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## Muenster Jaycees celebrate 40th anniversary

by **Elfreda Fette**  
Muenster Jaycees reached a significant milestone in their service to their hometown and the local area as expressed in their principal tenet "That Service to Humanity Is the Best Work of Life!" when they celebrated their fortieth year here, with their annual installation and awards banquet on Saturday evening, Jan. 26 in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

After serving this past

term as President of the Muenster Jaycees, Gus Ashley was re-elected to a second term.

A program followed the banquet meal.

Master of ceremonies for the program was Wayne Klement. Susan Flusche gave the Invocation. Tony Hartman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Henry Weinzapfel welcomed the assembly. Gus Ashley presided for the next four presentations.

He named Neal Flusche

as "Key Man," a model Jaycee, expected to answer questions brought up at meetings, and evaluate both sides of an equation before making a decision.

He again named Neal Flusche as "Outstanding Chairman," an individual who can take control over a project year after year, and possibly create a new project.

He named Nick Walterscheid as "President's Partner," always ready to help, who can give advice

when appropriate, who lends a willing ear to problems, which direction to go and how to get there.

In presenting the Jaycees' award to the "Outstanding Citizen," he named Hoss Knabe, who gives freely of his time, helps anyone in need, and in particular, who organized the golf tournament and auction, assisted with the new baseball park, and arranged for the use of Southlake's new stadium (a particularly major accomplishment) as he introduced "Muenster's Own Singing Cowboy!!!"

Continuing, Gus Ashley recognized special guests, first-year members who attended 40 years ago and were present now: Wendell Richey, James Walterscheid, James Hess, Henry Weinzapfel, L.B. Bruns, Tom Herr, Dan Hamric, James Polk, Don Hess, Bill Pratt, Carl Walterscheid, Dan Haverkamp, Jerry Hess, Butch Fisher, and Tommy Knabe. Carol Henscheid attended, representing her late husband, Ted



Greg "Hoss" Knabe accepts the Jaycees' Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award from President Gus Ashley. Also pictured is Wayne Klement. Courtesy Photo



Installation of officers at the annual Jaycee Banquet included, from left, Steven Knabe, Neal Flusche, Chris Klement, Jeremy Walterscheid, Tony Hartman, Shawn Flusche, Eric Walterscheid, Michael Haralson, Kevin Reeves, Darren Bindel and, not pictured, President Gus Ashley. Courtesy Photo



Among honored guests at the Jaycees' 40th Annual Banquet and officers' installation were the following, from left, Willie Fisher, Dan Hamric, Gerald Hess, Wendell Richey, Don Hess, Francis "Butch" Fisher, Dan Haverkamp, L.B. Bruns, Henry Weinzapfel, James Hess, James Polk, Tom Herr, Bill Pratt, James Walterscheid and Carl Walterscheid. Courtesy Photo

Henscheid and Carol Grewing attended, representing her late husband Walter "Hooker" Grewing.

Ashley noted that the first officers were Joe Galloway, president; Donald Bayer, first vice president; Jerry Wimmer, second vice president; Henry Weinzapfel, secretary; Tom Herr, treasurer; Joe Moster, district representative; and trustees, Bill Pratt, Willie Walterscheid, Art Bayer, and Dan Haverkamp.

Ashley recalled in part "We are here now because of them.... We are a strong chapter because of their continued support of the club they started... That is why I feel we will be here another 40 years.... but we realize there is still a lot to do... although we are getting

a step closer!... We will continue with the same enthusiasm as our founding fathers did when they organized here."

Installation of Officers was conducted by Wayne Klement, as follows: Gus Ashley, president; Steven Knabe, 1st vice president; Tony Hartman, 2nd vice president; Chris Klement, secretary; Darren Bindel, treasurer; Michael Haralson, state director; Neal Flusche and Jeremy Walterscheid, fifth Thursday chairmen.

Directors are Kevin Reeves, Jeremy Walterscheid, Erik Walterscheid, and Shawn Flusche.

The Jaycee Creed, led by David Flusche, was repeated in unison, to complete the program.

## Cooke County agrees to two land acquisitions

by **Janet Felderhoff**

Muenster ISD owns a tract of land south of the Cooke County Precinct #4 barn. Commissioner Virgil Hess said he has been trying to acquire that property to expand his Precinct barn area. "I can now acquire that land for in-kind services. There's an acre and a half there," Hess said. He said he would be paving the MISD parking lot using materials and labor that would amount to \$12,000.00. He remarked that he preferred that to paying cash. Commissioner Jerry Lewis noted, "That's a good way of helping them and helping the County both." The contract was unanimously approved.

A land contract was discussed during an Executive Session at the Jan. 14 meeting of Commissioners Court. County Judge Bill Freeman reported that he has since met with the owner of the land who has signed the contract contingent upon the following: zoning change being approved by the City

of Gainesville; the right to inspect the property for oil wells that have previously been drilled to determine if they have been closed according to RRC specifications; and the right to do a Phase I study for any materials found that require TNRC supervision of removal. He said that any of those found give the County the right to get out of the contract.

The property is being purchased for the purpose of the possible building of a new County jail on that location. Judge Freeman said the costs would be \$160,250.00 for the 53.046 acres. "It's more acreage than is actually needed for a jail, but the County needs more acreage for future expansion," noted Judge Freeman. "The property is located off Hwy. 82. There's easy access to Hwy. 82 for emergency vehicles to go east, west, north, or south without worrying about a train track or something like that."

Commissioner Bill Cox said, "I think the land is

worth what we're paying for it and I think it is needed now and I think it will be needed in the future." Judge Freeman added, "I think we're real fortunate to find this amount of land where we found it. It's got City access to water and sewer. There's not many pieces of property around Gainesville that has the necessary utilities in place where we can hook up."

Entering into the real estate contract for the land purchase was approved unanimously.

Lester McIntyre of the Texas Veterans Land Board asked that he be allowed to present information workshops on March 22, May 24, July 26 and Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Veterans Service Office at the courthouse. "In Cooke County alone there are 3,500 Veterans," explained McIntyre. "We're trying to reach each one of those 3,500 Veterans in Cooke County to tell them what opportunities and benefits they have."

Hess said he had attended

one of the workshops in the County before and it was full. He suggested that it be held in the meeting room in the basement of the courthouse or in the Commissioners Courtroom if more space was needed.

Approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Hess explained how scoring was done in Round III of the Texas Historical Courthouse Preservation Program. He gave his view of where Cooke County

stands at present in the line for grants funding. He said that could change if other courthouses do something to increase their points. Hess discussed ways that Cooke County could increase points. His first inclination was to have specs and plans drawn up for the complete restoration of the courthouse. He discovered that would cost over a half million dollars and wasn't an option at that cost.

Hess said they could have partial specs and plans drawn up. Judge Freeman asked about the cost for specs on the east and west sides. Hess estimated \$200,000.00.

Karl Kumatsu, the courthouse architect, offered his opinion that Round IV might include some

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### MMH District voters decide on tax rollback Saturday

The Muenster Hospital District ad valorem tax rate of \$0.49 per \$100.00 valuation must stand up to a challenge Saturday to return the rate to last year's level of about \$0.27. The rollback effort, led by Gary Links, will be decided by election held Feb. 2, 7 AM to 7 PM, in the lobby of Muenster ISD Middle School on Seventh Street. The rate was set by a 5-to-4 vote of the board of directors who are convinced the increase is necessary for the survival of Muenster Memorial Hospital through the next year. Those opposing the tax increase think it is excessive and the money should come from cost cutting and increase in volume. The tax rate has been a major part of the intense controversy raging over the hospital. See page 4 for opinion.

## The Center Restaurant returns once again to favored traditions

The Center Restaurant and Tavern, located on Highway 82 in Muenster, is striving to return to some of the traditions that made it a favorite with patrons near and far. Dwayne and Denise Pagel, Bryan and Glenda Russell, and J. T. and Renate Pagel are now the owners of the business.

When the restaurant sold last year the treasured Pagel Sausage recipe was retained by the family and was no longer offered at The

Center. The new owners are proud to announce that it is back on the menu.

Also back are the daily lunch specials. These are different each day. Their home made desserts make a delicious ending to any meal.

Fast service, good food, and a friendly atmosphere are what the new owners offer those who dine with them. Take out orders are welcome. The phone

numbers are (949) 759-2910 or (940) 759-2984.

Restaurant hours are Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tavern hours are Tuesday through Friday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. The Center is closed on Mondays.

The owners invite everyone to, "Come out and join us for a good hot meal."

## Lindsay track repairs stalled

by **Janet Felderhoff**

A compromise could not be reached between the Lindsay School Board and Southwest Recreational Industries. The problem was discussed at length at the Jan. 21 meeting of the Board.

A contract was signed for repairs and resurfacing of the track. Work began, but came to a halt at about the halfway point when it was realized that there was a problem with a dip in the track that wasn't considered in the original bid. It was created where two pours met in the previous surfacing. Additional materials will be required to create an evening out over the track.

Chuck Mills of Southwest Recreational Industries attended the Board meeting to explain his company's reason for wanting a change from the contract

agreement. They asked for an additional \$10,500.00 to make track level. The other alternative was to go with a latex surface for a cost of \$13,000.00 less. Mills noted he didn't think the Board was interested in the latex surface.

Several Board members felt that the cost should be covered under the contract as it was bid. Board President Danny Nortman said as he understood it they had three options - 1) to pay an additional \$10,500.00 and have the job finished; 2) to walk away with what is done at a cost of \$12,600.00; or 3) to deduct \$13,000.00 and put down a latex surface. The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the matter.

In a unanimous decision the Board offered the contractor the following: to meet him halfway by paying

half of the extra cost, which is \$5,124.00 if he would be back on the job by Jan. 24. Mills placed a phone call to his superior and the proposal was turned down. Southwest Recreational Industries stood firm on needing an additional \$10,500.00 to complete the job.

It was then determined that a phone call would be placed by Superintendent Travis Winn to the person who originally signed the contract as well as follow up with a letter.

In a telephone interview Jan. 30, Mr. Winn said that the problem had been resolved. Southwest Industries offered to do the work for a piece amount for the bulk material. The LISD Board at a special called meeting approved this change order. Winn said that track season is a little

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## School land clean-up continues

by **Janie Hartman**  
The Muenster Board of Trustees held a called meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23 to finish up several timely items.

The old Reiter house has been moved from its location, presently sitting in the football parking lot. TNT will continue to fill in and level the property to the ditch.

The Board also discussed a contract between the district and the county, to "swap" 1.55 acres of land for material and labor for paving the parking lot north of the gym and south of the football field and gravel the newly extended area.

Long Range Planning discussion continued with the district contacting the Texas Association of School

Boards' Environmental Department to once more inspect the 3rd and 4th grade building, taking samples of building material that may be removed in remodeling. This will give the Board an idea of the cost for the future project.

Coaching personnel was also discussed for next year, but no action was taken.



# Gainesville campus leads way to record enrollment at NCTC

With the Gainesville Campus leading the way, North Central Texas College recorded its highest spring semester enrollment ever, according to a report heard by the college's board of regents at its regular January meeting.

Rusty Waller, dean of institutional research, said preliminary figures show headcount for the current spring term is 5,100 system-wide. This is 176 more students than were enrolled a year ago.

"These preliminary numbers could go down slightly before we pronounce them 'official,' but they are extremely encouraging," Waller reported, "especially those showing that the headcount increase is largest at our Gainesville Campus, both numerically and percentage-wise."

Dr. Eddie Hadlock, vice president of instruction, said it is difficult to identify any one factor that led to what he called "this very significant increase" at Gainesville. "We believe it came about for a combination of reasons," he said, "including stepped up recruiting and retention efforts. There have also been downturns in some segments of the area job market, which traditionally sends people back to school for upskilling or reskilling."

Spring semester 2002 headcount at Gainesville totals 1,622—up by 90 students from a year ago for an increase of just under six percent. At the Corinth Campus, enrollment increased by 79 students to 3,459. Headcount at the Bowie Campus this spring increased by three students to a total of 175.

The regents were given additional good news by staff members reporting that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) will award grants totaling \$147,329 to NCTC as part of a Nursing

Innovation Grant Program. Established by the 77th Texas Legislature, the grant program is aimed at reducing the state's critical shortage of qualified nurses and is funded with proceeds from the Texas tobacco lawsuit settlement.

Maurice Robeson, dean of applied sciences and acting director of the nursing program, joined Dr. Jan Elias, representing the college's advancement office, in reporting to the regents that NCTC was one of 89 institutions statewide that applied for Nursing Innovation Grant funding. Only 32 applications were approved, two of them submitted by NCTC.

The first of the two grants will fund "Camp CARE," a special recruiting effort aimed at middle school and high school students to encourage them to explore nursing as a profession.

Students involved in the program will actually attend a summer camp in residence at NCTC's Gainesville Campus, and the program will include field trips to area health care facilities and hands-on learning experiences in NCTC nursing labs using mannequins, computer-based learning programs and other resources.

The second grant program will involve the innovative use of NCTC nursing program alumni to help provide guidance, tutoring and encouragement to current nursing students.

"The nursing programs at NCTC are academically rigorous and require a large investment of time, energy and dedication of students," Ms. Robeson said.

"As a result, the attrition rate can be quite high. We believe the direct involvement of successful alumni, acting as learning resources for these students, can help reduce that attrition rate significantly."

The NCTC regents also

were given a demonstration and heard a report on the college's recently activated online registration system, used for the first time to enroll students this spring. According to Toby Osburn, dean of student services, "about a third, or some 1,700, of our currently enrolled students registered for classes and paid their tuition and fees via the Internet."

Osburn said he expects this number to increase significantly in future semesters and speculated, in fact, that in the near future, registration at NCTC "will be done almost totally by electronic means, and even students coming to campus to enroll in person

will do so using computer workstations."

Turning to a comparatively light agenda of action items, the regents first returned to an item of old business and approved a recommendation from administration that action taken at last month's board meeting to rescind collection from students of a property deposit be overturned.

"Quite frankly, we did not go deep enough in our research on this issue and were probably unduly influenced by what most other community colleges the state were doing," said Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, president. "Having reconsidered the issue from the perspective of what we

feel is best for our own students, we believe we were in error and ask the board to reinstate the \$10 property deposit."

Even though including a property deposit as a fee is mandated by state law, Dr. Glasscock explained that most—49 out of 50—other public community college districts in the state have, in effect, discontinued its collection by exploiting a loophole which allows them to set the amount of the deposit at zero. The law also stipulates that if

students do not ask for a refund of the \$10 deposit within four years of their forfeited and goes into a scholarship fund.

The regents voted unanimously to reinstate the property deposit, effective with the fall 2002 semester.

Moving to new business items, the regents approved a list of faculty being recommended by the administration for contract renewal for the 2002-2003 academic year.

## City Council Agenda

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Muenster City Council to be held at 7:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room on Monday, February 4, 2002.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
  2. Opening prayer.
  3. Approve minutes of the regular meeting on January 7, and special meeting on January 14, 2002.
  4. Recognize visitors and invite them to attend the entire Council meeting and to discuss their business.
  5. Consider any other business to come before the Council.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and act on street closings around Muenster ISD.
  2. Discuss new emergency siren system. Consider and act on awarding bid.
  3. Discuss opening of Second Street. Take action as necessary.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and act on request by Chamber of Commerce to build a permanent "Texas Stage" structure in City Park.
  2. Mayor to call election for May 4, 2002, for council alderman positions.
    - Place 1 - now held by Troy Sicking
    - Place 2 - now held by Johnny Page1
    - Place 4 - now held by Jewel Otto
- Filing date for name to be on ballot: February 18 through March 30  
Filing date to declare write-in candidacy: February 18 through March 25
3. Consider and act on renewing contract with Attorney Jim Robertson for collection of delinquent property taxes.
  4. Consider and act on Ordinance #258 Amendment to Speed Zone Ordinance #205, setting speed limits on portions of US Hwy 82 within the city limits of the City of Muenster.
  5. Receive quarterly police activities report.
  6. Consider and act on approving Board of Directors of Muenster Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC).
  7. Consider and act on approving Board of Directors of Muenster Water District.
  8. Receive status report on city projects.
  9. Discuss future annexation plans. Take action as necessary.
  10. Review monthly budget summary.
  11. Review and act upon monthly bills.
  12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Texas Local Government Code 551.074 Personnel Matters.
  13. Adjourn.

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emergency funding grants. Cooke County applied for \$249,174.00 for much needed repairs to the west steps of the courthouse.

With only \$9 million left for Round IV and no guarantee that the Texas Legislature will be able to dedicate more funds in the future, there was uncertainty as to how long Hess said it would be 2003 before Round V money was allocated if there was a Round V.

Hess said that he could check on how much it would cost to do a partial specs and plans on just the outside. "It would boost our points a few," he noted. Judge Freeman asked Hess to check on the cost and it would be addressed at the next meeting.

Commissioners agreed to keep the salary grievance committee the same as it has been in the past. It is composed of all elected officials and three or four members of the public. These are taken from the last two Grand Jury panels.

Names were drawn and will be asked to serve in the order drawn. Order of the draw was as follows: Michael Otto, Betty Moore,

Mary Ellen Gibbs, John Dieter, Larry Corbett, Frank Briggs, Virgil Henschel, Robert T. Lewis Jr., Andrea Bowers, Beatrice Wolf, Michael Stewart, Darlene Beck, Wally Collum, Ronald Banks, Barbara Barnhart, Ray Nichols, Steve Trubenbach, Ernestine Elder, Harry Bowmar, Ruth Jordan, Herman Grewing, Dan Dalton, Gilbert Kubis, and G.C. Ellis.

In other business Commissioners Court:

- Approved the final plat for Country Estates North, lots 1-13, located off of County Road 428 in Precinct #4.

- Approved installation of a fresh water line across CR 136, approximately 30 yards south of FM 2896 and across CR 119, approximately 100 yards north of FM 2896 in Precinct #1.

- Approved the January 2002 minutes of the Lake Ray Roberts Zoning Commission.

- Approved Cooke County Sheriff's Office bonds for Letha Furrh.

- Approved indigent burial for Virginia Lee NaBors.

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Sunday, February 3, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM R.O.C.K. Pancake Breakfast after Masses (St. Peter's), cafeteria	Monday, February 4, 2002 Bereaved Parent / Grandparent Support Group Mtg., 7PM, Home Hospice City Council Meeting, 7:30PM	Tuesday, February 5, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM Cooke Co. Pro-Life Meeting, 7PM, St. John's, Valley View	Wednesday, February 6, 2002 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library open 10 AM - 6:30 PM TDH Immunization Clinic, 9-11AM, Cooke Co. Elec. Co-op C of C Board Meeting, 5:30PM Religious Ed. Class, 7PM	Thursday, February 7, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHS Open House, 10AM-2PM MISD Business Community Luncheon, The Center	Friday, February 8, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM SHS Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day AARP Meeting, 11:30AM	Saturday, February 9, 2002 Red Cross Babysitter Training Course, 9AM-5PM, Cooke Co. Elec. Co-op Jaycee Benefit Dance, 7PM-1AM, VFW Hall
Sunday, February 10, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, February 11, 2002 MISD - No School VFW Meeting, 8 PM	Tuesday, February 12, 2002	Wednesday, February 13, 2002 ASH WEDNESDAY C of C Breakfast Meeting, 7:30AM, Rohmer's Restaurant Mass 6:30PM, followed by Religious Ed. Class until 8PM MISD Board Meeting, 7:30PM SHS Alumni & Friends Mtg., 7:30PM, Comm. Center	Thursday, February 14, 2002 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 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

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# Kerr earns IIAA's accredited customer service rep. designation

FMW Insurance Agency of Muenster announces Paula S. Kerr has successfully completed the Independent Insurance Agent's of America's (IIAA) Accredited Customer Service Representative (ASCR) designation program. "We're proud of the personal commitment Paula made in order to better serve our customers," Gary Fisher said. To earn her ASCR designation, Paula had to attend a minimum of eight days of intensive training and had to pass four comprehensive examinations. ASCR is an international designation program developed and administered



Paula S. Kerr

by IIAA to promote and recognize the professionalism of customer service personnel in the insurance industry. Over 13,000 customer service representatives have achieved their designations, and Paula joins over 3,000 who work in Texas agencies. In order to maintain the designation, each ASCR must attend a minimum of six hours of approved continuing education each year. Paula is a licensed agent with FMW Insurance Agency, and each year she must complete an additional nine hours of continuing education to maintain licensing with the Texas Department of Insurance.

submitted by Gary Fisher

# NCTC enrollment up

Enrollment numbers continue to soar at North Central Texas College where officials are reporting a preliminary spring

semester 2002 headcount system wide of 5,100. This is an increase of 2.4 percent over enrollment last spring of 4,980.

# LINDSAY ISD

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over a month away and the work should be completed in time.

Technology Director Paula Garner presented the Lindsay ISD Technology Plan for 2002-2005. Garner, along with parents William McPherson and Renee Knauf, developed the plan. Some changes from the previous plan included setting up a mobile computer lab for grades K-5; in-house training for staff development; and a community workshop that she would like to offer two Sundays a month. Metzler noted that since Garner holds a Master's degree she could train the staff in house. The Board unanimously approved the proposed plan.

In his report Principal Jerry Metzler distributed enrollment information to Board members. A new family with four children recently moved into the District, he said.

Some of the upcoming activities Metzler reminded the Board of included: two day Science Fair beginning Jan. 28; LISD Student Council and MISD Student Council joint dance after basketball game in Muenster on Feb. 1; high school class and group pictures on Feb. 5; elementary class pictures on Feb. 5; FFA Blood Drive Feb. 5; FFA Chili Supper Feb. 5 from 5-8 p.m.; high school District Debate Meet in Sherman on Feb. 7; 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade UIL District Debate Meet Feb. 8; Junior High Valentine's Feb. 22; TAAS test on Feb. 19-21; and Elementary UIL Meet at Era on Feb. 22.

This is the time of the year that Site Based Committees change members. All of the non-staff members were asked to stay for another term. "We are keeping our non

staff members not only because they are good members, but it also takes a while to learn all of these procedures," remarked Metzler. "They are very productive members. They brought a lot of good ideas and a lot of participation." There were some changes to replace staff members not returning for another term.

Metzler gave a demonstration of the District's new intercom system. There are different tones for fire, tornado, etc. It features two-way speakers that allow a teacher to call for assistance when needed.

Superintendent Winn said that January is traditionally School Board Appreciation Month. "Those of us with the administration and staff are thankful for the Board and the things you do," stated Winn. "It's pretty much a thankless job, but it's an important job." Students showed their appreciation with posters, cards, letters, medals, candy and a snack table. These were displayed and enjoyed by Board members during the meeting.

Other items Winn reported on included that the gym floor would be refinished during Spring Break and that the new bus would be delivered soon.

In other business the Board:

- Held an Executive Session that included discussion of the Superintendent's contract. More information was requested and no action was taken. It will be on the February agenda.
- Approved TASB Update 67.
- Approved minutes from previous meetings
- Approved operating checks.

# Superintendent invites business owners to lunch

The business community is invited to attend a luncheon at the Center Restaurant on Thursday, February 7 at noon. Muenster ISD Superintendent Clyde Steelman will discuss the districts annual performance report, a long range plan being developed by the school board, local and state funding and a legislative update.

"As a local business owner or community leader it is imperative that you are kept abreast of our local district and its governing laws," Steelman noted.

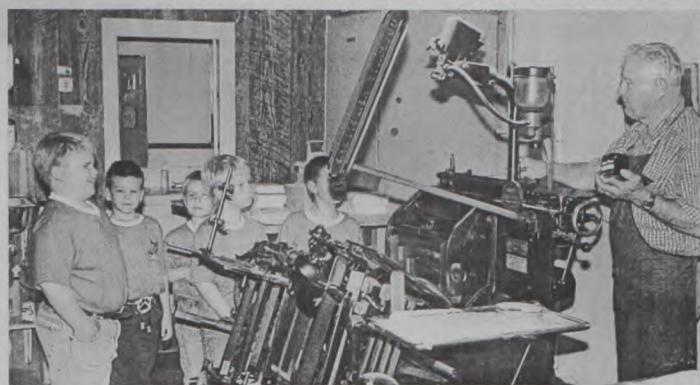
If you plan to attend, please call the superintendent's office at 759-2281, ext 600 before Wednesday, February 6 so an accurate count can be made for handouts.

Attendees may order from The Center menu.

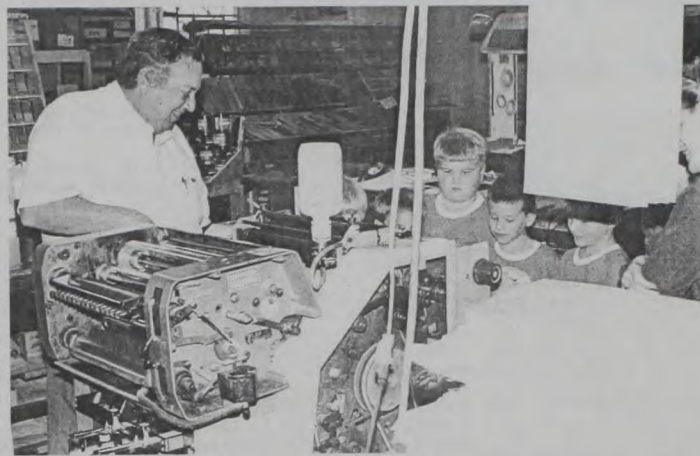
# December oil and gas completions

In December 2001, operators reported 178 oil, 437 gas, 16 injection and one other completion, compared to 222 oil, 376 gas, 29 injections and no other completions during December 2000.

Total well completions for 2001 year to date are 9,151 up from 7,974 recorded during the same period in 2000. Operators reported 450 holes plugged and 72 dry holes in December 2001 compared to 362 plugged and 58 dry holes in December 2000.



Members of Tiger Cub Scouts of Muenster Scout Pack #664 and their leader and sponsor Tina Weinzapfel, accompanied by several mothers, visited The Muenster Enterprise Monday, Jan. 28, during their regular meeting time after school. They are shown with Alvin Hartman who demonstrated the Heidelberg press. They are also shown with Carl vonRee, demonstrating a much newer printing press. The boys, who had a multitude of questions, are Clayton Rohmer, Clayton Fangman, Tony Schniederjan, Steven Flusche and Michael Weinzapfel. They were fulfilling one of three requirements for a Tiger Cub achievement badge. Dave Fette Photos



# From My Side of the Fence by Ed Cler

Yesterday, Jan. 27 was my 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. Yea! It took me 87 years to get this far. We moved to the Lehnertz farm west of town in 1947 and 52 years later moved to 215 Hillcrest in Muenster, during Aug. '98.

Looking back, many changes have taken place - old neighbors have moved on, and new ones have taken their places, new homes have been built. Al and Millie Fleitman sold their farm to their son Eddie and wife Mary, who now occupy it.

We also lost our neighbors to the east. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Becker and their sons Leo and Walter have all gone to their reward, and their daughter and sister Rose and her husband Ollie Sicking now own the farm and live in the house.

What was once just a rough piece of pasture land,

has been cleaned up and a nice home built on it by Bill Luke and wife, Aileen. They have now sold the house and a portion of the land and are living in Muenster.

Alphonse Hoenig and wife, Ida, lived to our south. Alphonse passed away a few years ago, and Ida now lives at St. Richard's Villa near Muenster.

The Kleiss Bros., Joe and John, both bachelors, owned and operated several farms, east and west of our place. Joe died a number of years back and Johnny continued to operate the land, and live at the old home location until his health and old age caused him to take up residence at St. Richard's Villa. The house is now occupied by a renter.

Bill and Ella Haverkamp, our old neighbors to our southwest are also gone. Bill has passed away and Ella

now lives at St. Richard's. Their two sons Dan and Dave now have the property.

Our son, Mark and wife, Ruth, bought the old Lehnertz house and two acres of land and are making that their home, while Jim, a son, and our daughter, Phyllis, have their homes across the road, just south.

No one could ask for better people to live amongst, and I'm sure the folks that occupy these places at present will, no doubt, say the same things about the neighbors they now have, but at a later date.

New homes and buildings are being built, here and there, on some of the land.

I sometimes wonder what could be written again, years from now, as someone else remembers.

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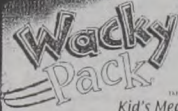


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# Opinion/Editorial/Letters

## To the Editor,

"Service to humanity is the best work of life!" This is the last line in the Jaycee creed, and probably the most powerful. When you hear the creed recited, these words are emphasized and even shouted!! If we can serve and help our fellowman, everything else will fall in place! I believe this year has proven that throughout our great nation, and right here at home - in "good old" Muenster, we can prove it again.

Over the years the Jaycees have tried their best to help families with health or financial difficulties. **Everytime** we've had one of our "special" projects, we've asked the community for their support and help, and **everytime** you've come through!

We have a family in Muenster that is going through some extremely tough times. We're trying to help, but we can't do it alone - we need you!! The entire community can help this family and we can all have fun doing it!

Allen and Christy Bayer recently moved back home to Muenster with their four children. Allen was commuting to Boeing in Denton for work. Christy became pregnant with twins, and when they arrived early, problems developed. Seth and Sam spent two weeks in ICU. Sam had a palate problem and with a little research, a special feeding bottle was developed to help the problem. Little Sam's problems aren't over yet with several operations planned for the coming months. Careflight, surgeries, and numerous other family medical problems are weighing a heavy burden on this family! Due to the September 11th situation, Boeing, like many other large industries, was hit hard. Allen is now a victim of 9-11 and will be laid off in March.

If you don't know this young couple - Allen is the son of Rosalee Bayer and the late Robert Bayer. Christy is the daughter of Helen Yosten and the late Larry Yosten. The twins are now 8 weeks old.

We all have family problems - everyone does, but this family has had their share 20 times over!! We can't help them enough!! If you think you can help them even a little - here's the plan.

The Jaycees are having a good old-fashioned country-western VFW Valentine's Dance on Feb. 9 with Andy Serna and friends as the band. Beverages will be provided and Jaycee wives will be providing food. Special prizes will be available and we promise you'll have a great time!

If you'd like to help at the dance - call Wayne at 759-2739 or Claude at 759-4579. If you can't make it to the dance and still would like to make a monetary donation - call us!!!

**SERVICE TO HUMANITY IS THE BEST WORK OF LIFE!!**

Wayne Klement  
1141 CR 427  
Muenster, TX 76252

## Skin cancer facts

People with lots of moles or who have moles that are large have an increased risk of malignant melanoma. Risk of malignant melanoma is greater if there is a family history (mother, father, brother, sister, child) of the disease. ACS

## Rural Reflections

*Will we destroy a facility with the stroke of a pencil?*

by Janet Felderhoff

This Saturday the people of the Muenster Hospital District have the opportunity to go to the polls and vote as to whether or not the tax put in place by the Hospital Board will stay or drop back to what it was last year. If you care about the local hospital you should definitely take the time to vote.

Last summer the majority of those who voted indicated that they wanted Muenster Memorial Hospital to remain open to serve the people of its District. Even some who voted for the merger with Gainesville said that they preferred that the Muenster Hospital stay open, but feared losing health care in Muenster all together if the proposed merger failed. Now that possibility looms ominously. If the rollback election succeeds, will there be enough money to keep the hospital afloat another year? Maybe, but then again, maybe not. Too many things factor into the equation for anybody without psychic abilities to predict. If the Hospital is forced to close so will the doctors' offices. The Rural Health Clinic is a part of MMH and the doctors are under MMH. The other doctor is independent, but depends on the hospital for a place to deliver babies and do surgeries. An office without a hospital doesn't work very well. Eventually we might have an outside hospital set up doctors' offices. There would probably be no lab, x-ray, or other outpatient services offered here.

After the Merger election the Hospital lost many employees as they took jobs elsewhere fearing the facility would soon close leaving them unemployed. Will this election have the same after quake? How many blows can the District take before the cumulative effect causes it to crumble?

Personally I am not willing to take the chance and I will vote **NO** to the rollback. This community has a wonderful asset in the Hospital, one that we should not endanger without being sure of the consequences.

Think you'll never need the local hospital? Things can change quickly. Until recently the only time I was in the hospital was to have my babies. They were born here in Muenster and it was about as close to having them at home as you can get and still have the safety of a medical facility. That was 21 years ago and except for an occasional outpatient use, I didn't need the hospital personally. Last summer I had lower back problems that required physical therapy three times a week for a month. Since sitting was very uncomfortable I was grateful to be able to go to MMH and have the care of an excellent physical therapist less than 10 minutes from my home. (By the way, I had to request care at MMH. Out of town doctors don't always know what services Muenster has to offer.) My next medical need came in January of this year. I found I needed surgery and again was fortunate to have an accomplished physician I knew and trusted at MMH who was able to perform the surgery. It was very reassuring to be cared for by surgery and nursing staff I knew. They were wonderful, caring, and seemed to anticipate my needs. I was able to see my family often and knew that if I needed them they were less than 10 minutes away.

It was interesting to note that the hospital was a very busy place. It seemed there were always babies being born and there were other medical patients. The rooms were full. I had a roommate before I got to go home because there was no other room in the hospital. Many of the people who use the hospital come from out of town. They are complimentary of the staff and the small hospital atmosphere.

MMH can't be used for all medical needs. I've stayed with my son in Denton and Dallas for almost a month at a time several times. When his Denton over Dallas we're all much happier, but being even that far from home is a strain. I drove home long enough each day to shower and do some chores before driving back to Denton. Family isn't as close by and visiting isn't as easy. Although we knew some of the nursing staff, most were strangers and it gets lonely and visiting isn't as easy.

What harm can come of allowing the tax rate to go as it is now? If all isn't needed to keep the hospital afloat it can be rolled over to the next year or used to make needed improvements that have been put off as ends are stretched to meet. I've covered the Hospital for almost a decade and tried to give publicity and assistance whenever possible because I wanted to see it survive and thrive. As the Hospital District is built back up, taxes can be lowered.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion and should vote their conscience. I do hope that before you pencil in yes or no voting for or against the rollback that you seriously weigh the consequences and not just think about saving a few tax dollars.

**PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** I have pondered over what to think, what to say, how to vote on this issue and I believe I could not say it better than Ms. Felderhoff has. I will vote against the rollback. I will continue to promote true, peaceful cooperation among former hospital combatants. Without that, we can't pay enough tax to make it work out. — Dave Fette

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## Dear Editor,

I feel there is a need to explain my thoughts concerning the tax rollback election.

During the campaign against the merger we kept hearing things like we don't want to lose our emergency room, or our rest home, and we want to keep the hospital. We now have the responsibility to see that the funds are in place so these requests can be met.

Our proposed budget for the coming year called for a tax increase. This budget solely covers running the hospital. It does not include

the three year expenditure plan for repairs and remodeling at the hospital and rest home. It does not include money that is needed to provide new services.

In past years our administrator has been very accurate in planning the budget. Going over the budget, it appears we need this increase in taxes to take care of business in the coming year.

If we intend to keep the hospital, we need to make these repairs, be able to give the staff a fair salary, and provide new services.

I would like to give credit to our hard working administrator and staff. They are the reason our hospital is still here and they deserve our support.

In my opinion there is only one way any of this can possibly work. We have to come together, forget about our differences in the past, and work for the same goal. I feel we should give it our best effort. Please vote against the rollback.

Sincerely,  
Werner Becker, Jr.  
1739 County Road 318  
Gainesville, TX 76240

## Dear Editor,

I'd like to tell you how touched I was by your loving and caring tribute to June Renee Price in last week's edition of the *Muenster Enterprise*.

My first impression was one of shock and grief for June's family and for the entire Muenster community at the loss of such a vibrant young life. As I read on, however, I was deeply moved by the many tributes

this young lady received from friends, teachers, and community members. I shared June's tribute with the students in our eighth grade religion class, relating how this young lady truly made a difference in the lives of so many in such a short time. Through your story, you were able to convey how everyone can inspire, no matter what their age. Through your story, you showed how June

lives on through the example she has shown to others.

Thanks so much for once again celebrating the lives of those in your community through your caring approach to Journalism. Our prayers will continue with the family and community.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Schad, Principal  
Immaculate Conception School, Denton

## To My Friends & Neighbors,

The Muenster hospital has been a vital part of our lives for many years. Our community mandated its survival in the recent election although we knew it would require everyone's commitment - both to use all of the hospital's facilities

and to provide additional financial support in the form of taxes.

Unless we vote **AGAINST** the roll-back election we are giving the hospital an impossible task. It cannot remain for our future care unless the money is available to maintain trained, quality employees

with up-to-date equipment and facilities.

If we want the hospital to stay open, each of us must reach into our pockets and pay the higher tax rate.

Sincerely,  
Holly Koch Orrell  
P.O. Box 528  
Muenster, TX 76252

Mr. David Fette, Editor  
Muenster Enterprise

Questions? Questions? Questions? ... I have received numerous calls and visits fielding all sorts of questions concerning the rollback election of the Muenster Hospital District, some of which are: What happens if the rollback election carries? What happens if the rollback election does not carry? Will the hospital be able to operate with less tax income?

Mr.'s. Aytes, Nasche and Walterscheid have publicly stated, both in employee meetings and in board meetings, that they would not support a tax rollback and yet they are advocating the rollback by writing in their newsletter "Link's Voice of Concerned Citizens" that they are for the rollback and that the hospital can survive with 1/2 the tax money, yet without any basis or facts to support their allegations. The hospital's consultants (hired with the approval of these same Board members), attorneys and accountants have all advised that the additional tax is essential. Should we argue against this kind of knowledgeable foundation? They are professionals in the field with years of experience working with many, many hospitals and medical facilities of all sizes in Texas.

Anyone knows that a business cannot survive with less income than it costs to operate. Since the hospital has had its operating revenue decreased by smaller payments from its primary source of business, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, as well as from lower patient volume and increasing expenses, it leaves only one source of funds to make up the difference and that is through ad valorem taxes. Without these funds the hospital simply will not be able to function or survive. People have stated that we, the board of directors, should work as hard to keep the hospital open as we were supposedly trying to close the facility. After the people of the district voted against the merger, the members of the board have devoted their full efforts to keep our hospital open and viable. No merger talks or discussions have taken place with Gainesville and I really don't think Gainesville is interested in merging anyway. I see their construction plans are published in the *Gainesville Daily Register* and their taxes are held at 18 cents per \$100 evaluation as promised. Their site is selected, fully paid for, soil testing has been completed and they are ready to break ground as soon as the bond issue is approved. They do not need our tax support.

Anyone with common sense knows that the new hospital, just a few miles down the road, with all the latest in technology utilizing new equipment will be much more attractive to patients and their doctors. That is the kind of service I want and I objectively believe you want the same. With this in mind, how can our small hospital survive with that kind of competition just 12 miles down the road? I don't believe it can without an infusion of tax money to help us. Your Board continues to look at every option available to reduce the amount of tax support necessary to maintain your hospital. Critical Access Hospital designation has been mentioned many times by those supporting the rollback. Yet these people do not mention that the hospital's accountants have warned the Board that critical access designation does not mean that local tax support can be reduced. Indeed, these accountants represent nine critical access hospitals. One of these hospitals is close to bankruptcy and of the remaining eight hospitals the average tax revenue received per hospital is over one million dollars. Furthermore, these people do not mention the warnings of our accountants that critical access designation could actually harm the hospital financially if the amount or nature of the hospital's business changes.

The real question, as I see it, is... Do you want a hospital here in Muenster? If your answer is yes, then you will ultimately have to go to the voting place and vote **AGAINST** the rollback.

I am finishing my 10<sup>th</sup> year on the board, with 9 of these years as president. I will run for re-election again in May and I will do my best to follow the instructions of the voters. Please go to the polls and give me that direction.

Mr. Fette, thank you for your space in the Muenster Enterprise, Don Flusche, President - Muenster Hospital District

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## Confirmation celebrated

The sacrament of Confirmation was given to 38 young people at a special Mass on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. with Bishop Joseph Delaney. Father John Ohner, OSA, concelebrated. Confirmandi included: Catherine Bartush, Daniel Bartush, Raney Bauer, Michael Bayer, Michelle Bayer, Jack Biffle, Alicia Cochran, Katie Cox, Michael Endres, Ricky Endres, Amanda Felderhoff, Mitch Felderhoff, Lisa Felderhoff, Karl Fisher, Matthew Fleitman, Chris Fuhrmann, Clint Fuhrmann, Kyle Fuhrmann, Kelly Grewing, Matthew Grewing, Megan Grewing, Crystal Hess, Justin Hess, Kami Klement, Wes Koelzer, Jonathan Krahl, Amber Landers, Megan Lippe, Lilianna Nasche, Chris Rains, Jeff Reiter, Tiffany Richey, Charlie Sue Switzer, Jana Truebenbach, Michael Voth, Dustin Walterscheid, Tyler Walterscheid, Thomas Whitecotton. One candidate, Jennifer Hoedebeck, was ill and unable to be at the Mass. She was confirmed at St. Mary's in Gainesville on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

suffering caused by the terrorist attacks and the question of why God allows suffering. He pointed out that God came to share in our suffering by sending his Son who suffered and died. Then God raised him from the dead and promised that the same would happen to those of us who believe. This is the good news that we are to proclaim to those in our world. He also urged the young people to ask God for guidance in choosing their vocation in life. Although most will be called to marriage and family life, he encouraged them to consider the priesthood and religious life. He said it is with great joy that we look forward to Kyle Walterscheid's ordination here at Sacred Heart this spring.

Bishop Delaney then led the confirmandi in a renewal of their baptismal promises and prayed for the power and gifts of the Spirit to descend upon them through the imposition of hands. Then each one was

presented to the bishop by his or her sponsor, anointed, and given the sign of peace.

General intercessions were read by Thomas Whitecotton. The gifts were brought forward by Jeff Reiter, Alicia Cochran, and Matthew Grewing. The preparation song was "Send Us Your Spirit." Communion songs included "Servant Song" and "Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord." After the dismissal the bishop, confirmandi, and sponsors processed out during the commissioning song, "Send Us Out."

Servers for the Mass included Chuck Bartush, Neil Bayer, Daniel Cochran, Clayton Truebenbach, and Brett Walterscheid. Eucharistic ministers included Annette Bayer, Ramona Felderhoff, Sally Switzer, Janet Voth, and Carla Zwinggi.

A reception in the Community Center followed the Mass.

submitted by Barbara F. Rohmer



Muenster Cub Scout winners of the Pinewood Derby.

Courtesy Photo

## NCTC offers workshops for small business

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Technology Center of Dallas will present a seminar to help individuals make informed decisions and save money on product/idea development, "Parents, Copyrights & Trademarks," Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 9-11 am at the NCTC/Gainesville campus. Fee is \$15, pre-registration is requested.

A workshop reviewing the "Basics for Starting a Business" will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 7-9 pm providing information and resources that will help participants determine the feasibility of business ideas and a focus on business planning. Fee is \$15, with pre-registration requested.

For more information on NCTC/SBDC services or to register for seminars, call 668-4220.



Pinewood Derby winners included, from left, Most Colorful - Chad Walterscheid; Most Original - Austin Miller; and Best Craftsmanship - Jacob Bayer. Courtesy Photo

## Pinewood Derby held by Cub Scouts

"And the race is on" were the words heard throughout the V.F.W. Hall on Sunday, Jan. 20 as Pack 664 Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby. Each boy started with an official Cub Scout Grand Prix Pinewood Derby kit and over the past few weeks used their own creativity and skill, assisted by their parents, in an attempt to build the winning car. Prior to the race, each car had to pass inspection by the official inspection team and weigh in at five ounces or less.

Opening the event was Den 5 Webelos, who presented the colors and led the group Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer by Cubmaster Ben Bindel. The race then began as each den raced among themselves determining first and second place winners. Each den's first place winner then raced each other to determine the overall Pack's first, second, and third place winners.

All participants will be awarded a Pinewood Derby patch. Each den's first and second place finishers were awarded trophies. The winners were as follows: Den 1, Jimmy Abner, first and Quinn Sicking, second; Den 2, Matt Hesse, first and Chad Walterscheid, second; Den 3, Jeff Schniederjan, first and Joe Hesse, second; Den 4, Dustin Pumphrey,

first and John Nystrom, second; Den 5, Christopher Valliere, first and Jacob Bayer, second; Den 6, Phillip Vogel, first and Spencer Nielson, second; Den 7, Clayton Rohmer, first and Tony Schniederjan, second; Den 8, Clay Hogan, first and Joey McCaden, second. Overall winners were Clayton Rohmer, first; Jeff Schniederjan, second; and Dustin Pumphrey, third. Recognition trophies were presented for Best Craftsmanship to Jacob Bayer, Most Original to Austin Miller and Most Colorful (Kid's Choice) to Chad Walterscheid.

Event Chairman was Scott Felderhoff assisted by Neil Hesse, Glenn Miller, Adam Schniederjan, and Rich Sweeney. Recognition awards were judged by Herbie Knabe, Clifford Sicking, and Clyde Steelman.

## UNT offers opera for students & families

If you ask the average elementary school student to react to the word "opera" in a word association test, you can bank on the reply: "Nashville, Grand Old Opry!"

The University of North Texas Opera Theatre's Family Opera Series plans to change that reaction by bringing opera to Denton and surrounding school systems by hosting busloads of students in special performances of Ravel's "The Child and the Magic Stuff" Feb. 6, 7, and 8.

Four performances for the general public have been scheduled Feb. 8, 9, and 10 at a \$5.00 admission charge. Parents are urged to bring children to any of these performances. Matinees will be at 3:00 p.m. on Feb. 9 and 10, and evening performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 and 9. The box office, located in the Murchison Performing Arts Center, is open from 1 to 6 p.m. and one hour before public performances. Reservations can be made calling 940-369-7802.

Director Paula Homer, who began the Family Opera Series, with Hansel and Gretel last year, said, "The Family Opera is an extremely important aspect of the UNT Opera Program, because it provides an opera experience at a reasonable price, and it introduces school children and families to an art form that is often seen as elitist."

## New Arrivals

### Youngblood

Steven and Tammy Youngblood of Muenster announce with pride and joy the birth of their daughter, Meagan Leanne Youngblood in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Jan. 24, 2002 at 10:20 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 10 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length. She joins sisters, Lacey age 10, Stacy age 8, Samantha, age 5, and Erin age 3. Grandparents are Marvin and Minnie Green of Gainesville, Tommie and Cheryl Youngblood of Arlington, and Phyllis Youngblood of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Ed and Aileen Cler of Muenster and Susie Green of Pilot Point.

### Williford

Misty and "Dallas" Phillip W. Williford II of Gainesville are happy to announce the birth of a son, Malachi Silas Williford on Jan. 22, 2002 at 9:05 p.m., weighing 7 lb. 12.8 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches long. He joins siblings Ian Williford age 3, Isaac Williford age 1 1/2, and Julie Williford age 8 1/2, Adriana Williford age 7, and Leilani Williford age 4 1/2. Grandparents are Ella Hill, Donnie Thomason, Phillip Williford and Tricia Williford, all of Gainesville. The great-grandmother is Evelyn Spires of Gainesville.

### Barber

Carrie Barber of Forestburg announces the birth of a son, Tristen John Douglas Barber in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Jan. 24, 2002 at 2:48 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 3.5 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. He joins a sister Cassie, age 4. Grandparents are Doug and Debra Moore of Forestburg. Great-grandparents are Norma Creed of Forestburg and Wanda Moore of Pioneer Valley.

## Bartush recognized for literary magazine

Valerie Bartush, daughter of John and Lanie Bartush of Muenster, was honored for participating in *Loomings*, the Benedictine College literary magazine, which received first class honors for its 2001 issue from the Associate Collegiate Press.

A first class rating means the magazine received two marks of distinction. One was for overall content, and the other was for photography and art.

Faculty advisor Sr. Thomasita Homan said this is the third year in a row *Loomings* has received a first class rating and that she expects this year's magazine to do equally well.

"I think we have a very capable editorial staff this year as we did last year, and I'm delighted with the work they've done," Homan said. "I'm confident that this year's staff will produce something very worthwhile for the students and the Benedictine community."

Three students were individually commended, including Bartush, who was recognized for her short story, "Memories of an Old Man." Bartush was on last year's editorial staff and is a current editor.

In the garden more grows than the gardener sows.

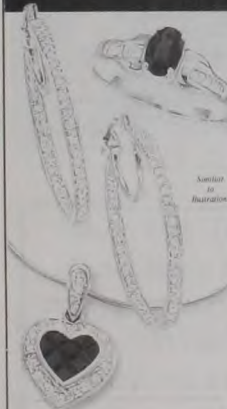
## Eat pancakes Sunday with R.O.C.K.

The annual "Super Bowl" pancake breakfast, sponsored by Saint Peter's Parish R.O.C.K. youth group, will be this Sunday, February 3.

Pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee will be served in the school cafeteria after the 8 and 10am Masses. Pigs in a blanket are available for the kids along with yogurt with "yummy" toppings.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. All proceeds will go to fund R.O.C.K. youth projects.

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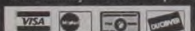
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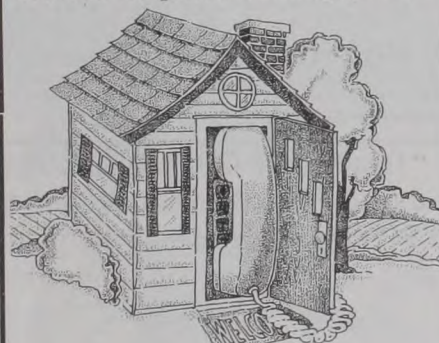
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## Laura Klement earns degrees with honors

Laura Jane Klement graduated from the University of North Texas on Dec. 15 with Magna Cum Laude honors. Her major is in Rehabilitation Studies, minoring in Anthropology. She completed a mission trip through UNT to Mazamitla, Mexico where she served as an assistant at a school for developmentally delayed children.

Attending graduation ceremonies were Laura's parents Andy and Emily Klement, and Claire Klement, Laura's grandmother all of Muenster. Also attending were Kristen Ware and Zoe,

Tug and Allison Rix, Judy Klement, Mark Milner, all of Fort Worth, Adam Klement of Lubbock, and Becky Endres, Valerie Bartush, Dan Robeson and other friends from Denton, Austin and Louisiana.

A party was held the next day to celebrate in the home of her parents. Family and friends from Lindsay, Muenster, Fort Worth, and Graham were in attendance, including grandparents Vera and Dutch Metzler and Claire Klement.

Laura began her new job Jan. 22 with Tarrant County MH-MR as a vocational specialist in Fort Worth.



Laura Klement

## Kacie Garcia named to Dean's List

The grandparents of Kacie Garcia, Leo and Mary Lou Hess, have been notified by Texas A&M University that Kacie has made the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2001.

Kacie is the daughter of Sherrie Garcia of Denton and Andy Garcia of Fort Worth. She is a 2001 graduate of Muenster High School.

## Come join the fun at AARP!

Cooke County Chapter #1049 AARP, Inc. continues to be active in volunteering their time to help with projects in our community. Jan. 25 four volunteers, Juanita Bengfort, Joyce Borden, Millie Shaw and Marge Tittsworth enjoyed serving 16 gallons of iced tea, two 5-pound containers of lemonade and several cups of coffee and water for the Habitat for Humanity chili luncheon. Juanita Bengfort is responsible for seeing that the drinks are furnished to the volunteers who build the Habitat homes. Thus far three homes have been built.

As active members of the RSVP program, AARP members turn in approximately 300 volunteer hours each month. These hours help the Area Agency on Aging with the money they receive. Our volunteers volunteer their service at the area rest homes, meals-on-wheels, hospitals, schools, running errands for shut-ins, taking patients to

their doctor, taking some to the grocery store and helping them with their groceries or picking up their medications, help with the fund raisers for The Stanford House, bring 9 volt batteries to help our fire department, white socks for the VA Hospital in Bonham, helping the city with our park projects and sponsoring the AARP Defensive Driving Program. We offer free income tax filing for senior citizens by IRS trained volunteers at The Stanford House Feb. 7 to Apr. 11, 8 a.m. to noon. Our chapter members carry out their motto "TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED."

This is just an idea of what a person 50 years of age - to some in our chapter who are in their 90's who help with telephoning to check on people - do in volunteering. Come!!, be a member of our chapter and get involved. We need you and you need our fellowship together. You must be a National member (\$10.00

per year for single person or a couple) and chapter dues are \$3.00 for each per year. We meet at 11:30 the second Friday of each month at The Stanford House, we enjoy a covered dish luncheon with someone bringing a new recipe to try on us to see if they want to fix it again, have programs of interest in our health, what is happening around our community and we have some "fun" programs. If you would like to have a program at one of our meetings call Program Chairperson Mary Ann Arendt, 736-2254, or Joyce Malinowsky, 940-665-5470.

Our name has changed, but we are the same organization that has worked since July 14, 1972 to help the people in Cooke County. The name for National and ALL chapters changed in 2000 from American Association of Retired Persons to just plain AARP, INC.

submitted by Joyce Malinowsky

## Meeting Notice

### Pro-Life Meeting

Attention Pro-Life Community! The Pro-Life meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 PM at St. John's Parish meeting hall in Valley View. Please come and be informed!

### AARP

AARP Meeting, Feb. 8, 11:30 a.m. Covered Dish. Kathy Robinson, Dietitian, Gainesville Memorial Hospital, is speaker.

### TxDOT

There will be an Elderly and Disabled Transportation Planning Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 a.m. in TxDOT Wichita Falls District Training Center at 1601 Southwest Parkway in Wichita Falls.

## 100th birthday to be celebrated this Sunday!

Everyone is invited to a come and go reception on the occasion of Lena Fleitmann's 100th birthday.

The celebration will be Sunday, Feb. 3, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Conrad Hall in Lindsay. No gifts please.

### Air quality tips

Turn off lights and appliances when you're not using them. Close doors to rooms that you don't use so that have to heat or air-condition unused spaces.

Stats from TNRCC

## News of the Sick

Father Sebastian Beshoner, OSB, pastor of Saint Peter's Parish in Lindsay is recuperating at the Abbey Health Care Facility. Cards can be sent to him at Subiaco Abbey, 405 North Subiaco Avenue, Subiaco, AR 72865.

Life began in a garden.

## Life at Sacred Heart

by Kristen Zimmerer

A Catholic education is a very rewarding opportunity that will guide me throughout my entire life. Going to a Catholic school has made a major impact on my life and my decisions. I have been taught how to deal with questions asked about my faith and how to defend it. Religion class as part of our curriculum has prepared me to live a good Christian life. My faith means a great deal to my family and me. I want to know how I can better my relationship with God. Attending a Catholic school has made that possible. A person learns more about faith by having it in their everyday schedule rather than just going to church. When you look around and see in every classroom either a crucifix or a picture of Jesus, it will help you to focus more on the reason why we are here. We are here to carry out the plan for which God has made for us.

I have had many different experiences with public and private schools and have found that Catholic schools provide you with a better environment. The teachers

are not just there to teach you but to help you understand. They encourage you when times are tough and are always there to lend you an extra helping hand. The teachers care about us and our future decisions. Their fine example and our school's environment has taught us to trust God and care for others. The friends I have made are friends I will have for a lifetime. They share the same faith and the same God. We are allowed to worship, pray, and learn about God in class. These freedoms will never be found at a public school. We grow in the love of Jesus Christ. We have a deeper respect for each other when we include the things we were taught about God.

Sacred Heart has offered a greater sense of community. We are all involved in the church and its ministries. We continue the traditions that the former students from Sacred Heart have left with us. We have a more local influence over the curriculum. The parents are involved in what we learn and what is being taught. The parents are involved in every school activity. This allows us to have a better relationship with our

parents because they are a bigger part of our lives. We have a greater sense of safety and fewer problems caused by the students who have poor attitudes toward learning or negative interactions with teachers. From the experiences I have had at a Catholic school, I know I want to continue that tradition with my children.

I would never trade the years spent at Sacred Heart. They have guided me to a more positive way of thinking. Teenagers go through some pretty stressful and challenging times and we need that positive attitude to succeed. Sacred Heart has shaped me to be a better person through mind, heart, soul, and body. I have so many memories of my high school years and I will never forget them. I owe Sacred Heart School a debt of gratitude.

## What are Catholic schools about?

by Mary Jane Callahan

Catholic schools are very important because they are a continuation of the faith we were taught in our homes. When we were children we first learned from our parents by following their examples of going to Mass, learning prayers, and growing in our faith. When we became of age to attend school, we grew in knowledge while still learning our morals through the classroom and Mass. This gives us a sense of security for knowing Catholic schools are following through with the lessons learned at home because it is not just about teaching our faith but being living examples of our faith.

Catholic Schools Week is the one week of the year that we recognize the importance of Catholic Schools and the continuation of growth and knowledge of our faith. It is the one way we can show our gratitude for a secure school and the gift of religion. During this time Sacred Heart will attend school Mass; have student appreciation day; a thank-you day for family and

volunteers, and teacher and staff appreciation day.

In Mass, we can share the gifts that we have within our community while being grateful for the freedom to proclaim our religion in our schools and attending Mass together. Without the students to attend a Catholic school we could not have the experiences and memories of friends, athletics, and the extracurricular activities in which we are involved which also aid us in shaping us into the people we are. The contributions of those who volunteer to education are key roles in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future in our community. Catholic schools can be recognized by the teachers and staff who are truly dedicated by giving the highest education and instilling morals which can be used outside the classroom for the key role in promoting a successful future.

Catholic Schools Week is recognized because it unites the community and the school because through our faith we are a family. Together we learn and grow while building a foundation for our future from morals and values from our families, faith, and spiritual development from church, and intellectual and character from the communities. While a Catholic School incorporates all these into a stimulating experience so that we can say we are who we are for a reason. That reason is Catholic schools.

### Air quality tips

Have your automobile inspected. Vehicle emissions inspection programs have been mandated in several Texas counties. These programs are designed to ensure polluting vehicles are identified. And repaired. These repairs can improve fuel economy by 6 to 7%.

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The Hermes were married February 13, 1952 in Muenster at Sacred Heart Church. Mary Evelyn is the daughter of the late Clem and Helen Hofbauer. William is the son of Cecelia Hermes of Lindsay and the late Julius Hermes. St. William and Mary Evelyn have farmed in the Hood Community all of their married life and are the parents of nine children and fifteen grandchildren.

The children of William and Mary Evelyn cordially invite you to join them in celebrating their parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception to be held at the Sacred Heart Community Center on Sunday, February 10, 2002 from two o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon. *No Gifts, Please.*

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## Muenster ISD hosts TMSCA meet Jan. 26

Muenster ISD hosted a Texas Math and Science Coaches Association meet on Saturday, Jan. 26. Twelve Division I small schools and 12 Division II large schools entered the competition. The competition was directed by Muenster High School UIL and TMSCA director Jerry Eckart and coordinated by Gerri Eckart. Approximately 250 students from as far away as Sulphur Springs participated in the successful meet. Oakridge, a Class 3A private school won the Division 1 sweepstakes with 2832 points. Muenster, with 2269 points finished in 2nd, and Valley View was 3rd with 1816. Flower Mound of Lewisville won the Division 2 sweepstakes. Muenster took 2nd place in Science and Computer Science, and 3rd in Number Sense and Math. Participants from Muenster and their placings were:

**SENIORS - Science** - 1, Chris Jackson; 6, Pamela Lutkenhaus; 10, Grant Hartman. **Computer Science** - 1, Chris Jackson; 2, Pamela Lutkenhaus; 4, Chris McLaughlin; 9, Daniel Rohmer. **Number Sense** - 1, Chris Jackson; 5, Pamela Lutkenhaus; 7, Kevin Hermes. **Calculator** - 4, Chris Jackson; 5, Pamela Lutkenhaus; 7, Kevin Hermes; **Math** - 2, Christopher Jackson; 5, Pamela Lutkenhaus.

**JUNIORS - Computer Science** - 5, Brady Howell. **Number Sense** - 6, Brady Howell; 9, Lisa Felderhoff; 11, Amanda Felderhoff. **Calculator** - 9, Amanda Felderhoff. **Math** - 9, Brady Howell.

**FRESHMEN - Science** - 4, Adam Vinson; 8, Michael Eckart. **Computer Science** - 4, Adam Vinson. **Number Sense** - 10, Travis Felderhoff. **Calculator** - 8, Travis Felderhoff. **Math** - 9, Michael Eckart.



Mark Klement and Ben Bindel handed out cash prizes to the winners of the report card drawing after the last reporting period at Klement Ford of Muenster. From left, front to back, the winners are: David Wiley, Ethan Williams, Lacey Truberbach, Allison Pagel, Christina Rohmer, Laura Sweeney, Dustin Wimmer, Ky Leigh Zimmerman, Jason Cook and Tiffany McPherson. Dave Fette Photo

## Notice of start date for MISD

The Muenster Independent School District is considering a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to start the 2002-2003 school year on Aug. 14, 2002. The district is inviting comments from parents, community members, business leaders, and students who may be in favor of or against the starting date. These comments can be made in writing and mailed to Clyde W. Steelman, Jr., Superintendent, Muenster ISD, P.O. Box 608, Muenster, Texas 76252; faxed to 940-759-2284; email-esteeleman@esc11.net, or speak during the Audience Participation for School Start Date at regular school board meetings that will be held Feb. 13 and Mar. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the MISD Administration Building, 135 E. 7th St., Muenster, Texas.

## Paw Prints

by Sacred Heart Journalism Students

## A tribute to Catholic schools

by Lisa Rohmer  
Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 28-Feb. 1. What exactly is Catholic Schools Week? It is a week that is set aside for people to appreciate the students, faculty, and families who support and keep the many Catholic schools thriving. It recognizes the achievements and importance that these schools have in their communities. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton founded the beginning of the Catholic school system. She was a widow with five children who founded the American Sisters of Charity and in 1808 opened a Catholic school for girls in Baltimore.

There are many misconceptions about Catholic schools which may lead others away from ever considering attending such a school. One common misconception is that Catholic schools are harsh disciplinary reform schools. If one was to take the time to ask someone who has actually attended a Catholic school, they would find that the school is a warm, caring, and supportive school environment. In the words of Chris Hansen, vice president of the student council, St. Mary's High School, Storm Lake, Iowa, as recorded in *The Globe*, diocesan newspaper, "Catholic schools have affected my life immensely. They not only give a superior education to all the students, they also give you the tools needed to be a successful person outside the classroom. They have instilled many of my morals and shaped me into a more well-rounded individual. I believe if I had not attended Catholic schools, I would not be the person I am today."

Parents often choose to send their children to Catholic schools for basically three reasons: for the superior academic achievement of Catholic school students, their secure and disciplined learning environment, and an

appreciation of morals and values.

The teaching staff at Catholic schools consist mostly of laity. Lay men and women represent 93.7% of the full-time equivalent teaching staff in Catholic elementary/middle schools. The remainder consists of 5.9% sisters, 0.1% brothers, and 0.2% priests. The student teacher ratio is about 18:1. By having smaller classes this allows teachers to spend more one on one time with their students.

Catholic high schools offer a strong academic curriculum for all students. 83% offer Advanced Placement courses. Over 30% offer programs for students with disabilities. 97% of Catholic high school graduates go on to college. Minority students who graduate from Catholic high schools are three times more likely to earn a college degree (25% compared to 8.5%) than African-American and Hispanic-American graduates of public high schools.

Catholic schools are not just for people of the Catholic faith. The percentage of minorities in Catholic elementary and secondary schools has more than doubled since 1970-1971 and continued to increase in 2000. It now stands at 25.6%. Catholic high schools enroll 17% of their students from other faiths. In some of the inner-city schools a majority of students are non-Catholic.

Our nation - and community greatly appreciates the dedication of the individuals who commit much of their time to help make Catholic schools the success they are. It is these people that have inspired us to have Catholic Schools Week. Hopefully they will know how much they really are appreciated. Statistical Data: Michael Guerra, (CHS 2000: A First Look), NCEA 1998. Mary E. Tracey, (Mission and Money: A CHS 2000 Report in Finance, Advancement and Governance), NCEA 2001.

## Scholarship program offers \$1,000 awards to ag students

Students pursuing careers in agriculture will be awarded. Applications are available from participating local cooperatives or on the Agriliance web site at [www.agriliance.com](http://www.agriliance.com) in the Land O'Lakes Farmland section. All Feed and Croplan Genetics High school seniors from throughout the country who will enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy or livestock curriculum in the fall of 2002 are eligible to apply. Fifty \$1,000 scholarships

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  - Wed. - Crisпитos, corn, salad, pudding.
  - Thurs. - Oven fried chicken, rice, gravy, peas, fruit.
  - Fri. - Hot dogs, tator tots, carrot sticks, fruit.
- MUENSTER ISD**
- Mon. - Beef tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, peaches, pumpkin bread.
  - Tues. - Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears, hot rolls.
  - Wed. - Chicken and rice soup, ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, cornbread and crackers, apples, chocolate chip cookies.
  - Thurs. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad, w/dressing, green beans, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls.
  - Fri. - Barbecue sandwiches, pickles, onions, French fries, pork and beans, carrot sticks, applesauce, ice cream.
- LINDSAY ISD**
- Mon. - Taco salad, applesauce, peaches, bread.
  - Tues. - Beef tips and rice, green beans, macaroni salad, mixed fruit, bread.
  - Wed. - Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, pears, bread.
  - Thurs. - Sloppy Joe, French fries, pineapple.
  - Fri. - Vegetable beef soup, sandwiches, lettuce, pickles, oranges.
- ERA ISD**
- Mon. - Pizza - pepperoni or cheese, corn, tossed salad, fruit mix, chocolate pudding.
  - Tues. - Steak fingers or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, peaches, hot roll.
  - Wed. - Soft tacos, pinto beans, trimmings, strawberry applesauce, cornbread.
  - Thurs. - Lasagna or fish sticks, broccoli and cheese, tossed salad, sliced pears, breadsticks.
  - Fri. - Steak sandwich, sliced cheese, trimmings, tator tots, ice cream.

## Muenster ISD sixth grade studies Spanish

Something different is happening at Muenster I.S.D. Elementary School in Jim Van Vleet's classroom this semester. As part of the Gifted and Talented Enrichment program, sixth graders are studying Spanish. First they studied the history of languages and followed the language tree up to the root language. The direct ancestor of Spanish is Latin and the direct ancestor of English is Middle English. If you go back far enough on the English family tree you find the Germanic Languages. Modern English and German are third cousins. Spanish and English share a common ancestor, Indo-European. Other distant relatives of Spanish and English include Russian, Swedish, Polish and Dutch.

The students will then learn all the letter sounds in Spanish (there are much fewer than English). From this point the students will add vocabulary used commonly in schools: colors, numbers, solar system, animals, transportation, weather, countries, landforms plus many others. Kristi Schneider and DaLana Chism's sixth grade classes will each take Spanish twice each week. "I guess you could call the course 'Spanish Light' or 'Spanish Appreciation,'" said Van Vleet. "I mainly want to develop an interest in

Spanish and teach some conversational Spanish. Texas will be nearly 50% Hispanic in 15 years. Mexico is one of our leading trading partners. Success in the workplace in Texas will depend a lot on proficiency in Spanish." The students had many different opinions about taking Spanish. "Taking Spanish is fun, great, cool, awesome, and a good idea," said Nick Flusche, Johnny Green, John Crabtree, Cassie Hale, and Jenna Gerstberger.

The ability to talk to Spanish-speaking people in this country and help them; and being able to communicate when traveling to a Spanish speaking country, were advantages listed by Cletus Fuhrmann, Laura Heers, Dillena Hundt, Anne Walterscheid, Jessica Fisher, Kim Patel, and Lee Walterscheid.

"Learning Spanish now will be easier than when we are older, and will help us translate words in High School Spanish," said Alison Miller, Megan Harrison, and Matthew Harrison. William Vogel, Lindsay Watson, Emily Endres, Alison Teafatiller, Christina Eckart, and Heather Harrison felt that knowing Spanish would help qualify them for more jobs in the future.



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# Sports

## Tigerettes clinch district championship; Tigers still down by one after 79-36 win

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes are play-off bound, as they won their district with an 11-0 record going into the final regular season game Thursday against Lighthouse. They are 28-1 for the season after 19 wins in a row.

Tuesday night, Sacred Heart brought home a 81-37 victory over Prestonwood. The Tigerettes were trailing by 3 points at the end of one period of play, then dominated the boards for a big win.

Raney Bauer was high scorer with 21 points. Jana Truebenbach added 20 points, hitting 10 of 11 shots and pulling down 13 rebounds. Jayna Biffle added 14, Andrea Bauer 13, with Karen Gehrig and Mary Jane Callahan each scoring 4. Audrey Barnhill scored 3 and Kristen Zimmerer 2.

SH	14	27	22	18	81
P	17	7	5	8	37

The Tigers edged closer to a district championship with a 79-36 win over

Prestonwood.

The visitors drug the first and third quarters, while Sacred Heart dropped in the points.

Marty Farrell led all point makers with 25 points. Jack Biffle added 14, Chris Hoedebeck 10, Chris Fuhrmann 8, Matthew Grewing 7, Jared Zimmerer 6, Clint Fuhrmann 5 and Luke Endres 4.

SH	24	20	20	15	79
P	6	12	6	12	36

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## Muenster shares wins

Muenster hosted the Collinsville teams Tuesday, Jan. 22 with the Lady Hornets getting a big district win and the Hornets falling to the Pirates.

In girls action, Muenster took a 85-48 victory after a dominating 30-12 first quarter. The Lady Pirates were allowed into the game the second period, then the Lady Hornets sank their ship with a 33-16 second half score.

A dozen Muenster girls put points on the board, with four hitting double digit points. Ashley Klement was the Lady Hornet high scorer with 17 points. Melinda Walterscheid added 13, with Lisa Felderhoff and Ashley Hess each getting 10. Robyn Hermes scored 9 points, Jami Gerstberger 7,

Alisha Walterscheid 5, Brittany Haverkamp and Pamela Lutkenhaus 4 each, Krystal Hale 3, Amanda Felderhoff 2, and Megan Lippe 1.

M	30	22	13	20	85
C	12	22	9	7	48

The Hornets struggled with Collinsville, slowly falling more behind each quarter of play, to a 44-68 final.

Eight Muenster players dropped balls through the hoops. Mitch Endres scored 11, Colby Newton 9, with Cody Cory and Chisam Cain getting 6 each. Tyler Walterscheid added 4, 3 apiece by Kevin Hermes and Russell Endres, and Mitch Felderhoff 2.

M	10	9	9	16	44
C	15	14	14	25	68

## Tigers take two victories

The Tigers of Sacred Heart put two more district victories under their win column last weekend, defeating Lakehill and Highlands.

Conference play continued Friday night when the Tigers hosted Lakehill. After a close first quarter, Sacred Heart took control outscoring their visitors 22-7 the second period, then kept a good lead for a 78-49 victory.

Marty Farrell led the ten scoring Tigers with 21 points. Matthew Grewing and Jack Biffle each added 9, with Chris Hoedebeck, Chris Fuhrmann, and Clayton Truebenbach adding 8 points apiece. Luke Endres put in 6, Jared Zimmerer 4, Paul Bartush 3, and Clint Fuhrmann 2 points.

SH	16	22	20	20	78
L	12	7	16	14	49

A trip south to Highlands Saturday afternoon ended with the Tigers bringing home a hard fought 66-57 win.

The Tigers jumped into an early lead, but a fourth quarter come back by Highlands threatened Sacred Heart's lead.

Farrell again led the Tigers on the scoreboard with 25 points. Clint Fuhrmann added 13, Grewing 12, Biffle 7, Chris Fuhrmann 6, and Luke Endres 3.

The Tigers were 5 of 13 from the free throw line, while Highlands hit 7 of 9.

SH	20	16	16	14	66
H	6	9	15	27	57



Above - Jack Biffle jumps and holds on to outlast the Lakehill defender and score for the Tigers. At right - Audrey Barnhill recovers after a fast layup shot during last Friday's game. Below - Matthew Grewing (34) reaches for a rebound over Lakehill. Chris Fuhrmann is also on defense. Bottom - It's a wild melee for the rebound with Tigerettes Jayna Biffle (20), Andrea Bauer (40), Kristen Zimmerer (30) and Karen Gehrig all trying for possession.



allowed only 2 shots in the fourth.

Biffle again was high scorer with 14 points. Gehrig, Truebenbach, and R. Bauer each added 8, Hoedebeck 6, and 5 apiece from Barnhill and A. Bauer.

SH	11	12	16	15	54
H	4	3	0	5	12

SH 31 30 18 18 97  
L 6 5 2 6 19

Saturday afternoon, Sacred Heart traveled to Highlands, bringing home a 54-12 victory.

After holding Highlands to 7 points the first half, the Tigerettes kept their basket empty in the third, then

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## Hornets split games

Muenster traveled to Slidell Friday for district action against the Greyhounds. The Lady Hornets defeated the Lady Hounds 52-40, while the Hornets got hit 38-58.

In the girls contest, Muenster had a short lead in the first quarter, extending it slightly to 24-16 at half-time. The Hounds closed the score to 2 points going into the final quarter, but the Lady Hornets fought to gain 10 over Slidell in the fourth for the victory.

Melinda Walterscheid dropped in 18 points to lead Muenster on the boards. Ashley Hess added 15,

Ashley Klement 9, Megan Lippe 6, and Lisa Felderhoff 4.

M	12	12	12	16	52
S	8	8	18	6	40

The Hornets had a cold shooting first half with only 10 points, while Slidell dropped in 36. Scoring evened out the second half with Muenster getting 28 points to the Pirates 22.

Colby Newton scored 12 points for the Hornets, with Mitch Endres adding 10, Cody Cory dropped in 6, Chisam Cain 5, Mitch Felderhoff 3, and Tyler Walterscheid 2.

M	8	2	15	13	38
S	16	20	14	8	58

## Tigerettes continue to dominate

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes continue to dominate their district competition with big wins over Lakehill and Highlands last weekend.

Friday night, the Sacred Heart team sent Lakehill home in shame, after a 97-19 stomping. The Tigerettes burned the boards the first two quarters to take a dominating 61-11 half-time lead.

"A very impressive performance," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Coach Bartush did an outstanding job." Assistant Coach Beth Bartush directed the Tigerettes in Coach Jon's absence.

All Tigerettes put points on the board, led by Jayna

Biffle's 26 points. Andrea Bauer added 16, with Audrey Barnhill and Jana Truebenbach each scoring 10. Karen Gehrig and Jennifer Hoedebeck dropped in 9 points apiece, with Raney Bauer getting 8, Courtney Hartman 5, and Kristen Zimmerer 4. Zimmerer was the leading rebounder. Biffle is credited for 5 steals and Barnhill 6 assists.

SH	31	30	18	18	97
L	6	5	2	6	19

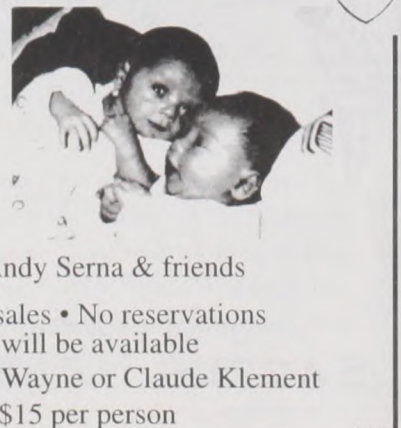
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Hess, Lady Jackets to play locally

The LeTourneau University Lady Jackets will be playing three basketball games "locally" within the next couple of weeks. Team member, Sarah Hess, former Sacred Heart Tigerette, invites anyone interested in watching the performances to attend.

Games will be played, Thursday, Jan. 31, at the University of Texas-Dallas in Richardson at 5:30pm; Saturday, Feb. 2, at the University of Dallas in Irving at 1:00 pm; and Thursday, Feb. 14 at Austin College in Sherman at 5:30 pm.



# Sacred Heart in non-district battles

Sacred Heart's varsity basketball teams were challenged last week in Denton by Liberty Christian.

The Tigers had a strong showing, having the lead for two quarters before allowing Liberty too many points in the third quarter, making the comeback attempt very difficult.

Jack Biffle dropped in 17 points for the Tigers, with Clint Fuhrmann adding 15 and Marty Farrell 10. Luke Endres scored 9 points, with Chris Fuhrmann and Matthew Grewing each getting 4, and Jared Zimmerer 3.

SH 18 18 13 13 62  
L 14 18 23 18 73

The Tigerettes had a hard battle against Liberty, behind in scoring until the

third quarter, then extending their lead in the final period.

"A great win for us. We were not at our best, but really battled back for the win," noted Tigerette Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Nine Sacred Heart players put points on the board to assist in the victory. Audrey Barnhill was high scorer for Sacred Heart with 12 points. Andrea Bauer added 10 points and had 4 steals. Jayna Biffle scored 9, while pulling down 10 rebounds, with Kristen Zimmerer and Mary Jane Callahan each scoring 8. Raney Bauer put in 6, Jana Truabenbach 4, Courtney Hartman 3, and Karen Gehrig 2 points with 4 assists.

SH 12 13 16 21 62  
L 16 14 9 16 55



Winners of the Annual Muenster Free Throw Contest, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #1459, received plaques after the contest Sunday afternoon at the Sacred Heart School gym. The first place winners pictured are, from left (followed by the name of their alternate), 10-yr. old girls - 1st Jackie Klement (7), 2nd Delana Rohmer (6 & 2 of 5); 10-yr. old boys - 1st Kirk Felderhoff (11), 2nd Benjamin Waterscheid (10); 11-yr. old girls - 1st Laura Heers (10 & 2 of 5 & 5 of 5), 2nd Hillary Swirczynski (10 & 2 of 5 & 4 of 5); 11-yr. old boys - 1st Clay Knabe (9 & 4 of 5), 2nd Nick Flusche (9 & 3 of 5); 12-yr. old girls - 1st Kara Felderhoff (11), 2nd Lauren Sepanski (9); 12-yr. old boys - 1st Mark Feilman (7), 2nd Micah Flusche (5); 13-yr. old girls - 1st Hannah Hess (14), 2nd Stephanie Buhman (10); 13-yr. old boys - 1st Adam Dangelmayr (10 & 2 of 5 & 3 of 5), 2nd Michael Eckart (10 & 2 of 5 & 1 of 5); 14-yr. old girls - 1st JoAnna Felderhoff (12), 2nd Katie Flusche (10 & 4 of 5 & 3 of 5 & 5 of 5 & 5 of 5); 14-yr. old boys - 1st Derek Felderhoff (10), 2nd Aaron Waterscheid (9). The next level of competition will be District, which will be held Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Sacred Heart gym. Dave Fette Photo

# Lady Knights defeat Pirates and Hounds

The Lady Knights kept their playoff hopes alive Tuesday night after defeating the Lady Hounds of Slidell. Lindsay was in 2nd place behind Era in the district's first round of play, but the 2nd round leader is an "if" between Lindsay, Muenster, and Era.

Last Friday Lindsay took on Collinsville and brought home a 56-37 victory. A dominating 3rd quarter clinched the win for the Lady Knights.

Emmy Trammell and Amber Selby led all scorers with 16 points each. Elaine Hess dropped in 12, with Katie Schneider and Jacque Bezner each adding 4 points. Hannah Trammell and Chelsea Brewer rounded out the scoring with 2 points apiece.

L 12 12 21 11 56  
C 7 8 6 16 37

Tuesday night the Lady Knights had a good second quarter, then went cold in the third quarter allowing the Lady Hounds into the game. Lindsay earned enough points in the final period to take a 45-43 district win.

Elaine Hess hit in 15 points, with Katie Schneider and Amber Selby each scoring 10. Hannah Trammell added 5, Emmy Trammell 4, and Jacque Bezner 1.

L 13 18 3 11 45  
S 12 8 9 14 43

## Teenage stats

Eighth grade girls who drink alcohol are three times more likely to attempt suicide than those who don't.

Stats from Narconon

## Junior Varsity Action

### Sacred Heart 45 Liberty 31

The junior varsity Tigerettes defeated Liberty on Jan. 22. Five Sacred Heart players put points on the board, with 3 hitting double digit scores. Jacqueline Bauer led all scorers with 15 points. Katie Flusche added 11, Maggie Farrell 10, Stephanie Henscheid 7, and Lisa Endres 2.

SH 12 6 6 11 45  
L 2 6 9 14 31

### Sacred Heart 37 Liberty 69

Last week Tuesday, the Tigers traveled to Denton to be challenged by a tough Liberty Christian team. Wes Wimmer led Sacred Heart's point makers with 12. Zach Barnhill added 9, Clayton Truabenbach 6, Mikey Bayer 5, Tony Koesler 3, and Adam Taylor 2.

SH 13 5 7 12 37  
L 10 22 16 21 69

### Muenster 41 Collinsville 34

The JV Hornets brought home a win on Jan. 22. Justin Wolf was high scorer with 12 points. Jared Ledbetter added 10, Kirk Hartman 7, with Kyle Endres and Josh

Porter each scoring 4. Sean Fuhrmann dropped in 3, and Derek Felderhoff 1.

M 14 10 11 6 41  
C 5 9 6 14 34

### Muenster 46 Slidell 44

The Hornets outscored the Hounds 10-5 in the second quarter to bring home another win last Friday night. Nine points by Jared Ledbetter in the final quarter kept Muenster in the game. Ledbetter and Ricky Endres were high scorers with 13 points each. Endres dropped in four 3-pointers. Dustin Hiser added 12 points and Kirk Hartman 8 for the Hornets.

M 11 10 13 12 46  
S 11 5 16 12 44

### WINDTHORST TOURNAMENT

#### Muenster 44 Holliday 27

The JV Lady Hornets won round one of the tournament after controlling the first half. Rachel Clark was Muenster's high scorer with 12 points. Whitney Watson added 9, Stevie Klement 8, Deann Dangelmayr 7, Kami Klement 6, and Tara Swirczynski 2.

M 11 18 6 9 44  
H 3 9 8 7 27

#### Muenster 32 Windthorst 55

The Lady Hornets came up short

in the championship game setting for second place. Watson and Clark each put in 8 points. Dangelmayr added 7, K. Klement 3, and 2 apiece from Kristen Hess, S. Klement, and Swirczynski.

M 6 12 4 10 32  
W 17 10 12 16 55

#### Muenster 47 Holliday 28

The Freshman Hornets won their first game after taking a 25-12 half-time lead. Russell Endres was high scorer with 19 points. Sean Fuhrmann and Justin Wolf each added 11. Chase Cain scored 4, and Dustin Felderhoff 2 for Muenster.

M 15 10 13 9 47  
H 9 3 10 6 28

#### Muenster 54 Windthorst 36

The Freshmen brought home the championship trophy after knocking out the host Trojans. Muenster took a quick 17-2 lead, then allowed Windthorst in the game before evening the scores the 2nd half to keep a safe lead. Fuhrmann was high scorer with 17 points. Wolf followed with 16. Endres dropped in 7, Cain 6, Derek Felderhoff 5, and Clint Miller 3.

M 17 13 10 14 54  
W 2 15 9 10 36



Tyler Waterscheid (11) and Josh Goldsmith (51) reach for a rebound in an earlier game this season. Muenster and Lindsay will meet again this Friday in the Hornets' Gym in the second round of district competition. Dave Fette Photo



The Hoop-D-Do kids performed their basketball show during half-time of the Tigerette game Friday. The group is formed of kindergarten through 5th graders and the show was coached by Anne Hess. Dave Fette Photo

# Lindsay competes at powerlifting meet

The Lindsay Knights and Lady Knights competed in the Nocona Powerlifting Meet last Saturday.

Earning places in their weight classes were boys: Dominic Fuhrmann, 3rd, 700 lbs. and Ryan Kasperek, 6th, 1000 lbs.

Lady Knights placing in their weight classes were: Allison Conaway, 4th, 360

lbs.; Joni Erwin, 3rd, 520 lbs.; Jessica Bezner, 4th, 510 lbs.; Alex Shauf, 5th, 605 lbs.; Laura Hellman, 5th, 480 lbs.

Other participants were: Mackenzie Webster, Melissa Fuhrmann, Adam Schriber, Garrett Jones, Stephanie Hermes, Kristen Alexander.

The powerlifters are coached by Charlie Muerer.

## Game Warden Notes

The following excerpts are from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden field reports:

**None of your business?...** Van Zandt County Game Warden Steve Stapleton received a call about someone who might have killed a deer illegally. When the warden questioned the person about the remains, the person said, "Son, that deer is none of your business," according to TPW law enforcement reports. Charges were filed against

the person for felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a deer with no Wildlife Resource Document.

**It's my son's deer...** Upshur County Game Wardens followed up on information on possible illegal hunting. One person confessed to exceeding the bag limit of buck deer in a one-buck county and using the license tag of his 9-year-old son. Charges are pending.

**Illegal killings....** Travis

County Game Wardens responded to a call about hunters who were spreading corn on a road and using a vehicle to hit deer. Wardens caught three juveniles and they were charged with hunting in closed season and taking deer illegally.

**Chase involves gunfire...** TPW Game Warden Don Jackson noticed a vehicle spotlighting just after midnight one recent early morning. He ended up chasing it in Bell and Burnet counties for 15 miles. At one point, when the car went out of control and hit some small trees, Jackson tried to approach it. The suspect's vehicle then almost pinned Jackson between the two vehicles as its occupants tried to escape. Jackson fired two rounds into their rear tire and the car later flipped over. The two suspects ran away. The suspects were later identified and charges are pending.

**Looking for my goats...** Recently a warden in central Texas was asked to check out a vehicle driving through a hunting pasture after trespass reports had been filed by the land

owner. When the warden stopped the person, he said he was looking for his goats. He had a loaded .243 and a .22-magnum rifle on the front seat. He was charged with hunting without consent.

**"I must save my Wild Turkey!"**.... A warden checking on a case of a truck sinking in the Nueces River saw a man sitting on shore watching it sink and drinking from a bottle. The person told the TPW warden that he missed a turn and landed in the water. He said he immediately swam to shore but forgot his keys and a bottle of Wild Turkey so he dove back in and got them. He was arrested for DWI and taken to jail.

**More illegal hunting....** Wardens discovered six people hunting illegally on a ranch in Jim Wells County. The people, from San Antonio and Houston, had killed a 10-point buck that scored 119 Boone & Crockett points. Charges are pending.

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## Texas wheat report

Weather, diseases and pests have played important roles in Texas wheat production this year, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Last summer was very dry over most of the wheat producing areas. About mid-August to mid-September, we began getting more rain, and the producers who planted on that moisture got good stands at first, but then we had a dry spell for at least two months, so the conditions began to go downhill from mid-September to mid-November," said Dr. Travis Miller, associate department head for soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University.

"Some areas up in the Panhandle never even received the August and September rains," Miller said. "It looks like they won't make a wheat crop unless they receive significant precipitation in the coming months. Some of the wheat in this area hasn't even begun to germinate."

"Overall, soil moisture (in some areas) has been real short throughout the fall. However, in other areas, especially the eastern areas of the state, have received excellent rainfall, and the crop looks good," Miller said.

With more than six million acres of wheat planted annually, Texas is ranked the third-largest

wheat producer in the nation, with Kansas and Oklahoma ranked first and second.

"In addition to the weather, there are several plant diseases that affect Texas' wheat each year," he said.

"The number one disease killer is leaf rust. It causes as much as 15 percent of overall annual wheat damage."

"The barley yellow dwarf virus and wheat streak mosaic virus are some common viral diseases that infect wheat," said Miller. "Barley yellow is found throughout Texas; however, wheat streak is located primarily in the Rolling Plains and is not normally seen in the eastern part of the state."

Another disease is karnal bunt, a soil- and seed-borne disease in six Texas counties. The USDA's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for keeping karnal bunt out of other wheat production areas. This disease does not cause any serious physical damage to the crop, but at very high levels, it can affect the milling and baking quality.

The incidence of karnal bunt in Texas has not reached a high enough level where it affects wheat quality, yet it has caused several monetary damages. It is estimated that farmers lost \$27 million in four

counties last year due to the quarantine. The wheat hadn't reached the condition where it couldn't be milled or baked, yet it had to be destroyed.

Insects are another determining factor in the production of wheat. The greenbug is the main insect wheat killer in the United States and is located throughout Texas. The Russian wheat aphid is another harmful insect pest that is located primarily in dryer areas of the state. Aphid damage is greater this year than last.

Geese also play a large part in how wheat survives in certain areas of Texas. "Locations such as the High Plains and Central Texas have high concentrations of geese," Miller said.

"Geese damage wheat by grazing until there is nothing left. They graze very close to the ground, and they graze well after the growing point comes out of the ground," Miller said. "In the fall and winter, the growing point is below the surface, but once the wheat begins to grow rapidly in the spring, the geese cause a lot of damage. Farmers attempt to relieve this damage by various scare devices such as carbide cannons and Mylar balloon devices. Mylar is a metallic reflective material similar to aluminum."

## Mild winter helped dairy cows, hurt crops

The state's mild winter has helped keep dairy cows content, but it has hurt the crops used to feed them, according to Texas Cooperative Extension.

Sandra Stokes, Extension dairy specialist in Stephenville, said while the drier than normal weather helps the cows, here has been a decrease in forage quality and an increased need to ship in more forage to feed the animals.

Joe Pope, Erath County Extension agent said weather conditions impacts milk production the most, and cows have enjoyed this year's dry, cool climate. In fact, producers have seen an increase in production per cow even though dairy cattle numbers have decreased.

"The ancestors of the major milk-producing needs come from Northern Europe, so cattle generally do better in cool weather than in hot weather."

More milk per cow per day is produced in cool weather than in warm weather," said Dr. Robert B. Schwartz, Extension dairy economist in College Station.

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 316,000 milk cows in November 2001, compared to 345,000 milk cows in November 2000. However, production per cow increased by 10 pounds per cow during that year, from 1,225 pounds to 1,235 pounds.

Stokes said most forages are grown locally, but higher-quality alfalfa hay is shipped in from Colorado, New Mexico, and Kansas.

Schwartz said some dairy farmers prefer to feed their cows a corn silage-based ration if they can get it. Others feed an alfalfa-based ration. Most dairies in Texas have gotten away from feeding coastal bermuda hay except to replacement and "dry" cows.

Pope said production is down for some local hay growers, but that should not affect dairy cattle, and in spite of the climate, feed is still affordable and available.

The economic slowdown has decreased demand for some dairy products. Fewer people are eating out, and if they are eating away from home, they are looking for less expensive foods, Schwartz said. For example, instead of ordering a double cheeseburger, consumers may opt buy a single to "pinch pennies."

"There's some indication that there's a slight change in dairy demand," Schwartz said.

He believes ice cream consumption will increase because it is viewed as an inexpensive luxury. In the past, when the economy takes a downturn, people gravitate towards ice cream. "Ice cream is not a big part of the budget: it's cheap, it's easy, it's a treat."

Texas milk is used primarily for fluid

consumption, but the state is also the third-largest ice cream producer in the nation. Much milk goes into yogurt, cottage cheese and specialty products such as dairy creamer as well.

Fluid milk demand is seasonal. It goes up and down depending on when school is in session, Schwartz said.

"If there is a holiday, bottled milk goes down a bit. When kids are back in school, it goes back up." He said the demand for lower fat dairy products is increasing because people are becoming more weight-conscious.

Schwartz said there is no big cheese manufacturing plants in the state. Cheese consumed in the state is mostly made elsewhere.

## Feral hogs and cowbird programs slated

The upper Clear Creek range & Wildlife Management Association will meet Sunday, Feb. 3 at 4pm at the Forestburg Community Center, located at the intersection of FM 455 and FM 677.

There will be a slide presentation explaining the behavior and habitat of the feral hog and the hogs destruction of ranch and farmland.

Following the program on feral hogs, there will be a demonstration on the use of cowbird traps. This short session will help to identify the cowbird and its behavior. This information is required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife prior to scheduling the use of the TP&W traps.

The programs are free and opened to the public.



Jimmy Jack Biffle Water Well Drilling of Muenster assisted in sponsoring the Calf Scramble at the Fort Worth Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. Pictured are, from left, Amber Koontz of Decatur, Jan. 23 winner; presenter Herkey Biffle; and Jon Jarrell, Era FFA, winner on Jan. 24. Courtesy Photo

## Local FFA, 4-H members to exhibit top animals at 2002 Houston Show

The 2002 Houston Livestock Show marks the final year that 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors from across Texas will compete in Reliant Hall, and two 4-H exhibitors and 31 FFA members from Cooke County have entered to be there. The 2002 Show runs from Feb. 12 - Mar. 3 at Reliant Park.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Friday, Feb. 22. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the Show, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

Muenster FFA exhibitors, Brad Felderhoff, Jacob Freeman, and Cameron Walterscheid will be showing market steers along with Lindsay FFA members Cecil Ward and Mitchell Ward. Lindsay 4-Her Kevin Neu will be showing his market lamb.

More than 16,000 entries, representing more than 1,000 Texas 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition.

## Ag Briefs

### STOCKS

Second-quarter wheat stocks for Texas were up 46 percent from last year. Stocks in all positions on Dec. 1 totaled 123.0 million bushels. The on-farm wheat storage totaled 2.3 million bushels, off-farm wheat stocks were at 120.7 million bushels.

Total sorghum stocks in all positions for Texas were 31.5 million cwt on Dec. 1, up 30 percent from the previous year. On-farm stocks totaled 2.8 million cwt, off-farm sorghum stocks were at 28.7 million cwt.

### COTTON

Texas Upland cotton production for 2001 is expected to total 4.15 million bales, 5 percent more than 2000. Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 4.2 million acres. Yield is expected to average 474 pounds per acre.

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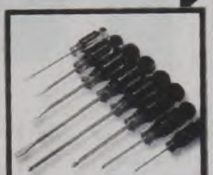
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Packer Cows: Utility Boning, \$38 to \$42; Canner/Cutter, \$32 to \$39.50  
Bulls: \$46 to \$54.50  
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Cow-Calf Pairs: Choice, \$790-\$920; Medium-Good, NT; Medium-Poor, NT

sales to Cuba is around \$14 million. Critics say direct food sales to Cuba could erode the long-standing trade embargo. Cuban President Fidel Castro said more purchases would be possible if the U.S. would allow Cuba to sell its products in the United States.

## US food arrives in Cuba

The first commercial food shipments arrived in Cuba Dec. 16, marking the first direct commercial agriculture export from the United States to Cuba since 1963. Freighters carrying 26,400 tons of U.S. grown corn and 500 tons of frozen chicken parts arrived in Havana Dec. 16, after departing New Orleans and Gulfport, Mississippi on Dec. 14.

"This proves that it makes logical sense for Cuba and the United States to trade with one another," said Larry Cunningham, a representative for Archer Daniels Midland, which sent the corn shipment and has a contract with Cuba for seven more shipments of wheat, soybeans, rice and other grains through the end of February. "We think that the best way to improve relations with countries is for them to become trading partners."

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**Feeder Steers (per lb.)**  
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.10-1.20; Nos. 2 & 3, 91-1.10; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.18; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.05; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.00-1.01; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-1.00; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 90-97; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-90; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 80-87; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-80; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 75-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-75.  
**Feeder Heifers (per lb.)**  
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.30; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.05; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 93-1.10; Nos. 2 & 3, 85-93; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 88-98; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-88; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 82-88; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-82; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 72-81; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-72; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 70-75; Nos. 2 & 3, 55-70.  
**Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)**  
Slaughter bulls - yield grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., 45-55; Slaughter cows: #1-3, 37-44; Cutter, 26-37.  
**Stocker Cows (per head)**  
Pregnancy-tested, 3- to 9-year-olds - large frame, \$600-\$750; medium frame, \$450-\$600  
Cow-calf pairs/walves under 250 lbs. - large frame, \$750-\$830; medium frame, \$600-\$750.  
Holstein babies, \$140-\$225  
**Barrows & Gilts:**  
US #1, 230-270, 40-48; US #2, 220-280, 32-42  
**Feeders (per head):**  
100-175 lbs. \$45-\$75; 25-90 lbs. \$45-\$60  
**Sows:**  
Feeder, 400 or less, NT; Light wt., 500-600, 25-27; Heavy wt., 600-up, 25-27.  
**Boars:**  
300 lb. -up, NT, 200-300 lbs., 22-26; Light wt., 35-40.  
**Sheep (per lb.)**  
Feeder lambs, 40-60 lbs., 75-95; Light lambs, 60-90 lbs., 75-85; Fat lambs, 90-120 lbs., 65-75.  
**Barbados (per head)**  
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$25-\$45; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$60; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$75; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$110.  
**Bucks:**  
Thin: 60-75 Fat: 60-120  
**Goats (per head)**  
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$25-\$45; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$60; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$75; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$110.  
**Nannies (per head)**  
Stocker: \$40-\$75; Milk Type, \$30-\$65; Slaughter, Thin, \$25-\$45; Fat, \$45-\$75.  
**Billies (per head)**  
120 lbs.-up  
Breeders: \$100-\$150; Slaughter, \$65-\$110  
**Boer Goats (per head)**  
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