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**THE SENIOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS** of Sacred Heart Parish presented a Christmas Pageant following Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 9. The play included the birth of John the Baptist up to the birth of Jesus. Seniors participating in the program were, l to r, Marlene Hess, Allison Klement, Justin Hartman, Dianne Pagel, Darren Bindel, Michael Hacker, Vivian Bolaños, Lori Graham, Lisa Russell, Darlene Hess and Michelle Hennigan. Special guest stars were Josiah Yosten and Gene Yosten, twin sons of Gene and Linda Yosten, portraying the infants John the Baptist and Jesus, respectively. The program was presented at the Community Center for all the students of the Religious Education Classes and their parents. Refreshments followed in the cafeteria. *Dave Fette Photo*

## New landfill petition filed at Gainesville City Hall

by Elaine Schad

Opponents of a proposed landfill for Cooke County, being planned by the cities of Muenster, Valley View, Gainesville and Cooke County, have submitted a second petition requesting that an election be held on the issue.

Gainesville City Secretary Rita Gray has received the 24-page petition containing an estimated 1,313 signatures. The petition requests that the Gainesville City Council repeal an ordinance adopted last month contracting with the Greater Texoma Utility Authority to finance the \$3.75 million needed to purchase and

permit a landfill site in northeastern Cooke County or place the landfill issue before the voters of the City of Gainesville. Gray has 30 days to make a recommendation to the City Council as to the validity of the petition and expects to make those recommendations by the council's Jan. 5 council meeting, she said.

The City Council, in November, voted to contract with the GTUA after a Gainesville resident filed a lawsuit against the city, saying the council proceeded illegally when it authorized the sale of certificates of obligation for the landfill project. The City Council on Oct. 20 threw out petitions with 911 signatures

that requested a special election on issuing the certificates of obligation. City officials said the petitions were rejected because the signatures were not individually notarized as required by the city's charter. The City of Gainesville is acting as agent for the Cooke County Regional Landfill Task Force. The money will be used to purchase 1,257 acres of land in northeastern Cooke County and for permitting 220 acres of the site for operation of a landfill. Cooke County and the cities of Gainesville, Valley View and Muenster have agreed to share land,

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## Dr. Long joins MMH staff

by Janet Felderhoff

Thomas Nielsen Long, M.D., a board certified general surgeon, will be bringing his expertise to patients at Muenster Memorial Hospital at least once a week. He has had a practice in Decatur for the last 14 years and has lived intermittently since 1962.

When in Muenster Dr. Long will see patients in an office in the hospital's south wing. His plans at present are to be in Muenster on Tuesdays. Patients needing to set up appointments can do so by calling the hospital at 759-2271. The local doctors will be working closely with Dr. Long and will care for his patients after their surgery.

Dr. Long earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin, an M.D. from Southwest Medical School of Dallas and completed a five-year surgical residency at the University of Washington in Seattle.

One of the reasons that Dr. Long was recruited by Jack Endres,



**DR. THOMAS LONG**

MMH Administrator, to perform surgeries at MMH is that he is proficient with laparoscopic surgery. Muenster Hospital has had laparoscopic surgical equip-

ment for some time, but hasn't had trained staff and a surgeon able to use it.

Dr. Long has done many laparoscopic surgical procedures, especially gall bladders. The new method is much easier on the patient and cuts down on hospital stay time and recovery time. A patient that has laparoscopic surgery usually goes home in a day (sometimes in as short a time as six to eight hours) after surgery as opposed to four to five days with regular surgery.

"Laparoscopic surgery is being described as minimal surgery," said Dr. Long. "Instead of a large incision that is six, seven or eight inches long, you are dealing with several small incisions 1/2 to one inch long. The limits are that you can't deal with large structures or large problems, but you can look at them and decide what you can do from the inside. A lot of people

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## Cooke County still facing ambulance controversy

by Elaine Schad

The county's two hospitals would like to see the county-owned ambulance service assist with out-of-county patient transfers in non-emergency cases, while some county officials think it would be too expensive and would end up costing the taxpayers more money. The ambulance issue reared its head once again during this week's regular December meeting of the Cooke County Commissioners' Court. The main issue this time was non-emergency transfer of patients to out-of-county facilities, something that the county presently refuses to do because officials don't want to tie up the county's two ambulances for several hours with little backup as they go out of the county. The county's ambulance service does provide emergency transfers to facilities outside Cooke County and provides non-emergency transfer service within the county, such as from nursing homes to hospitals or from one hospital to another.

In an attempt to come up with recommendations, Cooke County Judge Ray Russell this week appointed a committee to study the feasibility of expanding ambulance service in the county. Commissioners Kenneth Alexander and Jerry Lewis will head the committee, which will study adding a third ambulance and crew to the county-owned and subsidized ambulance service. The report is expected to be ready by the commissioners' January meeting.

Representatives of the county's two hospitals, Muenster Memorial and Gainesville Memorial, told commissioners this week that some of their patients face delays of several hours when seeking non-emergency transfer service to out-of-county hospitals from private ambulance services in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. They requested that the county add an ambulance to

provide the service. At present, the county limits its transfers to out-of-county facilities to emergency cases. Officials said there have been some problems with defining what constitutes a true emergency under the present policy.

"I think there's general agreement that the county needs another ambulance and another crew," said Jack Endres, administrator at Muenster Memorial Hospital. If there were three ambulances, that would leave two ready at all times while another could be used for transfers, he said. Endres thinks the county could provide non-emergency transfer service in a more timely manner and at a lower cost to patients. Now, the hospitals must rely on private ambulance services that come from Dallas or Lewisville and must wait up to two hours for an ambulance, he said.

Endres doesn't think that the county would consider placing one of the ambulances in Muenster, as was done in past years. He thinks that response time would be improved to rural areas, however, to locate the ambulance station somewhere along U.S. 82 or Interstate 35 rather than at its current location near downtown Gainesville. Endres said some officials question whether the county should be in the ambulance business at all. He said 46 counties in the state currently provide ambulance service.

The county owns two ambulances which operate on a 24-hour schedule and one backup unit. Officials estimated an additional unit would cost \$197,000 with first-year revenues estimated at \$32,000. The county, which owns the ambulance service, would have to absorb the rest of the initial startup costs, Alexander said, which could mean up to 4 cents on next year's tax rate. He said the committee will study possible stopgap measures to

alleviate ambulance transfer problems until budget hearings this summer when the issue can be studied in depth.

"We're understaffed, and we do not have enough equipment to provide the non-emergency transfers out of county," Alexander said. There are several problems with adding a third ambulance, he said. There's not enough room at the EMS station in Gainesville to house a third ambulance and crew. Just purchasing a new ambulance would add 1 cent to the tax rate, he said. And that ambulance would have to be staffed with six or more people, which will also drive up operating costs, he said.

Cooke County Emergency Management Director Bobby Harbin told commissioners in June that county ambulances and crews are already being stretched to the limit due to countywide growth, and that providing out-of-county emergency transfers leaves the county with very limited or no backup on some occasions.

Harbin last summer requested that commissioners either purchase an additional unit or find a way to relieve the present strain on ambulance services by increased use of private ambulance services for emergency transfers out of county. He told commissioners there was no way he could cover 901 square miles and 33,000 people in Cooke County with one ambulance while the other was out on an emergency transfer.

Harbin told commissioners that the ambulance service is still doing at least 10 emergency transfers per month despite the policy. The volume of ambulance calls has increased countywide in recent years, with a definite rise since the implementation of 9-1-1 emergency service earlier this year, Harbin said. Because of 9-1-1, ambulances are being dispatched more to rural area, he said.



**MUENSTER ISD** held their annual Christmas Band Concert last week Thursday. Under the direction of Band Director Charlotte Taylor, five different band groups performed numerous Christmas songs to a packed house. Pictured above is part of the 7th Grade Band during the performance. Please see Page 8 for more photos. *Janie Hartman Photo*

## Consolidation: not necessarily the answer

by Steve Cooper, MISD Superintendent

In light of recent articles in the paper concerning school finance and all the peripheral issues it generates, I would like to devote a few lines to one of those peripheral issues - small school consolidation. School consolidation is a highly political and very emotional issue; regardless, we need to look at this issue as objectively as possible because Muenster ISD is a small school. There are two types of consolidation that are being discussed. They are what I call physical consolidation and administrative consolidation. In administrative consolidation, the schools basically remain intact but administrations are consolidated to a central location (all Cooke County administrations would go to Gainesville where there would be

one county administration for all county schools). Physical consolidation would require the dismantling of most high schools and they would bus their kids to a central location; this would also combine administrative efforts. In most instances, the elementary schools would probably be left intact.

Those that promote consolidation are almost always advocates of big schools. They always use two arguments for consolidation, greater efficiency and broader course offerings. I contend that upon closer scrutiny neither of those arguments are as valid as the promoters contend they are.

While it appears that certain arguments can be made for consolidation and, in some instances there are smaller schools that probably need to be

consolidated (those that cannot meet the needs of the kids they serve), a closer review of the practicalities and the human nature element, to contend with in consolidation, would indicate that it would fail.

They argue that if targeted positions were eliminated in school districts and consolidated in a central location, duplications of services could be reduced. While this all sounds good and looks good on paper, it never really quite works out that way. Consolidating administrations would require more people in the central administration's office. More students always means more responsibilities which means more people to do the job. (Large school mentality). Larger districts almost always have a much larger compliment of "extras" than do smaller districts. Human nature and bureaucratic tendencies become more pronounced as any organization grows. That is one of the complaints now from state leaders - that education has too much bureaucracy and now they want to create more. Keep in mind, as mentioned above, very seldom

do organizations hire fewer people as they grow, they almost always hire more. This principle would apply to all supposed savings consolidation would generate. If very small numbers were involved, the above scenario would not hold true, but a consolidation of county schools would certainly apply. In addition to that mentioned already, another thing to consider and perhaps the most important of all - administrative consolidation would remove any vestige of local control and the tax rate would certainly not go down. So, any consolidated school would have minimum input into how that tax dollar is being spent. At MISD, we watch our money very closely and can account for each penny. Would we have that same control with the center of control outside our district?

Physical consolidation has a much more severe impact on a community. This is the type of consolidation many legislators are promoting. In this situation, two or more districts would consolidate (or even the entire county), then build a central high school and all students would attend this school. This

would also consolidate administrations. Advocates of this type of consolidation say that after the initial expense of constructing facilities, then savings would be generated in much the same way as in administrative consolidation. Of course, it's not difficult to see many of the same loopholes in this type of thinking as in the example used above. There are even more problems with this type of consolidation because local control is diminished and a mingling of students between districts could be devastating to test scores, etc. (This would, of course, depend on the schools that consolidated).

Inherent, also, in this arrangement is increased costs for busing students to another location, and the difficulty of essentially starting all over. Additional

problems would be a loss of payroll dollars in the community as high school teachers would not work locally anymore. Taxes would also be at the "beck and call" of the combined district once again, losing much control of our local dollar. Muenster is the county "plum" because we have such a large tax base - it's certainly not hard to understand that we would be a welcome addition to many districts' tax roll.

Is consolidation the answer to our financial dilemma? I THINK NOT. Our school does a better job educating kids than do most large districts and we do it more economically.

The next article will cover the small school formula and how it affects our district.

## Good News!

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land.

JEREMIAH 23:5

## Don't Forget...

Muenster Quarterback Club Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, Dec. 19, in Fischer's Market and Hofbauer's Grocery. Proceeds will benefit the MHS basketball program.



Dear Editor:

Hoping to see our new president do the right thing, we have reason to watch with a wary eye. Indeed, nearly every one of his transition appointments have been the very people we shunned in times past: leftwingers from the McGovern-Carter-Mondale-Dukakis team!

Our liberal congress is jumping for joy, a sure sign that taxpayers had better get ready for the ride of their life. No more vetoes, no more gridlock, just buddy-buddy liberalism on greased tracks: taxes, spending, and unnecessary regulation run amok.

We have the highest standard of living in the world and are afforded the greatest opportunity for financial success, yet we are made to feel that "getting there" is somehow immoral and deserves punishment. Let's hope our president can convert his economic advisors (Reich, etc.) to the spirit of entrepreneurship.

Take the health care issue. Do we have a crisis? You bet your life we do. It comes in the name of the socialized programs we've already instituted: Medicaid, Medicare, etc. Add insurance over-use and unchecked litigation. Add health-destroying alcohol and tobacco. These comprise the main culprits. Why aren't we attacking them instead of asking for another socialist failure?

We have the cleanest water, the cleanest air of any major industrialized nation on earth and yet we are made to feel like scavengers on a pristine planet. Let's hope our new president can modify his Veep's misguided philosophy.

As we see the true colors of our new president unfold with each new appointment, each new proclivity to another special interest, each compromise in the name of "unity", let's not shirk our civic duty. Let's not sleep for the next four years.

If we gave a mandate, it was this: "When we, the American people, find our elected representatives no longer representing our best interests, we'll take it back and give it to another more worthy." Let's hope and pray for the best with our new president, but let's not forget the true mandate.

Let's not tolerate another fire sale on traditional values and liberty. We're running low on both.



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## Muenster ISD trustees ponder hiring teacher

by Elaine Schad

Enrollment growth has become a problem at the first grade level in the Muenster School District with school officials mulling over whether they should hire an additional teacher at that level. School trustees, during the board's regular December meeting, heard that there are 25 students enrolled in first grade, three above the state-mandated limit of 22 students. The district expects to split the class into two sections by the beginning of the next semester, said Muenster Superintendent Steve Cooper. Total enrollment in the Muenster ISD is

about 380. School started with an enrollment of 378 students, then dropped to 369 before again increasing to the 380 level.

In another matter, the board approved final wording for a new non-smoking policy for the district which is now in effect. The board approved the policy during its regular November meeting. The policy prohibits all smoking on the school campus. Before the new policy, the district had a designated smoking area, Cooper said.

Bad weather may again delay pouring the foundation for a new gymnasium for the Muenster

district. The new gymnasium is being built east of the administration building near the football field. Workers have already experienced some weather delays, but had hoped to pour the foundation this week. After the gym is completed, the old gym will be used for physical education classes. The old field house will be converted into four new classrooms.

In other business, the board: -Approved early dismissal for 2:30 p.m. this Friday (Dec. 18) for the Christmas holidays.

-Accepted the resignation of pre-kindergarten teacher Martha Sicking.

-Approved the 1991-92 school district audit.

-Authorized Cooper to begin the process to purchase a new school bus.

-Received material to conduct the superintendent's evaluation next month.

-Heard a report that the district was among the highest in the state on scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test (TAAS) given to third and fourth graders.

## Lindsay City Council hears franchise proposal from Southwestern Bell

by Elaine Schad

The City of Lindsay could triple its revenue received from a franchise agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone if the city council approves a new rate structure for the company.

The city council is expected to hear a first reading on the proposed franchise ordinance at its January meeting, said Lindsay Mayor Robert Walterscheid.

Bob McJilton, a Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. representative for 28 Texas cities, told Lindsay City Council members at their regular December meeting that the company was attempting to standardize the franchise tax formula for all the cities throughout the state in order to alleviate some of the bookkeeping problem the company now faces.

If the city council approves the proposal from Southwestern Bell, Lindsay telephone customers would see a 42-cent per month increase

per telephone line charge. The present charge is 27 cents and that would increase to 69 cents under the proposal.

Should the rate increase be approved, Southwestern Bell Telephone would reimburse the City of Lindsay an estimated \$2,600 annually, almost triple the \$871 per year the city now receives. The new contract, if approved, would be in effect for five years.

In other business during their December meeting, the council discussed resurfacing Parkway Drive from curb to curb. The project will probably be done later in the spring when the weather gets better and after the city solicits bids for the project, Walterscheid said.

In addition to the franchise agreement with Southwestern Bell, the council is expected to have a first reading on proposed new subdivision regulations at its January meeting.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:**  
In Cooke County - 1 year \$25.00; 2 years \$45.00  
Outside of Cooke County - 1 year \$30.00; 2 years \$55.00

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The Christmas issue of *The Muenster Enterprise* will be published early next week to make delivery possible before Christmas Day. Therefore deadline for news and advertising must be moved up to Monday at 5 p.m. We will be happy to accept news and advertising this weekend from everyone who is able to submit it early, to help make deadline less stressful. The *Muenster Enterprise* will be closed Dec. 24 and 25.

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### DR. LONG

now describe this videoscopic surgery.

Nearly all appendixes and all but about five percent of gall bladder surgeries can be done laparoscopically. A rod is inserted into the navel and a miniature camera with a fiber optic link is dropped into the abdomen through the rod. There are two television monitors which the surgeon and O.R. staff use to view what is inside the patient's abdomen.

Four or five small incisions are made in strategic places of the abdomen. A canula is placed in the incision to keep them open. The instruments are specially made to be used through the small incisions. This avoids cutting through layers of fat and muscle. The equipment even came with a VCR so that the surgery can be recorded and later viewed by the patient.

Dr. Long and his wife, Ruth Ann, also run cattle on 500 acres of land. They have three sons, Russell, 20, and Steven, 18, who attend the University of Texas at Austin, and James, 15. The surgeon enjoys golf, pheasant hunting, and welding in his spare time. He noted that he likes the people he has met in Muenster and anticipates that he will enjoy working here.

Administrator Endres reminded the people in the Muenster Hospital District, "It's one thing to go somewhere else and have the surgery done when we can't offer it here, but when we can offer it here and they go some place else, they're just helping to close the hospital. We certainly need the local support."

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### LANDFILL

permit and construction costs for the landfill.

City officials contend that the GTUA financing is not subject to voter approval since it is in the form of revenue bonds. City Manager Lyle Dresher said the council opted to change its method of financing in hopes of saving litigation costs. Gray said the city's attorney will be consulted concerning whether a petition can be submitted under the terms of the city's charter.

### Tax Talk

by: Duane Knabe, CPA

Duane Knabe will discuss a different topic each week. Any questions should be directed to him at 759-4010.

This week's topic is tax-exempt interest. With lower interest rates, taxpayers are offered a variety of places to invest their money, with tax-exempt securities as one item. When considering what to invest in one should consider at least three things. These are the after tax yield, the risk, and the time to maturity.

The after tax yield of tax-exempt securities is the yield while for taxable securities it is the yield minus income taxes. The risk can vary mainly from what a company invests in. These things can be low-risk such as government-backed securities or high risk such as those tied to corporate stocks and bonds. Also, the longer an investments time to maturity, the higher its yield should be.

12-18-1-E

#### MUEINSTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1992

| Data Control Codes               | GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  |                                     |                            | 98<br>AUGUST 31,<br>1992 | 97<br>AUGUST 31,<br>1991 |             |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|                                  | 10<br>GENERAL<br>FUND  | 20/30/40<br>SPECIAL<br>REVENUE FUND | 50<br>DEBT SERVICE<br>FUND |                          |                          |             |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>                 |  |                                     |                            |                          |                          |             |
| 4700                             | Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State  | \$797,592                           | -                          | \$50,165                 | \$847,757                | \$763,576   |
| 4800                             | State Program Revenues   | 611,724                             | -                          | -                        | 611,724                  | 589,103     |
| 4900                             | Federal Program Revenues   | 20,327                              | 23,795                     | -                        | 44,122                   | 44,702      |
| 4990                             | Total Revenue  | \$1,429,643                         | \$23,795                   | \$50,165                 | \$1,503,603              | \$1,397,381 |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>             |  |                                     |                            |                          |                          |             |
| 0011                             | Instruction  | \$798,048                           | \$21,897                   | -                        | \$819,945                | \$734,611   |
| 0021                             | Instructional Administration   | -                                   | -                          | -                        | -                        | -           |
| 0022                             | Instructional Resources and Media Services   | 37,028                              | 1,898                      | -                        | 38,926                   | 35,820      |
| 0023                             | School Administration  | 89,856                              | -                          | -                        | 89,856                   | 78,516      |
| 0025                             | Curriculum and Personnel Development   | -                                   | -                          | -                        | -                        | -           |
| 0026                             | Communication and Dissemination  | -                                   | -                          | -                        | -                        | -           |
| 0031                             | Guidance and Counseling Services   | 25,546                              | -                          | -                        | 25,546                   | 17,781      |
| 0032                             | Attendance and Social Work Service   | -                                   | -                          | -                        | -                        | -           |
| 0033                             | Health Services  | 1,335                               | -                          | -                        | 1,335                    | 1,403       |
| 0034                             | Pupil Transportation - Regular   | 36,721                              | -                          | -                        | 36,721                   | 30,024      |
| 0036                             | Co-curricular Activities   | 68,716                              | -                          | -                        | 68,716                   | 52,321      |
| 0037                             | Food Services  | 58,866                              | -                          | -                        | 58,866                   | 60,861      |
| 0041                             | General Administration   | 107,961                             | -                          | -                        | 107,961                  | 107,347     |
| 0042                             | Debt Services  | 78,022                              | -                          | 45,002                   | 123,024                  | 53,235      |
| 0051                             | Plant Maintenance and Operations   | 159,529                             | -                          | -                        | 159,529                  | 116,649     |
| 0052                             | Facilities Acquisition and Construction  | -                                   | -                          | -                        | -                        | -           |
| 0075                             | Data Processing Services   | 2,520                               | -                          | -                        | 2,520                    | 2,516       |
| 0081                             | Community Service  | -                                   | -                          | -                        | -                        | -           |
| 6090                             | Total Expenditures   | \$1,464,148                         | \$23,795                   | \$45,002                 | \$1,532,945              | \$1,291,084 |
| <b>OTHER RESOURCES AND USES:</b> |  |                                     |                            |                          |                          |             |
| 5060                             | Other Resources  | \$47,249                            | -                          | -                        | \$47,249                 | -           |
| 6060                             | Other (Uses)   | (26,391)                            | -                          | -                        | (26,391)                 | (35,096)    |
| 7000                             | Total Other Resources and (Uses)   | \$20,858                            | -                          | -                        | \$20,858                 | (\$35,096)  |
| 1200                             | Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses | (\$13,647)                          | -                          | \$5,163                  | (\$8,484)                | \$71,201    |
| 0100                             | Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)   | 420,623                             | -                          | 34,438                   | 455,061                  | 383,860     |
| 1300                             | Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance  | -                                   | -                          | -                        | -                        | -           |
| 3000                             | Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)  | \$406,976                           | -                          | \$39,601                 | \$446,577                | \$455,061   |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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## 2 WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

To list your event, call 759-4311 BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY!

| Sunday, December 20   | Monday, December 21  | Tuesday, December 22                       | Wednesday, December 23 | Thursday, December 24   | Friday, December 25 | Saturday, December 26 |
|---|----------------------|--|------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Come & Go Farewell Party for Eric Gray, 2 to 4 p.m. Community Center Meeting Room |                      | SH vs. Liberty Christian, there, 4:30 p.m. |                        |   | CHRISTMAS DAY       |                       |
| Sunday, December 27   | Monday, December 28  | Tuesday, December 29                       | Wednesday, December 30 | Thursday, December 31   | Friday, January 1   | Saturday, January 2   |
|   | Cooke County Classic | Cooke County Classic                       | Cooke County Classic   | SH Pre-School Parents' Group New Year's Eve Dance, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. | NEW YEAR'S          |                       |

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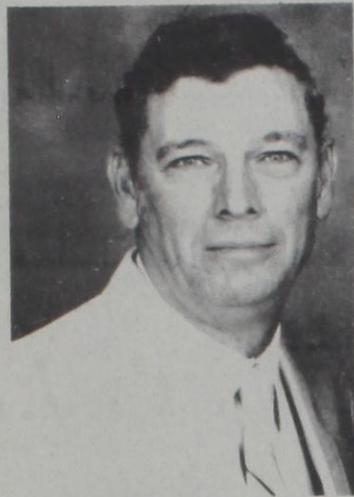
# Henry William Fleitman dies at 54

Henry William Fleitman, 54, a native of Lindsay died in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Friday, Dec. 11, following a lengthy illness.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered for him in St. Peter's Church on Monday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m., officiated by Father Stephen Eckart OSB, pastor of St. Peter's, assisted by Father Nicholas Fuhrmann OSB of St. Mary's Church in Gainesville; Father Victor Gillespie OSB and Father Camillus Cooney OSB of Sacred Heart Church in Muenster, and Father Chris Davis of St. Mary's Church in Windthorst.

Participating in the special liturgy were Rudy Dieter as lector; Leroy Metzler, Jim Myrick and Johnny Arendt as ushers who also presented Offertory gifts at the altar; George Lutkenhaus, Greg Arendt and Doug Hellinger as Mass servers. The St. Peter's Church Choir presented sacred music, including "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "Lord, Let Me Walk," "Song of the Angels," "Here I Am, Lord," "Psalm of the Good Shepherd," and "Wherever You Go." The congregation joined in unison "On Eagles Wings," "Only A Shadow," "I Am The Bread of Life," and "Be Not Afraid."

Burial followed in St. Peter's



HENRY FLEITMAN

Cemetery, directed by Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Raymond Hoenig, Damond Fuhrmann, John Hoberer, Paul Sandmann, Frank Sandmann, and Leon Fleitman.

Henry William Fleitman was born on Aug. 3, 1938 in Lindsay to William and Lena Fleitman. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. On Sept. 14, 1959, he married the former Annette Himmels in St. Mary's Church in Windthorst. He was employed by Industrial Models in Gainesville as

a quality assurance supervisor. He also farmed and raised cattle south of Lindsay.

A member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Henry William Fleitman was a devoted Christian, and an outstanding husband and father. He loved all kinds of sports and his favorite hobby was supporting his five children's educational and athletic activities. His cheerful encouragement will be dearly missed.

Active in church, school and community affairs, he held membership in St. Peter's Society, Knights of Columbus and St. Peter's Parish Council. He was on the City Zoning Board and was a member of the Lindsay School Board.

Survivors are his wife, Annette Fleitman of the home; one daughter Karen Fleitman of Dallas; four sons Ronald Fleitman of Albuquerque, N.M.; Wayne Fleitman and daughter-in-law Cyndi Fleitman of Pearland, Tx.; Bobby Fleitman of Denton and Kenneth Fleitman of Lindsay. Also his mother Mrs. Lena Fleitman of Lindsay; four sisters Virginia Krahl of Gainesville; Clara Fleitman of Lindsay; Margie Reeves of Jacksboro; and Mildred Lindemann of Windthorst, and one grandchild, Dax Fleitman of Pearland.

## Marked increase indicated for Muenster

State Comptroller John Sharp sent a total of \$105.8 million in December sales tax rebates to 918 cities and 109 counties, a 18.1 percent increase over the payments of one year ago.

Texas cities received \$94.6 million in sales tax payments, up 17.9 percent from the \$80.2 million they received last December. Counties received \$11.2 million, a 20.3 percent increase over the December 1991 rebates of \$9.3 million.

"Service employment grew at the fastest rate, rising by 2.8 percent between October 1991 and October 1992. After losing jobs for more than a year, Texas' manufacturing sector has started to improve," Sharp said.

December's rebate payment of \$8,204.37 was up 77.25 percent from last December's \$4,628.78. Total payments to date in 1992 are also up 12.02 percent. \$119,402.27 has been returned to Muenster in 1992 compared to \$106,592.28 in 1991.

The only other Cooke County city to show an improvement from a year ago is Gainesville, a \$77,389.24 rebate check showed an increase of 4.06 percent. Gainesville's payments to date have decreased for 1991 by 6.31 percent. Their total for 1992 was \$1,190,674.21.

Lindsay received \$2,542.32 which was down 12.69 percent from last December. Lindsay's total

payments to date in 1992 are \$45,644.74, up 1.18 percent from 1991. Oak Ridge also dropped its amount for December by 3.47 percent, receiving only \$3,153.98. Its total payments to date of \$36,867.46 were up 6.27 percent from 1991. Valley View received \$1,888.23 which was down 17.07 percent from December a year ago. The city's total payments to date,

\$29,585.02, are up 16.23 percent from 1991's total.

Cooke County received a December check for \$49,807.95 which was an increase of 13.87 percent over December 1991's check of \$43,741.84. The county's total payments to date for 1992 is \$704,406.28, a 2.32 percent increase from 1991.

## State Rep. Charles Finnell "present and participating"

State Rep. Charles Finnell, defying a legislative tendency to avoid the floor of the now ended Legislature on equal education funding, did not miss any committee meetings, roll calls or votes taken.

A colleague said of the Northwest Texas legislator, "Charles is one who stuck to his guns throughout the session." The called session began on Nov. 10 and ended on Dec. 3, failing to resolve the impasse over a court order to redistribute money from property-wealthy Texas school districts to property-poor ISDs. The issue now goes to the 73rd Regular Session on Jan. 12, 1993.

At several sessions in the called session, reporters outnumbered the State Representatives on the House floor. Finnell was there for every

vote, every debate and action taken.

"Our constituents elected me to represent their interests," Finnell stated. "My participation on the floor is vital to that representation."

The called session adjourned on a mostly partisan vote of 90 to 57. One-hundred votes were needed to keep legislators working.

"I recognize no partisan position on the subject of financing our independent school districts," Finnell said. "I voted to keep the process alive."

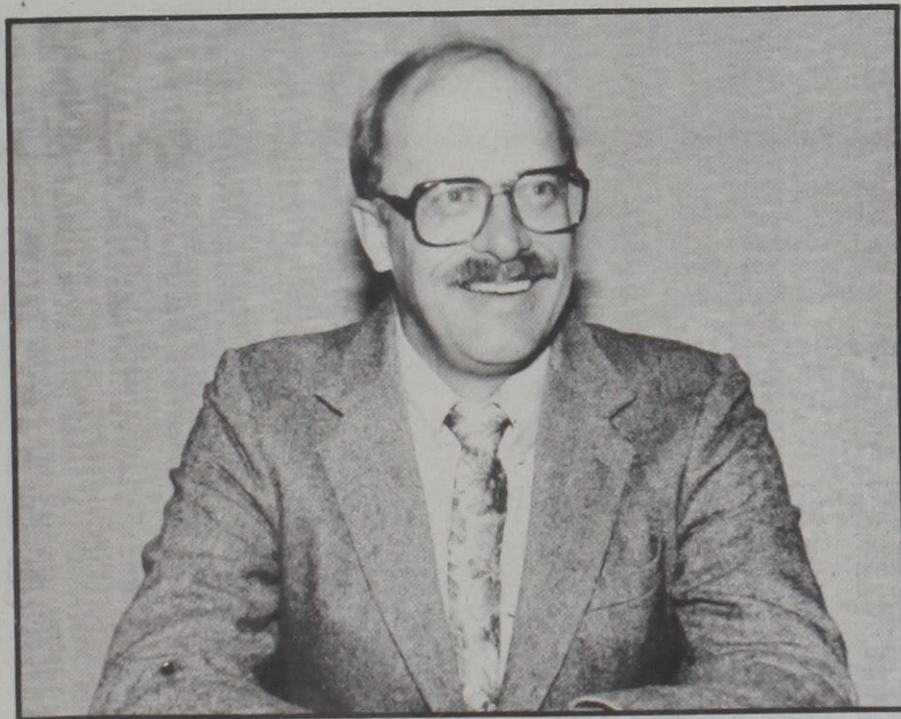
Finnell and the 89 other representatives who voted with him wanted to advance the funding issue into a House-Senate conference committee to resolve the differences between the two houses and to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot for voters to decide.

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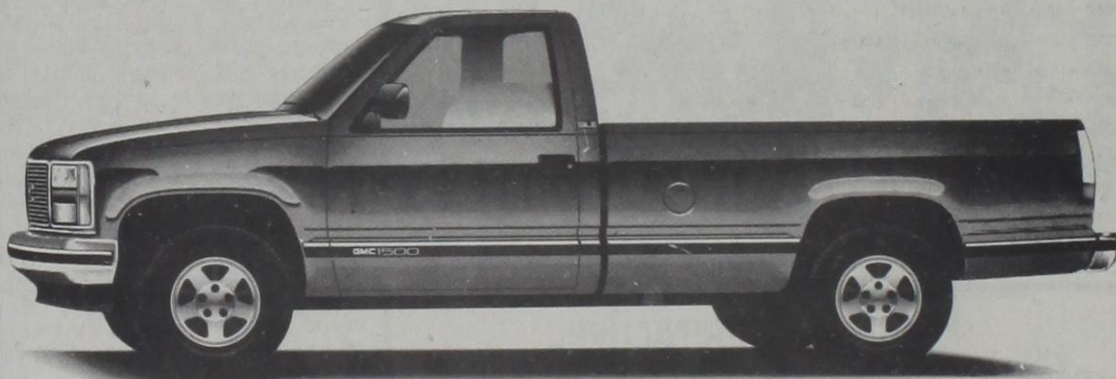
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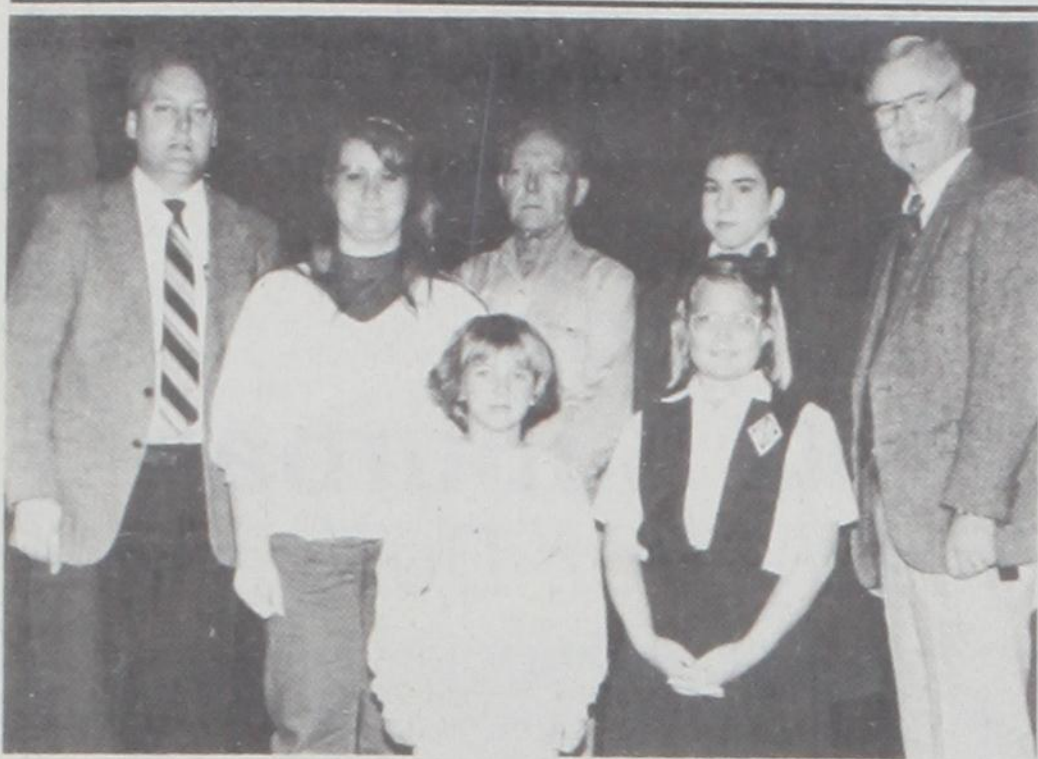
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# Lifestyle

## Kiwanis Club announces Students of the Month



MUESTER KIWANIS members, 1 to r, back row - Jerry Metzler, Johnny Rohrer and Jack Murdock present honors to Students of the Month, 1 to r, front row - Holly Mullins, Stephanie Hellman, Jackie Bartush and Stephanie Grewing. Janie Hartman Photo

November Students of the Month from both local schools have been announced by the Muenster Kiwanis who sponsor the monthly recognition. A student from each elementary and each Jr. High or high school are nominated for the award each month.

Jackie Bartush, daughter of Chuck and June Bartush, was selected from Sacred Heart Elementary School. She was nominated by her fourth grade teacher Anna Hermes. "Jackie's winning smile and sense of humor would brighten any classroom," said Ms. Hermes. "Her excellent work habits are reflected in the high quality of her work. With her friendly, cooperative attitude, she will always be a pleasant addition to any class."

Sacred Heart High Student of the Month for November is sophomore Stephanie Grewing. Her enthusiasm

and cheerfulness show in everything she does from academics to cheerleading. Her enthusiasm is contagious. "Other students can not stop themselves from picking up Stephanie's positive attitude," remarked Rita O'Brien, the teacher who nominated Stephanie. "Stephanie puts 200% into all that she does. This month you could see Stephanie practicing cheers, attending Student Council meetings, decorating for homecoming, serving breakfast at a fund raiser, running cross country, and receiving academic awards at Sacred Heart's Awards Night." She is the daughter of Wayne and Peggy Grewing.

Muenster Elementary Student of the Month is Stephanie Hellman. She is a third grade student in Becky Scott's class. Stephanie is always pleasant and cooperative, offering a helping hand without being told. She gets along well with

her classmates and teachers. Her favorite subjects in school are language and art. Stephanie especially likes to write stories and draw horses. She hopes to be a doctor so she can help people. Her parents are Dale and Leona Hellman.

Holly Mullins has been chosen as Muenster High School's Student of the Month for November. Holly is

an excellent student, having all 'A's' last six weeks. Not only does she do well academically, but she takes time as a PAL volunteer to peer tutor another student very successfully. Holly's positive attitude is obvious - she always has a smile ready for everyone. Holly is an eighth grade student at Muenster Public School and is the daughter of Phil and Pauline Mullins.

## What's J.E.L.L.Y.?

by Eric Gray  
With all the articles and activities happening these days with J.E.L.L.Y., some folk may just wonder what all this J.E.L.L.Y. stuff is about.

J.E.L.L.Y. is Sacred Heart Parish's youth ministry for students in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. J.E.L.L.Y. itself stands for Jesus EverLasting Loving You, a slogan brought by Brandon Bayer last winter during a slogan contest at the end of a retreat. It was voted in on that day by all retreatants assembled, and is now the official designation for this age group in the parish's youth ministry.

This has all been explained before, and is not always easily remembered, so J.E.L.L.Y. has done something to help make themselves remembered. They had a T-shirt design contest, with a price of two free T-shirts going to the winner.

Yvonne Martin submitted the

design which eventually became the J.E.L.L.Y. logo. With a little re-organization and polishing by Eric Gray, Patti Bayer and Jeannine Flusche, and with much graphics lay-out time by Patti Bayer, the logo was ready for the T-shirts.

It is a Sacred Heart inside the globe, signifying Sacred Heart Parish's existence within a world, as well as Jesus' eternal presence for all peoples everywhere. The words "Jesus EverLasting Loving You" encircle the top half, and "Sacred Heart Parish - Muenster" encircle the bottom half.

Yvonne Martin received her prize of two T-shirts, and a happy camper she was. T-Shirts can be obtained by contacting Eric Gray or Jeannine Flusche. The cost is \$6.25. The logo will also be used in the future for letter heads, envelopes, and other J.E.L.L.Y. stuff. But, of course, as with all things, it will come in time.

## Muenster Homemakers have Christmas dinner

Muenster Extension Homemakers Club held their annual Christmas party with a noon dinner at the Cooke County Electric Co-op building on Dec. 9, with members bringing meats, salads and desserts for a bountiful meal.

After dinner, Lucille Lutkenhaus read two Christmas stories. The usual gift exchange was dispensed with this year.

Entertainment featured a humorous skit with models Ann Herr, Jaci Bilderback and Bea Young modeling clothes from the '40s. Mabel Sicking, dressed as "Minnie Pearl" was the narrator.

Carolyn Cone, a new member, was welcomed. The Cones recently moved from Dallas to Marysville. Louise Trubenbach was a guest.

Florence Fisher will host the January meeting when new year books will be planned.

## NOTICE!

Eric Gray will be honored with a farewell party on Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Community Center meeting room. It will be a come-and-go event from 2 until 4 p.m. Gray will leave for Australia after Christmas to be a member of the National Evangelization Team for a year.

Cooke County Catholic Singles will meet Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at All-Star Lanes in Gainesville.

## Phone Company hosts annual Christmas party

Muenster Telephone Corporation hosted its annual Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 5. Forty-seven employees and spouses enjoyed an evening of festivities in the company meeting room. The evening began with a social, followed by dinner and party games.

Following the meal, President Alvin Fuhrman gave an overview of the year 1992 including major projects such as North Texas Educational Network, Equal Access Cutover and burying of the fiber optic cable. He also expressed 1993 will be another busy year for Muenster Telephone Corporation.

Mr. Fuhrman also presented service pins for years of service to employees: Mary Hess, 5 years; Richard Corley, 5 years; and Gracie Fuhrman, 35 years.

Mrs. Fuhrman thanked everyone for making her job so memorable

and expressed how gratifying it was to see new, young employees progress through the years.

After the presentations, the group enjoyed a "Guessing Game," won by Ben Bindel, Kyla Henscheid, August Boto and Gene Fuhrman were declared the best golfers in the "Putting Contest." A game of "Pass the Package" concluded the evening.

Doris Koesler was the big winner of the evening receiving the coveted table centerpiece.

Other guests for the evening were Cindy and August Boto and Ben and Tina Bindel.

Unable to attend because of the weather were Marsha and Dub Means of Klaasmeyer Construction, Pete Lynch of Mitchell Engineering, Mitch Remy of Stromberg-Carlson and Richard and Kathy Corley.

## Doctor lists toys which threaten children's sight

CRETE, IL - A toy water rocket that travels with enough velocity to fly 1,000 feet, and a series of "Nerf" toys that shoot hard plastic balls and arrows as far as 50 feet, head the list of toys on the market for this year's holiday season that could cause serious eye damage, warned Phillip L. Kaufman, O.D.

Announcing his 15th annual dangerous toy list, Dr. Kaufman cautioned parents not to assume a toy labeled "safe" is, in fact, appropriate for a child.

"Many toys with balls or darts promoted as 'safe' or 'soft' have the potential to severely damage the eye, he said. "Other toys feature sharp edges which could impale an eye."

More than 11,000 people were treated at hospital emergency rooms in 1991 for toy-related eye injuries around the holidays, according to statistics from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. In addition, emergency room professionals have estimated the reported figure is less than 10 percent of the actual number of injuries that occur.

1. Air Pressure Super Soaker Wing Thing. Age 10 and up. A water jet that projects a rocket as far as 1,000 feet. At short range it could knock out an eye.

2. Nerf Slingshot. Age 8 and up. Fires hard foam balls with enough force to cause a black eye.

3. Nef Missile Launcher. Age 6 and up. Fires hard foam missile as far as 40 feet from a foot actuated launcher. It can also fire straight into a child's eye.

4. Nerf Master Blaster. Age 6 and up. Fires eight hard foam balls as far as 50 feet, and aiming is difficult.

5. Cross Bow and Arrow game. Age 6 and up. Fires hard foam arrows that could cause severe eye damage due to the velocity and size.

6. Blurb Balls. Age 4 and up. A toy ball that fires a small hard round projectile. It carries a warning that it should not be shot at a face because it could cause moderate eye damage.

7. Ooz Ball. Age 5 and up. A gooey substance that is difficult to remove from the fingers. If it gets in an eye, it burns, just like soap or handcream.

8. Batball. Age 5 and up. A ball with wings and a whistle on the front that could cut the front of the eye if a catch is missed.

9. Power Planes. Age 5 and up. Small unprotected propeller driven planes that fly fast and uncontrollably with the potential to slice into an eye.

10. Aerobic Orbiter. No age rating. A flat, triangular flying object with sharp edges and points. If hit in the eye, it could cause severe eye damage.

11. Flying Marvel Superheroes. Age 5 and up. A heavy rubber band launched hard plastic center flying superhero. If contact is made at

close range it could penetrate the eye.

12. Glow in the Dark High Bouncing Balls. Age 5 and up. Small, high resilience bouncing balls that are designed to be used in the dark.

13. Franklin Master Darts Set. No age listed. An adult game toy sold next to children's toys. Could penetrate the eye if misused. It is made to appear safer by using plastic tips which are just as sharp as the metal ones.

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GLENDIA HOWELL of Pearl of the Concho stands in the midst of one section of paintings and sculptures on display in her Gainesville business. Janie Hartman Photo

## Local works of art displayed at Pearl of the Concho Galleria in Gainesville

by Janet Felderhoff

Anyone who appreciates art in various forms, old western clothing, jewelry, or clothing personalized by an artist will want to visit Glenda Howell's Pearl of the Concho Galleria at 103 W. California, Gainesville. The art gallery features the work of 15 artists including several locals.

Cheryl Student of Muenster, Bud Pawless, Deavers' Crafts and Carla Ann Tomason (CAT) all of Gainesville have pieces of art for sale which are on display at Pearl of the Concho. Several of the artists who have works available at the Gainesville business also have works in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Pearl of the Concho has a Southwest flavor, but there are other types of pieces included in the collection. Many of the Galleria's visitors are drawn in because of the intriguing items in the window display.

Unusual items include old western chaps, hats, bear skin coat, hand crafted concho and leather earrings, sculptures and raku pieces. "What I'm trying to do with my art is - any age or class of person - makes no difference who comes in here, I want art work that everybody would like," remarked Glenda. "That's why none of my artists are alike and I won't have anybody else alike."

Glenda is an artist herself. She was featured in the Dallas Morning News in December of 1990 for her unusual gift ideas. She does gifts wrapped in art. The painting can be carefully cut out and displayed after the package is presented.

She has done many paintings of bass, marlin, wood ducks, bird dogs and deer. Glenda has painted for 20 years.

The medias that Glenda works in are water color and acrylics. She does custom painting on new or used clothing. It is preferable that the customer bring in the clothing to be painted. She can make an outfit you've grown tired of take on an all new look. Custom gift wrapping is another of her specialties and there are several examples of the gift boxes that can be treasured as much as the gift.

There are a number of pieces of Raku sculptures. An artist designs the piece, fires it in a kiln and when it is removed with tongs the hot piece is placed inside hay, grass or leaves. It burns the hay totally up and the color of the piece is absorbed from the natural color produced by the burning hay. Every piece will be unique because the colors come out darker in some places than others.

From New Mexico mycaceous clay was brought back and pieces have been sculpted into art works that are a beautiful, natural gold color. The Deavers crafted the pieces.

An interesting piece of art to observe while visiting Pearl of the Concho Galleria is the wall scene created by Glenda. She sculpted it from stucco.

Paintings on display are still life, animals, landscapes, portraits of children and even cowboys and their horses or cattle. She plans to have a lot of wonderful horse paintings. "You have to get a name and you have to start from scratch and keep plugging at it," said of Glenda of an artist's path to success.

Pearl of the Concho Galleria was chosen by Glenda for her business because she is from San Angelo, Texas where the Concho River has produced pearls. In particular a very large pearl known as the Concho Pearl.

Business hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day except Sunday which is 1 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday when they are closed. In two or three months Glenda hopes to have an associate and be able to offer interior decorating as well as decorative pieces.

## Small group begins in January

On the weekend of Jan. 10, all adults in Sacred Heart Parish (anyone out of high school and older) are encouraged to sign up for a small faith-sharing group that will begin meeting the week of Jan. 24 for 6 to 10 weeks. There will be three programs for the participant to choose from.

The first is the Little Rock Scripture Study. It will begin with a 10-week study of the Acts of the Apostles. This program combines daily Scripture study, sharing at small group meetings, audio- or video-taped lectures and prayer. The groups will meet at various times, depending on what is convenient for the participants. Leaders will meet weekly with Father Victor at another time.

Several things distinguish this program from other Scripture study programs. First, it is prayer-based. The Scriptures are studied not merely to inform but to form the participant spiritually. Secondly, the program combines individual

and group study. Participants learn from both personal and shared reflection on the Word. Thirdly, the program is designed to be led by laity, who may confidently take on the responsibility - and develop a strong lay ministry in the process.

Another option is a course on Catholic Beliefs using *Catholic Updates* published by St. Anthony Messenger Press. This course is designed to go 6 to 10 weeks with a discussion of one or two *Catholic Updates* at each session. Each *Catholic Update* addresses a particular topic in a four-page, easy-to-read format. *Catholic Updates* to be used this spring include: "The Creed: Essentials of Our Faith," "The Ten Commandments: Sounds of Love from Sinai," "Your Conscience and Church Teaching," "Birth Control and the Conscientious Catholic," "A New View of Sin: Our Growing Awareness of Social Sin," "Guilt: A Tool for Christian Growth," "Who is Jesus?" "What Does It Mean To

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The third program is based on the book *Challenge* by Father Mark Link, S.J. It involves 10 minutes of daily reflection on a brief Scripture verse, a story, and a question for personal reflection. When the small group meets, there are questions to guide the sharing on the week's meditations. The program is based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. This program is an excellent way to grow in prayer and meditation. The book has enough material for 13 weeks, so the small group could take six weeks now and six weeks in the future. Leaders for both the Catholic Belief Course and the *Challenge* book will meet with Barbara Fuhrmann monthly.

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## Extension Homemakers feted for Christmas Dec. 7

Sixty-two members and guests attended the Cooke County Extension Homemakers Christmas party held at The Center Restaurant in Muenster on Monday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. The Muenster Extension Homemakers Club was hostess, with Dorothy Fisher, Lucille Lutkenhaus, Ann Herr and Jaci Bilderback welcoming guests and presenting them with name tags.

A delicious meal of chicken fried steak, baked potato, salad, green beans and home made hot rolls was served. Members of the Muenster club provided a buffet of homemade dessert pies.

A Christmas gift exchange was enjoyed by members and guests. Two lucky guests won door prizes which were a Christmas wreath to Jean Martin of the Liberty Belles Club and a set of crocheted Mr. and Mrs. Snow People to Bryce Dale, a new member from the Ross Point Club.

Following the meal, Dorothy Fisher entertained the group with a reading: "My Most Precious Gift" by Ursula Berger. Eddie Fleitman provided accordion music for a sing-a-long of Christmas carols.



THE SACRED HEART CHILDREN'S CHOIR sings for Home Hospice's "Light Up A Life." Photo courtesy Angela Antonetti

## Halfway mark reached by Hospice Auxiliary

The Cooke County Home Hospice Auxiliary "Light Up A Life" fundraising campaign has reached the halfway mark in its campaign, since beginning fundraising activities on Nov. 29 with tree dedications at Beall's Department Store and Tom Thumb.

Monies raised will be used in the care of Cooke County terminally ill patients. To date, the Hospice unit has cared for more than 30 patients.

Cooke County residents are manning the tables at Beall's and Tom Thumb as volunteers, each day 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accept donations. A \$10.00 donation in honor or in memory of a special friend or loved one will place an

angel on the trees.

Coordinators of "Light Up A Life" are Angela Antonetti, chairman; Denise Martin-Pearse, co-chairman; Dena Anderson, scheduling; and Jane Kilcrease and Mary Gill, angels. They urge holiday donations made to Home Hospice at the two locations, or mailed to Home Hospice, P.O. Box 1352, Gainesville, TX 76241.

## Jaycees offer Pre-School Scholarship

Muenster Jaycees are looking for interested applicants for a Pre-School Scholarship Program. Each year the Texas Jaycee Foundation offers two scholarships on a "need" basis to families that wish to enroll their child in an accredited pre-school but lack necessary funding.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who meet certain minimum requirements and can prove their needs on the application. The grant, not to exceed \$500, will be paid directly to the accredited pre-school. Local Jaycee chapters fund the scholarship program.

Deadline for submission of the application is January 5, 1993. Any application received with a postmark after this date will not be considered. Applications have been given to Sacred Heart School and will be available at the Sacred Heart business office. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of 1992. The business office is located in the west end of Sacred Heart Convent.

## Sisters celebrate birthdays Nov. 25



MICHELLE PAGEL



AMY PAGEL

Celebrating two birthdays on the same day was a double pleasure for Michelle Pagel and Amy Pagel when their parents Janet and Matt Bezner entertained in their home in Lindsay on Thanksgiving evening. Michelle's birthday was on Nov. 25 and she was 6 years old. Amy's birthday was on Nov. 26; she was born on Thanksgiving Day 11 years ago. In her 11 years Amy has accomplished a remarkable record of 30 surgical procedures and recoveries, and will have more to follow in January.

For the party there was a strawberry cake baked and decorated by their mother. It was served with ice cream and cold drinks. Gifts were opened and displayed, and pictures were made.

Attending were their parents and their sisters Jessica and Lydia; their grandparents Bill and Charlotte Dangelmayr of Muenster, and Weldon and Rose Bezner of Lindsay. Also present were Tom Dangelmayr, Shawn Dangelmayr, April Truelsenbach and Hayle Fenton of Muenster.

## Center helps protect environment

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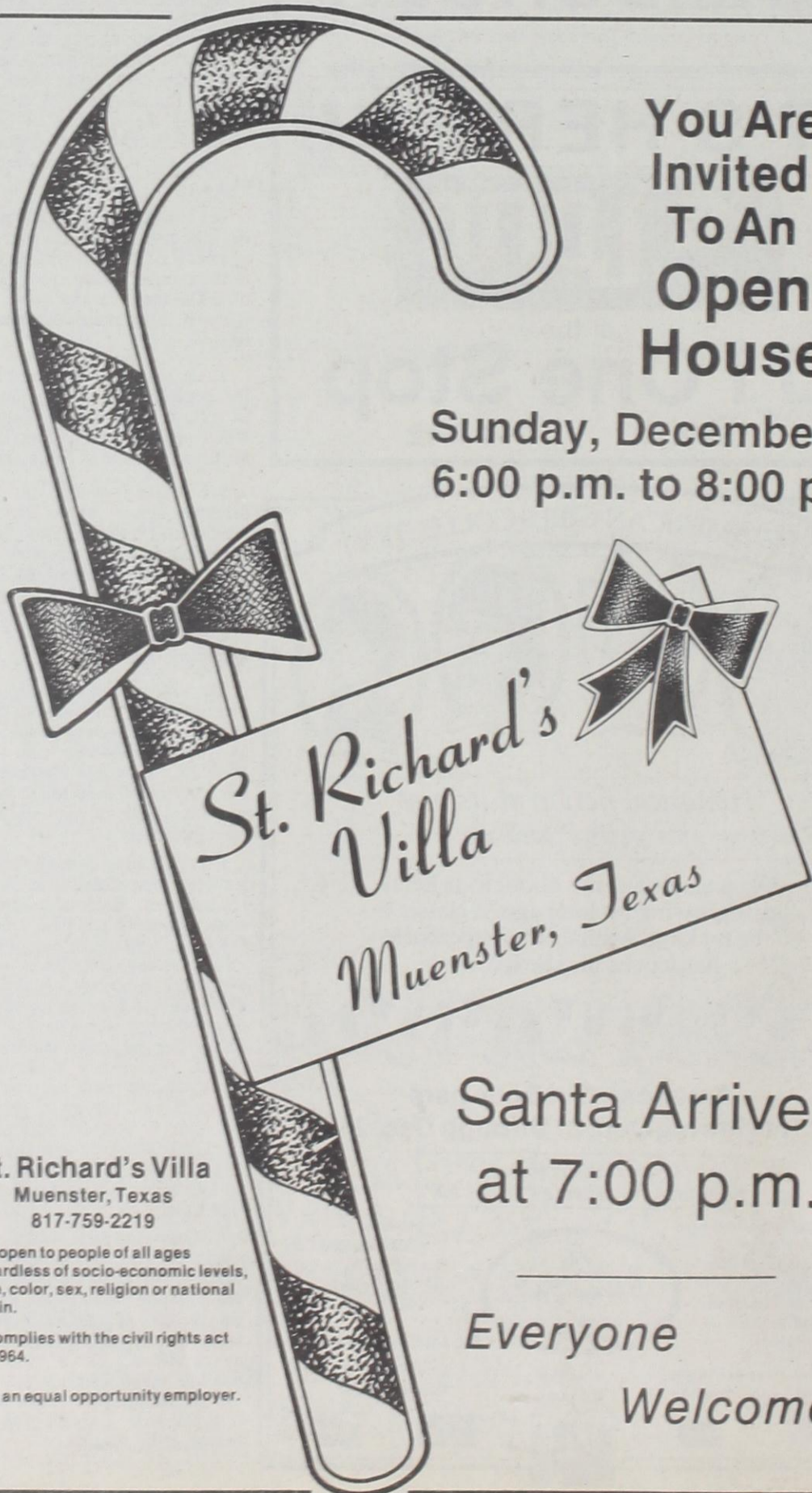
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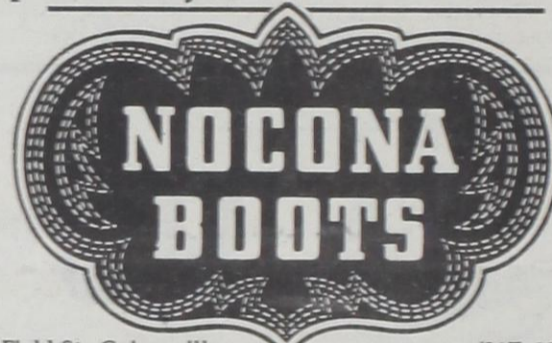
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## Sister Roberta Hesse visits in hometown from Africa

Sister Roberta Hesse, a missionary nun is home for a three-month visit with family and other relatives. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hesse. This is Sister Roberta's 25th year in Africa where she has ministered in Rwanda and Zaire.

She spent five days visiting in Muenster last week. On Thursday she was the honoree for a 6 p.m. meal in the home of her Aunt Theresa Hesse, with cousins bringing a spaghetti supper with salad and dessert. Visiting, picture taking and reminiscing were enjoyed. Later the ladies decorated a Christmas tree for their Aunt Theresa, and all joined in singing "Silent Night."

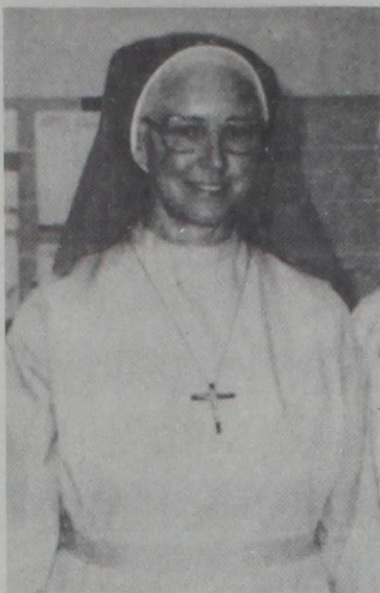
Guests included Sister Roberta, Jim and Jane Myrick, Regina Pels, Armella Cler, Bernard and Agnes

Hesse, Norbert and Liz Koesler and Paul and Dorothy Hesse.

One day Sister Roberta was a guest of her sister-in-law Ethel Hesse, and another day was spent with Regina Pels, another day in the Bernard Hesse home, and an afternoon in the home of Ervin and Carol Henscheid where she helped make liver sausage. Their evening meal included sausage and fried pannis, an old German delicacy, to Sister Roberta's delight.

Sunday afternoon Dolores Miller held open house for cousins. On Monday Sister Roberta spoke to the eighth grade class at Sacred Heart School, about missionary life. On Friday she spoke to all classes after the 8 a.m. Mass, which was broadcast on Channel 2.

On Wednesday she returned to Our Lady of Victory Convent in



Fort Worth after a visit at Mary Immaculate Academy in Wichita Falls. She will be back in Muenster this weekend to attend a family reunion.

## Safety important for kids home alone

by Sandra Avant

COLLEGE STATION - While children are counting the days until Christmas, working parents may be nervous about the extra time the kids will be home alone.

Whether a child is used to coming home to an empty house or not, following some tips will help both parents and children feel secure.

A list of important people and telephone numbers should be posted near the telephone. The list should include parents' work numbers, a nearby neighbor or relative and emergency numbers such as 911.

Before you leave your child at home alone, Anderson said, do a home safety check with your child:

\*Make sure all doors and windows can be locked and that your child knows how to work the locks.

\*Post a list of emergency numbers near each phone.

\*Remove all dangerous items from the reach of young children.

\*Make sure electrical cords are out of the way, free of bare wires or broken plugs.

\*Check that smoke detectors are working properly and that batteries are good.

\*Make sure your child knows the family fire escape plan and has practiced fire drills.

\*Be sure your child knows the safest place to go if there is a severe weather warning.

Parents should establish some rules and chores and help children plan activities to eliminate loneliness and boredom. Also, keep a supply of healthful snacks.

For more information on children home alone, contact the local county office of the Extension Service and ask for material on Project Home Safe and responsible self care.

## Parker Luke celebrates 2nd birthday Nov. 7

Parker Ramón Luke, two-year-old son of Ramón ("Ray") and Tawni Luke of Lewisville celebrated his birthday of Nov. 1, with a party on Nov. 7 in their home. Parker is the grandson of Dan and Barbara Luke of Gainesville and the late Dolores (Henzler) Luke. His maternal grandparents are Lynn and Glenda Vowell of Irving.

Theme of decorations was "Babar, the Elephant."

A hamburger supper was followed by birthday cake and ice cream, and shared with relatives from the Luke and Vowell families.

Attending were the honoree's great-grandmother, Olga Vowell of Dallas; the grandparents Dan Luke and Lynn and Glenda Vowell; the parents, Ray and Tawni Luke; the brother Preston, 5 years old; Uncle Damian and Aunt Julie Luke and children Harrison and Erinn of Longview; Uncle Dwayne and Aunt Cheryl Rohmer and son John of Muenster; Uncle Ben Luke of Denton and his fiancée Annette Carroll of Grand Prairie; and Mark and Debbie Vowell and children Jonathan, Bethany and Jessica of Dallas.



PARKER LUKE

## Adoration set for Jan. 1

The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Friday, Jan. 1, in Sacred Heart Church after 10:30 Mass and will end at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 2.

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- \* Keep trees and flammable decorations a safe distance from open flame heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves.
- \* Check children's new toys for potential safety hazards.
- \* Buckle up and be especially careful on the road. Out-of-town travelers, drinking drivers and weather conditions all pose special risks this time of year.
- \* Plan (don't just hope) for a safe and healthy 1993!

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# Caution: Holidays ahead... Friends don't let friends drive drunk!

If you are giving a party, here are some facts you may find interesting and helpful. Serving alcoholic beverages in your home carries with it a responsibility for your guests' well being. According to the Texas Dram Shop Law, House Bill 1652 states: (1) "providing, selling, or serving an alcoholic beverage may be the basis of a statutory cause of action;" (2) "If it was apparent to the provider that the individual being sold, served, or provided with an alcoholic beverage was obviously intoxicated to the extent that he presented a clear danger to himself and others;" and (3) "the intoxication of the recipient of the alcoholic beverage was a proximate cause of the damages suffered." In other words, a person or establishment that serves alcohol to an intoxicated individual may be held legally liable if personal injury or property damage occurs as a direct result of that intoxication. Before thinking about your guests, please think about your own attitudes about drinking.

Before stocking your bar, keep in mind some basic facts about

alcohol. Whether you're planning to serve beer, wine, or liquor, the essential ingredient that is absorbed into the bloodstream is ethyl alcohol. A good rule of thumb in determining how much is too much is to remember that our bodies can only "use up" about one drink (of any type of alcoholic beverage) per hour.

A host or hostess has responsibilities in two areas. First, party-givers can carefully plan the party with an awareness that they set the tone, direction, and party activities. Instead of sending guests directly to the bar, try mixing people as they arrive. Good conversation is possible without alcohol. Alcohol should enhance conversation, not dominate it.

In spite of your best intentions and those of your guests, someone may become intoxicated at your party. There is no way to sober up quickly. It takes time for the body to metabolize the alcohol that is in the bloodstream - about one hour for each beverage drink taken. Black coffee, cold shower, or even a whiff of oxygen simply is not effective as a sobering agent.

The following hints provide a key to a successful party while keeping things under control:

- Provide seats for all with table space to allow guests to set drinks down.
  - Choose a bartender of known discretion.
  - Serve drinks at regular, reasonable intervals.
  - Don't double up - many people count and pace their drinks.
  - Push the snacks - be sure to do this while your guests are drinking.
  - Don't push drinks, let the glass be empty before you offer a refill.
  - Serve non-alcoholic beverages.
  - Set drinking limits.
  - Offer more than drinks (i.e., hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, dinner, activities, etc.).
  - Serve dinner. A cocktail hour is supposed to enhance a fine dinner, not compete with it.
- If you choose to follow these tips, your guests can remember your party for the enjoyment it provided - not for how badly they felt the next day.



FLUTE-A-PHONES tunes are performed by the 4th Grade Beginning Band.



ABOVE, the 6th Grade Band blows away several Christmas songs. Below right and left, the High School Band.



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## Muenster ISD Christmas Concert

Photos by Janie Hartman



## Commission taps global satellite system to pinpoint oil, gas wells

Using space-age technology packed into a box the size of a cellular telephone, Railroad Commission technicians have begun tapping an 18-satellite network orbiting 11,000 miles above the earth to chart precise locations for more than 7,700 Texas wells.

Railroad Commissioners James E. (Jim) Nugent and Bob Krueger demonstrated the flexibility and accuracy of the system at a well site in Tom Green County. The commissioners' demonstration marked the start of a three-week sweep by four Commission teams designed to give the agency precise latitude and longitude readings on an estimated 7,700 oil and gas wells in Runnels County. If successful, the satellite location program will be extended to other counties across the state.

"If the system performs as expected, we will for the first time have precise latitude and longitude coordinates for known wells in a particular area," said Nugent. "We'll download the information to our mapping computer in Austin to give us more accurate well maps than we've ever had before."

"Knowing precise locations for existing wells helps oil and gas operators as they chart areas for future exploration," Krueger said. Both commissioners said the well sweep should compliment existing Commission anti-pollution efforts by locating and identifying active or potential oil and gas pollution sources.

Commission computer databases and well maps currently show 2,500 plugged wells, 2,800 dry holes that are presumed plugged, and 2,462 active or unplugged wells in Runnels County. In their three-week "satellite sweep," RRC technicians will first locate the wells and then check their status. Potential problem wells will be identified for further Commission action.

The hand-held receivers being used by the Commission take advantage of signals from satellites in the Global Positioning System, a \$10 billion, 21-satellite network being deployed by the Department of Defense to provide continuous, worldwide positioning and navigation data to U.S. military forces. GPS signals are available to an unlimited number of users simultaneously. They are transmitted on two frequencies, one for civilian access and the other encrypted for exclusive military use.

As a Commission technician holds the receiver at a well site, several signals from passing satellites over a few minutes' time are received and stored in the unit's memory. Later, the data is compared with similar data beamed down to a precise reference point established by the Texas Department of Transportation in

Austin. The two data "fixes" yield latitude and longitude coordinates for the well site with much greater accuracy than could be obtained from the field location by itself.

"With this system, we're able to take advantage of billions of dollars worth of space-age technology at bargain-basement prices," said Nugent. "We buy only these small, handheld receivers and the federal government picks up the tab for building, launching and maintaining the satellite system. If this system works as expected, we should be able to precisely chart well locations with far greater accuracy and far less cost than having survey crews crisscross the state."



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2. Each and every person in the community is eligible to cast their vote.
3. Voting is to be completed and be in the **Chamber of Commerce Office no later than 5:00 pm, Tuesday, Dec. 22.**
4. If you are not sure who lives at a residence, go to their door and ask, or ask a neighbor.

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**BEST STREET BLOCK** -- NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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**BEST ADOPTED VACANT LOT or BUSINESS** -- NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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Prize money for each category except "Best Street Block" is: 1st prize, \$100.00; 2nd prize, \$50.00; 3rd prize, \$25.00. Street block is \$175.00, total to be divided; used for a block party; or to buy more decorations for the street block for next year's decorating contest.

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# Sacred Heart teams continue to progress

Sacred Heart hosted Meadowbrook Christian Friday night with the Tigerettes traveling to Addison Saturday.

**Tigerettes 60, Meadowbrook 7**  
The varsity Tigerettes played with a very weak Meadowbrook squad. Ten of the 12 girls scored, with everyone playing. No one had a high scoring game with Erica Schilling, Tiffany Fisher and April Truebenbach leading the scoring with 8 points each. Julie Felderhoff, Deann Bayer, Mandy Barnhill, Kelly Dangelmayr and Jennie Endres all added 6 points a piece. Angie Hofbauer put in 4 and Christy Yosten 2 for the Tigerettes.

"It was a good defensive effort, with everyone getting to play plenty of minutes," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

The Tigerettes sank in 4 of 8 free throws. Dangelmayr was the leading rebounder and Bayer led the defense with 7 steals.

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**Tigers 57, Meadowbrook 81**

The Tigers were handed another defeat to pre-season district favorite, Meadowbrook. The majority of the game was played fairly evenly; but, with 2 minutes to go in the third period, the Tigers were down by only 12 points. "Meadowbrook began to tire and we were on the verge of jumping right back into the contest," stated

Coach John Nasche, "but 5 consecutive turnovers fueled 10 unanswered points for them, pushing their lead to 22."

Three Tigers hit the double digits. Aaron Berres was the leading scorer with 12, Chad Summerville added 11 and Joe Bedowitz 10. Kelly Bayer put in 18 points, Jason Hofbauer 6, Jason Hess 5, John Klement 3 and Neil Berres 2.

The Tigers were 8 of 16 from the charity stripe, but according to Nasche, they need improvement on turnovers and boxing out.

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| SH | 16 | 11 | 11 | 19 | 57 |
| M  | 29 | 11 | 20 | 21 | 81 |

**Tigerettes 26, Trinity Christian 35**

In a Saturday, girls-only game, the team from Addison slipped by Sacred Heart in a flat game. "April (Truebenbach) did a nice job on the boards, but we need some offense from our post players to be a good team," commented Coach Jon. "Our guards just are not taking care of the ball. Hopefully after the holidays, we can have it corrected."

Deann Bayer was leading scorer with 9 points. Erica Schilling, April Truebenbach and Christy Yosten each put in 4 points. Mandy Barnhill added 3 and Deanna Hess 2.

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| SH | 4 | 1  | 9  | 12 | 26 |
| TC | 6 | 10 | 10 | 9  | 35 |



ALL-DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS from the Muenster Hornets football squad include, l to r, front row - Jay Hennigan, Brandon Walterscheid, Cory Cain, Maurus Hacker, Jason Huchton; back - Kenneth Walterscheid, Brian Knabe, Mike Hacker, Kody Truebenbach and Darren Bindel. Justin Hartman not pictured.

Janie Hartman Photo

# Muenster splits wins with Gunter

The Hornets traveled to Gunter Tuesday night and the girls' game was a battle of the unbeatables, both teams were 12-0. Muenster came out on top 51-32 to keep the title.

In the first half, the bench (Kay Grewing, Joy Tisdale and Sabrina Truebenbach) contributed some scoring and good defense. In the second half, the veteran team shut Gunter down, allowing only 11 points. "We made a few adjustments and the girls really shut down the offense," commented Coach Brian Strother. "Our girls really play well together and they are a fun team to watch."

Theresa Kubis was the leading scorer with 19. Danell Reiter, DaLana Walterscheid and Amy Otto chipped in 8 points each. Candise Abney added 4 and was the leading rebounder with 10. Joy Tisdale and Sabrina Truebenbach each added 2.

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| M | 15 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 51 |
| G | 11 | 10 | 4  | 7  | 32 |

The Hornets were beaten by Gunter's good outside shooting. "We could get nothing to fall and turnovers were costly when you are cold from the field," commented Coach Strother. "We tried every body, but nobody had the hot hand."

Darren Bindel was Muenster's leading shooter with 13 points. Mike Hacker hit in 8, while Cory Cain and Kody Truebenbach each scored 6. James Klement added 5, Brian Knabe 4 and Cory Knabe and Jay Hennigan 2 each.

The Hornets now stand with an 8-5 record.

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| M | 10 | 7  | 13 | 16 | 46 |
| G | 14 | 13 | 19 | 14 | 60 |

# Hornets face tough competition in Chico, girls take championship

Muenster's varsity basketball teams participated in the Chico Tournament last weekend with the Lady Hornets bringing home the championship and the Hornets losing a tough consolation game.

"The girls played a great weekend and had to play three tough games to win the championship and to keep a winning streak of 12 games in a row," bragged Muenster Coach Brian Strother. Theresa Kubis and Amy Otto were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

**Lady Hornets 53, Slidell 50**

Muenster girls started tournament play Thursday evening, taking on a tough Slidell team. "This was two games in one: Muenster the first half - Slidell the second," Strother said. "The girls played a super first quarter - the best I've seen in a long time." The second quarter was a fine one; the defense shut down one of the top players in the state to 4 points," continued the coach. The halftime score showed Muenster ahead 35-16.

The third quarter was a disaster, with hardly anything falling in for the Lady Hornets. Slidell cut the lead to 2 points, but Muenster's pride and heat showed up in the fourth quarter to give Muenster the lead.

Muenster shot 10 of 16 from the free throw line. Three Lady Hornets hit the double figures, with Danell Reiter leading the way with 15 points. DaLana Walterscheid added 11 and Theresa Kubis 10. Amy Otto sank in 9 and Candise Abney 8 for the Lady Hornets.

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| M | 23 | 12 | 4  | 14 | 53 |
| S | 12 | 7  | 18 | 13 | 50 |

Coach Strother. "We mesmerized Alford with five 3-pointers in the first half, with the second half much the same with 5 more."

The Lady Hornets were down 4-0 the first quarter when Muenster

The Lady Hornets are now 12-0 for the season.

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|---|----|----|---|----|----|
| M | 11 | 15 | 6 | 16 | 48 |
| P | 8  | 8  | 6 | 10 | 32 |

**Hornets 47, Chico 50**

In the consolation championship game Saturday, Muenster fell in a close contest. "The trademark of the Muenster teams is 'we always play hard,' except we left our trademark at home," commented Coach Strother. "We just went through the motions and gave the game away. There were many excuses to use, but we just didn't play. Hopefully, we learned a lesson - if you show up, play hard to win."

Mike Hacker led Muenster with 14 points with Kody Truebenbach hitting in 11. Jay Hennigan added 7 as A.J. Knabe and Darren Bindel put in 6 apiece. Eric VanSwearingen made 3 points.

The Hornets' season record fell to 8-4.

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|---|----|---|----|----|----|
| M | 12 | 8 | 15 | 12 | 47 |
| C | 11 | 8 | 19 | 12 | 50 |

REACHING for the rebound - Theresa Kubis, Candise Abney and Joy Tisdale.

Janie Hartman Photo

went on a 22-4 run. "This was a great first quarter again," continued the coach. "The girls are on a roll and are playing great basketball right now."

Reiter was Muenster's leading scorer with 22 points. Otto added 21 and Kubis 16. Candise Abney also put 4 points on the board.

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| M | 22 | 8  | 15 | 18 | 63 |
| A | 8  | 10 | 10 | 17 | 45 |

**Hornets 62, Alford 43**

Muenster took a big win over the Bulldogs to advance in the consolation bracket. The first half was all offense with the Hornets taking a 35-31 lead at halftime. The second half, the Hornets' defense shut down Alford's offense.

Kody Truebenbach had a hot shooting night and finished with a game-high 23 points. Mike Hacker had 15 points and 15 rebounds. Others scoring for Muenster were A.J. Knabe with 8, Cory Knabe 7, Jay Hennigan 4, Darren Bindel 3 and Eric VanSwearingen added 2 points.

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|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| M | 17 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 62 |
| A | 9  | 22 | 3  | 9  | 43 |

**Lady Hornets 48, Perrin 32**

The Lady Hornets played for the championship for the second year in a row and took the honors Saturday night. "Perrin decided to play slow-down ball," said the Muenster coach, "but we can play any style of ball." Muenster's patience took a 26-16 halftime lead with Perrin only getting within 8 points once. The Lady Hornets hit 16 points in the fourth quarter and ran away with the game.

Theresa Kubis led the way with 20 points. Amy Otto and DaLana Walterscheid each added 9. Danell Reiter hit in 6, with Candise Abney and Kay Grewing having 2 points apiece.



DANELL REITER takes the ball down court.

**Hornets 47, Slidell 54**

The Hornets lost a close tournament opener to the Greyhounds in a high-intensity game. "Muenster played with Slidell except for 2 two-minute stretches in the second and third quarters," said Coach Strother. After going down 29-18 at halftime, the Hornets upped the score 31-28 the first two minutes in the third period. "We played hard, but fell short," Coach said. Kody Truebenbach was high scorer with 14 points. A.J. Knabe chipped in 13. Other Hornets scoring were Mike Hacker and Jay Hennigan with 7 each, Darren Bindel 4 and Brian Knabe 2.

**Lady Hornets 63, Alford 45**

Muenster set a school and tournament record Friday night for 3 pointers - 10 in 1 game. "This was a 3-point shooting exhibition put on by the girls," commented

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LINDSAY KNIGHTS earning positions on the All-District Team were, l to r, front row - Greg Arendt, Chris Brown, Shane Huchton, Rocky Barnes and Toby Eberhart; back row - George Lutkenhaus, Doug Hellinger, Matt Menzie, Heath Odell, Donnie Cox and Keith Zimmerer.

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# Jr. High-Jr. Varsity Basketball

# Class 17A All-District Team

## Sacred Heart 32, Trinity Christian 35

The junior varsity Tigerettes lost a close contest Saturday in Addison. "We missed some free shots down the stretch," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur, who credited Sarina Fuhrmann with an outstanding game.

Five girls scored - Kelly Dangelmayr and Angie Hofbauer led the team with 8 points each; Donetta Hess and Sarina Fuhrmann each hit in 7 with Nicole Endres adding 2.

Trinity was led by Skinner, who made 19 points in two quarters.

## Sacred Heart 45, Prairie Valley 28

Sacred Heart traveled west and split games with Prairie Valley Monday night.

The Lady Cubs were led by Dobe Friday's 13 points. Leslie Grewing added 9, Jennifer Campbell 6, with Anna Fette and Crystal Klement each adding 5 points. Yvonne Martin and Valerie Bartush added 2 points each.

"Dobe and Crystal are really playing good ball," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "The girls are showing improvement. They want to be good and are putting in hours after school to shine their skills."

## Sacred Heart 21, Prairie Valley 39

The Cubs were handed a defeat Monday night from Prairie Valley. Douglas Novak led Sacred Heart with 12 points. Others scoring were Matthew Fuhrmann with 4 points, Glen Dangelmayr 3 and Jonathan Grewing 2.

The Cubs were 3 of 10 from the free throw line.

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| SH | 6 | 7  | 8 | 0  | 21 |
| PV | 9 | 10 | 8 | 12 | 39 |



SCOTT HERMES gets a lay-up against Lindsay. Also pictured is Ryan Klement. Janie Hartman Photo



STEPHANIE HUCHTON passes the ball to Emily Felderhoff before Lindsay could get the steal. Janie Hartman Photo

## Muenster 29, Ponder 35

"The boys played an excellent defensive game, but lost to Ponder due to the offensive sputtering during the first and third quarters," stated Coach Kyle Baker. Tony Hartman and Greg Flusche led the defense by shutting down the big man from Ponder.

Eric Miller led the scoring for Muenster with 9. Tony Hartman had 8, Chad Roller 5, Steven Reiter 4, Greg Fisher 2 and Greg Flusche 1 point.

"The boys could be a factor if they could put together an entire

game offensively and defensively for four quarters," concluded Coach Baker.

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|---|----|---|----|----|----|
| M | 1  | 7 | 2  | 19 | 29 |
| P | 10 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 35 |

## Muenster 17, Ponder 26

"The junior high girls played the best game of the year defensively

by going to the right places," commented Coach Brian Strother. "Offensively, we are still having a tough time putting the ball in the basket."



COREY ANDERLE reaches for a loose ball. Janie Hartman Photo

Brandi Lutkenhaus was the leading scorer for Muenster with 11 points. Christina Metzler and Leann Klement each scored 2 points. Kim Sturm and Becky Fette added 1 point each.

"If we keep practicing hard and getting better, I feel we can be a contender for the junior high tournament championship," concluded Strother.

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|---|----|---|---|----|----|
| M | 4  | 2 | 2 | 9  | 17 |
| P | 12 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 26 |

Next junior high action will be Monday, Jan. 7, at Saint Jo.

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Defensive Ends: First Team - Mike Hacker, M; Ethan Graves, VV. Second Team - Jessie Newton, VV; Randy Weed, SJ. Honorable Mention - Maurus Hacker, M; George Lutkenhaus and Greg Arendt, L.

Defensive Line: First Team - Randy Hargrove, VV; Rocky Barnes, L; Brian Knabe, M. Second Team - Heath Odell, L; Robert Proffer, E; Derryn Ward, SJ. Honorable Mention - Justin Hartman, M.

Linebackers: First Team - Stephen Lindsey, VV; Kenneth Walterscheid, M; Shannon Walker, C. Second Team - Jason Moon, VV; Jody Lyons, SJ; Todd Martindale, VV. Honorable Mention - Cory Cain, M; Toby Eberhart, L; Donnie Cox, L.

Defensive Backs: First Team - Chris Milton, SJ; Shane Huchton, L; Troy Slover and Lance Morris, VV. Second Team - Jeremy Tipps, VV; Chris Sampson, SJ; Barry Vannoy, C; Chris Brown, L. Honorable Mention - Kody Truebenbach, M; Darren Bindel, M; Keith Zimmerer and Doug Hellinger, L.

Punters: First Team - Tim Hennessey, SJ. Second Team - Shane Huchton, L.

## OFFENSE

Receivers: First Team - Barry Vannoy and Bubba Ellis, C. Second Team - Jesse Newton, VV; Jay Hennigan, M. Honorable Mention - Darren Bindel, M.

Tight Ends: First Team - George Lutkenhaus, L. Second Team - Kody Truebenbach, M.

Tackles: First Team - I. V. Aubert, VV; Rocky Barnes, L. Second Team - Mike Hacker, M; Randy Hargrove, VV. Honorable Mention - Brian Knabe, M.

Guards: First Team - Matt Menzie, L; Glenn Hacker, VV. Second Team - Brant Butler and Eddie Matthews, C. Honorable Mention - Justin Hartman and Brandon Walterscheid, M.

Centers: First Team - Ethan Graves, VV; Heath Odell, L. Second Team - Waylon Lindeborn, SJ.

Quarterbacks: First Team - Shane Huchton, L. Second Team - Jeremy Tipps, VV. Honorable Mention - Jason Huchton, M.

Running Backs: First Team - Chris Milton, SJ; Lance Morris, VV; Jamie Montoya, C. Second Team - Tommy Elvington, VV; Donnie Cox, L; Kenneth Walterscheid, M.

Kickers: First Team - Michael Malanda, C. Second Team - Toby Eberhart, L.

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## License sales down, revenue up

Texas hunting and fishing license sales declined just more than 1 percent during 1991-92, the year fees for many licenses and stamps were increased. The increased fees created a 39 percent increase in revenue.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department figures indicate an estimated 3,167,444 licenses and stamps were sold during the previous year, down from 3,203,937 in 1990-91.

One reason for the increased revenue is the new \$5 turkey stamp. The department sold 157,000 turkey stamps during the first year of the stamp. Revenue from the stamp sales will directly benefit turkey conservation programs and research.

Total hunting licenses sold was 1,048,706 down from 1,101,882 the previous year. License sales narrowly avoided dropping below one million hunters for the first time since 1971.

Resident hunting license sales dropped after the previous fee increase in 1985-86, then increased for two years before dropping each year since 1988-89. Resident hunting license sales dropped after the previous fee increase in 1985-86, then increased for two years before dropping each year since 1988-89. Resident hunting license sales were down last year to 1,011,583, a decrease from 1,067,763 in 1990-91.

The department sold 523,689 combination hunting and fishing licenses, 328,627 resident hunting licenses and 156,831 special resident hunting licenses. Resident hunting sales were up 26.57 percent from the previous year, most likely because more people backed off from buying the combination license, said Paul Israel, license section supervisor. In previous years, the savings was \$3 over the hunting and fishing license. Not it's only \$1.

Non-resident hunting sales were at 37,123, up from 34,119 the previous year, and the highest total ever. The largest increase came from the non-resident five-day special hunting license, which increased from 17,323 to 19,670.

Total fishing license sales dropped from 1,897,224 in 1990-91 to 1,705,958 last year. There were 1,599,357 licenses resident fishermen in Texas last year, down from 1,778,669 the previous year.

TPWD sold 982,611 resident fishing licenses, down from 1,075,500 in 1990-91, and the first time sales have dropped below one million since 1984-85. Once again, Israel said, the fee increase helped one license while taking from another. While resident fishing and combination license sales are down, the temporary (14-day) resident fishing license doubled from 42,711 in 1990-91 to 85,500 this past year. Non-resident fishing licenses

decreased from 118,555 to 106,601 after climbing for six consecutive years. Beginning with 87,248 in 1983-84, sales had risen each year to 118,555 in 1990-91.

"Even though we dropped a little in non-resident fishing licenses, I think people from out of state realize what a great outdoor bargain we've got in Texas," Israel said.

The addition of the turkey stamp helped increase overall hunting stamp sales last year to 384,368, up from 224,803 in 1990-91.

White-winged dove stamps were popular with sales of 54,433, an increase from 38,282 the previous year, and the highest number on record. Archery hunting stamps declined from 75,438 to 72,259, the lowest since 1986-87. Waterfowl stamps dropped from 109,990 to 99,888, the first time on record waterfowl stamps have been below 100,000.

Both fishing stamps decreased. The saltwater stamp dropped from 605,783 to 530,880. The freshwater trout stamp decreased from 31,034 to 25,429.

"Early indications (based on license and stamp distribution) are that license and stamp sales for 1992-93 probably will be similar to last year's numbers," Israel said. "This may largely be attributed to excellent hunting and fishing forecasts."

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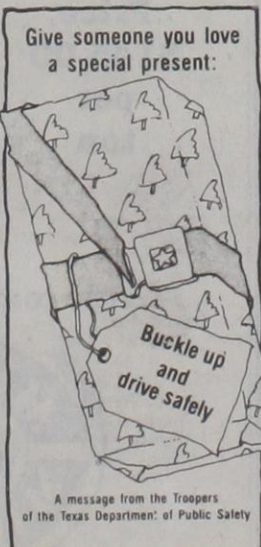
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**Stenholm accepting applications**

Congressman Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 1993 Washington, D.C. Internship Program.

Four interns will be selected to work in the congressman's office for one-month intervals in June or July. The interns will be actively involved in the daily operation of the congressman's office, and duties will include researching and assisting with constituent inquiries and projects. Interns will also have an opportunity to attend committee meetings, floor debates, and a speaker's series.

Internships are available to college students from the 17th Congressional District of Texas or those attending college in the district, and teachers and administrators. The interns are paid a one-month stipend to cover living expenses.

Intern applications are available by writing Raymond McDaniel, Jr., Chairman of the Omar Burleson Congressional Internship Selection Committee, P.O. Box 543, Abilene, Texas, 79604 or by calling Elaine Talley in the Abilene district office at 915-673-7221.

Also Congressman Stenholm has announced that high school sophomores interested in serving as congressional pages for the 1993-94 school year can now apply to his office in Abilene.

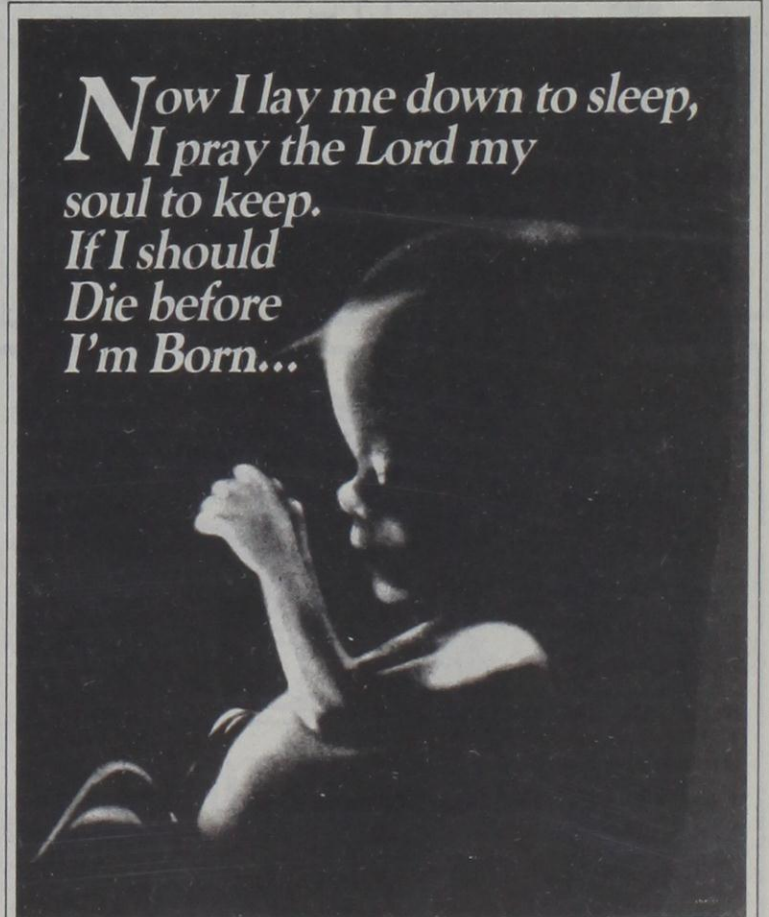
The opportunity to serve as a congressional page is open to students who reside in the 17th Congressional District, will be juniors in September 1993, and have a "B" average in four major courses, excluding electives.

Pages perform a variety of duties, including the delivery of small packages or correspondence within the Capitol complex, taking messages to Members, and answering telephones. A monthly salary covers basic expenses.

School plays a prominent role in the lives of the pages, and they study a junior level curriculum at the U.S. Capitol Page School in the Library of Congress. Students are expected to maintain at least a "B" average.

Application forms and additional information are available from the congressman's Abilene office at (915) 673-7221. The deadline to apply for an internship or page position is January 15, 1993. Applications will

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# Farm & Ranch

## Knowing ideal performance aids in stocker decision-making

By DONALD STOTTS

It's human nature to want to know what the future holds. Just look at the magazines around any grocery store check-out counter.

While few stocker cattle operators claim to have mystical skills at telling the future, they can utilize science to make decisions that are likely to protect or enhance the future profitability of their herds, according to Keith Lusby, Oklahoma State University Extension beef cattle specialist.

"Oklahoma cattle producers can estimate gains on wheat pasture if they know the energy content of wheat forage and the intake by calves of different weights," says Lusby. "It's almost impossible to know the intake of calves grazing wheat pasture, but based on the rate of digestion and palatability, intake should be close to the maximum for a forage."

Research performed under practical and experimental conditions yielded the following results: a 300-pound steer with a dry matter intake of 8.4 pounds per day had a predicted gain of 2.16 pounds per day; a 400-pound steer eating 11.2 pounds per day, 2.43 pounds of gain daily; a 500-pound steer consuming 14 pounds per day, 2.66 pounds of gain daily; and a 600-pound

steer eating 16.8 pounds per day, 2.85 pounds of gain daily.

"The point in knowing the ideal performance level of calves on wheat pasture is it acts as a warning signal if a producer's herd shows significantly poorer average gains," says Lusby. "The cattleman then can look for causes of the poor performance, make any necessary management corrections and stand a better chance of meeting his objectives and goals."

Unfortunately, calves on wheat pasture don't always gain up to their potential on wheat pasture. The most common reason for this is lack of forage. Unless growing conditions are consistently good throughout the winter, in combination with conservative stocking densities, most wheat pastures will be overgrazed during some period of the season.

In addition, energy requirements of cattle can be drastically increased if the animals are subjected to cold stress. Wet, rainy wintertime conditions literally rob a producer's investment.

"Wetness greatly increases heat loss in winter," says Lusby. "If cattle are in mud, they don't have an opportunity to lay down in a dry spot. This increases stress and exhaustion levels."

## Farmers, ag census coming in the mail

According to the most recent census of agriculture (1987) Texas ranks first in the number of farms with 188,788, representing nine percent of the total U.S. farms. Its \$10.5 billion worth of agricultural products sold in 1987 placed it second, in sales among the states.

The evidence comes from the census of agriculture, taken approximately every 5 years dating back to 1840. Further trends will be measured when the 1992 Census of Agriculture is taken early next year. It is the only source of uniform, comprehensive data on agricultural production, inventories, sales, expenditures, and other items for each county, state and the Nation. The census of agriculture, an integral part of the other economic censuses, helps local, state and Federal governments and organizations determine regional economic health and vitality.

Meanwhile, here is more of the state's agricultural story as shown by the most recent census of agriculture and related census information.

Texas ranked first among states in cattle and calves sold. The state reported 142,244 farms with cattle and calves and an inventory of 13 million head in 1987. The number of cattle and calves sold during 1987 totaled 12.1 million head. Texas also ranked first in beef cow inventory with 5.1 million head.

The state ranked sixth in milk cow inventory with 356,538 head. Dairy products sold totaled \$545.2 million in 1987.

According to the most recent census of agriculture, Texas had the greatest number of sheep and lambs sold with 16.7 percent of the

Nation's sales.

Texas harvested 4.1 million bales of cotton from 4.3 million acres. Value of cotton, including cotton seed, totaled \$1.2 billion. Texas ranked first in bales of cotton harvested.

Wheat for grain was harvested on 3.6 million acres from 19,386 farms. There was 98.2 million bushels of wheat during 1987. Wheat represented \$232 million in agricultural sales. Texas ranked sixth in bushels of wheat harvested.

Farm organizations, farmer cooperatives and agribusinesses, universities, state and Federal agencies, and legislators use the information reported in the agriculture census.

These are some of the reasons why it is important to identify current trends in agriculture by collecting data for 1992. The Census Bureau will mail the 1992 Census of Agriculture report forms to agriculture producers in late December 1992. Title 13, U.S. Code, requiring farmers and ranchers to report in the census also protects the privacy of their reports. Only sworn Census Bureau employees may see report forms. Other government agencies cannot obtain individual reports. Information is used for statistical purposes and only summary information is published.

Sampling is used to collect data for selected items and to account for nonresponding farm operations. Thus the results are subject to sampling variability as well as reporting and coverage errors. Dollar values have not been adjusted for changes in price levels.

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## County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

### Herbicide Resistant Ryegrass Identified

This year many producers have been attempting to control ryegrass by using some of the newer herbicides. Following the heavy rains we should be able to see if we have had much success. Dr. Travis Miller, Extension Economist from Texas A&M, has brought to our attention the resistance in some ryegrass and broadleaf weeds to the sulfonyl urea herbicides. He offers the following analysis and suggestions.

Several broadleaf weeds have been identified as having resistance to sulfonyl urea herbicides. Broadleaf weeds with known resistance include Russian thistle, prickly lettuce and Kochia. Resistance has been identified in annual ryegrass for the first time this year. Ryegrass from Collin County, Texas has been identified which will grow normally in soil treated with rates up to 10 times the normal rate of application of sulfonyl urea herbicides including Glean, Ally, Amber and Finesse. In addition to the confirmed resistant ryegrass in Texas, reports of resistant ryegrass have also been made in Mississippi and California.

Resistance has developed in very much the same way as it has in broadleaf weeds. The site in Collin County where confirmed resistance was identified is a low pH (under 6.0) site which has been monocropped to wheat and treated with Glean annually for the past 10 years. Whether or not the problem of resistant ryegrass is widespread is not known. Failure to control ryegrass from pre-emerge applications of sulfonyl urea herbicides such as Glean, Amber, and Finesse can be caused by mechanical problems such as grazing fields during wet weather so that hoof prints penetrate the treated herbicide barrier, failure to receive rainfall to incorporate sulfonyl urea herbicides before ryegrass germination, late application of herbicide and excessive rainfall which dilutes the concentration of the herbicide near the soil surface. As a consequence, herbicide failure is common enough that a farmer cannot conclude that a resistant ryegrass is indeed present simply because a high population of ryegrass emerges after herbicide was used. One of the escape treatments commonly used

by farmers in Texas on ryegrass in wheat is the herbicide Hoelon. Hoelon is a herbicide which is active on ryegrass applied as an early post-emerge treatment.

According to the research conducted by DuPont, the sulfonyl urea resistant ryegrass is also cross resistant to the herbicide Hoelon. It now appears that the best herbicide treatment to control resistant ryegrass will be the use of metribuzin herbicide. Metribuzin is sold under the tradenames Lexone and Sencor. Metribuzin is known to cause crop injury particularly in sandy soils and soils calcareous with high pH. There is also a difference between wheat varieties with respect to tolerance to metribuzin. Carefully determine the soil texture, pH, and varieties tolerant to these products before usage. With the advent of resistant ryegrass species, DuPont has dropped their sequential Glean-Ally treatment recommendation in favor of Finesse-Lexone applied either as a sequential or as an early post-emerge tankmix. The new Lexone sequential or tankmix label is somewhat less restrictive than the old Lexone label, with respect to wheat varieties and when properly applied should add control to hard-to-control species such as downy brome cheat and Japanese brome. Metribuzin has an entirely different mode of action than the sulfonyl urea herbicides and can provide a good means of preventing or reducing the spread of resistant species. The new 24c Lexone label is restricted to prevent usage in the Panhandle of Texas.

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## No change in prices

Average retail beef prices showed no change during November, the National Cattlemen's Assn. has said.

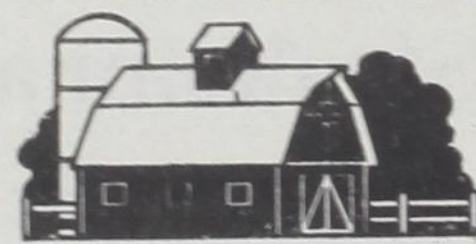
Reporting on its 19-city survey of supermarkets, NCA noted that the average price of six cuts of beef on Nov. 12 was \$3.10 per pound, the same as on Oct. 8. The average was higher than a year earlier, when cattle and wholesale beef prices were lower than recent levels.

The absence of change in overall average retail prices during the past month reflects relatively little change in beef output and in wholesale beef prices. However, there were some changes in price-features

ing emphasis by retailers and in national average prices of individual cuts.

The six-cut average was up from a month earlier in 10 cities and down in nine. Average prices of regular ground beef, sirloin steak and T-bone steak rose during the month, while lean ground beef, round steak and chuck roast averages dropped.

Average prices of the six cuts on Nov. 12 were: Regular ground beef, \$1.57; lean ground beef, \$1.96; boneless round steak, \$2.99; boneless top sirloin steak, \$4.00; T-bone steak, \$5.60; and boneless chuck roll roast, \$2.52.



## My Views from the Farm

by Ed Cler

Every fall many people travel to the New England states to view the beautiful parade of colors, as the cool autumn air invades the forests of that part of our country. One can see almost any shade of orange, brown, red, and in between. Some of the Maples turn a deep crimson and can be seen long before one gets to them.

But there are so many other things to see up there. There are old stone bridges, built in an arch, without benefit of mortar or other support. Each stone is set to support itself against another. It isn't as much of a mystery how they stay up, as how they were put up in the first place. Finding no one around who could give us this information, we could only guess that the long-gone engineers must have used a form made of logs to support the rocks until they were all locked in place. These old bridges could be 300 years old, and are in good shape, but their 18' width, more or less, is inadequate for today's usage, or loads.

Then there are the huge white painted houses - some of them as many as 22 rooms, with attached carriage house and a huge barn added to that. This enables a dairyman to leave his house, enter the barn and feed all his cattle, milk his cows, do all his daily chores, without ever getting out in the weather. I think these old guys were a lot smarter than some of us would give them credit for.

Inquiring as to the reason for the enormous houses, we were told that in the olden days several families, mostly related, lived together, and as "cabin fever" set in during the long periods of snow-enforced captivity, they began to get on one another's nerves. When this happened one of the affected families simply moved to another part of the house, thus resolving their problem.

If my dad had ever owned a set of buildings like the ones described above, and told me one bright

morning that he wanted me to put two coats of paint on all of them, I would have considered that grounds to leave home.

The northeastern states do have a beautiful display of color each fall, but then if you leaf through a November copy of "Texas Hiways," or just take a drive through the surrounding countryside you'll find you can see a great deal of the same thing in our own state of Texas.

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