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Muenster - a one stoplight town



Muenster's North Main Street has been without a traffic light for over a week. Concerns over speeding, the school zone, and congestion at church has citizens asking for the return of the light. It is unknown if the Highway Department will include it in their budget.
Janie Hartman photo

Jill Stanek to speak at ABBA dinner March 11

ABBA Women's Center, a crisis pregnancy center serving Cooke County and surrounding areas, will host Jill Stanek, noted by *World Magazine* as one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the movement over the past 30 years, for the annual fundraising dinner. The event will be held Saturday, March 11, with doors opening at 6 p.m. at the Lindsay Centennial Hall, 504 West 4th Street, Lindsay.

When it would have been easier to look the other way, Jill Stanek's commitment to Christ led her to risk her job, reputation, and friendships to stop the terrible practices of abortion and infanticide. As a registered nurse in the labor and delivery department at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois, Jill discovered that not only were abortions being committed there, but babies were being aborted alive to die without medical care. When hospital leaders said they would not stop, Jill went public and has become a national figure in the effort to protect both born and pre-born infants.

Jill has appeared on the O'Reilly Factor and Hannity and Colmes. She has been a guest on Chuck Coulson's *Breakpoint*; Dr. D. James Kennedy's *Coral Ridge Ministries Times*, *The New York Times*, and others. Jill has testified twice before the Judiciary Constitution Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives. President George W. Bush invited Jill to his signing of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban.



Jill Stanek

ABBA's mission is to uphold the Christian principles that stand for the sanctity of life, and to promote the health and well-being of women who are in need of assistance, as well as their unborn babies. ABBA will also help the mother who is undecided about whether to continue her pregnancy to make the decision to choose life for her baby. ABBA's services include free counseling, pregnancy testing, and limited ultrasounds. In addition, life skill classes are offered weekly, promoting an earn while you learn program. This program allows clients to earn vouchers that are redeemable at ABBA's thrift store, Second Chance, located on 212 California Street, Gainesville.

Donna Hertel of Miss Olivia's will cater the meal. A silent auction will be held during the dinner hour.

Tickets are now available. Call ABBA (940) 668-6391 or 759-4059 for ticket information.

Virgil Hess files for re-election

Precinct 4 County Commissioner Virgil J. Hess has filed for re-election in the March 7 Democratic Primary. Hess, a life-long resident of Cooke County and Muenster, has 15 years experience as County Commissioner. He can keep the County operating "in the black," as it has for the past 15 years.

Hess has completed 16 credit hours per year of mandatory education at the V.G. Young Institute of County Government at Texas A&M University at College Station. He is one of the first 60 commissioners in the state of Texas to complete Phase I of Curriculum 2000, an in-depth study of each county office, its function, and operation. This knowledge has helped greatly during the annual budget process at the Courthouse.

Mr. Hess would like to be able to follow through to finalization all construction projects now underway in the County. Those projects include the new 212 bed County Jail, a new EMS Substation

near Muenster as well as two others in the County, restoration of the County Courthouse, and the construction of Road & Bridge Precinct 4 Maintenance facility.

He also plans to continue the State-Federal Bridge Replacement Program in Precinct 4. At present the State has received bids for replacement construction of bridges on County Road 409 and 411, and a contractor should be named within 30 days. Three additional replacements under this program are planned for the next two years.

Other items that Mr. Hess plans to continue over the coming years are: replacement of inadequate culverts as needed to correct drainage problems on existing roads; pave more county roads; and provide more Dry-hydrants in large bodies of water to facilitate fire damage and control by local Volunteer Fire Departments.

Mr. Hess stated, "Being conservative is important to me. I pay taxes just like ev-

Sylvan Walterscheid receives 2006 SHCS outstanding service award

By Janet Felderhoff
Each year Sacred Heart Catholic School selects an employee or volunteer, who has impacted the school in a positive manner, to be honored during Catholic Schools Week. The recipient is recognized at the annual Catholic Schools Banquet hosted by the Diocese of Fort Worth. There are 19 Catholic schools in the Diocese and each selects a Catholic School Honoree.

Sylvan Walterscheid earned the 2006 Catholic School Honoree designation from Sacred Heart. He was awarded the outstanding service award by the Diocese during a banquet held Jan. 28 at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Father John Hurley, CSP served as the keynote speaker at the Banquet. He is assistant to the President for Strategic Planning for the Paulist Fathers whose primary mission is Evangelization of North America. His topic was Catholic Educators and the Call to be Witnesses.

Father Hurley spoke of information he gleaned from the document *General Directory for Catechesis* (GDC). He said that the landscape has changed and a shift in teaching is required. "It's not as much about conveying information as it is about walking with those in formation." Other remarks made by Father Hurley included, "Our Catholic schools and catechetical programs are the most effective ways to re-energize the Church today for us. It's a way for us to grow the Church today." "For the Church, evangelizing means bringing good news into every strata of humanity." "Teaching begins with the person as the starting point. It doesn't begin with me. When we are teaching, it's about those whom we are teaching. We have to know who they are and where they come from." "Be open to



The Diocese of Fort Worth honored Sylvan Walterscheid (center) at the 2006 Catholic Schools Banquet. Walterscheid is pictured with Bishop Kevin Yann (left) and Sacred Heart Catholic School Principal Chad Riley. Courtesy photo

others and savor their traditions and customs."

Sacred Heart Principal Chad Riley remarked, "Sylvan Walterscheid was chosen to be so honored because he is an example of service to others. He sees things that need to be done and he does them without expecting any recognition. Perhaps even more noteworthy than any specific project that he undertakes is his attitude about serving others. Mr. Walterscheid enjoys helping others and demonstrates by his actions that he understands what stewardship, the sharing with others of what one has been given, is all about. We are very grateful for the example of service that our honoree sets for us."

Coach Jon LeBrasseur who has been with Sacred Heart School for more than 25 years observed the numerous contributions Walterscheid has made over the years. He said, "You name, he does it, from painting the exterior of the

high school, to doing all grass cutting and line scoring on the fields, serving as a spotter at football games, repairing a toilet, building a hand-rail, seeking donations for a school trip, purchasing materials so he can repair a door, replacing a broken window, unplugging a sewage line, collecting aluminum cans and hauling them to the recycling center, decorating the church for Christmas, working on the church's air conditioning system, picking up trash on the parish grounds, to whatever needs to be done."

The honoree has served on numerous committees and boards. Those include Finance, Building and Maintenance, Sacred Heart School Board, Muenster Hospital Board, Cemetery Committee, president of S. H. Alumni and St. Joseph's Society. He is a greeter at weekend Masses, altar server for funerals, roary leader, and an RCIA sponsor.

Walterscheid is a 1955 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. He married his classmate Theresa Mae Felderhoff. They have four children, Danny, Laurie, Greg, and Amy. All graduated from Sacred Heart High.

"It's just the natural thing to do," Walterscheid said of his volunteer service. "I want to give back for all I've received. ... That's just the way we were brought up—you give back to God. He will take care of you. The more you give, the more God gives in return. That has certainly been true in my life and the life of my family."

The dedicated service Walterscheid provides to Sacred Heart School education, he commented that he does because he feels a Catholic education is important in helping reach eternal salvation. He wanted to keep the parish school going and doing well so that his children and grandchildren had the benefit of it.

Commissioners approved erection of an antenna rack for the roof of the Justice Center to hold a DPS satellite dish and antennae for the Sheriff's Department. The cost is \$13,882.

Work is set to commence this week on two of the County's three EMS substations. The substations sites on Rice Avenue and east of Muenster both had dirt work going on this week.

At Commissioner Gary Hollowell's request, Isbell Engineering was approved to hire to do the testing of steel concrete compaction for the EMS substations. Isbell performed the testing for both the Justice Center and Courthouse projects.

In consideration of the future EMS traffic that will be on CR 2136/Rice Avenue, Commissioners Court voted to enact a speed limit of 35

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Petition rejected for Callisburg alcohol sales

By Janet Felderhoff
Failure to garner the required number of signatures resulted in a petition from Callisburg being denied. The petition was for a local option election to legalize the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only, in the City of Callisburg.

Cooke County Tax Assessor Collector Billie Jean Knight informed Commissioners Court at the Monday, Feb. 13 meeting that for the petition to pass, at least 35% of the number of people who voted in the 2002 Governor's race in the Callisburg jurisdiction would have to sign it. That fell short by only a few signatures. All who signed were registered voters, but the number was insufficient. Knight said that at least 23

signatures would be required.

Another petition can be submitted, but it is necessary to obtain the signatures again. It was doubtful that the process could be done in time for the March 7 election. Cooke County and Montague County have been providing mutual aid to each other for years, but there is no agreement in place. Commissioners Court was asked by Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher to consider one. Cooke County has agreements with Fannin and Grayson Counties because they are all within the same COG (Council of Governments). Montague belongs to a COG with 16 county members.

Fletcher said that Cooke County needed to consider agreements with Denton and Wise Counties also. He noted, "Because of fire dangers and the responses we've had both into Montague County from

our departments and into our County fire departments, we have to have a legal aid agreement with these fire departments in both counties to be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA for firefighting costs."

There is always the possibility of other disasters that might require mutual aid assistance that FEMA would reimburse for with an agreement in place. That includes tornadoes, floods, and ice storms.

The agreement is the same as the ones in place with Fannin and Grayson Counties and does not mean that Cooke County has to respond, but clears up legal issues should the County decide to respond. It was voted unanimously to approve Judge Freeman signing the agreement. Montague Commissioners Court has the same item on its agenda Monday.



Virgil Hess

everyone else. If it is not needed or wanted by the people of the County, it's not going to happen."

Virgil is married to the former Judith Lutkenhaus and they have three daughters, one son, and two grandsons. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish and Virgil is an active member of VFW Post 6205 in Muenster.

Texas Trash-Off set for April Fools' Day

Spring naturally brings a desire for a new beginning. A spring cleanup is a way to give Mother Nature a good start. The Keep Muenster Beautiful Board voted to choose April Fools' Day to participate with other groups around Texas for the annual cleanup and publicity event.

A reminder goes out to members, schools, crew chiefs, and groups who have adopted a highway section to begin planning for the event. "April Fools' will be a great day for our event" said Gary Fisher, Beautification chairman. "It's a fun day where we can add a little spice into the hard work our volunteers do picking up the litter caused by others."

To make the event a little more fun, there will be a special prize for the best dressed individual "Jester or Joker". Another group prize

will be awarded to the group with the most "Jesters and Jokers". Any costume or special hat is welcome. The judging and prize awarding will take place at 9 a.m. in a pep-rally before the crews head to the roadsides to collect trash deposited by careless drivers.

The KMB Board wishes to remind those who litter "the joke is on all of us". Litter that is consciously tossed from vehicles and blowing litter from trucks and trailers costs Texas taxpayers over \$35,000,000 annually to clean up. The April Fool is the person who complains the most about taxes, but is usually contributing to the litter problem. The phrase, "Only Trash Litters!" was designed to remind those who consciously or carelessly litter that they lower themselves to a trashy level

each time they litter. The sad joke is really on them. These people are asked to let their pride show Mother Nature's better side, which is best without a blanket of litter.

Anyone can join in the Great American Cleanup. Keep Muenster Beautiful is always looking for helpers who are disgusted with the litter and trash and are looking for a constructive way to prevent or clean it up. The State sponsored Keep Texas Beautiful Program is a proven model and has been widely adopted throughout the U.S. Everyone is welcome at KMB meetings. KMB is an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 6:45 p.m. in the Muenster Library.

Submitted by Gary Fisher

DAYS GONE BY.....

by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO Feb. 14, 1941

Obituary: John W. Meurer, president of Muenster State Bank, dies suddenly at age 67. Clyde Fisher, young son of John and Margaret Fisher, receives minor injuries when he is struck by a car and thrown from his bicycle; the accident happened in front of the post office. New Arrivals: Kenneth to the Clinton Tuggles; Billy Joe to Herman and Elfreda Dangelmayr. J.C. Barr of Rosston is ill with bronchial pneumonia.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 17, 1956

Obituaries: Frances Schmitt, 77; Cleveland Dennis, 64. Forestburg loses three buildings in fire, wiping out a combined service station and garage, a warehouse, and a small shed; the Saint Jo fire truck saved a nearby vacant house, with a spray. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sicking observe golden wedding anniversary. Men In Service: Gilbert Bindel and Alvin Fleitman, cousins, visit in Germany. Grade A Operation of Muenster's NTPA Plant nets more than a half million dol-

lars to the Association during the past year. Wedding: Dama Jones and Lt. Warren Crump. Clara Fisher, Lu Rose Henscheid, and Margaret Mary Hermes are in capping ceremonies at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth. House warming party honors Donald and Dorothy Endres at their new home.

25 YEARS AGO Feb. 13, 1981

Sacred Heart boys and girls teams head for State in basketball for the TCIL State Championship playoffs in San Antonio. Winter's coldest plunges to 6 degrees, but climbs to 28 degrees by mid afternoon. Construction of new administration building at Muenster Public School has shifted into high gear, as reported by Superintendent Charles Coffey. New Arrivals: Justin to Robert G. and Gloria Klement; Kevin to the Jerry Kneuppers. Benji Luke, Diann Caplinger and Barry Durham receive the DAR Awards. Flu epidemic strikes MHS basketball; Muenster High loses to Era and Forestburg.

OBITUARIES

Philip E. Slater III

1936 - 2006

Services for Philip E. Slater III, 70, of Gainesville were held Wednesday, Feb. 15 at First United Methodist Church of Gainesville, with Rev. Joe Pool officiating. Burial followed at the Jean, Texas cemetery.

Mr. Slater died suddenly Feb. 13, 2006 at North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville. He was born Jan. 31, 1936 in Archer City to Philip E. and Hazel Slater. He graduated from Olney High School as valedictorian in 1954 and from North Texas State College in 1958, where he lettered in football. He married Bobbie Jane Sims of Graham in 1958. They were married until her death in 1999. On June 3, 2000, he married Edna Foster of Tullia, Texas.

Phil Slater coached and taught high school before moving to Fort Worth in 1963 where he worked for Texas Electric Service Company and A. Brandt Furniture Company. He moved back to Olney, Texas in 1978 and op-

erated Slater Menswear until he accepted a position as manager of Fort Belknap Rural Electrical Coop. In 1989, he accepted a position as manager of Cooke County Rural Electrical Coop, where he worked until his retirement a year ago.

Phil served the churches and communities where he resided in many capacities. He was ordained as a deacon at University Baptist Church in Fort Worth, served as a deacon at First Baptist Olney and First Baptist Gainesville, and was a trustee at the First United Methodist Church Gainesville, where he proudly served until his death. He was on the school board in Olney; served on the San Miguel and Brazos Rural Electrical Coop Boards; served as the president of his local Meals on Wheels Advisory Council; and also served on the Home Hospice of Cooke County Board.

Phil's loyal friendship, abiding humility, and unique sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of Gainesville; his mother of Wichita Falls; daughter Shannon Deicher of Houston; son and daughter-in-law Scott and Donna Slater of Burkburnett; son Sean Slater of Atlanta, Georgia; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, and brother Ronald Dale Slater.

Memorials may be made to Gainesville United Methodist Church Building Fund, Home Hospice of Cooke County, or Meals on Wheels.

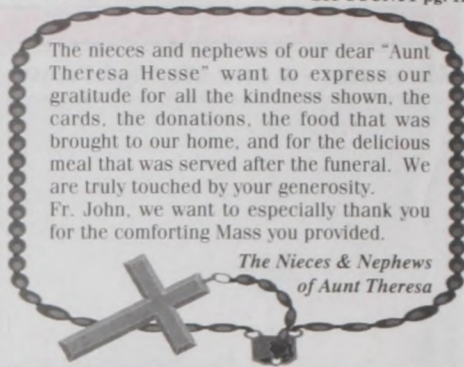
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mph. Commissioner Virgil Hess noted that it was the lowest speed that they could post without conducting a traffic survey. County Judge Bill Freeman noted that residents in that area had requested reduced speed for that road previously.

A decision on awarding the bid for diesel fuel and gasoline for County use was tabled. Red River Farm Co-op was the lone bidder. The bid

was for a .0275 profit margin above the actual fuel cost. Commissioner Bill Cox wondered if the Co-op was large enough to handle the County's operations. Commissioner Gary Hollowell expressed concern that the County be able to access the fuel 24 hours a day. He noted that they use a card swipe, but wasn't sure if an attendant was required.

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The nieces and nephews of our dear "Aunt Theresa Hesse" want to express our gratitude for all the kindness shown, the cards, the donations, the food that was brought to our home, and for the delicious meal that was served after the funeral. We are truly touched by your generosity. Fr. John, we want to especially thank you for the comforting Mass you provided.

The Nieces & Nephews of Aunt Theresa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor,

I am very proud to have served for the last four and a half years on the Muenster Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. It is an honor to add my name to the long list of former MMH Board members that served before me. I thank God for the community members, including my parents, who had the foresight to realize the importance of a rural hometown hospital back in the sixties.

There are no underlying reasons for my stepping down. I think the present board and administration is doing a superb job. I'm going to "kick back" and relax, and as politicians say, "spend more time with family."

Sincerely,
Dan Hamric
Muenster, TX

To the editor,

This letter is to clarify comments in the article by Janet Felderhoff about the fence around the City yard. My comment saying the fence does not have to look pretty was meant regarding that in the alley. It has been backed into many times by those who travel in the alley. A new fence will get the same treatment and look the same in a few years.

Rather than spending money on a new alley fence in times when we are looking to cut expenses, I felt simple maintenance on the existing fence could get us by. This savings, while small, could help balance the budget or be directed to more important matters.

The poles could be straightened by City staff, wires tightened, and painted. The fence

along First Street only needs wire tightened and painted. Both alley and First fences serve the purpose and rarely does anyone care. Apparently the old fencing taken down along Elm was not kept, so from the pump shed north to the new auto shed will need to be new.

It may look different, but as for it being a half-ass job if done this way is opinion. It is certainly more frugal.

Gary Fisher
Muenster, TX

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

Sunday, February 19, 2006 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm FAFSA on cable ch. 70 through Monday a.m. CDA Social, 2-4:30pm, KC Hall upstairs	Monday, February 20, 2006 Presidents' Day, fly flags VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm SHCS-no school	Tuesday, February 21, 2006 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, SNAP Center MMH Board. mtg., 7:30 pm Early voting begins for March Primaries Diabetes Support Group mtg., 7pm, NTMC classroom	Wednesday, February 22, 2006 Relig. Ed Class, 7pm SHY mtg., 8-9:15pm SHS Advisory Council mtg., 7:30pm	Thursday, February 23, 2006 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Friday, February 24, 2006 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm SHCS 2:30pm dismissal FAFSA on cable ch. 70, 5pm through Monday am	Saturday, February 25, 2006 Jaycee Banquet Dr. D' Ambrosio Lenten Mission, 9am-4pm, Comm. Ctr.
Sunday, February 26, 2006 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm	Monday, February 27, 2006	Tuesday, February 28, 2006 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, SNAP Center	Wednesday, March 1, 2006 Relig. Ed Mass 6:30pm followed by class SHY mtg., 8-9:15pm TDH Immunization Clinic cancelled	Thursday, March 2, 2006 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Friday, March 3, 2006 Muenster Museum Open 1-4pm Early Voting ends	Saturday, March 4, 2006 SHCS Re-enrollment after 5pm Mass

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LIFESTYLE

Wendell and Rita Richey observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Rita Cain Richey and Wendell Ray Richey celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a surprise party given by their children at the home of a daughter and son-in-law Robynn and Nick Walterscheid. The couple married on the 4th of February, 1956 at the First Baptist

Church in Muenster. They are the parents of five children: Craig Richey and his wife Ann of Austin; Robynn Walterscheid and her husband Nick of Muenster; Todd Richey and his wife Michelle of Bastrop, Texas; Stephanie Felderhoff and her husband Garry of Gaines-

ville; and Melanie Hesse and her husband Mark of Muenster. The Richeys are the proud grandparents of 17 grandchildren.

Rita and Wendell work together as a team writing tickets and weighing the cattle at five area livestock auctions. They have lived and worked in Muenster for the last 30 years.

Two of their wedding attendants, LaQueta Cain McCollum of McKinney and Wanda Richey Riley of Grand Prairie were with them to celebrate their Golden Anniversary. Many friends and family attended from several area towns and from as far away as Bastrop.

A granddaughter, Dee Dee Dangelmayr, presented the couple with a beautiful Golden Wedding cake. She and the other granddaughters cut and served the cake after Rita and Wendell had served each other.

The delicious food, prepared by their children and sons-in-law, was only surpassed by the wonderful fellowship shared with all those able to attend the celebration!



Wendell and Rita Richey

Jack White cast in NCTC's Pump Boys and Dinettes

Area theater goers are encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible for "Pump Boys and Dinettes," the latest production to be jointly staged by the Drama Department at North Central Texas College and Butterfield Stage.

The show's characters are four "guys"—the "pump boys"—who pump gas and craft country-western tunes, and the "dinettes," otherwise known as the two Cupp sisters, waitress/proprietors of the Double Cupp Diner across the highway.

Cast members include James Dickens II of Denton, Roy Toomer, Jr. of Denton, Jack White of Muenster, and Chris Whitley of Gainesville as the pump boys. The Cupp sisters are played by Deborah Cline of Corinth and Angela

Materne of Gainesville. Four performances are scheduled on successive Friday and Saturday evenings—Feb. 17-18 and 24-25—on the main stage of NCTC's First State Bank Center for the Performing Arts. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

For reservations call the FSB Center box office at 940-668-3355. Adult tickets are \$12, and youth tickets are \$8. NCTC students are admitted free with ID but must make reservations.

Catholic Daughters plan social

The Catholic Daughters, Muenster chapter, will be hosting a social for the Wichita Falls and Windthorst Catholic Daughters chapters. The social will be held in upstairs of the KC Hall on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The social includes playing Bunco. Local members are encouraged to attend and bring a snack.



Rev. Tom Weinzapfel

NEWS OF THE SICK

Paula Fleitman, wife of August "Gus" Fleitman of Muenster, is back home since Jan. 27 after a six week stay in Denton Regional Medical Center Hospital, including eight days spent in ICU at Medical City Hospital of Dallas.

Upcoming surgery is planned for a little later this year after she heals from these recent surgeries, plus being treated for CML Leukemia.

COLLEGE HONORS

Baylor University

More than 2,000 Baylor University students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the 2005 Fall Semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a grade-point average of 3.70 or better of a possible 4.00 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours. Melinda Walterscheid of Muenster and Adam Vinson of Forestburg were both entered on the Dean's Academic Honor List for the Fall 2005 Semester.

Melinda is the daughter of Glenn and Jean Walterscheid. A junior, Melinda is a premed student majoring in Business Administration. She graduated from Muenster ISD in 2004.

Adam is the son of Dr. Stephen and Deborah Vinson. He is a freshman majoring in biology while working towards his Bachelor of Science degree in preparation for medical school. He is a 2005 graduate of Muenster ISD.

Muenster native named auction honorary chair

Father Tom Weinzapfel grew up in Muenster, and was educated at Sacred Heart School in Muenster and Subiaco Academy in Arkansas. Since his days in Muenster, he has become one of the best known priests in the Dallas area and just celebrated his 60th year as a priest in December. Father Tom is named the Honorary Chair for the 2006 Scholarship Auction at Bishop Lynch High School to thank him for his years of service to the school and the community.

Father Tom completed his seminary education at St. John's in San Antonio and was ordained in December 1945 by Bishop Joseph Patrick Lynch. In 1956 Father Tom became the third pastor of St. Pius X Church, where he served as pastor for 40 years until 1996.

Father Tom was one of the key supporters to build Bishop Lynch High School in the mid-60s. After convincing the Diocese of Dallas to move forward with a high school, they worked tirelessly to raise the money to fund the school. Father Tom was a member of Bishop Lynch's first school board and continued as a school board member until his retirement. Over the years he has participated in hundreds of Bishop Lynch events and community service projects and continues to do so in "retirement." "For more than 40 years, Father Tom has given Bishop Lynch High School his unwa-

vering support and leadership. He has earned the top place in our hearts and our community," notes Ed Leyden, President of Bishop Lynch High School.

The purpose of the Bishop Lynch Auction is to significantly build the BL Scholarship Fund to continue rewarding excellence in education. More than 500 scholarships have been funded by the auction since 1992. These scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated their commitment to scholarship and leadership and who serve in their communities. A scholarship fund has been set up in honor of Father Tom. To contribute to the fund you may contact Theresa Savoy-Main at (972) 484-5457 or tsavoymain@sbcglobal.net.

Everyone is welcome to attend the 21st Annual Scholarship Auction. The event will take place on March 4 at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre from 6 p.m. to midnight. Live music will be provided by Professor D & the Playschool. The Auction co-chairs this year are Dianne Bernet, Carolanne Roberto, and Theresa Savoy-Main. If you would like to purchase a ticket to the event, please contact Kelly Vrla at (972) 907-0408 or kvrla@marykay.com.

Bishop Lynch High School is located at 9750 Ferguson Road, Dallas, TX 75228. For more information visit www.bishoplynch.org.

Dominic celebrates with dinosaur theme

Dominic Xavier Nervo was honored with a party for his sixth birthday on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the home of his parents Donna and Nicolas Nervo of Arlington. His actual birth date is Dec. 12.

A dinosaur theme highlighted the party room. Table decor included various brightly colored dinosaurs, a volcano, prehistoric birds, a dinosaur egg nest, and miniature trees. Cutouts and a large dinosaur banner saying "Happy Birthday" served as a backdrop for the main table.

A large yellow sheet cake with milk chocolate icing, made by the celebrant's mother, was the table's centerpiece. The cake was let-

tered with "Happy Birthday, Dominic" and depicted a prehistoric scene with a dinosaur.

Guests enjoyed an apricot and barbecue rib lunch, with baked potato, and all the trimmings.

Special guests included Dominic's parents, his older brother Alexander Nicolas, baby brother Zachary Christian, and maternal grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster.

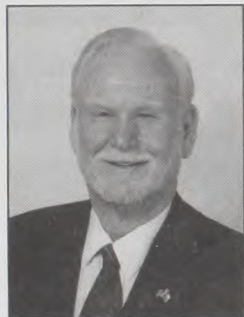


Dominic Nervo

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Muenster Library's Tuesday Story Time is a fun time



After listening to a story all about hats, Muenster Public Library's Tuesday Story Time crafters, from left, Devin and Shane Sicking, Sarah Davis, Anna Riley, Jessica Dangelmayr, Brendan Riley, and Thomas Davis (not pictured) made and/or modeled their own headgear. Pre-schoolers can come join the Library fun every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteer readers are also welcomed.

NCTC forms youth, adult beginners riding clubs

"Horseback riding—it's something so many of us, whether we're six or 60, would love to try," said Shelly Switzer of North Central Texas College. "But for most of us, there are certain things standing in our way, starting with not having a horse or anybody to teach us."

Those things no longer have to keep anybody from experiencing the joy of riding and of being around horses, Switzer said in announcing the formation of two special new "riding clubs"—one for youth and one for adults. This offers the opportunity

to learn the fundamentals of riding and equine behavior, to become familiar with basic tack and related equipment, how to care for horses, and finally, how to be safe around them.

The Youth Riding Club will start up right away, as soon as available slots are filled. Switzer stressed that space is limited, with only six slots available in each youth age group, so it is important to call and reserve a place as soon as possible.

One age group is for participants ages 6-9, meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Fridays. The other is for participants ages 10-14, meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

"Members can choose to attend every week, or they can attend several sessions over the course of several weeks, skipping a session here and there if they need to," Switzer said. "Lessons will be individualized, so they don't need to be concerned about missing anything if they do have to skip a session."

The cost of "dues" for each club session is \$20, payable at each session. Advance payment also can be made for multiple sessions. Each session will meet at the NCTC Equine Center for about an hour each session, weather permitting, although Switzer said riding time is expected to go longer at most sessions. "We'll supply nice, gentle horses for riding lessons," Switzer said, "as well as saddles, helmets, and all the rest of the tack and equipment needed."

The Adult Riding Club will offer participants a choice between two sessions, each meeting once weekly for six weeks. The first session, meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, will run from March 22 through April 26. The second, meeting on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m., will run from May 3 through June 7.

Dues for each six-week session of the Adult Riding Club are \$175. A payment of \$50 is due with submission of the registration form, and the balance is due at the first meeting. Registration forms for both the youth and adult clubs are available in the Registrar's Office on the Gainesville Campus, or they can be requested by calling 940-668-1950 or emailing aricketson@nctc.edu.

Kyle celebrates 8th

Kyle James Klement, son of Kevin and Terri Klement, celebrated his 8th birthday with several parties. On Monday, Jan. 9 he celebrated at Chuck E. Cheese in Sherman with a party given by his grandfather Jim Whitley. Those attending were his parents, siblings Kolby and Whitley, and friend Shirley Whitley. Games were played, and pizza and cake were served. Gifts were opened. A special gift from his Grandpa Jim was a huge basketball goal with stand.

Kyle celebrated on his actual birthday, Friday, Jan. 13 at school with classmates and Zane Kemp who shares the same birth date. Cupcakes were made by a Scooby Doo theme made by Stephanie Heady were served.

Sunday, Jan. 15, Kyle had a party at his house with family and friends in attendance. A fried chicken lunch was served with twice baked potatoes, baked beans, salad, and rolls. A Scooby Doo cake made by Stephanie Heady and chocolate birthday cake and ice cream were served. Gifts were opened and pictures taken.

Those attending were Kyle's parents, and siblings Kolby and Whitley; grandparents Tony and Sis Klement and David and Helen Fisher; aunts, uncles, and cousins Peachie and Neil Huchton and Sydney; Roy and Carol Klement, Kimberly Klement and Cory Charles; Robert Klement; Dyan and Tommy Huchton, Dane, Dylan, and Debra; Craig, Connie, Sadie, and Andrew Stoffels; and friends Glenn, Tracey, Caleb, and Cameron Skrivanek, Rhonda and Natalie Fangman, and Judy, Alley, Zach, and Carson Trubenbach.

Sunday evening Kyle celebrated at the Zion Skating Rink with a party with Zane Kemp, Nicole Rains, and their 2nd grade class.



Kyle Klement

BAPTISM

Nervo

The sacrament of Baptism was bestowed upon Zachary Christian Nervo at Saint Vincent de Paul Church in Arlington on Sunday, Dec. 4 with Father Thomas Craig officiating.

Zachary is the son of Nicolas and Donna Nervo of Arlington and was born on April 17, 2005. Godparents are Lisa Hess, aunt of North Richland Hills, and James Lutkenhaus, great-uncle of Bedford.

Zachary wore a white christening gown with an eyelet lace bodice, which had an attached white rosebud with cascading ribbons. A matching cap and white satin bib, embellished with a cross, completed the outfit. A silver cross with blue bow decorated the gown and the baby wore a white pearl baby rosary necklace. The cap and gown and cross pin was a gift from maternal grandmother Rachel Hennigan of Muenster. The bib and rosary were a present from Godmother Lisa Hess.

Zachary was baptized at the fountain in the vestibule of the church and then presented to the congregation during the Mass, with applause from everyone. The children then greeted him at the altar.

A reception followed in the parents' home. An assortment of pickup foods was served, which included meats, cheese, crackers, vegetables, fruits, and sandwiches. The white christening cake was made by Zachary's mother and was decorated with a blue rosary and lettered

"Happy Baptism Zachary". The table decor included a ceramic baby booty and a statue of a praying boy.

Special guests at the celebration included older brothers Alexander Nicolas and Dominic Xavier, grandmother Rachel Hennigan, great-aunt Joan Lutkenhaus, uncle Darrell Hess and children, uncle Alfred Hennigan and children of Arlington, and Leon Hess of Muenster.

How to better manage tot s shots

Texas Medical Association (TMA) physicians want parents to know that one of the best ways to protect their child from vaccine-preventable diseases is to ensure their child has completed his or her shot cycle. Now TMA has provided a link on its Web site that takes parents to an immunization calendar that personalizes their child's immunization schedule.

Texas ranks near the bottom nationally in vaccinating children against disease. Texas' child immunization rate was 48th

in the nation in 2004, the most recent year surveyed.

One of the reasons for this daunting statistic is under immunized children. Many vaccines require several shots over the course of a child's first few years. When a shot series is not completed, the under immunized child remains in danger of contracting an infectious disease such as pertussis, tetanus, or hepatitis A, among others. In extreme cases, vaccine-preventable diseases can lead to severe illness and even death.

Now, with the click of a button, parents of children under age five can create a free, personalized immunization calendar. The tool can be accessed via the Be Wise — ImmunizeSM page on the TMA Web site at <http://www.texmed.org/bewise>. The Personalized Immunization Schedule link will direct visitors to the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention's immunization scheduler. TMA physicians urge parents to take time to create an immunization calendar for their child, and follow it.

NEW ARRIVAL

Koelzer

Helmuth and Christy Koelzer of Hurst are proud to announce the birth of their son Zachary Peter Koelzer on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006 in Harris HEB Hospital in Bedford. He weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Welcoming their brother are Scott, age 13, and Amanda, age 2 1/2. Grandparents are

Sharon and Makvin Sulak of Mansfield and Pauline and Wilfred Koelzer of Muenster. Great-grandmother is Eleanor Rusnak of Irving.

Winter weather terms

High wind – sustained wind of 40 mph or greater...or frequent gusts of 58 mph or greater. NWS

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The FAFSA Made Easy Texas Guaranteed (TFG) is a program that provides students and parents instructions for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). During the program, TG, along with other financial aid experts, guide viewers through the FAFSA.

Nortex Communications and Muenster High School are offering the viewing of the video at your convenience on local cable channel 70. The dates to watch are Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. through the morning of Feb. 20, and then again Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. through the morning of Feb. 27. Then on Monday, March 6 at 6 p.m. Ashley Tatum from the NCTC Financial Aid office will be available in the Muenster High School Computer Lab to assist any parents with filing the FAFSA online or by paper.

Texas Guaranteed sponsors the program as part of its collegiate outreach initiative. TG is a public, nonprofit corporation created by the Texas Legislature to administer the Federal Family Education Loan Program. TG's vision is to be the premier source of information, financing, and assistance to help all families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

This program is intended for high school students, primarily seniors, and their parents. However, adults going to college may find the program beneficial also.

The fastest way to get the FAFSA filed is through the online version. The counselor also has a copy of the online worksheet. You need to go to www.pin.ed.gov to get a pin number for you, the parent, and one for the student. Then you can fill out the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. A paper copy of the FAFSA is available through the high school counselor's office.

What items are needed to complete the FAFSA?

Driver's license and Social Security Card; W-2 forms and other records of money earned in 2005; 2005 US income tax return (IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or 1040TEL); Records of untaxed income, such as welfare, social security, TANF, or veterans benefits; Current bank statements; Current mortgage information (excluding primary home); Business and farm records; and Stocks, bonds, and other investment records.



Participating in UIL Solo-Small Ensemble competition included, from left, back, Sara Walterscheid and Matthew Eberhart; front, Jordan Brown, Amy Nortman, Brooklyn Fatheree.

Piano students hit high music scores

On Saturday, Feb. 11, five music piano students with their teacher and UIL sponsor, Rosemary Dankesreiter, traveled to Wichita Falls High school at Wichita Falls to participate in a UIL Solo-Small Ensemble competition.

Students must perform selections from a prescribed list that are classed as Level 1, 2, or 3, with 1 being the most difficult. Each participant is critiqued on individual skills of tone, technique, and musicianship. Judges scored each student with a I, II, III, IV, or

V, with I being the best. To receive a I rating, students must perform their selections with rhythmic precision, dynamic control, intensity, fluency, and by memory.

Amy Nortman, Lindsay High School student and daughter of Danny and Linda Nortman, received a I rating and gold medal for her Class 1 rendition of two preludes from Kabalevsky's *Twenty-Four Preludes Opus 38*. She is now eligible for State competition in Austin in May. This is Amy's second time to go to State competition.

Matthew Eberhart, Lindsay High School student and son of Tom and Patty Eberhart, received a III rating for his Class 3 performance of Beethoven's *Sonatina in G*. This was Matthew's first year to compete in the event.

Era's seventh grader, Jordan Brown, daughter of Mike and Bernie Brown, was a first time participant. She played two contrasting pieces from Bach's *Anna Magdalena's Notebook*. She was awarded a I rating and medal for her effort and talent.

Sara Walterscheid, Muenster Public School student and eighth grader, and daughter of John and Dana Walterscheid, performed two Class 2 selections from Bach's *Short Preludes for Piano*. Sara received a III rating. This was Sara's second year in the competition.

Nocona's Brooklyn Fatheree was also a first year contestant. Brooklyn is an eighth grader and daughter of Gary and Valerie Fatheree. Brooklyn performed two selections from Pinto's *Class 3 Children's Festival*. Brooklyn also received a I rating and medal.

All students received high marks and praise from the judges for their fine musicianship and talent, and were encouraged to continue developing their piano skills.

Applicants sought for Leadership Conference

The 43rd Annual Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference is scheduled for the week of June 12-16 on the campus of Angelo State University in San Angelo. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 29. Applications need to be mailed to the Cooke County Farm Bureau at PO Box 1035 Gainesville, TX 76240.

Students who will be entering the 11th or 12th grade in August 2006 are eligible. Students should be of good character and have the desire to enhance their leadership abilities. Scholastically, they should be in the upper 30% of their class. A student who has attended a previous Conference is not eligible unless selected to return as a junior counselor. Students do not have to be a Farm Bureau member to attend, however; they must become a member to be eligible to enter the Free Enterprise Speech Contest.

This is a great opportunity for students to obtain a better understanding of our American heritage and the capitalistic private enterprise system that has made the United States the greatest of all nations.

A natural culmination of the Youth Leadership Conference Week is the Texas Farm Bureau Free Enterprise Speech Contest. Only those students attending the 2006 Youth Leadership Conference are eligible to participate.

Winter weather terms

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principles become more important to remember" Barbara A. Cheaney, vice president of communications said. Elementary school students in grades K-5th may submit one original poster no larger than 20" x 20". Judges will evaluate posters based on eye appeal, originality, and theme. Winners will receive cash awards.

To receive an entry form and the complete rules for the

contest, contact Ashlee Tondre in the Communications Department at (800) 292-2548 or (210) 828-9921 ext. 141. Participants in the contest do not have to be Catholic Life members or of the Catholic faith. The deadline to submit entries to the contest is May 12. All entries become property of Catholic Life Insurance and cannot be returned unless accompanied by return postage.

Winter history brief

Feb. 24-25, 2003 - up to 5 inches of sleet and snow fell north of Dallas-Fort Worth, while up to 1 inch of ice accumulated from Killeen, to Waco, to Palestine. The sleet and snow caused major travel disruptions while the ice resulted in widespread power outages. Damage was around 15 million dollars.

For more information on our winter weather history and the National Weather Service...visit our web site at www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd.

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 Thurs. - Baked chicken, rice, broccoli, applesauce, bread.
 Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, French fries, mixed fruit, pudding.

MUENSTER ISD
 Mon. - Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches, brownies.
 Tues. - Steak fingers, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.
 Wed. - Vegetable beef soup w/crackers, ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, mixed fruit salad, cookies.
 Thurs. - Chicken strips, creamed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, hot rolls.
 Fri. - Barbecue sandwich, pickles, onions, oven baked French fries, pork and beans, applesauce, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD
 Mon. - Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, peach cobbler.
 Tues. - Nachos w/chili and cheese, ranch style beans, applesauce, bread.
 Wed. - Ham and cheese submarine sandwich w/trimmings, potato chips, fresh fruit, jello.
 Thurs. - Chicken marinara w/spaghetti, green beans, mixed fruit, garlic bread.
 Fri. - Hamburger w/trimmings, oven fries, ice cream.

ORA ISD
 Mon. - Lasagna or fish sticks, green beans, tossed salad, sliced peaches, breadstick.
 Tues. - Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, pear half, hot roll.
 Wed. - Chicken crispito, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.
 Thurs. - Baked potato w/ground beef, shredded cheese, tossed salad, fruit mix, cinnamon roll.
 Fri. - BBQ sandwich, tator tots, pickle spears, ice cream.

Muenster youth participate in Ringgold Recovery Drive



Mrs. Deb Klement's class brought in the most donations for Ringgold. Pictured are: from left, front row - Adrienne Rohmer, Kylie Hess, Hannah Bayer, Jay Patel, Ethan Hale, and Amber Knabe; Middle row - ShyAnn Bartel, Destin Fleitman, and Quaide Wilburn; and back row - Garrett Miller, Juan Orocio, Erin Hess, Cole Walterscheid, Shelby Klement, and Abby Pagel. Courtesy photo

Help came quickly to the victims of a destructive wildfire that swept through the community of Ringgold in early January. It destroyed many of the homes.

The Muenster Elementary Student Council and the Muenster Campfire Girls chapter organized a drive to collect household items. The "Ringgold Recovery Drive" chairperson, Kalyn Dangelmayr, was really pleased with the great response by the students of Muenster Elementary who brought in thousands of items that filled five pick-up loads.

Mrs. Deb Klement's class brought the most items, winning a Student Council sponsored pizza party. Kalyn Dangelmayr credited parents, teachers, and students for the amazing generosity.

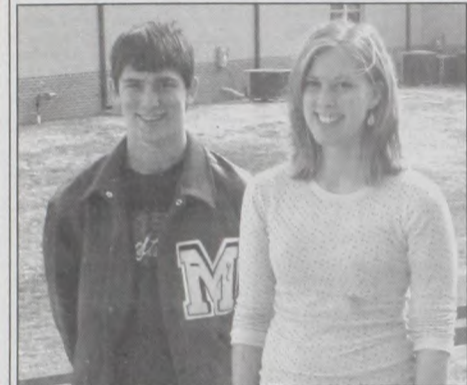
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Sacred Heart students get lesson on dental hygiene



Dr. Elaine Schilling monitors a good snack/bad snack food experiment with the Sacred Heart Preschool students. The kids looked in mirrors to see how a chocolate cookie gets stuck between teeth, but an apple leaves teeth clean. Students pictured are, from left, Colby Endres, Zachary Sanders, Jaden Walterscheid, Morgan Hennigan, Kody Walterscheid, and Stephanie Koesler. Courtesy photo

Muenster CX Debate team bound for Austin



The Cross-Examination Debate team of Amber and Cletus Fuhrmann competed in District competition on Feb. 2 at TWU. They competed against four other teams, all from Lindsay. The brother and sister duo won three out of four debates, earning them 2nd place overall. The Hundt/Patel team of Lindsay went undefeated throughout the rounds and placed 1st. The Fuhrmanns will be heading to Austin to compete in the State CX Debate on March 13-14. Courtesy photo

Open House scheduled at Muenster ISD

Muenster ISD cordially invites parents and the community to an Open House celebrating students who are "Driven to Succeed."

The celebration will take place during Texas Public Schools Week on March 7 between 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Students and educators throughout the state are opening their doors and inviting local communities to take a firsthand look at their edu-

ational programs during Texas Public Schools Week, March 6 - 10.

"Texas Public Schools Week gives our school a unique opportunity to open its doors to the community and exhibit the high level of learning that takes place daily," said Superintendent David Manley. "Students and teachers have special activities planned to highlight the skills being taught throughout the Dis-

trict. As this year's Texas Public Schools Week theme says, our students truly are 'driven to succeed.'"

As part of the week-long celebration, local schools will be inviting parents and community members to visit classrooms and participate in Open House events.

"We always welcome the community in our District, but this week in particular, we invite the people to visit

our schools," said Manley.

The Open House gives parents and community members an opportunity to meet with principals and teachers, and take a closer look into the School's diverse range of educational programs.

For more information about the Open House or other Texas Public Schools Week activities, call Lou Heers at 940-759-2282, ext. 620.

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The Student Organizations of Muenster High School would like to send a big thank you to all who helped to make the benefit hamburger supper for Bonnie Freeman a huge success. We would especially like to thank the following businesses who donated items for the supper:

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We would also like to thank the following individuals who were willing to donate their time to help serve, cook, and clean-up at the dinner:

Monte Endres	Stephanie Bierschenk
Tommy Felderhoff, Jr.	Darlene Williams
Roy Hartman	Donna Buddy
Jacque Endres	Vicki Eldridge
Patty Fuhrmann	Ramona Felderhoff
Kay Hickey	Jean Walterscheid
Carol Grewing	Melissa Zamzow





We would also like to thank all in the community who attended the benefit supper and all who may have unknowingly left out. Because of those mentioned above and all who participated, we are now able to help Bonnie's family with any medical expenses with a generous donation. The benefit dinner served as a perfect example of how much the town of Muenster can accomplish by working together for the good of another. We are sincerely thankful for all of you.

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SPORTS

Watson hits nine 3s Lady Hornets defeat #4 ranked Celeste in Bi-District

In Bi-District action Tuesday night, the Muenster Lady Hornets, District 17-A Runner-up, defeated the 18-A Champions Celeste Lady Blue Devils 56-49. The new State ranking polls earlier in the day placed Celeste at #4 and Muenster 14th. Celeste took a 29-3 record (one of those losses was to Muenster earlier in the season) into the game, with the Lady Hornets sitting on a 25-3 record for the season.

"A big 'team' win for the Lady Hornets, as our posts did a great job of opening up our perimeter game. Obviously, Lindsey Watson was our 'shooting star' last night. She was a female version of Duke's J.J. Redick! But Lindsey was the first to acknowledge her teammates in the locker room by thanking them for getting her the ball," stated Coach Jeff Presnall.

Watson, a sophomore, had a hot shooting night, dropping in nine 3-pointers, to help lead the Lady Hornets to victory.

Presnall continued, "Laura Heers gave Watson seven assists for 3-pointers and Megan Felderhoff added two assists as well for Lindsey. Sandy Endres and Rebecca Grewing forced Celeste back to zone, as they crushed their opponents in the post-up game. Jacé Koelzer was all over the place on defense and Danielle Bindel and Sam Endres did a great job coming off the bench and playing their roles."

The jump was controlled by Megan Felderhoff and after a few turnovers, Watson dropped in the first 3 points. Muenster's defense started early causing problems for the Lady Devils, making turnovers.

After a 3-3 tie, Laura Heers hit a 3. The Devils had an 8 point run before a basket each by Rebecca Grewing and Sandy Endres closed the

score to 10-11. Another Grewing shot tied the game 12-12 with 1:52 remaining in the 1st quarter. That basket started a 6 point run by the Lady Hornets as Endres scored 4 more for a 16-12 score. Celeste took a 1 point lead inside of 25 seconds, but another Watson 3 pointer gave Muenster a 19-17 1st quarter lead.

The 2nd period had Sam Endres hit a 3 and Grewing 2 to extend Muenster's lead to 24-17 with four minutes on the clock. Celeste got 7 more points, with two free throws by Grewing and a Watson 3-pointer for a 29-24 halftime score.

Watson hit two more 3-pointers to start the 2nd half to give the Lady Hornets a 35-24 lead. Jacé Koelzer scored 2, Grewing hit a free throw, and Watson two more 3s before the buzzer for a 44-33 score going into the final quarter.

The 4th period's first basket was a Watson 3-pointer. Heers added a free, and Watson her ninth 3 for a 51-35 score with six minutes remaining in the game. Thirty seconds later Felderhoff connected two free throws, then Muenster started playing patient, passing the ball and working on the clock. Heers drew a foul and made 1 for a 54-35 score with 3:26 on the clock.

Celeste put in 5 points, then Heers hit 2 more frees for a 16 point lead with 1:49 on the ticking clock. The Lady Devils made the next 9 points for the 56-49 final.

Watson led all scorers with 27 points. Grewing added 9, Heers 7, Sandy Endres and Jacé Koelzer 4 each, Sam Endres 3, and 2 from Megan Felderhoff. Muenster hit nine of 15 free throws.

M	19	10	15	12	56
C	17	7	9	16	49

Muenster weight lifters at Saint Jo competition

The Muenster Hornet and Lady Hornet powerlifters competed last week at the Saint Jo meet.

On Thursday, in girls competition, Brittany Wann finished 2nd place in her weight division with a 630 pound total weight. Wann bench, and squatted 275. She placed 5th overall in the meet.

Jenna Felderhoff got a 220 lb. squat, 85 bench, and 230 dead lift for a total of 535 lb. Jenni Luke lifted a total of 585 in her class with a 230 squat, 100 bench, and 255 dead lift. Elizabeth Orsburn got a 185 squat, 85 bench, and 205 dead lift for a total of 475 lb.

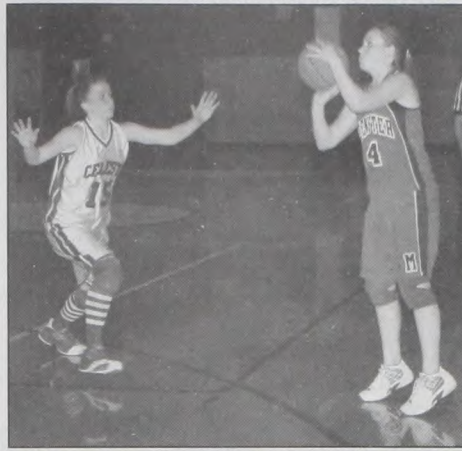
The Hornets competed on

Saturday. Michael Faries finished in 2nd place in his weight class with a total lift of 1135. He had a 400 lb. squat, 250 bench, and 485 dead lift.

Cole Harrison placed 5th with a 980 lb. lift, which included 350 squat, 240 bench, and 390 dead lift. Bill Haverkamp's 955 lb. lift made him settle for 6th place in his weight division. Haverkamp had a 340 squat, 230 bench, and 385 dead lift.

Paul Crabtree had a total lift of 995 lb., with a 390 squat, 200 bench, and 405 dead lift, but did not place.

Andrew Yosten also competed, finishing with an 895 lb. total lift. He had a 315 squat, 175 bench, and 405 dead lift.



Lady Hornet Lindsey Watson (14) gets a clear shot for a 3- pointer, one of nine she hit against Celeste. Scott Wood photo

Hornets playoff bound!

The Muenster Hornets finished the regular basketball season last Friday in Valley View, taking a one-sided 70-28 win from the Eagles.

The Hornets controlled the scoreboard from the beginning, dropping in 47 points the 1st half, while allowing Valley View to score only 11.

Every Muenster player put points on the board, led by Micah Flusche scoring 15. Eric Johnson added 10, Dustin Wimmer 9 (all 3s), Zach Swirczynski 8, Derek Endres 6, Chris Steelman and Collin Walterscheid 5 each, Matt Flusche 4, Jordan Walterscheid 4, Ryan Hennigan 2, and 1 each by Brad Endres and Tanner Herr. The Hornets hit five 3-pointers and 17 of 32 free throws.

M	24	23	14	9	70
VV	6	5	7	10	28

On Monday, the Hornets traveled to Whitesboro in a practice game with Ector, bringing home a 63-54 warm-up victory.

Swirczynski led the Hornets with 16 points, with C. Walterscheid adding 12, D. Endres 9, B. Endres and J. Walterscheid 8 points each. Micah Flusche put in 5, Hennigan 3, and Matt Flusche 2.

Another practice game for the Hornets is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18 against 3A White Oak, to be played at Bogata at Rivercrest High School beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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Tigers finish basketball season

Tigerettes ready for playoff action

The Sacred Heart Tigers ended the 2006 basketball season last week with losses to Denton Calvary and Notre Dame.

On Tuesday, Sacred Heart hosted Calvary, who jumped into a 25-8 1st quarter score, too much of a gap for the Tigers to close.

Theo Otto led Sacred Heart with 13 points. Colby Richey and Tim Otto each added 11. Josh Yosten scored 9, Nolan Hartman 5, and Steven Davis 2. The Tigers were 11 of 16 at the free throw line, while Calvary was 23 of 35.

SH	8	14	10	19	51
DC	25	12	19	19	75

Last Thursday, Sacred Heart traveled to Wichita Falls for their last game. The Knights scored 20 or more points per quarter to overtake the Tigers 86-43.

The Otto brothers both scored 14 points, with Mark Fleitman adding 11, and 2 apiece by Richey and Hartman.

SH	7	3	17	16	43
ND	21	20	25	20	86

The Tigerettes finished their regular season at Notre

Dame, earning the title of District Champions, even after the 45-35 loss to the Lady Knights. "I did not do a very good job coaching tonight," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We will be ready for the playoffs!"

After a tied 1st quarter, Notre Dame took an 8 point lead at halftime, stretching it to a 10 point final.

Whitney Wimmer led the Tigerettes with 8 points. Hannah Hess added 7, and Shannon Hartman 6. Sam Wimmer also scored 6 points, pulled down seven rebounds, got seven steals, and four assists. Stephanie Krawietz made 4 points, Kara Felderhoff 3, and Nicole Bayer 1.

SH	10	3	11	11	35
ND	10	11	10	14	45

The Tigerettes will host the Bi-District playoff game on Friday, Feb. 17, playing Trinity Christian of Longview. Game time is 6 p.m. in the Tiger Den.

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Hannah Hess (11) blocks a Lady Knight from the basket.



Fighting for the rebound are Mark Fleitman and Nolan Hartman.



Whitney Wimmer (21) puts pressure on a Lady Knight.



Hannah Hess (11) grabs a loose ball. Also pictured is Sam Wimmer.



Theo Otto (30) gets a lay-up against Notre Dame.



JV Tiger Nathan Berend moves in under the basket.



Sacred Heart Tiger Sam Sparkman (14) brings the ball into play against Notre Dame.



Whitney Wimmer blocks a Notre Dame shot.



Tim Otto (22) moves the ball downcourt.



Sam Wimmer goes down in a battle for the ball. Also pictured is Tigerette Stephanie Krawietz (41).

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Jordan Walterscheid and a teammate attempt to block out an Ector player.



Laura Heers shoots a three.



Brad Endres (11) and Micah Flusche (23) keep the ball out of play.



Laura Heers (33) collides with a Blue Devil on the rebound.



Micah Flusche (23) goes in for the basket.



Samantha Endres (30) makes her move into the paint against the Lady Blue Devils.



Above, Lindsey Watson (14) pops in one of her nine 3s. At left, Jacé Koelzer (12) moves the ball into play.



Ryan Hennigan (44) pulls down a rebound.



Zach Swirczynski (20) sails in for two points.



Collin Walterscheid drops the ball into the basket.



Rebecca Grewing (40) gets a shot under the basket.

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Lady Knights win playoff game 53-29

The #7 State ranked Lindsay Lady Knights and District 17-A Champions, took a big win from the Merit-Bland Lady Tigers, District 18-A Runner-up, Tuesday night in Sherman. The aggressive Lindsay defense didn't allow Bland many shots, holding them to three free throws in the 1st quarter and only 2 points in the 3rd.

"I'm very proud of the girls. They played very hard, they played with a lot of intensity, and they played great defense," noted Lindsay Coach Don Neu.

Brittany Anderle controlled the top, with the Lady Knights' first points coming from the free throw line by Mallory Block. Anderle added another 2 before Bland got a free throw. Lindsay made the next 8 points, with Kaleigh Hess hitting a 3, Chelsea Hermes 3 points, and Anderle 2 for a 12-1 score with three minutes remaining in the quarter. Bland got another two free throws for a 12-3 1st

period score.

Stephanie Metzler and Hermes each added a point, Block a 3, Anderle and Metzler 2 apiece before the Lady Tigers got their first basket of the game with 4:25 on the clock.

Metzler and Block got two more frees each, Anderle a rebound shot, and Lauren Creed a basket for a 29-11 halftime score.

Lindsay scored the first points in the 2nd half, then Bland. Block added 5 and Metzler 4 to give the Lady Knights a 25 point lead with 1:55 remaining in the 3rd quarter. Hermes added two frees and Christina Eckart 2 points for a 42-13 Lindsay lead going into the final period.

Eckart scored first, then Bland. A Hess basket made the score 46-16. The Lady Tigers made the next 6 points, with a Hermes free throw at 4:24 giving Lindsay a 47-22 lead.

Bland took valuable time off the clock trying to find a shot. Block and Hermes each got a basket, followed by 5 Tiger points, an Anderle basket, and a final Bland shot for the 53-29 final.

Block was high scorer for Lindsay with 14 points. Anderle added 10, with Hermes and Metzler each scoring 9. Hess put in 5 points, Eckart 4, and Creed 2 for the Lady Knights.

L 12 17 13 11 53
B 3 8 2 16 29

The Lady Knights advance to the Area round of the playoffs.

Lady Knights rattle Tolar

A bi-district warm-up game for the Lady Knights of Lindsay was played Saturday afternoon at Brewer High School in White Settlement, with the Lady Knights getting another win - a 64-40 victory over the Tolar Lady Rattlers.

Lindsay had a slow start, but out-scored Tolar the next three quarters to get a big win.

Mallory Block hit four 3-pointers in the 2nd quarter to lead Lindsay scorers with 16 points. Chelsea Hermes added 11, Brittany Anderle 9, Stephanie Metzler 8, Christina Eckart 6, Lauren Creed and Kaleigh Hess 5 points each, and 2 by Autumn Murrill and Emily Fuhrmann. The Lady Knights dropped in 13 of 18 free throws.

L 8 25 16 15 64
T 14 10 8 8 40

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JUNIOR HIGH ACTION

Muenster 40 Lindsay 28
The 7th grade Stingers finished their season last Monday with a 9-1 district record. Garrett Walterscheid was high scorer in the game with 19 points. Jason Luke added 10, Shane Presnall 7, and 2 apiece from Tanner Silmon and Tyler Acuna. The Stingers hit eight of 13 free throws.

Madison Parkhill led Lindsay with 12 points. Robert Arend added 8, Tyler Hundt 4, and 2 each by Justin Anderle and Todd Bezner.

M 10 14 6 10 40
L 8 4 8 8 28

8TH GRADE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Muenster 45 Collinsville 23
In the semi-final game, the Lady Stingers got a big win. Lia Heers and Jackie Klement were high scorers with 11 and 10 points. Erin Endres added 8, with Amanda Dangelmayr, Delana Rohmer, and Taylor Klement each scoring 4. Shaina Felderhoff and Delana Sicking put in 2 points apiece.

M 13 12 9 11 45
C 6 11 2 4 23

Muenster 34 Lindsay 19
The Lady Stingers won the championship and ended their season 14-1 and 10-0, undefeated in district play. Heers and J. Klement again scored 11 and 10 points. Rohmer added 6, Felderhoff 4, T. Klement 2, and Dangelmayr 1.

Scoring for Lindsay was Katie Di-

eter 11, and 2 apiece from Alex Cooney, Kristin Martin, Shirley Hess, and Cammi Neu.

M 7 7 17 3 34
L 6 3 0 10 19

Muenster 42 Valley View 37
Valley View scored 23 4th quarter points, but didn't get the win in game one tournament action last Thursday. Eric Hellman scored 12 points, Levi Trubenbach 8, Jason Luke 6, TJ Acuna 5, Allen Fette and Garrett Walterscheid 4 apiece, and Shane Presnall 3.

M 14 10 8 10 42
VV 1 4 9 23 37

Muenster 29 Lindsay 31
Muenster lost the championship game in the final quarter to the Squires. Presnall and Trubenbach each scored 8, Acuna 5, and 4 apiece by Hellman and Walterscheid. Muenster hit nine of 17 free throws.

Lindsay had only three scorers. Colton Hermes scored 14 points, Dax Fleitman 9, and Ryan Haverkamp 8.

M 6 7 9 7 29
L 11 4 4 12 31

Lindsay 40 Valley View 24
The Lady Squires jumped into an early lead in game one tournament action and never looked back. Neu was high scorer with 10 points, Dieter added 9, Haley Hughes 7, Martin and Cooney 6 each, and Haley Haverkamp 2.

L 17 8 11 4 40
VV 2 6 12 4 24

JUNIOR VARSITY GAMES

Muenster 43 Era 33
On Feb. 3, Muenster won over Era after dominating the 1st quarter. Matt Flusche led all scorers with 23 points. Nick Flusche added 10, Garrett Hennigan 4, and 2 each from Chad Endres, John Monday, and Evan Koesler.

M 18 7 12 6 43
E 6 8 7 12 33

Muenster 50 Lindsay 61
Lindsay pulled out a victory over the Hornets last week Tuesday. N. Flusche led Muenster on the scoreboard with 16 points. Matt Beaver and Monday each added 8. Koesler and Jeff Schniederjan put in 7 points apiece, and Endres 4.

Preston Mendez scored 19 points for the Knights. Nathan Martin and Brian Sandmann each added 10. Garrett Block put in 9, Clayton Starnes 6, Josh Heilman 3, and 2 each by Jon Sweeney and Casey Shauf.

M 6 11 18 15 50
L 16 20 11 14 61

Muenster 18 Lindsay 23
The JV Lady Hornets completed the season last week Tuesday with a 16-6, 6-2 season. Against Lindsay, Jordan Ledbetter scored 6 points, with Hillary Swirczynski and Jenni Luke each adding 5, and Alison Miller 2.

Stephanie Neu led the Lady Knights with 10 points. Emily Fuhrmann added 5, with Rose Hermes, Kayla Hess, Beverly Knabe, and Madisen Burrows each scoring 2 points.

M 2 2 8 6 18
L 4 6 5 8 23

Sacred Heart 37 Notre Dame 45
The JV Tigers finished their season last Thursday in a close battle with the Knights. Kirk Felderhoff and Tommy Torcellini each scored 9 points. Nathan Berend and Tyler Rohmer added 7 points apiece, Dylan Flusche 3, and Stephen Davis 2.

SH 7 7 10 13 37
ND 8 17 12 8 45

Knights prepare for playoffs

The Lindsay Knights completed their regular season last Friday with a 74-39 victory over Era, keeping their record clean of losses. The District Champions will meet Bland Tuesday night in the Bi-District round of the playoffs at Howe. Game time is 7 p.m.

At Era, the teams played even the 1st quarter, before the Knights exploded in the 2nd period to take an 18 point

halftime lead.

Five Lindsay players put double digit points on the scoreboard. Brandon Huckaby led with 20 points, Michael Eckart added 15, Levi Hermes 14, Kristopher Creed 12, and Dustin Hughes 11. Jeff Shannon added 2 points. The Knights hit 17 of 21 free throws.

L 12 25 18 19 74
E 11 8 7 13 39

Texas Game Warden Reports

Family court Freestone County game wardens wrapped up an investigation into a group of hunters they had been watching since last year. All seven Dallas area subjects appeared in Justice of the Peace Court in Fairfield to answer charges they had killed several deer each and either tagged them with family members' tags or did not tag them at all. Three bucks illegally taken during the 2004 season were recovered by the court, including a 10-point that scored 150 3/8 that was tagged with the hunter's sister-in-law's tag. Charges of hunting under the license of another, allowing another to hunt under his/her license, untagged deer, no harvest log, and no hunter education were filed, with fines totaling almost \$5,000.

The guide opposed and told him repeatedly not to shoot the deer because it was not a mature buck. The hunter stated he did not care and he was going to shoot it anyway. When interviewed about the incident, the hunter stated he did not know why he shot the deer and offered to pay for it. The landowner was adamant about charges being filed, so the county attorney was contacted and the case reviewed. State jail felony charges of taking wildlife resource, white-tailed deer, without consent of the landowner were filed. The subject was arrested, bond set, and placed in jail. Restitution on the 120-class buck is also pending.

If the guide says no, he means NO! Schleicher County game warden received a call from a landowner agent informing him that one of his hunting clients had taken a white-tailed buck without consent. Upon investigation, it was determined the out-of-state hunter was being guided by the agent and wanted to shoot a buck they

Not a happy reunion... A Travis County warden apprehended five subjects dove hunting after sunset. One had an unplugged shotgun. While the warden was issuing the citations and confiscating the illegally harvested birds, one of the subjects said, "Hey, remember me? You arrested me last year on a fishing license warrant." That might not have been a good time to reminisce.

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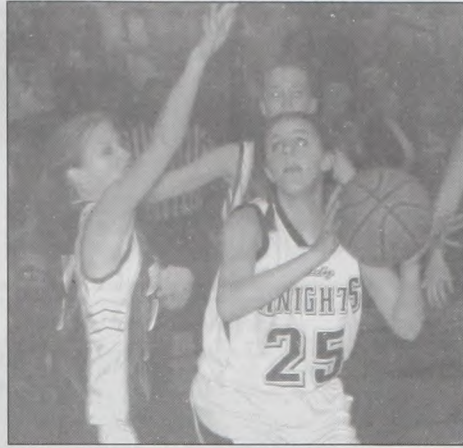
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Chelsea Hermes (10) brings the ball downcourt.



Kaileigh Hess takes aim for an outside shot.



Lauren Creed (25) looks for the shot under the basket.



Mallory Block (14) shoots from the outside.

**Lindsay
Lady Knights
Bi-District
win over
Merit-Bland**

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Autumn Murrill (23) gets hit in an attempt to get a rebound. Also pictured is Brittany Anderle (33).



Brittany Anderle (33) lays in two points.



Chelsea Hermes (10) goes in with a lay-up.



Kaileigh Hess (12) prepares to pass the ball to a teammate to complete the play.

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The City of Muenster, Texas is considering drainage system improvements in the northeastern part of the city as a CDBG project under the Texas Community Development Program for non-entitlement cities and counties (ORCA TCDP Contract #725609).

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Currently, as for a number of years, the contract has been with Douglass Fuel and the person fueling a County vehicle signs for it at a local filling station. Hollowell noted that the swipe cards would need to have a way to identify the person using it.

FARM & RANCH

Colostrum management in newborn calves

The immunity a calf attains by consuming colostrum is called passive immunity. Passive immunity is that which is received passively from an outside source; conversely, active immunity is derived from the calf's own body. Newborn calves achieve passive immunity by consuming colostrum shortly after birth. Colostrum is concentrated in essential proteins called immunoglobulins (Ig).

Many attempts have been made to manage passive immunity in newborn calves. Nonetheless, many calves fail to achieve the important benefits of this critical first meal. When this occurs, calves are considered to have Failure of Passive Transfer (FPT). A strong correlation exists between the incidence of FPT and calf illness and death. The incidence of calf death is increased when blood Ig levels fall. Absorption of Ig must occur before the calf's intestine becomes impermeable to the large Ig proteins. The development of impermeability is called gut closure. Typically, a healthy calf which has access to liquid feed or has consumed colostrum will undergo complete gut closure by about 24 hours after birth.

The best defense against FPT is good colostrum management, making certain that every newborn calf receives an adequate amount of quality Ig soon after birth.

Immunoglobulin may be fed to calves using a nipple bottle or an esophageal feeder. Healthy calves can

consume three to four liters of colostrum within a few hours of birth.

If a producer wishes to provide a larger volume, or if the calf is unable or unwilling to suckle, an esophageal feeder may be used. The esophageal feeder is a long, narrow, rigid tube, which is inserted down the esophagus of the newborn calf. A bottle or bag attached to the other end of the tube contains the fluid, which, upon release, flows into the calf. The use of an esophageal feeder has been associated with a slight decrease in the efficiency of Ig absorption; nevertheless, it provides a quick and simple method for ensuring delivery of Ig to

newborn calves.

Producers may wish to have a stored supply of quality colostrum available. This can be achieved by freezing high-quality colostrum collected from the first milking after calving.

Colostrum may be stored frozen for up to a year with no significant loss in Ig. To avoid Ig destruction, it is important not to overheat frozen colostrum during thawing. A good practice to follow is to submerge the sealed, frozen container in a bath of warm (not hot) tap-water until it thaws completely. Thawing time will vary depending on container size.

Sorghum researcher wants your opinion

Dr. Mitch Tuinstra at K-State has asked that sorghum producers from across the country give him input as he creates K-State's action plan for helping U.S. sorghum farmers boost production and profitability through funding from the Great Plains Sorghum Initiative. The initiative is a collaborative project that will bring together researchers from K-State, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech.

K-State will lead efforts in plant breeding, genetics, and sorghum utilization; Texas Tech will lead efforts on marketing, policy analysis, risk management, and water

use efficiency management; and Texas A&M will lead efforts on sorghum cropping systems in addition to weed and pest management. Please e-mail Dr. Tuinstra (dmitch@ksu.edu) and NSP Research Director Jeff Dahlberg (jeff@sorghumgrowers.com) with your suggestions.

Include your name, state, and county in the e-mail, as well as factors limiting sorghum production on your farm. Dr. Tuinstra would also like producers to rank the following areas of research from highest to lowest priority: increased yield potential, improved drought tolerance and lodging resistance, new or improved strategies for fertility management, better management strategies for crop production, improved disease resistance, improved control of troublesome insects, new technologies for controlling weeds. In addition, please list sorghum technologies that could improve the profitability of your farm and lead to more sorghum production.

Bush proposes slashes to programs that benefit rural Texas

President Bush delivered a budget proposal to Congress that again cuts more than \$5 billion from programs that help farmers and rural communities survive. Texas Farmers Union said that cutting these programs at a time when the rural economy is struggling is a serious mistake.

"Once again the Administration is proposing to drastically cut the 2002 farm bill safety net at a time when Texas farms are struggling," TFU President Wes Sims said. "Commodity prices have been declining,

production in many areas has been down as a result of weather-related disasters, and input costs have skyrocketed as a result of energy costs."

The 2002 Farm Bill promised farmers and ranchers a guaranteed safety net for six years to help rural America cope with economic circumstances beyond their control. The administration's proposal would force Congress to go back on this promise it made to rural America, while cutting taxes for the nation's wealthiest.

"I know that we need to

reduce the federal budget deficit," Sims said. "But it does not make sense that the administration wants to lower payment limits at a time when we can't get a price from the marketplace, especially when we have been ravaged by weather circumstances beyond our control."

Texas Farmers Union will be working to ensure that Congress does not enact the President's proposals, and recognizes the need to protect our nation's food and fiber producers.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

WAYNE BECKER
CEA - AG/NR

Change in laws concerning CEUs

In the past it has been acceptable for producers with Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) pesticide licenses to apply continuing education units (CEUs) earned in January or February to either the preceding licensing period or the upcoming period, depending which would best suit the individual's CEU requirements. As of last fall, there has been a rule change. At that time TDA stated that Private Applicator licenses would be renewable five years after the date of issuance, and Commercial and Non-Commercial Applicator licenses will be renewable one year from the date of issuance, throughout the year. This is in contrast to the old law of all applicator licenses being renewable on Feb. 28.

With the change in renewal date, the rule that had allowed producers the flexibility to apply CEUs to the preceding or the following licensing period has changed. License holders may now only apply CEUs to the timeframe in which they are offered. Extra hours may not be carried over into the next licensing period.

Organic gardening: a practical perspective

Organic gardening has been with us for decades now, and it is coming of age. It began in reaction to very real concerns about the effects of

pesticides on the food chain and on the ecosystem. It is a good idea to utilize organic practices. However, using some ammonium sulfate or superphosphate can sometimes be very beneficial. Synthetic fertilizers are not pesticides; they are not toxic, and when the nutrients dissolve, it makes no difference whether they came from a natural or synthetic source. Using fungicides is also practical and necessary from time to time.

Many people perceive organic gardening as a way of achieving the state of ecological purity. For them, organic gardening is partly a set of positive practices, but equally a set of prohibitions: practices and substances that must never be permitted in the garden. One should only utilize those practices that make sense and seem to be beneficial. The basic concepts of organic gardening are very effective.

First and foremost is the practice of building soil through adding organic matter in bulk. This really works. At one time, it was more or less believed that the right combination of chemical fertilizers, plus perhaps mineral particles of the proper size, were all the supplements a soil would need. Some success can be achieved that way. It is much more practical and effective to condition the soil with organic matter. In quantity, organic matter not only

nutrifies, but creates a soil texture that allows both air and moisture to reach the plant roots, and furthermore creates an environment for beneficial soil microorganisms. Whether you use home-made compost, peat moss, composted manure, or other concoctions from the nursery trade, the same benefits are obtained.

A second important concept is biodiversity for pest control. If you plant an acre of one crop, it becomes a beacon for insects, diseases, and other pests that feed on that particular crop. Gardeners can't help but acquire many plants of the type they especially like. These should be interplanted with other species, perhaps even choosing those (like alliums) that the pests find unappealing. The result is not a pest-free garden, but one where the pests do not devastate the crops. There may be some damage here and there from time to time, but the problems can be controlled by hand, and the garden as a whole will be healthy.

Finally, there is the common-sense concept of respecting the natural environment and working with it, rather than against it. This involves selecting plants that have a fighting chance of survival in your locality. To be sure, some will need extra attention, extra water, or modifications to the soil. But choosing water-wise, adapted plants should be the backbone of your garden. This also applies to placing plants within the landscape, noting sun, drainage, and soil conditions that are already present and working with them.

Using these three ideas, almost anyone can have a healthy, pleasing garden almost anywhere.

Dates to Remember:

CEU opportunities:
Feb. 22, at NCTC Little Theatre; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.; five hours (three General, one Laws and Regs, one IPM).
Other Dates of interest:
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month; Cooke County Marketing Club, 7p.m., Farm Bureau Building.

Feb. 28, BQA Training, NCTC Little Theatre; 8-5.

Ag Briefs

Victims of the 2005 hurricane season were awarded \$2.8 billion in aid. Agricultural producers will receive \$1.2 billion through various programs, and \$1.6 billion will restore homes and rural communities.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)	Stocker Cows (per head)	Ewes (per lb.)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.45-1.80; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.45; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.38-1.65; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.39; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.30-1.62; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.39; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.21-1.36; Nos. 2 & 3, 95-1.21; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.07-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.07; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.09; Nos. 2 & 3, 75-1.01	Pregnancy-tested, 3 to 9-year-olds - Large Frame: \$750-\$110; Medium Frame: \$550-\$750 Cow/Calf Pairs w/calves under 250 lbs. - Large Frame: \$1000-\$1180; Medium Frame: \$800-\$1000 Baby Calves: Holstein: \$100-\$130; Cross Breeds: \$210-\$360	Stocker: 45-60; Thin: 30-45; Fat: 40-50 Bucks (per lb.) Thin: 45-55; Fat: 40-45 Barbados (per head) Lams: \$20-\$45 Ewes: \$30-\$65 Bucks: \$50-\$90
Feeder Heifers (per lb.)	Barrows & Gilts (per lb.)	Yearlings (per head)
200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.56; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.25-1.45; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.25; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.21-1.45; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.21; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.17-1.32; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.17; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.03-1.08; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-98; Nos. 2 & 3, 60-90	US #1, 200-270: 37-40; US #2, 220-280: 35-37 100-175 lbs.: \$35-\$75; 25-90 lbs.: \$15-\$35	Boer Goats (per head) 1/2 Nanny: NT, 3/4 Nanny: NT, Full Nanny: \$90-\$135; 1/2 Billy: NT, 3/4 Billy: NT, Full Billy: \$100-\$125
Slaughter Cattle (per lb.)	Boars (per lb.)	Billies (per head)
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1-2, 1200-2050 lbs.: 57-67; Slaughter Cows: #1-3, 47-57; Cutter: 30-40	300 lb. up: 65-05; 200-300 lbs.: 15-20; Light wt.: 25-35	120 lbs-up Breeders: \$70-\$120; Slaughter: \$70-\$110
Slaughter Cows (per lb.)	Sheep (per lb.)	
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