquet of ivory roses.

Traditionally, for "something old," she wore a blue garter that her mother wore on her own wedding day; and "borrowed" earrings from a friend.

ATTENDANTS

Laurie Walterscheid of Lewisville, bride's sister, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Lisa Dryg of Saginaw, Julie Jorden of Denton, and Libby Groom of Dallas, friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Alex Walterscheid of Highland Village, niece of the bride. They wore two piece navy floor length gowns and carried silver monogrammed tussy mousies (gifts from the bride), filled with fresh ivory roses.

Flower girl was Hilary Walterscheid, niece of the bride. Ring bearer was Isaac Walterscheid, nephew of the bride.

Paul Swirczynski of Muenster, groom's brother, was best man. Groomsmen were Chris Klement of Gainesville, a friend, Jason Endres of Muenster and Troy Pagel of Muenster, cousins of the groom. Ushers were Craig Voth of Carrollton, Shane Wimmer of Muenster, Mike Gobble of

Muenster, and Kevin Parsons of Gainesville, friends of the groom.

Altar servers were Eric Walterscheid of Highland Village, nephew of the bride, Nolan Hartman and Dillon

Flusche both of Muenster, cousins of the groom.

Wedding music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, bride's aunt, Christy Hesse and Jack White, bride's cousins,

singers, and Rose Ganzon, bride's cousin, who played the flute. Selections included "Danny Boy," "Hymne," "Ave Maria" when parents entered, "Eres Tu" when bridesmaids entered, "Psalm XIX" for the bridal march, "Father, Make Us One" for the Unity candle, "Edelweiss Blessing" at Offertory, "Lord I Am Not Worthy," and "Perfect Charity" at Communion, "Hail Mary, Mother of God" at the Blessed Virgin's Shrine, and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" for the recessional.

The special wedding liturgy included Readings given by brothers of the bride, Danny Walterscheid and Greg Walterscheid. Eucharistic Ministers were Charles Felderhoff of Waco, Joanie And Alvin Hartman, Clinton Endres and Carolyn Bayer.

The Unity candle was used by the bride's grandparents, Tony and Theresa Felderhoff on their golden wedding. The Chalice used during Mass belonged to Bishop Augustine Danglmayr, bride's great-uncle. Godparents of the couple, Clara Endres and Joan and Alvin Hartman, presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar.

The ring pillow was made from the bride's mother's wedding dress.

RECEPTION

A reception followed in Sacred Heart Community Center. Guests enjoyed refreshments, dinner and music, hosted by parents of

the couple.

A winter theme was created with floating candles in reflecting pools on snow-covered tables. The area was encircled with snow-covered trees trimmed with miniature white lights. Memories were stirred with framed wedding pictures of parents and grandparents dating back to 1881. The main table was elegantly decorated with underlit gathered silver lamé. Lighting was provided by flickering candles displayed in silver and crystal candle pedestals and silver charger plates holding family china.

Presiding at the guest book were Angela Hennigan of Muenster, groom's cousin, and Lisa Marie of Dallas, both friends of the bride.

The bride's five-tiered white chocolate fantasy cake was covered with white rolled fondant and topped with crystallized Porcelina roses and white chocolate twigs.

The groom's dark chocolate fudge cake of square tiers was topped with crystallized fresh blackberries and dark chocolate twigs.

Monica LeBrasseur, Debbie Schoppa and Anne Hesse, bride's cousins, cut the cakes.

Guests danced to music by D.J. Cory Anderle and the Shane Wimmer Band.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by parents of the bride and groom at the Dutchman in Lindsay.

Following a ski trip to Lake Tahoe, the couple will reside in Dallas.



Mrs. Glen Swirczynski
... 'nee Amy Walterscheid ...

NET retreat Tuesday

NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries will be conducting a retreat in Lindsay on Tuesday, Feb. 12. NET are young adult Catholics from around the U.S. that travel across the country conducting retreats for Catholic youth.

The event will include skits, games, talks, dramas, music, prayer and more. The retreat will be held at St. Peter's Church and Conrad Hall from 6 - 10 p.m. For more information call Donna Hertel at 665-3404 or 665-5558.

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Four prepare to receive Sacraments

On Sunday, Feb. 3, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass four children participated in the "Rite of Sending" as they prepare for sacraments of initiation at Easter. Two of the children, River Stewart and Allie Martin, are preparing for baptism, and confirmation, and Eucharist. The other two, Taylor and Tommy Torcellini, are preparing for confirmation and Eucharist.

River is the son of Shelly Trubenbach and his godparent is Beth Trubenbach. Allie is the daughter of Barry and Kimberly Martin and her godparent is John Martin. Taylor and Tommy are the daughter and son of Tom and Sandi Torcellini.

After the homily, River and Allie were called forward and their godparents testified to their readiness to receive the sacraments.

Afterward each child signed the "Book of the Elect" that will be signed by Bishop Delaney at the "Call to the Easter Sacraments" next Friday evening. Then Taylor and Tommy Torcellini were called forward. Elizabeth Fette

and Barbara LaChance testified to their readiness to receive confirmation and Eucharist. After prayers of intercessions, they were all dismissed to reflect on the Scripture readings.

On Friday evening, Feb. 8, the four candidates and their sponsors will go to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Wichita Falls for the "Call to the Easter Sacraments," a special ceremony with Bishop Delaney. This will mark the beginning of a period of purification during Lent as they prepare for the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil on Mar. 30.

Meeting Notice

DIALOGUE, an ongoing support group for cancer patients and their families and friends, will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7:00 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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Preparation begins for Relay For Life

Cooke County's Relay For Life Kick-Off event was held Jan. 21 at the Cooke County Electric Cooperative. Participants gathered to learn more about the upcoming event set for June 7 and 8. An evening meal was provided by Bayer's Kolonialwaren.

To start the evening off, event chairman Cheryl Pollard announced the 2001 Relay For Life 2001 event raised over \$102,000 by 30 teams, ranking 8th for total dollars raised in Texas and 24th per capita nationwide. In the population group of 30,000-34,999, Cooke County ranked second in the state of Texas per capita.

Team Captain Coordinators Barb Rider and Sheila Wilson provided participants with team captain packets and explained the process of forming a team. A major change to this year's teams will be an unlimited number of members per team. Prior to this year, teams were limited to 8-15 members. Due to special requests of past teams, that limit has been lifted, allowing teams to recruit as few or as many members as they would like. The registration fee remains \$10.00 per walker unless that team is underwritten,

then they will receive a complimentary registration of one team up to 20 members. Rider and Wilson also explained the rules, luminaria, gave underwriting information, fundraising ideas, and team schedule. They also announced the new Relay hours. The 2002 Relay will begin on Friday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m. with campsite set up, registration at 2:00 p.m., Opening Ceremony and Survivor Lap at 6:00 p.m. with the Closing Ceremony from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8.

Total silence filled the room when Barb Rider shared a very personal story with the crowd. Barb was diagnosed with cancer on two occasions and has experienced multiple cancer treatments. Rider is very proud to walk the Survivor's Lap each year at Relay and reported how much the Relay For Life has become a part of her life.

Although there were few dry eyes in the crowd following Rider's story, Mary K. Endres and Rita Bayer soon had them all laughing as three audience members were selected, given a stick horse to ride and dressed as cowboys. Each cowboy was asked a question concerning cancer facts and moved a step

closer to the finish line with each correct answer. The entire audience was brainstorming, in hopes their favorite horse would win the race. It was great fun but very educational for all involved.

A special presentation was made to seven of the 2001 Cooke County Relay For Life teams. These seven teams all earned the Starz of Texas Award. This award recognizes teams of outstanding fundraising achievement. Each member of the team is recognized with an award pin. There are five Starz levels with each level based on the average per person of the entire team's fundraising efforts. Bronze Starz were awarded to Gainesville Memorial Hospital at \$331.63/person; First State Bank of Gainesville at \$315.40/person; Jimmie's Crew at \$285.73/person; and Relay Challengers at \$200.14/person. The Brewer Bunch reached the Silver Starz level at \$366.87/person. The Fisher Clan reached the Gold Starz level at \$792.28/person. At the Platinum Starz level was the Nortex Love of Life team at \$1392.13/person.

The 2002 Relay For Life Committee includes Cheryl Pollard as

chairman, Susan Metzler, Gayla Blanton, Janice Brewer, Melissa Trubench, Barb Rider, Sheila Wilson, Kim Gerstberger, Phyllis Griffin, Kathy Boone, Betty Hutson, Christine Weinzapfel, Carolyn Bayer, Kelly Lamkin, Faye Hamric, Alice Hellman, Michell Sicking, Marilyn Sebade, Dr. Audrey Morrill, Mary K. Endres, Rita Bayer, Barbara LaChance, David Cummings, Susan Hughes, Lou Ann Spaeth, Barbara Rohrbough, Dianne Walterscheid, Patti Pierce, Phyllis DeLancey, Justin Brewer, Michael Blake, Robynn Walterscheid, Darla Anderle, Laura Stoffels, Chris Jones, and Angie Jones. Committee members are still needed in the areas of registration/accounting and public relations.

The Relay For Life Committee would like to remind everyone it is time to start forming your team. The next Team Captain's Meeting is scheduled on Feb. 25, 6:00 p.m. at the Cooke County Electric Cooperative Meeting Room. For more information on forming a team or to volunteer, call Relay Headquarters and talk to Kim Gerstberger at (940) 759-2271, ext. 136.



Stephanie Grewing and Cory Cain will be married on March 16, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. at Grand Traditions in Corinth. Rev. Andy Cherry, formerly of Muenster, will officiate the ceremony. The bride-elect is the daughter of Wayne and Peggy Grewing. She graduated from Sacred Heart School and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing from the University of North Texas. Mosaic Relevance Marketing in Addison employs her as an account executive. The future-groom is the son of Chris and Jan Cain. He is a graduate of Muenster High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from Midwestern State University. He is employed by WFISD as a Biology teacher and football coach. The couple will reside in Wichita Falls.

Cadet Clifton earns honor

Cadet Dabney Clifton, daughter of David and Marcia Clifton of Valley View, and great-niece of Marguerite King of Muenster, was named to the Dean's List at the U.S. Military Academy. To qualify for the Dean's List, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. She plans to graduate in 2004 and hopes to serve in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) as a lawyer. Besides her academics and leadership training, Dabney played basketball for Army as a Plebe and this spring is on the varsity track team. This past summer she received the Department of Physical Education Top Female Athlete Award.



Cadet Dabney Clifton as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the Nation.

Clifton graduated from Valley View High School in 2000. She was active in UIL and athletics, being on the Lady Eagle Basketball team that appeared in two consecutive State Championship games in 1999 & 2000. She received All State honors in Cross Country and Basketball, and was named to the State Basket Championships All Tournament team in 2000.

Founded on Mar. 16, 1802, the academy celebrates its Bicentennial this year. The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, and Country; professional growth throughout a career

Felderhoff on Dean's List at NCTC

Keri B. Felderhoff received notice by mail from North Central Texas College that she has been placed on the President's Honor List for the fall semester of 2001. To achieve this honor a student must maintain a 4.0 average. Keri is the daughter of Katie and Dale Walterscheid and Billy and Diana Felderhoff. She is a 2001 graduate of Muenster High School. Keri is majoring in cosmetology.



2002 Relay For Life Team Captain's Kickoff was held Jan. 21 at the Cooke County Electric Co-op. Honored at the meeting were Starz of Texas award recipients, pictured, from the 2001 Relay For Life. Courtesy Photo

Girl Scouts Cross Timbers awarded for membership increase in 2001

Cross Timbers Council played a significant role in Girl Scouts' national effort to ensure that every girl everywhere has the opportunity to be a part of Girl Scouting.

Girl Scouts of the USA awarded Cross Timbers Council for its part in the effort to increase membership. From 2000 to 2001, the council increased its girl membership 11 percent.

"We strive to reach every girl everywhere and provide her every opportunity to show what our organization has to offer," said L. Kimberly Karl, CEO of Cross Timbers Council. "Girl Scouting emphasizes four personal developmental goals for the girls. One example is girls contributing to the improvement of society by

expanding her abilities and leadership skills by working in cooperation with others.

"Girls provide hundreds of hours of community service throughout our five counties exhibiting their commitment to make a positive difference in the lives of others. This membership award reflects our council's endeavors to reach the goals we set for ourselves and proves that we are teaching the girls to contribute to their communities."

For more information on joining Girl Scouts, contact the council toll free at (877) 664-1220 or visit the Girl Scouts Cross Timbers Council web site at www.girlscoutscctc.com.

Girl Scouts Cross Timbers Council serves Denton, Cooke, Grayson, Montague, and Wise counties of North

Texas, and dedicates every activity so that they reflect the strength and vitality of the contemporary Girl Scout program while honoring Girl Scout heritage.

5 Muenster students among TAMU honored

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2001 fall semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. Students from Muenster named to the Dean's Honor Roll are Lucas Hartman, a senior majoring in Animal Science; Kacie Garcia, a freshman majoring in

New Arrivals

Henley

Jason and Amy Henley of Frisco announce with pride and joy the birth of a daughter, Ashley Rose Henley on Jan. 18, 2002, weighing 7 lb. 1 1/2 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. Her grandparents are Wayne and Debbie Cler of Gainesville, and Jim and Rose Mary Henley of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Armella Cler of Muenster, Thelma Russell of Gainesville, Rose Custenborder of Topeka, Kansas, and Melvin and Lois Henley of Vassar, Kansas.

General Studies; Keith Felderhoff, a freshman, majoring in Petroleum Engineering; and Jennifer Hess, a sophomore, majoring in Business Administration. Named to the Distinguished Students List is Lauren LaChance, a senior, majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies.

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 On February 2, my family (14 of them) gave a party (Just for Me!) with a beautiful cake (half chocolate, half white). With punch! gifts! and balloons! They did all the work and I just sat back, loving every minute.
 THEN!!
 On Sunday, February 3 (my birthday), Claude and Nancy Walter hosted another celebration in their home, with Cipeo Fieuse. People came from Gainesville, Lindsay, Myra, Saint Jo, and Muenster... friends, former neighbors, relatives came lovingly to reminisce. We talked about everything from their childhood and mine, through the years. Many pictures were taken. I showed some of my pictures... of my mother... of my husband Maurice (even when he was in the Navy)... of me, when I was a little kid... of me when I was 23!!!
 The birthday cake, served from a beautiful table, was decorated with a picture of me, in freezing, when I was age 3.
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Hotline available to youths in crisis

The Texas Youth Hotline launched a statewide public awareness campaign in January aimed at youths and families in crisis situations. The hotline's toll-free telephone number is 1-800-210-2278.

"The Texas Youth Hotline is answered 24 hours a day and provides prevention and crisis intervention services to callers who are in need of a caring voice and a listening ear," said Jay Smith, Hotline director. "Hotline counselors talk with callers who face a

variety of issues including family conflicts, delinquency, truancy, and abuse and neglect."

"Many of today's youth who are lonely or angry do not have constructive ways of venting their frustrations," said Smith. "We offer a safe, non-threatening environment where callers can discuss their problems with someone who will listen and not judge them."

Smith said callers are urged to seek ongoing guidance and support from trusted adults, school

faculty, or local social service agencies.

"Our goal is to help minimize problems at home or school and prevent youth from becoming involved in delinquent, self-destructive behavior," explains Smith.

For additional information about the Texas Youth Hotline, call the hotline's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-210-2278, or visit www.texasyouth.org. The Texas Youth Hotline is a program of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.



Jake Freeman and Brady Howell, pictured center, Muenster High School juniors, won second place in the district cross-examination debate tournament held on Jan. 31 in Munday, Texas. They qualified for the state tournament in Austin on March 11-12, 2002. In addition, Derek Felderhoff and Sean Fuhrmann won fourth place and Deann Dangelmayr and Kristian Koessler finished fifth. The alternate team, not pictured, for this year was JoAnna Felderhoff and Tara Swirczynski. Janie Hartman Photo

Lindsay, Muenster High students dance night away

Friday night, Feb. 1, 205 students from Lindsay High School and Muenster High School shared an evening of competition, followed by friendship, dancing and fun. The Muenster and Lindsay High School student councils sponsored a dance after the basketball games Friday night. The students from the two schools danced to the music of the Entertainer in the Muenster High School gym. The two student councils provided refreshments of pizza and soft drinks.

A joint project of the two student councils, the dance was an effort to foster a spirit of cooperation and

friendship between the two schools and their communities. Those attending talked, danced, and got to know each other better. All attending seemed to have a great time and many said that they hoped that the event could be held again next year.

Both schools were well represented at the dance and the student council members were pleased with the number attending and the success of the dance. The sponsors for the Muenster High School student council are Deanna Hellman and Becky Felderhoff. Lindsay High sponsor is Betsy Fleitman.

Do you have what it takes to be a babysitter?

The American Red Cross proudly announces the Babysitter's Training Course, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Cooke County Co-op in Muenster, for kids 11-15 years old.

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School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEB. 11 - 15

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - No School.

Tues. - Sloppy Joes, potato rounds, ranch style beans, pears, pumpkin bread.

Wed. - Vegetable soup, peanut butter or cheese sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, cornbread and crackers, peach, apple cobbler.

Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes and gravy, corn, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls.

Fri. - Tuna or peanut butter sandwiches, nachos, lettuce and tomatoes, carrot sticks, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART

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

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

Wed. - Tuna casserole, mixed vegetables, salad, fruit.

Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, corn, jello.

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

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chili dog, pinto beans, mixed fruit.

Tues. - Crispito (5-12), chicken nuggets (K-4), ranch style beans, coleslaw, bread, peaches.

Wed. - Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, corn, pineapple, bread.

Thurs. - Burritos, refried beans, Mexican rice, lettuce, tomato, pears, bread.

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

ERA ISD

Mon. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, fruit mix, tossed salad, rice krispy treat.

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

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

Thurs. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pear halves, tossed salad, jello.

Fri. - Sub sandwich, trimmings, potato chips, pickle spears, ice cream.

NETPA to award journalism scholarships

To further the cause of community journalism, the North and East Texas Press Association will award two \$1,500 journalism scholarships this spring.

The NETPA scholarship program was begun in 1999. The 2001 winners were Rebekah Bowen of Coldspring-Oakhurst and Tonya Brooks of Henrietta.

The Muenster Enterprise is a member of the NETPA.

Scholarships will be given to college-bound graduating high school seniors and actively enrolled college students from the NETPA region pursuing an education in print

journalism. Scholarship applicants should submit a completed application, a 500-word essay, and two letters of recommendation, including one from a newspaper professional.

Deadline is March 31. Applications are available from the Muenster Enterprise, and completed applications should be mailed to Phil Major, Clay County Leader, Box 10, Henrietta, TX 76365.

The winners will be recognized at the annual NETPA convention, to be held in Jefferson April 25-27.

Goodwill sponsors scholarships

The Board of Directors at Goodwill Industries of Northeast Texas, Inc. announces the continuation of its scholarship program for high school seniors. During the year 2002, up to twelve - \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors in Goodwill's service area.

In keeping with the organization's mission, Goodwill Industries desires to assist graduating students with financial

needs and disadvantaging conditions to pursue vocational or technical higher education.

Seniors need to fill out an application and attach a current high school transcript. Completed applications must be turned in to high school counselors on or before March 18. High school counselors will then mail completed applications to the Goodwill Scholarship Selection Committee for final judging.

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Lindsay ISD declares the intent to apply for a "First Day of Instruction Waiver," pursuant to TEC 25.0811. The date the Lindsay ISD intends to begin the first day of instruction shall be Aug. 14, 2002. The district shall hold a public hearing to hear opinions expressed concerning the beginning date of instruction for students. For more information, contact Travis Winn, Superintendent of Schools, at 940-668-6584.

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Sports

Win district championship ...

Tigers playoff are bound

The Sacred Heart Tigers took the district championship Tuesday night, after defeating the Lighthouse Leopards in a re-match to pick the number one play-off seed.

The Tigers in the first round game in January lost to Lighthouse by 1 point. Last week Thursday they defeated the same team by 2 points with a buzzer basket. This led to Tuesday's tie-breaker, with Sacred Heart controlling the scoreboard to take the championship.

Last week's game saw the Tigers take a commanding lead the first quarter, with a 9-point advantage at half-time. Lighthouse closed the gap to 4 going into the final period, then tied the game with just seconds to go. A buzzer shot by Marty Farrell kept the game from going into overtime and gave the Tigers a 51-49 victory.

Farrell was high scorer with 16 points. Jack Biffle added 11, Luke Endres 8, Matthew Grewing 7, Clint Fuhrmann 5, and Chris Fuhrmann 4.

SH	18	6	11	16	51
L	6	9	16	18	49

Tuesday night the Tigers traveled to Liberty Christian in Denton for a tie-breaker battle with the Leopards. After four quarters, the Tigers won the contest.

Sacred Heart had a strong first period of play with a 9 point lead, stretching to 15 at half-time. Lighthouse gained some points in the 3rd period, but could only get within 6 points of the Tiger lead.

Farrell again was high scorer 22 points, Endres added 17, Grewing 10, Biffle 6, Clint Fuhrmann 3, Chris Hoedebeck and Jared Zimmerer 2 apiece, and Chris Fuhrmann 1.

SH	13	17	14	19	63
L	4	11	22	16	53



SACRED HEART BI-DISTRICT PLAY-OFF GAMES

SATURDAY, FEB. 9, 2002

SACRED HEART TIGER GYM

Tigerettes vs. winner of Waxahachie Cornerstone and Terrell Christian 6:00 PM

Tigers vs. winner of Greenville Christian and Tyler Street Christian 7:30 PM

Admission *\$5⁰⁰ adults, *\$3⁰⁰ students
Only TAPPS passes will be honored

Tigerettes finish district with 85-5 win

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes completed district play with a perfect 12-0 mark last Thursday in a blow-out win over Lighthouse.

"I feel like the Tigerettes are ready to defend their state title," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We were sharp in this win."

Leading the Tigerettes on the scoreboard was Andrea

Bauer with 18 points and 5 steals. Kristen Zimmerer added 11 points, with Audrey Barnhill and Jayna Biffle each scoring 10. Jana Truebensch dropped in 8 points, Karen Gehrig and Raney Bauer 7 each, Mary Jane Callahan and Jennifer Hoedebeck 5 apiece, and Courtney Hartman 4.

SH	34	24	19	8	85
L	3	2	0	0	5



The Muenster Hornets take time to discuss strategy with Coach Kenny Mann in last Friday's game against Lindsay. Janie Hartman Photo



Colby Newton and Mitch Endres fight to steal the ball from Mitch Creed. Janie Hartman Photo

MUENSTER LADY HORNETS	
Season	19 - 9
District	3 - 5
JV Season	13 - 6
HORNETS	
Season	12 - 16
District	1 - 7
JV Season	9 - 6
9th Season	10 - 1

DISTRICT 12 - A Standing as of Feb. 5, 2002	
GIRLS	
Era	8 - 0
Lindsay	6 - 2
Muenster	3 - 5
Slidell	2 - 5*
Collinsville	0 - 7*
BOYS	
Slidell	7 - 0*
Era	6 - 2
Collinsville	4 - 3*
Lindsay	3 - 5
Muenster	1 - 7

* Collinsville vs. Slidell postponed due to inclement weather on 2/15/02

Lindsay joins Muenster in District 11A football

The University Interscholastic League has released the tentative district alignments for the 2002-2004 football seasons. Lindsay joins Muenster, Era, Saint Jo, and Petrolia, along with Collinsville, to form district 11A in football.

Windthorst moved to district 12, joining Archer City, Perrin-Whitt, Santo, Throckmorton, and Albany.

To the east, Celeste, Fannindel, and Boles were

placed in district 17 with Cumby, Wolfe City, and Dallas Rylie.

Alvord moved up to 2A with Boyd, Chico, Jacksboro, Millsap, and Paradise. Valley View and Callisburg are joined by Argyle, Aubrey, Gunter, and Prosper in 2-A. Gainesville will be challenged by Celina and Pilot Point, now 3A classification with Pottsboro, Van Alstyne, and Whitesboro rounding out the district.

The 2002-2003 conference A division I basketball, Muenster, Lindsay, Era, Collinsville, and Slidell make up district 17A.

LINDSAY LADY KNIGHTS Play-Off Game
 Tuesday, Feb. 12
 Time & Location TBA
 Will play the winner of Friday's Windthorst vs. Alvord game
 (Era girls will play loser)



Lady Knights Hannah Trammell backs the ball out of the paint as Muenster's defense - Ashley Hess (12), Lisa Felderhoff, Megan Lippe (5), Alisha Walterscheid (13) and Ashley Klement (24) put on the pressure. Janie Hartman Photo

Lady Knights make playoffs

The Lady Hornets lost their shot to the playoffs last Friday by one point to the Lindsay Lady Knights.

The scoring was close the first half with Lindsay having a one-point lead after two quarters of play. Muenster had a good 3rd period gaining a 4 point lead going into the final period, but the Lady Knights fought back and with 40.1 seconds on the clock, Lindsay led 57-58.

Lindsay inbounced the ball after a time out, Megan Lippe stole the ball, Ashley Hess drove the ball down court, but two missed shots by Muenster allowed Lindsay to rebound. A foul stopped the clock at 13.5 seconds.

Jacque Bezner hit both free throws to extend Lindsay's lead to 57-60. Another time out. Then with 10.2 seconds, Muenster inbounced the ball, missed a 3 pointer, Lisa Felderhoff rebounded and shot for 2 for a 59-60 score. Another time out with 3.7 seconds. Lindsay inbounced and time ran out.

Ashley Hess and Melinda Walterscheid each scored 16 points for the Lady Hornets. JoAnna Felderhoff added 13 and Lisa Felderhoff 12. Megan Lippe put in 2 points for Muenster.

Amber Selby was the

game's high scorer with 31 points, Elaine Hess added 11, Katie Schneider 8, Jacque Bezner and Hannah Trammell 4 apiece, and Emmy Trammell 2.

M	14	13	20	12	59
L	15	13	15	17	60



Fighting for a rebound are Lady Hornet Melinda Walterscheid and Lindsay's Elaine Hess. Janie Hartman Photo

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Tuesday night was Senior Night in the Hornets' Gym. Senior basketball players and their parents were introduced between

the varsity games.

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Junior High Action

Muenster 24 Era 33

The 7th grade Stingers finished the season Monday night hosting Era. Six Muenster players put points on the board. Casey McAden and Patrick Lutkenhaus each scored 5. Jonathan Bayer, Collin Walterscheid, and Bill Haverkamp put in 4 points apiece, and Matt Beaver 2.

M	11	2	4	7	24
E	8	8	10	7	33

Muenster 38 Era 30

The 8th grade Red Hornets took a victory from the Hornets of Era Monday night. Muenster dominated the first half with a 19 point lead, but a strong comeback by Era in the final quarter threatened Muenster.

Zach Swirczynski and Derek Endres were Muenster's leading scorers with 11 and 10 points. Jordan Walterscheid added 9, Ryan Hennigan 6, and Michael Eckart 2.

M	12	14	10	2	38
E	3	4	9	14	30

Muenster 21 Lindsay 18

The 8th grade Stingers brought home an overtime victory last Thursday, squeaking by the Squires in the 5th quarter.

Only three Muenster boys scored points led by Zach Swirczynski with 10. Jordan Walterscheid added 9, and Derek Endres 2.

Jacob Root led Lindsay on the scoreboard with 8 points. Dustin Hughes added 5, Chad Dieter and Derek Murray 2 apiece, and Chris Creed 1.

M	3	5	8	2	3	21
L	8	4	3	3	0	18

Muenster 4 Lindsay 23

The 7th grade Knights outplayed the young Hornets in a low-scoring game for Muenster. Collin Walterscheid and Patrick Lutkenhaus each scored 2 for the Stingers.

Levi Hermes dropped in 13 points to be the Squires' high point maker. Travis Endres added 6, and Dustin Neu 4.

M	0	2	0	2	4
L	8	0	9	6	23

J V Action

Lindsay 38 Muenster 33

The Lady Knights took away a victory last Friday in a close battle between the teams. Lindsay had an edge on the scoreboard throughout the game.

Whitney Watson and Kami Klement were high scorers for the Lady Hornets with 11 and 10 points. Stevie Klement added 4, Kallie Gerstberger and Rachel Clark 3 apiece, and Deann Dangelmayr 2.

Lindsay's leading scorer, Cheryl Knabe put in 14 points. Lori Kasperek added 9, Lindsey Williams 6, Whitney Neu 5, and 2

apiece by Stephanie English and Kaylee Privett.

M	7	10	7	9	33
L	8	12	10	8	38

Sacred Heart 66 Prestonwood 47

Three players hitting double digit scores boosted the Tigers to victory last Tuesday. Tony Koesler and Wes Wimmer both scored 14, with Clayton Truebenbach adding 12, and 9 each from Mikey Bayer and Zach Barnhill. Adam Taylor rounded out the scoring with 8.

SH	17	23	12	14	66
P	14	12	4	17	47

Lindsay participates in powerlifting meet

The Lindsay Knights and Lady Knights participated in the Saint Jo power lifting meet Saturday, Feb. 2. Results were as follows:

Girls Division

Allison Conaway 1st with total 385; Stephanie Hermes 5th with total of 445; Joni Erwin 3rd with total of 550; Melissa Fuhrmann 11th with total of 460; Jessica Bezner 6th with a total of 545; Alex Shauf 7th with a total of 630; Mackenzie Webster 20th with a total of 410; Robin Neu 2nd with a total of 625; Laura Hellman 9th with a total of 510; Kristen Alexander 6th with a total of 460; and Katie Hoberer 8th with a total of 430.

Boys Division

Dominic Fuhrmann 4th with total 715 in 123 weight class; Ryan Kasperek 7th with a total of 1005 in 198 weight class; Garrett Jones 15th with a total of 830 in 198 weight class; Jason Hermes 10th with a total of 1095 in 275 weight class; Adam Schreiber 11th with a total of 1010 in 275 weight class.

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Man fined for taking big buck illegally on WMA

Mature white-tailed buck deer have a propensity for disappearing during hunting season. It's a character trait that enables them to reach maturity in the first place.

Big bucks vanish by traveling mostly under the cover of darkness and they seldom leave the safe confines that dense vegetation offers. So it came as no surprise to Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists on the Richland Creek Wildlife Management Area to catch glimpses of a particularly large-antlered buck only during their nighttime deer census surveys or through spotting scopes from great distances.

"We see a lot of our big deer at night during our spotlight surveys," said Jeff Gunnels, area manager on TPW's 13,700-acre Richland Creek WMA in Navarro and Freestone counties. "But, this one deer in particular was tremendous."

He guessed the buck to be about 5 years old; heavy beamed antlers on a typical eight-point frame, but with tree root-like clusters of points jutting out in all directions.

Gunnels was hoping that one of the bow hunters accessing the WMA during archery season with a TPW Annual Public Hunting Permit would get a shot at this deer of a lifetime. He knew the odds of that happening were pretty slim, considering archers account for only 10 percent of the annual deer harvest in Texas and less than one-sixth of those hunters who take a deer with a bow do so during the October archery-only hunting season.

By the end of the 1999 archery season no hunters had claimed the prize and in fact, no one reported seeing the big buck Period.

Then, in late January 2000, Joseph Randall Haydon brought a set of deer antlers to a sporting goods shop in Fairfield to be mounted by their taxidermist. The people at the shop became suspicious when Haydon claimed to have killed the deer on Richland Creek WMA during bow season three months earlier, yet this was the first anyone had heard of such a magnificent deer being taken - especially off of public land.

Haydon hadn't preserved the deer's head or cape with the antlers, as one would typically expect with a specimen of this magnitude brought for mounting. The antlers were untaxed when taken to the taxidermist. When questioned by the taxidermist, Haydon claimed he had lost his hunting license. Haydon obtained a duplicate license to tag his antlers, which sparked a call to the local game warden.

Word of the Richland Creek monster buck got back to Gunnels and the WMA staff began checking their registration slips from the 1999 archery season and found Haydon had only checked in once - on the opening day of the season. With an Annual Public Hunting Permit, hunters had open access to the WMA during archery season, but were required to fill out a registration card each time they entered the property. Haydon had informed the game warden he killed the buck around the third week of bow season, which led authorities to believe he may have taken the deer illegally.

"This wasn't his first rodeo," explained TPW Game Warden Captain Robert Carlson, who oversaw the ensuing investigation into how Haydon obtained the deer. "The local wardens are very familiar with him."

Following an investigation by Freestone County Game Warden Gary Robinson, Haydon was charged with failing to fill out a registration card prior to hunting, which is a Class C misdemeanor. Although a minor infraction - the legal equivalent of a traffic ticket - a criminal conviction would return the antlers, which appeared to have been illegally taken, to the State of Texas.

In December 2001, a jury in Freestone County returned a guilty verdict against Haydon and assessed a \$250 fine. A person convicted of illegally taking a wildlife resource in Texas is also subject to civil restitution for the value of the lost resource and in this case, the penalty was severe.

The civil restitution for a white-tailed buck is based on the size of the animal's antlers and measured under the Boone & Crockett Club scoring system. This buck grossed 208 points and netted 195 points after deductions - a score that could potentially qualify for the Boone & Crockett Club record book. Civil restitution amounted to \$12,189.50.

Haydon was also ordered to forfeit the antlers, which will go on permanent display at Richland Creek WMA.

While the loss of the buck in this manner was a blow to wildlife biologists on Richland Creek WMA and the bow hunters who legally hunt the area, Gunnels believes the big deer may have left something by which to remember him. "I've seen two different young bucks with a non-typical configuration similar to this deer, obviously not as big yet, but there's some potential."

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"The January show was canceled but we are looking forward to a great time in February. We have some special guests scheduled to appear on the February show which we believe the audience will enjoy," the Country Cut Ups say. One special guest will be Cindy Lyons of Saint Jo. Cindy has been performing for a number of years and has co-hosted or hosted a number of musical events in the area. She has appeared on numerous area Opry shows, including appearances on the Saint Jo Opry several times. She does a great job and is well received by audiences.

Another special guest is a very talented young man, Brant Carpenter from Nocona. Brant thrills audiences singing some of the old greats, such as "The Auctioneer," and does a great job on more recent tunes as well.

Another special guest, Robby Storey, Nocona, will make a return appearance on the February show and will be on drums/vocals. Robby does a great job and the sponsors say they're glad to have him back. Marty Bartlett, Lindsay, will be back on fiddle and vocals. He also does a terrific job.

The Country Cut Ups will be performing on the show. Concessions will be available. A \$2.00 admission is charged for adults, with children 12 and under admitted free. Donations from the proceeds are made regularly to Volunteer FIRE/EMS Departments of the area.

Farm & Ranch

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

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I'm not one to write a column in the first person but with today's final column I will strive to relate some of the many warm feelings I have for all of Cooke County.

I was fresh out of college when Ted Martin, TAEX district director called me and said "...we want you to go to Cooke County as assistant county agent." I said, "Sure," then found a map so I could see where Gainesville was and how to get there. I was living and working at Hockley, Texas for Swift Ag Center. I left on a Sunday, got lost in Dallas and finally spent my first night at the Curtwood Motel. Monday morning I found my way to the courthouse, met Neil Tibbets, Bernice Thurman, and Donna Brewster - my new co-workers. Neil Tibbets was the best trainer agent I could ever have had. My early training by Neil, and the many acquaintances and co-workers, left a lasting impression and made me feel I made the right job decision.

Those first three years in Cooke County were spent mostly working with the many 4-Hers, leaders and parents. Thank you Larry and Donald Bryant, you not only showed calves, but also could keep my old pickup running in those early years. We had twelve 4-H clubs over the county and the assistant agents made every club meeting, camps, 4-H Roundup, leadership labs, stock shows, food shows and anything else that had 4-H associated with it. They were some of the best years. Good friend, Thurman Ward, built calf foot trim tables, clipping racks, sheep tables and anything else we needed to help the program and kids. Thurman still helps today and you can see him cooking hamburgers at each year's Youth Fair.

The best lessons I've seen over the years come from the 4-H program. I've seen the strong parent commitment and involvement with their kids in all phases of the program. The many opportunities offered kids through public speaking, group club interaction, contests and leadership helps them grow and

associated with droughts, aflatoxin and consistency. Our livestock industry is also changing. Farmers are using more stocker calves to extend the economic potential of small grain pastures. I feel that farmers and ranchers in Cooke County are some of the most progressive in the state and are to be commended for their willingness to change to meet new opportunities.

I'll miss the Extension Education homemaker clubs and the work they do in providing scholarships for 4-Hers to further their education. Extension Education homemaker clubs provide a great education forum for women and an excellent opportunity for community leadership. My own mother has been an Extension homemaker for years and is still active in her club.

The various areas of Extension - home economics, 4-H, community development and agriculture have allowed for many co-workers over the years with fond memories of all: Neil Tibbets, Bernice Thurman, Donna Brewster, Marlea Thayer, Dolph Mars, John Bourquin, Randall Brown, Cookie Myers, Lynn Goerke, Carol Roberts, Cassie Bullock, Shellie Jupe, Dee Ann Fisher, Tammie Lively and currently Phyllis Griffin. And, a special thank you to Evelyn Yeatts. I could not have had a co-worker who was more organized than Evelyn. She took the best notes at those district meetings, made the best food at 4-H camp, and was just an "all around cowgirl" at events from stock shows to educational programs. Thank you Evelyn!

I'll miss everyone in Cooke County and everything about Cooke County. My plans are to move to South Texas, run a few cows, and make a lot of swap meets and trade days. I will certainly keep in contact and hope you all will do the same. My kindest regards to everyone who I have had contact with over the past years and remember - check out 4-H for your family and the educational services of Texas A&M University are available to you through your county Extension office.

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Texas Farm Bureau supports "rights"

Farmers and ranchers are constantly battling for their rights as property owners. Through various agricultural policies and enacted legislation producers are voicing their concerns in the halls of Congress and the State Legislature.

One of these issues addressed by voting delegates to the recently completed Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) annual state convention is utility line rights-of-way. The Farm Bureau delegates adopted policy urging the Texas Legislature to pass laws requiring utility companies to follow existing rights-of-way, where possible, with all utility lines. If that is not possible, the policy states, then utility companies should follow established fence lines.

The TFB policy is the latest in a long list of the organization's stances on property rights for farmers and ranchers. "We are united in our efforts to make sure ag producers in Texas are justly compensated for any

infringement of our property rights," said Demps Knight, the president of Cooke County Farm Bureau.

"Whether it's utility line rights-of-way or the rights to water on our land, we are committed to making certain we receive what is legally ours," Knight said. "Any loss of the use of our property for any reason, without compensation, is unacceptable," the local Farm Bureau leader added.

Texas Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization. TFB voting delegates adopt state and national policies each year. State policies guide the organization on issues addressed by the Texas Legislature and state regulatory agencies. National policies are forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) for consideration, and if adopted, become AFBF policies which are supported by Farm Bureau members in their communication with members of Congress and federal agencies.

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<p>Feeder Steers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs., No. 1, 1.05-1.10; No. 2 & 3, 90-1.10; 300-400 lbs., No. 1, 1.05-1.15; No. 2 & 3, 90-1.05; 400-500 lbs., No. 1, 1.00-1.04; No. 2 & 3, 85-1.00; 500-600 lbs., No. 1, 90-94; No. 2 & 3, 75-90; 600-700 lbs., No. 1, 81-90; No. 2 & 3, 70-81; 700-800 lbs., No. 1, 75-81; No. 2 & 3, 65-75.</p> <p>Feeder Heifers (per lb.) 200-300 lbs., No. 1, 1.05-1.10; No. 2 & 3, 90-1.05; 300-400 lbs., No. 1, 93-1.05; No. 2 & 3, 85-93; 400-500 lbs., No. 1, 88-1.04; No. 2 & 3, 75-88; 500-600 lbs., No. 1, 82-88; No. 2 & 3, 70-82; 600-700 lbs., No. 1, 72-83; No. 2 & 3, 60-72; 700-800 lbs., No. 1, 70-75; No. 2 & 3, 55-70.</p> <p>Slaughter Cattle (per lb.) Slaughter bulls, yield grade 1-2, 1,200-2,050 lbs., 45-62; Slaughter cows, #1-3, 37-44; Cutter, 26-37.</p>	<p>Stocker Cows (per head) Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$825; medium frame, \$450-\$600.</p> <p>Cow-calf pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$825-\$1,090; medium/dwarf frame, \$600-\$825.</p> <p>Holstein baby calves, \$55-\$90; Crossbreds, \$115-\$225.</p> <p>Barrows & Gilts: US #1, 230-270, 40-48; US #2, 220-280, 40-45.</p> <p>Sheep (per lb.) 100-175 lbs., \$50-\$72; 25-90 lbs., \$20-\$45.</p> <p>400s: Feeder, 400 or less, 26-28; Light wt., 400-500, 26-28; Med. wt., 500-600, NT; Heavy wt., 600-up, NT.</p> <p>Boars: 300 lb. up - 08, 200-300 lbs., NT; Light wt., 30-39 lbs., NT; Heavy wt., 40-45 lbs., NT.</p> <p>Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 80-100; Light lambs, 60-90 lbs., 60-75; Fat lambs, 90-120 lbs., 50-65.</p>	<p>Barbados (per head) Lambs 225-540; Ewes, \$30-\$50; Bucks \$50-\$80.</p> <p>Ewes: Stocker, 25-45; Thin, 15-30; Fat, 20-38.</p> <p>Bucks Thin, 30-55; Fat, 60-100.</p> <p>Goats (per head) Kids 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$40; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$60; 55-75 lbs., \$-570.</p> <p>Yearlings: 7 20 lbs. \$60-\$110.</p> <p>Nannies (per head) Goats (per head) Stocker \$25-\$45; Milk Type \$60-\$70; Slaughter, Thin, \$25-\$40; Fat, \$50-\$75.</p> <p>Billies (per head) 120 lb. up Breeders, \$70-\$100; Slaughterers, \$70-\$100.</p> <p>Born Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny, NT, 3/4 Nanny, NT, Full Nanny, NT.</p> <p>Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Billy, NT, 3/4 Billy, NT, Full Billy, NT.</p>
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Texas ag economy could benefit from lifted trade barriers with Cuba

Texas could ship more than \$53 million in additional exports, leading to the creation of 1,400 new jobs if trade barriers were lifted with Cuba, according to a Texas A&M University study.

Dr. Parr Rosson, director of the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M, and Flynn Adcock, economist and research associate at Texas A&M, found that producers of beef, rice, poultry, forest products, wheat and cotton would be those to gain the most from such trade activity.

"It will mean additional markets for Texas products," Rosson said. "Those markets will mean an increase in sales, along with economic growth and more business activity in Texas."

The study, "Economic Impacts of U.S. Agricultural Exports to Cuba," was commissioned by the Washington-based Cuba Policy Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Gains in new business for animal fats/oils and rice would be the highest among all of the commodities, reaching \$11.67 million and \$9 million, respectively. This is followed by beef (\$8 million), chicken meat (\$6 million), softwood logs and plywood (\$6.5 million), wheat and flower (\$3.3 million) and cotton (\$3 million).

According to the study's moderate export growth forecast, which factors in a limited amount of lifted trade restrictions, Texas could export an additional \$22 million in agricultural products.

"Texas producers would benefit in commodities such as rice, animal fats and oils, beef, chicken, wheat and wheat flour, as well as cotton," Rosson said. "An additional \$50 million would be spent to produce the above products, and that includes everything from input suppliers to retail trade. Overall, there would be a total economic impact of \$70 million."

Nationally, the study indicates U.S. farmers could gain up to \$3.6 billion in economic activity with Cuba if trade, travel, and investment sanctions against the communist nation are lifted.

"Before the embargo in 1962, Cuba was one of the biggest markets for rice and beef," Rosson said. "Cuba has one of the highest literacy rates, more than 96 percent, and a high-skilled workforce of any country in Latin America. The potential is there for significant growth in trade. Approximately \$411

million in U.S. agricultural exports could generate as much as \$920 million in business sales, Rosson said. That would result in \$270 million in household income, leading to the creation of 11,000 new jobs across the United States.

In Texas, agricultural producers could be tapping into a new market and new opportunities.

"It's important for Texas because producers certainly stand to be a reliable, efficient supplier of products -- mainly rice, chicken and beef."

And tourism would play an important role, Rosson noted, adding more than \$200 million to the value of U.S. agricultural exports to Cuba.

Passage of the Trade Sanctions Reform Act allowing recent shipments of American corn, wheat and poultry to Cuba has sparked discussion among Cuban officials and U.S. farm groups for increased agricultural trade. Those shipments that continue through the end of February are the first direct commercial sales of U.S.-produced agricultural products to Cuba in nearly four decades.

These first shipments to Cuba are a result of Hurricane Michelle, which struck the island late last year.

Ag Briefs

Jenny Craig, Inc., weight loss program, has included four beef recipes from the Texas Beef Council's website in its holiday season cookbook last year. The company printed 150,000 copies of the cookbook and sold out in three weeks. Consumers can still find these great lean beef recipes and much more at www.txbeef.org.

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