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THE JAYCEES' CHRISTMAS TREE in Muenster Mid Park was the center of activity recently when its lighting officially kicked off the Christkindmarkt celebration. At left, a live nativity, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Alumni, was a vivid reminder that the birth of Christ is the reason for the celebration of Christmas. Girls from Sacred Heart's 7th and 8th grades sang beautiful Christmas carols to set the mood. Dave Fette Photo

Disagreement stops paving project, work starts over

The Muenster City Council decided Monday night to start all over again on the proposed street paving project in the Southtown neighborhood. After more than half a year of negotiation and argument, no agreement has been reached among the various property owners on the method of paving. Also, the project will be complicated by the fact that some property is owned by home owners, some by the developers, Southtown Partners, and some by the city. Some is curbed and some is not. And there are drainage problems in some areas.

Councilman Aubrey Tuggle said he is in favor of starting all over because of the time, confusion and disagreement involved.

The Council voted unanimously to start assessment procedures on all individual streets now being considered for paving: South Willow (from Eddy to Cross), Park Lane (from Cross to Maple) including Maple (out to Eddy St.), Cross (Ash to Park Lane), Cross (Hickory to Walnut), Fifth Street (Main to Oak), Second Street (Main to Elm) and Elm (First to Second).

Under the assessment procedure comparative cost estimates will be assembled for each street by City Administrator Chris Yosten. An independent appraisal of all property involved will be conducted to determine the property enhancement, if any, yielded by curbing and paving. The City Council will then decide where and how to curb and pave, taking property owners' desires into consideration. Then the owners will be billed up front for their share of the project. If they refuse to pay, the City can legally assess the cost of the curb and/or paving to the owner up to the amount by which the appraisal says the property value was enhanced through a lien on that property. If the property is not enhanced enough to cover the cost, then the City must pay the difference.

This procedure is the most expensive and time-consuming way to go.

Other items addressed by the council included:

-A contract with Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems for use of the water tower was approved after

removing the clause holding the City responsible for damage by "invitees," (those who might use the surrounding baseball park without direct city supervision).

-Discussion was held concerning extension of water line service outside city limits. The City does now and will continue to do so. Outside users must pay the cost of extension plus double the regular rate. Application was made by Steve Trubenbach.

-Discussion was held on drilling water wells on property of extra territorial jurisdiction. Although the City cannot stop the drilling, they can, with the help of the Railroad Commission monitor, insure the quality of the well.

-Approval was given to the Kiwanis Club to place carnival rides on Maple Street in front of the City Park during Germanfest. Kiwanis must have proof of insurance and allow room for passage of emergency vehicles.

-Allen Sicking, Henry Starke and Bernard Hesse were reappointed to the Zoning Board.

-Monthly bills totaling \$33,710.79 were approved for payment.

Bask in the Christmas glow of luminarias December 12 & 13

by Elaine Schad

Almost every home and business south of the courthouse square in Gainesville will be surrounded with the soft light of candles shining through brown paper sacks that outline yards and sidewalks in a traditional Spanish display this weekend, Dec. 12 and 13, during the 11th annual holiday luminaria display sponsored by the Historic South Gainesville Association.

About a fourth of Gainesville's 13,000 residents will be involved in organizing the luminaria display, which will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

In conjunction with the luminaria display, the First Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Denton and Church streets, will present its traditional live nativity scene from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday on the church lawn at 401 South Denton Street. Members of the church provide the cast of the Holy Family and the Wise Men in a rustic setting reminiscent of Bethlehem, said organizers.

Another feature of both evenings will be the Magic Christmas Tree Forest at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 South Weaver Street. Local residents will bring Christmas trees to the Civic Center and will present their own unique creative decorations, said Judy Day, Community Revitalization director. The forest is open to the public for viewing from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. It is free, but any donations will go to assist the local VISTO agency for the needy, Day said.

The luminarias will light an area from Pecan Street to Fairfield South, and from Weaver Street to the Santa Fe railroad crossing. Residents of Fairfield South, at the southern end of Lindsay Street just past Gainesville High School, will have each homeowner's yard decorated with a wooden Christmas tree marked by the family name.

The tradition of luminarias, used extensively in New Mexico and other parts of the Southwest to celebrate the holiday season, is

believed to have its origins with the Spaniards. They built small fires of pinon, or pine, in front of their homes on Christmas Eve.

The luminarias are thought to be symbolic of the shepherds' fires that lighted the way for the coming of the Christ Child. The small bonfires were changed to the candles set on top of sand in the bottom of a sack, called luminarias, or farolitos, about the beginning of the century.

Cindy Nichols feels it's just a part of the tradition of where she lives to do her part to lighten up the lawns of an entire section of historic southeast Gainesville.

Nichols, who has participated in the luminaria display since she came to Gainesville about seven years ago, is serving her fourth year as a block chairwoman. She is one of the people who makes sure that each of the neighbors in her designated block of historic southeast Gainesville has plenty of candles and sand that will provide a continuous glow from one block to

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LINDA WALTERSCHEID, above, does finishing work on a ring that will be sold in The Front Room. At right, Bob Walterscheid is slabbing a rock. Janie Hartman Photo

Walterscheids' hobby creates a new business in The Front Room

Bobby and Linda Walterscheid's interests in rocks and minerals led them to pursue hobbies that have recently turned into a small business. The Front Room has been open for about a month. It is located in the front of Bob's regular business, Bob's Auto Service, at 323 North Main in Muenster.

"It was a hobby that just kind of got out of hand," remarked Linda who is an RN at Muenster Memorial Hospital. Linda's interest in rocks began as a child when she

would collect them. She was inspired to try designing her own pieces of jewelry after seeing others. "I bought what it took to make them and made so many that it got out of hand," she said.

Through the mineral shows they met a man who teaches gold and silver smithing. Since he is located in Plano they decided to take some of his classes and have plans to take more.

Most of the items offered are hand crafted by Linda or Bobby, but some were made by crafters from other areas. Linda designs bracelets, earrings, and necklaces. Bob makes the spheres and does the slabbing of minerals. They both do silver smithing to create rings and other jewelry pieces. Their granddaughter, Kayla Felderhoff, also has some of her own handmade earrings for sale in The Front Room.

Some of the natural materials used have been collected by the Walterscheids while on vacations. They have brought back crystals, moss agates, petrified wood, rose quartz, obsidians, and geodes. It takes practice to learn which rocks conceal a beautiful interior. "They're so ugly!" Linda said of the rocks' exterior appearance.

Bob and Linda have taken two guided trips on the Yellow River to search for rocks on sand dunes when the river is down. After the first time it was easier to distinguish the special rocks from other river rocks.

Each piece available from The Front Room is unique since every one is individually hand crafted. Some of the varied inventory includes: silver plate and sterling silver earrings and bracelets of silver beads, ethnic beads, wooden beads; rings from different minerals set in sterling silver; spheres from different minerals, rocks, and petrified wood; geode book ends; a small quantity of Indian jewelry; wind chimes from geode slices; decorated coats and vests; hand crafted silver rings and pendants; mineral slabs; harmony balls; and for a Western flavor - boot bracelets, horse hair and pineapple braid leather key chains, and leather stampee strings.

Bob has the equipment on hand to slab rocks and spin spheres from minerals or glass. There are several beautiful spheres on display in various colors.

The Front Room will have the same hours as Bob's Auto Service. Some items can be special ordered.

Elliff's promotes family tradition with choose-and-cut tree farm

by Janet Felderhoff

Squeals of delight from a preschool boy were the first sounds to greet us on our visit to the Elliff's Christmas Tree Farm. He was about to embark on an adventure that he and his parents will long remember. They were taking a hayride to the Christmas tree patch where they would choose and cut their very own live Christmas tree to take home and decorate.

This is the type of family tradition that Curtis and Claudia Elliff would like to create for area families. Their tree farm is located about half way between Denison and Pottsboro on Harvey Lane off Highway 120.

There are over 1,500 fresh Texas grown pine trees ready to be the center of attention in area homes over the Christmas holidays. This is the first year that Elliff's Christmas Tree Farm has a number of trees of marketable size.

Just four years ago the land was covered with brush, cedar trees and grass for grazing cattle. Now it is producing Virginia pine trees which are hybrids that were especially developed for the south since firs don't do well here. They were developed by the Texas Forest Service as a new crop for Texas.

The larger trees were 8-1/2 feet tall. Those have already been selected. Now the trees remaining range from 5' to 7-1/2' and are priced from \$15 to \$30.

An article in a newspaper about a



TONYA BURNS, an employee of Elliff's Christmas Tree Farm, drags a freshly-cut Virginia Pine to the front of the Christmas tree patch. It was just selected and cut by an area family. Janie Hartman Photo

Christmas tree farm caught the Elliffs' attention when they were in the process of buying the land where their trees now stand. "We just thought that sounded like a neat thing to do so we got in touch with our county agent who referred us to Texas A&M and to the Texas Extension forester," said Claudia.

he sent us information and helped us get started. He also put us in touch with the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association which is a group of growers all over Texas. We go to their seminars, field days

and conventions to learn what to do."

Each year the Elliffs plant around 2,000 trees in January. Planting is done every year so that there will always be a turn over. After that there is a lull for about a month, then the rest of the year is busy.

"We trim the trees twice a year to get the shape that we need," noted Curtis Elliff. "We keep the trees sprayed to keep the insects out. There is a little tip moth that does a

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Chainsaws taken in local burglary

There are still no clues in the burglary of the Muenster Garden Center which occurred sometime during the night of Nov. 18. The break-in was reported to Muenster Police on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The south wooden door of the local business was forcibly entered and eight chainsaws of various sizes were taken.

Anyone with possible information on the burglary is asked to contact a Muenster police officer. There is a standing reward offered by the Muenster Police Department for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an individual(s) in the burglary of Muenster businesses.

Officer Bob Stovall of the Muenster PD reminds people to be alert. "This is the time of the year for more thefts and burglaries," said Stovall. "Be observant, take note of strange vehicles or persons and write down license numbers. Then pass the information on to the local police."

Good News!

Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light. MATTHEW 11:28-30

Don't Forget...

Muenster's Christmas Lighting Contest ballots must be turned in by Dec. 22. Judging will be held from Wednesday, Dec. 16., through the 22nd. Original ballots from The Muenster Enterprise only should be used.

LETTERS

To the Editor:
On behalf of the Cooke County Chorale, I would like to express the group's deepest appreciation to the Muenster Enterprise for the excellent coverage of the Chorale's music endeavors and concert presentation.

Special recognition should be given to Elfreda Fette and David and Pam Fette for their public relations enthusiasm and support. A note of applause should also be given to Dr. Martin Kralicke, the group's president, and the ever-faithful Muenster singers without whom the Chorale could not have been so successful.

Yours truly,
Linda Lutkenhaus Coursey
Publicity Chairman
Cooke County Chorale

Dear Editor:
This holiday season, we will all search for the perfect gift for that "special someone." Those of us at Ben E. Keith have a suggestion for a gift that is memorable, easy to give, and best of all... one size fits all: Be a designated driver. It's one sure way to show friends and loved ones how much you really care.

Being a designated driver is a popular gift, too. In fact, according to a recent national poll, over 80 million of us have either used or volunteered for this role. And this heightened awareness has contributed to the greatest gift of all - a 22 percent decline in drunk driving fatalities over the last 10 years.

So, as we celebrate this holiday season, let's all remember that having a good time means looking out for ourselves and others - especially when it comes to drinking. If you'd like to learn more about our designated driver program, or the many other programs we offer to promote personal responsibility among adults

and to fight underage drinking, please call (817) 759-4621.

Happy holidays from our family to yours.

Sincerely, George G. Grounds
General Manager
Ben E. Keith Beers
Muenster, Texas

To the Editor,
Owning and operating a landfill can be hazardous to your financial health.

Probably the most outstanding U.S. business manager of this century was Sam Walton; as top gun for Wal-Mart, he had several options concerning the disposal of waste from his stores. One option was to own and operate his own dump(s); after all, Wal-Mart has its own trucking system which shuttles goods between their stores and warehouses - hauling and disposing of the business generated waste products would seem a natural thing to do... This, however, was not his chosen method.

Another option was to utilize the disposal waste systems of the cities in which his stores are located - does the local Wal-Mart use our city dump? You guessed it - the answer is NO!

Then what did Sam choose? He chose what any sensible business person would have chosen - he protected his corporation from liability-related law suits by hiring Texas Waste Management; they take Wal-Mart's waste away, and with it, the potential liability.

Wouldn't it be nice to see our city council follow Sam Walton's example, thereby extending the same protection to our county taxpayers as Sam did for his stockholders?

Roger Martin
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RESOLUTION

THE ASSOCIATION KNOWN AS THE COMBINED ELECTED OFFICIALS OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS, EXPRESSING THE VIEWS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF SUCH ASSOCIATION, AND NOT PURPORTING TO EXPRESS THE VIEWS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS, TAKES THE FOLLOWING POSITION IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED COUNTY LANDFILL:

WHEREAS, The Cities of Gainesville, Valley View, and Muenster joined with Cooke County, Texas to form the Cooke County Solid Waste Task Force in 1989 for the purposes of studying the future of solid waste disposal in Cooke County, Texas, and;

WHEREAS, The Cooke County Solid Waste Task Force commissioned a study by engineers and hydrogeologists for the purposes of identifying and documenting the solid waste requirements of Cooke County, Texas and to determine the feasibility of operating a county wide solid waste disposal facility, and;

WHEREAS, The feasibility study submitted to the Cooke County Solid Waste Task Force determined that compliance with and the anticipated costs of compliance with the new federal and state regulations involving solid waste disposal, and recommended that a county wide centralized solid waste disposal system was economically feasible based upon the amount of municipal solid waste generated in Cooke County, Texas, and;

WHEREAS, The commissioned feasibility study found that a desirable and qualifying location exists in Cooke County, Texas for construction of a Solid Waste Sanitary Landfill, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Gainesville, Texas, at the direction of The Cooke County Landfill Task Force, has entered into a contract to purchase the land and to obtain financing for the purchase of the land and the cost of permitting the purchased site for operation as a Type I Municipal Solid Waste Sanitary Landfill for the guaranteed use by the citizens of the Cities of Gainesville, Muenster, and Valley View and Cooke County, Texas, and;

WHEREAS, The governing bodies of the Cities of Gainesville, Muenster, and Valley View and the Commissioners' Court of Cooke County felt deeply that their responsibility to the citizens of this county was to provide local control of municipal solid waste disposal facilities, jointly formed the Cooke County Solid Waste Task Force to study and to make recommendations as to future needs for solid waste disposal. The Task Force determined and recommended to the cities and county that local control of solid waste disposal was in their best interest. To relinquish local control of municipal solid waste would jeopardize the future of its citizens to control their own destiny, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Cooke County, Texas to jointly own and control disposal of household and municipal solid waste in order to assure them of future disposition of municipal and household solid waste, and;

WHEREAS, the feasibility study commissioned by the Cooke County Solid Waste Task Force found that the operational and developmental cost of the sanitary landfill could be supported by the income derived from its operation from the municipal solid waste generated in Cooke County, Texas, and;

WHEREAS, The Interlocal Agreement entered into by all members of the Cooke County Solid Waste Task Force for the development and operation of the sanitary landfill provides that any other person or entity, not a member of the Task Force, prior to utilizing the sanitary landfill must first enter into a contract which must be approved by the Cooke County Solid Waste Task Force, a body of elected officials of the member entities, and further obtain the additional approval of the City Council of the City of Gainesville.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMBINED ELECTED OFFICIALS OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS:

Section One:

That we, The Combined Elected Officials of Cooke County, Texas, do support and endorse the efforts of the above Cooke County Solid Waste Task Force to provide for and to operate a Type I Municipal Solid Waste Sanitary Landfill for the use of the citizens of Cooke County, Texas.

Section Two:

That we, The Combined Elected Officials of Cooke County, Texas, do endorse and support the efforts of the City of Gainesville to acquire and permit the site for such sanitary landfill.

Adopted on the 3rd day of December, 1992. We further authorize and direct Ray B. Russell, Chairman, to execute this resolution in behalf of The Combined Elected Officials of Cooke County, Texas.

/s/ Ray B. Russell, Chairman

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To the Editor:

I don't mind taking criticism for something I've done, but I don't like it all when I am wrongly blamed because lottery money doesn't go to the public schools.

My record on the lottery is clear and well documented.

Long before I became Lieutenant Governor, I said that the lottery was a sleazy way of raising government money. I said it was an unstable source of revenue and I would oppose making our schools dependent in any way on such a flaky source of income.

I repeated my statements often while I was running for Lieutenant Governor and I repeated them again when the Legislature passed the bill letting the people vote on the lottery.

Even before then, as State Comptroller, I pointed out that the State of California had made a very serious mistake in dedicating lottery money to schools - because after the newness wore off, the income fell and the schools had to be cut.

And aside from my repeated statements, nobody - absolutely nobody - connected with the lottery bill ever said it would go to the schools. The author of the bill certainly never said it would. I have never seen a newspaper article that said it would. Those who campaigned for it never said it would.

Those who write letters to the editor and call radio talk shows ought to get their facts straight, particularly about something as well documented as my historic opposition to tying the education of our children to a gambling game.

As one of the state's major daily newspapers said editorially last week "Texans were repeatedly warned before they voted on the lottery...it's too bad more of you weren't listening."

Sincerely, Bob Bullock
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In my opinion...

by Elfreda Fette

Recalling that evening in 1990 as we struggled to meet a Wednesday night deadline, I remember the shock of the first announcement that our troops were entering Saudi Arabia and I recall the waves of support and patriotism that we flooded over our young service people and I recall the wild emotions welcoming them home. Many prayers followed them every day; prayers that were of inestimable worth in bringing them home.

Now, in a waning 1992, it appears our young people in service again need to have heaven stormed with prayers for them.

This is truly President Bush's finest hour. He is in a position to act in a manner most of us think, that Communism is no longer the greatest threat to the world.

The greatest threat is Instability. The greatest need is a humanitarian need. Who else would do what the US is trying to do - "RESTORE HOPE?"

The U.S. and U.N. are trying to feed thousands of Somalia's starving children and their pitiable parents who have lost hope. They are faced with cruelty from their four or five warlord clan leaders and roving armed young gangs who steal relief supplies, chew on their "weeds" and then watch their victims starve to death, a thousand a day. The U.S. and U.N. can save thousands of kids whose lives hang in the balance.

As he responds to this humanitarian need, as he keeps the incoming President-Elect well informed of every move in Somalia, "RESTORE HOPE" is truly President George Bush's finest hour.

So, ask yourself, "What can I do?" "What can we do?" As individuals? United as a multitude of individuals, we can petition an all-good God to guide the decisions of our military and into the new administration. We can ask Him, as a Providential Father, to carry our brave young service people in the palm of His Hand, and when their work is finished, to bring them home again, safely as before.

"Only me?" "Only you?" "Only both of us?" Most importantly, ALL OF US!!

Police Log

NOVEMBER 1992

- 3 - Reports of stolen coolers
- 1 - report of beer stolen from ice box
- 2 - Open car door
- 2 - Report of illegal soliciting door to door.
- 4 - Fights, 300 block N. Main
- 3 - Transported to county jail
- 2 - No driver's license
- 1 - Exhibition of acceleration
- 2 - Criminal mischief
- 1 - Family disturbance
- 2 - Fights, Floyd's Bar
- 1 - Ran red light
- 1 - Burglary of a building
- 1 - Disturbance, Muenster High School
- 1 - Suspicious vehicle
- 1 - Public intoxication
- 1 - Report of criminal mischief, shot red light out N. Main.
- 1 - Medical assist
- 2 - Suspicious vehicles
- 1 - Back up on arrest
- 1 - Fight inside Ranch
- 2 - Fights, 300 block N. Main, transported to Cooke County Jail
- 1 - Checked hitch hiker
- 1 - Disturbance at A-OK Motel
- 1 - Poss. drug deal, A-OK Motel
- 1 - Double parking
- 2 - Minor in possession of alcoholic beverage
- 4 - Expired license plates
- 2 - Expired motor vehicle inspection
- 1 - Speeding
- 1 - Disorderly conduct
- 2 - Failure to appear

"Living Witnesses"

by Emily Klement

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a continuing series of articles on "The Christian Family - The Domestic Church" to be submitted by Emily Klement from The Word Among Us.)

The walk of the Christian family is not easy nor endorsed by the secular society we live in. We must depend on a power greater than ourselves - the Holy Spirit - to give us the courage, perseverance and discernment we need. The love and forgiveness of our Lord Jesus is the answer for daily living. In this last segment from The Word Among Us, we are reminded of the simplicity and truth of that message.

All that has been said this month about family life revolves around one central truth: God wants to be with us and give us life in His Son. In the sacrament of marriage, Jesus is present to teach and direct us. In the domestic church, He is present to help us bring our children into His light. But beyond this, both in Christian marriage and in a family founded in God, the presence of Christ must be directed outward to others as well.

As a family grows closer to Christ through mutual love and self-giving, they become living witnesses. The sacrament of marriage was never intended to benefit just the couple alone. Like the larger church, members of the domestic church of husband and wife - along with their children - are called to serve God's people and reflect the life of Christ as they themselves come to experience it. In humility and hope, let us ask the Spirit to guide our families according to the ways of God. Let us strive to follow Jesus and seek to help one another grow closer to Him.

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ELLIFF'S

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lot of damage. That's virtually the only insect we have problems with here in the south."

Since their trees are planted on a hillside the Elliffs have planted grass around the trees and this requires a lot of mowing. This job is primarily the responsibility of 81-year-old Curtis Elliff, Sr.

If Virginia pines aren't trimmed they grow exactly like a regular pine tree. Trimming is done so the tree retains its shape. Also each time it is trimmed it gets thicker with more needles.

An interesting fact about Christmas trees is that their needles grow two years. On the third year the needles on the inside are dead. After a tree is cut the Elliffs prepare it for the customer's home by shaking it vigorously with a special machine to get all of the dead needles to drop.

"These being live trees whenever you shake them they will stay soft and fresh all through Christmas. All you have to do is keep water on them every day," said Curtis. "Don't put it directly over a heating vent either as this will make it dry out. As long as you keep water on it the tree will be as soft and fresh as the day you cut it. That's the bad part about the trees that are cut from up North. They've been cut for a couple of months when you get them. They have to cut them early because by this time the snow is usually waist deep up there."

The Elliff family moved to Texas from northern New Mexico and missed going out and cutting their own Christmas tree. Texas cedar trees with a strong scent and prickly needles could not compare to the fir and pine trees.

Many people seem to agree. Already customers are coming from Dallas, Fort Worth, Durant, Ok. and north of Durant, the Denison area and Gainesville.

Some people feel that it is bad to cut down a live tree to use as a Christmas tree. "We are growing a crop just like farmers grow corn or wheat," Elliff said. "For every tree that we cut down I'll turn around and plant another one. Every year after Christmas I plant one, two or three thousand trees according to what we cut."

A large group of children and their parents from the Texoma Home Educators came to tour the new Christmas tree business. Mr. Elliff informed them that one acre of Christmas trees replaced oxygen for the equivalent of 18 people a year. Trees convert carbon dioxide put off by cars and people back to oxygen. Also the trees turn back into soil regardless of where they are thrown out after Christmas. Some uses are mulch for flower beds, put in washes to slow down the water so it doesn't wash dirt away, or as homes for fish in ponds or lakes.

Pine trees like poor soil and can be grown where nothing else will thrive. They don't require fertilizer. Also Christmas tree farmers don't have to water since pine trees don't like too much water. Ones that get too much water grow more slowly. They do require lots of sun light.

When the seedlings are planted they are only 4 to 5 inches tall. They don't grow much during the first year, but put everything into developing a good root system. In their second year most reach about 2-1/2 feet. Years three and four are when the Virginia Pines really start to grow. In the fourth year a tree might grow from a height of 4' to a full 8' high. In the south it takes only four years to grow a tree that would take eight years in the North.

All of the trees are priced and customers are free to hunt through the tree patch until they find their dream tree. When it is finally selected they have the option of sawing it by hand themselves or letting Elliff or an employee cut it for them. The tree is then hauled back up to the barn where it is prepared by shaking and bundled if the customer wants.

While this process is taking place visitors will enjoy warming up by the wood stove inside and sipping a complimentary cup of coffee or hot apple cider. Local crafters have an interesting selection of hand made items for sale inside. Claudia Elliff has decorated one of the farm's trees so customers can see how easy they are to dress up for Christmas.

Children visiting the tree farm will be delighted to find elves dancing from trees or swinging in the breeze.

Elliff's Christmas Tree Farm already has a bit of interesting history to it. This past September Craig and Sara Elliff were married on the farm at about sunset. They stood under an archway flanked by Virginia pine trees. Guests were seated nearby under Oak trees. The birds were singing. It was a beautiful ceremony said their parents Curtis and Claudia. Craig is a forestry major.

Claudia is a full-time secretary for the Texas Department of Human Services and Curtis is a technician for Kraft Food. They save vacation time to work on the tree farm during the holiday season.

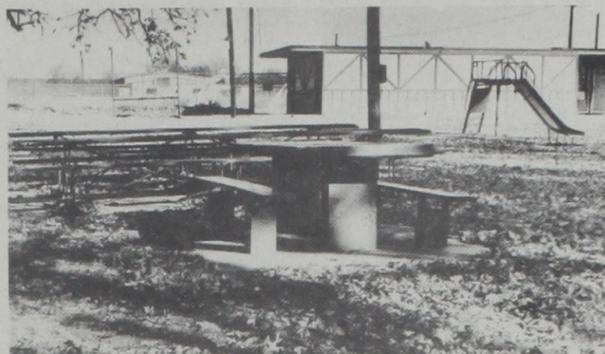
Plans are to open the farm to customers each year on the Friday after Thanksgiving. They will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Christmas. For more information call (903) 463-3544.

One of the Elliff's lovely pine trees will serve as the Muenster Enterprise's Christmas tree this year. Anyone curious about Virginia pines is welcome to come see, touch and smell.

City Park Improvements



RECENT IMPROVEMENTS at Muenster City Park are not extremely visible, but they're very important. Above, City Councilman and Park Commissioner Arthur Hennigan is standing on one end of a concrete retaining wall installed below ground level to stop erosion and house a storm drain that empties into the creek. This used to be a badly-eroded ditch.



CITY EMPLOYEES filled eroded and worn away soil around most of the picnic table slabs in the park. This familiar site required about 12 inches of fill to come up to floor level.



THIS ROUGH AREA in the newly-based southeast corner of the park shows what the area used to be like. Most of it has been filled, leveled and planted with bermuda roots brought in from other job leftovers. Most of the area looks like the picture below, ready for further smoothing and future use. This area is under park use through a very favorable lease from Southtown Partners.



Hennigan praised the city employees for their work in the park. He thanked Southtown Partners for their generous cooperation in enlarging the usable park area. More work has been started on the west side of the park, also with Southtown cooperation. That will be reviewed in a future issue.

Dave Fette Photos

5th anniversary show set for Saint Jo Opry Dec. 12

The sponsors of the Saint Jo Opry announced plans for a big show Saturday, Dec. 12, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Saint Jo School Auditorium.

The December show will mark the 5th year of the opry, which was started in the Chamber of Commerce building on the square in Saint Jo. The opry soon out-grew those facilities and moved to the school auditorium where it is presently held.

The past shows have featured some well known professional vocalists and musicians, such as Randy Elmore on fiddle, who played with the Mel Tillis Band, The Texas Gold Minors, Branson, Mo.; numerous stars from the

prestigious Grapevine Opry and Johnny High Revue in Fort Worth, as well as a host of talented people from the area.

Guests appearing on the December show will be Dan Webb of Henrietta, Donnie Davis of Nocona, Cindy Welch Lyons of Saint Jo, along with the Kincaid Sisters, Cheryl, 12, and Christina, 7, doing piano solos. The Country Cut Ups will be performing on the stage as well.

A \$2 admission is charged. Donations will be made during the December show to the Saint Jo Volunteer Fire/EMS Dept. and the Forestburg Volunteer Fire/EMS Dept.



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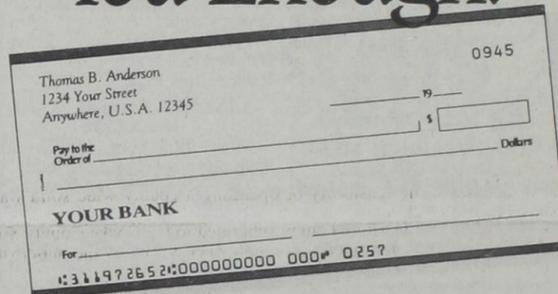
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Holiday memories sought by Enterprise

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Christmas memories may be poignant, tender, glorious, happy, sad, historical, memorable, funny, traditional, ethnic.

Christmas memories may include a favorite recipe, a favorite gift, a longed-for gift that never happened, a favorite trip or a favorite relative. Do you have a special or unique story about your family's Christmases? If so, **The Muenster Enterprise** would like to know. If there has been a Christmas story in the past which has touched your heart for a special reason, or simply fulfilled your dreams of Christmas, please send your story to **The Enterprise** for publication in the Christmas edition.

Memories of Christmas last a lifetime; the glow grows more tender as we grow older. Don't let something so precious be lost before sharing its treasure and preserving its thought. Don't be shy or self-conscious about your talents. If you hesitate to put your thoughts on paper, just jot down a few notes and let us help you express your memories in written form.

Elfreda Fette

LUMINARIAS

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The annual display has had a side effect of bringing neighbors

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Sunday, December 13	Monday, December 14	Tuesday, December 15	Wednesday, December 16	Thursday, December 17	Friday, December 18	Saturday, December 19
	MJH vs. Ponder, H, 5 p.m. Cubs vs. Prairie Valley, T, 6 p.m. VFW Christmas Party, 8 p.m.	MHS vs. Gunter, T, 5 p.m.	MMH Board Meeting, 11 a.m. Administrator's office	Cubs vs. Saint Mary's, T, 6 p.m.	MHS vs. Chico, H, 5 p.m. SH vs. Liberty Christian, there, 4 p.m. QB Club Bake Sale	
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.		SH vs. Liberty Christian, there, 4:30 p.m.			CHRISTMAS DAY	

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ADAM DANGELMAYR visits with Santa after the Muenster Christmas Parade. He is the son of Joe and Pam Dangelmayr of Muenster.
Janie Hartman Photo

Cooke County Chorale sings for Christmas

Privileged to be in the audience and listen, completely enthralled, to an hour of Christmas music on the second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 6 was an experience to be treasured and remembered.

The Christmas music was included in a program superbly presented at the Gainesville First Baptist Church at 3 p.m. by the Cooke County Chorale. Directed by Dr. Michael Linder, the 55 members of the Chorale sang Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Suites I and III of "The Many Moods of Christmas," arranged by the famous choral master, Robert Shaw.

They were accompanied by an orchestra from the University of North Texas, Wichita Falls and the Cooke County area, and pianist Anita Wilson and organist Glenn Wilson. Included in the orchestra were seven violins, two violas, two cellos, one bass, one oboe, one percussion set, two French horns, four trumpets, one flute, one tuba and three trombones. They were superb!

The Chorale included five soloists: Susan D. Shasteen, Terry De Garmo, Brenda Marmaduke, Carol Marmaduke and Phyllis Thomas. Other members are Debbie Allred, Wanda Almon,

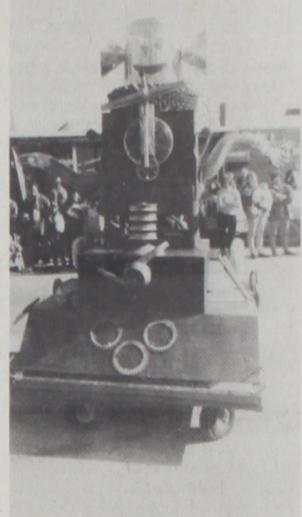
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How does a listener, a mere layman, fully describe the beauty of their combined voices, raised in carols for the most beautiful season of the year, the Nativity of the Christ Child?

Add to that the talents of the orchestra members, the organist and pianist, and the sanctuary decorated for the holidays, the total effect was enchantment.



ABOVE, Muenster Hospital Auxiliary's float, "Have a Happy Healthy Christmas - Here for the Future," won Best Civic Organization in the Muenster Christmas Parade. At right, Wacky Wobot, an entry by Edelweiss Kinderhaus and FMW Insurance, was awarded Funniest entry.
Janie Hartman Photo



Santa is coming to the Morton Museum

Santa Claus will be at the Morton Museum on Friday, Dec. 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Each child coming to see Santa will receive a special token of his affection. Mrs. Santa Claus will also be there on Friday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

For more information, please call the Morton Museum of Cooke County at 668-8900.

Families celebrate feast of Saint Nick

Fond memories were brought back Saturday, Dec. 5 at the annual Dangelmayr family celebration of the Feast of Saint Nicholas, which was held in the home of the late Tony and Theresia Felderhoff, now the home of Joe and Ruth Felderhoff. For the past five years the celebration had been held at the home of Bishop Augustine Dangelmayr, and this year returned to the Felderhoff home, Joe, Ruth and their children were hosts to 75 relatives of the Bertha and Bruno Fleitman families and the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Tony and Theresia Felderhoff.

The group sang Christmas carols with Ruth Felderhoff at the piano and Christy Hesse leading the group. The "Happy Birthday" song was sung to Aunt Bertha Fleitman who had a birthday Saturday. A moment of silent prayer was held for all deceased members of the families. Uncle Joe Dangelmayr, who has attended the celebration for the many years was unable to attend and dearly missed by all.

Saint Nicholas arrived with huge bags of goodies for young and old. He visited with all the children, pictures were made, prayers prayed and songs were sung.

Punch, hot wassail, cookies and birthday cake were served. The Felderhoff home was decorated for Christmas, complete with a decorated tree.

Present from out of town were Mrs. A.J. Felderhoff, Sara, Don and Donna Lester of Gainesville; Charles, Mary and Celia Felderhoff of Waco; Laurie Jones of Austin; Rose Felderhoff, Mary, John, Joseph, Michelle and Matthew Fiala of Dallas; Karl, Kathy, Melissa, Kate, R.J. and Nathan Metzler of Carrollton; Kerri and Kelli Felderhoff of The Colony; Carol and Kristen Zimmerer of Denton; Julie, Greg and Eric Walterscheid of Lewisville.

VFW to host Christmas Party Dec. 14

Monday, Dec. 14 is the date selected for the annual Muenster VFW Christmas party for veterans and Ladies Auxiliary. The party begins at 8 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary members are asked to bring a covered dish.

Lunch Menus

SACRED HEART SCHOOL S.N.A.P. MENUS Dec. 14 - 18

Mon. - Tomato Soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, celery sticks, apples, milk.

Tues. - Salisbury Steak, potatoes, green beans, peach cobbler, bread, milk.

Wed. - Turkey and Dressing, gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, milk.

Thur. - Mexican Casserole, ranch style beans, salad, cookies, bread, milk.

Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/Trimings, French fries, ice cream, milk. Merry Christmas!

FORESTBURG LUNCH MENU Dec. 14 - 18

Mon. - LUNCH: Fish, creamed potatoes, pork and beans, cole slaw, peaches, bread, milk. BREAKFAST: Cereal, juice, milk.

Tues. - LUNCH: Turkey and Dressing, candied potatoes, rice, green beans, fruit salad, bread, milk. BREAKFAST: French toast, juice, milk.

Wed. - LUNCH: Burritos w/Chili and Cheese, ranch style beans, fruit gelatin, bread, milk. BREAKFAST: Cereal, juice, milk.

Thur. - LUNCH: Sandwiches (tuna, peanut butter, bologna, ham), lettuce, pork and beans, ice cream, milk. BREAKFAST: Biscuit and gravy w/sausage, juice, milk.

Fri. - No School! Merry Christmas!

MUESTER LUNCH MENU Dec. 14 - 18

Mon. - Hot Dogs, French fries, beans, fruit, milk.

Tues. - Chicken Nuggets, creamed potatoes, corn, rolls, milk.

Wed. - Turkey and Dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, rolls, milk.

Thur. - Barbecue Sandwiches, potato chips, onions, pickles, fruit, cookies, milk.

Fri. - Ham and Cheese Sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk.

LINDSAY LUNCH MENU Dec. 14 - 18

Mon. - Roll-Your-Own Burritos, applesauce, assorted fruit, milk.

Tues. - Spaghetti and Meat, corn, cole slaw, fried okra, fruit, bread, milk.

Wed. - Turkey and Dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, bread, milk.

Thur. - Hamburgers w/Trimings, fries, ice cream, milk.

Fri. - Beef and Cheese Pizza, pinto beans, combination salad, peaches, bread, milk.

Give a gift of history - books ready soon

The Cooke County History Book is currently at the printers and due to be out and ready for distribution by the end of December or the first of January. They are still available for \$49.50 until the date of delivery.

This beautiful, informative volume will make a wonderful Christmas gift for family, church, clubs, school libraries and local political entities. Gift certificates are available through Jerre Dulock (903) 523-4054 or Palma at (817) 665-3975 or the Morton Museum of Cooke County (817) 668-8900. Order quickly before the reduced price offer is expired.

New Arrival

Jackson

Jerry and Barbara Jackson proudly announce the birth of their son, Robert Shane, on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1992 in Berthond, Colorado. Robert Shane was born at home and was caught in his father's arms. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. He is welcomed by his brother, William Cody Jackson. Grandparents are Hugh (Cotton) and Dora Jackson of Azle, Texas. Great-grandfather is J.M. Weinzapfel of Muenster.

Dora Jackson spent 10 days visiting with the new baby and family in Colorado.

SHS student visits Austin College

Close to 70 high school students from around the Southwest visited Austin College Nov. 21-23 for College Preview activities. Attending from Muenster was Melissa Miller, a senior at Sacred Heart High School.

The two-day session gave students the opportunity to see the types of programs and activities available at the college.

Students and parents met with current Austin College students, faculty and administrators in a series of programs addressing curriculum and coursework, admission and financial aid, and campus activities.

Participants stayed in residence halls during their visit. They attended classes Monday and also had an opportunity to meet with faculty in their area of interest.

Austin College hosts four College Preview weekends each year. For more information, contact the Office of Admission at (903) 813-2387.

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December 16	
Periods 1 - 3	Regular Schedule
11:13-11:55	6th Pd. classes meet
11:55-12:30	Lunch
12:33-2:00	4th Period Tests
2:03-3:30	7th Period Tests
December 17	
Periods 1-3	Regular Schedule
11:13-11:55	5th Period Class
11:55-12:30	Lunch
12:33-2:00	2nd Period Tests
2:03-3:30	6th Period Tests
December 18	
8:10-9:5	1st Period Tests
9:55-10:10	Break
10:10-11:55	3rd Period Tests
11:55-12:35	Lunch
12:38-2:30	5th Period Tests
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Gehrigs attend A & M Bon Fire

Jason Gehrig, a senior at Texas A&M, was this year's "Senior Redpot" of the Texas A&M Bon Fire. There are only eight redpots selected each year to supervise the hundreds of volunteers involved in building Bon Fire. It is a great honor to be selected.

The day of Bon Fire, Tuesday, November 24, Jim, Cindy, Lucien and Joanna Gehrig were invited for the lighting ceremonies in honor of Jason.

Ryan Gehrig, a sophomore at Texas A&M, was involved with loading the logs onto the trucks which brought the logs to the Bon Fire site. He was crew chief from Walton Dormitory.

The first Bon Fire was in 1909. The corp was returning from the football game against the University of Texas when they had the train stop in Bryan. The entire corp got off the train and started throwing outhouses and old wood into a big pile, then lit it.

The tallest Bon Fire was 108 feet tall, built in 1969. Since then, the Bon Fire has been limited to 55 feet. This year's had a circumference of more than 135 feet. Safety considerations now limit the height of the "stack."

Today's Aggie Bon Fire is a carefully engineered and constructed "stack." Every year since 1909 there has been a Texas A&M Bon Fire, except in 1963 when the "stack" was disassembled in the days following the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas. Various traditions

accompany all parts of construction from felling the trees on land already scheduled for clearing and at the request of the landowner, to the raising of the centerpole, to the assembly of the 55' stack, and setting the massive structure afire.

More than 5,000 men and women students annually spend an estimated 125,000 hours, and an additional group assists on the sidelines, serving 1800 dozen cookies and gallons of tea, lemonade, hot soup and hot chocolate.

An estimated crowd of between 30,000 and 50,000 gather on campus to watch the stack burn, in person, and a growing television audience views the event live on

Home Sports Entertainment.

This past March, 1992, student volunteers affiliated with "REPLANT" from 50 student organizations planted 10,000 young trees to replace trees and to show their support for both BonFire and the environment. The trees were planted near Carlos, Texas.

The Gehrigs were honored guests on Nov. 24 and Cindy was truly one of the eight honored mothers. Jason was head civilian "Redpot." As such, he was one of the eight torch bearers whose privilege it was to ignite the bon fire simultaneously. Also, they and their

mothers, in a treasured tradition, circled the huge, four-tiered stack of logs twice as the Aggie Band played and thousands of spectators cheered, prior to the actual lighting. Cindy commented: "It was a thrilling and impressive experience. We are so glad we got to share it with Jason and Ryan. (If you really want to feel the excitement, ask Joanna.)"

Editor's Note: Material for this article was collected by Carmen Daugherty and Elfreda Fette, with reflections by Cindy Gehrig. The pictures were made by Carmen Daugherty, photo-journalism student at Texas A&M University.



JASON GEHRIG, at left, head civilian "Redpot" and one of eight honor students who helped supervise the thousands of fellow students during the planning and construction of the four tiered "stack" of logs for the annual Aggie Bonfire before the TAMU - UT football game on Thanksgiving Day is shown with his brother Ryan, crew chief from Walton Dorm. Inset shows Jason and his mother Cindy Gehrig.

Photo by Carmen Daugherty



4-H'ers attend leadership retreat

Three Jr. 4-H members, Casey McKown, Thomas Ford and Joel Nickerson of the Mountain Springs 4-H Club and Jerry McKown, chaperone; Sean Herbold, Sr. 4-H'er of the Silver Cedar 4-H Club; and Evelyn Sicking from the Muenster 4-H Club attended the Leadership Retreat for Junior 4-H members November 20-22 at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood.

The objective of the workshop was goal setting with other sessions on Organization Skills, Maintaining a Positive Attitude, Leadership Skills, Self-Growth and Self Esteem.

Sean led the organization skills session and Evelyn assisted with the leadership workshop.

Sean also assisted the Harris Co. recreation team with the opening assembly, recreation and dances.

It was a great experience for all attending.

Christmas is a time to share with those in need

As the Christmas holidays draw near, most people's thoughts turn to planning celebrations with plenty of food and gifts for all. But for some, circumstances make big celebrations impossible, since just day-to-day survival is a challenge.

What better way to catch the true spirit of Christmas than to share with those in need? Muenster's Social Concerns Food for the Needy will distribute food and gift baskets at Christmas. In addition to food, toys and clothing are needed.

Baskets will be set out at Fischer's and Hofbauer's for food and at Ben Franklin's for toys and clothing. To have items picked up, call Patsy Bayer 759-2814 after 3 p.m.; or Wanda Flusche's Tender Loving Care Day Care 759-4964. Items should be ready for collection at least by Dec. 16.

Acceptable suggestions include canned food, paper goods, personal items, in addition to all of the above. Please help the Social Concerns Committee help those in great need.

Singles set Christmas party date for Dec. 12

Cooke County Catholic Singes will meet at the home of Barbara Fuhrmann, 513 N. Cedar, Muenster for a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a gag gift. Call 759-4922 for more information.

Seniors, here's a scholarship opportunity

by Shellie Jupe, County Extension Agent-H.E. Attention, 1993 graduating seniors! Are you needing or wanting a scholarship to attend college? Well, you are in luck. The Home Economics Department at Southwest Texas State University located in San Marcos is offering a \$500 scholarship for an upcoming freshman student wanting to major in Home Economics and who is entering this university in the fall of 1993.

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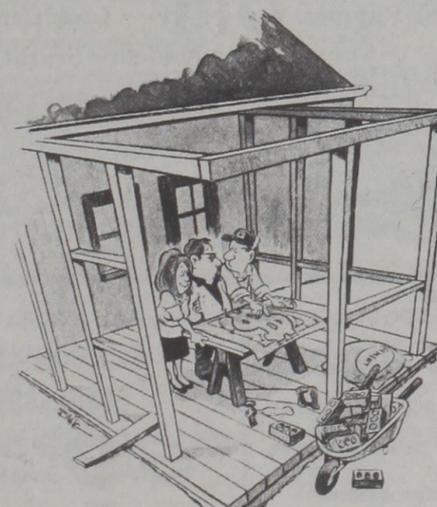
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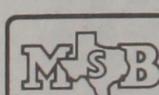
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GMH announces Blood Drive to be held Dec. 17

The Texoma Regional Blood Center mobile unit will be conducting a blood drive at Gainesville Memorial Hospital Thursday, Dec. 17 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The mobile unit team will set up for blood donations in the hospital's first floor conference room. The public is invited to participate.

The Texoma Regional Blood Center serves the comprehensive blood needs of the citizens of Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties. Founded in 1975, its sole purpose is to provide the quantity and quality of blood and blood com-

ponents needed in this region. A complete list of donor criteria is available from the Texoma Regional Blood Center, but the basic requirement is simply general good health.

For more information on the GMH blood drive, contact Gayla Blanton, director of community relations, 665-1751, Extension 401. Blood supplies become depleted over the holidays. Donors are needed!



Share in the Christmas Spirit...
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-- Cub Scout News --

Cub Scouts of Pack 664 held their monthly pack meeting on Oct. 26 in the VFW Hall. Opening Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Den 2. Uniform inspection for the pack was conducted by Kathy Hartman and Connie Grewing. All boys scored in the 95 to 100 percentile.

Tiger Cubs Cameron Walterscheid and Joseph Dangelmayr each received a tiger paw for making a halloween banner and presenting it to the residents at St. Richard's Villa. Community Service patches were presented to Jack Biffle, Michael Voth, Wesley Koelzer, Justin Hess, Daniel Rohmer, Adam Bayer, Mitch Endres, and Eric Knabe. For their community service project the scouts kept the lawn mowed for the VFW during the summer.

Webelos activity pins presented were: Fitness, Jeff Hartman, Keith Felderhoff, Christopher Grewing; Scientist, Eric Knabe, Nick Silmon, Nick Musick, Andy Warren, Jim Stoffels; Sportsman, Nick Musick; Traveler, Nick Musick; Outdoorsman, Nick Musick, Andy Warren.

Entertainment was provided by the dens. The Scorpions performed a skit, Den 3 led the group in a song, and Den 1 conducted a game. Closing Flag ceremony was led by Den 2.

Webelo Scouts Christopher Grewing, Nick Silmon, Jim Stoffels, Eric Knabe, Nick Musick and Andy Warren joined other webelos throughout Frontier Trails District for a camporee and Gladiator games at Hills and Hollows scout camp in Denton the weekend of October 17-19.

The boys were faced with many new challenges and were able to participate in many games from the Gladiator period while exploring the Hills and Hollows of the camp, especially Devils Ditch while learning camping skills to prepare them for future treks as Boy Scouts.

J.E.L.L.Y. dances again

by Eric Gray

Last Friday, Dec. 4, a troop of J.E.L.L.Y. members attended a dance party at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Gainesville at the invitation of that parish's youth ministry. Sylvia Bayer, the youth minister of St. Mary's, had also invited the parishes of Valley View and Lindsay as well. All the students participated in tunes, balloons, food and fun.

After a bit of socializing and getting up courage to be the first to hit the dance floor, the food arrived: four huge sub sandwiches. The youngsters almost had to be beaten off the food while it was being set out. So when the OK sign was given, ravenous young appetites were appeased as the submarines got subtracted. With renewed vigor (full stomachs) the guys and gals hit the dance floor and continued their fun.

A small break to the dance was provided as Jeannine Flusche organized a unique relay race of two teams. The kids were to run to a sack, pull a piece of paper out of it, read the instructions written on it, do what it said, and return to tag their team member next in line. For most, it was hilarious fun. For some, it was radically stupid. For a few, it was perhaps the most embarrassing moment in their life.

All in all, the dance party was enjoyed by the 70 students who attended, 18 of whom were Sacred Heart Parish youngsters. Their three chaperones were Jeannine Flusche, Ernie Martin and Eric Gray.

Stevan Nasche initiated into KCs, #4708

Steve Nasche of Muenster was one of 14 Benedictine College students initiated into the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 4708, on Thursday, Nov. 11. The students received First Degree membership status.

The Benedictine College chapter of the Knights of Columbus is a social service organization of Catholic men who recognize their duty to God, to family and to neighbor. Their projects this year have included a Columbus Day presentation, community blood drives, the Mother Teresa Skip-A-Meal program, and a Tootsie Roll Drive.

Benedictine College is located in Atchison, Kansas and it is a four year, coeducational college. It is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as the only selective liberal arts college in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. For the past five years, the school has been selected by U.S. News and World Report as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the United States, and was listed in Money Magazine's 1992 Money Guide as one of the top 100 value colleges in the U.S.

The closing ceremony for camp was conducted by Pack 664 Webelos. They performed a special Flag Retirement Ceremony in which they retired an old American Flag which could no longer be respectfully flown. This was the first time many of the Webelos at camp had witnessed a Flag Retirement.

Cub Scouts of Pack 664 held their annual Turkey Shoot on November 22 at 2 p.m. behind the VFW.

Immediately following the Turkey Shoot the monthly pack meeting was held inside. Opening Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Den 3 Webelos Jeff Hartman, Chris Grewing and Keith Felderhoff. They were joined by Wesley Koelzer, Jonathan Bayer and Eric Knabe to lead the pack in the Cub Scout Promise.

Den 1 performed a skit for the group and the Scorpions sang the Turkey Song.

Awards presented to Webelos

In the Service...

Navy Lt. Joseph A. Schmitz, son of John H. Schmitz and Albina A. Andrews of Gainesville, recently participated aboard the destroyer Paul F. Foster, homeported in Long Beach, California in exercise Eager Sentry 92-4 while operating in the Persian Gulf.

The exercise stressed basic skills meant to improve readiness and interoperability between the two nations' forces. Eager Sentry also helped develop professional and social ties between the two navies. The Kuwaiti sailors were able to work on basic skills during the exercise, and they highly regarded the operational excellence of the Americans.

The 1974 graduate of Lindsay High School and 1984 graduate of North Texas University in Denton with a Bachelor of Science degree joined the Navy in July 1984.



YANCY L. CULP

Navy Airman Recruit Yancy L. Culp, son of William L. and Charlotte A. Culp of Muenster, recently completed the Basic Aviation Structural Mechanic Course.

During the course at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tennessee, students receive instruction on the inspection, maintenance and repair of aircraft frames and exteriors as well as blueprint reading, corrosion control and metal working.

The 1990 graduate of Muenster High School joined the Navy in March 1992.

NOTICE!

AARP will meet Friday, Dec. 11, at 11:30 a.m., for a covered dish meal and a program featuring Mildred Lawson and her accordion. This will be held at Stanford House in Gainesville.

were: Geologist, Jeff Hartman, Chris Grewing, Keith Felderhoff, Eric Knabe, Nick Silmon and Jim Stoffels; Outdoorsman, Chris Grewing, Jeff Hartman, Keith Felderhoff; Citizen, Eric Knabe, Nick Silmon, Jim Stoffels, Nick Musick and Andy Warren.

Joseph Dangelmayr was presented a Tiger Track for his uniform

for doing his best during the Turkey Shoot.

Turkeys were presented to the lucky shots in each den: Joseph Dangelmayr, Jonathan Bayer, Chris Grewing, Justin Hess, and Nick Silmon. All cub scouts receive a participation patch.

The closing flag ceremony was led by Den 3.

Secular Franciscans announce raffle winners

The St. Peter's Secular Franciscan meeting was held at the home of Mary Stoffels on Nov. 24. The meeting was called to order by Minister Therese Hermes, prayer

Stock Show rodeo tickets now on sale

Tickets for the 1993 edition of the World's Original Indoor Rodeo went on sale at the box office in the lobby of Will Rogers Coliseum December 7.

The Rodeo is scheduled in conjunction with the 97th annual Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show and will be presented in 28 rapid-fire performances January 22 through February 7.

Tickets are priced at \$10 for Monday through Friday matinees and Monday through Thursday nights, and \$12 for Friday night and all weekend performances. Ticket information is available by calling 817-877-2420 and telephone orders may be charged on VISA or MasterCard.

Mail orders should include \$3 extra for return postage and handling and be sent to the Stock Show Office, P.O. Box 150, Fort Worth, TX 76101-0150. Rainbow-TicketMaster outlets in the Fort Worth-Dallas metropolis also have tickets. Rainbow's toll-free Texas telephone number is 1-800-725-7200. MasterCard and VISA will be accepted by Rainbow. Convenience and other charges are added to Rainbow and are non-refundable.

to the Holy Spirit and the Franciscan Ritual prayers and Scripture prayer were read by Marie Zimmerman.

Elvira Flusche read a letter from Bishop Peter Chenaparampil of Aleppy Kerala India. He wrote he will go to the Asian Congress of Evangelization at Manila in the Philippines. He is one of six representatives of the Catholic Bishops of India to the Federation of the Asian Bishop Conferences.

A letter from Chaplain Father Anthony Ploto of the Correctional prison of La Tuna, New Mexico stated the inmates are also praying for benefactors and have received the package with rosaries and books. A letter from a former prisoner was read, stating he is trying to live a good Christian life and set good examples. Father Anthony also sent a list of petitions for prayers. After adjourning the closing prayers were read and also the petitions for the day.

Christmas cards were signed by all to be mailed to Bishop Peters, Father Stephen and the adopted family Antony T. Vadackel.

Winners for the raffle were: Therese Hermes, embroidered quilt; Raymond Hellinger, bow tie quilt; Isabel Stelzer, baby afghan; Clyde Williams, hand-carved cross; Dorothy Hesse, quilt stand; Dorothy Fleitman, fan box; Mel Bayer, \$25; Isabel Stelzer, \$25 trade from Fischer's; Clara Neusch, dinner for two at Wooden Spoon; Tere Escobedo, dinner for two at The Center; Elvira Flusche, dinner for two at Rohmer's; Mrs. Ed Pels, satin pillow cases.

The hostess, Mary Stoffels, served cake and ice cream, coffee and a dish of a variety of fresh fruit.

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SACRED HEART YOUTH CHOIR entertains at the Muenster Christmas Parade. The float, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Alumni, won Best Religious Theme with "We're not just a school, we're a family." It featured the Holy Family. *Janie Hartman Photo*

Rene Stelzer completes C.P.R.W. certification

Rene Stelzer, of "A Scribe to Greatness," has successfully completed the certification process to earn the designation, C.P.R.W., Certified Professional Résumé Writer. This designation is conferred by the Professional Association of Résumé Writers, a professional organization committed to the high standards in the writing and preparation of résumés and the field of career consultation. Ms. Stelzer becomes one of approximately 50 individuals in the U.S. who have completed the certification studies and testing process. The certification indicates an understanding of the résumé development process, knowledge of employment laws, and other factors influencing a job-seeker in today's economy.

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Journal and employment columnist Joyce Lain Kennedy (featured in the *Dallas Morning News*). This "online" service is provided free to employers, who can call by computer modem to review the entries of qualified individuals nationwide.

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Rene Stelzer can be reached at (817) 383-8390 for individual consultation for personal, business or career needs.

Navy and Marine News

Navy Airman Russell W. Richardson, son of Larry R. Richardson of Gainesville, recently completed the Basic Aviation Ordnanceman Course.

During the course, at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, TN, students receive instruction in basic mathematics, physics, electricity, electronics, small arms, electrically-fired aircraft guns, building and up loading bombs and missiles and troubleshooting aircraft weapons systems.

He joined the Navy in March 1992.

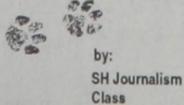
Marine Pvt. Bradley L. Cooke, son of Bobbie J. Cooke of Gainesville, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

The 1992 graduate of Gainesville High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1992.

Paw Prints



A little taste of Texas by April Trueebenbach

"Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?" "I do!"

These were a few of the words heard by the Civics class on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The class took a field trip to Dallas.

The Crowley Court Building was the first stop made by the class. The students got to sit in and watch two court cases. The first case dealt with a white male, who was charged with a DWI. The other involved a black male charged with an aggravated assault. Then the group walked to the place of the JFK assassination, Dealy Plaza. After an explanation of the day JFK was shot, some went up to the sixth floor where it has been said that Oswald took the shot to kill Kennedy. Many walked to the West End Marketplace and ate lunch. Next on the agenda was a stop at the Hard Rock Cafe. Souvenirs were purchased and then the group headed for the Galleria.

A few students went ice skating along with Mr. Caserta, the Civics teacher. After all the skating and falling that they could take, the class headed back for school in order to get to football and basketball practice.

Nineteen students make up the Civics class which includes juniors and seniors. Two exchange students from Germany, Kirstin Twenhoeven and Hilke Schweda, are also in the class. Vivian Bolanos from Ecuador (an exchange student at MIDD) was along with the class to see the "Texas" sights, too.

Adults who were kind enough to drive and give their time were Mr. Don Hess, Mrs. Kathy Bauer, Mrs. Donna Bayer and Mr. Caserta.

Not only did the Civics class learn a lot on this trip, they also had a great time.

Preschool activities by Christy Yosten

The Sacred Heart Preschool has been busy this past month. Their first project was to learn the alphabet and its sounds. Their unique way of learning is through the "letter people." Each week, a letter is picked and a little phrase is taught to remind the children of the sound that letter makes. This week the letter was "F" and the person was "Mr. Funny Feet."

In religion class, the students are learning how special each person in the class is. They learned that their name, smile, hands, and voice are all special. They showed how God made all of them special through coloring pictures of themselves.

The students had a new lesson with Chef Combo. Chef Combo teaches them the importance of good food and good nutrition. The students took a field trip to the Sacred Heart Cafeteria. Mrs. Martin

NOTICE

Dec. 15 is the deadline for participating in the Muenster VFW Ladies Auxiliary's annual fund raiser In Lieu of Christmas Cards. Contact Juanita Knabe or Frances Bayer to place your greeting.

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Country Tidings

Ruth Smith

The annual Christian Thanksgiving dinner was held Thursday, Nov. 26 in the home of Mrs. Opal Christian Berry. Eighty-six relatives attended, being the largest attendance in over 60 years.

A turkey and dressing dinner with all the trimmings was served at the noon hour.

Those attending were Charley, Wanda and John Evans of Luke, Mississippi; Mrs. Evans is a descendant of the Christians; Mrs. Nell Emery of New Orleans, La.; David, Charlotte and Lee Emery of Hamond, La.; Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Hughes, Marlene, Michael and Cathryn of Granger, Indiana; Joni Taylor of Norman, Ok. Also relatives from Galveston, Houston, Dallas, Springtown, Stephenville, Fort Worth, Pilot Point, Sherman, Lewisville, Denton and Rosston.

Mrs. Mozelle Hutson and Mr. and Mrs. Brad Hutson drove to Dallas Saturday to see Kenda Hutson play soccer at Kroger Field near the Texas Stadium in Irving. Kenda and her team are known as "The Hurricanes" of Saint Jo. They won one game out of three. They played at 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. They have won all their games in Cooke County.

Charge Conference was held at the Forestburg United Methodist Church Sunday evening, Dec. 6, jointly with the Saint Jo United

Methodist Church. A covered dish dinner was enjoyed by all before the business conference. Rev. Joan LaBarr, district superintendent of Wichita Falls, attended and Rev. Millard Fairchild is the pastor. The conference was well attended from both churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips attended the open house at Saint Jo at the Methodist parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Dill and Keshia attended the Jackson relatives Christmas dinner Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Ensey in Bowie. About 25 attended.

Byron and Colby Berry of Denton visited Mrs. Josephine Berry Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Kelley of Dallas visited Mrs. Louise Shults Friday and they all had dinner at the Jim Bowie Restaurant in Bowie.

Mrs. Louise Shults and Mrs. Dorothy Penton of Gainesville were in Sherman Tuesday.

Mrs. Gladys Balthrop, Mrs. Anna Kirk, David Wayne and Becky were in Decatur Friday.

They drove by to see the Christmas lights on this side of Decatur of FM 730 on their way home. They said they are a beautiful sight to see. They recommend everyone drive by and see them.

Herbert and JoAnn Sicking of Forestburg have welcomed a foreign exchange student Evelyn Fabricia de Arruda, 17, of Brazil to their home this year. A senior, she is attending Forestburg High School.

Evelyn is the author of the following poem that expresses her joy in being a part of the Sicking family and her gratitude to God, friends, school, Forestburg, Texas and America, all that have reached "a presence in my heart."

*So far I come
Fearing that you so small
Have just a little to furnish me
Immediately when I arrived here
I could feel that
The nature
That surround your lands,
The animals
That go through your horizon, and
The people
That inhabit you
Some themselves in a way,
Become so big
That you look to be infinite
Become so darling
That some times
Is able to suffocate my longing for my
country,
Become so comfortable
That I can overcome
The distance of my family and
Making you become so wise
That your teaching
As much school or life
Making me grow
Each day more and more
I know that I have so much time to live
But I know that your heat
And vibration will make me keep,
Permanently,
Your presence in my heart.
Thank you United States,
Texas,
Forestburg,
School,
Friends,
Family and
God
To permit me to meet you all
And consider me your daughter and friend
Therefore,
Now I know all your size
I feel that I was the small one when I came.
I hope when I leave you all
I grow a little bit
So I can justify to the Lord
The privilege that He gave me
To live with you.*

A J.E.L.L.Y. Advent

by Eric Gray

November 29, 1992 began a new year, in the Church that is. The first Sunday of Advent heralded in the new Church year, and J.E.L.L.Y. celebrated the new year with a special Sunday evening liturgy, courtesy of Father Victor Gillespie OSB.

This was not just an ordinary Mass. It was a learning experience as well. Father Victor had a pre-Mass show-and-tell back in the priests' sacristy before the celebration began. He told the youth some of the history of the vestments which are worn by priests, why the vestments are shaped as they are, what they are called, what purpose they serve, etc. He showed and explained all the various tasks and preparations which must be done prior to every Mass, things which most people, never, or at most, seldom get to see.

Mass itself was also an educational experience, as well as a liturgical one. Father Victor, at key points in the rite of celebration, explained what the next parts of the Mass entailed and their significance. As the group contained about 30 people, Father Victor invited all participants to

come forward and stand around the altar during the liturgy of the Eucharist. Not only could the participants hear and understand what was going on, but there they could also really see what was going on.

After the Mass, all participants were invited to partake of make-your-own-ice-cream-sundaes in the Community Center Cafeteria. They enjoyed the ice cream almost as much as the Mass! (What do you think?)

The evening was planned by Eric Gray, Jeannine Flusche and Father Victor. Altar servers for the occasion were Michael Flusche and James Felderhoff. Lectors were Emily Felderhoff and Tanya Knauf. Jack Brittain served as Eucharistic minister. Pam Fette planned the music, and was joined by her husband Dave and by Eric Gray to play guitar and sing at the Mass.

NOTICE!

A bake sale will be sponsored by the Muenster Quarterback Club on Saturday, Dec. 18 in Fischer's Market and Hofbauer's Grocery. Proceeds will benefit the MHS Basketball program.

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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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- ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA _____
- MOST UNIQUE -- NAME _____
- ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA _____
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- ADDRESS OR GENERAL AREA _____
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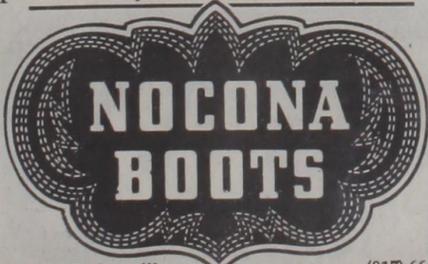
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Sports

Hornet teams win Red River Shootout



MIKE HACKER moves in under the basket for 2 points in the Hornets' win over Saint Jo last Friday. *Janie Hartman Photo*

The first Red River Shootout, a basketball round-robin hosted by Sacred Heart and Muenster High last week was won by Muenster's Hornets and Lady Hornets. Both finished the tournament undefeated.

Danell Reiter and Mike Hacker were selected the tournament's Most Valuable Players. Making the girls' all-tournament team were DaLana Walterscheid and Amy Otto of Muenster, Deann Bayer and April Truebenbach of Sacred Heart and Jo Botello of Saint Jo.

Kody Truebenbach and Jay Hennigan of Muenster, Matthew Thompson and Chris Milton of Saint Jo and Rick Gailey of Liberty Christian were chosen for the boys' all-tournament team.

Lady Hornets vs. Liberty Christian

Muenster's Danell Reiter and DaLana Walterscheid led the way to a school record in points as well as career highs in scoring in Thursday's opening round with Liberty Christian of Denton. Danell was 10 of 12 from the field for 29 points. DaLana hit in 23 and was the game's leading rebounder.

Theresa Kubis, Dianne Pagel and Amy Otto were all in the double figures with 12, 11 and 10 points respectively. "We shot well and our press and defense were too quick for Liberty," commented Coach Brian Strother.

Kay Grewing added four points, with Joy Tisdale, Sabrina Truebenbach and Candise Abney each getting a basket for 2 points.

M	28	18	34	15	95
LC	2	2	6	6	16

Hornets vs. Liberty Christian

"This was a defensive battle for the first four minutes of the game, then we went on a 15-0 run to end the first quarter," stated Coach Strother. "We are looking like a

scores on the board were Joe Bedowitz, Kelly Bayer, Aaron Berres, Chad Summerville and Brian Rohmer. Bayer was the team's leading rebounder.

Saint Jo was led by Lyons' 22 points. Thompson added 16 with Hennessey and Mayfield each scoring 11.

SH	4	6	13	5	28
SJ	27	9	14	22	72

Lady Hornets vs. Saint Jo

"The Lady Hornets really played team ball, passing the ball all over the court in transition," coach Strother commented. "When different team members can score it makes your team difficult to defend."

DaLana Walterscheid was Muenster's leading scorer with 16 points. Candise Abney had a career high 15 points. "Candise shot real well from the outside and probably played her best all-around game," the coach continued. Other scorers included Danell Reiter 8, Amy Otto 7, Theresa Kubis 6, Joy Tisdale 4, Kay Grewing 3 and Sabrina Truebenbach 2.

The Hornets had a team high of 22 assists in the game.

M	19	13	14	15	61
SJ	6	8	6	13	33

Hornets vs. Saint Jo

In a close game from start to finish, the Hornets defeated the Panthers from the free throw line, hitting 26 of 39 attempts. "Working on free throws paid off," Strother stated. "This was a great team defensive effort, with all eight guys playing excellent defense."

Muenster had a 26-18 first half lead. The Hornets made only 6 field goals, but shot 15 of 22 in free throws to keep the lead.

Mike Hacker played a good all-around game with 17 points, 17 rebounds and 7 steals.

M	12	14	9	18	53
SJ	9	9	9	18	45

Tigerettes vs. Liberty Christian

Deann Bayer put 24 points on the board for Sacred Heart to lead her team to a 65-41 victory. "Dee is really starting to be offensive," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "She really opened things up after she hit 6 3-pointers."

Eight other Tigerettes scored. April Truebenbach, Julie Felderhoff and Christy Yosten each got 8 points. Deanna Hess added 7. Erica Schilling 4, with Mandy Barnhill, Stephanie Grewing and Jennie Endres each adding 2 points. "It was a good offensive game for us," continued Coach Jon. "We took the ball to the hogs which led us to the charity line." The Tigerettes were 23 of 35 on free throws.

SH	20	14	18	13	65
LC	11	8	11	11	41

Tigers vs. Liberty Christian

The Tigers started good, keeping the score close until late in the second quarter. "Then we went ice cold for 12 minutes," Nasche added. "No baskets, they just wouldn't fall. I never saw a team shoot this cold."

Sacred Heart's leading scorer was Neil Berres with 13 points. Kelly Bayer added 6, with 2 points being scored by Jason Hofbauer, Brian Rohmer, Waylon Bayer and Chad Summerville.

SH	10	8	0	9	27
LC	11	16	13	23	63

Lady Hornets vs. Tigerettes

"We were ready to play from the start, our offense was clicking and we had good ball movement for easy buckets," stated Strother. Amy Otto is credited for a good first quarter, hitting 10 of her 18-game high points. "Our defense gave Sacred Heart a lot of problems," continued Strother. "I felt the whole team played well throughout the tournament." Muenster improved their season record to 8-0.

"Muenster has an outstanding team. They just put it to us tonight," commented Sacred Heart's coach. "We turned the ball over 31 times and you can't expect to stay in the game with a team like Muenster." Sacred Heart hit only 8 of 48 attempted baskets.

Four Lady Hornets hit double figure points, Otto with 18, Danell Reiter 12, Theresa Kubis and DaLana Walterscheid 10 apiece. Candise Abney added 7 with Sabrina Truebenbach, Kay Grewing and Joy Tisdale rounding out the scoring. The Lady Hornets made 14 of 19 free throws.

The Tigerettes were led by Deann Bayer with 7 points. Jennie Endres added 4, April Truebenbach 3, Erica Schilling, Tiffany Fisher and Julie Felderhoff each hit two points, while Deanna Hess and Stephanie Grewing added a point apiece.

M	25	12	12	12	61
SH	4	5	6	7	22

Hornets vs. Tigers

The Tigers jumped to an early 5-4 lead, but then Muenster went on a 23-0 run and never looked back for a six-game winning streak.

"It was our best game of the year," stated SH Coach John Nasche. "We started slow with Muenster pressing hard." The Tigers had 29 turnovers, 12 in the 1st quarter.

"We are starting to jell as a team," commented the Hornet coach. "We are getting a little more

fluid in our game."

Cory Knabe came off the bench and made four 3-pointers and ended up with 20 points. Four other Hornets ended the game in double digits. Kody Truebenbach sank in 16, Darren Bindel 13, Mike Hacker and A.J. Knabe 12 each. Eric Van Swearingen added 6, Jay Hennigan 4 and Brian Knabe 2 for Muenster.

Scoring for Sacred Heart were Chad Summerville with 8, Kelly Bayer and Jason Hofbauer 7 apiece. Neil and Aaron Berres each added 6, Joe Bedowitz 5 and James Klement and Chris Pagel rounding out the scoring. Bayer and Summerville were the Tigers' leading rebounders.

M	27	19	22	17	85
SH	5	10	13	14	42



APRIL TRUEBENBACH attempts to get the rebound from Liberty. Also pictured is Christy Yosten. *Dave Fette Photo*



NEIL BERRES grabs a rebound that was out of the reach of Chad Summerville. *Dave Fette Photo*



JOY TISDALE ties the ball in an attempt to steal it away from a Saint Jo player. *Janie Hartman Photo*

basketball team more and more. We had to be patient, our free throws cost us a bigger lead early in the game, but our defense caused them some problems."

Kody Truebenbach and A.J. Knabe led the way with 13 and 12 points. Brian Knabe added 9, Mike Hacker and Jay Hennigan 8 apiece, Darren Bindel 6, Cory Knabe 5 and Eric Van Swearingen 4.

M	19	15	15	16	65
LC	4	8	12	14	38

Tigerettes vs. Saint Jo

Sacred Heart began tournament action Thursday night, hosting Saint Jo. The Tigerettes, led by Deann Bayer's offensive shooting and defensive steals and April Truebenbach's rebounding, took a 44-37 win over the Lady Panthers.

After a 15-15 half-time score, the Tigerettes picked up the defense the third quarter to give Sacred Heart a comfortable lead going into the final quarter.

Deann Bayer was the leading scorer with 14 points. April Truebenbach and Mandy Barnhill each added 8, Christy Yosten hit in 6, with Tiffany Fisher and Julie Felderhoff getting 4 points each. Truebenbach was credited with 11 rebounds. The Tigerettes were cold at the line, hitting only 8 of the 23 free throw attempts.

SH	10	11	15	8	44
SJ	6	15	3	13	37

Tigers vs. Saint Jo

The Saint Jo Panthers had four players score double digits, to take a 72-28 one-sided win from the Tigers.

"We have to improve our defense and limit our number of turnovers to be a better team," commented Coach John Nasche.

Neil Berres' 8 points led Sacred Heart's scoring. Others putting

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Muenster roundballers capture wins over Petrolia

Muenster varsity brought home two victories Tuesday night, with big wins over Petrolia.

The Hornets started flat in the first quarter, but came to life with a 22-8 run and a 41-20 halftime lead. "We built a big lead and let it slip away the second half," commented Coach Brian Strother. "The two things down the stretch that won the game were team defense and free throws." Muenster won the game 60-55.

Jay Hennigan was Muenster's leading scorer with 20 points. "Jay was driving and dishing the ball all night. He had a great assist game and was our clutch in the fourth quarter, hitting 7 of 7 free throws," complimented Strother.

Mike Hacker clipped in 15 points with 15 rebounds. A.J. Knabe added 10, Darren Bindel 9, Kody Truebenbach 4 and Eric Van Swearingen 2. "Our bench played well and contributed to the big lead. It was nice to win a game that we were outplayed in the final quarter. We need to put teams away when we can," concluded the Muenster coach.

The Hornets were 11 of 15 from the free throw line.

Muenster	9	22	10	19	60
Petrolia	12	8	9	26	55

The Lady Hornets had a quick, one-sided game against Petrolia, taking a 64-22 victory to improve their record to 9-0. "We did just about anything we wanted," Strother commented. "The starters played about half a game. This was

a good opportunity for the young players." Everyone played with 12 of the 14 girls scoring.

Dalana Walterscheid was high scorer with 17. Danell Reiter added 9, Amy Otto 7 and Theresa Kubis 5. Kay Grewing, Sabrina Truebenbach, Candise Abney, Audrey Knabe and Carrie Hess each scored 4 points. Melissa Biffle and Andrea Klement added another 2 a piece.

Muenster	18	25	11	10	64
Petrolia	0	4	6	12	22



A.J. KNABE puts the ball in for 2; Mike Hacker readies for the rebound. Janie Hartman Photo

TRAPPED by Amy Otto and Theresa Kubis. Janie Hartman Photo

Muenster will participate in the Chico Tournament this weekend. They travel to Chico Tuesday before hosting Chico here Friday, Dec. 18.



DEANN BAYER goes under the basket for a 2-point lay-up. Dave Fette Photo

Sacred Heart splits two with Happy Hill hoopsters

Sacred Heart varsity basketball made the trip to Granbury to tangle with Happy Hill, splitting the victories Tuesday night.

"The Tigers lost another one, but this one hurt the most," commented Coach John Nasche. "We played well enough defensively to win but we couldn't get the shots to drop in."

After trailing by 3 points the first half, the Tigers stayed in the game for a 20-21 half-time score. An 11-point second half gave Sacred Heart a 38-32 defeat.

Chad Summerville led the Tigers on the score board with 10 points. Kelly Bayer added 6 while Joe Bedowitz and Aaron Berres each scored 5. Chris Hess and Neil Berres added 3 points apiece.

"We all need to evaluate ourselves discretely and push hard

to improve on our weaknesses," concluded Nasche.

SH	11	10	7	4	32
HH	14	6	10	8	38

The Tigerettes pulled out a commanding 45-21 win over Happy Hill to improve their season record to 7-3. "The girls put the defense on the second half," Coach Jon LeBrasseur said. "We looked like a basketball team the second half."

Eight Sacred Heart girls scored, led by Deann Bayer with 15 points. April Truebenbach added 8, Stephanie Grewing 7 and Christy Yosten 6. Others scoring were Jennie Endres, Many Barnhill, Julie Felderhoff and Deanna Hess.

SH	10	13	9	13	45
HH	4	9	2	6	21

Attention, Tiger fans!

Sacred Heart Basketball season tickets will be on sale at Friday night's varsity game. A family pass is \$40, \$30 for a couple pass and \$20 for a single season pass. The pre-paid tickets are good for all Sacred Heart home games, junior high and varsity.

CHAD SUMMERVILLE (44) and Neil Berres (12) defend the basket against Liberty. Dave Fette Photo

Get ready for Classic

Courtesy of KGAF Radio

The Muenster Hornets and Lady Hornets, the defending champions of the KGAF-Cooke County College Holiday Classic, will be joining cagers from Sacred Heart, Lindsay, Valley View, Era, Callisburg, Gainesville, Collinsville and Alvord, December 28, 29 and 30 at Cooke County College for the 5th Annual KGAF Holiday Classic.

In addition to traditional awards, the Holiday Classic this year is proud to announce the creation of The Bill King Memorial Sportsmanship Award, in honor of the late Gainesville Daily Register sports writer and columnist.

Traditional awards, including the KGAF Commissioner's Cup, will be presented to the winners of the tournament in the men's and women's divisions. The traveling trophies currently reside in the trophy case of last year's winners, the Hornets and Lady Hornets of Muenster.

Again this year the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and KGAF Radio combine to recognize scholastic achievement with the presentation of the Academic All

Star Awards, which are presented to every senior letterman participating in the tournament who has maintained a four-year cumulative average of 90.0 or higher. Last year, 18 area seniors received the award.

This year's tournament participants include Valley View boys and girls, Era boys and girls, Lindsay boys and girls, Muenster boys and girls, Callisburg boys and girls, Sacred Heart boys and girls, Alvord boys and girls, Gainesville girls and Collinsville boys.

Past tournament winners have been Muenster (twice), Collinsville and Lindsay in the men's division, and Gainesville (twice), Lindsay and Muenster in the women's division.

Jr. High-Jr. Varsity Basketball

Muenster "B" 13, Lindsay "B" 8

Muenster's young junior high Hornets scored a victory over Lindsay Monday night. Five young Stingers put points on the board. Cory Anderle was high point maker with 4. Scott Hermes added 3, with Shane Sparkman, Brian Hudspeth and Ryan Klement each scoring 2.

Scoring for Lindsay were Tepera, Charlie Costin and Zack Fuhrmann.

M	0	5	4	4	13
L	4	2	0	2	8

Muenster "A" 42, Lindsay "A" 22

The Hornet Stingers pulled out a close win over Lindsay behind the hot shooting of Steven Reiter, who was the game's high scorer with 20 points. Eric Miller also hit the double digits with 13. Greg Fisher and Chad Roller added 6 points apiece.

Robert Sharp and Zack Bowman led Lindsay on the boards with 14 and 13 points. Mickey Meurer put in 9, Tommy Stephens 4 and Hank Huchton 2.

M	12	7	20	6	45
L	10	6	15	11	42

Muenster "B" 4, Lindsay "B" 10

Kami Barnhill and Emily Felderhoff each sank a basket for Muenster's junior high roundballers in a low-scoring game Monday night.

Lindsay spread their scoring to five girls, each with 2 points. They were Connie Wang, Abby Bezner, Sherry Metzler, Angela McBee and Nicole Crutsinger.

Muenster	2	0	0	2	4
Lindsay	0	2	8	0	10

Muenster "A" 15, Lindsay "A" 22

Muenster's junior high girls lost to Lindsay on the Hornets' court Monday night. Brandi Lutkenhaus led the Lady Stingers with 8 points. Becky Fette added 3 with Valerie Erwin and Christine Metzler each putting 2 points on the scoreboard.

Lindsay's Molly Trammell was their leading scorer with 8 points. Donna Lester, Amber Geray and Sandy Schreiber each added 4. Chassa Webb rounded out the scoring with 2.

Muenster	4	2	4	5	15
Lindsay	6	8	2	6	22

Sacred Heart 54, Forestburg 44

The Cubs edged out Forestburg Monday night to get their second district win. "The Cubs' fast break and defensive press really stepped it up for this game," said Coach John Nasche. "We were in a must win situation after losing two close contests."

Three young Tigers scored double digits. Matthew Fuhrmann and Paul Swirczynski led the team with 14 points apiece. Douglas Novak added 13. Other scorers were Glen Dangelmayr, Waylon Hess, Aaron Hess, John Bartush and Jonathan Grewing. The Cubs hit six three-pointers in the game.

SH	22	9	13	10	54
F	9	15	7	13	44

Sacred Heart 39, Forestburg 20

The young Lady Tigers also took a win Monday, defeating the Horns 39-20. "The girls did a great job of finding their open man," Coach Jon LeBrasseur commented. "We did a great job of trapping the basketball, which allowed for some easy

hoops."

Dobe Friday played three quarters and led the team with 15 points. Other Lady Cubs adding points were Anna Fette, Brandy Gilpin, Elizabeth Fuhrmann, Leslie Grewing, Tara Yosten, Jennifer Campbell, Crystal Klement and Angel Sicking.

SH	10	10	14	5	39
F	0	8	8	4	20

Next junior high action is Monday, Dec. 14 at Prairie Valley, followed by a match with Saint Mary's on Friday.

Muenster 39, Petrolia 26

The young Hornets traveled to Petrolia Tuesday night. The first half was good defensively, "but offensively we couldn't hit the side of a barn," said Coach Brian Strother. "The second half was more Muenster-style good defense and our offense sparked and we came away with a good win."

No one scored big for Muenster, but seven boys put points on the board. Jason Huchton led the team with 9 points. Cory Cain added 7, Rodney Vogel and James Klement 6 a piece, Cody Klement 5, Darrell Charles 4 and Jeff Flusche 2.

Muenster	8	6	11	14	39
Petrolia	7	9	2	8	26

TAPPS 1A All-District nominees

OFFENSE

LINEMEN

First Team, Steve Rachel, Tyler Street, Josh Carroll, Dallas Lakehill, Werner Becker III, Sacred Heart, Hampton Cude, Dallas Lakehill, Jordan Bayer, Sacred Heart. **Second Team,** Will DeShazer, Dallas Lakehill, Anthon Elmore, Masonic Home, Mark Chappell, Tyler Street, Jeremy Bayer, Sacred Heart, Scot Hargrove, Tyler Street. **Honorable Mention,** Barry Hess and Mike Schilling, Sacred Heart.

BACKS

First Team, Jarvis Williams, Tyler Street, Larry Switzer, Sacred Heart, Josh Harris, Dallas Lakehill, Jason Hess, Sacred Heart. **Second Team,** Marc Hatala, Pantego, Pat Hall, Tyler Street, Hugo Ramos, Masonic Home, Neil Berres, Sacred Heart, Charlie Birenbaum, Dallas Lakehill, Richard Trahan, Masonic Home. **Honorable Mention,** Scott Frost, Sacred Heart.

RECEIVERS

First Team, Bryan Landers, Masonic Home, Matt Cordio, Pantego. **Second Team,** Kelly Bayer, Sacred Heart, Chris Davis, Masonic Home, Lance Jordon, Dallas Lakehill. **Honorable Mention,** Aaron Berres and Jody Fleitman, Sacred Heart.

KICKERS

First Team, Bryan Landers, Masonic Home, Larry Switzer, Sacred Heart. **Second Team,** Marc Hatala, Pantego, Brad Golden.

DEFENSE

LINEMEN

First Team, Bryan Landers, Masonic Home, Jeremy Bayer, Sacred Heart, Charlie Bierenborn, Dallas Lakehill, Steve Rachel, Tyler Street. **Second Team,** Derrick Henderson, Tyler Street, Werner Becker, Sacred Heart, Rake (Broderick) Straw, Dallas Lakehill, Greg Fillender, Tyler Street. **Honorable Mention,** Barry Hess, Martin McCoy, Jordon Bayer.

LINEBACKERS

First Team, Larry Switzer, Sacred Heart, Scot Bickle and Jarvis Williams, Tyler Street. **Second Team,** Marc Chapel, Tyler Street, Aaron Scot, Dallas Lakehill, Hugo Ramos, Masonic Home, Kelly Bayer, Sacred Heart, Robbie Gresham, Pantego.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

First Team, Neil Berres, Sacred Heart, Darrin Beheler, Pantego, Chris Davis, Masonic Home, Jacoby Rhinehart, Tyler Street. **Second Team,** Richard Trahan, Masonic Home, Jason Boyd, Dallas Lakehill, Jay Young, Tyler Street, Jason Hess and Aaron Berres, Sacred Heart. **Honorable Mention,** Jody Fleitman.

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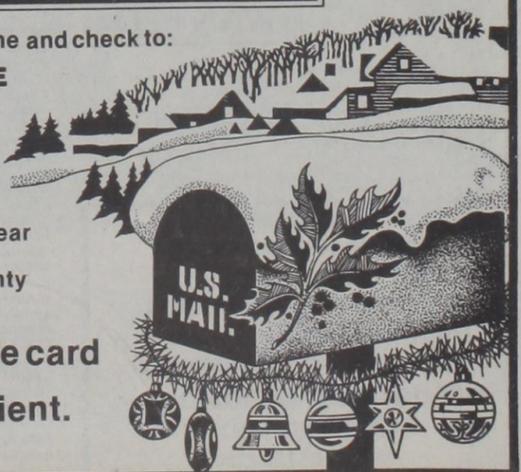
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S.M. True is re-elected Farm Bureau president

CORPUS CHRISTI — Voting delegates to the 59th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention called for term limitations for elected officials, but remained firmly against a state income tax here this week.

At the conclusion of the convention Wednesday, S.M. True was re-elected to an 11th one-year term as president. The 906 voting delegates from 140 county Farm Bureaus also re-elected six state directors to another two-year term.

Elected to the third and final two-year term included Billy Ray Huddleston (Collin County) serving Cooke County.

In a board meeting following adjournment of the convention, Huddleston was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Bob Stallman of Columbus (Colorado County) was re-elected as TFB's vice president.

While several delegates stated a preference to ending elected officials' time in office at the ballot box, the body ultimately called for term limitations at the state and national levels. They also called for a term limit for the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Delegates reaffirmed their strong opposition to a state income tax, overwhelmingly rejecting a "flexible" resolution that would allow Farm Bureau leaders to accept a state income tax.

Delegates expressed continued support for the North American Free Trade Agreement and urged that the Texas Department of Agriculture participate in the NAFTA debate.

On education and school finances, TFB delegates urged school systems to be more efficient. They reaffirmed their long-standing support for prayer in schools and for empowering teachers to enforce discipline in the classroom. They said the redistribution of school taxes should also take into account the percentage of taxes collected in a district.

The delegates reaffirmed their support for control of groundwater by local underground water districts.

On farm program issues, the delegates opposed a requirement that producers purchase crop insurance from a person or institution having a financial interest in the crop or production.

They favored having all disaster payments based on quality as well as quantity losses.

They said target prices should not be reduced below their 1985 levels and should not be used to determine deficiency payments.

Delegates said target prices and loan rates should reflect increased cost of Environmental Protection Agency regulations and the cost of

complying with conservation plans.

Representing Cooke County at the State Convention were Robert and Gloria Klement, Leonard and Emily Hartman, Taylor Vestal, Danny and Lanita Reiter and Tim and Janie Hartman.

Cooke County was awarded several awards at their district 4 caucus. They were given cash for the Participation award and the Outstanding County Membership Award. Also all county presidents were awarded a new pair of boots because of membership gain for 1992 in Texas. Past president Leonard Hartman received the boots.

Commission approves deer herd tags

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has approved a pilot program allowing some landowners to take antlerless white-tailed deer under a deer herd management tag system during the 1992-93 open deer season.

The experimental tag program, to end in February, is designed to provide landowners an additional means to avert habitat destruction by deer whose population size, through department review, has been determined to be in excess of the carrying capacity of the habitat, said Dr. Rudy Rosen, director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's fisheries and wildlife division.

"We need to test the concept of this management tool," he said. "This proposal is designed to gain an understanding of the acceptability of the tag to landowners."

The tag system will be limited to 20 landowners this year and will be re-evaluated before possible implementation next year. Issuance of antlerless deer herd management tags will be determined through investigations by department wildlife biologists or certified wildlife biologists with plan review by TPWD biologists.

The program will cost landowners \$750 for an application fee and \$5 per tag. Rosen said the fees are set to recover estimated costs of administering the program. Harvested deer must be processed and delivered to a charitable organization.

A qualifying landowner must allow at least 40 antlerless deer or 20 percent of the harvest target, whichever is greater, to be taken by regularly licensed hunters. "This limits the program to areas in need of extensive deer removal," he said. "It maintains the integrity of the herd management tag as a

Pesticide record keeping may become requirement

The Agricultural Marketing Service of the USDA has proposed regulations extending record-keeping tasks to anyone who uses restricted use pesticides (those pesticides that can be applied only by or under the supervision of certified applicators). The proposed rules would help implement the provisions of Section 1491 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990.

Jeffrey Stapper, Falls County extension agent, said the proposal will add to the growing mountain of paperwork farmers and ranchers face. "In the past, producers would just read the label and apply it," Stapper said. "Now they (may) have to write down everything about it, where they spray it, how much was used over what area. It'll just require more time on the farmer."

The provisions require those certified to use or supervise the use of restricted pesticides to keep records, which would be used as a national data base for agricultural and environmental surveys and for annual reporting to Congress by both the EPA and USDA.

Stapper said larger farms and ranches with a payroll of \$50,000 or more fall under the Community Right to Know Act, SARA Title III, and already keep these records. "Private fellows that don't have a payroll will fall into that category now, too," he said.

Violators of the proposed record-keeping requirements would be liable for civil penalties of not more than \$500 for the first offense, and not less than \$1000 for each subsequent offense unless the violator made a good faith effort to comply.

specialized management tool."

The property must be evaluated by a wildlife biologist and a harvest recommendation made. The harvest quota is designed to reduce the deer population to a level in balance with food supplies. One provision added at the request of the commission's regulations committee was intended to ensure that the tag not be used solely to reduce the deer herd below carrying capacity to produce trophy deer or solely to balance the sex ratio of the deer herd.

In exchange for possible lost public hunting opportunities, the landowner has the option of providing a quality deer hunt in 1993-94, purchasing a quality deer hunt on another property, providing a youth hunt for at least 10 youths or providing another proposal of equivalent cost that must be approved at the executive director.

"The object of this tag is to bring deer herds into balance with the habitat," Rosen said. "This program is to deal with habitat and the need to control deer populations within

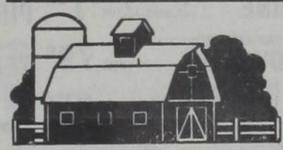
the habitat's capability to support them."

Landowners interested in applying for the program should contact TPWD for application forms. A wildlife management plan is required. In addition, the wildlife management plan needs to recommend an antlerless deer harvest in excess of 40 animals in order to be eligible for deer herd management tags.

Those landowners not currently under a management plan can obtain assistance from the department. Applications for deer herd management tags cannot be accepted by TPWD before Dec. 1.

For more information contact TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or call 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4505, or (512) 389-4505.

For local landowners, land managers or sportsmen who have questions, please contact your local TPWD Wildlife biologist, Tim A. Lawyer, P.O. Box 316, Valley View, TX 76272-0316 or call 817-637-2290.



My Views from the Farm

by Ed Cler

In November 1966 when our son Gary was married in Spokane, Wa., Aileen and I made our first trip to the northwest, and I guess we fell in love with the mountains, the rivers, the trees, and the people.

It would not be my choice of State to make my home in, being a Texan, but we do love to travel in the area and see the many spectacular scenes that seem to be most everywhere.

In July of '89 while visiting Gary and family, in Snowhomish, Wa., Gary suggested we might take a side trip to Mt. St. Helens, as the area had been designated "Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument," and some roads were being improved for easier access. The following day, Gary, Mary and son Steve, Aileen and I, and our son Tony, loaded up early and started on our way. We spent some time that morning observing construction of a lake that was being built to trap silt washing down from the Mt. St. Helens area. Usually the water coming out of the forest is clear and clean, but with such a huge area completely denuded by the 400' blast following the eruption of Mt. St. Helens, there was little left to keep the bare hills from washing down stream.

Scientists estimate there was a cubic mile of material blown from

one side of St. Helens. Some was carried by the wind, for hundreds of miles in the form of fine dust, and put a heavy coating on everything in the area. Our visit to St. Helens came almost 10 years after the blast that occurred in 1980, and we could see that the earth had begun to heal itself. While dead tree trunks, from a few inches to more than two and one half feet in diameter, and up to 200' long, were scattered about like spilled toothpicks, almost all blown over in one direction; there were new trees from a few inches to five or six feet tall growing in their midst.

Several deer were seen browsing on other small growth scattered about.

Spirit Lake, which is the beginning of the Toutle River that drains the area, was half or more covered with logs so close together one could have walked across the lake and not gotten his feet wet.

I don't think anyone can comprehend the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in one trip, because after viewing the total destruction of a great forest for several hours, we were only stunned by its magnitude.

SWCD contest entrants to receive seedling trees

Board Chairman Clyde Hale recently announced that the Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District will again sponsor the annual essay and poster contests. Students entering either contest will receive a free seedling tree for their efforts.

Entries will be judged locally for consideration of cash awards for first, second and third place winners in each contest. First place cash awards will be presented at the annual SWCD awards banquet next spring.

The subject for the essay contest is "Soil and Water Conservation" while the poster contest subject is entitled "Resource Conservation." Contestants must reside within the SWCD boundaries which includes all of Montague, Cooke and Grayson counties. The district

requests that students enter the contests through the school they attend. Please check with the local school for rules governing the contests or call (817) 668-7794 or (903) 892-6013 for further information.

Trees for each entrant will be delivered to the schools in February 1993.

Agricultural Science and English teachers and 4-H leaders are urged to encourage students to participate in the contests which do not jeopardize UIL eligibility.



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