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## Muenster Hospital's New Year's baby arrives Jan. 5, 2000

The New Year's Baby at Muenster Memorial Hospital is the son of Ron and Judy Trubenbach of Muenster. Carson Wayne Trubenbach, the first baby of the new millennium born in Muenster Memorial Hospital, arrived on Jan. 5, 2000 at 2:53 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 9.3 oz., and measured 21 1/4 inches in length. He was delivered by Dr. Thomas Currier, M.D. Dr. Alfredo Antonetti, M.D., assisted along with Lisa Schilling, R.N., Joyce Abney, R.N.C., Judy Flusche, R.N., Renate Pagel, R.N., and Dr. Audrey Morrill, M.D.

Carson Wayne Trubenbach joins a sister, Alley and brother, Zachary at home. Their grandparents are Wayne

and Mary Kay Trubenbach of Muenster and Jimmy Jack and Mary Biffle of Myra, Great-grandparents are Carl and Cecilia Schilling of Muenster.

This hospital's first baby of the year 2000 and his mother, enjoying the very beautiful MMH Birthing Center, will receive many gifts from admiring friends and local businesses including the following: Carl and MaryLee Alford - Keep Muenster Beautiful, Bayer's Kolonialwaren, Betty Rose Walterscheid Cakes, Congressman Ralph Hall, Carter's Children Wear, Center Restaurant, Christi's Jewelry & Gifts, Cooke County Appliance, Crafty Olde German, DI One Stop, Dr.

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Carson Wayne Trubenbach, Muenster Memorial Hospital's New Year and Millennium Baby arrived early Wednesday morning. Proud parents are Judy and Ron Trubenbach. Photo by Janie Hartman

## Commissioners record officials for history

by Janet Felderhoff  
Doing research in old courthouse records has made Commissioner Virgil Hess more aware of the importance of keeping good records for future generations. He has been seeking information to complete a grant application which, if accepted, will allow Cooke County to use state money to assist in the restoration of the county courthouse.

"Since this is the last meeting of the century, I would like to see us submit into our (Commissioners) Court records a list of names of all the elected officials and office holders," said Hess. "I would also like to have a picture of the full Court for those records." His request was approved.

Approval of the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Cooke

County and the Juvenile Justice Alternative Learning Academy with local school districts was unanimously approved. As explained by Cooke County Juvenile Officer Jim Farquhar, this is a working agreement between the Juvenile Board, Commissioners Court and all the individual school districts.

The agreement is the same as in the past except that the fee will be increased from \$35 to \$55. "We had the loss of some grant money so we had to go up \$20 a student," said Farquhar. The increase is the only change in the agreement being renewed.

Trace Ventures Explorations, Inc.'s request to place a 3-D Seismic Survey line across County Roads 432, 435, and 436 in Precinct #4. "What they're actually going to do is dig a 20 foot shot hole and do a 30 mile square area that covers the northwest part of Cooke County, Montague,

and Love County in Oklahoma," Hess explained. "They will dig shallow 20 foot holes. None of the holes will be drilled in the road right of way. They'll have them next to the fence."

Since the cables and other equipment might cross the road, Hess suggested that the same agreement that the company signed with the Highway Department be adopted by the county. This was agreed on by all Commissioners.

Bids on diesel fuel and gasoline for county use were opened and considered. Submitting bids were Herr Oil Company, Inc. of Gainesville and Douglass Distributing Company of Sherman. Herr's profit margin was eight cents on all products and Douglass' bid was a .0275 profit margin on all. The Douglass bid was unanimously approved.

In other business conducted at the Dec. 27, 1999 meeting Commissioners Court:

- Appointed County Judge Bill Harris as the representative of Cooke County on the TASWA (Texoma Area Solid Waste Association) Board.

- Approved a resolution supporting the Regional Landfill.

- Tabled consideration of rezoning of 2.60 acres from agriculture to residential off of County Road 238 in the Lake Ray Roberts Zoning Commission located in Precinct #2.

- Approved a proclamation of appreciation of Gainesville ISD school board members at the request of the GISD superintendent.

- Approved public official bond for Jay James Johnson of the Cooke County Sheriff's Dept.

- Approved minutes of last meeting and monthly bills.



Muenster Hornet Danny Felderhoff puts in two points against Callisburg in the Holiday Classic's opening boys' contest. See more tournament action on pages 6-7. Janie Hartman photo

## County candidates revealed for election

by Janet Felderhoff  
Monday, Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. was the last day for candidates to file for the March Primaries. Write-ins do not count for the Primary Elections unless it is or Precinct Chairman," noted Cooke County Clerk Evelyn Walterscheid.

That means that only one race will be contested in the Primaries and it will be in the Republican Primary as incumbent County Attorney Tanya Davis of Lake Kiowa is

challenged by Lanhon Odom of 602 County Road 333 Gainesville.

Races that will be contested in the November elections are for Cooke County Sheriff as Incumbent Mike Compton (R) of Gainesville is challenged by Democrat Johnny H. Koonce of Gainesville. Precinct #3 incumbent Jerry Lewis (D) of Valley View faces Frank Rust of Era who is running on the Republican ticket. David

Tharp of Lindsay is the Constable, Precinct #1 incumbent running on the Republican ticket. His Democrat opponent is Brand Webb of Gainesville.

Constable Precinct #4's incumbent chose not to seek re-election. Jodie Vance of Valley View is running for the Democratic nomination while Anthony (Tony) Ward of Lake Kiowa seeks the nomination of the Republican Party.

Unopposed incumbents include 235th District Judge Jerry Woodcock (D) of Gainesville; District Attorney Janelle Haverkamp (R) of Gainesville; County Tax Assessor Collector Billie J. Knight (D) of Gainesville; Precinct #1 Commissioner Phil Young of Gainesville; and Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, Place 1 Bill Freeman (R) of Gainesville.

The Primary Elections are scheduled for March 14.

## Ten Year Plan should cover all streets

by Dave Fette  
Street re-surfacing was the major area of discussion at Monday's City Council meeting at City Hall. Street Commissioner John Pagel said that with a few exceptions, Muenster is maintaining the schedule that he developed with city administrator Steve Broyles that would see all city streets paved or resurfaced in ten years. Pagel said some streets planned for resurfacing this year may not seem to be in

bad shape now, but the idea is to re-cover the street before it becomes badly worn. Councilman Dennis Hess asked Pagel to consider changing his plan slightly so to repair a few streets out of order because they are in bad shape right now. The council did not agree to "special pick" certain streets, but did agree to let resurfacing projects on First through Fifth Streets this year out on bids for contracting. This should insure, with city crews working

on other streets and with help from Cooke County Precincts 3 and 4 on some jobs adjoining their precincts, that the street plan for 2000 is met.

Last year's street work saw delays for work on the city water distribution system and construction of the new water tower. The council also authorized stockpiling rock for the streets to be sure they get the quality they want. Rock used in the fall of 1999 to resurface Maple Street is

causing a lot of dust.

Steve Broyles suggested the purchase of a used street sweeper and compared the cost to buying the service from the City of Gainesville. The council

agreed to send a party to look at the sweeper and authorized spending up to \$6,500. They also okayed getting a Gainesville sweeper over here if a purchase doesn't work out pretty fast.

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## Classic ball played over the holidays

This holiday break wasn't a break for 20 local basketball teams that participated in the 2th Annual KGAF-NCTC Holiday Classic basketball tournament, held Dec. 27 through 30 at the NCTC gymnasium.

It was repeat championships for the Valley View Lady Eagles and Pilot Point Wildcats Thursday night. Valley View flew by the Tigerettes of Sacred Heart, while the 'Cats clawed an overtime victory from Callisburg. Sacred Heart and the Wildcats settled for the second place trophies.

Awards were also given to 47 academic all-star seniors, the Bill King Award to Joe B. Walter and to the all tournament teams.

Kayla Felderhoff and Sarah Hess of Sacred Heart made All Tournament, while Julie Prescher of Valley View and Robbie McKenzie of Callisburg were Outstanding Academic All Stars. Jordan Davis of Valley View and Kyle Robinson of Pilot Point received MVP awards.

The following is a report of the four day, 34 game tournament.

**DAY ONE**  
**Lady Hornets 50**  
**Callisburg 40**  
Muenster and Callisburg opened the tournament Monday morning with an 8:30 tip-off. The Lady Hornets took an early lead then allowed the Lady Cats to take a 5 point advantage at half-time, before outscoring them 31-16 the second half for a win. Heather Hess, Kelly Felderhoff and Allison Endres led Muenster scorers with 12, 11 and 10 points. Kristi Lutkenhaus added 7, Ashley Hess 6, and 2 apiece from Krystal Sparkman and Diane Britain.

Mac Threadgill was high scorer for Callisburg with 15 points.

**M 14 5 16 15 50**  
**C 11 13 9 7 40**

**Hornets 42**  
**Callisburg 59**  
Two cold quarters put the Hornets behind where they couldn't catch up in the final period. Danny Felderhoff dropped in 19 points for Muenster. Mitch Endres,

Justin Fleitman and Chisam Cain each added 6 and Jim Stoffels 5.

Robbie McKenzie got his average, 24 points for the Wildcats.

**M 6 15 7 14 42**  
**C 17 17 18 7 59**

**Tigerettes 47**  
**Lady Knights 35**

The Lindsay Ladies threatened Sacred Heart in round one action Monday morning, taking an early 9-2 lead, then tying the game at the end of the first period. Then the whistles seemed to blow against the Lady Knights, who scored only 7 points in the second and third quarters, allowing the Tigerettes to jump into a big 40-20 lead going into the final quarter.

Andrea Bauer and Audrey Barnhill turned the game

around," noted Coach Jon LeBrasseur. "Our defense changed the game."

Kayla Felderhoff was high scorer in the match with 21 points. Bauer added 10 points. Sarah Hess 7, with Barnhill and Joanna Gehrig each scoring 4. Raney Bauer added a free throw. The Tigerettes were 13 of 16 from the charity strip.

Karah O'Dell was high scorer for Lindsay with 12 points. Jo Sparkman and Amanda Tamplin each added 5. Deanna Meurer put in 4, Jacque Bezyer 3, and 2 each from Courtney

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# Most local governments collect record sales tax revenues in 1999

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered the final sales tax rebates for 1999 — a total of \$222.9 million to 1,105 cities and 119 counties. December's rebates bring the total sales tax allocated to local taxing entities in 1999 to \$3.5 billion, a new one-year record for local sales tax revenue and an increase of 7.1 percent compared to sales tax allocations in 1998.

"Local sales tax allocations for 1999 confirm the message I have been delivering across the state this year," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Texas economy is robust, consumer confidence is high, and economic growth is creating paychecks and jobs for Texans."

December's \$222.9 million in sales tax rebates to cities and counties is a 26.4 percent increase over the 176.3 million allocated in December 1998. Cities received \$204.6 million, 26.4 percent higher than last December's payments of \$161.9 million. Sales tax rebates in 1999 to cities total \$2.3 billion, up 7.1 percent compared to the \$2.1 billion rebated in 1998.

Muenster was the only city in Cooke County not to see an increase in the total sales tax rebates compared to 1998. In 1999 Muenster's rebates totaled \$218,622.87 which was a decrease of 2.73 percent compared to the total in '98. The December rebate to Muenster was \$21,062.92. That amount was an increase of 41.61 percent from December 1998.

Gainesville December rebate of \$304,446.15 was up 23.72

percent from a year ago. Total payments in 1999, \$3,377,509.85 was an increase of 3.99 percent from the 1998 total.

Lindsay received \$8,688.29 in December showing an increase of 101.07 percent from December 1998. Total rebate payments for the year, \$29,330.96 was up 42.55 percent.

Oak Ridge received \$8,823.10 for December. That was an increase of 166.80 percent from December 1998. The 1999 total for Oak Ridge, \$73,838.13 was up 43.17 percent from 1998.

Valley View also saw an increase for December. The rebate of \$14,376.31 was up 334.12 percent from December 1998. Valley View's total for the year, \$37,262.40, was up 75.79 percent from the 1998 total.

The total amount returned to cities in Cooke County for 1999, \$3,835,564.21, was up 5.65 percent from the county cities total in 1998.

December allocations to counties of \$18.2 million are up 26.3 percent compared to last December's payments of \$14.4 million. During 1999 counties received \$200 million in sales tax allocations, up 1.4 percent compared to 1998 allocations of \$197 million.

Cooke County was sent a December rebate of \$129,642.89 which was up 23.99 percent from the December 1998 payment. Total payments in 1999 were \$1,307,948.20, an increase of 4.99 percent from the 1998 total.

## Funding from Meadows Foundation benefits North Central Texas College

The recent award of \$168,000 grant from the Meadows Foundation will be utilized by North Central Texas College to implement innovative technological and workforce training programs at the new Corinth Campus.

NCTC Dean of Institutional Advancement Debbie Pounds, describing the Meadows Foundation as one of the most prestigious private philanthropic organizations in the country said, "The presentation of funding from this foundation demonstrates that NCTC is committed to offering quality education. I am so honored that the college received this generous contribution."

She noted that the Foundation asked specifically that a portion of the funding be allocated for training or re-training of special populations to prompt enhancement of workplace skills and employment marketability.

The grant will assist NCTC in establishing a distance learning lab and a corporate training center.

"The distance learning lab

will serve as a direct link to area high schools, the Regional Education Service Centers, our many corporate partners and the NCTC campus to offer a substantially greater number of dual credit courses," Pounds said. "They will expand the educational opportunities beyond the walls of the new campus by providing flexible delivery and scheduling."

The Center for Business and Industry will feature an elevated lecture hall, classrooms, computer labs, and specialized technical labs that may be utilized for corporate training, degree programs or community events. "The college takes very seriously its role in economic development," said Pounds, "principally in regard to helping provide a trained workforce. The college will regularly sponsor customized workshops, seminars and short courses in the new facility which meet the needs of business and industry."

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## Hospital directors respond

**6) Additional comments:**  
**Khawaja Anwar** - None.  
**David Hutcherson** - The combining of these two districts is the impetus behind the building of a new facility. It is an opportunity to control our own health care destiny. This will be a facility of which we all will be proud. It shows we are a progressive community.  
**Doug Lewis** - None.  
**Karla Metzler** - No response.  
**Jerry Parr** - None.  
**Mike Paulson** - No response.  
**Earl Russell** - None.  
**Dave Sanders** - None.  
**Larry Sears** - No response.  
**Chas Bayer** - None.  
**Werner Becker Jr.** - None.  
**Phil Endres** - None.  
**Don Flusche** - I am asking for your support in this important matter. It is much better for all of us in the district to have some say in the new hospital with representative seats on the board so we don't have to take what is offered and have to live with it. With good strong representation on the board we will not be left without good quality health care. Everyone is concerned about their health and with health care so close to home it alleviates the hardship in making appointments and having to drive a great distance to wait for a doctor when you don't feel well. I can think of nothing more disturbing. Call me if you like, I will be happy to discuss anything you have on your mind concerning health care.  
**Lora Hennigan** - None.  
**Gerald "Jerry" Hess** - None.  
**Duane Knabe** - None.  
**Jack Murdock** - None.  
**Margie Starke** - I hope that each and every citizen of Cooke County will support this joint effort to bring a bigger and better health care system to our communities.

**Late responses from GMH directors on questions printed earlier:**  
**Why did you vote for the Memorandum of Understanding to pursue the consolidation of the two hospital districts?**  
**Khawaja Anwar** - I think it will bring better medical care to the Cooke County residents— wherever they are.  
**Earl Russell** - Operating two districts in one county is not efficient. We need to upscale our medical facilities and combining districts make for more efficient operations.

## GMH hospital directors respond

**2) How do you personally feel about closing MMH (GMH if you're from that board)?**  
**Khawaja Anwar** - Other than feelings of nostalgia for the "old" I have only positive feelings about this issue.  
**David Hutcherson** - My constituency GMH will have a new and better facility than we now have.  
**Doug Lewis** - I look forward to it; I doubt we'll lose much of value from either hospital (i.e. the people and community support).  
**Karla Metzler** - No response.  
**Jerry Parr** - GMH is not an adequate health care facility to meet the need of health care today. Two great examples are that the Emergency Room is not large enough and Outpatient Care cannot be delivered cost effectively.  
**Mike Paulson** - No response.  
**Earl Russell** - We will find a good use for the existing hospital to best serve the needs of the community. The hospital has served us well. We will have a new facility that offers more and better services to us all.  
**Dave Sanders** - The cost to make GMH a viable up to date hospital approaches the cost of a new hospital that would be state-of-the-art. So I have no reservations about closing the hospital when we have a new one that will better serve the area.  
**Larry Sears** - No response.

## THC seeks preservation award nominations

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is accepting award nominations for individuals, groups, or organizations who merit recognition for outstanding contributions to historic preservation. Awards are divided into a number of program areas and will be presented at the annual statewide historic preservation conference in San Antonio, May 4-6, 2000. If you know of a deserving person or organization, request an awards packet from the THC History Programs Division, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX, 78711-2276 or call 512-463-5853.

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## From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

Spending Christmas week, Dec. 19 through 25, with the Gerry and Christa (Cler) Cash family, was, to say the least, a good time.

Jim, Aileen and I drove to Kennesaw, a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia on the 18th and left for home on the 26th. The week passed only too quickly. Our days were full with sight seeing and other activities.

It was a beautiful Christmas. One of few we have spent with some of our kids away from home.

We toured Kennesaw Mountain, where there still are remnants of the Confederate and Union soldiers battles. Earthen bulwarks thrown up by the Confederates are still visible, and some old cannon stand atop the mountain, grim reminders of the dreadful war between the states.

On a much happier vein, we spent one evening touring the campus of Life University, a medical school in Marietta, Georgia, viewing the Lights of Life.

The whole campus is lit up with literally millions of bulbs, arranged in many decorative schemes, designed to expand

the Christmas theme. Of particular interest was the very beautiful Nativity scene that was lighted in a manner that made each figure seem real, and the whole seemed to bring its true meaning to mind.

Then there were the animated figures in the little shops, where candy, cookies, and toy making was in progress. Many of the figures were life-size and were working at their particular line, and wishing all a Merry Christmas.

To really see these, we, along with many others, found it necessary to park the van, and walk by these glass fronted buildings to enjoy the labors of many public spirited people who made it all possible.

The expenses involved in such a widespread undertaking must be pretty heavy, so it was sponsored by Cobb E.M.C., a utility concern, and Kroger Food Stores, and by Coca-Cola.

Many thanks are in order to these public-minded companies, and our special thanks to Christa and family for braving the heavy traffic so we could enjoy this special sight.

## Letters To The Editor

**Dear Editor,**  
 We senior citizens of the Valley View Area have experienced a wonderful year in 1999. Our Community Center at 101 Lee Street has served as a hub of activity for this area.

We have established it as a 501 C-3 Charitable Foundation known as Valley View Senior Citizens Foundation with a mailing address of P.O. Box 101 Valley View, TX 76272 and are on our way toward raising the needed \$100,000.00 Fund that will insure its perpetual existence and enhanced operation.

We recently received a \$3,000.00 commitment from the Guaranty National Bank of Gainesville, and at our last SNAP meeting on Thursday Dec. 30, with a small attendance we passed the hat and raised \$1,150.00 as we realize we must give in order to get.

Edward F. "Kit" Carson  
21 W. Lone Oak Road  
Valley View, TX 76272-7117

**Letter to the Editor,**  
 My wife, Marcy just had surgery on her back last Wednesday. She is doing fine, but still recuperating at the New Denton Regional Medical Center. Besides advising Marcy's friends, it is an opportunity for an observation

from me about what we can look forward to with the combining of the two hospitals here in Cooke County. It was amazing to see all of the new technologies that are available for patients treatment and care. The advanced tools make the stay so much more comfortable, and to think that it will eliminate the 100's of trips out of County!

Marcy and I were so grateful for our four wonderful daughters that have been with her for all of the hours of the past five days. But think of all of the driving, "eating out" expenses and time that this consumed. If it had been available in our area, many of her friends could visit her.

We have had great service and wonderful facilities for the size of our town, but now we can advance past that. I have greatly appreciated the great services received locally that have received under life threatening circumstances for me. There are many Muenster service people in the New Regional Medical facilities, any possible some of them would be available and enjoy working in the new facilities. They are the best, and it is great to have people you know around you for your services.

Ray J. Wild  
1012 Cherry Lane  
Muenster, TX 76252

## CITY COUNCIL cont. from pg.

Other items of discussion or action included:

- The current solid waste collection contract with IESI may be extended after talks. The waste disposal company wants to make system improvements and is asking for a five year contract instead of the current three year agreement.
- Councilman Stan Endres, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, asked the council to consider the levy of a hotel/motel tax. This city collected tax, set by ordinance up to an allowable seven percent on motels and bed-and-breakfasts, could be used to advertise Muenster tourist attractions. The council agreed to allow draft of the ordinance and consider it at a public hearing.
- A committee of membership yet to be announced will consider the use or disposition of the old

museum building, now vacant and the old public library building, to become vacant this year.

- The monthly budget summary was approved and monthly bills totaling \$50,016.39 were approved for payment.

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Sunday, January 9, 2000	Monday, January 10, 2000 VFW meeting 8 P.M.	Tuesday, January 11, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center	Wednesday, January 12, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center C of C Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., The Center/SH Alumni & Friends meeting, 7:30 a.m., Cafeteria/Adult Education Program, 7:30-8:30 p.m., SHHS Library/Adult Coed Volleyball, 7 P.M. Old Muenster Gym (every Wed thru March or April)	Thursday, January 13, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Keep Muenster Beautiful meeting, 5:30 P.M., CCEC/MISD School Board meeting, 7:30 P.M. DIALOGUE meeting, 7 P.M., Lindsay Clinic/Muenster Historical Commission meeting-New Museum, 8 a.m., Everyone Welcome!	Friday, January 14, 2000	Saturday, January 15, 2000
Sunday, January 16, 2000	Monday, January 17, 2000 VFW Auxiliary meeting, 8 P.M. SHS - NO SCHOOL, Teacher In Service SHS Advisory Council meeting, 7:30 P.M., Library	Tuesday, January 18, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Library Board meeting, 6:30 P.M.	Wednesday, January 19, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Adult Education Program, 7:30-8:30 p.m., SHHS Library Adult Coed Volleyball, 7 P.M. Old Muenster Gym (every Wed thru March or April)	Thursday, January 20, 2000 Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30, S.N.A.P. Center Blood Drive, 12 to 8 P.M., KC Hall	Friday, January 21, 2000	Saturday, January 22, 2000

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## OBITUARIES

### John Pete "Johnny" Streng 1914 - 1999

by Elfreda Fette

John P. "Johnny" Streng died at age 85 at his home in Muenster Dec. 23, 1999 at 3:00 p.m., only a few days before reaching the end of the century.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1914 in Muenster to Henry and Emma (Nehib) Streng and lived his entire life in the Muenster area. On Aug. 23, 1945, he married Sophie Mae Streng in St. Peter's Church of Muenster. A member of Sacred Heart Church, he was also a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1459, St. Joseph's Society. He worked in the oil fields for many years. He was a farmer and a dairyman. Some of his hobbies were playing bingo, deer hunting, and gardening. Taking pride in his garden, he would talk for hours about it.

Survivors are his wife of 54 years, Mae Streng of Muenster; daughter and son-in-law Patsy and Regi Bayer of Muenster; a son and daughter-in-law John Henry and Lynda Streng of Grapevine; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; three sisters: Iroline Schilling of Muenster, Evelyn McDaniel of Huntsville, and Marie DeBois of Irving. Preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers Paul Streng, Ed Streng, Bill Streng, and Joe Streng; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mass of Christian Burial was held in Sacred Heart Church on Monday, Dec. 27, 1999 at 10:00 a.m., officiated by Father Thomas Craig, pastor and other Harry Fisher of St. John's Church in Valley View. Burial services were Pat Bayer, eat-nephew, Danny Kendall, eat-nephew, and Erin Erick, great-niece, all of Muenster. In the special funeral liturgy were Readings from the Old



John P. "Johnny" Streng

Testament Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 and from the New Testament Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7, given by Kyle Streng, grandson and a niece, McAden, granddaughter, respectively. The gospel and homily were given by Father Tom, pastor.

Great-grandchildren Kristi, Casey, and Cole McAden presented Offertory gifts of bread and wine at the altar. Granddaughter Kim Bayer Hess read Offertory petitions and prayers of the faithful.

Eucharistic Ministers were Alice Kendall, niece, and Phyllis Schad, niece, and family friends Annette Anderle, Viola Rohmer, Leoba Mollenkopf, and Miriam Caplinger.

Sacred music was presented by Linda Flusche, Christy Hesse, Jack White, and Ruth Felderhoff. Selections included "I Am The Resurrection And The Life," "Prayer Of St. Francis," "How Great Thou Art" a solo by Jack White, "Edelweiss Blessing," and "On Eagles Wings."

Remarks of Remembrance were given by niece and godchild, Debbie Walterscheid, from notes compiled by Mr. Streng's son and daughter. He

was remembered for always helping his family. His biggest pleasure was family gatherings with him cooking at the grill. An avid sports fan, his favorite was baseball.

Patsy remembers her Dad's gentle hands, broad shoulders, dancing blue eyes when he smiled, and his harmonica playing. John Henry remembers his Dad's tender heart. Both remember him leading the family rosary and making sure they said their night prayers. Grandchildren remember his invitation to bingo, and getting to eat out, and being told when they visited "Stay awhile, you don't have to rush off, and, do come back."

How he appreciated the visits and acts of kindness during his illness. He loved Christmas time, and this year he had the best of all, getting to join his own three little angels, Kristi, Regi, and McKinley.

Following the Remarks of Remembrance, Kim Bayer Hess read the poem "Safely Home."

Prayer Services preceding the day of funeral included a Family Rosary at McCoy Chapel on Thursday, Dec. 23 at 5:00 p.m. led by Mary Jean Bayer, a godchild. On Saturday, Dec. 25 a Family Rosary was held in McCoy Chapel at 3:30 p.m. led by his wife, Mae and his daughter Patsy. On Sunday, Dec. 26, a community Rosary Service was held at 4:00 p.m., led by Sister Lillian Reiter, OSB, and Vigil at 7:00 p.m. led by Father Tom Craig.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Ronnie Bayer, Chad Bayer, Kyle Streng, Jeff McAden, Rudy Hess all grandsons and Duwayne Schilling, a nephew.

### Ida Belle (Brown) Hofbauer 1912 - 1999

by Elfreda Fette

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Ida Belle (Brown) Hofbauer on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000 in Sacred Heart Church at 10:00 a.m., officiated by Father Thomas Craig, pastor. A long-time resident of Muenster, Mrs. Hofbauer died at age 87 at her residence in Amesville on Jan. 1, 2000 at 4:50 p.m., only a day into the w century.

Participating in the special liturgy for the Mass of Christian Farewell were altar servers Mike, Matt, and Neil Bayer. Liturgical Readings from the Old and New Testaments were given by Lorea Hofbauer, who also read Offertory Petitions and prayers of the Faithful. Offertory gifts of bread and wine were presented at the altar by John and Allison Bayer.

Sacred music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff organist and Christy Hesse soloist, including "Amazing Grace," "Prayer of St. Francis," "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman," "Edelweiss Blessing," and "How Great Thou Art."

Eucharistic Ministers were provided by Dale Hofbauer, Stephen Hofbauer, nieces Taylor, Lorena Taylor, and Nettie Bayer, and Johnathan Bayer.

Remarks of Remembrance were given by Patty, Mrs. Ronald Bayer. Recalling her as a friend, Patty stated: "Ida Belle Hofbauer was born June 12, 1912 in Atlanta, Ga. On Apr. 15, 1934 she married Joseph Hofbauer in St. James parish in Dallas. In 1949 they adopted their daughter, Sylvia.

"Ida Belle was an active member in the parish. She was a president of both the Altar Society and the Sewing Club. I met Ida Belle in 1957. She had a group of ladies came on

Wednesdays to mend clothes at St. Joseph's Home for Children, where I lived at the time. I can't remember a time when there wasn't something for them to sew, being that there were 60-100 girls at any given time residing at St. Joseph's. One of my jobs was to work in what we called the "clothes room." Ida Belle introduced me to the sewing machine; it was a Singer Treadle machine. She was very patient with me as I tried to coordinate my feet and hands. She also taught me how to hand stitch. Thanks to her I am pretty handy with a needle and thread."

"In 1965, Joe retired from the Dixie Wax Paper Company. The family moved home to Muenster and bought a little house on Hickory Street. Sylvia transferred from Bishop Dunn High School to Sacred Heart and graduated in 1966. She then went on to attend Cooke County College. Sylvia and Ida Belle opened a day care center in Muenster. The children affectionately called Ida Belle, Grandma."

"On Apr. 15, 1974 she and Joe celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary with a Mass in the Sister's chapel. Joe passed away on May 31 of that year."

"Two years later, Sylvia married Dale Bayer in 1976 and they had four children: Lisa, Joel, Andrew, and Scott. Ida Belle liked to have her grandchildren visit. The kids would stay with her after swim lessons in the summer or Sylvia would just bring them for a visit. Ida Belle was a good cook and she enjoyed having a hot lunch for Dale when he was working in Muenster."

"Sylvia and I were talking and remembering her mother and she reminded me of how much her mother enjoyed sewing. She used to make Wedding gowns and

bridesmaid dresses. She also loved to crochet and made some really beautiful Afghans and baby blankets. Something else that she loved was her backyard and all the flowers."

"During this past year she was not able to get around or care for herself so she moved to Gainesville with Sylvia and the family. She was accepting of her illness and she really didn't complain when she was confined to her bed. She accepted the place where God had brought her. She was a devout Catholic and trusted in God and His will."

"I will always remember her with love. She was a kind and gracious lady. All whom she loved and who loved her will miss her."

Preceding the day of funeral, a Vigil Service was held at McCoy Funeral Chapel on Monday, Jan. 3 at 7:00 p.m. led by Father Tom.

Ida Belle Hofbauer was born in Atlanta, Texas on June 12, 1912 to John Brown and Bedie Long Brown. On Apr. 15, 1934 she married Joseph John Hofbauer in Dallas. She lived in Muenster for 34 years, and prior to that, in Dallas.

Survivors are her daughter and son-in-law Sylvia Ann and Dale Bayer of Gainesville, and four grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband Joseph John Hofbauer, who died May 31, 1974; and one sister Ruby Pilgram.

Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery was directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Dale Hofbauer, Harold Flusche, Tim Bindel, David Bayer, Bill Bayer, and William Hermes.

For those who have asked, the family has suggested memorials sent to Sacred Heart Church or to the Muenster Public Library.

## Law enforcement association names King crime fighter of the year

The Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (C.L.E.A.T.) named State Representative Phil King (R-Weatherford) as the 1999 Crime Fighter of the Year. The association noted King's work toward improving the lives and working conditions of Texas law enforcement officers during the 76th Legislative Session.

"Rep. King had the added

experience of being a working police officer before being elected. He used this background to be a player in Texas politics," said Charley Wilkison, Political Director for C.L.E.A.T.

King served on the Public Safety Committee, which deals with law enforcement and crime issues. King's experience as former judge and police

officer gained him notoriety as being a member who brought a common sense, practical evaluation of the issues before the committee.

King was humbled by his selection as the 1999 Crime Fighter of the Year. "I was very surprised to be selected, this having been a successful session for many of my colleagues."

## Governor's Community Achievement Award information sought

The Board of Directors and members of Keep Muenster Beautiful will learn more about how the \$65,000.00 Governor's Community Achievement Award can be spent on beautification projects in Muenster. B.J. Janek from Austin and Wayne Bell with TX DOT in Gainesville will talk to the group at the next Keep Muenster Beautiful meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13 at the Cooke County Co-op Auditorium. All interested are welcome to attend.

Ideas on how to spend the \$65,000.00 submitted by those in the community range from creating beautiful entries into Muenster from both ends of highway 82 to replacing the industrial trash drums on Main Street with beautiful ornamental trash receptacles.

The \$65,000.00 Governor's Community Achievement Award was won because of overwhelming support from the entire community of Muenster for the anti-litter, cleanup and beautification efforts of the Muenster Proud - Keep Muenster Beautiful organization. Muenster is eligible to win an Award of Excellence again this and next year, and eligible to win the Governor's Community Achievement Award again in 2002. With the continued support of the Muenster community Keep Muenster Beautiful will be able to

organize spring and fall litter cleanups, provide anti-litter education, encourage better recycling programs, present awards and take on special

beautification projects; all of which promote business and tourism in Muenster, thus helping the economy.

submitted by MaryLee Alford

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### How dry? '99 driest of decade

For the record, 1999 will go down as the driest year in the nineties for the Muenster area. Officially in Muenster the rainfall total was 26.62 inches. Coming out on top for the decade was 1990 with a total rainfall of 50.52 inches. That was almost double last year's total! The new decade seems to be more promising as with only three days into the year, 39 inches have been recorded. Also being foretold for the area is an unwelcome crop of grasshoppers. The winter has been mild and the rainfall scant making perfect hatching conditions for the numerous eggs that have been laid by the multitude of grasshoppers that descended on the county last summer.

The totals for this year have been officially recorded by Janette Hess at her home in Muenster.

Yr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
'49	4.86	1.63	2.54	1.34	7.57	3.00	.48	.76	8.85	6.60	.00	1.86	39.49
'59	.40	.65	1.52	.97	2.73	5.70	3.48	2.22	2.79	8.57	.50	3.83	33.36
'69	2.41	2.71	5.35	3.38	6.54	2.42	.75	2.00	5.79	5.10	.60	3.87	40.92
'79	3.94	1.43	8.97	3.69	6.49	1.94	1.17	1.79	.98	1.30	1.46	2.06	35.22
'89	3.40	3.62	2.83	.60	13.88	6.86	1.79	3.22	5.25	1.95	.22	.16	43.58
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
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
1966 to 1975	1.65	2.25	2.71	4.21	4.44	2.55	2.54	3.10	5.30	3.92	1.68	1.83	36.18
1976 to 1985	1.58	2.14	3.70	2.74	5.29	3.43	1.45	1.31	3.16	5.43	2.38	1.43	34.01
1986 to 1995	1.71	2.22	2.46	2.91	5.24	3.38	1.51	1.88	3.95	2.69	2.09	2.69	32.73
'90	3.30	3.55	6.63	11.79	6.46	3.45	2.46	3.25	2.31	1.97	3.97	1.38	50.52
'91	2.45	.89	1.99	1.29	4.36	2.54	1.87	3.21	5.30	7.16	1.47	7.36	39.89
'92	3.16	1.65	2.07	1.23	5.35	4.18	.77	.81	5.80	.70	4.45	4.25	34.42
'93	1.98	3.94	3.30	3.35	5.43	3.67	.05	2.11	6.12	7.14	.96	2.84	40.89
'94	1.20	3.49	3.63	5.77	3.59	1.06	4.02	1.10	5.49	5.65	5.20	2.17	42.37
'95	1.48	0.42	3.34	3.34	5.88	3.92	2.89	3.72	0.00	1.42	1.15	2.31	33.94
'96	.78	trace	3.30	3.65	.18	4.50	2.47	5.32	7.75	2.94	5.18	.18	36.25
'97	.49	7.44	2.69	5.31	8.48	3.32	.52	1.47	.97	4.29	1.26	4.91	41.15
'98	4.15	1.89	5.44	1.92	1.00	5.20	0.00	.87	1.82	3.17	2.42	2.67	30.55
'99	2.40	.24	3.62	2.80	6.94	4.41	0.00	0.16	0.99	1.76	0.81	2.49	26.62

### Haskell Carroll Smith 1926 - 1999

Haskell "Hack" Carroll Smith of Myra died Dec. 29, 1999 at Muenster Memorial Hospital at age 73. Services were held at Myra Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., officiated by Rev. Larry Huffman. Burial Reed Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith was born on Nov. 1, 1926 in Haskell, Texas to Samuel Louis and Mary A. Edwell-Smith. He was a veteran of W.W.II, and was a retired employee of Weber Aircraft; he was president of Myra Community Club; a member of the Myra Volunteer Fire Department; he was an officer at Grace Friendship Baptist Church; and was an

ordained deacon at the Myra Baptist Church.

Survivors are: son and daughter-in-law, Sammy and Angie Smith of Myra; daughter, Linda Johnson of Era; and daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Wayne Selder of Gainesville. Also grandchildren Amanda, Michael, and Scott Johnson, Leslie and Christy Selder, Teresa and John Smith; great-grandson Dalton Selder Pence; and brother Paul Smith of Fort Worth.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Pauline June Smith on June 16, 1997.

Pallbearers were Leon Fuhrmann, Jerome Fuhrmann, Charlie Switzer, James Hucky, Barry Selder, and Doug Martin.

### Dorothy (Younger) Kaiser 1919 - 1999

Dorothy Elizabeth (Younger) Kaiser died at age 80 at St. Richard's Villa on Dec. 29, 1999 at 2:25 p.m. Memorial Service was held on Friday, Dec. 31 at the McCoy Funeral Chapel in Muenster at 2:00 p.m.

A Funeral Mass was offered in Buffalo, New York, followed by burial directed by Beach-Tuyn Funeral Home. The family suggested memorial contributions made to the Alzheimer's Association.

She was born on July 12, 1919 in Park, Kansas to Joseph Younger and Pauline Driehing Younger. On Feb. 21, 1939 she was married to Leo Kaiser in Englewood, Colorado. A homemaker, she lived in

Buffalo, New York for 25 years before moving to Muenster in 1996.

Survivors are one daughter, Imogene Gagliardi of Newport, Minnesota, and four sons Ken Kaiser and his wife, Kathy of Gainesville; Harold Kaiser and his wife Carole of Englewood, Colorado; Tom Kaiser and his wife Donna of East Amherst, New York; and Steven Kaiser of Lexington, Kentucky. There are 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Also one sister Rosemary Schick of Hoxie, Kansas.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Leo Kaiser, on Feb. 21, 1991 and several sisters and brothers.

## GMH, Rotary to sponsor blood drive

The Texoma Regional Blood Center mobile unit will be conducting a blood drive at Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 12, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drive is sponsored by GMH and the Gainesville Rotary Club. A mobile unit team will be set up for blood donations in the Gerald Culwell Conference Center at GMH. The public is invited to participate.

A complete list of donor selection criteria is available from the Texoma Regional Blood Center, but the basic requirement is simply general good health.

For more information on the blood drive, contact Gayla Blanton, Director of Community Relations at GMH, 940-612-4641, or any Gainesville Rotary Club member.



# Lifestyle

## Kelly Lamkin reinitiates DIALOGUE support group

Many people diagnosed with cancer need to be able to share their feelings with someone who cares and understands. The American Cancer Society provides that type of service through their support group, DIALOGUE. The objectives of this program are to provide an opportunity for individuals with cancer to share common experiences, problems and solutions in a supportive atmosphere, give them a chance to talk confidentially with others who are coping with cancer and to help them better understand and learn to live with cancer.

DIALOGUE provides educational information to the participants and an opportunity to learn additional ways of coping with their cancer experience. Individuals with cancer, their families and friends are invited to attend DIALOGUE. Some may be in remission, some may be newly

diagnosed and some may be undergoing treatment, but all maintain a common bond - cancer.

DIALOGUE is led by a facilitator trained by the American Cancer Society. Kelly Lamkin, L.S.W. is the facilitator for the DIALOGUE group in Cooke County. Kelly is a Licensed Social Worker who has been working with Home Hospice of Cooke County for 2 1/2 years. DIALOGUE is coming back to Cooke County in January. DIALOGUE will meet at the Lindsay Health Clinic monthly.

If you are interested in a discussion group and an opportunity to share common experiences, you are invited to attend the DIALOGUE meeting on Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Kelly Lamkin at 940-665-9891 or 940-759-4595.



Cody Klement, at left, accepts Outstanding Range Management Student award from Texas Section President Wayne Hanselka. Courtesy photo

## Cody Klement named outstanding senior

Cody Klement of Muenster was named 1999 Outstanding Senior at the recent meeting of the Society for Range Management, Texas Section, in Stephenville. Cody is a senior range management major in the Department of Range, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management at Texas Tech University. While a student at Texas Tech he has been on the President's and the Dean's Honor Rolls and has received the Houston Livestock Show

and Rodeo Scholarship, the Pendleton Scholarship, and the Property and Deposits Scholarship. He was Vice President of the Range Wildlife, and Fisheries Club and is a member of the Range Plant Identification Team. He also participates in intramural football and softball.

Cody is the son of Dale and Charlotte Klement and a 1999 graduate of Muenster High School.

## First and last Cooke County babies of the century

The first baby of 2000 born in Cooke County was born in Gainesville Memorial Hospital. He is David Austin Taylor White, son of Jennifer Fellers of Gainesville, born at 12:32 p.m. on Jan. 1, 2000, weighing 8 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length, and was delivered by Dr. Roane McLaughlin. Grandparents are B.J. and Diane Taylor of Whitesboro and Steve and Jena Fellers of Baxter Springs, Kansas. Great-grandparents are Thomas and Luteen Carroll of Gainesville and Lola Fellers of Weir, Kansas. Great-great-grandparents are James and Charlie Cady of Gainesville. The New Year's baby received hundreds of gifts from area merchants.

long. Grandparents are Shery and Larry Nottingham of Whitesboro, Roy L. Snider of Gainesville and Lygia Askew of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Leo and Harleen Andrews of Whitesboro, Don and Juanita Snider of Callisburg, and Pa Goodwin of Gainesville.

The last baby of the century born in Cooke County made her appearance in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Dec. 31, 1999 at 9:58 p.m. She is Kaylynn McKenzie Snider, daughter of Crystal J. Taylor and Kenneth Millhollon of Gainesville. She is their first child, and she weighed 4 lb. 5 oz. and measured 18 1/2 inches

in length. Grandparents are Shery and Larry Nottingham of Whitesboro, Roy L. Snider of Gainesville and Lygia Askew of Gainesville. Great-grandparents are Leo and Harleen Andrews of Whitesboro, Don and Juanita Snider of Callisburg, and Pa Goodwin of Gainesville.

Setting a perfect example is the perfect gift you give others. You must believe to achieve.



Kimberly Ann Louise Stewart and Michael Thomas Hesse have chosen Jan. 22, 2000 for their wedding day. Their engagement and approaching marriage have been announced by parents of the bride-elect, Rick and Darlene Stewart of Muenster and Laura and George Gould of Harahan, Louisiana. Parents of the future-groom are Tom and Lucille Hesse of Muenster. The wedding will be held in the Sacred Heart Community Center at 5:00 p.m., officiated by Judge Dorothy Lewis. Attendants will be Rhonda Rhoads, Sabrina Truebenbach, Shirley Stewart, and Cristal Ward. Also Kenny Hartman, Curtis Hesse, Mark Nasche, and Craig Walterscheid. The bride-elect is a graduate of Muenster High School and North Central Texas College Vocational Nursing Degree Program. She is employed as an LVN by Frederick P. Cummings and Associates in Denton. Mr. Hesse is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is a service technician employed by Hesse-Schneiderjan Heating and Air Conditioning. The couple will reside in Muenster.

## Adult Education video program offered at Sacred Heart School

An Adult Education program for Catholics, on video by Scott and Kimberly Hahn will be presented every Wednesday night from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart High School library. The first program will be Jan. 5.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. No homework. No studying or group discussions. Just come and enjoy listening to this very interesting couple share why they joined the Catholic Church.

The first program begins on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Dr. Elaine Schilling at 759-4995, John Bartush at 759-4215, or Duane Knabe at 759-4602 or 4010.

## Historical Commission to hold meeting at museum

The Muenster Historical Commission will hold its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Muenster Museum at 420 N. Main Street. At that time a schedule will be set to have the museum open. Anyone wishing to join the Muenster Historical Commission or anyone who wishes to volunteer time to work in the museum is invited to attend the meeting.

## New Arrivals

**Nervo**  
Donna and Nicolas Nervo of Arlington proudly announce the birth of their second son, Dominic Xavier. He was born Dec. 12, 1999 at 11:50 p.m. weighing 8 lb. and measuring 20 3/4 inches. He joins a brother, Alexander Nicolas, age 22 months. Maternal grandparents are Rachel and Arthur Hennigan of Muenster. Paternal grandmother is Louise Nervo of New York City, and paternal foster grandmother is Joy Jordan of Tequesta, Florida. Maternal great-grandmother is Odilia Lutkenhaus of Muenster.

**Berres**  
Troy and Lisa Berres of Austin announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jazmin Noelle, on Dec. 30, 1999 at Seton Medical Center, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. Jazmin Noelle's grandparents are Dave and Kathy Berres of Muenster and Phillip and Maria Sarabia of Conroe, Texas. The great-grandparents are Herbert and Dolores Miller of Muenster.

**Lanier**  
Rod and Kelly Lanier of Fort Worth announce the birth of their son, Mason Edward Dale Lanier, on Dec. 21, 1999 at 5:32 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 15 oz. He measured 21 inches in length. Grandparents are Bill and Janet Lanier of Fort Worth and Duwayne and Sharlene Schilling of Muenster. Great-grandparents are Modelle McLin of Fort Worth, Caroline Schilling, and Charlie Wimmer of Muenster.

**Lozano**  
Jose and America Lozano of Gainesville are parents of twin daughters, born in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Dec. 21, 1999 at 6:10 p.m. and 6:11 p.m. They have been named Daniela Xochitl and Dariela Quiyahuitl. Birth weight was 4 lb. 11.3 oz. and 4 lb. 14 oz. respectively, and 18 1/4 inches and 18 inches in length.

**Feazell**  
James and Rebecca Fezell of Forestburg are parents of a daughter, Kaci Lynn Fezell, born on Dec. 27, 1999 at 6:05 a.m. in Muenster Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lb. 14 1/2 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. She joins two sisters at home, Crystal Dawn age 5 and Katherine Nicole age 2. Their grandparents are Jimmy Lon Fezell of Semi Valley, California, Jeanie Fezell of California, Billie and David Vandeventer of Forestburg. Great-grandparents are Margaret and Eugene Cearly of Krum, Texas and Dorothy Hubbard of Muenster.

**Ruonavaara**  
Sierra Elizabeth Ruonavaara was born at 6:10 p.m. on New Year's day, Jan. 1, 2000. Her proud parents are Leora (Lee) and Steve Ruonavaara. They live in Magnolia, Texas. Sierra weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. and measured 21 inches long. Sierra is the granddaughter of Steve and Kay Broyles of Muenster. She is the great-granddaughter of Enoch and Peggy Broyles of Lake Kiowa.

As the New Year and new Millenium begin, I want to take this opportunity to thank all my friends and neighbors from Muenster and the surrounding area. I truly appreciate your continued patronage.

Thank you so much for requesting my assistance when shopping or "just browsing" at Knight's Furniture in Gainesville. Your confidence in me is heartwarming. It's a pleasure seeing you and visiting with you again.

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# School News

## MHS to hold geography bee

Muenster High School National Honor Society will hold the annual National Geographic Bee on January 14. Mrs. Mary Engelmay and a committee of students consisting of Grant Hartman, Kelly Felderhoff, Karen Hennigan, Casey Peterscheid, Allison Endres and Pamela Lutkenhaus will announce this annual event. Geography bee winners will

receive a certificate and a reference book. The first place winner, in addition to the other prizes, will receive a medal and will take a qualifying test for the state level competition. Pending the outcome of the state level, the first place winner could qualify for the national competition. Parents are asked to encourage their fourth through eighth graders to participate.

## Paw Prints by SH Journalism Students

**Writer's Block**  
by Michelle Fuhrmann  
"Write an essay" are probably some of the least-liked words a student can hear. After all, who actually enjoys writing an essay, or any assignment more than a paragraph long? Unfortunately for students, writing essays are a part of school life. But if students do not like writing an essay on a given topic every once in while, they should try to write a weekly paper on any topic of their choice.

One of the best subjects for pictures are children. There is just something about a picture of a child's grin. Pictures of children are just priceless. For me my best pictures have been of children.  
One of my favorite parts of Journalism Class is that we get to take pictures. These pictures are important because they are the only tangible and visual things a person can take from high school. I encourage everyone to take pictures because one picture can hold a hundred of memories, like the saying goes a picture can speak a thousand words.

pick cotton or help when a major crop was being picked. If a month of school was missed in today's time, a student would be most likely be held back to repeat that grade.  
There are many differences between the youth in America from the beginning to the end of the 20th century. Children are better educated and are involved in more extracurricular activities and community service. But, the children now should learn of the hardships our ancestors endured because our history is important and people should learn about the ancestors' activities.

vertebrate: the class pet, Buddy, the hamster. As they cover each region of the United States, the students bring in product labels of manufactured goods made in each particular region. One thing they discovered was that deodorant is an important product of the Northeast. Along with the regions of the United States, fifth grade is learning all the states and their capitals. They use mnemonic devices to make it easier to remember them all.  
The fifth grade is active in a program called "Reading, Great Books Reading Program." The students read books each worth a certain number of points and then take a test over the book. If they pass, they get the points and add them to their total of points for the quarter. Some students have read books like "Huckleberry Finn" and "Little Women" and have completed the required points for both the first and second quarters. The fifth graders are writing on various topics for creative writing. A few of those are descriptive paragraphs and alliteration. The paragraph described a monster and then from the paragraph the students formed a mental picture of the monster and drew it.  
The Sacred Heart Fifth Grade is a very busy bunch. They are reading, writing, and studying. The fifth graders are learning how to observe and are developing good study skills as well as writing and reading skills.

## School Lunch Menus

### WEEK OF JAN. 10-14 SACRED HEART S.N.A.P. MENUS

Mon. - Macaroni and cheese, salad, green beans, fruit, garlic bread.  
Tues. - Crisпитos, pinto beans, lettuce, fruit.  
Wed. - Sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, peaches, cinnamon rolls.  
Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, rice, lettuce, applesauce, bread.  
Fri. - Hamburgers, french fries, curly Q's, fruit.

pickles and onions, fruit, ice cream.  
**LINDSAY ISD**  
Mon. - Corny dog, lettuce salad, corn, rice, mixed fruit, bread.  
Tues. - Barbecue sandwich, baked beans, French fries, pineapple.  
Wed. - Crisпитos, pinto beans, Mexican rice, peaches, bread.  
Thurs. - Hamburger w/trimmings, French fries, ice cream.  
Fri. - Beef stew, blueberry muffins, pears, bread.  
**ERA ISD**  
Mon. - Nachos w/ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit salad, corn bread.  
Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, or chicken nuggets, corn, breadsticks, tossed salad, breadsticks.  
Wed. - Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad, applesauce, crackers.  
Thurs. - Frito chili pie, green beans, diced pears, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie.  
Fri. - Corn dog, curly fries, french fries, pork and beans,

## Children's Health & Safety

**Keeping your child physically fit**  
In this age of computers, cable television, and high-tech toys, simple play and physical activity seem to be all but forgotten.  
Children should be physically active almost every day. Walking, hiking, jumping rope, running, playing ball, cycling, skating, and swimming are great ways to stay fit. Structured activities such as soccer and gymnastics can be done as time and resources permit.  
Vary recreational activities and use the proper equipment. Do not force children into a particular sport or activity. Instead, help them find physical activities that they enjoy and in which they can succeed. Keep activities fun, interesting, and appropriate for the child's age.  
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**America's Youth**  
by Kayla Felderhoff  
Just 75 years ago, students walked to school in the snow or went on horse and buggy. This is totally opposite from America's youth in the '90s. There are many differences that have developed from the beginning to the end of the 20th century.  
Going to school in the '20 and '30s was extremely different versus attending school in the '90s. Children walked to school, sometimes up to four miles on the way there and then on the return home. Others had the luxury of riding in a buggy with horses doing the work. Now, children ride to school in cars with heaters and air conditioners.  
In the early 20th century, when youngsters returned home from school, they had many responsibilities. Girls usually had to help in the house with cooking, cleaning and feeding the chickens. Boys had to help the father with outdoor chores in the barn and milking cows. Then, after the chores were completed, they had to do their homework, eat, and say their prayers. Most youth today go home, have a snack, do their homework, and then watch television. Children have a few responsibilities at home, but they are not nearly as strenuous as the chores the ancestors completed.  
An advantage to being a youth in the early 20th century was students could miss class to help out at home and they were not penalized. Class never started until after Labor Day and ended sometime in May. But, some students missed nearly a month or more to help

**Picture Perfect**  
by Adrienne Bartel  
Taking pictures, to some, is a profession, a hobby or an art. For me it is something I love. This is one way I can express myself. Viewing a picture one can see a side of the photographing that has never been seen. I started taking pictures when my sister gave me a camera for my birthday. I have not stopped taking pictures since then.  
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**The Class of 2007**  
by Melanie Bartush  
The Sacred Heart Fifth Grade classroom is buzzing with students busy with learning. The boys and girls of the fifth grade are studying many different subjects. They are studying vertebrates in science and regions of the United States in social studies. The class is participating in a reading program and sharpening their journalism skills by creative writing.  
The fifth grade students are making mobiles of various vertebrates in science and learning about the United States in social studies. Last week they observed the eating habits of a shrew, one of the smallest vertebrates. The students watched it eat a cricket. They also have fun with their own little

**Library News**  
by Kay Broyles  
The year 2000 promises to be an exciting one for the Muenster Public Library. If all goes well, we hope to be in a new building within a year. Money is still needed for this project to be completed.  
The year has started off real well. We are very pleased to offer the *World Book 2000 Encyclopedia* to our customers. This is a beautiful set of books loaded with lots of current information. Other new sets of books include *World Book's Encyclopedia of People and Places*, *The Young Scientist Set*, *The Eyewitness Science Set*, *The Eyewitness Artist Set*, *The Eyewitness Young Reader Set*, a set of Mark Twain Classics, a set of Thoreau, and a set of Hemingway. There are also lots of new junior biographies available. Along with the internet, we have a lot of materials to meet the needs of our local students.  
Other nonfiction books include: *The Consumer Reports Buying Guide 2000*, *The Energy of Money* by Maria



## Library News

Nemeth, *Lives of Value* by Sharleen Cohen, *Dutch by Edmond Morris*, *A Charge to Keep* by George W. Bush, *Freedom from Fear* by David Kennedy, *How to Behave so Your Children Will Too* by Sal Severe, *Oriental Cross Stitch* by Debbie Milton, and *Serge Shortcuts* by Joanne Pugh-Gannon. These are just a few of our new titles.  
New adult fiction: *Death Rattle* by Terry Johnson, *The Martian Race* by Gregory Benford, *Hunting Badger* by Tony Hillerman, *Leola's Garden* by Francine Rivers, *In a Class by Itself* by Sandra Brown, *Rhapsody* by Judith Gould, *The Phantom of Manhattan* by Frederick Forsyth, and the Mitford series by Jan Karon. New titles arrive weekly.  
We have recently added 55 new children's books, 16 computer books, and 6 large print books. We have new books for the new year, and we look forward to sharing them with you.

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# Sports

## HOLIDAY CLASSIC .....from pg. 1

Hoelker, Dee Ann Fuhrmann, and Maggie Luttmr.  
**SH** 13 16 11 7 47  
**L** 13 4 3 15 35

**Tigers 32 Knights 64**  
 Sacred Heart and Lindsay met in their first games of the tournament, with the Knights dominating the boards from the opening tip-off, taking a 40-12 half-time lead.  
 "Turnovers keep killing us," noted Tiger Coach Kelly Bayer. Only four of his players dropped balls into the basket. Johnny Yosten was the game's high scorer with 17 points. Marty Farrell added 8, Josh Walterscheid 4 and Clint Fuhrmann 2.

Lindsay's leading point makers were Cody Secrest with 14 and Trent Endres and Nicholas Fuhrmann scoring 11 points each. Daniel Hellinger and Brad Minnix put in 7 points apiece, while Abbas

Lutkenhaus and Felderhoff each added 5. Endres put in 4, A. Hess 3, and Britain 2.  
**SH** 12 17 13 11 53  
**M** 9 5 7 10 31

**Knights 32 Callisburg 47**  
 Behind the powerful performances of Romines and McKenzie, the Wildcats advanced to the championship round of the tournament.  
 The Knights spread out their scoring between nine players with Ravjani leading with 6 points. Minnix, Endres, Thomason, Secrest and Crutsinger each added 4, with Hellinger, Root, and Bengfort getting 2 apiece.  
**L** 8 5 12 7 32  
**C** 10 14 13 10 47

**DAY THREE**  
 Wednesday's action began with the Lady Indians passing by Callisburg 41-46.  
**Hornets 46 Valley View 64**  
 Muenster played evenly with

Muenster fell to the Lady Hounds in their final game of the tournament. "We committed 22 turnovers," noted Coach Jeff Teague, whose girls fell behind the 2nd quarter 20 points.

Endres scored 8 points for the Lady Hornets with Sparkman and H. Hess each adding 7. Felderhoff put in 5, while Lutkenhaus and Britain each scored 2.  
**M** 7 4 8 12 31  
**S** 8 24 7 7 46

**Knights 64 Nocona 43**  
 Lindsay won their day 3 match with a big fourth quarter finish over the Indians. Crutsinger and Minnix led the Knights with 13 and 10 points. Secrest put in 9. Endres 7, Ravjani 6, Bengfort 5, and 4 apiece from Hellinger and Thomason. Rahman, Fuhrmann, and Root each added 2 points.  
**L** 11 15 16 22 64  
**N** 6 14 11 12 43  
 Wednesday evening Valley

Freshman Farrell was Sacred Heart's leading scorer with 16 points. Yosten added 10, Endres 6, Clint Fuhrmann 3, and 2 apiece from Daniel Bartush and Stephen Hofbauer. Jack Biffle dropped in a free throw.  
**SH** 8 8 13 11 40  
**S** 18 14 19 29 80

The Slidell Lady Hounds defeated Thackerville 51-30.

**Knights 56 Era 44**  
 The Lindsay Knights finished the tournament with a victory over the Era Hornets. Secrest and Minnix were high scorers for Lindsay with 17 and 10 points. Crutsinger added 8. Endres 6, Thomason and Bengfort 4 each. Ravjani put in 3 points, with Hellinger and Fuhrmann getting 2 apiece.  
**L** 13 14 13 16 56  
**E** 17 11 8 8 44

**Tigerettes 53 Valley View 109**  
 The Lady Eagles set a new Holiday Classic record by scoring 109 points on their way to taking the tournament



Knights Trent Endres and Co. Secrest cause Sacred Heart's Chris Smith to lose control of the ball. Photo by Janie Hartman



Ashley Hess passes the ball out to teammate Kelly Felderhoff (20) after fighting for a loose ball against Callisburg. Other Lady Hornets

moving down court are Kristi Lutkenhaus, Heather Hess, and Allison Endres. Photo by Janie Hartman

Ravjani added 6, Jordan Root 4, and 2 each from Tommy Arendt and James Thomason. Also seeing defensive action were Blake Crutsinger, Ali Rahman, and Jonathan Bengfort.  
**SH** 5 7 15 4 31  
**L** 13 27 11 13 64

Other action in round one saw Era girls falling to Thackerville 59-62, Nocona Indians beating Slidell 55-90, while the Lady Indians were defeated 60-45 by the Lady Hounds. The Lady Eagles won big, 86-31 over Gainesville, while Pilot Point passed by the Valley View boys 36-42.

**DAY TWO**  
 Day two of the tournament began with the Era Hornets hammering Thackerville 86-46, then the Lady Leopards beating Nocona 41-53. Slidell squeezed past the Eagles 80-79, then the Lady Eagles took an 83-34 win from the Slidell girls, followed by a Bearcat 63-38 victory over Nocona.

**Lady Knights 51 Callisburg 47**  
 The Lindsay girls got a big win over their district competitor from Callisburg. O'Dell was high scorer with 22 points, 12 from 3-pointers. Deanna Meurer added 10, Hannah Trammell 7, Sparkman 5, Tamplin 3, and 2 apiece from Courtney Hoelker and Amber Selby.  
**L** 11 10 11 19 51  
**C** 12 4 17 14 47

**Tigers 45 Hornets 39**  
 The Sacred Heart Tigers took advantage of the rebuilding Muenster Hornets in the second round boys game of the Classic. The Hornets lost several senior players during the holidays. "We had a pretty good game. The key for us was shutting down Endres and Felderhoff," said Coach Bayer. "We are still having a lot of trouble with turnovers."

Farrell and Yosten were high scorers, putting in 16 points apiece for the Tigers. Luke Endres added 9, Chris Smith 3, and Matthew Nasche 1.

Felderhoff led the Hornets with 12 points. Fleitman added 11, Endres 9, Johnson 4, and Howell 3.

"The Tigers played with an intensity that we did not have," noted Muenster Coach James Hopper. "My congratulations go to Sacred Heart for a game well coached and executed."  
**SH** 7 11 9 18 45  
**M** 8 4 12 15 39

**Tigerettes 53 Lady Hornets 31**  
 Sacred Heart and Muenster girls spread out the scoring with 13 players putting points on the board in the girls second round of action Tuesday.  
 The 17-5 second quarter score gave the Tigerettes the leading edge on the scoreboard. Felderhoff and S. Hess led Sacred Heart with 14 and 12 points. Anne Flusche, Jennifer Hess and A. Bauer each put in 6 points. Barnhill added 5, and Gehrig 4. Bauer and Gehrig were leading rebounders with Sarah Hess taking 6 steals.

The Lady Hornets were led by H. Hess with 12 points



Audrey Barnhill alone under the basket for a 2 point lay-up. Photo by Janie Hartman

the Eagles the first half before allowing Valley View to take the lead in the 3rd.

"Our shots went cold in the 3rd quarter, so our only points came from inside. This negated the good performance we displayed in the first half," said Coach Hopper. "We're still trying to establish consistency."

Felderhoff dropped in 20 points for the Hornets which gave him a 17 points per game average in the tournament. Endres added 12 points, Fleitman 9, and 4 each from Howell and Johnson.

Jordan Haberman led Valley View with 25 points.  
**L** 14 17 6 12 49  
**VV** 14 19 15 16 64

The Lady Leopards defeated Era 52-45, then Slidell won 60-42 over the Thackerville boys.  
**Lady Hornets 31 Slidell 46**

championship Thursday evening.  
 "They are a very good basketball team. I take the blame for this loss. I did not have the girls prepared," commented Coach LeBrasseur. "The real season begins with district."

The Lady Eagles jumped out into an early lead, burning the boards with 30 points the first quarter. Julie Prescher and Jordan Davis combined their talents to score 53 points for Valley View. McKenzi Meyer, Dabney Clifton, and Nichole Mahan all had double figure scores.

Kayla Felderhoff was high scorer for the Tigerettes with 30 points. Other Sacred Heart players putting points on the board were S. Hess with 8, Flusche 6, Bauer 5, and 2 apiece from Gehrig and J. Hess.  
**SH** 11 15 11 16 53  
**VV** 30 23 32 24 109

In the boys championship game, Callisburg and Pilot Point were tied 51-51 after four quarters. In overtime the Bearcats outscored the Wildcats 11-3 for a 62-54 championship victory.

## Adult volleyball season is here

The adult co-ed volleyball season is here! Play will be Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the "old" gym at Muenster Public School, starting on Jan. 12. Anyone 18 years and older is welcome. Come on out to have some fun and get some exercise. If you have a questions call 759-4769 or 759-2354.

A Lindsay sandwich - Sarah Hess squeezes out a shot between several Lady Knight including Amanda Tamplin (41). Also pictured in Deanna Meurer (31) and Tigerette Kay Felderhoff. Photo by Janie Hartman



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View beat the Thackerville girls 96-44, then Era fell 67-50 to Pilot Point.  
**DAY FOUR**  
 Thursday morning Era Lady Hornets defeated Nocona 64-40, and Valley View won over Thackerville 65-38.  
**Lady Knights 35 Gainesville 41**  
 The Lady Leopards snuck by Lindsay the final quarter. Thursday afternoon O'Dell again led the Lady Knights with 10 points. Maggie Luttmr and Tamplin each added 6 and Meurer 5. Hoelker, Selby, Trammell, and Fuhrmann each scored 2 points.  
**L** 10 11 6 8 35  
**G** 16 5 3 17 41

**Tigers 40 Slidell 80**  
 The Greyhounds ran over Sacred Heart hitting the baskets for 80 points.

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# Sacred Heart splits district opener

The Tigerettes trounced Harvest Christian 82-15, while the Tigers fell 43-90 in the Tiger Den Tuesday night. "I liked our intensity after the loss. We got up and got after them," commented Coach Jon LeBrasseur.

Kayla Felderhoff set the scoreboard on fire, hitting 6 3-pointers for a total of 34 points.

Every Tigerette put points on the board. Raney Bauer added 9, Jana Truebenbach 8, and 7 apiece from Audrey Barnhill and Anne Flusche. Sarah Hess put in 6 points, Jennifer Hess 5, and 2 each by Joanna Gehrig, Andrea Bartush and Andrea Bauer. The team was 12 of 13 from the free throw line.

SH 27 23 16 16 82  
H 2 5 2 6 15

"The boys did all right," noted Coach Kelly Bayer. "Harvest is the best team in our district."

Harvest broke out a 24-8 first quarter score, slacked off two periods, then burned the boards with 30 points the final quarter.

Luke Endres led the Tigers with 14 points. John Yosten added 9, with Marty Farrell and Chris Smith each getting 8. Matthew Nasche put in 4 points. The Tigers shot 26% as a team with Farrell and Yosten grabbing the most rebounds.

SH 8 11 16 8 43  
H 24 17 19 30 90

Sacred Heart travels to Ambassadors of Christ in Fort Worth this Friday. To get to the school, take I-35W South to I-30 and go East. Stay on 30 until you get to 820 and go South. Stay on 820 until you reach Mansfield Hwy. Make a right on Mansfield and go to Miller. School sits on corner of Miller and Mansfield.



Marty Farrell attempts the shot with Blake Crutsinger guarding the basket. Photo by Janie Hartman

# Sacred Heart ex-hoopsters light up the holidays

A reunion of stars was held in the Sacred Heart gym over the holidays as former Sacred Heart basketball players gathered for an alumni game. The former Tigers and Tigerettes thrilled the standing room only crowd as they dusted off their skills in the alumni games.

In the ladies game the Red squad composed of mostly the '88 champion Tigerettes squared off against the White team made up of members of the '83 champion squad with some youth added. The teams battled to a 56-56 tie.

Red squad players included: Lisa Hamric Dryg, 8 points; Danna Hamric Hess, 6 points; Vicki Walterscheid Eldridge, 26 points; Vicki Schmitt Flaitman, 5 points; Janel Flusche, 1 point; LaBecah Hess, 7 points; Amy Walterscheid, 2 points; April Truebenbach Walterscheid, Molly Koelzer Sicking, and Noel Hesse Henry also contributed.

White squad players included: Jennifer Fuhrmann, 2 points; Sharon Fuhrmann, 7 points; DeAnn Bayer, 6 points; Laurie Endres Flusche, 4 points; Anne Felderhoff Hesse,

5 points; Dobe Flaitman, 10 points; Leslie Grewing, 3 points; Carol Walterscheid Grewing, 6 points; Susan Walterscheid Flusche, 4 points; Sandra Walterscheid Reeves, 5 points; along with Melinda Vickers.

The men's contest saw a group of stars divide, with the red squad scoring a 71-55 win over the white. The red took a 31-29 edge into the half but was able to find more energy after the intermission to outscore the white 40-26 for the 71-55 win.

Red squad players included: Mike Gehrig, 10 points; Kelly Bayer, 27 points; John Bartush, 2 points; Jack White, 6 points; Mel Walterscheid, 8 points; John Nasche, 6 points; Dave Hesse, 6 points; Ken Hesse, 6 points; and Dan Walterscheid.

White Squad members included: Paul Swirczynski, 16 points; John Knabe, 5 points; Gary Endres, 6 points; Lucien Gehrig, 7 points; Greg Walterscheid, 6 points; Glen Swirczynski, 14 points; and Russell Fette, 1 point.

Plans are currently underway for next year's reunion games.

submitted by Jon LeBrasseur

## Texas Wildlife

by Thompson Temple



### Some big bucks don't run - they just slip away

Did you ever see that big tail of a whitetail deer flash back and forth as a deer ran away? This is telling all the other deer that there is danger. Many, many times this is the first I see of a deer. I may be walking through a creek bed and look up to see that tail flashing.

Some big bucks don't run away flashing a big white tail. In fact they don't run at all! They keep their tail down and just slip away.

Why is this? If they keep their tail down, then the chances are less that you will see them. If they get away slowly, then the reduced movement causes less commotion. A big buck slipping away is frequently not seen at all.

I am continually amazed at the intelligence of whitetail deer. I see big bucks before each season and after each season. I do not see them during the season. Sometimes I see them just laying around before season. After it opens, then they are gone.

I grew up hunting on a place called Boggy Slough near Lufkin. There were numbered box stands built at the trunks of trees. There were 52 stands on 12,000 acres. I believe that many of those big bucks would weave in and out of those permanent stands and go



undetected! Generation after generation knew the exact location of those stands. A big buck that throws up a white tail in that part of Texas gets shot!

The thrill of deer hunting is the chase. If it was easy, then people would not go as much. I went out to West Texas and shot a pronghorn antelope once. It was a one day hunt. I enjoyed it. Everybody on that hunt got one on that hunt. We rode around in the truck and took turns shooting an antelope. I recently turned down an invite to go hunt another pronghorn. I already have one. I have about eight whitetail buck mounts. I am just trying to find a place to hang another one!

Remember - keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back, and the Lord in your heart. Good hunting.

## Texas Game Warden Field Notes

If nothing else, poachers are persistent. But they aren't always the brightest bulb on the tree, as the following excerpts from recent Texas game warden field reports confirm.

**Lightning Can Strike Twice.** IN mid-November, a Rusk County game warden received information that someone was field-dressing an illegally taken deer. Upon arrival, the warden located the antlerless deer and issued citations to the violator. Two hours later the warden was called back to the same area by a local landowner who had seen two men spotlight and shoot a deer then cut a fence to go after it. After a short investigation, the warden apprehended the two men, one of whom was the gentleman cited two hours earlier.

**Some Just Never Learn.** After a long day of checking deer hunters one Saturday in November, a Gray County warden decided to call it a day around 4 a.m. An hour-and-a-half later he received a call from the Sheriff's office that a deputy had stopped someone for a possible road-hunting violation. When the warden arrived, he recognized the man as the same person he had arrested a year earlier for shooting a doe from the road on a local judge's property. That time, the man had his two sons with him, but on this night only one son was in the truck. Both the deputy and the

warden found it rather strange that the son was sitting in the back seat of the super cab pickup with the front passenger seat empty. They also found it odd that there was a hand-held radio in the front seat that was turned on, but the other one was nowhere to be found. After a lengthy discussion, the son finally gave in and called his brother on the radio and asked him to walk out to the road with the deer. An eight-point buck had been poached.

**Watch Out For Those Good Samaritans.** Two San Saba County wardens responded recently to a call for help from Colorado Bend State Park to search for some overdue boaters. The missing boaters probably would rather have been left unfound. As the wardens prepared to launch their boat, they spotted the missing boaters coming up the river. The four anglers had been bass fishing all day and had a full limit of largemouth and Guadalupe bass. Unfortunately, two of them did not have fishing licenses and the boat registration had expired. What started out as a Good Samaritan act ended up with three of the group receiving fishing and water safety citations.



### Lindsay, Callisburg share district wins

The Lady Knights began district play Tuesday night with a 45-36 win over Callisburg, while the Wildcats pounced the Knights 45-36.

Ten Lindsay girls put points in the scorebook, led by Jo Sparkman's 17 points, DeeAnn Fuhrmann and Karah O'Dell each added 6 points and Amanda Tamplin 4. Scoring 2 points apiece were Alex Haayen, Courtney Hoelker, Amber Selby, Jacque Bezner,

Hannah Trammell, and Deanna Meurer.

The Knights had two weak quarters that cost them points and a victory. Cody Secrest put in 8 points for Lindsay with Jon Bengfort adding 6, Trent Endres 5, Daniel Hellinger 4, Ali Rahman 3, Blake Crutsinger 2 and Abbas Ravjani 1.

L 8 4 7 10 29  
C 10 10 11 10 41

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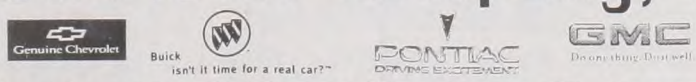
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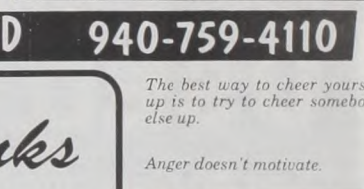
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# Farm & Ranch



Cooke County Farm Bureau members attending the 66th Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention in Corpus Christi were, from left, back - Tim Hartman, Keith Colteryanh, Rudy Schumacher, Albert Zimmerer, Edwin Knight, Anthony Dresser, Leonard Hartman; front - Jana Colteryanh, Joann Schumacher, Imogene Zimmerer, Ann Knight, Nancy Dresser, and Doris Hargesheimer. Farm Bureau photo

## Regional leadership conference slated

The alumni group of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) program is hosting a regional leadership conference entitled "The Challenge of Change." The five-day conference is scheduled on Feb. 3-5 in Fort Worth.

The purpose of the conference is to help agricultural leaders build relationships by building discussion of key issues. Scheduled speakers will discuss natural resources, consolidation of the food and agriculture system, the farm crisis, how agricultural education and research will serve 21st century agriculture and the implications of new technology on agriculture.

Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum and breakfast at the Fort Worth Petroleum Club. Conference registration is \$90 and includes breakfast on Feb. 4-5 and lunch on Feb. 5. If an alumnus does not receive a registration form and would like to attend, please contact the TALL office at 409-845-1554.

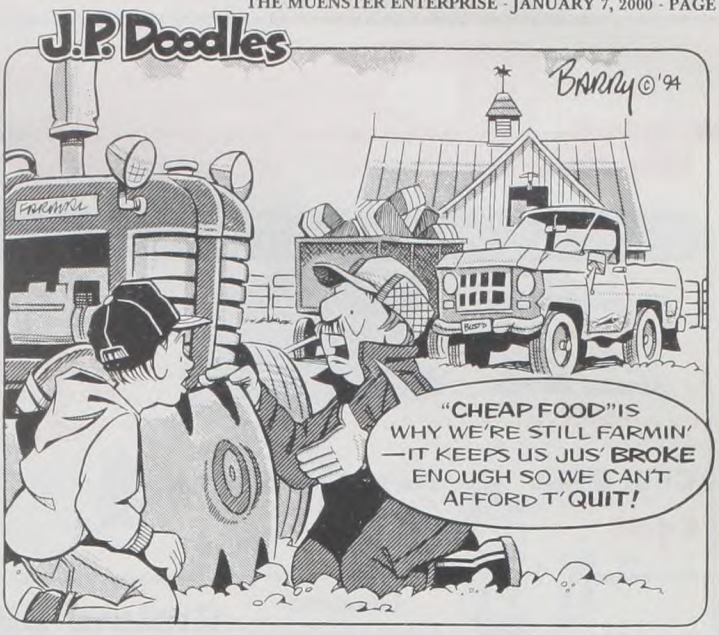
## Texas farm and ranch heroes wanted

Entries for the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's 1999 Rural Heroism Award are now being accepted, according to Ben Bullard, Council president.

## Controlling respiratory disease in cattle

Bovine Respiratory Disease (BRD) is estimated to be the most costly disease of beef cattle, costing the cattle industry around \$1 billion yearly and causing almost one-third of cattle deaths. Certain management practices put stress on calves, triggering BRD. Some stress conditions include: working calves before delivery; shipping

in extreme weather; and sudden changes in diet. Calves must be managed correctly also on arrival. Keep animals isolated for a short time before turning out with other calves. Avoid buying light-weight calves, especially from an unknown origin. Give new arrivals a good night's rest before processing and avoid overcrowding in the pens.



## County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

### HORSEHAIR WORMS

Recently, with the limited rains, we have had a few questions about long, stringy worms found in water puddles. These are called horsehair worms and may be found in puddles of water, on damp sidewalks and patios, or as they emerge from the body of an insect. Despite their sometimes frightening appearance, these creatures are not harmful and have no economic importance. The hair-like nature of these worms is so striking that it was formerly thought that they arose spontaneously from the hairs of a horse's tail. When water troughs were common in cities, hairs from horses would collect in the water. Coincidentally, insects parasitized by horsehair worms would also fall into the water and die. The worms would then emerge from the insect and begin to swim around. It appeared to some people that the horse hairs had become living worms. Hence, the term horsehair worm.

crustaceans. Adults live in all types of fresh-water habitats and can be found in both temperate and tropical regions. They commonly swim or crawl about by whip-like motion. The immature stages are parasitic to insects living in or near water or moist soil. Beetles, cockroaches, crickets or grasshoppers are the most common host insects. Emergence from the host occurs only when the host is near water. Occasionally, they are found after a cricket or cockroach is killed by someone crushing the insect, at which time the worm begins to wiggle out of the insect's body. Since horsehair worms are parasitic, they are assumed to be beneficial in the control of certain insects. Its true value as a parasite, however, is questionable because the worm does not kill its host until the host reaches maturity. Horsehair worms are not parasitic to man or his pets. Therefore, the creature is of importance mainly because it is a parasite and is one of nature's oddities. If their presence in a swimming pool is bothersome, they can be easily removed by hand or with a net.

contracts. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Building on Hwy. 82 in Gainesville. Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to attend. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2000.

### 4-H SHOWING WORKSHOP

Are you ready for the shows? On Thursday, January 20, a Showing and Fitting Workshop will be held at Cooke County Fairgrounds. We will begin at 6:00 P.M. and conclude around 8:00 P.M. This workshop will be for 4-H members with beef, goat, rabbit, sheep and swine projects. We will demonstrate and discuss fitting and showing. *Please do not bring your animals.* We will have animals to demonstrate with.

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Texas milk production totaled 449 million pounds during November, up 3 percent from last year. The number of milk cows during November averaged 348 thousand head, up 7,000 head from last year and up 2,000 head from October 1999. Production per cow averaged 1,290 pounds during November compared with 1,285 pounds last year

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