

MMH Board assesses optimistic audit report

By Janet Felderhoff

Financially, things are looking up for Muenster Memorial Hospital. This was evidenced by the results of the annual financial audit conducted for this past fiscal year by J.W. Anderson and Associates, P.C. Larry Anderson of that firm presented the report at the Dec. 21 regular meeting of the Hospital District's Board of Directors.

Before beginning his report, Anderson explained to the Board, "The financial statements are going to look quite a bit different from the ones you got last year. That's not because you changed accountants. That's because the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new pronouncement about three years ago that applies to your financial statements for this year. A number of changes came about as a result of the reporting standards you now have to adhere to."

Management's Discussion and Analysis is one notable addition. It provides some narrative from management's perspective on what is going on and accompanies the numbers in the financial statements.

The financial highlights listed in this section are as follows:

- The Hospital's net assets increased in the current fiscal year by \$70,291 or three percent, and decreased by \$781,505 or 38% in 2003.

- The Hospital reported an operating loss in both 2004 (\$69,081) and 2003 (\$1,335,652). The Hospital reduced its operating loss in 2004 by \$1,266,571 as compared to the loss reported in 2003.

- Non-operating revenues increased by \$78,441 or 21% in 2004 compared to 2003.

"We're giving what the accountants call standard clean opinion that these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the district as of June 30, 2004," stated Anderson on the 2003-04 fiscal year audit results.

"An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion."

In his review of the finances, Anderson noted that inpatient revenue for inpatient services is up about \$80,000 from last year. That included inpatient occupational therapy showing an increase from \$70,890 last year to \$229,565 this year. Outpatient services revenue was up about \$600,000 from last year. Overall gross patient revenues for this past year is up about \$800,000 from the previous fiscal year. Revenue from 2003-04 is \$4.3 million, up almost \$600,000. "The nice thing about that is if you look at deductions from revenue, that number has actually come down," Anderson reported. "The primary area there is our third party contractual allowances are down a little over \$350,000. Again, that's swing bed because we're

Officer injured in 2 vehicle accident



Muenster Police Officer Mitch Westervelt was involved in an accident on Ash Street Monday about 3:30 p.m. He was responding to a grass fire call. He was traveling with lights on and attempted to pass a vehicle driven by Brad Barrett. Barrett was turning and the patrol car hit his vehicle. He was not injured but the impact sent Westervelt's vehicle into a pole and then into the side of a carport at the Wayne Grewing residence.

Westervelt was transported to Muenster Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released later that evening. The accident is being investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Pictured treating officer Westervelt at the scene are Muenster Volunteer Firemen Stick Lamar, left, and Ronnie Felderhoff, right. Craig Bayer, far left, also stopped to assist. Janie Hartman photo

getting paid more than what our charges are. The increased volume in swing bed helped pull that number down."

Operating loss this past year showed \$70,000 compared to \$1.3 million last year, said Anderson. After non-operating revenues and expenses, there was an increase of \$383,000. Adding grants and contributions, there was a net increase in net assets of \$417,812 compared to last year's loss of \$781,505. "That's a little over a million dollar swing from last year to this year," Anderson said.

A graph presented by Anderson showed operating expenses broken into

categories. With St. Richard's deducted, the Hospital's expenses showed that salaries accounted for 47% and benefits for 10%. He said that 57% of the overall operating cost for employee salary and benefits is comparable to most hospitals they see have.

Board member Angelo Nasche inquired if MMH's 88% income coming from patients and only seven percent from taxes was typical. Anderson said no. "You're low," he noted. "The average that we see is 60 or 70% (from patients) and taxes running 20 to 25%. We've got several small hospitals that get over a million dollars in taxes."

Vandals hit local buildings

By Janet Felderhoff

Muenster's Post Office was the target of someone discharging paint guns this past weekend. The person or persons shot orange paintballs inside the facility splattering windows, walls, the ceiling, and some of the inside postal boxes. The vandalism was discovered at 6:30 a.m. Monday when postal employees reported for work.

Since the Post Office is a federal building, this could be charged as a federal

offense.

According to Muenster Police Chief Bob Stovall, the Bettie M. Luke Muenster Public Library was also the target of the paint gun vandals last weekend.

There have been several unsubstantiated reports of vehicles and other buildings being the target of the paint guns. The paint usually washes off vehicles easily, but in facilities such as the post office it caused a great deal of additional labor to clean.

2004 noted as wettest in decades

Has anyone noticed that the area's drought has broken? The past year was the wettest on record for Muenster since 1957 when the area received 51.80 inches of moisture. Coming in close was 1981 with 50.17 and 1990 with 50.52. Janette and Bob Hess, who keep Muenster's official moisture count, feel that December may have had slightly more moisture than recorded due to the snowfall and it being difficult to accurately measure.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
50	2.25	2.45	0.9	2.53	7.64	5.51	7.71	10.47	4.74	0.2	0.9	0.3	43.53
60	3.48	1.37	1.80	1.76	3.24	1.17	6.26	1.25	3.19	4.35	29	3.54	31.70
70	3.6	3.83	2.57	4.83	4.05	1.09	1.09	1.3	11.61	1.56	52	57	32.21
80	1.58	1.71	.56	1.72	2.19	1.61	.26	.12	8.94	5.42	1.30	1.73	27.14
1946 to 1955													
10-yr. avg.	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
1956 to 1965													
10-yr. avg.	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
1966 to 1975													
10-yr. avg.	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985													
10-yr. avg.	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995													
10-yr. avg.	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
1996	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	1.8	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	.18	36.25
1997	4.9	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	.52	1.47	0.97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.15
1998	4.15	1.89	5.44	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2.67	30.55
1999	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2.49	26.62
2000	1.75	0.70	2.93	2.80	1.00	4.66	2.69	0.00	2.07	7.92	7.12	3.50	37.14
2001	3.78	7.93	4.32	2.15	4.41	1.75	2.23	0.69	3.98	1.61	1.34	2.95	37.14
2002	1.11	3.63	6.43	4.94	2.50	4.42	5.10	0.89	2.06	8.44	1.54	4.07	45.13
2003	.05	3.24	1.07	1.33	4.05	3.07	0.15	1.97	5.31	0.08	2.29	1.11	23.72
2004	1.77	3.87	2.13	5.51	3.16	12.15	5.30	1.85	1.51	6.34	6.82	.71	51.12

Gary Hollowell ready to serve Cooke County

By Janet Felderhoff

County Commissioners are elected to serve by the residents of a certain precinct in the County. Although they represent the residents of that precinct, the way they vote and the things they do impact the County as a whole.

Gary Hollowell was elected as the new commissioner of Precinct #1. That was a contested race in March. He ran against the incumbent Phil Young. Since voters in the western part of the County had no vote in that race, details about the candidates were not an issue and the Enterprise didn't pose questions to them as it did in the other local political races. We'd now like to help you get to know the new commissioner.

Hollowell graduated from

Southeastern Oklahoma State in 1979 with a Bachelor's degree in Metals Technology and a Minor in Management. He also holds a Master Peace Officers' license. For the last six years he has worked full time in law enforcement with the City of Gainesville Police Department. Prior to that he volunteered 19 years as a reserve peace officer. He has first-hand knowledge of the jail and other law enforcement issues.

Other experience gained by Hollowell included 19 years as a manager for Texas Instruments (TI). He supervised technicians manufacturing items that ranged from semi-conductors to missiles. He was a liaison between TI and the Department of Defense. His team

successfully briefed Senator Moynihan's Commission with its efforts to cut defense spending in the '90s.

Hollowell lives on a small ranch in eastern Cooke County with his wife of 18 years, Cathy. Their daughter Amber is a student at Whitesboro High School. They had a daughter Julie who died in an accident in 1997 at age 15. The family made the decision to donate her organs. Hollowell is now active in promoting organ donation.

The new commissioner said he can relate to residents in the country because he lives on a dirt road. It is the belief of Hollowell that the Commissioners should serve the people and attempt to

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By Janet Felderhoff

Newly elected County Commissioners Al Smith and Gary Hollowell participated in their first Commissioners Court on Monday, Jan. 10. The retirement of Precinct #3 Commissioner Jerry Lewis left openings on boards and committees. Each new commissioner found himself appointed to fill one of these openings.

Smith was appointed to serve on Commissioners Court with County Judge Bill Freeman on the Jail Committee. The Jail Committee meets with the architect and the contractor to make day-to-day decisions about the Jail being constructed. Hollowell was appointed to replace Lewis on the Cooke, Grayson, and Fannin Juvenile Detention Board. This Board oversees the Juvenile Detention Center and Boot Camp in Grayson County.

Appointments were made for two-year terms to the Cooke County Historic Commission. Re-appointed were Ron Melugin, chairman, Ona B. Reed, Bill Stanley, Nona Stanley, Shawna Powell, John Powell, Mary McCain, Sandra Idom, Eunice Nelson, Robert McDaniel, Barbara Pybas, and Mary Catherine Smith. Appointed to replace Betty Buttolph, who died this past year, was Scott Robinson.

Bids were opened for construction of the Cooke County EMS Substation to be erected along CR 211 in Precinct #2. Two bids were submitted. J.R. Strong of J.S. Construction bid \$97,664. B.J. Company of Gainesville bid \$109,800. A question was brought up on whether bid specs included the County supplying some of the select fill. Strong was

present and said that they were aware that was a possibility and were willing to adjust the cost if they did supply it.

Strong said that he'd been in business in Cooke County for about four and a half years. They built the Callisburg ISD new multipurpose building, several metal structures in the Callisburg area, some barns, and house-type custom homes. He gave a reference.

The bid was tabled so that a Committee of Commissioners Bill Cox and Gary Hollowell could check out J.S. Construction's work references.

Architect Norris Fletcher reported that thus far 52 sets of plans and specs have been issued to potential bidders on the Cooke County Justice Center and EMS Facility. At least 10 general contractors are interested in submitting proposals.

Contractors are having difficulty determining how to bid the project with a base bid for the entire building and with an add alternate to add the shelf space. It's confusing to the contractors and for the architect firm to explain it. "I'm afraid that the complexity of it, and we just didn't realize at the time how complex it is, is going to adversely affect the bidding process and we certainly don't want to do that," explained Fletcher. He suggested putting the alternate back into the base bid.

"I think that combining the bid the way Norris has presented it here makes the most sense and makes the bid package more understandable, and I think that we will get substantially better bids because of it," opinioned

Smith. Commissioner Virgil Hess agreed. Commissioners Court voted for what Fletcher suggested.

At one time there was a field hospital in Cooke County. "It probably dated back to the early '60s or late '50s when we had the cold war going on and everybody was afraid of nuclear warfare," noted Judge Freeman. "This hospital (equipment) was stored at the County Farm in a building that has deteriorated beyond fixing it."

Most counties have just thrown theirs away. Judge Freeman said he hated to throw anything away that had some significance. The Federal government put it in the County, but doesn't want it back.

Ray Fletcher researched until he found a place that wanted it. Commissioners Court approved donating the obsolete field hospital equipment to Admiral Nimitz State Historic National Site Museum of the Pacific War.

The County has a large supply of used technology equipment and office furniture. Judge Freeman suggested that it all be set up and be sold in one lot. Potential bidders would be able to view it before the bids were submitted. Sheriff Mike Compton asked that any of the Sheriff's department's unused equipment be added to the lot. He asked that it be offered to any other County office that might need it first.

Rick Kerr of Maintenance said it could be ready for viewing in several days. It was agreed to have the lot assembled in two weeks and then put out for bids. The adopted motion was to advertise to sell to the

Muenster ISD holds called meeting

By Janie Hartman
A called meeting of the Muenster ISD Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, Jan. 5. A resolution expressing official intent to reimburse the cost of the District's intercom, paging, and communication system project from proceeds of tax exempt obligations was approved.
No action was taken on consideration of maintenance note, tabled until the Jan. 12 meeting when a representative from Dain Rauscher addressed the Board.
Also, no action was taken after the Board went into executive session to discuss the superintendent résumés, a contract for an interim superintendent, and future property needs of the District. A report on Wednesday's regular meeting will be in next week's *Muenster Enterprise*.

From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Well, after years of enforcing the law, a man makes friends of a lot and enemies of a few. One man in his 30s, who didn't like Two Gun, wanted to give him a beating. He finally prevailed on a certain young man to stop and engage "Two Gun" in conversation, and when the opportunity presented itself, grab the lawman's gun. "And then I'll come out and beat the tar out of him!"
Well, everything worked out fine and the young man grabbed the pistol and began to walk away. Ole Two Gun yanked out his second gun and said "Better drop it now!"
Needless to say, the young man let the pistol fall to the ground, and with a long face, he watched the storekeeper turn and go back.

Back in my early days, my pre-model T-Ford driving days when I was 10 or 11, my dad would occasionally drive to Saint Jo to engage hands to help with baling hay or harvest. I would ask to accompany him, and often would.
Driving about in Saint Jo was always interesting to me, as Dad would go from one person he knew to another to engage hands who were familiar with horse drawn equipment.
Now and then I would see a man dressed in western boots, and wearing a light, knee-length coat, open from top to bottom, and a big felt hat. When I asked Dad who the man was, he said, "He's an old lawman who tries to keep the peace in this town. I don't really know his name, but the folks here call him 'Two Gun Donnelly'."

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,
I read with great interest the entire story in the *Muenster Enterprise* about the Elementary Academic UIL meet held in December. Congratulations to the students of Muenster Elementary for winning 1st place.
As I turned the next page to "Sports" it struck me that there were no pictures of the academic winners, yet there were lots of pictures of students participating in sports. I know some of those kids put in an amazing number of extra study hours preparing for those academic events. Why not encourage academic competition with equal billing to sports. Thanks.
Dennis J. Hess
P.O. Box 591
Muenster, TX 76252

I myself was a part of the "Antioch" generation. I can say that this was definitely a moving experience. As teenagers we already feel and believe that we are invincible, but after those weekend retreats we really felt empowered. We wanted to change our community and we wanted that awesome experience to remain with us forever. I think Father Corapi will be another "Antioch" experience.

We parents do not wait for our children to get into junior high or high school to begin these activities. We enroll them early on in soccer, pee-wee football, and basketball leagues, we car pool them to gymnastic and cheerleading teams, they're involved in boy/girl scouts, 4-H, and I am sure there are some other activities that I am forgetting.

Now, let's compare the support we give our children in their academic and extra curricular activities to the support we provide for them in their spiritual growth and education. We spend one hour at Mass each Sunday, one hour of religious education classes on Wednesday evenings, (except for holidays and summer vacation), some may have the opportunity to attend Mass during the school week, as well as receive extra lessons on Catholicism intermingled throughout their academic lessons during the school year, and perhaps some of us have an occasional opportunity to include some spiritual time in the evening at the end of a hectic and busy day. Does this compare to the hours we spend driving our children to and from practice and attending competitions?

Again I come back to the idea that we could find something else to do on a Saturday, than to spend it listening to a priest share his knowledge and life testimony. But is that other activity really what we need to be doing?
We have just finished celebrating the birth of Christ. And we all know that he was sent here to die for us. The average person will have around 3,500 Saturdays in their lifetime. Will it kill us to give up just one?
Sincerely,
Angela Hennigan

To my fellow parishioners,
Why is Father Corapi coming to Muenster, Texas? Why is a world famous speaker, who speaks to hundreds of thousands of people each year, coming to a small rural community of 1500?
Why did our parish develop a pastoral council and why did we send in hundreds of dreams and wishes for our parish? Is it just a mere coincidence that when we were expressing our parish dreams someone was requesting a dream from Father Corapi?
There is a reason why our parish is looking for some changes and new beginnings, and there is a reason why Father Corapi chose this community to speak to.
Many of us, including myself, think that we can find a better way to spend an entire Saturday than sitting in church and listening to some priest talk. But I ask that we think about this a little differently.
Anyone who attended the town hall meeting, in which hundreds of dreams were posted on the wall of the Community Center, had to be impressed. It was astounding to see and read all of those dreams. A large majority of the dreams were concerned with unity in our parish. To some of us this is a long standing problem and to others of us it is not such an issue anymore. But which ever side of the issue you are on, I think Father Corapi will definitely bring us together as a parish.
Some dreams requested bringing back the renewal program. I myself was not a part of this experience, but I do remember my parents talking about it and the change it brought to our parish. I think after hearing Father Corapi we will feel renewed once again.

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Aytes summarized the Board's conclusion from the audit, "Our revenues went up around 17% this year above last year and we got paid for more of what our revenues amounted to. In the '03 fiscal year, the things we did not get paid for, which included third party insurance adjustments, bad debt, charity, indigent, all that grouped together amounted to almost 40% of our revenues. This year, it's still a hefty amount, but it was down to 27%. That is basically due to critical access. As he said, the we lost last year and where we turned out this year after all of our revenues, including taxes, were taken into consideration was 1.1 or \$1,100,000 swing from bad to good on the bottom line."
This audit report is public information and available to anyone who would like to review it. Copies are available, as always, in the Hospital Administration office.
Dr. Karla Cox elected new Chief of Staff
Her colleagues elected Dr. Karla Cox chief of staff during the December Medical Staff meeting. She assumed that position Jan. 1. Dr. Edd Advincula has served as chief of staff for the past several years. The vote was unanimous. Dr. Bonnie Carter was elected secretary. The MMH Board unanimously accepted this action and all others taken at the December Medical Staff meeting.
During the statistical report Lynn Heller, CFO noted, "You can see various visits by everybody was

January is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month, and Muenster ISD and Lindsay ISD are joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge their commitment to our communities and schools.
Texans benefit every day from the dedicated and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas.
These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education. They represent a

continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education. Even though special appreciation during January is being shown to school board members, they should be recognized for their contributions year-round.
Those serving Muenster are: Jim Endres, president; Neil Huchton, vice president; Wanda Flusche, secretary; Nick Walterscheid, Ronnie Felderhoff, Leon Klement, and Bert Walterscheid.
Lindsay's School Board members are: Bruce Bezner, president; Wayne Fleitman, vice president; Damian Krah, secretary; Jill Fuhrmann, Jody Henry, Danny Nortman, and Lloyd Reiter.

Advice for the day: If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two aspirin" and "Keep away from children". --Author Unknown

A Casual Come & Go will be held at the Ed Cler Home on January 22, 2005 from 5 - 9 pm To Celebrate Ed Cler's 90th Birthday
Finger foods and drinks will be served.

DAYS GONE BY by Elfreda Fette

65 YEARS AGO January 12, 1940
Coldest weather in seven years hits Muenster, at five degrees above zero, accompanied by four inch blanket of snow. Cooke County is reported as coldest spot in Texas (Amarillo had comparative warmth of 19 degrees. Clothing that was ignited from contact with an open fireplace causes fatal burns to Mrs. Vera Piott, age 30, formerly of Myra. Betty Hartman begins work as waitress at Louie's Cafe. The Matt Stelzer family returns to Illinois after visiting in Muenster.

Johnny Otto is back in Muenster after spending the past four months in Pilot Point. The Ervin Hamrics of Illinois are visiting here. New Arrivals: James Frank to Bernard and Agatha Wolf; Clarence John to Clarence and Ernie Hellman. The Henry Weskes of Colorado return home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pels.

25 YEARS AGO January 11, 1980
Planning starts for Germanfest with Dick Ferber as general chairman. Steve Mosier is honored at retirement party after 34 years as a City employee. Teresa Luke is honored on 95th birthday. New Arrival: Nathan Alan to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hess. A surprise party honors Walter and Eleonore Klement on 39th wedding anniversary. German Fun Run participants are alerted by sponsors Dan Hamric and Harold Flusche that the time is fast approaching to "get in shape!!!"

50 YEARS AGO January 14, 1955
Muenster's second snow of the winter, nearly nine inches, does wonders for soil benefits. Men In Service: Sgt. Bill Eberhart

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

Sunday, January 16, 2005 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Muenster KC ceremony for new members 11:30 am KC Hall	Monday, January 17, 2005 VFW Aux. mtg. 7:30 pm Lindsay ISD Board mtg. & public hearing on annual report SHS NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Tuesday, January 18, 2005 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Home Hospice Grief Seminar 6-8 pm @ Home Hospice MMH Board mtg. 7 pm Diabetes Support Group mtg. 7 pm NTMC Classrooms	Wednesday, January 19, 2005 Cooke Co. Beef Cattle Improvement Assoc. mtg. Cooke Co. Fairgrounds 7 pm	Thursday, January 20, 2005 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Friday, January 21, 2005 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Saturday, January 22, 2005
Sunday, January 23, 2005 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm KC Free Throw 1 pm Muenster ISD New Gym	Monday, January 24, 2005	Tuesday, January 25, 2005 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Grief Support Seminar 6-8 pm, Home Hospice	Wednesday, December 29, 2004 Private Applicator License Training Cooke Co. Courthouse Basement 8 am	Thursday, January 27, 2005 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Christian Women's Club luncheon 11:30 am Roadhouse Lindsay	Friday, January 28, 2005 Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Saturday, January 29, 2005

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Obituaries

George Schmidtkofer

1923 - 2005

Funeral services for George A. Schmidtkofer, 81, were held Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville at 10 a.m. with Fr. Jim Sheridan officiating the Mass of Christian Burial.

Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery of Lindsay, directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Schmidtkofer died at his residence Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005.

A native of Cooke County, he was born Oct. 6, 1923 in Lindsay, son of the late J.C. and Catherine Angerer Schmidtkofer, the first of seven children. He married Louise Mages in Muenster on Jan. 16, 1947. He has been a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church since 1956, and a member of the Gainesville Knights of Columbus.

George has owned and operated the Schmidtkofer Pecan Farm since 1958 and was a member of the Texas Pecan Growers Association.

Survivors are his wife of 58 years, Louise Schmidtkofer; and

daughters and sons-in-law Theresa "Tre" and Sam Morris of Corpus Christi, Dorothy "Dot" and Larry Hogue of Arlington, Polly and Earl Brinkley of Gainesville, and Donna and Rickey Hess of Lindsay. Also 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Sibling survivors include brothers and sisters-in-law Joe and Viola Schmidtkofer of Lindsay, Leroy and Rosina Schmidtkofer of Gainesville; brother Herbert Schmidtkofer of Gainesville; sister and brother-in-law Marie and Joe Fuhrmann of Lindsay; and sister Rosalie Reiter of Gainesville.

Preceding Mr. Schmidtkofer in death were an infant son, Robert; sons Kenneth and James Schmidtkofer; daughter Patricia Schmidtkofer; his parents; and a brother Frank.

Pallbearers were Aaron Larson, Micah Hogue, Ryan Brinkley, Jacob Brinkley,



George Schmidtkofer

and Cody Hess, grandsons, and Doug Schmitz, nephew. Honorary pallbearers were Warren Bartsch, Richard Schumacher, Jack Merrick, Miklos Nagy, David Mazingo, and Doug Brewer.

A rosary service and a wake service were held at the Funeral Home Chapel on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, 76241, or to St. Mary's School.

Sacred Heart Parish readies for Corapi

Preparations by parishioners of Sacred Heart Church for a One Day Lenten Conference by world-renowned speaker Father John Corapi, SOLT, are well underway. Organizers are working hard to ensure that more than a thousand people will gather at the parish on Saturday, March 5, to hear Father Corapi preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Emphasizing that God's name is Mercy, Father Corapi has preached in every state in the continental United States, all of the provinces of Canada except Newfoundland, and several other countries. His widely acclaimed series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church is broadcast in over 100 countries, and is widely used throughout the world as a course in religious education and catechesis. Presented at Sacred Heart Parish over the past 18 months as a Sunday morning adult formation class, the series has been very enthusiastically received.

A perpetually professed priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, the three personal pillars of Father Corapi's preaching are a love for our Blessed Virgin Mary and a relationship with our spiritual Mother that leads us to Jesus Christ; great love and reverence for Jesus in the most holy Eucharist; and an uncompromising love and obedience for the Holy Father and the teaching of the Magisterium of the Church.

Sacred Heart parishioner and initiator of "Project Corapi," Nicole Hennigan, is very excited about the message that Fr. Corapi brings: "It is so amazing to realize the tremendous love God has for each one of us and His boundless mercy. He wants each of us to experience, both of which are demonstrated so overwhelmingly in Father Corapi's own life, where he went from a multi-millionaire living in the fast lane of Las Vegas and Hollywood and chumming with movie stars, to cocaine and the loss of all his money

and even living homeless, to later being ordained at age 44 by our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and dedicating his life to preaching the Gospel.

"My hope in his coming to our parish is that the fervor of our ancestors for their faith might be rekindled in our community. The more we know something, the more we are able to love it. I thought Fr. Corapi's down-to-earth way of presenting Jesus' teachings is just what we need. His experiences enable him to relate to the hectic world in which we live. He can help us learn from what he has learned. Also, he received a very extensive theological education, so he can well answer any and all questions we might have about living out our faith in today's world."

"Every person from our community that goes to this conference has the potential to drastically change our community for the better. If you are looking to improve yourself or your family in any way, give this a try. I know you will not be sorry you did."

Registration/check-in for the conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. under the pavilion. Father Corapi will be presenting four talks throughout the day and will also give the homily at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. There will be breaks between each session, with the lunch break extending from noon to 2:00 p.m. If not able to attend all four talks, conference goers are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible. Additional information about the conference can be found at www.nortexinfo.net/SacredHeart by clicking on "Father Corapi Lenten Conference".

The committee working on the conference is receiving numerous calls, e-mails, and letters requesting tickets. "Seats are filling fast. If you want to assure your place on March 5, don't wait to register," advises Nicole. "Fr. Corapi has turned away other communities in order to come to Muenster. People from every area of Texas are

registered, along with people from Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. People want to see this man and are traveling far to do so."

Conference committee member John Bezner comments, "It doesn't matter what gender you are, what family you come from, what job you may have, or what school or church you attend — every person can benefit from such a dynamic and gifted speaker."

"This would be a great thing to attend as a couple, especially during Lent," adds fellow committee member Clarissa Hess. "Couples hire babysitters to go out on a date night, what better way to spend your Saturday together as a couple strengthening your faith, your marriage, and your family?"

Jenny White commented, "Many people are saying, 'I don't think we will make it this time,' but please be aware that THERE WILL BE NO NEXT TIME! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity!"

Checks can be made out to "Project Corapi" and mailed with the registration form below to Project Corapi, P.O. Box 461, Muenster, TX 76252. Prices are \$15 per person or \$35 per family (adults and high school age students) before Feb. 1. After Feb. 1, ticket prices are \$20 or \$45 per family. Scholarships are available for anyone who needs one.

"Please be aware that actual tickets are not given. You are registered when your form is mailed. The day of the conference, pre-registered people will only have to present their name at the sign-in table. The worker will then pull their card, and give them a bracelet for the day, showing they are paid," explains Nicole.

Father Corapi will also be the featured speaker at the ABBA Women's Center's annual banquet on Friday evening, March 4. Seating for this event is limited. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained by contacting ABBA at 940-668-6391.

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highest bidder, with the option to accept or reject any and all bids.

In other business Commissioners:

- Approved purchase of a 2003 Dodge passenger vehicle with low mileage for Tony Ward, Constable Precinct #4 at a cost of \$14,000.

- Appointed Kaye Spencer to the Cooke County Child Welfare Board, Place 12.

- Approved a resolution in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Commissioner Hollowell agreed to attend the celebration and read the resolution since Judge Freeman is unable to attend.

- Approved Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes for Oct. 14, 2004.

- Agreed to resubmit for bids on diesel fuel and gasoline since no bids were received.

- Approved purchase of 2005 Dodge pickup for Precinct #1 at cost of less than \$25,000.

- Took no action as a result of Executive Session.

- Heard Wayne Dodson during Public Comments ask what the requirement would be for 2005 to be placed on the agenda of Commissioners Court and

what would have to be done for a citizen to be allowed to speak on an agenda item. This was explained to him by Judge Freeman and is the same as before, except that the deadline is Wednesday at noon to allow the new commissioners time to look over their meeting packets. The complete list is on the County's website.

- Heard Ruth Ann Dodson during Public Comments. She said she has a personal laundry list of items that she'd like to be available to assist with making happen. The list included bringing the County into compliance with GASB and GAPS; get a fixed asset list for the County; and to determine which County precinct the tax dollars have been collected in for the allocation of the Road and Bridge Fund; and separation of the audit and the budget.

- Heard Bob Henderson of Callisburg speak on the annual road reports filed by each Commissioner in June 2004 listing the improvements necessary to get his precinct's roads in good condition. This included the estimated cost of doing so.

He said Precincts 1, 3, and 4 submitted detailed reports stating which roads and bridges were to be improved in the coming year, but Precinct #2 failed to do so. Henderson said, "We plan to monitor each commissioner's progress and report this progress to the various news media so the taxpayers can get aware of how their tax dollars are being spent or better yet, if the tax dollars are being spent or accumulated in their cash reserves," said Henderson. He distributed copies of the reports to news media afterwards.

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meet their needs. He realizes that the County Budget drives the cost of County residents' taxes and that the Commissioners Court approves that budget.

According to Hollowell, his goal is to solicit the peoples' input and ideas, understand their needs, manage well, and ultimately improve the roads, and services without a tax increase. He feels that low taxes and a solid infrastructure should attract growth.

Commissioner Hollowell remarked, "I've enjoyed this first week. I've enjoyed the people and I'm enjoying serving. The first week has been an experience and its been a fast and pleasant pace. I've met a lot of folks. We met in their homes in the afternoons to address issues and I look forward to continuing it for the next four years."

Hollowell indicated that the peoples' main concern at present appears to be roads. "So, I've got to give those my utmost attention for a

while, especially with the wet conditions that we've had. We've had to delay over the last week getting started, but I know that the people are looking forward to results. We started this morning (Monday, Jan. 10) aggressively grading, even though the guys have been instructed to take the time necessary to do it right at this point and not try to rush through it. With the upcoming rains, there still may be some that are unattended in this three or four-day window of opportunity we have before the next moisture comes in.

We do plan to get to everyone. We are going to focus on the most traveled roads first, is our plan, and then get on to the lesser-traveled roads. Hopefully we will get them all done before the next rain. If we don't, we will get to everyone. With the moisture, if we work too soon we just pull mud out of the ditches and place it onto the roadways."

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Fuhrmann, Sedge marry in St. Peter's Church

The marriage of Joan Marie Fuhrmann of Münster and Raymond Douglas Sedge of Lindsay was held in St. Peter's Catholic church in Lindsay on Dec. 18, 2004 at 3 p.m. The time of 3 p.m. was chosen for its significance as "The Hour of Mercy". Also present on the altar, courtesy of Margie Krah, was a relic of Saint Faustina, to whom Jesus revealed the Devotion of Divine Mercy. Celebrant of the Nuptial Mass and double ring vows was Fr. Ron Scheible.

Daughter of Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann of Lindsay, the bride is a graduate of Texas Woman's University with a B.S. in Nursing. She is a registered nurse at MMH Family Health Clinic.

The groom is the son of Lewis and Zelma Sedge of Topeka, Kansas. He graduated from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas with a B.S. in Human Resource Management, and from the University of North Texas with a M.S. in Education. He teaches business education at Lindsay High School.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride wore an elegant designer gown of silk featuring fitted bodice with long tapered sleeves. The square neckline dipped lower in the back. Crystals and pearls highlighted the

embroidered alencon lace, adorning the sleeves and bodice. It's floor length fitted skirt had a detachable train that was embellished by beaded lace motifs. A tulle finger-tip length veil was accented with pearls and three tiers of ribbon. The bridal bouquet consisted of red roses and baby's breath with stems wrapped and pinned with white satin ribbon.

ATTENDANTS
Matron of honor was Laura Neusch of Lindsay, bride's sister. She was attired in a two-piece fitted claret floor-length gown accented with silver embroidery and sequins. Junior bridesmaid was Mary Elizabeth Baker, niece of the bride. Flower girl was Patricia Neusch, niece of the bride. They wore white floor-length dresses accented with pearls, with matching white and claret floral head wreaths.

Serving as best man was the groom's son, Brent D. Sedge, who is currently stationed at Fort Bragg, having recently completed Airborne at Fort Benning, Georgia. Ring bearer was Devin Sicking, nephew of the bride.

Ushers were Ted Fuhrmann of Lindsay and Alex Fuhrmann of Missouri City, Texas, both brothers of the bride, and Joe Ortowski of Callisburg and Eric Hoening of Denton, both friends of the groom.

Altar servers were Abe Fuhrmann of Lindsay, Isaac Davis of Münster, and John Baker of Denton, all nephews of the bride.

Music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, organist, and singers Christy Hesse and Don Rohmer, Isaac Davis, pianist, Dustin Felderhoff, trumpet, and vocalists Rafael and Kelli Briones, accompanied by Rafael on the guitar.

The prelude included: "If Today You Hear His Voice", "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", "The Wedding Song", "Come Worship the Lord", and "The Rose". "Ave Maria" for seating of the parents; "Canon in D" by Pachelbel for bridesmaids' entrance; "Trumpet Voluntary in D Major" for bride's entrance; "The Wedding" for Offertory; "Ubi Caritas" and "Canticle of the Bride" at Communion; "Magnificat" at Mary's altar; and "Gloria in Excelsis Deo/Ode to Joy Medley/Handel's Messiah" at the recessional.

The First Reading was given by Martha Sicking, bride's sister. The Second Reading was given by Barbara Rohmer, bride's sister. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Alex Fuhrmann, brother of the bride. Offertory gifts were presented by Elizabeth Baker, sister of the bride, and Danny and Karen Hoening, friends of the groom. Eucharistic



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sedge
...nee Joan Fuhrmann...

ministrars were Diane Hermes, Elizabeth Baker, Leon and Sandy Fuhrmann, and Ted Fuhrmann. The wedding vows were exchanged as the bride and groom held a blessed crucifix, one they will have in their home. The altar was decorated with red and

silver poinsettia arrangements, designed and created by Judy Helphrey of Odessa, Missouri, groom's aunt.

RECEPTION
A reception, dinner, and dance was held at Centennial Hall in Lindsay.

Stefanie Sedge, daughter of the groom, and Barbara Rohmer, sister of the bride, presided at the guest book.

Master of ceremonies was Steve Ranch, life-long friend of the groom, who presented an entertaining and fun-filled program. The dance began with a Grand March led by Barbara and Larry Schmitz of Irving. Music was provided by Miss Trixi and the Longriders.

Guest tables were decorated with red ribbon streamers and red candle hurricane lamps surrounded by miniature Christmas floral wreaths.

The bride's cake, three tiers of soft ivory, was trimmed with red roses, berries, and holly. It was topped with a gold cross and flowing gold ribbon. The groom's German chocolate cake was decorated with fresh strawberries dipped in white chocolate.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom, was held at the Wooden Spoon on Friday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

Special out-of-state guests included George and Sharon Hartmann, Mariana White, Joseph and Roxana Hartmann, Lyle and Renee Miller, Steve Rank, Bill and Cindy Lindsay, Rick and Julie Crews, Tom and Cathy Lewis, Dan and Anna Tisdale, and the Bruce and Vianney Fuhrmann family.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple is at home in Münster.

Lindsay VFD to hold Truck Dance

Mark your calendars! The Lindsay Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their annual fundraising Truck Dance on Saturday, Feb. 12. A 2005 Ford F150 will be given away, along with many other prizes.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with

the first drawing for prizes at 6:30. There will be drinks and D.J. music until 11 p.m.

To purchase your tickets, contact Adam Arendt 727-8336, Jeff Arendt 736-0235, or Nick Schroeder 665-0439. A donation of \$100 per couple will be accepted.

When I die, I want to die like my grandfather—who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car.
—Author Unknown

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."
—Ronald Reagan

Public hearing set for Lindsay ISD report

Lindsay ISD will conduct a public hearing on Jan. 17 during the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting. This public hearing will be to discuss the Lindsay ISD Annual Report which includes information about the academic performance of the District, criminal incidents, campus

objectives, and other information.

The hearing will be held shortly after the start of the Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Lindsay High School Library. Members of the public are invited to attend and copies of the Lindsay ISD Annual Report will be available at the meeting.

Join the Knights of Columbus - Jan. 16th

The Münster Knights of Columbus Council 1459 is having a First Degree Ceremony for any Catholic male interested in joining the Council. The ceremony will be held at the Münster Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of Third and Oak Streets in Münster on Sunday, Jan. 16 after 10:30 Mass. Lunch will be served. Prospective members need to be at least 18 years of age and Catholic. The Münster Council was established in 1910 and is the longest standing non-profit charitable organization in Münster. There are close to 200 current members in Council 1459.

The Münster Knights of Columbus supports many families a place for meals after funerals, and gives scholarships and contributions to many individuals and organizations in the local area. Some of Council 1459's sponsored events are the Germanfest Fun Run, the 4-Wheeler Raffle/Christmas Party, and

the Good Neighbor Award Presentation.

The Knights of Columbus is an international organization founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. There are nearly 12,000 councils throughout the world. The Knights of Columbus were founded to aid one another in times of sickness or death by means of a simple insurance plan, so their wives and children would not face poverty. It was also founded to help members strengthen themselves in their Faith and family life, to be strong supporters of priests and bishops, and to

be of service to their Church and community. If you are interested in joining, you can show up on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 11:30. Registration costs \$25. If you have any questions please feel free to call any of the local Knights, or if you don't know any, feel free to call Grand Knight - Darrell Herr at 940-995-2756, or Deputy Grand Knight - John Bezner at 940-759-2466.

MEETING NOTICE

Diabetes Support Group
Angie Groves, MS, RD, LD will present "Exercising Down Your Blood Sugar" on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. The program is part of the monthly Diabetes Support Group meeting. It will be held in North Texas Medical Center classrooms. Free

podometers donated by Wal-Mart will be distributed (while supply lasts).

Individuals with diabetes and family members are encouraged to attend this free program. For more information, call 940-612-8377.

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Dela Cruz, Hesse exchange vows in Maryland



Mr. and Mrs. David Hesse
...nee Myris Dela Cruz...

The wedding of Myris Pescante Dela Cruz of Arnold, Maryland and David Lee Hesse of Arnold was held in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Annapolis, Maryland officiated by Fr. Dennis Sweeney. The Nuptial Mass and double ring vows were recited Oct. 30, 2004 at 11 a.m.

The bride is the daughter of Victor and Lunington Dela Cruz of Madison, Wisconsin, and the granddaughter of Vidal and Angela Pescante and Sixto and Elena Dela Cruz. She is a 1996 graduate of La Consolacion College and is employed by the U.S. Navy as a personnelman.

The groom is the son of Bernard and Agnes Hesse of Muenster. He is the grandson of the late James and Angelina Eckart and the late Joe and Christina Hesse. A 1998 graduate of

Sacred Heart School, he is employed as an operation specialist by the U.S. Navy.

ATTENDANTS

Matron of honor was Laarni Hinze of Auburndale, Florida, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Shafia Powell of Madison, friend of the bride, and Gizelle Macapugay of Madison, niece of the bride. Serving as flower girls were Kristal Herrin, friend of the bride and groom, and Gail Macapugay, niece of the bride.

Best man was Neil Hesse of Muenster, brother of the groom. Groomsman were Ken Hesse of Muenster, brother of the groom, and Dan Hinze of Auburndale, brother-in-law of the bride. Ring bearer was Sam Hesse, nephew of the groom.

Others assisting in the special liturgy were Janet Vogel, groom's sister, with the First Reading and the

Prayers of the Faithful, and Beth Macapugay, bride's cousin, with the Second Reading. Offertory gifts were presented by Bernard and Agnes Hesse, groom's parents. Kaitlin Hesse, groom's niece, distributed wedding programs to guests. Eucharistic minister was Anne Hesse, groom's sister-in-law. Music was presented by Harry Thompson, organist, and Kathleen Strackbein, vocalist. The altar was adorned with white flower arrangements.

RECEPTION

A reception and dance was held for 55 guests at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel. The formal luncheon included grilled salmon or chicken piccata. There was a photo frame for guests to sign. A local deejay played music

for the dance.

Decorations were very elegant, with tables and chairs covered in white linen. Tables held floral centerpieces with votive candles and hurricane globes. The three-layered wedding cake included two almond layers and one chocolate mousse layer. The icing was butter cream.

Rehearsal dinner took place at Pusser's Restaurant in the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel. There was a variety of food from a selected menu.

Visitors from the Muenster area attending the wedding included Bernard and Agnes Hesse, Janet Vogel; Neil and Anne Hesse, Matthew, Kaitlin, and Sam; Ken Hesse; Jim and Jane Myrick; JoDee and Joe Odell; and Angie and Jeff Temple and Cindy.

Leah Hermes graduates Summa Cum Laude

Leah Marie Hermes, daughter of John and Diane Hermes of Lindsay, was a December graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington. Leah graduated Summa Cum Laude receiving a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

While at UTA, Leah was a member of the student branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers, serving as president her senior year. She was also a member of Chi Epsilon (CE Honor Society), serving as vice president. Leah was also a member of Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honor Society).

The commencement ceremony was held in Texas Hall on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. Attending the ceremony were Leah's parents, her sister Kimberly of Lewisville, brother Nathan, and sister Rose of Lindsay. Leah is the



Leah Hermes

granddaughter of Erwin and Clara Fuhrmann of Lindsay and the late Joe and Catherine Hermes.

Leah resides in Arlington and is employed by Half Associates in Fort Worth.

Christian Women's Club lists meetings

The Christian Women's Club will hold their January luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Roadhouse Restaurant in Lindsay. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Sydney Reynolds, a home builder, interior designer, and antique collector, will be sharing her expertise. Pam Horn will entertain with her singing. Guest speaker will be Donna Rauch of Flower Mound. She is a homemaker, wife, and mother of six, who home schools her children and loves to write.

Several Friendship Bible

Coffees will begin in January. There will be a meeting in the home of Frank and Shirley O'Dell at 10 a.m. Monday, to begin "Christ in Genesis. The God of Creation". There will be a study Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the home of Linda and Tommy Ford. Juanita Bright is leading the "Great Adventure" on Mondays at 1 p.m.

To be part of the Christian Women's Club, call Shirley at 665-6399. There are no dues or other requirements.

Seylers hold reunion

Fifty descendants and relatives of Frank and Katie Neises Seyler had a gathering at the Roadhouse in Lindsay on Dec. 28. At noon all enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a wonderful program.

A family member representing each of Frank and Katie's children gave a brief remembrance of an event, a biographical sketch, or experience depicting the Seylers and culture of the time and place in which they lived. Two television monitors ran many old pictures and identifications of Seyler and Neises families. Also, family photographs were displayed.

Guests were given a Seyler Neises Reunion program, a list of guests' names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail of attendees, and a souvenir of a 1927 picture of Frank and Katie Seyler and eight children taken in the front yard of their Muenster home (now the home of Pickett Fence Bed & Breakfast) and an origami box filled with candies. Boxes were folded by Sister Mary John Seyler, O.S.B.

Ron Hope, son of the late Elwyn and Rachel Seyler Hope, and his wife Joan, and their son Steve Hope, and cousins, Becky Edwards, daughter of the late John and Marie Seyler Mosman, and Becky's husband, Marc, and Jerry

Mosman, also son of John and Marie Seyler Mosman, and Jerry's wife Cheryl were the team organizing the event.

Ron Hope served as host and master of ceremonies, along with Jerry Mosman who introduced each family representative giving his or her presentation.

Alice Sandmann Hennigan of Muenster brought a tape recording of her husband Pat's remembrances of his grandfather Frank Seyler. Pat was ill and could not attend.

Along with family stories, Paul Adams (great-grandchild of Frank and Katie) of Lubbock and his sister, Sissy Adams of Midland, gave Seyler genealogy they have researched.

Robert Gieb of Fort Worth, also a genealogist, presented his researched information on his grandparents, Jake and Katie Seyler Gieb.

A special guest was Father Jim Sheridan, O.S.A. of Gainesville, who also shares Seyler lineage.

Afterwards, some of the family visited the Ben and

Aggie Fette Seyler Muenster Museum.

Later Marc and Becky Mosman Edwards and her siblings hosted visiting and supper in her family home in Muenster.

Tree pruning thoughts

"Proper pruning is vital to the health of trees and plants, in part because it helps relieve stress on trees and keeps them growing," said Jim Skiera, executive director of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). "Just be aware that each tree is different, and pruning at the wrong time or the wrong way can injure a tree or make it susceptible to disease."

COLLEGE NEWS

Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Honor rolls at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford have been announced for the 2004 fall semester.

An undergraduate student earning all As in 12 or more hours during a semester qualifies for the President's Honor Roll. There were 421 students named to the President's Honor Roll during the fall semester.

There were 669 students on the Dean's Honor Roll after completing 12 semester hours of undergraduate work with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher with no grade lower than a "C".

Named to the fall semester lists were:

President's Honor Roll
Anna Louise Bayer of

Lindsay; Christopher Earl Grewing, Jennifer Lee Tune of Muenster.

Dean's Honor Roll
Kelly Michelle Grewing, Muenster.

University of Oklahoma
Christopher Fuhrmann has been notified by the University of Oklahoma that he is on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall of 2004. His GPA for the semester was 3.750. Chris is a sophomore at Norman, Oklahoma, majoring in Civil Engineering.

Oklahoma State University
Clint Fuhrmann, a sophomore Business Finance major, has been notified that he made the President's Honor Roll. Clint's GPA was 4.00 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma for the Fall 2004 semester.



First place winners in the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary wreath raffle Mr. and Mrs. Keith Towery of Nocona. Courtesy photo



Winners of wreaths made and donated by Aileen Knabe for the Muenster Hospital Auxiliary Wreath Raffle were, Above - Mary Ella Smith of Bowie; and Below - Alene Garrett of Bowie. Courtesy photos



Spring welding courses offered at NCTC

"The learning environment for these courses," said Djuna Forrester, director of Lifelong Learning at NCTC, "is largely skills-based, allowing students to master proficiencies necessary for the workplace or personal projects such as fence and equipment repair."

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To enroll in a welding class or obtain more information, contact the Division of Lifelong Learning at 940-668-4272 (Gainesville) or 940-498-6270 (Corinth).

Ombudsman speaks to Family Council at GCC

The "Family Council" at Gainesville Convalescent Center (GCC) welcomed Philip Endicott as guest speaker on Dec. 9 for their monthly meeting. Mr. Endicott is the Regional Staff Ombudsman of the Area Agency on Aging of Texoma from Sherman. He presented "What An Ombudsman Is and Residents' Rights" in a long-term care facility. The presentation was very informative to new members of the Council. Mr. Endicott was invited to stay after the meeting to join the residents and families for their Christmas party.

The Family Council of GCC is very involved and supportive, working with the staff to help make their family member and all the residents' lives more comfortable and happy. Family members are encouraged to join this Council to keep lines of communication very open, keep up with new solutions, and become acquainted with other family members.

Staff members only attend this meeting at invitation of the Family Council, and the home provides a light meal for the attendees. The GCC Family Council regularly meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the nice DDAP classroom at the end of B Hall in the facility.

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Third Six Weeks

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7th Grade - Shaina Felderhoff, Lia Heers, Eric Hellman, Levi Trubenbach, Christopher Valliere.

9th Grade - Cletus Fuhrmann, Craig Grewing, Cassandra Hale, Laura Heers, Dillena Hundt, Alison Miller, Kim Patel, Hillary Swirczynski, Alison Teafaller.

11th Grade - Abby Endres, Jesse Hess.

12th Grade - Keisha Davis, Shannon Grewing, Adam Vinson.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

7th Grade - Jodi Abner, Amanda Dangelmayr, Tobiah Dyess, Erin Endres, Jackie Klement, Jacob Klement, Andrew Koelsler, Katherine McAden, Ryan Neal, Corey Sicking, Delana Sicking, Leah Smith, Natalie Valliere, Steven Valliere.

8th Grade - Noel Barnhill, Brandon Bindel, Paul Crabtree, Brandy Dangelmayr, Samantha Endres, Jared Flusche, Jordanne Hellman, Tanner Herr, Shelby Hess, Stacie Knabe, Matthew McAden, Corey Reynolds, John Rohmer, Jeffrey Schniederjan, Victoria Wright.

9th Grade - Caitlyn Barrett, John Crabtree, Jessica Fisher, Nicholas Flusche, Adam Fredrick, Rebecca Grewing, Richard Grewing, Heather Harrison, Garrett Hennigan, Colton Steelman, William Vogel, Lee Walterscheid, Lindsey Watson.

10th Grade - Melissa Cox, Brad Endres, Megan Felderhoff, Micah Flusche, Amber Fuhrmann, Cole Harrison, Evan Koelsler, Josh Patrick, Zach Swirczynski, Britney Wann, Krystal Wolf.

11th Grade - Danielle Bindel, Derek Endres, Katherine Endres, Kelly Endres, Travis Felderhoff, Brianna Fleitman, Ryan Fuhrmann, Ryan Hennigan, Stephanie Hoening, Tiffanie Klement, Jacé Koelzer, Leah Vinson, Keith Walterscheid, Dustin Wolf.

12th Grade - Chase Cains, Brittani Eanes, James Fanning, Derek Felderhoff, Joanna Felderhoff, Lana Fisher, John Fredrick, Sean Fuhrmann, Kallie Gerstberger, Carrie Grewing, Courtney Henry, Kristen Hess, Stevie Klement, Jamie Milam, Clint Miller, Ruthie Muller, Mindy Walterscheid, Whitney Watson, Justin Wolf.

Third Six Weeks

"A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Melanie Miller) Roman Beyer, Jordan Buddy, Natalie Fangman, Emily Fette, Dalton Hess, Cassandra Horsman, Zane Kemp, Abby Luttmer, Alison Morris, Katie Pagel, McKenna Proffer, Lane Serna, Dalton Williams. (Kim Fleming) Devon Hacker, Trace Klement, Alaina Reiter, Claire Schneider, Kelsie Sicking, Allie Walterscheid, Kimber Walterscheid, Reagan Weger.

2nd Grade (Kim Budish) Colton Call, Kassie Dangelmayr, Tara Gunnels, Blake Haubold, Kyla Haverkamp, Brandon Hennigan, Chance Herr, Makayla Moster, Zachary Trubenbach. (Lisa Pagel) Morgan Flusche, Mikaela

Lamar, Laurine McAden, Rielly Neal, Collin Pagel, Zachary Pollard, Kristen Reiter, Noel Rodriguez, Lora Walterscheid.

3rd Grade (Amy Anderle) Kendi Bayer, Mason Binder, Jared Endres, Kylie Hess, Garrett Miller, Makayla Pumphrey, Cole Walterscheid, Joyana Zamzow. (Dianne Endres) Sydney Huchton, Shelby Klement, Jaisal Patel, Clint Sidwell, Mariah Wimmer.

4th Grade (Cheryl Presnall) John Horsman, Christina Rohmer, Payton Sanders, Travis Sicking, Brooke Walterscheid. (Deb Klement) Rosalee Bayer, Tommy Harrison, Hunter Klement, Lauren Rohmer, Amber Walterscheid.

5th Grade (Jim VanVleet) Andi Felderhoff, Kameron Heady, Paige Hennigan, Allison Pagel, Landon Presnall. (Debra Sicking) Luke Crabtree, Lana Heers, Andrea Hess, Joseph Monday, Stefani Tucker. (Leigh Hale) Taylor Endres, Emily Hellman, Cole McAden.

6th Grade (Jennifer Walterscheid) Briana Bindel, Michelle Henschel, Hayley Hess, Shane Presnall, Taylor Reiter. (Dalana Chism) Lindsay Kelley, Alexis Trubenbach, Garrett Walterscheid.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade (Melanie Miller) Zachary Hendricks, Justen Nasura. (Kim Fleming) Dalton Bartel, Zachary Klement, Trevor Lancaster, Colton Morris, Nicole Rains.

2nd Grade (Kim Budish) Emily Brogdon, Jonathan Cooley, Karson Heady, Kalee Hennigan, Jeremy Hess, Tressa Jones, Delaney Wright. (Lisa Pagel) Trey Anderle, Trevor Cheaney, Parker Edmonds, Rachel Hare, Mikinzie Hess, Colton Noble.

3rd Grade (Amy

Anderle) ShyAnn Bartel, Mary Bayer, Ethan Hale, Ashley Hammer, Clayton Hess, Erin Hess, David Hutson, Cristian Medlock, Shelbi Sicking. (Dianne Endres) Hannah Bayer, Dylan Clure, Destin Fleitman, Jace Fredrick, Eland Green, Darrell Hermes, Abigail Pagel, Adrien Rohmer, Alyssa Schingoi.

4th Grade (Cheryl Presnall) Madison Dugger, Austin Hennigan, Trevor Muller, Brittany Pagel, Miranda Pagel, Tony Schniederjan, Emily Vance. (Deb Klement) Brianna Bayer, Sean Chism, Tori Dyess, Steven Flusche, Paige Herr, Trevor Hess, Jack Hogan, Austin Schroeder, Michelle Sicking, Abby Walterscheid.

5th Grade (Jim VanVleet) Kalya Dangelmayr, Mark Jones, Dalton Koelzer, Joseph McAden, Jamie Salisbury, Dain Schmidkofer, River Stewart, Kendra Walterscheid, Jace Wann. (Debra Sicking) Jimmy Abner, Kayla Acuna, Kendall Dees, Blake Grewing, Chase Hammer, Olivia Haverkamp, Demi Koelzer, Hunter Noble, Rishi Patel, Chloe Schneider. (Leigh Hale) Tyler Anderle, Robert Bayer, Shelby Dangelmayr, Daniel Fleitman, David Fleitman, Nicole Pagel, Kendall Reiter, Shane Sicking, Blake Voth.

6th Grade (Jennifer Walterscheid) Llogan Cheaney, Devon Kubis, Danielle Lewis, Jason Luke, Jacy Steelman, Lacey Trubenbach, Hannah Weger. (Dalana Chism) Catherine Aston, Dillon Bayer, Brianna Klement, Taylor Klement, Spencer Nielsen, Kelsey Pagel, Diana Velasquez, Phillip Vogel.



Muenster sixth grade UIL members were, from left, back - Spencer Nielsen, Garrett Walterscheid, Kelsey Pagel, Cathy Aston, CJ Harrison, Taylor Klement, Alley Trubenbach. Middle - Brianna Klement, Taylor Reiter, Dillon Bayer, Jacy Steelman, Logan Cheaney, Josh Voth. Front - Hannah Weger, Briana Bindel, Lindsay Kelley, Shane Presnall, Jason Luke, Devon Kubis, Hayley Hess, Michelle Henschel. Not pictured; Lacey Trubenbach. Courtesy photo



Muenster fifth grade UIL members were, from left, back - Kendra Walterscheid, Kameron Heady, Nicole Pagel, Luke Crabtree, Cole McAden, Blake Grewing, Tyler Anderle, Rishi Patel. Middle - Jamie Salisbury, Kalya Dangelmayr, Demi Koelzer, Paige Hennigan, Andi Felderhoff, Allison Pagel, Lana Heers, Emily Hellman, Blake Voth. Front - Stefani Tucker, River Stewart, Landon Presnall, Jimmy Abner, Shelby Dangelmayr, Andi Hess, Chloe Schneider, Olivia Haverkamp, Taylor Endres. Courtesy photo



Muenster second, third and fourth grade UIL members were, from left, back - Emily Vance, Sean Chism, Hunter Klement, Michelle Sicking, Brooke Walterscheid, Abby Walterscheid, Miranda Pagel, Lauren Rohmer, Payton Sanders, Christina Rohmer, Rosalee Bayer. Middle - Shelby Sicking, Jay Patel, Mason Binder, Joyana Zamzow, Abby Pagel, Adrian Rohmer, Erin Hess, Garrett Miller, Hannah Bayer, Sydney Huchton, Shelby Klement. Front - Madison Dugger, Kylie Hess, Mikaela Lamar, Rachel Hare, Aly Schingoi, Kalee Hennigan, Kristen Reiter, Zach Pollard, Laurine McAden, Tara Gunnels. Courtesy photo

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Lindsay UIL participants from grades 4, 5 and 6.

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Grades 1, 2, and 3 participants in UIL.

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Correction

Sacred Heart School inadvertently omitted the name of Shannon Hartman on the "Principals" honor roll this second quarter.

Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JAN. 17 - 21 MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - Chicken patty sandwich, macaroni and cheese, beans, peaches, strawberry jello cake.

Tues. - Lasagna, lettuce salad w/dressing, green beans, pears, hot rolls.

Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, crackers, apples, animal cookies.

Thurs. - Popcorn chicken, creamed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pineapple, hot rolls.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions. French fries, applesauce, ice cream.

SACRED HEART

Mon. - No School.

Tues. - Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, applesauce.

Wed. - Chicken enchiladas, red beans, rice, green salad.

Thurs. - Ham, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, strawberries/bananas, bread.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/trimmings, cheese, French fries, ice cream.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Pizza, corn, lettuce salad, fresh fruit.

Tues. - Chili dog w/cheese, baked beans, pineapple, banana pudding.

Wed. - Beef tips w/rice, green beans, mixed fruit, batterbread.

Thurs. - Baked potato, diced ham and cheese, lettuce salad, peaches.

Fri. - Barbecue on a bun, oven fries, pickle wedges, carrot and celery sticks, ice cream.

ERA ISD

Mon. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, sliced pears, wacky cake.

Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce or steak fingers, broccoli and carrots, sliced peaches, tossed salad, breadstick.

Wed. - Pepperoni and cheese pizza, corn, tossed salad, strawberry applesauce, sugar cookie.

Thurs. - Salisbury steak, or fish sticks, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, fruit mix, hot roll.

Fri. - Hamburger, sliced cheese, trimmings, potato wedges, ice cream.

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11th Grade: Stephanie Metzler, Michelle Rauschuber, Malcom Martin, Liz Klement, Mallory Block, Allison Hundt, Lynzee Loch, Bradley Arend.

10th Grade: Amanda Hess, Laura Zimmerer, Chandni Patel, Autumn Murrill, Rachel Zimmerer, Karissa Reiter, Jenny Schroeder, Brittany Anderle, Joe Otto, Jordan Alexander, Kaileigh Hess, Amy Nortman, Levi Hermes, Julie Hanson, Sanaa Anwar.

9th Grade: Jennifer Rauschuber, Christina Eckart, Brigitte Seeds, Lauren Creed, Elizabeth Dieter, Ashley Caillier, Kimberly Schumacher, Chelsea Hermes, Sarah Stoffels, Madisen Burrows, Mary Bayer, Hilary Hoelker, Krystal Arend, Keith Hermes, Rhea-Claire Galubenski, Taylor Horn, Jaden Perry, Joey Block.

8th Grade: Nick Bezner, Rose Hermes, Ashley Hess, Derek Hundt, Beverly Knabe, Kelly Laux, Amber Nortman, Pooja Patel, Natalie Rose.

7th Grade: Abby Anderle, John Block, Alex Cooney, Dillon Hanson, Colton Hermes, Shirley Hess, Haley Hughes.

6th Grade: Jessica Block, Emily Conaway, Carol Ann Dickerson, Kelsey Hermes, Allison Metzler, Katie Nortman, Madison Parkhill.

5th Grade: Taylor Atkins, Andrew Cooney, Caitlin Huston, Lucinda Krah, Matt Reed.

4th Grade: Darryl Block, Travis Block, Cassidy Gum, Dylan Hughes, Chisam Reiter, Brianne Sandmann, Megan Schumacher, Emily Tamplin, Claire Williams.

3rd Grade: Hannah Erwin, Madison Green, Kendi Harris, Dalton Metzler, Nicole Popp, Caleb Rains, Anna Rose Rohmer, Sabrina Stoffels, Elizabeth Zwinggi.

2nd Grade: Matthew Block, Nicholas Dieter, Sarah Dieter, Neal Fleitman, DeLancey Fogle, James Fuller, Ryan Hoepfner, Kailei Klement, Jessica Laster, Jessica Martin, Camdon Maydew, Greyson Mendeke, Mason Morrow, Bailey Murrill, Mackenzie Myrick, Courtney Neu, Emily Otto, Keleigh Pearson, Jenna Spivey.

1st Grade: Travis Almon, Matthew Burrus, Douglas Case, Collin Clark, Jacob Cler, Hailey, Cooper, Caitlin Corcoran, Hannah Davis, Payton Dill, Erin Early, Kaleigh Eason, Hunter Ellender, Leah Fuhrmann, Zachary Green, Katherine Haverkamp, Garrett Martin, Gustavo Medina, Jessica Metzler, Tylor Morris, Mariah Noggler, Colton Rains, Jacob Reynolds, Sammy Saucer, Catlynn Schumacher, Chance Shauf, Molly Spivey, Jacob Sprouse, Roger Thomas, BreAnna Voglesong.

"A-B" Honor Roll

3rd 6 wks

12th Grade: Kristen Alexander, Allison Conaway, Lauren Connelt, Ryan Dickerson, Joni Erwin, Jacob Fuhrmann, Jacob Geray, Laura Hellman, Stephanie Hermes, Heidi Hess, Dana Huchton, Garrett Jones, Danny Kendall, Josey Kyle, Brooke Massengale, Trinity Otto, Kaylee Privett, Travis Reiter, Jared Schroeder, Rhea Williams, Andrew Yosten.

11th Grade: Gary Anderle, Megan Benton, Sarah Carpenter, Chad Dieter, Kayla Dieter, Michael Eckart, Olivia Erwin, Hilary Ethington, Ashley Ferguson, Dustin Hughes, Emily Jaroma, Adam Kasparek, Adam Koelzer, Clint Williams, Erin Wyrick.

10th Grade: Jillian Bezner, Meredith Bezner, Sabrina Bezner, Alli Copeland, Sam Faulkner, Jeff Hess, Dustin Neu, Elizabeth Neu, Melissa Neu, Heather Odell, Jocelyn Sanchez, Brian Sandmann, Kristin Sharp, Johnathan Zimmerer.

9th Grade: Charlotte Bartlett, Garrett Block, Katelyn Brewer, Courtney Cler, Jordan Heilman, Jessica Hermes, Shelby Hess, Kristin Jaroma, Neil Jones, Jeffrey Krebs, Hunter Loch, Nathan Martin, Stephanie Neu, Dillon Ott, Dustin Reed, Haley Skeans, Justin Turner, Mason Ward, Morgan Webster.

8th Grade: Kyle Bezner, Crystal Dickerson, Travis Fielder, Kelsey Hawkins, Kayla Hess, Kristan Hoberer, Mustafa Hweidi, Laura Kelley, Elizabeth Martin, Nichole Metzler, Kendall Neu, Rhiannon

Robinson, Jon Michael Sweeney, Clayton Williams, John Wyrick.

7th Grade: Zohaib Anwar, Dava Brown, Emily Copeland, Matt Dieter, Andie Faulkner, Dax Fleitman, Haley Haverkamp, Ryan Haverkamp, Blake Hunter, Ryan Kendall, Adam Krebs, Greg Luttmer, Kristin Martin, Wes Morrison, Cammi Neu, Austin Reiter.

6th Grade: Todd Bezner, Kailyn Gum, Vanessa Hess, Geren Horn, Jonathan Husman, Christopher Klement, Greg Knauf, Allie Martin, Macy Perry, Thomas Rohmer, Kristin Stamos, Savannah Stoffels, Katelyn Weber, Amelia Wyrick.

5th Grade: Katie Arendt, Breanna Bollar, Megan Caillier, Kayla Davis, Caroline Dieter, Dean Fleitman, Jordan Fleitman, Alie Fogle, Connor Fuhrmann, Amelia Haverkamp, Lauren Hicks, Ramee Morrison, McKenzie Neu, Ashton Reynolds, Taylor Stringfellow, A.J. Summerlin, Kourtney Vogel, Stephanie Zwinggi.

4th Grade: Christopher Bell, Matthew Brown, Hannah Burt, Kevin Conaway, Shannah Daymude, Cade Early, Rachel Fuhrmann, Cade Hess, Steven Kuhnly, Ben Redder, Neely Rose, Taylor Springs, Caylee Turner, Rose Wyrick.

3rd Grade: Jalyn Anderle, Ryan Bollar, Sera Burt, Dillon Case, Sara Clark, Garrett Cooper, Dakota Ellender, Briley Fleitman, Shea Garner, Lauren Gibbs, John Haverkamp, Matthew Huston, Maisoun Hweidi, Abbey Jaroma, Suzanne Kaden, Travis Krah, Jamie Magee, Jori Magee, Gus Martin, Rebecca Metzler, Conner Polk, Caleb Rains, John Price, Nealie Sanchez, Freddy Shasteen, Philicia Vogel, Elizabeth Wallace.

2nd Grade: Tara Atkins, Brad Bezner, Shailyn Daymude, Rachael Dieter, Nicole Fleitman, Sarah Fuhrmann, Shelby Gilley, Karson Gum, Benjamin Haverkamp, Jeffrey Hellman, Sydney Ott, Nicholas Springs, Taryn Stringfellow, Travis Whitcraft.

1st Grade: Andy Dieter, Zachary Hermes, John Hess, Alan Richards, Sarah Snider.



Lindsay Elementary recognized students as recipients of the Royal Knighthood Excellence Award for the 3rd Six weeks. They are from left, back row - Katie Arendt, Megan Schumacher, Sean Willard, Malek Hweidi, Connor Fuhrmann, Rose Wyrick; 2nd row - Elizabeth Hellman, Greyson Mendeke, Matthew Burrus, Elizabeth Wallace, Neal Fleitman, Sabrina Stoffels, Erin Early; front row: Blake Hoepfner, Luke Metzler, Kyle Hermes. The Royal Knighthood Excellence Award is given to students in each class who show improvement or excellence in any school area. Students selected receives a certificate along with a coupon from either Cici's pizza or Harper's Restaurant. Courtesy photo

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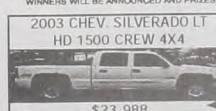
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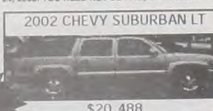
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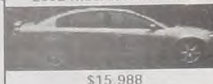
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Sports

Muenster teams open district with wins

The Muenster Lady Hornets began district action last Friday night with a big 53-37 victory over the Valley View Lady Eagles to improve their season record to 17-4.

Sophomore Megan Felderhoff led all scorers with 21 points, with classmate Sandy Endres adding 16. Alison Teafatiller dropped in 8 points, with Kallie Gerstberger and Laura Heers each adding 4. Muenster was eight of 14 from the line.

M	14	18	9	12	53
VV	13	10	6	8	37

Sacred Heart falls to Liberty

The number two ranked TAPPS small school team, the Sacred Heart Tigerettes, and the number 10 TAPPS large school team, Liberty Christian, met in battle last Friday in the Tiger Den.

"This was a great game to watch," said Sacred Heart Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "I am proud of our squad." After four quarters, a 55-55 tie put the contest into overtime. The 5th period saw Liberty out-score the Tigerettes 6-0 and take a 61-55 victory.

Maggie Farrell was high scorer for Sacred Heart with 20 points. Stephanie Henscheid and Katie Flusche each added 9. Stephanie Krawietz put in 5. Whitney Wimmer and Diana Knabe 4 each, and 2 apiece by Brittany White and Nicole Bayer.

Krawietz and Flusche were leading rebounders with 12 and nine.

SH	15	12	11	17	0	55
LC	16	11	12	16	6	61

Hornets beat Trojans

A pre-district game with Windthorst put another notch under the win column for the Muenster Hornets on Jan. 7. The Trojans were handed a 63-52 loss by the Muenster team. A 15 point lead in the 1st quarter gave the Hornets the points needed for the win.

Sean Fuhrmann and Chase Cain led the point making for Muenster with 14 points each. Russell Endres added 13, Justin Wolf 8, John Fredrick 5, Derek Felderhoff and Clint Miller 4 each, and a point by Dustin Felderhoff. The Hornets were 14 of 27 from the free throw line.

M	19	20	11	13	63
W	4	23	13	12	52

Tuesday night Muenster traveled to Collinsville to take on the Pirate teams. Both the Lady Hornets and Hornets brought home district wins.

The Lady Pirates took an early lead, but Muenster gained a 2 point advantage for the halftime break. The Lady Hornets then outscored Collinsville 23-15 to take a 50-40 win.

Sandy Endres led Muenster on the scoreboard with 16 points. Whitney Watson added 9, with Megan Felderhoff and Laura Heers each scoring 8. Alison Teafatiller hit 7, and Kallie Gerstberger 2. Muenster popped in five 3-pointers and 11 of 28 free throws.

M	13	14	16	7	50
C	16	9	10	5	40

The Hornets got a large victory, 75-47, after taking a 42-29 halftime lead. Muenster held the Pirates to 2 points in the 3rd quarter, while lengthening their lead.

Four Hornets hit the double digit points, led by Justin Wolf with 18. John Fredrick and Russell Endres scored 17 points apiece, and Sean Fuhrmann 13. Chase Cain put in 8, and Clint Miller 2. Muenster dropped in five 3-pointers and hit six of 13 free throws.

M	21	21	16	17	75
C	13	16	2	16	47

Junior High Action

Muenster 4 Valley View 30
The Muenster "B" boys fell to the 7th grade Peepers last Thursday. Steven Valliere and John Rohmer each scored a basket.

M	2	2	0	0	4
VV	8	0	12	10	30

Muenster 38 Valley View 32
The Muenster "A" Stingers took a close victory on Jan. 6. Three young Hornets put points on the board. Tanner Herr led with 22. Corey Reynolds added 14, and Jared Flusche dropped in 2.

M	12	12	8	6	38
VV	0	12	11	9	32

Muenster 29 Valley View 15
The "B" girls took a district victory last Friday. Jordanne Hellman led the Lady Stingers on the scoreboard with 9 points. Amanda Dangelmayr, Delana Rohmer, Shelby Hess, and Bianca Velasquez each added 4. Delana Sicking and Erin Endres put in 2 apiece.

M	4	10	6	9	29
VV	2	5	2	6	15

Muenster 40 Valley View 19
Lia Heers and Sam Endres scored 17 and 15 points in the "A" team victory over the 8th grade Lady Peepers. Leah Smith added 6, and Jackie Klement 2.

M	13	9	15	3	40
VV	6	7	2	4	19

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Muenster 10 Paradise 24
The "B" team girls were handed a loss from the 7th grade Paradise team. Delana Sicking scored 5, with Delana Rohmer and Bianca Velasquez each scoring 2, and Amanda Dangelmayr 1.

M	3	4	3	0	10
P	8	6	2	8	24

Muenster 39 Chico 10

Lady Knights lift for second

The Lindsay Lady Knights Powerlifting team took second place overall at a powerlifting meet in Weatherford on Jan. 2. Mineral Wells won first.

Individual places in different weight divisions included: Allison Conaway, 2nd; Joni Erwin, 2nd; Liz Neu, 2nd; Laura Hellman, 2nd; Stephanie Hermes, 3rd; Liz Dieter, 3rd; Sabrina Bezner, 5th; Madison Montgomery, 5th.

The "B" girls got a victory in game two. Sicking was high scorer with 18 points. Dangelmayr added 8. Rohmer 7, Erin Endres 4, and Shelby Hess 2.

M	18	8	8	5	39
C	2	8	0	0	10

Muenster 27 Paradise 19
The "A" team Lady Stingers won their first game over Paradise 8th grade. Sam Endres dropped in 12 points to be Muenster's leading scorer. Jackie Klement added 7. Lia Heers 4, and 2 apiece from Brandy Dangelmayr and Jenni Luke.

M	14	6	4	3	27
P	3	8	4	4	19

Muenster 20 Alvord 23
The "A" Lady Stingers lost a hard fought battle to the 8th grade Puppies in game two. Leah Smith scored 8 points, Endres 7, Luke 4, and Heers 1. Muenster hit only four of 13 free throws.

M	7	6	4	3	20
A	7	5	7	4	23



Clayton Truebenbach gets a shot over Lindsay's Cody Anderle. Also pictured are Brandon Huckaby, Josey Kyle, and Andy Davis.



Tigerette Whitney Wimmer puts pressure on Kaileigh Hess in Sacred Heart's loss to Lindsay. Also pictured are Tigerettes Katie Flusche (31), Hannah Hess (11), Diana Knabe (12), and Lady Knight Stephanie Metzler (13).

Janie Hartman photo

Sacred Heart teams lanced by Lindsay

The Lindsay basketball teams invaded the Tiger Den Tuesday night and handed Sacred Heart two losses, one in the last seconds, the other a one-sided contest.

In girls action, the Tigerettes kept a lead throughout the 1st half, taking a 27-16 score into the locker room. Lindsay closed the gap to 6 points going into the final quarter.

With three minutes in the game, the Tigerettes had a 38-33 lead. Chelsea Hermes stole the ball, was fouled and made both shots to close the score to three points with 2:50 still on the clock. The Lady Knights trapped the Tigerettes, tied the ball and inbounded. Lindsay missed their shot, Sacred Heart rebounded and began to work the clock, but lost possession out of bounds

with 1:17 remaining. Fifteen seconds later, Mallory Block popped in a 3-pointer and tied the game 38-38 as the last minute of play remained.

The Tigerettes attempted to set up a play and were fouled, but the shot failed to go in. The Lady Knights grabbed the rebound and moved down court, calling a time out with 28.5 seconds on the clock. The inbound pass went to Block who got the basket to give the Lady Knights a 40-38 lead with 15.8 seconds ticking off the clock. A Tigerette time out at 7.3 set up the last shot play, but an overthrown ball gave Lindsay possession with 4.0 seconds remaining in the game.

Cats scratch Hornets

The Muenster Hornets lost a tough match to the 3A Pilot Point Bearcats on Jan. 4. After scoring 31 points in the 1st period of play, the Bearcats settled down and allowed Muenster into the game. The Hornets could not make up the difference and were handed a 70-50 loss.

All nine Hornets put points on the board, led by Russell Endres, who scored 26 points, including five 3s and three of three free throws. Derek Felderhoff added 7 points, Justin Wolf 5, Chase Cain 3, and 2 apiece by John Fredrick, Sean Fuhrmann, Clint Miller, and Derek Endres. Dustin Felderhoff hit in 1 to round out the score.

M	10	14	13	13	50
PP	31	13	17	9	70

The inbounded ball was dribbled, then held as time ran out for the Tigerettes.

Maggie Farrell led Sacred Heart's scoring with 14 points. Whitney Wimmer added 9, Shannon Hartman 7, Stephanie Krawietz 4, and 2 each by Diana Knabe and Katie Flusche. The Tigerettes hit three 3s and were seven of 10 from the line.

Mallory Block and Stephanie Metzler led the Lady Knight scoring with 15 and 12 points. Brittany Anderle added 7, Chelsea Hermes 4, and Cheryl Knabe 2. Lindsay got two 3-pointers (by Block) and hit four of nine free throws.

SH	13	14	7	4	38
L	6	10	12	12	40

The Tigers struggled early, having a hard time hitting the basket as the Knights freely popped the ball through the hoop. The 22-4 1st quarter score pretty well summed up what the outcome would be. The final score was 88-25.

Six Tigers put points on the board, led by Clayton Truebenbach with 10 points. Paul Bartsch added 7. Thomas Otto 3, Theo Otto and Andy Davis 2 apiece, and Tim Otto 1.

Five Knights hit double digit points. Trinity Otto led with 20 points. Josey Kyle added 18, Cody Anderle 16, and Levi Hermes and Brandon Huckaby 11 each. Bradley Anderle scored 6 points, Jacob Fuhrmann 4, and Kristopher Creed 2.

Sacred Heart hit only three of 11 free throws, while the Knights connected 12 of 23.

SH	4	5	10	6	25
L	22	21	17	28	88

Sacred Heart will begin district action Friday, hosting Aledo Christian, then play again Saturday at 1:30 when Abilene Christian comes to town.



Lindsay Lady Knights Power lifting team. From left, front - Coach John Erwin, Kristen Alexander, Liz Neu, Madison Montgomery, Sabrina Bezner, Jenny Schroeder, Jessica Hermes, back - Stephanie Hermes, Haley Skeans, Allison Conaway, Laura Hellman, Joni Erwin. Not pictured, Liz Dieter.

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Junior Varsity Action

Muenster 20 Collinsville 16

The Lady Hornets brought home district win #2 Tuesday. Six girls scored, with Hillary Swirczynski getting 6, Lindsey Watson and Jenna Felderhoff 4 apiece, and 2 each by Jordan Ledbetter, Alison Miller, and Danielle Bindel.

M 8 4 4 4 20
C 3 7 3 3 16

Sacred Heart 23 Lindsay 50

After a close 1st quarter, the Lady Knights pulled away and took a big win from the Tigerettes. Only four Sacred Heart players found the basket. Taylor Torcellini led with 10 points. Kara Felderhoff added 9, with Lauren Krah and Jessica Schilling each scoring 2.

Lindsay had nine players put points on the board, led by Lauren Creed with 10 points. Autumn Murrill added 9, Christina Eckart 8, Madisen Burrows 6, and 4 each by Katelyn Brewer, Julie Hanson, and Emily Fuhrmann. Amanda Hess scored 3, and Karissa Reiter 2 to round out the score.

SH 8 6 1 8 23
L 9 14 12 15 50

Sacred Heart 19 Lindsay 56

A young Tiger team struggled against the Lindsay Knights Tuesday night. Scoring for Sacred Heart were Theo Otto 6 points, Colby Richey 5, Nolan Hartman 3, Tyler Rohmer and Mark Gehrig 2 apiece, and Josh Yosten 1.

The Knights were led by Michael Eckart who scored 21 points. Josh Heilman added 7, with Nathan Martin, Keith Hermes, and Malcolm

Martin 6 apiece. Preston Mendez put in 4, with Brian Sandman, Jeff Shannon, and Joe Otto each adding 2.

SH 2 3 5 9 19
L 14 14 14 14 56

Sacred Heart 28 Liberty 50

Twenty Liberty points in the final period gave the Tigerettes a loss last Friday. Lauren Krah led Sacred Heart's scoring with 8 points. Kara Felderhoff added 7, with Jessica Schilling and Taylor Torcellini each getting 4. Lauren Sepanski put in 3, and Kristina Koester 2 to round out the score.

SH 8 11 3 6 28
LC 12 7 11 20 50

Muenster 45 Valley View 23

The Junior Varsity Lady Hornets improved their season record to 7-4 with a district opener victory last Friday. Jenna Felderhoff and Danielle Bindel were high scorers, each making a dozen points. Alison Miller added 8, Jordan Ledbetter 6, Lindsey Watson 4, and Paige Winters a 3-pointer. Felderhoff was 2 of 2 from the line.

M 16 10 8 11 45
VV 1 8 5 9 23



Lindsay Knight Keith Hermes moves the ball around Tiger Colby Richey. Also pictured in JV action are Josh Yosten and Mark Gehrig. Janie Hartman photo



Emily Zimmerer, JV Lady Knight, shoots over Tigerettes Kara Felderhoff, Paige White, Lauren Krah, Taylor Torcellini, and Lauren Sepanski. Janie Hartman photo

Two Tigers make Star Telegram team

Two Sacred Heart Tigers were named to the Fort Worth Star Telegram's Northeast Tarrant Private Schools Football Team, as announced in the Jan. 4, 2005 issue.

Lineman Clayton Truebenbach was named on offense and linebacker Andy Davis on defense. Truebenbach's speed

allowed him to cover ground quickly and be a key blocker in the secondary. The three-year starter has been named to the first-team all-state team the past two seasons," noted the article.

"Davis led the Tigers with 184 tackles, four fumble recoveries, and four interceptions. He had 28 tackles in a Week 8 win over

Calvary," the Telegram noted.

The Northeast Tarrant team is made up of athletes at schools within the circulation area of the Star Telegram's Northeast edition and selected by staff writers who cover high school sports, in consultation with area coaches.



Above, watching the ball at Collinsville Tuesday night are Lady Hornets Kallie Gerstberger (5), Megan Felderhoff, Whitney Watson (14), and Alison Teafattler. At left, Hornets Justin Wolf and Dustin Felderhoff wait for a rebound. At right, Kallie Gerstberger (5) gets a lay-up. Deborah Wood photos



Tiger Chris Hoedebeck takes the ball down court, defended by Knight Josey Kyle. Janie Hartman photo



Stephanie Krawietz attempts to steal the ball from Stephanie Metzler (13). Janie Hartman photo

CCYC Action

In the CCYC 6th grade boys division, Muenster (ABC Home Health) defeated Valley View 25 to 23. Leading scorer for Muenster was Garrett Walterscheid with 11 points, Shane Presnell 7, Tanner Silmon 3, and Landon Presnell and Blake Grewing 2 points each. Great defense was played by Spencer Nielsen. This improves their record to 4-0.

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The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

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Further information may also be obtained from Walterscheid Construction, Inc., 16334 FM 1630, Muenster, Texas 76252 or by calling Mr. Phil Walterscheid, Owner at (940) 759-4672.

Monday was an eventful day for the Muenster Volunteer Fire
Department. It was one of those times when there weren't
enough people to go around. That afternoon Muenster VFD
was called to give mutual aid in Montague County. Someone
welding started a grass fire near Ivins Road. It burned about
100 acres. While Muenster was there, another call came in.
There was a grass fire started by an electrical highline wire in
a pasture west of Ash Street. Muenster Police Officer Mitch
Westervelt, who is also a member of the Fire Department,
saw that it was heading towards some buildings at the north
end. As he was going to get one of the Department's big
trucks, he was involved in an accident. (See pg. 1) That took
some of the volunteer firemen to act as first responders.
Muenster Fire Chief Herbie Knabe warns people to be
cautious when burning. With wind and low humidity, a fire
will quickly get out of hand. The fire dries out the grass
quickly. Saturated ground makes it hard for fire trucks to get
around.
Janie Hartman photo



Farm & Ranch

FB delegates oppose Trans Texas Corridor

Texas Farm Bureau delegates overwhelmingly rejected the statewide transportation and infrastructure plan put forward by state officials during the business session of the state's largest farm organization's 71st annual convention.

Noting the disproportionate burdens the Trans Texas Corridor plan would impose upon rural Texans, delegates opposed the state acquiring additional farm and ranch lands through the power of eminent domain for the construction of the Corridor.

Those burdens, delegates said, would include: additional time and cost related to moving equipment from one side of a farm or ranch to the other because of division by the corridor; economic damages due to the lack of exits to small Texas towns; additional tax burdens passed on to local taxpayers for property removed from the tax base; and the negative effect on wildlife and hunting in many areas of the state.

"We feel it would be appropriate to improve existing state and federal transportation rights-of-way to help move the Texas transportation system forward," delegates said. "We prefer no new rights-of-way for transportation corridors. However, if new rights-of-way are absolutely necessary, we would prefer additional space for corridors be located adjacent to existing rights-of-way."

Delegates also urged an overhaul of the federal tax system, passing a resolution encouraging the members of the Texas congressional delegation to support a federal retail sales tax as a complete replacement for all forms of income, estate, Social Security and Medicare taxation.

Expanding on this resolution in national policy, delegates said such a retail tax should:

- Not penalize production and savings, and be revenue neutral;

- Not require complex and expensive estate planning to pass a farm or business to heirs, or risk having to sell assets to pay the estate tax.

- Remove all individual taxpayers from the federal tax roles by enabling consumers to pay taxes to sellers of new goods and services so that only the seller has a direct relationship to the tax collector.

- Increase each individual's disposable income by ending the withholding of taxes.

- Provide a rebate of the federal sales tax on necessities of life for all citizens with a legal Social Security number.

- Protect the Social Security and Medicare systems by ending the current practice of collecting a payroll tax only from workers and replacing it with a sales tax paid by consumers.

- Not tax business-to-business transactions.

Recognizing the importance of water resources to both urban and rural areas of the state, delegates worked through water policy in anticipation of the next Texas legislative session.

To strengthen groundwater protection at the local level, delegates supported a number of resolutions dealing with groundwater districts, including a requirement for those districts to provide landowners a fair opportunity to be involved in the rule-making process. They also supported the authority of groundwater districts to prohibit the export of groundwater when the amount to be exported exceeds the amount needed

for future use.

Delegates said districts should be required to consider the impact on existing groundwater users when adopting rules or issuing permits, and said the state should assist districts with the legal and data resources necessary to manage groundwater. In addition, delegates supported allowing groundwater districts the authority to ensure other districts within the same management area do not deplete the shared aquifer.

Addressing surface water, delegates said farmers, ranchers and landowners should be allowed to impound a reasonable amount of surface water without permit for domestic, livestock, and wildlife management use.

Nominate a hero for TDA's Rural Heroism Award

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that Feb. 2, 2005, is the deadline for nominations for the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2004 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, lifesaving act within Texas during 2004. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses, and telephone

numbers of everyone involved. If available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be postmarked by Feb. 2, 2005, and mailed to Lola Lemmon, TDA safety coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. For additional information on qualifications, you can contact Lemmon at 512-475-1611.

The 2004 recipient will be announced March 21 at the Texas Safety Association's Conference and Exposition in San Antonio.

BC studies EU's potential for beef

The Texas Beef Council studied the European Union beef market in November. TBC's goal was to determine if the EU offered enough value to encourage a Texas producer to become certified to produce for that market.

The EU market is 3.5 times larger than Japan, but it bans all beef that is not certified as non-

hormone treated. Certification audits can be costly for producers. "In today's market climate, (the EU) is probably minimally rewarding at this time," said Dan Dierschke, TBC chairman. But he added in times of lower prices, the EU could be "much more advantageous" for Texas producers.

County Agent's Report

Wayne Becker
CEA - AG/NR

Considerations for Sprigging Bermudagrass Pastures

Time to sprig hybrid bermudagrass is approaching fast. Often sprigging will begin in the county around mid-February. This is not to be confused with establishing seeded varieties of bermudagrass. They are best suited for planting once the soil temperature warms up more. Planting of the seeded varieties typically begins in April. The preferred time for establishment is when the seedbed can be prepared and moisture is available after sprigging to support growth. Stand failure is more likely when temperature and soil moisture are less than ideal. Anyone with the intent of establishing hybrid bermudagrass this year should be choosing and preparing the site for the grass.

Sprigging Procedure

1. Prepare a firm seedbed. Rains that occur after tilling and before sprigging help to firm the seedbed. This helps prevent placing the sprigs too deeply and aids in water movement within the soil. Don't overlook site selection as a factor to the success of the grass "crop".

2. Do not sprig when the seedbed is dry. Wait for a rain, since 50 percent of the sprigs may die within two days of exposure to hot, dry soil. Sprig the next day after rain if possible.

3. Use healthy sprigs. Keep the sprigs moist and in the shade until they are used. Transplant them the same day they are dug if at all possible. Sprigs that have been stored even under the best of conditions for more than three days are usually unsatisfactory.

4. Use a desirable sprigging rate. Sprigging machines generally drop a desirable 25 plus bushels of sprigs per acre at a depth of 2 inches or less.

5. Place sprigs less than 2 inches deep. Dormant sprigs may be completely covered by an inch of soil. However, non-dormant sprigs should have 1-inch portions of the leaves exposed if possible.

6. Using an herbicide helps prevent weeds. Crabgrass and other weeds in a newly sprigged field slow the rate of field coverage by bermudagrass.

In some fields, stands may be successfully established without using an herbicide, but it is more difficult.

7. Check the emergence. Look for green vegetation emerging aboveground within two weeks after sprigging. Plants will continue to emerge for three or more weeks.

8. Manage the stand through the first year. Weed control, fertilization, and timely harvesting of the newly sprigged bermudagrass stand through its first year are important.

Caring for the Young Stand

Three main factors contribute to the survival of newly sprigged

bermudagrass. First, soil moisture must be maintained. Dry soil can kill young plants. If needed, the field should be rolled after sprigging to facilitate moisture movement through the soil to the sprigs. Second, nitrogen fertilizer is applied when the young plants start to run. This encourages spreading. Third, weeds should be controlled to encourage the bermudagrass to spread.

Frequent Causes of Failure

Stand failures are usually caused by:

1. Covering sprigs too deeply.
2. Loose (unfirmed) soil around the sprigs.
3. Too little moisture.
4. Planting unhealthy sprigs (use at least a 6-inch sprig if possible).
5. Too few live sprigs used per acre.
6. Poor weed control.
7. Infertile soil.

Establishment Cost

Establishing bermudagrass can be quite expensive. Land preparation - tillage, fertilizer, and chemical, can be expensive all by itself. Then add to that the cost of custom sprigging, \$50 to \$75 an acre or more for some varieties of bermudagrass, and the cost easily becomes \$150 to nearly \$200 per acre. Using seeded varieties will be about \$20 to \$30 per acre cheaper.

Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 18-19 - Blackland Income Growth (B.I.G.) Conference; Waco Convention Center, Waco
- Jan. 19 - Cooke County Beef Cattle Improvement Association Meeting; Cooke County Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 26 - Private Applicator License Training; Courthouse Basement, 8 a.m.
- Feb. 14-15 - Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Seminar; Denton

Federal court hears AFBF clean water arguments

Oral arguments that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is overreaching its authority in regulating livestock operations were presented Dec. 13, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation. The arguments were made before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Court.

The court case filed by AFBF appeals new EPA rules governing water runoff related to Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. "The latest interpretation by EPA officials for enforcement of the Clean Water Act has the potential to affect far more farmers and ranchers than just those who own large-scale animal feeding operations," said AFBF President Bob Stallman.

"It was the duty of the Farm Bureau to argue on behalf of our livestock producers that the EPA is overstepping its bounds in requiring many confined livestock operations to obtain a Clean Water Act permit and to do an inordinate amount of recordkeeping," Stallman said. "Furthermore, we saw the need to contest the EPA's jurisdiction to impose rules regulating crop land fertilized with manure the same as 'point sources' of water pollution."

The arguments presented in New York City centered on the specific power given the federal government in the Clean Water Act as well as those reserved for the states. AFBF presented its case in conjunction with the National Chicken Council and the National Pork Producers Council.

AFBF's opening brief says, "What the modern Clean Water Act established in 1972 was the key principle that no one

has a right to pollute the waters of the United States. Permission to discharge pollutants became a privilege; that privilege could be won only by obtaining a Clean Water Act permit. The Agency cannot require certain persons to apply for those permits even if they do not discharge pollutants."

"In their expanded regulations, the EPA is presuming that all large CAFOs are discharging pollutants, and the EPA can impose its oversight arbitrarily," said Julie Anna Potts, AFBF general counsel. New EPA oversight would include extensive recordkeeping showing the livestock producer is compliant within effluent limitations and also has an approved nutrient management plan - best management practices and procedures for effluents - even if the livestock facility had negligible potential for water pollution.

AFBF's written and oral arguments also appealed the legality of EPA assuming power over regulating runoff from croplands fertilized with animal manure, which is contrary to what Congress intended in the Clean Water Act.

"We argued that the EPA cannot regulate discharges to surface waters because the Clean Water Act only regulates discharges to navigable waters," Potts said.

Environmental organizations filed petitions arguing EPA's rules do not go far enough or are not stringent enough. Their oral opinions were also presented to the court on Monday. The court has not indicated when an opinion might be issued.

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Feeder Steers (per lb.)

200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.22-1.45; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.15-1.22; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.21-1.42; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.10-1.21; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.11-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.11; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.06-1.15; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.06; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.07; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-1.01; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .96-1.02; Nos. 2 & 3, 70-.96.

Feeder Heifers (per lb.)

200-300 lbs. No. 1, 1.21-1.28; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.21; 300-400 lbs. No. 1, 1.14-1.21; Nos. 2 & 3, 1.00-1.14; 400-500 lbs. No. 1, 1.05-1.14; Nos. 2 & 3, .95-1.05; 500-600 lbs. No. 1, 1.01-1.13; Nos. 2 & 3, 90-1.01; 600-700 lbs. No. 1, .93-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, 80-.93; 700-800 lbs. No. 1, .87-1.00; Nos. 2 & 3, .60-.87.

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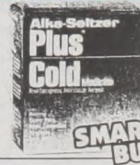
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