



Hesse holds first Commissioners' Court meeting of term

by Janet Felderhoff
Cooke County Commissioners Court convened for the first time in 1995 on Monday, January 9 at 10 a.m. with three new faces at the table. Paul Hesse, as the newly installed Cooke County Judge, presided over the meeting. In his new job as Precinct 2 Commissioner Richard Brown took part in the meeting and Evelyn Walterscheid as County Clerk was present to record the meeting.

Cooke County District Clerk Pat Payne requested permission to purchase a new desk, credenza, floor mat and pneumatic chair. The desk being used by the previous District Clerk was her personal

property. Mrs. Payne presented price quotes on two different sets of furniture from Dustin's Office Supply noting that she preferred to keep business within the county.

A price of \$1,504.80 for a better quality wood veneer desk and credenza with computer function and a simple pneumatic chair was compared to a desk of lesser quality, a credenza without computer function, and a simple pneumatic office chair for \$1,114.00. Mrs. Payne said that she had purchased a bookcase with her own money to hold the many necessary books, etc. which were stacked in piles around the office giving it a look of

confusion rather than of dignity befitting the office. She said the computer compatibility of the credenza was preferable since eventually something would have to be provided to hold a computer terminal.

After studying catalogues provided by Dustin's, a motion was made to purchase the better quality of the two sets. The motion carried with all in favor.

Nine names were drawn from the 12 people who had served on the 1994 Grand Jury. These people will be asked to serve on the Salary Grievance Committee. Names drawn were Chester Calhoun, J.E.

Pybas, Marcus Austin, Mitchell Shauf, Eddie Clyde Hadlock, Patsy Morris, Robin Brown, Elfreda P. Smith, and John Yosten. Alternates are George Bond, Mary Nelda Latham, and Virgilla Herr.

With three vacancies on the Cooke County Appraisal Review Board, the Commissioners Court was asked to submit names for consideration by the CCAD to serve on that committee. Two will serve two year terms and a third will complete the term of Charles Davidson who resigned as of Dec. 31, 1994.

There were three who volunteered to the CCAD Review

Board, Steven Kohl, Joe Brockett and Betty Buttolph. Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerry Lewis submitted the name of Jane Carlton and Judge Hesse submitted two names, Robert Heying and Angelo Nasche. All six names were unanimously submitted for consideration.

Also addressed was a request to amend the Fox Creek subdivision in Precinct 1 from the approved four duplexes to six duplexes. Water will be supplied by Woodbine and electricity by Cooke County Electric. All four commissioners and the county judge approved this amendment.

In other business:
•The bond for Mary Chandler of the

Cooke County Sheriff's Department was renewed
•Minutes of the previous meeting were approved
•Monthly bills were approved and it was noted that the monthly report from Justice of the Peace Royce Martin was not among the other reports and had probably been turned in late.

The next meeting is a specially called one to: 1) Discuss with Justices of the Peace how case load in Precinct 4 can be handled; 2) Executive Session -- Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Article 6252-17, Section 2 (c); (a) to discuss personnel; and 3) Answer questions from audience and news media.

Council accepts park mowing bid, won't accept blame for sewage damage

by Dave Fette
The Muenster City Council conducted a special meeting last Friday evening to consider business requiring immediate action.

Minimum rental time period remains at six months for the farm house, north of town owned by the city. The Muenster Kiwanis Club had offered to rent the house for two months and offer it to the victims of the recent sewage back-up which damaged three mobile homes in Muenster. The victims declined the move to a different residence and requested to use the Kiwanis funds for repair instead.

The council also voted to accept the bid by Hennigan Yard Care for City Park maintenance. During the long discussion, council members questioned City Administrator Chris Yosten about the pros and cons of contracting the job versus the current costs of city employees and equipment for the job.

Yosten described that although the parks have never been kept in better shape, he could use extra manpower for street and water line work. Councilman Arthur Hennigan showed his calculations which indicated that the current cost to the city was over \$17,000.00; so the

city could save money by contracting for the Hennigan bid of \$1,090.00 per month for 12 months.

Mayor Miller disagreed, saying the contract would be an extra cost, not a savings since no city employee would be terminated. (Read more of the mayor's opinion in Civic Outlook, page 2.)

Hennigan objected to the mayor's comments. He said the mayor should stick to conducting the meeting and refrain from influencing council action. The rest of the council wouldn't go along with this. They said the mayor could have his say just as anyone else. The bid was finally accepted with the contract to become effective April 1, 1995.

Mayor Miller reported to **The Enterprise** Wednesday that the contract with Hennigan Yard Care violated "conflict of interest" and "nepotism" rules since they are related to Arthur Hennigan. Miller said the council action was therefore void.

With Friday's agenda finished, Miller addressed the audience, asking if any of those present had business to bring up with the council. No one responded, so Miller asked again, with still no response. Then Hennigan said if no one else had anything, he did. He said the council and mayor were at fault in not following Robert's Rules of Order for meetings. He admitted being at fault, but laid most of the blame on Miller for using unfair influence and interrupting others

when they had the floor. So, off they went; next round, Hennigan versus Miller. After a while, someone moved for adjournment and it was quickly passed.

Some members of the audience then realized their concerns had not been addressed. They wished to know what the council was going to do about the sewer back-up referred to earlier. At meeting time, it had been 11 days since the accident. Even though the meeting was adjourned, Rick Stewart, former council member and father of Rhonda Walterscheid, one of the victims, let them have it. In no uncertain terms, Stewart accused Hennigan and Miller of being unconcerned with the plight of the "kids who had their homes ruined by faulty city equipment."

"You're an embarrassment to the whole community with your constant fighting like little kids," he said. Stewart demanded that the city accept responsibility for the sewage problem and take action to help them. Hennigan said that the city should not necessarily accept responsibility. Miller said they should let the insurance companies fight it out.

The unofficial part of the meeting gradually broke up in a general atmosphere of frustration. The city has contacted their liability insurance for possible coverage and the problem will be addressed again at another special meeting tonight, Friday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m. at City Hall.



COMPETITION was close and rough Tuesday night when Sacred Heart was challenged by Masonic Home in the Tigers' Den. Pictured, Michael Becker plays through in an attempt to get the ball in the basket. More roundball action on pages 6 and 7. Dave Fette Photo



TONY HARTMAN moves in and up for the shot against Alvord. Last Friday's district opener for Muenster turned into a barn-burner when action went into overtime. The Hornets lost the game on a Bulldog desperation shot at the buzzer. See page 6 for more basketball action. Dave Fette Photo

Boto selected as director by state prosecutors

The Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) has elected Cooke County Attorney D. August Boto as one of its 12 directors to serve during calendar year 1995. The TDCAA is composed of prosecutors, criminal investigators and staff, and has over 4,300 members. It hosts the largest gathering of prosecutors in the nation each year for purposes of continuing legal education and comparison of office practices and trial and investigative techniques.

Boto also serves on the

association's Editorial Board, which oversees the many publications produced by the TDCAA, including desk copies of the Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure, Evidence Predicate Manuals and handbooks on criminal law designed for use by police and sheriff's deputies.

Additionally, Boto has served as Cooke County Attorney since 1989. His office is responsible for the prosecution of criminal offenses in Cooke County Court, hot check

collections, and mental and chemical commitments, and also provides legal advice to elected county officials.

During his tenure Boto has brought several "firsts" to Cooke County, including the first adult certification of a juvenile offender, the first county ordinance restricting sexually oriented businesses, the first published list of check warrants, and the first county inmate work program.

North Central Texas is well represented on the association's

board of directors, possessing one-third of the 12 available seats. Other nearby directors include Lee Ann Breeding (an assistant criminal attorney from Denton), John Vance (Henry Wade's successor as District Attorney in Dallas), and Tim Cole (District Attorney in Montague, son-in-law to former Cooke County Commissioner Rosalie Bayer, and former general counsel to the TDCAA). Boto lives in Southwest Cooke County near Rosston with his wife and three children.

Air quality regulations mean changes for Texas motorists

Residents of Cooke County must now go through some extra steps before the Texas Department of Transportation is allowed to issue motor vehicle registration to them. The action is required by a new federal law that regulates air quality in Texas.

The federal government has identified several metropolitan areas where the level of air pollution is serious: Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Beaumont/Port

Arthur and El Paso. Vehicle emissions testing will be required in counties that fall within those four areas.

Even though an emissions test will not be required in Cooke County, motorists will still have to prove that is where they actually live and are not trying to dodge the law.

The Cooke County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office is a statutory agent of the Texas

Department of Transportation and has the responsibility of verifying a motor vehicle owner's address. The following documents, or copies, will be accepted as proof of residency: Voter registration card, driver license, utility or phone bill, property tax statement or receipt, school tuition receipt or valid proof of liability insurance. One of these items must be presented whether the motorist is obtaining registration by mail or in person.

House Bill 1969, enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1993, authorizes the collection of a 25-cent fee by tax assessor-collectors in counties where motorists must show proof of residency. This fee is compensation for the mandatory need to confirm the required residency documentation.

For more information contact Joyce Zwinggi, Cooke County Tax Assessor-Collector at 817-668-5425.

Bullock praises extra funding for Texas rural roads

Lt. Governor Bob Bullock has commended the Texas Transportation Commission for approving an additional \$50 million saved in cost-efficiency measures for critically-needed maintenance on Texas' farm-to-market roads.

"This money will continue to help improve the safety of millions of Texans who rely on rural roads to

get to school, to work and home again," Bullock said. "I can't think of a way it could be put to better use."

The Department of Transportation made the funds available by adopting further efficiency measures in its budget, including delaying the purchase of high-cost construction equipment

and reducing vehicle maintenance costs.

The \$50 million the Transportation Commission approved is in addition to \$57.6 million approved in July for the maintenance of farm-to-market roads, bringing the total money targeted for farm-to-market road maintenance to \$253.6 million for

fiscal year 1995.

Bullock appointed an interim legislative committee last summer to study what the state should spend on rural roads and infrastructure, the needs of counties and the equitable distribution of state funds.

The rural road system in Texas includes 40,000 miles of state farm-to-market roads.

Good News!

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and power are his. He causes the changes of the times and seasons, makes kings and unmakes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who understand. DANIEL 2: 20-21



MUENSTER JAYCEES presented a check for \$1,550.00 to the Muenster Public Library. Librarian Pat Weaver, center, put the money in a CD at the Muenster State Bank in hopes that it can be used when the opportunity comes to move into a much-needed larger facility. The Jaycees raised the money by sponsoring a rifle raffle. Ross Felderhoff, left, was the project chairman and Doug Hermes, right, is Muenster Jaycee Chapter President. Dave Fette Photo

TLC Day Care Center praised in publication

by Dr. Lin Moore

Wanda Flusche and four of the staff members are currently enrolled in Child Development (CD) course work at Collin County Community College. Teachers include Nancy Paynter, Susie Fette, Laura Rohmer and Susan Yosten.

The recent expansion of this facility has provided a spacious, but homey environment for children and teachers. One can barely discern the original old house that serves as the heart of this warm, child-oriented building. New construction was completed by members of the family, and their contributions can be seen throughout the facility from hand-built bookshelves to an open barn shading the sand play area.

The setting includes a huge playground overlooking nearby fields in this rural community of 1500. Children have ample space to run and play, and opportunities for social interaction and role playing with the outdoor kitchen set for toddlers and a real motorcycle frame for older children.

Classrooms are organized into well defined and labeled learning centers. A fire station was evident in the dramatic play area as an extension of fire safety month. Fire hats and boots were accessible for dressing up. A smoke screen had been cleverly created from a yard stick and shredded garbage bag to provide a concrete symbol of smoke while children crawled to safe exits.

The program currently serves 68 families. Many of the children are related to the teachers or their classmates, as cousins abound. Ms. Flusche feels fortunate to care for 10 of her 11 grandchildren.

This program is aptly named, as any visitor can readily see that children receive tender loving care from dedicated teachers. The center has been recognized by Child Care Management Services as a four star vendor. This year is the first of a collaborative project with the Muenster Public Schools. At-risk children are enrolled in a publicly funded pre-kindergarten class that is housed at Tender Loving Care and taught by Nancy Paynter. The child care teachers are sharing ideas and resources with the kindergarten teacher from the school district. What a wonderful way to insure developmentally appropriate practices!

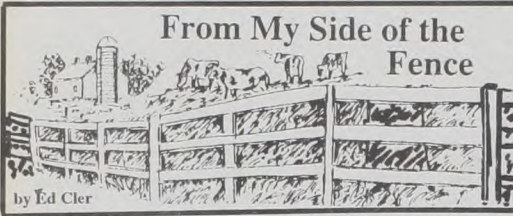
The program is based on the needs and interests of the children, with lots of opportunities for hands-on learning. The preschool children had created lovely suncatchers from found leaves and natural objects they had picked up on their walk outside on the day I visited. The science area included a variety of nuts which children had sorted, classified, cracked, and tasted. Both children and adults were anxious to show off the newest baby, young Shawn Paynter. Even children without siblings have opportunities to play the role of big sister or brother in this family focused program. Cooperation and gentle sharing are encouraged among children of all ages.

Funds are generated by parent tuition and a federal grant co-sponsored by the school district. Partial payment is received from the Department of Human Services for those families eligible under CCMS.

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GERMANIA FARM MUTUAL INSURANCE issued a check for \$100 to the Muenster VFD for their quick response to a house fire call at the David Flusche Sr. residence. At left, local Germania representative Bob Hermes presents the donation to Herbie Knabe, Muenster VFD Chief. Germania makes this donation anytime a fire department responds to a call in which a house or barn insured by Germania is threatened. Janie Hartman Photo



From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

The first time I saw Shep he was sitting on his haunches, almost upright, in son Jim's Thunderbird. Jim and our daughter Christa had just arrived home from Seattle, WA and Shep was about seven months old. He had as big a grin on his face as did Jim and Chris, as they came to a stop in our yard.

It didn't take long to learn that Shep loved people - everyone he met was his friend, something unusual for a German Shepherd. I guess this is why I came to like Shep so much, as he grew into a big and beautiful mature dog.

Shep not only liked humans, but was just about as friendly with our other animals. Even cats were his friends and they seemed to trust the dog with their lives. It was a pleasant sight to see the big dog, on a cool day, curled up lying on his side, his body and legs forming a sort of circle, that was overflowing with cats and kittens, some on the ground and against his body, while others lay across him, all sharing their warmth, and that of the sun.

There came a day when I realized, as I walked to the dairy barn in the early morning, that Shep had failed to greet me as usual and I wondered for a moment what the reason might be, but as I busied myself, I soon forgot.

Well, as the day progressed we all became aware that Shep was not around that day, nor did he show the next two days.

Needless to say, we began to worry and soon drove the roads to see if he had run in front of a vehicle and was hurt, or worse, dead. There was no sign of him, and none of the neighbors had seen him, which all added to the gloom that was coming over the family.

Shortly after lunch on the third day after his disappearance, I happened along one of the sheds and thinking I heard a squeaky moaning sound from inside, I opened the door and there was Shep. Somehow he had inadvertently been locked in.

I was so surprised to see him there that I only saw his big grin before he leaped out of the door and in a few bounds was up to full speed running in a big circle, and seeing his deliverer ran straight at me to give me a lick or two. The only problem was that it all happened so fast, I didn't have a chance to duck.

Have you ever been hit flat on by a 90 lb. dog at about 20 mph? Well, don't let it happen! His head went over my shoulder, and the rest of him hit me all over. I slid down the slope on my back gasping for air, and as I lay there Shep was licking my hands and face.

After I got some air into my deflated lungs, I caught his front legs, pulled him down and we had a genuine wrestling match. I soon realized the big dog was thoroughly enjoying himself, and frankly, so was I.

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Baptism

Hess

Cade John Hess, son of Danny and Robin Hess was baptized Jan. 8, 1995 in St. Peter's Church in Lindsay. Godparents for Cade are Teresa Reed and Randy Hess of Lindsay.

Those attending the baptism included grandmas and grandpas Margie and Boots Sicking, and John L. and Marcella Hess, great-grandmas and grandpa John J. and Edith Hess and Marie Reiter. Also attending were friends Stanley and Tonya Hess and family, Sandra Hess, Jerry Schumaker, and Kathy Orsburn, and big sister Heidi.

After the baptism, presents were opened and pictures taken at The Wooden Spoon in Lindsay.



JOE KOESSLER

Tina Klement named to Who's Who at ETSU

Tina Renee Klement, daughter of Dale and Charlotte Klement of Muenster, and junior student at East Texas State University in Commerce, where she is pursuing a double major in Kinesiology and Mathematics, has been named to "Who's Who for 1994-95" among students in American Universities and Colleges. Tina is a graduate of Muenster High School. At the University she maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

AARP begins new year with safety program

Cooke County AARP is beginning a new year with new officers and exciting programs. The first meeting for 1995 is today (Friday), Jan. 13, at the Stanford House, 11:30 a.m. "Home Fire Safety" with speaker Steve Swords will be an informative program.

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LINDSAY ISD
Mon. - No School
Tues. - Chicken Fried Steak, creamed potatoes, gravy, English peas, fruit, bread, milk.
Wed. - Sloppy Joes, baked beans, chips, carrot sticks, fruit, milk.
Thur. - Oven Fried Chicken, green beans, creamed potatoes, gravy, assorted fruit, bread, milk.
Fri. - Hamburgers w/Trimmings, fries, ice cream, milk.

MUENSTER ISD
Mon. - BREAKFAST: Donuts, juice, milk. LUNCH: Taco (Meat and Cheese), baked beans, fruit, pumpkin bread, milk.
Tues. - BREAKFAST: Grilled Ham and Cheese on Toast, juice, milk. LUNCH: Chicken Pot Pie, lettuce salad, fruit, rolls, milk.
Wed. - BREAKFAST: Two Pancakes w/Syrup, juice, milk. LUNCH: Frito Chili Pie, red beans, lettuce salad, fruit, bread, milk.
Thur. - BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Toast, juice, milk. LUNCH: Barbecue Sandwich, potato chips, fruit, pickles and onions, cookies, milk.
Fri. - BREAKFAST: Scrambled Eggs, biscuits, juice, milk. LUNCH: Chicken Nuggets, potatoes and gravy, corn rolls, milk.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL S.N.A.P. MENUS
Mon. - No School
Tues. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, peaches, cinnamon rolls, butter, milk.
Wed. - Nachos w/Ground Beef, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, hot apple slices, bread, milk.
Thur. - Oven Fried Chicken, potato salad, peas, fruit, bread, milk.
Fri. - Cheeseburgers w/Trimmings, French fries, ice cream, milk.

ERA ISD
Daily Breakfast: Oatmeal, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk. Wednesday Breakfast Special: Pancakes w/Syrup.
Mon. - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Italian green beans, peaches, hot rolls, milk. SNACK BAR: Pizza, corn.
Tues. - Taco Roll w/Sauce, pinto beans, fruit cocktail, Mexican cornbread, jello, milk. SNACK BAR: Hamburger, French fries.
Wed. - Vegetable Beef Soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pear half, Sunshine Bar, crackers, milk. SNACK BAR: Burrito, green beans.
Thur. - Chicken or Salmon Patty, creamed new potatoes, blackeye peas, Apple Brown Betty, milk. SNACK BAR: Baked Potato w/Ground Beef.
Fri. - Barbecue Sandwich, tator tots, pickle spears, ice cream, milk.

Joe Hoening honored with reunion

The Joe Hoening family gathered, 50 strong, on Sunday Jan. 8 in observance of a delayed Christmas reunion covered dish dinner in the home of Joe's daughter and son-in-law Edna and Richard Hermes. The event was also in anticipation of his Jan. 16, ninety-first birthday. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren attended from Ennis, Carrollton, Garland, Wichita Falls, Denton, Gainesville, Palmer, Lindsay, Lake Kiowa and Moss Lake.

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Joanna Gehrig wins SH Geography Bee

Joanna Gehrig, daughter of Jim and Cindy Gehrig, received the championship trophy when she participated in the Sacred Heart National Geography Bee on Monday, Jan. 9. Betty Trevino, daughter of Liborio and Maria Trevino, was runner-up in the contest. A tie for third place was shared by Joe Becker, son of Paul and Brenda Becker, and Patrick Miller, son of Robert and Betty Miller. Trophies and a money award were presented.

The two-hour bee involved 49 students. The top 10 semi-finalists were: Dana Miller, Nicholas Yosten, Russell Fette, Joanna Gehrig, Jackie Bartush, Stephen Bartush, Debra Voth, Betty Trevino, Patrick Miller and Joe Becker.

These winners received gold medals for their achievement. First to fifth place ribbons were awarded in each class. All prizes were provided by Sacred Heart Home and School Society.



SACRED HEART GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

It Was News Then ...

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 22, 1944
Midnight Mass on schedule for Sacred Heart Church, a privilege granted by the Bishop of the Diocese. Pastor requests that all attending help to keep the Holy Night a silent night. Jacob Prescher, 21 of Scotland TX, relative of several Muenster people, is killed in action in Germany. Local Service Flag, Muenster's honor roll for WWII lists a total of 221 names. The two gold stars on it in 1943 now total nine in 1944, and one man is listed as missing. This Christmas issue carried photos of 130 Muenster young men in service, of whom the Enterprise could obtain photos; there were 71 of whom no photo was available.

The following is an editorial in the Christmas issue, Dec. 22, 1944, from the staff of the Muenster Enterprise:

Merry Christmas To All
The gifts brought at Christmas time are traditionally happy things, to bring stars into the eyes of little children, and to make our own hearts warm with gratitude. And in that spirit we say "A Merry Christmas to all." May every little boy get the jeep, or bike, or model plane building set he wants. May every little girl get the doll, or new clothes, or painbox she wants. To every hard working man we wish the comfortable robe and slippers he can stretch out in at home. To every woman we wish the little luxury she has so well earned the past year. And, in quite another spirit we wish - for all the world - the gift of peace, following the Victory which our own and our Allies' brave fighters are this day dying to achieve. We ask for the gift of understanding in mankind which will make such wars obsolete as history runs its future course. We ask for the gift of the safe return of every loved one now overseas. How better can we say, "A Merry Christmas To All!"

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 25, 1964
Procedure starts on creation of Hospital District by directors of Muenster Hospital Authority and temporary directors of the proposed district. Sister Geraldine OSB is named principal at Sacred Heart High School. Dr. B.F. Hejduk is the new chief of the medical staff for Muenster Memorial Hospital, elected by the staff. Adam Wolf and Clyde Muller buy The Center from Al Felderhoff and Richard Grewing. Building permits for City of Muenster total \$164,000 - nine new homes are included. Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Cooke are honored on golden anniversary. New Arrivals: a son for Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Walterscheid; a daughter for Mr.

and Mrs. Raymond Hoenig; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hess; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thurman. At Sacred Heart Church, replica of original stable and crib is shown for 46th time, from Christmas Eve through Epiphany, was used for the first time in Sacred Heart Church in 1918.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 21, 1984
Cooke County Commissioners accept low bid for new ambulance for CCEMS but table bids for new telephone system for CC Court House. Winners named in the Chamber of Commerce "Light The Town" contest. Winners in the Individuals category were Mark Flusche, Ray Wilde and Charles Bayer. Winners in the Club or Organization category were Muenster Young Homemakers and Beta Kappa. Floyd Truebenbach of Muenster is graduate of TSTI in Waco. New Arrival: Michael Henry Voth to Danny and Janet Voth. Four Tiger Football players named to All-District.

Runaway hotline is now statewide service

The first nationwide runaway hotline, which was started by Governor Dolph Briscoe twenty-one years ago, became the Texas Runaway Hotline on November 1, 1994.

"In Texas, more than 120,000 children run away each year," states Jay Smith, hotline director. "Most are not running to something, but rather, are running from overwhelming problems that often include physical and sexual abuse. Many times alcohol and drug abuse are contributing factors. As a statewide hotline we will be able to focus all of our energy and resources towards Texas youth."

The Texas Runaway Hotline is a toll-free, 24 hour a day hotline

answered by more than 100 volunteers and staff members who offer crisis intervention and peer counseling. Information and referrals are available to callers who are in need of shelter, counseling, medical and legal assistance, as well as services that provide free transportation home. A message relay service is also provided to help runaways contact their families.

Over the next few months, Smith and his staff will be busy promoting the hotline's transition from a nationwide to statewide program. The hotline's toll-free number and services will be promoted through public service announcements on television, radio and in print.

January Health News Tips

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome - A Road Hazard on the Information Highway

The growth of the computer industry may also have led to an increased occurrence of carpal tunnel syndrome - a pinched nerve at the wrist.

"The condition used to be seen in the older population, particularly women," said Dr. H. Jay Boulas, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Now it's also appearing in the younger population - people 20- to 40-years-old who use a keyboard or 10-key pad all day or perform repetitive assembly-line work."

Symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome include a loss of sensation in the hand, pain in the upper extremities that may wake you at night or numbness in your hand or both hands while you're driving. It can be treated with corrective splints that immobilize the wrist in a neutral position, anti-inflammatory medications or minor surgery.

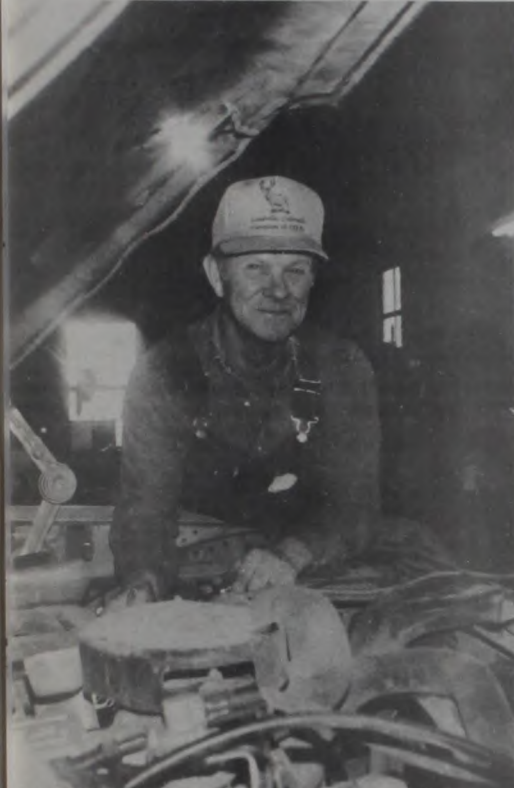
Early treatment can prevent serious damage and the loss of hand function.

Muenster's '94 moisture total tops 10 year average

A look at the moisture total for the last 10 years indicates that the average yearly moisture recorded for Muenster by Mrs. Mary Moser is 39.793. With 42.37 inches shown for 1994, Muenster received 2.577 inches more than the 10 year average. Adequate moisture and mild temperatures have combined to make the last three months of 1994 pleasant where the weather was concerned. Mild temperatures allowed flowers such as roses and geraniums to bloom at Christmas time and coaxed some plants and flowers to put on blooms early. Reports of iris, verbena, narcissus, etc. were noted in December. On Jan. 10, 1995, the temperature high for the day was recorded as 79 degrees Fahrenheit in the Metroplex. This broke a record high set in 1916 of 78 degrees. Temperatures cannot be compared locally since records were not kept that long ago.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
'54	1.96	.70	.21	2.94	5.14	3.20	1.75	2.02	.50	4.10	.91	2.67	26.10
1946 to 1955	1.87	1.93	1.78	2.78	6.43	4.03	2.62	2.16	2.85	2.86	2.00	1.88	33.21
'64	2.59	.91	3.98	3.53	4.61	.64	.06	3.24	11.12	.01	9.92	.95	41.56
1956 to 1965	1.84	1.47	2.42	3.51	4.65	3.15	1.98	2.04	3.82	2.84	3.35	2.09	34.15
'74	.36	1.68	1.14	4.96	.23	1.58	.92	4.65	8.94	9.28	1.96	1.30	37.00
1966 to 1976	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
'82	2.33	2.28	2.19	2.09	8.59	6.06	2.98	1.87	.64	1.56	4.22	2.77	37.58
'83	.75	2.35	3.42	.78	3.18	3.35	1.25	1.37	.98	7.26	3.52	.84	29.05
'84	.95	3.89	3.19	.93	2.98	4.10	1.74	2.34	1.95	5.20	2.55	3.31	33.13
'85	1.43	2.47	4.88	2.66	5.09	5.56	.14	.51	3.64	5.73	1.43	.83	34.37
1976 to 1985	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
'86	0.00	2.42	1.09	6.15	6.26	5.62	.53	1.64	5.81	4.21	2.54	1.96	38.23
'87	2.43	5.43	3.05	.30	10.99	6.00	2.10	.96	5.35	.98	2.92	6.38	46.89
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Sharing and listening meeting to be held Jan. 22

by Barbara Fuhrmann

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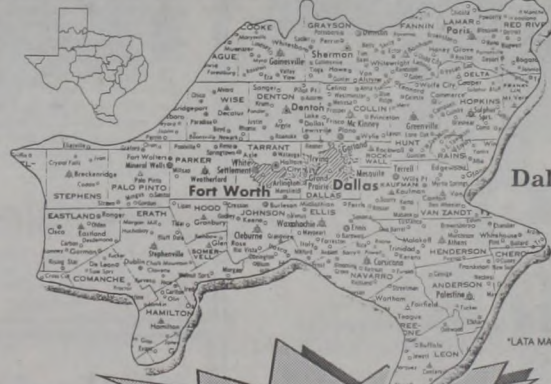
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Personal

"Look what we got for Christmas!" writes Judy Hartman of Denton - "God's most precious gift, a healthy little bundle of joy, Brandon Wayne Bloedel. We were glad to have Grandma Bloedel of Minnesota at the hospital with us to welcome him into the world, along with his sister Kimberly, brother Trent, grandparents Hartman, uncle Doug, David Andrews, aunt Quita McCollum, and Melanie Hesse. What a wonderful reason to offer thanks."

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Sports

Varsity Basketball



Tiger John Klement attempts to set up the play. Also pictured are Brandon Bayer (12) and Jake McCoy (34).
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Lindsay 49, Ponder 65
The Knights were handed their first district loss Friday night at Ponder.
Four Lindsay boys hit the double digits, led by Robert Sharp with 12 points. Chris Brown had 11 while Kyle Sandmann and George Lutkenhaus each scored 10. Zack Bowman added 4 and Tanner Neidhart 2.
L 14 4 11 20 49
P 13 13 14 25 65

Lady Hornets 28, Alvord 55
Muenster opened district action last Friday, hosting the state's 5th ranked Alvord Lady Bulldogs.
Carrie Hess put in 15 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Muenster. Sabrina Truebenbach and Andrea Klement each added 4, Hollie Fuhrmann put in 3 and Julia Fleitman 2.
The Hachtel sisters led Alvord with 22 and 18 points.
M 1 13 8 6 28
A 18 12 10 15 55

Hornets 53, Alvord 55
Muenster took an early lead with a 32-17 halftime score, but a slow 2nd half allowed the Bulldogs to tie the game into overtime.
The Hornets, behind 7 points in overtime, came back to take a 1-point lead with 9 seconds to play when Darrell Charles hit 2 free throws. But a desperation shot at the buzzer by Alvord's Jeff Barnes gave the win to the Bulldogs.
During an interview with MISD Superintendent Steve Cooper, he said, "The only way to justify UIL activities is that it teaches what is not teachable in the classroom, the sportsmanship, integrity and teamwork taught in athletics. These things transcend winning and losing. In the meantime, we teach what makes productive citizens: Win or lose, you shake hands."
Cooper continued, "Unfortunately, when adults perform as many Alvord fans did last Tuesday night, they do more damage to UIL than can be repaired in a hundred good nights. Under UIL rules, to go onto a gym floor and threaten or even touch a referee means automatic probation."
"I compliment the Muenster fans, coaches and players who showed proper restraint and sportsmanship and did a good job," Cooper said.
Charles was the game's high scorer with 19 points. Eric Miller and Jason Huchton each added 8. Tony Hartman put in 7, Jeff Walterscheid 5, James Klement 4 and Scott Hermes 2.
Barnes and Billy Baker led Alvord with 17 and 13 points.
M 15 17 8 4 9 53
A 8 9 15 12 11 55

Tigerettes 77, Masonic Home 23
"I was very pleased with our hustle tonight," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur on the big district win Tuesday. "I think we are starting to turn the corner."
The Tigerettes jumped out into a big lead and continued to hit their baskets throughout the game.
All Sacred Heart team members scored, led by Leslie Grewing and Tiffany Fisher, each with 16 points. Nicole Endres added 14 and Dobe Fleitman 8. Others contributing to the win were Karri Endres 5, Crystal Klement, Jennifer Fuhrmann and Sarina Fuhrmann 4 each, Kelly Rigler, Tonya Knauf and Melinda Vickers each had 2.
SH 20 29 10 18 77
MH 7 6 2 8 23

Tigers 52, Masonic Home 49
The Tigers improved their district record to 5-1 Tuesday night when Sacred Heart hosted Masonic Home.
"The boys played excellent defense the 2nd half to preserve the win," Coach John Nasche said. "We are starting to come together."
Jason Hess led all scorers with 21 points. Neil Berres added 14 and Paul Swirczynski 10. John Klement put in 5 with Jake McCoy and Michael Becker each hitting a free throw.



Nicole Endres gets the shot as Sarina Fuhrmann moves in, ready to rebound.
Dave Fette Photo



Muenster keeps the pressure on Alvord, causing this turnover. Lady Hornets shown in action are, l to r, Audrey Knabe, Brandi Lutkenhaus, Andrea Klement, Carrie Hess and Sabrina Truebenbach.
Dave Fette Photo

SH 12 16 14 10 52
MH 12 16 11 10 49

Lady Hornets 28, Ponder 54
In the Muenster girls' second district game, they were faced with the state's 2nd ranked Class A team, Ponder.



Alvord keeps Darrell Charles double-guarded.
Dave Fette Photo

Carrie Hess led the Lady Hornets with 11 points. Misty Klement added 6, Andrea Klement 5, Audrey Knabe 4 and Brandi Lutkenhaus 2.
M 10 3 7 8 28
P 20 8 17 9 54

Hornets 44, Ponder 49
The Hornets played a close, tough game Tuesday at Ponder, but the Lions kept their winning record of 33 straight district games.
Eric Miller had his best game of the year with 18 points. Darrell Charles and Tony Hartman each added 8. Kody Dill put in 5, Scott Hermes 3 and Jason Huchton 2.
M 6 13 11 14 44
P 11 4 13 21 49

Lady Knights 65, Saint Jo 51
Molly Trammell burned the boards Tuesday night, dropping in 23 points to lead Lindsay in their first district win.
After allowing Saint Jo to tie the game at halftime, a strong final quarter boosted the Lady Knights to the victory.
Keleigh O'Dell put in 11 points, with Andrea Gieb adding 10. Christine Fuhrmann had 8, Meredith Bowman and Amber Geray 4 each, Amber Griffith 3 and Donna Lester 2.
L 15 11 18 21 65
SJ 11 15 16 9 51

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Jr. High/JV Action

Lindsay "B" 26, St. Mary 33
Lindsay's Junior High "B" team took on Saint Mary's junior high last week Wednesday at Gainesville.

Brian Neu led the young Squires on the boards with 12 points. David Metzler added 6 with Dillon Newberry and Nick Price each having 4.

L 6 8 6 6 26
SM 13 2 10 8 33

Lindsay 42, Ponder 56
Alex Krahl pumped in 19 points for the junior varsity Knights at Ponder last Friday. Aaron Krebs added 11 with Steven Tepera getting 6, Hank Huchton 3, Richard Haayen 2 and Brian Covington 1.

L 12 7 17 6 42
P 15 16 10 15 56

Lindsay 7th 19, Ponder 16
Five young Squires scored in a big win over the Cubs last Thursday.

James Thomason was high scorer with 8. Cody Seerest added 5, Daniel Hellinger 3, Scott Metzler 2 and Trent Endres one.

L 5 4 4 6 19
P 0 7 6 3 16

Lindsay 8th 11, Ponder 30
The Squires fell to the Lion Cubs last week. Putting points on the boards for Lindsay were John



Lucien Gehrig prepares a lay-up.
Dave Fette Photo



Kayla Felderhoff brings the action down court.
Dave Fette Photo

Bezner 3, Shane Hair, David Lenard and Ritchy Alfrey 2 apiece. Chris Garner and Levi Seed each added a point.

L 2 3 3 3 11
P 10 7 9 4 30

Lindsay 7th 4, Ponder 31
Leslie Schumaker was Lindsay's lone scorer in last week's loss to Ponder, getting a basket in the first two quarters.

L 2 2 0 0 4
P 7 10 12 2 31

Lindsay 8th 9, Ponder 16
Sarah Eberhart hit in 6 points the second half to lead the Lady Squires on the boards. Erica Fuhrmann added the other 3 points against the Lady Cubs of Ponder.

L 0 1 2 6 9
P 3 3 8 2 16

Sacred Heart 24, Terral 15
The "A" Lady Cubs got a big win Monday night. Kayla Felderhoff led all players with 19 points. "Kayla had another great game," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "We also had a great defensive first half from the entire squad."

Anne Flusche and Debra Voth also contributed points. The "A" girls have a 6-0 record for the year and face Montague Monday night.

SH 10 8 4 2 24
T 4 0 4 7 15

Sacred Heart 6th 6, Terral 12
The 6th grade Lady Cubs had their first game of the year, but came up short on the scoreboard.

Loren Frost put in 4 points and Holly Hartman 2.

SH 2 2 0 2 6
T 2 0 4 6 12



Sacred Heart Cubs in action Monday night include, l to r, Matt Bayer, Lucas Bayer, Patrick Miller and Russell Fette.
Dave Fette Photo

Sacred Heart 15, Terral 41
The Cubs continue to struggle. "I am pleased with the kids who play and work hard," said Coach John Nasche.

Seven Cubs made points. Nicholas Yosten and Lucien Gehrig each had 3, while Matthew Nasche, John Flusche, Russell Fette and Adam Barnhill got 2 apiece. Lucas Bayer added a free shot.

SH 6 3 1 5 15
T 15 8 8 10 41

Sacred Heart 6th 14, Terral 30
Four 6th grade boys scored in their first game of the season. The low scoring was led by Keith Felderhoff with 6 points. Jeff Harman added 4, Jonathan Yosten 3 and Charlie Mosier one.

SH 4 2 0 8 14
T 9 6 11 4 30

Muenster 23, Ponder 41
After a slow first quarter, the junior varsity girls played hard and even with Ponder Tuesday night.

LeAnn Klement led the Lady Hornets with 7 points with Stephanie Huchton adding 6. Makie Otsuka put in 4, Keisha Dill 3,

Valerie Erwin 2 and Emily Felderhoff 1.

M 1 5 6 11 23
P 22 10 5 4 41

Muenster 39, Ponder 30
Jake Luke popped in 24 points to lead the junior varsity Hornets in a big win Tuesday. "It was a good team effort; everyone played great defense," commented Coach Randy Tankersley.

Scott Hudspeth added 8, Chad Roller 4, Shane Sparkman 2 and Corey Anderle 1.

M 7 15 9 8 39
P 4 10 6 10 30

Sacred Heart 34, Masonic Home 37
The JV Tigers lost a close battle Tuesday night. "We missed too many 1-and-1 free throws in the 4th period," commented Coach John Nasche. "Defensively, we kept it close."

Jonathan Grewing led the Tigers with 10 points, Douglas Novak, Scott Poole and Michael Becker each scored 7, while Matthew Fuhrmann added 2.

SH 7 11 7 9 34
MH 10 7 7 13 37



Carrie Coker is in for the shot.
Dave Fette Photo

Lindsay 27, Saint Jo 35
Six junior varsity Lady Knights put points in the book, but couldn't pull out a win Tuesday. Ashley Zimmerman led Lindsay scorers with 9 points. Jamie Zwinggi put in 6 with 2 points each from Sadie Trammell, Megan Sandmann, Amanda Hellinger and Julie Zimmerman.

L 3 6 8 10 27
SJ 0 10 13 11 35

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Country Tidings
by Ruth Smith
Services for **Bradley York**, 16, of Slidell were held Thursday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. in the Slidell Baptist Church. Interment was in Slidell Cemetery under the direction of Coker Funeral Home of Decatur.
Bradley lost his life Monday, Dec. 2, in a two-car accident on FM 455 near Slidell. A lady, Angela Meltzer of Dallas, also lost her life in the accident.
Bradley is survived by his parents, Rodney and Donna York; two brothers and one sister.
Mrs. Gladys Balthrop and Mrs. Anna Kirk are cousins of Bradley and they attended the services.
The Singing, sponsored by the local churches, will be held at the Forestburg United Methodist Church; the time will be announced later.
The Rosston Baptist Church will have their regular dinner Sunday, Jan. 15.
Mrs. Anna Kirk, David Wayne and Becky visited J.C. and Wanda Kirk in Gainesville Saturday night.
Miss Kenda Hutson of Saint Jo was honored Saturday with a birthday party in the home of her parents, Brad and Betty Hutson. Classmates attended. Her actual birthday is Jan. 10.
Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Hutson of Southlake spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson.
Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde visited Mrs. Ima King in Bowie Sunday evening.
Freddy Christian of Stephenville visited his parents, Ruth and C.H. Christian, Thursday.

Farm & Ranch

Long range ... the fears and realities

by Jim Webb

The beef industry has seen the future. More specifically, it has seen two futures. One is the future that beef's competitors and the marketplace will create for the industry if it clings to the status quo and refuses to change. The other future is one that can be created through a lean, efficient, aggressive organization that can meet competitive challenges. That future is captured in a vision statement: a dynamic and profitable industry that concentrates resources around a unified plan, consistently meets consumer needs and increases market share.

Faced with steadily eroding market share and increasingly aggressive challenges from competing meats, the beef industry has developed a Long Range Plan. This plan outlines what beef industry must do to become more consumer-driven, stop the decline in and ultimately increase market share, and remain a strong and profitable industry into the 21st century.

The development of the Long Range Plan included an analysis of whether the industry could successfully carry out the plan. This analysis identified significant existing barriers in the areas of focus, coordination, control and cost effectiveness that must be overcome to be successful. As a result, the Long Range Plan Task Force recommended creating a single, national beef organization which will allow the industry to achieve the needed focus around specific objectives, a mechanism of control to assure results, coordination among all industry participants, and cost-effectiveness. This new organization will result from a consolidation of the beef functions of the Beef Industry Council, the National Cattlemen's Association, the U.S. Meat Export Federation and the Beef Board. An Oversight Committee was appointed to help develop the new industry structure and to ensure a smooth transition from a fragmented to a unified structure.

It is important to understand that, once the consolidation is approved, the new organization will be put together carefully during a transition period. The transition period will allow for lots of input from individual producers, cattle associations and beef councils. The new organization will be developed, owned and operated by grassroots producers.

The beef industry is a two-sided coin. On one side is the need to produce a good product and aggressively promote that product in the marketplace. On the other is the need to protect the business climate for those who are producing the product. If either is ignored, there can be no viable beef industry. The Long Range plan recognizes the need for a single, unified organization that can more efficiently and effectively address both sides of the coin.

As with any proposal that represents change, there are questions and concerns about the new beef industry structure. The consolidation proposal has been widely discussed within the industry over the past few months and it is natural that some confusion has developed. The purpose of this fact sheet is to contribute to constructive discussion by clearing up the confusion and providing facts in response to concerns that have been raised.

Fear: The new structure will be too open to legal challenge.

Reality: The new organization will pass legal muster before it begins operation. In designing the consolidated structure, the Oversight Committee has used legal counsel and will continue to do so as the new organization is developed to assure that it meets all the requirements of the Beef Promotion and Research Act and Order. Before the new organization can contract with the Beef Promotion Operating Committee to use check-off dollars, it must be approved by USDA. It should be noted that 19 state beef councils and state cattlemen's associations currently operate under a unified structure at the state level. In addition, the pork and sheep industries already have the advantage of operating under similar unified structures at the national level.

Fear: The National Live Stock and Meat Board's continued viability is in doubt if beef producer governance is taken away (moving the Beef Industry Council/Federation of State Beef Councils to the new organization). If the Meat Board is dissolved the industry would lose existing strategic marketing alliances with other species and other industry segments.

Reality: The issue is not "beef producer governance" of the Meat Board; rather, it is beef producer checkoff dollars. It the National

Live Stock and Meat Board's role as a multi species/multi-segment organization is to develop strategic marketing alliances among the species (beef/veal, pork and lamb) when it is in the best interests of the species to leverage their dollars, that role will remain. The new beef industry structure recognizes a need for joint programs that benefit beef as well as other meats and that a multi-species organization is uniquely qualified to conduct those programs.

Fear: State beef councils will lose control over checkoff dollars.

Reality: In fact, state beef council authority over checkoff dollars will be increased. Under the new structure state beef councils will continue to have complete authority over the 50 cents of each checkoff dollar that remains under state control.

Fear: A consolidated organization will put too much control in too few hands.

Reality: The new structure will put the right amount of control in the right hands.

Fear: The new organization will not be able to separate membership and dues dollars from checkoff dollars.

Reality: The four organizations involved in the consolidation already use checkoff dollars. Structure will strengthen controls that assure checkoff and dues dollars are separated and used only for their respective and appropriate purposes.

Fear: The new organization will have too little consumer focus.

Reality: The primary purpose of the Long Range Plan is to move to a consumer-driven industry. Given that the major part of the new organizations budget and operational objectives has to do with more effectively using checkoff dollars to improve the marketing climate for and to promote beef, there should be little doubt that consumer focus is a paramount objective.

Fear: NCA is taking over the checkoff.

Reality: The National Cattlemen's Association will no longer exist as an organization in the new consolidated structure. NCA is giving up nearly 100 years of organizational history and the highest name recognition among cattlemen of any industry organization in order to implement the Long Range Plan.

Fear: The new organization will have too little focus on public policy issues.

Reality: Under the consolidation, the name of the National Cattlemen's Association will cease to exist, but the vital industry and public policy functions that NCA carries out today will remain.

Fear: The new organization will be too complex and bureaucratic.

Reality: Right now, at the national level, the beef industry has four of everything. Four organizations with four annual meetings, four sets of boards and officers, four sets of operating plans, and four sets of committees all dealing with some of the same issues. That not only is inefficient, it is expensive. A conservative estimate is that consolidating the organizations will save at least \$2.5 million of beef producers' dollars that can be spent on improvements.

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Ag Briefs

Gov.-Elect George W. Bush would like to see power shifted from Washington to the states and has called for a "new federalism" that lessens Washington's control over the environment, prisons, schools and the welfare system, says the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

A fire ant survey has been sent to TSCRA members in 72 Texas counties significantly infested with the pests. The survey, prepared by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, will attempt to assess the fire ant's actual economic impact on livestock operations and will be used to help find a way to manage the problem. TAES stresses that individual survey responses will be kept strictly confidential. For details, call 409-845-6800.

Toll-free number offers daily livestock and commodity price information:

Recorded price information, which is updated several times a day, for livestock, grain, fruits and vegetables, and poultry and eggs is available on a 24-hour toll-free number from the Federal State Market News Service of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The number, 1-800-252-3407, allows callers to reach a voice mail system that can connect them directly with specific price information. Callers also may continue to reach TDA market news reporters through the system.

SWCD offers seedling trees and grass seed

The Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is sponsoring its sixth annual conservation seedling tree program for area land users. The purpose of the program is to encourage the planting of trees for conservation, wildlife and windbreak benefits.

Conifer and hardwood trees are available. Adapted conifer species include Afghanistan Pine, Arizona Cypress, Austrian Pine and Red Cedar. Hardwood trees available include Catalpa, Desert Willow, Flameleaf Sumac, Green Ash, Honey Locust, Little Walnut, Nanking Cherry, Red Oak, Russian Olive, Sandcherry and Aromatic Sumac. Wildlife packets also are available to enhance game habitat and provide food for quail, deer, turkey and squirrels.

The cost for the seedlings is \$1.75 per tree for conifers, while hardwoods sell for \$11.00 per bundle of 25 trees. The wildlife packets are \$40.00 for 100 trees.

In addition to the tree program, the district is offering grass seed for pasture planting, range seeding and critical area planting. Grasses such as Plains Bluestem, Sideoats Grama, Alamo Switchgrass along with many other varieties are available and may be ordered at any time.

The USDA Soil Conservation Service is the technical agency that assists the Upper Elm-Red SWCD in carrying out its programs. For information on the conservation seedling tree program, and grass seed, contact the Soil Conservation Service in Gainesville at 668-7794.

Endangered Species Act may affect all Texans

by Donna Hart, TDA

The golden-cheeked warbler and the private property rights movement gained headlines this summer. Texans not affected by this particular endangered species may think this is an isolated incident but the Endangered Species Act touches all Texans.

The USFWS defines "take" to mean "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct, or any activity that destroys habitat occupied by a species."

The Endangered Species Act was signed into law in December 1973.

Since that time, many species have been added to the endangered or threatened list but only a few have been removed because populations improved.

For a species to get on the list, anyone can petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The information to determine if a species should be listed does not have to be verified or pass any scientific test. It just has to be the "best available data."

The golden cheked warbler was entered as an emergency listing to the Endangered Species list on a handwritten petition by a member of Earth First! The petition wasn't challenged so it went on the list. The USFWS estimates there are between 4,800-16,016 pairs of the songbird in Texas. The Service was using a 1988 analysis of satellite images to determine habitat.

The Houston toad was listed in 1973 after a request by an amateur

herpetologist. The toad can be found in at least five central Texas counties, but the USFWS still doesn't have a clear-cut definition of habitat or a good estimate of the population. Taxpayers in Bastrop County paid \$100,000 for tunnels under a highway that crosses alleged toad habitat so the toads could safely cross the road.

In the United States, there are 895 protected species and over 3,000 candidates. Texas has 64 threatened or endangered species and 297 candidates. In fact, only 35 of Texas' 254 counties do not have at least one species on the list.

Changes in the Endangered Species Act are likely soon, either through court decisions or through legislation, since the Act must be reauthorized by Congress.

Several suits, including one filed by the Texas attorney general, have challenged the way the Endangered Species Act is enforced and all basically say the law does not allow the federal government's actions in question.

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9. Black-capped Vireo, \$53.5
10. Swamp Pink, \$29.02

County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

SOYBEAN SEMINAR

During recent years, there has been an increased interest in soybean production in Cooke County and the Blacklands of North Texas. Just recently the Experiment Station at Prosper has been conducting soybean research.

A Soybean Production Seminar will be held Monday, January 23, presented by Dr. Travis Miller, Extension Agronomist from Texas A&M University. The meetings will be at noon at W.B. Hudspeth, Inc. at Era and at 7 p.m. at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op Building on Highway 82 near Muenster.

Producers have the opportunity to plant both early season soybeans and double crop soybeans following small grain production.

At the Seminar Miller will cover topics of Herbicides, Planting Dates and Plant Populations, and Results of State, County, and Experiment Station Soybean Production.

This past year we had several soybean demonstrations in the county including Herbicides for

Broadleaf Control, Grass Control, and Varieties. This information will be discussed at the program.

One and one-half Continuing Education Units will be given toward recertification of Private Applicator Licenses.

GRAIN SORGHUM UPDATE

The Texas Grain Sorghum Association, the Texas Grain Sorghum Board and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be co-sponsoring a meeting covering many aspects of Grain Sorghum Production and Grain Sorghum Outlook.

The meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. at the Smokehouse Restaurant in Lindsay. An Update on Grain Sorghum Information in the 1995 Farm Bill, Pesticide Research, Market Development, Sorghum Research, and Sorghum Utilization will all be covered by Y.F. Snodgrass of the Texas Sorghum Board.

Following this information, Jim Blalock, Extension Agronomist, will present a section on Production Practices for North Texas. This will include result demonstration work on Varieties, Herbicides, and Insect Control.

Producers will be offered two Continuing Education Units toward their Private Applicator License.

Due to the limited amount of space, we are asking that grain sorghum producers contact the County Extension Office prior to the meeting on January 24 to make reservations.

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County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

TDA offers information to pesticide applicators

The Texas Department of Agriculture is working with pesticide applicators to help make government regulations and related paperwork clearer and less burdensome. Commissioner Rick Perry recently sent letters to all pesticide applicators outlining licensing, training and special registration requirements.

Licensed private applicators must obtain 15 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) within five years of the date a license was issued. These hours must include two in laws and regulations and one in integrated pest management. If an applicator doesn't meet the CEU requirements within the five-year period, the license will not be renewed. However, if these requirements are met within one year after the license expires, the applicator may renew, but a late fee will be assessed.

Private applicators' certificates issued prior to Jan. 10, 1989, will expire at the end of 1995. To renew, applicators must obtain 15 continuing education units, including two credits in law and regulations and one in integrated pest management by Dec. 31, 1995, or become a licensed private applicator.

Temporary private applicator certificates expire Dec. 31. To keep buying and using restricted and state limited-use pesticides, a private applicator license must be obtained.

All provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency's Worker Protection Standard went into effect Jan. 1. To be in compliance, applicators must follow the product label and those "non-labeled" provisions found in the WPS How to Comply manual. These include providing safety training for workers and handlers, providing a decontamination site, keeping and posting a log of pesticide applications and making emergency transportation available. Qualified trainers must provide EPA verification cards to anyone they train. Cards are optional under federal law but are mandatory in Texas.


Before a commercial applicator makes an application on any property, the owner must be aware of WPS-specific information regarding the application. If pesticides have been applied on the property and a re-entry interval is still in effect, the property owner must tell the applicator where the property was sprayed before the applicator enters the establishment and comes within a quarter mile of the sprayed area.

Disciplinary action cannot be taken against employees who attempt to comply with WPS.

The Special Registration program evaluates requests for special local need registrations or emergency exemptions to use pesticides on sites not designated on product labels. An exemption known as a section 18 may be requested for an emergency non-routine situation caused by weather, a new pest or disease, if no other product is registered for control of the problem. Producers must show an economic loss to request a section 18. A public health exemption may be requested to protect the health of the public if no registered products or alternatives are available.

A section 24(c) exemption allows producers to use a registered product against a new pest or on a new site. It is granted only if the manufacturer requests this special local need registration. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service or the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station must support such a request.

For more information, call 1-800-TELL-TDA.



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Dwight D. Eisenhower

No one knows when the first person turned from the drought-stricken land, wiped a sweat-soaked brow, gazed up at the glaring sun, and thought, "If only I could make it rain." Since that time, there have been numerous attempts at weather modification in order to encourage clouds to produce more rainfall.

"It is certain that drought will occur and reoccur in West Texas. This gives us reason to consider again the amount of available fresh water that West Texans can tap, and with climate changes and the threat of drier weather, we're going to need to explore new, different ways of using the water we have, as well as developing additional fresh water resources," says George W. Bomar, Senior Technical Specialist, Water Planning And Assessment Division of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) in Austin. Bomar has assisted the TNRCC in the regulation of weather modification activities in West Texas during the past 20 years.

Weather modification is the attempt to change or control natural development of precipitation cloud forms in the lower half of the earth's atmosphere.

The typical large cumulus clouds that form in the High Plains area have relatively few natural nuclei (such as salt particles, sand particles, or specks of dust) around which moisture in the air can coalesce, or grow together, to

become raindrops.

As a result, Bomar says, most of the cloud moisture is never converted to raindrops because not enough natural nuclei are present. "Cloud seeding is designed to increase the number of nuclei. You want to cause five to ten times as many tiny raindrops or water droplets to form, which will then interact with other droplets, collide and coalesce to form larger and larger raindrops, he says.

Silver iodide, or AgI, is the most popular cloud seeding agent used today, because it very closely approximates natural ice crystals.

Weather modification projects do not increase rain in one area at another person's expense. Bomar says clouds are inefficient since they do not gather and release all the moisture that is available. Clouds only contain an average of one percent of the total atmospheric moisture at any time. If cloud seeding doubled the efficiency of a cloud formation, it would likely only contain two percent of the available moisture - leaving 98 percent available for other uses.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District at Big Spring (CRMWD) has operated a cloud seeding program since 1971. The cloud seeding project is conducted from April to October in order to augment rainfall runoff into the District's reservoirs and increase water supplies for irrigation purposes.

B.I.G. SESSIONS SLATED

With forage management vital to most livestock operations in Texas, the forage session scheduled for 2 p.m., January 18 at the Blackland Income Growth Conference (B.I.G.) focuses on the key elements to sound forage management.

The program at the Waco Convention Center includes a look at the potential impact of the Endangered Species Act on forage production, nativegrass management, and new native grass species for the Texas Blacklands, forage legumes, and fertilization with animal waste.

Don Petty, Associate Director of Commodities with Texas Farm Bureau, leads off the session with a discussion of the potential impact of the Endangered Species Act. Introducing new grass species into the Texas Blacklands will be discussed by Wayne Richardson of Richardson Seed, Inc.

A special presentation on the production of forage legumes by Extension forage Specialist Dr. David Bade explores the techniques of overseeding and direct seeding. Of special interest to dairy producers, Extension Agronomist Dr. George Alston closes the forage session with a discussion on forage fertilization using animal waste. Two CEUs will be offered for private, commercial, and non-commercial pesticide applicators attending this session.

For the second year, the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Leadership Conference has joined the Blackland Income Growth Conference and the Mid-Tex Farm and Ranch Show. "The success of our first joint meeting last year convinced us to again bring our Leadership Conference to the more than 30-year tradition of the B.I.G. and Farm Show," said Tommy Klemcke of Texas Farm Bureau.

"We have a full program with the latest information farmers and ranchers need to run a profitable operation," said Ken Davis, President of the B.I.G. Conference. The two-day joint conference expands the commodity sessions to include cotton, grain, forage, horses, beef, dairy, swine, poultry, rice and commercial horticulture.

Special features of the joint meeting on Tuesday, January 17, include a luncheon program featuring Cowboy Poetry with Dan Willis, the Texas Family Forum, a one-day session on economic management, stress and health-related issues impacting families. Also scheduled is Expanding Texas Rural Business on and meetings of the Texas Corn Growers Association, the Blackland Cotton and Grain Association and the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. The TFB Leadership Conference opens Monday, January 16, at 2:30 p.m.


CORN SEMINAR

Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension Corn Specialist, will be in Cooke County on Friday, January 13, to present two programs on Corn Production for the Blacklands of North Texas. The programs will be held at 8 a.m. at Era at W.B. Hudspeth, Inc., and at noon at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op Building near Muenster.

Cloyce will cover the topics of planting dates, plant populations, herbicide selection and timing, and other factors of corn production. This year with producers unable to plant a large amount of acreage to wheat, they have an opportunity to look at alternative cropping systems. Two Continuing Education Units toward Private Applicator License Recertification will be offered at the seminar.

4-H LIVESTOCK WORKSHOPS

4-H members with livestock projects are invited to attend various livestock workshops to be held on Saturday, January 21, at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. Swine and Beef sessions will be held from 8 a.m. until 10. From 10 a.m. until 12 noon 4-H members with Dairy Goats and Sheep Projects will meet and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 4-H members with Rabbit projects will have their project session. A variety of speakers will cover various aspects of Production, Fitting, and Showing. 4-H members are asked to pre-enroll by calling the County Extension Office 668-5412 by Friday, January 20.



From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

An old friend, John Fisher, who with his brother Joe, founded Fischer's Meat Market in 1927, had interest in a variety of different ventures.

John, along with his good friend, Albert Andress, traded in cattle, sheep and wool and, at times, ran a herd of cattle on one place or another.

Brother Joe spent his time, from early morning till late evening, tending the store and perfecting their own brand of German sausage while John, who also assisted inside, looked after their outside interests, especially keeping a good supply of live beef on hand, ready for the slaughter house at all times.

After Albert Andress dropped out of the picture, John supplied those of us who ran sheep a market for our wool and continued to buy live beef for the Market.

In the middle '50s, I believe it was, John was still running cattle and had a small herd on the Charlie Hellman place just south of Muenster and, one late spring, he asked me to help work his calves. The next day, Pat Fisher and a man I remember only as Shorty and myself were penning the cattle when a rather large bull calf broke away and disappeared behind some buildings. We decided to work the others and worry about the runaway later.

After finishing our work with the penned calves, Pat went in search of the runaway and soon called that he had found him inside a granary that had an open door. Pat quickly closed the door, trapping the calf and soon after we had the calf down, Pat holding his head and immobilizing his front leg, while

Shorty held the back legs. I had just given the animal an injection of Blackleg vaccine and was bending over his body, preparing to make a major change in his outlook for his future when we realized we had company. A kitty cat of the striped variety had come from behind Shorty, hopped over his leg and was standing on the calf's hind quarter with his tail erect and Shorty found himself looking directly at the business end of the skunk's defensive system.

It was a tense moment. I managed to whisper, "Freeze, don't move!" and then the little stinker moved along, between my legs, over one of Pat's, onto the calf's neck and off onto the floor and, in his own peculiar gait, ambled off into another section of the building.

Breathing a collective sigh of relief, we finished the job, feeling very lucky that the stinker that could, didn't.

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