

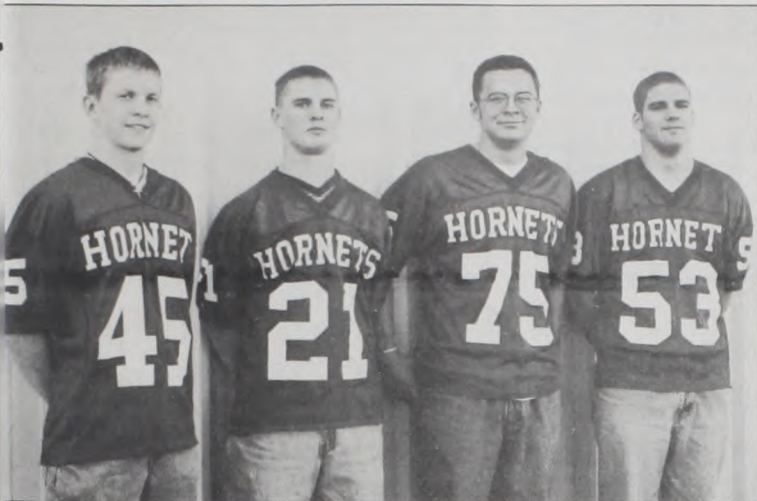
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Muenster Hornets earning positions on the Texas High School Class A All-State Football Team are, from left, Craig Hartman, Josh Luke, Nick Silmon, and John Flusche. Photo by Janie Hartman

CCAD Board reflects on concluded terms

by Janet Felderhoff

Three members of the five member Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD) board attended the last regularly scheduled meeting of their terms on Thursday, Dec. 9. Stephen Cole, Donna Doty, and Ken Kaiser will be replaced by Don Hobbs, Marvin Knight, and Mike McHorse in January.

Board President Jane Carlton expressed appreciation to the three for their service. Gifts were presented to the outgoing members. It was stressed that taxpayers money was not used to pay for the gifts.

Each was invited to give outgoing remarks. Stephen Cole said, "I think the Appraisal District in the past two years has made some gigantic steps, but I think that we have some gigantic steps yet to make." He stressed that in the future CCAD needed to make peace with Gainesville ISD and the City of Gainesville. Unity is what is needed to get the job done, he said.

"This appraisal district has lived from the very beginning in upheaval," remarked Cole. "It has not had any continuity to hold it together. Boards don't last but about two years, chief appraisers last even less than that and computer systems go about the same way. Those three major things in this particular district have always been here today and

gone tomorrow. If I could ever encourage anybody to do anything is to take what remnants we have left here and go forward, make peace with those two particular entities, and get the appraisals done in the next three years of this entire county and get it up to what it's supposed to be. We have come from the laughingstock of the state to one of the better ones in the state."

Donna Doty remarked, "This is my first time to serve on a public board of directors as opposed to non profit. It has surely enlightened my perspective of the energies required to serve on public boards. I leave with a much better appreciation of all the citizens in Cooke County who

have elected to give of their time and energy to serve our county's public positions.

Doty offered her thoughts on a successful chief appraiser, "When this Board canvassed for a new chief appraiser, the main ingredient I believed the district needed was a willing, competent candidate who was here to stay for the long run. It was my observation that the district had been in turmoil for many years, with many different appraisers, and that the problems had developed over the long range and would require someone to stay the long term to work through them. It appeared to me this required no less than five years, and possibly 10. I believe that we located the

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Hornets make All-State

Four Muenster Hornet seniors were named to the Class A All-State High School Football Team. The team, voted by Associated Press sports Editors, was released Monday.

Making the first offensive team was Hornet kicker Nick Silmon. Silmon booted 40 points this season, hitting 7 of 10 field goals, the longest being 29 yards.

Lineman Craig Hartman was named to the first defensive team. As a defensive end, Hartman sacked the opposing

quarterbacks 17 times and is credited for 76 tackles for the season.

Earning defensive Honorable Mentions were linebacker John Flusche and corner back Josh Luke. Flusche grabbed three interceptions and got 89 tackles. Luke picked off four passes, returning two for touchdowns and had 45 tackles.

Also from the district, Valley View defensive lineman Robert Dillin made First Team. Roger Barthold, Valley View punter, earned a Second Team

position. Era running back Darrell Twiner was an Honorable Mention.

Celeste had several positions on the All State team. Jamaica Rector was Defensive Player of the Year, also getting First Team defensive back and First Team offensive end. Celeste's sophomore quarterback Brody Lipsy made the Second Team.

Detroit, who defeated Celeste 33-6 for the Regional championship before falling to Bartlett in the semi-finals, had no players listed on any All State team.

Past studied for county courthouse grant

by Janet Felderhoff

Cooke County Commissioner Virgil Hess has been delving into old photos and records to determine what the county courthouse looked like originally. His efforts are part of the courthouse restoration project and the grant application which it is hoped will fund it.

As explained by Hess, there are two options - one is to return the building 100 percent to its state in 1911 and the other is to restore it while keeping it as functional as it is today. Hess said that restoring to the 1911 state would mean taking out the two courtrooms across from the county courtroom, the district attorney's office would be moved, the county clerk's office would lose its stairway to the basement, the district and county clerks would have to move out of the courthouse because at that time those offices were housed in a building separate from the courthouse. "We'd also have to take the Sheriff and the jail back into the courthouse and we know we can't do that," Hess commented.

According to Hess the outside of the courthouse will be restored almost totally to its original condition. When the courthouse was named a historic landmark, the county agreed to restore the county courtroom to its original state. That will mean taking the ceiling out. The ceiling will then go all the way (from the second floor) to the third floor.

Leaving the other two courtrooms "as they are" was

recommended by Hess because they are functional as they are. One of the things that score points on the application is how functional a courthouse remains with the restoration.

"Right now this courthouse is probably one of the most functional courthouses in the state of Texas," Hess noted. "When you start looking at how many offices we've got in here and what actually takes place here, there's well over 100 employees in the courthouse. We office a lot of people - Red Cross, VISTO, Driver's License (a state agency), the highway patrol."

If the ceilings are dropped, plans are to again install ceiling fans as they once were. Hess said the only dropped ceilings that would remain would be those in the basement because they conceal ductwork and pipes.

As recommended by Ona Reed, a representative of the Cooke County Preservation Commission, and Hess, a member of the Courthouse Restoration Committee, the Court voted unanimously to restore the courthouse to keep it as functional and operational as it is today.

The maximum amount that

can be applied for in the grant is four million dollars. Hess said that plans are to apply for a little over three million dollars.

Ona Reed of the Cooke County Preservation Commission told the Court that the county has a partial deed restriction on the courthouse which was put in place when the courthouse was named a historical marker. Historic courthouses wishing to apply for a grant through the Texas Historic Courthouse Program of the Texas Historical Commission, are asked if they have a Deed Covenant and if so, how long are they willing to extend it. The longer the extension, the more points gained toward getting the grant application approved. Hess said choices are 10, 25, and 50 years.

As requested by Hess, Judge Bill Harris will study the Deed Covenant to be sure it is in order. Commissioners Court will then decide on how many years to sign the deed with the State should they receive the grant.

Cooke County employees will be treated to a luncheon at Harpers on Dec. 16. Commissioners approved use

of money from the Cooke County Employees Fund to finance this event. This is money acquired from the vending machines, not tax money. Since it has been at least seven years since service pins have been awarded, those will be awarded including any back pins. Cooke County Auditor Gloria Parrish noted that an employee receiving a five year pin might actually have been employed longer and that doesn't mean that those years aren't counted. Total cost for the event is \$3,400.

Carol Roane of the Cooke County Veteran's Office requested approval to hire a student from North Central Texas College to help with clerical duties. Money would be paid through a Federal grant. She said that there are more than 4,000 files some dating back to World War I that need to be updated, alphabetized, and labeled. Commissioners approved her request.

In other business conducted at the Dec. 13 meeting Commissioners Court:

• Approved the employment of Biggs and Matthews for see COUNTY, pg 2



Retiring Cooke County Appraisal District Board members, from left, Ken Kaiser, Donna Doty, and Stephen Cole, received gifts of appreciation for their service to the county. CCAD Board President Jane Carlton and Chief Appraiser Doug Smithson made the presentations. at the December meeting. Janet Felderhoff photo

Shooting livestock earns Gates jail time

by Janet Felderhoff

Bryan Gates, 18, of 1710 Heather in Gainesville pled guilty to two counts of Criminal Mischief \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000. He was adjudged guilty of the state jail felony offense and sentenced to confinement in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a term of two years. These sentences run concurrent.

The acts which Gates admitted to took place north of Muenster near Marysville on Oct. 13. He was accompanied by juveniles who will be prosecuted by the County Attorney. The names of juveniles cannot be released.

In part Gates' confession read, "I did then and there intentionally or knowingly damage or destroy tangible property, to-wit: three horses, by shooting them with a

firearm, without the effective consent of John and Mary Dangelmayr, the owners of said property, and did thereby cause pecuniary loss of \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000 to the said owners." The second confession read the same except that it was a bull owned by Billy Felderhoff.

Gates was sentenced by Judge John Lindsay on Dec. 10. Cooke County District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp noted that Gates received the maximum sentence for this offense. "We visited with the victims in this case," she remarked. "They took this very seriously and we took it very seriously so the only offer made was the maximum sentence. We were very pleased."

The victims, John and Mary Dangelmayr and Tom and Billy Felderhoff were present in court, said Haverkamp.

CCAD Board awards Smithson salary increase

by Janet Felderhoff

Doug Smithson, chief appraiser of the Cooke County Appraisal District (CCAD), received praise and a salary increase during his year-end review at the Dec. 9 board meeting.

Board President Jane Carlton said, "Doug is doing an excellent job. He's grown exponentially since he's been our chief appraiser. Morale within the district among employees seems to be at an all time high and we're proud of him and we think he well deserves the raise for which we just voted."

Smithson's \$45,000 salary will be raised to \$50,000. The \$5,000 increase brings him up to the level of a full-time chief appraiser, said Vice-chair Donna Doty. His salary is now comparable to that of other

chief appraisers' salaries, although it is lower than many, she explained. The Board voted to increase it to \$47,500 on the appraisal side and \$2,500 on the collection side. It was approved unanimously.

Smithson was receiving a trainee salary before. He was named interim chief appraiser when then chief appraiser Will Presson resigned. He took over as chief appraiser after the board interviewed several candidates and deemed him best for the job.

Smithson thanked the Board for all of their time, long hours and effort. "In the 10 years that I've been here (CCAD) I've never seen a more active Board in participating, especially in working trying to purchase the building, See SMITHSON, pg 2

County Closes CR 163

by Janet Felderhoff

Nobody appeared at a Public Hearing to close County Road 63. The hearing was set for 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 13. It was pointed out that the road hadn't been traveled in 40 or 50 years.

No signatures were placed on notices placed at either end of the road. With no objection, Commissioners Court voted 4-1 in favor of closing the road. Precinct #1 Commissioner Phil Young abstained from voting.



Ernie Martin, left, and Kelly Bayer set up the Christmas Nativity earlier this week in front of Sacred Heart Church. Photo by Janie Hartman

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best person for the position." That involved some 44,000 parcels, he said. Kaiser submitted a written exit review. He recalled that four years ago CCAD had to mostly start over. Each piece of property had to be re-measured, re-inspected, reclassified, and re-entered into the computer.

Hospital directors respond
5) Does GMH plan to build a new facility even if the vote to combine the two districts fail?

- Khawaja Anwar** - Yes.
 - David Hutcherson** - Probably.
 - Doug Lewis** - With the state of health care now, probably yes. Remember, the needs that drive this decision to merge and build a new hospital won't change (need to provide services in Cooke County that we cannot provide in a cost effective manner in the current GMH/MMH facilities). Muenster recognizes this as well and hence they have worked hard with GMH to achieve the Memorandum of Understanding.
 - Karla Metzler** - No response.
 - Jerry Parr** - Our need doesn't change however it would be more difficult without Muenster.
 - Mike Paulson** - No response.
 - Earl Russell** - Yes. This will happen. We need a new facility to permit advances in health care for all of Cooke County's residents.
 - Dave Sanders** - This has not been decided.
 - Larry Sears** - No response.
 - Chas Bayer** - N/A.
 - Werner Becker Jr.** - I do not know what they would do.
 - Phil Endres** - No comment.
 - Don Flusche** - I don't have a definite answer for this questions. I would only venture a guess that they would go ahead with a new hospital facility. The reason for my guess is because of a study Gainesville made with the results being it would cost approximately one-half the price of a new facility to refurbish the present hospital then wind up with a new old building.
 - Lora Hennigan** - That will be the decision of the GMH Board of Directors.
 - Gerald "Jerry" Hess** - No, we as MMH Board members pushed for this new hospital or there would be no merger.
 - Duane Knabe** - As to the question of GMH planning to build a new facility even if the vote to combine the two districts fails, a definite answer can not be given by the members of the Muenster Hospital District's Board of Directors. We obviously are not involved in this discussion if it exists. I can say the idea would be pursued from the impression I've gotten but I am not privy to any details.
 - Jack Murdock** - I do not know for certain, but I believe they have determined that they can and will build a new hospital with or without MMH.
 - Margie Starke** - That will be Gainesville's decision.
- * Watch next week for more board members responses to questions in future editions.

the job done correctly. "CCAD took some low bids that shouldn't have been taken. Because the low bidder didn't have the money needed to do a quality job — they couldn't do it. It's elementary business. Seeking to save a few thousand dollars has cost the tax payers many million of dollars in lost funds from the State of Texas. In return the taxing entities were forced to tax the citizens to make up for these lost/unreceived funds. Board member Leon Klement expressed appreciation to the three noting, "I do know what it takes to serve on a board. It's a lot more than the average person in public understands." Klement agreed with Cole's statement about making peace, but added that there was something that went with it — respect. "I don't think we have that in this county. I don't think the other entities respect us. I don't know if I respect all them. It's a two way street and we're going to have to work on it. That's the number one thing here to get this thing working right. It works a lot better than the headlines sometimes say."

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Writing about the turkey picking days of the thirties brings to mind an event that took place one evening as many of us were picking turkeys in one of the buildings that once stood west of the F.M.A. store. Andy Hofbauer was manager of the store, and while I heard of the robbery of the store shortly after it took place, Andy later told me of the entire incident which occurred on the evening of Nov. 7, 1934. The Hofbauers had just been blessed with a son, who now is 65. Andy said the man approached him as a customer and seeing they were alone, brandished a gun and demanded money. Robberies were common those days and some of the thugs would not hesitate to shoot, so Andy was quite apprehensive as he gathered up the cash. When told to put it in a paper bag, Andy told the man the bags were under the counter and if he reached for one the thug might shoot him, thinking he was reaching for a weapon. "I'll be watching you," said the robber, so Andy did as he was told and the robber left, much to Andy's relief.

Ben Seyler's Garage was just across Main Street and it turned out that the robber or robbers left a much muddied and beat up old coupe there and took one of Ben's cars to make their getaway. Needless to say, there was a lot of excitement as some local men formed a "posse" of sorts, and armed with a couple high-powered rifles, gave chase. But their efforts came to naught. They never caught sight of the culprits, and soon gave up the chase. My gratitude to Mrs. Rose Hofbauer who graciously spoke to me of the incident, and provided the date.

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- engineering for the future joint counties landfill.
- Approved installation of a buried cable by Southwestern Bell from West to East beginning on the North side of CR 228 (also known as Bryant Road).
- Approved installation of a buried cable by Southwestern Bell beginning at the junction of FM 1306 and CR 227, traveling west until the end of CR 372 located in Precincts #2 and #3.
- Approved the installation of a buried cable by Southwestern Bell beginning at the far West ROW of the junction of CR 151 and CR 148 for about 2,000 feet East in Precinct #1.
- Tabled final approval of proposed amendments to the Cooke County Subdivision Regulations. These primarily deal with recently passed State laws.
- Accepted the roads in the Ranch Subdivision I, II, and III located in Precinct #2.
- Approved public official bonds for Lauren Hutson and Joe Stout of the Cooke County Sheriff's Department.

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budgets, and numerous other things," he said. "It took a team effort to get everything done." Board members—elect for 2000, Don Hobbs, Marvin Knight, and Mike McHorse, were present at the meeting. They were invited to sit in on the executive session to become familiar with the agenda. Completing their terms on the Board are Stephen Cole, Donna Doty, and Ken Kaiser. Carlton and Leon Klement were re-elected and will also serve on the 2000 Board. Approval was unanimous for the proposed budget amendments. CPS refunded \$15,189.00 to CCAD for a computer system that didn't function properly. Smithson told the Board there were two choices — to refund it back to the entities after the first of the year or credit it to their account or to have the 2000 Board request that the entities amend the budget and use the money to apply for a new computer system. The Board agreed to bind over the excess money and let the next Board make a decision. Another agenda item tabled for the future Board was action on the 2000 Holiday schedule. The next meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday in January.

Dear Editor:

Rumor has it that DJ, Joey Wilson, has bought a new lazer light show that is Y2K compliant.

Rumor also has it he will be playing past midnight (unaffected by Y2K) on New Year's Eve at the KC Hall.

As Rumors have it (and they do get around), Sacred Heart Youth Ministry is sponsoring this dance for High School and recent graduates as an alternative way to bring in the New Year.

Well, the rumors are true. The dance is confirmed. More information will be released next week on the exact time, cost, and refreshments. But, we do know the space upstairs will probably be packed, and there will be a small charge to fund future Youth Ministry activities.

Joey Wilson has done two local shows already, to rave reviews of those fortunate to have been invited. This event is open to all area youth, however YM leaders reserve the right to limit entry at our discretion, and to meet local fire code rules on capacity. We will allow early lineup, but no entry until posted time. Watch local paper and bulletin for details.

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		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Muenster Library Board Meeting, 7 P.M.	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO Religious Ed Class	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Sacred Heart Exes Basketball Game, 6:30 P.M., SH gym		CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday, December 26	Monday, December 27	Tuesday, December 28	Wednesday, December 29	Thursday, December 30	Friday, December 31	Saturday, January 1, 2000
		Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center MMH Board meeting, 7:30 P.M.	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center NO Religious Ed Class	Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Sacred Heart Preschool Parents Dance, Doors open at 8:00 p.m.	Happy New Year

Obituaries

Albert August Knabe 1918 - 1999



Albert August Knabe

by **Elfreda Fette**
 Mass of Christian Burial was held for Albert August Knabe Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, officiated by Father Thomas Craig, pastor.
 Mr. Knabe died at age 81 on Oct. 9, 1999 at 6:15 a.m. at Renaissance Care Center in Muenster. He was born on July 21, 1918 in Muenster, one of 14 children to August Knabe and Elizabeth Derichsweiler Knabe. He attended Sacred Heart School and lived his entire life in Muenster. On Oct. 22, 1941 he was married to Frances Elizabeth Sprengel of St. Thomas Church of Pilot Point. They made their first home on one of the Angelmeyer farms, where he was employed. He was a tugneck and pumper for several years. They moved to a house in North Main Street in Muenster when he went to work for AMPI, American Milk Producers, Inc., where he remained for about 30 years. They became parents of 10 children. In 1971 they bought their present home.
 A member of Sacred Heart Church, he was also a member of St. Joseph's Society. He enjoyed gardening and fishing and took pleasure in sharing with family members and friends. He loved to play softball even when he was young and became very good at belonging to two different softball leagues through the years. Because of his ability and enthusiasm, he earned the name of "Little Buck." His uncle, Bill Knabe, also a good softball player, was known as "Buck."
 After retirement from AMPI, he continued to enjoy baseball not only as a spectator, even attended some Ranger games; he also took great interest in watching football games on TV. Albert A. Knabe had a very friendly and kind disposition, and was welcomed wherever he went, because people enjoyed conversations with him. A very devoted family man, he really enjoyed and loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
 Survivors are his wife

Frances "Betsy" Knabe; five daughters, Margie Starke and Betty Gibbs both of Muenster, Clara Reynolds of Gainesville, Mary Frances Kennedy of Callisburg, and Gerrie Burr of Whitesboro; also four sons Augie Knabe of Iowa Park, Henry L. Knabe and Andy Knabe both of Muenster, and Eddie Knabe of Whitesboro.

There are 22 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Also four sisters, Kate Wilson and Agnes Hess both of Muenster, and Christine Hellingner, and Marcella Hellingner both of Gainesville; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter Rose Ann Knabe, one granddaughter Gina Capps; four sisters Marie Herron, Hilda Reiter, Anna Knabe, Leona Richardson, and five brothers Joe Knabe, Bob Knabe, William Knabe, Ben Knabe, and Lawrence Knabe.

Preceding the day of funeral, a Rosary Service was held Friday at 4:00 p.m. in McCoy Chapel in Muenster and Vigil at 7:00 p.m.

Participating in the Mass of Christian Burial were Father Thomas Craig, celebrant; altar servers Paul Fleitman, Jr. and Jeremy Yosten.

Linda Knabe gave the First Reading from the Old Testament and Marlin Knabe gave the Second Reading from the New Testament. Debbie Hess read the Offertory Prayers.

Eucharistic Ministers were Ethel Hennigan, Frances Bayer, Dorothy Hartman,

Leoba Mollenkopf, and Carolyn Bayer.

Music Ministers were Ruth Felderhoff, Christy Hesse, Pam and David Fette. Sacred songs included "Amazing Grace," "Psalm Of The Good Shepherd," "You Are The Christ," "Wherever You Go," "How Great Thou Art," "Edelweiss Blessing," and "On Eagles Wings."

Father Tom delivered the homily, and Toby Kennedy gave "Remarks of Remembrance."

Kennedy, a grandson, traced the early years of his grandfather, and then reminisced: "Some of my fondest memories with Grandpa were spent going to watch the Rangers at the old Arlington Stadium. We'd sit in the outfield bleachers, and I'd eat hot dogs and drink soda pops while Grandpa explained the entire game to me."

"Grandpa always had time to play with his children... Baseball and horseshoes were favorites... Grandpa was a very loving person, full of good hugs, but could be stern when he needed to be... all of his kids remember that... especially when they were caught swimming where they'd been forbidden to go... Grandpa loved to challenge visitors with his ring games... a good trick for him, but trouble for the inexperienced."

"Grandpa was an honest, hard-working man, wearing well the titles of son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, but most importantly, a friend and neighbor... His life was impressive to those who knew him... He's not really gone, because the best garden he ever planted will continue to grow and live in all of us."

When Toby Kennedy left the pulpit, having completed his Remarks of Remembrance, he paused to kiss his grandfather's casket, and then he kissed his grandmother.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Douglas Knabe, Troy Kennedy, Shane Kennedy, Dan Knabe, Donnie Knabe, and James Kennedy.

Sister Agnes Endres 1911 - 1999



Sister M. Agnes Endres SSMN

Sister M. Agnes Endres, SSMN, daughter of the late M.J. and Katie Endres of Muenster, and a member of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, based locally at Our Lady of Victory Convent in Fort Worth, died on Dec. 11, 1999 at Our Lady of Victory Center at age 88.

Sister Agnes (the former Ursula Endres) was born on Oct. 8, 1911, and raised in Muenster, and attended Sacred Heart Schools and Our Lady of Victory School. During summer vacations she frequently helped in her father's dry goods and general store. She entered the convent at Our Lady of Victory in Fort Worth on Aug. 15, 1929, and went to Jambes, Belgium in 1930 for novitiate training. Her First Profession was Feb. 2, 1932 in Belgium and her Perpetual Profession was Aug. 15, 1937 at Our Lady of Victory.

Sister Agnes taught at schools in Dallas, Beaumont, Our Lady of Victory Academy in Fort Worth, the Academy of Mary Immaculate and the Notre Dame Elementary School in Wichita Falls, Texas and in Hollister, California. Also she served as principal at St. James School in Dallas and at St. Anne School in Beaumont and as Community Supervisor of Elementary Schools from 1952 until 1958.

The highest compliment was paid to her quality of teaching when she was working in the primary grades at OLV. A Texas Department of

Wichita Falls Christmas Arts & Crafts Festival to be held Dec. 18-19 in Multi-Purpose Center

The Wichita Falls Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Dec. 18 and 19 in the Multi-Purpose Events Center. Exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art and hand-crafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Swirczynski, and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is gratefully remembered by hundreds of former students and devoted friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, and two brothers, Lt. Meinrad Endres, Jr. during W.W.II and another brother Leonard Endres.

Memorials may be sent to Our Lady of Victory Center, 909 West Shaw St., Fort Worth, Texas 76110.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Chapel, where a Vigil had been held on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. Burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery was directed by Thompson's Harveson & Cole of Fort Worth.

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Whitford weds Martin at VFW

Laura Uza (Hair) Whitford of Saint Jo and Douglas John Martin of Myra were married Dec. 4, 1999 at the VFW Hall in Gainesville officiated by Bill Freeman.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Hair of Saint Jo and the granddaughter of the late John Oliver Tucker and Fannie Laura Tucker of Saint Jo and the late William Lowell Hair of Saint Jo and the late Edna Huddleston of Saint Jo.

The groom is the son of Nellie Martin and the late Lawrence Martin of Muenster. He is the grandson of the late Henry and Anna Pels of Muenster and the late Frank and Rosa Martin of Lindsay.

The maid of honor was a friend of the bride, Kathy

Peacock of Ryan, Oklahoma. The bridesmaid was a niece of the groom Yvonne Martin of Muenster.

The best man was a friend of the groom Jerry Browder of Rosston and the groomsmen was the son of the bride, Joshua Whitford of Ryan, Oklahoma.

The bride was given in marriage by her son Ronnie Ray Whitford, Jr. of Ryan, Oklahoma.

Wedding music included the "Wedding March" and "Wedding Song" (There is Love).

Reception assistants were sister of the groom Estelle Gilpen of Lindsay, sister-in-law of the groom Nita Martin of Muenster, daughter-in-law of the bride Patti Whitford and

future daughter-in-law of the bride Christie Hamm both of Ryan, Oklahoma, niece of the bride Jessica Hair, and daughter-in-law of the groom Gayle Abbot of Myra.

Doug Martin (groom) and the Rustlers played for the VFW dance following the wedding. The Rustlers played the first song "Wonderful Tonight," sung by Dave Muller for the bride and groom's first dance.

The bridal bouquet was caught by Christie Hamm and the garter was caught by Bradley Hair. At the close of the ceremony, the couple voiced their gratitude to everyone assisting with and attending their wedding.

The couple will reside in Myra.



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Martin ...nee Laura Whitford

Daniel Lutkenhaus turns 6

Daniel Duane Lutkenhaus, son of Duane and Dayna Lutkenhaus turned six years old on Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day. He celebrated his birthday with his mother bringing cookies and drinks to school on Nov. 22 and everyone singing Happy Birthday.

The second party was held Nov. 26 at Burger King with the theme Pokemon. All the kids enjoyed Happy Meals and cake. Presents were opened and all had a great time playing on the equipment.

Those attending were: grandmothers, Rose Stoffels, and Angie Lutkenhaus; Aunt Janel Harding and son Ryan; Aunt Missy Hinkle and sons Hayden, Jayce, Jeremy and daughter Cassey; Amanda and Bennigan Wimmer; Matt Lutkenhaus, Luke Crabtree; Chance and Cassidy Cameron; and Jayce Wann.



Daniel Duane Lutkenhaus

New Arrivals

Laliberte

Shannon and Tonya Laliberte announce with joy the birth of their first child, a son, Tristan Anthony born on Dec. 1, 1999 at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, Kansas. Tristan weighed 10 lb. 6 1/2 oz. and was 21 inches in length. Grandparents are Gary and Beth Laliberte of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Pat and Shirley Knabe of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Lewis and Mildred Harding, Norma Laliberte, Dick and Celine Dittfurth and Juanita Knabe.

Stoffels

Craig and Connie Stoffels of Sanger would like to announce the birth of their third child, a boy, Andrew Craig Stoffels, at 8:14 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 1999, at Denton Community Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. and measured 19 1/2 inches in length.

Andrew Craig joins two sisters, Emily Ann age 8 and Sadie Katherine age 4 1/2.

Grandparents are Robert Klement, Laujuana and Tony Knabe, Herman Stoffels and the late Alma Stoffels. Great-grandparents are Tony and Sis Klement and Betty Morrow.

Stein

Ericka Stein of Denison announces the birth of a son, Trent Joseph Stein in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 3, 1999 at 4:15 p.m. weighing 8 lb. 7 1/2 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length.

Belt

Shawn Belt and Christie Schutes of Saint Jo are parents of a son, Matthew Lane Belt, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 7, 1999 at 3:17, weighing 4 lb. 12 1/2 oz.

Hamilton

Christopher and Jacqueline Hamilton of Cordova, Tennessee are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle Alyse on Dec. 3, 1999 at 1:58 p.m. at Germantown Methodist Hospital in Germantown, Tennessee.

Gabrielle was welcomed by her big sister Anna Rose age 5 1/2 and twin brothers Alexander and Nathaniel, age 2 1/2.

Her grandparents are Edward and Aileen Sandmann of Lindsay, Texas, Mary Ann and the late Ernie Hamilton of Cordova, Tennessee, Al and Wanda Hethorst of New Johnsonville, Tennessee; and great-grandmother Elizabeth Hooper of Waverly, Tennessee.

Tiger Cubs enjoy Christmas party

The Tiger Cubs met for their December meeting at the home of their coach Jan Nielsen for a Christmas cookie party. Paw Prints earned were #2 Family Entertainment through party

games and #7 Helping Others by donating items for the Littlest Angel Program. Popcorn orders were distributed so look for your order soon!

Social Concerns establishes three local Love Funds

The Muenster Social Concerns Committee has established three Love Funds at Muenster State Bank and the First National Bank of Saint Jo, Muenster Branch for the following: Tony Otto Funeral Expenses; Josh Ashley Funeral Expenses; and

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In the Service

Cpl. Andrea L. Gieb, daughter of Louis and Molly Gieb of Lindsay, became a qualified flight mechanic on the KC-130 Hercules Aircraft on Sept. 30, 1999. She underwent 10 months of training, including the KC-130 Power Plant Mechanics course, Ground School Training course, and a Flight Phase.

During the Flight Phase portion of training, Cpl. Gieb flew to Iceland, Portugal, Spain and St. John's. She also spent one week in Key West, Florida to pass a check-ride, through which, in passing, she received her gold Aircrew Wings.

As of Nov. 14, Cpl. Gieb has been detached from MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina, and is currently stationed at MGR 352, Miramar, California.



Cpl. Andrea L. Gieb

Museum is Eagle project for Knabe

After many months of arduous labor, the former home of the late Ben and Aggie Seyler and future home of the Muenster Museum has been the benefit of the completion of an Eagle Scout Project planned and led by Eric Knabe of Troop 664, Muenster, Texas.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Eric chose to enhance the exterior appearance of the home by doing some minor repair work, removing the old and chipped paint, and applying a bright new exterior finish.

Once deciding what he wanted to do for his project, Eric had to make a plan and present it to the Muenster Historical Commission, Troop 664 Scout Committee, Scoutmaster, City Council, and the District Scouting Committee Advancement Chairman for approval before he could begin actual work. Upon receiving all the necessary signatures and approvals, he was ready to put his plan into motion.

Work on Eric's Eagle Scout Project actually began late in February when he and five other Boy Scouts began clearing the grounds immediately surrounding the house and garage of dead bushes, vines, and other miscellaneous debris.

Once this was completed he was then ready to begin accumulating the necessary materials and supplies needed to complete the project. Eric approached many of the businesses within the county for donations of primer, paint, brushes, sandpaper, scaffolds, ladders, hammers, rollers and hoes, rakes, shovels, trash bags and any other item imaginable to be used to complete this project. Once the supplies were

gathered Eric then contacted friends, family, friends of family, coworkers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and classmates to help with the actual work.

With the help of his crew of volunteers the task of scraping the old peeling paint from the house began. This was an extremely arduous task until the donation of the use of a high pressure sprayer by Muenster Building Center helped ease the scraping and saved many a knuckle. After some of the minor repairs were made to the wood siding, complete renovation of the front porch and a little sanding of the extremely rough edges the house was ready for the primer coat.

By this time in the project the weather was becoming a factor. Eric and his crew began continued working through the March winds, June rains, and the dog days of summer in July and August. In September and October those who continued juggled school, sports, and jobs and yet they continued and persevered.

Once the primer coat was completed, the shiny white exterior paint was applied with the last coat being applied the first week of November. Eric was able to complete his project.

Without the help of the many who gave of their time and talents this project could never have been completed. The many businesses who donated materials included Sherwin Williams, Joe Walter Lumber Co., McCoy's Building Supply, Walmart, Muenster Building Center, Community Lumber Co., Ace Hardware, and those who may have been missed in this list inadvertently. To the organizations such as the Jaycees, Knights of Columbus,

Kiwanis who have given of their time and also monetarily. And the many individuals who so graciously donated funds. You have all in some way touched this project and should share in the pride of the finished product.

Through Scouting, Eric received many of the skills needed to complete this project by earning merit badges which

in one way or another related to some area of the project. He has earned Communications, Home Repairs, Painting, as well as holding leadership positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, and recently Order of the Arrow Team Representative.

submitted by Shirley Knabe

Dawson Anderle turns 1

Dawson Henry Anderle celebrated his first birthday on Nov. 27 with a party at the home of his maternal grandparents, Linda and Donnie Sandmann. His actual birthday is Nov. 30. After eating hamburgers and cake, gifts were opened. A "Big one" theme was used for the party decorations.

Guests included his parents: Megan Sandmann and Corey Anderle; grandparents Linda and Donnie Sandmann, and Innette and Johnny Anderle; great-grandparents Marcus and Catherine Fuhrmann; aunts, uncles and cousins Kevin, Darla, Tyler, and Trey Anderle; Denise and Craig Au; Kim and Scott Neel; John and Stephanie Anderle; and Stephanie Sandmann.

Other friends attending were Margaret Cler, Todd Reiter, Tony Bayer, Frank, Lorene and Debbie Sandmann, Amy and even Whaley, Jimmy, Barbara and Ryan Schon, Nick and Christine Sandmann, Leo Sandmann, Leslie Grewing and Courtney Reed, Courtney



Dawson Anderle

Haverkamp, Eric Walterscheid, and Meredith Bowman. Unable to attend but sending their wishes were Al Cler, Coy Fisher, Chad Cheaney, and great-grandpa Henry McCane.

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School News



Sacred Heart Spanish Club students test out baseball equipment that is headed for the Casa Hogar (children's shelter) in Ojinaga, Chihuahua. Baseballs, bats, gloves, and caps were donated and purchased for the project. The Casa Hogar shelters and educates some 20 children from ages seven to 16 who have been abandoned or orphaned in the Ojinaga area. Last year the SHS Spanish Club

donated basketball equipment including balls, backboard, and rim, which was the first store-bought recreational equipment that the shelter ever had. Getting into the game are pitcher Adam Klement, batter Jessica Koessler, hind catcher Jennifer Hess, umpire Jon Yosten, and at first base, Melanie Bartush.

Janie Hartman photo



The Muenster Hornet Band, under the direction of Pat Dietz, performed their annual Christmas concert last Wednesday, to a packed auditorium crowd. The band received a standing ovation after their final selection, "Little Drummer Boy".

Janie Hartman photo

Correction

Sponsors of the Red River Art Show announced that the name of Kimberly Sturm was inadvertently left off their list of red ribbon winners. Kimberly took second place in the Acrylic category of the Amateur Adult division.



MHS math and science students compete at Bridgeport

Six students from Muenster High School participated in a Texas Math and Science Coaches Association academic meet in Bridgeport on Saturday, Dec. 4. The students competed in Computer Science, Mathematics, Science, Calculator, and Number Sense contests.

The Computer Science team of Chris Jackson, Doug Knabe, Chris York, and Pamela Lutkenhaus outscored all other teams at the meet for the first place trophy. Individually, Chris Jackson was first in the sophomore group, Chris York was second, and Pamela Lutkenhaus was third, and Paul Fleitman was seventh. Douglas Knabe placed first in

the senior division. In Mathematics, Chris Jackson was fourth, and Pamela Lutkenhaus was eighth in the sophomore group. Doug Knabe placed eighth in the senior division.

In Science competition Chris Jackson placed second, Pamela Lutkenhaus was third, Paul Fleitman was fourth, and Chris McLaughlin was seventh in the sophomore division.

In Number Sense Chris Jackson placed third in the 10th grade division, and Doug Knabe was fourth in the 11th grade division.

Students competed in the small schools division which consisted of A, AA, and AAA schools.



Muenster students competing at Bridgeport were from left, front - Pamela Lutkenhaus, Chris McLaughlin, Doug Knabe; back - Paul Fleitman, Chris Jackson, and Chris York.

Janie Hartman photo

Citizen Bee finalists chosen

Sacred Heart High School held its annual Citizen Bee qualifying exam on Tuesday, Dec. 7. The exam covers topics in: U.S. History, Geography, Government, Economics, Current Events, and American Culture.

The Citizen Bee Competition is sponsored by the Close-Up Foundation, Southwest Airlines, and The Dallas Morning News. The top 3 students from each participating school in North

Texas will go to the regional competition in Dallas on March 4.

Finishing in 1st place, Sacred Heart was Sepanski, sophomore; 2nd place was Keith Felderhoff, junior, who qualified for state competition with a fourth place regional finish last year; Nick Taylor, junior, took 3rd place; and alternate was Kelly Fettsch, sophomore.

Local Citizen Bee coordinator is Joe Caserta.



Sacred Heart Citizen Bee finalists, from left, Kelly Fettsch, Sepanski, Nick Taylor, and Keith Felderhoff. Photo by Janie Hartman

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Special thanks to Father Tom Craig, Eucharistic Ministers; Carolyn Bayer, Frances Bayer, Dorothy Hartman, Ethel Hennigan, and Leoba Mollenkopf, Mass servers; Jeremy Yosten & Paul Fleitman, Jr. To the music group; Ruth Felderhoff, Christi Jesse and Pam and David Fette for the beautiful music. To Linda Knabe and Martin Knabe for scripture readings and Debbie Jless for the petitions. Thanks to Miriam Caplinger for all the preparations you do for funerals, weddings, and on a daily basis. Thank you L.B. Brans, for ushering, Toby Kennedy, we are truly grateful to you for the beautiful job of composing and giving the final remarks about your grandpa.

We will be forever grateful to everyone for the words of comfort, floral contributions, and masses and for the memorial contributions to the Muenster Library, Home Hospice and Sacred Heart School.

Thank you! Della Walterscheid, Carrie Ann Walterscheid, Carol Crewing, Regina Pels & Viola Rohmer for preparing the funeral meal and thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the use of the K.C. Hall.

We are also thankful to McCoy Funeral Home and The Renaissance Care Center for helping make our time of grief a little easier to bear.

Last but not least, thanks to the Nursing Staff of Muenster Memorial Hospital especially, Drs. Alvincula, Morrill and Currier for the tender loving care given to our father and husband the past two years. To MMJ Home Health, especially Darla Anderle and Rita Bayer.

We again thank each and everyone of you and hold the kindness and generosity you have shown to us at this time, forever in our hearts. We wish the Love, Peace and Goodness of the "Christ Child," be with each and everyone of you, especially during this "Season of Christmas."

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Sports

Sacred Heart and Lindsay win Red River Shoot-out

Last weekend, Muenster and Sacred Heart Schools hosted the annual Red River Shoot-out Classic Basketball Tournament.

Eight schools, 16 teams, competed including Muenster, Sacred Heart, Lindsay, Forestburg, Goldburg, Notre Dame, Prairie Valley and Turner, Oklahoma. The Sacred Heart Tigerettes and Lindsay Knights took the championship trophies. Sacred Heart took wins over Turner, Lindsay and Muenster, while the Knights defeated Goldburg, Turner, and Prairie Valley.

Second place winners were the Lady Hornets and the Prairie Valley Bulldogs. The Turner Falcons and Notre Dame Lady Knights settled for third place, while the Muenster Hornets and Goldburg Lady Bears took the consolation prize. Kayla Felderhoff of Sacred Heart and James Thomason of Lindsay were named MVPs of the tournament. Selected to the All-Tournament team were Jennifer Hess and Anne Nasche of Sacred Heart; Brad Minnix, Kelly Felderhoff, and Danny Felderhoff of Muenster; and Trent Endres, and Brad Minnix of Lindsay.

Lindsay 44 Goldburg 36
The Lindsay Knights squeaked out an opening tournament victory Thursday afternoon to start their journey to the championship bracket. Andy Secrest led Lindsay with 10 points, with Daniel Hellingner adding 10. Brad Minnix dropped in 9 points with Abbas Ravjani and Trent Endres each scoring 4. Jordan Root, James Thomason, and Mike Crutsinger each scored 2 points.

11	11	6	16	44
6	5	6	19	36

Notre Dame 49 Forestburg 21
The Lindsay Knights also advanced to the winners circle in round one. Nine Lindsay players put balls in the basket. Ann Fuhrmann was high scorer with 10 points. Hannah Trammell, Deanna Meurer and Aggie Luttmner each added 8. Courtney Hoelker, Amber Selby, and Karah O'Dell each scored 4, while Jo Sparkman and Amanda Tamplin had 3 apiece.

12	8	18	14	52
5	10	8	8	31

Notre Dame 67 Forestburg 57



Tiger Chris Smith goes over the defending Turner players for the shot. Dave Fette photo

Sacred Heart 68 Turner 70
It was an incredible game and a heartbreaking loss, said Coach Kelly Bayer on the Tigers first tournament game. "There is no excuse for losing his one, we just didn't get the job done." Four Tiger members put points on the boards, with all four hitting double digits. Marty Farrell led with 21 points, 7 rebounds and 3 blocks. Jon Yosten added 20 points, 13 rebounds, 4 steals, and 4 blocks. Luke

Endres scored 16, and Matthew Nasche 11.
SH 14 16 20 18 68
T 16 13 16 25 70

Muenster 58 Prairie Valley 61
The Hornets lost a close match Thursday night to advance into the Consolation bracket. Fouls hurt Muenster, with two starters fouling out and others getting close. Seven Muenster players contributed points to the game. Danny Felderhoff was the game's high scorer with 18 points. Justin Fleitman added 17. Darren Hennigan 9, Jim Stoffels 5, Randy Grewing 4, Brett Howell 3, and Mitch Endres 2.

M	17	11	18	12	58
PV	15	18	16	12	61

Sacred Heart 90 Turner 26
"We were on fire!" commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur on the Tigerettes' big victory over Turner Thursday night. Sacred Heart took an early lead, jumping into a 48-12 half-time lead. "The Sophomores had a great game," noted Coach Jon speaking of Audrey Barnhill and Andrea Bauer.

Kayla Felderhoff scored 25 points the first three quarters.

Lindsay's leading scorers were Crutsinger with 12 points, Secret with 11, and Thomason 10. Endres and Hellingner each added 6. Ravjani 5, Minnix 3, and Jon Bengfort 2.
L 15 16 13 11 55
T 12 6 19 10 47

Prairie Valley 54 Notre Dame 44
Prairie Valley bullied the Knights Friday night.

Lindsay 52 Sacred Heart 63
"This was a well-played game by both squads," noted Coach LeBrasseur. "Coach (Donald) Neu really had his troops ready to play."

"When the game got tight down the stretch, Kayla took over," the coach added. Felderhoff burned the boards for 32 points to lead the Tigerettes to victory. Sarah Hess added 12, Jen Hess 7, Bauer 6, and 3 each from Barnhill and Flusche.

Nine Lady Knights put points on the board. O'Dell scored 9. Hoelker 8, Sparkman 7, with 6 apiece from Trammell, Luttmner and Tamplin. Selby added 4 and Fuhrmann and Meurer 3 each.
SH 15 14 15 19 63



Brad Minnix gets out of a jam, passing the ball to James Thomason. The Knights won the boys championship in last weekend's Red River Shoot-out. Photo by Dave Fette

then let Bauer and Barnhill take the spotlight to score 19 of 22 points the final quarter. Bauer had 18 game points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Audrey Barnhill added 15 points, with Sarah Hess hitting 9. Raney Bauer 8, Jana Truebensch 7. Three apiece were scored by Andrea Bartush and Anne Flusche, with Jennifer Hess adding two.

SH	27	24	17	22	90
T	10	2	9	5	26

Muenster 61 Prairie Valley 46
Muenster's Lady Hornets finished round one of tournament action with a victory. After a close quarter, Muenster extended their lead by 8 points at half before burying the Lady Bulldogs the second half. Allison Endres was the game's high scorer with 19 points. Kelly Felderhoff dropped in 16, Christi Lutkenhaus 12, and 5 each from Heather Hess and Courtney Haverkamp. Krystal Sparkman and Ashley Hess each contributed 2 points.

SH	10	15	18	18	61
PV	9	8	8	21	46

Goldburg 59 Sacred Heart 46
The Tigers opened round two with a loss Friday afternoon. "We played a very good game against a good team. We should have won this game, but we just didn't rise to the occasion," noted Coach Bayer. He noted that poor rebounding and too many turnovers hurt the Tigers. Farrell was again Sacred Heart's high scorer with 16 points. Yosten added 14, Endres 8, Chris Fuhrmann, and Nasche each scored 3 and Chris Smith 2.

SH	15	9	15	7	46
GB	13	8	24	14	59

Muenster 76 Forestburg 25
The Muenster Hornets dropped in four three's the first quarter to assist in a 30-6 lead going into the second period. Danny Felderhoff pitched in 22 points in two quarters, while four 3-pointers added to Howell's 19 points. Stoffels put in 13 points, Fleitman 8, Endres 6, Hennigan 5, and Grewing 3. Ronnie Johnson led the Longhorns with 11 points.

M	30	11	12	23	76
F	6	3	5	11	25

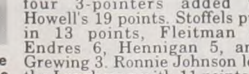
Goldburg 41 Turner 28
Goldburg girls defeated Turner to advance to the Consolation game.

Forestburg 30 Prairie Valley 36
Prairie Valley's Lady Bulldogs eliminated the Lady Horns.

Lindsay 55 Turner 47
The Knights won their second game Friday evening shooting down the Falcons.

Muenster 53 Goldburg 35
The Hornets took home the Consolation prize Saturday afternoon, winning behind the power shooting of Felderhoff. "We got a late start because of football, but the boys are beginning to play a lot better ball," noted Coach James Hopper. Felderhoff scored 23 points in 3 quarters. He is averaging 14.6 points per game. Fleitman added 14, Endres 11, Hennigan 3, and Stoffels 2.

Muenster 51 Notre Dame 46
The Lady Hornets got their 2nd win of the tournament at Notre Dame's expense. Felderhoff was the game's high scorer with 14 points. Ashley Hess and Haverkamp each added 9. Heather Hess put in 7, Lutkenhaus 5, Endres 3, Sparkman and Jessica Anderson 2 each.
M 11 14 15 11 51
ND 6 15 12 13 46



Kelly Felderhoff shoots in a three pointer in the final game of the Red River Shoot-Out. Dave Fette photo

Goldburg 32 Prairie Valley 21
The Goldburg girls won the Consolation trophy.

Turner 72 Notre Dame 48
The Falcons took 3rd place with a big win over Notre Dame.

Lindsay 42 Notre Dame 44
In a battle of the Lady Knights, the team from Wichita Falls took third place. After a first quarter lead, Lindsay kept a one-point lead at the half-time break. Cold shooting in the third allowed Notre Dame to take command. O'Dell led Lindsay with 15 points. Fuhrmann added 8 with Luttmner and Tamplin each contributing 6. Sparkman put up a 3, and Hoelker and Meurer scored 2 each.
L 10 9 5 18 42
ND 7 11 9 17 44

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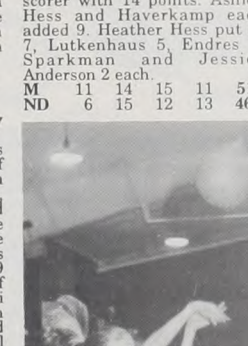
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Muenster Hornets Randy Grewing (12), Mitch Endres (33), and Justin Fleitman attempt to box in their opponent in Shoot-Out action. Photo by Dave Fette

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Lady Knights Hannah Trammell and Maggie Luttmner fight to steal the ball from JoAnna Gehrig of Sacred Heart. Also pictured in tournament action are Jo Sparkman (23), Karah O'dell (21), and Deanna Meurer (31). Photo by Dave Fette

Rahman put in 3, with 2 apiece scored by Nicholas Fuhrmann and Minnix.
L 8 10 21 16 55
PV 12 6 13 4 35

Sacred Heart 55 Muenster 43
The Sacred Heart Tigerettes kept their clean record for the season, 13-0, winning the tournament championship over the Lady Hornets of Muenster. "A typical Sacred Heart-Muenster game, as both teams played hard," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "The difference was from the free throw line." Sacred Heart was 19 of 24 and Muenster 9 of 25. Fourteen free throws the final quarter gave the Tigerettes the edge.

Felderhoff again led the scorers. This game she hit 16 points. Sarah Hess dropped in 10, Joanna Gehrig 8, and 6 each from Barnhill and Flusche. Jen Hess added 5 and Bauer 4 for the Tigerettes. Muenster's leading scorers were Felderhoff and Endres with 11 points each and Heather Hess with 10. Ashley Hess added 4, Sparkman 3, and 2 each from Lutkenhaus and Haverkamp.
SH 16 12 11 16 55
M 10 7 13 13 43



Sarah Hess (41) pulls down a rebound for the Tigerettes in the tournament championship game with Muenster. Sacred Heart won the match defeating the Lady Hornets 55-43. Also pictured are Jennifer Hess, Kristi Lutkenhaus, and Andrea Bauer. Dave Fette photo

Muenster and Lindsay split wins

Muenster traveled to Lindsay last week Tuesday with the Lady Hornets taking a 43-40 victory, and the Knights outscoring Muenster 46-52.

In boys action, Brad Minnix scored 14 points to lead the Knights on the scoreboard. Danny Felderhoff and Justin Fleitman were high scorers for Muenster with 15 and 10 points.

Other scorers for the Hornets were Darren Hennigan with 8, 4 apiece from Brett Howell and Jim Stoffels, 3 by Mitch Endres, and 2 from Kevin Johnson.

Lindsay point makers included Trent Endres with 9, Jon Bengfort and James Thomason 6 apiece, Cody Secret 5, and Jared Root 4, 3 each from Ali Rahman and Abbas Ravjani, and 2 by Daniel Hellingner.

M	10	6	17	13	46
L	22	10	7	13	52

The Lady Hornets squeaked out a victory. After taking a slow 9-4 first quarter lead, Lindsay came back to trail by 2 at half-time. When the final quarter began, the Lady Knight had taken the lead. Muenster's free throws, 8 of 9, the final quarter gave the Lady Hornets a 3 point edge to win.

Ashley Hess dropped in 10 points for Muenster. Kelly Felderhoff added 8, with Krystal Sparkman and Kristi Lutkenhaus each scoring 7, with Allison Endres getting 6, Brittany Haverkamp 3, and Diane Britain 2.

Jo Sparkman and Karah O'Dell were Lindsay's leading ladies with 10 and 9 points. Amber Selby added 6, Amanda Tamplin 5, Maggie Luttmner 4, and 2 each from Hannah Trammell, DeeAnn Fuhrmann, and Deanna Meurer.

M	9	9	10	15	43
L	4	12	14	10	40

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or shortly thereafter.

When there are a lot of does and not many bucks due to unbalanced hunting pressure, then the fighting is far less. It is difficult to rattle up a buck when there are a lot of does. Bucks are hesitant to come to fight for a doe when there is a doe in heat behind every bush!

Study reveals key safety tips as Texas hunters head afield

How accidents occur and, more importantly, how they can be prevented are among the findings in a Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) study of Texas hunting accidents in the last 30 years.

According to Steve Hall, education director at TPW, "The study confirms that we see the same things over and over, such as hunters swinging on game outside of their safe zones of fire or careless handling of firearms - hunting accidents that could easily be avoided. If hunters only followed a few simple safety tips, he added, there would be few accidents. The safety tips are commonly referred to as the "Ten Commandments of Hunter or Shooting Safety."

Hall, who has compiled accident reports submitted by game wardens for about 15 years, said that requiring hunter education training, wearing hunter or blaze orange and prohibiting shooting across public roads, have actually reduced hunting accidents significantly from decade to

decade. In other words, "hunting is safe - and getting safer," said Hall.

The analysis was from 2,495 hunting incident reports from 1966 through 1997. The reports originally came in various formats depending on the paperwork required by the state at the time they were filed. The researchers entered the reports into a new database using a consistent format that allowed statistical analysis.

Other findings showed that more incidents occurred after 5 p.m. and that wearing "blaze orange" clothing might have helped victims avoid incidents. More attention might also be given to these topics, the report recommended. Even though hunter orange is required on public lands, most hunting occurs on private lands that comprise over 95 percent of Texas hunting lands.

It also found a high number of incidents in the vicinity of vehicles and a high proportion of incidents among hunters' ages 12 to 17. Laws restricting hunters from carrying loaded

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The minimum age to qualify for hunter education certification is 12 years and costs \$10. Proof of certification is required to be on your person while hunting; it is not required to purchase a license.

JV Action

Lindsay 'A' 52 Nocona 21

Lindsay's 'A' junior varsity girls founded the Lady Indians Monday night. Katie Schneider scored 20 points to lead the young Lady Knights. Errin Trammell added 12. Carrie Crosby and 4 apiece from Jessica Metzler and Chelsea Brewer. Alex Hellinger scored 3, with Alex Shauf putting in 2.

L	18	11	18	5	5
N	6	4	5	6	5

Lindsay 'B' 6 Nocona 31

The younger Lady Knights had a hard time finding the basket Monday night. Stacey Yoston scored 4 and Sophia Rahman 2 points.

L	0	2	0	4
N	8	11	8	4

District 10AA All District players announced

Player of the Year: Brandon Autry, B. **Offensive MVP:** Nik Lewis, J. **Defensive MVP:** Randall Cooper, B. **Sophomore of the Year:** Chase Johnson, P. **Coach of the Year:** Danny Neighbors, P.

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SECONDARY - First Team: Michael Huff, B; Tommy Clutter, B; Jacoby Gentry, P; Adrian Anderle, L; Nate Bundy, J.

PUNTER - First Team: Cody Secrest, L.

HONORABLE MENTION - Lindsay: Trent Endres, Nicholas Fuhrmann, Daniel Hellinger, Tommy Arendt, Preston Henry, Brad Minnix, Ryan Tabbert, Travis Alfrey, Adam Anderle, Scott Metzler, Marcus Dennis, Skyler Shauf.

CODE: L, Lindsay; C, Callisburg; N, Nocona; P, Paradise; B, Boyd; J, Jacksboro.

Lady Knights knock out Nocona

Lindsay played host to Nocona Monday and sent the Lady Indians packing with a 52-38 victory. A strong second quarter pulled Lindsay into a 27 point half-time lead before slacking off and allowing Nocona into the game the final period.

Karah O'Dell and Deanna Meurer led the Lady Knights with 12 and 11 points. Courtney Hoelker added 8, Amber Selby 7, and Jo Sparkman and Amanda Tamplin 5 each. Dee Ann Fuhrmann and Hannah Trammell added 2 points apiece.

L	12	27	11	2	52
N	7	5	6	20	38

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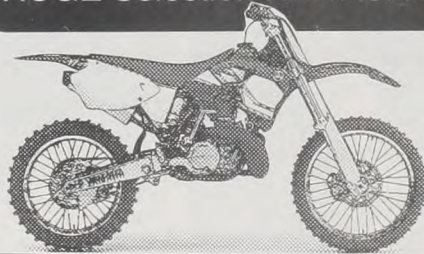


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"Wheat is a crop produced around the world. Unless there's a major weather disruption, wheat prices will remain on the defensive," noted George Shumaker, University of Georgia Extension economist. "Until prices move significantly higher, look for U.S. acres to slowly decline."

The average June '99 U.S. winter wheat price was \$2.32 per bushel, dropping to \$2.13 in July. The 5 year average price is \$3.47.

For wheat prices to return to average, wheat supply must decline about 400 million bushels. The current USDA projection for wheat ending stocks on May 31, 2000 is 1 billion bushels. Both five and ten year average ending stocks is 600 million bushels.

U.S. wheat plantings for harvest during 1999 totaled

62.9 million acres, the lowest since 1973 and down three million acres from that planted for harvest in 1998. Shumaker noted that the reduced acreage continues a four year trend from 1996 when planting totaled 75.1 million acres.

Despite lower production, total supplies for the 1999-2000 marketing year will rise marginally due to the huge beginning stocks of 945 million bushels. Total supplies are predicted to be 3.378 billion bushels - 5 million bushels more than in 1998 and nearly 13 percent above the supply in 1997.

Winter wheat makes up 71 percent of the total U.S. wheat production. Just like the last crop, weather will determine wheat production. The USDA projects the season-average price received by farmers to be \$2.70.

"The outlook for the 2000 crop year is not promising at this point in time, although July 2000 futures price quotes point to rash bids above the loan rate for most U.S. farmers," Shumaker concluded.

IRS collecting SE taxes on cash rental farmland

The IRS has begun collecting the 15.3 percent SE (employment/self-employment taxes) tax on unearned income from cash rental farmland.

Congress did not vote to impose this new tax and no other group of taxpayers has to pay this tax. Congressional action would be needed to clarify that IRS should not collect SE taxes on cash rental income from farmland.

The IRS looks at "arrangements" between family members to determine material participation. In the past, the IRS could only look at lease arrangements to determine material participation.

In a 1995 court case (Mizell), the IRS won the right to look at other farm business papers to determine material participation and was able to collect SE taxes from the Mizell family.

Since August, the IRS has won three more tax court cases against farmers (Bot, Hennen and McNamara). As a result, producers across the country farming in family groups and renting farmland to one

another must either reorganize, pay self-employment taxes, or face penalties if audited by the IRS.

H.R. 1044, introduced by Reps. Nussie (R-Iowa) and Tanner (D-Tenn.), and S. 99, introduced by Sens. Grassley (R-Iowa) and Conrad (D-N.H.), would make it clear that cash rental income from farmland should not be subject to the SE tax. Farm Bureau supports these bills. The legislation would only allow the IRS to look at lease agreement to determine material participation. This is the way the IRS administered the tax before it began taking farmers to court.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

Texas Weather

Below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures seems to be the weather forecast for our area this winter.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration believes a lingering La Nina climate cycle of cold tropical Pacific water will influence

winter weather patterns at least through March.

After an unusually warm October and November, cooler weather has hit the area.

Most of Texas should see rain by the first of next week. A spell of cool, dry weather should be seen from Dec. 22-28, with mostly sunny skies.

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Lightweight Steers steady to \$1 lower. Lightweight Heifers \$1 to \$3 lower. Feeder Steers and Heifers steady. Packer Cows and Bulls \$1 to \$2 higher. Pairs and Breed Cows Steady.

Sold at Friday's sale were 1,117 head of cattle compared to 1,702 the previous week. Tuesday, the market conducted the sale of 193 goats, 76 sheep and 110 hogs. The numbers for last week were 418, 41 and 153 respectively. Results of both sales follow:

Feeder Steers (per lb)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, .99-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, .78-.99;
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, .99-1.25; Nos. 2 & 3, .75-.99;
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .95-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.95;
500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .85-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.85;
600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .80-.89; Nos. 2 & 3, .65-.80; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .69-.83; Nos. 2 & 3, .60-.69.

Feeder Heifers (per lb)
200-300 lbs.: No. 1, .88-1.05; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.88;
300-400 lbs.: No. 1, .88-1.06; Nos. 2 & 3, .70-.88;
400-500 lbs.: No. 1, .80-.91; Nos. 2 & 3, .65-.80; 500-600 lbs.: No. 1, .75-.88; Nos. 2 & 3, .60-.75; 600-700 lbs.: No. 1, .73-.81; Nos. 2 & 3, .60-.73; 700-800 lbs.: No. 1, .70-.77; Nos. 2 & 3, .55-.70.

Slaughter Cattle (per lb)
Slaughter bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1.200-2.050 lbs., .43-.5150. Slaughter cows: utility 1-3, .23-.30; cutter, .30-.40.

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Barrows & Gilts: US #1
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Sows:
Feeder: 400 or less, 18-20; Light wt., 400-500, 21-23; Med. wt., 500-600, 23-25; Heavy wt., 600-up, 25-28.

Boars:
300 lb., up, .04-.07; 200-300 lbs., .10-.18; Light wt., NT.

Sheep (per lb)
Feeder lambs: 40-60 lbs., .81-.88; Light lambs: 60-90 lbs., .85-.90; Fat lambs: 90-120 lbs., .80-.82.

Ewes:
Stocker, 45-.55; Thin, 35-40; Fat, 40-45.

Bucks:
Thin: 28-33; Fat, 38-40.

Barbados (per head)
Lamb: \$30-\$35; Ewe: \$35-\$40; Bucks: \$35-\$75.

Goats (per head)
Kids: 20-35 lbs., \$20-\$35; 35-55 lbs., \$35-\$50; 55-75 lbs., \$50-\$70. Yearlings: 75-120 lbs., \$80-\$100.

Nannies (per head)
Stocker: \$60-\$80; Milk Type, \$80-\$100; Slaughter: Thin \$30-\$35; Fat, \$40-\$50.

Billies (per head)
120 lbs-up
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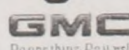
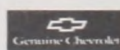
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