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With emphasis on the family...

Sacred Heart celebrates Catholic Schools Week

January 23 through February 3 was Catholic Schools Week. Sacred Heart School celebrated with a week of special events. The theme was "A Parent's Choice" and special emphasis was placed on the importance of family.

Catholic Schools Week opened with a special liturgy during the 8 a.m. Mass. Parents and children representing each class led the entrance procession. The parents then presented their child to the teacher to symbolize the trust that they place in the teacher to educate the child.

The procession included Jeff and Sandy Tempel with Cindy and Chuck and Doris Koesler with Tony presented to pre-school teachers Pam Dangelmayr and Kathy Berres; Janet and Monte Barnhill with Audrey and Gary and Mary Endres with Luke to kindergarten teachers Christi Hesse and Laneta Martin; Danny and Debbie Cochran with Grace to first grade teacher Anne Poole; Tony and Stella Hess with Jennie and Phil and Bernadette Walterscheid with Josh to second grade teachers Sr. Genevieve and Michelle Knauf; Chuck and June Bartush with Stephen to third grade teacher Steve Koehler; Doyle and Debbie Hess with Aaron to fourth grade teacher Anna Hermes; Jack and Linda Flusche with Greg to fifth grade teacher Debbie Endres; Werner and Linda Becker with Michael to sixth grade teacher Sr. Monica; Herbie and Edna Knabe with Alison to seventh grade teacher Sr. Mary John; and Urban and Viola Rohmer with Brian to eighth grade teacher Dorothy Bengfort.

Representing the high school grades were John and Pat Yosten with Christy to the ninth grade teacher Mary Beth Bartush; Walter and Celine Bartel with Bernice to Joseph Cassera; Bob and Jean Greathouse with Robin, grade eleven, to Eric Gray; and

Claude and Mary Bayer with Amy, twelfth grade, to Jo Bedowitz; and leading the procession were Clinton and Debbie Endres and Angela representing the whole student body to Jack Murdock, principal.

Scriptural Readings were done by Peggy Grewing and Kathy Berres led the General Intercessions. Linda Fuhrmann and daughter, Jennifer, and Dolores Hofbauer and son, Stephen, presented Offertory gifts.

Music for the Mass was led by Ruth Felderhoff, Emily Klement, Christy Hesse, and Eric Gray. Serving as Eucharistic ministers were Sandy Fuhrmann, Herbie Knabe and Debbie Endres.

Father Victor Gillespie and Father Sebastian Beshoner celebrated the Mass. Servers were John Bartush, John Bartush, Jr. and Paul Swirczynski.

After Mass everyone was invited to Open House at all three school buildings where refreshments were served. Visitors could view students' art on display in the halls and spend time in each classroom. The fifth grade put on a short play for their entertainment.

On Tuesday and Wednesday parents and grandparents were invited to have lunch with their children in the school cafeteria.

Bishop Joseph Delaney celebrated a Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Grapevine for all eighth grade students of the Fort Worth diocese. The Sacred Heart eighth grade attended and were accompanied by their teacher Dorothy Bengfort and Principal Jack Murdock. Four students, Willie Hess, Chris Pagel, Jody Fleitman and Albert Hennigan presented the Offertory gifts during the Mass.

Teachers showed appreciation for their students on Thursday by special treats such as more play time, watching videos, etc.

Friday was chosen as a day to show appreciation for community service organizations. Each class wrote letters of thanks to various people and organizations and some made gifts to show their gratitude.

The Mass marking the close of Catholic Schools Week was held on Friday at 8 a.m. The theme again revolved around the family and also the celebration of Candlemas Day. The third grade planned the Mass and participated in the procession carrying lighted candles and the Christ candle.

Music was led by the Fette family, David, Pam, Russell and Elizabeth.

On Saturday, Feb. 3 an Education Banquet will be held at the Rivercrest Country Club to honor Teacher of the Year Nominees from the Fort Worth diocese. Sr. Genevieve McConnell will be Sacred Heart's representative.

Other activities for Catholic Schools Week included each class making a treat for CCD students.

Students from kindergarten through eighth grade made posters that were displayed in the SH lunch room. Poster Contest winners are as follows in the order they won: Kindergarten - Lacey Endres, Kelly Fetsch, Mikie Bayer, Jacob Endres and Luke Endres; Grade 1A - Holly Hartman, Jacqueline Bartush, Keith Felderhoff, Amy Hilton and Melanie Bartush; Grade 2 - Josh Walterscheid and Jo Sparkman, Gina Yosten, Anne Flusche, Michelle Fuhrmann; Grade 3 - Debra Voth, Nicolas Yosten, Courtney Grewing, Stephanie Hess; Grade 4 - Trisha Endres, Yvonne Martin, Angel Sicking, Crystal Klement and Jeffrey Yosten, special recognition was given to all of the fourth graders; Grade 5 - Michael Flusche and Jennifer Campbell, John Sparkman, Jacob Luke, Dob Friday Fleitman; Grade 6 - Brandon Bayer, Karri Endres, Scott Poole, Vanessa Felderhoff; Grade 7 - Stephanie Grewing, Sarina Fuhrmann, Jennifer Fuhrmann and Tiffany Fisher, Kristin Fleitman; and Grade 8 - Michael Gehrig, Chris Pagel, Albert Hennigan, Willie Hess, Erica Schilling and Jenny Endres.



Second graders from Sacred Heart school, at left, presented gift banners to second graders from Muenster Public School, at right, as one of their projects in observance of Catholic Schools Week. With their teachers, the two groups met in the middle of Seventh Street, enjoying a welcome break, as witness their joyful smile as they greet each other and shake hands.

Janie Hartman photo

Equity Plan....

The low wealth school district's solution to the education crisis

by Janet Felderhoff

The Equity Center is an association of 233 low-wealth school districts. They have designed a plan that they feel will right the inadequacies and inequities that exist in the present Texas schools' finance system. A variation of the guaranteed yield system, the plan is designed to achieve comprehensive quality education in Texas schools. The plan would be phased in over a five year period beginning in 1990-91.

According to Craig Foster, executive director of the Equity Center, the intent of the plan is to equalize school districts to the 95th percentile of wealth. This will be done in part by adding around \$10.5 billion in new state aid to the funding system over the course of

the five year plan. Under the group's proposal more than \$1 billion of new state aid would be needed in the first year of the plan.

As explained by Foster, districts who make the maximum targeted rate of approximately \$1.10 per \$100 valuation total tax rate will be guaranteed an average of \$4,875 per student in state and local money by the fifth year of the Equity plan.

Studies by the Equity Center showed that 205 school districts would lose state aid during the first year of their proposed program, but that the difference could be recovered by increasing the tax rate in those districts. Eight schools would lose state aid the first year that couldn't be recovered by increasing the tax rate. The number of absolute

losers would grow to 61 by the fifth year of the proposed program.

There are 922 school districts that are expected to do better during the first year of the proposed program.

The cost of facilities and equipment would be treated like any other education cost under the center's plan. All allotments would be subject to the same state-local sharing formulas. Districts could supplement their facilities and equipment allotments with local funds.

No limits would be placed on local enrichment other than limitations already in current law. The proposal contains no provisions for school district consolidation or modification of property tax bases.

Good News!

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord; the remnant of Israel.

ZEPHANIAH 3:12

Russ Linn reaches 100 years on Feb. 6

Following scarcely two months after Muenster celebrated its 100th birthday on Dec. 8, 1989, Russ Linn will reach his century mark on Feb. 6, 1990.

William R. (Russ) Linn was born on Feb. 6, 1890 south of Muenster to Jefferson Davis Linn from West Virginia and Sarah Alice Emery Linn from Missouri. His parents came to this area in the early 1880's, when, he says, "there were no fences, and creeks ran full of good, clear, clean water."

He had four brothers and six sisters. Other than Russ, the only remaining family member is a sister, 77 year old Ida Parker, resident of a nursing home in Beaumont.

Russ Linn's great-grandfather was the first family member to come to Texas. His grandfather, Phillip A. Linn, his uncle, Will Linn and his father, Jeff Linn owned, he says "one full block of land." The Linn farm where he lives with his son, Jack Linn is the only remaining land of the original. The other acreage has been sold.

Russ Linn attended school, completing grade 7 at a school on Elm Creek, says his daughter, Christine Smith of Dallas.

At about 12 years of age, he left

Russ Linn has the distinction of having reached his 100th birthday an extraordinary achievement. At right is a recent photo; inset, as a young cowboy, before WWI. Decades of history are reflected between the two photos.

home to join a cattle drive and was "on the dusty trail" until 1918. Setting out to make his own life, he saw the West become civilized.

His daughter, Christine, tells of his favorite stories:

On a cattle drive from Holbrook, Arizona he had the job of horse wrangler. It was his duty to tend 100 head of horses, keeping them fed and watered so the cowboys had fresh horses to ride.

Breakfast, he said, was usually coffee, sour dough biscuits and steak. There was never a shortage of steak.

In Colorado he saw the Clydesdales for the first time. "I needed a ladder to climb up on those horses," he laughed. He did not like the winter in those areas so he returned to Arizona whenever he could, holding odd jobs, chopping wood, working on windmills, etc., until the next cattle drive.

In 1918, when he was in Arizona, he was drafted into the Army.

The Muenster Centennial History carries a photograph of Russ Linn on page 236, in WWI uniform. He was inducted into the army on May 27, 1918 in Gainesville, trained at Camp Cody, New Mexico until Aug. 24 and was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey. He recalls the devastation of the flu epidemic that struck the installation during WWI, and men died by the hundreds as occurred all over the country. Hardly a family escaped the loss of loved ones.

Overseas, Linn was sent to Southampton, England and then to France. He was with the 36th Division, Company H that marched 35 miles to get to the front lines. In another part of this story, his granddaughter Brenda Michiel (Minto) Banks relates some of his experiences at the battlefield. "We were to go over the top at midnight on Nov. 11, when the Armistice was signed." He stayed

in France with the troops for seven more months; then his division returned to New York City on June 3, 1919; He traveled by train from Long Island to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio for discharge on July 3, 1919 and arrived home on July 5.

He came home to visit his parents, brothers and sisters and decided to stay. His granddaughter, Mrs. Banks tells in another part of this story of his years working on the farm.

He married his wife, the former Bessie Morgan in 1921, in the Gainesville Park. They became parents of two sons, two daughters and helped raise one grandson. Their first home was about a half mile from the present house on the Linn home place six miles south of Muenster. The four children, Tommy, Jack, Billie Jo and Christine attended the Linn School on land dedicated by the family for a schoolhouse. As was typical in those days, the schoolhouse was the much-loved community center, and also the center of all social activities.

Russ Linn and his wife saw their oldest son Thomas Linn off to World War II, their youngest son Jack Linn off to the Korean War and the grandson, Thomas ("Pie") Hemphill off to Viet Nam. And saw them come home again. His wife is now deceased. He lives with his son, Jack.

Russ Linn knows every blade of grass in the area. He is an expert on agriculture and cattle of the area. In another part of this

history, his great-grandson, Michael Banks tells that the old man is still able to feed and water cattle while other men, younger, are "sheltered in an old folks home."

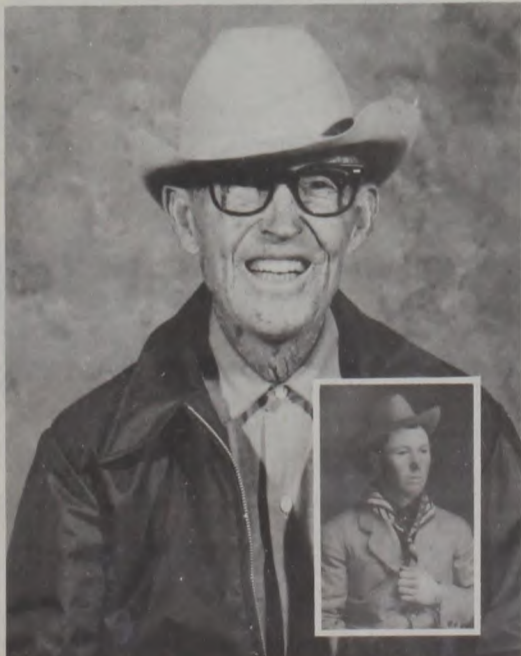
He has a great power of description; "he makes us feel as if we were there, too" they say. According to his daughter, Christine, although his vision and hearing are bothering him, his memory is fantastic and he always has a tale to tell, a yarn to spin for a willing ear. He is quick to tell a listener: "This happened in 1890, the year I was born:

1. Close of the American Industrial Revolution;
2. The protective tariff McKinley Bill of 1890;
3. Railroads covered 190,000 miles of countryside;
4. James Duke's American Tobacco Co. established in 1890;
5. Sherman Anti-trust Act;
6. Mormon Church renounced practice of polygamy;
7. People's (Populist) political party formed;
8. President Harrison was in office then;
9. Republicans were in control of Congress.

Five generations will gather in his home on Sunday, Feb. 4 to honor Russ Linn who will reach his century mark on Feb. 6, 1990.

During their reunion they will recall the tributes written by his granddaughter, Brenda Michiel Minto Banks and his great-grandson Michael Banks as

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Photos courtesy Jack Linn and Christine Smith

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

I teach the third grade class science and social studies at the Muenster Public School. We have been studying about our natural resources and our responsibility to conserve them. Because of the students' interest, we decided to write letters to the City of Muenster inquiring about some type of recycling center.

Muenster is such a caring community when someone needs help. Why can't we, also, focus that care to help our environment. I challenge the city or some local organization to get the ball rolling.

Below are a few letters written by the third grade students at the Muenster Public School.

Sincerely,
Lynn Dangelmayr

Dear Mr. Fenton,

Our class has been studying recycling. I was wondering why we don't have a recycling center for newspapers. If a bunch of people don't start saving paper we might not have anymore trees. Please answer my question.

Sincerely,
Justin Klement

Dear Mr. Fenton

My third grade class is studying about recycling things. Our class would like to know why Muenster doesn't have a recycling center here. Or why can't we have a truck to come and pick up our newspaper? We don't care where it is, we just want one in Muenster.

Sincerely,
Mindy Giebb

Dear Mr. Fenton,

I am in the third grade. We are studying about recycling. My third grade class in wondering why Muenster doesn't have a place to collect the papers we read. This would be a good way to save trees.

Sincerely,
Melinda Fanning

Dear Mr. Fenton,

I am in the third grade in Muenster Public School. My third grade class is studying about recycling things. We are wondering if Muenster can have a recycling center. That would be a good way to save trees.

Sincerely,
Aaron Klement

Dear Mr. Fenton,

My third grade class is studying about recycling things. We are wondering why Muenster doesn't have a place to bring newspapers. More trees will be destroyed if we have to burn them. One day there may be no trees left and no paper.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Bierschenk

Dear Editor

In preparation for the restoration of the Texas Capitol, the Old 1857 General Land Office, and the Capitol grounds, we have some exciting mysteries to solve and are looking for any photographs dating prior to 1820. We also need interior views of the rotunda, dome, corridors, foyers, and offices in the Capitol prior to 1959.

The State Preservation Board invites you to join us in our quest and we ask that your readers help us by searching through their family photographs for snapshots taken while visiting the Capitol. Quite often the building or an interior of a room is only visible in the background, but such a photograph can still provide invaluable details about furniture, carpet patterns, or light fixtures.

Surely, your readers' grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, mother, father, brother or sister took great joy in standing in the middle of the rotunda to have their pictures made. Surely, someone through the years has gone "Kodaking" to the State Capitol and taken just the kind of snapshots we are looking for.

If your readers have any photographs of the Texas Capitol, the Old General Land Office, or the Capitol grounds, we ask them to please forward a xerox copy to us as soon as possible. We will be more than happy to give them credit for any photographs that provide new information.

Thank you for any help you can give us on this joint, statewide effort. Together, we can make Texas' beautiful Capitol second to none in Victorian restoration magnificence and authenticity for the future enjoyment and pride of Texans everywhere.

Sincerely,
Allen McCree, FAIA
Architect of the Capitol
P.O. Box 13286
Austin, TX 78711

Letter to the Editor,

The MISD Administration and Board of Trustees believe that there may be a misunderstanding in regards to taxing personal property. The Non-Business Personal Property Taxes for school year 1990-91 are not New Taxes. These are taxes that Muenster ISD has levied on vehicles, airplanes, motorcycles, and travel trailers for over 20 years. The last session of the Texas Legislature made some changes in the law, but did leave school district boards of trustees the authority to continue to tax these vehicles and other non-business personal property after conducting the hearing scheduled for February 8, 1990. Cooke County Appraisal District Tax Rolls for the 1989-90 school year reveal there are 1,651 taxable vehicles that have total taxable values of \$4,325,450.00, the appraisal district multiplies the total values times the Muenster ISD 1989-90 tax rate of .62062 cents to arrive at a total possible income of \$26,844.60.

The board and administration feel the tax is justified since a sizeable number of district citizens pay taxes only on automobiles. We tax vehicles in order to save homeowners additional property taxes on homes and other real estate. At the present time, MISD has the lowest tax rate of any school district in Cooke County.

In reference to plans for a new gymnasium, the Texas Education Agency does not consider the indoor physical education facilities adequate at MISD. Future long-range plans did not include a new gymnasium. However, those plans have long been on hold since the downturn in the local economy.

It should also be noted that senior citizens who make the necessary application, have their taxes frozen by law and need not worry about additional property tax burdens.

The MISD administration and board members take very seriously their responsibility to make sure that the financial condition of the school district is maintained to the extent that a top quality education will be available and that the taxpayers of the district are treated fairly.

MISD Board of Trustees
P.O. Box 608
Muenster, Texas

Dear Sirs

Forty-five years ago we were helping to make news for the media. Now we need to use your newspapers to locate and inform all 2nd Armored "Hell on Wheels" Division and all attached units of our reunion at Killeen, Fort Hood, Texas, at the Sheraton Hotel, May 30 - June 3, 1990.

Write to Loren O. Guge, Reunion Chairman, 8053 High Point Blvd., Brookville, Florida 34613 for information.

Yours truly,
Gabe Struggles
P.O. Box 293
Waldron, AR 72958

P.S. - Among the many "Hell on Wheel" veterans that lived in Texas that we would like to contact are Sgt. Clark of Foxco Inf. Reg. who was wounded at Humane Belgium, Dec. 26, 1944 in the Battle of the Bulge and the McEroy brothers who rode motorcycles for the 41st Armored Inf. Reg.

Thank you
Gabe Struggles

Carriker receives Outstanding Public Service Award

Austin - 30th District Senator Steve Carriker is one of two state senators who are recipients of the 1989 Texas Outstanding Public Service Awards jointly presented by Public Citizen, Texas Consumer Association and Consumers Union.

"Senator Steve Carriker has carried on the tradition he began in the House by taking on difficult, far reaching issues affecting consumers. As a House member, Senator Carriker led the consumers' successful efforts in opposing abolition of the homestead protection. Consumers have come to count on Senator Carriker and his able leadership," the organizations said in a statement.

Carriker was specifically cited for his work in the area of rural health care, and his sponsorship of two measures during the 1989 regular session to alleviate rural health care shortages. The senator was also named for his Options for Independent Living bill, which coordinates health care services to allow senior citizens to stay in their homes and live a more independent life.

Heirs of God

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God." (Mt. 6:33)
A king once said to a particular favorite, "Ask what thou wilt, and I will give it to thee."
The courtier thought: "If I ask to be made a general, I shall readily obtain it. If, for half the kingdom, he will give it to me. I will ask for something to which all these things shall be added." So he said to the king, "Give me thy daughter to wife." This made him heir to all the wealth and honors of the kingdom.

So choosing Christ makes us heirs to all the wealth and glory of the Father's kingdom.
Romans 8:16-17 - The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs of Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

(Contributed by the First Baptist Church of Muenster).

Jim Nugent urges Bush Administration to move

AUSTIN - Railroad Commissioner James S. (Jim) Nugent recently urged swift action by the Bush Administration on tax incentives for the oil industry, saying the fate of hundreds of independent operators and thousands of marginal wells in the state is hanging in the balance.

"The oil industry has been waiting for more than three years for a glimmer of hope from Washington that some positive action would be taken to bolster domestic exploration and production," Nugent said. "Firm administration support of tax incentive proposals now on the table would certainly go a lot farther to help oil and gas operators than the empty promises we've been getting."

Over 2,400 Texas operators have been placed in the "at risk" category by the Railroad Commission, Nugent said. "We haven't heard from these individuals or companies when we should have. We don't know whether they're still gone under or whether they're still out there struggling. We do know they're not drilling new wells. For many of them, tax incentives may come too late."

Nugent said the fate of thousands of marginal oil and gas wells across the state is of even greater concern to the Railroad Commission. "We're carrying over 193,000 wells in the 'at risk' category," he said. "That's more than 75 percent of all the wells capable of producing oil and gas in Texas. Without tax incentives or other support measures by the federal government, these wells teeter on the brink. A downward dip in international oil prices of only a few dollars for a few months could spell extinction for thousands of wells."

Nugent said wells in the Commission's "at risk" category include shut-in and temporarily abandoned oil and gas wells, oil wells producing three barrels of oil a day or less, and non-producing wells for which operators have sought plugging extensions.

The 10-year commission veteran said one of the most effective tax incentive actions the federal government could take would be restoring the full deduction for intangible drilling costs. "Being able to deduct most expenses for drilling a well would place marginal operators on firmer financial ground and encourage companies both big and small to

explore for new reserves," Nugent said.

Tax incentives or exemptions for stripper well production could be a stabilizing force for the thousands of wells being operated on a financial shoestring, the commissioner pointed out. "I also believe the administration should consider filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve exclusively with U.S. stripper well production," said Nugent. "That alone would help keep many stripper wells online."

"Our list of at-risk wells and operators is growing daily," Nugent said. "We can't afford to wait any longer to take action. President Bush should place tax and other incentives for the oil and gas industry at the top of his list of New Year's resolutions - and then prod Congress to get the job done."

Williams trains to aid development

Eric Williams is receiving special training to help develop rural Texas, according to Bill Schott, chairman of the National Rural Electric Developers Association professional development committee. Williams has been employed at Cooke County Electric Co-op since September 1989 as a marketing specialist.

"This six-day Rural Utilities Economic Development Academy was designed to show fledgling developers how to set up economic development commissions, how to conduct community profiles and how to avoid confrontations between community interest groups," Schott said. "Infrastructure needs and financing are also a part of the curriculum."

Because many rural communities may have inferior water,

Majority of Texas taxing units choose to retain freepport tax

AUSTIN - More than 60 percent of Texas' local taxing units that are eligible to retain taxes on "freepport" property through 1990 have elected to do so, according to the State Property Tax Board (SPTB).

Last November, Texas voters amended the state constitution to exempt freepport goods from property taxation, effective Jan. 1, 1990. These are inventories acquired or brought into the state by manufacturers, distributors, and other businesses and held temporarily (up to 175 days) before being shipped out of state. Counties, cities, school districts, and junior college districts were allowed to continue taxing freepport goods this year, but had to elect to do so by Jan. 1. Those taxing units must decide by April 1 whether to retain the tax beyond 1990, or they will lose the right to tax freepport goods in the future.

The SPTB's mid-January survey gathered information from Texas' 253 central appraisal districts, and in a few cases, from local chambers of commerce and tax offices. Overall, 1,414 of the

2,332 local taxing units surveyed - 61 - percent have kept the freepport tax this year.

Nearly three-quarters of all counties and school districts will continue taxing freepport property in 1990. On the other hand, more than half of the individual Texas cities have left freepport goods exempt.

"Local governments in Texas are proceeding cautiously on freepport tax policy," commented SPTB Executive Director Ron Patterson. "This is a period of great uncertainty about funding of public services, especially with regard to school finance. With taxable property values having declined recently, many local governments are reluctant to forgo a major source of tax revenues." He noted that many of the taxing units that have left freepport goods exempt have a relatively small base of business operations that would be subject to the tax.

The table below breaks out the SPTB survey response by category.

RESULTS OF SPTB FREEPPORT TAX POLICY SURVEY

Unit Type	Number Surveyed	Will Retain Freepport Tax in 1990	Percent
Counties	254	183	72%
Cities	974	419	43%
School Districts	1,056	783	74%
Junior College Dist.	48	29	60%
TOTAL	2,332	1,414	61%

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Era ISD protests assessment of property values

by Elaine Schad

The Era school board has decided to enter into a contract with Austin Attorney Jeannie Navarro to protest the district's assessment of 1989 property values by the Texas Property Tax Board if there is a discrepancy with values already set by the local appraisal district. Navarro will charge a 20 percent fee of any money recovered as a result of a change in values resulting from a successful protest. Should the district fail to gain from the protest, there would be no charge for Navarro's services, said Era Superintendent Dale Smiley.

"With funding formulas up in the air, we feel like it will be very important to get those two figures as close as possible," said Smiley. The state funding formula will be one of a host of items brought up for review during a special session of the Texas Legislature on education funding set for next month.

While property values are determined at the local level, state property tax board estimates are the ones used to calculate state funding for school districts. Should there be a discrepancy between what the state dictates and those values set locally, a school district could lose some state funding, said Smiley. Last year, there was an 18 percent discrepancy between local and state values for the Era ISD.

In other business during their regular January meeting, the Era school board:

--Extended by one year Smiley's three-year contract through the 1992-1993 school year.

--Accepted the resignation of science teacher Cheryl Cowley, who accepted a position with the S&S school district, and hired Thomas Thompson of Denton as her replacement.

--Reported enrollment for the spring semester at 327, about the same as the beginning of school.

--Approved the district's 1988-1989 performance report.



Maria and Amy Trevino and Jessica and Kathy Berres share time at lunch Tuesday in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week. Also pictured are Shelley Hoedebeck and Elizabeth Smith. Janie Hartman photo

Texas gas production decreased in November

AUSTIN - Railroad Commission Chairman Kent Hance announced that Texas oil and gas wells produced 454,967,152 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas in November, compared to the October gas production total of 457,118,507 Mcf. November's production was down 2.86 percent compared to November 1988's production of 468,402,739 Mcf.

The state's top producing county by preliminary November production was Pecos, 26,392,854 Mcf. Texas gas production in November came from 185,228 oil wells and 46,461 gas wells.

Texas crude oil production averaged 1,736,623 barrels daily in November. The November 1988

preliminary production was 1,849,698 barrels daily.

This figure compares with preliminary October production of 1,738,774 barrels daily. Final production reports for October indicated average production at 1,752,653 barrels daily.

The preliminary Texas oil production figure for November is 52,098,686 barrels, down from 53,902,002 barrels in October. The November 1988 preliminary Texas oil production figure was 55,490,931 barrels.

Cooke County production of gas was 185,302 Mcf and crude oil was 235,588 barrels during November 1989.

Valley View School to expand

by Elaine Schad

The Valley View school district will seek bids until Feb. 22 for the proposed construction of an estimated \$300,000 expansion to district facilities.

School trustees this week approved the final architectural plans as submitted by Steve Hamilton of Bowie. Bids will be opened at 2 p.m. Feb. 22, with acceptance and awarding of the bid expected at a Feb. 26 meeting.

The expansion project includes the addition of six classrooms, five regular classes and a science lab. They will be built in an L-shaped configuration onto the

south side of the high school building.

When completed by the opening of school this fall, the junior high classes will be moved to the new addition, freeing up space at the middle school, said Superintendent Bert Glascock. The middle grades will house grades four through six, with the elementary facility housing kindergarten through third grade, he said.

The addition will be built in such a way as to separate the junior high and high school students as much as possible, officials said. By moving the junior high to the addition, there will be

a better division of administrative duties between the district's two principals, Glascock said. The new wing will also provide for growth at the upper grade levels, as the district's larger elementary grades move into the higher grade levels in future years, he said.

The project will be paid for with the district's reserve funds, which have been saved in recent years in anticipation that the district would need to add more classrooms, said Glascock. District enrollment has grown by 50 students in the past two years, from 495 students in 1988 to 545 students presently, and has doubled in the past decade. The project will be the third major addition at Valley View since 1981.

Lindsay City Council votes to raise water deposit at meeting

by Elaine Schad

The Lindsay City Council has approved an ordinance raising the water deposit from \$20 to \$40.

The ordinance also states that the property owner will be liable for any water or sewer bill if a renter doesn't pay the bill before leaving. Council members approved the ordinance at their regular January meeting.

The council discussed some change orders on the city's street paving project with property owners that will be affected. The project, which includes paving of Willow and Bezner streets, and Community Drive in Community Estates, is underway and proceeding, officials said.

The council has contacted Muenster Cable and Gainesville Cable about the possibility of taking over the city's cable television franchise, said Mayor Don Metzler. The council is awaiting a reply from WGA Cable of Houston concerning the city's request that it be released from the contract due to alleged poor service.

In other business, the council tabled consideration of joining the Red River Valley Tourism Association for a fee of \$100, and reported that Biggs & Matthews should be ready to present plans for a regional landfill proposal at the council's February meeting.



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Muenster Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire on the old Sohio Lease south of town Monday afternoon. Bert Walterscheid and Herbie discuss the next step to keep the fire under control. The blaze was started by a welder. Janie Hartman photo

Wafford T. Hall dies at age 89

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. for Wafford T. Hall, age 89 of Grapevine, and a former resident of Myra for over 40 years.

Rev. David Bradshaw of Slidell Baptist Church was the officiating minister. Pallbearers were grandsons Wesley Rash, Rocky Rash, Lance Rash, Gary Hall, Billy Hall, Richard Hall and John Hall Burrows.

Burial in Slidell Cemetery was directed by Vernie Keel Funeral Home.

Wafford T. Hall was born on March 31, 1900 in Lyndell, Texas to Willie T. and Jane H. Bowers Hall. He married Lilly May Gibbs on Sept. 16, 1920 in Decatur. She preceded him in death on April 8, 1977. He was an employee of Cooke County Electric Co-op as a lineman until his retirement.

Survivors are three sons, Frank Hall of Teaneck, N.J., Wilburn H. Hall of Midland, and Alvin Ray Hall of Germany; also two daughters Mildred Neff of Euless and Sharon Brixey of Arlington. Also fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, and three sons and one daughter.

Lifestyle

Retreat set for parish youth, Feb. 11

Jesus Alive in Muenster (JAM) met on Sunday, Jan. 21, 1990, in the JAM room. A special presentation was given by Pam Fette, entitled "The Essence of Prayer." In the presentation, Pam told a beautiful story called "Grant and Elizabeth." Through this love story, she illustrated the need of a two-way communication and the time we need to spend in order for a relationship to grow...especially the time we spend in communication and prayer with the Lord. After the talk, a special worship service was held. Refreshments and fellowship followed.

Plans were discussed for the Feb. 11 retreat to be held at Sacred Heart Community Center. Groups from Durant, Oklahoma, Valley View, Lindsay, Bowie, and Jacksboro have already committed to attending the event. All high school students from Sacred Heart parish are encouraged to attend also. The time of the retreat will be:

Sunday, Feb. 11 - 10:30 a.m., Mass; 11:30 a.m., lunch; 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., retreat.

Cost of the afternoon is \$5.00, which includes the meal and materials. Please bring a notebook, pen and Bible to the retreat. Registration will be at the door, but a count is needed for the meal. Please let Emily Klement (759-4554) know if you will be attending.

FLAME will be putting on the retreat. This group of young people minister to youths in their own age group through talks, music, sharing and dramas. FLAME consists of Sacred Heart parishioners, ages 16-19, who have been called to Faith, Love, Action, Community and Evangelism.

Butterfield Stage presents classic Simon comedy

The wit and humor of America's leading comedic playwright, Neil Simon, will be brought to life at the Butterfield Stage Playhouse with their production of Simon's classic comedy, *COME BLOW YOUR HORN*. This 1960's comedy follows the antics of Alan Baker, a 33 year old playboy, and Buddy Baker, a 21 old with an urge to assert himself, as they continually try the easily abused patience of their father. Alan works for his father's artificial fruit business two days a week and pursues the playboy lifestyle with attractive female companions on the other five. Buddy, hitherto an obedient son, makes a break for his independence by moving into Alan's bachelor apartment leaving a rebellious letter to his father as explanation. As father, mother, and girlfriends enter the situation, richly drawn comic complications ensue.

Performances of *COME BLOW YOUR HORN* will be Feb. 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Butterfield Stage Playhouse located at 201 S. Denton. Reservations may be made by Calling 665-8152 or by coming by the theatre between the hours of 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Granddaughter of Ben Lukes will be married Feb. 17

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Luke of Arlington have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathryn Marie (Katie) to Michael Robert Yourell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Yourell of Whitman, Mass. The couple has chosen Feb. 17 for their wedding day. Father Eugene Luke, uncle of the bride-elect will officiate. Attendants will be Peggy Luke, Katie's sister as maid of honor; and Mary Hensel, Cindy Schmidt, and Cindy Fowler; Adam Yourell as best man, and Richard Monett, Jr., David Griffiths, and High Wintin. The bride-elect is a TCJC graduate, with an associate degree in Applied Science. She is a respiratory therapist. The future groom is a graduate of Southeastern Massachusetts University. He is assistant manager for Albertson's Supermarket. They will reside in Arlington.



Catholic Schools Week was celebrated at Sacred Heart this week. Activities included **Above left** - Open House, Colynda Sicking and son Alex visit Mattie Sicking, a kindergarten student. **Above**, Crystal Klement and mother receive their lunches when parents visited the lunch room. **At left**, the SH second grade class presented the second graders "across the street" friendship banners. The two classes met in the middle of the street which separates the two schools. *Janie Hartman photos*

Baptism held for Kara Nicole Felderhoff

Kara Nicole Felderhoff, daughter of Kenny and Kim Felderhoff, was baptized on Saturday, Jan. 27, 1990 in a ceremony following the 5 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Father Victor Gillespie, OSB officiated for the baptismal service. Scott and Sandy Felderhoff were Kara's sponsors.

A white embroidered gown and matching bonnet were worn by Kara. She also wore a special gold cross and chain, a gift at birth from her grandparents, Linda and Bobby Dale Walterscheid. She was wrapped in a white shawl trimmed with ribbon.

Present for the ceremony were the parents and sponsors. Also Kara's sister, Kayla, and brother, Keith; grandparents, Al and Sis

Felderhoff and Bobby Dale and Linda Walterscheid; uncles, aunt and cousins, Duane Walterscheid, Mike Walterscheid, Ross and Janet Felderhoff and Jody and Deann.

A buffet supper was held in the parent's home after the special service. The two-tiered Christening cake was used as a table centerpiece. It was decorated with pink and white roses. A cross on the top layer was inscribed with Kara's name and the bottom layer held a sleeping angel. The cake was a creation of the Farmer's Kitchen.

Many keepsake gifts were presented to Kara. A special memento from her sister, Kayla, was a statue with a guardian angel watching over a little girl.

Lunch Menus

SACRED HEART SCHOOL S.N.A.P. MENU Feb. 5-9

- Mon. - Sloppy Joes, veggies, apples, milk.
- Tues. - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, green beans, applesauce, hot rolls, butter, milk.
- Wed. - Oven-Fried Chicken, potato salad, peas and carrots, apple rings, bread, milk.
- Thur. - Stew w/Vegetables, cole slaw, fruit, corn bread, butter, syrup, milk.
- Fri. - Hamburgers w/Trimmings, French fries, oranges, milk.

ERA ISD LUNCH MENU Feb. 5-9

- Mon. - Steak Fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, blackeyed peas, rolls/butter, Reeses cake, milk.
- Tues. - Chicken Noodle Soup, grilled cheese sandwich, chopped broccoli, peaches, party mix, milk.
- Wed. - Burrito, chili sauce, pinto beans, corn, cornbread/butter, banana cream pie, milk.
- Thur. - Chicken Patties, fried okra, scalloped potatoes, rolls/butter, fruit salad, milk.
- Fri. - Hamburgers w/Trimmings, French fries, baked beans, cookies, milk.

MUENSTER SCHOOL MENU Feb. 5-9

- Mon. - Enchiladas, beans, Mexican salad, fruit-pumpkin bread, milk.
- Tues. - Chicken Fried Steak, potatoes and gravy, English peas, fruit rolls, milk.
- Wed. - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, green beans, lettuce salad, fruit, bread, milk.
- Thur. - Barbecue Sandwiches, pickles and onions, French fries, Fruit, cookies, milk.
- Fri. - Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, lettuce, nachos, fruit, cake, milk.

LINDSAY LUNCH MENU Feb. 5-9

- Mon. - Chalupa, Mexican rice, corn, bread, assorted fruit, milk.
- Tues. - Spaghetti and Ground Meat, English peas, macaroni salad, cabbage slaw, batterbread, honey, butter, sliced peaches, milk.
- Wed. - Chicken Patty, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple chunks, milk.
- Thur. - Hamburgers w/Trimmings, French fries, ice cream, milk.
- Fri. - Steak Fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, lettuce salad, bread, cherry crunch cake, milk.

FORESTBURG MENU Feb. 5-9

- Mon. - LUNCH: Fish, potato salad, baked beans, English pea salad, plums, bread, milk. BREAKFAST: Cereal, juice, milk.
- Tues. - LUNCH: Hamburger Steak, creamed potatoes and gravy, buttered carrots, mixed fruit, bread, milk. BREAKFAST: Donuts, juice, milk.
- Wed. - LUNCH: Smothered Turkey, creamed potatoes, vegetable salad, beets, raisins, cinnamon rolls, bread, milk. BREAKFAST: Cheese Toast, juice, milk.
- Thur. - LUNCH: Pot Pie, green beans, tomato and lettuce salad, peaches, bread, milk. BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Toast, juice, milk.
- Fri. - LUNCH: Tacos, cheese, crackers, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, apricot cobbler, bread, milk. BREAKFAST: Biscuits & Gravy with Sausage, juice, milk.

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Sr. Genevieve selected Teacher of the Year



SR. GENEVIEVE MCCONNELL

Sacred Heart School's teachers and other staff have chosen Sr. Genevieve McConnell as Teacher of the Year. She will be honored at the Education Banquet which will be held Feb. 3 at the Rivercrest Country Club in Fort Worth.

In part Jack Murdock, principal of Sacred Heart, noted that Sr. Genevieve was selected because of her "contagious enthusiasm, boundless energy, and love for children that radiates from her every action. She has earned the respect, appreciation, admiration, and love from three generations of parents, students, teachers, administrators, and community members. The spiritual values that she instills in students is daily demonstrated by the life that she lives."

Sr. Genevieve has been a teacher for 54 years. She spent 30 years as a teacher at Sacred Heart in Muenster. In 1979 she helped to start the first kindergarten at Sacred Heart and also taught the kindergarten class for two years.

Sr. Genevieve was born in Noble, a small town in northeast Arkansas. She is the oldest of the four children still living in her

family. In 1931 she entered the Benedictine convent in Jonesboro, Ark. and made her first profession in 1933.

A Bachelor of Science degree in Education was earned by Sr. Genevieve at Arkansas State University. She also studied Spanish at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. Besides teaching kindergarten, first and second grade, Sr. Genevieve was principal at Stuttgart, Ark. for four years and at Blytheville for five years.

Sr. Genevieve has a green folder that she fondly refers to as her "treasure book." It contains the names of 1,695 children, every pupil that she has ever taught. Sr. Genevieve first came to Muenster in 1942 and has been here six different times. She is now teaching the third generation of Muenster pupils, having taught the parents and grandparents of many of her pupils.

"I enjoy teaching and being with kids," said Sr. Genevieve. "One of the pleasures of teaching is seeing the light dawn in the eyes of a child who has been struggling and finally sees the revelation."

Many plays and skits directed by Sr. Genevieve have given pleasure to members of the Muenster community. She has contributed years of service to the Muenster area in various ways and is loved and remembered by hundreds of her students.

Julie Rohmer wins \$2,500 scholarship

Julie Rohmer, daughter of Arnold and Imelda Rohmer, and a freshman at St. Mary's University of San Antonio, is among academically qualified students receiving scholarship awards from the Alumni Scholars Program, renewable annually for \$2,500. This program is funded by the annual Fiesta Oyster Bake celebration and individual contributions. Thirty-five students benefited from the program this year.

St. Mary's University, the oldest and largest Catholic University in Texas, has an enrollment of 3,900 students. The university was founded in 1852 by Marianist brothers and priests.

New Arrivals

Yosten

Ronald and Susie Yosten announce the birth of a son, Andrew Michael Yosten, in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Jan. 19, 1990 at 2:28 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 9 ozs. and measuring 21 inches in length. He joins a sister, Cyndia LeAnn, age 8, and two brothers Matthew John, age 3, and Aaron Paul, age 2. Their grandparents are Mrs. Frances M. Yosten of Muenster and the late Werner John Yosten, and DeLoys Faye Hightower of Nocona and the late Herbert Hightower.

Texas winter vegetables make "come-back"

How good are you at trivia? Well try this one for fun. What do Sugar Ray Leonard and Texas winter vegetables have in common? (answer - They are both champions that have made successful "come-backs.")

Although the Texas winter vegetable crops have been hit hard by severe weather conditions, they are not yet out.

The vegetable producers in the Winter Garden and Rio Grande Valley are also making a "come-back."

Following is an update on the progress of the vegetable crops on the "come-back" trail:

The shipment of cabbage has been steady for the last few weeks in the Valley and the Winter Garden area is shipping small quantities. (Volume has increased slightly.)

Carrots are still being harvested by hand due to damage of the tops during the freeze, resulting in light shipment. Once the tops fully develop, mechanical harvesting can resume and volume will increase.

Tomatoes and bell peppers, although not considered winter vegetables, merit a report since they were affected by the freeze. Crops are expected to resurface in May. (With any luck, economical prices will also find their way to the market place.)

Broccoli, though being harvested in small amounts in the Valley, for the most part has made final debut.

A high volume of spinach is being shipped from the Winter Garden and the Valley.

For faithful consumers of Texas vegetables, the last few weeks have been a shoppers nightmare. Though others may try, there is just no substitute for fresh Texas vegetables. And fortunately, Texas vegetables are once again on the "come-back" trail.

Like many other Texas vegetables, spinach has become an indispensable commodity in the kitchen. And why not, a half cup of cooked spinach provides about twice the vitamin A, half the vitamin C and up to one-fifth the iron an adult requires in their daily diet. Spinach also contains vitamin K, a blood coagulant, and the minerals copper and potassium.

Though spinach is great in salads, soups, souffles and casseroles, my all time favorite is lasagna.

When selecting spinach, look for well developed plants with fresh, crisp, clean leaves that have a healthy green color. Avoid yellow, discolored, bruised or wilted leaves. Bunches that have small yellow-green heart leaves are perfectly natural.

So look for Texas spinach at your local grocery stores and farmers markets and be a part of the great "come-back."

For more recipes or information, please write the Texas Department of Agriculture, 1801 N. Lamar, Suite 103, Dallas, Texas 75202.

Garden Club meets at greenhouse

In a slight departure from the norm, the Muenster Garden Club members met for coffee at The Center Restaurant on Friday, Jan. 12 and then drove to Gainesville to view the greenhouse at Tony's Seed and Feed. There, Larry Hennigan explained the process of

growing plants for the spring commercial sales season.

He said: "Seeds are started in flats placed in a special area, with a plastic covering and a warm base. After sprouting and gaining a good start, the seedlings are potted in packs or individual pots." ... "Problems to be aware of and to guard against include 'damping-off' and insect damage. Plants must be closely watched as they grow and become ready for the market stage."

Shrubs and started trees will also be available from the greenhouse.

A blooming bougainvillea, growing in the Tony Seed and Feed greenhouse, was an eye-catcher for the garden clubbers. The bougainvillea was growing along the ceiling in one area. Many geraniums, beginning to bud, were covering some of the benches.

Eight members of the Muenster Garden Club enjoyed the lessons and displays in the greenhouse.

Lindsay St. Anne's plans for annual supper on March 4

St. Anne's Society of Lindsay made plans for their annual supper and raffle, during the meeting of members on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7:00 p.m., after Mass in St. Peter's Church. The date was set for March 4.

Members were urged to prepare their family history stories for the Lindsay Centennial Book.

President, Mrs. Henry Hess conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Al Bengfort gave the minutes. Mrs. Joe Schmidkofer reported on 1989 receipts.

Mrs. Mary Hundt was re-elected first vice-president and Mrs. Joe Schmidkofer was re-elected treasurer.

Mrs. Damond Fuhrmann reported on members who were sick and also told of preparing 29 fruit baskets for shut-ins at Christmas.

Twenty-seven members were present. Mrs. John Hermes won the door prize. Hostesses were Mmes. John Hermes, Richard Hermes and Raymond Hermes. Mrs. Joe Paul Fuhrmann is club reporter.

Montague County Art and Craft Assoc. to sponsor workshop

The Montague County Art and Crafts Association is sponsoring a workshop with Dorothy Mullins, to be held Thursday, Feb. 22 and Friday, Feb. 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Senior Citizens Center in Bowie, Texas. We are excited that such an outstanding artist has agreed to come to Bowie for this workshop. She is a Windberg student and will be teaching a landscape in oils. We would like to invite anyone interested in oil painting to join us for this workshop. The cost is \$25.00 a day, and a deposit of half the fee, or \$25.00 is needed by Feb. 10 to reserve your place at the workshop. If you are interested you can send your reservation to Montague Co. Art and Crafts Assoc., P.O. Box 1208, Bowie, Texas 76230. For more information on this workshop call 872-2115 or 872-4441.

MISD Bluebonnet favorites selected

Results are in the Texas Bluebonnet Award election, which was held in the Muenster ISD school libraries Thursday, Jan. 25. **The Gold Cadillac** by Taylor received 15 votes. **Charley Skeddadle** by Beatty was second with 7 votes. **A Family Apart** by Nixon and **There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom** by Sachar tied with 5 votes each.

Forty-seven 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders were eligible to vote for their favorite book from a list of 20 books on a recommended reading list. To be eligible, students had to read five or more books from the list (or hear them aloud). All ballots are counted toward the statewide selection of the winner of the prestigious award presented by the Texas Library Association during its spring conference.

The purpose is to encourage Texas children to read more books, to explore a variety of current books, to develop powers of discrimination, and to identify their favorite titles through the voting process.

Muenster's Bluebonnet Extension Homemakers provided the 20 books on this year's list to each school and public library in the community.

Hospital Notes

- Jan. 16 - Tiffany Purcell, Gainesville.
- Jan. 17 - Anna Marie Herr, Amy Lynn Bonner, Evelyn Joan Hess, Meredith Hennigan, Muenster.
- Jan. 19 - Vanessa Regina Anderson, Gainesville.
- Jan. 21 - Minnie Louise Martin, Saint Jo.
- Jan. 22 - Haskell Carroll Smith, Gainesville.
- Jan. 24 - Lillian Odell LeClaire, Gainesville.
- Jan. 25 - Edward Endres, Muenster; Mabel Kibbee, Saint Jo; and Kimberly Rose Kupper, Valley View.

News of the Sick

Julie Walterscheid, daughter of Dave and Joan Walterscheid is recovering normally from back surgery performed on Monday at AMI Denton Regional Medical Center. Cards will reach her there, addressed to Room 405, Medical Center, Hwy 1-35 North, Denton, Texas 76201.



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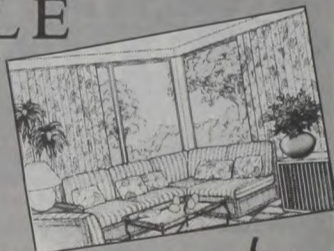
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Tiffany Fisher and Jennie Endres

Jennie Endres wins Sacred Heart Spelling Bee SH

Jennie Endres, daughter of Sam and Karen Endres, is the winner of the Sacred Heart Spelling Bee which was held January 24 in the

school cafeteria. First runner-up was Tiffany Fisher, daughter of Rita Fisher, and second runner-up was Erica Schilling, daughter of

Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling. Top finishers by class were: Jennie Endres, first; Erica Schilling, second; and Donetta Hess, third

from the eighth grade. Tiffany Fisher, first; Stephanie Grewing, second; and Sarina Fuhrmann, third from seventh grade. Karrie Endres, first; Nicole Endres, second; and John Klement, third from the sixth grade; John Bar-tush, first; Jennifer Campbell, second; and Greg Flusche, third from the fifth grade.

Mrs. Ruth Felderhoff was caller for the event. Acting as judges were Mrs. Lucille Hess, Mrs. Francis Bayer, and Mrs. Kathy Hartman.

The County Spelling Bee will take place on March 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre of Cooke County College.

4-Her's giving initial training to guide dog puppies

TYLER - Seven Labrador retriever puppies from Florida are spending the first year of their guide-dog lives with 4-H club members in East Texas.

The dogs are part of an agreement between the Smith County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., Palmetto, Florida.

"Most of the guide-dog organizations in the country arrange for foster families to take care of their dogs from about eight weeks of age until they are 14 to 16 months old," said Chris Bull, Smith County extension agent, who initiated the program. "Our effort is a pilot program in Texas requiring at least six participating families."

According to the American Federation for the Blind, approximately 1 percent of the U.S. population is legally blind. "In Texas, 198,000 citizens are blind or severely visually impaired," said Rolando Garza, public information officer for the Texas Commission for the Blind. "About 40,000 of these are legally blind and could benefit from having a guide dog."

"Currently, 10 guide dog schools produce about 800 trained dogs per year for the blind," said Julie Aichroth, puppy program supervisor and trainer for Southeastern Guide Dogs. "We have about 20 dogs in our breeding program and accept a few donated puppies each year."

Two of the puppies are in Wood County with Deborah and Sara Shipman, Hawkins; one is in Gregg County with Sissy Casper, Longview; one is in Cherokee County with Rebekah White; and the other three are in Smith County with Carlisle Brinkley, Whitehouse; Joan Chabot, Lindale; and Andrea Dupree, Tyler.

"The 4-H families that received the puppies have an opportunity to interact with very special dogs," Bull said. "These seven puppies are from a litter of 10. Past history shows this particular breeding to produce a 95 percent success rate. These dogs are very intelligent and have the right temperament to be guides."

Sara and Deborah Shipman each have a puppy to care for. "No major problems have been encountered," Sara said. Her puppy, Clare, is a live wire. "She has a real sense of rhythm and keeps time to music with her tail."

"It has been a real challenge to have two dogs in the house," said Sally Shipman, mother of Sara and Deborah. "Their personalities are entirely different. They already weigh about 25 pounds each. The experience has been rewarding and it probably would not be difficult to talk us into doing it again. The Gladewater Library Board has given us permission to take the puppies inside the library. Cooperation has been excellent."

Deborah echoes the sentiments. "We are helping other people be able to do things for themselves," she said.

The activity is part of the 4-H dog care and training program. However, raising a guide dog puppy is a unique opportunity. Any youngster with an interest in animals can learn responsibility and basic care and management practices.

During the next year, each foster family will provide their puppy with love, safety and the socialization necessary for it to be well adjusted to any situation it may encounter as a guide dog.

After the puppies are housebroken, public exposure starts. "This is where local businesses can assist the puppy raisers by allowing them to come into buildings," Bull said. "The dogs will be wearing jackets identifying them as guide-dogs in training. They need to be exposed to many different things, including stairs and elevators."

The families of the 4-H'ers who take the dogs pay for the food and receive compensation for veterinary expenses not donated.

East Texas veterinarians Drs. Michael Dixon, Bill Jernigan, Jim Lovrick, Steve Wilson, Tony Lobue and Grady Ellis are donating most of the veterinary services the puppies will require during the next year.

After about a year in Texas, the puppies will be returned to Florida for more formal training. The last 26 days of training includes continuous contact with the blind people they will guide for the next eight to 10 years.

"The continuation of the program in Texas depends upon the interest generated and grouping of puppies," Aichroth said. "To expedite transportation and coordination of the program, we like to have the puppies with families in close proximity of each other."

The 4-H members and their families have been invited to attend graduation after the dogs receive the final six months of training in Florida. Most of them are making plans for a reunion with their puppies and to meet the person who gets the dog.

"We will have then something in common with that person and know that we helped someone have a better life," said Sara.

Civil Air Patrol formed in Cooke County

by Elaine Schad

Private pilots in Cooke County and the surrounding areas will now be able to put their planes to vital use with the formation of a Civil Air Patrol organization in Cooke County.

Pilots involved with the private, aviation-oriented volunteer organization fly approximately 85 percent of all search and rescue missions in the United States as the auxiliary of the Air Force. The newly-formed Cooke County CAP will aid local law enforcement and emergency agencies with search and rescue missions, disaster relief, and even such things as transport of transplant organs, which must be flown to another part of the country at a moment's notice in an attempt to save a life.

Area private pilots have assisted at various times over the years with such things as attempting to spot a prison escapee, assisting Cooke County authorities a couple of years ago in their attempt to locate an elderly man who had become disoriented after leaving a nursing home, and with spotting stranded motorists during flooding, said Bill Maughan, one of the organizers. The CAP will give emergency agencies an organized backup they can rely upon when needed, he said.

Besides pilots, CAP support volunteers are also needed. Ham radio operators, spotters and those who could form ground search teams are invited to join the CAP. Once the senior unit gets underway, a cadet youth program will also be started, designed for those ages 13 to 18 who have an interest in aviation. About 20 pilots have already made application to be members of the senior group, Maughan said.

The group's next meeting is 7 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Cooke County Library. Membership is also open to individuals who reside outside of Cooke County, officials said.

Membership dues are \$60, with uniforms and training materials supplied. Pilots and others will be reimbursed for CAP associated expenses while using their planes on search and rescue missions.

High stress levels hasten everyday burnout

OVERTON - Burnout is a condition that occurs when aggressive, motivated and successful people work too hard too long at their jobs, says a family specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"When stress levels stay high over a period of time, an employee will burn out," said Dorothy (cq) Taylor, Extension Service family life specialist at Texas A&M University. "They tend to have mental and physical health problems or begin to be accident-prone."

Employees suffering burnout often exhibit one or more symptoms. "High resistance to going to work and a negative attitude are

two of the first symptoms," Taylor said. "Other symptoms are seeming angry all the time, blaming others for their problems, frequent clock watching and little care for the job."

Additional symptoms include withdrawing from co-workers, postponing client contacts, inability to concentrate, feeling helpless or immobilized, higher absenteeism, resisting any kind of change and having more health problems.

"Coping with job burnout is a challenge," Taylor said. "Before any changes can take place, the burned out employee must be willing to change and be willing to work diligently at turning his or her life around. When burnout occurs, marital and family conflict are natural consequences."

Taylor lists eight recommended practices for keeping mentally and physically fit to prevent burnout:

- Get enough sleep every night
 - Keep physically fit, eat right and exercise regularly
 - Take regular vacations
 - Deal with stress realistically
 - Organize your life
 - Allow yourself a ten-minute 'downtime' each hour you work
 - Talk about problems
 - Use your faith and values
- "Middle age is the period when both men and women experience the most depression and job burnout," Taylor said. "Middle age is also life's most successful period of life."

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follows:
Michael Banks said: "I want to talk about my great-grandfather. He will be 100 years old this week. There are a lot of things to talk about."

First of all, he tells great stories. He talks about times when he had to fight in a war and when he was in a cattle drive across the country. In my opinion they are very exciting. They tell me how difficult things were back in the early 20th century.

Another characteristic about him is that he can still walk through a field to feed and water cattle. Everyday, he gets out of bed, gets dressed and then goes out to feed the cattle while other men are in old folks homes. He lives in a house a few miles south of Muenster. He does chores, while others just sit.

In my opinion, I think I have the greatest GREAT - GRAND-FATHER in the world. I hope that God will give him the strength to live for many more years.

His life has been very exciting. In his lifetime he has seen the car being built. He saw Halley's Comet come to the planet in 1910 and again in 1987. He has seen years of wars; he has seen hard times; he lived through the Great Depression.

This is my version of why my great-grandfather is GREAT. I am Michael Banks, his great-grandson."

Russ Linn's granddaughter, Brenda Michiel Minto Banks relates impressions she has drawn

from conversations with her grandfather:

She relates: "Over four million cattle were driven over the Chisholm Trail. One of the cowboys that helped move the cattle slowly in herds of two or three thousand was Russ Linn. With 16 or 18 other cowboys, a cook with a chuck wagon, and a wrangler with extra cow ponies, Russ set out at the age of 12 to make his own life. It was on the long drive that he came into his own as a unique character of the frontier. He was a romantic figure and was picturesquely dressed."

"His attire usually consisted of a flannel shirt, a bright colored handkerchief loosely knotted around his neck, and high heeled boots into which his trousers were tucked. A pair of leather chaps and a broad felt hat, heavy spurs, and a revolver completed his costume."

While his life had a romantic and glamorous side, it also had a hazardous side. With only a cow pony, a lasso, and a six-shooter, he and his crew tried to keep under safe control several thousand head of cattle during months of continuous travel. There were many risks along the trail - the danger of stampedes from sudden noises, thefts by rustlers and raids by Indians.

Russ traveled in a cloud of dust, slept on the ground with a saddle for a pillow, and heard little but the constant chorus from the crackling of hoofs and bellows of the cows. His life was lonely except for the campfire stories, occasional poker games, and the passing of a town. But Russ was growing and becoming a man. He was learning the country from 1903 to 1917.

His first trail drive brought him \$20 a month. After one year on the trail he returned home for a visit. Another brother had left home and times were changing. Russ followed and participated in several rodeos. He traveled and roamed across Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arkansas doing odd jobs to pay his way. He herded many cattle and horses, broke a few horses and worked several ranches. He learned to respect the property of others; he learned to help others; he expected

no reward other than the feeling of satisfaction."

"His last trail drive to Santa Fe brought him \$50 a month. By now he had found luxuries on which to spend his money - chewing tobacco, liquor, poker games and women." This, claims his granddaughter, Brenda, is a direct quote from her grandfather. "And," says Brenda "he always smiled happily when he told this part."

Brenda adds: "He was ready to see more and he joined the Army in June 1918. He went to France during WWI under General Pershing's command. The six days and nights spent on the boat ride over were more than a cowboy's stomach was ready to handle. The sight of land was magnificent. He was then hustled with the other troops, just like cattle, into railroad cars from one village to another. Then the front lines appeared and the fighting began."

"Like the days on the trail, they slept anywhere, looking for any shelter for protection from the cold. The streams were polluted

and water was rationed to one quart per day. The continuous shelling brought back thoughts of the sounds of the cows on the drive."

"Russ returned to Muenster in 1919 after the victory of WWI. For six years he worked his father's land, picking cotton and gathering corn. He married and raised four children and one grandson. He sent them to wars and saw times change."

"Russ Linn takes life day by day and never rushes the flow. He takes care of his own, and asks for nothing. He did not try to change the land but he has tried to live with it. He may, or may not have changed history - but he is a part of history."

I am Brenda Banks, his granddaughter.

The five generations of his loved ones will gather in his home Sunday, Feb. 4 to help him celebrate one full century of life.

His family includes two sons Tommy Linn and Jack Linn, and two daughters Billie Jo Minto

Grant enables CCC to offer computer network training

Until recently, the word "network" made most people think of television companies like CBS or ESPN. But a new kind of network is making quite a name for itself in the world of computer technology, and Cooke County College is now equipped to pass that technology along to its students.

According to Doug Lillard of CCC's computer science and data processing faculty, a network's very important function is to link multiple personal computers (microcomputers), minicomputers and mainframe computers together, allowing communication and sharing of programs and data.

Linking together or "networking" is precisely what has been done with much of the equipment students will be working with in the college's computer labs, thanks to a special starter grant of the necessary specialized software given to CCC by Novell, Inc., a Utah company recognized as an industry leader in networking software development.

Lillard said the grant of some \$4,700 worth of software was made by Novell to encourage the use of networking and so-called "distributed processing" technology in selected institutions of higher education. The only condition of the grant is that the network system be used primarily for student instruction and research.

Additional help in setting up the system came in the form of about \$6,000 worth of special discounts on additional computer hardware needed to implement Novell's SFT Network (v. 2.15) program.

"Keeping up with the incredibly fast-changing technology of computers is an extremely expensive proposition," said Lillard. "Exposing our students to this important networking technology is something we would not have been able to do for some time yet due to budget constraints. We are very grateful to the folks at the Novell company for their generosity."

Computer networking, Lillard pointed out, is revolutionizing the way we can work and communicate with other people. Through microcomputers serving as workstations, we can access and share information via huge multi-user databases. Instead of using word of mouth or written and photocopied hard-copy documents, we can send and receive messages electronically - by "E-mail."

And, by means of a peripheral device called a modem, Lillard explained, we can even use telephone

lines to "talk" to and access data from other computers (so-called "remote" workstations) that may be a block away in another building or perhaps in another city or even on another continent.

Lillard said he is grateful also to Kyle Capps, manager of microcomputer services at the University of North Texas and a part-time computer instructor at CCC. Capps first made CCC officials aware of the Novell grant program, helped in its acquisition and continues to be involved in installation and training.

CCC's initial network will be a local area network or "LAN" that will link together the 12 personal computer workstations in the microcomputer lab, as well as an instructor workstation and the college's IBM mainframe computer. In the future, minicomputers will be linked up also.

"And it's my own personal hope that all microcomputers on campus eventually will be networked," said Lillard, "as well as, by modem, all those used by the college at its various off-campus extension sites."

This may not be such a long-term prospect. Currently, college officials are formulating proposals to put into place a new campus-wide computerized management information system, which is network-based, in the fairly near future.

Some networking technology will be incorporated into several existing computer courses currently being taught in computer science, data processing and microcomputer applications at CCC. A separate course devoted exclusively to networking, including more advanced aspects of the technology, is being considered.

For more information about computer-related programs and courses at Cooke County College, contact the CCC Counseling Center at 817/668-7731, Ext. 215.

(now deceased) and Christine Smith.

Also grandsons Jerry Linn and Thomas "Pic" Hemphill (now deceased) and a grandson, Craig Smith; and a granddaughter,

Brenda Michiel (Minto) Banks. Also two great-granddaughters Brenda Linn and Teresa Linn and a great-grandson Michael Banks; and one great-great-grandson, Matthew Linn.

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Sports

Tigerettes win 3 of 3 to clinch district share

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes rolled into Arlington with the hopes of returning to Muenster with at least a share of the TAPPS District 1 title. With continued success from the charity stripe the Tigerettes brought home a 61-49 win over Oakridge and at least a share of the district crown.

Sharon Fuhrmann hit for seven first period points to lead the Tigerettes to a 13-11 first period lead. 15 second period points by LaBecah Hess upped the advantage to 33-23 at the intermission. Balanced scoring and controlled play by the Tigerettes kept things even for the second half to seal the win.

"We looked great at times and then we would make some mistakes that you don't expect at this time of the season," said Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "It was another pressure game for us and we are coming together and getting closer to being a good team."

Scoring for the Tigerettes were: LaBecah Hess 23, Sharon Fuhrmann 13, Janie Fisher 6, Vickie Bayer 6, Debbie Schmitt 5, Amy Walterscheid 5 and Amy Bayer 3. Amy Walterscheid also led the Tigerettes in rebounding 8, steals 6, and assists 8.

Tigerettes 44, Tyler Street 33
Fighting the flu and injuries and a strong Tyler Street Christian Academy squad, the Sacred Heart Tigerettes pulled off a 44-33 win over the visiting Crusaders in the Tiger Den Friday evening. The Tigerettes opened the first period with a 14-5 lead only to have the Lady Crusaders battle to pull within 3 in the fourth period. Amy Walterscheid took over at that point with 10 fourth period points to ice the Tigerette win.

Walterscheid led the Tigerettes with 15, Sharon Fuhrmann hit for 13, Debbie Schmitt scored 14 and pulled down a career high 19 caroms. Amy Bayer, Shirley Henschel and Janie Fisher each

scored 2. Walterscheid also led the Tigerettes in assists and steals.

Tigerettes 73, Lexington 37
In a rare Saturday afternoon game, the Tigerettes still playing shorthanded, used an impressive third period to knock out the Lady Patriots of Lexington. "That was perhaps our best defensive stand for an entire period," said LeBrasseur. "We switched to our scramble with Deann (Bayer) and Shirley (Henschel) in the line-up and they turned the game around." Turn the game around they did, as the Tigerettes outscored their guests 28-3.

Debbie Schmitt hit for 18 to lead four Tigerettes in double figures. Sharon Fuhrmann scored 14 and pulled down 11 boards, Janie Fisher hit for 11 and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Amy Walterscheid scored 10 and handed out a career high of 9 assists. Other scorers for the Tigerettes were: Shirley Henschel 6, Amy and Deann Bayer 5 each and the freshman pair of April Truebenbach and Julie Felderhoff 2 each.

Game Notes: The Tigerettes have now won five in a row and 10 of their last 11 to up their season record to 19-8. The Tigerettes played without Jennifer Walter (flu), Vickie Bayer (flu) and LaBecah Hess (ankle) during the weekend contests. Shirley Henschel missed Tuesday's game with the virus. J.J. Dowd is still out with a foot injury. The Tigerettes netted 21 of 28 free shots in Tuesday's win over Oakridge. Sharon Fuhrmann has scored 40 points in the last three contests. Amy Walterscheid has handed out 21 assists the past week. Next action for the Tigerettes will be at Lutheran Tuesday evening, Feb. 6. The Tigerettes will be looking for their 10th consecutive district crown. A large Tigerette crowd helps the Tigerettes in the weekend series and on the road trip to Oakridge.

Tigers play three district games

The Tigers got hit with the flu bug and two of the top teams in Class AA and Class A TAPPS. The Tyler Street Crusaders came in on Friday night and came away with an 88-28 victory.

The Tigers were led by Stevan Nasche with 11 points and Shawn Dangelmayr's 11 points. Jason Endres hit 4 and Joseph Bedowitz hit for 2. The Tigers fought hard but were simply out-manned. Mark Flusche also played hard and showed improvement.

Class A contender, Lexington came in on Saturday afternoon to close out the Tiger's home schedule for 1989-90. The Patriots played super defense while win-

ning 74-23. Shawn Dangelmayr hit for 9 points, Jason Endres 7, Stevan Nasche 4, Joseph Bedowitz 2 and Tony Grewing with one, while Mark Flusche worked very hard.

On Tuesday the Tigers journeyed to Oakridge and lost 96-46. The Tigers were again led by Shawn Dangelmayr's 17 points and Stevan Nasche's 13 points. Mark Flusche and Randy Miller hit for 4 each, while Jason Endres and Joseph Bedowitz hit for 3 each. Tony Grewing added 2 while David Rohmer was held scoreless and hustled hard. The Tigers are off until they travel to Dallas Lutheran next Tuesday.

Lady Cubs stopped in overtime game

A great Lady Cub effort fell short in the Tiger Den Monday evening as the Lady Dogs of Prairie Valley captured sole possession of second place in the NTIC. Montague was the conference champion.

Amy Fisher was the lone Lady Cub to score in the first frame as the Lady Dogs hit for six and a 6-2 lead. The defensive struggle continued in the second period as Jenny Endres scored all four Lady Cub points as the Lady Cubs cut into the lead 9-6 at the intermission.

Deanna Hess scored all of her six points in the third period and teammate Erica Schilling hit for two to push the Lady Cubs into a 14-13 edge going into the final period. Kelly Dangelmayr and Amy Fisher put the clamps on Ann Tompkins, the explosive Lady Dog scorer, as the Lady Cubs extended their lead to 19-16 with a minute remaining. Foul trouble plagued the Lady Cubs at that point as Fisher, Grewing, and Deanna Hess all left the game.

Mitchell of the Lady Dogs banked a top of the key hoop and was fouled and sank the charity toss with 24 seconds remaining to knot the score at 19. Both clubs had chances to win the the closing moments but fell short to send the game into overtime.

Kinney scored first for the Lady Dogs but a steal by Donetta Hess

and a feed to Erica Schilling put the game back to a tie, with the clock winding down a foul was whistled against the Lady Cubs with 10 seconds remaining. Mitchell of Prairie Valley calmly sank the bonus. The Lady Cubs rebounded the ball to Donetta Hess who drove the length of the floor and was fouled with 3 ticks on the clock. Donetta sank the first attempt only to have the second bounce in-and-out. Hess collected her own rebound but was tackled on the play resulting in a tie ball with the possession arrow in favor of the Lady Dogs. The Lady Dogs inbounded to end the game and the season for the Lady Cubs 22-21.

"We started slow and then we looked like a new team in the second half," said Coach LeBrasseur. "It was a great effort by both teams and unfortunately we were a little short." "They (Prairie Valley) beat us by 22 last time so I feel we improved, but gee it would have been a good one to win."

The eighth graders playing their last game for the Lady Cubs before becoming Tigerettes next season are: Erica Schilling 7 points, Deanna Hess 6, Jeannie Endres and Amy Fisher 4 each, Donetta Hess 1, and Kelly Dangelmayr.

Knights pull out win over the Eagles

The Lindsay Knights traveled to Valley View Tuesday night and after a junior varsity game, had only six players suited out to play. "They've been playing smart and staying out of trouble," said Lindsay Coach George Thomason, "but the odds turned on us."

Lindsay took an 18-13 first quarter lead before Valley View tied it 30-30 at half. After a high scoring third quarter, the Knights took a 53-42 edge. "It was a so-so game until the final minutes," said Coach Thomason. "The outcome became doubtful."

Lindsay had the lead when two Knights fouled out, leaving only four players on the court, two with four fouls and approximately two minutes remaining in the game. "We had to play real safe," said the Lindsay coach. "We made a lot of mistakes in the fourth and allowed them to catch up." Within a minute Valley View pulled ahead by 6.

"John Krebs hit a 3-pointer and Scott Hermes hit the basket from the inside," said Thomason Wednesday afternoon, "but to tell exactly who did what, I'd have to watch the film."

Whoever did it, Lindsay's four players were able to pull out a 69-66 district victory.

Scott Hermes was leading scorer for Lindsay with 22 points. Chris Hanks added 16, John Krebs 15,

and Corey Sandmann 13. Joel Metzler and Kenny Fleitman were the other two players for the Knights.

The Lindsay girls had a hard time controlling McLaughlin and Shuppert who together scored 52 points for Valley View.

"Turn-overs hurt us early and got us down," said Coach Thomason, "that allowed them to get ahead and we couldn't catch up."

Scoring double figures for the Knights were Julie Fuhrmann with 15 points, Debbie Fangmann and Gretchen Hoenig added 10 points each.

Lindsay fell behind 8-14 and 18-35 in the first half with a 20 point gap going into the final quarter, before falling 70-55.

In junior varsity action, Ronnie Dieter scored 21 points to lead Lindsay to a 33-23 victory.

The JV boys will begin action Friday, Feb. 2 when Lindsay will host Era.

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Freshman Tigerettes nail JV Oakridge Owls

Playing their first game in a month, the young and talented freshman Tigerettes ripped the Oakridge Owls 67-17. "I guess they are trying to tell me something," said LeBrasseur. Because of cancellations and lack of schools with JV clubs, the younger Tigerettes have been grounded.

Deann Bayer led four players in double digits with 21 points followed by April Truebenbach's 19, Julie Felderhoff's 11 and Christy Yosten's 10. Mandy Barnhill hit for 4 and teammate Angie Hofbauer scored 2 as both put in an outstanding defensive effort.

The Tigerettes jumped out to a 13-6 first period lead and then shifted gears to score 23 second

period points while limiting their hosts to 2. All players scored in the period. The second half continued to be all Tigerettes as they hit fifteen field goals in the half. The Tigerettes finished the evening with 32 field goals.

"It was a very impressive showing," said LeBrasseur. "I guess when you get pounded on by the upper classmen everyday you must get better." With no remaining contests for the young Tigerettes they will move up and help the Tigerettes for the remainder of the season. Last weekend, because of injuries and illness, six freshmen helped the Tigerettes to weekend wins. The future looks bright for the Tigerette tradition.

Cubs finish roundball season

The Sacred Heart Cubs hosted the undefeated Tyler Street Crusaders on Friday night and lost 56-26 in a good effort. The Cubs were led by Aaron Berres' 9 points. Mike Gehrig and Brian Rohmer had 4 points each, Eddie Lamkin had 3 points, and Weldon Bayer, Jason Hess, and Chris Pagel each contributed a basket. Neal Berres, Kelly Bob Bayer, Jason Hofbauer, and Jeremy Bayer all contributed a good effort.

On Tuesday the Cubs finished in fine fashion to a good season with a 52-31 defeat of Prairie Valley. The Cubs were led by Kelly Bob Bayer's 14 points with Jason Hess scoring 8, Aaron Berres 6, Neal Berres and Chris Pagel 4 each, Weldon Bayer 6. Brandon Bayer, Mike Gehrig, Jason Hofbauer, Jeremy Bayer, and Eddie Lamkin hit a basket each. Joey Martin, Heath Bayer, Bradley Fisher, Scott Poole and Albert Lopez all pitched in tough defense and great attitudes.

The future for these Cubs looks bright for the Tigers if they continue with their great work, excellent attitude and togetherness. Coach Sims commented that he was extremely proud of these young men's efforts and want to succeed attitude. Things are looking up for the future in Tigerland.

Lindsay wins two over Saint Jo Panthers

On Friday, Jan. 26 Lindsay hosted the Saint Jo Panthers and came out the victors. The Knightettes took an early 11-1 first quarter lead, before a halftime score of 27-7. Lindsay outscored Saint Jo 32-16 in the second half to win 59-23.

Nine players scored, led by Cassandra Fuhrmann with 15.

In boy's action, three Knights scored in the double figures, John Krebs, Corey Sandmann and Scott Hermes.

Saint Jo took the lead in the first quarter, 8-14 with Lindsay taking over in the second period to finish the half at 21-19. The Knights kept their lead 29-26 going into the

final quarter. "We had a big fourth quarter," said Lindsay Coach George Thomason. "We made more points than in the first three quarters." Lindsay won the match 65-41.

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Quail facing tough winter period

AUSTIN — Bobwhite quail numbers are low throughout most of Texas, but state biologists say there is no cause for alarm as the birds enter the mid-winter stress period.

"Quail populations are at a low ebb, similar to the levels they reached during 1984," said Don Wilson, quail program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "During that time some landowners were positive they had no quail left for broodstock."

Wilson expects the quail to bounce back as soon as habitat conditions improve, much as they did after the 1984 drought. "After the birds virtually disappeared in 1984 they started a comeback that led to the record quail year of 1987," Wilson said. "That just illustrates the fact that you are never totally out of broodstock, and that the birds have tremendous reproductive capacity when given decent habitat."

Drought years sometimes prompt landowners to request that the department restock the habitat with quail, a management technique that has been a consistent failure everywhere it has been tried, Wilson said. "The cost of stocking either pen-raised or wild-trapped birds is astronomical, and the survival of released birds is almost zero," he said. "The only thing a landowner can do is try to improve the habitat in whatever way he can and hope for more rain."

The statewide quail season is currently open and will close Feb. 25. "Hunting pressure really is not a factor on quail populations, even in dry years like this one," Wilson said. "When quail populations get low and the birds are scattered, hunting activity and success declines drastically." The bag limit is 15 quail per day, 45 in possession.

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Hornets battle Hornets to a 60-62 finish

In a game that was surely the best played in the county last Friday night, the Hornets matched stingers with Era in the closest match anyone has played the district leading Era squad all season.

"Our game plan really worked," said Muenster Coach Brian Strothers. "We spread the floor, made them play defense and kept their score low."

Muenster led 12-11 in the first quarter and 22-21 at halftime. "In the third quarter we let them score and hit a few threes," said the Red Hornet coach. Era jumped to a 44-42 lead going into the final quarter. "We went cold in the fourth quarter, down 10 points," said Strothers, "but we made a run, scoring 9 in a row." With 29 seconds remaining on the clock, Muenster fouled Era, they missed their shot, but got the rebound,

Era was fouled again. Again the free throw was missed and Era rebounded. With only 11 seconds remaining, Muenster fouled Era once more. Once again the Era shooter missed, this time, Muenster grabbed the rebound, taking the ball down court. "We shot a good bank shot, a hair too hard," said Strothers, "and the ball bounced back." Era rebounded, and the game ended 62-60.

Brad McDaniel and Doug Hennigan were top scorers with 17 points each. Doug was also the leading rebounder. Steve Fisher contributed 12 points to the final score.

Muenster hit 11 of 21 from the free throw line with 48 percentage shooting from the field.

"If we play that good the next three games," said Strothers, "we have a good chance for the playoffs."

The Lady Hornets "took it to them the first half" pulling ahead 13-11 at halftime. "Denise started us off," said Coach Brian Strothers. "She scored 6 points in the first quarter." Muenster scored 14 points in the third period to Era's 12 going into the final quarter. "We played hard, got the lead and just played around in the fourth," said Strothers. Muenster scored only 2 points in the fourth with the game ending 48-33.

Shonna Reiter was lead scorer with 12 points, Jenny Wimmer added 11 and Denise Anderle 10 to the final score. Dana Wimmer was the leading rebounder for Muenster. "They played good and hard," said Muenster's coach. "I'm proud of how they played."

The Hornets are now 1-1 and the Hornetses 2-0 in the district second round action.

At Lindsay Little Reds finish on top

Muenster's Jr. High basketball squads participated in the Lindsay Junior High tournament this past weekend.

With a shortage of girl's teams, the Muenster "B" girls were entered. "They played hard," said Coach Tim Ratliff, but were defeated by Lindsay's and Era's "A" teams.

The "B" team started the girl's round in a tough game with Lindsay. Low scoring quarters for Muenster left them behind throughout the game, losing 30-11. Scoring for the Little Reds were Andrea Schoppa, Karrie Barnhill, Jill Reiter, Amy Fette and Misty Gieb. Lindsay's high scorer was Stephany Pearson with 21 points.

The first game for the Muenster boys was against Lindsay. "We went up against a good Lindsay bunch," said Coach Ratliff. "We got behind early, closing the gap to 3 with six seconds remaining, but were unable to pull off the upset."

Lindsay took a commanding 19-6 first quarter lead, going in at half with a score of 27-14. Lindsay had a 16 point favor going into the final period, when Muenster outscored them 18-7 to finish the game 38-43. Muenster hit 8 of 11 free throws, and was led by Jay Hennigan with 18 points. Also scoring were Brandon

Walterscheid, Albert Knabe, Cory Cain and Cory Knabe.

The Muenster "A" team took on Era in their first match. Muenster took the lead 8-2, 12-4 and 17-6 in the first quarters, to lead to a 24-10 victory. "The girls had the best showing of the Muenster teams in the tournament," said the Muenster coach.

Seven girls scored for the Little Red Hornets: Kim Stewart, Kay Grewing, Danell Reiter, Theresa Kubis, Amy Otto, Lori Klement and Candise Abney. The girls hit only 4 of 14 free throw attempts.

Muenster "B" girls took on a tough Era team in the consolation game, but finished short 15-30.

Era took 14-2 and 20-3 leads in the first two quarters toward their victory. Seven girls scored with Christin Cain scoring a high of 4 points.

The boys met the Lindsay "B" boys in the consolation game and won 34-15 to take home third place. Cory Knabe led his team with 9 points. Others adding to the win were Jay Hennigan, Brandon Walterscheid, Cory Cain, A.J. Knabe, Maurus Hacker and T.J. Dankesreiter.

In the girl's championship game, the Muenster "A" team took on the host team, Lindsay. Lindsay was once again led by the sharp shooting of Stephany Pearson, who led the Knightettes with

13 points, but Theresa Kubis had an outstanding game, scoring 20 points to help the Reds win the championship 35-22. Six others scored for Muenster: Lori Klement, Candise Abney, Danell Reiter, Amy Otto, Misty Knabe and Kim Stewart.

Muenster had a one-point lead at the end of the first two quarters, but jumped out ahead 22-15 going into the final quarter. Muenster scored 13 points, 9 from free throws, to clinch the victory.

Little Reds topped by the Pirates

The Little Red Hornets were going into last Monday action having won three of their last four games. But, things didn't look good at the end of the first quarter with Muenster behind 18-5. Scoring slowed down in the second quarter but Muenster remained behind with a halftime score of 24-9. Collinsville picked up the pace in the third quarter outscoring the Hornets 14-4. The scoring slowed again in the fourth period as the reserve players played much of the quarter. Collinsville won the game 46-15.

Scoring for Muenster were Albert Knabe 8, Cory Cain 5, and Brandon Walterscheid 2.

Muenster wins JV tournament

The Muenster gym was where the action was Saturday when Muenster hosted a re-scheduled junior varsity basketball tournament. The Muenster teams kept two championships and one consolation by the end of the tournament.

Muenster junior varsity "B" team girls started out the action taking on Collinsville.

Collinsville jumped ahead 9-2 and 15-9 in the first half with Muenster closing the gap to one point, 19-20, going into the final quarter. The "B" Hornets could score only 4 points to the Lady Pirates' 11 in the fourth period, losing the match 31-25.

Jefflyn LeFevre was high scorer with 12 points.

The Muenster "A" squad won a lopsided 36-7 game with Saint Jo. The Lady Panthers fell behind early, not scoring a point in the first half. Muenster scored 12 points in the third quarter, taking a 27-5 lead going into the final quarter. Dianne Pagel was the high scorer with 9 points. All ten team members put points on the board.

In the boy's tournament game,

Era defeated Collinsville 57-40. The Muenster boys met Saint Jo in the fourth game of the tournament. The Hornets jumped ahead and kept the lead 19-11, 41-14 and 67-22 in the first quarters before winning the game, 92-28.

Ten Hornets scored, 4 in the double digits. Ryan Sicking led his team with 18 points, Tom Teafatiller added 14, Kody Truebenbach 11 and Steve Youngblood 10.

The girl's second round action matched the Muenster "B" team against Saint Jo for third place. Tina Klement was high scorer in the game with 10 points. Seven other players also scored.

Muenster took a close 6-5 first quarter lead before jumping to a 14-7 halftime score. The Lady Hornets outscored the Pantherettes 6-1 in the third quarter going to a 30-14 win.

Collinsville's Pirates took a 62-41 consolation victory from Saint Jo boys.

CHAMPIONSHIP

The girl's championship teamed Muenster "A" with the Collinsville Lady Pirates. Leslie Klement and Chelby Schoppa led the

Hornettes with 10 points each.

Muenster jumped ahead early, 11-3, in the first quarter, but Collinsville came back, closing the gap to 15-10 at halftime. Muenster scored 34 second half points to take a 50-23 championship victory.

In the boy's championship bout, a close first quarter, 18-14, with Era, was stretched in the Red Hornet's favor 35-17 at halftime. Era came back in the third quarter, behind 50-47, before Muenster outscored the Gold team in the final period taking a 72-64 first place win.

Four Muenster players scored in the double digits. Steve Youngblood was high scorer with 20 points, Kody Truebenbach added 18, Justin Ramsey hit 13, while Tom Teafatiller scored 12.

Little Hornets beat Collinsville

Last Monday the Little Hornets were trying to lock up a district championship with a win over Collinsville. Muenster jumped on top early by outscoring the Pirates 24-8 in the first half. The second half was much the same with all reserves playing. Muenster outscored Collinsville again 17-10 in the last two quarters to post a 41-18 win.

Scoring for the Little Hornets were Danell Reiter 13, Theresa Kubis 10, Candise Abney 6, Misty Knabe 3, Brandi Grewing and Paige Bass 2 each, and Karrie Barnhill one.

NATURE NOTES

The praying mantis is said to be the only insect that can turn its head.

Though somewhat like a dog in appearance, the hyena belongs to the cat tribe.

It's known that birds sing an average of 18½ hours daily most of the year.

How to catch your fish and eat it too!

By MARK THOMAS

In every facet of life, there is always some "dirty work." Some of us are fortunate enough to leave these tasks to someone else, but that is not always the case.

In fishing, the dirty work comes after the catch is on board, but before you can taste—quite literally—the fruits of your labor. Anglers the world over agree that filleting fish is not one of their favorite pastimes, but it sure beats pulling scales and bones from their teeth at the dinner table.

The first step in fish cleaning and filleting is to obtain a sharp knife. A sharp knife is critical in cleaning fish to ensure that meat is not wasted, and is left in an edible condition.

Most professionals will tell you that the blade should be thin, narrow, flexible and very sharp. In fact, quite a few folks keep a sharpener handy to hone the knife's edge between fish, if they have a large catch to fillet.

There is no clear cut preference to type of blade. Many people prefer blades of carbon steel because they hold an edge better than stainless steel, but either will do for occasional filleting.

Once a tool has been selected, start by laying the fish on its side on a cutting board. There are some plastic cleaning boards on the market, but even a piece of wood will do.

Next, slice gently through the flesh just behind the gill plates or just in front of the tail. By starting just behind the gill plates, the less tasty belly meat on most fish can be eliminated.

Slice until the blade barely touches the

backbone, but don't cut into or through the main vertebrae. Turn the blade gently so that it lies parallel to the spine with the cutting edge facing the direction in which you want to cut.

Remember, it's a good idea always to cut away from yourself. Hand protection is always critical, because blades can get caught on meat or bones and snap back, causing accidental lacerations.

Next, slowly and steadily work the blade along the spine, separating the meat from the bone. Then turn the fish on its other side and repeat the procedure. Now, there should be two long sections of meat and, if the job was done properly, they will be completely boneless.

To remove skin, if that is your choice, place the skin side of the fillet down on the cutting board. Use the knife to work just enough flesh away from the skin so you can get a grip on the fillet.

Place the knife blade flat against the skin. Run the blade forward as the skin is pulled, with more emphasis on pulling than cutting. The skin should come away cleanly. Filleting sounds terribly easy and it should be, but it takes practice and patience, just like fishing.



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Basketball



April Truebenbach shoots a basket.

Joseph Bedowitz gets a shot.

Shawn Dangelmayr's attempted shot gets blocked.



Jason Endres, Mark Flusche and Joseph Bedowitz in action.



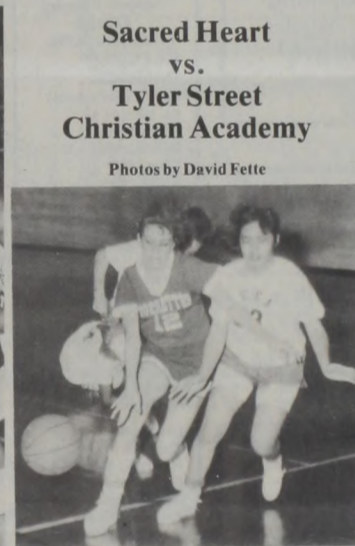
Janie Fisher looks for help from April Truebenbach (20).



Stevan Nasche brings the ball down court.



Janie fisher puts one in.



Shirley Henscheid knocks the ball away.

Sacred Heart vs. Tyler Street Christian Academy

Photos by David Fette

19-8 Sacred Heart SEASON RECORD

Tigerettes	Opponents
74	19
86	13
64	30
55	45
54	37
59	60
89	30
65	48
44	33
73	37
61	49

Jan. 5, Lexington, T, 6:00
Jan. 6, Lakehill, H, 6:00
Jan. 9, Tyler Street, T, 6:00
Jan. 12, Oakridge, H, 4:30
Jan. 13, Notre Dame, T, 5:00
Jan. 16, Forestburg, H, 7:00
Jan. 19, Lutheran, H, 6:00
Jan. 20, Notre Dame, H, 5:00
Jan. 26, Tyler Street, H, 7:00
Jan. 27, Lexington, H, 2:00
Jan. 30, Oakridge, T, 5:00
Feb. 5, Lutheran, T, 6:00
Feb. 10, Lakehill, T, 6:00
Feb. 16 & 17, Regionals, T, TTBA
Feb. 23 & 24, State Championships, Baylor

0-23 Tigers

Tigers	Opponents
37	63
55	93
38	85
46	69
41	76
65	74
53	71
53	83
28	88
23	74
46	96

15-10 Muenster SEASON RECORD

Hornettes	Opponents
35	25
56	26
57	38
32	52
58	70
47	44
48	33
58	40

Jan. 5, Lindsay, T
Jan. 9, Era, H
Jan. 12, Saint Jo, T
Jan. 16, Collinsville, H
Jan. 19, Valley View, H
Jan. 23, Lindsay, H
Jan. 26, Era, T
Jan. 30, Saint Jo, H
Feb. 2, Collinsville, T
Feb. 6, Valley View, T

8-12 Hornets

Hornets	Opponents
44	77
58	97
64	44
50	52
44	48
58	53
60	62
93	58

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JUNIOR HIGH

Girls	Opponents
35	14
15	30
40	13
31	16

Jan. 8, Lindsay, T, 6:00
Jan. 15, Era, H, 6:00
Jan. 22, Saint Jo, H, 6:00
Jan. 29, Collinsville, H, 6:00
Feb. 5, Valley View, H, 6:00
Jan. 20, Montague
Jan. 27, Lindsay Tournament

Boys	Opponents
23	40
20	36
27	12
34	9

24	10
35	22
Era	Lindsay 38 43
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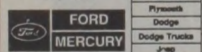


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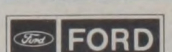


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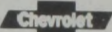
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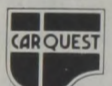
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Valley View Young Farmers announce an Invitational Livestock Show

The Valley View Invitational Livestock Show has been announced for February 16 and 17. Directors for the event are the Valley View Young Farmers. The show is open to all FFA and 4-H members in Texas. Following is a list of shows.

Heifer show - Contestants may enter heifers from 3:30 p.m. till 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 16. The show begins at 6:00 p.m.

Steer show - Entries will be weighed from 4:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Feb. 16. The steer show will begin 15 minutes following the heifer show.

Swine show - The show is on Feb. 17. Weigh in is from 3:30 p.m. till 5:30 p.m. The show begins at 6:00 p.m. The market swine is Feb. 17. Weigh in is from 3:30 till 5:30 p.m. The show begins immediately following the prospect show.

Sheep show - The market show is on Feb. 17. Weigh in is from 7:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m. The show begins at 9:30 a.m.

Judges for the event are sheep, Mr. Hibbert Beck, Palmer, Texas; swine, Mr. Brent Williams, Decatur, Texas; steer and heifer judges will be announced next week.

The event will be held at the Valley View Project Center on South Lee Street in Valley View, Texas. Valley View is located off of 135, 22 miles north of Denton.

The Valley View Young Farmers will present jackets to the Grand Champion of each division, a trophy to reserve Grand Champion of each division, a trophy to Junior Showman Winners and a boot bag to Senior Showman Winners.

If you have any questions please contact 817-726-3522 Bob Andrew or Denise Martin, 726-3362 T. Jack Martin, or 668-7172 Darrell Sutton. They will be glad to answer questions or send rules and entry forms.

Please print as soon as possible. We appreciate your help. The Valley View Young Farmers.

Farmers and ranchers must withhold taxes

Congress pulled a fast one on the nation's farmers and farm workers when it changed the income tax laws relating to farm wages in the 1989 tax bill.

Income tax withholding used to be a voluntary decision made by a farmer and his workers. But on Jan. 1, it became mandatory for farmers to withhold income tax from cash wages paid to full-time, permanent, temporary, and migrant and seasonal workers. "This will be a very complicated new record-keeping burden for farmers," said American Farm Bureau Federation labor specialist Libby Whitley. "And, for farm workers, it will seem like a big cut in pay."

Farmers must understand what their general obligations are under the new law, Whitley explained. She urged agricultural employers to consult with professionals on any questions "because income

tax, withholding, reporting and depositing errors can be very costly."

Income tax withholding applies to the same workers as Social Security - workers whose pay exceeds \$150 per year or workers employed by an employer whose total payroll exceeds \$2,500 per year.

In order to comply with the new law, farmers will have to determine if they are the employer of record. The Internal Revenue Service says that crew leaders may be considered independent contractors and, thus, are responsible for the income tax withholding, according to Whitley.

She warned, however, that counting on crew leaders to perform Social Security and income tax withholding is risky. Under the migrant and seasonal agricultural worker program, farmers and

crew leaders are joint employers.

If the crew leader fails to make the deductions, the farmer may be liable for back taxes, penalties and interest, not to mention costly legal fees.

The employer of record must obtain an employer identification number by filing an SS-4, application for employer identification number. A W-4 form must be on file for each employee at the time he or she is employed, even if they are casual, temporary or seasonal workers. The W-4 determines the proper amount to withhold from each worker's paycheck, based on exemptions such as marital status, number of dependents, age and disabilities. The forms can be ordered by calling the IRS toll-free number 1-800-424-FORM.

Each employee must have a Social Security number so that the withheld tax monies may be properly credited. Any worker without a card can get one from any Social Security office by completing ap-

plication form SS-5.

Some agricultural employees may claim to be exempt from income tax withholding because he or she had no income tax liability last year, and expects none this year. Employers are not responsible for verifying such claims, however, you must send a copy of such W-4s to the IRS when the employee's wages normally would exceed more than \$200/week.

There are several ways to figure income tax withholding. Employers should refer to Circular E, the employer's tax guide, which may be ordered by calling the IRS toll-free number.

Employees must provide workers with Form W-2, the wage and tax statement, by Jan. 31 of each year, even if the employee claimed to be exempt from income tax withholding and no taxes were withheld.

The maximum penalty for failure to provide W-2s when required is \$100,000 per year.

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

Greenbug populations are increasing in numbers in local small grain. Each small grain field in the county should be checked for the presence of greenbugs because several fields are now showing damaged spots.

Greenbugs cause damage by injecting a toxin into leaves as they feed. Leaves turn brown and may die if greenbugs are allowed to continue feeding. We are seeing many fields with dead spots.

Heavily infested fields will have yellow spots where greenbugs have killed the plants. The pests will move from these spots onto surrounding live plants and continue feeding.

To inspect a field, examine all plants in a one foot section of drill row. Jar or slap plants from side to side knocking the greenbugs onto the ground. Count or estimate the number of greenbugs. Do this in 4 to 6 locations in a 20 acre field. If greenbugs average more than 50 to 75 per foot of drill row on your small grain, control measures are usually justified. Greenbug infestations may start near old Johnsongrass left from

summer. When inspecting a field, look in these areas first.

Greenbugs are most active when the temperature is about 70 to 80 degrees F. They can give birth to living young when the temperature is as low as 50 degrees F., but the birth rate is rather slow when the temperature is low.

When the temperature is above 70 degrees F., a small wasp lays eggs in greenbugs, killing them, thus helping keep them under control. I have found only one parasitized greenbug this year.

Several insecticides are labeled for greenbug control. When the temperature is below 50 degrees F., it may take 4 to 6 days to see a reduction in greenbug numbers following treatment. Use pesticides according to directions on the label.

Small grain used for pasture usually has fewer greenbugs compared to grain growth for seed production. Cattle should be removed from the field when treating for greenbugs. All insecticides have grazing restrictions, so read and follow the label on all pesticides.

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Deadline for Texas Heroism Award

AUSTIN - February 9 is the nominations deadline for the 1989 Texas Rural Heroism Award, according to Texas Safety Association President George R. Gustafson.

The award is sponsored by the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council.

The nominee must have performed a heroic act of human-livesaving within Texas during 1989. Preferably, it should be related to farming and ranching.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should accompany the nominations, if possible.

Nominations must be sent to Ben Bullard, President, Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, Texas, 76702-2689.

Market Report

by Bill Hamer

The Muenster Livestock Auction last week reported the sale of 446 cattle and 42 hogs. Hogs and cows were \$1.00 to \$1.50 higher; stocker cows were \$2.00 to \$3.00 higher; steer and heifer calves and yearlings were \$2.00 to \$4.00 higher; bulls were steady.

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Farm financial record systems with quicken

by Craig Rosenbaum

Quicken is one of the newest financial record systems that has good implications for all types of farming and ranching enterprises along with any other business. Recently there has been quite a bit of interest in this computer program. To enable producers to better understand and utilize its workings, a special seminar will be held Monday, Feb. 12, and Tuesday, Feb. 13. Producers and/or business persons can enroll in either the afternoon program on Monday, Feb. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. or the night program on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Dr. Ken Stokes, Economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will present the program in cooperation with the Cooke County College. Each of the 12 participants will do hands-on work with individual computers. The meetings will be held in Room 520 of the Cooke County college and are limited to 12 students at each session.

To enroll in one of the free sessions, contact the County Extension Office at 668-5412 by Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Feeder cattle fury falls

Texas cattle feeders reported 1.06 million head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on December 1, 1989, down 3 percent from 1988 but up 3 percent from the November, 1989 estimate.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, cattle and calves placed on feed during November 1989 totaled 400,000 head, an increase of 11 percent from 1988 but a decrease of 47 percent from October, 1989.

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Texas Agricultural Conference February 8, 1990

The 19th Annual Texoma Agricultural Conference will feature expert insight on various topics concerning the overall agricultural economy and an address by Dr. Lowell Catlett, Community Resource Development Specialist, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The one day conference begins February 8 at 8 a.m. with registration. The conference will be held at the Sherman Elks Lodge, located on Highway 1417, east of the Sherman Inn in Sherman.

The program begins at 9 a.m. and features five speakers with knowledge and information that will benefit everyone involved in agriculture.

Dr. Ken Smith, Field Scientist, Product Development, Sandoz Crop Protection, will discuss the changes in the pesticide application laws in Texas and how they will affect agricultural producers.

Kathleen M. Hartnett, Assistant Director of Private Lands, Water and Environment, National Cattlemen's Association, will discuss the current animal care issues which face livestock producers and the steps being taken to address these concerns.

Dr. L. S. "Bill" Pope, Coordinator of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program, Texas A & M University, will outline the program in Texas and how it is being used to prepare young agricultural leaders for tomorrow's agriculture and the many new challenges that it will bring. Today's agricultural leaders must be ones who not only know production and marketing, but who also understand the complex society in which we must operate.

Dr. J. W. "Bill" Turner, Professor and Leader of the Beef Cattle Science Section, Texas A & M University, will discuss beef cattle production and how many breeds do we really need. Beef cattle production is the largest contributor to gross agricultural income in Texas and beef producers are working to provide the lean, quality beef that consumers demand.

The conference will conclude with an address on biotechnology in agriculture by Dr. Lowell Catlett, Community Resource Development Specialist, New Mexico State University. Biotechnology will provide safe, quality and reasonably priced commodities in all areas of agriculture. Dr. Catlett will provide information on some of the biotechnical advances being used today as well as some possible breakthroughs for the future.

Lunch will be served at noon and will be covered by a \$7.50 per person registration fee which will be collected at the door.

The Texoma Agricultural Conference is co-sponsored by TU Electric and the Texoma Bankers Association. Co-chairpersons for the event are John Strodes of TU Electric and Shirley Mullinix of the Texoma Bankers Association. Rudy Dockray, Farm and Ranch Director, KTEN-TV, Denison, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

The Texas hunting system: chaos or the future of wildlife management

by Craig Rosenbaum
Another Texas hunting season is nearly over. Hunting lease operators are preparing to close their books on this year's hunts and make plans for next year. Lease hunting occurs throughout Texas, but lease operators would like to know how others are providing services and facilities, managing game animals, protecting their operation, pricing their leases, and the range of lease charges. How can they obtain this information? Beginning Jan. 22, 1990, all 12,500 hunting lease operators in Texas will receive a one-page survey that asks for

answers to these questions. The survey is easy to complete but of most importance to hunting lease operators will be the results. Finally, they will be able to compare their lease operation with others in the county and state.

This study is a cooperative research effort between the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service. County agents are helping get an excellent response rate by supporting this study and answering questions their lease operators may have about it. The value of the information to hunting lease operators will be directly related to the number of surveys returned. The Extension Service will provide county/state data results to each county Extension agent for your area of interest. They will receive the results that compare their personal operation with others in the county and state. This information should help operators and land owners improve their hunting lease programs.

Hunting lease operators that

have multiple permits will be sent a survey for each permitted area. Each area under permit is described on the survey by acres and/or name - exactly the way it was described in the permit application. Some operators or landowners may receive from two to 22 surveys in one day. It is important that each survey for each permitted area be completed as a separate acreage. All hunting lease operators that have four or more permitted areas have been contacted about the study and that

they would be receiving a lot of mail the third week in January.

The Texas hunting lease system has been in operation since 1929. There has never been a statewide study of how lease hunting contributes to wise management of the wildlife resource. Other states are beginning to consider lease hunting as an alternative to traditional agricultural land uses. The results of this study may demonstrate that lease hunting on private land is a practical and sensible alternative.

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- Limitation on ad valorem taxes on agricultural land.
- A farm-to-market road system in Texas that is best in the nation.
- Exemptions from state sales tax for machinery, feed, seed, and fertilizer.
- Refunds of both state and federal taxes on farm-used gasoline.
- Reform of inheritance and gift tax laws.
- Improved feed, seed, fertilizer, and insecticide laws.
- Better animal health programs to help reduce losses from brucellosis, hog cholera, and screwworms.
- Price support programs designed to assist in orderly marketing of crops.
- State and federal funds for agricultural research and education.
- Alleviation of some burdensome regulations on health, safety, and environmental standards.

Notice of Public Hearing to Tax Personal Property

The Muenster City Council will hold a public hearing on a proposal to tax the following non-business personal property: Vehicles.

To tax the above property, the Muenster City Council must approve the proposal by ordinary resolution or order and must find that the taxation of property as proposed will be in the public interest of all residents of the City of Muenster.

The public hearing will be held on February 12, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. at the Muenster City Hall.

All interested persons may speak at the meeting and present evidence for or against the proposal.

City of Muenster
400 N. Main St.
817-759-2236

Texas Junior Rodeo Association begins second year

The Texoma Junior Rodeo Association, an organization for boys and girls 19 years of age and under, completed its first year in October, 1989. The TRJA started its second year with a rodeo on Dec. 17, 1989. Rodeo No. 2 will be Feb. 18, 1990 at Blackwell's indoor Arena, Iowa Park, Texas. Books will be open all week until Thursday, Feb. 14 6:00 p.m. at (817) 855-9347.

AGE GROUPS: boys and girls, 8 and under; 9-12; 13-15 and 16-19.

EVENTS: (Not offered in all age groups.) Goat Hair Pull, Goat Tying, Ribbon Roping, Barrels, Poles, Flags, Breakaway Roping,

Tiedown Calf Roping, Chute Dogging, Bareback, Calf Riding, Steer Riding, Bull Riding and Team Roping.

Points will be counted in each event from your best ten rodeos. (There will be no less than 12 rodeos, so don't worry if you missed the first one. There's plenty more!)

Awards of saddles to All Around Champions and buckles to Event Champions will be awarded at the end of the year.

For more information call Sandie Jackson, secretary, at (817) 855-9347, or write TRJA, 4030 SH 370, Iowa Park, Texas 76367.

Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith

Three attend funeral in Hurst
Mrs. Louise Shults, Mrs. Carvill Robeson and Mrs. Dorothy Penton of Gainesville attended the funeral of Mrs. Vida Mae "Van Horn" Cox of Hurst in Burgess-Fry Funeral Home Chapel Saturday at 2 p.m. Mrs. Cox was Mrs. Louise Shults' third grade teacher.

Personal
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shults of Denton visited Mrs. Louise Shults Sunday. They all drove to Bowie.

Christians visit at stock show
Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian drove to Fort Worth Friday. Mrs. Christian visited her sister, Miss Ermina Dutton, who has been ill. Mr. Christian accompanied their sons, Jimmy Christian of Springtown and Bill Christian of Stephenville, to the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Personal
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Holley of Whitesboro visited Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde Friday night.

Mrs. Brown does well
Mrs. Evelyn Brown went to Denton Thursday for a medical check-up. She got a good report from her doctor.

Personal
Mrs. Josephine Berry and Mrs. Wilma Richardson were in Denton Friday.

Mrs. Joyce Hanson visited her son, Jim Call and family in Gainesville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Maberry were in Gainesville Tuesday.

Johnnie Cook of Marietta, Okla. visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry and James Thursday.

Miss Kathryn Fortenberry was admitted to AMI Denton Regional Medical Center Saturday evening for emergency surgery. She is doing satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hughes had as their guests for dinner Sunday evening Mrs. Billie Webb of Dallas and Mrs. Opal Berry.

Group attends Gage birthday
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richardson, Chari and Laura, attended the birthday party for Mr. Jeri Gage of Slidell. Mr. Gage was celebrating his 100th birthday. He had lived in Slidell for about 75 years. The party was held in the Optimist Club building in Denton. Cake, punch and other goodies were served. Mrs. Richardson helped with the serving.

Personal
Mrs. Edith Richardson of Gainesville had lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richardson, Chari and Laura. Mrs. Edith Richardson visited her son, Clifford Richardson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill White visited Mrs. Genevieve White in Alvord Sunday and had lunch together.