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Fire roars through three story rural home; heating unit blamed

By Janet Felderhoff
Members of the Muenster Volunteer Fire Department responded swiftly to a fire call at the Scarborough residence on 2287 FM 2739. The call came in at 10:01 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 15 and volunteer firemen were on the scene at 10:08 a.m. Reporting the fire was Nortex Communications employee Deano Bayer. He was working in the area.

Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe said he received a call just before that from Clinton Bayer who was concerned because he thought he saw smoke coming from eaves of the home. When Knabe arrived he determined that they would need assistance from Gainesville with a pump and tank truck and called for the help. Myra and Lindsay Volunteer Fire Departments also responded.

The second and third floors were engulfed in smoke and flames. Firefighters went to the third floor to fight the fire. According to Knabe, the men soon came back due to being overwhelmed by lack of air and the extreme heat. He said two Muenster

firemen entered the first floor from the front. In a short time it became too hot and they had to get out. The first story ceiling was falling in. Gainesville Fire Department arrived and helped knock down the fire.

Knabe noted that when he arrived the smoke was so thick he couldn't see a foot in front of him. The temperature just inside the back door was 110 degrees. Muenster had 16 firemen on the scene, Gainesville 11, Myra five, and Lindsay five. They worked with 12 pieces of equipment to battle the blaze. The home was not a total loss. Knabe said the flames never got through the roof.

Due to the dollar amount of the home Fire Chief Knabe called the State Fire Marshall's Office to investigate. He said that three of their investigators arrived the following morning. They determined the cause of the fire to have been due to an electrical problem in the heating unit of the second floor.

Nobody was home when the fire started. It was still occupied by Marcia and Brad Scarbrough and son Jordan Smith. The home

was sold at auction on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Transfer of ownership had not been completed, according to Knabe. Although the home and furnishings received a lot of damage, from fire, smoke, and water, it was not declared a total loss. Knabe said it is rebuildable.

Gainesville Fire Department brought a thermal imaging device that Knabe said was very valuable in getting the fire out. He said it was used to determine where the hot spots were so they could be extinguished. He said they went through twice to be sure it was out. Other helpful things were wind that helped the fans pull the heat out and away, and a truck purchased from Gainesville last year. Knabe said it has longer hose than their other trucks and this was needed due to the home being located on a hill with little area to get the truck close.

Fighting the fire was tiring to the firefighters who had to battle thick smoke and overwhelming heat. All departments responding were necessary to give the needed rest periods.



Muenster, Myra, Lindsay and Gainesville Fire Departments responded to a house fire on FM 2739 Monday morning. The firefighters worked together to extinguish the flames at Elm Creek Farms. See page 3 for more fire pictures. Janie Hartman photo

CCAD learns of former office managers case settlements

By Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Appraisal District's (CCAD) five-member Board of Directors met on Thursday, Dec. 11. Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson informed them that there had been a plea bargain agreement in the case of Judith Barnhill, former officer manager for CCAD.

There was some misinterpretation by some Board members of the Judgment of Conviction papers issued by the DA's office. They understood that Barnhill only had to repay the money, serve no time, pay no fine, and have nothing on her record. They said that was like a loan without interest.

way there is something to hold over their head. If payments are not made, then they can be sent to prison.

"Since Barnhill had no prior offenses, she was eligible for probation. She will be paying a total of \$420 a month until all restitution is made." This will be on her record. The 10 and seven years will run concurrent since she was convicted of both on the

same date.

Board President Leon Klement inquired as to what had ever happened in another case of a CCAD employee, Will Presson who was then chief appraiser. He was alleged of misuse of the CCAD credit card. Smithson said that Presson was given six months deferred adjudication and fined \$500. This will not be on his record. Klement See CCAD, Pg. 8

Board meeting filled with reports

By Janie Hartman
A letter from Michael King of Huckabee Construction, in response to a letter sent by Superintendent Clyde Steelman on behalf of the Board, concerning the weight room facility and the contractor's request for additional funds for dirt work, was read by Muenster ISD Board of Trustees at the monthly meeting on Dec. 10. King gave a short history of events that led up to the issue of who's responsible for the added expenses to the ground work for the building. The Board questioned if any oversight was made and if the financial burden should be the responsibility of the company that conducted the bore samples, rather than the District.

King noted that after samples were taken at the location, the Board moved the building to its present site, closer to the stadium fence line. "Since this move was not a great distance from the original location, in my judgment, it did not preclude having additional soil borings taken," King said in the letter. "I would like to note that even though the Board moved the building, we did not pass through the cost for re-engineering the site grading around the building. I noted to MISED at the time that this particular change would probably not result in any cost savings because the existing sidewalk would have to be replaced."

The Board took no action, with the response letter answering the concerns. "The core samples taken were for estimates on the bid," noted Steelman. "The District did save money by moving the building and we saved additional parking space." The extra cost for the extra dirt work was \$13,800.

In other business, John Pagel presented the City's proposal to pave Walnut Street along the District's northwest property. The 40 foot wide street with curb on both sides and appropriate slope will be done mostly by the City. The City would like for the property owners to take initiative. The School will continue to negotiate with the City regarding the cost. Mayor Henry Weinzapfel was also present at the meeting.

Items approved by the trustees included:

- A 48 month copy machine lease with Dustin Office Products at a monthly cost of \$1,544.
- The 36 month lease agreement with CalFirst for 60 Tangent Computers. Their quote of \$759 was the best and most affordable for MISED. The service includes a 3 year on-site service plan; self-service reimbursement plan of \$50 per incident; software per-loading; custom hard drive imaging; site LAN analysis; dedicated customer Web sites; and lifetime technical support.
- The Longevity Pay for Support Staff stipends of 5-9 years, \$150 per year; 10-14 years, \$350; 15-19 years, \$750; 20 plus years, \$1,000 per year.
- The 2002-03 financial audit report by Freeman, Shapard & Story presented by Ted Neeb.
- Amendments to the 2003-04 budget of an additional \$485,200.
- The Texas Education Agency Applications for first day of instruction waiver and expedited waivers, staff development and early release waiver.



Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson, 2nd from left, and Board member David Clifton, far right, express appreciation for years of service to outgoing members, from left, Mac Barnhart, Leon Klement, and Monta Sewell. Photo by Janet Felderhoff

NCTC Scholarship established in memory of life dedicated to nursing

"From the time she was a young girl, all she ever wanted to be was a nurse," Virginia Krahl and Mildred Lindemann said about their late sister Clara Fleitmann. "We couldn't think of a better way to honor her memory than to help others realize their dreams of nursing careers."

Representing their family, which includes a third sister, Margie Reeves of Jacksboro and sister-in-law Annette Fleitmann of Lindsay, Mrs. Krahl of Gainesville and Mrs. Lindemann of Windthorst endowed the Clara Fleitmann Memorial Nursing Scholarship at North Central Texas

College this week with a \$10,000 gift to the NCTC Foundation.

In addition to the endowment, the family donated \$500 to make possible the awarding of a scholarship from the fund in the upcoming spring 2004 semester.

"Normally, of course, it takes some time for a new scholarship—even a fully endowed one—to generate enough interest to begin making awards," said Debbie Pounds, NCTC vice president for advancement and Foundation executive director. "This additional gift will enable a deserving student to benefit right away."

Awards from the new Clara Fleitmann Memorial Scholarship fund will be given to deserving applicants, either male or female, who are seeking a nursing degree or certificate at NCTC. There is no residency restriction, and applicants do not have to be enrolled full-time to qualify.

"We know that many men and women wishing to study nursing must work while going to school," said Mrs. Krahl, "so we wanted to make this opportunity available to students attending on a part-time basis as well."

Preference in awarding the scholarship will be given See NCTC, Pg. 2

Lindsay ISD earns clean audit report

By Janet Felderhoff
 Brian Hess and Melody Rohmer of Hess and Rohmer, P.C. informed the Lindsay ISD Board of Trustees on the condition of the District's 2002-2003 audit report. The firm found no problems with the internal accounting procedures and controls. It was suggested that hiring another person to assist Business Manager Marilyn Cox was advisable. They praised Cox for her outstanding work and efforts. Hess reported total assets for the District to be \$3.6 million. This is an increase of \$70,866 over the last budget year. Rohmer's report included a District fund balance of \$1,145,913, which proved to be an increase of \$213,731 from last year. It was reported that the District had received a near final payment of \$94,259.00 from Carroll ISD in November, but that a large percentage of that would have to be paid back to the TEA. It is the recommendation of the auditors that the Board consider assigning

some of the fund balance to future construction projects. This would help with the possible gym project and keep the school district within TEA regulations. Architects Frank Callahan and Chuck Freeman of Callahan and Freeman Architects presented three site plans and two floor plans. Information presented was a first pass of ideas. They asked the Board and audience to share ideas with them. More information will be forthcoming at the January Board meeting. Superintendent Jerry Metzler updated the Board on information regarding the K-6 buildings' roofing projects. The Board approved his recommendation to advertise for bids in two ways. They will seek bids on both the traditional repair system and a new restoration system as presented at the November meeting. After receiving and reviewing the bids, the Board will decide which project is best for their situation. Principal Larry Smith brought up a request by

Rhelda Harris to take the Spanish III students on a trip to Mexico. More details will be available in January when the Board will make a decision. During the Superintendent's report, Metzler noted that the campus' school report cards would be distributed with the students' regular report cards in January. Also he presented a Certificate for Early Implementation of GASB 34. The implementation of Statement 34 would result in better financial information to a government's taxpayers, governing board, and other financial statement users. With a unanimous 6-0 vote, the Board approved an Interlocal Agreement for Department of Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing for the bus drivers. Board members attending were David Arendt, Richard Connert, Wayne Fleitman, Damian Krahl, Danny Nortman, and Lloyd Reiter.



House District 68 Rep. Rick Hardcastle went over some interesting issues at the last Kiwanis meeting, Wed. Dec. 17 at the Center Restaurant. Deborah Wood photo

MISD meeting... continued from pg. 1

- Selection of Textbook Committee members - Phil Newton, Gwen Trubench, Lou Heers, Scott Reed, Molly Sicking, Tommy Felderhoff, Jim Van Vleet, Jeff Presnall, and Mandy Dulock.
- A Christmas luncheon for employees on Dec. 19, catered by Ginny Schneider at an approximate cost of \$500.
- Exemplary Stipend for staff as follows: professional staff - \$50 each; paraprofessional, \$25 each; bus driver, \$10 each; total approximate cost \$2,655.



Anna Braziel and Michelle Pruett

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Ms. Fleitmann's sisters, Mildred Lindemann (second from left) and Virginia Krahl, present a check to Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, NCTC president, to establish the new scholarship for nursing students at North Central Texas College. At far right is Debbie Pounds, vice-president for advancement and executive director of the NCTC Foundation, and at far left is Ed Wright, NCTC Foundation president. Courtesy photo



Clara Fleitmann at the beginning of her 35-year nursing career.

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continued from pg. 1 to qualified students demonstrating financial need. Clara Fleitmann died at age 70 in August of last year at her residence in Lindsay where she grew up. Born in Muenster, she was a 1950 graduate of Lindsay High School and attended St. Paul's School of Nursing in Dallas, graduating in 1953. That same year, she received her Texas license as a registered nurse. Two years later, she graduated from Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital School of Anesthesia in Detroit, Michigan. She practiced as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in Michigan and later in Florida. Upon retirement, she moved back to her hometown of Lindsay after a 35-year career in nursing. "This wonderful lady, Ms. Fleitmann, dedicated her entire professional life to caring for others," said Dr. Ronnie Glasscock, NCTC president, on hand to accept the endowment gift along with Ed Wright, Foundation president. "What a perfect and fitting tribute this scholarship is to her memory and to that lifetime of caring. Speaking on behalf of the many generations of students who will benefit from this scholarship in the future, I thank Ms. Fleitmann's family for their thoughtfulness and generosity." Persons wishing to learn more about this and other scholarship opportunities at NCTC may contact Debbie Pounds at 940-668-4213, or by e-mail: dpounds@nctc.edu.

Gwen Trubench in the elementary principal's report, noted that 77 elementary students earned the UIL meet trophy with 730 points and that Muenster elementary students, under the direction of Kay Hickey, won the Most Creative Award in the Christmas parade. "The Train to Toyland" was built by Mike Hellinger. High School Principal Phil Newton reminded the Board that students had early release Dec. 17, 18, 19 at 1:00 p.m., and that classes resume after the holidays on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004. Jeff Presnall, technology director, reported that the MISD Technology Plan is being reviewed to meet the requirements for E-Rate and No Child Left Behind. Also the District's current and future teachers must obtain The Teacher Technology Competencies Certification which provides a system that meets the requirements of the Federal No Child Left Behind mandate. Athletic Director Monte Endres gave a report on the football, cross country, power lifting, and basketball seasons. Other reports given included: National School Fitness Foundations Program - "It is being used and enjoyed by the elementary students," reported Trubench. "Each individual student begins at their own fitness level to improve muscle endurance, flexibility, cardio, and balance." Gifted and Talented Program (GT) update is required by TEA. Staff members have attended workshops, conferences, and meetings to implement their training to begin GT curriculum alignment for K-12. The maintenance department has been making repairs requested by the staff - leaky faucets, cracked windows, changing filters, light bulbs, etc. Delinquent taxes collected for November totaled \$3,216.83. An \$8,000 projected increase for 2003-04 Co-op health insurance supplement was reported for 13 employees. Muenster ISD was unable to participate in the 2003-04 WADA (weighted average daily attendance) program.



Displaying just a portion of the gifts bought with \$1,400 in proceeds from a recent silent auction and raffle are members of the North Central Texas College Community Relations Committee. The gifts will be distributed to area children through the Littlest Angel and similar programs in the college service area of Cooke, Denton, and Montague counties. Committee members are, from left, Shawna Gore, Doris Floyd, Sharon Simmons, and Estelle Gilpin. Courtesy photo

Excessive thirst may signal kidney trouble

Now that scientific research has sent the old eight-glasses-of-water-a-day rule down the drain, devoted water guzzlers might be left wondering what to do. The current advice is, as a recent soft-drink advertising campaign urged, "Obey your thirst." But many people have conditioned themselves to drink water constantly throughout the day, equaling or surpassing the 64-ounce total prescribed by the old - and apparently unfounded - rule of thumb. Dr. Robert Toto, a kidney specialist and professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, said that while the old minimum standard is bogus, there's little reason to worry about drinking too much water. "It's possible to drink so much water that you intoxicate yourself, but you'd have to drink about 25 liters (about six gallons) of water a day," Toto said. "You'd practically have to put a hose in your mouth." Drinking lots of water can be a sign of kidney-related diseases such as diabetes. Toto says that if a person drinks lots of water and experiences frequent urination, the key question is whether high water intake is driving the excessive urination or whether excessive urination is causing the person to be thirsty all the time. If it's the latter, medical tests are in order. "We'll ask if a person is drinking all the time because they're thirsty or if it's just habit," Toto said. "If it's just habit, it is not likely to represent a serious disease."

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Sunday, December 21, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM Fr. John Corapi video series, SHHS, Rm #5, 9:10-10:15AM, Topic: Fifth Commandment	Monday, December 22, 2003	Tuesday, December 23, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, December 24, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO Religious Ed Class CHRISTMAS EVE	Thursday, December 25, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	Friday, December 26, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, December 27, 2003
Sunday, December 28, 2003 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Monday, December 29, 2003	Tuesday, December 30, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, December 31, 2003 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO Religious Ed Class	Thursday, January 1, 2004 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Museum CLOSED	Friday, January 2, 2004 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 PM	Saturday, January 3, 2004

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Obituaries

Richard John Knabe

1933-2003

Mass of Christian Burial for Richard John Knabe, 70, of Gainesville was held on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, with Father John Ohner OSA officiating.

Richard John Knabe died on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003 at River Valley Health and Rehab Center of Gainesville, following a lengthy illness.

He was born on Oct. 17, 1933 in Muenster, the fourth of eight children of Joseph and Mary Klimpt Knabe, and lived most of his life in Muenster, attending Muenster schools, and graduating from Muenster High School in 1952. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

He married Sue Blakely and they became the parents of two daughters, Sherie Grote and Debbie Knabe, before divorcing. He was employed as an oil field worker, most recently for Felderhoff Brothers as a driller, before becoming a truck driver. Following a truck accident two years ago, he became a resident of River Valley Rehab Center in Gainesville. His hobbies included fishing and playing dominoes.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Sherie and Dave Grote of Manhattan Beach, California, and daughter, Debbie Knabe of Denton; grandchildren Jonathan Knabe, and Tiffany, Kelsey, and Matthew Grote of California; great-grandson Mason Knabe; sister and brother-in-law, Rosemary and Wassie Reynolds of Forestburg; brothers and sisters-in-law Fred and Della Knabe of Argyle, Harold and Bertha Knabe of Muenster, and Leon and Martha Knabe of Davenport, Iowa; and sisters-in-law Joy Knabe of Waco, Lou Knabe of Gainesville, and Linda Knabe of Muenster.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his brothers Gerald Knabe,



Richard Knabe

James Knabe, and Gilbert Knabe.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, a Rosary Service was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel at 4:00 p.m., led by cousin Caroline Hess. Wake Service was held at 7 p.m. led by Mary Lin Knabe, who also led the family rosary before the funeral.

Participating in the special liturgy of the funeral Mass were altar servers Sylvan Walterscheid, Joe Felderhoff, and Butch Fisher.

Liturgical Readings were given by nieces Mary Lin Knabe and Janell Birk. Petitions were read by sister-in-law Linda Knabe. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by daughters, Sherie Grote and Debbie Knabe.

Eucharistic ministers were cousins Ethel Bayer, Gilbert Kubis, Frances Bayer, and Kathy Vogel, and a friend, Glenn Grewing.

Music ministers included Diane Grewing, Christy Hesse, and Debbie Hess, singers, and Ruth Felderhoff, pianist. Sacred songs included "I Am the Resurrection", "Psalm of the Good Shepherd", "Softly and Tenderly", "How Great Thou Art", "Edelweiss Blessing", and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee".

Interment followed in the Veterans Plot in Sacred Heart Cemetery, directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were nephews Jack Knabe, Duane Knabe, Greg Knabe,

cousins Jody Felderhoff and David Reiter, and friend, Michael Grewing.

Military rites were conducted by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6205, commanded by Art Bayer. Members of the Rifle Squad were Joe Bright, Willie Fisher, Johnny Rohmer, Melvin Luke, Virgil Henschel, Ben Hesse, and Art Bayer.

Members of the Color Guard were James Hess, Don Hess, Buddy Yosten, and Don Hellman. Ron Weinzapfel played "TAPS".

Following the burial service, a family meal was served in the Knights of Columbus Hall by the Catholic Daughters of America and several ladies of Sacred Heart Parish, for family and friends.

Out-of-town guests present for the funeral included: Sherie Grote of Manhattan Beach, California, Jonathan and Sarah Knabe of Sanger, Debbie Knabe, Jack and Sally Knabe, Janell, Monica, and Megan Birk, and Mary Knabe of Denton, Pam and Ronnie Womack of Ponder, Vicky Giddens of Bedford, Joy Knabe of Waco, Russell Self of Waco, Frankie and Twila Ramsey of Bowie, Michael Grewing of Austin, and others from Cooke and Montague Counties.

Gov. Perry announces appointment of McCoy as Judge

Gov. Rick Perry announced the appointment of Bob McCoy of Fort Worth to serve as judge of the 2nd Court of Appeals. The court serves Archer, Clay, Cooke, Denton, Hood, Jack, Montague, Parker, Tarrant, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties.

McCoy has served as judge of the 48th Judicial District Court since 1995. Prior to that, he was a briefing attorney for the Supreme Court of Texas and a partner with Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff & Miller in Fort Worth. He is a member of the Texas and Tarrant County Bar Foundations and serves as chair of the Tarrant County Bar Association Local Rules Committee. He received the Chair of the Year Award in 1999 from the Tarrant County Bar Association.

McCoy was appointed to a term that will run until the next general election, when he can opt to run for a full term.

Idea Exchange

By Don Rohmer

Over the past several weeks this column relayed Jason Gehrig's report about the recent upheaval in Bolivia. One thing that struck me was that the Bolivian media actually reported government atrocities. Apparently, the media in Bolivia are not controlled as effectively as their U.S. counterparts. When I asked Jason about it, he replied that the Bolivian media reflected a wide variety of perspectives on the protests. Some media outlets supported the protesters, while others did not.

For example, one TV station interviewed Aymara women in Spanish as they were marching. The only response was silence. The broadcaster therefore opined that these women didn't know why they were protesting and were simply following orders. What everyone in Jason's neighborhood knew, however, is that many Aymara women, especially older ones from the countryside, speak only Aymara and so would not have understood the questions put to them in Spanish. On the other hand, the protesters allowed only a few TV stations to enter El Alto. Stations that the people felt had historically been unfair in their coverage were booted out when they tried to cover the protests.

What Bolivia seems to have is diversity in its media. That's really about the best situation any country can hope for. Since the media are always going to be biased, citizens need access to a variety of media to be able to put together a "what really happened" version of any given story. That's exactly what most people in the U.S. do not have, since they rely on the mainstream media, which are owned by a few large corporations and get their income from large corporate advertisers.

Other viewpoints are available, but finding them requires serious effort. And when an alternative viewpoint is found, the question that immediately comes to mind is "can this be trusted." Well, since our mainstream media absolutely cannot be trusted, any source you find is likely to be at least as reliable as NBC, The New York Times, or The Dallas Morning News.

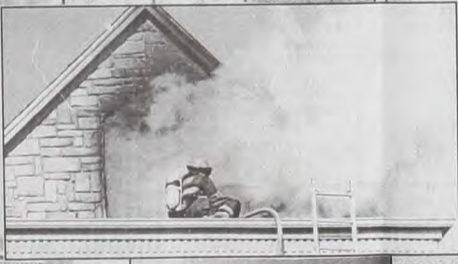
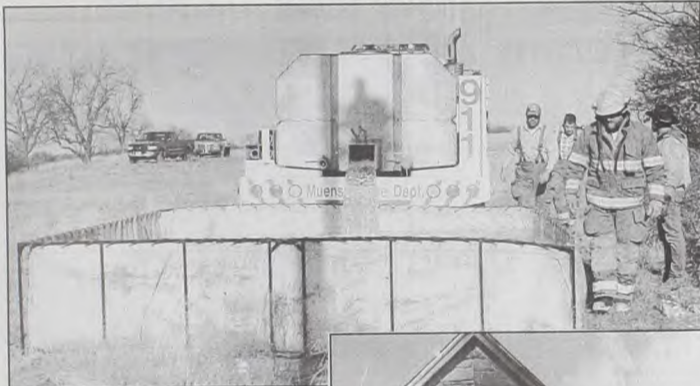
Publications and broadcasters whose reports are significantly different from those of the mainstream media seem to have one thing in common: They carry very little advertising. This is true of World Press Review magazine, The Christian Science Monitor daily newspaper, and the LinkTV satellite network, all three of which seem to be more reliable than any of the mainstream media.

If you have access to the Internet, you can find a variety of alternative views. For example, Texan Jim Hightower maintains a continuously updated site at <http://hightower.fmp.com/weblog.php>. You can also read articles published by the BBC, which, unlike PBS, does not depend on corporate donors. BBC was the target of rather intense flack from our mainstream media a few months ago. That's to be expected when any significant media outlet deviates from what everyone else is reporting.

Have you ever wondered why all the mainstream media put the same slant on everything they report? As a recent example, I was up early Sunday morning and watched some of the first reports of the capture of Saddam Hussein. Every network reported that Saddam had been captured and the Iraqis were celebrating. But when they showed the celebrations, the number of celebrants looked very small. One group consisted of at most eight people. A news announcer even commented that "the crowds are not very large," and then gave a list of possible reasons. I hope the reasons were valid, and that the Iraqis are indeed thrilled that Saddam is in custody, but I have a question. Since we have to assume that the media filmed the biggest celebrations they could find, the number of people celebrating seems to have been very small. So why were all the networks reporting that "Saddam has been captured and the Iraqi people are celebrating"? Why didn't they just report that Saddam had been captured?



Area fire fighters battle house fire
Janie Hartman photos



Clockwise - above left, Muenster VFD empty a truck of water into their portable tank. Bert Walterscheid, Shaw Henschel and Brent Hess are shown. Top, John Yosten, Ronnie Felderhoff and Herbie Knabe pull water hoses to the fire. Above right, Neal Flusche helps prepare Ben Bindel and Jim Gehrig to enter the house. Inset, Scott Green cools down the fire. At right, two Gainesville firefighters take a breather after exiting the burning building. Also pictured are Herbie Knabe & Bill Felderhoff. Above Joe Pagel and Scott Green enter through the back door. At left, Jordan Smith, Marcia and Brad Scarbrough wait as firefighters work to assure the fire is completely extinguished.



Lifestyle

Golden wedding anniversary celebration planned by Doug and Bonnie Robinson

By Elfreda Fette
Doug and Bonnie Hammer Robison will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, and will be honored at a come-and-go reception at the Stanford House in Gainesville from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

They were married in Muenster on Dec. 20, 1953, in a ceremony with double ring vows performed by Reverend Ray West at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robison. Parents of the bride are the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hammer of

Muenster. The wedding 50 years ago was a beautiful ceremony, defined by quiet charm and dignity. At the wedding, an improvised altar was surrounded by baskets of white carnations and greenery; similar arrangements were used in the other rooms.

The bride wore a navy suit with white and navy accessories. She carried a white Bible topped by a cluster of white gladioli, and showered with white satin ribbons tied with tuberoses in lovenots.

She was attended by matron-of-honor Martha

Nell Daniel, who also wore a navy suit with white and black accessories. The best man was Rev. Stanley Daniel.

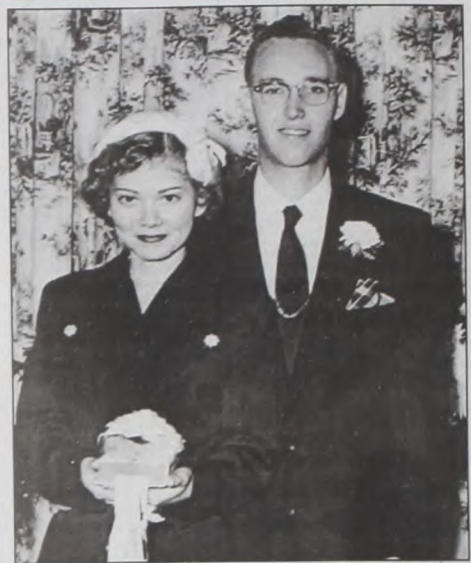
A reception followed the wedding ceremony. Jean Hobbs and Pat Hobbs of Gainesville presided at the guest book. Wanda Richey of Muenster presided at the punch bowl at the refreshment table. Wedding cake was served by Jean Hobbs and Pat Hobbs.

Upon return from their wedding trip, the couple resided in College Station, where the groom was a senior at Texas A&M University. He is a graduate of Muenster High School and Gainesville Junior College. Bonnie graduated from Muenster High School in 1953.

Doug and Bonnie Robison

have two children, Mark Robison of Denton, and Jan Harrison and husband Ken of Decatur. There are four grandchildren, Mark Dale Robison of Gainesville, Don Robison of Muenster, Kenneth Harrison at Yale University of New Haven, Connecticut, and Brad Harrison at Texas A&M University of College Station. Also one great-grandson, Nate Robison of Gainesville.

For the past 32 years, Doug Robison has been the Agriculture Instructor at North Central Texas College in Gainesville, and prior to that he was the Agriculture Resource Leader for Texas A&M University at the branch in Spur, Texas. Bonnie Robison has taught first grade in Gainesville ISD for the past 32 years.



Bonnie and Doug Robison On their wedding day - Dec. 2, 1953

Samantha turns 4

Samantha Nicole Muller, daughter of Wayne and Deann Muller of Muenster, celebrated her fourth birthday on Sunday, Nov. 23 at the home of her parents. Her actual birthday was on that day. Samantha's birthday theme was Swan Lake Barbie. Everyone enjoyed watching Samantha open her presents; taking pictures, and playing with balloons. A Swan Lake Barbie cake and ice cream were served.

Guests helping Samantha celebrate her special day were: brothers Ethan and Logan; grandparents Ross and Janet Felderhoff, and Steve and Sharon Muller; great-grandmother Aileen Knabe; aunts, uncles, and cousins Jody Felderhoff, Gary Muller, Kim and Kara Felderhoff, and Kaitlyn Felderhoff; and special friend Kathleen Henley. Unable to attend but sending birthday wishes



Samantha Muller

were: Scott, Sandy, and Ryan Felderhoff, Kenny and Kirk Felderhoff, and Carol and Corey Sicking. Godmother Kayla Felderhoff came to visit Samantha and bring gifts on Thanksgiving day.

Nortex Communications celebrates Christmas, and looks forward to the coming New Year

Nortex Communications celebrated its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 6. The party held in the company's meeting room, celebrated the accomplishments of the past year and looked forward to a new year. Alvin Fuhrman, President and CEO, highlighted a year of accomplishments including growth in key services, the introduction of cable modems and improvement in quality and reliability for all services.

Fuhrman announced that "Cable Modem" service was recently added to the Lake Kiowa area. Cable Modems provide a high-speed Internet service that by far exceeds any other Internet service in speed and reliability. Nortex continued through 2003 to provide live televised coverage of Sacred Heart Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. Mass to allow viewing for those who are unable to attend. Continuing its

commitment to provide high-speed DSL Internet to more and more customers, Nortex most recent expansion project has involved the purchase and installation of new technology that has almost doubled the DSL service area around Muenster and Valley View.

Moving from company highlights, Alan Rohmer presented Alvin Fuhrman with a pin commemorating fifty-five years of service with Nortex Communications, formerly Muenster Telephone. Fuhrman then presented service pins to eight other Nortex employees.

Service awards for 10 years of service were presented to Francine Walterscheid of the accounting department and Kevin Anderle of the construction department.

Employees receiving five-year awards included: Joey Anderson, Director of

Competitive Services; Lisa Rohmer, Service Center Technician; Debbie Bishop, Service Center Technician; Robert Baldwin, Internet Help Desk Technician; Crystal Klement, Wireless Secretary and Customer Service Assistant in Gainesville; and Julian Hernandez, Building and Maintenance Coordinator.

One new employee was introduced to the family and friends of the company. Kathleen Henley from Muenster began as a customer service rep in March 2003, bringing the total employee count to 53.

Finally, Fuhrman extended his appreciation to all the employees for a good year and their dedication and hard work. He concluded by reminding all in attendance the importance of the services Nortex provides and the people served. The goal of Nortex Communications continues to focus on

providing excellent customer service and the most advanced telecommunications services to the rural communities they serve.

A host of employees stepped up to the microphone to share experiences and stories about Gene Fuhrman, COO of Nortex, who was tragically killed on Nov. 25, 2003 as he traveled on I-35 to his home in Denton. Gene was a real people person who interacted well with all who knew or worked with him. He will be missed at Nortex. A trust fund has been established for his unborn child. If you are interested in contributing, send to "Gene Fuhrman Baby Trust Fund", Box 831, Muenster, TX 76252.

The Schneiders catered the dinner for the party and the evening was completed with a Bingo session that included prizes for the winners.

New Arrival

Muller
Matthew and Yana Muller of Muenster announce the birth of their daughter, Lilly Ana Muller. She was born on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003 at 4:42 p.m. at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman weighing 9 lb. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. Her grandparents are Richard and Pricilla Kramer of Dublin, California, and Weldon Chris and Doris Muller of Muenster. Great-grandparents include Tom and Leda Avis and Tom and Margaret Kramer all of San Bruno, California, Gus and Armella Lutkenhaus of Muenster, and Chris M. and Betty Muller of Gainesville.

Reiter
Chuck and Mistee Reiter of Gainesville proudly announce the birth of their daughter Ryenne Yvonne Reiter at 9:20 a.m., Friday, Nov. 14, 2003 at Wilson Jones Hospital in Sherman. She weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Ryenne has one sister Rylee, age 5. Grandparents are Paul and Cherie Smith and Doug and Chubby Reiter of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Juanita Threadgill, Jerry and Shirley Threadgill, Sylvia Smith of Gainesville and the late Jack Smith. Also the late Joe and Theresa Mages.

Santa visits Veterans' children Dec. 6

Saturday, Dec. 6, Santa Claus made a pre-scheduled stop at the VFW Club in Muenster where children, grandchildren, parents and grandparents had gathered to welcome him. Santa visited with each child and gifted them with the help of the VFW Auxiliary #6205. Under the leadership of Santa and his helper, the children and adults then sang songs such as "Jingle Bells", "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town", "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", and a moving rendition of "Silent Night". After Santa

was on his way, refreshments were served to the happy group of 25.

Chairing the various projects for the program were: Linda Knabe and Sandra Hennigan, tree decorated with buddy poppies and American flags and room decor of red, white, and blue; Dorothy Hesse and Crystal Vogel, Santa's arrival; Lucille Hesse and Ethel Hesse, refreshments; Frances Bayer, toy selection and Santa's helper.

Special red-dressed guest, who had the best time of all was Leonard Vogel.



Morgan Hennigan gets a lift to Santa's lap during his recent visit with children and grandchildren of VFW Post #6205

Baptism

Reiter
Rylee Madison and Ryenne Yvonne Reiter, daughters of Chuck and Mistee Reiter, received the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, Dec. 14 at Sacred Heart Church. Father John

Ohner performed the ceremony. Doug and Chubby Reiter were their godparents. Those attending were Rylee and Ryenne's parents and grandparents. Also Dave and Jill Reiter, and Alaina.

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Winners of the annual Scouts "Turkey Shoot."

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Boy Scouts hold Turkey Shoot

The Cub Scouts held their annual Turkey Shoot on Nov. 16 at the Muenster City Park. The day was filled with sunshine and activities as the boys worked toward earning patches. Each scout who brought two bags of aluminum cans to be recycled earned a patch. As a new activity this year each scout drew a design for his

on his turkey shoot target earned a patch.

The winners in the Turkey Shoot in each den were awarded a turkey. They included Tiger Cub, Blake Haubold; Wolf, Cole Walterscheid; Bear, Hunter Klement; Webelos I, Austin Miller; Webelos II, Chad Walterscheid; and Webelos II, Zack Pierce.

The winners of the dart throw in each den earned a pumpkin pie. They included Dee Lawler, Eddie Sweeney, Clayton Fangman, Josh Biffle, Will Taylor, and Spencer Nielson.

The washer toss winners

in each den were awarded a box of stuffing. The winners were Zach Ford, Garrett Miller, Michael Weinzapfel, David Fleitman, and Aaron Grewing.

Den winners of the golf ball toss earned a tub of Cool Whip. They were Parker Sicking, David Hutson, John Paul Hesse, Blake Voth, and Matt Hesse.

Football throw winners in each den took home cranberry sauce. They included Zach Trubenbach, Eland Green, Clayton Rohmer, Jimmy Abner, and Caleb Winters.

Klement wins the KCs 4-wheeler raffle drawing

The Knights of Columbus announce the winners of the four wheeler raffle: Terri Klement of Muenster, winner of the Arctic Cat four wheeler in Gainesville; Felipe Escobedo of Sanger, formerly of Muenster, winner of the RCA 27 inch television; Pat and John Yosten of Muenster winner of the RCA D.V.D. player. The television and the D.V.D. player came from Walterscheid's C.C.A. of Muenster.

The Knights were helped in this fundraiser by the sale of tickets in many places of business and by many individuals. All 500

tickets were sold. Profits from the raffle will be returned to the community through the Knights of Columbus' continued charity works and support of local programs such as, youth tee-ball, girls softball, girl scouts and boy scouts of Muenster, Bibles for religious study, ABBA Women's Center, special Mass missals, and continued support of the Catholic Church. Because of community support, these good works can continue.

The prizes for the raffle were displayed at Fischer's Meat Market and Klement Ford of Muenster.

Meeting Notice

Home Hospice will be conducting a Grief Support & Guidance Seminar on Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27. The seminar will be held at the Home Hospice office at 1001 E. Broadway, Gainesville, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The sessions will address various topics involved in the grief process. The purpose of the seminar is to assist bereaved persons to deal with their grief and to find positive ways to cope with this painful experience. Topics addressed in the seminar are: "How do I go on from here?", "Dealing with difficult emotions", "Surviving the holidays and other special days and memorializing", and "Bringing closure to your loss".



John Walterscheid presents the keys to the Arctic Cat 4-wheeler to Terri Klement, winner of the 2003 Knights of Columbus bike raffle. Deborah Wood photo

Pinewood Derby car. Games for the day included darts, football throw, golf ball toss, washer toss, and of course, the Turkey Shoot. Each scout scoring a 35 or higher

Childs cool weather car seat safety tips

When the weather turns cooler, we all get our jackets and coats out of the closet. Did you know that putting your infant or child in their coat or blanket before putting them in their car seat can greatly affect the

way the car seat is designed to work?

The harness straps in car seats are designed to lie flat and snug against your child. When they are adjusted properly, there should be no slack in the harness system. If you wrap your baby in a blanket before placing him in the car seat, and loosen the harness straps to accommodate the extra cloth, you have put slack into the system. The same thing happens if you put a coat on your toddler and loosen the straps before buckling him in his seat.

In a collision, this extra fabric and padding will compress and create slack in the harness system, which will allow your child to move further forward during a crash before being stopped by the harness straps - increasing the injuries they will suffer.

So what should you do? First, always keep your child in the clothes they will be wearing when they are indoors. Place the child in

the infant seat or car seat, making sure the harness straps are snug over the shoulders and that they lie straight and flat down to the buckle. Buckle the child in and THEN put the coat or blanket OVER them-on TOP of the harness system. You can even turn the coat around and put his arms through the sleeves after he is buckled into his car seat - BUCKLE THEM, THEN BUNDLE THEM.

This will ensure your kids are kept snug in their seat, the harness system is able to do its job in the event of a crash, and that the kids stay warm.

Remember to check your safety seats often and look for stress marks or hairline cracks on the shell, frayed harness straps, torn padding, etc. You can contact the manufacturer for replacement parts.

For more detailed information on car seats and car seat safety, please see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>.

Red Cross to offer CPR classes

The Texoma Area Chapter of The American Red Cross will offer two classes for persons needing advanced certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), one in December and another in January.

The comprehensive course will provide participants with the skills and practice to perform one- or two-person CPR on adults, children, and infants.

It is the certification needed for health care professionals and lifeguards and students entering EMT, nursing or dental school. Also candidates will be trained to use other rescue equipment such as Bag Valve Masks (BVMs) and pocket masks. An additional module may be purchased for AED training.

Classes will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16, with a second option on Thursday, Jan. 8.

For enrollment information, call the Red Cross at 903-465-1330 or 940-665-4365. The Texoma Area Chapter provides services in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties.

Support most important to help those experiencing grief

It's often difficult to deal with a loved one who has gone through difficult times, but in some ways, it may be even more challenging to know what to do when you're dealing with someone you know, but not particularly well, such as a co-worker. Mental health experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say trying to understand is the most important thing.

Patrick Tiner, a UT Southwestern expert on crisis, says people who have been traumatized may have a hard time coming back to work. They may have bad dreams or even survivor guilt if they survived a tragedy that someone else didn't. Listen if the person wants to talk about the crisis or tragedy. Offer your empathy or support. Don't encourage your colleague to make any major life changes. This isn't the time to start a diet or stop smoking. Trying to make a change like that will only add to the stress.

You may have to cut co-workers a little slack during difficult times. They may have trouble concentrating so they make unnecessary errors. They may have memory lapses. Some people may be more likely to miss work, while driven people may start overworking.

Your colleague may not be acting "normal," but remember that it is perfectly normal for people to go through stress and act differently after a traumatic event.

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School

MHS students research for Spanish class

The Muenster High School Spanish classes are currently engaged in preparing and presenting one and two minute speeches on the principal products of specific Spanish speaking countries. Spanish I classes are presenting one minute speeches regarding products, crops, industries, and imports and exports of the student's chosen countries. Spanish II students are presenting two-minute speeches on products, agricultural vs. industrial percentage of the gross national production, where these products are produced or cultivated, and trading partners of that country. Spanish III students have already completed this project and have presented a five minute speech.

Spanish students each have a Spanish speaking country that is "their country" throughout the year. Students gather information on topics ranging from geographic location to the problems facing their country. Classes use the Internet and the

library to gather basic information, to check current events in the local newspaper, define problems and propose solutions, and employ technology in a concrete manner. These activities are designed to enhance cultural appreciation, provide individual learning opportunities, and are also vocabulary builders.

Spanish III students are involved in special projects such as creating and presenting skits for the classroom that may also be performed for other classes. A number of gifted students have prepared materials for geography lessons including both vocabulary and chapter questions that may be used with upper level students.

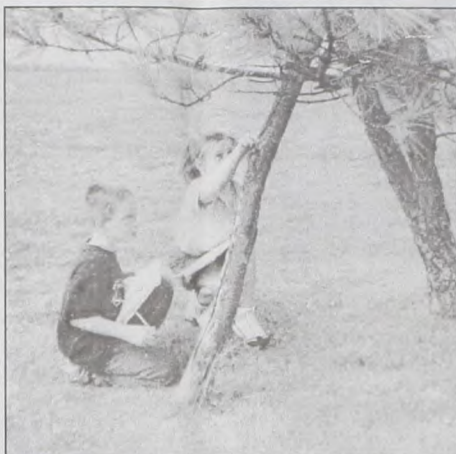
Speaking, reading, and writing are all emphasized in all areas of the foreign language program at Muenster High School. Mary Golloway teaches Muenster High School's Spanish classes. Golloway has more than 20 years teaching experience at the high school level, in colleges, and with adults.

Gardening health tips

- Gardening calorie burners include:
- Raking (30 minutes) 162
- Planting trees (30 minutes) 182
- Trimming shrubs, manually (30 minutes) 182
- Laying sod (30 minutes) 202
- Weeding (30 minutes) 182
- Turning compost (30 minutes) 250

As with any exercise, it's important to warm up and stretch before you begin gardening or yard work. Vary your activities to avoid overusing specific muscles. To prevent back injuries, bend from the knees when you rake and hoe or when you lift heavy objects such as bags of potting soil.

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Jack Hogan and Madison Dugger measure the circumference of a tree to determine its approximate size. Courtesy photo



Clayton Rohmer uses a hand lens to identify the parts of a lima bean. Courtesy photo

Muenster third graders explore life cycles of plants and animals

Third grade students at Muenster Elementary have taken an active, hands-on approach to mastering science objectives throughout this first semester of school. Under the guidance of their teachers, Amy Anderle and Dianne Endres, students have explored many aspects of the fascinating world of science.

Students have put to use science's basic process skills which include: making a hypothesis, experimenting, classifying, inferring, and predicting through the use of multisensory activities.

One primary focus that has been thoroughly explored this semester is life cycles, both of animals and plants. Students focused on how different animals and plants change as they mature. They examined differences in their life cycles and how these

differences allow a variety of species to survive. Students also examined how plants and animals adapt to changes in their environment.

Another topic that students discussed was the intangible world of space. Students examined the physical features and movements of the sun, moon, and earth. Students modeled the rotation and revolution of earth and the moon to discover how these movements cause day and night, seasons, phases of the moon, and eclipses.

As students look forward to the second semester of school beginning, they anticipate many more fun-filled activities in science. Who knows? Maybe there is a future Albert Einstein or Marie Curie amongst this blossoming group of young scientists.



Sacred Heart First Grade enjoys "Amelia Bedelia" a story about a girl who is very literal minded. They explored what that means. Courtesy photo



Lindsay Elementary sponsored a toy drive this December. Students were encouraged to bring a new toy to be donated to the Cooke County Youth Center. The toys will be distributed to children who may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. The Lindsay Elementary students were very generous in the number and types of toys donated. Above photo - Pictured from left, CCYC representative Melissa Hillis, 3rd grader Shannah Daymude, Kindergarten Andy Dieter, 1st grader Jessica Laster, 2nd grader Sabrina Stoffels, and CCYC representative Tricia West with the toys donated by the K-3 students. Courtesy photos

Happy Birthday, Spike Yosten



Muenster ISD seniors who are studying the Medieval era took a "Protect the Kingdom" tour of the Alford Castle south of Muenster. The youth learned that a clean and beautiful community has a positive impact on the local environment and economy. Courtesy photo

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Sports

Local teams in Chico tournament

The Muenster and Lindsay varsity basketball teams competed in the Chico tournament this past weekend. Both the Lady Hornets and the Hornets settled for 2nd place, while the Knights finished in 3rd place. Other teams in the tournament included Chico, Tolar, Millsap, Prosper, Celina, and Ponder.

Named to the All-Tournament Team were Lady Hornets Alisha Walterscheid and Melinda Walterscheid. In the boys division, Hornets Russell Endres and Sean Fuhrmann, and Cody Anderle of Lindsay were named All-Tournament.

LADY HORNETS

Muenster 59 Tolar 38

The Muenster girls began tournament action with an even first quarter before taking a 37-19 lead at halftime over Tolar. Brooke Endres and Melinda Walterscheid were leading scorers for the Lady Hornets with 16 points each. Alisha Walterscheid added 9, JoAnna Felderhoff 7, Tara Swirczynski 6, Robyn Hermes 3, and Kristen Hess 2. Muenster hit seven of 10 free throws and two 3-pointers.

M 17 20 14 8 59
T 12 7 9 10 38

Muenster 52 Chico 42

The Lady Hornets made a second half come-back against the 2A host team. After falling behind 27-23 at the half, Muenster then outscored the Lady Dragons 29-15 to take the win. A Walterscheid led Muenster on the scoreboard with 20 points. M. Walterscheid added 11 and J. Felderhoff 10. Hermes put in 9 points and Whitney Watson 2 to round out the Lady Hornet score. Brooke Endres did not play due to an injury. Muenster was 45% from the free throw line.

M 8 15 17 12 52
C 10 17 7 8 42

Muenster 49 Millsap 51

The Lady Hornets (10-1) were handed their first defeat of the season Saturday night, losing the championship game to the #16 ranked 2A team. "My bench players did an excellent job filling in for Brooke (sprained ankle) and our three starters who fouled out early in the game," commented Coach Jeff Pressnall. "I was particularly proud of Kristen Hess and Tara Swirczynski for their excellent play in a pressure-packed game."

Muenster had an early edge on the scoreboard, but Millsap took a slim lead at halftime. The teams both scored 25 points the second half to give the Lady Hornets a second place finish. M. Walterscheid scored 17 points and Felderhoff 13 to be Muenster's high point makers. A Walterscheid added 9, Hermes 6, and 2 each by Endres and Hess. Muenster hit five 3-pointers and made 10 of 18 free throws.

MU13 11 12 13 49
MI 9 17 11 14 51

HORNETS

Muenster 88 Prosper 76

Thirty-one free throw points boosted the Hornets to victory in round one action last Thursday. Four Hornets scored double digit points, led by Justin Wolf with 23. Russell Endres added 20, Sean Fuhrmann 19, and Chase Cain 16 for Muenster. Derek Endres added 6, and John Fredrick 4. From the charity strip, Muenster hit 31 of 42 shots.

M 24 17 20 27 88
P 14 16 17 29 76

Muenster 55 Chico 37

The Hornets defeated the host team Friday in round two action. Twenty-one points by R. Endres kept Muenster in the game. Fuhrmann added 11, with D. Endres hitting 7, Wolf 5, Cain and Fredrick 4 apiece, John Sturm 2, and Dustin Felderhoff 1. Fourteen points by Muenster the 4th period while holding the Dragons to 2, gave the Hornets the win.

M 11 19 11 14 55
C 10 19 6 2 37

Muenster 47 Celina 50

A come-from-behind attempt by the Hornets in the championship game came up short and

Muenster took 2nd place honors. Russell Endres was again the Hornets' leading point maker with 26. Cain added 11, which included three 3-pointers the first half. Wolf added 6, with Fuhrmann and Fredrick each getting 2.

M 15 10 10 12 47
C 18 17 6 9 50

KNIGHTS

Lindsay 50 Celina 53

The Knights hit three of four free throws, while Celina earned 13 free points in Lindsay's opening tournament game. The Knights got a bye the first round because Windthorst was still in football. Lindsay trailed the first quarter, then took a 2 point lead at the half, before allowing Celina to take the win. Trinity Otto and Cody Anderle both scored 12 points for the Knights. Cody Hess added 10, Brandon Huckaby 8, Clinton Kyle 4, and 2 apiece by Josey Kyle and Cody Anderle.

L 13 17 13 7 50
C 19 9 16 9 53

Lindsay 73 Prosper 65

The Knights took 3rd place honors at Chico with a final win. After a 55-37 lead going into the final period, Prosper dumped in 28 points to close the score and threaten the Knights. Huckaby burned the boards with 28 points. C. Anderle added 18 and J. Kyle 10. Kristopher Creed scored 7 points for Lindsay, C. Kyle

L 13 17 13 7 50
C 19 9 16 9 53

Lindsay 47 Chico 53

The Lady Knights fell to the host team in the battle for 3rd place. Twenty-five points in the second quarter by Chico made a come-back hard for Lindsay. Knabe led the Lady Knights with 20 points. Block added 12, Kasperek 10, and Anderle 5. Lindsay was eight of 13 on free throws.

L 12 11 11 13 47
C 6 25 6 16 53

6, and 2 each from Otto and B. Anderle.

L 13 20 22 18 73
P 14 7 16 28 65

LADY KNIGHTS

Lindsay 60 Ponder 45

Mallory Block dropped in 30 points for the Lady Knights to lead the team to victory in game one of the tournament. The score stayed close most of the game, but 20 points in the fourth gave Lindsay their 15 point win. Cheryl Knabe scored 8 points, Allison Hundt 7, Lori Kasperek 7, Whitney Neu 4, and Brittany Anderle 4. Lindsay was 18 of 24 from the free throw line.

L 14 9 17 20 60
P 11 8 18 8 45

Lindsay 29 Millsap 53

The Lady Knights met up with a tough 2A team in game two. Five Lindsay players put points on the board, led by Block with 11. Kasperek added 8, Anderle 4, and 3 apiece from Knabe and Hundt.

L 6 7 4 12 29
M 17 9 19 8 53

Lindsay 47 Chico 53

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L 12 11 11 13 47
C 6 25 6 16 53

Chalk up another victory for Sacred Heart Tigerettes

The Tigerettes jumped into an early lead, then built it into a 67-34 victory over Saint Jo Tuesday night. All members of the Sacred Heart squad put points on the board, led by Jayna Biffle's 13. Shannon Hartman added 10 points, and got four steals. Others scoring were Jacqueline Bauer 9, Karen Gehrig 6, Maggie Farrell 6, Diana Knabe 5, Whitney Wimmer

Lindsay wins one, loses one Tuesday

The Lindsay Knights added another victory to the season Tuesday night, but the girls' team came up short for a loss.

Cody Anderle and Brandon Huckaby led the Knights' scoring with 20 and 18 points. Trinity Otto added 12, Clinton Kyle 10, Josev Kyle 6, Cody Hess 4, and Kris Creed 1. The Knights were 11 of 17 from the free throw line. Twenty-one points the second quarter gave Lindsay the point spread they needed for the win over Chisum

5, Courtney Hartman 5, Stephanie Henscheid 4, and Katie Flusche 4. Knabe was the leading rebounder with 11.

"We bounced back after a tough loss," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "The sophomores are starting to step up. With their help we could be a team to reckon with."

SH 22 14 19 12 67
SJ 6 13 8 7 34

L 11 21 18 21 71
C 9 6 20 23 58

The Lady Knights were challenged by Liberty Christian and handed a 10 point loss, 56-46. Lindsay had a strong first quarter, but cold shooting in the 2nd and 3rd quarters allowed Liberty to take the win. Only four Lindsay players scored, led by Brittany Anderle and Cheryl Knabe, with 17 and 16 points. Mallory Block added 11 and Whitney Neu 2.

L 20 4 8 14 46
LC 13 17 12 14 56

Sacred Heart Tigerettes compete in Nocona

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes settled for second place Saturday night at Nocona after coming up short on the scoreboard against Archer City.

The Tigers' results were not available at press time. Named to the All-Tournament Team from Sacred Heart was Maggie Farrell.

Tigerettes 61 Henrietta 54

Sacred Heart began tournament action with a free throw victory over the Lady Cats. The Tigerettes hit 24 of 39 free throws, while Henrietta was 13 of 22.

Jayna Biffle led Sacred Heart's scoring with 18 points. Courtney Hartman added 9 and is credited with 10 steals. Whitney Wimmer and Jacqueline Bauer each put in 8 points, with Karen Gehrig getting 7 with six assists. Maggie Farrell pulled down nine rebounds and scored 6 points. Stephanie Henscheid got 3 and Katie Flusche 2 points.

SH 16 13 14 18 61
H 11 13 16 14 54

Tigerettes 64 Bowie 51

Sacred Heart continued to hit their free throws, making 22 of 26 in game two. Bowie made only four. Biffle again was high scorer, making 21 points. Wimmer added 14 and Farrell 12 with 11 rebounds. Bauer put in 8 points, Gehrig 4 with eight assists, Hartman 3, and Henscheid 2.

SH 14 23 11 16 64
B 6 12 19 14 51

Tigerettes 56 Archer City 66

Thirteen more points in the second half by Archer City gave Sacred Heart their 2nd loss of the season Saturday night and made the Tigerettes settle for 2nd place in the tournament.

Four Sacred Heart players scored double digit points. Biffle put in 12, Farrell 11, Gehrig 11, and Bauer 10. Gehrig also had five assists and six steals. Bauer was the leading rebounder with 9. Wimmer added 9 points and Hartman 3 for the Tigerettes. Seven of 11 free throws were made by Sacred Heart.

SH 14 18 8 16 56
AC 13 17 18 18 66

Alisha and Robyn.

M 21 10 12 22 65
W 14 8 14 15 51

The Hornets played a tough, player-short Trojan team, but pulled out a 76-62 win. Five Muenster boys scored double digit points, led by Russell Endres with 16. Sean Fuhrmann and Joseph Dangelmayr each added 14, with John Sturm scoring 12 and Chase Cain 10. Justin Wolf put in 8 points, and John Fredrick 2 to round out the score.

Matt Berend of Windthorst was high scorer with 27 points.

M 26 18 15 17 76
W 14 14 18 16 62

JV Action

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Sacred Heart 44 Decatur 58

The Tigerette JV lost the first round game Thursday. Brittany White, Hannah Hess, and Taylor Torrellini each scored 10 points for Sacred Heart. Nicole Bayer added 8, and Jessica Schilling 6. The Tigerettes' free throw shooting was 45%.

SH 11 9 13 11 44
D 14 14 17 13 58

Sacred Heart 54 Prairie Valley 33

Joelle Fuhrmann scored 13 points, with Stephanie Krawietz and Hess each adding 10 in round two action. B. White put in 8, Bayer 6, Paige White 3, Torrellini 3, and Schilling 1. A 22-4 first quarter gave the young Tigerettes an early jump towards the win.

SH 22 12 10 10 54
PV 4 10 13 6 33

Sacred Heart 45 Saint Jo 20

The consolation game had a slow start for the Saint Jo team with only 6 points the first half. The Tigerettes took a commanding lead, 40-9 after scoring 20 points in the 3rd quarter. Hannah Hess led the Tigerettes with 13 points, followed by Bayer with 11. Schilling added 8, Fuhrmann 6, B. White 3, and 2 each from Torrellini and Krawietz.

SH 12 8 20 5 45
SJ 5 1 3 11 20

Muenster 32 Bryson 28

The Freshmen Hornets traveled to Bryson Dec. 12 and brought home a victory. Collin Walterscheid was high scorer with 12 points. Jonathan Bayer added 7, Michael Faries 5, Bret Walterscheid 4, and 2 apiece from Brad Endres and Micah Flusche.

M 8 8 8 8 32
B 7 5 10 6 28

Sacred Heart 54 Saint Jo 24

Seven Tigerettes scored points in this Sacred Heart victory Tuesday. Hannah Hess was high scorer with 14 points, including four 3-pointers. Nicole Bayer added 9, Joelle Fuhrmann 8, Brittany White 7, Stephanie Krawietz 6, and 5 apiece from Paige White and Taylor Torrellini.

SH 16 16 20 2 54
SJ 6 6 4 8 24

Lindsay 49 Liberty 42

The junior varsity Lady Knights pulled out a fourth quarter victory Tuesday night. Meredith Bezner was the game's high point maker with 16 points. Stephanie Metzler added 12, Amanda Hess 8, Kailie Hess 4, Leanna Gustine 4, Kaylee Privett 3, and Mackenzie Webster 2.

L 14 6 9 20 49
LC 11 11 10 10 42

Muenster 51 Windthorst 29

The JV Lady Hornets blew away the Lady Trojans Tuesday at Windthorst to improve their record to 3-1. Megan Felderhoff was the team's leading scorer with 15 points. Sandy Endres added 12, Stevie Klement 9, Kallie Gerstberger 7, Danielle Bindel 4, Jacé Koelzer 2, and 1 each by Abby Endres and Kelly Endres.

M 15 12 7 17 51
W 4 15 7 3 29

Muenster 48 Windthorst 28

The JV Hornets improved their season record to 6-1 Tuesday night. Three Muenster boys scored double digit scores, Zach Swirczynski 15, Derek Felderhoff 12, and Jeff Walterscheid 11. Jordan Walterscheid, Brad Endres, Chris Steelman, and Keith Walterscheid each added 2 points. Ryan Hennigan and Collin Walterscheid put in a point apiece.

M 8 16 13 11 48
W 6 5 12 5 28

Junior High Action

Lindsay 25 Sacred Heart 31
The 7th Grade Lady Cubs pulled out an overtime win at Lipsday Monday night. Samantha Wimmer was high scorer of the game with 12 points. Others scoring for Sacred Heart were Kaitlyn Felderhoff with 8 points, Lisa Miller and Kalyssa Pollard 4 points each, Natalie Endres 2, and Samantha Barnett 1.

Four Lady Squires scored, with Kayla Hess and Natalie Rose each getting 8. Beverly Knabe added 5, and Rose Hermes 4.

L 6 12 2 5 0 25
SH 2 10 1 12 6 31

Lindsay 34 Sacred Heart 12

Cold shooting by the Lady Cubs 8th Grade team allowed Lindsay to control the scoreboard. Chelsea Hermes scored 13 points to lead all players on the scoreboard. Also making points for Lindsay were Emily Fuhrmann 6, Christina Eckart 6, Lauren Creed 3, Ashley Cullier 2, Madison Burrows 2, and 1 each from Hillary Hoelker and Liz Dieter.

Scoring for the Lady Cubs were Kara Felderhoff 5, Kristina Koesler 3, Lauren Sepanski 2, and 1 each by Sam Wimmer and Lauren Krahl.

L 13 8 10 3 34
SH 0 5 1 6 12

Muenster 28 Era 43

The Red Stingers fell to Era Monday night. Tanner Herr was Muenster's leading scorer with 10 points. Nick Flusche added 8, Brian Womble 4, William Vogel 3, Garrett Hennigan 2, and Colton Steelman 1.

M 8 5 10 5 28
E 7 18 7 11 43

Muenster 21 Era 14

The Stingers White team defeated Era's 7th grade Monday at Era. Brandon Bindel was high scorer in the game with 13 points. Jeff Schiederjan got 4, and 2 apiece by Jared Flusche and John Crabtree.

M 6 4 7 4 21
E 3 4 2 6 14

Muenster 23 Paradise 30

The 7th Grade Lady Stingers lost a close game on Dec. 11. Jenni Luke and Lydia Bezner both scored 7 points. Brady Dangelmayr added 5, with Jessica Fisher and Anne Walterscheid each getting 2.

Muenster 55 Paradise 15

The 8th Grade Lady Stingers got a big win on Dec. 11. Allison Teafatiller burned the boards with 27 points. Rebecca Grewing added 10, with Alison Miller, Hillary Swirczynski, and Laura Heers each adding 6.

Muenster 20 Petrolia 27

The 7th grade girls lost another close battle on Dec. 13. Dangelmayr led the Lady Stingers with 10 points. Luke added 5, Noel Barnhill 3, and Shelby Hess 2.

Muenster 50 Petrolia 12

The 8th grade girls blew away the Lady Pirates last Saturday. Teafatiller and Heers were high scorers with 14 and 12 points. Sam Endres added 7. Miller and Lindsay Watson each scored 6, and Grewing 5.

Muenster 9 Alvord 48

The 7th Grade Lady Stingers struggled for points Saturday. Bezner and Dangelmayr each scored 4 and Luke 1 for Muenster.

Muenster 35 Alvord 21

The 8th Grade Lady Stingers took a victory Saturday over the Pups. Teafatiller scored 12 points, with Heers adding 7, Watson and Grewing 6 each, and Miller 4.

Muenster 17 Era 10

In a Hornet battle Monday night in Era, the 7th grade Red team beat the Gold and Black in a low scoring game. Dangelmayr was high scorer with 11 points. Barnhill added 4, and Hess 2.

Muenster 52 Era 8

The 8th grade girls dominated their game at Era Monday. Watson, Endres, and Heers hit double digit scores of 17, 12, and 11. Swirczynski added 6, with Teafatiller, Miller, and Grewing each scoring 2.

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American Red Cross provides holiday safety tips

The holiday season should be a joyous time of year, but statistics show it can also be a dangerous one, according to the American Red Cross. Since Nov. 14, the Texoma Area Red Cross has responded to nine house fires. "That's almost two home fires a week, and more tragically two families a week whose lives and holiday plans have been disrupted by disaster," according the Sharon Watson, executive director.

The Red Cross urges families to take precautions to prevent house fires. One obvious place to start is in inspecting wiring and making sure that holiday decorations do not pose a threat. Nearly 500 deadly home fires happen each December as a result of Christmas trees catching fire. Taking a few simple precautions can prevent many of these fires and deaths.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, four out of seven home fires occur during December, January, and February, and using candles and overloading electrical circuits cause about half of these fires.

As families turn to alternative heating sources out of necessity or to avoid the rising utility bills, there is an increased risk of accidental fires in the home. The Red Cross says candle safety alone would help

prevent thousands of injuries each year. "Taking precautions such as keeping candles away from Christmas trees, never leaving children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keeping candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach of children, could prevent thousands of injuries and numerous deaths," Watson said. The American Red Cross recommends the following safety tips for a joyous holiday season:

- Keep Christmas trees fresh - Place your tree away from heat sources and exits; water it daily. Make sure your artificial tree is fire-retardant.
- Decorate only with flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Avoid using candles during parties. Check ashtrays, upholstery, and trashcans for smoldering cigarette butts after any holiday party.
- Inspect fireplaces and wood stoves - Have your chimney connections and flues inspected by a professional and cleaned if necessary prior to the start of the heating season. Burn only wood - never burn paper, including discarded gift-wrap, or pine boughs. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.
- Get your furry friends a special gift. Pet First Aid, developed by the Red Cross

and the Humane Society of the United States, is an important guide to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to the emergency needs of their pets. The local Red Cross has both the Pet First Aid book and special first aid kits for pets.

- Equip both your home and vehicle with first aid kits. Make sure you have supplies in your vehicle in case you are stranded. Include plenty of water for each person, and pet, traveling.
- Don't get stressed out.

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noted that this had gone on for about five years before being settled.

Smithson asked the Board's opinion of installing a glass barrier between the employees and customers. He said the counter is low and allows the public to reach over too easily. Barnhart asked why not extend the countertop out more to avoid people leaning so far over it.

Monta Sewell remarked, "I want it to be friendly with the public. I like the counter better than the glass." He said it shouldn't appear to be you versus them.

Smithson presented gift certificates in appreciation for service to outgoing directors Leon Klement,

Slow down. If you find your mind wandering while working or driving, slow down, breath deeply and focus on pleasant thoughts. Don't let the traffic and long lines make you anxious and irritated.

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Appropriations details coming out

Congress recessed for the Thanksgiving holiday without passing the omnibus appropriations bill that includes agriculture and six other funding packages. In the process, Congress postponed the final outcome of several issues, such as country-of-origin labeling and funding for conservation programs. But a 1,400-page conference report became available last week, revealing what shape the final bill might take.

The House is expected to pass the omnibus on Dec. 8 and the Senate could take up the bill later the same week, although it could be delayed until January in the Senate if senators cannot agree on various provisions. Portions of the government that have yet to be funded for fiscal 2004 are currently funded at the fiscal 2003 level under a continuing resolution that goes until Jan. 31.

Although the omnibus bill could still change up until the time it is passed, some details involving agriculture were worked out in the conference agreement between House and Senate leaders. For example, the omnibus bill would delay until Sept. 30, 2006, implementation of mandatory country-of-origin labeling for meat, meat products and fruits and vegetables.

The new language is much more restrictive than the House agriculture appropriations bill, which would have only prohibited the Agriculture Department from using fiscal 2004 funds to implement mandatory labeling for meat. The Senate bill did not include any restriction on country-of-origin labeling.

"We're disappointed about word of the delay in implementing country-of-origin labeling," said Caroline Anderson Rydell, an AFBF director of congressional relations. "This is an important issue to farmers and ranchers, and something that Farm Bureau members have worked hard to accomplish."

The omnibus agreement strikes language in the agricultural disaster bill signed into law earlier this year that took money away from the Conservation Security Program (CSP) authorization to help pay for weather disaster assistance. As a result of the omnibus appropriations agreement, the budget authorization for CSP would be unlimited, as it was under the 2002 farm bill, and the program would be funded at \$41 million in fiscal 2004. CSP is a completely new program created in the 2002 farm bill.

The omnibus bill would fund the popular Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at \$975 million in 2004, \$25 million less than the \$1 billion authorized in the farm bill but still significantly more than the \$700 million available in fiscal 2003.

The conference report does not include the amendment by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) that became part of the Senate agriculture appropriations bill reducing the EQIP payment limit from \$450,000 to \$300,000 over the 10 years of the program.

AFBF opposes farm and conservation program payment limits.

The final bill will not contain a provision that had been in the Senate bill easing restrictions on U.S. citizens' ability to travel to Cuba. Farm Bureau supports lifting the travel ban in order to increase demand for U.S. agricultural exports to Cuba and make it easier to arrange Cuban purchases of U.S. farm stuffs.

The conference report would fund Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) at \$695,000 in 2004, the same as last year and only \$55,000 less than the president's budget requested. Farm Bureau supports adequate funding to support AIRC activities that help schoolchildren learn about agriculture.

Speaking of beef and women's health

More than 850 women who attended the Speaking of Women's Health event in Houston recently received a personal letter from America's beef producers that stressed beef's nutritional benefits. The participants also received nutrition tips and recipes, learned how to create a steak rub and enjoyed beef's versatility in a delicious beef salad.

County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

County Annual Meeting

Monday, last week marked the date for the Extension's annual meeting. This was a day when members of Extension advisory committees were asked to come to a lunch meeting. At the meeting they were updated on the activities that were accomplished last year and were presented with some of the plans for the future.

Last year Cooke County Extension was responsible for 370 educational events with 7,265 participants.

Personal visits and phone contacts numbered 15,153. Volunteers affiliated with Extension had an additional 14,742 contacts.

Extension had an influence on a large number of people last year, especially considering that the county office was not completely staffed most of the year. We were able to have such an effect largely because of the leadership of outgoing personnel, Craig Rosenbaum and Evelyn Yeatts, and the hard work of staff remaining in the office throughout the

transition period, Phyllis Griffin, County Extension Agent, along with support staff Lisa Zoeller, Carolyn Holmberg, and Dee Dee Martin, BLT Program Assistant.

We are now fully staffed and are looking forward to an even better and more productive 2004.

TB Testing Time for Texas Dairies and Purebred Cattle

In order to regain TB free status Texas' 880 dairies and at least one third of the state's purebred beef herds - about 2400 herds - must be tested for TB. These are classes of cattle where infection had been detected in the past and are therefore being targeted by the Texas Animal and Health Commission. USDA is paying for this disease surveillance if tests are completed before September 2004. More than 450 veterinarians have been licensed state wide to help with this task. If you would like more information contact the TAHC office at 1-800-550-8242.

Dates to Remember:

Jan 8-Private Applicator Training and Licensing, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Cooke County Courthouse, room B-12.

Dow subsidiary to shell out \$2 million in pesticide settlement

A \$2 million fine has been assessed against a Dow Chemical Co. subsidiary for making illegal safety claims in pesticide advertisements. The penalty is the largest ever of this type in U.S. history.

New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said that the Dow ads may have endangered human health as well as the environment, by encouraging use of the products without proper care.

A spokesperson for the chemical company asserted that the decision to accept the fine was made because it would be more cost-effective than litigation.

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CROP PRODUCTION

Corn production is forecast at 178 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year's production. Based on Nov. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 111 bushels per acre.

Sorghum production is forecast at 75.7 million hundredweight (cwt), 4 percent above last year. Yield, at 2,912 pounds per acre, is up 56 pounds from last year.

The 2003 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 4.68 million bushels, down 18 percent from last year's production. Yield is expected to average 26 bushels per acre.

Ag Briefs

Extension forage specialist Bruce Anderson warns cattlemen to be careful when feeding hay on dried pasture. Incorrect feeding increases damage to the pasture. Anderson suggests to feed in a "sacrifice" paddock. This limits damage to a smaller area, which will be easier to reseed if needed. He also suggests that the feeding area be moved around the pasture if one area for feeding does not work in your operation.

Wheat prices continued to fall even though world wheat stocks are shrinking and U.S. exports increasing.

What are the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) money priorities? Livestock waste storage facilities got the largest share of 11.5%. Fencing for control grazing used 7% of the funds, while irrigation improvements used 6%. Planting forage got 4%, as did pipeline for irrigation or livestock. Other top 10 practices of 250 total were nutrient management, low pressure pipeline, brush management, crop residue management, and grade stabilization structures.

Wean calves early - cows are easier and cheaper to feed without a calf.

Feeding hay in the same location allows cattle to overgraze and trample out grass that turns into weeds.

Five ways to extend hydraulic life: 1. Change hydraulic oil once a year. 2. Take the temperature of the system. 3. Check oil as often as you do engine oil. 4. Always drain and change fluid on just purchased used equipment. 5. Keep the system clean!

Minimizing children's exposure to excessive food portions should reduce overeating. In tests, children took bigger bites and ate more food when served larger portions than those offered smaller amounts.

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Results of both sales follow:
Feeder Steers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.20-1.40; Nos 2 & 3, 1.00-1.20; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.13-1.36; Nos 2 & 3, 1.00-1.13; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, 1.03-1.28; Nos 2 & 3, .92-1.03; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .96-1.10; Nos 2 & 3, .85-.96; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .92-.99; Nos 2 & 3, .81-.92; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .90-.95; Nos 2 & 3, .80-.90.
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.15; Nos 2 & 3, 1.00-1.05; 300-400 lbs.: No. 1, 1.05-1.10; Nos 2 & 3, .90-1.05; 400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .97-1.12; Nos 2 & 3, .90-.97; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .93-1.00; Nos 2 & 3, .80-.93; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .86-.97; Nos 2 & 3, .70-.86; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .78-.87; Nos 2 & 3, .65-.78.
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2, 1.20-2.050 lbs., .58-.64; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, .46-.58; Cutter, .25-.46.
Stocker Cows (per head)
Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame, \$725-\$850; Medium Frame, \$550-\$725.
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Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)
US #1, 230-270, .55-.60; US #2, 220-280, .48-.55.
Feeder (per head)
100-175 lbs. \$35-\$90; 25-90 lbs. \$5-\$40.
Sows (per lb.)
Feeder 400 or less, 20-38; Light wt., 400-500, 25-30; Med. wt., 500-600, 25-30; Heavy wt., 600+, 25-28.
Boars (per lb.)
300 lb.-up, .02; 200-300 lbs., .05-.15; Light wt., .15-.35.
Sheep (per lb.)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., 1.00-1.15; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., .90-1.10; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., .85-.95.
Ewes (per lb.)
Stocker, .55-.65; Thin, .30-.45; Fat, .55-.65.
Bucks (per lb.)
Thin: .35-.45; Fat, .45-.53.
Barbados (per head)
Lambs \$40-\$55; Ewes: \$40-\$65; Bucks: \$50-\$130.
Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$25-\$45; 35-55 lbs., \$30-\$60; 55-75 lbs., \$40-\$75; Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$75-\$125.
Nannies (per head)
Stocker, \$35-\$90; Milk Type: \$40-\$75; Slaughter: Thin, \$35-\$45; Fat, \$55-\$90.
Billies (per head)
120 lbs-up
Breeders, \$75-\$125; Slaughter, \$65-\$100.
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Dear Santa,
I would like a 4-wheel
teal color car
or Bike. Thank you,
Sincerely,
Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a Game
Boy SP. So I can
carry it around.
I want a Hugo
Version for my Sky
I want Unicef for
transforming to be
my biggest Transter,
et so I can play
with it. I want a
new pair of roller
blades. So I can
blade with my friends.
A BC Dragon
Velocity. So beat
my friends. I will
be leaving you a
cookies and milk.
Sincerely,
Cline Sidau

Dear Santa, I want to
thank you for the
letter you wrote me. Since
I have been so good
I want 3 things this
year. I want a pink
fuzzy phone from
Libby Lu. And a
butterfly chair from
Libby Lu. The last thing
I want is a swing set
that has monkey bars.
2 swings one of those
houses on them and one
bar with handles. That
you can swing on.
Love
Your friend
Morgan Gabrielle McGrew
Merry Christmas Santa!

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego Set
because then I could
build stuff. I want
a new football
because mine is broken.
I want a toy rocket
ship so I can shoot
it in the air. I want
some new games so I
can play on my Gameboy
I like to spend time
with my family and
grandparents and my
dog and cat. Thanks
for the presents!
Sincerely,
Jare Friedrich



Dear Santa,
This is all I
want for Christmas
a game boy, a play
station, a game for my
play station, and that
is all I want
for Christmas.
I have a good
Christmas. Santa
From your friends,
Steven
Flusche

Dear Santa,
I want Play station
and games, legos,
remote control motorcycle,
XBOX and games,
DVD player, trampoline,
race car tracks, sports gear,
two soccer balls, pet dog,
pet fish, yo-yo, cards,
bay blades
Love Trevor Hess

Dear Santa,
Please bring me
me a pearl light
silk of Jacob.

Happy Holidays

Dear Santa,
Do you have a motor cycle?
If you did you would
be cool! Sincerely,
Brandia Hennigan

Dear Santa,
Have
been a good boy!
If I have these
are the things I
want 1) A long
board skateboard 2)
Topy Hawk's motorcycle
3) a small moped 4)
Topy Hawk neo skater
4 or 5) A gamecube
playstation set 6) A
Gameboy advanced
Backbone game,
Xbox's Fray,
Tommy H
P.S. Take off your
sneakers! It's Jesus!
Good luck Santa!

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this
year. Could you get me
some presents please?
Sincerely, Colin Pagel

Dear Santa, I would like
a baby born, cro-yolas and
a dog toy. Thank you. Sincerely,
Mackayla Master



Muenster State Bank's 2003 Christmas float. Janie Hartman photo

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to see you,
I would like some candy,
I would like some clothes.
I wish I could have a four wheel
I wish Ryan's go cart was fixed.
I wish it would snow every Xmas.
I wish I could have cable and a
T.V. in my room.
I wish my mom and dad were back
together.
love,
Mikaela Bortuch Thank You.
And Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I want a
bike, house shoes,
and a jewelry
box that has the
name of the
jewelry on it.
My aunt is
going to buy me
a lot of jewelry.
I want a bike
because mine is
not working
good I want
house shoes
because every
where I walk
I get stickers
in my feet. Thank you
Love,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
How is it at the North Pole,
I wish I could
see you. I wish I could
to see you. I wish I could
Santa could I have
a baby boy rabbit.
I will make bring you
a presents Santa could
I have a gemstone
with ruby version!
your friend
Mason

Dear Santa,
I would like a
game for my Game Boy Advance
a Reminder Type R
new movie called Batman



Dear Santa
Please bring me
a be-blade
Love Zachary

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Muenster Elementary School students participated in this years Muenster Christmas Parade in numbers. Janie Hartman photo

Dear Santa,
I would like a gator.
What I want to
know is how is Rudolph
doing? Sincerely, Jeremy Hess

Dear Santa, Please
bring me a boy blade.

Love Devon H.

Dear Santa
Please bring me
a Boyble.

Barley

Billy Klammert
Muenster ISD
Pre-K

DEAR SANTA
PLEASE
bring me
a boy blade

Billy Felderhoff
Muenster ISD
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
please bring
me a new blade.

Love
Daltor H

Dear Santa,
Please bring
me a tree house

Love Natatie

Dear Santa,
please bring
me a
blue park.

Love Abby L.

Dear Santa
Please bring
me new blue
jeans. Love
Claire Schnetter

Dear Santa,
I hope I will be a good
kid this year, not bad.
If you can bring me those
things I will be glad.
I want dig (ta) blue,
Flurkity, Fraky, Friddy,
and last but not least
Tohr Keith cd.

One kid from one
side of the world,
Miranda Page.

Dear Santa
Please bring
me
Hulk hands

Love Lane S

Dear Santa,
Please bring
me a boy-blade.

Love Lane S



Dear Santa,
How are you?
Are your reindeer in the topkay
for the big day?

Sincerely,
Blake
Haubold

Dear Santa,
This year I have
been good. This is what
I want, I want a Beubake
Gamebow, Advanse, Beubake
RC, Land Air RC, Land War
RC, Justice League Starship,
Boomb, Pokemon, Mewtwo, stripes
bark, Play Station, Solder Men,
Enter Flair, Pokemon The
Movie 2000, Skateboard, and
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Love, Alex

P.S. I hope you like my
Milk and cookies.



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And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2: 10-11

Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.

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Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the elves doing? Can I have a remote control robot with eighteen gadgets? I want a old car that is a hot wheel. Oh a remote control helicopter, a remote control mouse, in ceryly, Elana

Dear Santa
You can give me a toy for my I really want a car in the floor. I like carrying me it please can I Polly Poo too please, you make Christmas special. I know you give lots of chances. I love you love
MUESTER

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer? I want a toy train, a naked mole rat, a new Spiderman book, and a monkey!

Love
Cotch nosey

Dear Santa, I want a puppet doll and a bubble gum maker.
Thank you. sincerely
Kinzie Hess.

Dear Santa
Please bring me a guitar.
Love Alaina

Dear Santa,
Can you please give me two Bratz with funky furniture, 2. I really want a motorized scooter, 3. And I really want a little phone that works. What kind of capier do you like? How Rudolph and the other reindeer. How are you and Mrs. Claus?
Sincerely
Shelby

Dear Santa,
There are a lot of things I want for Christmas. Here is a few of them: the Lizzie McGuire movie, a trampoline, and a Gi-Ga mole rat, a new My Walking Pup.
Love,
Madison

P.S. I hope you don't get cold.

Dear Santa,
I want a TV, my own hunting gun, and a video game.
Love, Clayton

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car, a hair blade, play station 2, Super Nintendo, and Game boy Advance S.P.
I hope you have a great night delivering presents.
Your friends,
Jack
P.S. The more you give me the more I give you.

Dear Santa, I would like 3 Bamsby and his, Sincerely, Michael Purnberger.

Dear Santa,
Have a great Christmas! You are my sweet and special. I want to know all of your reindeer. Is it freezing cold at the North Pole? I want some more Xbox games. I want some chocolate candy. I want a Bratz-style. I want a sled. I want a puppy and a trampoline.
Merry Christmas
Paige Wurt

I would like to see you Santa. I want to be a name some Yugio cards. I want to be a card for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Trey
Annette



Santa and Daniel Hesse wish all a Merry Christmas at the VFW Santa party. Courtesy photo

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa how are you? I am just being you, Have a merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Emily B Roalin

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. If I have been bad can you make a tight squeeze and put me on my good list? All I want is a Lizzie McGuire CD (Hillary Duff), a Barbie rider, Canon, and a video one.
Yours truly,
Brittany
Nicole Pyle

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. If I have been bad can you make a tight squeeze and put me on my good list? All I want is a Lizzie McGuire CD (Hillary Duff), a Barbie rider, Canon, and a video one.
Yours truly,
Brittany
Nicole Pyle

P.S. I hope you don't get cold or hungry. And I want video tapes.
Christina
Have a Merry Christmas Santa!

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Is he ready for this Christmas? I really want a new Radio, C.D.S, Playstation 2, games for the Playstation 2, and some more DVDs.

Sincerely,
David
Huson

Dear Santa
I hope that you have a very special Christmas this year because I know I am I hope that you will bring me lots of presents this year.
Have a very Merry Christmas Santa!
Sincerely Michelle
Sicking



Dear Santa, I would like a Dog and a cat, a crayon marker
Sincerely,
Kassie
Dangel mayr

Dear Santa,
I want Happy Christmas, a new pair of boots, a new pair of shoes, a new pair of pants, a new pair of socks, a new pair of underwear, a new pair of gloves, a new pair of mittens, a new pair of shoes, a new pair of socks, a new pair of underwear, a new pair of gloves, a new pair of mittens.
Love,
Jon Pyles

Dear Santa, please let's almost Christmas again! What I want for Christmas is a pet goldfish.
Christina
Have a Merry Christmas Santa!

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a Y4-Gi or a collector bin and a cage for my Bats and a pair of Bats. I'll leave cookies for you.
Sincerely,
Dybah Clark

Dear Santa,
Can I have a new live horse personal CD Player? If you want to give me any thing else it is fine with me. I love you! I do, Santa. How are your reindeer? How is your wife? Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? Love Deshae Fletcher

Merry Christmas
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• Keep trees and flammable decorations a safe distance from open flame heaters, fire-places, and wood stoves.
• Check children's new toys for potential safety hazards.
• Buckle up and be careful on the road. Out-of-town travelers, drinking drivers, and weather conditions all pose special risks this time of the year.
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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph
doing? And the
others, have they
been flying? Sincerely,
Trevor Honey



The Muenster Hornet Marching band performs downtown as part of the Christmas parade. Janie Hartman photo

Dear Santa,
I want a girls phone
for Christmas and a new
set tag I want a dog
for Christmas so I
can play with it, have
been good this year.
Sincerely,
Abby Pagel



Dear Santa, I've tried to
be good this year I
went to confession
last night and I'm trying
hard at not sinning.
I don't want very
many things for
Christmas. In fact,
I only want 2.
They are: 1. for Clyde
to come back 2 for
it to snow on
Christmas.

Wishes and
hopes,
Valeria Mastrom

Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy SP
and I want a black book
and everybody in school
love you Santa,

From CT
To Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like a necktie.
My Christmas wish is
for love.
Thank you,
Kevin Sweeney



December 19, 2003, Dear Santa,
I would like a ball to
make a Santa cry, where
for Christmas, Alas,
Sincerely,
Brianna Rohmer

Dear Santa,
Please bring
me a computer.
Love,
zachary k lemer

Nicola
Dear Santa,
Please bring
me a Power
Rangers.
Tim E. Forcel Maurice

Dear Santa,
This is what
I want for Christmas,
I want a bike
because my bike is
old. I want a
game boy because
I don't have one.
I want a big
ball. It's fun to
play with. I
want a soccer
ball because I
can kick it.
I hope you
have a good
Christmas.

Sincerely,
Brianna Rohmer

Dear Santa,
I would like to
have a pellet gun,
deer scent, white-
tail call, boy-blade,
rubber band gun,
four wheeler, a deer
blind, and spy
glasses.

I will leave
cookies for you!
This is what I
want for Christmas
I love you!
Garrett

Dear Santa,
I want a
Pineo row and
a DVD called
Finding Nemo and
a game called
Twister Movie.
It is a fun
game. Merry
Christmas, Santa.
Tell the reindeer
I said "Merry
Christmas". Do
you want milk
or coke?
Love,
Sydney
Huchton

Dear Santa,
I want a motor
scooter for Christmas
and a hamster.
And bring joy to
the world. I
want more games
for my game boy.
I want a play
station two. I'll be
sure to put out
cookies! I have
been good this
year. Have a
very nice Christmas.

Sincerely,
Amber

Dear Santa,
I want a motor
scooter for Christmas.
I always wanted one.
I would also like
a basketball goal. I
love you Santa, and I always
say please and thank
you.

Love,
Erin Hess

Dear Santa, I would like a Bly Pookies,
Bapt. of Swan Lake House
and a book about dinosaurs.
Delaney Whight

At
CHRISTMAS...
May Your Field Of Dreams
Be Ever Green...

To all our cherished friends,
a very merry Christmas!

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Michael, Kerri, Chris,
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Andy, Keith and Tom

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the blessing of hope
and the peace of his love.

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be always at your door,
just as you are always
welcome at ours.

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you again in the year
to come.

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"Kickin' off our Boots" won \$100 in the Muenster Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

Janie Hartman photo



Dear Santa,
I want a
Huckleberry Pig
Custard and
Pupcake because
I like the
strawberry shortcake
gone. I will
make sure we
make milk and
cookies.

Dear Santa
I would like
a remote control plane
My Christmas
Wish is of the
teachers to have a good
Christmas
Michael

From,
spyAnn

Fleitman

Dear Santa
I would like a truck.
Thank you
Sincerely Zachary Pollard

Dear Santa
I have been very
good this year. I have
been wanting an art
set and a math book.
I promise I'll
be good for you.

Dear Santa,
If you have a
22-250, 22-270, 308,
243, and a pistol
can I have them?
The 22-250, 22-270,
308, 243, Pistol, Rifle,
and the Deer scope
are all for hunting.
So is the spy scope.
If you can I have
them.
Sincerely,
Clayton Hess

Dear Santa,
I want a
computer game
so I can play.
A new game. So
I can play on it.
I want a
new scooter, so
I can ride on it.
Sincerely,
Ethan Hale

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I
want an army set like
an Airforce, and Navy.
I hope I get
a Snowboard. I want
I hope Rudolph and
all the other reindeer
don't get cold. So give them
a coat.
Yours truly,
Sean Chism

Sincerely
Kylie Hess

Dear Santa
Please bring
me a Transformer
Love
Mitchell

Dear Santa
I would like plays for
games and a book
on markers.
Sincerely
Lyla B...

Dear Santa,
I would like
Barbie swan lake
dress.
My Christmas wish
is for Madison to have
a baby doll.
Katie Luttmer
Thanking
you.

Dear Santa, I would
like a real silver bracelet and
a real silver necklace and
the DVD "Finding
Nemo."
Sincerely,
Karron Hardy

Dear Santa,
I've been a really
good boy this year.
Will you please
bring me a new
football, a gamecube,
a remote control
airplane, a house
dog, a school pass,
and a radio?
Love,
Hunter
P.S. I also want it
to snow.

Dear Santa,
I hope I get
these things:
ice skates, striped
sweater, guitar strap,
pizza, video movie,
and a Mudd
watch. I hope
I have been a good
girl.

Yours truly,
Emily Thorne
P.S. We might
leave the fire on
in the fire place.

Dear Santa,
I hope you
like the cookies
I left you!
Santa, I would
like a VCR with
a VCR a DVD
player, a comp
ater, and X box.
Yours truly,
Daniel



This wonderful time
of year gives us the
opportunity to put
aside the daily business
routine and extend our
heartfelt appreciation
to you for bringing so
much joy our way.
Merry Christmas and
Best Wishes for a
Happy New Year!

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Come Let Us Adore Him

May you be greatly blessed by the true spirit of Christmas, and may His great gift illuminate your heart and bring you comfort and joy.

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Herb & Dolores Miller

Blessings At Christmastime

May our prayers for peace and goodwill add spiritual depth to the celebration of Christmas, and may you, and those close to you, be blessed with the true meaning of this holiday. We are truly grateful for your kind friendship and generous support.

Duane Knabe, CPA
Duane, Mary Lin, Diana & Amanda



Rejoice
In His
Birth!

"And this shall be a sign unto you, You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2: 12

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Christmas Is On The Way

Some things haven't changed much since the old days. Good friends, loving family and courteous neighbors like you are still what Christmas is all about. With appreciation and warm wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

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Dear Santa
 Please bring me
 a new Barbie
 LK
 Luke McAden
 Muenster 150
 Pre-K

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a new Barbie
 Emily Bayer
 Muenster 150
 Pre-K

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Barbie jeep. I will give you some cookies.
 Sincerely,
 Morgan Flusche

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a care bear.
 LOVE Kelsie

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 May the light of the holiday fill your home and give you and your loved ones peace throughout the coming year.
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Dear Santa,
 I've been helping my mother with chores and sometimes playing with my brother. If you think I'm a good, please are the things I want:
 The Lizzie McGuire Movie, Friday, Madagascar, G.D., Freaky Friday, Sweet Home, Video, My Cool Guy, My Superhero, The Alpha Dog, Sweet sounds, My, Use New C.D.s and Shrek, Dances, and I will bring Christmas Eve! Be safe!
 Your truly,
 Brooke Denise Walkershead

Dear Santa,
 I want a hamster for Christmas and a cage and food ball and water ball and a toy.
 Sincerely,
 Kyla Haverkamp

Dear Santa,
 I want for Christmas some Shania Twain CD's and a head phone CD player. Also, I want a dart board, Yu-gi-oh tin, play station Two, Tony Hawk underground for play station 4, and a Yu-gi-oh figure play set.
 your truly,
 Austin H.
 P.S. I have been good this year.

Hope All Your Christmas Wishes Come True
 We're wishing you an abundance of joy and happiness this Christmas. You've helped make our wishes come true this year. Many thanks.
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Angels we have heard on high
 "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men!'" Luke 2:13-14
 The centerpiece of Christmas is Jesus and His coming into our world. As we join our voices to praise Him this holiday season, we wish blessings to all.
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Sacred Heart kindergarten and pre-school students entertained residence of Saint Richards Villa by singing Christmas carols. Janie Hartman photo

Dear Santa,
 I want a new bike, a digital camera, CD's, a mechanical pencil, a car, pens, nail polish, and some rings.
 Thanks Love,
 Brianna
 Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for bringing us presents every year at Christmas, but I don't know what I want for Christmas yet. When you come to St. Mary's, I will sit on your lap and tell you what I want. Have a Merry Merry Christmas.

Love,
 Elizabeth Turner
 Joseph
 Mary

Hallelujah!
 May the coming year be filled with miracles and the promise of everlasting peace on earth. Noel!
Knabe Tire & Battery
 Herbie & Edna
 Pat, Randy, Dawn, Andrew & Chris
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US!
 May you experience the true spirit of the season with family and friends. We hope the memories of this Christmas and holidays past warm and brighten your days throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us.
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 (940) 665-5863
 117 N. Commerce Gainesville

Dear Santa, I would like a Baby bornja pillow, and a book. Sincerely,
Tara Gunnels

dear santa
please bring
makeup
katie h

Katie Hutson
Muenster ISD
Pre-K



December 12, 2003
Dear Santa

I would like a b-b glass a stuffed Santa, and a dirt bike. Thank you. Sincerely,
Ct.

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy. If you could would you mind bringing me a Playstation and Big Maths. Sincerely,
Hannah Bowers 2004 Tiger Woods Golf. I want a Hot Auto Visa City have a MERRY CHRISTMAS.
Your Friend,
Josh Biffle

Dear Santa,
I think I have been pretty good this year. I would like a simon best game, a basket-ball shoot-out, a new jewelry box, and a beard set.

Love,
Kelley Jones

Dear Santa,
How are you today? Oh, I forgot how are you today? I would like a CD player with headphones, but I want one if you don't get it for me. I would also like a Barbie Doll. I would also like a piano.

Sincerely,
Cristan



Dear Santa Claus,

I thank you for sending us toys and wrapping us presents. My younger would like a play kitchen, a puppy, and a Barbie. My older sister would like clothes, a puppy, and a credit card. I would like a dog, a rabbit, and a washer system. I would like if you bring these things for my sister and me.

Love,
Michael

Dear Santa,

I just want to confess I want a little cartoon guy and a toy dinosaur rope. Don't on the nice list. I don't think I am not making to much.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Foster

Dear Santa

I went to confession on Tuesday and I've tried not to sin. I've tried to listen to Miss Fuchman. I want a real live golden retriever. PLEASE A pair of snow boots, and a clock for my room. I will leave you cookies and milk when you come and I will tell people you're coming to town and not to panic or sweat.

Thanks,
Karl Rose Anderson

Dear Santa,

I hope you have been having a great time at the North Pole! Have I been a good girl this year? Please could I have these things: Yujiah cards, a video, a keyblade, a doll, the Cheatah Girl Soundtrack and the Spirit Soundtrack? You are a great person giving presents to everyone. Some people have forgotten what Christmas is all about. It is really about Jesus being born. Some people don't know that Christmas really means CHRIST MASS! Have a great time. Goodbye!
Love,
Adria Charmaine Flusche

Dear Santa,

I want a fourwheeler, remote control airplane, a baseball arcade, a xbox or gameboy sp, a soap on mini TV that goes with play station, a electric scooter, and a successful year for my mom and her baby.

Love,
Austin Miller

Dear Santa,

I tried to be good this year. All I want is the movie Finding Nemo and a dog. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Amanda Bracke

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To You

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Muenster



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HOPE
PEACE

glad tidings
to you!

Wishing you all the joys of the season. We couldn't ask for a nicer bunch of neighbors than you. Thanks!

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Sharing special moments from the past as we look to the future at NTMC...



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The Staff at Gainesville Memorial Hospital wishes you and yours a very happy holiday season!

Dear Santa,
Please bring me
a boy-b ladder.



Dear Santa
Please bring
me a Laptop.
Loves
Jordan Buddy

Dear Santa,
I would like an xbox
My christmas wish is for
all those in
heaven. Thank you
Ethan Henry

Dear Santa,
Please bring me
a GoGo my
walking pet
Love Kimber W

Dear Santa,
I would like an
XBOX
My Christmas wish is
to have a Merry Xmas
mas.
Thank you, Kayla Reeves

Love Dalton W

Dear Santa,
Please bring me
a dollhouse.
Love Natali W

Dear Santa,
I would like,
Rainbow Care Bear
My Christmas wish is
for my sister Emma get
toys. Thank you
Holt Inguise

Dear Santa
Please bring
me a Camcorder
Bradley

Dear Santa,
Please bring
me a race car
Love
Dalton B

Dear Santa
please bring
me a football
LOVE
Trevor Lancaster

Dear Santa
Please bring
me a Santa Claus
toy Love Zane

Dear Santa
Please bring
me a Nintendo
LOVE
Roman Bayer

Dear Santa
Please bring me a
Fashion prat.
LOVE Emily

Dear Santa
please bring
me a Makeup set
Love Katie Page

Dear Santa
Please bring
me
Holt hands
Dawson

Christmas greetings from Sister Roberta Hesse

Dear Friends,
The Child we seek doesn't need our gold.
On love, on love alone he will build his Kingdom.
In these words Gian Carlo-Menotti tells us what this
season of Advent-Christmas means to Christians. It also
speaks volumes to all of us involved in the Solidarity with
Africa project.
During the seasons of Advent and Christmas we are, in
a special way, answering the demands of two conflicting
convictions: hope and concern.
As the Bishops of the United States state, "We write in
hope, recognizing the strength, spirituality, and courage of
the Church and people of Africa. We write with deep
concern, witnessing the proliferation of armed
conflict...the weakening of social and community
structures and many other threats to the lives of our
African brothers and sisters."
We Sisters of Saint Mary, who have missions in Africa,
continue our efforts to deepen concrete solidarity with our
sisters and the people with whom they work in Cameroon,
Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R.C.).
Without your help and the help of others like you, we
would not be able to support the exciting and creative
ways our sisters are responding to the immense needs that
they face.

Sister Roberta Hesse, after a trip to the D.R.C. in
January, visited Mrs. Gallagher, Sister Agnes Mary's
mother, to tell her of having seen the Sisters who were
present at Sister's death and of her visit to the grave of
Sister Agnes Mary in Djuma.

Mrs. Gallagher and her sons were so moved by these
memories, that the Gallagher Scholarship Fund has been
given new life and enriched by several thousand dollars.
Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the
HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Sisters in
Africa write of two nursing students: "Two of the young
sisters have become excellent nurses. They are now
working in a village that has been long neglected. The
people there are experiencing much improvement in their
lives."



The ANIMALS FOR LIFE Fund, which provides farm
animals for families, in order to develop sustainable
incomes, has appealed to many, but especially to children
who have been attracted by the possibility of raising goats
and cows. One school collected several thousand dollars
for this particular project. Several Vacation Bible School
groups also participated.

Project MWANA MBOKA provides supplementary
reading texts for students; even adults utilize this
magazine as reading and learning material!

Our sisters continue their work in Reconciliation
Ministry, Care for Orphans, AIDS and other Medical and
Educational initiatives - and they
have benefited from your generous support in the last
year.

We do not have 87 billion dollars for the projects, but
we do have you, with your prayers and your financial
help.

Your prayers during Advent and Christmas will not
only transform you as we await the coming of Christ, but
they will bring the hope and love needed to transform the
lives of our brothers and sisters in Africa.

With immense gratitude, Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
Sister Roberta Hesse 909 West Shaw St.
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Share The Miracle!
May the holidays find you surrounded by the warmth of good friends and the love of family members, and may your faith be renewed by the many miracles of the season. Noel!
Bob's Auto Service
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Dear Santa,
I have tried to be
good this year and
I would like this for
Christmas this year:
1. a pair with games
2. a portable CD player
3. a blue-green sweater
4. a washable watch

Dear Santa,
Please bring
me a
firetruck.
pongons

Teresa Lutkebaas
Muenster 150
Pre-K

5. a red and white - the gold lion
6. a portable gameboy with games
7. a summer hat with a ribbon tie
8. a table spider
9. a laptop computer
10. a CD on my report card
Sincerely
Caitlin Beavers

Dear Santa,
I have been good this
year and maybe just a little bad
So I just want a few things
50 wishes and please I want
if you don't know that I will
with the for a computer. I don't
it is too expensive you could give
me a portable game I could
play on the computer's time and
get my own computer with it
if you get me that make sure
it is a 120 gigabyte and a very
good one. Or you could give
me a big set motorized scooter
for atleast \$1000.00 and not
a money less.
Love
Michael Egan
P.S. - Forget all that stuff!

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The ringing we hear, could be Santa's sleigh
Bringing our thanks and warm wishes your way
Along with our hopes for peace on earth
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May our glad tidings travel with you!
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Dear Santa,
I want some spy stuff, two game boy games, or anything else except dolls or Barbies. Ethan wants a guitar and some rosetracks for toy cars. I don't think Brooke has made up her mind yet. I wish that there was no school for 3 weeks because of snow. If you really get this, Merry Christmas.

Love,
Devan Henry



Dear Santa,
I want you to get Dave Lord of the Kings Return of the King because he was so good about it. I want Mandy and Alan to have a safe trip to Muenster. I wish everyone gets their wishes this year and Merry Christmas, Santa.

Love,
Chloe Barnhill

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
Merry Christmas. I would like a bead kit and some little beads with little strings. I would also like a hit clip with songs on it, and the other things I want are surprises. Thank you for the lemonade stand last year. I will leave cookies and milk for you!!

Love,
Kaitlin Heaton

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy and a play station and a transformer.

Ryder Nobule

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control car, Ramsey

My Christmas wish is for my whole family to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you,
Ramsey Herhart
EZ??

Dear Santa,

I want a Game cube, NFL 2004, Mario cart double dash, a big screen tv every SD, gundam there ever was, mini bike (motorcycle), Gameboy games, model kits, dvd player.

Your friend,
Andrew Chan

Dear Santa,

I also would like me Barbies and a doll.

Love Cassia

Dear Santa,
I have been extra good this year. I would like a cd player, a camera, my robot, Barbie, and a...

From,
Nick Johnson

P.S. I will have some cookies on the table on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas!!!
Thank you for the candy and the presents. I hope I was good. Was I good? Do you think Mark was good? I don't. Please would you get me a bike, a dog, and a telescope.

Love,
Emily Krahl

Thank you.



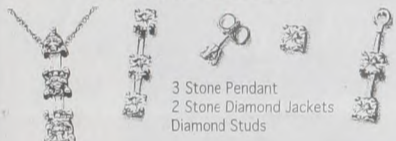
Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
 I would like a Game Boy Advance and a golf set like my dad's. Also a wavy set and I would like a few more of your kind. I would like plates of the Caribbean. I would like for it to snow.

Adam Boles

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a robot with buttons.
 Love,
 JWSW

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 Please bring me a football.

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Julian Hesse enjoys time with Santa Claus when Santa visited with VFW members' children and grandchildren. Courtesy photo

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 Please bring me a 3D Movie
 Love, Reagan Wegert

I want an FBI FORCE (TOY).
 And water waders (TOY).
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 Sincerely, Noel Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good girl. I have a lot of toys. I do not want lots of toys this year. Happy Christmas!
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